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FILE PHOTO

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray following her victory over challenger Garrett Bradley in Nov. 1998.

Murray closes chapter at State House

Considers a run for selectman

By Rick Collins
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Tuesday morning found her where she has spent most of her time over the past 2-1/2 decades.

Easily spotted by her shock of white hair and bright blue dress surrounded by middle-aged men in dark wool suits, Mary Jeanette Murray strolled around the Speaker of the House's rostrum, grabbing elbow after elbow and whispering something to each of the men.

Except on this day Murray wasn't just being the "den mother of the House" as she likes to call herself. She wasn't straightening out a tie, or fixing a collar, or giving some grandmotherly advice to a younger colleague. No, she was doing the least favorite thing she has ever done on this bright, sunny, yet frigid morning.

She was saying goodbye.

Tuesday was the last day for the 24-year, 12-term state representative from Cohasset. Yesterday, 30-year-old Democrat Garrett Bradley was sworn in as the new state representative for Hingham, Hull and Cohasset, marking the end of an era — one that saw the term constituent service redefined.

The decision not to seek reelection as state representative wasn't easy for Murray who has been a public servant for residents of Cohasset since she was elected to the board of selectmen in 1971.

A little over a year ago, the 76-year old Murray announced she was finally heeding the wishes of her children and would not seek another term as state representative.

"My oldest and youngest [Phillip and Lillian] had been after me for six years to step down," Murray said Tuesday in between trips to the last informal session of her career. "Nate [her middle child] kept saying I should, and then he joined the chorus a year ago last September. He said it was the right time to just start to smell the roses."

The decision wasn't easy for Murray who has been a public servant for residents of Cohasset since she was elected to the board of selectmen in 1971.

"I said to [Nate] 'But I still want to help people,'" Murray, a grandmother of five, remembered. "He said 'You did that before you went in and you can do that again.'"

The past few months, since the election, have been emotional ones for Murray. From being escorted to her final speech before the House of Representatives by a Marine Corp Color Guard, to her last walk through the House Chamber, the normally Marine-tough Murray hasn't been able to hold back the tears.

"My mother always said my eyes were too close to my kidneys," she joked, almost embarrassed. "This is a terrible day for an interview."

On her last day Murray accomplished something she hadn't in a long time – sat at a clean desk, a feat so unusual she got ribbed repeatedly for it. "The stack of papers at one time was about this high all across," she said holding her hands about a foot off the table. "Then I realized a year ago, that all I was doing was pushing papers."

Her legislative aide of eight years,

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Boatyard facelift planned

By Rick Collins
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A new project proposed by Border Street boatyard owner Peter Roy would fix up the deteriorating site, add additional apartment space, and allow the Cohasset Lobster Pound and Mill River Marine Railway to remain on site. Plans are to also provide additional access to the Gulf River and harbor for canoeists and kayakers, according to a report filed by project designers CLE Engineering.

The proposal was revealed as part of a public walkthrough at the request of the state's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs [EOEA] and Dave Shepardson of the EOEA Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act office, in response to a notice of project change filed by Roy for the project.

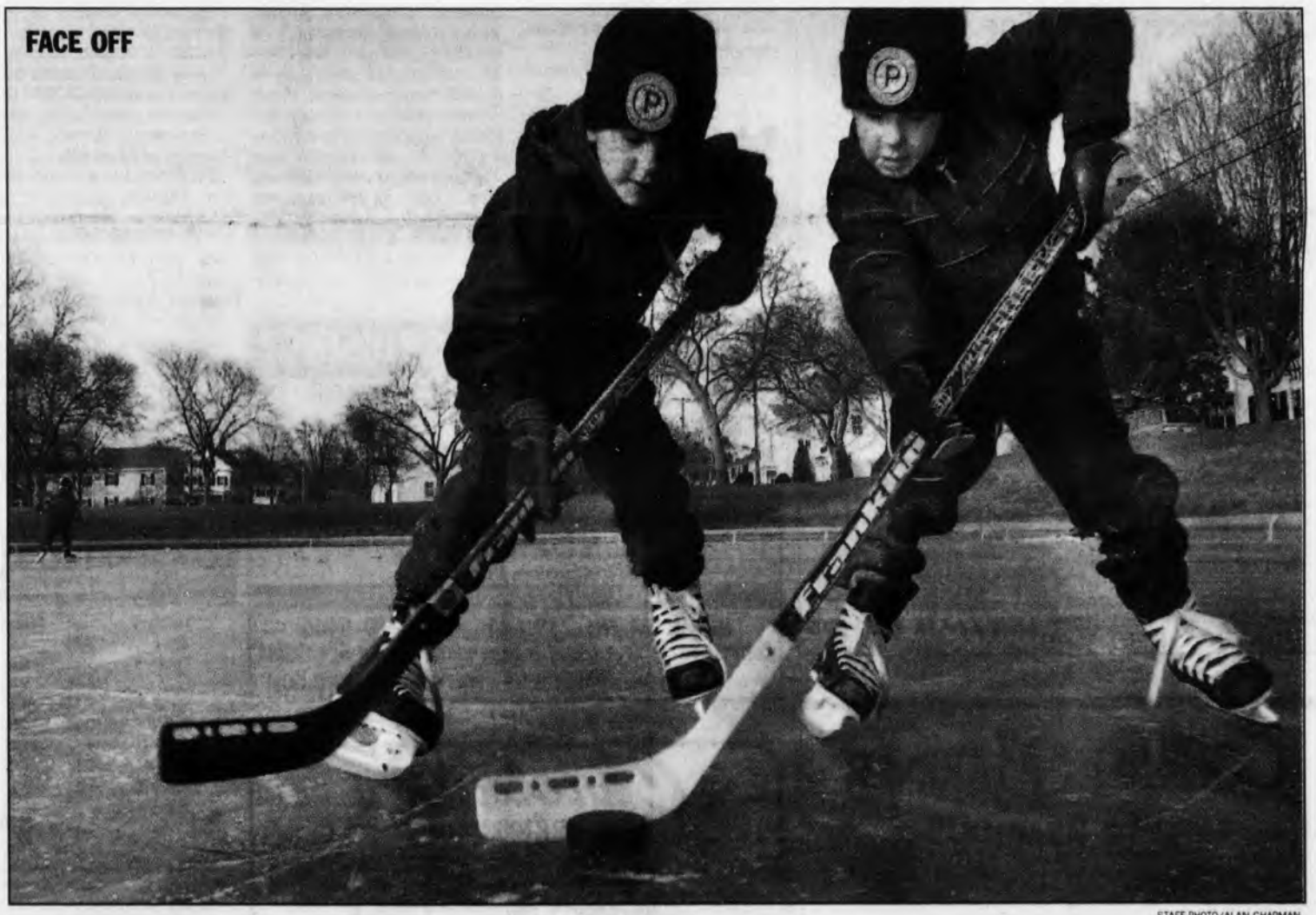
According to CLE Vice-President Carlos Penà, the project would keep "water-dependent" businesses on the site, while adding public access to the Gulf River.

The Lobster Pound and boatyard workshop — known as Cohasset's 'Motif No. 1' — will be repaired. The workshop will have its structural supports repaired and have a residence built in its upper-level.

The current main building, with

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FACE OFF



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset residents Terry and Patrick MacCormack race for control of the puck on the duck pond on Cohasset Common.

ATTENTION-GETTER



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Chloe Knurek is enthralled by Mr. Suspenders' performance at the library as her brother Ian looks on. For more photos, see page 7.

Quick response saves skater's life

Scituate water team assists in Cohasset pond rescue

By Mary Ford
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An early morning skate on picture-perfect Lily Pond in Cohasset turned into a near tragedy Wednesday morning.

Cohasset resident Martin J. Hernon of Lantern Lane planned to go into work a little late. So instead of going for a run, he drove to King Street, parked behind the water treatment plant and donned his hockey skates for some exercise.

"I had my puck and stick and had been skating for about 10 minutes," the 52-year-old said in an interview Wednesday afternoon. "I knew the pond was frozen but I didn't realize there was a hole."

Hernon said the ice was black and so was the open water.

Cohassest Officer Richard Yocum, who was first on the scene, said he could understand how the mishap occurred.

"There was no wind and with the reflection of the sun, the area didn't look like open water," said Yocum, who was on his way to work just before 8 a.m. and heard the call come over the radio.

"There was no wind and with the reflection of the sun, the area didn't look like open water."
— Officer Rick Yocum

"I notified headquarters that I was only a mile away," he said. "When I arrived Officer John Small was just coming in."

Yocum said Hernon was 300-400 yards from shore.

"I grabbed a canoe and paddle, walked across the ice to the open area and canoed out to reach him," he said. Yocum said he had Hernon hold onto the canoe until help arrived.

Within minutes the water rescue team from the Scituate Fire Department was on the scene.

According to Yocum, the Scituate firefighters wear "gumby" suits that provide floatation and insulation. Two firefighters got into the water to help lift out Hernon who was pulled by a rope onto the ice and then placed on a special sled.

"We sent over a dive truck, an ice rescue sled, and four firefighters with ice rescue suits," said Scituate Fire Dept. Captain Brian McGowan.

"We basically backed Cohasset up and assisted them in getting the man into the ambulance. It was mutual aid. We didn't send in the dive rescue; we would've if it was more extensive."

Scituate Fire Chief Ed Hurley said the Scituate rescue team simply acted in conjunction with Cohasset's. "Scituate and Cohasset both have ice sleds and both of them were deployed," he said. "We have a dive team and a truck that's equipped with dive gear and the ice sled and different rescue tools."

The total amount of time Hernon was in the water was about 15 minutes, Yocum said. Hernon was transported to South Shore Hospital by Scituate ambulance where he was treated and released.

Hernon was losing strength and was struggling a lot, police said, but was conscious and stable when he was put in the ambulance, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

Police said neighbors heard him screaming and the dispatch center received numerous 911 calls.

Jackson warned that people should

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20 fire hydrants to be replaced

The Cohasset Water Department recently awarded a contract to McLaughlin Brothers Contracting Corp. of Brockton to replace 20 fire hydrants in the Cohasset water distribution system.

"McLaughlin Brothers, at $48,786, was the lowest of the six bids submitted, and was almost half of the engineers estimate of $80,655 for the project," said John McNabb, chairman of the Cohasset Water Commission. "This cost savings will help us to complete additional needed work in the distribution system to improve water service to our water consumers."

"We will be replacing 20 fire hydrants, to remove about 10 hydrants with obsolete fire connections and 10 others with various mechanical problems, and replacing them with new, modern hydrants," he said. "While all of the replaced hydrants were in working order, and could be used in a fire, the new hydrants will provide improved operational capabilities and improved fire protection to the Town of Cohasset."

"Hydrants will be replaced," McNabb said, "on the following streets: Jerusalem Road, Nichols Road, Lothrop Lane, North Main Street, South Main Street, King Street, Beechwood Street, Brewster Road, Highland Ave., Ash Street, Pond Street, Spring Street, Oak Street, and Hill Street."

All affected residents will be contacted at least 24 hours before their water is shut off.

Because some of the hydrants do not have valves some portions of some streets will have their water shut off for the time needed, no more than a day at a time, to complete the repairs. All affected residents will be contacted at least 24 hours before their water is shut off. During the hydrant replacement, new valves will also be installed to allow for greater control over the distribution system.

McNabb said the hydrant replacement work will start in January and should be completed by the end of June, 2001.

This week in COHASSET

Clearing the air

Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey cleared the air over fumes that caused the evacuation and early dismissal of the Osgood School last month.

On Dec. 11, an odor was detected in one classroom and the office area so officials evacuated the building as a precaution. Malvey said the Cohasset police and fire departments responded to the scene, as did the gas company.

According to Malvey, exhaust fumes from the building's heating system seeped their way into the fresh air flow. He also said the fumes disappeared as quickly as they came, but to be safe, Osgood students were sent home early. Malvey credited the Osgood School phone tree for quickly alerting parents to the early release time.

He added that the problem has been resolved.

"Hopefully it will never happen again," he said.

Raises for subs

The school committee voted to increase substitute teacher's pay to $75 per day; $80 after 20 days. Because of the comparatively low rate Cohasset pays, the town has had a tough time recruiting substitutes to fill-in in classrooms across the district, school officials said.

The shortage has necessitated that full-time teachers and aides to fill in during their breaks, costing the district an additional $25 to $35 a period. A substitute pay rate increase would actually cost the schools less over the length of a school day, and attract more substitutes.

The average daily rate in the area, according to Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey, is between $69 and $81.

Property revaluation

The Cohasset assessors will conduct a state-mandated revaluation for fiscal year 2002. By law the assessors are mandated to value property within 10 percent plus or minus of the real estate market. Town meeting determines the budget within the constraints of Proposition 2-fi. A revaluation of property values cannot result in added town spending. When property values increase substantially the tax rate generally decreases. If market trends continue, there could conceivably be increases of property values from 20 to 30 percent in some neighborhoods. All other things being equal, if this is the case the tax rate will decrease by a like amount.

Cohasset along with most cities and towns in Massachusetts has been experiencing a robust real estate market due to the healthy economy. In an effort to keep pace with the appreciation in the market the assessors have conducted interim adjustments for fiscal year's 2000 and 2001. The overall valuation of the town increased by 6 percent for fiscal year 2000 and 7 percent for fiscal year 2001.

The Board of Assessors submitted to the Department of Revenue the necessary forms for the approval of the Fiscal 2001 Tax Rate after the annual classification hearing with the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen voted a single tax rate for Fiscal 2001. The new tax rate will be $14.59.

This press release was provided by the assessors' office at Town Hall.

RE tax bills

The town of Cohasset has issued the fiscal 2001 third quarter tax bills due Feb. 1. Anyone who has not received their tax bill should contact the board of assessors at 383-4114 to confirm the correct mailing address or the treasurer/collector at 383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

The FY01 total tax is based on the new FY01 assessment. The new assessments are based on sales market activity during calendar 1999 and early 2000 to reflect the value of real estate as of Jan. 1, 2000. Taxpayers who feel that their property is overassessed and want to contest their assessment must file for an abatement with the board of assessors by Feb. 1.

Property tax exemptions are available to qualifying elderly, widows, blind persons and veterans with a 10 percent service-connected disability or greater. Call the assessors at 383-4114 for more information.

Applications for property tax exemptions must be received by the board of assessors no later than March 28.

Water rate hike comments sought

The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy has established a timetable for public comment on the proposed rate increase filed by the Massachusetts-American Water Company.

Massachusetts-American, which provides water service in Hull, Hingham and North Cohasset, is seeking to raise rates by 16 percent, or more than $75 per year for the average residential customer.

The DTE will hold a public hearing at Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.

Ratepayers, residents, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing and register their opinions.

Written comments can be submitted to:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
DTE 00-105
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Copies of the rate petition are available for inspection at Hingham Town Hall, the DTEís Boston office at One South Station, or the Massachusetts-American Norwell office, 200 Cordwainer Drive, Suite 200, (781) 982-7555.

Additional information on the water-rate filing can be obtained at the DTEís Web site: http://www.state.ma.us/dpu/catalog/Water.htm

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100K jump in SPED funding proposed

By Rick Collins
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By providing more services in-house, Stephen Kaplan – the new director of student services for Cohasset Public Schools – asked for just $100,000 more than last year in the FY-2002 special education budget.

The request came as a relief to the school committee who has been battling skyrocketing special education costs over the past couple of years. The special education budget last year increased by $300,000.

The proposed budget, which Kaplan presented to the school committee at its Dec. 21 meeting, would bring the student services bottom-line to $1,160,450 if fully funded, including money for a new school psychologist, and reading/language specialist. He told the board that he expects to save nearly $80,000 by adding these two positions, instead of contracting those services out.

"There was an excessive amount in contractual services, and as I was going through the budget asking, 'Are we getting the biggest bang for our dollar?,' the answer to most of those questions was 'No,'" he said. Kaplan added that too much money was being spent in after-hours tutoring and reading programs – services that he said would instead be better administered in school, by staff specialists.

"There was an excessive amount in contractual services, and as I was going through the budget asking, 'Are we getting the biggest bang for our dollar?,' the answer to most of those questions was 'No.'"

— Stephen Kaplan, director of student services

He also asked for $67,974 to add three days of additional speech therapy for the district's students.

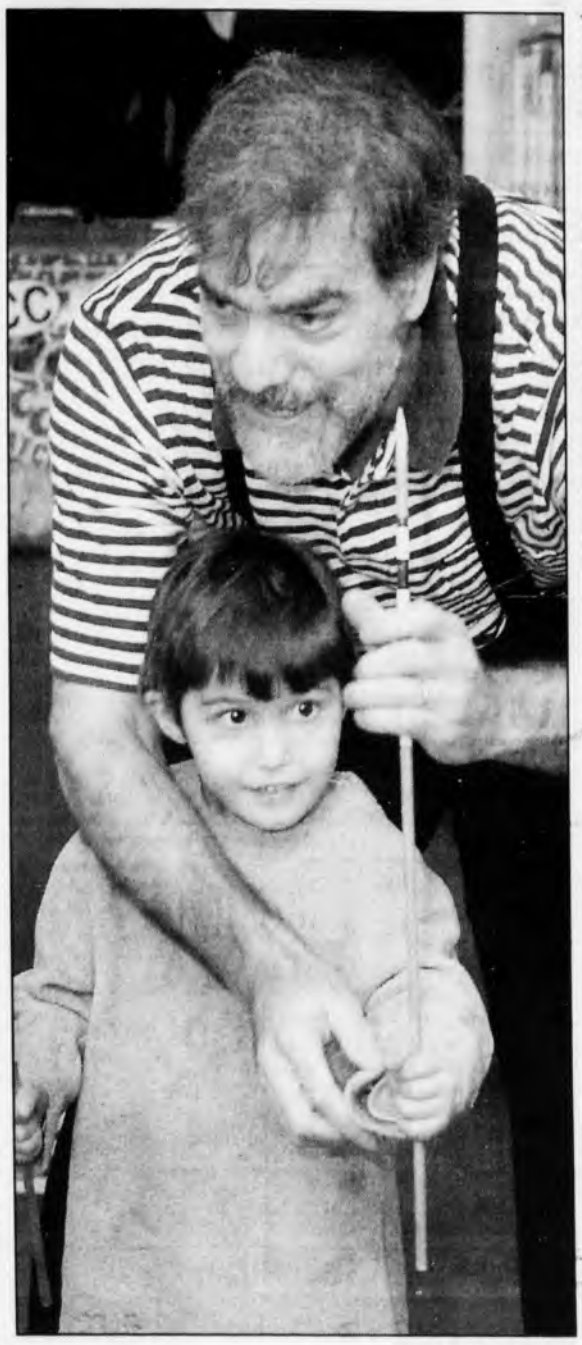
The budget also provides for updated diagnostic tests and improved database software to better track students.

The budget, said Kaplan, is as cut down as it can be and still provide the proper services. "We worked pretty hard to do that [keep it down to $100,000]," he said.

However, he did say the numbers could change, depending on the number of students qualifying for services, and on how much the town receives in state aid money.

The budget was met positively at first glance by the school committee, but the group expects to take a deeper look at not only the student services budget, but the entire district budget at its meeting tonight.

MAGIC TRICK



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Mr. Suspenders shows Leah Brodsky a trick during a children's program at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. For more photos, see page 7.

Schools seek 8 percent budget hike

By Rick Collins
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Though the Cohasset School Committee initially decided to fund five new teaching positions, including the much-sought after technology aide position at the Osgood School, the budget would be pushing $10.4 million for FY-2002 — too high for committee members.

The board is expected to further discuss the budget at its meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the middle/high school auditorium.

"It would be an 8 percent increase if we were to stop here," said committee member Mark DeGiacomo after the first round of cuts to the proposed budget at the group's Dec. 21 meeting. The committee, which said it was pleased with the budgets proposed by the town's three principals, initially leaned towards accepting middle/high school Principal Dr. Michael Jones' request for four additional teachers at the middle school level. It also hoped to reinstate the Osgood technology aide position which was cut last year, and increase the hours for the district's art and music teachers.

The prospect of these additions concerned both DeGiacomo and committee member Stephanie Noble, who worry not only about what the additional salaries would do to the school budget, but also the additional amount of health insurance costs the town would have to pick up. Both said the middle school teaching positions were probably the number one priority in the budget, but it would be tough to make that happen without further budget cuts.

Initial cuts included half of the schools' substitute and supply budget requests, and Osgood School Principal Marilee Cantelmo's requests for an activity aide, an assistant principal, and more office help. But Cantelmo's requests did prompt Noble to suggest the committee should look at what the Osgood office needs to run more efficiently.

"We have to look at what the Osgood's needs are, what the office needs daily," she said.

The board did largely support the Deer Hill School budget as presented by Principal Paul Callahan, except for the substitute and supply line item cuts.

District-wide, the board is mulling over whether to hire two additional janitors for the schools. Cantelmo, Callahan and Jones had asked for additional custodial staff to keep the school's clean, especially during the upcoming school renovation and expansion project.

Though the committee said it was pleased with the thinness of the budget requests, the biggest debate may lie in the four new positions at the middle school. Jones told the board that without the new teachers, seventh-grade class size will average in the low 30's, and in the high 20's for the eighth grade. If two teachers were hired, class numbers would still be high – mid 20's in the eighth grade and high 20's in the seventh grade. If the four teachers are hired, average class size would be mid 20's for the seventh grade and low 20's for the eighth grade, a more acceptable amount, though not preferred by Jones.

"Next year will be a worse situation than we have this year," he said about class sizes which already top out in the 30's for some classes this year. "And if you increase the number of classes and students each teacher teaches, you ruin the middle school concept."

Committee chairman Pat Martin agreed, saying, "We have a less than perfect situation now, next year we'll be far from perfect."

Jones added, if the positions aren't added, the committee would be "taking the middle school, which is one of the best in the state, and setting it back."

The board also showed early support for Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey's request for a district business manager. The position, according to Malvey, would oversee computer and data processing, collective bargaining with non-certified personnel, grant writing and other office work.

"A good business manager can pay for his position [through grants] very quickly," Malvey said.

Quick response saves skater's life

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not skate on Lily Pond which often doesn't freeze over.

Hernon praised Cohasset police and the Scituate Fire Department.

"They were great," he said. "I was very impressed with how professional and courteous they were.

"There were no remarks about how stupid I was."

Hernon said he suffered from mild hypothermia but is otherwise OK. But he won't be skating on big ponds any time soon.

"I'll be out on the duck pond on the common," he said with a laugh.

Christmas tree removal fund-raiser

The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol, Committee is sponsoring a fund-raiser on Sunday Jan. 7, noon to 3 p.m. A group of adults and teen volunteers will be available to pick up and dispose of your Christmas tree. The fee for this service is $10 per tree $5 for senior citizens. Just put your tree next to your driveway, place a check payable to the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee on your door and the group will dispose of your tree. Proceeds from this years fund-raiser will benefit upcoming programs sponsored by the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee.

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Smiths are proudest grandparents in town

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Hello Cohasset! I hope that everyone had a safe and Happy New Year and that we are all ready to work on our resolutions! I have noticed a number of new families in town as well as some families moving to new places. If you have any welcomes you would like to have placed or a special goodbye message to any of your friends, please send them in. I just read a message on a Cohasset newsboard from a resident who moved from here eight years ago. It said that until you don't have something day in and day out,(ie. Cohasset) you won't really know how lucky you were to have it. I think that when we all stop for a moment each day and look at what we have in our town, we can all see how special and wonderful this town is. One of my resolutions for this year is to do just that, stop, look around and count my blessings in all the "little things." Cohasset is just one of those things and for that, I am truly grateful.

NEW ARRIVAL

We have some very happy and proud grandparents in town! **Russell and Susan Smith** of Fernway became grandparents to **Matthew Russell Daileader** on Nov. 17, 2000. Matthew was born to Hingham native, **Heidi (Smith) Daileader** and her husband **John**, weighing in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 20 ins. long. His other grandparents who are equally delighted are **Judy and Lee Peacock** of Hingham and **Marion and Bob Daileader** of Clifton Park, N.Y. Having met little Matthew a few weeks ago, let me just tell all of you that he is adorable! His uncle **Adam** and aunt **Emma** would both agree, I am sure. Matthew, Heidi and John all live in Chappaqua, N.Y. Congratulations to you all.

FIRST CHOICE

I got a nice piece of news about Miss **Kristen James**, daughter of **Terry and Brian** of Buttonwood Lane. Kristen attends the South Shore VoTech school in Hanover. She made the high honor roll and after six exploratory shops, got into her first choice which was electronics. Out of all the children that apply, they only select 10. This is a great accomplishment Kristen, keep up the great work!

HOCKEY RAFFLE

The list of winners in the First Annual Holiday Raffle for the Varsity Hockey Team continued to grow over the month of December! The following is an update to the list of winners drawn by the merchants who donated the daily prizes. Winners are from Cohasset unless otherwise noted.

Dec 18- **Regina Church**-A children's sweatshirt from Cards & Shards and two rounds of golf for four at Par-Tee; Dec 19-**Brad Potolicchio**, (second-time winner) a Deluxe Photo Album from Nobles Camera and a $20 gift certificate to Newport Creamery; Dec 20-**Helene Garber**, also a second-time winner! $20 to Good Sports and 2 pizzas from the Cohasset House of Pizza; Dec 21-**Howie Noble**, a cut and blow-dry and a make-up consultation at Rudolph Adamo; Dec 22-**Maureen McElguinn**, $30 bouquet of fresh flowers from Cohasset Greenery; Dec 23- **Simeone Family**, one month membership to Fitness First; Dec 24-**John and Peggy Chapman**, another second-time winner! $75 discount on full vehicle detailing at Cohasset Collision; Dec 25-**Ann Rasmussen**, $100 from Fleet Bank; Dec 26-The **Rankin Family**, $50 to Dependable Cleaners; Dec 27-**Jeff Durkin**, $25 to Silver Spoon Café; Dec 28-**Pat O'Connor,** $25 to Joseph's Hardware; Dec 29-**Stephen and MaryBeth Carrier**, Free lube, oil and filter at Cohasset Sunoco and two RGP Pizzas; Dec 30-**Bodner Family**, $25 to Cohasset Plaza Cleaners; Dec 31-**Jeff Vickers** from Duxbury, $100 from Pilgrim Cooperative Bank

The Hockey Boosters sincerely thank all the merchants who donated prizes to this raffle and to all the wonderful people who purchased raffle tickets. Such enthusiastic support made this raffle a great success. We look forward to doing it again next year. Thank you and we hope all of you have Happy New Year, from the players and coaches of the Cohasset Middle High School Varsity Hockey Team.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

David L. Keefe, MD, a native of Cohasset who know resides in Newport, RI with his wife and seven children was recently elected president of the Boston Fertility Society. The Boston Fertility Society fosters the exchange of information in cutting-edge research, technology, counseling and treatment methods for reproductive medicine and infertility. Dr. Keefe, is currently the director of the Division of Reproductive Medicine and Infertility at Women & Infants Hospital and at New England Medical Center in Massachusetts.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY HONORS

Phillips Academy of Andover, Mass announced that **Kara Gaughen**, class of '02' and daughter of **Robert and Margaret Gaughen** of Cohasset was recently named to the honor roll for the fall term. In order to make this honor, a student must maintain at least a 5-point grade average on a 6-point scale. Great work, Kara!

THAYER HONORS

Thayer Academy of Braintree also announced its first tri-semester honor roll and two seventh graders from Cohasset were on it. **Catherine M. Ernst** for Effort and **Joseph M. Rosano** for Achievement and Effort. Fantastic effort on both of your parts, keep up the great work.

ASTRONOMY DAY

Boston University announced some news about Cohasset Resident, **Elizabeth Condos**. Elizabeth was one of over 250 eighth- and ninth-grade students who recently participated in "Space and Astronomy Day," a conference jointly sponsored by Boston University and John Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth. Boston University's Learning Resource Network collaborated with its Department of Astronomy and Center for Space Physics to organize and to develop the program. During this day-long program held at Boston University on Nov. 19, students were able to explore aspects of space and astronomy through talks and workshops led by space scientists and researchers. The workshops "Light: Bend It, Break It" and "Why Yes, We Are Rocket Scientists" allowed the students to examine scientific topics, such as prisms and spectroscopy and rocket propulsion, through hands-on experiments. Elizabeth is an eighth-grade student at Cohasset Middle High School. What a great experience for you Elizabeth!

VALENTINE SOIREE

Don't forget to mark Feb. 10 on your calendars for the St. Valentine's Soiree! It is being held at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham from 7-11 p.m. The cost is $40 per person or $75 per couple and includes dancing, music and food. It is being held by the PSO and is bound to be a wonderful time!

That is it for this week. Make sure to send in your news to me in one of the following manners. ATSchoolsin@aol.com or jenpiep@yahoo.com 622 CJC Highway 923-1057 Have a Great Week!



GARDEN CLUB

Darlene Beauvais, herbalist from the Church Hill Herbary in Norwell presents "The Herbal Christmas" at the December meeting of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset at the Second Congregational Church.

Blood drive is Jan. 10

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, Jan. 10. The Blood Drive will be at St. Anthony Parish Center at the corner of South Main Street and Summer Street from 2 to 7 p.m. As in the past, babysitting will be provided from 3 to 5 p.m. Ample parking is available.

The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Cohasset area to give blood when the bloodmobile comes to Cohasset. According to Cathy Pray, director, "Only five out of every hundred people give blood, and the number of new donors decreased dramatically last year. First-time donors are urgently needed to replace donors who have moved away or become ineligible to donate."

The best way to give blood for the first time is to come with a friend who is experienced in the donation process. New donors usually find the procedure easy and painless and most come back regularly to donate. "The biggest obstacle seems to be overcoming that initial fear," said Pray. "That's why we're counting on our regular donors to help by bringing a friend to this blood drive."

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

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The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and especially needed. To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

Each year, tens of thousands of people serve as volunteers with the American Red Cross blood program in New England. Most donate blood. Others volunteer their time and energy to making each blood drive a success. These dedicated volunteers help fulfill their community's needs — they are a group the American Red Cross likes to call "Hometown Heroes.

HOMETOWN HERO

Louis Eaton is truly a "Hometown Hero." He began donating blood in 1946 after moving to Cohasset. "When I came here in '46, I heard they were organizing a blood drive, and I thought, why not?" Eaton said. "I didn't start donating because I knew someone who needed blood. I just realized that blood was needed and how easy it actually was to donate." And Eaton has been donating ever since. In fact, he has donated more than 17 gallons of blood so far, and has no plans to stop in the near future, even if he is 82 years young! "My first wife and I were married for 51 years. She didn't donate blood for a variety of reasons. My present wife of six years can't donate either, so you could say I'm donating for three!"

Through the generosity of their time and effort, blood donors and volunteers like Eaton give a second chance to people who might not otherwise survive. "The only time I was nervous was the first time I donated," Eaton said. "Part of the reason I still give blood is that I'm A negative, and it's needed. The need for blood has risen tremendously. I know many people require transfusions during treatment, and I have the blood, so why not help them out? It doesn't hurt, and I've met so many nice people in the process."

Cohasset Community Blood Drive in honor of Hometown Hero Louis Eaton, St. Anthony's Parish Center, corner of Summer Street and So. Main Street, Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 2 to 7 p.m.



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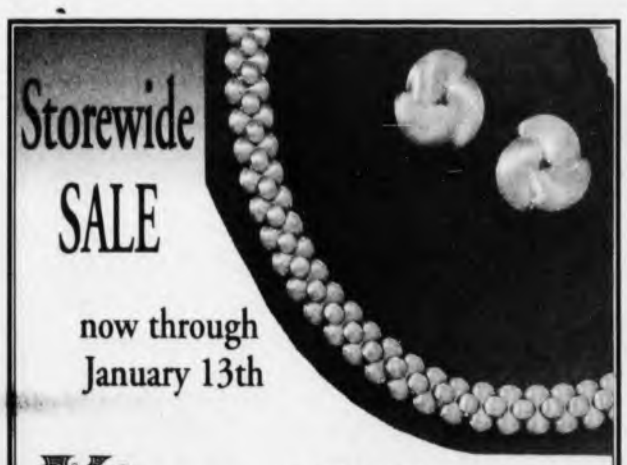


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Family proud as Bradley sworn in

By Rick Collins
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He was born on the Fourth of July, and as Garrett Bradley's dad likes to point out, the significance of that was mulled over a bit growing up.

"As he grew older with discussions of his birthday and the holiday, those two conversations would start to come together," Jim Bradley remembered. "He would ask what does that mean, and I said to him that's something for you to figure out."

Yesterday, as the younger Bradley was sworn in as the new state representative of the 3rd Plymouth district, comprised of Cohasset, Hull and his hometown of Hingham, he was cheered on by a contingent of family and friends. Bradley, a Democrat, won a three-way race in November for the honor of following Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, on Beacon Hill.

That Bradley would run for elected office didn't surprise the elder Bradley, though how hard he worked at it did.

"By the time he went to Boston College, the Jesuits had adopted the phrase, 'The ideal person is a man for others.' He decided at Boston College High that he wanted to be a man for others," he said. "He said if he was ever allowed to go to Boston College Law School and graduated, he would dedicate his life to public service. That flicker grew into a burning flame inside of him.

"It added an impetus not only to his desire but to his energy level that was unmatched."

Bradley said his son would get up at 5:30 a.m. go to bed at 11:30 p.m. and keep that schedule seven days a week for more than three years. "Even though I knew my son had a tremendous work ethic, I've never seen anything like this," he said.



Garrett Bradley

Heather Bradley, Garrett's wife, also knew early of his ambitions. "When I met Garrett in our first year of law school, he told me this was something he wanted to be," she said. "At the time he was working for [former state senator] Warren Tolman, so I knew this was something down the road he was really going to pursue, and I've really supported him the whole way."

Bradley ran in 1998 but was defeated by Murray. However he kept on campaigning throughout, even though it meant sacrificing some of his home time with Heather and their two-year old daughter Amanda. But Heather said his desire of his goal is what allowed her to be understanding. "It's such an important job," she said about the state representative position. "Public service is such a noble thing. I know he can do it.

"Obviously I'm extremely proud of him, as is Amanda. He has worked really hard for three years to get to this point, and I know starting [Wednesday] he's going to work really hard," she said. "He deserves it, and the people of this district deserve it and deserve to get a lot done."

She added jokingly, "I've seen him enough over the holidays, so I'm OK with him working hard."

Don't expect her to be twisting Bradley's arm behind-the-scenes, or influencing policy. "Garrett has his aide [Michael Salerno] and I'm bust with my own career and taking care of our daughter. And obviously we wouldn't be married if we didn't share the same beliefs," she said. "He knows what he is doing. He makes very educated decisions, and listens to people. He doesn't need my counsel."

She also said he already has begun to receive phone calls from constituents. "Our home line is published for people and he certainly gets it from other people. People have been calling the house since he was elected in November and is accessible to everyone," she said.

Both wife and father naturally are beyond happy for their new favorite state representative.

"I really believe Garrett's going to do a good job," said Heather.

"We as a family are extra proud of him," said Jim Bradley. "We think he's going to make a tremendously effective state rep. We think he has a very bright future."

Boatyard facelift planned

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existing apartment space on its top-two levels, will be either taken down or moved to the west corner of the property, bordering Border Street, but will remain a three-story mixed use building with apartments on the upper two floors.

The Quonset hut, winch house and storage shed will all be taken down. A kayak rental and sales shop is proposed behind the Lobster Pound, partially on the area where the Quonset hut is now. Roy would also construct a kayak launch ramp behind the workshop. The existing wooden deck would be expanded to where the main building is now, and the railway system would be upgraded and repaired.

The filled-in land used for boat storage space, would be raised one and a half feet to become level with the rest of the property.

Pena said the project wouldn't increase the area of filled-in tidal lands. "We're hoping to minimize the environmental impact and open up the site, increase public access and increase public amenities," he told nearly a dozen citizens who turned out despite the chilly whether for the walkthrough.

The plan received initial support from boatyard business owner Frank Carey. He said the redesign and shuffling of buildings would provide him more storage room. He said he didn't support the prior owner's proposal in 1994 because it would have taken away storage space and cornered him into the property. This plan would "increase the size by quite a bit."

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> — Carlos Penà, CLE Engineering

Pena said the entire first-floor of the new complex would be "water-dependent" usage.

Some citizens expressed concern about a lack of sufficient parking, sewer capabilities, and traffic issues. Pena said all those issues would be addressed during permitting discussions with the state and town. He also said the buildings would be consistent with the historical character of the existing ones.

In 1994, William Hanney bought the site, with the intent of constructing a residence on a majority of the property. He had begun the permit procedure with the state and had filed an environmental notification form. The proposal then went through a 20-day public comment period and the state decided not to request any more environmental reviews.

Roy, who bought the property in 1999, and CLE decided rather than go through the environmental notification procedure again, to simply file for a project change notice.

Now, said Shepardson, the public is able to again make comments until Jan. 12. A decision to require further environmental study will be made by the state Jan. 22. If no further studies are needed, the project can begin the normal permitting process.



RICK COLLINS PHOTO

Interested citizens tour the Mill River Marine Railway site off Border Street on Wednesday morning.

Murray closes chapter at State House

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Stephanie Landry, told Murray that she had packed up 38 boxes of papers and reports and letters.

"Thirty-eight?" Murray asked incredulously. "Well I'm a saver anyway. I still want to go through a lot of it before I throw it out."

The career

"I never had any intention of entering politics," she said. "My husband [Phil] talked me into running for selectman. When [the state representative] stepped down in 1976 he told me I'd be a great state rep."

She mulled it over and ran and won, despite maintaining her status as a town selectman. "A lot of people said they wouldn't vote for me unless I remained a selectman," she said. "But you really can't do both and do a good job."

Murray has come full-circle and once again said she is "seriously considering" running this spring for a spot on the board of selectmen again.

Since being elected initially in 1976, she has found a home in the Committee on Local Affairs, sitting in the same spot where she sat as a freshmen representative beside another young Republican, Paul Cellucci of Hudson. Local affairs is where bills on things such as town zoning bylaws, land transfers, home-rule petitions, and other town and city issues come for approval. Though not the highest ranking member of the committee, Murray has plenty of experience and knowledge to make up for it.

She was instrumental in getting a law allowing harbormasters to arrest people for driving boats while drunk, and making sure magazines with perfume samples have the scents enclosed in a pouch to prevent respiratory attacks on asthmatics. She also used a Hingham battle over whether the Town Treasurer position should be appointed or elected to pass a bill requiring such an issue to be settled through a referendum vote, not at a Town Meeting.

"Most people that vote don't go to Town Meeting," she explained.

She is also proud of her work on harbor dredging money for Cohasset, Hingham and Hull, and securing funds providing group homes for mentally disabled adults.

Her work over the past 24 years has resulted in numerous awards recently, including those from the state Harbormasters Association, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Saltwater Club in Hull and a Life Membership to the Marine Corps League. "That's the highest award you can get," she said of the Marine Corps honor.

"I said to Stephanie today, 'I don't know why everybody likes me, but I hope I keep on doing whatever I'm doing," she said.

Murray said until recently, she never had considered not running again, except once in 1988.

"After the '88 election, Phil said maybe it was time I stepped down," she remembered. "So we talked about it, and I said OK if we can do some traveling."

But Murray didn't step down. Phil, who used to spend so much time in her office he was called her "unpaid aide" died in December of 1989.

"I just figured it was best for me to just keep going."

What's next

When asked what she was going to do on her first day of not being a state representative, she immediately teared up at the thought.

"Speaker [Thomas] Finneran asked me that too, what am I going to do tomorrow," she said, tissue in hand. "And I don't know."

She said maybe she'll turn the television on inside her Margin Street home. "If that gets too much I'll put on my hat and coat and go for a walk. Every time I get in my car for a while, I'm going to think I'm going to pick Stephanie up."

Murray said so far she hasn't asked anyone for a job or position somewhere but insisted "I'll be doing something."

One thing she hopes to do is write a letter to all the new freshmen representatives and offer her assistance, as she has for years. The other thing is to keep an eye on the new kid in town, Bradley.

"I said to him for the first year he should be in the chamber for every session," she said. "I also warned Garrett that if he doesn't treat the people well, I will be back.

"And I will."

Village workshop

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, in partnership with the town of Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force, is sponsoring the third in a series of four community workshops to develop designs for infrastructure, circulation, and streetscape improvements in Cohasset Village on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers Residence.

The Cecil Group, urban landscape design consultants, will give a presentation on various design alternatives for such items as new sidewalks, better parking, improved vehicle and pedestrian access, and associated streetscape design alternatives such as decorative lighting, plantings and street furniture. Preliminary designs and ideas are on display at the CRC office located at 87 Elm St., (across from Kimball's). Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

True spirit of generosity

The generosity of our South Shore neighbors and friends continues to inspire and amaze us.

Their kindness was evident throughout our most recent Gifts of Hope campaign. Readers saw a need more than ever to help address homelessness on the South Shore and responded with checks in all amounts, big and small.

There was the $500 check and the ones made out for $300. And we had so many donations in the amount of $25 and $50. Big or small, each donation has made a huge dent in assisting the three charities who benefited from the Gifts of Hope — Carolina Hill shelter in Marshfield, the South Shore Friends of the Homeless and Fr. Bill's Place in Quincy.

As was the case last year, our first effort to help ease the homeless situation on the South Shore, checks came in in large quantities each day. We looked forward to the time when the mail arrived and we were able to add to the tally for each charity and quickly send out the checks so the funds could be put to immediate use. Throughout this campaign we were all reminded how fortunate we are, how quickly circumstances can change and people find themselves down on their luck.

We are grateful to the people at Carolina Hill, Fr. Bill's Place and the South Shore Friends for sharing with us the candid stories about how they came to confront homelessness. We know it was not easy for them to open up and retell their difficult circumstances. We admire them for making the effort so people can better understand the "crisis" we are facing.

And to those who donated, it is hard to put into words the gratitude of those who will benefit from the money. Thank you seems so inappropriate, especially when we read a card from one grandmother who offered her $25 contribution.

She told us how she was struggling right now and was living her with daughter and grandchildren in an apartment were rent was about to go about and things were getting tighter. Yet after reading the stories of some of the homeless people she said she realized she was one of the lucky ones and her problems seemed small in comparison. She reached out to help, at a time when she, too, is struggling.

There were so many letters offering hope and support. The generosity of our readers brought in even more money than last year for the three charities. In fact, at this time we are still receiving last-minute checks as part of the Gifts of Hope campaign.

And while many of us are getting back to our regular routines, it's important for us not to forget the problem of homelessness and more importantly, the people who find themselves in that plight. It seems every holiday season, efforts to raise money are turned up several notches. But the problems of homelessness and hunger don't go away once the decorations are taken off the Christmas tree.

It is a year-round struggle and perhaps, in some small way, the Gifts of Hope campaign will make it a bit easier.

And as Dorothy Newell, director of the South Shore Friends, reminded us at the close of last year's campaign, "possibly the greatest blessing has been that Gifts of Hope has given the homeless the face of mothers and fathers and children just like people we know. And now that we know them, we can never forget them!"

Citizen of Year

In keeping with its seven-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

The deadline for nominations for the 2000 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m., Friday, Jan 5. Please see the nomination form on page 10. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHL corrections

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to correct a mistake in the "Year in Review" article in the Dec. 28 edition, and in the Dec. 7 article "Both sides claim victory in latest CHL battle."

In the Dec. 30 article, under "December", you report erroneously that "Cohasset Conservation Commission rules it does have jurisdiction over CHL, but refuses to take any action over reports of leachate seeping from the landfill."

In the Dec. 7 article, you report erroneously that the Conservation Commission, in response to a request from the Water Commission "refused to take any enforcement action against CHL, and instead decided to push for the completion of the capping process, as CHL owner Paul Barry wanted."

In fact, the Conservation Commission ruled that it does have jurisdiction over the leachate discharging from Cohasset Heights landfill into the watershed for Lily Pond, our public drinking water supply, and ordered CHL to submit a Notice of Intent within 90 days to describe what action CHL will take to address the problem. This was positive and forthright action by the Conservation Commission that they should be commended for taking.

The Conservation Commission did not "push for completion of the capping process," which is under the jurisdiction of the state Department of Environmental Protection and the Board of Health, but instead started the process to implement their own enforcement authority by requiring CHL to submit a plan, in a Notice of Intent, for stopping the seeping of leachate from the landfill. So, you see, the Conservation Commission did take action to stop the leachate discharge into our water supply.

John K. McNabb, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Water Commissioners

COHASSET CARES

Resolving to make holiday things

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I can only really speak for myself, of course, but I bet there are a few other people out there who, if they had it to do over again, would want to make, as in handcraft, holiday things next season.

Of the worlds I am grateful for, one of the greatest is being brought up in a family where the members used their hands — not only to paint and wallpaper, make peppermint-drop candies and scrumptious oatmeal bread, but also to make our own holiday greeting cards, some of our own presents, and the wrappings. I was a Depression child and a World War II kid, so it was both frugal necessity and patriotic to recycle, reuse, and reduce (our needs and consumption), and I developed an instinct for scrounging into a fine art (I'm quite intrigued by "found" jewelry made from metal roadside debris and "found" poetry made from words already out there in the ozone, or what's left of it) that evidently is pretty much a lost art now. I'm rather proud of my household appellation of "Bog Man." I think it's great fun to have your feet in different worlds.

So, have you ever tried splatter-printing your own greeting cards? Tremendous fun — anyone can do it; reuses bits of window screening and old toothbrushes; creates wonderful effects; or pota-to-printing your own wrapping paper? Far out! Keeps recipients guessing! They still sell linoleum blocks for block printing.

My 98-year-old mother, once a Camp Fire guardian who taught, amongst other things, beadwork (done on wooden cheese boxes with sections of door springs attached to the ends), still comes up with creative recycled/reused cards, one of her tricks for staying young.

On the other hand, as someone said recently, the dearest gifts are those handmade by children.

A Quaker friend included this item on her card this year: Send old greeting cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's St., Boulder City, NV 89005.

Maybe next year ... Happy handmade holidays! See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is the publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Lights shine on Memory Tree

Commemorative lights will shine on the Memory Tree on the lawn of South Shore Community Center, as well as a star placed on the tree in the lobby with the name(s) of your loved one(s). As contributions were received, bulbs were illuminated throughout the season, and the names of the donors and those remembered were published in the Cohasset Mariner. Your tax-deductible contributions will helped continue quality programs at SSCC.

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In memory of Lee Andrews from Ellena, Robert, Skylar, Leanne, and A.J.;

In memory of GG from the Yocum family, Glenn Pratt family, Edwin Pratt family, Migliacci family and Andrews family;

In memory of Lee Andrews from Edvia and Richard Yocum; and Nancy Brennock.



Making magic

Kids love library program



Levente Haber and her mother Eva enjoy the juggling and magic.



Maura Gately and Brett Dooley (background) laugh at Mr. Suspenders' antics in the special library program.



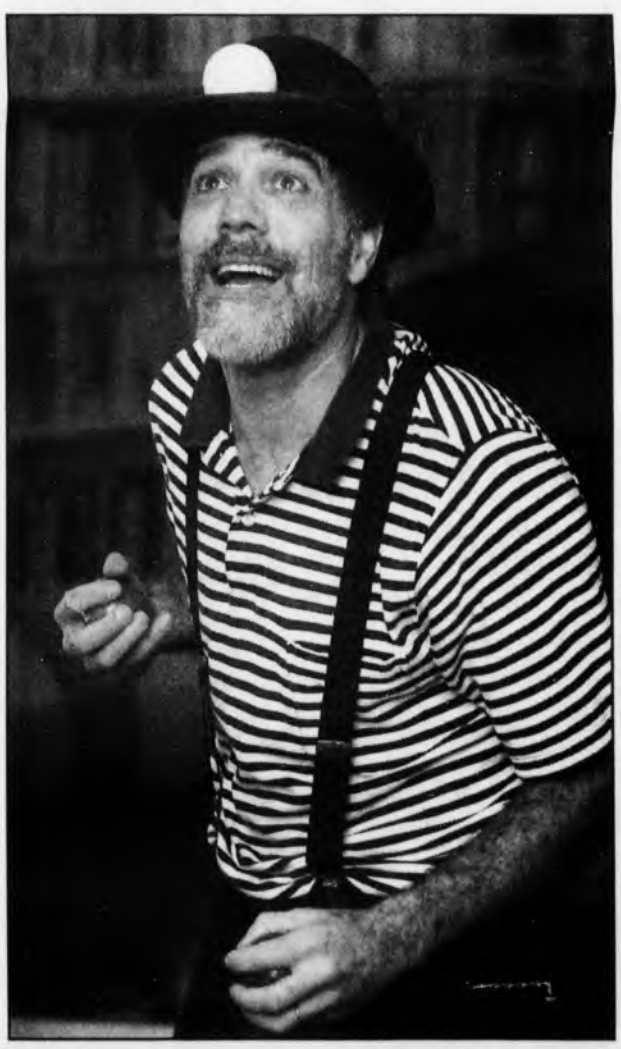
Claire Pozniak tries her hand at balancing a peacock feather.



Megan Green enjoys the children's show at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library last week.

Right, Mr. Suspenders mystifies the children with his juggling magic.

Dana Childs, below, takes a whack at the Piñata at the special children's program at the library Dec. 29.





Staff photos by Alan Chapman

OBITUARIES

Madaline Caruso

Madaline (LaRosa) Caruso, 85, of Pomfret, Md., died Dec. 26, 2000, in her home after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Caruso was born in Boston on Oct. 9, 1915. She was raised and educated in Hull and lived in Avon for 25 years before moving to Pomfret 11 years ago. Mrs. Caruso had formerly been employed as a domestic worker.

Wife of the late Enrico J. Caruso, she leaves a son, Joseph J. Caruso and his wife, Judith of Pomfret; a sister, Mary Blante of Cohasset; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Avon. Interment was in St. Michael's Cemetery in Avon.

Arrangements were by the Sullivan Funeral Home, Rockland.

Anthony Fasciano

Anthony Francis Fasciano, 65, of Cohasset, a building contractor, died Jan. 2, 2001, at home after a battle with cancer.

Mr. Fasciano was a self-employed building contractor in Scituate and Cohasset for many years.

He organized the Brockton Invitational for 18 years and was a 25-year member of the Executive Committee of Brockton Invitational Baseball tournament.

He was a past president of the Scituate Lions Club.

He was an accomplished skeet shooter and enjoyed gardening and golfing.

He was a lifelong member of the Scituate Rod and Gun Club and a member of the Old Colony Rod and Gun Club.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the George Mealy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 118.

Born in East Boston and educated in Belmont, he attended Wentworth Institute and Northeastern University. He lived in Scituate before moving to Cohasset 29 years ago.

He leaves his wife, Mary Louise (LaMonte) Fasciano; a son, Mark Fasciano of Cohasset; two daughters, Marybeth Fasciano of Quincy and Gael Fasciano of Los Angeles, Calif.; a brother, Joseph Fasciano of Belmont; four sister, Mildred Bruno of Sarasota, Fla., Theresa Medlin of Simi Valley, Calif., Vera Fasciano and Grace Walker both of Belmont; 28 nieces and nephews; and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. today at St. Anthony's Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, DEC. 25

12:11 a.m. King St., assault.

1:37 a.m. Cedar Acres Lane, medical aid.

7:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, abandoned 911 call.

11:06 a.m. Elm St., property found.

12:32 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, fire investigation.

8:17 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle violations, area search negative.

8:32 p.m. Cohasset, assist other police department.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

7:33 North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:55 p.m. King St., fire investigation.

1:36 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

3:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic complaint.

4:20 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, fire investigation.

5:06 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., animal control.

5:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6 p.m. HQ, animal control.

10:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

4:43 a.m. Elm St., general information.

9:42 a.m. Pond St., fire.

11:45 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

11:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

12:23 p.m. Forest Ave., medical aid.

1:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:21 p.m. Elm St., property found.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

7:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

8:34 a.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:58 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:16 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:53 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire inspections.

10:33 a.m. Sohier St., fire.

11:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane, arrest: Marissa C. Massey, 25, 329 Rockland St., Hingham, chrgs.: warrant.

3:11 p.m. Spring St., property recovered.

5:09 p.m. Howe Road, wires down, referred to other agency.

8:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation.

9:25 p.m. Jerusalem Road, fire investigation.

11:25 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

5:50 a.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

8:43 a.m. Summer St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:20 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:58 a.m. Jerusalem Road, fire inspections.

10:10 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:53 a.m. Summer St. to Beechwood Cemetery, escort.

11:04 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:10 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, services rendered.

12:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident, investigated.

2:20 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:39 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4 p.m. Oak St., fire extinguished.

4:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident, investigated.

5:37 p.m. Rockland St., suspicious, area search negative.

5:44 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

8:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

1:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disabled auto.

8:03 a.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.

10:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St., disabled auto, area search negative.

10:41 a.m. King and Sohier sts., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:08 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:17 a.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident, area search negative.

12:01 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

12:14 p.m. Jerusalem Road, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:44 p.m. King and Sohier sts., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:02 p.m. Cohasset, assist other police department.

3:31 p.m. King St., well being check, investigated.

4:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, notification.

5:21 p.m. South Main St., property damage, investigated.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

1:50 a.m. King St., disturbance family, investigated.

3:03 a.m. Hillside Drive, transport, services rendered.

2:08 p.m. King St., trespassing.

2:50 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:31 p.m. Forest Ave., services rendered.

8:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, arrest: Adam G. Leahy, 18, 4 Stevens Lane, Cohasset, chrgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverages; arrest: Ronan S. Buick, 18, 3 Highland Ave., Cohasset, chrgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage; arrest: Margaret E. O'Connor, 17, 55 Lantern Lane, Cohasset, chrgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

Teens charged with alcohol transport

Police arrested three Cohasset teenagers for possession of alcohol outside Mobil Mart at about 10:45 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

The teens were apparently headed to First Night in Boston, police said.

One of the teenagers, later identified as Adam G. Leahy, 18, of 4 Stevens Lane, was spotted behind Mobil Mart acting suspiciously. The teen hurried back to the vehicle operated by Margaret E. O'Connor, 17, of 55 Lantern Lane. The police officer subsequently conducting the inquiry discovered 27 cans of Bud Lite beer in a backpack along with an open can of beer in the vehicle. Also arrested was passenger Ronan S. Buick, 18, of 3 Highland Ave. The teens were arraigned on charges of minors transporting alcohol at Quincy District Court on Tuesday morning.

O'Connor and Buick were placed in a diversionary program during which they must attend a Mothers Against Driving Drunk workshop at Quincy District Court and pay a $50 fee to MADD. The arrests won't appear on their records, police prosecutor Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

The charge against Leahy was continued without a finding for three months. which means if Leahy stays out of trouble, the charge will be dismissed at that time. Leahy has to pay $85 in court costs, Jackson said.

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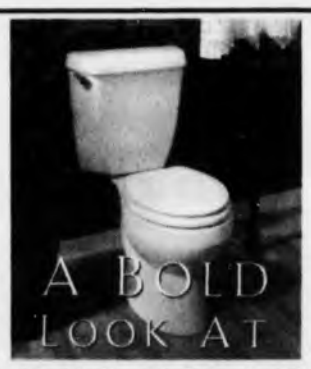


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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

TJ Bilodeau. For the second year in a row, the basketball team's senior was named as the team's All-Star in the Cohasset Tournament All-Star. The tri-captain's totals for two games were 24 points and four steals. He also hit 10 out of his 11 free throws in the tournament.

Skippers lose first in Holiday Final

Cohasset falls to 4-1 with 69-50 loss to Scituate

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Annual Classic Tournament, hosted by Cohasset High School, ended with the Scituate Sailors pouncing on their host with a 69-50 victory in the championship game.

The Sailors connected on 24-of-49 field goals in the game, including 40% of their three pointers.

"Scituate played a great game," appraised Cohasset head coach Ron Ford, also pleased with the play of his squad. "Everybody contributed. I was happy with the effort."

For the Sailors, junior center Jessie McKinnell, the tournament's Most Valuable Player, tossed in 17 points, shooting a perfect 5-of-5 from the foul line, and grabbed a game high 14 rebounds. McKinnell, with his six foot three inch frame and long arms, was able to get free under the basket all game and convert shot after shot.

"His arms stretch out to Missouri," joked Sailor head coach Matt Poirier. "He's a great athlete."

"He has improved so much," chimed in Ford. "He has worked a lot on his game."

Sailor senior co-captain Chris Field dumped in 18 points, making shots from all over the floor.

"Every time they needed a big shot, he hit it," noted Ford.

For the second year in a row, senior tri-captain TJ Bilodeau was named Cohasset's Tournament All-Star, with 24 points and four steals in both games. He hit 10 out of his 11 free throws in the tournament.

"He has become Mr. Holiday," laughed Ford. "I was thrilled with the way he played."

With junior point guard Matt Bilodeau in Florida for a soccer tournament, senior tri-captain Doug O'Brien stepped into the role. Ford has already said this season that he feels confident playing his six-foot-one swingman at any position on the floor.

"That is such a huge weapon for us," said Ford, who likes to create mismatches with O'Brien and smaller opposing guards. "If it wasn't for Douggie, we would have lost that game by 40."

Oddly enough, the Skippers ended up using seven different point guards in the game for at least one possession, including O'Brien, senior tri-captains Bilodeau and Erik Shea, juniors Kyle Weber and Pete Maitland, sophomore Jared Krupczak and freshman Chris Bilodeau.

"We had a lot of guys that can bring the ball up," explained Ford.

And while Cohasset took advantage of its depth, coach Poirier had his team working in two separate shifts. Subs would not come in one or two at a time, but in entire units.

In one of the shifts, twins Josh and Jason Hulme gave the Sailors a great lift off the bench.

"They are awesome," effused Poirier. "They really make things happen."

With a 40-23 halftime lead, and the game seemingly out of reach, the Skippers started to claw their way back into the game, pulling to 57-47 with just under five minutes left in the game. And though the score never got closer than that, Poirier was impressed with the overall determination of the Skippers.

"[Ford's] kids played hard," he said. "He can't be upset with that performance."

Ford was not pleased about tallying his first loss of the season, but chalked it up to a learning experience.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's T.J. Bilodeau (#32) goes past Scituate's Mike Barry for the shot in Friday's championship game of the Cohasset Holiday Tourney. Scituate won the game, 69-50, handing the host Skippers their first loss of the season.

"You can learn more from a loss than a win," explained Ford. "This was our first real test."

In the first round of the tournament, the Skippers were able to jump on the visiting Raiders from Dover-Sherborn, winning handily, 86-61.

Cohasset's full court zone trap proved to be very effective against the Raiders, as the Skippers were able to force 17 turnovers, while only committing seven.

Cohasset hit on 16 out of 20 foul shots, including their last seven in a row. The team is shooting over 80% for the year.

Weber and Chris Bilodeau recorded their first varsity points. Sophomore Ian Kidder had his most prolific scoring output of the year with nine points on 3-of-5 shooting from the floor.

SKIPPERS, PAGE 10

Girls continue quest for first win

Young hoopsters stay upbeat despite rough start

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

At 0-6, the girls varsity basketball team may not be the envy of the league quite yet, but second year coach Ellen Carr is optimistic about the future of the program.

"I hope this will be our learning year," reported Carr, who manages to stay buoyant in the face of her team's record.

Playing a junior varsity schedule last year, the Lady Skippers finished 10-8. With the option of taking another year at the JV level, Carr opted instead to challenge her squad with a varsity slate in 2000-'01.

"The varsity level is physically much more demanding," she explained. "It is much rougher under the boards."

Only two players have been added to this year's squad, and the starting lineup features four sophomores and a freshman.

The one freshman, Danielle Pinkus, was the only freshman who made the varsity team, and she has stepped into the role as the starting center.

"She makes very few mistakes," appraised Carr of her young center. "I am quite delighted with her progress and willingness."

The only other acquisition was junior Jessica Stevermer, who also has impressed Carr with her adaptation to varsity play.

"Jessica is learning very fast," stated Carr.

In the team's most recent games, Cardinal Spellman defeated the Lady Skippers twice over vacation.

"They were definitely stronger and bigger," noted Carr, who has one of the smaller teams on the South Shore. "They play very tough."

In the first game, Cardinal Spellman won 61-33, with sophomore small forward Lindsay Grossman the only double digit scorer for Cohasset with 13 points.

"I think we were a little shell-shocked," said Carr of the team's performance. "And while the score does not reflect it, we played them much better the second time."

The final score of the Friday showdown was 56-35, with Grossman tallying 18 points, and sophomore shooting guard Heather Peraino adding 13.

In the girls' last league match-up, a contest in Norton, the Skippers lost 53-35. Peraino tossed down 16 points, while sophomore point guard LaRaine Langford netted 10.

Transition play dominated in all three of those contests, disrupting Cohasset's original intent in running more set plays.

"We have not run our half court offense as much as we would like," admitted Carr.

Also playing well for Cohasset in all three games off the bench was the only senior of the squad, co-captain Katie Wenmark.

"Katie is a terrific team player," Carr said, as she has put Wenmark at all five positions on the floor at points during the game.

The other captain of the team, sophomore power forward Maura O'Brien, has made up for her lack of height with excellent timing under the boards.

"Maura is a wonderful leaper," effused Carr earlier this year.

The freshman team, which does have a win over Mashpee under its

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CHS weekly scoreboard

COED SWIMMING
(Cohasset/Scituate
Jan.
1/3 at Barnstable

WRESTLING
12/28&29 Marshfield Tournament finished 20th out of 26 teams

GIRLS FRESHMAN/VARSITY BASKETBALL
12/27 lost to Cardinal Spellman, 61-33
29 lost to Cardinal Spellman, 56-35
1/3 at Norwell

ICE HOCKEY
12/27 lost to Scituate, 6-5
1/3 Hanover

BOYS BASKETBALL
12/28 beat Dover-Sherborn, 86-61
29 lost to Scituate, 69-50

* *For this week's scedule, see page 11*

Great turnout for 2nd annual alumni game

On Sunday, January 1, the Cohasset Hockey Boosters sponsored the Second Annual "Alumni Varsity Hockey Game" at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham. The tradition of an Alumni Game on New Year's Day is one that existed in the80's, but had eventually just stopped happening.

Two years ago, after a discussion with Clark Chatterton, the late AD of the Cohasset Middle-High School, when he reminisced about the old Alumni Game, the Hockey Boosters decided to try to re-institute the Alumni Game on New Year's day and see what happened.

Hockey Booster Jo-Ann Pilczak stated that "We were pleasantly surprised with the turnout of over 30 alumni players at last yer's Alumni Game. Adding our current Varsity Team to that number, we had over 50 players and found that we needed to run two separate games to accommodate the numbers. The players were obviously very excited about an Alumni Game."

"We planned the event for them and they readily came," Hockey Booster Ann Rasmussen added. "We were also overwhelmed by the response from the public. We had over 200 spectators last year. It was a great evening for skaters and spectators!"

There was another reason for re-instituting the Alumni Game, according to Pilczak: "Two seasons ago, the hockey team desperately needed new game shirts. Until that time, the Hockey Boosters had been a rather small, informal group and, we decided it was time for the Boosters to make a commitment to becoming a strong, active group of supporters for the Varsity Ice Hockey Team.

"We had very little time to raise money once we made this decision," continued Pilczak, "so we reached out to the Alumni skaters for donations to the team."

The result was an overwhelming response in donations from the Alumni players.

"We bought the shirts for the team and we were off and running," added Rasmussen.

The Hockey Boosters have continued fundraising in various ways, including this year's First Annual Holiday Raffle run during the month of December, and the alumni have continued their donations to the

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Alumni goalie Peter Sandblom (class of '88) lunges for the puck just as current CHS player Tom Anderson tries to wrist it off.

Young skaters search for identity

Hockey team falls to 2-3 as scrappy comeback falls short

By Mike Spellman
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The youthful Cohasset hockey team is off to a 2-3 start, and their prospects weren't expected to improve with Wednesday's match-up against defending Division 3 state champions Hanover.

The biggest challenge for veteran coach Dennis Walsh in the early going, he concedes, will be keeping his young squad focussed. He feels he has plenty of talent to work with, but realizes there may be struggles early on, the likes of which often cause a shaking of confidence.

"I definitely think this team is going to be a lot better at the end of the year than they are right now," offered Walsh, a veteran of 32 seasons walking hockey benches. "From what I've seen, I don't think this team is the type to dwell on the negative. I think they're going to keep moving ahead with every game, but it's something that you keep an eye on as a coach."

Walsh feels that last Wednesday's heartbreaking 6-5 loss to Scituate was a good testament to his team's character. The Skippers fell behind early, and saw that deficit grow to 5-2 by the end of the second period. However, his troops knotted things up at five with three scrappy, workmanlike goals in the final frame before finally surrendering the gamewinner with under two minutes remaining.

"I thought we showed a lot in battling back like we did against a tough team" said Walsh. "We kept the puck in their end of the ice for most of the last two periods, and we had a few chances to win it ourselves. I think these players showed themselves what they're capable of when the going gets tough."

Sophomore Greg O'Connell scored twice in the game for the Skippers and fellow soph Tom Anderson added a goal and an assist.

Walsh figures his troops would be a lot better off if they could start a few games with the same intensity with which they seem to the end them.

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Cohasset's Jay Rasmussen (#12) carries the puck with teammate John Durkin (#5) trailing the play.

Carbone takes fifth at Marshfield

Pat Carbone was Cohasset's top individual performer at the Marshfield Holiday Wrestling Tournament last week, with a fifth place finish in the 145-pound division in the 22-team field.

Carbone got knocked out of the winner's bracket by number 1 seed Matt Greener, from Walpole, in the last seconds of the semi-final match, 4-2. He went on to split two consolation matches to earn get fifth place honors.

The Cohasset squad finished 20th overall in the top drawing annual tourney.

The wrestling team stands at 4-4. The Skippers will next wrestle in the very competitive Whitman-Hanson Tourney this Saturday, Jan. 6.

The next dual meet will be Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. versus league front runner Rockland. This will be followed by a quad meet at Cohasset on Friday, Jan. 12 (Sharon, Duxbury, New Bedford).

Wrestling Alumnus updates

Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney reports that a number of alumni have been stopping by to help out during the vacation.

Kevin Duffy (class of '97) worked out with the CHS squad before Christmas to prepare for the Florida Duals meet competition. Duffy is the senior captain of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's wrestling team. He was an all-state champion and New England finalist for Cohasset before moving on to the Coast Guard. He placed fifth in the College New England's as a sophomore and is currently ranked number 2 in his [illegible].

Mike Baird ('99), a three-time state place winner for CHS, came up to show his former teammates a few tricks. Baird is also attending the Coast Guard Academy and has wrestled in a number of tournaments. Ironically, he is currently Kevin Duffy's back up.

Four more wrestlers from the class of

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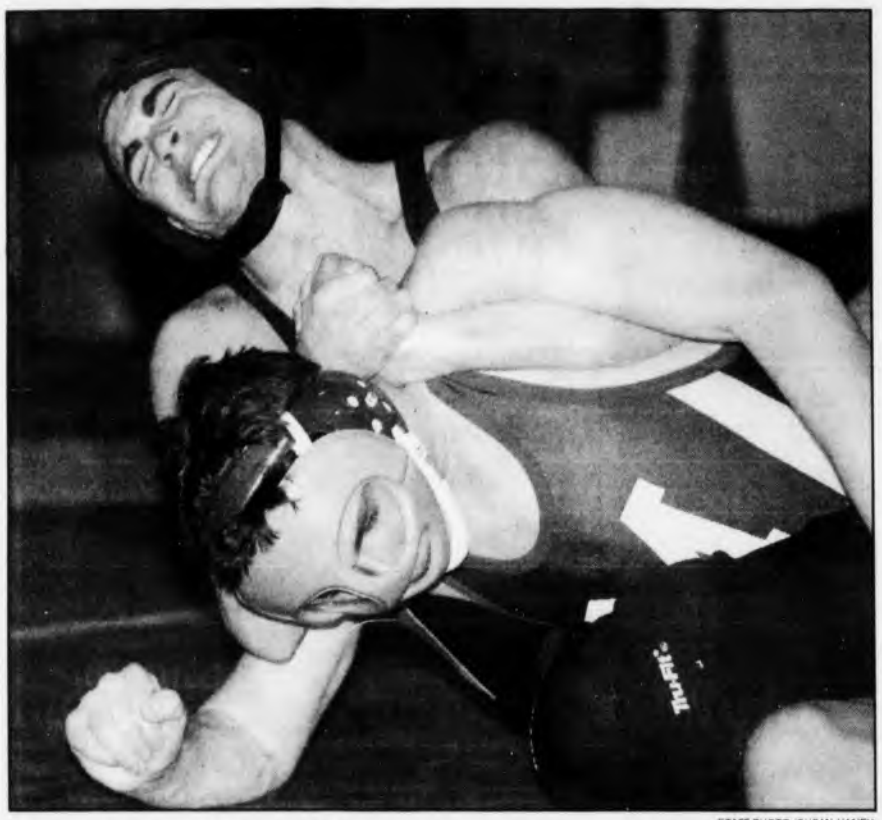
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"We've been starting slow for some reason, and then been forced into a comeback mode," assessed the coach. "It would be nice to see us play with a lead a little more of the time."

And he figures that Wednesday's showdown with Hanover would be a perfect place to start.

"The kids know they've got to come out flying right from the start in that one or they could be in deep trouble real quick, and Hanover's not the type of team you come back on," noted Walsh. "If we can ever get an early edge on them, there's no telling how far that would go to helping our overall confidence."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Pat Carbone locks up Marshfield wrestler in Friday match at the Marshfield Holiday Wrestling Tournament. Carbone was Cohasset's top individual performer in the 22-team competition, finishing fifth in the 145-pound division.

Carbone takes fifth at Marshfield

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'99 came by to roll around as well. Mike Rossi, former state champ, is now attending Quinnipiac College and former teammates Ben Littauer (fifth, states) and Justin Golden (third, states) both are now attending Harvard University. J.P. Laugelle stopped by but was unable to wrestle due to knee surgery. Laugelle is now attending Merrimack College.

Ray Jones ('93) was the biggest surprise. Jones looked great at 190 pounds, according to coach Sweeney ("all muscle", he reported). Still, this was a far cry from the 152 pounds he wrestled at for CHS, when he was a New England finalist. He went on to Trinity College where he set football and track records. Jones also was a New England College Wrestling champion as freshmen. He went on to earn All-American wrestling honors as a junior and senior at Trinity. He spent a year at Hamilton coaching football, and a year at Williams coaching all three sports. Jones is currently a graduate assistant coaching football and track at Redlands University in California. He is pursuing an education masters.

Nathan Foire ('93), a former state champ for Cohasset, went on to WPI, where he twice placed in the College New England's. Foire was 14-1 (ranked number 1 in New England) in his senior year before a concussion ended his wrestling career. He is currently a graduate assistant coaching at WPI. Foire is also working full time while living in Worcester.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Ben Lynner (with ball) was a force down low for the Skippers in last week's Cohasset Tourney.

Skippers lose first in Holiday Final

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Scituate, on the other hand, did not have such an easy time in the opening round, sneaking by Avon 70-62.

Avon came out of the gate on the gallop, making quick outlets that translated into easy fast break buckets to open up with a 15-3 lead.

"They really transition well," said Poirier. "But once we figured it out, we attacked them. That is a team that has beaten us rather easily in the past."

Behind McKinnell's 18 points and nine rebounds, and 14 points apiece from Mike Barry and Joel Racicot, who was named a Tournament All-Star for his efforts over the course of the two days, the Sailors went on to win.

Poirier, in his first year as a varsity coach for Scituate, won the tournament as a player for Scituate High School in 1983. And while it was nice for him to get the plaque again in 2000, Poirier knows he needs to focus on the very tough Patriot League for the rest of the year.

Poirier mentioned how wide open the league is this year, with the perennially powerful Rockland squad and very strong teams coming from East Bridgewater and Randolph.

"Anybody in that league can beat anybody on any given night," he reported. "But ultimately, everything we do is in preparation for Rockland."

Poirier also mentioned how he would like to thank Ron Ford and Austin Lang of Goodsport for "doing a great job hosting the tournament."

Tournament Game Notes

-Scituate made nine of its first 10 foul shots, then one of its next six.

-TJ Bilodeau has recorded at least three steals in all five Skipper contests this year.

-Dover-Sherborn scored 15 fast break points against Cohasset, six against Avon.

–The championship game with Scituate marked the first time this season the Skippers shot under 75 percent from the foul line, and the dropoff was precipitous. They converted on just 47 percent of their attempts from the charity stripe.

-Scituate made 8 out of its last 11 field goal attempts versus Cohasset.

Cohasset Soccer Club registration

Spring travel:

Final registrations for the Spring Coastal League program (fifth and12th grades) are due by Jan. 15. We are not allowed to register players after this date. The fifth and sixth graders who played for the Cohasset Soccer Club in the fall do not have to register. Forms can be picked-up at the recreation department. The cost is $60. Please contact the League Representative Brad Murray at 383-7017 for questions regarding the Coastal League. Games will begin on Saturday, March 31.

Indoor Soccer Program:

We are currently registering the first through sixth grade boys and girls for our indoor program at the Osgood Gym. The times are 12-7 on Sundays. There is a 30 minute skills session with a professional coach followed by a 45-minute game. We are limited to 15 players per age group. There is some space available in all groups. The program will be 10 Sundays January through March omitting the February vacation weeks. The cost is $75. The forms can be picked up at the recreation Department. Call Wallace St. John 383-2552 for questions.

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Great turnout for 2nd annual alumni game

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Boosters. Such support allowed the Boosters to hire Igor Gratchev, a former member of the Russian Red Army Elite Hockey Team, to run a clinic for the Varsity Team at the start of this year's season.

"This clinic was a very worthwhile experience for the boys," stated Coach Dennis Walsh, "and it gave us some new ideas for drills we can start using in our own practices."

The support continues in other ways as well. Peter Sandblom (class of '88) has been attending the Skippers' 5 am practices to work with goalies Dan Kinchla and Jeremy Tedeschi. Once again this year, an anonymous alumnus offered to pay the Alumni Game registration fee for all alums who are currently college students.

"The one thing I've learned from my experiences with the alumni players is that hockey players are very loyal and devoted, not only to their sport but to their teams," noted Pilczak. "Planning this game over the past six months is our way of showing our gratitude to the alumni for their loyalty to and support of the Skippers."

This year's game was dedicated to the memory of Clark Chatterton, former Athletic Director for the Cohasset Middle-High School. After a moment of silence and the playing of the National Anthem, the first of two hockey games began!

Helping out with this event, Middle School Social Studies teacher/varsity football coach Tony Rolfe acted as announcer during the games. Cohasset parents, Chuck Peterson and Bill Devine (father of current freshman defenseman Mike Devine) were referees for both games. Varsity Coach Dennis Walsh and Assistant Coach Benjamin Watson coached both benches during the games.

The 150+ spectators had a great time watching the two games. Among the spectators was Clark Chatteron's wife Sallyanne and children. Many alumni player parents were in the stands taking in the opportunity to once again watch their sons play hockey and to reminisce about all those cold hours spend in hockey rinks.

Elaine Curran of Cohasset attended the games to watch sons two of her four alumni player sons, Tim ('84) and Sean ('82), participate in this year's game.

"Tim came all the way from California, dragging along all his hockey equipment on his flight," laughed Curran.

The final results of the games? In a close game from start to finish, the first game ended in a 5-5 tie between the first Alumni team and the Varsity players.

Playing their second game of the afternoon, the Varsity players were defeated 8-4 by the second group of Alumni players.

After the games, the Boosters hosted a reception of light refreshments provided by the Varsity parents to give alumni an opportunity to relax and catch up with each other since last year's game. All participants in the Alumni Game received a souvenir tee-shirt.

To add to the afternoon, Michael and Rosemary O'Connell donated Bruins tickets for a raffle. The lucky winner, Chuck Peterson, will be at the Fleet Center on February 27 to see the Bruins face-off against the Phoenix Coyotes.

Hockey Boosters Jo-Ann Pilczak, Ann Rasmussen, Chris Straughn, Shelanne Durkin and Trish Morse expressed sincere thanks to the alumni for their continued support of the Skippers Ice Hockey Team and, to all the local merchants and friends of Cohasset Hockey who have supported the efforts of the Varsity Team and the Boosters. The Boosters hope to see everyone on January 1, 2002!

Returning alumni hockey players:

1972: Jack Dean
1975: John Conte, Paul Figueiredo, Peter Flynn
1976: Peter Graham
1978: John Durkin
1979: Larry Evans
1980: Frank Mahoney, Joe McCullough, Doug Yeagher
1982: Sean Curran, Jack McNeill, Barron Salvador
1983: Rich Evans, Don O'Neill
1984: Tim Curran
1987: Phil Mahoney, Jeff Hartwell, Bob Durkin
1988: Peter Sandblom, Dan Pompeo, Todd Fitzpatrick
1990: David Farrag
1993: John Kinchla
1996: Neven Bunstein
1997: Jeremy Williams
1999: Greg Boyne, Justin Maitland
2000: Matt Pilczak

Girls continue quest for first win



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Cohasset hoopsters Heather Peraino (left) and Kerry Long.

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belt, stands at 1-4, with two of the losses coming to Spellman's Junior Varsity squad.

Of course, the always upbeat Carr insists that she has seen some tremendous improvement already in the short weeks of the season.

Gillian Weber, who earlier this school year completed her first season on the varsity soccer squad, has run the offense at the point guard position.

"She has a lot of hustle, and she makes things happen," said Carr.

The other two names Carr mentioned for standing out on the freshman squad were Ashley Faber and Libby Meikleham, as this duo has provided some much needed height on this "vertically challenged" team.

To borrow a cliché the Red Sox seem to have fallen back on every October since 1918: "we'll get 'em next year."

CHS sports schedule

COED SWIMMING (Cohasset/Scituate

Jan.
5 at Cardinal Spellman
10 at Taunton

GYMNASTICS (Cohasset/Norwell)

Jan.
4 at Scituate 7:30 p.m.
8 Hanover 7:30 p.m.
11 Hingham 7:30 p.m.
Coach: Kara Cunnerty and Ruthanne Ardizoni

WRESTLING

Jan.
6 at Whit.-Hanson 10 a.m. Tournament
10 at Rockland 7 p.m.
Coaches: Torin Sweeney, Doug Sheerin, Peter Buckley

GIRLS FRESHMAN/VARSITY BASKETBALL

Jan.
5 Carver 5:00/6:30 p.m.
9 at Norwell Fr- 3:30
at Hull 6:30 p.m.
11 at Mashpee3:30/5:00 p.m.
Coaches: Ellen Carr, Deb Beal
*** Freshman games always precede Varsity**

ICE HOCKEY

Jan.
6 Hull 7:40 p.m.
Rink: Pilgrim
10 at Norwell 7:20 p.m.
Rink: Pilgrim
Coaches: Dennis Walsh, Artie Rasmussen, Benji Watson

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan.		JV	Var.
5	at Carver	5 pm	6:30 pm
9	Hull	5 pm	6:30 pm
10	at SSVT	3:15 pm	5 pm

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By Seth Jacobson
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Here's a good new year's resolution—resolve to adopt an abandoned animal in 2001, whether it be a dog, a cat, or a lizard for that matter.

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He added "Because of Petfinder, we've placed dogs in new homes in places like New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, and New Jersey. Every dog that we've put up for adoption on Petfinder is now gone. It's the best thing that's come down the pike in a long time."

Curtin said using Petfinder is an easy process for any shelter—just call and sign up. In turn, Petfinder.com creates a link to a given shelter's web page, thereby advertising all the animals which are up for adoption at that particular shelter.

"One of our dogs even got placed in New Mexico," Curtin added. "I'd say we now have a 99.5 percent success rate in terms of getting animals adopted. It's crazy not do to it. It's such a good program."

"Petfinder sends a progress report every week," said Doris Baker, the interim rescue coordinator at the Boston Terrier Tea Party (shelter) in Hanson. "The report tells us how many people have found our web page through Petfinder."

Baker said because of Petfinder, her Hanson-based website has received hundreds and hundreds of visits over the past four weeks.

"It's definitely worth it for any shelter," she added. "Hopefully, with this kind of thing, we're putting a dent in the euthanasia rate (for animals). We're very happy with it."

"I get an average of 200-250 on my website a week," said Duxbury animal control officer Haley Parlin. "Since we joined up with Petfinder.com, we've seen a 100 percent adoption rate. One dog even went all the way to Nova Scotia, but most of our adoptions are in the New England area."

She added "The bottom line is that everyone uses the Internet and Petfinder just works. It's better than a pet store."

One would think the people behind such a web page would have to be major computer gurus, but that's not the case. The site was started in 1996 by the husband and wife team of Jared and Betsy Saul, from New Jersey.

"Jared and I were in New Jersey driving to meet friends for dinner in 1995," Betsy Saul said. "On the way, Jared and I kept brainstorming what the perfect web site would be like. Keep in mind that in 1995, web pages weren't as extravagant as they are now."

Betsy and Jared decided at the time that the perfect website would be interactive, searchable, and would mimic the format of real estate web pages.

"I've always loved animals," Betsy added, "and Jared and both decided at the same instant that the perfect website would involve abandoned pets and animal shelters. By the time we arrived at the restaurant we both said 'We have to do this…it'll be a lot of work but we have to do this.'"

The Sauls got right to work, and the website was launched in January 1996. They enlisted friends for help in order to contact all the animal shelters in New Jersey to let them know of the new web page.

"After the first year, we had 80 shelters listed on the site," Betsy

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Above: Lucy is a five-month old Golden Retriever, and it's dogs like Lucy that are now available online…only these are not for sale.
Inset: Charles LaLiberte hugs his English Setter,Callie.



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Haley and Andrew Martin, four year old twins, try out a hot tub.

The one stop 'Softub' shop

East Weymouth businessmen launches new wave of hot tubs…and they deliver

By Seth Jacobson
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What better way to celebrate the new year than with a brand new hot tub?

And now, ordering a hot tub on the South Shore is as easy as ordering a pizza—you can even get it delivered to your front door.

The new East Weymouth-based business called Hot Tubs To Go specializes in renting and selling "Softubs" which are essentially portable hot tubs made out of a flexible foam and special vinyl. Each of the Softubs weighs between 65 and 73 pounds..



CHris Martin and Bob Piazza showing off a "Softtub".

"A lot of people want to try these things out," said Hot Tubs To Go co-founder Chris Martin, of Hanover. "We've sold three or four of them already."

The business is only in its fourth week— it is operated out of Piazza's Weymouth salon called Mr. Robert's Hair Salon and Tanning.

The business itself was the brainchild of Martin, his wife Deb, and Bob Piazza, of Weymouth. Piazza takes most of the calls, Deb takes care of the bookings, and Martin does the hot tub deliveries.

And so far, business is pretty good.

"Every customer who has tried one has been satisfied," Piazza said. He noted more and more calls keep coming in every day. He said all of his regular haircut customers also keep coming in and asking about the tubs.

"A lot of people call and ask for more information on them" Deb added. "They want to get an idea on how they can rent them, or how they can buy them."

Martin explained people can rent the hot tubs for $225-$300 per week. He said the business sells the tubs as well—they cost between $2,595-$3,695.

"If someone rents one for a week, and decides that they like it, we'll take the amount that person already paid in rent off the selling price," Martin said. "People are falling in love with them when they rent (the tubs). Some of them are telling us they never slept better in their lives."

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

An Aries moon continues to set a quick pace. Sidestep impatience, irritability. Use common sense. Channel high energy constructively. Tackle jobs that require physical labor and exertion; finish old business, handle routine matters. New starts are off limits, because the Aries moon becomes inactive at 5:09 a.m. for the remainder of the day. The planet Venus moves into Pisces at 1:14 p.m., remaining there until February 2.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

The moon enters Taurus at 1:57 a.m., traveling there today and tomorrow. However, today's influences are very different in comparison to tomorrow. Today the moon forms challenging alignments to Neptune in the morning and Mars in the afternoon. In addition, Venus, the planetary ruler of Taurus, prepares to form a 90-degree contact to Jupiter. Don't take on more than you can handle. Move cautiously in business or romance. Avoid doing anything on impulse. Postpone taking action until tomorrow afternoon.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

The Taurus moon interacts with Uranus making for a topsy-turvy morning. Be flexible; go with the flow. Influences turn around completely this afternoon, however, making it one of the best for new beginnings. Plan to sign contracts, make important decisions, launch new enterprises between 12:37-5:38 p.m., when the Taurus moon aligns with Mercury. At 9:09 p.m. the moon interacts with Saturn and becomes inactive.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Planetary influences continue to rate high for new starts in your business or personal life. Pull out all the stops. The moon enters versatile Gemini at 6:44 a.m. Mercury, Gemini's planetary ruler, forms a harmonious contact to Saturn at 10:46 p.m. This influence is ideal for making practical, realistic decisions or for signing important documents. All communications are highlighted; participate in group discussions, share ideas. Send letters, packages, faxes, emails.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

The combination of a Gemini moon and full moon buildup makes for an upbeat social day. It is okay to initiate new activities before 2:19 p.m., when the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. However, this day is ideal for fun and games. Gather with friends and enjoy life to the fullest.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

The final windup to this month's full moon begins at 8:09 a.m., when the moon enters the emotional sign Cancer. Others may be hypersensitive, moody, depressed. Choose your words carefully. Think before you act. Take extra time out for yourself; pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain a positive attitude. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. Stay busy with practical projects; you can be most productive. Plan a quiet evening. Prayer and meditation can help you to gain deep, penetrating insights.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Potentially stormy astrological weather continues. Resolve to maintain a calm, peaceful demeanor. Take it slow and easy. Focus on work projects; handle routine chores and errands, clean and reorganize. The full moon/lunar eclipse culminates at 3:24 p.m., 20-degrees of the sign Cancer. Stressful influences will ease up considerably in the evening, because the moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn at 10:41 p.m. Get extra rest tonight.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Gear up for an exciting, upbeat day. The Cancer moon becomes inactive at 7:39 a.m. until 7:44 a.m., when it enters playful Leo. The planet Mercury moves into Aquarius at 8:26 a.m., remaining there until February 1. The planet Jupiter now stands at 1-degree Gemini, and the applying Mercury/Jupiter alignment generates an optimistic mood. It makes this day ideal for launching new ventures, and it highlights all communications, study, travel. Go for the gold.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

The combination of a Leo moon and Mercury/Jupiter alignment prompts you to get an early start to this day. You can be most productive this morning. Plan to finish projects already begun rather than starting new ones. A lunar opposition to Uranus may bring unexpected distractions, obstacles in the afternoon. At 10:08 p.m. the moon forms a challenging 90-degree alignment to Saturn and becomes inactive. Meditate for inner peace and clarity.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

The moon enters Virgo at 7:26 a.m., traveling there today and tomorrow. In this period, Mercury, Virgo's planetary ruler, aligns with Neptune. This influence is ideal for developing creative projects. Follow your intuition and imagination. On the other hand, this is not a favorable time for making long-term decisions or commitments. You may not have all the facts of the matter.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

A lunar alignment to Pluto may spark emotional fireworks this morning. Don't rock the boat. As the day goes on, potentially stressful influences ease up considerably. All creative endeavors get the green light; art, music, dance, photography, crafts. Mercury and Neptune align at 5-degrees of Aquarius at 8:10 p.m. The Virgo moon aligns with the sun and Saturn until 11:12 p.m., when it becomes inactive. In addition, the sun forms a harmonious contact to Saturn in the early morning hours. Plan a quiet evening; spend quality time with friends and loved ones.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

The moon enters social Libra at 9:05 a.m. and forms harmonious contacts to Jupiter, Neptune and Mercury. Visit or entertain friends; get in touch with people you haven't heard from in a while. This day rates high for new starts of all kinds.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

A Libra moon continues to place the focus on relationship/partnership issues. The green light remains on for new beginnings, particularly in your personal life. If you have been experiencing problems with another, now is the time to work out difficulties. Be willing to see their point of view; forgive, forget and start anew. Channel your passions and dynamic energies into creative or romantic outlets.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

It may be difficult to get back to your daily business routine. Allow extra time to get where you are going. At 7:35 a.m. the last quarter phase of the moon occurs, and the Libra moon becomes inactive. Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, prepares to form major alignments to Pluto and Mars. Don't take risks. Secret schemes or hidden agendas will most likely backfire. At 2:02 p.m. the moon enters intensive Scorpio. Stay busy with work projects; review, redo, repair, reorganize. Back off rather than stir up resentment.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

A Scorpio moon today and tomorrow may generate stormy emotional weather. Don't force issues. Keep a low profile. On the other hand, the Scorpio moon brings a time when you can be most productive and get big work projects out of the way. Take on a busy schedule. Today the moon aligns with Mercury at 11:55 a.m., Mars at 5:20 p.m. and Venus at 5:53 p.m. Plan a quiet evening. Look within, and you will find what you need to get back on track.

Food & dining

Frittering away your fruit

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



A fruit fritter is simply fruit coated with a simple batter and fried. The batter takes just a couple of minutes to prepare and, although oil does have to be heated, the result is more than worth the effort: a crispy, crunchy exterior with a warm, fresh filling bursting with brightly flavored juices. The problem? Every recipe I tried stayed crispy for only 30 seconds or so. I also found the fruit inside almost always became mushy and unappealing after frying in the hot oil. So the goal was to develop a stay-crisp fritter with lively, perfectly cooked fruit.

There are three approaches to fritters. Batters can be made with whipped egg whites, with beer or wine or with egg yolks, similar to a French choux paste, the eggy dough used to make éclairs. When tested, the first two batters were very foamy and light, but after they were fried, they immediately became soggy and horrible. The choux paste approach produced fritters that were shiny and puffy, much like third-rate chicken fingers. I also discovered that the use of milk in the batter resulted in a coating that became soggy.

I went back to the drawing board and decided to start with a simple batter made from equal parts flour and water. This produced a tough, cardboard casing. Next, I tried using a bit of salt, sugar and butter worked into the flour to make the coating more flavorful and tender. The flavor improved, but the texture was still tough. I finally hit upon the solution when I added baking powder. This gave the fritters a light crispy texture, which remained even after they had been on a rack for several minutes. The addition of lemon juice brightened the flavor a bit. As a final test, I substituted 1/2 cup of milk for the same amount of water and, once again, found that the fritters turned out soft rather than crispy.

Finally, the oil temperature turned out to be critical. All of the recipes I found suggested 350 degrees as the ideal temperature, but the fritters always turned out soggy. I then tried much higher temperatures and settled on 390 degrees, and the fritters were perfect: The outside was crisp, and the fruit inside was cooked but not soggy.

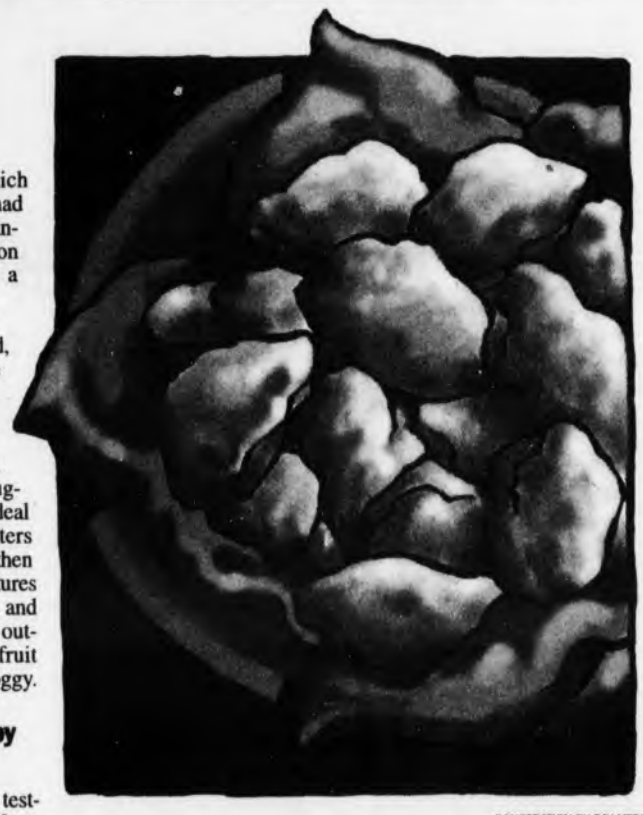


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Master recipe for crispy fruit fritters

Unlike the other recipes I tested, these fritters stay crispy for a few minutes after frying. Be sure to use very hot oil, about 390 degrees; otherwise, the fritters will quickly turn soggy. For the ideal fritter, the oil should be hot enough so that the fritters cook in just one minute. It is best to serve these fritters as soon as they are cool enough to eat, about 5 minutes after frying.

1 quart canola oil
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter at room temperature
1 cup water
1 teaspoon lemon juice
5 cups bananas, apples or pineapples cut into 1/2-inch slices
Confectioners' sugar or granulated sugar for sprinkling or rolling

1. Heat the oil in a large heavy pot (cast iron preferred) over medium heat for about 7 minutes, or until it reaches 390 degrees on a candy thermometer. (If you do not have a candy thermometer, you can experiment with one fritter at a time until the fritter cooks to a dark golden brown in 60 seconds.) Have a cooling rack set into a jelly roll pan near the pot of oil.

2. Place the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl and stir to combine. Add the butter, and rub it into the flour mixture until it is fully combined and no traces of butter remain. Combine the water and lemon juice and add to the flour mixture. Whisk to a smooth batter.

3. Place 4 pieces of fruit at a time into the batter. Turn with a fork to be sure all sides are coated and then using the fork add them, one at a time, to the hot oil. They should immediately bubble wildly and start to brown. After 30 seconds or so, turn them over. If they will not turn (sometimes an air pocket prevents them from turning over), use a spoon to carefully baste the top of the fritters to ensure even browning. Cook each fritter until it is a rich golden brown, and then remove with a slotted spoon onto the cooling rack. Let cool for about 5 minutes before serving. Repeat with the remaining fruit. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar, or roll in granulated sugar if desired. Serves 8.

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Adopting pets the easy way

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said. "Shelters who joined up with us started telling us their animal adoption rates were doubling, even tripling."

Since then, the success of the site has skyrocketed. The website has two main offices—one in New Jersey, and one in Arizona, where the Sauls now reside.

"Many shelters who are now on the site are getting really excited because their euthanasia rates are decreasing rapidly," Betsy said. "Unfortunately, euthanasia will always exist because there will always be sick animals who need to be put down. But the problem of putting perfectly adoptable pets to sleep is becoming less of an epidemic."

She added "And we have all kinds of animals listed—dogs, cats, reptiles, and pigs. The thing about Petfinder.com is that it's not as depressing as going into a shelter or a pet store."

Betsy said currently, the Petfinder.com site gets about 300,000 visitors per month and according to her, it's only going to get bigger because the site will soon be available in Europe. Furthermore, the Sauls have teamed up with animal organizations like American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Ralston Purina Company.

"Back when we started this whole thing we figured it would make a difference," Betsy said. "And if you can make a difference, there's no reason not to."

For more information on the website log onto Petfinder.com or call (908) 810-1976.





Above: Calvin is a two-year-old Brittany Spaniel.

Left: Percy is a seven-year-old long-haired cat.



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Hot tubs

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Martin said the idea for the business came to him when he and Deb were on vacation in Vermont a couple of years ago.

"When we were there, there was one night it got pretty chilly," Martin said. "We found an add in the paper about hot tub rentals, so we went ahead and rented one. We've loved them ever since." Now, Martin actually owns one.

"(Piazza) and I have been friends for more than 20 years," Martin added. "He's actually been cutting my hair since I was 12 years old. When I got back that time from Vermont, I told (Piazza) how awesome the hot tub was that we rented. We talked about it for a year and then we went into business."

"We used to have four tanning beds in my salon," Piazza said. "We pulled two of them out to create our (hot tub) showroom."

Although Hot Tubs To Go is the official South Shore distributors of the Softubs, they are not the inventors—Softubs, Inc. is a California-based company which was founded in 1985. They have distributors like Martin and Piazza throughout the country and even in Canada.

"You can put these things anywhere," Piazza said, "inside or outside. You can put them on decks, in living rooms, or on roof decks. They're so lightweight. And they'll last virtually forever."

Martin said he delivers the tubs all the time, and they can fit right in a truck. He added once the tubs are delivered, they are extremely easy to set up and use.

"Once you get used to it, it's nothing," Martin said. "And we also have all the fun toys that go with the tubs—aromatherapy bottles, weights and paddles for physical therapy, even rubber duckies."

He added "The (tubs) are also great because they cost far less to maintain than regular hot tubs, and they are completely portable. You can just roll one right through the doors of your house."

"I've been sleeping like a baby," Piazza said, noting he is also the owner of a Softub. "They just help you sleep better, and they're great for relieving stress. It's a fun product to sell, and we're really enjoying it. I haven't met anyone who didn't want one."

"We don't expect to be millionaires off this or anything," Martin said. "We're doing this because it's fun. When we started, we figured we'd just buy two tubs and rent them out, but it looks like a lot more people are interested than we thought. We're still a young business, so we're just taking it one day at a time."

For more information on Softubs rentals, purchases, or gift certificates call Piazza at (781) 682-4800 or log onto the company website at www.hottubstogo.com. The business is located at Mr. Robert's Hair Salon and Tanning, 564 Broad Street, East Weymouth.



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JUICE NEWTON PERFORMS at the Company Theater in Norwell for two shows on Jan. 19 and 20. Both shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the theatre box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787. Tickets are $29 in advance and $32 the day of the show. For more information visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. **The Odd Couple**, performances on Feb. 8, 9 & 10 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12. **SwingDance America** on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18. **The Tender Land**, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. **Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities** on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. **Radio Classic Live** on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

"MIXED COUPLES" the comedy drama will be presented by the North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell on Jan. 19 & 20, 26 & 27 and February 2 & 3 at 8 p.m. Two middle-age couples waiting for a plane in 1927 discover they have more baggage than they thought as they explore their past lives and loves. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call (617)476-8947.

THE PRODIGALS the hit of the recent Irish Music Festival at Stonehill College will be making their Company Theatre debut on Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $23 in advance and $26 the day of the show. Tickets are on sale at the Company Theatre Box Office, 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787.

NONNA'S COMEDY CRUISE TO NOWHERE!! is coming to the South Shore . This dinner/theatre is an expensive option (approx. $40) for having a great meal and see/take part in a show all at one location. coming in January. For more information call (781)933-1363.

CONCERT FEATURING PIANO AND VIOLIN, at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree on Saturday January 13, at 3:00 p.m., sponsored by The Friends of Thayer Public Library. Young musicians, winners of national and international competitions will perform, as will their teachers Margarita Gurevich, piano, and George Maxmann, violin. They will perform classical works of 18th - 20th century composers. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call 781-843-8519.



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Wed. 3

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" is playing at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart Street with performances resumed with the regular schedule and ticket prices. Tues. through Fri. performances are at 8 p.m. and Sat. at 5 and 8:30 p.m. Sun. evenings at 7 p.m. with matinees at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are $29 for shows on Tues. and Wed. and $45 for shows on Thurs. and Sun. and $49 for Fri. and Sat. For more information call (800)447-7400.

"Stepping Healthy" Walking Program sponsored by South Shore Hospital at the Hanover Mall at 8:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be Christopher Hughes, clinical pharmacy coordinator at South Shore Hospital. For more information call (781)826-4392.

Thurs. 4

Open House at the YWCA in Marshfield on Jan. 4 from 9:15 - 11:15. Come to register for classes, meet the teachers and view finished projects. For more information or a brochure call (781)834-8371.

Fri. 5

Singles Executive Club Cocktail Party and Dance at the Dedham Hilton Hotel in the Ballroom, 25 Allied Drive, Dedham, exit 14, East Street off Route 128. Complimentary buffet 8 - 9, free door prizes, and music by DJ Chris Fiore from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Suitable for singles 35 - 55 years old. Admission is only $15. Ties and jackets required for men, business party finery for women. Call (781)446-0234. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Maria Sangiolo with Jim Henry in concert at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106 Kingston, across from the First Parish Unitarian Church. $10 for members, $12 for non members. For more information call (781)871-1052.

World of Wheels where specialty vehicles illustrate pinnacle of custom art through Jan. 7 at the Bayside Expo Center, exit 15 off I-93. Show hours are 5 - 11 p.m. on Jan. 5, 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. on Jan. 6 and 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Jan. 7. Admission is $12 for adults, $4 for children 4 - 12 and free for children under 4. For more information call (617)367-3555.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Maria Sangiolo and Jim Henry at 8 p.m. at The Beal House: First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Route 106 in Kingston. $10 for members and $12 for non members. For more information call (781)871-1052.

Sat. 6

"Perspective From Above" presented by the South Shore Natural Science Center with Aerial photography of Boston's South Shore featuring works of Margot Cheel in Vine Hall Gallery through **Jan. 6**, 2001. Regular business hours are Mon. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For directions or more information go to http:people.ne.mediaone.net/mcheel.

"Impressionism - A View of Nature" by Marjorie Wharf, a show of oil paintings will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Jan. 6 - Feb. 2. There will be an opening reception on Jan. 7 from 4 - 6 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Tel. (781)659-7200.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse in Central Square on the common in Bridgewater every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Open mic. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. "Tony Brown, gentleman poet, host of the Worcester Poet's Asylum. For more information call Valerie Lawson at (508)833-3100.

Open House at The Montessori Community School located at 46 Watch Hill Drive, Scituate, MA 02066. Held from 10 a.m. - noon, (snow date: Jan. 7 from 1 - 3 p.m.) Tel. (781)545-5544.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Evergreens of Winter" at 1 p.m. . Meet at the Houghton's Pind main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Venture on a leisurely walk through stands of pine and hemlock as we look at hardy trees, shrubs, ground cover and more. 1.5 hours. For more information call (617)698-1802.

"Connecting With Our Open Space" sponsored by the Mass. Audubon Society, The Kingston Open Space Committee invites South Shore residents to explore Kingston conservation land properties winter through spring 2001. This monthly series of interactive walks that are geared for children and adults is free of charge, made possible by the Elizabeth B. Sampson Fund. Meet Ellyn Einhorn, naturalist for the Mass. Audubon Society on Jan. 6 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Sampson Park on Elm Street. For more information call (781)837-9400.

Sun. 7

Godspell is at the Shubert Theater through **Jan. 7**. Evening performances are Tues. - Sat. at 7:30 p.m., Sun. at 6 p.m. Matinees are Saturdays at 2 p.m. Sunday matinees at 1 p.m. Tickets are available by calling (800)447-7400 or at the Shubert Theater box office, 265 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116. Prices are $65, $55, $45 and $35.

Christmas Light Festival at Edaville Railroad will run through **Jan. 7** Hours are 4 - 9 p.m. on weekdays and 2 - 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Ticket prices are $12.50 for adults and $7.50 for children, $10.50 for senior citizens. Prices include all rides and attractions. Located on Route 58 in South Carver. For more information call (508)866-8190.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with some small hills for 3.5 miles. Old Route 128 to the pipeline and back by Bugbee Path. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617)698-1802.

A Little Christmas Concert presented by the Senior Choir Congregational Church in East Weymouth with special guests: Brandon Santini, Adam Tessier and Shinobu Takagi. Beginning at 3 p.m., the church is located at 1320 Commercial Street at Jackson Square, East Weymouth. Suggested donation is $5. For more information call (781)335-6919.

Summer Opportunities Fair from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Boy's Gym, Milton Academy, 170 Centre Street in Milton. For students ages 8 - 18. Meet directors from more than 80 programs representing a wide range of camps, trips, school programs, community service projects, and much more. Open to the public and free of charge. For more information call (617)558-7005.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host our "Members' Winter Show for the month of January 2001. The public is welcome to the opening reception from 2 - 5 p.m. Located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Gallery Hours are Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. closed Mondays. For more information call (781)545-6150.

Tues. 9

South Shore Women's Business Network presents a Luncheon with Informal networking from 12 - 1:30 p.m. at Siros on Main Street, 1217 Main Street in Hingham. $20 for pre registered members, $30 pre registered members, $25 members and $35 non members at the door. For more information contact South Shore Women's Business Network (781)749-8883 or visit the website are www.sswbn.org.

Fri. 12

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with D.J. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required, no athletic shoes. For more information call (781)331-0021 or visit the website at www.southshoresingles.org.

The South Shore Art Center presents "Faculty Odyssey" an Exhibition of South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists on Jan. 12 with an opening reception from 6 - 8 p.m. The exhibit will run through Feb. 25. Gallery hours: Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. Dillon Gallery: "New Faces & Places" - Joan Brancale, Monica Denevan, Gloria Dufresne, Jack Foley, Wendy Hale, Pat O'Neill. Faculty Feature: Lis Koopman-Wyman. Located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information call (781)383-2787.

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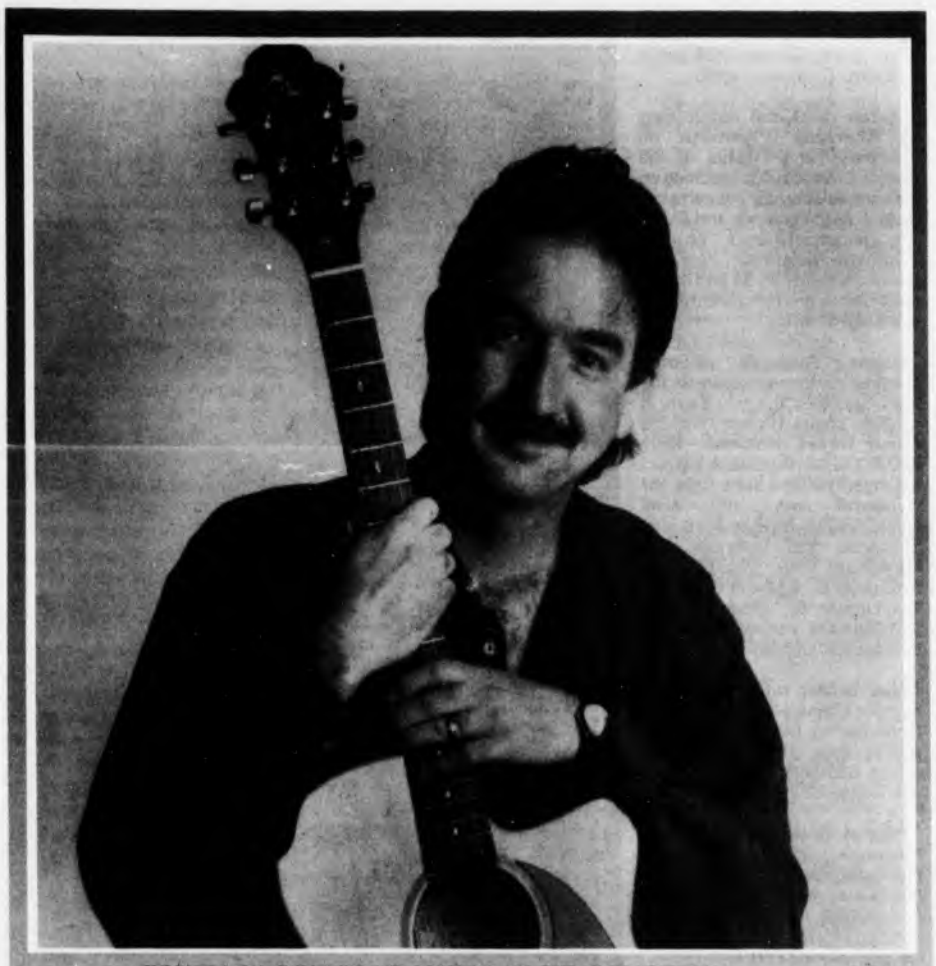
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SOUTH SHORE FOLK MUSIC CLUB CONCERT

Maria Sangiolo and Jim Henry will perform at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Route 106 in Kingston on Friday, Jan. 5. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $10 for members, $12 for non-members. Call 781-871-1052 for more information. Jim Henry has gained a following with his first three albums, performed at clubs and festival appearances. His guitar work has been described as smooth and clean.

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Ongoing Events

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Margaret Farrell Bruno** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run through **Feb. 3, 2001** and is open for viewing Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. Bruno lives and paints on the South Shore and grew up surrounded by the splendid coastline and cranberry bogs which have inspired her pastel landscapes. For more information call (781)837-8091.

"7 Over 4" an exhibition sponsored by Longwood Partners, LP and presented by the Duxbury Art Association. The artists represent seven of the more than fifty 4th Floor artists who have studios at the Codman Building in Rockland. The exhibition is open through **Jan. 26, 2001**. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

"Art Good Enough To Eat" will take place from noon - 4 p.m. at the Fuller Museum of Art. Activities and entertainment will focus on the combination of art and food as can in the exhibition "Women of Taste: A Collaboration of Quilt Artists and Chefs." This exhibition will be on display though **Feb. 11, 2001**. Admission for family day is $3 for aduits and $2 for children. For more information call (508)588-6000 ext. 113.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at (781)294-1880.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings **every Monday** at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call (781)659-1857.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at (781)749-1679.

The Chris Luard Jazz Duo appearing every Thurs. and Friday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at no charge. This piano and bass duo can be seen at Abbadessa's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 211 Lincoln Street, Route 3A, Hingham. For more information call (781)749-9829.

Mothers and More South Shore Chapter for mothers who have chosen to alter their career path in order to care for their children at home. Meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. For more information call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

The Network Voice Toastmasters' Club meets for feedback on speeches from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., **the first and third Wednesday of each month** at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street , Weymouth. Call (781) 487-5100 for more information.

"Duxbury Cultural Alliance" Announces First Annual Program entitled "Pull up a chair". The centerpiece of the program is "Shaker Chairs: Their Story," an exhibition on view through **Jan. 14** at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury. Schedule of events: Noon - Lecture by Sharon Koomler on Shaker History in New England at the King Caesar House Barn, 120 King Caesar Road. From 12 - 2 p.m. bring your picnic to the grounds and then tour the Alden House Museum, 105 Alden Street. At 1:30, Gallery tour with Sharon Koomler at the Art Complex Museum. From 2 - 6 p.m. "Be Seated" at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 George Street. At 3 p.m. Chairman of the Board: A Brief history of Colonial American Chairs with a lecture and slides. From 4 - 6 p.m. Musical Chairs, presented by the South Shore Conservatory at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 George Street. All events are open to the public. For more information call (781)934-6106.

The Artist's Way a journey in self-discovery based on Julia Cameron's book by the same title will be offered by the Art Complex Museum at Duxbury on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 12:30 p.m. Each week participants will examine a different core aspect of their way of living such as their sense of safety, identity and power. Early registration is suggested by calling (781)934-6634. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury.

The Olde Kids on the Block a 20 piece orchestra will be playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure at Striars JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. and admission is $5. Jan. 16., Feb. 20., Mar. 20., Apr. 17., Jun. 19., July 17, and Aug., 21, 2001.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse in Central Square on the common in Bridgewater every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Open mic. Feature SLAM. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. For more information call Valerie Lawson at (508)833-3100.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum program listing: Museum hours Tuesday through Sunday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Fees $3 adults (age

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For Your Health

MONTHLY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP **sponsored by the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 308 Kingstown Way in Duxbury. For more information call (781)878-6700.**

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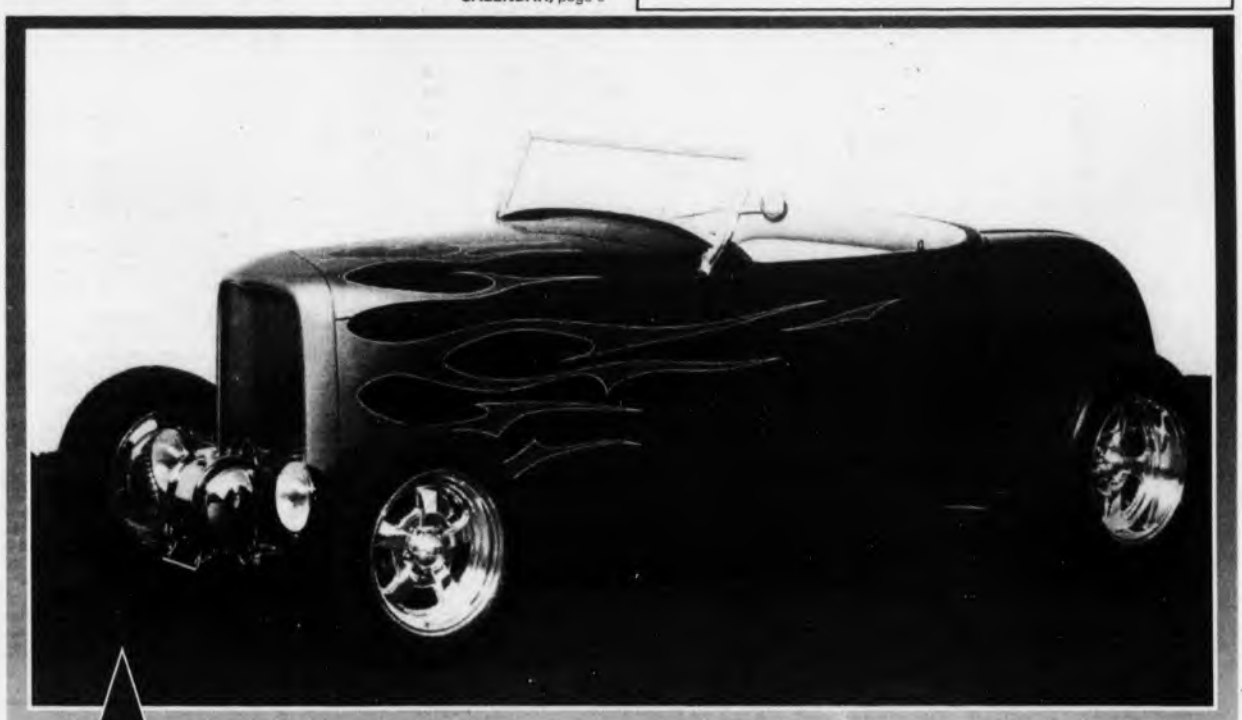
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CLINIC FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SEEKS APPLICANTS **The Children's Physical Development Clinic at Bridgewater State College is looking for applicants for participation in the fall 2000 semester. The clinic is open to children ages 18 months through 18 years who have physical, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Inquiries and requests for applications for enrollment should be made to Tanya Kivi-Bailey, CPDC Director or Joseph H. Huber, Ph. D., CPDC Developmental Clinic, The Children's Physical Developmental Clinic, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA 02325. Tel. (508)531-1776.**

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MOTHER'S MORNING OUT PROGRAM **Come listen to the latest research on how traumatic births can effect your child's health. Held at Moore Family Chiropractic, 90 Rockland Street, Hanover. Admission id free. Advanced registration is required. For more information please call 826-5555.**



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Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "Walk on the Wild Side" on Mondays from 8:45 - 11 a.m. You don't have to be a bird watcher or amateur naturalist to enjoy being out doors. this is a weekly walking group which will meet at the Society's office on Route 3A in Marshfield. To register call (781)837-9400.

An evening of Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse on Bridgewater Common, every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Relax and enjoy coffee and pastry, hang out in the back room and search for greatness on the chalked walls or step up to the mic and read a poem on the open session. Admission is free but we pass a hat for the feature. For more information call Valerie at (508)833-3100 or vmuddypond@aol.com or The Daily Grind Coffeehouse at (508)279-9952.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation & Nursing Center located at 308 Kingstown Way in Duxbury which meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. All family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims are welcome to attend. For further information all Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser at (781)585-2397.

Izaak Walton Fishing Association has meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Whipple Senior Center, 182 Green Street, North Weymouth. Dues are $15 annually. Featuring fresh and salt water subjects, field trips, local fishing contests and tips on equipment and locations. For additional information call (evenings): James Moore - 781-335-8653, Tom MacDonald - 781-335-3424.

Bridge is Back at the First Parish Church of Duxbury. ACBL certified director and bridge teacher Bill Wennerberg will be running the game. The scoring will be stratified so everyone has a chance to earn their points. The game is every Thursday and begins at noon sharp. Refreshments are served and partners are always available. For further information call the Owl's Nest Bridge Club at (508)746-8715.

Le Bistro Chantant a series of Saturday night performances of popular song in Cohasset. Guests are invited to enjoy drinks and romantic music in the atmosphere of a Parisian wine-shop. For more information call (781)383-2787.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors **Feed the Animals** every Wednesday from 3 - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also **Tales from the Wild:** Fridays from 10:30 - 11 a.m. For children ages 3 - 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. **Parents and Tots** : Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Afterschool nature programs:** Thursdays, 4 - 5 p.m. For children grades 1 - 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. **Wednesday Walks:** from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 - 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call (781)659-2559.

Vincent's Nightclub adjacent to Lombardo's, Exit 5 A off Route 128, Randolph. For more information call (781)986-4000. Every Thursday: 8 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. is Dick Svatt's Adult Singles Dance Party. Every Friday: 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. : Latin Night. Every Saturday: 8:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.: Discotheque Saturday Night. Every Sunday: 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.: Caribbean Night.

Italian meal and music sing at Sheraton Plymouth on Thursdays and Fridays at the Harbor Grille and Pub featuring an Italian meal. Cost for the complete meal is $8.95 for lunch and $13.95 for dinner. Located on the Plymouth waterfront near the intersections of rtes. 3A and 44. For reservations and more information call (508)747-4900.

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Live Outlet every Wednesday night at Laredo's Saloon, Rte. 53, Pembroke at 8 p.m. . Musician reserve stage time in advance by calling 826-0405 or 826-9427. An open stage for live performance.

Pilgrim Society Pilgrim Hall Museum 75 Court Street, Plymouth. Hours daily: 9:30 - 4:30. Admission: Adults $5, Seniors & AAA $4.50. Children 5-17 $3. Families $13. For more information call (508)746-1620 ext. 6.

The Kendall Whaling Museum in Sharon celebrates the 100th anniversary of founder Henry P. Kendall's collection with a 'cabinet of curiosity' exhibit currently open. Located at 27 Everett Street, Sharon, open year round, Tuesday-Saturday 10-5, Sundays 1-5. Museum admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, $2.50 for children 6-16 and $10 for families. The "100 years, 100 curiosities" exhibit will remain on display until May 2000. Also offered is a series of videos every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. For more information call (781)784-5642.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level of the) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at (781)834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns call (781)843-5300.



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ART EXHIBITION

'Cold Day Sun' watercolor by Wendy Hale. Dillon Gallery: New Faces and Places - Joan Brancale, Monica Denevan, Gloria Dufresne, Jack Foley, Wendy Hale, Pat O'Neill. Faculty feature: Lis Koopman-Wyman. South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. Jan. 12-Feb. 25. Opening reception, Jan. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery days and hours: Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.



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Folk artist Maria Sangiolo will perform at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Route 106 in Kingston on Friday, Jan. 5. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $10 for members, $12 for non-members. Call 781-871-1052 for more information.

Just For Kids

CHILDREN'S THEATRE REGISTRATION OPEN AT PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE in Plymouth receiving applications for the winter workshop entitled :Princess Lee's Journey," an American tradition written by Sherry Brier. Designed for children ages 4 - 15 will take place on Saturdays, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 10 from 12 - 4:30 p.m. For applications and schedules call (508)224-4888. The performance will take place on Feb. 24 and 25, March 3 and 4 at 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets are $5 for children and $10 for adults.

SCHOOL VACATION ACTIVITIES sponsored by the Children's Museum in Easton. Fun and art activities designed to celebrate the season and chase away the "There's nothing to do" blues. A different activity is planned for every day, no reservation is required. All activities are free with museum admission, $3.50 per person. For more information call (508)230-3789.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at (781)834-7417.

PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE Summer Day Camp programs are now open for registration offering a full and exciting schedule in the performing arts for children ages 4 -12. Registration is open by calling (508)224-4888.

'KIDS WORKOUT' a program offered by the South Shore YMCA for girls and boys ages 8 - 11. Classes consist of fun aerobics, fitness games, sports play, learned nutrition and weight training. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. For more information call Gayle Laing at 479-8500 ext. 135.

'DROP-IN STORYTIME–Children ages 3-1/2 to five are invited to a half-hour of stories, songs and fingerplays at 2 p.m. each Monday in the Plymouth Public Library's Manomet Branch, Point Road and at 10:30 a.m. **Tuesday mornings** at the Main Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. For more information or to register, call (508) 830-4250.

AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL STUDENT EXCHANGE–Currently accepting applications to host a foreign exchange student for the upcoming school year. Host families provide students with a bed, meals and a loving family atmosphere. The students will have medical insurance and spending money for their stay. Call (800) SIBLING or visit www.aise.com for information.

BOOK TALK–For kids ages 10-12 is a book discussion group that meets **every Thursday** at 4:15 p.m., Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Participants can also bring books they've read to talk about. Space is limited. Register in advance or find more information at (508) 83-4250, ext. 210.

MONTHS OF THE YEAR–Storytime and crafts from 10-10:45 a.m., **Wed. mornings**, in the Plymouth Public Library, Manomet Branch, Point Road, Manomet. Space is limited. Volunteer **Tricia Krause** will present a story



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Rule 240 may help when flights are delayed



George Hobica

By George Hobica
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. I read your recent column regarding rules about being bumped from a flight. Does an airline owe compensation if a flight is delayed over seven hours?

In our case, the plane had a mechanical problem, and the airline waited until an available plane arrived. It ruined our weekend vacation to arrive so late at our destination.

A. In general, airlines do not have to pay compensation for late flights. However, they are obligated to refund your money, even on a nonrefundable ticket, if a flight is going to be so late that there's no point in taking your trip. But you have to decide to abort your trip before you've reached your destination (either at the originating airport or a connecting one).

And, many airlines, under their own Rule 240, are required to put you on another airline's flight if it will get you to your destination on time, especially if your original flight is delayed due to mechanical problems or anything else within the airline's control.

In fact, I had an interesting experience recently that illustrates the point. Flying from St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands to San Juan, Puerto Rico, my flight was late due to a late incoming flight, so I missed my connecting flight in San Juan by 10 minutes (the last flight of the day back to New York, my final destination).

American proposed to put me up in a hotel overnight and get me out the next morning, but I had an early morning meeting in New York that I didn't want to miss. So, I politely but firmly explained that there was a flight on Continental leaving in an hour and I'd prefer being put on it.

They told me that only first class was available (I was on a coach ticket), and I explained that under their Rule 240, American was obligated to put me in first class if that's all that was left. They disagreed with me, but put me in first class anyway, "as a courtesy." Had I had a copy of American's contract of carriage I could have forced the issue, but, in the end, I didn't need to.

But, my advice is to know what Rule 240 says for whatever airline you happen to be flying, and try to carry a copy with you. Next time, I'll heed my own advice and bring a copy of the full contract of carriage.

Q. I've heard about support programs for people who are afraid to fly. How can I find out if one is offered in my area?

A. Airlines sometimes run fear of flying programs, but they seem to come and go. Northwest's "Wings" program has been in operation since 1995 and claims a 90 percent success rate. Their seminars are scheduled over the weekend, usually six to eight times a year at Northwest's hub airports in Detroit and Minneapolis.

The cost is $495 per person and includes meals and a round-trip "graduation" flight. Call (612) 726-7733 for more information.

Q. In November 2000, my uncle living in New York died and I flew American Airlines from Phoenix to Long Island and return. My fare was $1,200. I was told that there were no bereavement fare seats left on the outgoing flight, but that my return flight had been discounted. Full fare would have been somewhere around $1,800.

For the same flights, my senior citizen parents got tickets that cost around $300 RT without even needing to mention bereavement fares. This seems outrageous.

Friends are encouraging me to write and complain to American since they feel I was taken advantage of. Would it be worth my while?

A. As I've said in the past, bereavement fares are no bargain. I think the airlines need to revisit the concept of bereavement fares and try to offer a better deal. You probably would have been better off flying on Southwest Airlines, which doesn't have bereavement fares, but offers low last-minute fares to anyone.

For example, Phoenix to Long Island at this writing costs $628 round-trip on Southwest with no advance purchase, whereas the other airlines are charging over $2,000 round-trip. I'm not sure why you didn't use Southwest, but next time give them a try.

As for complaining to American, I think it's a good idea. And, send a copy to your congressman and U.S. senators as well. I think that legislators need to get more involved in airline consumer issues, and writing a letter to your elected officials is a good way to start.

Have a travel question? George can be reached via e-mail at georgehobica(at)aol.com, or by writing to this newspaper.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

The Top 10 films of 2000



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

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"Billy Elliot"

It was God, I guess, with those commandments — 10 of them — who deserves the blame for the custom of these lists of top 10 whatevers at year's end. Why not 11 commandments? Or nine? Be that as it may, the custom endures. Here's my top 10, in alphabetical order.

"Almost Famous" — A rollicking recollection by Cameron Crowe, of his precocious days as a Rolling Stone correspondent, following a fictional rock group on tour and retaining some of his teenaged virtue while shedding other aspects of it. Whether he really managed to avoid so much as one toke of wacky tobacky is open to question; the movie's charms aren't.

"Billy Elliot" — Another coming-of-age story, this one from Britain, about a lad (newcomer Jamie Bell) who would rather dance than box, his dad and bro who find this weird and poof-y, and the teacher (Julie Walters), who sees his talent and propels his dream.

"Cast Away" — The Tom Hanks tour de force (and certain Oscar nominee) takes a FedEx executive down in a plane crash and plops him on a remote island for many years, to learn lessons of survival and resignation, while retaining hope despite it all. A little "Robinson Crusoe" for our time.

"Chicken Run" — A Claymation whimsy about fowl trying to escape their fate in a dreary English chicken coop cum stalag. Mel Gibson — his voice, that is — is on hand as a rooster with ambitions and blarney to spare.

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" — A Mandarin-language film about honor, vengeance, romance, a sword of almost mystical powers, featuring breathtakingly gorgeous martial arts wizardry, magnificent photography, none of which is ruined by the presence of the charmless Chow Yun-Fat as the male lead. Not your father's kung-fooey flick.

"Erin Brockovich" — A crowd pleaser recounting the story of a down-on-her-luck woman (Julia Roberts), fond of skimpy outfits and shooting off her mouth, who finds work with a smalltime lawyer and exposes toxic poisoning in California, helping people and making a financial killing in the process. Earnest and preachy, but effusive and graced as well by Albert Finney as her uncertain boss.

"Love's Labour's Lost" — A Shakespeare romp, set to 1930s music, concocted by Kenneth Branagh and totally tanking at the box office, is pure fun, no heavy lifting, and may live again another day on video, but don't count on it. Audiences didn't care to get the point.

"Nurse Betty" — A combination of violence and comedy, about a dreamy housewife (Renee Zellwegger) with imagination to spare, and criminals (among them Morgan Freeman) with serious plans.

"Traffic" — About the illegal drug world, with nobody emerging as heroic, all as victims. Sober and sensible and at times stunningly sharp, maybe the first really dead-on cinema look at the drug trade in its many ramifications.

"Wonder Boys" — With Michael Douglas as a college professor having a very bad weekend, aided by Frances McDormand as his adulterous squeeze and Robert Downey, Jr., as his libidinous publisher. Enjoy!

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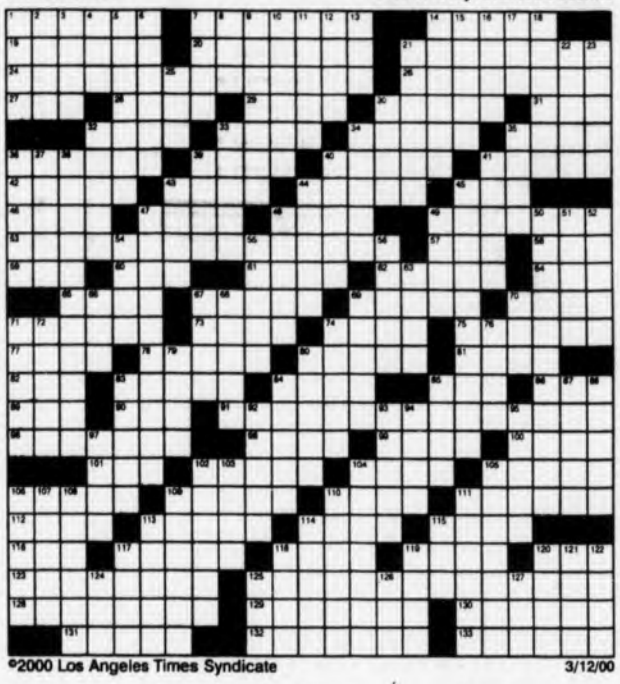
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Protect plants and gardens from winter chills

The hectic holidays have hastily sped by, heralding in a new year with no end in sight to our present chilly, wintry weather pattern. As I compose this week's article, a major winter storm is predicted, promising to provide our first major snowfall of the season. Despite my aversion to frigid weather, I have come to realize that prolonged periods of freezing temperatures which keep the ground frozen solid continuously are best for our dormant plants and should this frozen ground be covered by an insulating blanket of snow, so much the better.

Green thumbs up

The mild winters we have experienced in recent years have taken their toll on many of our perennials, trees and shrubs. The alternate freezing and thawing of the soil surface has led to many a plant's demise by causing its roots to break at the surface, lifting the crown above ground and exposing it to drying winds and cold. Fall transplants are particularly susceptible to heaving when temperatures fluctuate above and below freezing. While we may prefer the comfort of a moderate winter, our plants may be better off frozen beneath the surface for the duration of the winter months.

The application of a winter mulch is an ideal means of protecting dormant plants from alternate freezing and thawing. Mulches applied over roots after the ground freezes will insulate the surface of the soil. The purpose of this kind of mulch is not to keep the plant warm but rather to keep the ground beneath frozen. The upper two or more inches of the applied mulch alternately freeze and thaw when temperatures rise and fall but the ground remains frozen and slowly thaws when temperatures begin to moderate. It is usually advisable to spread these mulches after the ground has frozen to ensure that most of our destructive little critters have hibernated or they may seek refuge in your cozy covering.

Perhaps the best winter mulch of all is Mother Nature's gift of snow. Unfortunately, the majority of our South Shore winters are open with little or no snow cover. When Mother Nature cannot provide, gardeners can assist in the insulating process by laying down a layer of compost, sawdust, well-decomposed manure, shredded pine bark or chopped leaves, all of which will gradually benefit the soil by adding moisture-retentive organic matter to the soil.

Alternative mulches include salt marsh hay, straw, or pine needles. Never use hay as it is likely to result in innumerable weed seeds which will germination the spring and leads to endless weeding. Salt marsh hay makes an excellent mulch which can usually be purchased at local nurseries, particularly in the fall. Straw may need to be anchored in place, especially in exposed areas, by laying branches over the protected areas to prevent this lightweight material from being strewn about when gusty breezes blow.

White pine needles offer an ideal mulch because they are light and airy yet stay in place as they have a tendency to cling to one another. Several inches of pine needles make a perfect, protective cover which can be easily removed once temperatures moderate in the spring, generally around April 1st. Most bulbs and plants easily poke their foliage up through the lightweight needles should their removable delayed. Evergreen boughs, such as those from your discarded Christmas tree, serve as an excellent mulch and are particularly valuable for covering evergreen perennials, including candytuft (Iberis), evergreen ground phlox (Phlox subulata) and pinks (Dianthus), which may be subject to winterburn due to dry, desiccating winter winds.

For the next three months, most of our woody plants will remain dormant as fluctuating temperatures, chilly winds, snow and ice challenge their very existence. Evergreen plants, especially boxwoods, and broad-leaf shrubs including rhododendrons, mountain laurels, Leucothoe and Oregon hollies, face the greatest hazards. Subjected to desiccating winds and winter sun, their leaves may be scorched, particularly during the latter half of the winter. Most of these woody ornamentals appreciate sheltered or shady locations to minimize this exposure. For shrubs or boxwood hedges which have shown evidence of winterburn in past seasons, the construction of a temporary wind screen may be helpful to minimize damage. Install a series of stakes around these bushes and wrap with burlap leaving the top open for air circulation. Anti-desiccant sprays, available from your local nursery, can be applied to evergreen leaves on warmer days to further protect their leaf surfaces.

Warm days followed by evenings below freezing can also adversely affect our young thin-barked trees, especially those planted in open areas or in south-westerly facing exposures. During the warmth of the day, the trunk of the tree, both its bark and inner core, expand in response to the hear of the sun. When the temperature drops dramatically at night, the thin outer bark rapidly shrinks, while the dense inner core cools down more slowly causing the bark to split and peel. The bark of a tree is analogous to our own skin. If the outer layer is damaged, the vital inner trunk becomes susceptible to damage by insects and diseases. The use of tree wraps, which breathe and expand as temperatures fluctuate during the winter months, can greatly reduce this damage. Be sure to remove this protection each spring.

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Restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail line took another step towards becoming a reality Tuesday night, with the announcement that the Cohasset Board of Selectmen had agreed in theory to a mitigation package with the MBTA.

The agreement, which won't be signed until after a formal public hearing Jan. 30 at the Selectmen's Office, could be worth more than $3.5 million after all mitigation is implemented. Highlights include up to $1.2 million reimbursement for the James Brook flood control project in the village and harbor areas; $1 million in exchange for a "friendly" land taking of the town-owned right-of-way; median strips at all grade crossings; and a bridge from North Main Street, over the tracks, to Rocky Lane.

"We're comfortable with this agreement."
— Selectman Michael Sullivan

Selectmen stopped short of saying they were happy with the agreement.

"We're comfortable with this agreement," said Selectman Michael Sullivan. Both board Chairman Thomas Callahan and Selectman Ronnie McMorris agreed with Sullivan's characterization.

"I think they've given us some good things," McMorris said of the deal. "Comfortable is a good word."

"Relatively speaking, I think we did very well," said Callahan, who reiterated that by entering into an agreement with the MBTA, the town was not endorsing restoration of the 40-year dormant line. "An informal vote we had this fall was three to two against, but there was a need to make the deal."

News of the agreement was welcomed at Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan's office. "It's great news from our perspective, a step in the right direction," said MBTA

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OUT FOR A SPIN



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Lucy Noble and Sydney Frazier share a laugh as they head downhill off Joy Place.

Scituate youths nabbed in alleged donut heist

Cohasset police send evidence to Father Bill's

By Mary Ford
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When most local residents are still sound asleep, a truck from the Donut Shop in Weymouth makes it way south delivering doughnuts in the early hours of the morning to Marylou's News in Cohasset and North Scituate.

But over the past several months, just why those doughnuts sometimes never made it to the shop counters was a total mystery.

"We've been missing doughnuts for a long while," said Marylou Sandry, owner of the Hingham-based Marylou's chain. "Nobody had a clue who did it. We even questioned our supplier who assured us the deliveries were made."

Although there is no evidence linking a Cohasset arrest to other alleged doughnut thefts — Cohasset police apprehended three Scituate youths who were caught with 150 doughnuts and a bag of bagels Sunday morning.

"The youths were following a doughnut delivery truck as it made deliveries in Scituate and Cohasset," Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan said. "Apparently they were stealing trays of bagels and donuts after they were dropped off."

It all started at about 3:50 a.m. Sunday when Cohasset police spotted a car with its lights out with three white males inside near Marylou's News on Route 3A. The car was suspect because at that hour the popular coffee shop that is in a fairly remote area is closed. The officer was suspicious because of previous "smash and grab" thefts in the area.

When police Det. Greg Lennon, who was travelling northbound on 3A, turned around to investigate, he observed the Toyota Camry pull out and head southbound at a high rate of speed.

According to the police report, when the officer tried to catch up to the car to get its registration number, the operator of the motor vehicle turned the headlights off and continued to accelerate. Lennon called for back up as the car then made a left onto (lower) King Street and then a right onto North Main Street where it was travelling without headlights in speeds in excess of 85 m.p.h.

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Lennon followed the car as it made a left onto Joy Place, then a left onto Gammons Road and left onto Jerusalem Road heading back toward North Main Street where Sgt. David Cogill and Officer Garrett Hunt used their cruisers to block the vehicle's path.

Police, who said alcohol was not involved, arrested Jonathan R. Petty, 19, of 22 Collier Ave.; Eric M. Repogle, 17, of 7 Gridley Bryant Road; and a 16-year-old juvenile.

Investigation at the scene revealed several bags of bagels in the passenger compartment and four trays of donuts (about 150 donuts) inside the trunk

All three were charged with larceny of property and receiving stolen property valued at less than $250 and disorderly conduct. Petty was also charged with operating a motor vehicle recklessly as to endanger, speeding, marked

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE COHASSET POLICE DEPARTMENT

The trays of doughnuts that were confiscated from a Toyota Camry on Sunday morning.

Planning board, sewer seats are up for grabs

Nomination papers at Town Hall

By Rick Collins
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Planning board member Terry Atherton and Sewer Commissioner Henry Rattenbury both announced last week they will not seek reelection in this spring's town elections.

Both said a reluctance to dedicate numerous hours a month to their positions as a reason for their decision.

Rattenbury, 64, said he has been working with the sewer department in one form or another since 1969, and thought it time for someone else to get involved. "I was on the first sewer study committee in 1969 and I helped out before I ran [for Commissioner]," he said. "I've done three terms and I think that's quite sufficient. I want to give someone else a chance."

Rattenbury also said his new status as a retiree played into his decision. He retired this summer after 37 years as a postal carrier in town and says he hopes to do some traveling. "It's not fair to people trying to get a hold of me," he explained. The sewer commission has been busy during Rattenbury's nine years of service. The town recently wrapped up to separate sewer installation projects in North and Central Cohasset, and is looking at the feasibility of sewering the area around Little Harbor.

For Atherton, it's his "unretired" status that made him turn down a second term on the planning board. He switched jobs last year and said his new one requires more of his time. Atherton said between the workday and the commute, he did-

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Hedlund ceremony is close to home

Sworn in for fifth term at local event

By Mary Ford
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After 18 months that included two tough campaigns — one for re-election to the state senate and the other, a failed bid to become the first Weymouth mayor — a battle-weary Bob Hedlund brought what is traditionally a State House ceremony reserved for a few close friends and family members to Hingham last week. A standing room only crowd of upwards of 350 boisterous supporters from his eight-town district packed the Broad Cove Ballroom Thursday to visit with the state senator and see him sworn in for a fifth term.

And if local Republicans had anything to say about it, the event was

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At right, senate minority leader Brian Lees and Plymouth County District Attorney Michael Sullivan applaud state Sen. Robert Heldund, far left, as Hedlund makes a few remarks after taking the oath of office.

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Third quarter tax bills are explained

The Town of Cohasset has issued the Fiscal Year 2001 third quarter tax bills due Feb. 1. Anyone who has not received their tax bill should contact the Board of Assessors at 781-383-4114 to confirm the correct mailing address or the Treasurer and or Collector at 781-383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

The Fiscal 2001 total tax is based on the new Fiscal 2001assessment. The new assessments are based on sales market activity during calendar 1999 and early 2000 to reflect the value of real estate as of Jan. 1, 2000. Taxpayers who feel that their property is over assessed and want to contest their assessment must file for an abatement with the Board of Assessors by Feb. 1, 2001.

Property tax exemptions are available to qualifying elderly widows, blind persons and veterans with a 10 percent service connected disability or greater. Please call the Assessors at 383-4114 for more information. Applications for property exemptions must be received by the Board of Assessors no later than March 28, 2001.

The tax bill also contains the new sewer betterment to be paid during this fiscal year is shown of the tax bill under the "special assessment" section and identified as "SEWR". The total amount due is split between the third and fourth quarter payments. Anyone who did not return the appointment request has had the sewer betterment apportioned over twenty years by the Board of Assessors. Anyone who would like to appeal their betterment must file an abatement application with the Sewer Commission within six months of the issuance of the betterment.

Enclosed with the tax bills is an insert that allows taxpayers to make a voluntary contribution to the Scholarship, Education or Elderly and or Disabled funds established last year at the annual town meeting.

Scholarship Fund will provide secondary school tuition assistance to deserving town residents. These funds will be in addition to scholarships currently available to town residents.

Educational Fund will provide supplemental educational funding for the Cohasset Public Schools. Additionally, funds may be used for existing adult literacy programs.

Elderly and or Disabled Fund will provide tax relief for elderly and disabled Cohasset taxpayers who meet specific criteria established by the Elderly and or Disabled Fund committee.

Awards for the above funds will be made once there are sufficient funds available.

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This week in COHASSET

MCAS resolution

Selectmen voted unanimously and without any comment Tuesday night, to adopt the Cohasset School Committee resolution criticizing the graduation requirement aspect of the MCAS test.

The resolution asks the Department of Education to "suspend MCAS as a graduation requirement," until the state:

- develops a variety of assessment instruments and criteria "so that no single test will determine the fate of a student"
- changes the length of the test and time it takes away from teaching and learning
- examines the effect the test has on students such as vocational, special education and bilingual students.

The Town of Brookline passed a similar resolution this past fall and is asking all towns to do the same. Cohasset selectmen said the resolution will be passed on to state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and the state Department of Education.

Committee updates

Selectmen named Mark St. Onge to the town's historical commission at the behest of commission chairman Noel Ripley. Also, selectman Ronnie McMorris announced the resignation of Roger Plante from the Council on Elder Affairs.

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Thurs. 11	——	——	5:47	12:00	12.2	6:26
Fri. 12	12:41	10.5	6:41	12:54	12.0	7:18
Sat. 13	1:34	10.6	7:35	1:49	11.5	8:11
Sun. 14	2:29	10.5	8:32	2:46	10.9	9:04
Mon. 15	3:25	10.3	9:30	3:45	10.3	9:59
Tues. 16	4:22	10.1	10:31	4:47	9.6	10:56
Wed. 17	5:21	10.0	11:35	5:51	9.1	11:54
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starts April 9 or March 20

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Tuesday, 11:45 - 12:30 p.m.
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starts Feb. 5 or Jan. 16
starts April 9 or March 20

Beginner Gymnastics
Age 4 - K
Monday, 9:45-10:30 a.m.
8 weeks, $75, ($70 M)
starts Feb. 5 • April 9

Super Sports Class
Age 4 - K
Monday, 11:15-12:00 n
Tuesday, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
8 weeks, $75, ($70 M)
starts Feb. 5 or Jan. 16
starts April 9 or March 20

Art for Mom & Me
Age 2 & 3
Tuesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 11:15-12:00 n
8 weeks, $75, ($70 M)
starts Jan. 16 • March 20

Parent & Tot Fun Time
Age 2 & 3
Friday, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $85, ($80 M)
starts September 22 • December 1

The Busy Bunch
Age 4-5
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starts January 19 • February 16
March 23 • April 30 • May 29

Exploration
Age K
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starts February 7 • March 28

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Age 3-4
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starts February 1
starts March 22
starts May 10

Cooking & Science and Nature
Age 3-6
Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:15-11:15 a.m.
Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $95, ($90 M)
starts Jan. 24, 25, Feb. 2
starts March 28, 29, Apr. 5

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Age 3-6
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Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
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starts January 16 • March 20

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starts January 29

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Thursday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
starts January 9
Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
starts January 22 • 8 weeks, $90. ($85 M)

Intermediate Pilates
Friday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $90, ($85 M)
starts January 5

Bridge Lessons: Introduction to Bidding
Tuesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
6 weeks, $50, ($45 M)
starts January 30
starts March 6

Duplicate Bridge
Tuesday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
$5 per person per week - ongoing

Computer Class for the Novice: Windows 95 & 98
8 weeks, $125, ($120 M)
Wednesday, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
starts January 10

Computer Class Word Processing: Microsoft Word
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Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
starts January 9

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Tuesday, 10:45-12:15 p.m.
starts January 9

Computer Class Spreadsheets: Microsoft Excel
4 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
Wednesday, 10:45-12:15 p.m.
starts February 7

Fast Track to the Internet
4 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
Tuesday, 10:45-12:15 p.m.
starts January 10

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Monday, 7:00-10:30 p.m.
1 night, $35, ($30 M)
starts February 5 • April 2

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starts March 5 • May 7

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Rita LaPoint
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6 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
starts April 3 • May 22

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starts March 5

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6 weeks, $120, ($115 M)
starts March 7

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1 night, $30, ($25 M)
starts March 7

Tai Chi
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8 weeks, $85, ($80 M)
starts January 25
starts April 5

Tai Chi
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6 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
starts January 10 • February 28
April 4

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Committee sends school budgets back to principals

By Rick Collins
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Sensing taxpayers may be reluctant to open their pocketbooks for a big jump in the school budget — the Cohasset School Committee sent the budget back to the drawing board.

The committee will ask the respective principals to fine tune their budgets, after the bottom line of the FY-02 proposed budget still weighed in at $655,000 more than last year.

"If we were to stop here, the budget would be $10,544,619, a 10 percent increase, and I'm not too comfortable with that," said committee Chairman Pat Martin.

The committee again spent its Jan. 4 meeting trying to slash requests from the budget proposals, but the group soon realized that it was, in member Rick Flynn's words, "nickel and dime-ing" the budget.

Martin agreed saying "We can try to make a lot of little cuts in hopes of taking one big piece out, but that isn't going to happen."

"Cutting $1,000 here and $1,000 there isn't going to work," said committee member Mark DeGiacomo

If the budget was level-funded, the budget would still increase $313,250 because of salary increases for the system's personnel. That would be a 3.27 percent increase in FY-02 over FY-01. However, the committee is looking to add four new teachers at the middle school level to accommodate an influx of students next year. Without the new instructors, middle-high school Principal Dr. Michael Jones said average class size will be in the 30s.

Osgood School Principal Marilee Cantelmo is also requesting a new third-grade teacher and technology instructor, as well as more time for art and music. Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan is seeking the smallest budget increase, though he also is looking for more music time, as well as $23,000 for books and supplies.

"We can try to make a lot of little cuts in hopes of taking one big piece out, but that isn't going to happen."

— Pat Martin, school committee chairman

Martin pointed out that the budget will be at least as big as it was last year, and that any discussions of "cuts" involve additional requests made by the principals.

DeGiacomo said the additional budget requests should probably be cut by about $270,000.

Three years of stagnant budgetary inflation has placed a strain on the system, said Martin. She said 103 new students have entered the system, but funding has not increased during that time frame. As a result, the district's budget has been "stretched." This year's budget was up $84,000 over the FY-00 (apart from contractual salary increases). In 1999, the school committee was forced to cut the school budget, school officials said.

Members question if another large budget prompts the need for an override — especially after last year's vote for the $41.5 million school improvement project — whether that override would pass

In May of 1999, the town approved a $380,000 Proposition 2 fi override, the lowest option available on the ballot, in a sign that town residents were nervous of spiraling property taxes.

"We've been down this road two years ago where the budget was high and we got stopped," Martin said. "We're still hurting, we're still behind the eight-ball."

Committee member Chartis Tebbetts and some parents at the meeting pushed for a large budget increase, saying a significant increase is long overdue, and it is necessary to maintain a quality school system.

"This is stuff needed to keep a good learning environment," Tebbetts said. "We need to do that."

Osgood School Council member Adrienne McCarthy agreed. She reasoned that after three years of no school budget increases, a one-year 10 percent increase would average out to a 3 percent increase over those three barren years. "It's the town responsibility to teach the kids," McCarthy said. "We're not asking for frills."

However, Flynn said the committee had to be realistic..

"We all share that thought [of wanting a 10 percent increase], but the political reality is that we tried that once and got our clock-cleaned," he said referring to the 1999 override scenario.

Flynn pushed the need to prioritize the budget requests, picking out the proposal to reinstate a "no-cut" policy in middle school sports as an example of something to be put on hold. He said in order to bring on board four new teachers at the middle school, the committee needs to cut "a big figure so we get some kind of wash." Knowingly playing the role of "heretic" he suggested against the no-cut policy. "The question we need to ask is what can we not live without? And middle school sports falls to the bottom of the list," he said.

Martin and the committee sent the budgets back to the principals for prioritization, putting the onus on them to reduce their budget requests. In the meantime, the committee said it will work with the various PSO's to "educate" town residents about the need for the increase.

MS walk volunteers

Volunteers are needed Saturday, Jan. 13 to help promote the Cohasset MS Walk 2001.

Each volunteer will spend a few hours distributing Walk registration brochures in convenient locations around Cohasset to recruit walkers. A brief organizational meeting will be held the morning of Jan. 13 at Cohasset Lightkeepers Inn, Border Street. The annual fund raising event has been conducted by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Central New England Chapter for 11 years. To volunteer or for more information, contact Brenda Barbour at 1-800-493-9255.

More than 6,000 people participated in walk last year, raising a record $1.3 million. More than 85 percent of those funds were used for MS research making progress towards a cure, and for local programs to improve quality of like for 11,000 people with MS, and their families, in Mass. and N.H. The goal this year is to recruit 11,000 walkers, one for each person with MS, and to raise $1.5 million. The MS Walk 2001 takes place in 22 locations, March 31, April 1 and 7, and May 5 and 12. To walk for a cure, call 1-800-fight MS.

Lifting of landfill moratorium trashed

By Mary Ford
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No one likes a dump in their backyard and if John K. McNabb Jr. has his way — then no one will have to worry about any new landfills being permitted anywhere in the state.

McNabb, a water commissioner who also serves as solid waste policy director for Clean Water Action, an environmental activist organization, and as a member of the Cohasset anti-landfill expansion group SAFE, warns that more landfills could be on the horizon.

Last month the state Department of Environmental Protection released its report lifting the moratorium on new landfills and landfill expansions imposed in 1995.

As a result, McNabb warns that Cohasset Heights Landfill on Rte. 3A may now try to expand.

CHL owner Paul Barry said he has not ruled out trying to open what is known as Area 5. But Barry said he has been so busy fighting opposition to his plan to construct a transfer station in Abington that he hasn't had time to focus on it.

However to set the stage for a possible expansion of CHL, Barry filed a form A or subdivision plan before the new zoning by-law passed Town Meeting last spring. The attorney general approved the article enacted at the 2000 annual Town Meeting changing the zoning on a section of Rte. 3A from light industrial to technology business. The new zoning bylaw could prevent CHL from re-opening or expanding the existing landfill at the current location because landfills would not be permitted in the new technology zone. However, Barry believes the Form A protects his rights.

Barry, who closed CHL in July 1997 because there was no more room there for additional waste material, has pursued a plan to expand into an unused area of the facility, the 27.5-acre Area 5-B. To expand, he would need a site assignment which is the chief local approval issued by the town in approving a landfill. Barry has been unable to apply for the new site assignment because of the state moratorium.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, has co-sponsored legislation filed by Rep. Tom O'Brien, D-Kingston, and Rep. Mark Carron, D-Southbridge, to reinstate the moratorium.

"I understand that Mr. Barry is a businessman but we have to weigh the cost benefits," Bradley said. "We have to weigh the potential problems with the water supply and the effect on the environment. The town has spent significant money fighting this."

Bradley said the answer to the state's landfill crunch could be to focus more aggressively on recycling.

McNabb said Clean Water Action, along with the Massachusetts Coalition to Reduce Waste, released the Citizen's Solid Waste Master Plan last spring, which calculated the state could solve the solid waste problem more effectively by focusing on waste reduction and increased recycling, and not increased disposal.

McNabb said lifting the moratorium would "open the floodgates for the for-profit trash industry to file dozens of site assignment applications for landfills across the state."

$300K override looming

By Rick Collins
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A 23 percent increase in the town health insurance plan is being fingered as the culprit behind a possible $300,000 Proposition 2 1/2 override this spring.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said though he and town Finance Director Michael Buckley have cut out as much fat from the anticipated FY-2002 $25.8 million town operating budget as possible, and kept other department budgets mostly level-funded, the deficit still exists. The only way to make up the $300,000, without lay-offs would be an override that would raise the average tax bill by $466.

"There is not a lot of fat in this budget," Haddad told selectmen and representatives from the town's Advisory Committee Tuesday night. He said despite consolidation of certain Town Hall positions, and more than $1 million increase in receipts from tax revenues, new growth and town fees, "the one thing we couldn't overcome is the increase in benefits."

Up until November, Haddad said it appeared he would be able to pass a budget without the need of an override, however, the town then received word that Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the town's insurance agent, would be raising costs 23 percent – or a $250,000 increase overall. Also, the Norfolk Country Retirement Board told Haddad it will need an additional $50,000.

Haddad said the department budgets have essentially been level-funded for the past four years, and has eliminated four positions in that time. "There is no more fat in Town Hall," he explained.

The main budgetary increases would be for a $600,000 jump in the school budget and $38,000 to cover salary increases under new collective bargaining agreements with the town police and clerical unions.

The school committee has not yet approved a budget for FY-2002, but has been eyeing a number similar to the one Haddad is recommending *(see related story)*.

The board was critical of the large insurance rate increase.

"I just don't get that size of an increase," Selectman Michael Sullivan said. "How can they justify a 23 percent hit?"

Buckley said a change in the federal funding of Medicaid and Medicare has caused hospitals and doctors to pass on costs to private insurance holders, and that every town in the 80-town Massachusetts Municipal Association — of which Cohasset is a member — is facing the same increase.

The proposed budget would be a 9.79 percent increase over the $23.5 million FY-2001 town operating budget.

The $2.3 million increase would be made up in part by a $400,000 increase in the town levy limit, $400,000 in new growth, $280,000 in overlay surplus, and an increase in town receipts and free cash.

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Hello Cohasset! Is everyone enjoying this beautiful winter weather that we are having? I am sure that the answer is no for a lot of you as the commute is no fun in it I am sure. For the rest of us however, it really is pretty and a lot of fun. Enjoy it, as Spring is right around the corner.

COOKIE TIME

It is yummy Girl Scout Cookie time! Make sure to find a Girl Scout in your neighborhood to purchase some wonderful cookies. The cookies can be frozen if they make it that long and only cost $3 a box. Mmmm, mmmm, mmmm.

WILL BE MISSED

I would like to take this time to extend condolences to the family and friends of **Dennis Kuntz**. Mr. Kuntz was well-known in town and was a gym teacher for many years in our school system. His love for children and physical education was a great combination for him to share with everyone fortunate enough to have had him in their lives. He will be missed!

ART CLASSES

The South Shore Art Center here in town is offering new art courses for the year, 2001. This year, resolve to color your life and do something for yourself. Take an art class and exercise your creativity... Adult Courses include: Monoprinting, Botanical Illustration, Painting for the Petrified, Life Drawing, Beginners Drawing, Chinese BrushPainting, Calligraphy, Basic Darkroom, Oil Painting, Clay, Pastels, Watercolor, Collage and Drawing Studio. All Adult courses begin the week of Jan. 16. For children and teens, quite an array of classes is offered as well. Young Illustrators, Hands in Clay, Paper Treasures, Creative Clay, Fun with Folklore, Draw, Paint, Explore, Time Travelers, Animals in Art, Myths, Oil Painting, Teen Drawing, Draw What you See, Cocoa Time Parent and Child Workshop. All children's classes begin the week of Jan. 22. To register for any classes or for more information call, 383-2787 or visit www.ssec.org



Malmesbury Abbey House with its boxwood topiary and hedges is part of the "Art of the English Garden Tour."

TOYS FOR TOTS



Greg Small, left, and Herbie Jason pose with three truckloads for Toys for Tots. The annual toy drive was sponsored by Cohasset police and South Shore Truckers Auto Club.

GARDEN TOUR

Some more news from the Art Center was passed on to me as well. The Art of the English Garden Tour once again presented by the South Shore Art Center is approaching. In May, when English Gardens are bursting into bloom, Sarah Roche, a South Shore Art Center teacher and transplanted Briton, will lead the SSAC's third annual Art of the English Garden Tour. Gardens included in this 10-day adventure range from large ornate parks to small, intimate retreats. Among the gardens included are Sudeley Castle, Sezincote, the Queen's Gardens at Windsor, and Stourhead, as well as many private gardens. The trip will culminate with a visit to the Chelsea Flower Shows. Guests will stay at three beautiful hotels, all period properties.

The first is a country house in the Costwold Village of Broadway, close to the history of Shakespeare's Stratford on Avon. The second is a prize winning Regency hotel in the center of Bath and the last stop will be at a recently refurbished London Townhouse, located on a quiet side street and close to the Chelsea Flower Show. This tour sold out quickly the last two years that it was offered. The package price of $3,000 includes airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts,(and some dinners are included), all garden entrances, including the Chelsea Flower Show and the leadership of **Sarah Roche**. For more information, call Sarah at 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel, 383-1980 or, log on at www.ssac.org

NDA SCHOLARSHIP

Notre Dame Academy awards four scholarships each year, right after the Christmas Liturgy is celebrated. The Colleen Clancy Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 in her memory. Colleen's parents chose to award the scholarship's in December because Colleen loved Christmas. The scholarships are open to all grades and recipients are chosen for their participation in some of the many activities Colleen enjoyed during her years at NDA. One of the scholarships this year was awarded to **Rachel McElroy**, '03 of Cohasset. Great job, Rachel.

XAVERIAN HONORS

Xaverian Brothers High School announced its honor roll students for the first marking period of the 2000-2001 academic school year. **Michael James Dwyer**, class of 2003, son of **Mr and Mrs. John Dwyer** made this honor. Congratulations Michael.

As the long days of Winter surround us, make sure to keep your news coming. All Birthdays, Anniversaries, Births and other important event news is sure to make us all smile and feel good. You can send it to me in the following manner: jenpiep@yahoo.com or AtSchoolsin@AOL.com 622 CJC Highway either mailed or dropped off phone(we have had the problem with this line resolved) 923-1057 Thank you for all your wonderful news each week. Jennifer Piepenbrink

SSCC nursery school registration to start

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces nursery school applications for the 2001-2002 school year will become available on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at the Nursery School and Community Center offices. Call 383-0036 for more information.

Nursery School registration is based on a lottery system. Applications will be available Jan 16 to 24.

Completed applications must be returned to the South Shore Community Center Office by Thursday, Jan. 25. Application envelopes should be marked Nursery School Registration Application.

Parents registering their child in the three-year old program should enclose a copy of the child's birth certificate to ensure proper placement of students in the program. All applications must include the $90 registration fee. Family membership for the school year is included in the fee. There is no financial commitment for children who are placed on the waiting list; checks will be returned.

The lottery will be drawn the week of Jan. 29. Nursery School acceptance letters will be sent via the mail Friday, Feb. 9.

The school offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of three to five-year olds. Programs run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. Some extended before and after school programs will be available.

The Nursery program is for children who will be three years of age by Oct. 20, 2001. The Pre-kindergarten program is for children who are, or will be, four-years old by Oct. 20, 2001. The four day and five day Enrichment programs are offered to older four-year olds and five-year olds who have attended a Pre-kindergarten program but are ineligible for kindergarten, or would benefit from an Enrichment year.

Please direct questions regarding placement to the Director, Lynne Sheridan. Parent observation is welcome.

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School is licensed by the Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services.

IT'S HAPPENING

Musical auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for the fast paced musical "How To Eat Like A Child" Children ages 5-15 are invited to audition Saturday, Jan. 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 14 from 2-4 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. There are many solos. and showcase roles Come prepared with an upbeat song Any questions please call Dawn at 545-3195 Production will go up mid March.

Winter Cabaret

The 2001 edition of the CHS Music Department's evening showcasing their multi-faceted and multi-talented students will be held at Kimball's By the Sea on Wednesday Jan. 17.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a selection of snacks and sweets. From 7:30 to 9 p.m. Emcee and Choral Director Bryan Marks and Band Director Gregory Lessard will present student singers, musicians and other performers in a variety of solo and ensemble performances.

Tickets are $8. Due to the intimate nature of Cabaret, space is limited and reservations are strongly encouraged. Make checks payable to the Cohasset Arts Boosters and send Olga Nohe, 21 Whitney Woods Lane, as soon as possible. For further information, call Olga Nohe at 383-2201 or Debbie Krupczak at 383-6582. Proceeds of this event benefit music and art curriculum enrichment.

Senior scene

The children and staff of Joseph Osgood School invite Cohasset elders to a intergenerational tea to be held Friday morning, Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m. Transportation is available. Call 383-9112.

BSO events

BSO Music Tea, Friday, Jan. 19, leave Cohasset at 12:15 p.m. for a light luncheon and Chamber Music performed by the BSO $18 the best buy in town.

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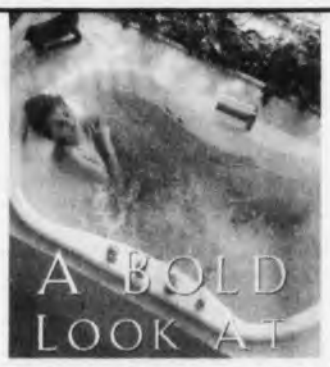
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Planning board, sewer seats are up for grabs

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n't have the necessary time to dedicate himself to another five years. However, he said he'll miss being an elected official. "It was a good way of staying in touch with what's going on in the town and having a say in it," he said.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan and three-term Selectman Merle Brown expect to run again for the town's executive board. Callahan was the first person to take out papers for the upcoming election for any position. He said he is looking forward to the next three years, specifically town and region-wide planning efforts and making sure the town is protected when Greenbush commuter rail line service is restored.

With both Callahan and Brown running, the chance of former state representative Mary Jeanette Murray seeking a seat on the board seems less likely. Murray, who retired this year after 24 years in the State House, and is a former three-term board of selectmen member, has said she is considering running again. However, she said in an interview with the Mariner last week that if there wasn't an open seat, she probably wouldn't run.

Stephen Bobo, chairman of the board of health, also announced he would seek a second term. Bobo said he expects to be kept busy approving sewer hookup plans in town, and working with the Department of Environmental Protection creating a storm water management plan. "One of the new issues we are facing is body art parlors," Bobo said. This past fall, the state supreme court ruled the state ban on body artists was a violation of free speech rights. The state Department of Health is currently putting together a set of regulations for towns and cities to base their own regulations upon.

Both school committee Chairman Pat Martin and member Mark DeGiacomo will seek second terms.

"I feel we're in the middle of several initiatives I want to work to see completed such as the middle/high school accreditation and budget process," Martin explained. "The second reason is after witnessing former school committee members not run, I realize the importance of having experience and consistency."

Last year, both committee members up for reelection did not run. In fact, no incumbent school committee member has sought reelection since at least 1997.

DeGiacomo followed in Martin's steps by announcing, but not before stringing people along a bit at last Thursday's committee meeting. He began his comments by saying the committee was an "awful large time commitment" and that he had "enjoyed almost every minute" of his time. But, much to the relief of fellow committee member Stephanie Noble, who let out an audible cheer, he added, "The school committee has made some terrific stride and I'm pleased to be part of that."

Two water commissioners spots will be up for election, though one will be for a one-year term to replace former commissioner Chip Muncey. Muncey resigned Jan.1, and was temporarily replaced by Glenn Pratt, until someone can be elected to fill the year left of his term. Pratt is expected to run. Robert Kasameyer's seat is also up for election. Kasameyer couldn't be reached for comment.

Nomination papers for the annual town election are now available at the Town Clerk's Office. In order to hold elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions are up for grabs:

Selectmen - two for three years

School Committee - two for three years

Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three for three years

Assessor - one for three years

Board of Health - one for three years

Cohasset Housing Authority - one for five years

Planning Board - one for five years

Recreation Commission - one for five years

Sewer Commission - one for three years

Water Commission - one for three years, one for one year to fill an unexpired term

Nomination papers must be submitted to the Board of Registrars by Feb. 15. Town elections will be held on Saturday, April 7.

Hedlund ceremony is close to home

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the unofficial start of Campaign 2002 for Hedlund, one of the few Massachusetts Republican success stories last November.

Weymouth Boy Scout Troop 2 Drum Corps played a stirring cadence as Hedlund entered the hall flanked by fellow Republicans Senate minority leader Brian Lees, R-East Longmeadow, and Plymouth County District Attorney Michael Sullivan, who administered the oath to cheers of "We're with Bob" and "Hedlund for Governor!"

"Because of your help and support, I wanted everyone to be here for my swearing in," Hedlund told the raucous group. "It is your swearing in as much as it is mine."

Hedlund thanked his supporters, whom he described as "adopted aunts, uncles, mothers and fathers."

"I couldn't do it alone. I appreciate the time, attention and effort each and everyone of you made on my behalf." Hedlund added while he loves the job, it's the campaigning he could do without.

"In 1998 when I was unopposed, it was one of the greatest years of my life," he said to laughter.

But local party activists aren't going to let the senator rest. They say they aren't about to let the Plymouth-Norfolk senate seat that includes the coastal towns from Weymouth to Duxbury slip to the other side of the party aisle.

"Without the presidential race, Hingham would have been 70 percent for Hedlund," said a determined Carl Harris, who is head of the Hingham Republican Town Committee. A majority of Hingham voters backed Democrat Al Gore while Hedlund won the town with a 3,400-vote margin over Democratic challenger Jim Cantwell of Weymouth. Many say the Hingham margin gave Hedlund the needed boost to beat Cantwell, a former Marshfield selectman, who reportedly is keeping his campaign office open with an eye to another run in 2002.

"Next time we have a shot at winning Hingham by 70 percent, that's the challenge, that's our goal. It's going to require a lot of work and we're starting now," Harris said.

But it wasn't only Republicans who flocked to Hedlund's special swearing in last week in Hingham. Weymouth Town Councilor Bill Barry, a lifelong Democrat, was on hand with a contingent of Hedlund supporters from his town.

"Everybody likes Bob," Barry said. "He provides constituent service par excellence."

But Hedlund, who supported Joe Malone's bid to unseat Gov. Cellucci back in 1996, hasn't always been popular with the hierarchy of his own party at Beacon Hill. Malone, a Republican, is a former state treasurer.

Lees, the Republican minority leader, described Hedlund as "a very independent person, an independent voter."

"Bob is known as a senator that puts his district first," Lees said. "(To Bob) it doesn't matter what I say, what Governor Cellucci says or what Lt. Gov. Swift says. It's what *you* say that is important."

"I ran with Bob for the State House in 1990," he recalled. "I remember Bob as young, brash and outspoken — someone who could tell it like it is as a freshman senator.

"Boy, have things changed. Have you noticed Bob is not as young as he used to be?" Lees said to cheers and applause.

Janet Fogarty, chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, said Hedlund wins despite his party affiliation.

"People support Bob because he fights for his district," said Fogarty adding that Hedlund has bipartisan support. "But as far as the Republican Party in the state goes, it is at a crisis level. We really have to start on the local level and get people involved.

"It's politically correct to be a Democrat when so many have Republican principles," Fogarty said.

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Village Public Workshop #3

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The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, in partnership with the Town of Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force, is sponsoring the third in a series of four community workshops to improve the infrastructure in Cohasset Village

The goal of this workshop is to establish a consensus on definitive aesthetic, circulation, and safety options to improve the village infrastructure.

The design ideas presented at this workshop will be a culmination of the public input received, survey information recently completed, and the work of the designers and engineers at The Cecil Group.

- ***How should new sidewalks be constructed?.....***

  .....Brick? Concrete? Asphalt? Granite?

- ***Should the village have pedestrian scale lighting?.....***

  .....What Style? 1900? 1930? 2000?

- ***Should Elm Street (from S. Main to Brook St.) and Brook Street have a one-way traffic pattern?***

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Invasion of the child's world

Whatever happened to the child's world, that world where youngsters played with each other by themselves? Little Charlie Browns far from the eyes and ears of adults.

They played pickup baseball with a black-taped ball on a dusty sandlot with rocks for bases.

They played slapshot hockey on a frozen pond with a milk carton for a goal.

They played blacktop basketball, young arms hurling airballs into frayed hoops.

There was the yelling. The fighting. The "I'll take my bat and go home."

Then there was the making up. The concessions. The return of the bat.

There were no scores kept. All that mattered was the next shot.

When did adults decide they had to invade that world?

It probably began innocently enough. A dad watching a rag-tag little team trading cries of "He's out" and "He's safe" and deciding to umpire the game.

Then came along another dad. Another rag-tag team. Another umpire.

Before you knew it, there were more dads, more teams. Leagues were formed.

Our children can't learn by themselves, the dads said.

So coaches were added.

Our children can't play in sweaty T-shirts and ripped jeans, they said.

So uniforms were added.

Our children can't get dust on these beautiful uniforms, they said.

So pristine fields and smooth-as-glass ice rinks were built.

Our children can't play without knowing the score, they said.

So big scoreboards were erected.

Our children can't play without knowing who the best teams and the best players are, they said.

So playoffs, All Stars, MVPs, and trophies were added.

We can't have trophy-winning teams in beautiful uniforms, on perfect fields with big scoreboards without fans, they said.

So stands filled with parents were added, parents who paid for the uniforms, the gear, the fields, the ice, the scoreboards, and the trophies.

Some came to the games for the sheer joy of watching their child play. Some came with dreams of athletic scholarships. Some came with a scary zeal.

A strange flip flop occurred.

The children were not allowed to work out their differences as they did on the sandlots, the frozen ponds, and the blacktop of yesteryear. Adults ruled their games.

Adults robbed them of their childish ways of settling differences, then took on the squabbles themselves, yelling, fighting, name calling.

This phenomenon soon got out of hand.

It reached horrifying proportions in Reading six months ago when an off-ice altercation at a hockey rink led to the beating death of a father of four following a youth scrimmage.

This event was a shocking wake up call.

Parents re-evaluated their fervor and their behavior.

But time anesthetized the sting.

Last week, police say a Holbrook father assaulted his son's coach, who is from Braintree, at a rink in Hingham after a high school hockey game.

Police say the father, angered that the coach asked his 14-year-old son to get water for the team, grabbed him by the jacket and pushed him through a locker room door.

Here is an eyewitness account.

The Holbrook-Avon Panthers game has just ended.

The Panthers won 4-2, scoring two goals in the last period.

The team was ecstatic as they skated to one of two side-by-side locker rooms to wait for their coach, who was outside the locker room with a player.

Before the coach could join the team, the father of the player approached him. There was a tense discussion.

"Go to the locker room," the coach told the boy.

"No, he's not," the father screamed.

"Then he's off the team," the coach said.

At that point the father allegedly charged the coach and pushed him into the empty locker room.

The coach tried to defend himself.

Within seconds, the policeman on duty was on the scene, broke up the fight, and handcuffed the father.

It all only took a few seconds.

The coach of the opposing team arrived at the scene. "They won the game. What the heck is going on?" he said in amazement.

Good question.

What the heck is going on?

Now the father, who has two sons on the team, faces charges and must stay away from the coach and the arena. He will not be able to watch his boys play for the rest of the year.

The coach and anyone else who witnessed the scene were shaken up.

We were lucky that no one got seriously hurt, or even killed as in Reading.

Youth sports are for our youth, not for parents. They are supposed to be for fun.

If parents can't police themselves at games, maybe we should give sports back to our children and let them work out their own differences on the sandlots, the frozen ponds, and the blacktop of yesteryear.

— Cathy Conley

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supports CRC

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to the many letters I have been reading in the Mariner criticizing the Cohasset Revitalizaton Committee, I am circulating a petition to support the Cohasset Revitalization Committee (CRC). Based on conversations I have had around town, many more people support the CRC's efforts than one might glean from reading the letters of a vocal minority. My petition commends the CRC for its initiative, it recognizes that their recommendations are subject to the approval of the town, and encourages the Town of Cohasset to support and regulate the CRC.

Townspeople who are interested in signing the petition, obtaining one for circulation, or placing one in your place of business, please call me at 383-6110.

Joan Busk
20 Joy Place

COHASSET CARES

Ecopsychology

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The whole point of this week's column is to communicate one idea: there is a possibility that our emotional wellbeing depends upon our relatedness to the earth. This idea I credit to Theodore Roszak, psychologist, writer, and professor at California State University, the author of "The Voice of the Earth." Ecopsychology is one of the chapters in our Deep Ecology course initiated by Jim Shipsky and using materials from the Northwest Earth Institute out of Portland, Oregon.

The Deep Ecology course has been intensely stimulating, covering such topics as spirituality and the earth, Native American Wisdom, simplicity, ritual, celebration. One chapter on the Gaia Hypothesis taught me about the possibility of the earth's being an integral, vital "unit," aware, perceptive in a magnificent way, able to respond in its (Her?) own way to man's disregard or selfishness.

Another chapter on bioregionalism taught me to continue being as observant as possible about Cohasset—the soil under our feet here, all the ledge, our cattails, our crows our arching geese, our Irish moss, our Big Dipper pointing to the North Star. It's easy to get disjointed, especially in the winter, and to think we're indoor machines, when we know very well that the outside air relieves the nasal congestion caused by heated buildings…

Back to ecopsychology. The idea that our basis in nature, instinctive at birth and readily observable in children by their love of animals, becomes lost in our modern lifestyles yet remains more of a healing balm than we realize, outside the window, is fascinating. Have most of your epiphanies been inside or outdoors? See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is the publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee

Forum on election reform

"What Can Be Done? A Forum on Election Reform and Beyond" will be presented Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Duxbury Library by Mass. Bay South, a South Shore chapter of the Alliance for Democracy.

The forum will consider election reform, campaign finance, balloting procedures, also, instant runoff voting, proportional representation, true democratic representation and how to change the system. Featured speakers will include:

Ronnie Dugger, author, expert on voting systems, journalist who covered the Florida recounts battle and founder - Alliance for Democracy, committed to changing the corporate dominated system.

Attorney Bonnie Tenneriello of the National Voting Rights Institute. NVRI has been reframing campaign finance reform as the next phase of the civil rights movement.

Brian Moriarty of Duxbury will give an update on the Mass. Clean Elections bill, where it stalled but a similar bill succeeded in Maine.

The public is invited to come listen, learn and add your voice to the debate! Help Mass. Bay South figure out what comes next.

For more information, call Jean Maryborn of Norwell, 826-2482, Brian Moriarty of Duxbury, 934-7100 or Sarah Killory-Rodrigues of Kingston at 582-1573.

LIBRARY CORNER

Winter story hour

Registration for the six-week 2001 winter story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is still open.

Come into the library and sign up for the story hours being held Thursday at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m.

beginning Thursday, Jan. 11 and continuing until Friday, Feb. 16.

Children must be at least three and one half to five years old to participate. The 45-minute program include picture stories, songs and crafts. Call Suzanne Terry, Children's Librarian at 383-1348.

Sad farewell

Jean Higgins, a volunteer at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library for more than 10 years, passed away on Christmas Eve after a very long battle with cancer. Her children were by her side at the time of her death and a funeral Mass attended by many townspeople celebrated her life of giving and volunteering.

Jean was always there for anyone who needed help and gave back to the community through many hours at the library, driving for Meals on Wheels, and at town hall issuing beach tickets each season. Cohasset has once again lost a lifelong citizen whose dedication to community service is exemplary. She will be missed by the whole town.

Train study group back on track

State presses for quick review of report

By Rick Collins and Carol Meyer
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After a three-year hiatus, the Greenbush Citizens Advisory Committee is back on track.

The committee, charged with reviewing the final Environmental Impact Report — an environmental feasibility study — for the proposed restoration of the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Line, had been relegated to the sidelines. The MBTA was ensconced in Section 106 hearings with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The hearings were held by the Corps as part of the National Historic Preservation Act, to examine what impact the train would have on historical properties along the 17-mile long Greenbush right-of-way.

"The historical review process has dragged on for three years, much longer than was originally expected," said CAC vice-president and Hingham resident Alexander Macmillan.

With the hearings wrapped up, and a draft version of the EIR partially released, the idling CAC has been asked to shift into high gear.

"The T has asked us to review it fast," said Cohasset resident Martha Gjesteby. "The T would like us to take only three meetings to review it, but we feel we need more."

The next CAC meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m., Jan. 17 at Gates Intermediate School Library in Scituate. Public comment time will be available.

The CAC is designed by the state to be the citizen review vehicle for the controversial project. CAC members from each Greenbush corridor town, appointed by the secretary of environmental affairs, are charged under state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) regulations to deal with the environmental review of "major and complicated projects, of which Greenbush is one," said Macmillan.

And now with the EIR in hand, or at least most of it (the state is still working on some sections and has not released them) it's the CAC's opportunity to add its two cents to the project. Gjesteby, a member of the group since it was founded in 1984, said the CAC literally has to go through the massive document page by page, making whatever comments it feels is necessary. "The T gives us chapters and we comment on them, say what we like or don't," she said. "The final arbiter is the secretary of the EOEA, who takes our comments as they would any citizen's comments."

The group met for the first time in nearly three years last month, and is already stirring the pot. According to both Gjesteby and Macmillan, the CAC sent a letter to Secretary of Transportation Kevin Sullivan and Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand asking for more time to review the final Greenbush environmental impact report and associated documents.

"We just don't have all the stuff," Gjesteby said, adding that with nine new members, and six years since the last draft came out in 1994, a final review can't be finished in three meetings.

"Everyone wants to complete the environmental review as expeditiously as possible," the letter said, "but in view of the significance, complexity and controversial nature of the Greenbush project, we hope you will agree that it is essential to avoid giving the impression that important issues are being glossed over in a 'rush of judgment.'"

Plus, the Corps has not released its final report from the Section 106 hearings, outlining specific required historical mitigation measures the MBTA will have to take.

The group is also concerned that not all towns have mitigation agreements in place with MBTA, more than a decade after the project began to roll forward. Hingham has reached an agreement with the MBTA, calling for an 800-foot tunnel through Hingham Square – something the CAC recommended back in the early 1990's. A deal with Cohasset was just agreed to this week. Agreements have not been reached in Braintree, Weymouth and Scituate.

"That is not our role [negotiation mitigation agreements]," said Gjesteby, a former member of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. "But it is helpful if all the communities have mitigated, then we don't have that kind of pressure on us."

"Towns without agreements are going into the process without protection," Macmillan added.

The CAC review of the EIR may be one of the last chances citizens have to formally comment on the project.

"Under the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act, Secretary Durand is supposed to extract a commitment from the project builder — in this case the MBTA — that (Greenbush restoration) will be done in accord with the plans submitted and mitigation also gets spelled out," Macmillan said. "It's like issuing a building permit. The MBTA can't go ahead and stick a shovel in the ground until that's done."

Once the EIR is approved by Durand, it would be very difficult to get anything changed.

Gjesteby, who is pro-train, warned about going into these meetings with a closed mind. "You don't just blindly say you want the train, or blindly say you don't want the train, you have to blend it all together.

The Greenbush CAC was originally part of the CAC that oversaw the construction of the Middleboro and Plymouth branches of the Old Colony line. But when it became apparent Greenbush would be a tougher sell than the other two lines, it was separated out into its own project. Since that time, the Middleboro and Plymouth lines have been constructed.

Cohasset to ink Greenbush deal with MBTA

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spokesperson John Carlisle. "I think the deal is fair and equitable for both sides."

The agreement is the culmination of more than five years of negotiations by the town Mitigation Committee and the MBTA. The dealings were often far from productive, and became acrimonious this past June when the MBTA suddenly announced it was backing off from the negotiating table. However, the selectmen and Town Manager Mark Haddad —who along with mitigation committee chairman Thomas Gruber, has done the lion's share of the negotiating — credit a September meeting with Governor Paul Cellucci as being a catalyst in the stalled negotiations.

"We saw a real move after the meeting with the Governor," Haddad said. At the meeting, Cellucci ordered Kevin Sullivan to etch out deals with the Greenbush corridor towns within 60 to 90 days. Though the Cohasset agreement comes more than 100 days after the meeting, no one is complaining.

"Negotiations took on a different air after that meeting," Michael Sullivan said, who attended the State House meeting. He added that after a "frustrating" spring and summer, the MBTA exhibited "good-faith negotiating" after the meeting. "To have something done [essentially three months after the meeting] is pretty good," he said. "The acceleration and commitment to negotiate, that the MBTA made, was good to see based upon past experiences. It was somewhat surprising."

A deal had been struck essentially in early December, but selectmen had some hang-ups over language in the agreement, and the unsettled right-of-way issue. Those issues were resolved largely at a meeting Monday afternoon in Boston.

A copy of the deal is available at both Town Hall and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Though residents are able to comment and critique the agreement, Callahan was doubtful how much, if anything, could be changed. "The MBTA has made it clear there isn't much room for future discussion," he said. "But if there are major issues, it could possibly be revisited."

One of the major sticking points from December, when selectmen first said a deal was imminent, was the MBTA acquisition of the town-owned rail bed. Haddad said the MBTA believed quite strongly that it would be able to take it at no cost through eminent domain. However, the town had the property appraised this fall at near $2 million. The agreement struck with the MBTA calls for a "friendly" land-taking, where Cohasset agrees to give up the land in exchange for a $1million settlement.

Callahan called this a "good achievement," along with the $1.2 million reimbursement for any work done in relation to the James Brook flood control project. The town also will get up to $120,000 for any expenses incurred by the town for that project. *(see sidebar for detailed list of mitigation items)*

All noise and vibration mitigation for homeowners and business owners will be dealt with on an individual basis. The agreement does call for a liaison between the MBTA, town and residents, to deal with noise and vibration issues.

In addition, the MBTA told the town it would support an application for up to $1 million in a Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant. The grant money would be used to make aesthetic improvements to the area surrounding the grade crossings in town.

Callahan also warned not to compare Cohasset's agreement to the one struck in Hingham last May. Hingham signed a deal that adds up to more than $41 million, though most of that money will be for the construction of an 800-foot tunnel through Hingham Square. "I don't want people to re-tout [the Hingham deal]," Callahan said. "We learned a lot from the Hingham deal and improved on the non-tunnel aspects."

Selectmen Fred Koed said the deal "solidified what should be done to protect the interests of the town," and that all residents, whether they are pro or anti-train, should be in favor of the agreement.

Callahan also added that the agreement does not discuss air pollution associated with the train's diesel engines, because that issue is outside the town's jurisdiction.

Callahan extended his "highest kudos" to Gruber, and the mitigation committee for their hard work in hammering out an agreement. "The amount of time they put in over the years is staggering," he said.



PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

The MBTA will pay the town $1 million for a "friendly" land taking of the Greenbush right-of-way shown here at Sohier Street.

Highlights of mitigation measures

The following are highlights of the "Agreement Letter of Understanding" the Cohasset Board of Selectmen announced it was entering into with the MBTA Tuesday night. The full text of the agreement can be viewed at Town Hall of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. A public hearing will be held Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the selectmen's office.

The agreement calls for:

- The MBTA to reconstruct the existing town parking lot, and construct a parking lot south of the railroad between Smith Place and Pleasant Street
- The MBTA to install permanent walkways on either side of the railroad between Pleasant Street and a point opposite 105 Ripley Road
- The MBTA to provide, cause to be installed and maintain vibration and noise mitigation within the right-of-way, provide and maintain vibration mitigation between Smith Place and Pleasant Street, and provide proper vibration mitigation for ABB Optical
- no horns to be sounded, except in case of emergency or temporary situations
- no quad-gates for the time being
- median barriers at grade crossings between 60 and 100 feet long. The grade crossing at North Main Street may be longer
- a new traffic signal at the King Street, Forest Avenue and North Main Street intersection
- a bridge over the railroad between North Main Street and Rocky Lane subdivision
- a new sidewalk on the east side of Sohier Street extending approximately 100 feet on either side of the railroad
- only one track crossing at the Sohier Street grade crossing
- the closure of Spring Street, except for a pedestrian-only grade crossing
- the removal of the large boulder at the end of Pond Street, and reconfiguration of the Pond and Spring Street intersections
- the consolidation of the Sestito Lane and Castle Road grade crossings at the Sestito Lane crossings
- the MBTA to provide new fire hydrants and water main extensions as required where public and private grade crossings are closed
- an illuminated advance warning sign on Pond Street, when grade crossing warning system is active
- overhead cantilever warning system where required by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy
- a bell at all grade-crossings
- 410 parking spaces at Cohasset Station off Route 3A
- a new traffic light at the intersection of Route 3A and the station entrance
- a second access road off North Main Street, with no vehicle drop-off spot, and year-round screening of the station from Woodland Cemetery
- the MBTA to provide specific types of fencing along the right-of-way
- MBTA reimbursement of up to $1.2 million spent on James Brook watershed flood control improvements
- MBTA reimbursement of up to $250,000 if the Sohier Street well needs to be replaced
- the MBTA to not use the gravel pits for wetland mitigation purposes
- the MBTA to submit for review and comment the design of various elements of the plans at the 60 percent and 90 percent completion marks
- the MBTA to pat $1 million in exchange for the "friendly" acquisition of the town-owned right-of-way
- Cohasset to temporarily lease areas surrounding the right-of-way during the construction phase of the project

The Olds bids adieu

My late Aunt Kate, who lived in Clinton, used to pack enough supplies for a 10-day adventure and visit us in the days before the war (that's WW2) perched in imperial splendor behind the wheel of her Willys-Knight Whippet.

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The Whippet was a semi-popular automobile when I was young and ice covered most of the earth but even then, with a selling price of $495 right off the line in Toledo, it was flirting with the bankruptcy that finally overcame the company in 1955.

At the same time, we were getting around, first with a Ford Model A, then with a Ford V-8, the kind with the headlights between the fenders and the hood.

I thought about Aunt Kate and her Willys-Knight Whippet the other day when I learned that General Motors was closing the book on the Oldsmobile, the oldest auto brand still in production after a run of 103 years.

"Oldsmobile has been under pressure for over a decade," said Rick Wagner, the CEO of General Motors. "In the current environment, we just couldn't find a profitable approach to ensure its future."

There you have it. As recently as 1983, Oldsmobile was the third best selling brand car behind Chevrolet and Ford. Riding on the popularity of its Cutlass Supreme, more Oldsmobiles were sold that year than all Chrysler products combined.

Now, only 18 years later, it's fixing to join Packard, once the Tiffany's of the auto world; and Nash, once treasured by pubescent boys for its seats that broke out into a bed; and, yes, the Willys-Knight Whippet, on history's scrap heap.

In a little while, when you're going about doing the household chores and humming the song "Come away with me, Lucille, in my merry Oldsmobile," your grandkids will look up at you and ask, "Gramps, what's an Oldsmobile?"

That song, the first to honor an automobile, was written in 1905 when Toyota and Volkswagen, two of the most popular cars of today, were hardly blips on the horizon, and three years before Ford came out with the famous Model T.

At the same time that GM was announcing Oldsmobile's demise, Montgomery Ward, the 128-year-old mail order firm we used to call "Monkey Ward," whose catalogue once kept generations of farm and frontier housewives current on the latest fashions, was shut down by its parent firm General Electric.

"You don't need to be an analyst to see that the retail market continues to be very unforgiving," said GE's John Oliver. Thus another American institution bites the dust in the face of competition from the likes of Home Depot and WalMart.

What's next?

Well, at the risk of suborning mass suicide among connoisseurs of liquid refreshment, may I suggest the fabled martini — eight parts vermouth and one part gin straight up surrounding an olive is my favorite.

Alas, the 2000 Best of Guide put out by the Martini Ranch in Chicago named the chocolate mint martini as one of the five best mixed drinks in America, which is a martini spiced with blue curacao liqueur and peppermint schnapps.

"It's just what's unusual and quirky at the moment," comforts Stephanie Teuwen, who organized a chocolate show in New York last year.

Oh, yeah. That's what they said about the Volkswagen and WalMart, wasn't it.

Pols praise deal, vow to fight on

Both state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, complemented Cohasset selectmen for hammering out a mitigation agreement with the MBTA, but repeated their belief that restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail line is not in the best interest of their district.

"They did what they were supposed to do, regardless of their personal opinions, and that is protect the town" Bradley said of the selectmen. "Their job is to do what they think is best and based on what I know [of the agreement] I know they feel they did."

Hedlund echoed Bradley's thoughts, saying, "The local officials are comfortable with it, based on what I've seen, then I'm comfortable with it."

Cohasset selectmen largely credited Hedlund for the successful outcome of the meetings. In September, Hedlund arranged for the five towns along the Greenbush corridor to meet with Governor Paul Cellucci to air their thoughts and concerns with the project. "Negotiations took on a different air after that meeting," selectman Michael Sullivan said Tuesday night, after the board announced it had agreed to a deal.

Though Hedlund appreciated the thanks from Cohasset, he's looking at the big picture. "In the case of Cohasset I don't have a problem accepting accolades, but for my entire district, it's just a small piece of the puzzle," he said. Hedlund added, "I remain convinced that this project, from a financial and environmental standpoint, is not in the best interest of the five communities I represent."

Bradley, less than two weeks into his first term on Beacon Hill, said he hopes to gain a seat on the House Transportation Committee, which could have enormous influence over the future of the project. If not, he plans on lobbying legislators, and making sure they are aware of the negative impact Greenbush would have on the region. "We're talking about $400 million to take 2 percent of the cars of the road," Bradley said. "When you look at other state projects like the Big Dig, or new convention center the price is going to go up over that." He said with the effects of the new tax rollback plan unsure, he prefers a more "frugal" economic course, and supports spending some of the money instead on improved water and bus service to Cohasset, Hingham and Hull.

— Rick Collins

Town warns of thin ice danger

By Rick Collins
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With a cold-snap about to settle upon the region, Cohasset's lakes and ponds are set to undergo the big freeze. Though being able to skate freely, without the constraints of hockey boards is appealing, the danger of thin ice is all too real.

Because of legal liabilities, towns such as Cohasset refuse to declare frozen bodies of water safe for skating, therefore leaving the decision up to the hopeful skaters. Unfortunately, skaters' decisions aren't always the right ones. Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan said the town usually gets "two or three" reports of a skater falling through the ice a year. One such incident happened last week, when a Cohasset resident out for an early morning skate on Lily Pond, missed a hole in the ice and fell through.

Town Recreation Department Jack Worley said the only place the town recommends skating is on Ellms Meadow. "The only place we keep lighted and condone skating is on Ellms Meadow," he said, adding because it's not more than 18 inches deep, it freezes easily and won't cause a problem if someone falls through. Worley said the duck pond on Cohasset Common is also popular spot, but that it isn't lighted at night. "During the day it's no problem though," he said. "It isn't too deep either."

When frozen, Lily Pond is a good site, but because of its size and depth, judging its safety is trickier.

"Obviously, if you see any wet areas, or things like that, caution is advised," said Noonan.

Cohasset Police have a web page dedicate to ice safety. It says in order for ice to be safe for skating, it needs to be about four inches thick. Thickness of the ice depends on how many days of below freezing weather the area has experienced, water depth, underground springs, and sunlight.

The website warns people to tell someone if you are going skating, and where. "Remember," the page warns, "if the ice does not look safe, it probably is not."

If someone you know falls through, Cohasset Police recommend:

- don't panic, stay calm and think out what you're going to do
- don't run up to where your friend fell in, you will only become a victim
- use some item from shore to throw to your friend, such as a large branch, rope, jumper cables, skis, a spare tire, hockey sticks, almost anything that you can extend to the victim
- get medical attention, body heat can be lost up to 25 times fast in cold water
- call 911 for help

If you fall in, police say:

- don't panic, turn towards the direction you came from
- place your hand and arms on broken ice surface, work forward by kicking legs. If the ice breaks up try to get on some good ice
- once on solid ice, don't stand up; try to roll away from the thin ice

Police recommend staying away from ice formed over running water, salt water, the harbor, or "any area that had a tidal current."

The Cohasset Police website address is: www.cohassetpd.org

Cohasset fire conducts ice rescue

Last Wednesday, it was the Cohasset Fire Department that conducted the rescue of a 52-year-old Cohasset man who fell through the ice while skating at Lily Pond. Scituate was the back-up team.

Police officer Rick Yocum was one of the first on the scene. He took a canoe out to the open area and rowed to the victim who held on until the rescue team arrived.

Fire Capt. James Gurry, who was incident commander at the scene, said paramedics Randy Belanger and Rick Covino, donned immersion suits (dubbed "Gumby suits" because of how the suits look) that provide floatation and insulation and went into the water to help the victim who was pulled onto the ice where he was placed on a special sled. Also assisting were fire personnel Tom Finegan, Eric Wenzlow and James Curly. The victim was transported to South Shore Hospital where he was treated and released.

"Everything went well — the police, fire and mutual aid," Gurry said. "It was a team effort."

Village workshop

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, in partnership with the town of Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force, is sponsoring the third in a series of four community workshops to develop designs for infrastructure, circulation, and streetscape improvements in Cohasset Village on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers Residence.

The Cecil Group, urban landscape design consultants, will give a presentation on various design alternatives for such items as new sidewalks, better parking, improved vehicle and pedestrian access, and associated streetscape design alternatives such as decorative lighting, plantings and street furniture. Preliminary designs and ideas are on display at the CRC office located at 87 Elm St., (across from Kimball's). Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

Ben Bixby, Ashley Ulmer, John Hertig and Doug O'Brien are all smiles after receiving their early acceptance letters.

CHS students get early college nod

By Rick Collins
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For a dozen Cohasset High School seniors, senioritis can officially start to set in.

The early college application deadline has come and gone, and 12 seniors received early holiday gifts in the form of acceptance letters.

Betsy Anderson, Ben Bixby, Craig Davis, Chris Golden, Tim Grassey, Heath Heinz, John Hertig, Liz Ingber, Doug O'Brien, Clara Sceery, Ashley Ulmer and Amy Devlin, all filled out the forms, wrote the essays and licked the stamps early enough so that they already have an idea of where they will be come September.

"I just wanted to get things over with," said Georgetown-bound Bixby, about his decision to apply for early acceptance. Bixby, Ulmer, O'Brien and Hertig were so pleased with their early acceptances that they skipped out on a few minutes of English to share their thoughts.

"I thought I'd have a better chance of getting in if I applied early," explained O'Brien, who has committed to Trinity College.

"It takes all the pressure off," said Hertig, who received early acceptance letter from not one, but three schools — Perdue University, Penn State, and Rose-Hulman Institute. Though the pressure may be off of Hertig, he still has some more applications to send out, including to Lehigh University, Cornell University, University of Michigan and California PolyTech.

Ulmer received a yes from Tulane University, but said she still wants to apply to 10 more schools.

Out of the four seniors, only O'Brien's acceptance was binding, meaning he has to enroll in that school. But that's not a problem for him, especially when talking to friends. "I'm like 'I'm in college and your still not,'" he joked.

Though they have been accepted, Hertig, Ulmer and Bixby's acceptances aren't binding. However knowing that they are in somewhere takes a lot of pressure off. "It's nice to know you have somewhere to go," Ulmer said, "that there's someone that loves you."

Hertig said with so much going on senior year, it's good to have the college issue resolved.

It also helps that while all their friends are spending their nights and weekends writing essays for the upcoming application deadlines, they are all done.

When asked what the biggest motivation was to get them finished early, they all responded in unison "My parents."

"They're always reminding us to get them done," Ulmer said.

When the applications were mailed in early November, they began the waiting game. Ulmer and Bixby said they were ready to camp out at the post office while waiting for the notification letters to come in mid-December. "Or we were going to take a road trip to the schools and get them," Bixby said.

"You go and get the mail every day," Hertig recalled.

By Dec. 15, the deadline most schools had for notification, Bixby said he'd drive home every day for lunch only to find no mail. "That continued for quite a while," he said.

High School Guidance Counselor Ann Porter said the seniors handled themselves well while waiting for their responses. "As a group goes they've always been organized, and they were pretty calm about it," she said. "As a group, this class has carried themselves very efficiently and they've been that way all through high school. So they handled it as I would have expected."

Though 12 students have their college plans in good order, 59 still have to finish their applications, creating a bit of a crush in the guidance office. Porter piled a foot-high stack of files on her desk as proof. "The pile is still deep, but most are well into the final touches," she said.

On average Porter said, 95 percent of Cohasset High School graduates go on to college.

Early college acceptances

Betsy Anderson — Colby-Sawyer College
Ben Bixby — Georgetown University
Craig Davis — Stonehill College
Amy Devlin — Salve Regina University
Chris Golden — Harvard University
Tim Grassey — Babson College
Heath Heinz — University of Colorado at Boulder
John Hertig — Perdue University, Penn State, Rose-Hulman Institute
Liz Ingber — Bard College
Doug O'Brien — Trinity College
Greg O'Keefe — Columbia University *
Clara Sceery — Harvard University
Ashley Ulmer — Tulane University

* O'Keefe is a 1999 graduate but deferred college for a year.



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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Kristen Sheerin. The Cohasset High gymnast set a school record this week for highest individual score, totaling a 35.15 in the all-around at Tuesday's meet with Hanover. The junior finished first on the floor (9.1), uneven bars (8.7) and vault (8.55) in the record breaking performance.

Growing pains

Young hockey team confounds veteran coach

By Mike Spellman
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Dennis Walsh is still trying to figure his young team out.

On Wednesday, the Skippers played defending Division 3 state champion Hanover as tough as anyone has this season— with the exception of strong Division 1 Silver Lake, who tied them at 4-4—taking them inside the final five minutes tied before falling 4-2.

Walsh figured his growing squad would build on this with their next game against a seemingly beatable Hull team on Saturday, but that game wound up in a 3-3 tie, moving the Skippers to 2-4-1 on the season.

"I think we outplayed Hull, but we just didn't take advantage of enough of our opportunities," said Walsh, in his 32nd year walking the Cohasset bench. "The other coaches and I really thought we'd come out of the Hanover game on a high, but we just didn't carry it over the way we hoped."

Walsh has seen a lot of peaks and valleys in his 40+ years of coaching, and he certainly realizes that young teams like his are prone to bouts of inconsistency. He also seems to have a pretty good handle on why.

"Hockey is a game of emotion, and so much can change game to game," he appraised. "It's especially tough to take anything for granted when you've got kids this young."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset goalie Dan Kinchla was sensational in net for the Skippers last Wednesday, turning back 40 shots against the high powered Hanover Indians, including the one seen here. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough, as the Skippers fell 4-2.

In Wednesday's showdown with Hanover, goalie Dan Kinchla was outstanding between the pipes, turning back 40 Hanover shots, including several true testers to keep the Skippers in the game, a feat made all the more impressive by the fact that the junior had never played goalie in organized hockey before this season.

"He came up big, no doubt," assessed Walsh. "Dan is still inexperienced in some ways, but he's got a lot of ability as a goalie, and he should keep getting better."

Walsh also thought his defense did a good job of supporting Kinchla in the game, keeping the front of the net clear, and not giving up many rebound opportunities to the always opportunistic Indians.

"Hanover is always looking to get a lot of shots on net," noted the coach. "They fire away a lot from the point and look for rebounds and screens, but if you keep the front clear and let your goalie see the puck, you can really cut down on their good opportunities, and I thought we did a good job of that."

The offense also showed some encouraging signs, registering 24 shots against the vaunted Indians defense, two of which got behind goaltender Marissa Hourihan: an admittedly fluky first period goal by Greg O'Connell that gave the Skippers a lead that lasted until 5:25 of the second period and a nifty tally by Tom Anderson at 7:44 of the third period to tie the game.

Take into consideration that Hanover allowed just two shots against a strong Norwell team on Saturday on their way to dismantling them, 5-0, to hand them their first loss of the season against six wins.

"We played a very good all around game," summed up Walsh. "If we'd played the same way against Hull, I think we'd obviously have another win right now."

The Hull game was a back and fourth affair in which neither team ever held more than a single goal lead. Cohasset grabbed the early momentum on a goal by O'Connell, but the wind was removed from their sails quickly when they surrendered a breakout during a promising power play that Hull was able to covert for a shorthanded tally.

Hull and Cohasset also scored once apiece in the second and third periods, flip-flopping the order of the scores. Cohasset tied the game at two late in the second period, and the Pirates returned the favor by knotting the game up for good with just over three minutes left in regulation. Anderson and Chris Caron were the other Cohasset goal scorers.

"I'm hoping the kids saw from that game that they need to come to the rink for every game with the same intensity," said Walsh. "We'll find out if that sunk in soon."

On Wednesday, the Skippers were scheduled to take on 6-1 Norwell.

Swim team breaking barriers

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

With a roster of 34, 29 of them female, it's easy to be impressed by the 3-1 record of a Scituate/Cohasset swim team that is facing predominantly male teams.

In fact, the only loss on their record comes with a big asterisk, as the Middleboro coach refused to let the high point totals scored by the Scit/Coh females count against his nine male team.

"We are having a little trouble with the league we are in," admitted first year coach Jamie Kearney. "We are a mixed gender team."

The Scituate/Cohasset men— seniors Mike Camp and Chris Golden, juniors Shawn Sorenson and Brad Marx, and sophomore Bryan Bilton— did hold their own against Middleboro, staying close in the 60-47 loss. If the girls points had been allowed to count, however, the meet would not have even been close.

Seemingly in a league of her own against conference opponents, Garret Jacobucci of Scituate has already qualified for districts and states in the (brace yourselves folks) 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly, and 200 Individual Medley.

Garret, and hopefully some of her teammates as well, will compete in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association South Sectional swimming and diving district championships on Feb. 15. An even more elite group will participate in the

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Dan Littauer

Littauer takes first at W-H tourney

Cohasset grappler moves down in class, and hopefully up in stature

By Mike Spellman
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Dan Littauer was one of the stronger wrestlers Torin Sweeney has ever seen at 152 pounds.

In the 145 pound division, the Cohasset coach figures his junior captain is simply going to overwhelm most opponents.

"I don't see too many people beating him at that weight," said the veteran CHS wrestling coach. "He can match the quickness and technique of most anyone and he's just incredibly strong for his size."

And apparently he won't need much of an adjustment period. Littauer just recently dropped about four pounds to get down the 145 limit. He made his debut at this weight at the annual Whitman-Hanson Tourney and captured first place in the elite nine man field that included grapplers from local wrestling powerhouses B.C. High, Weymouth, Rockland, Marshfield and the host Panthers.

Littauer faced B.C High stalwart Ben Kinch, a Cohasset native, in the finals, and beat him on points 6-3, recovering from an early take down

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain Erik Shea (#33) takes a swipe at the ball in the hands of Scituate's Mike Barry. The Skippers won two and lost one this week to go to 6-2 on the season.

Middle School gymnasts get head start

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

The brightly lit room is buzzing with activity as more than 20 girls, their hands ghost-white with chalk, work diligently to perfect the routines they'll soon be called upon to perform in competition.

Tuesday night at the South Shore Community Center is buzzing with activity as the undefeated Cohasset/Norwell girls gymnastics team and Cohasset's middle school gymnasts workout together under the watchful eyes of Kara Connerty, Ruthann Ardizzoni and three college students, all former gymnasts, home on winter break.

In years past, it would have been Ardizzoni overseeing the varsity athletes. But after 15 years as the Skippers' head coach, Ardizzoni passed over the reigns to Connerty. Now, Ardizzoni is spending her time running the SSCC's athletic programs with its 275 members, working as a judge at competitions and doing her part in preserving the gymnastics tradition at Cohasset by coaching the 15 seventh and eighth graders.

What Ardizzoni sees in the 14 seventh graders and one eighth grader, captain Nancy Durkin, is plenty of raw potential and several girls who, save for a rule change put into effect two years ago by former principal Curt Collins, would be competing on the Cohasset/Norwell team this winter.

"I'm really glad they're having a middle school program because these girls would have been picked up by other sports and we wouldn't have gotten them back," said Ardizzoni as the evening's workout was drawing to a close. "It's working out really well."

A middle school gymnastics program in Cohasset never needed to be

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Hoopsters stay in thick of SSL

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

From January third to the ninth, the Cohasset boys basketball team faced three South Shore League rivals in Norwell, Carver and Hull. It was deemed by 10th year head coach Ron Ford to be the toughest week of the season.

The team went 2-1 in that span to maintain second place in what is shaping up to be an extremely competitive South Shore League.

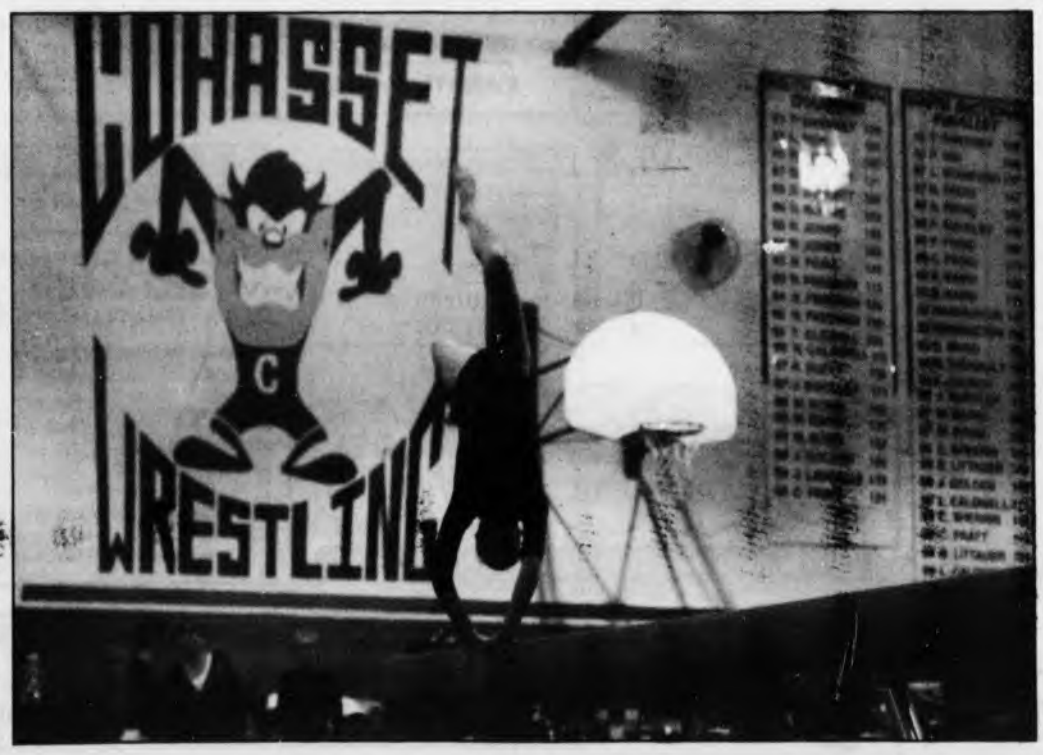
In the first contest, Cohasset edged the Clippers of Norwell in a home game overtime thriller 73-71.

Led by sophomore Gerry Corcoran, who many believe to be the best player in the SSL, the Clippers jumped out to the early lead. Up 21-11 with just under four minutes left in the first half, Corcoran already had 17 points.

But a smooth, unrushed 15-0 run over the next couple of minutes enabled the Skippers to take a 29-27 at the half.

"The kids executed their game plan to a T," reported Ford, delighted with the composure his young team maintained after being jumped

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Cohasset gymnast Kristen Sheerin, seen here on the beam, set a C.H.S record, scoring a 35.15 in the all-around in Tuesday's meet with Hanover. The junior finished first on the floor (9.1), uneven bars (8.7) and vault (8.55). Despite her efforts, the Cohasset-Norwell team still fell to the powerhouse Hanover squad, 128.77-121.55.

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CHS weekly scoreboard

COED SWIMMING
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Jan.
5 beat Cardinal Spellman, 83-68
10 at Taunton

GYMNASTICS
(Cohasset/Norwell)
8 lost to Hanover, 128.77-121.55

WRESTLING
6 Whit-Hanson Tourney- 9th place
10 at Rockland

GIRLS BASKETBALL
3 lost to Norwell, 75-27
Lindsay Grossman- 11 points
5 lost to Carver, 61-43
Grossman- 20 points, 11 rebounds
9 lost to Hull, 41-35

ICE HOCKEY
3 lost to Hanover, 4-2
6 tied Hull, 3-3
10 at Norwell

BOYS BASKETBALL
3 beat Norwell, 73-71
5 lost to Carver, 66-48
9 beat Hull, 75-66
10 at South Shore Voke

Littauer takes first at W-H tourney

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and 2-0 deficit.

Littauer comes from a family of wrestlers. Both his father and older brother were grapplers of some repute. He has been starting for Sweeney since he was in the eighth grade at the Senior-Middle School.

"He really is the whole package on the mat," assessed Sweeney. "On top of everything else, he's a very smart wrestler."

In order to fill the void at 152 pounds, Sweeney has asked one of his other top wrestlers, Pat Carbone to flip flop with Littauer and move up into the 152 pound division. The junior recently was Cohasset's top placer at the annual Marshfield Holiday Tourney, taking fifth in the prestigious 22 team event at 145 pounds.

"I don't think Pat will have much of a problem with the transition either," said Sweeney. "He's also a kid who wrestles much stronger than his size might indicate."

The next highest finisher for Cohasset at the Whitman-Hanson event was sophomore Terry Baroudi, who took third place in the 130 pound class, which Sweeney called one of the most competitive divisions in the tourney.

Littauer, Carbone and Baroudi are three of the younger wrestlers Sweeney plans to build around this year for the future. He figures that with grapplers like these, along with a host of fast rising underclassmen and what he calls "a fantastic class" of eighth graders coming aboard next year, Cohasset's program is on the upswing.

"We may have some growing pains this year," Sweeney conceded, "but we're building toward something. Hopefully, we can keep making progress this year, and carry that on into next season."

Gymnasts get head start

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an option in years past. Seventh- and eighth-grade girls were allowed on the varsity team because, as a junior/senior high school, Cohasset students had the same principal. Collins, according to Ardizzoni, concerned the younger kids would place too much pressure on themselves to perform at a varsity level, split the sports programs at the school between eighth and ninth grade.

With the numbers cut, Cohasset and Norwell merged their gymnastics teams in a move that has been a huge success. The Skippers are currently 2-1, having recorded a score of 125.75 in a recent meet against Pilgrim Conference opponent, Carver. The score is one of the three best in Cohasset High history and Norwell's all-time best.

The middle school program is a minor league of sorts for the gymnasts to fine tune their skills, learn more difficult techniques and garner experience by working with Ardizzoni and the varsity team. Once a week, varsity co-captains Carlie Carter and Kristin Sheerin work with the middle schoolers' floor routines.

"It's working out really well," said Ardizzoni of the program.

Durkin is one of the gymnasts who would be a contributing member of the varsity team this season if not for the rule change. The 5-foot, 105-pound captain is a Level 6 competitor who is working to reach the Level 7 mark this year. High school meets are run using Level 9 rules, but Ardizzoni is confident Durkin would have been a perfect fit for this year's team.

"Nancy would be an asset right now on the varsity team," said Ardizzoni. "Eight of the (middle school) girls would be very comfortable with varsity competition."

Durkin, a year-round gymnast at the community center, seems content biding her time until she is eligible for varsity. She believes working out with the older gymnasts provides a great experience to learn even more.

"You get to see them and how hard they work," Durkin said. "You pick up certain moves and may decide to give them a try."

Strong for her size with toned, muscular biceps and shoulders, the team captain leads the stretching and conditioning phase of the workout and updates the girls on what the team worked on at practice when they aren't able to be there. On this night, Durkin worked on her vaulting and floor routine, her two best events. During competitions, she receives consistent 7.5 – 8.0 scores in both.

As for Durkin's future goals, she is looking to improve steadily and be ready for the 2001-2002 season.

"I just want to do my best and keep moving up the levels," she said.

Like the varsity team, the middle schoolers are a tight-knit bunch in just their second week of practicing together.

"They're working pretty well together," said Ardizzoni. "The camaraderie is definitely there. The girls are learning a lot but it's not a stressful experience for them. We're just trying to teach and get the kids ready."

The middle schoolers will get the chance to compete in an exhibition when Cohasset/Norwell takes on Notre Dame of Hingham, Jan. 16 in a home meet. Three girls in each event will be on center stage after the varsity gymnasts finish their routines. The youngsters will get their feet wet competing under Level 9 rules without the added pressure of a dual-meet setting.

And on Jan. 31, the middle schoolers will have the stage to themselves in an exhibition meet at the community center. Warm-ups begin at 6 p.m. and the meet starts at 7 p.m.

For gymnastics junkies, it's the chance to take a good, hard look at the future of Cohasset gymnastics. Chances are they'll like what they

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on in the early stages of the game. "Once they calmed down, they played a great game."

The second half was a different story for sophomore sensation Corcoran, as he shot a mere 4-of-15 from the floor.

"Sometimes (Corcoran) can get carried away," conceded seventh year Norwell head coach John Willis. "But he is that talented on offense that I pretty much give him free reign."

Despite the poor shooting second half, Corcoran scored the last five points in regulation with his team trailing 59-54 in the final 15 seconds.

In overtime, Skipper senior captain TJ Bilodeau simply took over, scoring 10 of his 19 points in the three minute period. The most impressive of his shots was a leaning three pointer with a double team in his face with time winding down on the shot clock.

"That is just being a senior captain," said the smiling Ford.

After Bilodeau hit two free throws with under a minute left on the clock to put the Skippers up three, sophomore power forward Ben Lynner, who finished the game with eight points and six rebounds, dumped in two more from the line to put Cohasset up five with 5 ticks remaining, essentially icing the game.

Corcoran then hit an inhumanly cool 40 foot three pointer to add to his already more than impressive statistics.

Leading the way for Cohasset was senior captain Erik Shea, who recorded 21 points to go with his five rebounds and four assists. Freshman center Sean Connelly turned in an impressive performance with six points and seven boards.

Given the intensity of the game, Ford said he was "ecstatic" about the very confident and intelligent way his team conducted itself.

"The bigger the game, the more relaxed you have to be," he asserted.

Two days later, Cohasset faced the very tough, very large Carver team on the road, and fell to the Crusaders, 66-48.

Cohasset was able to hang around with the Crusaders, staying within five points (46-41) with under six minutes left, rattling the team that Ford feels is one of the best Division 3 teams in the state.

"What we lack in size, we make up in skill and athleticism," effused Ford.

Carver's 'twin towers', Tim Ryan and Ralph Frazier, both scored 18 points, leading the way in both the set offense and transition.

Cohasset played another "big game" a few days later, this time against arch-rival Hull, with Cohasset making a late run en route to 75-66 win.

Down 33-32 at halftime, Cohasset moved out in front behind consistent dribble penetration, and slowly began building up their lead, getting it to 13 with two and a half minutes to go.

Junior point guard Matt Bilodeau turned in 19 points, to go along with four rebounds and three steals. Shea, lassoed in the first half with only two points on 1-of-6 shooting, lit up the Pirates in the second to finish the game with 20 points.

Lynner bruised his way underneath, earning himself 11 points and nine boards. On the other side of the paint, Conelly tallied 10 and five. Mixing up his positions, senior captain Doug O'Brien had an unusually high rebound total for his size with 11, while recording four assists, and firing up the crowd with a monster block on transition.

Game Notes

Norwell game:

-TJ Bilodeau had a team high five steals against Norwell, and had recorded at least three in every game up to that point.

-Cohasset committed its lowest amount of turnovers this season with 10, while forcing Norwell into 16.

-Cohasset shot 8-for-10 from the foul line in the first half, 4-for-4 in overtime. Remarkably, the Skippers had no trips to the line in the second half.

-Cohasset held Norwell's talented junior center Ted Hughes, a transfer from B.C. High, to four points on 1-of-4 shooting from the floor.

-Norwell had the Mohan brothers, John and Mike, on the floor at the same time that Cohasset had the Bilodeau trifecta: TJ, junior guard Matt and freshman guard Chris Bilodeau.

Carver game:

-Even odder than the last note of the Norwell game, Carver had all three Fraziers on the floor, Ralph, Mark and Chris, matched up against the Bilodeau threesome.

-Cohasset got to the line a mere three times against Carver, a season low after averaging 20 attempts through their first six games.

-Two of Cohasset's attempts came after a technical foul on Carver. TJ Bilodeau hit one of two, pushing his season totals from the line to 35-for-39.

-Carver coughed up the ball with 29 turnovers in the game, with the Skippers committing 21.

Hull game:

-Cohasset shot 16-of-20 from the line, while the enthusiastic Cohasset cheering section contributed to Hull's 10-of-23 performance.

-Hull shot eight free throws within a 30 second span in the second half.

-Cohasset, finishing the game with an impressive seven turnovers, did not commit one for the first 13 minutes of the second half.

-The first half marked the only half Cohasset has played this year without hitting a three pointer.

-Cohasset's eight point lead with 5:36 left in the game was the highest since Hull went up 11-4 just under five minutes into the game.

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MIAA state competition held on the 25th of that month.

Kearney was able to mention a few more of her girls who she feels would have made a profound difference on the score.

Amanda Turner, who finished third in the summer league championships despite a migraine, Holly Graham, Sarah Dugan, Megan Marr, sisters Elizabeth and Catherine Noonan were among the names on the list.

"Our girls compete very competitively with all the boys, usually winning a majority of the races," said senior co-captain Golden of Cohasset.

Kearney also sang very high praises for Cohasset freshman Delia Regan for her admirable level of dedication. Her times, the coach asserts, have benefited all of this hard work.

"She's got a beautiful stroke," said Kearney of Regan, the 1999 winner of the coveted Mark Nourie Delaney Memorial Award for the Cohasset Swim team, an award given to an outstanding athlete with great leadership qualities. "No matter what is going on with her, she just does the practice and gives it her all."

Regan, competitor in the 200 freestyle, cut her time from a 2:59 at the beginning of the year to a 2:49, and gunned down that personal best with a 2:39.88 against Middleboro.

"About two weeks in, I looked in the pool, and she's leading the pack!" laughed Kearney.

With all the female talent, the gender barrier has not been a problem for the Scituate and Cohasset swimmers.

"They are very mature young adults," explained Kearney, a Scituate native. "There is no problem between Cohasset and Scituate, and there is no problem between boys and girls."

Previous to the match up against the Middleboro Sachems, Sci/Coh pitted themselves against North Quincy, romping 99-75. Before that, the Sailor/Skipper squad defeated Cardinal Spellman 83-68. Cohasset has five dual meets left, all against conference opponents in Barnstable, Taunton, Duxbury, Nausett, Sharon and Sandwich, the last of which takes place on January 31.

With their last available practice on Jan. 30, Kearney has posed a very reasonable question: Where does the team practice for the All-Conference meet (Feb 9), districts (Feb 15) and states (Feb 25)?

Already, the team has to practice at the less than convenient Weymouth MDC Pool, and can only get there three times per week.

"It is very difficult to deal with the limited practice time, combined town team and distant practice site," said Golden, who has managed to keep a positive attitude despite the hardships. "But it also brings the team together."

Kearney gives her entire team a lot of credit for sticking with the sport, despite the lack of funds and facilities, saying: "They study on the way home on the bus. These are kids who are truly committed. It was so hard to get this going this year, and they are really committed to making this work."



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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JAN. 1

1:19 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Phillip P. Aucoin, 19, 9 Joyce St., Chelmsford. Chrgs. transporting minor, carrying alcoholic beverage. Arrest: Matthew P. Schmidt, 19, 15 Sir Constantine Dr. Chrgs. transporting minor, carrying alcoholic beverage. Arrest: Brad Powell, 19, 16 Stanton Rd., Cohasset. Chrgs. transporting minor, carrying alcoholic beverage. Arrest: Corey E. Sullivan, 17, 21 Gammons Rd., Cohasset. Chrgs. transporting minor, carrying alcoholic beverage.

4:27 p.m. South Main St., 911 call verification.

4:56 p.m. Summer St., structure fire.

5:04 p.m. Reservoir Rd., 911 call verification.

5:12 p.m. Windy Hill Rd., fire investigation.

7:02 p.m. Elm St., general disturbance.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

midnight Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation.

7:55 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation warning.

12:01 p.m. Forest Ave., reported death.

8:45 p.m. S. Main St., parking violation, ticket issued.

11:52 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle accident.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 3

8:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle accident.

9:21 a.m. S. Main St., and Brook St., parking violation.

9:24 a.m. S. Main St., annoying phone calls.

12:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire auto.

12:36 p.m. Lily Pond Ln., general services.

1:37 p.m. King St., general services.

2:14 p.m. Hull St., assisted other agency.

8:18 p.m. Elm St., equipment test.

8:56 p.m. Bancroft Rd., medical aid.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

6:46 a.m. Keene Ln., General Services.

6:50 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic violation issued.

6:57 a.m. Stop & Shop Plaza, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

7:34 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic violation issued.

3:24 p.m. Forest Ave., and Black Rock Rd., assist motorist.

6:43 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning

FRIDAY, JAN 5

12:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person.

3:01 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:28 a.m. Stanton Rd., medical aid

10:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

10:31 a.m. N. Main St., parking violation, ticket issued.

12:54 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident

1:06 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

2:47 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:38 p.m. Erving Rd., animal control.

7:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

9:52 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious activity.

10:36 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JAN 6

12:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Kimberly A. McGee, 35, 21 Atherton Rd., Hull. Chrgs. Operating under the influence of liquor, failure to stay within marked lanes, red light violation, WMS warrant.

7:25 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle accident.

8:20 a.m. Elm St., parking violation.

8:44 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident.

9:19 a.m. King St., fire investigation.

9:52 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Linden Dr., parking violation.

10:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

10:30 a.m. Ash St., and Short St., parking violation

12:01 p.m. N. Main St., assist citizen.

12:14 p.m. Highland Ave., disturbance gathering.

1:33 p.m. Hull St., disturbance gathering.

2:54 p.m. Beach St., notification.

9:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop., verbal warning.

10:15 p.m. Lightkeepers, disturbance general.

11:33 p.m. Forest Ave., general services.

SUNDAY, JAN.7

3:49 a.m. King St., suspicious auto. Arrest: Eric M. Replogle, 17, 7 Gridley Bryant, Scituate. Chrgs. larceny of property $250 or less, disorderly person. Arrest: Jonathan R. Petty, 19, 22 Collier Ave., Scituate. Chrgs. receiving stolen property, $250 or less, disorderly person, operating recklessly so as to endanger speeding in violation of special regulations failure to stay within marked lanes, operating m/v without headlights, larceny of property of $250 or less. Arrest: Juvenile. Chrgs. larceny of property of $250 or less, receiving stolen property, $250 or less, disorderly person.

10:42 a.m. Beechwood St., disabled auto.

1:06 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

3:10 p.m. Hull St., traffic safety inspection.

3:21 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., disturbance.

4:30 p.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other agency, verbal warning.

8 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Bonnie Campbell, 51, 20 Mordecai Lincoln Rd., Scituate. Chrgs. Operating under influence of liquors, resisting arrest, failure to stay within marked lanes.

MONDAY, JAN. 8

Midnight Elm St., annoying phone calls.

12:01 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

12:02 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

1:03 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

1:21 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

1:22 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

1:24 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

1:42 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

3:09 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

3:24 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

3:37 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

4:39 a.m. King St., medical aid.

4:39 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

4:41 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

4:55 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

5:10 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

POLICE BRIEFS

Teens arrested on alcohol charge

Police arrested four teenagers after finding beer in their car in the early hours of New Year's Day morning.

The officer on patrol observed the vehicle fail to grant the right-of-way to another car at Jerusalem Road and North Main Street at about 1:15 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 1.

After the traffic stop, further investigation revealed a 12 pack of Bud Lite on the rear floor and an open can of Bud Lite under a coat between the two occupants in the back seat. Police, who stepped up patrols over the holiday weekend, said the teens were headed home.

Charged with minor transporting alcohol were the driver Phillip P. Aucion, 19, of Chelmsford; and passengers, Matthew P. Schmidt, 19, of Markham, Ontario; and Cohasset residents Brad Powell, 19, of 16 Stanton Road, and Corey Sullivan, 17, of 21 Gammons Road. The teens were arraigned Monday in Quincy District Court and were all placed in a diversionary program during which they must attend a Mothers Against Drunk Driving workshop and pay a $50 fee to MADD. The arrests won't appear on their records, police said.

Sign up for Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy sponsored by Cohasset police starts Feb. 5.

Classes will be conducted from 6-9 p.m. once a week for nine weeks. Curriculum includes criminal and constitutional law, court procedures, probable cause and elements of crimes, motor vehicle law and accident investigation, firearms and use of force, patrol procedures, traffic enforcement and community policing. Ride-alongs with police officers may also be included.

Applications are available at the police station on Elm Street.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said there is no charge for participants. The estimated $3,000 cost of conducting the academy that may include some overtime to cover shifts is being paid for through a state grant earmarked for community policing services.

The class size at the academy is limited to 12 people, age 16 and older. Noonan said police hope to get a cross-section of teenagers, parents and senior citizens.

Scituate youths nabbed in alleged donut heist

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lanes violation and operating a motor vehicle without headlights. Petty and Repogle were arraigned on the charges Monday in Quincy District Court with a pre-trial conference scheduled for Feb. 16. The juvenile was arraigned yesterday (Wednesday).

The doughnuts and bagels that are dropped off in the early morning deliveries are protected in shrink wrap, police said. Bernie McShane, owner of the Donut Shop, said doughnuts are usually dropped off about 1-1/2 hours before the shops open. He said missing doughnuts have been a problem.

"This past summer was the worst," said McShane, whose shop makes deliveries across the South Shore. "Sometimes other stores in the area, like Tedeschi's help us out or we have to ask for a key."

McShane speculated the thefts were more like a prank.

"Kids see them out there. I'm sure newspaper deliveries and bread deliveries have the same problem," he said. "Who knows what they do with the doughnuts? — Eat some, throw some."

Noonan, the Cohasset chief, said all the evidence was donated to Father Bill's, a homeless shelter in Quincy.

Although Mary Lou's sells other baked goods such as muffins and coffee cake – for some people, there is no substitute for a doughnut.

"Nothing really replaces a doughnut if you really want a doughnut," said Sandry of Marylou's.

At the Cohasset shop customers noticed the lack of doughnuts Sunday morning.

"One of our customers relies on a plain doughnut," said Amy Litchfield, cashier. "He just bows his head, shakes it and walks out."

Beth Rusznak at the North Scituate shop said customers were understanding.

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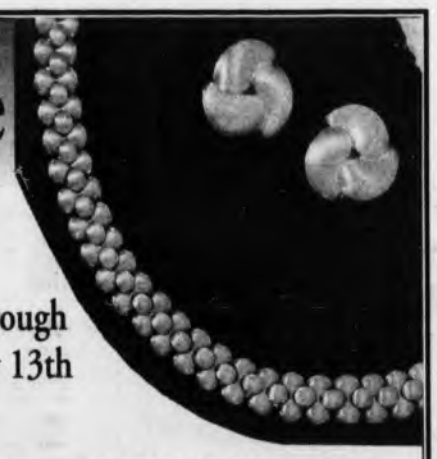
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OBITUARIES

Joseph Dooley Sr.

Joseph R. Dooley Sr., 76, of South Dennis, died Jan. 7, 2001, at his home unexpectedly.

Mr. Dooley was born and educated in Boston.

He was the son of the late William F. Dooley and Margaret (Burke) Dooley.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on Jan. 20, 1942. He served with the Marine Corps. in the South Pacific. After being discharged, he returned to Boston where opened a real estate and property management company. He later worked as a property and real estate manager for several banks in the Boston area.

Mr. Dooley had been a resident of Hyde Park, Canton, and Cohasset.

He retired in 1990, and moved to South Dennis from Cohasset in 1993.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Cape Church in Brewster, The Marine Corps League Cape and Islands Detachment, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Cohasset.

He leaves his wife, Roseann (Flannagan) Dooley (they married on June 5, 1948, in St. Paul's Church in Cambridge), seven children, Richard J. Dooley of Atlanta, Ga., Jean E. Wagner of Scituate, Dennis M. Dooley of Cohasset, Joseph R. Dooley of Cohasset, Maryanne D. Grady of Sandwich, Thomas E. Dooley of Cohasset, Kevin E. Dooley of Cohasset; two brothers, Edward Dooley of Daytona Beach, Fla., John Dooley of Dedham, three sisters, Rita Keohane of Stoughton, Mary Fitzsimmons of Daytona Beach, Fla., Katherine Harrington of Needham; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be held on Jan. 12, 2001, in Our Lady of the Cape Church, Stoney Brook Rd., Brewster at 1 p.m.

Interment in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne will be on Jan. 12 at 3 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marine Corps League Cape and Islands Detachment, P. O. Box 1871, Orleans 02653.

Dennis W. Kuntz

Dennis W. Kuntz, 65, of Cohasset, a physical education teacher, died Jan. 3, 2001, at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis from injuries sustained in a car accident on Cape Cod.

Mr. Kuntz taught at Cohasset public schools for his entire career. He retired in 1994.

He was born in Boston and raised in Newton, and lived in Cohasset since 1967.

He graduated from Boston University in 1963.

Mr. Kuntz leaves his wife of 42 years, Marion J. (Marcy) Kuntz; a son, John F. Kuntz of Boston; a daughter, Nancy M. Kraemer of Cary, N.C.; a sister, Margaret Hanna of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service officiated by the Rev. Gary Ritts was held at the Second Congregational Church.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to the Deer Hill School Fund, c/o Pilgrim Co-op Bank, 48 S. Main St., Cohasset 02025.

Ramona Friel

Ramona "Mona" Friel, of Cohasset, owner of a hair salon, died Jan 3, 2001, at home.

Mrs. Friel was the owner of Mona Friel's Hairdressing Salon in Cohasset Village for 30 years.

She was born in Braintree and graduated from Braintree High School and Mansfield Beauty Academy in Boston. She lived in Cohasset for 40 years.

Wife of the late Alfred Friel, she leaves a brother, Anthony Alosi of California; and three sisters, Constance Walsh, Carmela Conti and Florence Pino of Quincy.

A funeral Mass officiated by The Rev. John R. Mulvehill was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery.

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WORSHIP NEWS

Spiritual talk



Cynthia Alyce Neely

Please join Cynthia Alyce Neely for a spiritual talk entitled, "Freedom That lasts" at Old Ship Church Parish House on Main Street in Hingham, Monday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m. This talk is presented in response to the growing public interest in spirituality. Neely will focus on how we can discover our true identity and understand our divine rights as the children of God. This understanding brings equality, mutual respect, and appreciation for each other into our every endeavor. It also enables us to enjoy each other's diversity..

In her talk, Neely will also discuss Mary Baker Eddy her book "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures." Neely describes it as a book that will help you find spiritual solutions to the challenges that face each of us every day, including parenting and relationship problems, lack of equality in the workplace, issues surrounding the mind/body connection, poor health, and troubled finances.

Science and Health, written more than 120 years ago, was chosen by the Women's National Book Association as "one of 75 books by women whose words have changed the world."

Neely will also discuss how the healing and regeneration she has experienced in her own life are possible for everyone to achieve.

Alpha course

Alpha, a ten session course to examine contemporary, spiritual questions will be offered weekly on Wednesday evenings by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is served to begin each class. There is no cost. "What can I believe in," and "Where is the meaning in life?" are vital yet difficult questions. Alpha helps participants explore them for themselves. Tough, skeptical questions are taken seriously. Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and signifies the importance of seeking first things first. New understandings are found in topics such as: "Who is Jesus?" "How and Why Do I Pray?" "Does God Heal Today?" There is plenty of humor and good food, opportunity to get to know others who also may be questioning and to make new friends. One participant wrote to say: "Thank you for allowing non-members of St. Stephen's to attend. I truly enjoyed the fellowship and felt I had made new friends." For more information or to register, call Saint Stephen's Church at (781)383-1083 and ask for Jane or Cliff.

Monday evenings with the rabbi

At Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, Rabbi Stephen Karol will teach a course Monday evenings entitled "Does Archaeology 'Prove' the Bible Is True?" This course will answer such questions as: "Do history and the Bible contradict each other?" and "Are science and faith in conflict with each other?" In this course you will read about specific examples of archaeological discoveries that may or may not support what we read about in the Bible. These will include the location of the Garden of Eden, where Abraham started his journey to Canaan, and what life was like for our ancestors in Egypt.

This class will meet from 8 to 9:15 p.m. Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, and 26. There is no fee for this class; members and non-members are welcome to attend.

To get more information, sign up for this course, or get directions to Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, call (781) 749-8103.

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Scituate flick at a video store near you

By Seth Jacobson
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By day, Michael Lewis works at Olson Global Markets in Hingham, but in his spare time, one of the things he's good at is talking about funny movies.

He also likes writing, producing, and acting in them.

Lewis, 39, of Weymouth, is riding high lately on the success of a film he wrote and shot in Scituate two years ago. The independent movie now known as "The Mysterious Death of Kelly Lawman," has made it to the shelves of local Hollywood Video stores and is even getting regular slots on pay cable stations including HBO and Cinemax. Showtime is expected to begin showing the film in the near future, Lewis said.

If you don't find "The Mysterious Death of Kelly Lawman," at the video store next time your in, ask for "Getting Personal," the other name given to the movie.

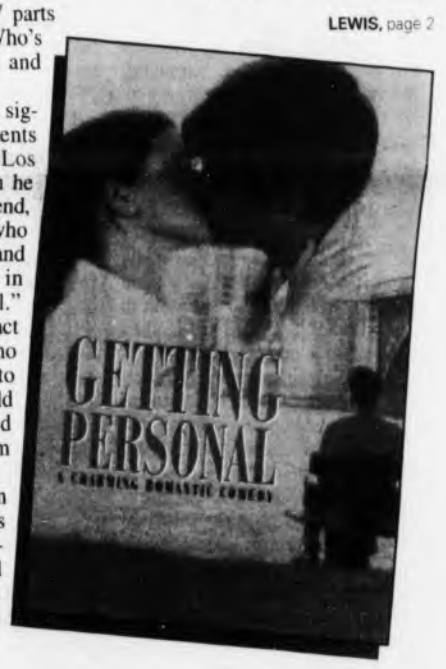
"The film is under two different titles right now," Lewis explained. "We changed the name for the (Hollywood Video) store because we found out that dramas tend to rent better." But Lewis noted on the cable stations and on Amazon.com, the film is listed as "Getting Personal."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Michael Lewis, takes a break outside his parents Egypt Beach home during the filming of his Scituate-based independent film three years ago.





While the packages are different the two films inside are the same.

Whatever the name of the film may be, the fact is "Getting Personal" once again puts Scituate on the map and the small screen. While the 1987 film the Witches of Eastwick featured scenes of Scituate Harbor and the Quarterdeck gift shop, "Getting Personal," was mostly filmed in Scituate, at the Egypt Beach home where Lewis summered as a child and where his parents make their year-round home now. The movie was also partially shot in Boston.

"The movie is a romantic comedy about two women who are renting a summer home in Scituate," he said. "They find a stranger on the sundeck one day, and one of these women falls in love with him. However, the stranger finds that he is unable to become intimate with her because of something in his past."

Although "Getting Personal" was released in 1998, it never made it to public theaters in America—just Europe. But despite not making it to the big screen in the U.S., Lewis' film received accolades from critics at the Seattle Film Festival, the Austin Film Festival, and the local Woods Hole Film Festival.

> **"No one hired me in Los Angeles so I hired myself in Boston."**
> -Actor Michael Lewis

"In a sense, the video release of the film is the debut here in the United States," Lewis said, adding he's been getting some good feedback from various people who have seen the film.

"It's a comedic love story," Lewis said. "If people who see it get a couple belly laughs while they're watching it, that's good enough for me."

The Dedham native's interest in films dates back to his college days at UMASS Amherst where he studied both English and drama. Lewis began experimenting with writing screenplays as a student and decided to make a go of it in Los Angeles in the mid-1980s.

"While I was in Los Angeles, I got a job as the playwright-in-residence at a theater called Los Feliz Playhouse," Lewis said. "I had some good reviews on a couple of my plays and I started doing some bit TV parts on shows like 'Who's The Boss?' and 'Growing Pains.'"

One of the most significant moments Lewis had in Los Angeles was when he met his good friend, Michael Landes, who would eventually land the lead role in "Getting Personal." Landes was in fact the person who inspired Lewis to turn a 10-year old script he penned into his first film screenplay.

After a decade in Hollywood, Lewis had become disenchanted and returned to his native New England where he took a very different career path — the insurance game. But it wasn't long after he returned and was working at Northwestern Mutual Life in Boston that his old pal Michael Landes called him looking for a new script.

"He kind of just said 'Do you have any plays lying around?,'" Lewis said. "A month before (Landes) called, I had pulled out this one script I had written years ago—I ended up handing that one over to him."

When Landes read the script, he called Lewis and said he should really think of turning it into an independent film.. Lewis got a group of investors together, and made the film now known as "Getting Personal" for $500,000.

"It was about 30 days of shooting," Lewis said. "Ten of those days were spent filming in Scituate, and everyone in that community was so great to us." He said Scituate residents "put crew and cast members up," and he noted local businesses like Mickey's, Mullaney's Seafood, and Morning Glory Bakery frequently provided cast and crew members with good eats.

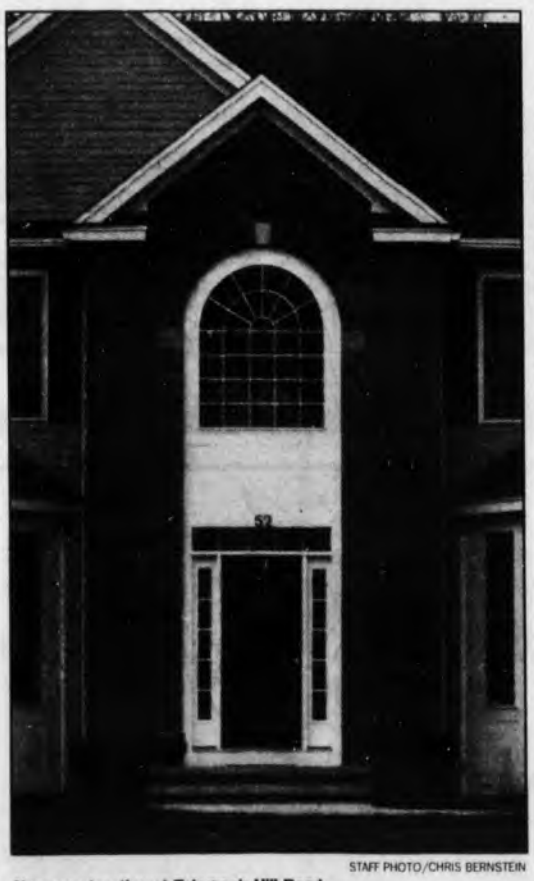
"We all had a blast," Lewis said.

"Everything turned out great,"

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Dreaming big

Buyers want spacious kitchens, family rooms



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New construction at Telegraph Hill Road.

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

For Claudia Phillips and her husband, Tom, the only house that will do for them is a new house.



"We're shopping for our third house, and it will probably be our last house, or at least until we retire," said Phillips.

"So I really want the house of my dreams. We've lived in apartments, rented houses, and we even remodeled the home we're in now. But I always pictured myself living in a brand-new home," she said.

Phillips said she likes the idea of starting fresh with a home. "I want to be the one to choose paint colors, light fixtures and appliances instead of living with other people's choices," she said.

The Phillipses, who have three school-age children, are looking at new construction in shoreline towns and

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Cloud 15

Pastel artist has eye on the sky in new show

By Seth Jacobson
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Marshfield resident Margaret Farrell Bruno, has a knack for painting with pastels.

The North River Arts Society (NRAS) member is currently showing her works in an exhibit at the Ventress Memorial Library gallery in Marshfield. The show runs through Feb. 3 and is being sponsored by the NRAS.

"The show opened on Dec.9," Bruno said of the Ventress exhibit. She added the show consists of 15 of her pastel paintings featuring clouds.

"I've always had kind of a love affair with clouds," Bruno added. "A lot of the paintings that are being featured at the show were done last summer, which a lot of people remember as dreary. But from a creative standpoint, last summer was great for painting clouds."

Bruno said even though the theme for the current art show is clouds, her paintings feature more than just what's up in the air.

"Clouds are just an aspect of the paintings," she said. "Some of the paintings are just about clouds, but other paintings focus a bit more on the landscapes." Bruno said many of the paintings in her vast portfolio feature local South Shore-based scenarios, but she also has paintings based in pastel-friendly places like Nantucket.

"You can really capture amazing sunsets on that island," she said. Bruno added she's been getting some good feedback from her current show, and what's more, some of the featured works have already been sold. But Bruno is no stranger to artistic success—she has been an artist her whole life and she's been exhibiting her

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Pastel works by Margaret Farrell Bruno, are currently on display at Marshfield's Ventress Memorial Library. Fifteen of the works in the exhibit show Bruno's fascination with clouds.

Food & dining

Puttanesca made right

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

We've all had puttanesca sauce, that feisty, working-man combination of tomatoes, garlic, capers, anchovies, olives, chopped parsley, and olive oil. It can be blue collar cooking at its best but — barely cooked raw ingredients which fill the mouth with assertive pleasure — but, in this country, it is often no more than a wan tomato sauce dressed up to feel important.

The basic recipe calls for cooking anchovies, garlic, and red pepper flakes in olive oil, then adding the chopped tomatoes, simmering, and then finishing up with chopped olives and capers. The first issue I addressed was the olive oil. Only extra-virgin will do since anything else is too mild. Among supermarket extra-virgin oils, however, there is a lot of difference and I suggest an oil with a lot of bite in the back of the throat such as Colavita.

Since really good fresh tomatoes are virtually impossible to find most of the year, I started off with canned tomatoes, using Muir Glen Diced Tomatoes, the brand which won one of my blind tastings a couple of years back. (If you cannot find diced tomatoes, purchase the "ground" variety. Progresso is a good alternative choice to Muir Glen.)

The only other ingredient which bears some thought is the olives. Forget about making this sauce with a can of Libby's sliced and pitted olives. In my opinion, they have little flavor. Instead, use a high-quality brine- or oil-cured black olive such as Kalamata. I also tried green olives but did not care for the flavor. Finally, I found that I preferred garlic which was crushed in a garlic press to minced garlic since it had less of a tendency to burn and turn bitter. (It is also easier to use a press.)

Now the big issue was the cooking itself. Over the years, I have found most tomato sauces to be superior when cooked quickly except for those cooked with meat. This recipe is no exception. However, the cooking times for different ingredients turned out to be key. I liked the flavor best when the anchovies, garlic, and red pepper flakes were briefly sautéed in the olive oil. The anchovies break down, becoming mellow, the garlic does not have time to become bitter, and the pepper flakes lose their harsh bite.

Next, I added the diced tomatoes and let the sauce simmer for 20 minutes. Finally, I added the olives and capers, two ingredients which taste better when cooked for only a few minutes. With longer cooking, they tend to take over the sauce. Salt is almost optional since many of the ingredients are already salted but a good grind of black pepper is highly recommended.

20 MINUTE PUTTANESCA SAUCE

The two most important ingredients in this recipe are the diced tomatoes and the olives. Tasteless, canned olives just won't do.

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
3 medium garlic cloves, minced or pressed
4 anchovy fillets packed in olive oil, chopped
1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes Muir Glen or Progresso preferred
2 tablespoons drained capers
1/4 cup pitted and coarsely chopped brine-cured Kalamata olives
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 pound pasta
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

1. Heat olive oil in a medium saucepan or skillet. When hot add the garlic, anchovies and red pepper flakes and cook until the garlic is sizzling and aromatic but not browned. Add the tomatoes (and of course their liquid) and let the mixture come up to a simmer. Cover and cook for 20 minutes. Meanwhile set a large pot of water (about 1 gallon of water and one tablespoon salt) over high heat to boil.

2. When the sauce has cooked 20 minutes, add the pasta to the water. Meanwhile, uncover the sauce, stir and add the capers and olives and simmer uncovered for an additional 5 minutes. Taste for salt (you may not need any) and add several grinds of black pepper. Turn off burner under skillet, cover, and keep sauce warm. When the pasta is ready, drain for 30 seconds without shaking in a colander, and then place back into the cooking pot. Add the sauce and toss to combine.

3. Serve immediately, topping with the chopped fresh parsley. Serves 4



Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Gear up for an exciting, upbeat day. The Cancer moon becomes inactive at 7:39 a.m. until 7:44 a.m., when it enters playful Leo. The planet Mercury moves into Aquarius at 8:26 a.m., remaining there until February 1. The planet Jupiter now stands at 1-degree Gemini, and the applying Mercury/Jupiter alignment generates an optimistic mood. It makes this day ideal for launching new ventures, and it highlights all communications, study, travel. Go for the gold.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

The combination of a Leo moon and Mercury/Jupiter alignment prompts you to get an early start to this day. You can be most productive this morning. Plan to finish projects already begun rather than starting new ones. A lunar opposition to Uranus may bring unexpected distractions, obstacles in the afternoon. At 10:08 p.m. the moon forms a challenging 90-degree alignment to Saturn and becomes inactive. Meditate for inner peace and clarity.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

The moon enters Virgo at 7:26 a.m., traveling there today and tomorrow. In this period, Mercury, Virgo's planetary ruler, aligns with Neptune. This influence is ideal for developing creative projects. Follow your intuition and imagination. On the other hand, this is not a favorable time for making long-term decisions or commitments. You may not have all the facts of the matter.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

A lunar alignment to Pluto may spark emotional fireworks this morning. Don't rock the boat. As the day goes on, potentially stressful influences ease up considerably. All creative endeavors get the green light; art, music, dance, photography, crafts. Mercury and Neptune align at 5-degrees of Aquarius at 8:10 p.m. The Virgo moon aligns with the sun and Saturn until 11:12 p.m., when it becomes inactive. In addition, the sun forms a harmonious contact to Saturn in the early morning hours. Plan a quiet evening; spend quality time with friends and loved ones.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

The moon enters social Libra at 9:05 a.m. and forms harmonious contacts to Jupiter, Neptune and Mercury. Visit or entertain friends; get in touch with people you haven't heard from in a while. This day rates high for new starts of all kinds.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

A Libra moon continues to place the focus on relationship/partnership issues. The green light remains on for new beginnings, particularly in your personal life. If you have been experiencing problems with another, now is the time to work out difficulties. Be willing to see their point of view; forgive, forget and start anew. Channel your passions and dynamic energies into creative or romantic outlets.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

It may be difficult to get back to your daily business routine. Allow extra time to get where you are going. At 7:35 a.m. the last quarter phase of the moon occurs, and the Libra moon becomes inactive. Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, prepares to form major alignments to Pluto and Mars. Don't take risks. Secret schemes or hidden agendas will most likely backfire. At 2:02 p.m. the moon enters intensive Scorpio. Stay busy with work projects; review, redo, repair, reorganize. Back off rather than stir up resentment.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

A Scorpio moon today and tomorrow may generate stormy emotional weather. Don't force issues. Keep a low profile. On the other hand, the Scorpio moon brings a time when you can be most productive and get big work projects out of the way. Take on a busy schedule. Today the moon aligns with Mercury at 11:55 a.m., Mars at 5:20 p.m. and Venus at 5:53 p.m. Plan a quiet evening. Look within, and you will find what you need to get back on track.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

A lunar opposition to Saturn warns you to wake up in a good mood this morning. Others may be moody and difficult to get along with. Although this is not a great day for socializing, it is one of the best for getting things done. An applying alignment of Mercury to Pluto aids projects that need problem-solving. Tackle jobs that have been difficult and troublesome; you can work out the glitches and find new solutions. Take extra quiet time out for yourself. Prayer and meditation can help you to gain new awareness and find inner peace. The Scorpio moon becomes inactive at 8:44 p.m. until 10:35 p.m., when a Sagittarius moon takes over.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

An applying 90-degree alignment of Mercury/Mars impacts this day. Slow your pace. Sidestep irritability. Think before you say or do something you will later regret. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action until tomorrow. Stay busy with odd jobs, chores and errands. The moon continues to travel in Sagittarius. The sun moves into the sign Aquarius at 7:16 p.m., remaining there until February 18.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Storm clouds move out, and sunny astrological weather arrives today. The combination of a Sagittarius moon and sun/Jupiter alignment generates high energy, optimism, enthusiasm. You can launch important ventures between 5:00 a.m.-1:18 p.m., when the moon becomes inactive. The day is best, however, for enjoying favorite hobbies, sports, friends. Go with your adventurous side. Spur of the moment ideas can be the most successful. Be a free spirit; follow your bliss.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

The moon enters Capricorn at 9:57 a.m. The planetary ruler of Capricorn, Saturn, is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for direct travel on Wednesday, January 24. Focus on responsibilities you have taken on or commitments you have made; now is the time to follow through. An applying alignment of Mercury to Uranus urges you to keep an open mind; be willing to experiment with new ideas, techniques. This influence is great for troubleshooting, brainstorming.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Yesterday's advice pertains to today as well. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full agenda. Hard work will pay off. The moon continues its travel in Capricorn, and a Mercury/Uranus alignment culminates at 2:35 p.m. A lunar contact to Mars makes this a great evening to burn the midnight oil catching up on work projects or studies.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Hard work, self-discipline, attention to duty continue to be principal themes today. Rather than worrying about situations that are out of your control, focus on matters you can do something about. Repay debts, fulfill promises. Make up a list of things to do and stay busy. The Capricorn moon aligns with Saturn at 10:38 a.m. and becomes inactive. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 10:43 p.m., when the moon enters Aquarius.

Scituate flick at a video store near you

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Landes said of the experience. "(Lewis) has a way of creating great dialogue in movies. He's very charming and witty with words."

Landes who has the lead role in the movie is keeping busy these days acting in a new UPN series called "Special Unit 2," which will premiere in March. He also has a role in an upcoming film called "Heart's War" starring Bruce Willis.

Lewis said he's working on some new material, but his day job at Olson Global Markets keeps him pretty busy. He also enjoys spending a lot of his time with his son, and his wife Elaine.

"I love my job and so I'm definitely happy doing what I'm doing," he said. "But I have a script in the works called 'Eguys,' which is about all these dot com fiascoes. It's a combination of 'Swingers' and 'Glengarry Glenross.' I actually have about another half-dozen scripts I'm working on."

Lewis said he'd love to write and produce another independent film because he loves the artistic freedom involved, something he didn't really have in Hollywood.

"It's a funny thing," he said. "Everyone always says how Los Angeles is the place to go to get involved in the film industry, but I was there for a number of years and I couldn't get involved in it at all. No one hired me in Los Angeles so I hired myself in Boston."



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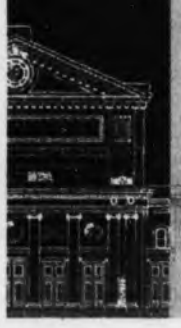
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Jig-Punk comes to town

Prodigals rock Company Theatre January 13

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The Prodigals are not the first band to combine Irish/Celtic folk traditions with punk rock's raw energy. But as the band is ready to launch its national tour for 2001, it just might be the first to take that hybrid sound and carry it to a mass audience.

The tour kicks off in our own backyard on Saturday (Jan. 13) at 8 p.m., as the Prodigals will rock the house at Norwell's Company Theatre.

When we're in the process of writing and arranging songs in rehearsal, it's very free and loose and almost no-holds-barred as far as experimenting with sounds and rhythms. And we look for and find places where Irish folk traditions can blend with rhythms found in West African, Indian and punk music.

Prodigals lead singer Gregory Grene

Since the mid 1980s, Irish bands such as the Pogues, Black 47, the Saw Doctors and, occasionally, even hit rockers U2 have creatively fused the whimsy and fire-in-the-belly passion of traditional Celtic music with the stripped-down, sonic power of punk. But the Prodigals, a New York quartet with American and Irish roots, are

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the first "statesiders" to jump into the ring of Celtic rock, although singer, accordionist and main songwriter Gregory Grene prefers to describe his band's sound as Jig-Punk.

Grene also emphasizes that while those other bands and more like them have tended to play their music from a modern rock/pop perspective with Irish influences with mixed results, the Prodigals' approach has come from the other way around: Irish/Celtic music with modern influences. And the band even ventures a step further, exploring rhythms of current dance music and hip-hop and even world music, blended into a sound that's still distinctly Irish.

"We're not trying to get away from or downplay the Irish elements in our sound," said Grene from his band's rehearsal studios outside New York.

"I think that's pretty obvious in the music when you listen to our record. Rather, I think we're broadening the basic Irish/punk sound by exploring the energy, especially the rhythmic energy, inherent in the music, and finding a new vocabulary for it overall. We think it's just a natural outgrowth of the music."

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"Bands like the Pogues approached traditional Irish music from a modern angle, and took the sound further than anyone else had at the time. But they probably didn't explore rhythms like we try to do. When we're in the process of writing and arranging songs in rehearsal, it's very free and loose and almost no-holds-barred as far as experimenting with sounds and rhythms. And we look for and find places where Irish folk traditions can blend with rhythms found in West African, Indian and punk music. But the music always starts out from a solid Irish/Celtic base, something very strong and specific, so it's not all just arbitrary jamming," Grene said

The Prodigals will perform at The Company Theatre on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $23 in advance and $26 the day of the show. For tickets or information call the theater at (781) 871-2787. The Company Theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell.



The Prodigals include: Gregory Grene — vocals and button accordion; Ray Kelly — vocals and guitar; Brian Tracey —drums, backing vocals; and Andrew Harkin — bass. The Irish band will perform this Saturday night (Jan. 13) at Norwell's Company Theatre.

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ROOMFUL OF BLUES will heat up the Company Theater in Norwell on Jan. 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. Voted the "Best Blues Band of the Year" in 1996 and 1998. Tickets are $25 in advance and $28 the day of the show and are available by calling (781)871-2787 or at the box office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell.
SCIENCE ISN'T ALWAYS PRETTY with Keith Johnson at the South Shore Natural Science Center on February 11 at 1 p.m. Seating is limited and tickets MUST be purchased in advance by calling the center at (781)659-2559 or visiting the center. Children will cheer as Johnson breaks the sound barrier, mix up a batch of green non-Newtonian fluid (AKA slime) and various other science experiments.
JUICE NEWTON PERFORMS at the Company Theater in Norwell for two shows on Jan. 19 and 20. Both shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the theatre box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787. Tickets are $29 in advance and $32 the day of the show. For more information visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.
BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. **The Odd Couple**, performances on Feb. 8, 9 & 10 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12. **SwingDance America** on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18. **The Tender Land**, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. **Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities** on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. **Radio Classic Live** on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.
"MIXED COUPLES" the comedy drama will be presented by the North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell on Jan. 19 & 20, 26 & 27 and February 2 & 3 at 8 p.m. Two middle-age couples waiting for a plane in 1927 discover they have more baggage than they thought as they explore their past lives and loves. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call (617)476-8947.
NONNA'S COMEDY CRUISE TO NOWHERE!! is coming to the South Shore . This dinner/theatre is an expensive option (approx. $40) for having a great meal and see/take part in a show all at one location coming in January. For more information call (781)933-1363.



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Juice Newton will perform two shows at the Company Theater in Norwell Jan. 19 and 20. Both shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the theatre box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787. Tickets are $29 in advance and $32 the day of the show. For more information visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.

Wed. 10

You Are Not Alone (Y.A.N.A.) a support group for widows and widowers will be meeting at 7 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church hall on Goddard Avenue in Rockland. There will be small groups for a support discussion. Coffee and refreshments are served. For more information call Marie at (781)767-4844 or Rose at (508)668-5226 or Bob at (781)380-8879.

"Little Nicky" will be presented with open caption at the Showcase Cinemas in Randolph. For the deaf and hard of hearing plus there is full sound on the film and the text is burned into each individual print. Check your local listings for showtimes or visit the website at www.showcase-cinemas.com. Located on Route 139, 73 Mazzeo Drive in Randolph. Tel. 781-963-9473.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum located at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, has various winter programs. For more information on any of the programs call Laura Liptak at (617)333-0690. "Drawing Birds: A Basic Workshop" will be held from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. on January 10 and 17. Fee: $20 non member and $17 Mass. Audubon. Participants will be guided through basic drawing techniques with tips on skeletal anatomy, feather structure and bird form.

Fri. 12

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with D.J. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required, no athletic shoes. For more information call (781)331-0021 or visit the website at www.southshoresingles.org.

The South Shore Art Center presents "Faculty Odyssey" an Exhibition of South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists on Jan. 12 with an opening reception from 6 - 8 p.m. The exhibit will run through Feb. 25. Gallery hours: Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. Dillon Gallery: "New Faces & Places" - Joan Brancale, Monica Denevan, Gloria Dufresne, Jack Foley, Wendy Hale, Pat O'Neill. Faculty Feature: Lis Koopman-Wyman. Located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information call (781)383-2787.

The Fuller Museum of Art presents "Feed Mind, Soul and Body at Gallery Talk" at 11:30 a.m. with Nancy Halpern. The cost is $10 and includes lunch. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. (508)588-6000.

Sat. 13

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Dusk Deer Watch" at 4:15 p.m. . Please call ahead to register as space is limited. Join an MDC ranger on an evening walk. 1.5 hours. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with some small hills for 3.5 miles. Tucker Hill path to Headquarters path, return via Massachusetts Trail and Doe Hollow trail. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Kayak Camping Skills Workshop sponsored by the North and South Rivers Watershed Association from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Crawford Boat building located at 1245 Ferry Street in Humarock on the bank of the South River. Learn how to organize and pack everything you need to go on a kayak camping trip. Suggested donation is $5 for members/$7.50 for non members. To sign up or for more information call (781)659-8168.

The Prodigals the hit of the recent Irish Music Festival at Stonehill College will be making their Company Theatre debut on Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $23 in advance and $26 the day of the show. Tickets are on sale at the Company Theatre Box Office, 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787.

Concert Featuring Piano And Violin, at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree on Saturday January 13, at 3:00 p.m., sponsored by The Friends of Thayer Public Library. Young musicians, winners of national and international competitions will perform, as will their teachers Margarita Gurevich, piano, and George Maxmann, violin. They will perform classical works of 18th - 20th century composers. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call 781-843-8519.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum located at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, has various winter programs. For more information on any of the programs call Laura Liptak at (617)333-0690. "Searching for Snow Fleas" will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Fee per adult/child pair: $14 non member and $12 Mass. Audubon. This program is intended for children ages 5 - 10. Dress warmly for outdoor exploration.

Sun. 14

"Duxbury Cultural Alliance" Announces First Annual Program entitled "Pull up a chair". The centerpiece of the program is "Shaker Chairs: Their Story," an exhibition on view through **Jan. 14** at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury. Schedule of events: Noon - Lecture by Sharon Koomler on Shaker History in New England at the King Caesar House Barn, 120 King Caesar Road. From 12 - 2 p.m. bring your picnic to the grounds and then tour the Alden House Museum, 105 Alden Street. At 1:30, Gallery tour with Sharon Koomler at the Art Complex Museum. From 2 - 6 p.m. "Be Seated" at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 George Street. At 3 p.m. Chairman of the Board: A Brief history of Colonial American Chairs with a lecture and slides. From 4 - 6 p.m. Musical Chairs, presented by the South Shore Conservatory at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 George Street. All events are open to the public. For more information call (781)934-6106.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Tracking in the Blue Hills" at 1 p.m. . Join an MDC ranger as you search for tracks and other animal signs. 1.5 hours. Please call to register for this program. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Open House at Harmony Wellness Center located at 51 Mill Street, Number 8, Hanover. Tel. (781)829-4300. From 1 - 4 p.m. learn about Hypnosis and Homeopathy, Tai Chi, Yoga and Acupuncture. Free chair massages and refreshments.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus will hold a spring concert from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Pilgrim Church in Duxbury. For more information call (781)585-3656.

The Northeast Motorcycle Expo Boston Edition will be held at the Shriner's Auditorium located in Wilmington, MA. $10 for adults, $4 for children 6 - 12 and children under 6 are free. Expo hours are Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call (800)759-7469 or visit www.NEMotorcycleExpo.com.

Mon. 15

Mammals of the Underworld a program presented by the Massachusetts Audubon Society from 2 - 5 p.m. with a slide show and field trip. Meet at the South Shore Regional Center, 2000 Main Street in Marshfield, fee is $5/$7. Discover the variety of native small mammals that can be found under brush, grass, the wood pile or under snow. Come prepared to search for signs of small mammal activity at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary after the slide show and presentation.

Tues. 16

The Olde Kids on the Block a 20 piece orchestra will be playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure at Striars JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. and admission is $5. **Jan. 16.**, Feb. 20., Mar. 20., Apr. 17., Jun. 19., July 17, and Aug., 21, 2001.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a luncheon at Nick's Place Restaurant, 399 Neponset Street in Canton. All attendees have an opportunity to introduce themselves. $15 for pre registered members, $25 for pre registered non members, $20 for members and $30 for non members at the door. If you need directions call (781)828-7878. All luncheons are scheduled from 12 - 1:30 p.m.

The Kendall Whaling Museum located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon presents "Down to the Sea in Ships" (1922) Silent film classic love and adventure story with a real whale hunt. Set in the 1850's New Bedford, the screen debut of Clara Bow. Films are free with admission ($4 adult, $3 student/senior, $2.50 per child) $10 family rate. For more information or reservation call (781)784-5642.

Wed. 17

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will focus on "Alzheimer's Disease from the Patient's Perspective" with Carolyn Housman, LICSW, a specialist in Alzheimer's disease and caregiver issues. Meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street in Hingham at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Suzanne Carter at (781)741-2712 or Ruth Scully at (781)740-2426.

The Water Watch Forum Series will hold a lecture at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Jacob's Lane in Norwell. Admission is $3 for NSRWA or SSNSC members or $5 for the general public. The lecture will be entitled "Honey - The Nectar of the Gods of the South Shore." For more information call (781)659-2559. (SSNSC) or (781)659-8168 (NSRWA).

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South Shore Real Estate

Customers say quality service is most valuable in buying process

By Carol Bulman, President Conway Financial Services

Call it overload from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, but in searching for a topic for this article, I found myself thinking about the less tangible aspects of our business rather than the usual topics of home finance.



Carol Bulman

Some of the typical column subjects include:

What constitutes my closing costs?

Have government agencies come up with anything new for our customers?

What about our first-time homebuyers – is there anything creative for them?

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As a mortgage broker, we are in the service industry. We are only as good as the last word we say to a customer, the last first-time buyer we helped into a home, the last frustrated homebuyer whose fears we helped alleviate.

To be good in this business, you have to believe each day that you are instrumental in helping a person achieve the American Dream of home ownership.

It sounds corny, but it is true that our customers expect the old-fashioned rules of good service. When it comes down to it, as much as we have all become reliant upon the Internet and computers, it0s the personal touch and emphasis on superior customer service that makes the difference each day and sets some companies above others.

So, as we look to the New Year with renewed enthusiasm, we at Conway Financial Services are looking to the ideals that have built our success and that our customers have come to depend on: honest and respectful treatment, fairness in our business practices, admitting our mistakes when we make them and good old fashioned kindness.

I just finished reading a group of questionnaires that were completed by our recent customers following the purchasing of their homes, and I began to see a trend in what customers are really seeking.

But instead of these areas, my attention was attracted to the things that our customers want and deserve – a professional attitude, honest and ethical conduct, and superior customer service.

I just finished reading a group of questionnaires that were completed by our recent customers following the purchasing of their homes, and I began to see a trend in what customers are really seeking.

In those surveys, which are sent to each customer and personally reviewed by Conway executives and managers, there were very few comments that referred to the interest rate, the mortgage product, the number of mortgage types that we offered or how great our computers were.

Instead, the majority of the comments focused on the quality of service. Comments included:

"He answered all of my questions."

"My mortgage loan was a complicated one and she was very patient throughout the process."

It sounds a little like the book "Everything Important that I Learned I Learned in Kindergarten" doesn0t it? But it is basically the truth that we want to be treated as we have taught our children to treat others.

I leave you with a wish for a happy and healthy New Year, and a promise of another year of quality treatment by the staff of Jack Conway & Co. and Conway Financial Services.

Scituate resident Carol Bulman is chairman of the Massachusetts Mortgage Association and is president of Norwell-based Conway Financial Services (CFS). If you have questions about home financing issues, call CFS at (781) 681-9400 or (888) 831-1181.

IN BRIEF



Kristen Davey Schwartz

Schwartz named top lister

Kristen Davey Schwartz recently was named top lister for the month of December in Jack Conway & Co.'s Scituate real estate sales office.

Schwartz, who joined the company last year, also completed the "Conway College of Real Estate Knowledge," an intensive, two-week education program that provides licensed agents with advanced instruction in the practical aspects of selling real estate.

A Scituate native, Schwartz is active in the Wampatuck School PTO and the South Shore Hospice Annual Golf Tournament. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and was formerly a senior project consultant/financial analyst at BankBoston. Schwartz lives in Scituate with her husband, Paul, and three children: Erika, Michael and Julia.

Founded in 1957, Norwell-based Jack Conway & Co. is the largest privately owned real estate firm in Massachusetts, with more than 600 agents in 37 offices from Boston to Cape Cod.

Sale of Scituate Harbor building

George Jamieson of Conway Commercial recently brokered the sale of a landmark building on Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Jamieson represented the seller, Leslie Charney, and procured the buyer, D&J Harbor Trust, in the $350,000 transaction. The 3,368-square-foot building is located at 116 Front St., in the heart of Scituate's business district.

The Trustee, James Burke, is a well-known Boston chef who owns and operates the Tuscan Grille in Waltham and Tullio's in North Quincy. After renovating the property, Burke reopened the former restaurant space as "Riva" and plans to add a new pub in the spring of 2001. The restaurant features fresh Italian entrées and fine wines.

Conway Commercial is a division of Norwell-based Jack Conway & Co. Founded in 1957, Conway is the largest independently owned real estate firm in Massachusetts, with more than 600 agents in 37 offices from Boston to Cape Cod. The organization recently was named the 77th largest realty company in the United States by REALTOR® Magazine, the official publication of the National Association of Realtors.



116 Front St., Scituate



163 Bay State Drive, Braintree

Jamieson brokers lease of space in Braintree

George Jamieson of Conway Commercial recently negotiated the lease of office/warehouse space in Braintree to Mahon Communications Corp., a leader in voice and data communications systems.

Jamieson represented the tenant in the lease of 20,800 square feet at 163 Bay State Drive. Peter Quinn of Quinn Associates in Brockton represented the landlord, Apparel Realty Trust, which owns the newly remodeled 170,000-square-foot office/warehouse facility.

Jamieson said Mahon Communications had outgrown its South Boston offices due to the company's recent growth. The firm selected its new home because of the availability of office and warehouse space, competitive lease rates and the site's proximity to Boston and Routes 93 and 128.

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Fagan receives award

Maureen Fagan, a Broker and an owner with RE/MAX By the Sea, recently received the Executive Club Award for excellence in sales.

Fagan, a resident of Eastham, has more than 18 years of real estate experience. She has been affiliated with RE/MAX By the Sea for the last four years and serves the mid- to lower-Cape Cod area. Fagan has achieved her Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) and is a Certified Buyer Representative (CBR). Currently serving as treasurer for the Women's Council of Realtors (WCR) for Cape Cod and the Islands, Fagan was the 1999 WCR Member of the Year.

"We are proud to claim Maureen Fagan as a member of our team at RE/MAX of New England," said William Soteroff, executive vice-president and regional director of RE/MAX of New England. "The success of our organization is a direct reflection of the contributions and commitment she has made to the real estate industry and to RE/MAX."

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Buyers want spacious kitchens, family rooms

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are particularly interested in the Telegraph Hill subdivision in Marshfield, where the newest phase homes are selling for around $500,000.

"What I really like about the new homes I'm seeing is how well they're thought out. The layouts, the room sizes really fit my family's lifestyle," she said.

Phillips said she likes the big, open kitchen and family rooms that are being built now. "The house I'm in now has a big formal living room which we hardly use, and a small kitchen where we always seem to pack ourselves into," said Phillips.

"I'm not a formal person, so I would prefer a house with a smaller living and dining room and the rest of the space given to the real living areas of the home - the kitchen, family room, mud room," she said.

The Phillipses are not alone in their home wish list. According to Paul Lariviere, vice president of development sales for Jack Conway Realty, the trend in new construction is less formality.

"We're seeing less square footage in the formal living and dining rooms and more in the kitchen and family room areas. Those rooms are very open and spacious," he said. Demand is high for lots of storage space and at least two, and more often three-car garages.

"There's a lot more custom building going on right new because land costs are so high, the builders don't want to take a chance (on building speculation homes,)" said Lariviere. "So we're really seeing a trend come directly from the consumer."

Nancy Virta, an independent marketer for Indian Pond Estates in Kingston, said homeowners have become more particular about their surroundings in the kitchen, too.

"People are not concerned anymore only with how their formal rooms look. We're seeing a lot more granite countertops in the kitchen, top-of-the-line appliances, tumbled marble floors and backsplashes. The kitchens in the newer homes are just beautiful," she said.

Indian Pond Estates, built around a golf course, is in its fourth phase. According to Virta, 40 house lots went on the market 18 months ago and only 12 to 14 lots are left. Prices start at $669,000 and go right up to the $1 million mark.

The homes are custom-designed, with several home models to choose from. Most have three-car garages, bedrooms with private baths, big master suites and a first-floor office or study.

"The living room is not the most important anymore, but in this price range, people do want a formal room for entertaining," said Virta.

Lariviere said because land costs are so high in the shoreline towns right along Route 3, more new development is springing up inland, near Lakeville and towns in that area. "That whole corridor is where the open area is. Coastal developable land is few and far between," he said.

Because of that, lot sizes for new homes are often relatively small, according to Lariviere.

"Lot sizes are definitely getting smaller. Land costs are so high, so homeowners would rather put the money into the interior. Most buyers these days are dual-career couples with little time for yard work, anyway," he said.

For those considering a new home, one of the most important considerations is the reputation of the builder, according to experts. Talk to homeowners who live in a recently completed home.

Homeowners' associations are a good source of information because they would know of any common complaints about a particular builder.

In addition, real estate agents may be familiar with different builders. Though they may not have sold new construction homes, they may have resold homes by builders in their area and be familiar with the quality of work.



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Fleet Mortgage, the leading provider of residential mortgage loans in Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts chapter of Certified Residential Specialists (CRS), a local realtor affiliate group consisting of the top income-producing real estate professionals in the state, have announced an alliance to serve the needs of homebuyers in Massachusetts by offering their combined services in real estate purchase transactions.

Homebuyers who work with a CRS and then obtain their mortgage loan from Fleet Mortgage are entitled to $200 off-closing costs, in addition to receiving expert service from real estate agents who rank among the top five percent of all realtors performing residential sales nationwide.

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"From the home inspection to the loan closing, homebuyers often consult with real estate professionals for guidance in obtaining transaction-related services," said Meli Morash, Massachusetts CRS Chapter president. "Consumers who turn to a certified residential specialist should be confident that they're working with a realtor who is knowledgeable about the marketplace; and, should they choose Fleet Mortgage for their home loan, they will benefit from a more expeditious loan process thanks to a staff of designated underwriters assigned to assist CRS brokers and their clients."

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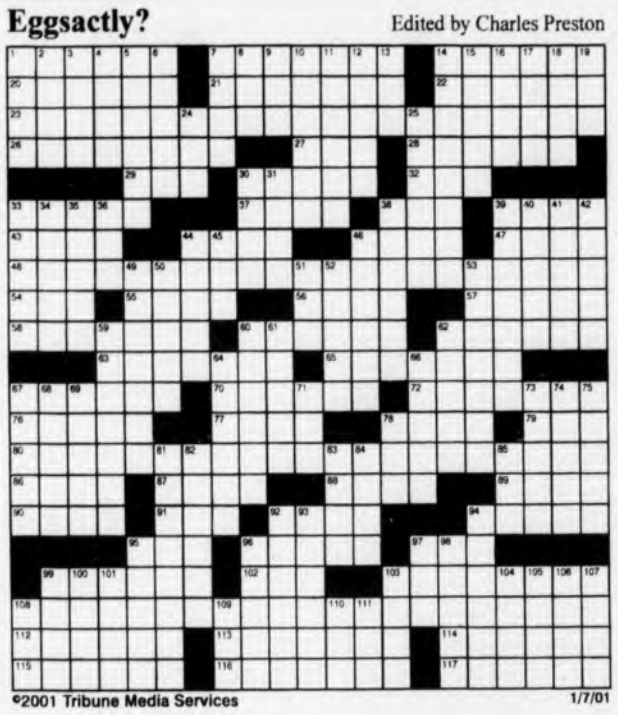
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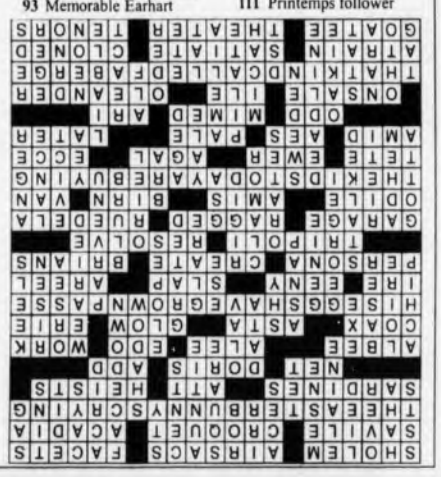
ACROSS

1 "The Apostle" author Asch
7 Birds' respiratory aids
14 Diamond sides
20 London's ___ Row, for tailoring
21 "Wicket" lawn game
22 Evangeline's home
23 Start of a post-Paschal verse
26 Pilchards
27 A.B.A. member
28 Bank rip-offs
29 Not gross
30 One of the Days
32 Tot up
33 "Tiny Alice" playwright
37 On the sheltered side
38 Tokyo formerly
39 Kind of ethic
43 Wheedle
44 Dog star
46 Radiance
47 Spooky-sounding lake
48 More of verse
54 Wrath
55 Counting-out word
56 Duel prelude, at times
57 Dancing giddily
58 ___ non grata
60 Invent
62 ___ *Song*, 1970 film
63 Marines' destination, in song
65 Determine
67 Carport's kin
70 In tatters
72 ___ Paix, Paris
76 Odette's "Swan Lake" double
77 Writer Kingsley
78 Clarinet socket
79 Johnson or Clibum
80 More of verse
86 Place for a chapeau
87 Pitcher
88 Bedouin headdress tie
89 "___ homo," words by 92 Down
90 Surrounded by
91 Loser to D.D.E.
92 Ashen
94 By-and-by
95 "___ man out"
96 Emulated Marceau
97 "Exodus" hero
99 Reduced
102 Seine sight
103 Shrub with fragrant flowers
108 End of verse
112 "Take the ___," Ellington hit
113 Glut
114 Duplicated, in a way
115 Chin decor
116 ___ -in-the-round
117 Domingo and Pavarotti

> "The world is too much with us: Late and soon, getting and spending, we lay waste our powers: Little we see in Nature that is ours."
>
> — *William Wordsworth*

DOWN

1 Atl. rapid transit
2 Sounds of laughter
3 Done with
4 Emulated Ananias
5 Director May
6 Middle, in law
7 Serves perfectly
8 Kind of verb: Abbr.
9 One of the Reiners
10 Not hip
11 "___ Mame": R. Russell film
12 Currency units
13 Piggery
14 Way to deal cards
15 Bitter
16 Small low islands
17 Blue-pencil
18 Cans, in Canterbury
19 Droop
24 Asian holiday
25 Tail
30 Computer input
31 Popular name in Oslo
33 "___ off the old block"
34 Bay of Biscay feeder
35 More despicable
36 Tiverton's river
38 Skips the wedding march
39 Grew tired
40 "On land ___ or foam. . ."
41 Oh high
42 Ship bottoms
44 Not give ___ (be uncaring)
45 Bashful
46 Made a rasping sound
49 King of England: 1714–27
50 Aladdin's lamp occupant
51 Brooklyn or Siam suffix
52 Bright illumination
53 Johnny-come-lately
59 Walked stiffly
60 Din
61 Unyielding
62 Book jacket hyperbole
64 Mounts the soapbox
66 Bay window
67 "Something's ___ Give," Mercer hit
68 Hunt's "Abou Ben ___"
69 Italian-born composer Vittorio
71 Juliette Low's org.
73 Turn out
75 High dudgeon
78 Bikini part
81 Reporter's constraint
82 Ingmar Bergman's land
83 Whiffenpoof's campus
84 Matured
85 Affirmative vote
92 Procurator Pontius ___
93 Memorable Earhart
94 Responsible
95 Comedian Jack of yesteryear
96 Minor prophet
97 Landon of Kansas
98 Do a double-take
99 "___ be in England . . ." Browning
100 Honshu hub
101 R.B.I., for one
103 Frankfurt's fragrant river?
104 Bright light
105 First James Bond caper
106 Rome of Hungary
107 Beatty's 1981 film
108 Children's game
109 NY time
110 Long. complement
111 Printemps follower



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LENDER NAME	30-YR FIXED CONFORMING Rate/Points	30-YR FIXED JUMBO Rate/Points	15-YR FIXED CONFORMING Rate/Points	ADJUSTABLE RATE LOAN Rate/Points	COMMENTS
Bank of Canton 781-828-5626	**7.125 0 7.152 APR**	**7.750 0 7.779 APR**	**6.750 0 6.851 APR**	**7.375 0 7.816 APR 5/1 Product**	**Free Pre approvals. First Time Buyers -reduced closing costs. 200 loan options. Rates quoted have 60 day rate locks.**
Baron Mortgage Corp 800-696-SAVE	6.875 0 6.875 APR	7.375 0 7.375 APR	6.500 0 6.500 APR	7.000 0 7.936 APR 5/1 Product	Mentioned by Money Magazine, Consumer Reports and Kiplinger's Letter as the lender with the lowest rates! Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
Belmont Savings Bank 617-484-6700	**7.500 0 7.520 APR**	**8.375 0 8.400 APR**	**7.000 0 7.030 APR**	**7.125 0 7.800 APR 5/1 Product**	**First Time Home Buyers' products available for the following towns: Belmont, Arlington, Lexington, Waltham + Watertown www.belmontsavings.com**
Boston Federal Savings Bank 800-688-LOAN	7.000 0 7.083 APR	7.625 0 7.711 APR	6.625 0 6.758 APR	5.875 2.000 8.175 APR 1/1 Product	Rates quoted have a 55 or 60 day rate lock.
Braintree Cooperative Bank 781-843-1370	**7.250 0 7.280 APR**	**8.125 0 8.130 APR**	**6.875 0 6.875 APR**	**6.000 0 6.020 APR 3/3 Product**	**Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.**
Commonwealth Bank 800-924-9091	7.125 0 7.170 APR	7.875 0 7.925 APR	6.875 0 6.920 APR	6.875 0 call 1/1 Product	Close at home. Free bi-weekly available. 180 day lock and no cost refinance available. No application fee. Bank direct mortgage.
Dedham Savings 800-462-1190	**7.500 0 7.515 APR**	**7.750 0 7.754 APR**	**7.125 0 7.149 APR**	**7.000 0 7.657 APR 5/3 Product**	**3/3 ARM - First Time Buyer Discount 6.750% + 0 - APR 7.748% APR quotes are based on $100,000 Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.**
Digital Federal Credit Union 800-328-8797	7.500 0 7.530 APR	8.125 0 8.130 APR	7.000 0 7.050 APR	7.750 0 8.000 APR 5/1 Product	www.dcu.org First time homebuyer product available. www.dcu.org
East Cambridge Savings Bank 617-354-7700	**7.500 0 7.513 APR**	**7.750 0 7.964 APR**	**7.125 0 7.143 APR**	**7.500 0 8.087 APR 5/1 Product**	**Quick, simple and convenient process - We will come to you! Competitive rates for mortgages and home equity lines of credit. Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.**
East West Mortgage 800-EASTWEST	7.130 0 7.220 APR	7.880 0 7.970 APR	6.750 0 6.840 APR	6.630 0 6.720 APR 1/1 Product	One of New England's largest independent lenders. Free credit and consultation. Visit us @ eastwestmortgage.com
Eastern Bank 888-4EB-MTGS	**7.375 0 7.375 APR**	**8.125 0 8.125 APR**	**7.125 0 7.125 APR**	**6.875 0 5/1 Product**	**Call now: 888-4-EB-MTGS or apply on-line at www.ebmortgage.com Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.**
eSource Mortgage.com 877-937-4887	7.125 0 7.220 APR	7.500 0 7.610 APR	7.250 0 7.330 APR	3.950 0 8.020 APR MTA Product	WE Shop for YOU! Select from many lenders. Low rate GUARANTEE. FREE approvals. Voted top web at www.esourcemortgage.com
First Massachusetts Mortgage 800-308-5395	**6.875 0 6.902 APR**	**7.250 0 7.303 APR**	**6.500 0 6.544 APR**	**7.500 0 8.889 APR 1/1 Product**	**Rates quoted have a 45 day rate lock.**
FIRSTFED 800-635-9191	7.250 0 7.274 APR	7.625 0 7.650 APR	6.750 0 6.789 APR	7.250 0 8.399 APR 4/1 Product	www.firstfedamerica.com
Fleet Mortgage Co. 800-660-8998	**7.125 0 7.125 APR**	**7.625 0 7.625 APR**	**6.750 0 6.750 APR**	**6.875 0 call 1/1 Product**	**Visit our website at www.mortgage.fleet.com**
Foxboro Federal Savings 508-543-5321	7.000 0 7.010 APR	7.250 0 7.250 APR	6.750 0 6.760 APR	6.750 0 7.490 APR 5/1 Product	Low Rates Great Service! Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock. www.foxfed.com
Leader Mortgage Co. 800-562-6690	**7.125 0 7.125 APR**	**7.875 0 7.875 APR**	**6.875 0 6.875 APR**	**7.125 0 7.980 APR 5/1 Product**	**Instant Pre-Approvals at leadermortgage.com Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.**
Mansfield Bank 508-339-2901	7.375 0 7.385 APR	N/A	7.000 0 7.016 APR	7.125 0 7.789 APR 5/1 Product	Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock. www.mansfieldbankonline.com
Norwood Co-operative Bank 781-255-7808	**7.250 0 7.262 APR**	**7.375 0 7.387 APR**	**6.875 0 6.894 APR**	**7.125 0 8.212 APR 5/1 Product**	**Competitive Rates and Free Pre-Approval Program. Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock. www.norwoodbank.com**
The Sharon Co-operative Bank 781-784-7800	7.625 0 7.625 APR	7.875 0 7.875 APR	7.250 0 7.250 APR	N/A	CALL 781-784-7800 FOR UP-TO-DATE OFFERINGS. Rates set at time of commitment. Rates quoted are for 45 day rate locks.
Wellesley Co-operative Bank 781-235-2550	**7.125 0 7.160 APR**	**7.875 0 7.910 APR**	**6.625 0 6.670 APR**	**6.250 2.000 8.290 APR 1/1 Product**	**Other programs available. Please call for quotes. Rates quoted (except for 30 yr jumbo) have a 45 day rate lock.**

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LOCATION	TOWN	BUYER	PRICE	DATE	SELLER
178 Summit Rd	Abington	"Gnoza 2nd, Walter"	228000	12/15/00	Flanagan Violet H Est
14 Kingswood Dr U:3C	Abington	"Kennedy, Karen S"	132500	12/15/00	"Mancina, John P"
429 Groveland St	Abington	"Howard, Michael J"	254000	12/15/00	"Fogg, Stephen F"
1343 Washington St	Abington	"Stanton Jr, Philip P"	259000	12/11/00	"Denault 3rd, Eliot W"
30 Morton St	Abington	"Obrien, Virginia M"	295000	12/15/00	"Antonucci, Mark S"
31 Wagon Ln	Abington	"Antonucci, Mark S"	395000	12/15/00	"Mikenas, Edward J"
1901 Thayer St U:1901	Abington	Buck Knoll RT	188595	12/11/00	Bedford HeightsLLC
1901 Thayer St U:1917	Abington	"Davis, Joanne V"	177481	12/11/00	Bedford HeightsLLC
1913 Thayer St U:1913	Abington	"Rose, Rocco V"	182630	12/13/00	Bedford Heights LLC
18 Carriage Hill Dr	Abington	"Broderick, Gina M"	371700	12/14/00	New England Architectu
10 Warren Ave	Abington	"Northup, Kerry R"	333000	12/15/00	Red Dog Rt
12 Royal Lake Dr U:H5	Braintree	"Myers, Robert"	220000	12/04/00	"Corcoran, John M"
38 Cardinal Ct	Braintree	"Akins, Thomas J"	230000	12/08/00	"Gebauer. Josephine"
379 Tildon Commons Ln U:379	Braintree	"Fernandes, Paul G"	265000	12/08/00	"Zielinski Jr, Gary A"
78 Walnut St	Braintree	"Cook, Anne M"	389000	12/08/00	"Cox, Doanld"
153 Commercial St U:6	Braintree	"Rubini, Danielle"	62000	12/11/00	"Baxter, Jennifer"
287 Commercial St U:24	Braintree	"Chamberlain, Paul"	106000	12/04/00	"Patel, Vibha"
28 Sterling Park	Braintree	"Mcdermott, Stephen A"	185000	12/06/00	"Jenkins, Shirley"
30 Howard St	Braintree	"Silva, Ralph D"	217500	12/05/00	"Kelly, Margaret M"
325 Wood Rd	Braintree	"Iantosca Tr, Joseph"	6340000	12/07/00	Wood Rd LP
761 Liberty St	Braintree	"Fasano, David V"	440000	12/11/00	LF Prop LLC
355 Atlantic Ave	Cohasset	"Hagerty, Mary F"	449900	12/05/00	Jean Hollingshead LT
71 Pleasant St	Cohasset	"Whitney 3rd, Jerome A"	430900	12/08/00	"Hatch, Welles C"
Beechwood St	Cohasset	Wolf Woods NT	150000	12/04/00	"Pratt Tr, Glenn A"
130 Union Bridge Rd	Duxbury	"Drago, Ingrid E"	225000	12/13/00	"Lievi, John"
21 Maple Pond Ln	Duxbury	"George, Gregory J"	430000	12/15/00	"Curtin, John T"
4 Bassett Brook Ln	Duxbury	"Moore, William G"	320000	12/15/00	"Sadler, Mary Ann"
60 Teakettle Ln	Duxbury	"Lewis, Mary Effie"	269000	12/14/00	"Bitters, David C"
100 Eagles Nest Rd	Duxbury	"Crawford, Scott W"	645000	12/15/00	"Murray, Frank P"
7 Pine Bluff	Duxbury	"Marzelli, David"	210000	12/15/00	"Mather, Robert J"
20 Spruce St	Duxbury	"Mastergeorge, Robert M"	511203	12/15/00	Sprague Farm Lane RT
622 Whiting St	Hanover	"Feeney, Stephen T"	215900	12/14/00	"Dao, Dat Vinh"
168 Larchmont Ln	Hanover	"Lafianzaa, Ronald J"	417500	12/15/00	"Mcquillen, Donald W"
316 Hanover St	Hanover	"Foley, Katherine A"	203000	12/15/00	"Wyman, William R"
38 Tindale Way	Hanover	"Cairo, Salvatore P"	422000	12/15/00	"Mcdonough, James P"
33 Stockbridge Rd	Hanover	"Clifford 3rd, Richard B"	349900	12/15/00	"Giorgi, Ruth E"
216 Larchmont Ln	Hanover	"Moniz, James E"	481650	12/11/00	Orchard Knoll LLC
N/A	Hanover	Whofaj RT	253000	12/12/00	Pantooset Farms Inc
23 Kimball Beach Rd	Hingham	"Wigmanich Jr, John G"	200000	12/13/00	"Wigmanich, John G"
14 Bulow Rd	Hingham	"Murphy, Karyn M"	285000	12/15/00	"Wilson, Gregory J"
25 Squirrel Hill Ln	Hingham	"Burns, Richard A"	220000	12/14/00	"Murphy, Karyn M"
124 North St	Hingham	"Murphy, J Gregory"	400000	12/15/00	"Mcgaughey, Richard B"
41 Hemlock Rd	Hingham	"Kennedy 3rd, Thomas S"	215000	12/14/00	"Helfrich, William"
19 Forest Ln	Hingham	"Helfrich, William"	362500	12/15/00	"Oneil, Sheila H"
6 Anderson Rd	Hingham	"Oneil, Bernard C"	550000	12/15/00	"Freedman, James P"
28 Farm Hills Ln	Hingham	"Bertolon, Henry J"	270000	12/15/00	"Spellman, Kathleen P"
20 Alder Rd	Holbrook	"Froom, Laura J"	135000	12/08/00	"Griswold, Loretta A"
281 S Franklin St	Holbrook	"Hammond, Neil J"	35000	12/04/00	"Hammond, Neil J"
4 S Shore Rd	Holbrook	"Oconnor, Barry"	122900	12/06/00	Giannotti RT
39 Summit Rd	Holbrook	"Rabs, Joseph M"	200000	12/11/00	"Williams, Kevin E"
44-&48 King Rd	Holbrook	"Turner, Donald A"	134000	12/11/00	Saint Johns Episcopal
100 Howlands Ln	Kingston	"Loux, Allegra E"	100000	12/14/00	"Stewart, Thomas J"
55 Howlands Ln	Kingston	"Lynch, Ray M"	175000	12/15/00	"Mahoney, Michael J"
6 Meeting House Rd	Kingston	"Duffy, Brian G"	467500	12/15/00	"Wyndham, Joseph P"
399 School St	Marshfield	"Natale, Gregory J"	319900	12/14/00	"Loonan, Gregory S"
383 Ferry St	Marshfield	"Ohare, Brian"	225000	12/15/00	"Keyes, Helen S"
500 Parsonage St	Marshfield	"Zaslaw, David J"	359900	12/14/00	"Oneill Jr, Hugh"
280 S River St	Marshfield	"Upton, Courtney"	287000	12/15/00	"Comer, Kevin J"
Moritz Rd	Marshfield	Marshfield Town Of	5191	12/11/00	Salt Winds Dev Corp
650 Ferry St	Marshfield	"Dolan, Francis J"	26000	12/15/00	Martha C Bregoli T
58 Keene Rd	Marshfield	"Scannell, Cheryl"	23750	12/14/00	"Vaughan, Maureen"
65 Ireland Rd	Marshfield	"Forte, Gregory P"	284000	12/15/00	"Beresford, Dean F"
45 Signal Hill Rd	Marshfield	"Rice, Andrew W"	235000	12/15/00	"Bird, John P"
23 Leon St	Marshfield	"Reck, Jeffrey R"	148000	12/15/00	"Marcella, Donna L"
9 Crestwood Ave	Marshfield	"Andrasy, Eileen"	224000	12/15/00	"Jones, Mary Jl"
111 Edward Rd	Marshfield	"Mosca, Richard A"	152500	12/15/00	"Machado, Gilda T"
227 Bay Ave	Marshfield	"Forti, Charles M"	115000	12/12/00	"Madden, Caroline A"
226 Arlington St	Marshfield	"Santos Jr, Ronald J"	1000	12/12/00	"Michael, Dunphy J"
N/A	Marshfield	Community News LLC	1050000	12/14/00	Community Newspapers
20 Phillips Farm Rd	Marshfield	"Clifford, Patrick A"	456554	12/14/00	Pulte Home Corp Of NE
96 Metacomet Way	Marshfield	"Campbell, Hugo"	202500	12/15/00	P&S RT
62 Winter St	Norwell	"Basso, Joseph C"	483000	12/15/00	"Rooney, George W"
1123 Main St	Norwell	"Mahoney, Edith J"	350000	12/15/00	"Basso 3rd, Joseph C"
1098 Main St	Norwell	"Palmariello, Anthony"	160000	12/15/00	"Delaney, Ann"
9 Crescent Ave	Pembroke	"Dyer, Sean A"	160000	12/15/00	"Butler, John A"
161 Queens Brook Rd	Pembroke	"Holmberg, Richard J"	245000	12/11/00	"Mangelinkx, Gary N"
52 Water St	Pembroke	"Webster, Scott W"	176000	12/15/00	Coit William Est
Beverly Way	Pembroke	"Galvin, Terence J"	138000	12/11/00	Taylor St RT
31 Verna Hall Dr	Pembroke	"Buckley, John Michael"	398900	12/12/00	Robert V Oneill Constr
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17 Liane Way	Pembroke	"Dare, Charles F"	359000	12/13/00	Stuneraew RT
Lantern Ln U:12	Pembroke	"Bowen, James P"	140000	12/15/00	Elko Constr Corp
69 Oregon Ave	Rockland	"Mesheau, Gary C"	212500	12/12/00	"Murphy, Linda J"
163 Salem St	Rockland	"Connors, Christine M"	149900	12/13/00	"Fulton, Jason M"
40 N Douglas St	Rockland	"Magner, Timothy"	222000	12/12/00	"Lapinski, Edward L"
103 Everett St	Rockland	"Dunn, Laurie"	170000	12/12/00	"Dunn, Harold W"
135 Grove St U:137	Rockland	Grove St RT	55000	12/14/00	Planet T
230 Crescent St	Rockland	"Moran Jr, Michael J"	149900	12/15/00	"Newhall, Deborah A"
Concord St	Rockland	JLWS Dev LLC	2000000	12/13/00	"Delprete, Francesco"
350 Clapp Rd	Scituate	"Klinger, Brian F"	627500	12/14/00	"Hennessey, Joseph J"
800 First Parish Rd	Scituate	"Egli, Michael J"	228500	12/14/00	"Travers, F Scott"
40 Dreamwold Rd	Scituate	"Callahan, Kevin D"	479000	12/15/00	"Meltzer, Frederick C"
61 Seaview Ave	Scituate	"Leighton, Michael"	289000	12/11/00	"Grossman, Melvin H"
9 Seamore Rd	Scituate	"Grossman, Melvin H"	192500	12/15/00	"Wheeler, Helen M"
147 Jericho Rd	Scituate	"Adams, Michael A"	235000	12/13/00	"Bledsoe, Gary L"
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JANUARY 10 - 19

Classes

CLASSES AT THE PEMBROKE LIBRARY "HOMEWORK HELP" - Jan. 16, 23, 30 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. ages 6 and up. "YOGA" on Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 from 10 - 11:15 a.m. for adults. "YOGA" on Jan. 11, 18, 25 from 6 - 7:15 p.m. for adults. "Toddler Winter Fun" on Jan. 12, 19 from 10:30 - 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Ages 1.5 - 3. "Women and Money" on Jan. 18 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. - adults. "Hypnosis" on Jan. 20 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. adults. "Liz's Kids" on Jan 22 from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Ages 4 - 5. "Adult Book Club" on Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. "retirement planning" on Jan. 24 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. for adults. "Homework Help" on Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. ages 6 and up. "Fun with Threes" on Jan. 9 from 12 - 12:30 p.m. "Winter Storycraft" on Jan. 11 from 3:30 - 4:30 for ages 7 and up. "Education 101" on Jan. 11 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. for adults. "Baby lap sit" on Jan. 16 from 11:15 - 11:45 for ages 4 - 24 months. "American Girl" on Jan. 18 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. ages 6 and up. "Mother/Daughter Book Club" on Jan. 25 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Ages 6 - 8. "Maisy Day" on Jan. 26 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Ages 3 - 4. "Bedtime Stories" on Jan. 29 from 7 - 7:30 p.m. for ages 5 and up. To register for classes or for more information call (781)293-6771.

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY CLASSES For Children: "Design and Build Your Dream Playhouse", "Festival Puppet Workshop", "Clay Time", "EXPLORE! Drawing and Painting", "VACATION Fun Weeks". Adult Classes: "Painting Phase II", "Beginning Oil Painting", "Discovering Watercolor:, "Advanced Painting Technique", "Portrait & Figure Oil Painting & Drawing", "Drop-In Life Class". For times and dates please call for more information at (781)837-8091.

JOYFUL LISTENING A Music-Lover's Guide to Understanding Music, Four sessions (Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th Century) on Mondays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. beginning Jan. 8 at the James Library, Norwell with pianist teacher Alison Barr. $80 for the series. For more information call (781)982-8920.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING BENEFITS PARENTS AND CHILDREN a program being offered at the Duxbury Public Library on Jan. 13 and 14 designed for adolescents 11 years of age or older. There will be two sessions: Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Session two, Jan. 14 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Classes will be held at the Duxbury Public Library, Saint George Street in Duxbury. Registration is $40 per person. To register your child call (800)232-8812.

WINTER WORKSHOP IN BOOK ARTS presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. The two-day workshop will take place on Feb. 10 and 11 from 9:30 - 3:30 p.m. and will include demonstrations, discussions and hand-on guided work time. The cost is $165 ($150 for SSAC members. To register call (781)383-2787.

RED CROSS COMMUNITY CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING will be offered at the Brockton Red Cross Office on Jan. 6. from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Classes will be held at 281 Pleasant Street in Brockton. Registration is $55 per person. To register or for more information call (800)232-8812.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER OFFERS COURSE IN DIGITAL ART Introduction to Photoshop classes will meet on Thurs. from 3 - 5:30 p.m. beginning on Jan. 18. A list of materials will be distributed at the first meeting. For more information or to register call (781)383-2787.

DREAMCHASERS registration for Winter Theatre classes is now in progress. Classes offered are: Acting for students ages 6 - 8, Acting for students ages 9 - 12, Acting for teens, Improvisation ages 8 - adult, and Play production students 8 - adult. Classes begin the week of **Jan. 8** and are held for eight weeks with no classes during the school vacation week. Classes are held at The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main Street in Norwell. For more information call (508)224-4548.

YOGA CLASSES AT FIRST PARISH held on Monday nights from 7:30 - 9 p.m. St. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Scituate. Instructor Phaedrus Tomaino places emphasis on the spiritual aspect of yoga. All are welcome to attend and the cost is $10 per session. Located at 330 First Parish Drive, Scituate. For more information call (617)472-4489.

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER IN COHASSET Offers the following courses: Freeplay, Children's Computer; Computers and lunch; Adult computer class; Adult introduction to computers; Family music with the music lady; gymnastics; Sports for kids ages 4 - 6 ; Sports for Kids ages 5 - 8; Gym explorers ages 4 - 6; Beg/Int. Girls all ages all different times. The Center is located at 3 North Main St., Cohasset. Call (781) 383-0088 for more information.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at (781)834-7417.

RECREATIONAL ICE SKATING CLASSES at 5 p.m. at the Weymouth MDC rink on Broad Street. The group lessons are for boys and girls ages 5 and up and adults. Students can wear either figure skates or hockey skates. Beginner and intermediate skills are taught by trained professional instructors. For more information call (781)890-8480.

ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAM at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities and outings, hot lunches and snack as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass. Health often pay for the program. Call (617)479-3040 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. for an appointment to see this program in action.

ONGOING REGISTRATION FOR ADULT LITERACY AND GED and will be held at Blue Hills Regional Technical School, 800 Randolph Street in Canton. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. The program is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education and is free of charge. For more information call (781)828-5900 ext. 324.

FOIL FENCING at the Plymouth Fencing Club on Ship Pond Road . New classes beginning now. For more information call (508)747-5803.

WHIDDEN'S SCHOOL OF FITNESS is offering the free open wrestling on Saturdays from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. For High School wrestlers help with youth class (grade 1 - 8) 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Held at 822 Webster Street, Marshfield center. Through **Dec. 23**. Call (781)834-9161.



BEST BET

The Prodigals— the hit of the recent Irish Music Festival at Stonehill College will be making their Company Theatre debut on Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $23 in advance and $26 the day of the show. Tickets are on sale at the Company Theatre Box Office, 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787.

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Juice Newton Performs at the Company Theater in Norwell for two shows on Jan. 19 and 20. Both shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the theatre box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787. Tickets are $29 in advance and $32 the day of the show. For more information visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.

"Mixed Couples" the comedy drama will be presented by the North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell on Jan. 19 & 20, 26 & 27 and February 2 & 3 at 8 p.m. Two middle-age couples waiting for a plane in 1927 discover they have more baggage than they thought as they explore their past lives and loves. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call (617)476-8947.

Ongoing Events

South shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the pastel paintings of Marshfield Artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan through the end of February. Admission to the gallery is free and the hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781)749-7565 ext. 16.

Entertainment at the Olde Hitching Post Restaurant and Fireside Tavern located on Route 58 in Hanson. On Jan. 11, 18 and 25 enjoy "Ilene" from 7 - 10:30 p.m. Tavern menu available.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "Beautiful people, horses and places" Recent charcoal drawings by Mary Felton through February 28. There will be a reception on January 28 from 2 - 4 p.m. Held at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2721. Hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m.

Mothers and More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

Overeaters Anonymous is a twelve step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at (781)829-4278.

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Margaret Farrell Bruno** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run through **Feb. 3, 2001** and is open for viewing Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. Bruno lives and paints on the South Shore and grew up surrounded by the splendid coastline and cranberry bogs which have inspired her pastel landscapes. For more information call (781)837-8091.

"7 Over 4" an exhibition sponsored by Longwood Partners, LP and presented by the Duxbury Art Association. The artists represent seven of the more than fifty 4th Floor artists who have studios at the Codman Building in Rockland. The exhibition is open through **Jan. 26, 2001**. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

"Art Good Enough To Eat" will take place from noon - 4 p.m. at the Fuller Museum of Art. Activities and entertainment will focus on the combination of art and food as can in the exhibition "Women of Taste: A Collaboration of Quilt Artists and Chefs." This exhibition will be on display though **Feb. 11, 2001**.

Admission for family day is $3 for adults and $2 for children. For more information call (508)588-6000 ext. 113.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at (781)294-1880.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings **every Monday** at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call (781)659-1857.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at (781)749-1679.

The Chris Luard Jazz Duo appearing every Thurs. and Friday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at no charge. This piano and bass duo can be seen at Abbadessa's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 211 Lincoln Street, Route 3A, Hingham. For more information call (781)749-9829.

Mothers and More South Shore Chapter for mothers who have chosen to alter their career path in order to care for their children at home. Meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. For more information call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

The Network Voice Toastmasters' Club meets for feedback on speeches from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., **the first and third Wednesday of each month** at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street , Weymouth. Call (781) 487-5100 for more information.

The Artist's Way a journey in self-discovery based on Julia Cameron's book by the same title will be offered by the Art Complex Museum at Duxbury on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 12:30 p.m. Each week participants will examine a different core aspect of their way of living such as their sense of safety, identity and power. Early registration is suggested by calling (781)934-6634. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury.

The Olde Kids on the Block a 20 piece orchestra will be playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure at Striars JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. and admission is $5. Jan. 16., Feb. 20., Mar. 20., Apr. 17., Jun. 19., July 17, and Aug., 21, 2001.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse in Central Square on the common in Bridgewater every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Open mic. Feature SLAM. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. For more information call Valerie Lawson at (508)833-3100.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum program listing: Museum hours Tuesday through Sunday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Fees $3 adults (age 16 - 64), $2 seniors (ages 65 plus) $1.50 children (ages 3 - 15). Free for Massachusetts Audubon Society members with a valid membership card. Weekends programs: 11 a.m. - "Story time", (geared to ages 3 - 6) 1 p.m. "Live Mystery Animal", (geared to all ages) 3 p.m. "Theme of the month", (geared towards ages 6 and up). Located at 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton. For more information call (617)333-0690.

Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "Walk on the Wild Side" on Mondays from 8:45 - 11 a.m. You don't have to be a bird

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery at the Duxbury Free Library presents Recent Charcoal Drawings by Marshfield artist Mary Felton through Feb. 28. A reception will be held Sunday, Jan. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Duxbury Free Library is located at 77 Alden Street. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

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Shadow is a 5 year old neutered male Lab/Shepherd mix. He weighs 68 pounds and is wonderful with children of all ages. Shadow has epilepsy and experiences frequent seizures, but despite this, he loves everyone and is a sweet dog. Shadow would thrive in a home where someone will be patient with him while he has a seizure and is ready to give him hugs and kisses after.
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Canine Connections is a non profit organization. Funded only by donations from the public, we network with many area shelters to find homes for the animals that do not have a family to care for them. Our 24 hour hotline is 781-440-0477. We are always in need of donations, office supplies and volunteers. Our mailing address is 25 East Hoyle Street #225, Norwood, Ma 02062. email AdoptaDog@aol.com, www.geocities.com/Heartland/Prairie/3228.

Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc. - Fully volunteer, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing veterinary care, comprehensive evaluation and adoptive homes to Golden Retrievers that are abandoned, mistreated, neglected or left in pounds throughout New England. **For details, call 978-568-9700 (24-hour answering service).**

Neponset Valley Humane Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping animals. We operate a no-kill cat shelter and have a network of foster homes that provide homeless care to cats, dogs and other animals. Our other programs include providing reduced cost spay/neuter assistance. Volunteer help and donations are always needed. 781-341-2675.

ALL PAWS RESCUE — OUR NAME SAYS IT ALL. We are a not-for-profit Humane society with a no-kill philosophy. Dedicated volunteers helping homeless animals. Members, volunteers, and donations are always welcome and NEEDED. For more information please call **781-749-0968.** Our dog line is **508-543-7958.** Our cat line for adoption is **781-848-8065.**

Standish Humane Society. P.O. Box 824, Scituate, 02066, 781-834-4663, www.standishhumanesociety.com. Standish Humane Society has the largest no-kill cat shelter in the area. We currently house 80 cats at the shelter 40-50 kittens in foster homes. All cats have been examined by a veterinarian, tested for Feline Leukemia and Feline AIDS, sterilized, vaccinated, wormed and treated with a long acting flea preventative. The cats are uncaged in a loving, homelike environment. We specialize in doing personalized adoptions. Standish also has a home to home dog placement program and a reduced cost spay neuter program in which 26 area veterinary hospitals participate. Volunteers needed.

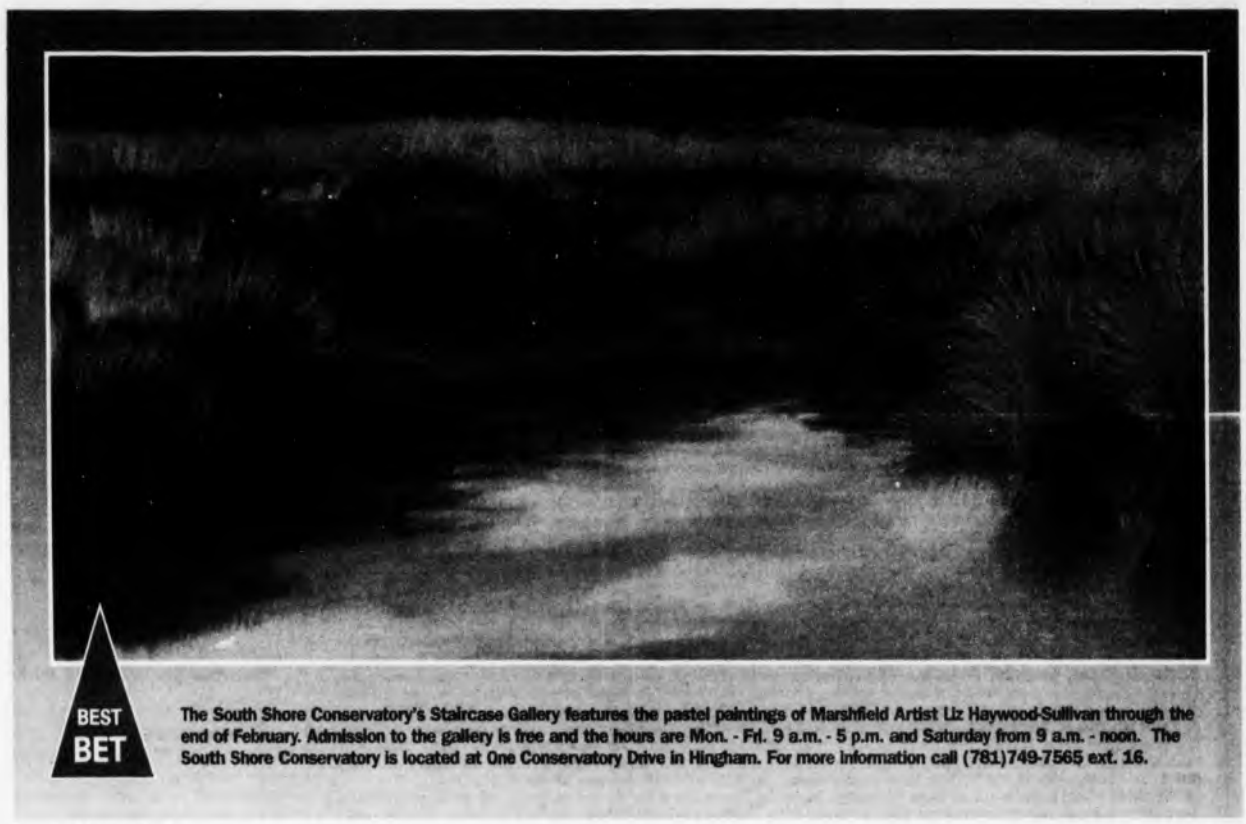
Quincy Animal Shelter has many dogs, cats and kittens for adoption. Adoptions are done every Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM; other times by appointment. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 88, Quincy, MA, 02169. The Shelter is located behind the Quincy Police Station, off Southern Artery at 56 Broad Street, New volunteers, members and donations are welcome. For information, 617-376-1349.

The Collie Rescue League of New England, Inc. is a non-profit organization serving all of New England and is comprised of volunteers dedicated to the preservation and well being of the breed of dog known as the Collie. The League provides rescue, placement and problem intervention service for all purebred rough and smooth Collies of both sexes and any age. We do not turn our backs on any purebred Collie! For more information please call CRLINE at 802-222-5124.

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watcher or amateur naturalist to enjoy being out doors. this is a weekly walking group which will meet at the Society's office on Route 3A in Marshfield. To register call (781)837-9400.

An evening of Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse on Bridgewater Common, every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Relax and enjoy coffee and pastry, hang out in the back room and search for greatness on the chalked walls or step up to the mic and read a poem on the open session. Admission is free but we pass a hat for the feature. For more information call Valerie at (508)833-3100 or vmuddypond@aol.com or The Daily Grind Coffeehouse at (508)279-9952.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation & Nursing Center located at 308 Kingstown Way in Duxbury which meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. All family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims are welcome to attend. For further information all Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser at (781)585-2397.

Izaak Walton Fishing Association has meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Whipple Senior Center, 182 Green Street, North Weymouth. Dues are $15 annually. Featuring fresh and salt water subjects, field trips, local fishing contests and tips on equipment and locations. For additional information call (evenings): James Moore - 781-335-8653, Tom MacDonald - 781-335-3424.

Bridge is Back at the First Parish Church of Duxbury. ACBL certified director and bridge teacher Bill Wennerberg will be running the game. The scoring will be stratified so everyone has a chance to earn their points. The game is every Thursday and begins at noon sharp. Refreshments are served and partners are always available. For further information call the Owl's Nest Bridge Club at (508)746-8715.

Le Bistro Chantant a series of Saturday night performances of popular song in Cohasset. Guests are invited to enjoy drinks and romantic music in the atmosphere of a Parisian wine-shop. For more information call (781)383-2787.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors **Feed the Animals** every Wednesday from 3 - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also **Tales from the Wild:** Fridays from 10:30 - 11 a.m. For children ages 3 - 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. **Parents and Tots** : Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Afterschool nature programs: Thursdays, 4 - 5 p.m. For children grades 1 - 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. **Wednesday Walks:** from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 - 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call (781)659-2559.

Vincent's Nightclub adjacent to Lombardo's, Exit 5 A off Route 128, Randolph. For more information call (781)986-4000. Every Thursday: 8 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. is Dick Svatt's Adult Singles Dance Party. Every Friday: 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. : Latin Night. Every Saturday: 8:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.: Discotheque Saturday Night. Every Sunday: 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.: Caribbean Night.

Italian meal and music sing at Sheraton Plymouth on Thursdays and Fridays at the Harbor Grille and Pub featuring an Italian meal. Cost for the complete meal is $8.95 for lunch and $13.95 for dinner. Located on the Plymouth waterfront near the intersections of rtes. 3A and 44. For reservations and more information call (508)747-4900.

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Pilgrim Society Pilgrim Hall Museum 75 Court Street, Plymouth. Hours daily: 9:30 - 4:30. Admission: Adults $5, Seniors & AAA $4.50. Children 5-17 $3. Families $13. For more information call (508)746-1620 ext. 6.

The Kendall Whaling Museum in Sharon celebrates the 100th anniversary of founder Henry P. Kendall's collection with a 'cabinet of curiosity' exhibit currently open. Located at 27 Everett Street, Sharon, open year round, Tuesday-Saturday 10-5, Sundays 1-5. Museum admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, $2.50 for children 6-16 and $10 for families. The "100 years, 100 curiosities" exhibit will remain on display until May 2000. Also offered is a series of videos every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. For more information call (781)784-5642.

Meetings

NEW BEGINNINGS - A support group for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, meeting at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Rte. 123), Norwell. For more information, call 781-653-2887.
THE MOMS (MOMS OFFERING MOMS SUPPORT) CLUB- will be starting a chapter in the Marshfield area. Anyone interested in joining call (781) 837-2149.
WRITERS GROUP – Buttonwood Books has established the Buttonwood Writers Group to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing and meet the **second and fourth Mondays of each month** at 7:30 p.m. in Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. Call (781) 383-2665 for more information.
WEEKLY WRITERS MEETING – Adult writers group meets weekly with facilitator Susan Dominquez from 1-3 p.m. in the reference area of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Aspiring or published writers are encouraged to bring a sample of their work to share with the group. Call (508) 830-4250 for information.
SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY — Meets on the first **Wednesday of each month** at 7:30 p.m. In the Council on Aging facility, 293 Pine St., Norwell. Call (781) 545-7067 for information.
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TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly by meeting at 6:30 p.m., **every Thursday**, in the Parish Hall of the First Congregational Church, Hanover.
SOUTH SHORE SPINNERS' GUILD – Meets at 7 p.m., the **first Thursday of each month**, in the South Shore Natural Science Center. For more information, call (781) 837-8967.
THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTERS' CLUB – Club meets for feedback on speeches from 7-9 p.m., **the first and third Wednesday of each month** at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street, Weymouth. Call (781) 545-5101 for more information.
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PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – A support group for prostate cancer survivors and for those diagnosed with prostate cancer meets from 7-9 p.m., **every third Wednesday of the month**, in Quincy Hospital, 114 Whitwell St., Quincy, in Conference Room D. Membership is open and free to the public. Spouses, family members and health care providers are encouraged to participate. Meetings provide support and information from specialists in various fields related to prostate cancer, such as surgery, radiation, medicine, nutrition and psychology. Call (617) 376-4016 for more information.
THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTER CLUB OF WEYMOUTH – Meets from 7 to 9 p.m., **Wednesdays**, at the South Shore Savings Bank, 11 Front St., Weymouth Landing to provide mutually supportive and positive learning environment to develop communication and leadership skills. Call (781) 337-0344 to register or for more information.
ATTENTION DEFICIT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING: THE PEMBROKE ADD CONNECTION – A support/discussion and advocacy group for parents of children with attention deficits meets 7:30 p.m., **second Thursday of each month** at Bay Path Nursing Home, Route 53, Duxbury. For more information, call (871) 293-3449 or 293-5746.
KINGSTON TOASTMASTERS – Community Club that encourages members to face the fear of public speaking in a supportive and positive climate. **Meets every Wednesday** from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the North Room of The Reed Community Building. Info.: (781) 585-2276.
SOUTH SHORE CAMERA CLUB – Meets **every Tuesday** at 7:30 p.m. at Wollaston Congregational Church, Wollaston. Info.: (781) 925-9912 or (781) 878-0939.

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BECOME A BIG SISTER offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones at the Boston office. For more information call (617)236-8060 and visit www.bigsister.org.
CARING, HELPING HAND NEEDED at the Marshfield Council on Aging for the following for people who can give the elder community help as they prepare for stormy weather. Hot meal delivery, grocery shopping, assistance with rides to medical appointments, library book delivery to homebound seniors, and especially friendly visitors for winter friendship and companionship. Please call Cathy Nickerson, Marshfield Council on Aging at (781)834-5581.

Talent Search

THE NORTH QUINCY ALUMNI THEATRE announces auditions of the winter show "The Boys Next Door" written by Tom Griffin and directed by Stacey Erikson. Auditions will be held on **Jan. 11** at 7 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre at North Quincy High School. The cast call for a variety of ages and races and people of all ethnic backgrounds are encourages to audition. Located on the Red Line at the North Quincy T-stop. For other directions or more information call Stacey at (617)471-8876.
ANNIE will be presented by the InSync Dance Company and is holding open registration for this spring production. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings from 7 - 8 at the Milton, Thatcher Street location beginning in November. Cast is open to all children ages 7 - 17 and every child will have an active roll in the production. For more information call Wendy Malone at (617)696-9331.
COMMUNITY BAND SEEKS EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS to begin its thirteenth season. Percussion, double reed, low brass and saxophone players are especially needed. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 9 p.m. in the Sharon High School music room. For more information call Lorna Hurwitz at (781)784-6649.
SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE The Scituate Council on Aging is starting a 55 and up softball league for anyone on the South Shore. Meeting every Sunday from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Central Field in Scituate off branch Street. Please bring your own equipment i.e.: bats, balls and gloves. All are welcome. For more information call (781)545-8722.
ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR VINE HALL GALLERY The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking artists and/or photographers interested in exhibiting their work in Vine Hall Gallery during the upcoming year. Exhibits run on a monthly basis, with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Science Center. Proposals for exhibits must reflect a natural theme, and should be directed to Joan Reid, c/o SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061.
PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS to fill the following vacancies: Principal Timpani, Section Strings and all sections except cello. Candidates must make an audition appointment with PPO Personnel Manager Norma Steiner by calling (508)339-0418 evenings before 10 p.m. Rehearsals and performances are held in Plymouth's Memorial Hall on Court St., Rte. 3A.
OFFICIAL PHOTO CONTEST OF THE MILLENIUM - The International Library of Photography is accepting one photograph for competition in one of the following categories: People, travel, pets, children, sports, nature, action, humor, portraiture and other. Color or black-and-white print (unmounted) must be 8O x 10O or smaller. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. The organization will award 114 prizes totaling $60,000. Send to Millenium Photo Contest, Suite 350-9003, 10045 Red Run Blvd., Owings Mills, MD 21117.
PERIOD DESIGN - Seeks artists of all mediums to display their creations in shopOs renovated, 19th century barn at 295 Washington St., Norwell. For more information, call (781) 659-3321.
TOGETHER AGAIN IN HARMONY - The all male a cappela chorus is seeking singers through 7:30 to 10 p.m. open rehearsals. **Thursday evenings** in South Weymouth, Route 18, next to the Weymouth Air Base. Call (508) 378-3553 for more information.

Pastel artist has eye on the sky



For more information on Bruno's current show call the Ventress Library at (781) 834-5535 or the North River Arts Society at (781) 837-8091. To e-mail Bruno in order to commission paintings, contact her at caperajaca@aol.com.

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work professionally since 1988.

"I show my work at the Christopher Gallery in Cohasset all the time," she said. "And I actually just finished a show at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury." Bruno has shown her work throughout much of the state, and even in critical art-based cities like New York. She is also frequently commissioned by various people to draw individual portraits and given landscapes.

"I started drawing when I was very little," Bruno said. "I remember having do a book report. My teacher told me to illustrate it, and I did. I ended up having a ball, and I've loved drawing ever since then."

Bruno grew up in Scituate, and attended college at the Pratt Institute in New York. She graduated in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in fine arts.

"That was the best place to go to art school," Bruno said of her New York experience. "It really forced me to grow as an artist. That city has a lot to offer art-wise."

During her college experience, Bruno experimented artistically with other paint mediums, but her love of painting with pastels out-did her love of painting with anything else. However, she said she sometimes uses watercolors as "sort of a primer" for her pastel pictures, and she's currently trying to work more oil paints into her repertoire these days.



Bruno returned to the South Shore after college, and moved to Marshfield in 1984.

"I had my one of my first shows (at the Ventress Library) when I moved to Marshfield and joined up with the North River Arts Society," she said. "A year ago, another member of the society suggested I do another show there. I said 'I'd love to.' I really love exhibiting there, because you can pick your own themes. In this case, I picked clouds."

Art is now a full-time job for Bruno, but she still manages to work some nights at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. Her life keeps her busy, but she said she never tires of rising to the challenge of creating a great painting.

"When I'm working on paintings, I'm always looking for a challenge creatively," she said. "I'm always happy to use pastels in different ways. I think pastels are just wonderful because they are so luminous and colorful."

And even though most of her paintings at her current show focus on clouds, Bruno is no stranger to other kinds of landscapes whether they be city-scenes, seascapes, or portraits of people.

"I get my ideas in various ways," she said. "Sometimes, I just go and paint on-location, and sometimes, I get ideas just by driving around and seeing what's out there. Sometimes, a painting just happens."

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Ask George

By George Hobica
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. Can you give me any advice on how to get from Venice to Paris without paying $904 to fly 500 miles? The train trip takes longer than I really can spare, so I'd like to fly. I will be there in mid-May and have tried Air France and Alitalia.

A. I tried pricing that route in mid-May on Travelocity.com and came up with just $400 round-trip on the major airlines, so I'm not sure why you were quoted over twice that much. You could also try Europe by Air (1-888-387-2479 or at www.europebyair.com). They quote that route on Alitalia at $242 round-trip in mid-May.

Q. Concerning the reader who had tickets on Air Aruba, which went bankrupt, and has put the charge for them in dispute with his credit card company: the federal Fair Credit Billing Act requires that consumers who don't receive something they've charged to their credit card get their money back from the credit card company if they put the charges in dispute within 60 days from the time the charge appears on their bill.

The FCBA states "if a creditor determines that a billing error has occurred as asserted, it shall ... correct the billing error and credit the consumer's account with any disputed amount and related finance charge or other charges, as applicable."

Regardless of whether the credit card company can collect from Air Aruba or not, the consumer is entitled to get his money back and Visa is required to eat the loss because Air Aruba delivered nonconforming goods. I'm an attorney who practices a lot of consumer law, so that's why I know a good deal about this type of issue.

A. You're indeed correct that federal law requires credit card companies to reimburse consumers if they dispute charges for goods not received within 60 days. Consumers should write to the creditor at the address given for "billing inquiries," not the address for sending payments, and include name, address, account number and a description of the billing error.

Yet, when I called this reader's Visa issuing bank (Chase), they insisted that they were not liable to act as an "insurance" agency for a bankrupt airline. I called my own Visa card issuer, Citibank, and was told the same thing. I even called the FTC hot line and this was confirmed.

Then, I called the public relations office at the FTC and spokesman Howard Shapiro confirmed that the FCB Act still stands. But, it appears that most credit card companies don't want to provide correct information to their customers, which I find appalling.

Q. We'd like to rent an apartment in London this summer. We're a family of four and we'd like something central, near public transportation. Can you recommend a reliable company?

A. Barclay International (1-800-84-6636 or www.barclayweb.com) is a good place to start your search. They offer hundreds of London apartments by the night or the week, at a wide range of prices. To cite one example: they list a two-bedroom apartment sleeping five people at about $2,000 per week in central London.

Q. My mother is 83 years old and would like to visit our daughter in Osaka, Japan. I'm afraid that the long plane ride would be difficult for her. She has both internal and external varicose veins and normal airplane travel would be very painful. She would need to keep her legs elevated much of the time, plus be able to walk around.

Is there a way for an airline to accommodate my mother, without great expense?

A. It is, indeed, a long trip in economy class, especially for someone 83 years old. You could either break the trip up, in Hawaii, for instance, or buy her a business-class seat.

Ticket Planet (ticketplanet.com or 1-800-799-8888) sells business-class seats from the United States to Osaka for $2,200 round trip. I think it would be a wise investment and would not recommend that she travel in economy, although you should consult her physician in any event.

Have a travel question? George can be reached via e- mail at georgehobica@aol.com.

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South Shore Real Estate

Winter survival tips for gardeners

By Suzanne Mahler
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Green thumbs up

As I gaze out my window on this bright, but chilly winter afternoon, I long for the advent of spring. I try to recall the beauty of the lush, green, summertime landscape overflowing with its glorious floral display, but the vision is fleeting. The reality is that the ground is covered with a light blanket of snow as meadows and gardens display lifeless twigs poking up through the crystalline snow cover. The brilliant colors of summer and autumn are only a memory and spring is still many weeks away.

For many gardeners, the winter months can be a depressing time of year. Once the gardens have been put to bed, the last of the leaves composted and our tools and containers cleaned and stored, we are temporarily grateful for a break from our gardening chores of mowing the lawn, dragging the hoses or those endless hours spent pulling weeds. This sense of relief is often short-lived, however, as we grow increasingly restless and feel a nagging desire to be out-of-doors working in the garden again. Although the hustle and bustle of the holiday season often alleviate this melancholy feeling, once January arrives, many gardeners experience the winter blues.

January is a month for gardeners to dream! Our mailboxes are overflowing with catalogs for seeds and plants and the covers of gardening magazines remind us of the beauty resting beneath the frozen ground. This is the month to research new plants, plan new gardens and order from those tantalizing catalogs. Perched in my windowseat, I delight in the acrobatics of the birds and the squirrels at my feeders as I begin my wish list of seeds and plants. Evenings may find me snuggled up in a blanket with a stack of new gardening books as I dream of spring and the greening of the landscape.

In recent years, due to the continuing popularity of gardening, many local nurseries have broadened their inventory, offering unusual and exotic varieties of plant material in addition to a wide selection of perennial favorites. For those gardeners who have the time to browse through garden centers during the growing season, extensive and diverse collections of plants and shrubs are available. Unfortunately, many of us have very little leisure time and would prefer to spend this time working the soil, so catalog shopping or purchasing seeds, plants and supplies over the Internet better suits our hectic lifestyles.

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There are dozens and dozens of excellent catalogs. Improved technology has enabled even hobby gardeners to include color pictures in their brochures and on their Web pages and the growing number of sources for plants and supplies is staggering. Many of these catalogs serve as excellent reference material providing detailed descriptions and cultural information in addition to sensational photos. The catalog format allows suppliers to present significantly more varieties than those generally listed in standard reference books which makes many catalogs inexpensive alternatives to costly reference books and worthy additions to a gardening library. Even if you prefer to select plants from your local nurseryman where you can observe the plant already growing in a container, browsing through catalogs can help you to compile a substantial wish list of plants to seek out when warmer weather finally arrives.

Many gardening magazines such as Horticulture and Fine Gardening provide forms in their publications which enable you to order many catalogs at once through the magazine, although there may be a cost for the individual catalogs. Seek recommendations from other gardeners for reliable mail order sources. If you know members of garden clubs or plant societies, they can usually provide great advice or refer you to another gardener who can offer suggestions, particularly if you are interested in a particular family or group of plants such as wildflowers, daylilies or iris.

The acquisition of any product by mail can be a gamble and when dealing with live plants, there can be considerable variability. When plants are purchased locally, a gardener can readily observe the health and quality of the plants but mail order plants tend to be shipped as dormant roots and rarely match the glowing descriptions and glorious photographic illustrations in the catalogs when they arrive. If you decide to order from an untried source, place a relatively small order initially which will enable you to judge the quality of the plants they provide. You can always place a second order if satisfied.

Be sure to specify a shipping date when ordering plant material so plants arrive at a time when you can deal with them. Avoid delivery dates near to an anticipated vacation, during a time when you expect to be especially busy or when the weather is not appropriate for immediate planting.

When extended periods of frigid weather necessitate indoor activities, seek refuge in the beauty of gardening books and catalogs. Picturesque landscapes, colorful beds and borders and enticing new perennials will make the hours fly by. Despite the winter wonderland outside, spring will seem just around the corner.



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Above, ice in Cohasset Harbor makes a winter mosaic during the January thaw last week. At left, a bouquet of buoys sits on the pier.

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Greenbush deal draws mixed reviews

By Rick Collins
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"Just thrilled."

"Nothing short of outrageous."

"Delighted."

The town's announcement that it hopes to sign a mitigation agreement deal with the MBTA at the end of this month, has drawn — surprise surprise — mixed reaction from the pro- and anti-train people in Cohasset.

Last week, after many months of discussions, selectmen said it had agreed in theory to a mitigation package that could be worth as much as $3.5 million to the town. Though a public meeting will be held on Jan. 30 to discuss the deal, Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan said it would be tough for the town to reopen negotiations with the MBTA, and hopes to be able to sign the deal that night. He did say, however, both last week and Tuesday night, that if the town feels major issues have not been addressed in the agreement, the door was still open slightly for more talks.

But not open enough, says Peter Pratt, whose Ripley Road property borders the Greenbush right-of-way. "When this was released to the public, the message was, 'We're ready to sign this,'" he said. "Speaking personally, I think the selectmen kind of rushed to judgement [by saying that]. It's nothing short of outrageous, particularly to those who are direct abutters."

Pratt, a former selectman, strongly criticized the negotiating process, and the end result, saying the deal "does not protect the rights of the

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Users want water rate hike doused

By Carol Britton Meyer
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In upcoming weeks, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull will continue a joint effort to aggressively fight a 16 percent rate increase proposed by Massachusetts-American Water Company.

Officials and residents from all three towns voiced their staunch opposition to the request at a public hearing held by the department of telecommunications and energy at Town Hall on Tuesday.

"No service is more basic to us than water," said Hingham selectman Katharine Reardon. "We can't choose to not turn on the tap, although we can decide how much water we want to use."

Calling the rates the three towns are paying "extraordinary," Reardon urged the department of telecommunications and energy to apply the "greatest diligence possible" to its examination of the rate hike request.

Cohasset Town Counsel Richard J. Hucksam said that community is against the rate increase and will participate fully in the review proceedings alongside Hingham and Hull opponents.

The water company, which serves customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset, applied to the department for the increase last November.

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Town debating $11 million Little Harbor sewer project

By Rick Collins
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Tuesday night was a meeting of the boards, if not the minds.

The Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Water Commission and Sewer Commission all convened in Town Hall to examine the latest sewer feasibility study of Little Harbor.

Though two studies had been done before, this one, conducted by Stearns and Wheeler of Burlington, was designed to be the final word in whether the area could and should be sewered.

The answer is yes, but at a cost.

The engineering group placed a price tag of near $11 million on the possible project, that would bring sewer service to 275 Cohasset homes in the Little Harbor watershed area.

However, the project is not without options. Stearns and Wheeler representative Wayne Perry, who made the presentation to the boards, said if all 275 homes joined the system, 120,000 gallons of wastewater a day would be created. Perry said the town could either create a separate waste-water treatment facility to deal with it, expand the existing plant off Elm Street and send it there, or a combination of both.

Perry said his company went through a lengthy review process of the project, including a review of existing data, and evaluation of collection systems, treatment technologies and possible site locations before devising a plan.

He said a grinder pump system, similar to the one in North Cohasset, would be ideal for the area. Land surrounding Little Harbor, like in North Cohasset and other places around the town, is mostly granite ledge, and installing normal gravity lines would include blasting out part of the ledge, making it cost prohibitive.

"I want to see the town do this, because the town wants to. Not because a bunch of bureaucrats looking for something to do, wants us to. We need to be in charge and not fall on our knees every time the state says 'Boo.'"

— Ray Kasperowicz, sewer commission

With grinder pumps, wastewater would be collected in a basin before being forced out into the main sewer line by a pressure pump. What happens with it then, is a question to be decided at a later date. As of now, Sewer Commission Chairman Gary Vanderweil said the Central Cohasset wastewater facility is treating as much wastewater a day as possible. However, he did say it would be possible, with the proper permitting, to expand the current plant within the same footprint, from 300,000 gallons of water per day, to 420,000 — possibly enough to cover the Little Harbor system.

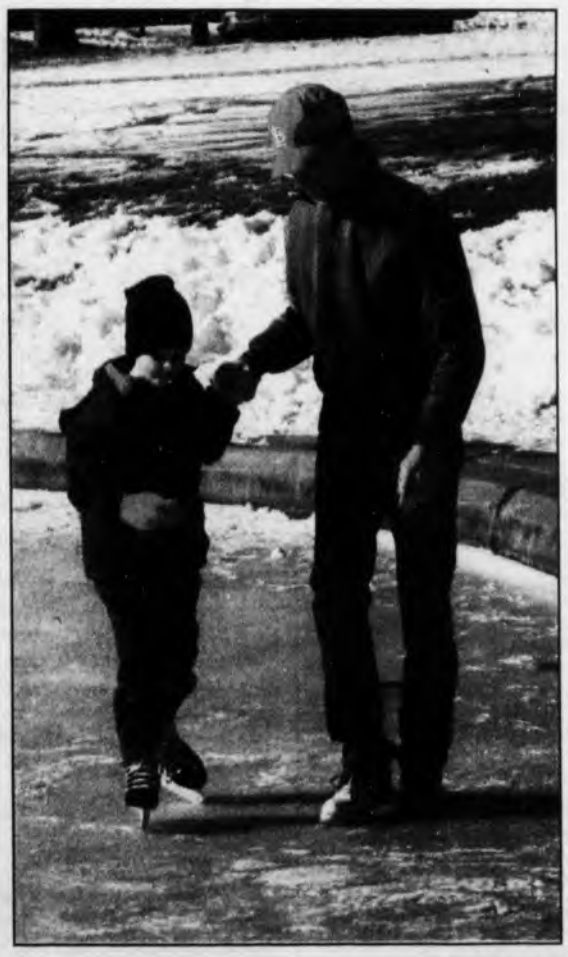
But Stearns and Wheeler also raised the possibility of sending some of the new system's wastewater to a new plant, ideally built at the gravel pit site off North Main Street. Water Commission Chairman John McNabb objected to the site location, saying it was too close to the public watershed area. A smaller treatment facility could be built on the south entrance lawn of Wheelwright Park, Perry said.

The lawn, along with the Town Common, is being looked at as a "big leaching field" for the treated wastewater. Selectman Michael Sullivan said he was "uncomfortable" with the idea of using the Town Common for that purpose.

If the Elm Street facility was to be expanded, Vanderweil said nearly $500,000 would have to be spent in additional environmental impact reports for the Department of Environmental Protection. The

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FIRST STRIDES



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James Watkins, 6, gets a little help from his dad, Mark, while learning to skate on the duck pond on the common.

County land plan favored

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This spring Cohasset voters will have the chance to create an open space preservation fund — but it won't be the Community Preservation Act.

"The money is already being collected but we'd get it back rather than it going into the state coffers."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

At the annual Town Meeting, voters will be asked to back a plan being pushed by the Norfolk County Advisory Board that would divert some $8 million a year in county deed excise taxes from the state general fund to the 28 cities and towns in the county for the purchase of open space.

In Cohasset's case, the Norfolk County plan could add up to about $145,000 annually.

The county plan would be a better alternative to the state Community Preservation Act

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School board OKs tougher graduation requirements

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset High School graduation requirements are about to get tougher.

Starting with this year's freshman class, Cohasset High students will be required to pass more classes in order to receive a diploma.

"In light of a review of our mission statement and student learning expectation guidelines, our graduation requirements are much less than in the standard district," high school principal Dr. Michael Jones told the school committee Dec. 21. But he added the changes would not place an additional onus on students because in actuality, they "far exceed" the existing requirements.

"I don't think it's a significant change. What we have on paper has to agree with what we expect."
— Michael Jones, CMHS principal

The new requirements will call for students to take and pass three years of science and math, as opposed to two, and one year of fine arts and a foreign language.

Jones characterized the move as "90 percent a paper adjustment," and will help during the school's upcoming accreditation review. "I don't think it's a significant change. What we have on paper has to agree with what we expect," he said.

Jones said the move had the support of the various department heads.

He also said the requirements weren't among the toughest because the state is moving towards performance based standards. "Massachusetts is saying it doesn't matter how many years [of a subject a student takes] as long as they meet certain standards," Jones said.

Pay as you throw program to start July 1

By Rick Collins
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After a year of planning, the Pay-As-You-Throw program at the Recycling Transfer Facility will kick off July 1.

Starting May 1, residents will be able to purchase an RTF sticker for $50, along with either 30-gallon trash bags for $1 apiece, or two 15-gallon bags for $1. Residents must use the bags — that will be available in bundles of ten — to dispose of their trash..

Selectman Merle Brown, who has worked closely with the town recycling committee on the program, said the bags will be available at stores around town.

The RTF sticker will also double as a beach sticker. Instead of paying for a beach and RTF sticker separately, residents will be able to pay $50 for both. However, if residents choose not to use the RTF, they can still purchase a beach sticker for $7.

The PAYT program was adopted at last year's annual Town Meeting in an attempt to force residents to recycle more. Scituate implemented a similar program two years ago and Town Manager Mark Haddad, a Scituate resident, said the recycling rate in that town has increased significantly.

A pamphlet explaining the program in detail will be sent out to residents soon.

The RTF will still accept small plastic bags, such as bread bags, filled with household garbage only, such as food scraps, for no cost. There is no charge for disposal of recyclable items.

Brown said a pamphlet explaining the program in detail will be sent out to residents soon.

In other RTF news, Brown reported that a load of trash was rejected by SEMASS in Rochester for high radiation levels last month. The load was trucked back to Cohasset where it sat for four weeks until the radiation dissipated. Brown said the cause of the radiation was unknown but could have possibly come from trash disposed by someone undergoing cancer treatments.

However, while the radiation was dissipating, a second trailer was knocked out of commission when its removable wooden floorboards froze. As a result, while the trailer was being thawed out, only one trailer was available and that soon filled up.

Brown thanked RTF volunteers Sharyn Studley and Carol Martin for spending hours breaking down corrugated cardboard during the space crunch.

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Hagerty bids come in high

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Champagne in Hagerty Property Committee Chairman Russ Bonetti's house has been put back on ice for the moment. After seven years of planning, permitting and persistence, the town appeared ready to move forward with the creation of a water-front park on the site of the former Cohasset Colonials furniture manufacturing company. With permits in hand and $225,000 in itspocket, the town sent out bids for the project that would create 27-space parking lot, public access to the water, and a wooden walkway to Government Island.

But why should the bidding process be any easier than the permitting process which ate up a majority of those seven years?

Six bids were opened up last Thursday morning in the Selectmen's Office, and all bids came in higher than the $225,000 allocated for the project.

"They were much higher than what the estimates were," said Bonetti. "The lowest was in the $265,000 range."

Town engineer John Modewleski had estimated the project would take about $175,000. Bonetti said the bids went as high as $490,000.

"Either the bid numbers weren't accurate or I don't know what," a glum-sounding Bonetti said afterwards.

Last October's Town Meeting allocated $175,000 for the project, with the committee throwing in $50,000 from its own coffers. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the Hagerty Committee would probably have to go back to Town Meeting and ask for at least an additional $75,000 to just cover the low bid, submitted by RAD Corp. of Hingham, and any additional contingencies that may arise.

Haddad did say RAD Corp agreed to hold its bid until the Town Meeting, March 31.

Bonetti said another option would be begin the project, but scrap plans for a public dock and pier. "We never thought we'd see a dock down there anyway," he said laughing. "We should have enough to finish without that."

The Hagerty Committee will next meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

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The next meeting of the Cohasset TRIAD Program will be held Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 9:30 a.m. at the Cohasset Elder Affairs Center, 3 North Main St.

TRIAD's goal is to increase the quality of life and safety for all seniors, but the meeting is open and all citizens are welcome.

Litchfield to stay

Town Manager Mark Haddad was happy to announce that Department of Public Works Superintendent Harold Litchfield will remain on the job for another year.

Litchfield, 66, had wanted to retire as of this spring, but after a "lot of arm-twisting, begging and pleading" from Haddad, he changed his mind. "And I think that's great," Haddad told selectmen last week.

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Foster care, lottery litter lead state senator's agenda

Hedlund backs range of new bills

By Mary Ford
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If state Sen. Robert Hedlund has his way then the rights of foster parents will come to the forefront during the new senate session on Beacon Hill.

And that's just one of a range of more than 80 legislative initiatives the Weymouth Republican is backing this year. Other highlights include Title 5 regulations, a redemption program for used lottery tickets, electoral college reform, open space acquisition, obtaining money for pond dredging and the ability of non-custodial parents to gain access to their child's education records.

Moved by the story of a couple in Hingham who lost custody of their foster child, Hedlund filed legislation for the new senate session that would require the Department of Social Services to begin proceedings to terminate rights of the biological parents whose children are placed in foster care at birth when that child reaches six months.

"It seems to me that we as legislators have a responsibility to at least question the system when it shows a pattern of failing the frailest among us," Hedlund said. "My goal in presenting this legislation is to force the Department of Social Services to become more accountable in situations where the best interests of the child are not being adequately being considered."

A separate bill would provide proof the Department of Social Services has notified foster parents of all court proceedings affecting the child placed in their care. "This is a simple courtesy that should be extended for people serving in this important role," said Hedlund, who said he has been inundated with e-mails from foster parents willing to testify on these potential reforms. A third bill would increase the compensation rates for Foster parents.

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Hedlund, who represents the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District, has also filed legislation that would address litter caused by used lottery tickets.

"A pet peeve of mine is pulling up to a convenience store and seeing a carpet of used lottery tickets on the ground," he said.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

State Sen. Robert Hedlund would like the legislature to enact a lottery ticket redemption program that could put an end to lottery litter.

The bill would require creation of lottery ticket redemption program so people could exchange ten used, non-winning tickets for a new ticket. State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien has been resistant to the idea because she thinks it could cause problems for vendors, Hedlund said. As a "fall back" position, Hedlund filed another bill that would let the treasury department study the feasibility of the program.

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Title 5, the state code governing septic systems, continues to be an issue of concern in the district that spans the coastal towns from Weymouth to Duxbury, Hedlund said. "I represent the hardest hit district in the state with the highest cost of repairs," he said about the impact of Title 5.

Hedlund said there has been a big push at the State House over the past five years to take local control away from the local boards of health and implement an enforcement code statewide.

"I've opposed that because philosophically, I always support local control and I also think what works in Scituate may not work in Longmeadow," he said. But in some towns, like Hingham, the board of health has enacted more stringent regulations on septic codes than the state's — causing alarm among homeowners who feel that the regulations are too onerous.

"Some towns have implemented more stringent septic codes that may go beyond health concerns and tread into land-use policy," Hedlund said.

The bill, that has been adopted as a legislative priority by the Massachusetts Association of Realtors, would require that any board of health regulations that go beyond Title 5 be approved by a vote of Town Meeting or City Council.

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Prompted by a Weymouth constituent who persuaded him to take a closer look at the Electoral College question during the presidential contest in Florida, Hedlund backs some reform to the Electoral College in a bill that has a number of co-sponsors on both sides of the political aisle at the State House. This bill would mirror the process in Maine and Nebraska by allowing the electors of each of the ten congressional districts to cast their votes for president and vice president of the political party that received the largest number of votes in their particular district. The state's two "at-large" electors would cast their ballots for the president/vice president receiving the most votes in the state. Currently, all 12 Massachusetts electors cast ballots for the winning ticket statewide. A similar bill has been filed in the House.

"The interesting thing about this is that it would not contradict the intent of the framers of the Constitution," said Hedlund, who is opposed to doing away with the Electoral College.

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Hedlund is sponsoring a bill aimed at towns that may decide not to adopt the Community Preservation Act, which involves a tax increase. "Some towns may not go for that," he said.

Hedlund contends the more affluent towns, which will likely adopt the Community Preservation Act, are already doing a good job with open space. "The Hulls and Weymouths can't avail themselves of this program," he said.

The new act would allow towns to establish a separate fund to purchase open space and give them the discretion about how to provide money for the fund.

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Ponds and lakes need dredging but state funding is usually earmarked for bigger projects such as harbor dredging and seawalls, Hedlund said. In some areas, plant species that are not native to the pond or lake are squeezing out other aquatic life and plants. This bill, which was "re-filed" from last year would require the state Department of Environmental Management to have a separate line item in its waterways budget for smaller projects and award funds based on the merits of the project.

"This would set up a line item and criteria by which not only towns but entities like the Whitman's Pond Association in Weymouth could apply for the funds directly," Hedlund said. Successful applicants could also get technical assistance.

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Hedlund is one of several legislators to file bills — that have support from environmental groups — reestablishing a zero percent interest program for the state revolving loan fund for sewer and water projects. The bill would delete the outside section of the fiscal 2001 state budget that ended the zero percent interest program.

"I have the greatest of interest in this being my district is hit hardest by Title 5," he said. The administration raised the interest rate to 2 percent.

"Two percent can make or break a project for the smaller communities doing smaller projects," Hedlund said. Several towns in the district are extending or plan to extend sewer service and would be greatly impacted by the added interest, he said.

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Strengthening the rights of non-custodial parents is the focus of another bill filed by Hedlund in response to concern expressed by a local constituent over what he had to contend with to gain access to his son's education records. The bill changes the current requirements non-custodial parents must comply with to certify their eligibility to obtain information about their children's records. This bill would allow for a one-time written request by the non-custodial parent to the school principal for access to the child's records. Safeguards include notifying the custodial parent of the request and preventing access to information when a court order is received by the school principal. The bill also requires school systems designate a staff member to oversee proper implementation of the new standards.

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Hedlund would like cities and towns to have control over setting local speed limits. Currently that power lies the Mass. Highway Dept. The bill filed is in response to issues raised in Minot, a section of Scituate, and Pine Street in Weymouth, over speed limits. "This bill is consistent with my philosophy of local control," Hedlund said.

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Another Hedlund-sponsored bill would close the loophole allowing the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) to override local siting decisions on cell towers. To accomplish this, the act would remove wireless service providers from the definition of public service corporations.

Unions, town agree

The town has reached collective bargaining agreements with two of the town's unions, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. Both the town's police and clerical unions agreed to a three-year contract with the town, effective July 1, 2001. Both groups will be getting living increases of 3 percent this year, 3 1/2 next year, and 4 percent in 2003.

Haddad commended both groups for recognizing fiscal difficulties and negotiating in "good faith" with the towns. He specifically cited his negotiations with the police union and union head Bill Quigley. "They were excellent negotiations. They were very reasonable in what they were seeking," Haddad said. "It's a good deal for the town." He added that the contract was similar to the last one, but with "financial incentives to cut back on sick leave." The three-year impact of the 17-member police union contract will be an additional $101,361. The town's 15 employees covered under the clerical union for the next three years will be $54,803.

Haddad said the town still has to negotiate new collective bargaining agreements with the town fire and library unions.

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Greenbush deal draws mixed reviews

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abutters."

"With selectmen saying it's all over but the shouting, and we're prepared to sign, it directly excludes those affected more by this project, from the process," Pratt said. "Maybe this is the best deal for the town but why hasn't the public had access to this prior to last week?"

Selectmen had kept a closed lid on the status of discussions over the past four months, claiming because it involved a real-estate transaction — the sale of the town owned right-of-way — the negotiations did not have to take place in an open meeting, and could instead be done in executive session. The board did release some details about the agreement in December, such as the bridge over Rocky Lane and North Main Street access to the Route-3A station, when it first announced a deal was near. But certain aspects of the final mitigation document, such as the $1 million purchase price for the right-of-way, $2.1 million for the James Brook flood control project, and MBTA backing of up to $1 million in a Public Works Economic Development grant, weren't mentioned.

Pratt said when it comes to issues such as flood control, "that's not real estate, per se." He said the town "gratuitously chose" to use an exemption to the Open Meeting Law to close the negotiations to the public. "The Town Manager and board of selectmen need to be reminded they work for the voters and taxpayers of Cohasset, and the history of this document doesn't reflect that," he said.

Pratt was also concerned that abutters were left dangling under the agreement. "Speaking as an abutter, I don't see the specifics in here as to how specifically abutters will be protected," Pratt said. "I see general language, but why don't the rest of us have vibration mats...why is flood control only confined to Cohasset Village?"

The agreement calls for the MBTA to deal directly with individual property owners to make vibration and noise mitigation deals, as it did in restoration of the Plymouth and Middleboro lines. "[The mitigation agreement] shows what the MBTA is proposing," he said, "but where does it say we're going to get that? And if I feel I'm not getting that, what are my rights to see that this is enforced?"

But another resident living in the shadow of the train isn't taking as critical a stance as Pratt. Jackie Whipple lives on North Main Street, and thinks news of an impending deal is great. "I'm absolutely thrilled they've come to this," she said. "I think the MBTA has gone way beyond what they would've expected." She thought some of the mitigation demands, such as reimbursement for the flood control project, were uncalled for by the town, saying the flooding around the post office isn't the fault of the MBTA. "The MBTA has been extremely generous," Whipple said.

The 79-year old resident said the anti-train people were either too young, or weren't around when the train stopped running through town in 1959. "Most of the people that have been the big objectors were not even in Cohasset when [restoration] was being talked about, and people who knew and loved the train could never understand their opposition to it," she said.

Whipple also criticized state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, both of whom last week reiterated their anti-train stances following the deal announcement. "I found it most discouraging and inappropriate that they vowed to keep on objecting to the train," she said. "They're also representing those of us who like the train and want the train. It seems that they represent the objectors more, and there's at least half of us that want it."

Jerusalem Road resident, and long-time pro-train activist Dr. Ed Woods also was excited to hear the news. "I read [of the deal] with great enthusiasm," he said, "I'm delighted it's progressing so well."

He said the news was made even more significant with a recent report that the South Shore is growing at a rate three times the state average, making the need for additional public transportation greater than ever. "I don't know if the train is pushing the population, of the population is pushing the train," he said.

Nonetheless, he complimented the MBTA. "The MBTA seems really willing to pitch in, " Woods said adding the agreement covers all the bases. Woods also praised the selectmen.

"I think our selectmen should be congratulated for mushing along with this," he said.

A public hearing will be held to discuss the proposed deal Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Comments are also welcome before the meeting.

County land plan favored

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because it would not raise taxes, says Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad. Any town that adopts the Community Preservation Act could assess a property tax surcharge of up to 3 percent on each parcel of real estate in the community.

"We just think the proposal from Norfolk County is a better one at this time," Haddad said last week after selectmen voted unanimously to place it on the Town Meeting agenda. If Town Meeting voters give the okay, Cohasset would file a home-rule petition asking the legislature to allow Norfolk County to divert county deed excise taxes to its own municipal open space account. The money could then be used to buy open space, to rehabilitate existing parks, restore outdoor sports facilities, install field lights or pay for almost any other public, outdoor recreational facility.

Under the state Community Preservation Act, the primary source of revenue is a surcharge of up to 3 percent on each parcel of taxable real estate in the community. Amounts generated by the surcharge are not subject to the levy limits under Proposition 2-1/2. The CPA fund may pay for land conservation, historic preservation and to develop affordable housing. The legislation also calls for the state to kick in matching amounts obtained from annual distributions from surcharges on fees charged for recording various documents at the Registry of Deeds or Land Court.

But the Norfolk County proposal would create a community land bank without raising taxes. "The money is already being collected," Haddad explained, "but we'd get it back rather than it going into the state coffers." The one catch is that whatever the town gets back from the county won't be eligible for state matching funds.

The Norfolk County plan also gets high marks from local state legislators.

According to state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, the county plan makes better financial sense for the towns in his district that might not opt to raise their taxes.

"The Norfolk County plan was a little more workable for the town's I support," he said, adding that the preservation act would be more advantageous for some wealthy towns, which have been setting money aside for years, and not for towns with burdensome tax rates like Cohasset and Weymouth. "The feedback I've gotten back from [Weymouth Mayor] David Madden is that [the CPA] has already been dismissed [there]...The communities that have already been using part of their tax burden for open space are probably the communities that will take advantage of this."

Haddad said between the high tax rate of $14.59 and debt service accumulated from recent school and sewer construction projects, Cohasset residents probably wouldn't be keen on placing an additional voluntary tax on themselves.

"It would place two overrides on the same ballot," Haddad said referring to the possible need for a $300,000 general override this year. "This puts the budget in jeopardy."

John Dacey, the Norfolk County Advisory Board coordinator, said since the preservation act was passed last year, many officials in Norfolk County municipalities, expressed doubt that they would be able to start the fund. "Any type of appetite for an override was for school purposes or water or sewer," he said. "Open space was somewhere down the line of priorities a bit."

Open Space Committee Chairman Deborah Cook also said while the Community Preservation Act has good intentions, it probably isn't practical to implement this year. "Financially, it might not be the right time," she said.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, thinks the Norfolk County version is a good variation of the preservation act for some towns. "I'm concerned whenever it comes to an issue that concerns an increase in property taxes. I pledged to keep property taxes as low as possible," he said. "I think we can use this to give [towns with a high tax burden] another option."

The Norfolk County version was filed in 1999, but was eventually passed over in favor of the Community Preservation Act. State Rep. Maryanne Lewis, D-Dedham, has re-filed the bill, but towns are now also being asked to approve a similar version of the bill as a home-rule petition in an attempt to force the state to consider the bill.

Dacey of the Norfolk County Advisory Board explained the reason behind the preservation act. So many home-rule petitions involving land-bank accounts were flooding the State House, that the legislature was forced to deal with it, he said. Dacey hopes that by having enough Norfolk County towns and cities file home-rule petitions supporting the county plan, the legislature would also be forced to deal with the county version.

Whether to adopt the Norfolk County plan will be debated and voted upon at Cohasset's annual Town Meeting, that gets underway at 10 a.m., March 31.

Users want Mass-American water rate hike doused

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Water company officials say the request is in line with the current inflation rate and is needed to cover operation, capital improvement, labor and personnel related expenses as well as the cost of additional purchases of power and chemicals to treat the water.

The rate hike is the first sought by the company in five years, but, noted Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, customers were hit with a 153 percent increase in 1996 to pay for the water company's new $37.7 million water treatment plant which was built in conformance with federal purification standards.

Hedlund also questions the timing of the request, with a large retirement community and the Hingham Shipyard development currently on the table.

"Will residential customers be paying for infrastructure improvements for these developments? Would that be fair?" he asked.

In Weymouth, developers are required to make a financial contribution towards improving the water and sewer infrastructure, he noted recently, which saves ratepayers money.

Hedlund asked for a full explanation of the proposed rate hike.

"This comes at a time when seniors and those on fixed incomes are already paying higher fuel and other bills," he said. "The water company has the right to make a profit, but I hope the department of telecommunications and energy closely scrutinizes the request."

Those who spoke at the hearing shared a number of common concerns, including the high rate of return they say shareholders are enjoying.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, jokingly thanked Mass-American for "giving me my reading material for the weekend."

He noted shareholders have received increased dividends during the past 6-1/2 years even as ratepayers experienced higher rates.

"Sooner or later instead of calling us rate payers you can call us dividend payers," Bradley said.

Roger Jackson of Hull urged the three communities to consider buying out the water company over a period of time and running the operation as a municipal utility.

"That way we would be consumers and shareholders and could keep the dividends for ourselves," he said. "It's our water company."

Hingham selectman Mathew MacIver shares his view.

"We had an opportunity to buy the water company in the past," he said. "Not doing so was a mistake because the interests of the community are not being served. We need to look at every detail of the case. We've lost our ability to control our destiny."

MacIver vowed to fight the increase "tooth and nail" and look closely at the appropriateness of water company investments and payments to officers and shareholders.

Phil Lemnios, Hull's town manager, called the water company one of the most profitable privately held utilities in the United States.

"The company has had 26 continuous years of dividends. We're the ones who need relief, not Mass-American," he said.

According to Hull resident Christopher Haraden, $83 million was paid to shareholders in 1999.

"The water company by design is a monopoly," he said. "They can set their own profit."

The number of different charges listed on individual water bills is another issue.

"The last time I heard of anyone with that many charges they were in Walpole," Lemnios quipped. "This is the first part of a very long battle because consumers are fed up about the increase requests without a marked increase in service."

The water company's 11,000 customers in the three towns pay an average of $700 a year for water. The company's rate is among the highest in the nation. If the proposed rate hike is approved, the average customer would pay an additional $26 per quarter for water, which would effectively wipe out the benefit realized by customers beginning last year with the implementation of a state ratepayer relief program.

Hedlund and former state representative Mary Jeanette Murray were instrumental in that effort.

The water company is seeking an additional $1.8 million in annual revenue, citing $8 million in capital improvements to the system, an increase in capital depreciation rates, inflation and a required change in billing structure rates.

The state department of environmental protection, in an effort to encourage water conservation, is mandating the rate structure change which would move the company towards conservation-based rates. That means lower per-gallon rates will no longer apply to customers who use more water.

Still, Hedlund and others question whether the new structure would actually benefit the average "use-conscious" consumer.

Leonard Hirsch of Hull urged Hingham water company customers to fight the proposed rate increase "with the same vehemence" with which the town has opposed Greenbush.

"We can't allow utilities to continue to put their hands in our pockets. The end has come," he said. "We've had enough of skyrocketing water bills."

Richard Lee, coordinator for Hingham's task force on affordability, asked the water company to consider providing assistance to ratepayers who can't afford to pay their bills.

Other speakers expressed concern about the strong smell of chlorine or discoloration experienced by some customers in Hingham and Hull. Others called for a rollback in rates, noting that recent legislative rate relief accorded to water company customers came from the coffers of the federal government and not from water company funds.

Samuel Manian of Hingham reminded department of telecommunications and energy representatives who attended the hearing that their role is to "protect the public's interests."

He further called for a complete audit of the water company.

Another hearing is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at Hull High School. Evidentiary hearings will also be held in February and March.

The water company and department of telecommunications and energy are expected to provide responses to questions and comments made at Tuesday's hearing at a later date. The department will also analyze the financial performance of the water company in its review, according to Hedlund.

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Selectmen back move to give big project oversight to town manager

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen voted to place an article on the annual Town Meeting warrant that would give the town manager project oversight of capital construction projects valued more than $100,000.

Town Manager Mark Haddad explained that neither he nor the board had any kind of oversight or control during the course of both the Central and North Cohasset sewer projects — so when it came to resident complaints, their hands were tied.

Selectmen share his concern.

"There was no centralized coordination with the projects," said Selectman Michael Sullivan. "There was no coordination with the Department of Public Works, or with [Finance Director] Michael Buckley."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said major construction projects — whether sewer, water or schools should have one point of contact in town.

In Cohasset, the water and sewer departments are separately elected boards, and don't answer to the board of selectmen.

If passed the article – which is an item of business the comes before Town Meeting – would then need a positive vote of the state Legislature to become law. The "home rule petition" asks that the managing authority of capital construction projects be given to the Town Manager, except where other arrangements already exist in Cohasset bylaws. For example, for school construction projects, the school committee is required to form a school building committee to oversee work. Under the proposed new law, this would not change.

However, the article was not without opposition. Selectman Fred Koed, a former water commissioner, argued fervently against the article.

Koed argued for a "separation of powers," saying that if the water or sewer departments want to undergo a major construction project, "there's a certain responsibility with these boards" to oversee the project.

He also said that the article might seem like a good idea with Haddad as town manager but a successor could prove not up to the responsibility of overseeing a major construction project.

"We don't know what the expertise of the person will be five to 10 years down the road," Koed argued. He suggested that town concerns should be taken care of "contractually" instead.

Nonetheless, despite Koed's argument, selectmen voted 4-1 to place the article before Town Meeting.

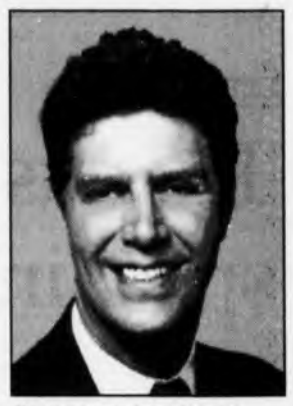
The annual Town Meeting will be held March 31.

Chamber to host annual meeting Jan. 25

National Federation of Independent Business state director Bill Vernon will speak to the Cohasset Chamber and its guests at the Chamber's Annual Meeting Thursday, Jan. 25. Non-members are also welcome. Cohasset Attorney Kimberly La Torraco will be voted in as the new president of the chamber at the same meeting. La Torraco is a Scituate resident.



Attorney Kimberly La Torraco will be voted in as the new chamber president.



Bill Vernon will talk about the small business climate.

Vernon will speak about important changes on the horizon affecting small businesses and answer questions about the NFIB. Vernon is an attorney who served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1983 to 1991. He worked for the MBTA as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs from 1991-1994 and served as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Republican Party from 1994-1996.

He has been advocating on behalf of small and independent business owners for the past two years. The NFIB, with more than 10,000 members in Massachusetts, has 600,000 members nationally with offices in all 50 states and in Washington, D.C.

The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Inn's Salon de Soleil. Cocktails are from 6 to 7 p.m.. Dinner is from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost of the dinner, including dessert is $25 per person. Please contact any chamber member, or leave a message at 383-1010 if you'd like to attend. Dinner choices are Prime Rib of Beef or Grilled Atlantic Salmon. Seating is limited, so it's best to make your reservation early. All information about the dinner and other chamber business is on the chamber's Web site at www.cohassetchamber.org

Vandals damage CMHS bathroom, teacher's room

School officials are still trying to find out who flooded a second-floor middle/high school bathroom that caused $4,799 of damage to the teacher's room.

Dr. Michael Jones, principal of the middle/high school, said sometime between 4-6 p.m. on Jan. 8, someone stuffed toilet paper into the boys room toilets, and then tied open the flush levers, causing the bathroom to flood. School maintenance workers discovered the damage later that day. The water leaked through the floor, into the teacher's room below, ruining several ceiling tiles and the carpet. School Health Education Director Dr. Michael Gill's office also experienced some flooding.

"There was a considerable amount of damage," said Jones. He said the Cohasset fire department used a squeegee to expel so much water out of the bathroom, it ran down the stairs and out the building.

Jones also said the school does have a couple of leads, and Assistant Principal Jack DiLorenzo is investigating, "There was a middle school wrestling match at the time, so there were students around." He said the school is not taking the incident lightly, saying it was vandalism, not just a prank.

Cohasset Det. Rick Grassie is also investigating.

"This was a criminal act involving damage, not just someone banging up a locker," Jones said. He added that if the culprit is caught, he or she will face punishment by the school and possible prosecution.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks for speaking up

Before 2001 gets too far along, we still have some important 2000 business to attend to.

Some of the following names may be familiar to you, others may not be. But the people attached to these names all have one thing in common: they wrote at least one letter to the Cohasset Mariner in 2000.

A few wrote thank you notes to the people of Cohasset or organizations for their help or support; others complained about a decision or lobbied to have their views considered; while still others educated us about programs, problems or activities.

But no matter what the subject, putting pen to paper to share your views with your fellow citizens is important. The First Amendment is close to our hearts here in the newspaper business and at no time do we appreciate it more than when ordinary citizens, like those listed here, take advantage of their Freedom of Speech. And what better vehicle is there than your local paper?

So here at the Mariner, we salue the following citizens:

Austin Ahearn, Tommy Alioto, Cindy Alexander for Cohasset Youth Baseball, Frances F. Andrews, Barbara Baumgarten (Barbara Mullin, Ann Brophy and Adrienne MacCarthy), Paul S. Barry Jr., Mark Bell, Lisa T. Bermis, James Blakey, Russell Bonetti, Garrett Bradley, the Brennock family, Emily Brown, Joe Buckley, R. Murray Campbell, K. C. Carney, Kathleen Kelly-Cimina, Barbara Cook, Kenneth B. Cook, Stephanie Church, Betsey Connolly, Lucille Conte, Rita Corcoran, Daniel C. Cotton, Janice L. Crowley, The Rev. Clifford Cutler, Amy L. Cutler, Brenda D'Alotto, Priscilla Daniels, Robert M. Davenport, John Davidson, Joe DiVito Jr., Jacqueline and Ralph Dormitzer, Philip and Susan Dormitzer,

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The editorial pages of the Cohasset Mariner belong to you. It's where you can speak out or just say thank you to a citizen or group that went beyond the call of duty.

Sometimes it takes a good dose of courage to let your voice be heard, but we think it's worth it. Often one voice is all the inspiration needed to propel others to action.

Last year, the Cohasset Mariner received 188 letters from 142 different people, groups or organizations.

To those of you that have thought about writing and haven't, please reconsider. To those whom we hear from on a regular basis, keep writing!

There are lots of weeks to go in the New Year – which will be filled with events, decisions, happenings and controversy.

Let us hear what you think in 2001.

— Mary Ford
Editor

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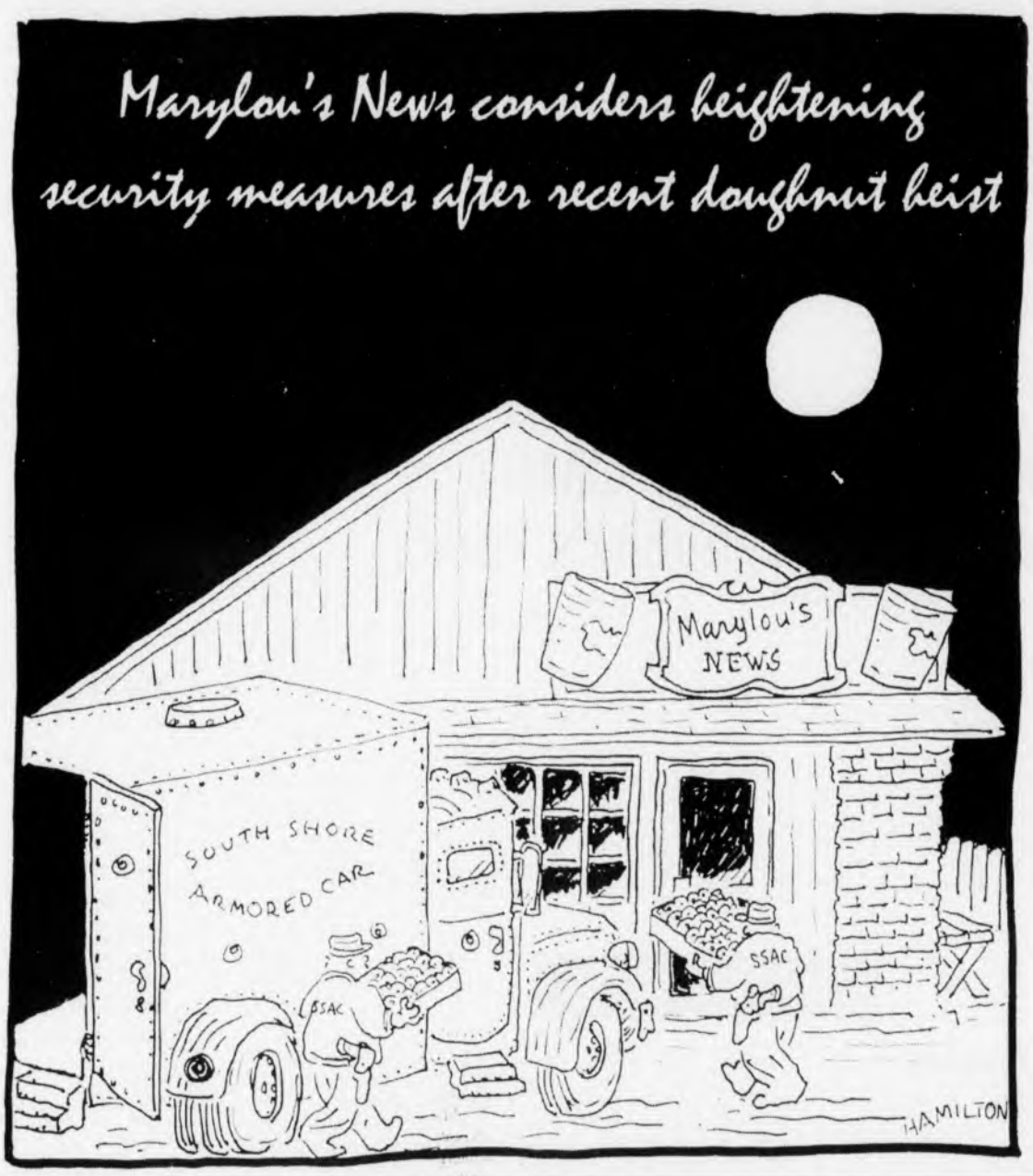
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New bakery

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to express my disfavor at the opening of a bakery which is not only located across the street from an existing bakery but, offers a very similar menu. The reputation of Cohasset as a quaint friendly town is in direct contrast to the obvious spirit of competition that exists. The needs of the community should be considered when opening a business, in a small town. Not only is this important to ensure a new business' success, it is important to assist in building a nurturing community in which neighbors offer support rather than take it away. Developing an idea for a small business, which is not yet established may require some creativity, something that money obviously cannot buy.

Helen Feroli
41 South Main Street

MCAS accountability

TO THE TOWN SELECTMEN:

I was disappointed to read in the Jan. 11 Cohasset Mariner that you voted unanimously to adopt the Cohasset School Committee resolution to suspend MCAS as a graduation requirement. For reasons I will describe below, I do not think such a suspension is in the interest of our students or of our community's need to have well educated citizens.

First as a matter of background, Massachusetts' 1993 education reform program was based on the agreement that the state would spend more on public education and public schools would be held accountable for improving academic performance. We spent the money, but now the proposal is to renege on the accountability.

For all the money the state and Cohasset has spent on its schools and glowing words from the School Establishment, there has been no significant improvement in the Cohasset MCAS results this past year (nor since 1998, for that matter). For example, Cohasset had 14 percent of its 10th graders fail math this year, compared to 15 percent in 1999. Science and Technology failures were 11 percent, compared to 8 percent in 1999. English gave us the best results, with "only" 5 percent failing (vs 3 percent in 1999). Looking at the scores of "less than proficient" ("fail" plus "needs improvement"), the results are even worse. 28 percent of math, 47 percent of science and tech and 21 percent of English students were less than proficient. Although our results compare favorably with other school districts in the state, it is not acceptable for so many of our students not to be proficient in the basics. After all, don't we want our public school graduates to be able to compete with private school graduates?

Of course, the School Establishment immediately blames the tests. There arguments would be more compelling if they had not agreed to the tests in the first place. Granted, no test is perfect. However, only after results are in and it is time to "pay the piper" does the Establishment find problems with the tests. Frankly, I am skeptical that the tests are that hard. For example, the eighth-grade standard test in Salina, Kansas in 1895 asked students such questions as 1) name and define the fundamental rules of arithmetic, 2) find the interest on $512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent and 3) name the republics of Europe and give the capital of each. Given that a recent survey of college seniors showed that 77 percent could not name the general in charge of the American army at Yorktown, I'll bet our 10th graders can't pass those questions of 1895.

Much is made that holding a kid back from graduation is unfair to the kid, as the fault is with the school (or teacher, or test…). My belief is that graduating a kid that isn't equipped to succeed in the modern high tech world is much more unfair, as we are relegating the kid to the bottom of the success opportunities. Besides, if the School Establishment is held to its commitments, you can bet that parents will be on their backs to get the kids educated and ready for the world. Isn't it interesting that so few parents seem to be up in arms about what their kids are learning?

If the Selectmen really feel the tests are unfair and we should graduate students without passing them, I suggest a simple experiment. Let's gather adult volunteers from town and have them take the test, and see how they do. Although I graduated from (public) high school in 1958 and know my testing skills are rusty, I'll be happy to volunteer.

William B. Smith
400 Atlantic Ave.

Mr. Smith provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.

Cohasset layover

Last week a (Greenbush) meeting was held in Scituate to which the public was invited, but there was no opportunity for public questions. Instead of an open discussion, the meeting closed with adjournment to yet another executive session. Why? Are our officials covering up their incompetence? Taxpayers attend to hear and be heard. There should be no secrets, no closed doors.

We do not want tunnels or overpasses, or sound barriers, or financial rewards. We want the same things that Marshfield and Norwell want. We want the benefits we are due. Place the layover in Cohasset, enlarge the parking area and give them all our mitigating money. Place this offer on the table and prepare for the battle. Wake up, Scituate, our concerns should be the amount of clout needed to win our Greenbush train battle. Are we weak or is it that we lack the organization ability to present a united front?

Lawrence Gates
North Scituate

COHASSET CARES

A really happy RTF story

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This week I have a great story to tell, and the best part of it is that it's true. I'm not going to use any names because it would probably embarrass the person primarily involved, but he is a former Cohasset selectman, once scored four touchdowns in a game against Duxbury when he weighed in at not much more than 140 pounds — and has been active enough since to maintain about the same weight — was a former student of mine, and has done a lot for the town.

Certainly one of the best things this individual did, about 10 years ago, was to get involved in a conversation with a guy in Vermont at one of those places formerly referred to as "the dump." Our Cohasset citizen was naturally (some people would say Naturally) upset because the Vermont town where he was a recent seasonal homeowner just dumped all their trash, all their garbage, all potential recyclables, in a pit, a stinking, wasteful, disgraceful, senseless pit.

Our Cohasset representative thoughtfully and tactfully got into how the handling of such stuff was done here, and as you know, it's a real tribute to our man that he, from away, with a Massachusetts plate to boot, was able to maintain this discussion, leave alone get the Vermonter to do anything about it, which is what happened. To me this interchange is the fascinating part of the story, because in my own family we've had our tires slashed upcountry for being from Massachusetts. Our Cohasset guy is obviously a real man of the earth.

Because what happened was, to make it short, after explaining how we did it in Cohasset, our guy said he'd send up some materials from local legends Arthur Lehr and Merle Brown, and after awhile not only had the Vermont town implemented recycling, they constructed a recycling showpiece now better than ours and have influenced surrounding Vermont towns to follow suit.

As we get older we reflect upon what we might have done to make the world a better place. Have we really accomplished anything? In my estimation this Cohasset citizen, far from being your everyday guy, although he has been able to appear that way — indeed that is probably how he's been able to accomplish so much — can rest assured that spiritually he's all set. We need a whole lot more like him. Maybe one of our CHS students in the new Community Service program...or two.... See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Text of Cohasset and MBTA mitigation agreement

Public hearing is 7:30 p.m., Jan. 30 at Town Hall

Exhibit A: Environmental Mitigation Actions

Cohasset Village

1. MBTA agrees to reconstruct and expand the existing municipal parking lot in Cohasset Village to replace 1:1 all spaces displaced and not replaced elsewhere in the Village by the Project in accordance with a plan agreed to between the MBTA and Town. Town agrees to make Town owned property available to the MBTA at no cost for this purpose. However, the reconstructed parking lot shall remain the property of the Town. MBTA shall coordinate planning, scheduling and work, to the extent feasible, with the Board of Selectmen and with the Town's James Brook improvement project.

2. MBTA agrees to construct parking area(s) south of the railroad between Smith Place and Pleasant Street. The design of this area shall be coordinated with Town as in 1 above. MBTA agrees to provide a paved roadway south of the railroad between Smith Place and Pleasant Street to permit direct access between Pleasant Street and commercial properties on Smith Place. MBTA will design this roadway in consultation with the property owners at 1 and 2 Pleasant Street so as to minimize any impact to the businesses at those locations. A conceptual plan (subject to further refinement and discussion with Town) for this area is attached (see Attachment 1, hereto).

3. Town agrees that items 1 and 2 above fully compensate for the loss of existing parking areas on the former railroad right of way due to the construction of the Greenbush Line and that claims for compensation beyond items 1 and 2 shall not be made.

4. MBTA and the Town shall cooperate in developing a reasonable plan for phasing of parking area construction with the goal of maximizing the number of spaces available during the construction period of the Project.

5. MBTA agrees to install permanent walkways on either side of the railroad between Pleasant Street and a point opposite #105 Ripley Road.

Noise and Vibration Mitigation

1. MBTA agrees to provide, or cause to be installed, noise mitigation in accordance with noise mitigation guidelines for the Greenbush Line Project for impacts identified in accordance with Federal Transit Administration Guidance Manual for Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment.

2. MBTA agrees to provide and maintain vibration mitigation within the railroad right of way and in accordance with vibration mitigation guidelines for the Greenbush Line Project for impacts identified in accordance with Federal Transit Administration Guidance Manual for Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment.

3. MBTA agrees to provide and maintain ballast mat or other suitable vibration mitigation between Smith Place and Pleasant Street.

4. MBTA agrees to provide appropriate vibration mitigation treatments for vibration sensitive equipment at the "ABB Optical" building adjacent to the Railroad at 1 Pleasant Street.

Grade Crossings

1. MBTA agrees that train horns will not be sounded in the Town at any grade crossing, except in emergency or temporary situations.

2. MBTA shall consider using grade crossing treatments which include four quadrant gates, and shall determine whether to use such gate treatments in lieu of alternative, median-barrier treatments based on consideration of factors such as the degree of adverse impact on Historic Properties, the reliability of technology which may be applied in the operation of the crossing and which is then available in the marketplace, the compatibility of such technology with system-wide signal and communications technology applications then in use by MBTA, physical and operational constraints at the particular crossing, the history of accidents at the particular grade crossing and at crossings similarly situated in New England, legal and liability considerations, and with due regard for the safety of the public, including train passengers and personnel as well as those persons seeking to cross the rail right of way. It is understood that the MBTA's ultimate determination whether to include four quadrant gate treatment at any grade crossing in the Project's final plans and engineering will be made as follows: first (1), the MBTA shall determine whether the safety and other considerations set forth at above, are satisfactorily resolved in the use of a particular treatment at each such crossing and second (2), if MBTA makes the first determination affirmatively, it shall determine whether the selected treatment is consistent with FRA and other regulations which are then current and applicable as of the date of construction of the Project (it being acknowledged that with respect to this requirement, the MBTA shall seek a waiver of requirements of federal or state regulations if the first determination is made affirmatively and if a waiver would otherwise satisfy the requirements of then applicable FRA or other federal or state regulations applicable to such crossing).

3. MBTA agrees that median barriers, where used, will not exceed the minimum length permitted under the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) final Swift Act regulations.

4. Notwithstanding item 3, medians at the North Main Street grade crossing shall be as long as necessary to ensure safety at this highly skewed crossing. In the design of this crossing, the MBTA shall consider the Town's interest in preserving access to the Woodside Cemetery to the full extent as now exists.

5. Notwithstanding items 2 and 3, MBTA and Town agree that the design of all grade crossings shall be governed by the provisions of the FRA's final Swift Act regulations, and other applicable laws and regulations, and that the MBTA shall consider in the design of all grade crossings, the Town's interest in minimizing median barrier length, roadway widening, and traffic flow changes.

6. MBTA agrees to install a new traffic signal, equipped with railroad preemption, to replace the existing flashing signal at the intersection of King, Forest, and North Main Streets.

7. MBTA will consider during final design the Town's preference for only one track crossing the roadway at King Street.

8. MBTA agrees to construct a new connecting roadway with a bridge over the railroad between North Main Street and the Rocky Lane subdivision substantially in accordance with the attached plan.

9. MBTA agrees to provide a new sidewalk on the east side of Sohier Street extending approximately 100 feet either side of the railroad.

10. MBTA agrees that there will be only one track crossing the roadway at Sohier Street.

11. MBTA agrees to provide- a "hammerhead" turnaround (appropriately sized to accommodate emergency vehicles as recommended by Town's public safety officials) north of the railroad, a pedestrian only grade crossing, and a walkway between the railroad and Cushing Road at the Spring Street (West) grade crossing substantially in accordance with the attached plan.

12. MBTA agrees to remove a large rock outcrop at the Spring Street (East) grade crossing. and to realign (straighten) the roadways at the intersection of Spring and Pond Streets to improve sight lines substantially in accordance with the attached plan. The design will be mutually agreeable to the Town and MBTA.

13. MBTA agrees to consolidate the Sestito Lane and Castle Road private grade crossings at the Sestito Lane crossing and to utilize a grade crossing warning system that does not require medians or widening of the roadway.

14. In the event that the Lincoln Lane private crossing is closed, MBTA shall provide a turnaround on the South Main Street side of the railroad appropriately sized and located for emergency vehicles as recommended by the Town's public safety officials.

15. At grade crossings that are closed, MBTA agrees to remove excess pavement and provide appropriate landscaping in consultation with the Town.

16. MBTA agrees to provide new fire hydrants, and water main extensions as required, where public and private grade crossings are closed, located as recommended by Town's Fire Chief, such that there is no increase in the distance between any property in the vicinity of such grade crossings and the nearest fire hydrant.

17. MBTA agrees to provide an illuminated advance warning sign on the Pond Street approach to the Spring Street (East) grade crossing to alert eastbound motorists when the grade crossing warning system is active.

18. MBTA agrees to provide and, until first used, maintain, pipe sleeves under the railroad at locations designated by Town for future underground utility lines.

19. MBTA agrees that if required by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (D.T.E.) MBTA will provide and maintain overhead cantilever flashers at all grade crossings in accordance with D.T.E.'s requirements.

20. MBTA agrees to provide and maintain a bell at all grade crossings to provide an audible warning to pedestrians of the approach of a train.

21. The Town agrees to closure of Rocky Lane grade crossing subject to completion of the improvements described in item 8 above.

22. The Town agrees to closure of Smith Place Crossing.

23. The Town agrees to closure of Spring Street (West) Crossing to vehicular traffic subject to completion of the improvements described in items 11 and 12 above.

24. The Town has no objections to closure of any private grade crossings as may be negotiated between the MBTA and the affected property owners subject to completion of the improvements described in items 13 and 14 above.

Stations

1. MBTA agrees to provide and maintain approximately 410 parking spaces at Cohasset Station substantially in accordance with the attached plan.

2. MBTA agrees that if either the MBTA or the Town desire additional parking at Cohasset Village Station, the Town and MBTA shall consult together prior to construction regarding the design of such parking and the MBTA shall consider the Town's preference for such design.

3. MBTA agrees to locate Cohasset Station at the "Wintergarden Site" on Route 3A near the Hingham town line.

4. MBTA agrees to provide vehicular and pedestrian access to Cohasset Station from North Main Street substantially in accordance with the attached plan and agrees that the design of the station will not provide for vehicular drop-off on North Main Street. MBTA will evaluate the need for a traffic signal at North Main Street and the station driveway and provide the same if warranted.

5. MBTA agrees to provide a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 3A and the Cohasset Station driveway, in accordance with generally applicable standards of, and subject to the approval of, the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD).

6. MBTA agrees to provide a left turn bypass lane on Route 3A southbound at King Street in accordance with generally applicable standards of, and subject to the approval of, MHD.

7. MBTA agrees to review emergency vehicle access to the Cohasset Station with the Cohasset Fire Chief.

8. MBTA agrees to provide evergreen plantings at the Cohasset Station site adjacent to Woodside Cemetery to screen the existing portions of the cemetery from the station. Town agrees to replace any existing vegetative screening that is removed in connection with the expansion of the cemetery and to provide any additional screening that is required for such expansion.

Fencing

1. MBTA agrees to provide and maintain steel picket fencing adjacent to commercial property and parking lots between Smith Place and James Way on both sides of the right of way.

2. MBTA agrees to provide and maintain solid fencing or plantings to screen historic properties as specified in the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (Section 106 PA).

3. MBTA agrees to provide and maintain six foot high chain link fence along the railroad property line adjacent to inhabited areas, other public areas, and as specified herein.

4. MBTA agrees to provide and maintain six foot high chain link fence along the northerly railroad property line for a distance of 1,200 feet west of King Street.

5. MBTA agrees to provide 6 foot high chain link fence along the southerly railroad property line between Sohier Street and Smith Place.

6. MBTA agrees that all chain link fence in Historic Districts will be black color as specified in the Section 106 PA.

7. Prior to the start of service on the Greenbush line, the MBTA agrees to review on-site by hi-rail vehicle the actual fencing locations for deficiencies with appropriate Town officials prior to the start of service and any deficiency so identified shall be corrected prior to such start.

Wetlands Mitigation

1. MBTA agrees to replace drainage culverts within the railroad Right of Way in the James Brook drainage basin west of Smith Place with new culverts sized in accordance with Town's James Brook Flood Control Project.

2. In recognition of the Town's concern that the Project potentially adversely impacts drainage and flooding in Cohasset Village, MBTA agrees to reimburse Town for expenses, Town incurs in making certain flood control improvements to the portion of the James Brook watershed located more or less between Cohasset Village and Cohasset Harbor, in accordance with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Such reimbursement shall include, but not be limited to, design, engineering, construction, construction management, coordination of construction of this project with other elements of construction of the Greenbush Line Project, and other such costs, in an amount up to but not to exceed the amount of $1,200,000.00, and provided that the costs for reimbursement for any such services provided by Town employees may not exceed $120,000.00. Town will be solely responsible for permitting, designing, and constructing said improvements. MBTA will reimburse Town for the actual cost of the work, including the design and other costs described above, upon presentation by the Town and approval by MBTA of invoices therefore in a form reasonably satisfactory to MBTA. Town agrees to provide MBTA with copies of payment records for verification of project cost and to permit MBTA to audit such records before or after reimbursement.

3. In recognition of the Town's concern that construction of the Project precludes the reopening of the existing backup public water supply well known as Sohier Street Well No. 1, MBTA agrees to reimburse Town for expenses Town incurs in replacing said Well in accordance with applicable environmental laws, regulations and policies. Such reimbursement shall include, but be not limited to, design, engineering, construction, construction management, coordination of construction of this project with other elements of construction of the Greenbush Line Project and other such costs, in an amount up to but not to exceed $250,000.00, and provided that the costs for reimbursement for any such services provided by Town employees may not exceed $25,000.00. Town will be solely responsible for permitting, designing, and constructing said improvements. MBTA will reimburse Town for the actual cost of the work, including the design and other costs described above, upon presentation by the Town and approval by MBTA of invoices therefore in a form reasonably satisfactory to MBTA. Town agrees to provide MBTA with copies of payment records for verification of project cost and to permit MBTA to audit such records before or after reimbursement.

4. MBTA agrees to take all practical steps to avoid or minimize potential impacts to vernal pools along the Right of Way.

5. MBTA agrees not to use the "Sand Pits" site, owned by the Town for wetland mitigation purposes.

6. MBTA agrees to design the project such that existing flooding problems adjacent to the railroad are not exacerbated.

Certain Other Understandings

1. MBTA shall prepare and submit for review and comment to Town design submissions setting forth the design of various elements of the Project (consistent with practical requirements associated with a design-build or other alternative contracting arrangements that MBTA may undertake for the Project) which represent approximately sixty percent (60 percent) of the engineering progress on such elements and also which represent approximately ninety percent (90 percent) of such development. MBTA may prepare these Design Submissions in groups representing practical segments or construction contracts, and if an alternative arrangement such as design-build is utilized, at such progress milestones for various elements as may be practicably necessitated in accordance with such arrangement. Town agrees to deliver written comments on such design submissions to MBTA within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of such design submission from MBTA unless an alternative timetable in any particular instance is agreed upon in writing by MBTA. Failure by Town to provide written comments within said 30 day period shall be considered for purposes of this Understanding to be concurrence with such submission. The MBTA shall take such comments into account in completing the design of the Project.

2. MBTA agrees to develop in cooperation with Town a construction mitigation plan to the extent reasonably consistent with Project mitigation policies generally, recognizing the Town's goal of minimizing construction impacts in residential areas and supporting the economic viability of the downtown area.

Informal Dispute Resolution

1. MBTA and the Town agree that prior to commencement of any litigation concerning the Environmental Mitigation Actions described in this Exhibit A, the parties agree to conduct timely, informal dispute resolution in accordance with the following provisions.

2. Town's authorized representative who shall be responsible for conducting the first stage dispute resolution described herein shall be the Town Manager, currently Mark Haddad, who may be reached at 781-383-4105 (voice), 781-383-0228 (fax), and at mhaddad396@aol.com. MBTA's authorized representative shall be the Director of Design and Construction, currently Eric Botterman, who may be reached at 617-222-3116 (voice), 617-222-1557(fax), ebotterman@mbta.com.

3. For purposes of first-stage dispute resolution, either MBTA or Town shall notify the authorized representative of the other party by telephone, with confirmatory written notification by fax or email, that it disputes an action or omission to act by the other party, stating briefly the basis for the dispute in accordance with the party's obligations hereunder, stating briefly the basis for the dispute. The other party shall respond within two business days of receipt of such notification, by return phone call, with written confirmation by fax or email, describing its response to same, and shall make him or herself available to meet and confer in person with the party raising the dispute within three business days after the date the responding party issued its reply. The parties agree to then meet and confer in good faith to resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction.

4. In the event that the result of the meeting in the first stage is considered to be materially unsatisfactory by either party, such party shall initiate second stage dispute resolution by notifying the other party's designated representative of same in writing. Within ten business days thereafter (or at such later date as the parties may mutually agree in writing), the General Manager of the MBTA (or his designated and authorized representative who shall also be an officer of the MBTA), together with a senior official of EOTC, and the Cohasset Selectmen (not less than a majority thereof), shall meet and confer in good faith and reasonably to resolve such dispute. At such meeting, the parties may agree in writing to extend the time to resolve the matter if the parties believe that reasonable progress is being made. If at the end of the initial meeting or at the conclusion of such other meetings or conferences the Selectmen and General Manager may agree to conduct, either party determines that the dispute has not been satisfactorily resolved, such party shall notify the other orally with written confirmation by fax or email that the second stage dispute resolution process is terminated.

Exhibit B: Land Acquisition

Railroad Right of Way

1. Town agrees that the MBTA may, on a friendly basis, and subject to MBTA Board approval in accordance with the requirements of Chapters 79 and 161A of the General Laws, acquire by eminent domain the former railroad Right of Way owned by Town (consisting of approximately 26 acres and that the Town shall not contest such taking or the amount in settlement thereof and shall waive and forever release any and all claims to such land if the MBTA offers in settlement for such taking $1,000,000, which amount is predicated on the assumption that the Town has good and clear, record and marketable title to such land, free from liens or other encumbrances, except easements, restrictions and other such matters of record, if any and insofar as in force and applicable, provided that the same do not, in MBTA's sole discretion, impair the value or interfere with the use of the premises for commuter rail transportation purposes.

Other Land Acquisition

1. Town agrees to transfer by lease to MBTA, upon request and at no cost, those portions of Town Land required for the widening and realignment of Spring and Pond Streets.

2. Town agrees to transfer by lease to MBTA, upon request and at no cost, the Municipal Parking Area in Cohasset Village and adjacent Town lands, for the purpose of reconstruction and expansion of said Municipal Parking Area.

3. Town agrees that the MBTA may, on a friendly basis and subject to MBTA Board approval in accordance with the requirements of Chapters 79 and 161A of the General Laws, acquire by eminent domain, at no cost, portions of Town Ways crossing the Right of Way at grade crossings to be closed to traffic.

4. MBTA agrees to convey to Town, at the completion of the Project and at no cost, property acquired by MBTA, together with any improvements thereon, for alteration of Town Ways. MBTA will provide Town with recordable plans and with good clear record and marketable title for all such areas.

Informal Dispute Resolution

1. See "Informal Dispute Resolution" item in Exhibit A which shall also apply to the understandings reflected in this Exhibit B.

Letter to state on Greenbush pact

HONORABLE KEVIN SULLIVAN,
SECRETARY
EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF
TRANSPORTATION &
CONSTRUCTION

DEAR SECRETARY SULLIVAN:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen held Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, the Board of Selectmen reviewed the various mitigation measures set forth in the Mitigation Letter, exhibits A and B. I am pleased to confirm that this package of measures appears to be acceptable at this time to the Selectmen. The Board believes that this package is complete and does not anticipate any further negotiations regarding the mitigation measures for this project prior to the MBTA including these measures as part of its proposed Section 61 findings. The Board has scheduled a hearing for the receipt of public comments on this proposed agreement for Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001. The Selectmen plan on making a final decision whether to accept this package at that time, and I will inform you of their decision promptly thereafter.

I have been requested by the Board to communicate to you that the Selectmen and I appreciate the good faith negotiations that have taken place between the MBTA, the Secretary's Office and the Town of Cohasset. We believe that the forthright give and take evidenced by all concerned has produced a package of measures which will be a positive addition to the Project in the event that the various permitting authorities ultimately approve it.

Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

Officials apologize for sewer pump problems

Electrical supply, temperature possible culprits

By Rick Collins
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After nearly two months of false alarms and power failures in North Cohasset — sewer officials and engineers apologized for the problem and said a solution was near.

More than 80 North Cohasset residents gathered in the Town Hall auditorium to complain, vent, and question the sewer commission, as well as representatives from Interon, as to why their new grinder sewer pumps were constantly malfunctioning.

Since Thanksgiving Day weekend in November, the new North Cohasset sewer system has been plagued with problems. Nearly all of district's 284 pumps have experienced problems ranging from false-alarms, short-circuiting, loss of power, and sewage backing up into their homes.

Interon, the manufacturers of the pumps, have been working in the district since then trying to figure out the problem. Tuesday night, Interon officials, Paul Davis from Rosano-Davis which holds the maintenance contract for the system, and sewer officials updated residents on the problem.

Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for Interon, Mike Gurnicz, apologized for the inconvenience. "I sincerely regret and apologize for the problems," he told the crowd. "I mean that from my heart as a human being." He explained that Interon had researched the pump for two and a half years in order to make it better, and for the most part it was. The company has installed 2,000 of the same pumps in other parts of the country and the North Cohasset ones are the only pumps failing. "The troublesome thing is we can't pinpoint the problem," Gurnicz said.

According to Gurnicz, Interon investigators have narrowed the problem to a couple of possibilities.

The first is that the cold temperatures could adversely affect the pump's computer systems. Since the problems did not start until Thanksgiving Day weekend, the first cold snap the area experienced since the pumps were installed, Gurnicz said a failure in the pumps' heating system could be to blame. Also, he said workers have been noticing voltage spikes within the system. Gurnicz, and Interon Sales Manager Andrew Stump both said that a number of transformers in North Cohasset aren't grounded in accordance with national standards, as were some of the pumps. Because North Cohasset is at the end of the power line, voltage spikes are not uncommon when the wires, and pumps, aren't grounded properly.

Gurnicz said after the meeting that it was "unsafe to say" if Interon was leaning towards it being an electrical problem or weather related. "We have to examine every last one of [the other possibilities]," he said. A third company has been hired to do an independent investigation, and Gurnicz said that company is leaning towards it being an electrical problem. But he quickly added that was not the company's final decision.

Gurnicz vowed that the company will remain in town until the problem is fixed, at no additional cost to residents or Cohasset. "We will not rest until the problem is solved," he said. "As soon as a solution is remedied we will be here in full-force installing it."

Stump said weather was a possibility because the problems didn't start "gradually" but happened all at once, after the cold snap around Thanksgiving.

But Anson Whealler, a Jerusalem Road resident and electrical engineer, supported the voltage spike theory. He said he has measured voltage spikes in his house from other appliances, and could possibly cause the pump malfunctions. He also told Gurnicz, "As an electrical engineer I can understand the magnitude of the problems. You're facing an engineer's nightmare, so you have some sympathy here."

Some residents weren't as understanding. Richard Sarnell of Linden Drive was highly critical of the sewer commission for choosing Interon and its pumps. Sewer Commission Chairman Gary Vanderweil said the board had "no reason to believe [the pumps] wouldn't work. It wasn't a poor choice. Anyone else would've made the same decision."

Sarnell also wondered why the town chose to go with the least expensive pump. "I guess we got what we paid for," he said.

Another resident criticized the choice of the system. "It was a poor choice on behalf of the sewer commission," he said.

When Vanderweil said he didn't accept that characterization, the resident responded, "I don't care what you accept, that's my opinion."

But Gurnicz reiterated that the problems with the pumps have been isolated to North Cohasset. He said the company had installed upwards of 600 of the same pumps in other parts of the country before installing the Cohasset ones, and had installed more than 1,000 since. The only ones having wide-spread problems are the pumps in North Cohasset.

Linden Drive resident Ron Hobson said his alarm had gone off so much, he no longer calls Rosano-Davis, and instead just restarted the system himself.

Gurnicz said if a pump was to lose power, and residents wanted to shut it off and turn it on again to restart it, rather than call Rosano-Davis, they were welcome to.

He said once a cause is established, a complete repair job will be done in town, so "there's no repeat of some of these horror stories."

Town debating $11 million Little Harbor sewer project

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report, said Vanderweil, would focus on the effect of more treated water being discharged into Cohasset Harbor from an outfall pipe. Town lobstermen have expressed concern that additional freshwater discharged into the harbor would kill the lobsters they keep in storage there.

The Little Harbor proposal comes on the heels of two prior sewer projects in North and Central Cohasset. More than 1,000 Cohasset homes are now hooked up to the sewers, at a cost of $21 million split between the town and property owners. Town Manager Mark Haddad wearily said at the meeting that the town would have difficulty absorbing the cost of another major project until FY-2005. That would mean the money couldn't be borrowed until approximately 2003.

The meeting broke down into a discussion of sewer vs. septic in the long run. More than half of Cohasset remains "unsewered," facing costly future Title V upgrades.

Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan said a long-term plan needs to be constructed to deal with issues such as the low-lying, frequently flooding homes on Atlantic Avenue, as well as homes along the reservoir, Lily Pond and Aaron River. He was afraid that by connecting Little Harbor to the Elm Street facility, it would create isolated pockets, such as along Atlantic Avenue and Forest Avenue, unable to be connected into the Central Cohasset project.

Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz came out against quickly jumping into the project, and proposed a two-year study of the issue. "To continue to leap bound after bound into these projects, it is mind-boggling," he said, adding later, the town should hold off on the project until a "clear and present threat to Little Harbor" is being made.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said the state has declared there is a threat, as part of its lawsuit against the town. North Cohasset, Central Cohasset, Lily Pond and Little Harbor were all areas named in the suit as areas in environmental danger, that needed to be remedied. Little Harbor is the only remaining area not to be sewered. By sewering Little Harbor, DeRensis said Cohasset would get "out of the remnants of the lawsuit."

"I want to see the town do this, because the town wants to," Kasperowicz responded. "Not because a bunch of bureaucrats looking for something to do wants us to. We need to be in charge and not fall on our knees every time the state says 'Boo.' They have to establish that there's a problem."

"Twenty years ago, they sued us," countered Callahan. "That established a problem."

Kasperowicz did get support for wanting some type of equity program established for those residents who will never be sewered, yet will have to pay for it in other parts of towns, as well as they're own costly septic system upgrades. Callahan, who also isn't sewered, agreed, as did other residents in attendance.

After more than two hours of presentations and arguments, the town said it would start the ball rolling, in terms of seeing what grant money is available, and the likelihood of getting the Elm Street facility expansion permits.

The Stearns and Wheeler feasibility study was the third study done on the area. A study done five years ago by Tutela Engineering said it would not be feasible, while a study paid for by grass-root Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions said it could it be done.

Funding for the $20,000 study was approved at last spring's annual Town Meeting.

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Cohasset Village Survey
Preliminary Design Ideas

The Cecil Group, an urban landscape design firm, is seeking comments on possible safety, circulation and streetscape improvements in the Village and along Elm Street. We anticipate the majority of the improvement costs will be paid though state and federal grant assistance. The intent is not to detract from the existing unique character and charm of the area, but to preserve its historical essence, as well as instill elements of safety for children, bicyclists, and residents. The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation (CRC) and the Town of Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force (VRTF) request your opinion on the ideas being generated by residents, businesses and The Cecil Group. Please take a few moments to respond to the questions below. Additional comments are welcome as well. The enclosed drawings are meant to further generate ideas only, not to convey a definitive proposal. Please forward your responses to the CRC by January 22. The CRC office has these, and additional plans in a larger color format on display for your review.

Please review the enclosed plans before answering the questions.
(Feel free to attach further comments with your responses)

1. Do you support the idea of removing the overhead utility lines?..... ___yes ___no
2. Do you support the idea of installing new sidewalks and decorative street lighting?..... ___yes ___no
3. What kind of paving materials would you like to see on the sidewalks? Number 1-7 with 1 being your first choice.

   ___Concrete ___Concrete with Decorative Border ___Asphalt ___Brick ___Bluestone ___Granite ___Cobblestone
4. Should pedestrian street crossings have a textured paving material to distinguish them from the roadway? ___yes ___no
5. Would you support the use of different paving patterns at major intersections to signify a gateway entrance? ___yes ___no
6. If land is available, should additional parking be created in the town parking lot?..... ___yes ___no
7. Would you support the loss of some on-street parking along Elm and Brook Streets for new sidewalks that prevent cars from parking on them?..... ___yes ___no
8. Would better regulation of times and locations of deliveries ease congestion in the village? ..... ___yes ___no
9. Should the intersection size and configuration in front of the South Shore Art Center be altered?..... ___yes ___no
10. Should a one-way travel pattern be considered at the intersections of Elm, Brook and S. Main St.?..... ___yes ___no
11. Is Elm Street too wide and out of scale with the surrounding environment?..... ___yes ___no
12. Would better signage, pedestrian scale lighting, and linking sidewalks on Elm Street improve the connection between the Village and Harbor?..... ___yes ___no
13. In general, do you agree that infrastructure improvements are needed in Cohasset Village?..... ___yes ___no

Your Name:_____ Address:_____

Please return your comments via fax or mail to the CRC.
We will publish a tabulation of the responses to these ideas.

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Village Public Workshop #3

Tuesday, January 23rd @7:30 pm
Lightkeepers' Residence

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, in partnership with the Town of Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force, is sponsoring the third in a series of four community workshops to develop designs for infrastructure, circulation, and streetscape improvements in Cohasset Village. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Lightkeepers' Residence located on Government Island. The Cecil Group, urban landscape design consultants, will give a presentation on various design alternatives for such items as new sidewalks, better parking, improved vehicle and pedestrian access, and associated streetscape design alternatives such as decorative lighting, plantings and street furniture.

The design ideas presented at the workshop will be a culmination of the public input received, land survey information recently completed, and the work of the designers and engineers at The Cecil Group. **The goal of this workshop is to establish a community consensus on definitive aesthetic, circulation, and safety options to improve the village infrastructure.**

Your Participation is Important!

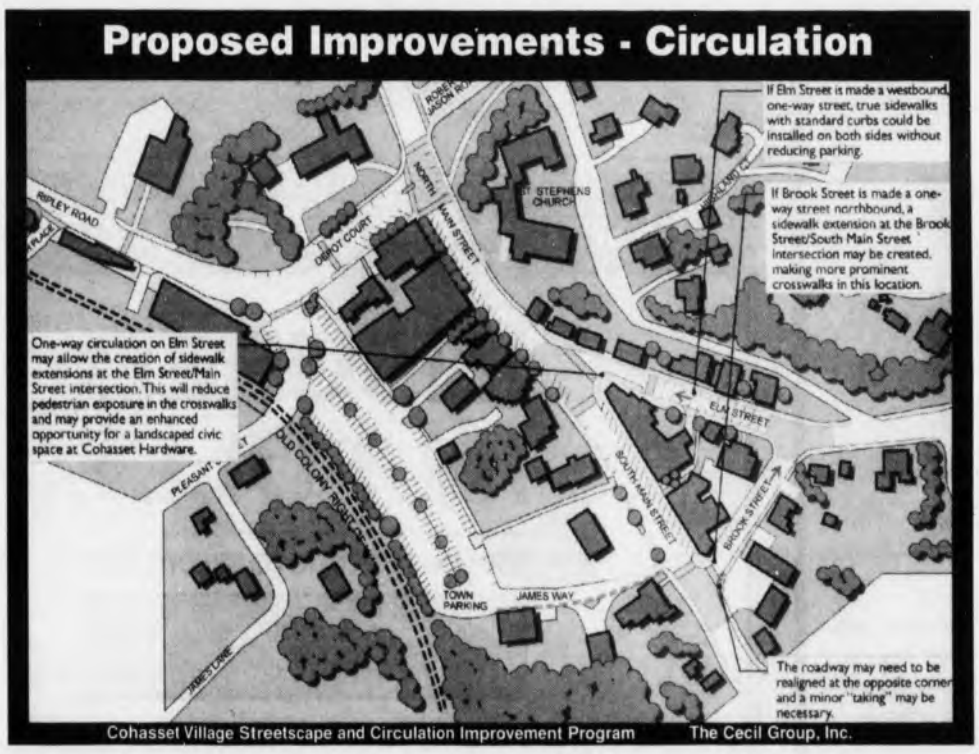
The CRC and the Town of Cohasset encourage community participation throughout the revitalization program to bring needed improvements to the Village and Harbor areas of the community. We encourage you to convey your questions, ideas, or comments to the CRC and/or the Village Revitalization Task Force of the Town of Cohasset. Preliminary designs and ideas are on display at the CRC office located at 87 Elm Street (across from Kimball's). Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; Tuesday 12:00 - 8:00 pm. We encourage you to review the plans on display, and contribute to the community vision of Cohasset Village.

Village Survey

Enclosed are the plans showing some of the infrastructure improvement ideas being considered for Cohasset Village. Please take a few moments to review the plans and complete the survey on the preceding page. Your input is essential as we strive to build a community consensus on the future of Cohasset Village.

For further information please call 383-2449.







Town election slate starts to take shape

By Rick Collins
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At least once race may develop during this spring's town election season.

With incumbent school committee members Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo already announcing they will seek a second-term on the board, Doane Street resident Adrienne MacCarthy has taken papers out to make it a potential three-way race. MacCarthy is active on the Osgood School PSO, and has been a vocal supporter of the need to reinstate the technology instructor position at the Osgood.

Martin and DeGiacomo are the first incumbents to seek reelection to the school committee since at least 1997.

Also taking out paper this past week was current Board of Assesors member Elsa Miller; Richard Brown of Church Street, for the vacant Planning Board seat; and Stanton Road resident Sean Cunning, for sewer commissioner.

Current planning board member Terry Atherton and sewer commissioner Henry Rattenbury have already announced they will not be seeking another term.

Thomas Wigmore said we will not seek reelection to the recreation commission.

"Ten years is enough," said Wigmore, who works as a civilian dispatcher for the police/fire station. "I'd like to see young residents with kids who play sports in this town take over."

Wigmore also said he is too busy with the Sons of the American Legion to devote the necessary time to the position.

Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo, Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan and Selectman Merle Brown have also announced they will seek another term.

Two water commissioners spots will be up for election, though one will be for a one-year term to replace former commissioner Chip Muncey. Muncey resigned Jan.1, and was temporarily replaced by Glenn Pratt, until someone can be elected to fill the year left of his term. Pratt is expected to run. Robert Kasameyer's seat is also up for election. Kasameyer couldn't be reached for comment.

Nomination papers for the annual town election are now available at the Town Clerk's Office. In order to hold elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions are up for grabs:

Selectmen - two for three years

School Committee - two for three years

Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three for three years

Assessor - one for three years

Board of Health - one for three years

Cohasset Housing Authority - one for five years

Planning Board - one for five years

Recreation Commission - one for five years

Sewer Commission - one for three years

Water Commission - one for three years, one for one year to fill an unexpired term

Nomination papers must be submitted to the Board of Registrars by Feb. 15. Town elections will be held on Saturday, April 7.

State: Town teachers lacking professional development funds

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset School Department has failed to meet state spending requirements for professional development funds for its teachers for at least two years in a row, says the state Department of Education.

In a letter sent from state Education Commissioner David Driscoll, the town is told that the submitted FY-2001 school department budget is $7,375 short when it comes to properly funding professional development line items.

According to state law under the 1993 Education Reform Act, towns are required to spend $125 per pupil for professional development. Professional development funds can be used to send teachers to training and development courses during the school year, said Department of Education Administer of School Finance Roger Hatch. "The state has published guidelines as to what exactly counts as professional development, and we've shared that information with the towns," he said.

In exchange for additional school funding money, known as Chapter 70 money, towns are required to spend a certain amount on professional development. In 1996, schools were required to spend $25 per student. This year, Cohasset was required to spend $157,375 on professional development. Only $150,000 was allocated in the FY-2001 budget.

"$7,000 is something that could be corrected this year," said Hatch. "They do appear to be making an effort. Clearly they plan to spend more [on professional development] than they did last year." In FY-2000, Cohasset was required to spend $154,875, but spent only $102,295.

"The state has published guidelines as to what exactly counts as professional development, and we've shared that information with the towns."

— Department of Education Administer of School Finance Roger Hatch

Hatch said if the town doesn't meet the state requirements, it "could certainly come under scrutiny of audit teams." There currently isn't a financial penalty in place, but Hatch added, "that's not to say there won't be in the future."

Neither Cohasset School Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey, nor Cohasset teacher's union president Ed Leonard were familiar with the report, and weren't able to comment.

Third quarter tax bills

The Town of Cohasset has issued the Fiscal Year 2001 third quarter tax bills due Feb. 1. Anyone who has not received their tax bill should contact the Board of Assessors at 781-383-4114 to confirm the correct mailing address or the Treasurer and or Collector at 781-383-4102 for a copy of the tax bill.

The Fiscal 2001 total tax is based on the new Fiscal 2001assessment. The new assessments are based on sales market activity during calendar 1999 and early 2000 to reflect the value of real estate as of Jan. 1, 2000. Taxpayers who feel that their property is over assessed and want to contest their assessment must file for an abatement with the Board of Assessors by Feb. 1, 2001.

Property tax exemptions are available to qualifying elderly widows, blind persons and veterans with a 10 percent service connected disability or greater. Please call the Assessors at 383-4114 for more information. Applications for property exemptions must be received by the Board of Assessors no later than March 28, 2001.

The tax bill also contains the new sewer betterment to be paid during this fiscal year is shown of the tax bill under the "special assessment" section and identified as "SEWR". The total amount due is split between the third and fourth quarter payments. Anyone who did not return the appointment request has had the sewer betterment apportioned over twenty years by the Board of Assessors. Anyone who would like to appeal their betterment must file an abatement application with the Sewer Commission within six months of the issuance of the betterment.

Enclosed with the tax bills is an insert that allows taxpayers to make a voluntary contribution to the Scholarship, Education or Elderly and or Disabled funds established last year at the annual town meeting. Scholarship Fund will provide secondary school tuition assistance to deserving town residents. These funds will be in addition to scholarships currently available to town residents.

WEDDINGS



Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Carney

Carney — Maurer

Maryellen Maurer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Maurer of Cohasset, married Hugh A. Carney, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Carney of Canton Sep. 30, 2000 at the Immaculate Conception Church in North Easton. The Rev. Edward Riley celebrated the marriage. The Revs. John O'Doherty and Brian Gallagher concelebrated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride's sister, Gail Maurer Oliveria was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids included the bride's sister Barbara O' Driscoll; the groom's sisters, Maureen Carney, Cecelia Carney, Colleen Carney; and Anne Carney, friend of the bride. Katie O'Driscoll served as the junior bridesmaid. Sarah Maurer and Faith O'Driscoll were flower girls.

The groom's brother, Brian Carney served as the best man. Ushers included John Ivanoski, John Goggin, Jim Walsh, Chris Papageorge, and Joe Higgins friends of the groom. The ringbearers were Drew and Alex Oliveira.

A reception was held in the tent at Anthony's Pier 4 in Boston, followed by a wedding to trip to Rome, Positano, and Florence Italy.

IT'S HAPPENING

Garden club to meet

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.

Carolyn Mostecki will demonstrate the various ways in which accessories, birdhouses to benches, can be used to enhance personal landscapes. From casual country to more formal styles, accessories help set the mood.

Coffee is served at 9 a.m. An opportunity to meet old friends while adding anticipation for using accessories to your garden, just a few months away.

Native American artist returns

Hawk Henries, one of the Native American artists featured at the South Shore Art Center's fall exhibit will return to the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. A member of the Nipmuck Nation. Hawk hand crafts Eastern Woodland song flutes. Taking a global view of his art form and music, Hawk's message is a metaphor for human diversity.

Hawk's presentation will appeal to all ages. Admission will be $10 for adult, $3 for child, with a $20 family maximum.



David Zucker

Life with soul

David Zucker, teacher, actor and mime, will conduct a workshop about bringing soul into everyday life and work from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 20, at the First Parish House, 23 North Main St. Zucker's workshops use the power of live theater to bring both the actor and audience into a direct experience of "being," what ancient Greeks called a catharsis. The cost is $30 for parish members and $40 for non-members. Call, 383-1100.

LIBRARY CORNER

Story hour

Registration for the six week 2001 winter story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is still open.

Come into the library and sign up for the story hours being held Thursday at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. until Feb. 16.

Children must be at least 3 1/2 to 5 years old to participate. The 45-minute program includes picture stories, songs and crafts. Call Suzanne Terry, Children's Librarian at 383-1348 to register.

Repair kit

Book connoisseurs will appreciate this latest addition to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. It is called "The Book Lover's Repair Kit" written by Estelle Ellis with Wilton Wiggins & Douglas Lee.

The format is designed as a repair and first aid kit all in one for home libraries. The authors give you step-by-step instructions for mending pages, reinforcing loose and frayed covers and the cleaning and care of books. The book is available for a two-week check-out period.

Library trustees file for grant

The trustees and director of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library submitted a Massachusetts Public Library Construction Grant application to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in Boston. The original and six copies of the lengthy document were hand delivered by Library And Building Committee Chairwoman, Patience Towle, and fellow trustee, Roger Whitley.

The trustees are asking the state for more than $1,529,000 funding for conversion of the old Osgood School to a new Cohasset Public Library. The MBLC will award $17,000,000 to selected towns and wait list most of the remaining applicants, on June 7. The trustees hope for funding at this time so that construction might start as early as September, 2001.

Computer problems stop Around Town

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



Jennifer Piepenbrink had a computer meltdown and was unable to transmit Around Town to the Cohasset Mariner this week. Anyone who submitted news to Jennifer should send it again to her at 622 CJC Highway, at jenpiep@yahoo.com, or by calling 923-1057. Jennifer's popular columns Around Town and School's In will return next week.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Dan Littauer. The junior wrestler continued his phenomenal campaign with three first period pins at 145-pounds in Cohasset's quad meet on Friday with New Bedford, Duxbury and Sharon.

Gymnasts vault to 4-1

Big efforts from Sheerin and Bixby propel girls past Notre Dame

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

In her first event of the evening, co-captain Kristin Sheerin flipped through the air, landed off-balance, and wound up on her fanny during her bars dismount. Surely, Cohasset-Norwell's star gymnast would be flustered for the remainder of the non-league meet against Notre Dame in the annual feel-good competition.

Sheerin was indeed flustered – for a grand total of 10 seconds – before reapplying the war paint and going back to work. She proceeded to put the bars and her 8.2 score in the archives and coolly switch gears to overdrive in leading the Skippers to a convincing 123.7-115.9 win over the Cougars in a rare meet at the South Shore Community Center.

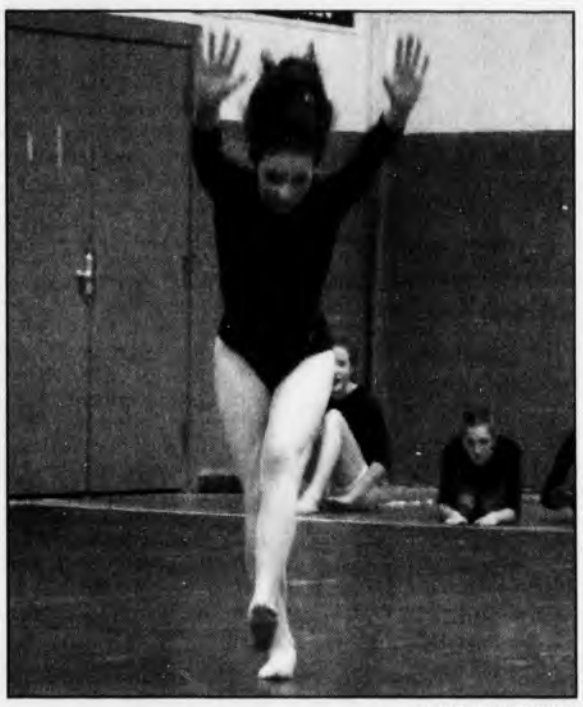
Sheerin, who last Monday broke her own school record in the all-around with a 35.15 in the Skippers' loss to Hanover, led a Cohasset-Norwell sweep in the bars and took the all-around title with a 34.6. Sheerin also recorded her best score of the season with a rousing floor routine, good for a rock-solid 9.1 mark, just off her career best of 9.15.

Teammate Meredith Bixby, who picked up a second and three third-place finishes, was second in the all-around with a 31.0 and Notre Dame's Siobhan Hart was right on her heels at 30.9. The Cougars' Rachel Galanek was fourth with a 28.0.

The victory, coupled with last Thursday's 124.75-121 decision over Hingham High, was the Skippers' second in a row and improved their record to 4-1 on the season, heading into Thursday's showdown with Randolph.

Sheerin's explanation for being able to put the less-than-stellar dismount behind her sounded like words straight from a Rick Pitino motivational book. "It kind of

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Meredith Bixby gets a head of steam up during floor exercise in last week's meet against Hingham.

Boys keep on rolling

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Sick, injured, bruised and just plain banged up, the Cohasset boys basketball team toughed out their misfortunes this past week with two wins over non-divisional opponents in South Shore Voc. Tech and South Shore Christian Academy.

Cohasset, playing at Voc Tech, pounced on their hosts to open up a 21-2 lead just four and a half minutes in. Even after Cohasset had emptied its bench by the second half, the Skippers refused to let up, and ended up victorious 78-45.

Senior captains TJ Bilodeau, Doug O'Brien and Erik Shea, who played only the first half, combined for 35 of the Skippers 43 opening half points, on 13-for-19 shooting from the floor.

Junior point guard Matt Bilodeau, who played only sparingly in the second half, ran the offense extremely well with four points and a team high eight assists, while recording a season high eight steals.

Sophomore Ian Kidder, only playing the second half because he helped lead the JV to victory earlier that day, tallied 11 points with two steals and two rebounds, while freshman center Sean Connolly chipped in with 10 points to go with six rebounds.

Matt Kenelly led the way for the Vikings with 13 points, while senior captain Scott Baker had 12 for Voc Tech.

Two days later, the Skippers tipped off against the Warriors of South Shore Christian Academy, who, despite their 19 first half turnovers, were only down 21-17 at the half.

After the intermission, however, Cohasset pulled away with the help of some timely shooting, including four crushers from behind the arc, and ended up winning 61-42.

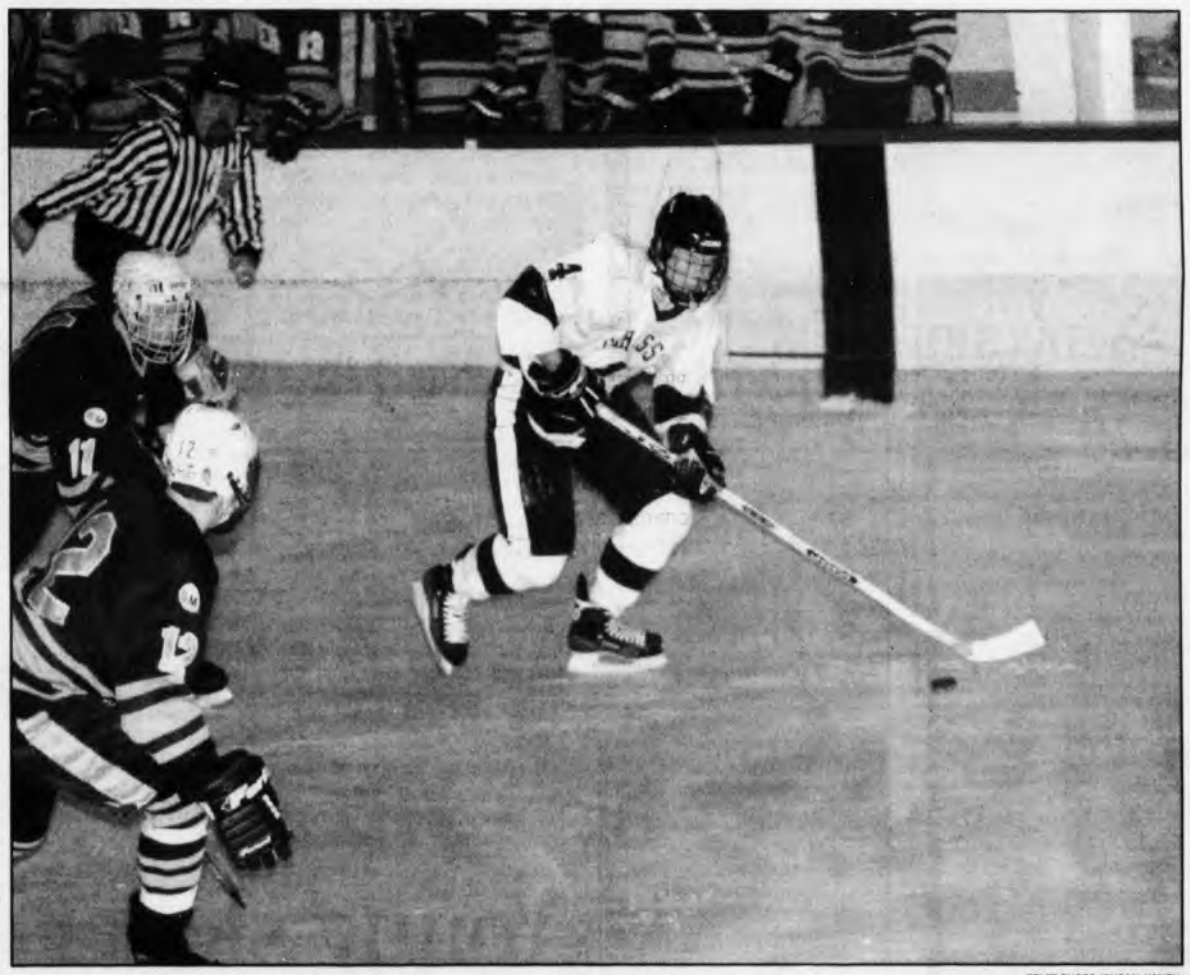
"We are not hitting as many threes as I thought we would," reported Cohasset coach Ron Ford, "but the threes we are hitting are huge."

TJ Bilodeau led the way with 16 points and six steals, with Shea adding 14. Sophomore power forward Ben Lynner had nine points and seven boards.

Though this stretch of games has been looked at as the soft part of the schedule, Coach Ford admired the courage of his hurt and ailing players.

"It is lucky that this came when it

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Matt Davis (with puck) has a stride on Hanover defenders in last week's South Shore League showdown. The powerhouse Indians won the game, 4-2.

Young skaters hanging tough

Hockey team stays competitive despite a pair of hard losses

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

At 3-6-1, the young hockey squad for Cohasset has managed to stay tough in a very strong league.

Competing against teams from far larger schools, such as Hanover, Abington and Rockland, Cohasset has needed be physical in order to earn any respect around the league.

Thirty-second year coach Dennis Walsh is proud of the way his squad has handled itself against such strong teams.

"They are not afraid of anybody," said Walsh, a former hockey and football player, and no stranger to physical play. "They will go out and hit anybody. We are not small, but we are not a big team either."

Helping to lead the way in this department has been junior wing Chris Caron, who, after a year of playing goalie, is happy to be back attacking the goal rather than defending it.

"He is one of our better checkers," appraised Walsh. "He is tough, and he works hard."

In their most recent game, Cohasset was beaten out by Trinity Catholic, 6-5, in a seesaw affair.

Cohasset jumped out on top of TC quickly, collecting three goals within the first five minutes, the first from sophomore center Matt Davis, and the next two from Caron.

However, Trinity Catholic managed to tie the game and go ahead 6-4 in the second period, with sophomore wing Tom Anderson netting the fourth Cohasset tally.

Though junior defenseman Tim Straughn put one in with just minutes remaining, Cohasset could not finish the comeback.

"They worked hard, but mistakes killed us today," admitted Walsh.

Prior to the Trinity Catholic game, Cohasset lost to a very physical Abington team last Saturday, 3-1. The lone Skipper goal came from junior wing David Bouchard, with center Pete Whoriskey recording the assist.

Cohasset's last win came over tough divisional opponent Norwell, a 5-3 triumph last Wednesday to hand the Clippers just their second loss on

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Wrestling team takes it on the chin

By Mike Spellman
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Continuing to face the mettle of this area's wrestling talent despite being in the midst of a rebuilding year, the Cohasset High wrestlers came out on the bottom in a quad match on Friday at home with New Bedford, Duxbury and Sharon.

In spite of some strong individual performances from Cohasset grapplers, the most impressive of these being three first period pins from Dan Littauer at 145-pounds, the Skippers fell on points in all three matches— with New Bedford taking them 55-9, Duxbury 49-20 and Sharon 51-15—dropping their record on the season to 4-8.

Of course, New Bedford (with only two losses this season) and unbeaten Duxbury are two of the area's stronger teams. Sharon is also a better than .500 team, which Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney said just "matched up very well with us."

"I don't think Sharon was that much better than us," said Sweeney. "They just had a slight edge in a few key match-ups, and that made it appear more one-sided than it actually was."

Cohasset's Pat Carbone (152 pounds) and captain Dan Duffy (135) came up with wins in two of their three matches.

Freshman Phil Strazzula (112), sophomore Terry Baroudi (130) and junior Vinnie Gratta (103) also came up with a win apiece against some tough competition

One other wrestler Sweeney wished to commend for his performance was his 215-pound grappler, John Hussey.

"John wrestled very well against some top caliber competition," asserted the 10th year head coach. "He went the distance with two of

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CHS weekly scoreboard

GYMNASTICS (Cohasset/Norwell)
11 beat Hingham, 124.15-121
16 beat Notre Dame, 123.7-115.9
18 at Randolph

WRESTLING
10 lost to Rockland, 60-21
12 lost to Duxbury, 49-20
lost to New Bedford, 55-9
lost to Sharon, 51-15
17 at Hanover

GIRLS BASKETBALL
11 beat Mashpee, 49-45
16 lost to Hull, 41-37
17 Chatham

ICE HOCKEY
10 beat Norwell, 5-3
13 lost to Abing./E. Bridge, 4-1
15 lost to Trinity Catholic, 6-5
17 at Randolph

BOYS BASKETBALL
10 beat South Shore Voke, 78-45
12 beat S.S. Christian Ac, 61-42

Lady Skippers get in 'W' column

Young team gets a confidence boost with win over Mashpee, 49-45

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

After a tough opening month for the girl's varsity basketball team, the Lady Skippers dodged past Mashpee, 49-45.

Down 29-14 at halftime, and seemingly facing another defeat, Cohasset clawed its way back into the game with a trapping press.

"The guards did a wonderful job putting pressure on the ball," effused second year coach Ellen Carr, citing the great job her charges did forcing turnovers in the second half.

Just minutes into the second half, Cohasset had cut the lead down to eight thanks to two huge buckets from junior forward Liza Parker.

"I think that fired everybody up," said Carr.

Down the stretch, Cohasset tied the game, and went ahead on clutch free throws by sophomore shooting guard Heather Perkins (3 points), and point guard LaRaine Langford (eight points).

Sophomore small forward Lindsay Grossman had 11

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset center Danielle Pinkus tries to get a shot off over Norwell's Shayna Eyster in action last week.

Wrestling team takes it on the chin

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them, and gave them all they could handle."

Cohasset was also hurt in the quad-meet by sickness, as absences cost them forfeits across the board in three weight classes, giving the competition a +18 right from the get-go.

Sweeney figures that the toughest part of his team's schedule is now behind them, and has hopes that the squad can claw back towards .500 in their remaining 10 match-ups.

"We've got most of our league meets coming up in the next few weeks, plus a huge quad meet next weekend (Jan. 27 @Durfee, with Wayland and Whitman Hanson also on the schedule)," offered Sweeney. "I definitely think we've got some winnable matches in there."

Lady Skippers get in 'W' column

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points, while shutting down Mashpee's top scorer in the second half. Freshman center Danielle Pinkus had eight to round out the even offensive attack.

"We were very balanced," affirmed Carr, clearly pleased to see her team spread the ball, rather than rely on one or two big scorers to carry the offense."It gave them a little bit of breathing room."

With such a young club, Carr was also pleased with the composure shown. She noted how easy it would have been to simply give the game up at halftime.

"The one good thing about that team is that there is no discouragement," the second year coach asserted.

Though the win over Mashpee improved Cohasset's record to a mere 1-9 for the season, having the victory under its belt means a lot to the team.

"It is a relief," said Carr. "I think it takes the pressure off."

Most recently, the Lady Skippers faced their ninth loss of the year, coming up short against the Pirates of Hull, 41-37.

Cohasset did hold leads as large as five points at a few junctures during the game, but even with 15 points from Peraino, 11 from Grossman, and what Carr called a "slew of rebounds" from sophomore power forward Maura O'Brien, the Lady Skippers could not finish it out.

Prior to the Mashpee match-up, the Lady Skippers held a very tough Carver team close for a good portion of the game, but the Lady Crusaders ended up with the win, 61-43.

Grossman tossed in 20 points to lead her team.

This game illustrated what Carr thinks is the team's main weakness: transition defense. Several times down the floor, Carver was able to take defensive rebounds and make quick outlet pass that resulted in fast break lay-ups.

"That is where we really get stung," said Carr.

Their record may not be where the team might want it to be, but the first win is always necessary to making strides for the rest of the season.

Summed up the coach, "Hopefully, we will continue to move forward."

The freshman squad has continued to improve and, after recent wins over Mashpee and Norwell, has upped its record to 3-5 on the year.

Cohasset soccer club

INDOOR SOCCER PROGRAM

There are openings in most of the age groups from first through sixth grades. This is a fun way to exercise and increase soccer skills at the same time. The times are listed below for each age group and are Sundays at the Osgood Gym. There is a 30-minute skills session with a professional coach followed by a 45-minute game. There is a limit of 15 players per age group. The program will run for 10 Sundays, January through March, omitting the February vacation weeks.

Cost is $75 and forms can be picked up at the Recreation Department or call the following for information:

First/second-grade boys: 12 to 1:15 p.m., Jay Monaco, 383-9655

First/second-grade girls: 1:15 to 2:30 p.m., Andrew Quigley, 383-9795

Third/fourth-grade boys: 2:30 to 3:45 p.m., Tom Judge, 383-2179

Third/fourth-grade girls: 3:45 to 5 p.m., Scott Collins, 383-2498

Fifth/sixth-grade boys: 5 to 6:30 p.m., Don Dickinson, 383-2717

Boys Soccer team to be honored

The boys soccer team, which made it to the semifinals of the Eastern Mass. state tourney this fall, will be honored before the Jan. 23 game with Hanover, withte hhangign of a banner commemorating the achievement. The Tuesday night game is scheduled to start at 6:30.

The team's first year coach, Dave Nigro was recently selected as Coach of the year by the Eastern Mass Soccer Coaches Association. Soccer captains Erik Shea and Doug O'Brien were also honored by the Association, being named to their All-Star Team. Shea and O'Brien are also captains and standouts with the basketball team.

Gymnasts vault to 4-1

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motivates me because I know I have to make it up," she said. "One fall's not the end of the world, and if you're a true competitor you can't let it affect your whole meet."

Cohasset-Norwell's best event of the evening proved to be the vault with a 31.9. Sheerin won the event with an 8.4 and Bixby finished in a tie for second with Hart and her Notre Dame teammate Meg Shea with an 8.1. Amy Maree figured into the scoring with a 7.9, as did Katie Portanova and her 7.5.

The vault was also the Cougars' most productive of the evening as they finished with a 31.2. Behind Hart and Shea, Rachel Galanek hit an 8.0 and Moira Brady landed a 7.0 for the team's only score above 30.

Along with their sweep in the bars, the Skippers were first and third on the beam with Sheerin nailing a tough routine in 8.9 and Bixby scoring a 7.8. Shea was second for the Cougars with her 7.5. Maree hit a 7.0 and Hart landed a 7.5 for the Cougars.

Carter is still a big question mark after straining a ligament in her knee during warm-ups against Hanover. Carter picked up second in the vault, her lone event of the meet, before calling it a night. The team leader and, along with Sheerin and Bixby, an automatic in the Skippers' scoring, Carter is absolutely indispensable if Cohasset-Norwell has any hope of qualifying for the South Sectional meet.

Head coach Kara Connerty said the team hasn't lost sight of qualifying for the South Sectional meet. The meet, which features the top-10 teams in the South and the respective league champions, is very much within the Skippers' grasp, assuming Carter is at full strength.

"We're still hoping to make the South Sectionals," said Connerty, whose first winter as head coach has drawn rave reviews from her gymnasts and former coach Ruthann Ardizzoni, alike.

Sheerin said the Skippers would have to come up big in their remaining meets to reach the South Sectionals. "We just have to hit the rest of our meets," she said.

Football awards

Cohasset Football held it's annual Breakup Breakfast at the Atlantica, Saturday, Dec. 9,2000. Guest speaker was former N FL quarterback Tom O'Connell

Head coach Tony Rolfe awarded ten freshman, sophomores and juniors first-year letters and jackets. They were as follows: Tom Anderson, Chris Bilodeau, Tom Bilodeau, Cosimo Cambi, Stephen Davis, Braun Goodson, Brendan Goff, John Hussey, Ben Lynner and Chris McKenna. Second, third and fourth year letter recipients were Jason Brown, Pat Carbone, Chris Golden, Justin Langham, Jari Martin, Liam Martin, Will Prendergast, Paul Previte, Jeff Scribner, Nick Bolster, Ronan Buick, Brian Krupczak and Craig Davis.

TEAM AWARDS:

Coaches Award - Jeff Scribner

Unsung Hero - Chris Golden

Most Improved - Tom Bilodeau and John Hussey

Hustle and Desire - Craig Davis

Team MVP - Ronan Buick

Outstanding Lineman - Craig Davis

Outstanding Back - Brian Krupczak

Hull Game MVP - Justin Langham

GOLDEN HELMET AWARD - Senior with three years of consecutive play. Ronan Buick, Craig Davis, Chris Golden, Brian Krupczak, Justin Langham and Jeff Scribner

CLARK CHATTERTON GRIDIRON CLUB AWARD: Ronan Buick

SCITUATE/COHASSET YOUTH FOOTBALL AWARD: Craig Davis

SOUTH SHORE LEAGUE ALL-STARS: Ronan Buick, Craig Davis, and Brian Krupczak

BOSTON GLOBE EASTERN MASS. DIV.4 ALL-STAR: Craig Davis

On a final note, Torin Sweeney's Junior Varsity Team finished 4-4 with great play by Mike Casey, Adrian Batson, Terry Baroudi, Mike Snowdale, John Durkin, Tony Truglia, Dan Tarpey, Mike Hajar, Mike Dooley and Dwayne Morris.

The middle school had 33 7th & 8th grade players on the team and finished strong under Brian Patterson. They'll add a dozen or so players to the varsity squad next season.

Good luck to all of the Seniors in their future endeavors.

Boys keep on rolling

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did, because we were pretty banged up," the 10th year head coach noted.

Among the names on the "hurting" list are Shea, who played in both games despite a sprained ankle and a banged up elbow, and junior Liam Martin, who has not fully recovered from the collapsed lung and broken ribs he suffered back on Dec. 22 against Norton.

"Liam will be a big boost when he comes back," said Ford, as Martin started practicing again on Monday. "I think he will come back and have something to say. He plays with reckless abandon, and that is why he is so successful."

Martin was the team's third leading scorer for Cohasset before his injury sidelined him, and hopefully will play in Cohasset's next game, a league match-up against the 5-4 Green Wave of Abington.

In addition to these injuries, sophomores Ian Kidder and Jared Krupczak, and freshman Chris Bilodeau and Connolly have come down with serious colds, as the flu season has gotten to the team.

"Every team has been hit by it," noted Ford.

If Cohasset can beat Abington this Friday, no easy task against the athletic and balanced offense of the Green Wave, they will maintain second place in the South Shore League.

The league is wide open this year, with Carver (9-0) on top with no SSL losses as of yet. , but barely got by Norton with an overtime win. Though it seems Carver is the team to beat in order to win the league title, Ford refuses to look anywhere past the task at hand: Abington.

"You won't even hear me mention Carver until we play them in February," he declared.

Still, it is hard to be less than elated when your team is 8-2, 4-1 in the South Shore League.

"I probably would have been happy with 4-6," said Ford, smiling.

"We had two close games, and we won them both," he continued, referring to the 73-71 overtime win over Norwell, and 64-63 nailbiter over Norton.

Game Notes

South Shore Voc Tech:

-The Vikings shot 0-for-3 on three pointers in the first half, then 5-for-8 in the second half.

-Cohasset had only 12 turnovers, while forcing the Vikings into committing 27.

-Voc Tech had only two 4-0 runs in the game.

South Shore Christian Academy:

-The Warriors were the only opponent Cohasset has faced this year that averaged more than one turnover per minute, making 35 in a 32 minute game.

-James Cattanio, who had scored 37 points the night before against Marion, was held to 12 by the Skippers.

-Combining the second halves of both contests, Lynner scored 14 points, 10 coming off foul shots.

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the season (against seven wins). Caron and Anderson each tallied a goal and assist, while Davis recorded two goals. Devine had three helpers, and sophomore John Durkin put in a goal.

In that win, first year goalie Dan Kinchla had an excellent game in net.

"He has been doing real well," started Walsh, who feels that the goalie position in hockey is the hardest single position in all sports. "He has made some spectacular saves."

Walsh was extremely proud of the way his defense played in that contest, noting the outstanding effort from freshman Mike Devine.

Senior captain defenseman Dan Morse also earned high praises from the coach for his leadership of such a callow squad.

"He is a very quiet guy," offered Walsh, "but he leads the way. He works hard, listens to the people, and does a good job."

The offense has been led by the sophomores Greg O'Connell (18 points) and Davis (15 points), who were both big time contributors last year as well.

"It is nice that they will hopefully be coming back, and getting better," said Walsh.

Right behind the second year scorers are Bouchard and Caron, recording over 13 points apiece.

The power in the league has been very evenly dispersed this year, with perennial powerhouse Hanover sneaking by the Skippers 4-2 not so long ago, and just barely getting by Scituate this past weekend.

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MONDAY, JAN. 8

9:39 a.m. South Main St., traffic safety inspection.
10:01 a.m. Nicholas Rd., fire investigation.
Noon, Cedar St., wires down.
12:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
2:46 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.
3:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
4:41 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
6:06 p.m. Pond St., fire investigation.
7:14 p.m. Pond St., vandalism, investigated.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

7:05 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Ln., MVA.
8:05 a.m. Pond St., investigation.
1:16 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.
3:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA.
4:27 p.m. Sohier St., general services.
4:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person, area search negative.
8:16 p.m. Ripley Rd., assist citizen.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

5:45 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, removed to hospital.
7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop.
7:37 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.
7:48 a.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Ln., MVA.
10:09 a.m. Clay Spring Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.
11:13 a.m. Beechwood St., MV violations, verbal warnings.
11:50 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Bow St., general services.
12:06 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

12:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:44 a.m. King St., vandalism.
9:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
12:01 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.
2:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.
2:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., disabled auto.
3:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking violation, area search negative.
3:51 p.m. King St., motor vehicle violations, verbal warning.
5:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic complaint, vehicle stored/impounded.
5:23 p.m. Forest Ave., family disturbance, arrest: Robert J. Ziff, 34, 18 Third Ave., Scituate. Chgs.: assault and battery, illegal possession of Class D substance.
6:13 p.m. Beechwood St., road rage, area search negative.
8:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., MV stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

1:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, arrest: Craig M. McInerney, 28, 23 Tenth Ave., Scituate. Chgs.: operating under influence of liquor (second offense), failure to stay within marked lanes, failure to stop for police officer, warrant, illegal possession of Class D substance.
7:04 a.m. Stevens Ln., suspicious auto.
7:27 a.m. Stevens Ln., burglar alarm.
10:23 a.m. Atlantic Ave., disabled auto.
10:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny by check.
10:43 a.m. Sohier St., abandoned 911 call.
2:14 p.m. Parking Way, vandalism.
2:45 p.m. Norman Todd Ln., MV accident.
2:45 p.m. Elm St., fire.
4:51 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.
4:51 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.
6 p.m. Cohasset Harbor, larceny, arrest: John J. Robbins, 29, 1500 Tremont St., Duxbury. Chgs.: warrant. Karen A. MacDonald, 37, 1500 Tremont St., Duxbury. Chgs.: operating MV without license, operating MV after revocation of registration, operating uninsured MV.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

9:03 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, patient sign off.
11:42 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.
11:47 a.m. South Main St., fire investigation.
6:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Henry Turner Bailey Rd., MVA, patient sign off.
10:48 p.m. New Orleans, La., lost property.
11:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations, arrest: Gregory Paul Medici, 20, 91 Metacomet Way, Marshfield. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, operating after license or right to operate suspended.
11:15 p.m. Ridge Top Rd., animal control, unfounded.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

12:26 a.m. North Main St., suspicious person.
10:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:33 p.m. Harbor area, motor vehicle violations.
1:24 p.m. Sohier St., general services.
1:39 p.m. Summer and Border sts., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:54 p.m. Cohasset Harbor, disturbance.
2:49 p.m. Hull St., officer wanted.

POLICE BRIEFS

Sign up for Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy sponsored by Cohasset police starts Feb. 5.

Classes will be conducted from 6-9 p.m. once a week for nine weeks. Curriculum includes criminal and constitutional law, court procedures, probable cause and elements of crimes, motor vehicle law and accident investigation, firearms and use of force, patrol procedures, traffic enforcement and community policing. Ride-alongs with police officers may also be included.

Applications are available at the police station on Elm Street.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said there is no charge for participants. The estimated $3,000 cost of conducting the academy that may include some overtime to cover shifts is being paid for through a state grant earmarked for community policing services.

The class size at the academy is limited to 12 people, age 16 and older. Noonan said police hope to get a cross-section of teenagers, parents and senior citizens.

"We hope participants will see what we really do, how people are treated and how we do our job," he said.

Police arrested 14 last month

"December was relatively a quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department," Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

"There were 14 arrests, two for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, one for Larceny, two for Protective Custody, three for Warrants, one for Assault and Battery, two for Assault by Dangerous Weapon, and finally three for Minor Transporting Alcohol," he said.

In the month of December the police department investigated 18 motor vehicle accidents, one of which resulted in injury. There were 125 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $3,345 in fines. Additionally, there were 134 parking tickets issued for $4,175. in fines.

Also in the month of December the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 645 calls for police services, of those 103 were Emergency 911 calls, Noonan said.

During December there were also nine criminal complaints issued and or applied for, he said.

OBITUARIES

Henry Johns Bowdoin

Henry "Harry" Johns Bowdoin, 64, Dyke Road, formerly of Cohasset, MA., died Jan. 14, 2001, at his home with his family by his side.

He was born in Baltimore, Md., the son of George and Harriet (Gibbs). He graduated from the Gilman School and Williams College.

After fulfilling his duties as a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps where he served as an infantry officer from 1959 to 1962, he returned to Baltimore and began a career in banking with Maryland National Bank. He had served from 1970 to 1975 as assistant vice president for marketing and sales at the Society for Savings in Hartford, CT.

In 1975 to 1981 Harry served as vice president and director of marketing at the Union Warren Savings Bank in Boston. Mr. Bowdoin worked at Fidelity Investments from 1981 until his retirement in December 1997. During his tenure he served in many capacities for a number of different Fidelity divisions. For the last four years he was a vice president in the Fidelity Investments Advisor Group where he was responsible for developing and managing the group's network of thousands of Fidelity and non-Fidelity mutual funds.

He lived for 22 years in Cohasset, where he enjoyed sailing and playing competitive squash and tennis. In retirement he played an active role in the Sugar Hill community serving the town as a trustee of the trust funds and as an alternate on the zoning board of adjustment. He was a board member of the North Country Players. As a member of the Profile Club, he co-chaired the tennis committee, and at the Four Seasons Tennis and Sports Center he volunteered his time teaching squash to local area high school students. He also gave his time to SCORE as a volunteer counselor to people wanting to start a small business.

Mr. Stephen Burton, Senior Vice President at Fidelity Investments, recalls that Harry's contributions to Fidelity extended far beyond his official responsibilities. It was not unusual to pass his office and see someone asking for his advice, either professionally or personally. His honesty, integrity, and sense of humor drew people to him, and he was a trusted friend to many of his associates. His caring about his friends at Fidelity did not end at retirement. Even during the worst of his illness, he still wanted to hear the "Fidelity News" and was truly interested in how former colleagues were doing. Those of us who were fortunate to work with Harry, two phrases are most often associated with him..."He was a gentleman, he was a true friend."

He leaves his wife, Anne Carter Bowdoin, Sugar Hill, N. H.; two daughters, Alice Carter Bowdoin, Boston, Julia Bowdoin Godtfredsen, Cambridge; three sisters Harriet Constance Bowdoin, Baltimore, Md., Alice Bowdoin Baldwin, Chestertown, Md., and Helen Macqueen Bowdoin, Concord.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Sugar Hill Meeting House, Sugar Hill, N. H.

Memorial contributions may be made to DHMC, Norris Cotton Cancer Center, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, N.H. 03756-0001 or the North Country Chamber Players, c/o Stephen Dignazio, P. O. Box 904, Littleton, N.H. 03561.

For more information or to sign the guest book, please go to www.rossfuneral.com. Ross Funeral Home, Littleton Chapel, has the privilege of these arrangements.

Isabel R. Gleason

Isabel R. (McEwen) Gleason, 90, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died Jan. 5, 2001, at Quincy Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Mrs. Gleason enjoyed knitting, gardening, cooking and boating.

Born in Pictou, Nova Scotia, she lived many years in Scituate before moving to Cohasset.

Wife of the late Herbert E. Gleason Jr., she leaves three sons, William E. Gleason of California, and Robert E. Gleason and Dana R. Gleason of Hanover; three daughters, Geraldine Cerilli and Isabel R. Salvador of Scituate, and Phyllis C. Walker of New Hampshire; two stepchildren, Elinor Loring of Florida and Eldridge A. Gleason of Nebraska; 28 grandchildren; and 51 great-grandchildren. She was mother of the late Dennis W. Gleason.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church, Scituate. Interment was in Groveland Cemetery, Scituate.

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Probate and Family Court
Department
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Docket No. 01P0026EP

In the Estate of ARTHUR C. KING

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death
November 27, 2000

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ANN MARIE GARNETT of SANDWICH in the County of BARNSTABLE be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 14, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, January 5, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#501589
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YOUNG ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Norfolk Division
Docket No. 96P0670E1
Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of Genevieve Gray Young, late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the First and final account of Donald J. MacRae as Executor (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the Seventh day of February, 2001, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this Twenty-ninth day of December, 2000.

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Justine Vanderlugt watches the show with her son Brooks.



Tate Giddings, at left, gets down with the crowd attending the Pats Puppet Show.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Elizabeth Baker joins in the antics. ►



Patricia Boylan and the Pat Puppets perform at the South Shore Community Center to the delight of local youngsters.



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Even though they haven't produced new music in more than 30 years, the Beatles have risen to the top of the pop charts with their new album featuring old number one songs.

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Meet the Beatles — again

By Ken Capobianco
CNC ARTS WRITER

They are the hottest band on the planet right now. Their music has people enthusiastic again and people are buying their most recent CD in bunches. They've topped the Billboard chart for the last three weeks and they've sold over five million copies of the disc so far, adding a little over a half-million per week. There are no DJ's in the mix, no angry boy rants screaming on the mic, no cute boy band harmonies and no giggle and jiggle females taking a guest turn to spike sales. They are white hot, they make pop music with brains and they are on the top of the world, ma.

They are The Beatles. Who'da thunk it.

Yeah, believe it or not, The Beatles are all the rage again as the group's "One"—a collection of the band's number one singles in America — is outselling all of the best selling artists in contemporary pop including 'N Sync, The Backstreet Boys, Snoop Dogg, Limp Bizkit and Creed. It's a strange phenomenon, but these are very strange times indeed in the pop music world. It seems people are getting burned out from the angry hip-hop/metal and sugary pop and embracing good songwriting and melodies once again.

Maybe. Or maybe The Beatles are The Beatles are The Beatles. In other words, the makers of some of the greatest music in the mid to late 20th century created songs that live on and now the band's catalog is being passed to a new generation while being embraced once again by the people who grew up on it. "One," which was thought of as a sure shot Christmas present when it came out in November, is still blowing out the doors of record shops around the country. It's really a pretty amazing feat.

"It was the number two or three record when it came out but it's been number one for us ever since," says Darren Boylan a manager at the HMV in Harvard Square. Of course, the Square is the perfect demographic for The Beatles as it does draw well-heeled boomers, but Boylan says that the sales the store has chalked up has surpassed anything they could have imagined.

"We've been selling hundreds each week and that's unbelievable. It's interesting because while it seems that it would be a sure big seller because we are talking about The Beatles here, it also is a really fine collection. All the songs have been remastered and the sound is quite good. Now people have the convenience of having all of these

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Bigger and better

Merger joins two South Shore real estate boards

By Paula Woodhull
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PHOTO/BOB BURNS

Pictured at the recent installation ceremony for the newly merged real estate group are, left to right: Elizabeth Rowe, 2001 president, U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, D-Quincy, and Betsy Hines, 2001 president elect.

They've had the urge to merge for some time now.

And as of Jan. 1, the South Shore Association of Realtors and the Plymouth County Board of Realtors have combined the considerable forces of the two groups, becoming the third largest professional organization for realtors in the state.

"People said we couldn't put these two boards together," said Elizabeth Rowe, 2001 president of the new organization which will be called the Plymouth and South Shore Board of Realtors.

Rowe sees nothing but good things on the horizon now that the two boards have merged. "This groups knows no bounds. It is a tremendous group of talent and we will tap it."

The merger and name change is expected to be approved by the National Association of Realtors in about 60 days.

The newly united organization will boast 1,600 real estate professionals and will stretch from the Cape Cod Canal to Quincy, with some members from the Brockton area.

It was in October that the two boards gave their resounding support to the merger which had been talked about for years.

Rowe, of Hingham, a real estate sales associate with Coastal Countryside Properties based in Cohasset, applauded the merger for several reasons.

She officially took over the reins of the new organization at an installation ceremony and dinner for new officers held on Jan. 12 at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham.

Rowe said the larger, more powerful realtor organization will be able to provide additional services for its members.

"We plan to enhance the professionalism for realtors and enhance our image with the public," she said.

This will involve education and training workshops for realtors and opportunities

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The 'keys' to her success



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY

Piano teacher extraordinaire Margaret Li at the keys with student Anne Walsh of Hull.

Local piano teacher's classes are a sell-out

By Seth Jacobson
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Getting a spot in one of Margaret Li's piano classes at the South Shore Conservatory is like trying to get tickets to a Rolling Stones concert— very tough, but well worth the price of admission once you get in.

Like a Rolling Stones concert, Li's classes are generating a lot of excitement and are selling out.

But unlike Mick Jagger's legendary band which has been rocking for nearly four decades, Li, 30, has only been teaching locally for four months.

Li came to the conservatory in September from New York, and started offering her piano classes right away. She offered one 10-week session at the Conservatory's Hingham campus and one session at the Duxbury campus. The classes were advertised as "beginner piano lessons," and they filled up quickly.

By the time the first sessions were over, Li's students were excelling and she was ready to advertise another round of classes. Not only did the classes fill up almost immediately, but there is now a lengthy waiting list of students eager to learn at Li's side.

She's considering adding summer lessons to her schedule and Li said she'll continue teaching at the conservatory's two campuses as long as there is a demand and the staff keeps her on.

More than her innovative teaching methods, Li gives credit to the conservatory in making her piano classes a sell-out.

"I've got to give the conservatory a lot of credit for the success of these classes," Li said. "They gave the classes a lot of publicity. After I finished teaching the first session of the classes, they told me they wanted me to offer it again, and so I am. I love doing it, so I'll keep going as long as I can."

"This is very different from what I expected," stated Hingham resident Dawn D'Alelio regarding participating in one of Li's 10-week sessions. "Taking this class appealed to me because it didn't demand an impossible commitment."

And Li certainly doesn't want people to feel like playing the piano is an impossible dream.

"Something like this should be accessible to everyone," Li said. "And I find teaching extremely rewarding—it's what I want to do on a full-time basis. And when it comes to the piano classes, I'm trying to show people, regardless of age or background, that they're able to express themselves at the keyboard."

So why is Li so popular? Maybe it's her warm personality. Maybe it's because of her remarkable knowledge regarding classical piano. Or maybe it's because she encourages mess-ups.

"I teach people that it's okay, sometimes even better, to make mistakes while learning the piano," she said. "You can learn more that way. As a teacher, I don't feel like I can demand perfection because to me, perfection doesn't exist.

"To me, one of the best things is seeing one of my students accomplishing something he or she thought they would never be able to do. It's always a positive reinforcement."

Margaret Li, piano teacher at the South Shore Conservatory

Aside from that, I don't feel like I do that much differently from any other piano teacher. I have basic rules I follow whenever I teach. I'm always open to whatever happens with a student, and I'm always receptive and enthusiastic."

Li said when she teaches her students, she looks at music and the keys of the piano as a sort of language.

"It's a language that is universal," Li said. "But in order to express that concept, one must learn how that language is organized. I split that language into two camps—pitch and organization. I work with students on those two separate concepts and then we put them back together."

Within her classes, Li teaches everything a beginner needs to know about starting to play the piano, including reading music.

"I expect people to come into these classes knowing essentially nothing," Li said.

Li's love of music was kindled at a very young age.

"I started playing piano when I was five," she said. "It's just always been a part of my life. It's always been around me. It's what I do."

Li grew up in Long Island, N.Y., along with twin sister Edwina, who is also a piano virtuoso. Li said sometimes, she and her sister perform duets together in public.

After high school, Li attended Wellesley College in Massachusetts where she held a double major in music and Chinese language and literature. She graduated with a BA in music.

"When I went to Wellesley, I fell in love with the Boston area and I promised myself I'd be back," Li said.

After she graduated from Wellesley, Li attended Michigan State University, and got her Masters degree in piano performance. While she was in Michigan, Li started doing some private piano teaching, and also started teaching some classes at Michigan State University.

"Those were my first official teaching jobs," Li said.

After returning to Long Island, Li began applying for teaching jobs. She heard from the South Shore Conservatory in September, giving her the perfect reason to return to the Boston area she fell in love with during her years in college.

Li, who lives in Weymouth, and her sister, now both hold positions as full-time faculty members at the conservatory and she couldn't be happier about it.

"I love doing what I'm doing," Li said. "And even if a student comes to me knowing nothing about the piano, I'd expect that student to come away from the (piano) classes being able to read and understand basic piano pieces. To me, one of the best things is seeing one of my students accomplishing something he or she thought they would never be able to do. It's always a positive reinforcement."

For more information on Margaret Li's current or future piano classes, call the Hingham branch of the South Shore Conservatory at (781) 749-7565 or the Duxbury branch at (781) 934-2731.

Paying homage to Hedda

South Shore teen has role in 'mirror' production

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

It has long been said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. If so, then the nine Massachusetts high school students involved in the Huntington Theatre Company's "Mirror Performance Project" are paying genuine homage to the current Boston production of "Hedda Gabler."

One of three of the Huntington's after-school education programs, the five-year-old "Mirror Performance Project" affords high school students the opportunity to "mirror" the collaborative process which takes place between a play's director, actors, designers, costumers and theater technicians.

"We're exploring the entire process," explains program participant Emma Stanton, a junior at Duxbury High School. "We're learning the lines, the blocking and everything else that goes into putting on a play."

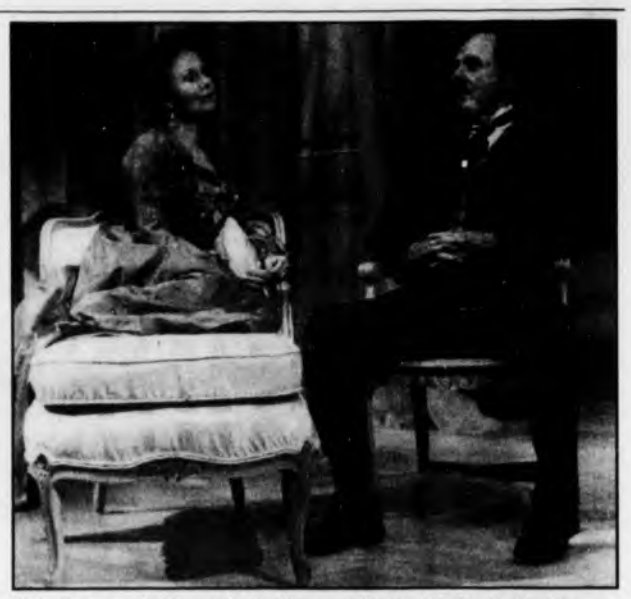
According to Linda Murphy, Assistant Director of Education for the Huntington, "mirroring the process is most important. It is not so much copying, but actually observing and learning from the professionals. The students tour the theater, meet the actors, and see the technical aspects of the production up close. Ultimately, they take on the roles of actors and stage managers to rehearse select scenes from the production they are mirroring. Finally, the completed scenes are performed at schools and community centers and at the Huntington's own rehearsal space."

What the students will be emulating this year is the Huntington production of "Hedda Gabler," a classic of the modern theater. Written in 1890 by Henrik Ibsen, the play is an examination of a proud and complex woman searching for passion and meaning in her life. Trapped by boredom and social convention, Hedda embarks upon a destructive journey of manipulation, forever altering the lives of those around her. The Huntington production of "Hedda Gabler" is a new adaptation by Jon Robin Baitz, which was first presented at the Williamstown Theater Festival last summer. The Huntington's recently appointed Artistic Director Nicholas Martin once again directs his Williamstown cast in this remounting.

"I love this play," says Stanton. "I am so glad we are working on 'Hedda Gabler.' We had a chance to see this production before we really began to dig into our work and it is truly fabulous." Under the direction of Murphy, the nine students have been meeting twice a week since early December when they had their first read-through of the play. Last week, the group met with Nicholas Martin and also had a working dinner with their adult counterparts, including award-winning actress Kate Burton who plays the title role.



Actress Jennifer Van Dyck, right, of the Huntington Theatre Company's "Hedda Gabler", discussed her craft recently with students Emma Stanton, Duxbury High School, at left, and Astride Noel from Newton North High School. The young women are taking part in a Huntington education program in which they "mirror" the current Boston production of the Henrik Ibsen classic.



Kate Burton as Hedda and Harris Yulin as Judge Brack in the Huntingdon Theatre Company's production of Henrik Ibsen's Hedda Gabler. Hedda Gabler runs through Jan. 28.

"It was amazing to be able to meet with and relate to the professionals," according to Stanton. "Nicholas Martin is this very hot director right now here and in New York, but he still made us all feel very comfortable. He was very down to earth and amusing. Kate Burton and the other actors were wonderful, too. It was very helpful to meet with the cast, because they are all such accomplished performers."

Murphy says the admiration is mutual. "The actors were very willing to share their expertise. They really enjoyed having dinner with the students and discussing the play and their craft in general. There was a real atmosphere of mutual interest and respect."

On Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, the students will perform 45-minute programs composed of seven selected scenes from the beginning, middle and end of the play. The students will tour on the final day, bringing their production to area high schools which may include Boston Latin and Newton North.

"We take them on tour, because we want them to have the complete theater experience," Murphy points out. "Throughout the eight weeks we work with them, the students gain a sound, practical understanding of the creative process."

It is that process that has intrigued Stanton since she was just a young girl. She has appeared in productions of "A Christmas Carol" and "The Miracle Worker" at the Company Theatre in Norwell. Stanton is also active in The Academy of the Company Theatre where she participates in the advanced youth acting group led by teacher Peter Carey of Randolph.

Stanton's father, Timothy, is an oceanographer at the Wood's Hole Institute, while her mother, Cynthia Simmons, is a professor of Russian Language and Literature at Boston College. Her 19-year-old brother, Liam, is a student at B.C. Stanton sees college in her future, but also envisions a life in the theater.

"Acting is definitely in my future plans," she says. "I know I have to do something in the theater, because the stage is the place where I can step away from everything else that may be going on in my life. It is a real outlet for me. I also loving playing off of live audiences and sharing the experience with them."

(For tickets to the Huntington Theatre Production of "Hedda Gabler," which runs through Jan. 28 call the box office at 617/266-0800. To learn more about the Mirror Performance Project and other aspects of the Huntington's Education and Community Outreach Department call Linda Murphy at 617/266-7900, ext. 2549.)

Company Theatre serves up fresh Juice

New albums show Newton's deep country roots

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

If you think you know Juice Newton only from her early '80s hit-making days, you might want to think again.

Newton is best known for a string of high-charting country-pop crossover hits and star appearances on "Solid Gold" from back in the day. Among her biggest were two top ten smashes — a synth-powered cover of Merilee Rush's '60s hit "Angel of the Morning" and the peppy "Queen of Hearts," plus the rollicking "Love's Been a Little Bit Hard on Me" and a cover of the Brenda Lee hit "Break It To Me Gently."

But most recently, Newton, now 49, has returned from a nine-year break from recording and touring with two fresh albums that have redefined her sound with much deeper country and roots music influences, particularly on her latest release, 1999's American Girl. The near decade-long layoff, during which the singer devoted time to her family, has proved beneficial for Newton in her growth as a singer and country-based artist.

Therefore, explained Juice in a recent phone interview from a Utah resort, fans can expect a lot more than just the typical routine of oldies hits when she plays Norwell's Company Theatre Friday and Saturday (Jan. 19 and 20) evenings.

"I'm working with independent country and folk music labels and producers now, rather than the big corporate majors," said the singer. "And because of that, I'm able to pick and choose songs and styles because I like them, not because they're committee-decided. My biggest successes were mainly in the pop market during the '80s. But these days, I get a lot more attention and airplay from the adult contemporary and country radio stations, and I feel comfortable saying I'm a part of that."

Newton had several more hits and released nearly a dozen albums with Capitol and RCA Records through the early '90s. There were also several earlier LPs with the singer's original band, Silver Spur, in the mid to late '70s. But in her major label career, the typical high-gloss commercial production of Newton's albums eventually seemed too country for the mainstream and too mainstream for country, and the singer's career faded as the '90s dawned.

Today, however, Newton seems a lot less like yesterday's news and a lot more like a precursor to current country crossover queens such as Shania Twain and Faith Hill, having broken the ground from country to pop as far back as 1980.

The American Girl disc confirms Newton's new, more progressive musical direction. The title track is not a cover of the well-known Tom Petty song, but rather "Hot Blooded American Girl," a passionate plea with a big-drum, rock-country sound. But there is a more obscure cover from the Petty songbook, "Keepin' Me Alive," plus hot and cool countrified updates of Queen's "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" and the Everly Brothers' hit "Love Hurts," and songs by ace country writers Nanci Griffith and Buck Owens. There's even the adventurous, swing-blues flavored Newton original, "Nighttime Without You," which comes on like a cross between country and the Cherry Poppin' Daddies.

"Songs like the Buck Owens' tune, for example, are very simple and straightforward, and recording it really gave me a chance to get into and get a sense of Buck's personality, a feel for that whole Bakersfield sound."



Juice Newton

"Artists in not only country but other genres usually make four or five albums, then they change producers to keep their sound moving forward. Years ago, when I was having the hits and playing a pink guitar, I think in my own way I made an awareness that women artists can have roots in country, but not necessarily be limited or labeled by that. And looking at today's music scene, I think it's cool that there are a lot of consumers and fans not limited by what radio and the record companies tell them to buy. Even with the whole Napster controversy, I think that it only helps artists get wider exposure and eventually sell more. I look at song-swapping on Napster that same way as that I lend my CDs to others for them to play. I'm not afraid of it," Newton said.

On her current tour, which is booked into May, Newton promises a good-time, high-energy show offering a mix of the old and new.

"I've always enjoyed playing live onstage. And these days, like in the '80s, I've got a great touring band, called the Regenerators," she said. "Our show doesn't rely on the typical whistles and bells, and smoke and mirrors. It relies mostly on the music. And I think that we're more of an alternative act in that sense, and that flavor comes across to the audience."

(Juice Newton will perform Friday, Jan. 19 and Saturday, Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. For ticket information call the Company Theater at (781) 871-2787. The Company Theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell.)

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songs together for the first time in a package they can listen to without having to deal with outtakes or other filler that usually comes when old music is re-released. And while there's no doubt that many kids probably bought it for their parents for the holidays, a lot are also buying it for themselves. So it's crossing generations and that's pretty rare these days."

He pauses and adds "and I guess the bottom line, though, is that it is all great music. There's a reason people call it classic rock."

Yes indeed, there's a whole radio format for that kind of music and The Beatles' resurgence has certainly affected WZLX-FM 100.3, Boston's classic rock station. "You can tell in our ratings," says Carter Alan, assistant music director at 'ZLX and afternoon DJ. "It's been great for us and while we always get Beatles' requests, we're seeing more now. For the most part, we've focused on "Sgt. Pepper's" on, but now we're getting more requests for mid-era Beatles like "Rubber Soul" and in my mind, that's great."

Alan, who has written a book about U2 and stays very current with the contemporary pop and rock scene, also feels that the boffo sales of The Beatles disc has a lot to do with listeners' dissatisfaction with most of the new music out these days. "The alternative just isn't strong enough," he says. "The music out there kind of pales in comparison and The Beatles sound fresh. Obviously, it's a really great CD all around and it takes some of the band's best work, but no one is making strong, cohesive records anymore and that's reflected in people flocking to `One.' There's a wild synchronicity going on as the older listeners are revisiting their past while the younger listeners discovering some of this music for the first time. You have all consumers coming together and that's the makings of a phenomenon."

For 17-year-old James Helton from Weston, buying "One" at the Sam Goody in the Natick Mall, the record gives him the chance to actually sit down and absorb the music for the first time. His view, is no doubt, reflected by the thousands of other teenagers picking up the CD to do some serious stereophonics in these dead days of winter.

"The thing about a lot of these songs is that I have always heard a lot of them while doing a lot of other things, but I really don't remember actually listening to them," he says after just purchasing the disc along with Lenny Kravitz's "Greatest Hits."

"A lot of the early stuff you see on specials about The Beatles on television or you hear on the radio sometimes when you're channel surfing, but how often have you really just listened to stuff like `I Wanna Hold You're Hand' or 'Help.' I know I haven't, so I'm looking forward to doing that and I guess the sound is really great too, so for me, it's kind of perfect. I've always like the later stuff like `Let It Be' but now I'm gonna check out all of it."

Ultimately, there's no real secret or mystery as to why The Beatles are all the rage again. It's the same reason people go back to Hemingway, back to Miles, back to Fellini and Bergman. Great work is great work and it can't be denied. Think of a way to market it and people will respond to it with more gusto and intensity than the junk we are usually fed in popular culture.

"You can't deny the music," says longtime devotee and one of Boston's number one Beatles' fan Cha-chi Loprette, director of promotions at alternative rock WBCN-FM 104.1. "This is timeless and the songs are brilliant. Think of all the acts they have influenced in modern rock like Oasis and how many bands try to replicate The Beatles' sound but ultimately can't. I mean think of how many of today's rock bands' songs will sell or even be around 40 years from now. The answer is probably none. That's not a reflection so much on the music of today, although most of it doesn't rank with the standard The Beatles set, as much as how great the band was. You put all their number one hits together and, of course, it's going to sell. People know what's good and what isn't."

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Food & dining

Panna cotta



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Although I have seen traditional custards (thickened with eggs) called panna cotta on restaurant menus, panna cotta is nothing more than a sweetened, flavored milk and cream mixture which is thickened with gelatin. There are no eggs and no cooking. This makes it one of the simplest dessert recipes and one with which few Americans are familiar.

The problem with panna cottas is getting just the right amount of gelatin so that they set up properly without being rubbery. I tried varying amounts of gelatin, from 2 1/2 to 5 teaspoons per 4 cups of dairy and finally settled on 2 3/4 teaspoons. This is just enough gelatin to produce a cohesive panna cotta which can be unmolded although it is easier to simply serve this dessert in a wine glass which requires no unmolding. Higher amounts of gelatin quickly turn a soft, luscious dessert into something rubbery and unpleasant.

I tried confectioner's sugar instead of granulated and did not like the taste so I stuck with the latter. Some recipes suggest using a flavored oil (such as almond oil) to grease the ramekins but I found that butter was superior for release and the oil did not add much in the way of flavor.

I played with the relative proportion of milk to cream and found that a 50/50 ratio was a bit thin whereas a 3 to 1 ratio of cream to milk was about right.

The other problem is flavor. You need enough sugar to punch the flavor and just a bit of lemon or orange peel steeped in the milk/cream mixture (as suggested by many recipes) doesn't really do it. Today◊s ultra-pasteurized cream doesn◊t have much flavor so older recipes which depended on the cream itself to make the dessert delicious have to be revised.

First, I found that for simple variations, the use of orange or lemon oil is recommended. Unlike extracts which contain a great deal of alcohol and off flavors, oils are strong and clean tasting. They are easier to use and vastly better than using rind as a flavoring. I tested the use of rosewater or orange flower water instead of extracts or oils and discovered that the flavors were too subtle to stand up to the cream.

Another trick for flavoring is to use a caramel sauce in the ramekins as one does for Creme Caramel. This made a great counterpoint to the rich custard and balances the flavors nicely. (See the variation below.)

Finally, I tried steeping the milk/cream mixture with toasted almonds but the flavor was too mild to show up against the cream.

PANNA COTTA

This dessert depends on the quality of the cream. Regular pasteurized cream usually tastes better than the ultrapasteurized variety. I strongly suggest using an orange or lemon oil for this dessert – the plain vanilla version will be a bit plain unless served with some sort of sauce or fresh fruit.

Note that the amount of gelatin listed here will produce a relatively soft panna cotta which tastes better than those made with more gelatin but which may be a bit tricky to unmold. If you want to serve this recipe on a plate rather than in a wine glass and want the panna cotta to retain its shape, increase the gelatin to 3 teaspoons although it will be slightly less appealing when eaten. If you use the higher amount of gelatin, you can also unmold the panna cotta after only three or four hours of chilling.

2 3/4 teaspoons unflavored gelatin (see note above)
1 cup whole milk
3 cups heavy cream
1/ 2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract or 1 teaspoon orange or lemon oil
1/8 teaspoon salt
Fresh berries or fruit sauce for serving

1. In a small bowl, sprinkle the gelatin over 1/ 4 cup of the milk. Let stand until softened, about 5 minutes. Butter eight 1/ 2-cup ramekins and set aside on a tray.

2. Place the rest of the milk, the cream, and the sugar in a 2 quart saucepan over medium heat. Bring just to a boil and remove from heat. Add about a half cup of the hot liquid to the gelatin mixture and whisk

to dissolve and then pour the gelatin mixture back into the hot milk/cream. Add the vanilla, and salt and then whisk mixture again to combine.

3. Strain the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into a large measuring cup. Add the flavoring and stir to combine. Divide between the prepared ramekins and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate until set, at least 5 hours. (The ramekins can also sit overnight.)

4. To serve, run a knife around the edge of each custard, and shake or tap the ramekins to loosen completely. Invert onto chilled dessert plates. Serve with fresh fruit (berries or segmented oranges) or a simple fruit sauce. This dessert can also be served without unmolding if chilled, for example, in wine glasses.

BUTTERMILK VARIATION

Substitute 1/2 cup buttermilk for 1/2 cup of heavy cream in the master recipe.

ALMOND VARIATION

Substitute 1 teaspoon almond extract for the vanilla extract.

CARDAMOM ORANGE VARIATION

Use 1 teaspoon orange oil for the flavoring in the master recipe and also add 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom to the strained mixture.

CARAMEL SAUCE VARIATION

Prepare the panna cotta according the master recipe to the point that it is ready to pour into the ramekins. Combine 3/ 4-cup sugar and 1/ 4-cup water in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook to a light caramel which will take 5 to 10 minutes. Once the sugar syrup mixture starts to darken, remove it from the heat and swirl the contents of the pan. Place it back on the heat for a few seconds at a time and then remove and swirl. Continue until you have a light brown caramel sauce. Remove from heat and add 2 tablespoons water, stirring quickly. Pour about 1 tablespoon caramel into each ramekin, tilting quickly to cover the bottom. Add the warm panna cotta mixture on top and chill until set, at least 4 hours. —

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

A Scorpio moon today and tomorrow may generate stormy emotional weather. Don't force issues. Keep a low profile. On the other hand, the Scorpio moon brings a time when you can be most productive and get big work projects out of the way. Take on a busy schedule. Today the moon aligns with Mercury at 11:55 a.m., Mars at 5:20 p.m. and Venus at 5:53 p.m. Plan a quiet evening. Look within, and you will find what you need to get back on track.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

A lunar opposition to Saturn warns you to wake up in a good mood this morning. Others may be moody and difficult to get along with. Although this is not a great day for socializing, it is one of the best for getting things done. An applying alignment of Mercury to Pluto aids projects that need problem-solving. Tackle jobs that have been difficult and troublesome; you can work out the glitches and find new solutions. Take extra quiet time out for yourself. Prayer and meditation can help you to gain new awareness and find inner peace. The Scorpio moon becomes inactive at 8:44 p.m. until 10:35 p.m., when a Sagittarius moon takes over.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

An applying 90-degree alignment of Mercury/Mars impacts this day. Slow your pace. Sidestep irritability. Think before you say or do something you will later regret. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action until tomorrow. Stay busy with odd jobs, chores and errands. The moon continues to travel in Sagittarius. The sun moves into the sign Aquarius at 7:16 p.m., remaining there until February 18.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Storm clouds move out, and sunny astrological weather arrives today. The combination of a Sagittarius moon and sun/Jupiter alignment generates high energy, optimism, enthusiasm. You can launch important ventures between 5:00 a.m.-1:18 p.m., when the moon becomes inactive. The day is best, however, for enjoying favorite hobbies, sports, friends. Go with your adventurous side. Spur of the moment ideas can be the most successful. Be a free spirit; follow your bliss.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

The moon enters Capricorn at 9:57 a.m. The planetary ruler of Capricorn, Saturn, is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for direct travel on Wednesday, January 24. Focus on responsibilities you have taken on or commitments you have made; now is the time to follow through. An applying alignment of Mercury to Uranus urges you to keep an open mind; be willing to experiment with new ideas, techniques. This influence is great for troubleshooting, brainstorming.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Yesterday's advice pertains to today as well. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full agenda. Hard work will pay off. The moon continues its travel in Capricorn, and a Mercury/Uranus alignment culminates at 2:35 p.m. A lunar contact to Mars makes this a great evening to burn the midnight oil catching up on work projects or studies.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Hard work, self-discipline, attention to duty continue to be principal themes today. Rather than worrying about situations that are out of your control, focus on matters you can do something about. Repay debts, fulfill promises. Make up a list of things to do and stay busy. The Capricorn moon aligns with Saturn at 10:38 a.m. and becomes inactive. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 10:43 p.m., when the moon enters Aquarius.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

The new moon culminates at 8:07 a.m., 4 1/2-degrees of Aquarius. Generally the light side of a new moon is an ideal time for launching new activities. However, there are a few planetary alignments that warn against making important decisions or signing contracts. There are likely to be delays or unexpected obstacles; you may not have all the facts. Today the Aquarius moon interacts with Neptune at 11:21 a.m. The planet Saturn, standing at 24-degrees of Taurus, begins direct travel at 7:24 p.m.



Jay Geils plays the MFA

By Ed Symkus
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There was a time, many years before guitarist Jay Geils led his own self-titled band — behind the vocal and physical antics of Peter Wolf — to the heights of rock 'n' roll, when he really wasn't sure about which instrument to play. He knew, since his father was a big jazz fan who constantly played Count Basie and Benny Goodman and others in the house, that music would most likely be a part of his life. Conveniently, growing up in New Jersey, when you reached the third grade, you were entitled to free music lessons and inexpensive instrument rentals. And his parents told him he could pick whatever instrument he liked.



"I had seen Louis Armstrong on TV," recalls Geils from his home in Groton. "And I said, 'Well, he looks pretty cool. And it's only got three valves on it, how hard can it be?' So I picked the trumpet."

Which he quickly caught the hang of. Then he taught himself how to play the chord organ, then the drums. During one summer vacation he borrowed a baritone saxophone from the school band and taught himself to play.

"There was also an old plastic ukulele laying around the house," says Geils. "And I started playing that. Eventually my father brought home a cheapo Harmony archtop guitar, and I just got into it."

He initially got into it as an acoustic player, enrolling at Northeastern University just as the mid-'60s folk revival swept through Boston and Cambridge.

"I didn't do very well at school," says Geils. "But I became a pretty good guitar player."

A transfer to Worcester Tech hooked him up with a couple of budding musicians — bassist Danny Klein and harpist Magic Dick — both of whom would later join the J. Geils Band. But even at that point, as the three guys started up an acoustic blues jug band, Geils, who would go on to bring new life to old blues standards and perform some blistering rock, had long had his heart in jazz.

"When I was in high school I had that meeting with the guidance counselor," he recalls. "And she said, 'Well, Jay, what do think you'd like to be?' And I had two choices: jazz musician or race car driver. And she said, 'Well, maybe you ought to go to college and get your degree, and then you can decide.' So I went to college, but as soon as I got off on my own I was just totally smitten with music. I got deeply into the blues thing because that was what was really happening in Boston in the late '60s and early '70s. But I was always a jazz fan."

Geils has always known his jazz guitarists, and is a huge fan of Charlie Christian. He'll be sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm for the man who first revolutionized jazz by plugging his guitar into an amplifier in "An Evening With Jay Geils and Duke Robillard," part of the Museum of Fine Arts show, "Dangerous Curves: Art of the Guitar."

"As early as 1939 Charlie was improvising in a way that was really hinting at what was to come, almost more than the so-called pioneers of bebop like Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker," says Geils. "To me, he's a major cat because he immediately made sense out of how to play modern improvised music on an instrument that had only just been invented. Nobody else in the history of music has done that.

"Charlie played the ES-150," continues Geils, before launching into a history lesson. "You could buy that guitar anywhere. It was mass marketed. It's called an ES-150 because ES stands for Electric Spanish as opposed to the EH-150 which was an Electric Hawaiian — a lap steel. And 150 is the price — $150. My ES-150 is in the museum show."

Pressed to name his favorite part of the exhibit, it's no surprise that he doesn't choose Rick Nielsen's quintuple-necked Hamer. Geils goes for the older classics.

"I'm real fond of those big handcrafted archtops from the '30s, '40s and '50s," he says. "And there's one display area with four really cool archtops in it — a Stromberg, a D'Angelico, a Gibson and a Gretsch. I like that."

He and Robillard are scheduled to play at the museum, but also to talk.

"They told us they didn't want a concert," he explains. "They wanted us to talk about what we know about the electric guitar and have some repartee between the audience and ourselves. So it's like a clinic-lecture-demonstration-Q&A-I don't know what you call it. We're just gonna try to explain how, when you hear Charlie Christian playing electric guitar in 1939, that became Eric Clapton in 1999."



Jay Geils is a longtime fan of guitarist Charlie Christian.

Geils, who refers to himself as semi-retired — he sold his vintage car restoration business a few years ago — still plays blues with former Geils Band harpist Magic Dick in Bluestime, and gigs to a different beat with Robillard and fellow guitarist Gerry Beaudoin in the New Guitar Summit.

"I've know Duke for a long time," says Geils. "And I met Gerry at one of the Boston guitar shows and we talked and played and I started sitting in with him at his gigs from time to time. And he's been friendly with Duke for a while. One time the three of us were up there playing at the Rendezvous in Waltham and people said we sounded pretty good, so we formed this band.

"And we're playing jazz standards," he adds excitedly. "So after all these years, I'm playing jazz. I've finally gotten to what I wanted to do when I was a junior in high school."

"An Evening with Jay Geils and Duke Robillard" is at the Museum of Fine Arts on Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with "Dangerous Curves: Art of the Guitar." Tickets are $40. Call (617) 369-3770."

Music lovers, don't fret

By Seth Jacobson
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If you've ever owned a guitar, liked the feeling of strumming a chord, or reveled in the resonating sound of a set of new strings, there's only one place to go — the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston for the "Dangerous Curves: Art of the Guitar" exhibit.

Even people with no interest in music whatsoever are bound to marvel at the hundreds of unique guitars on display at the show, all of which possess their own amazing artistic attributes.

Some of the instruments on display at the show are very plain in their beauty, such as the collection of 17th century acoustic guitars that retrace the roots of the instrument's history. One of the earliest models on display is from 1628.

Over the years there have been some creative variations of the guitar, including guitars with alligators skillfully painted on them, guitars that light up like the floor of a disco, guitars and harps synthesized into one instrument, and even guitars with five necks on them.

There are also plenty of celebrity guitars at the event including one of Joe Perry's (of Aerosmith) first acoustic guitars, a Jimi Hendrix's Gibson "Flying V" model guitar, and an old guitar once owned by John Lennon.

The bottom line is that anyone who has any interest in guitar-driven music owes it to themselves to check out the "Dangerous Curves" exhibit, simply because it chronicles many eras of great music and reflects many eras of great art work.

Being a guitar player myself, I was excited when I got tickets to the show. But when I walked through the doors of the MFA and saw the exhibit for myself, I was unable to pick up my jaw as it dropped to the floor.

Before anyone goes into the exhibit, they are given a headset which provides the audio-narration for the show, compliments of James Taylor. The headset also provides exhibit-goers with various pieces of classical, rockabilly, and rock 'n' roll music to listen to while walking through the show. I, for one, definitely liked the idea of being my own tour guide in that sense.

The other thing I particularly enjoyed was having the opportunity to walk around and enjoy the show at my own pace. Imagine that.

It was not overcrowded, as groups of people are only allowed into the exhibit every 30 minutes. To me, one of the worst things is taking the time to go see something, and not being able to see it at all — that didn't happen at the "Dangerous Curves" show.

Finally, you won't be gypped at the exhibit in terms of content. There's hundreds of guitars to look at, all of which are bound to keep you hypnotized for a long time. Even though the show is only spread through two large rooms, it kept me busy for about two hours.

The "Dangerous Curves" exhibit will run through Feb. 25, so there's still plenty of time to check it out, but make sure you get your tickets in advance.

It's just too good to miss.

General admission to the MFA is $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and $5 for children ages 7-17. For more information on ticket prices to Dangerous Curves: Art of the Guitar call the MFA at (617) 267-9300 or log onto the website at www.mfa.org. Tickets to the exhibit can also be purchased by calling (617) 542-4MFA.

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IN BRIEF

Workshop on starting your own business

The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce and SEED Corporation present two introductory free workshops on starting your own business. The first session is on Thursday, Feb. 8 and the second will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Registration is at 6 p.m., the workshop from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, 225 Water St., #500, Plymouth. Call 508-830-1620 or 508-822-1020 by Feb. 6.

First-time homebuyers

Neighborhood Housing Services, an approved first-time homebuyer counseling agency, will hold an accredited and MHFA certified first-time homebuyers' workshop in cooperation with The Weymouth Banking Collaborative Saturday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 10. The workshop will be held at South Shore Savings Bank, 1530 Main Street, Weymouth from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Attendance at both workshops is mandatory to receive a home-buying certificate which is required by most lenders to qualify for the many different mortgage options such as the Mass Housing Finance Agency, Soft Second Programs, down payment and closing costs grants and other special first-time homebuyer financing options.

Neighborhood Housing Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting first-time buyers through the home-buying process. The staff at NHS is unique in their approach to obtaining down payment and closing costs assistance as well as rehab grants for their clients, which are available throughout the entire South Shore area. Don't miss this opportunity to find out how you or someone you know can buy a home with little or no money down.

The agenda will be comprehensive and individualized. The focus will be on the many changing aspects of home buying, including how to locate a property within your budget, how to make an offer and determining the best mortgage program for your needs. Advanced registration is required and space is limited. A $10 refundable registration fee is required.

Call Debbie Kidd at (617) 770-2387, Ext. 24 or Janice Tucker at (617) 770-2227, Ext. 22 for more information and to register for this workshop.

Barrett, Gray earn proficiency in technology

Two sales agents in Jack Conway & Co.'s Marshfield office recently received the Conway Computer Institute (CCI) designation, an honor they obtained after completing 36 hours of intensive coursework in using technology to better serve real estate customers.

Technology Director Toni Manning and Executive Vice President Thomas Rudolph recently awarded CCI certificates and pins to Mani Barrett and Susan Gray, both of whom work in the Conway office on Route 139 in Marshfield.

Classes on creating mailing lists, managing client databases and using desktop publishing were taught by instructors from Massasoit Community College at Conway's in-house computer-training laboratory. Manning taught courses on navigating the Internet, effectively communicating with customers by e-mail, and a special module on Conway's state-of-the-art information management system.

After completing the requirements, the CCI designees received a $500 gift certificate to Comp USA, the computer superstore.

"Technology is so important in today's market," said Manning, adding that the CCI designation is believed to be the first of its kind to be offered by a real estate firm. "Mani and Susan have shown their commitment to education by earning this designation."

Plymouth area chamber events

The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours at Riptides Bar & Grill, Main Street, Plymouth, co-sponsored by NECLEC LLC, Thursday, Jan. 25. The event will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce will host John Drew, project director for the A.D. Makepeace master planning initiative, and Fred Merrill, principal planner for the project. They will present more definitive master plan concepts, including a discussion of smart growth management principles, master planned communities, contrast between current and alternative land-use programs, as well as the creation of a new zoning overlay district. All at its Executive Club Breakfast Friday, Feb. 9, at the Sheraton Inn Plymouth, 180 Water Street, Plymouth. The program will run from 7:45 - 9 a.m.

The Chamber's Executive Club series is an opportunity for company directors and managers to network in a casual setting with their peers, while hosting a keynote speaker on a topical business issue. This event costs $20 for members, $30 for nonmembers. A full breakfast is included. Reservations are required, call (508) 830-1620 to RSVP for this event or for more information about the chamber.

MAR installs new officers

The Massachusetts Association of Realtors (MAR) recently installed its 2001 elected officers during ceremonies conducted as part of the association's Inaugural Banquet at the Sheraton Braintree.

Elected by the 117 directors of the state association, the 16 member slate will oversee the organization's activities and operation between meetings of the MAR Board of Directors and act as liaisons to the association's nine committees and work groups. Each of the newly elected officers now becomes a member of the MAR Executive Board.

The 2001 elected officers of the MAR are: President David M. Walsh of Weymouth; President elect David Drinkwater of Scituate; Secretary/Treasurer Peter Casey of Weston; Boston Region Vice President Judy Moore of Lexington; Cape Cod and Islands Region Vice President Amy Greene of South Yarmouth; Central Region Vice President Laura Shifrin of Townsend; Northern Region Vice President Lois Williams of Boxford; Southeast Region Vice President Margaret Tomkiewicz of New Bedford; Southern Region Vice President Kelly Lewis-Grossi of Dighton; and Western Region Vice President Mary Renfrew of Bernardston.

Four focus area vice presidents also have been appointed to the 2001 MAR Executive Board. They are: Realtors Carolyn Chodat of Medway; Joseph Delaney II of Canton; Linda O'Connor of Amesbury; and Beverlee Vidoli of Burlington. Also installed as members of the association's 2001 Executive Board were MAR past president Fred Meyer of Cambridge and association executive liaison Carol Shapiro of Stoneham.

Undocumented loan proved a costly mistake

By Anthony Summers
CORRESPONDENT



Anthony Summers

Robert Frost in 1914 wrote, "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." However, it is doubtful that Edith Sansone's daughter, Dorothy Nickerson, was a fan of Frost; otherwise, mother and daughter would still be living together, and we wouldn't be reviewing the Worcester Superior Court case of Edith Sansone vs. Dorothy Nickerson and David Kelly.

Background

Edith Sansone, the plaintiff, first met David Kelly, the defendant, in the architectural firm where they both worked. Obviously impressed with Kelly, and being a typical mother/matchmaker, she introduced Kelly to her daughter, also later named as a defendant. Nickerson had a school-age daughter by a prior marriage, and shortly, Kelly became a member of their Chelsea home.

Dissatisfied with Chelsea public schools and having little spare cash with which to purchase a new home in a town with a better school system, Kelly proposed that Sansone provide a down payment in exchange for an in -law apartment in a new house. At that time, Sansone viewed Kelly as a future son-in-law and husband for Dorothy. Further, Sansone liked the idea of moving away from Chelsea to a new residence in Saugus, and so she advanced $47,000.

In October 1991, the happy group moved into the new house, which was deeded to Kelly and Sansone as tenants in common. Strangely, Nickerson's name was not on the deed, and there was no written contract between Kelly and Sansone. How often do we discover, too late, that our business deal should have been reduced to writing? Sooner or later, we all learn that "A verbal contract isn't worth the paper its written on," as stated by Samuel Goldwyn.

Although Kelly had a town-approved plan for Sansone's in-law apartment, he somehow never got started. Living in such close proximity apparently proved too difficult for Sansone and Nickerson, and the mother/daughter friction finally resulted in Sansone's unceremonious vacating of the house in May 1992.

Shortly after moving out, Sansone deeded the property to Kelly and patiently waited for the return of her $47,000. In the meantime, Nickerson moved out, and Kelly filed for bankruptcy. When the payback was not forthcoming, Sansone sued them both for the return of her $47,000 deposit. Sansone claimed she was deceived into lending $47,000 to her daughter and Kelly upon the false promise of the construction of her own in-law apartment. Further, Sansone alleged that Nickerson and Kelly never intended to build the apartment or pay back the money, but that they did engage in behavior calculated to drive Sansone out of the house.

Discussion of law

The law will provide for the return of money if the claimant (Sansone) establishes circumstances which make it unfair (Nickerson and Kelly) not to return it. It would also be possible to recover the money if Sansone could establish that she made a loan which was not repaid. Proof must be offered to demonstrate that all parties intended that the money be repaid. If Sansone could establish the elements of a loan, the law will require the money be repaid within a reasonable time.

In order for Sansone to prevail on her allegation of deceit, she must prove that Kelly and Nickerson induced her to part with $47,000 by making a false promise to build her an in-law apartment in the new house.

Decision

Sansone has failed to prove that she loaned the money to Kelly and Nickerson. There was no promissory note or other writing which evidenced a loan. There was no evidence that Kelly and Nickerson committed deceit with reference to the plan to build an in-law apartment for Sansone. In fact, Kelly had drawn plans and had obtained a variance for the apartment. It was Sansone who moved away, making the apartment unnecessary.

With everything considered, Sansone's position seemed to be that because she decided to move out, she was entitled to the return of her $47,000 contribution. Unfortunately for Sansone, the court felt she failed to prove her case and judgment was rendered for Kelly and Nickerson.

Legal advice

When joint property owners cannot agree as to how to use their property, either one of the owners can commence a land court action called a petition to partition. This usually results in a court order to sell the property and a division of the sales proceeds in a proportion decided by the Judge. With 20/20 hindsight, Sansone should have pursued partition rather than deed the property over to Kelly.

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Merger joins two South Shore real estate boards

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for networking among real estate professionals, enabling them to better serve the public, Rowe said.

"A good realtor brings a lot more to the table than just showing property," Rowe said. It requires professionalism and skill to "get people through the process" of buying a home. "It's a family's biggest expense."

Betsy Hines, president elect of the recently combined organization, echoed Rowe's praise of the merger and said the new group will be a more powerful and united voice when it comes to real estate issues on Beacon Hill.

"Hopefully we'll have a lot more legislative clout," said Hines, of Betsy Hines Realtors.

Title V septic regulations and the Community Preservation Act have been of great concern to realtors over the past several years.

Joyce Baker, past president of the South Shore Association of Realtors, also sees the new organization as a more powerful political presence.

"We will be able to have larger legislative clout," she said. "We will be a voice for the real estate profession," said Baker, of CityView Real Estate in Quincy.

Other realtors attending the installation event joined the chorus of enthusiasm for the merger.

"I'm thrilled," said Donna Wood, past president of the Plymouth County Board of Realtors and a member of the board of directors of the new organization.

The advantages of a merger include sharing a Multiple Listing Service. "It just makes sense to bring everyone under one umbrella," said Wood.

Wood, co-owner of the Macdonald and Wood Real Estate group in Duxbury, agreed that a larger, united real estate organization has the potential to be a political powerhouse.

"We need a louder voice to help protect private property rights," she said. "Our voice in the legislature is one of the most important aspects of a real estate board."

Wood said increased networking opportunities and community service are other benefits of combining the two organizations.

"Community service has been an important part of our board and will continue to be for the new board," she said.

David Drinkwater, president-elect of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors, called the merger, "a step forward. It's very exciting."

Drinkwater, a partner and owner of Coastal Countryside Properties, said both groups, as a result of the merger, will benefit from reduced costs and will be in a better position to keep up with advances in technology.

"It's historic in a lot of ways," said Drinkwater. "The two groups have wanted this to happen for some time now and it met with essentially unanimous support."

He added, "It's a win-win situation."

The Plymouth and South Shore Board of Realtors will have its headquarters in Pembroke and a satellite office in Braintree. Previously the Plymouth County board was based in Pembroke and the South Shore Board of Realtors was based in Braintree.

Other 2001 officers installed last week were: Diane V. Brueggeman of Brueggeman Real Estate, vice-president; and George Raymond of Herbert Raymond and Son Realtor, treasurer.



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Pictured at the installation ceremony held at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham are: Donna Wood, left, 2000 president of the Plymouth County Board of Realtors, and Joyce Baker, right, 2000 president of the South Shore Association of Realtors.

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IN BRIEF

Pilot Savings Program introduced

Citizens Bank announced a first-of-its-kind program with the Intentional Institute of Boston (IIB) to assist refugees with savings. The "Savings for Success" program will help refugees acquire a productive asset, such as post-secondary education, a home, a computer or car for transportation to work.

Under the program, participants will make regular contributions to a special savings account known as an "Individual Development Account," or IDA, at Citizens, the institute's financial partner. Participants' contributions are matched two-to-one, up to $2,000 for individuals and $4,000 for families. The U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement, which is financing the program, will provide the matching funds. While five other IDA programs currently operate in Massachusetts, this is the first one targeted to refugees and asylees.

"Investing in immigrants is smart business. Our state labor force would have declined without this stream of new residents," said Citizens Bank of Massachusetts President Thomas J. Hollister.

"Refugees and asylees face many obstacles while integrating into our workforce and Citizens is eager to help them meet these challenges."

To be eligible for the program, participants must meet four criteria: 1. Refugees, asylees, or Haitian/Cuban entrants who are not yet U.S. citizens; 2. Total annual household income within 200 percent of the federal poverty level; 3. Total household net worth of less than $10,000, excluding the value of a home, and; 4. Annual earned income of at least the amount to be saved each year (minimum of $1,000 a year).

Dr. Westy Egmont, executive director of the IIB, said the partnership with Citizens underscores the value of private sector investment in Boston's immigrant. "Our economy and our society greatly benefit from the successful integration of immigrants into the greater Boston community," Dr. Egmont said.

Citizens will participate fully in this program. They will provide financial experts at money management workshops and will meet with program participants regarding their accounts, financial planning, mortgage assessment and small business loans.

Applications for the program have been mailed to nine local refugee service providers. Once the participants are selected, the accounts are expected to be opened at the end of January 2001.

Sixty accounts will be set up in January 2001. The matching funds will be provided by the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement and will be deposited at Citizens Bank.

Program participants will have their monthly savings account fees and service charges waived by Citizens Bank.

Citizens' partnership with the IIB is part of its ongoing efforts to support the contributions immigrants have made to the Massachusetts economy and to serve the multi-ethnic communities in Massachusetts.

In 1999, the bank sponsored a landmark study by the non-partisan think tank MassINC entitled "The Changing Workforce: Immigrants at the New Economy in Massachusetts."

Citizens conducts business in 42 different languages, and 10 percent of its employees speak English as a second language. In August, Citizens Bank became the official sponsor of the "Dreams of Freedom" exhibit at the IIB documenting the history of immigrants in Boston.

Citizens Bank of Massachusetts is a $14.9 billion bank headquartered in Boston with 148 branches in Eastern Massachusetts and commercial banking centers in Boston, Wakefield, Wobun, Quincy, Norwell, Framingham, Plymouth, Fairhaven and Hyannis. The parent company of Citizens Bank Massachusetts is Citizens Financial Group, Inc., a $30.2 billion financial services company headquartered in Providence, R.I. With more than 330 branches and 800 ATMs in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Citizens is the second largest bank holding company in New England. it is wholly owned by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc.

For more information, visit the bank's web site at www.citizens-bank.com.

Brokers of month named

Harbour Realty, located at 45 Samoset St. in Plymouth, announced that Peter Ruffini has been recognized as Broker of the Month for December for listings. Marilyn Carriere was Broker of the Month for sales and for total commissions.

Conway leases Pembroke office space

Jack Conway & Co. has leased space in its Pembroke office building to Farren Corporation. The lease, which began Oct. 1, covers 300 square feet of office space and was arranged by Leslie Legg of Conway's Pembroke office.

The property, at 50 Mattakeesett St., also contains the Conway real estate office and is owned by company chairman Jack Conway. Farren Corporation is a general contracting firm.

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Grow bulbs indoors for a glimpse of spring

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The sweet, intoxicating perfume of paper-white narcissus blooms greets me each morning as I enter our brightly lit breakfast room. A thoughtful holiday gift from my nephew, these sweet-smelling clusters of dainty white flowers atop slender, fleshy stems took barely more than two weeks to bloom once started. It has been many years since I have enjoyed the pristine elegance of these easily forced bulbs, and their cheerful blossoms and heavenly fragrance remind me that spring will arrive before long.

Paper-white narcissus bulbs and their yellow counterparts, Soleil d'Or, are particularly effortless and rewarding.

The process of forcing refers to a technique which makes plants bloom under conditions or at times which are not natural for those plants. Planting hardy bulbs and watching them grow and produce flower stalks indoors is a marvelous way to help the cold winter months pass more quickly. Paper-white narcissus bulbs and their yellow counterparts, `Soleil d'Or, are particularly effortless and rewarding as they can be purchased and forced without an intermediary cooling period. Growing these bulbs merely requires a shallow, non-draining container or decorative bowl filled to within an inch of the rim with pebbles, gravel, marble chips or coarse sand. Water should be

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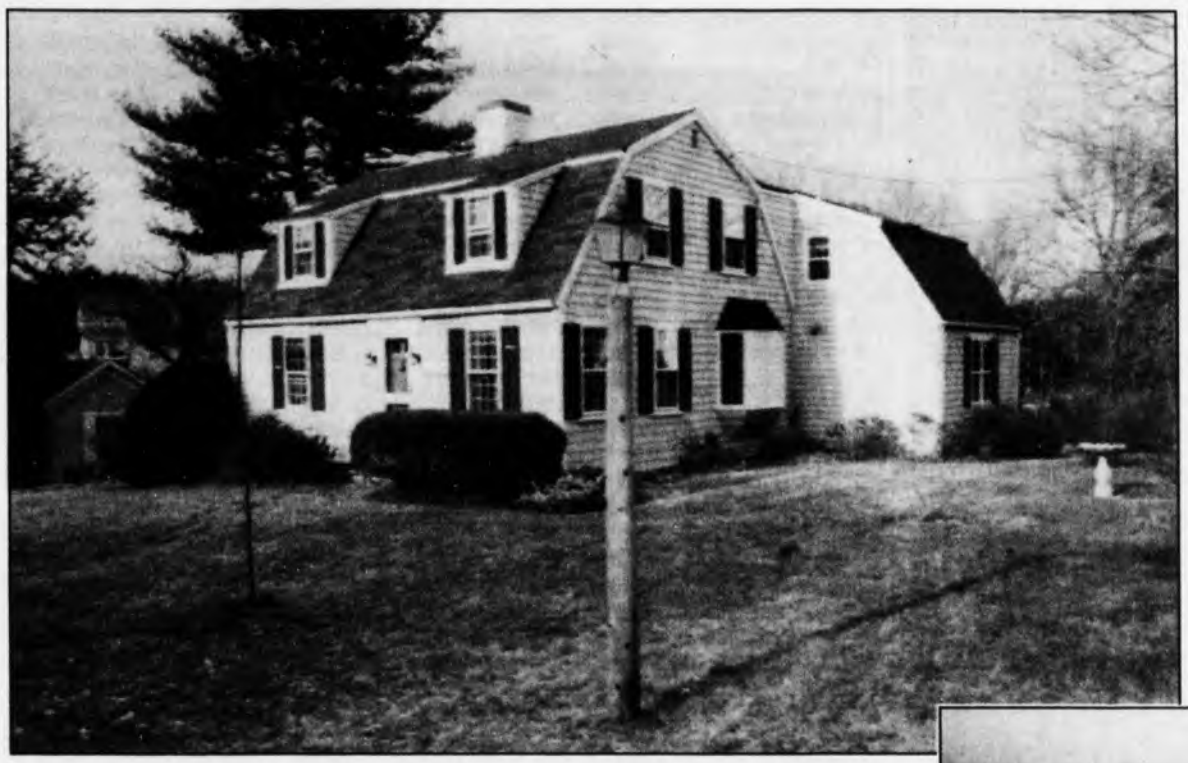


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The well-maintained home sits on a .93-acre lot overlooking a cranberry bog and surrounded by flowering trees and bushes, lovely perennials, stone walls and brick walk. In autumn there are breathtaking views of colorful autumn foliage and crimson cranberries and in winter you can watch or join skaters glide over the frozen bog.

There were enough fine features in the chambers of the old house to fit well into the first floor of the current home. The large front-to-back living room has a fireplace with beautiful paneling above it. Throughout there are some lovely old doors and corner posts, and some of the windows reflect lavender hues denoting their age. In spite of the fact that in the necessary finishing, parts of the house are not original, the effect of the era is authentic and there is an atmosphere of the warmth of generations.





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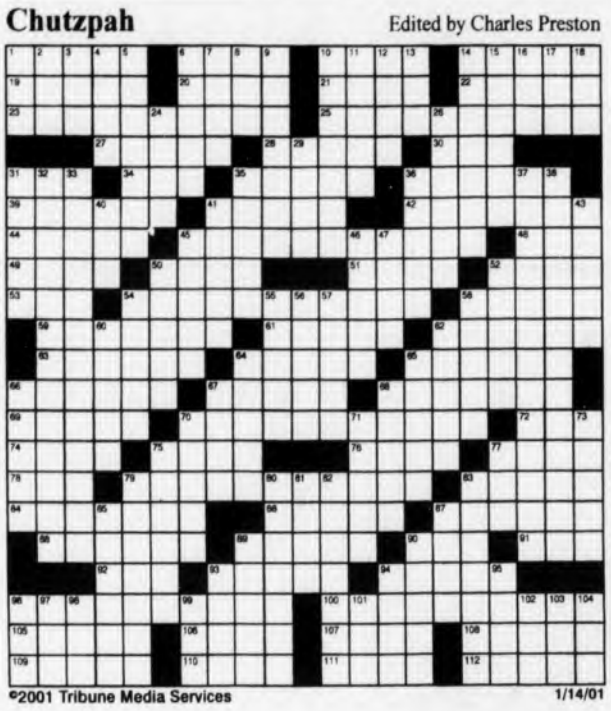
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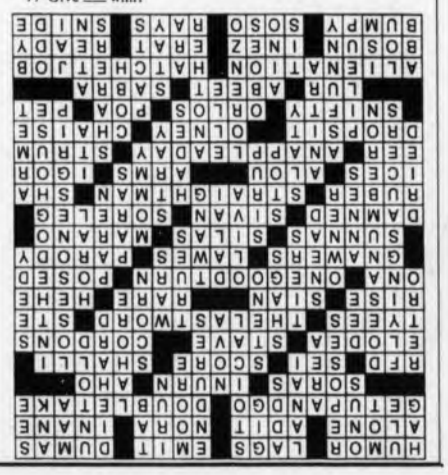
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96 Foreign country?
100 George's cherry tree?
105 Cap'n's right hand man
106 Don Juan's mother
107 Part of QED
108 Rough's partner
109 Like some roads
110 Not so hot
111 Man and Sugar
112 Insinuating

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1 Crone
2 Caucho source
3 Epigram
4 Responsibility
5 Lies
6 Maui verandah
7 Says further
8 Young of films
9 Impassive
10 Lasts
11 Henry or Marianne
12 ". . . ___ before my horse to market": *Richard III*
13 Hunter of films
14 Intransigent
15 Incalculable
16 Cote sound
17 Turkish cap.
18 Spot
24 ___ code
26 Punjab's chief city
29 Variable star
31 Rocket starter
32 Kitchen Wars?
33 Marks term papers?
35 Exec's aide
36 Reject
37 Has an airport beef?
38 Where cats fear to tread?
40 Cee follower
41 Fields on the diamond
43 Run-down
45 Rows
46 Levels
47 ___ of the Roses
50 Golfer Sam
52 Hour-related
54 Proprietor
55 Father of the quints
56 ___ Lama
57 Nasality
58 Bracket: Abbr.
60 Francis and Jackson
62 Istanbul cash
64 Pancake enhancer
65 Tot's relative
66 Desiccated
67 Intersection sign
68 Maverick
70 Grayish
71 Far side of the Styx
73 Medieval helmet
75 *Peer Gynt* dancer
77 Give ___ whirl
79 ___ as a crutch
80 "The Magnificent" Medic
81 Sandi's "___ et Lui"
82 Someone else
83 Co-owners
85 Amass
87 Eire's liner stop
89 Wind section members
90 Reciprocal deals
93 Hokkaido aborigine
94 Call off
95 Solar disk deity
96 Coarse wool
97 Gehrig
98 Formal cause
99 "___ the season. . ."
101 Military macaw
102 ___ alai
103 Offbeat
104 "S'long!"



"The proper function of man is to live, not to exist, I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong them."

— Jack London

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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LOCATION	TOWN	BUYER	PRICE	DATE	SELLER
11 Fairview Ave	Abington	"Bryant, Melinda M"	197400	12/28/00	"Cox, Richard N"
285 Oak St	Abington	"Corneau, Melissa"	185000	12/22/00	"Egan, Robert A"
311 Lincoln St	Abington	Glenn R Lapointe Inc	65000	12/22/00	"Lawe, Audley P"
1172 Washington St	Abington	"Manley, Joseph J"	29000	12/27/00	"Manley, Lauren M"
383 Hancock St	Abington	"Colburn Jr, Paul A"	250000	12/18/00	"Colburn Sr, Paul A"
210 Ashland St	Abington	"Femia, Luigi"	295000	12/18/00	"Johnson, Caroline M"
117 Thayer Ave U:117	Abington	"Slicius, Evelyn M"	192564	12/18/00	Bedford Heights LLC
437 Middle St	Braintree	"Tammaro, Carmen"	335000	12/14/00	"Poblocki, Lisa"
90 Franklin St	Braintree	"Herman, Michael S"	395000	12/12/00	"Mcmaster, Adrienne A"
71 Columbus Ave	Braintree	"Jasie, Paul J"	190000	12/15/00	"Jasie, Julia M"
32 Wampatuck Rd	Braintree	"Kelley, Virginia E"	70000	12/12/00	"Kelley, Peter T"
26 Mann St	Braintree	"Whitcomb Jr, Robert J"	200000	12/14/00	"Hannon, Barry T"
229 Allerton Commons Ln U:229	Braintree	"Mcnamara, Sheila M"	245000	12/13/00	"Tammaro, Carmen"
16 Whittier Rd	Braintree	"Hurley 3rd, Joseph P"	204000	12/15/00	"Daurie, Forrest O"
277 River St	Braintree	"Hunt, Eugene E"	307500	12/12/00	"Neelon, Christopher R"
4 Strathmore Rd	Braintree	"Elliott, Robert C"	285000	12/15/00	Stafford FT
169 Hawthorne Rd	Braintree	"Healey, Paul F"	307500	12/15/00	Garland St Assoc LP
60 Allen St	Braintree	"Oneill, Mark"	142000	12/15/00	"Oneill, Patricia F"
92 Bellevue Rd	Braintree	"Payzant, Keith F"	139900	12/15/00	"Higgins, James M"
42-44 Union Pl	Braintree	"Jackson, John G"	350000	12/21/00	"Dibernardini, Jsoeph W"
240 Ivory St	Braintree	"Messina, Francis X"	2050000	12/21/00	"Grossman Tr, Louis J"
120 Christina Dr	Braintree	"Gerety, William F"	510000	12/20/00	"Nota, Germana"
98 Bradford Commons Ln U:98	Braintree	"Colleran, Pamela E"	172900	12/20/00	"Savage, Brian E"
59 Bestick Rd	Braintree	"Wallace Tr, Susan"	34000	12/18/00	"Mahoney, Eugene J"
23 Church St	Cohasset	"Burnieika, Timothy J"	500000	12/15/00	"Trout, Roy J"
467 Congress St	Duxbury	"Eriksson, Richard C"	1375000	12/20/00	"Selig, Bruce A"
24 Ocean Ave	Duxbury	"Brown, Christopher D"	455000	12/20/00	Beal Doris M Est
Marshall St	Duxbury	"Brown, Christopher D"	150000	12/20/00	Beal Doris M Est
Kingstown Way	Duxbury	Brick T	260000	12/28/00	"Brickley, Ronald J"
3 Winslow Rd	Duxbury	"Hanus, Michael J"	540000	12/27/00	"Campbell, James P"
514 Bay Rd	Duxbury	"Banker, John V"	392500	12/28/00	"Crawford, Scott"
23 Priscilla Ave	Duxbury	"Walrod, Margaret P"	240000	12/28/00	"Miller, Frank S"
183 Whiting St	Hanover	"Holland, Michael"	149900	12/20/00	Homestead RT
691 Main St	Hanover	"Scott, Raymond"	795000	12/19/00	"Richardson, Shirley T"
98 Larchmont Ln	Hanover	"Maver, Donald S"	328000	12/18/00	"Mcinnes, Veda"
45 Tecumseh Dr	Hanover	"Dao, Richard V"	290000	12/19/00	"Armstrong Jr, Francis W"
494 Broadway	Hanover	"Ridder, Mark A"	375000	12/19/00	"Signoriello, Anthony A"
887 Broadway	Hanover	"Brace, Duff A"	370000	12/18/00	"Ellis, Janet"
21 Cricket Run	Hanover	"Wilder, Glenn A"	479900	12/18/00	"Obrien, James V"
27 Cricket Run	Hanover	"Obrien, James V"	400000	12/18/00	Midaco Corp
Stoney Meadow Ln U:26	Hanover	"Liuzzi, Michael D"	195000	12/20/00	Stone Meadow RT
12 Cricket Run	Hanover	JVO Corp	50000	12/20/00	Midaco Corp
32 Bates Way	Hanover	"Sullivan, Kathleen Q"	195000	12/20/00	Stone Meadow RT
15 Ringbolt Rd	Hingham	"Rothe, Edward J"	829900	12/18/00	"Diamond, Howard S"
11 Mill Ln	Hingham	"Woodyatt, Brett A"	350000	12/20/00	"Scott Jr, William W"
165 Lazell St	Hingham	Gendron Noble RT	787500	12/18/00	"Brace, Duff A"
35 Maryknoll Dr	Hingham	Co Mayo IrT	1084000	12/19/00	Corcoran Constr Corp
220 Union St	Holbrook	"Lee, Fook S"	160000	12/14/00	"Wong, Kwok H"
37 Weston Ave	Holbrook	"Small, Kerrianne M"	209000	12/15/00	"Gustafson, Brian P"
610 S Franklin St U:C302	Holbrook	"Wiley, Kristin M"	117500	12/15/00	"Colpoys Jr, Francis L"
17 Linwood St	Holbrook	"Aguiar, Laura J"	144900	12/15/00	"Ashton, Kayla E"
6 Old Mill Rd	Kingston	Sophan RT	65000	12/20/00	Barrows Brook Ests Dev
11 Leland Rd	Kingston	"Murphy, Arthur"	1050000	12/19/00	Indian Pond Rt
128 Jedediahs Path	Marshfield	"Terrio, Laurence F"	508000	12/18/00	"Elitzak, James L"
240 Old Mount Skirgo	Marshfield	"Connor Jr, David L"	275000	12/20/00	Struble ReT
137 Forge Ln	Marshfield	"Degiacomo, Craig"	425000	12/18/00	"Terrio, Laurence F"
866 Webster St	Marshfield	"Steverman, James A"	168292	12/18/00	"Fall, John J"
42 Marshview Dr	Marshfield	"Mcgreal, Francis E"	195000	12/20/00	"Woods, John L"
Mounce Farm Way	Marshfield	"Hausmann, Charles R"	639500	12/18/00	Old New England Homes
47 Old Colony Rd U:224	Marshfield	"Faulkner, Kathleen M"	128500	12/18/00	"Tougas, Roger C"
N/A	Marshfield	"Maurer, James W"	3000	12/20/00	"Johnson, Florence E"
12 Priscilla Rd	Marshfield	"Byrne, Timothy J"	65000	12/20/00	Habitat Humanity S Shr
130 Hemlock Dr	Norwell	"Layden, Gerard J"	416000	12/20/00	North Light RT
7 Assinippi Ave	Norwell	"Camara, Helen M"	249000	12/19/00	Jacobs Ponds Est
55 Judges Hill Dr	Norwell	"Sinsimer, Lawrence M"	1575000	12/28/00	"Pacella, Anthony J"
10 Arrowhead Dr	Norwell	"Pacella Jr, Anthony J"	931000	12/28/00	"Smith, Patrick M"
7 Assinippi Ave	Norwell	Jane L Obrien Ft	269000	12/21/00	Jacobs Pond Est LLC
40 Old Washington St	Pembroke	"Faisal, Mohammad A"	190000	12/18/00	"Mckay, John R"
240 Oak St	Pembroke	240 Oak St RT	250000	12/18/00	"Puccio, Genevieve"
258 Oak St	Pembroke	258 Oak St RT	250000	12/18/00	"Puccio, Genevieve"
260 Oak St	Pembroke	260 Oak St RT	250000	12/18/00	"Puccio, Genevieve"
280 Oak St	Pembroke	280 Oak St RT	250000	12/18/00	"Puccio, Genevieve"
290 Oak St	Pembroke	290 Oak St RT	250000	12/18/00	"Puccio, Genevieve"
46 Satucket Rd	Rockland	"Monturio 3rd, Charles J"	252000	12/18/00	"Degiacomo, Erin"
Myrtle St	Rockland	"Loring, Dyanne"	65000	12/19/00	"Duggan, Suzan"
34 Inner Harbor Rd	Scituate	"Brown, Burnis T"	625000	12/19/00	"Murph, David L"
20 Marshall Ave U:20	Scituate	"Ditmar, Janet"	202000	12/19/00	"Modermott Sr, Stephen G"
84 Fuller Rd	Weymouth	"White, Richard J"	205000	12/15/00	"Sciarini, Charles J"
14 Winstead Rd	Weymouth	"Salamone, Igniazio Z"	167000	12/15/00	"Faiella, Madeline M"
495 Commercial St	Weymouth	"Zandi, Barbara E"	225000	12/15/00	"Foy, Marion F"
145 Jaffrey St	Weymouth	"Lambe Jr, William L"	185000	12/12/00	"Mathurin, Alma D"
94 Front St	Weymouth	"Paradis, Brian"	229000	12/15/00	"Gloster, Donald J"
18 Spring St	Weymouth	"Baker, John G"	211000	12/15/00	"Rayle, Marjorie C"
200 Burkhall St U:111	Weymouth	"Nelson, Dawn E"	105000	12/15/00	"Melisi, Jsoeph"
55 Tall Oaks Dr U:502	Weymouth	"Roaen Jr, Leonard J"	169000	12/15/00	"Miller, Bruce A"
209 Columbian St	Weymouth	"Prescott, Ian A"	268000	12/15/00	"Maver, Donald S"
Ralph Talbot St	Weymouth	"Bourgeois, Gilbert M"	325000	12/15/00	Patriot NT
Tayla Dr	Weymouth	"Hallifax, Lynn S"	380000	12/15/00	"Tobin, Marion A"
1202 Main St	Weymouth	"Browne Tr, John B"	220000	12/15/00	"Barry Tr, Robert P"
34 Thomas Rd	Weymouth	"Kitterick, Michael J"	235000	12/15/00	"Desaulniers, Alice E"
Park Ave	Weymouth	"Durant, Kenneth F"	218000	12/15/00	"Durant Tr, Kenneth F"
377 Neck St	Weymouth	"Oleary, Robert H"	154000	12/21/00	Norton William E Est
72 Birchbrow Ave	Weymouth	"Bellanich, David"	177000	12/18/00	"Barrett, Patricia L"
26 Sea St	Weymouth	"Gosselin, Jeffrey D"	220000	12/18/00	"Wilder, Glenn A"
9 Lantern Ln	Weymouth	"Darrigo, Diane"	10000	12/21/00	"Darrigo, Michael R"
9 Lantern Ln	Weymouth	"Darrigo, Diane"	10000	12/21/00	"Darrigo, Francis J"
37 Drew Ave	Weymouth	"Mccarthy, Gerard"	112500	12/19/00	"Mccarthy Jr, Eugene J"
164 Essex St	Weymouth	"Summers, Bradford S"	209900	12/18/00	"Spillane, Louise T"
48 Lake St	Weymouth	"Mchugh, Jared"	111700	12/18/00	"Healy, Paul"
170 Lake St	Weymouth	"Preziosi, John"	206000	12/18/00	"Deluca, Paul M"

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LENDER NAME	30-YR FIXED CONFORMING Rate/Points	30-YR FIXED JUMBO Rate/Points	15-YR FIXED CONFORMING Rate/Points	ADJUSTABLE RATE LOAN Rate/Points	COMMENTS
AAA Southern New England Bank 800-446-6997	7.125 0 7.129 APR	7.750 0 7.758 APR	6.500 0 6.540 APR	5.375 0 7.421 APR 1/1 Product	Reduced closing costs for AAA members. Other programs available: 800-446-6997 Visit our website at www.aaa.com
Bank of Canton 781-828-5626	7.125 0 7.152 APR	7.875 0 7.904 APR	6.750 0 6.851 APR	7.125 0 7.424 APR 5/1 Product	Free Pre approvals. First Time Buyers -reduced closing costs. 200 loan options. Rates quoted have 60 day rate locks.
Baron Mortgage Corp 800-696-SAVE	6.875 0 6.875 APR	7.500 0 7.500 APR	6.375 0 6.375 APR	7.000 0 7.936 APR 5/1 Product	Mentioned by Money Magazine, Consumer Reports and Kiplinger's Letter as the lender with the lowest rates! Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
Belmont Savings Bank 617-484-6700	7.375 0 7.400 APR	8.250 0 8.270 APR	6.875 0 6.910 APR	6.625 0 7.370 APR 5/1 Product	First Time Home Buyers' products available for the following towns: Belmont, Arlington, Lexington, Waltham + Watertown www.belmontsavings.com
Boston Federal Savings Bank 800-688-LOAN	7.000 0 7.083 APR	7.625 0 7.711 APR	6.750 0 6.883 APR	5.875 2.000 7.746 APR 1/1 Product	Rates quoted have a 55 or 60 day rate lock.
Braintree Cooperative Bank 781-843-1370	7.250 0 7.280 APR	8.125 0 8.130 APR	6.875 0 6.920 APR	5.250 0 5.770 APR 3/3 Product	Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
Commonwealth Bank 800-924-9091	7.000 0 7.050 APR	7.500 0 7.550 APR	6.625 0 6.670 APR	6.625 0 call 1/1 Product	Close at home. Free bi-weekly available. 180 day lock and no cost refinance available. No application fee. Bank direct mortgage.
Dedham Savings 800-462-1190	7.375 0 7.389 APR	7.625 0 7.629 APR	6.750 0 6.763 APR	6.750 0 7.218 APR 5/3 Product	3/3 ARM - First Time Buyer Program 6.625% + 0 points - APR 7.295% APR quotes are based on $100,000 Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
Digital Federal Credit Union 800-328-8797	7.500 0 7.520 APR	8.125 0 8.130 APR	7.000 0 7.050 APR	7.250 0 7.500 APR 5/1 Product	www.dcu.org First time homebuyer product available. www.dcu.org
East Cambridge Savings Bank 617-354-7700	7.250 0 7.262 APR	7.500 0 7.512 APR	6.875 0 6.892 APR	7.125 0 7.717 APR 5/1 Product	Quick, simple and convenient process - We will come to you! Competitive rates for mortgages and home equity lines of credit. Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
East West Mortgage 800-EASTWEST	6.880 0 6.970 APR	7.660 0 7.670 APR	6.630 0 6.720 APR	6.500 0 6.590 APR 1/1 Product	One of New England's largest independent lenders. Free credit and consultation. Visit us @ eastwestmortgage.com
Eastern Bank 888-4EB-MTGS	7.250 0 7.250 APR	8.000 0 8.000 APR	6.750 0 6.750 APR	6.750 0 7.488 APR 5/1 Product	Call now: 888-4-EB-MTGS or apply on-line at www.ebmortgage.com Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
eSource Mortgage.com 877-937-4887	6.750 0 6.840 APR	7.250 0 7.330 APR	6.500 0 6.610 APR	3.950 0 8.020 APR MTA Product	WE Shop for YOU! Select from many lenders. Low rate GUARANTEE. FREE approvals. Voted top web at www.esourcemortgage.com
First Massachusetts Mortgage 800-308-5395	6.875 0 6.902 APR	7.375 0 7.389 APR	6.500 0 6.544 APR	7.500 0 8.889 APR 1/1 Product	Rates quoted have a 45 day rate lock.
FIRSTFED 800-635-9191	7.250 0 7.274 APR	7.625 0 7.650 APR	6.750 0 6.789 APR	7.125 0 7.961 APR 4/1 Product	www.firstfedamerica.com
Fleet Mortgage Co. 800-660-8998	7.125 0 7.125 APR	7.625 0 7.625 APR	6.625 0 6.625 APR	6.500 0 call 1/1 Product	Visit our website at www.mortgage.fleet.com
Foxboro Federal Savings 508-543-5321	7.125 0 7.130 APR	7.375 0 7.380 APR	6.750 0 6.760 APR	6.375 0 7.050 APR 5/1 Product	Low Rates Great Service! Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock. www.foxfed.com
Leader Mortgage Co. 800-562-6690	7.000 0 7.000 APR	7.625 0 7.625 APR	6.750 0 6.750 APR	6.875 0 7.720 APR 5/1 Product	Instant Pre-Approvals at leadermortgage.com Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
Mansfield Bank 508-339-2901	7.250 0 7.260 APR	N/A	6.750 0 6.766 APR	6.990 0 7.662 APR 5/1 Product	Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock. www.mansfieldbankonline.com
Norwood Co-operative Bank 781-255-7808	7.125 0 7.137 APR	7.375 0 7.386 APR	6.500 0 6.528 APR	6.990 0 7.874 APR 5/1 Product	Competitive Rates and Free Pre-Approval Program. Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock. www.norwoodbank.com
The Sharon Co-operative Bank 781-784-7800	7.625 0 7.625 APR	7.875 0 7.875 APR	7.250 0 7.250 APR	N/A	CALL 781-784-7800 FOR UP-TO-DATE OFFERINGS. Rates set at time of commitment. Rates quoted are for 45 day rate locks.
Wellesley Co-operative Bank 781-235-2550	7.125 0 7.160 APR	7.875 0 7.160 APR	6.625 0 6.670 APR	6.250 2.000 8.290 APR 1/1 Product	Other programs available. Please call for quotes. Rates quoted (except for 30 yr jumbo) have a 45 day rate lock.

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SCIENCE ISN'T ALWAYS PRETTY with Keith Johnson at the South Shore Natural Science Center on **Feb. 11** at 1 p.m. Seating is limited and tickets MUST be purchased in advance by calling the center at (781)659-2559 or visiting the center. Children will cheer as Johnson breaks the sound barrier, mix up a batch of green non-Newtonian fluid (AKA slime) and various other science experiments.
BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. **The Odd Couple**, performances on Feb. 8, 9 & 10 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12.
SwingDance America on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18. **The Tender Land**, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. **Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities** on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. **Radio Classic Live** on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.
"MIXED COUPLES" the comedy drama will be presented by the North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell on **February 2 & 3** at 8 p.m. Two middle-age couples waiting for a plane in 1927 discover they have more baggage than they thought as they explore their past lives and loves. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call (617)476-8947.
NONNA'S COMEDY CRUISE TO NOWHERE!! is coming to the South Shore . This dinner/theatre is an expensive option (approx. $40) for having a great meal and see/take part in a show all at one location coming in January. For more information call (781)933-1363.
ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners. plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781)383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781)383-1980.



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A Midsummer Night's Dream will be presented by the Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center on Jan. 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 21 and 28 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1 lower level. Tickets are $5 per person. For advance tickets or more information call (508)747-1234.

Wed. 17

Blue Hills Trailside Museum located at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, has various winter programs. For more information on any of the programs call Laura Liptak at (617)333-0690. "Drawing Birds: A Basic Workshop" will be held from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. on January 17. Fee: $20 non member and $17 Mass. Audubon. Participants will be guided through basic drawing techniques with tips on skeletal anatomy, feather structure and bird form.

"The Art of the Political Poster" loaned by Stephen Driscoll will be on display in the Pembroke meeting room gallery for the month of January. This historical display features a wide variety of campaign materials dating from 1864 to the present time.

Clift Rodgers Open House located at 540 Pleasant Street in Marshfield Hills from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and there will be a drawing for a $50 gift certificate to Boca's Restaurant. Both the library and the Consignment Shop are open Wed. evenings.

Thurs. 18

Entertainment at the Olde Hitching Post Restaurant and Fireside Tavern located on Route 58 in Hanson. On Jan. 18 and 25 enjoy "Ilene" from 7 - 10:30 p.m. Tavern menu available.

Plymouth Bee Keepers Association will sponsor its 21st annual Beginners' Beekeepers School at the Reed Community Building, Main Street in Kingston. Registration will be held at 6:45 followed by six two-hour classes on alternate Thursdays from 7 - 9 p.m., ending April 12. $35 per family including all materials. For further information call Howard Scott at (781)293-9027 or Connie Gagnon at (508)747-5466 or Jed Fitsgerald at (781)544-0043.

Fri. 19

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required, no athletic shoes. For more information call (781)331-0021 or visit the website at www.southshoresingles.org.

Juice Newton Performs at the Company Theater in Norwell for two shows on Jan. 19 and 20. Both shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the theatre box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787. Tickets are $29 in advance and $32 the day of the show. For more information visit the website at www.companytheatre.com.

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South Shore Folk Music Club The Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main Street in Kingston. Coffeehouse - All open mike. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. the show begins. $4 for members and $5 for non members. Tel. (781)871-1052.

Sat. 20

"Summer Opportunities" Camp Fair - 12th Year from 1 - 4 p.m. Hosted by Derby Academy, 56 Burditt Ave., Hingham (Just off Route 3A across from Hingham Harbor). Tel. (781)749-0746 ext. 29, Mardie Orshak. Free admission. For children ages 4 - 18 years. Wheelchair accessible.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with some hilly terrain for 3 miles. Walk from the Donovan School to Ponkapoag Trail and return via Madden Road. Meet at the Donovan School in Randolph on Randolph Street. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse in Central Square on the common in Bridgewater every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Open mike. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. "Matt Levy - Guerilla Poet". For more information call Valerie Lawson at (508)833-3100.

Chamber Society for Early Music presents "Chamber Music By Candlelight" series at 8 p.m. at First Parish Church, Tremont Street in Duxbury. Tickets are $20; $15 for students and seniors: available at the door. For more information call (617)489-2062.

Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse Off The Square located at 107 Main Street in Hingham presents Darryl Purpose who's vivid visceral solo performance will surely have you wanting to hear more. All events are at 8 p.m. and tickets are $10. For more information call (781)749-1767.

The Singles Executive Club Cocktail Party and Singles Dance at the Sheraton Hotel, Trophy Room, 100 Cabot Street in Needham, exit 19A off Route 128. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and DJ music from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Cost is $15 and ties and jackets, party finery required. For more information call (781)283-0400.

Early Childhood Fair "celebrating Childhood" at the Hanover Mall from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Helping Children Have Success Now. Children's entertainment, crafts and activities throughout the mall all day long.

Weymouth Art Association will meet on Jan. 20 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. Sharon Carson will demonstrate watercolor painting. The meeting is open to the public and is free. For more information call (781)337-1402.

The Fuller Museum of Art annual exhibition of African American Contemporary artists presents **Richard Yale** Recent Works on Paper: Coming and Going/Palms. Opening reception on Jan. 20 from 2 - 5 p.m. Show will run through March 25. For more information call (508)588-6000.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum located at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, has various winter programs. For more information on any of the programs call Laura Liptak at (617)333-0690. "Enchanted Owl Eve" will be held from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Fee per person: $8 non member and $6 Mass. Audubon. Held indoors, pre-paid registration is required.

Hypnotherapy at the Pembroke Library with Elaine Read-Cole. The session will take place from 1 - 2:30 p.m. The object of the session will be hypnotherapy for weight loss, but techniques learned may also enhance your will power. Fee is $5 and members may attend at no cost.

Singles Dance sponsored by the South Shore Chapter 33, Parents without Partners will be held at 8:30 p.m., Club 29, DAV, Liberty Street in Braintree. Featuring new DJ Lenny Sousa. Wheelchair accessible. Cost is $5 for members and $8 for non members. Food available. For more information call (781)337-6766.

The Fuller Museum of Art presents Craig Bloodgood , artist/inventor known for innovative furniture, sculpture and interactive games. The show will run through March 11. The show is **entitled "Gravity, Biscuits and Rolling Balls: The Inventions of Craig Bloodgood."** For more information call (508)588-6000. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Museum hours are Tues. - Sun. from 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults.

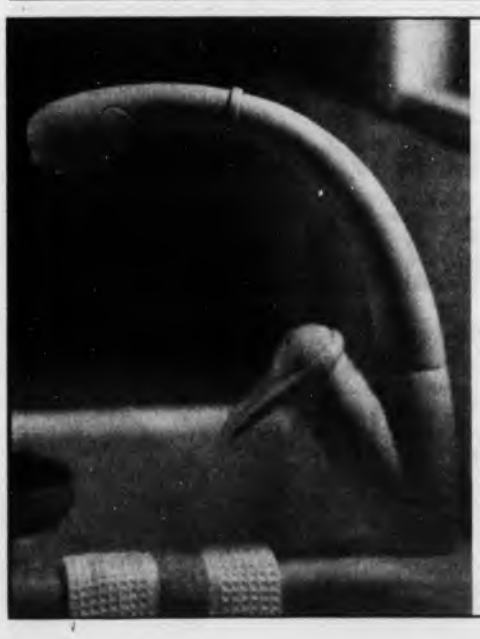
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Classes

NRAS WINTER/SPRING 2001 CLASSES: "Design and Build your own Dreamhouse" March 19 - April 30 for 6 weeks. Fee: $85 members/$95 non members. Ages 8 - 14. "Explore! Drawing & Painting" on Sat. from 1 - 3:30 p.m. from Jan. 27 - March 31 for 8 weeks. Fee is $95 for members/$105 non members. "Vacation Fun Weeks" from Feb. 19 - 23 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. also April 16 - 20. Fee is $15 per day or $65 for the week. Ages 6 and up. "Advanced Painting Technique" on Mon. from 7 - 10 p.m. March 12 - April 30 for 8 weeks. Also on Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. March 7 - April 25. Fee is $85 members/$95 non members. "Portrait & Figure Oil Painting & Drawing" on Wed. from 7 - 10 p.m. March 7 - April 25 for 8 weeks. Fee is $85 members/$95 non members plus $80 model fee due at first class. "Introduction to Painting and Drawing" on Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. from March 2 - April 27 for 8 weeks. $85 members/$95 non members. For more information please call for more information at (781)837-8091.
YOGA, TAI CHI, MEDITATION New classes are beginning now at Harmony Wellness Center, 51 Mill Street in Hanover. Please call (781)829-4300 to register or for more information.
DOG TRAINING at the Hingham Recreation Center, 210 Central Street in Hingham. Sponsored by the New England Humane Association. "Good Manners for Beginners - Tues. Jan. 23 - 6 p.m. (5 weeks/$90). "Ultimate Obedience - Tues. Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. (5 weeks/$90). "Doggie Obstacle Course - Tues. Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. (5 weeks/$100). Saturday a.m. classes also available. Classes are also offered in Quincy, Milton & Cohasset. For more information call (781)878-4343 and ask for Lisa.
CREATIVE CLASSES AT THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER Adult courses: Monoprinting, Botanical illustration, Painting for the Petrified, Life Drawing, Beginning Drawing, Chinese Brushpainting, Calligraphy, Basic Darkroom, Oil Painting, Clay, Pastels, Watercolor, Collage, and Drawing Studios. All adult courses begin Jan. 16. Children's and Teens classes: Young Illustrators, Hands in Clay, Paper Treasures, Creative Clay, Fun With Folklore, Draw, Paint, Explore, Time Travelers, Animals in Art, Myths, Oil Painting, Teen Drawing, Draw what you see, Cocoa Time Parent and Child Workshop. All children's classes begin week of Jan. 22. Also: **PRINTMAKING CLASSES** are available with a wide variety of ability levels. Classes for beginners/intermediates are held on Mon. and Thurs. evenings while advanced monoprinting class will meet from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Mon. beginnings Jan. 22. To register call (781)383-2787.
ART CLASSES AT THE ELLISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS begin Jan. 16 and enrollment is limited. Students in grades 7 - 12 are offered "Calling All Illustrators" on Monday afternoon and "Beyond the #2 Pencil" on Saturdays. Also on Sat. "Portfolio 101" is offered to high school students. High school students are also encouraged to sign up for adult evening classes. Adult classes include printmaking workshops: a four week session beginning Jan. 20 to learn the basics and an intermediate and advanced six-week session in March. Over 20 adult classes in watercolor, drawing, pastel, clay, mixed media, Nantucket baskets, painting on silk and more. Children's classes: "Winter Wonderland" - create snowpeople who don't melt, winter villages and more. Held on Wed. and Thurs. "Draw-Paint-Explore" on Wednesdays. For more information call (781)934-2731 ext. 15
CLASSES AT THE PEMBROKE LIBRARY "HOMEWORK HELP" - Jan. 23, 30 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. ages 6 and up. "YOGA" on Jan. 17, 24 from 10 - 11:15 a.m. for adults. "YOGA" on Jan. 18, 25 from 6 - 7:15 p.m. for adults. "Toddler Winter Fun" on Jan. 19 from 10:30 - 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Ages 1.5 - 3. "Women and Money" on Jan. 18 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. - adults. "Hypnosis" on Jan. 20 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. adults. "Liz's Kids" on Jan 22 from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Ages 4 - 5. "Adult Book Club" on Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. "retirement planning" on Jan. 24 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. for adults. "Homework Help" on Jan. 19, 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. ages 6 and up. "Fun with Threes" on Jan. 9 from 12 - 12:30 p.m. "American Girl" on Jan. 18 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. ages 6 and up. "Mother/Daughter Book Club" on Jan. 25 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Ages 6 - 8. "Maisy Day" on Jan. 26 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Ages 3 - 4. "Bedtime Stories" on Jan. 29 from 7 - 7:30 p.m. for ages 5 and up. To register for classes or for more information call (781)293-6771.

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Quincy Animal Shelter has many dogs, cats and kittens for adoption. Adoptions are done every Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM; other times by appointment. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 88, Quincy, MA, 02169. The Shelter is located behind the Quincy Police Station, off Southern Artery at 56 Broad Street, New volunteers, members and donations are welcome. For information, 617-376-1349.

The Collie Rescue League of New England, Inc. is a non-profit organization serving all of New England and is comprised of volunteers dedicated to the preservation and well being of the breed of dog known as the Collie. The League provides rescue, placement and problem intervention service for all purebred rough and smooth Collies of both sexes and any age. We do not turn our backs on any purebred Collie! For more information please call CRLINE at 802-222-5124.

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Sun. 21

Assembly for Life an annual event where members of the South Shore Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will participate from 1 - 3 p.m. They will also attend the annual March for Life Rally at the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22 at 12 noon. The pre-march Massachusetts Rally will be held in Room 1-6 of the Dirksen Senate Office Bldg. from 9:30 - 11 a.m. For more information call (781)383-1013 or (617)328-7095.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Cross Country Ski Clinic" at 1 p.m. . Join an MDC ranger and the experts from Eastern Mountain Sports as you learn the tips and tricks to Nordic skiing. 2 hours. Please call to register for this program. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Tues. 23

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a breakfast meeting at the Lantana in Randolph from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. "Creating Power and Credibility in Public Speaking" will be the topic of conversation. Never worry about speaking in public again!. For more information call (781)749-8883.

The Hyannis Port Challengesm an 85-mile fundraising cycling event will take place on May 19. Best Buddies and Back Bay Bikes host an informational session at Best Buddies, 132 Adams Street, Suite 7, Newton. On Feb. 6 and 7 it will be held at Back Bay Bikes, 336 Newbury Street in Boston. All sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. and are free of charge. Spaces are limited so please call Beth MacNeil at (800)718-3536.

BEST BET



Irish singer Darryl Purpose will perform at the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse Off the Square on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. The Old Ship Church is located at 107 Main Street in Hingham. Tickets are $10. For more information call (781)749-1767.

Wed. 24

Call to Artists for the Duxbury Art Association Winter Juried Show 2001 Artwork Registration on Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at The Art Complex Museum, Alden Street in Duxbury. All mediums accepted. Show runs from Feb. 4 - April 29. Entry price is $10 per piece. Opening Gala reception and awards on Feb. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. Call (781)934-2731 ext. 15 for prospectus and more information.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum located at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, has various winter programs. For more information on any of the programs call Laura Liptak at (617)333-0690. "Drawing Wildlife: An intermediate to advanced workshop" will be held from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Fee person: $28 non member and $25 Mass. Audubon. Materials not included

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NEW BEGINNINGS - A support group for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, meeting at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Rte. 123), Norwell. For more information, call 781-653-2887.

THE MOMS (MOMS OFFERING MOMS SUPPORT) CLUB- will be starting a chapter in the Marshfield area. Anyone interested in joining call (781) 837-2149.

WRITERS GROUP – Buttonwood Books has established the Buttonwood Writers Group to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing and meet the **second and fourth Mondays of each month** at 7:30 p.m. in Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. Call (781) 383-2665 for more information.

WEEKLY WRITERS MEETING – Adult writers group meets weekly with facilitator Susan Dominquez from 1-3 p.m. in the reference area of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Aspiring or published writers are encouraged to bring a sample of their work to share with the group. Call (508) 830-4250 for information.

SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY — Meets on the first **Wednesday of each month** at 7:30 p.m. In the Council on Aging facility, 293 Pine St., Norwell. Call (781) 545-7067 for information.

QUINCY HOSPITAL – Offers the following support groups such as Al-Anon (617) 843-5300, Bettors Anonymous in the Education Center, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Breast Cancer Support Group (617) 696-8875, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Fibromyalgia Support Group (617) 479-5034, Debtors Anonymous (617) 728-1426, Emotions Anonymous (617) 729-7011, Nicotine Anonymous (617) 472-5628, Overeaters Anonymous (781) 641-2303, Prostate Cancer Support Group (617) 834-2818 or (617) 471-4582, Stress Reduction/Relaxation Response Group (617) 471-2595. The Hospital is located at 114 Whitwell St., Quincy.

TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly by meeting at 6:30 p.m., **every Thursday**, in the Parish Hall of the First Congregational Church, Hanover.

SOUTH SHORE SPINNERS' GUILD – Meets at 7 p.m., the **first Thursday of each month**, in the South Shore Natural Science Center. For more information, call (781) 837-8967.

THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTERS' CLUB – Club meets for feedback on speeches from 7-9 p.m., **the first and third Wednesday of each month** at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street, Weymouth. Call (781) 545-5101 for more information.

THE QUINCY LEADS NETWORK – Meets from 8:15-9:15 a.m. on the **second and fourth Fridays of each month** and includes 20 non-competing business-to-business professionals in the executive conference room of the Roche Brothers supermarket, 101 Falls Boulevard, off Quincy Avenue, Quincy. Free, but must pre-register. For more information, call (508) 583-5260.

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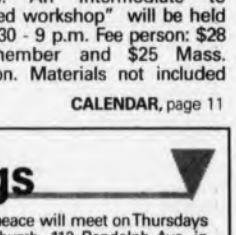
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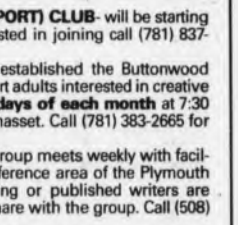
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and students may bring drawing materials of their choice. (no oil paints please). Pre-registration required.

Hanson Garden Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 739 High Street. The speaker will be Ernie Flippo of the Hosta Society giving a presentation entitled "Plan for Shade." Anyone interested in gardening is welcome. There is a nominal $2 fee for non members to cover refreshments.

Bus Trips for Adults sponsored by the South Shore Natural Science Center from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on a trip to Lyman Estate in Waltham, one of the properties owned by SPNEA. The fee is $45 for members and $47 for garden club members, $50 non members includes transportation in a luxury coach, admission and lunch. **Please register by Jan. 19.** Tel. (781)659-2559.

Thurs. 25

The Glastonbury Series "Listening to Other Voices" The way of prayer in our religious traditions with Timothy Joyce, OSB, author of "Celtic Christianity and Celtic Quest" and prior of Glastonbury Abbey, at 7:15 p.m. Lying Down With God: A Perspective on Celtic Christian Prayer and Spirituality. Held at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street in Hingham. Please call the Abbey at (781)749-2155 to reserve a seat. The lecture is free.

Fri. 26

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required, no athletic shoes. For more information call (781)331-0021 or visit the website at www.southshoresingles.org.

The Singles Executive Club Cocktail Party and Singles Dance at the Golden Rooster, 78 Border Street in North Scituate. Tel. (781)545-4404. For single professionals from 30 - 55 years old from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. DJ music. Ties and jackets required. Cost is $15. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. For more information call (781)740-2545.

Roomful Of Blues will heat up the Company Theater in Norwell on **Jan. 26 and 27** at 8 p.m. Voted the "Best Blues Band of the Year" in 1996 and 1998. Tickets are $25 in advance and $28 the day of the show and are available by calling (781)871-2787 or at the box office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell.

Ongoing Events

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Jan Ellen Zakrzowski. Her paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781)337-1402.

The South Shore Art Center presents "Faculty Odyssey" an Exhibition of South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists. The exhibit will run through Feb. 25. Gallery hours: Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. Dillon Gallery: "New Faces & Places" - Joan Brancale, Monica Denevan, Gloria Dufresne, Jack Foley, Wendy Hale, Pat O'Neill. Faculty Feature: Lis Koopman-Wyman. Located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information call (781)383-2787.

South shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the pastel paintings of Marshfield Artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan through the end of February. Admission to the gallery is free and the hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781)749-7565 ext. 16.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "Beautiful people, horses and places" Recent charcoal drawings by Mary Felton through February 28. There will be a reception on January 28 from 2 - 4 p.m. Held at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2721. Hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m.

Mothers and More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

Overeaters Anonymous is a twelve step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at (781)829-4278.

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Margaret Farrell Bruno** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run through **Feb. 3, 2001** and is open for viewing Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. Bruno lives and paints on the South Shore and grew up surrounded by the splendid coastline and cranberry bogs which have inspired her pastel landscapes. For more information call (781)837-8091.

"7 Over 4" an exhibition sponsored by Longwood Partners, LP and presented by the Duxbury Art Association. The artists represent seven of the more than fifty 4th Floor artists who have studios at the Codman Building in Rockland. The exhibition is open through **Jan. 26, 2001**. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

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This cruise is to celebrate a 70th birthday and time cannot be changed.

A. First, you should plan to arrive the day before, especially since it's in winter and that could affect flight schedules. I hear more sob stories about people missing their ships in winter because their flight was late.

You should also ask for a group rate from whatever airline you fly, since your group is large enough. Another tip: You could save a lot of money if you fly into Fort Lauderdale instead of Miami, maybe several hundred dollars per person.

Perhaps you could arrange cheap transportation (charter a small bus even) from Fort Lauderdale to the pier. I'd call a good travel agent and ask her to arrange it all for you.

Q. I found an ad in the paper to fly anywhere in the United States for $159 per person from a company called Total Travel. However, I don't believe that these tickets are legit because at first they said they are selling Rapid Rewards (frequent-flyer) tickets and to call the airline and tell them it is a gift from a friend. They wanted cash on delivery, or a money order or cashier's check.

I decided it wasn't worth it. What do you think about this?

A. This smells fishier than week-old sushi. It's illegal to buy or sell frequent-flyer tickets or miles, although it's OK for someone to use his or her miles to obtain a ticket for a friend or relative as long as no money changes hands. You were right to steer clear.

You can often find coast-to-coast fares for $198 round trip or even less on airline Web sites or just through a travel agent, so $159 isn't even that much of a bargain.

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Quincy Animal Shelter has many dogs, cats and kittens for adoption. Adoptions are done every Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM; other times by appointment. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 88, Quincy, MA, 02169. The Shelter is located behind the Quincy Police Station, off Southern Artery at 56 Broad Street, New volunteers, members and donations are welcome. For information, 617-376-1349.

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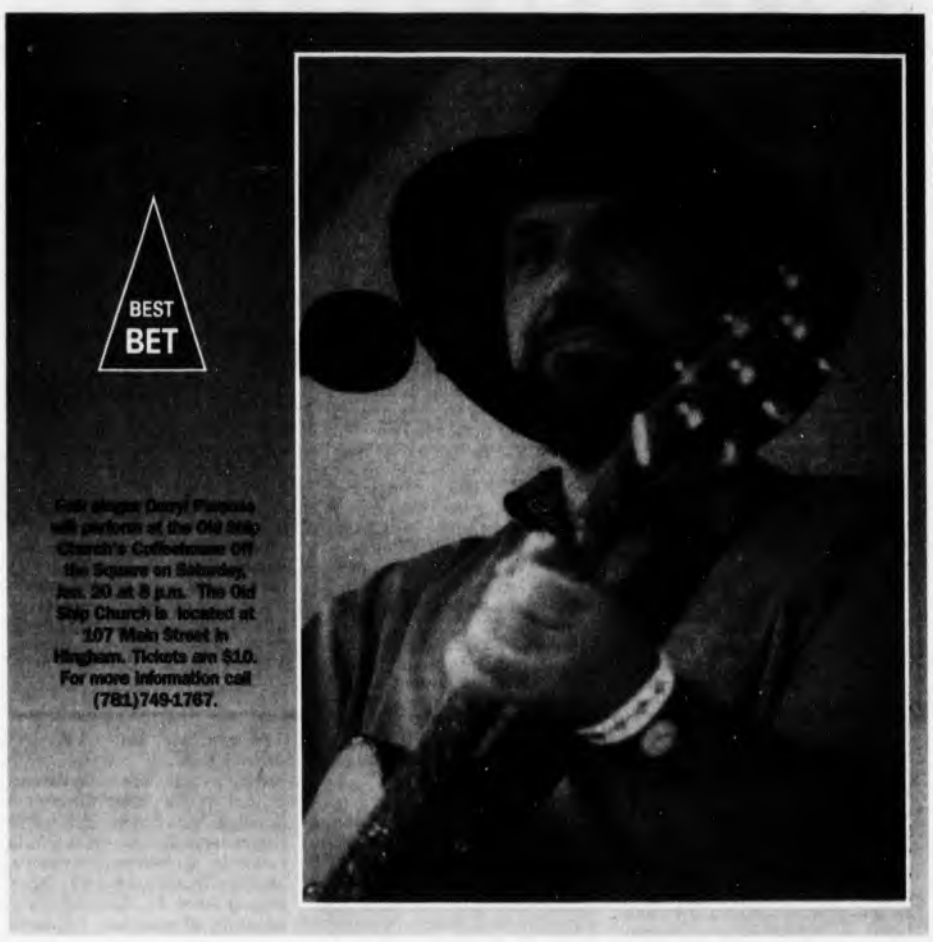
Assembly for Life an annual event where members of the South Shore Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will participate from 1 - 3 p.m. They will also attend the annual March for Life Rally at the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22 at 12 noon. The pre-march Massachusetts Rally will be held in Room 1-6 of the Dirksen Senate Office Bldg. from 9:30 - 11 a.m. For more information call (781)383-1013 or (617)328-7095.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Cross Country Ski Clinic" at 1 p.m. . Join an MDC ranger and the experts from Eastern Mountain Sports as you learn the tips and tricks to Nordic skiing. 2 hours. Please call to register for this program. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Tues. 23

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a breakfast meeting at the Lantana in Randolph from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. "Creating Power and Credibility in Public Speaking" will be the topic of conversation. Never worry about speaking in public again!. For more information call (781)749-8883.

The Hyannis Port Challengesm an 85-mile fundraising cycling event will take place on May 19. Best Buddies and Back Bay Bikes host an informational session at Best Buddies, 132 Adams Street, Suite 7, Newton. On Feb. 6 and 7 it will be held at Back Bay Bikes, 336 Newbury Street in Boston. All sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. and are free of charge. Spaces are limited so please call Beth MacNeil at (800)718-3536.



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Folk singer Darryl Purpura will perform at the Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse Off the Square on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. The Old Ship Church is located at 107 Main Street in Hingham. Tickets are $10. For more information call (781)749-1767.

Wed. 24

Call to Artists for the Duxbury Art Association Winter Juried Show 2001 Artwork Registration on Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at The Art Complex Museum, Alden Street in Duxbury. All mediums accepted. Show runs from Feb. 4 - April 29. Entry price is $10 per piece. Opening Gala reception and awards on Feb. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. Call (781)934-2731 ext. 15 for prospectus and more information.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum located at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, has various winter programs. For more information on any of the programs call Laura Liptak at (617)333-0690. "Drawing Wildlife: An intermediate to advanced workshop" will be held from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Fee person: $28 non member and $25 Mass. Audubon. Materials not included

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WRITERS GROUP – Buttonwood Books has established the Buttonwood Writers Group to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing and meet the **second and fourth Mondays of each month** at 7:30 p.m. in Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. Call (781) 383-2665 for more information.

WEEKLY WRITERS MEETING – Adult writers group meets weekly with facilitator Susan Dominquez from 1-3 p.m. in the reference area of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Aspiring or published writers are encouraged to bring a sample of their work to share with the group. Call (508) 830-4250 for information.

SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – Meets on the first **Wednesday of each month** at 7:30 p.m. In the Council on Aging facility, 293 Pine St., Norwell. Call (781) 545-7067 for information.

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TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly by meeting at 6:30 p.m., **every Thursday**, in the Parish Hall of the First Congregational Church, Hanover.

SOUTH SHORE SPINNERS' GUILD – Meets at 7 p.m., the **first Thursday of each month**, in the South Shore Natural Science Center. For more information, call (781) 837-8967.

THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTERS' CLUB – Club meets for feedback on speeches from 7-9 p.m., **the first and third Wednesday of each month** at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street, Weymouth. Call (781) 545-5101 for more information.

THE QUINCY LEADS NETWORK – Meets from 8:15-9:15 a.m. on the **second and fourth Fridays of each month** and includes 20 non-competing business-to-business professionals in the executive conference room of the Roche Brothers supermarket, 101 Falls Boulevard, off Quincy Avenue, Quincy. Free, but must pre-register. For more information, call (508) 583-5260.

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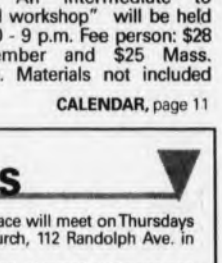
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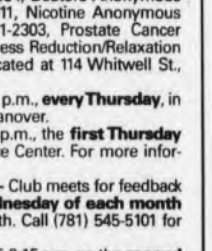
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Hanson Garden Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 739 High Street. The speaker will be Ernie Flippo of the Hosta Society giving a presentation entitled "Plan for Shade". Anyone interested in gardening is welcome. There is a nominal $2 fee for non members to cover refreshments.

Bus Trips for Adults sponsored by the South Shore Natural Science Center from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on a trip to Lyman Estate in Waltham, one of the properties owned by SPNEA. The fee is $45 for members and $47 for garden club members, $50 non members includes transportation in a luxury coach, admission and lunch. **Please register by Jan. 19.** Tel. (781)659-2559.

Thurs. 25

The Glastonbury Series "Listening to Other Voices", The way of prayer in our religious traditions with Timothy Joyce, OSB, author of "Celtic Christianity and Celtic Quest" and prior of Glastonbury Abbey, at 7:15 p.m. Lying Down With God: A Perspective on Celtic Christian Prayer and Spirituality. Held at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street in Hingham. Please call the Abbey at (781)749-2155 to reserve a seat. The lecture is free.

Fri. 26

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required, no athletic shoes. For more information call (781)331-0021 or visit the website at www.southshoresingles.org.

The Singles Executive Club Cocktail Party and Singles Dance at the Golden Rooster, 78 Border Street in North Scituate. Tel. (781)545-4404. For single professionals from 30 - 55 years old from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. DJ music. Ties and jackets required. Cost is $15. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. For more information call (781)740-2545.

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Ongoing Events

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Jan Ellen Zakrzowski. Her paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781)337-1402.

The South Shore Art Center presents "Faculty Odyssey" an Exhibition of South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists. The exhibit will run through Feb. 25. Gallery hours: Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. Dillon Gallery: "New Faces & Places" - Joan Brancale, Monica Denevan, Gloria Dufresne, Jack Foley, Wendy Hale, Pat O'Neill. Faculty Feature: Lis Koopman-Wyman. Located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information call (781)383-2787.

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Mothers and More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

Overeaters Anonymous is a twelve step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at (781)829-4278.

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Margaret Farrell Bruno** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run through **Feb. 3, 2001** and is open for viewing Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. Bruno lives and paints on the South Shore and grew up surrounded by the splendid coastline and cranberry bogs which have inspired her pastel landscapes. For more information call (781)837-8091.

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Roger's Marsh by Liz Haywood-Sullivan

South shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the pastel paintings of Marshfield Artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan through the end of February. Admission to the gallery is free and the hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781)749-7565 ext. 16.

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Ask George

By George Hobica
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. We are 24 people who are taking a cruise leaving Miami on Feb. 18, 2001. There are 20 people needing a flight to Miami. When is the best time to book? How can we get the best fare?

This cruise is to celebrate a 70th birthday and time cannot be changed.

A. First, you should plan to arrive the day before, especially since it's in winter and that could affect flight schedules. I hear more sob stories about people missing their ships in winter because their flight was late.

You should also ask for a group rate from whatever airline you fly, since your group is large enough. Another tip: You could save a lot of money if you fly into Fort Lauderdale instead of Miami, maybe several hundred dollars per person.

Perhaps you could arrange cheap transportation (charter a small bus even) from Fort Lauderdale to the pier. I'd call a good travel agent and ask her to arrange it all for you.

Q. I found an ad in the paper to fly anywhere in the United States for $159 per person from a company called Total Travel. However, I don't believe that these tickets are legit because at first they said they are selling Rapid Rewards (frequent-flyer) tickets and to call the airline and tell them it is a gift from a friend. They wanted cash on delivery, or a money order or cashier's check.

I decided it wasn't worth it. What do you think about this?

A. This smells fishier than week-old sushi. It's illegal to buy or sell frequent-flyer tickets or miles, although it's OK for someone to use his or her miles to obtain a ticket for a friend or relative as long as no money changes hands. You were right to steer clear.

You can often find coast-to-coast fares for $198 round trip or even less on airline Web sites or just through a travel agent, so $159 isn't even that much of a bargain.

Q. Can you recommend a reputable company that rents villas in Italy? We're especially interested in Tuscany.

A. Here are two very reliable companies that rent villas, apartments and farmhouses of all sizes throughout Italy: Italian Villas (1-800-700-9549 or www.italianvillas.com); and The Parker Company (1-800-280-2811 or www.theparkercompany.com).



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Grow bulbs indoors for a glimpse of spring

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added to a level just below the surface of the pebbles and the bulbs set on top of the stones. Additional pebbles placed around the lower quarter of the bulbs' bases will secure them and prevent them from toppling over.

For best results, keep the narcissus bulbs in a cool location, ideally 50 to 60 degrees, with relatively low light until well-rooted and stalks begin to appear. Be sure to keep the water level just below the base of the bulbs. As the buds begin to develop, gradually move the container into bright or direct sunlight. Regrettably, once the blossoms have faded, the bulbs cannot be forced again and should be discarded.

Hyacinth bulbs offer another source of heavy-scented blossoms which can be forced and enjoyed indoors, There are attractive kits which contain precooled hyacinth bulbs and specialty vases shaped like an hourglass for growing and displaying these purple-tinted bulbs. Water is put in the lower section of the container and filled to the neck of the hourglass while the bulb sits in the upper portion of the vase, pointed end up. The wiry, white roots can be readily observed as they sprout and grow, enabling children of all ages to witness the miracles of growth usually hidden beneath the soil surface. Water should be added periodically to maintain the level just below, but not touching, the base of the bulb.

Hyacinth bulbs offer another source of heavy-scented blossoms which can be forced and enjoyed indoors.

There are many other hardy bulbs which can be readily forced. Daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, crocuses, iris, and grape hyacinths are all excellent candidates but forcing these spring beauties requires advanced planning to ensure that they receive a 14-to-15-week cooling period at 35 to 50 degrees. A spare refrigerator makes an ideal cooling chamber. If you plan to force bulbs, be sure to look for those which are specifically designated as "good for forcing" as not all bulbs respond well to this treatment.

Hardy bulbs which require cooling should be grown in containers with drainage holes in a soil mixture which provides quick drainage. If you wish to use clay pots, they should be soaked overnight prior to filling with planting medium so that their porous composition does not draw moisture out of the soil. Fill the containers loosely with soil and place the bulbs so their pointed tops are even with the container's rim. Do not firm the growing medium which should remain loose to ensure easy root development. Add soil around the bulbs, filling the pots to the rim.



Water several times with lukewarm water to settle the soil which should create a small headspace for future, watering. A 6-inch pot will accommodate three to six larger bulbs and up to 15 crocuses. Bulbs should be potted and cooled around the beginning of October for January bloom; mid-October plantings will result in February blossoms and November plantings will produce March and April flowers. It takes three to four weeks for the bulbs to bloom once they are exposed to warmth and light. Early October plantings should be moved to a warm location around Christmas for January bloom. Successive plantings can produce a continuous period of beautiful flowers all winter. Be sure to rotate the pots on a regular basis to ensure all leaves and steins receive equal light so the flower stalks do not lean toward the light.

The majority of forced bulbs should be discarded once they finish blooming as they cannot be forced again. Daffodils and grape hyacinths, however, can often be salvaged and transplanted into the garden once the ground thaws although it may be a year or two before they recover fully. Once the flowers have faded, continue to water and fertilize with a dilute, liquid soluble solution until the foliage dies. Discontinue watering and keep the dormant bulbs cool until spring. I have successfully transplanted several containers of forced bulbs given to me as gifts and they serve as lovely, sentimental reminders each spring when their cheerful blooms reappear.

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SNOW FUN



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John Schiepers and Derek Manton (front) take a wild ride down the hill in front of the middle-high school. Sunday's storm dumped eight inches of snow in town.

Yearly overrides are on the table

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad Tuesday night to study whether it would be better in the long-run for the town to continue to use surplus funds to balance the budget, or switch to a yearly-override method.

Right now, the town uses a certain amount of its free cash and overlay surplus funds to help fund the general operating budget. This year, Haddad said more than $230,000 of overlay surplus funds will help balance the FY-2002 budget. If that money was not used to help fund the budget, the town would have to seek a $530,000 override this year, rather than the $300,000 override it's currently looking for.

An overlay surplus occurs when the town puts aside more money for property tax abatements and exemptions than needed. Free cash includes funds remaining from the previous fiscal year, receipts in excess of estimates and unexpended budget line items.

By using the $230,000 to offset the budget deficent means that money is not available for unexpected capital costs or to help pay interest payments on the town's long-term debt, as it's intended, Selectman Merle Brown said.

Because town costs increase at a rate between 3 and 4 percent a year, the town strains to keep spending within the tax levy increase limit established by Proposition 2-1/2. The town is looking at having yearly overrides of approximately $100,000 and building up the free cash and overlay surplus accounts. Otherwise the town would continuinue to use the free cash and overlay surplus accounts to off-set revenue shortfalls and get hit with one big override vote every three or four

OVERRIDES, PAGE 10

Fourth-graders get F on MCAS

Not enough improvement, state says

By Rick Collins
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The state Department of Education has given the Deer Hill School a failing grade when it comes to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Academic Standards test, saying though its scores have improved, they haven't improved enough.

"The state has certain standards for improvement, and they felt improvement should be based on the average of the 1999 and 2000 scores," explained Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan. "Though the Deer Hill did achieve well, we did not improve as much as the state would have liked us to."

Performance and improvement ratings are arrived at by averaging the test scores from 1999 and 2000 and comparing them to a 1998 baseline test score. Based on the 1998 MCAS test scores, schools were placed in one of six baseline categories for performance: very high, high, moderate, low, very low or critically low. Each category had a point range for expected improvement. Using the average of the 1999 and 2000 scores, each school was rated as to whether they met their individual goal..

"Let's suppose a child takes a test and gets a 70, and you tell them to get an 80, and they do. But if they get a 90, and you tell them to get a 95, they might not be able to raise it."
— Principal Paul Callahan

According to the state, the Deer Hill's scores have remained the same over the past three years,

MCAS, PAGE 10

It's a tough winter to pepper roads with salt

By Mary Ford
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Snowy weather is usually not a problem for the Cohasset Department of Public Works.

The DPW — with Harold Litchfield, 66, at the helm — has seen many a storm like the one that hit town over the weekend.

But a lack of enough salt is a problem.

"We can plow and scrape," Litchfield said. "But the problem is we can't get enough salt."

In a typical winter, the DPW will go through upwards of 300 tons of salt and the town's storage facility isn't large enough to hold all that at once. The DPW used the 31 tons it received a week ago, got another delivery Tuesday of 34 tons and still needs more.

"I don't know when the rest will come," Litchfield said. The town buys salt through a cooperative organized by Norfolk County.

He explained that although the weekend's storm was the first "plowable" snow of the winter, the DPW has been out many times with sand and salt.

Joe McNamee of Eastern Minerals in Chelsea, an area salt supplier — that has helped Cohasset out in a pinch this year — said demand for salt is up this season. There are two types of salt used for streets: rock salt that is mined and solar salt that comes from evaporating sea water in the desert, McNamee said.

"We can plow and scrape. But the problem is we can't get enough salt."
— DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield

"It's been one of those winters," McNamee said about road conditions that require salt. He explained that the demand coupled with state environmental regulations about hours of operation and storage have made things "a little tight right now."

Rudy Marinosci of Morton Salt in Providence, R.I., that won the salt bid from the cooperative the town belongs to, said Cohasset's problem

WINTER, PAGE 2

Residents scratch way to $4 million

By Rick Collins
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The town's newest millionaires don't live on Atlantic Avenue or drive a new Mercedes. In fact, until last Tuesday, they weren't even sure if they could keep their house, let alone buy a new car.

But now Sohier Street residents Richard and Donna Herbert can do both. The Massachusetts State Lottery announced Friday that the Herberts won $4 million on a single scratch ticket, and will collect $134,000 over the next 20 years, after taxes.

Richard, 60, and Donna, 56, had spent part of Tuesday morning sending out résumés for Donna, who, according to Lottery spokesman Shannon Cadres, had been laid off in December from Bradlees, when the retail chain announced it was going out of business. The couple stopped in the Scituate Marketplace and purchased a $10 "$400,000,000 Spectacular" scratch ticket. Donna later scratched the ticket and told her husband they had to go to the Lottery's offices in Braintree.

"Now we can keep the house," Richard, a part-time deli clerk at Stop & Shop, told Lottery officials.



Donna and Richard Herbert of Cohasset show off their $4M lottery check.

The Herberts were not available for comment. Cadres said she believed they left on a vacation immediately.

But Donna told Lottery officials her job search was over, and Richard said he planned to quit his job.

Bill Lahti, the manager of Scituate Marketplace, said the Herberts

LOTTERY WINNERS, PAGE 2

This week in COHASSET

Preserving land

Though selectmen have already voted to not place the Community Preservation Act on the annual Town Meeting warrant, and instead ask the town to vote on the Norfolk County version of an open space funding plan, board Chairman Thomas Callahan wants to revisit the issue.

The Community Preservation Act was set up by the Legislature last year to help towns purchase open space, preserve historical resources, and enhance recreational areas. Towns can vote for an override of between zero and 3 percent to be put in an open space trust fund. The state will then match the funds through money raised by real estate recording fees at county register offices.

But the Norfolk County Board of Advisors is asking towns to file, as a home-rule petition, a bill that would allow towns to raise money for open space preservation by diverting county money raised by real estate excise tax fees back to the towns. This money would not be eligible for state matching funds. Through the CPA, Cohasset could raise as much as $486,000 a year — $972,000 when matched by the state — for open space preservation. However, Town Manager Mark Haddad said resident tax bills would rise an average of $240 a year, a notion not many residents would be fond of. The Norfolk County plan would raise a modest $145,000, but without increasing taxes.

However, Callahan said after attending a recent meeting with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, he found some exemptions contained in the CPA that the town should consider before making a decision. Callahan said the first $100,000 of property value can be exempt from the override, meaning a house worth $300,000, would only be taxed on $200,000. Also, there is an exemption for senior citizens, and commercial property.

But both Haddad and Selectman Michael Sullivan still expressed concern over the state plan. Haddad said with a $300,000 override planned for this year, plus debt exclusion increase for the recent sewer project and upcoming school construction project, voters would be very reluctant to tack on an additional voluntary tax.

Sullivan raised doubts that the state would even have the money to match all the towns. The state expects to raise between $25 million and $37 million a year through the recording fees. But Sullivan queried, if every town votes in the CPA at 3 percent, the amount the state would be on the hook for more than $25 million.

"What happens if there is $50 million in requests?" he asked.

The board expects to discuss the issue further at a later meeting.

TUBE TIME



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Caitlin and Brendan O'Connell enjoy the snow as they slide down the middle-high school hill.

Salt shortage this winter

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is a lack of storage space.

"There are only so many vehicles that can be run out of one location," he said, suggesting the town build a bigger storage facility and stock up with enough salt in the summer.

Litchfield said that's just not fiscally or physically practical. Salt tightens up and gets hard over the summer and Litchfield does his best to keep a handle on the snow budget.

"I don't like to have more on hand than I have to," he said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said other towns are experiencing difficulties in obtaining salt this season.

"I was at a meeting of South Shore town managers and every other town was having problems getting salt," he said.

The DPW takes care of the town's 37 miles of accepted roads and 12 miles of private ways that have two or more homes. The Massachusetts Highway Department handles the 3.2 miles of Rte. 3A in town.

Litchfield said during the weekend storm that dumped upwards of 8 inches of snow in Cohasset, the town's seven trucks were called into action as well as seven more from private contractors.

The snow and ice budget is $50,000. Litchfield doesn't have the final figures but thinks most of that has been depleted. State law allows municipalities to deficit spend snow budgets. The town can make up the deficit the following year, Haddad said. The town had a $22,000 snow and ice deficit last year, he said.



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Sat. 27	12:57	9.1	6:52	1:02	10.0	7:20
Sun. 28	1:34	9.2	7:33	1:42	9.8	7:59
Mon. 29	2:12	9.2	8:15	2:23	9.5	8:38
Tues. 30	2:52	9.2	8:59	3:07	9.2	9:21
Wed. 31	3:35	9.3	9:48	3:55	8.9	10:07
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Residents win $4M

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Schools officials reinstate Osgood technology position

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset School Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey said the school department has done such a good job controlling special education costs, that the system could bring back the Osgood School technology aide position for the remainder of the year.

"I feel comfortable at this time [with costs] that we can at this time reinstate the position," Malvey told the school committee last Thursday night.

The school voted to reinstate the position, but it was not unanimous. Committee member Stephanie Noble questioned how necessary technology education at the lower grade levels actually is.

The position will give technology instruction and trouble-shoot the school's equipment. Currently, Lisa Kalapinski had been handling technology instruction for both the Deer Hill and Osgood Schools. Malvey said reinstatement of the position will cost the district $10,000. He doesn't expect any trouble filling the position, saying, "Once we put the Cohasset name out there, it's going to get some attention."

The position was eliminated last spring, and had been a source of contention between the school committee and members of the Osgood School PSO. Members have twice this year made public please for the committee to reconsider the position cut, however, board chairman Pat Martin has refused to revisit the issue.

But Noble told the committee and those in attendance, "After all the readings and discussions, I still cannot come out on the opposite side of the issue."

Noble said she was aware of the amount of people both on the board and in the community that is in favor of technology instruction at the lower grades, but she questions the need for it.

"I just don't see the urgent need for kindergartners, first and second graders to have technology," said Noble. "The question of all questions we really have to take a long, hard look at, is should kindergartners be getting the exact same amount of technology as sixth graders?"

The committee said an informative meeting with school department technology head Ken Ciseneros will be held at a later meeting.

Selectmen expand Kimball's license

Outdoor functions now allowed at harbor hotel

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen expanded Kimballs By the Sea's liquor license to allow outdoor functions; a move perhaps a bit late, as the harbor-side hotel has held seven outdoor parties over the past five years.

The issue was brought to the board's attention in December, when selectmen, acting as the town's licensing authority, held an open forum to discuss changes to the liquor license conditions. A number of residents complained of noise coming from tent parties at Kimballs, which came as a surprise to the board because outdoor functions weren't part of the hotel's license conditions.

Kimballs representatives Joe Campbell and Jane McCombs were called in for a hearing Tuesday night, and said the majority of the hotel's 30 wedding parties a year are kept in doors, but occasionally they spill out into the parking lot or patio area.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said Cohasset police received 10 noise complaints from Kimballs last year, but only one was regarding an outside function. Five of the calls were from hotel guests complaining about other guests.

But the board was concerned about noise coming from the hotel, especially due to it location. "The problem is, at night when sound travels across water," Selectman Merle Brown said.

The board voted to extend Kimballs liquor license to outdoor functions, as long as they are kept within the patio area, and follow the new regulations that prohibit noise from being heard at the neighbor's property line after 10 p.m. Selectmen said the Red Lion Inn, when completed, will also be allowed to have outdoor functions until 10 p.m. Functions are allowed to continue at both places until a later hour inside.

Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan warned Campbell and McCombs that the board will review the conditions at a later date, if problems arise.

The board also scolded Kimballs for not getting a building permit when tents have been erected in the past.

"You need a permit [from Building Inspector Robert Egan] to construct a tent," Haddad said.

Race for library trustee forms

By Rick Collins
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Pleasant Street resident George Haley may join the fight for a seat on the Paul Pratt Library Board of Trustees, along with incumbents Sarah Pease, Barbara Power and June Hubbard. The looming library battle, joins the school committee as the only elected boards with potential races this election season.

Last week Osgood PSO member Adrienne MacCarthy took papers out to fill one of the two seats up for grabs on the committee. Incumbents Mark DeGiacomo and committee Chairman Pat Martin have also taken papers out. Martin and DeGiacomo are the first incumbents to seek reelection to the school committee since at least 1997.

Also taking papers out this week for the April 7 Town Election are current Water Commissioner Rob Kasameyer, and Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo.

Other candidates that have already taken papers out include Board of Assessors member Elsa Miller; Richard Brown of Church Street, for the vacant Planning Board seat; and Stanton Road resident Sean Cunning, for sewer commissioner, Selectman Chairman Thomas Callahan and fellow Selectman Merle Brown.

Current planning board member Terry Atherton, sewer commissioner Henry Rattenbury, and Recreation Commission member Thomas Wigmore have already announced they will not be seeking another term.

Two water commissioners spots will be up for election, though one will be for a one-year term to replace former commissioner Chip Muncey. Muncey resigned Jan.1, and was temporarily replaced by Glenn Pratt, until someone can be elected to fill the year left of his term. Pratt is expected to run.

Nomination papers for the annual town election are now available at the Town Clerk's Office. In order to hold elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions are up for grabs:

Selectmen - two for three years

School Committee - two for three years

Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three for three years

Assessor - one for three years

Board of Health - one for three years

Cohasset Housing Authority - one for five years

Planning Board - one for five years

Recreation Commission - one for five years

Sewer Commission - one for three years

Water Commission - one for three years, one for one year to fill an unexpired term

Nomination papers must be submitted to the Board of Registrars by Feb. 15. Town elections will be held on Saturday, April 7.

Town adopts strict body art rules

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset freshmen basketball squad won't be able to get a team tattoo under "tattoo and body art parlors regulations" adopted Tuesday night by the Board of Health.

This week the state Department of Public Health released its set of regulations including a ban of tattoos for people under the age of 18 and a requirement that a parent be present for a minor to get a body piercing. Genital piercings would be banned for all ages. The Cohasset Board of Health adopted the state's guidelines but also added some additional regulations, as the state allows. Cohasset will require tattoo and body art parlor operators to administer tattoos with disposable needles, and establish other various shop space and size requirements, said board chairman Stephen Bobo. Also, there will be a $100 licensing fee, and artists must be licensed in another state to open shop in Cohasset.

Last October, the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled the state's 38-year ban of tattoo parlors and body art shops was a violation of free speech laws. As of Jan. 30, body artists will be able to file for licenses to open shop in the commonwealth's cities and towns, and as a result, the state and its municipalities have been scurrying to adopt a set of health and safety regulations for a craft no longer regulated to back-alleys, or amateur tattoo kits.

But the new regulations aren't restricted to simple tattoos, gotten in the midst of a night out drinking with the guys or the girls. Body art now includes such things as branding, – yes, branding as in applying a hot metal design to the skin to form a scar – braiding, —where a patch of skin is removed and reattached to form a design— and other types of scarification. Braiding will be prohibited in Cohasset, but Bobo said that's the only body art that will be. The Board of Health is in the process of creating a summary sheet for the 12 pages of regulations it adopted, and is expected to have it ready for release by next week.

Board of Health member Peggy Chapman, a registered nurse, said the biggest issues the town was concerned with was regarding sanitary requirements and the qualifications of the person.

Bobo said the town was trying to be regulatory, without being restrictive. "We don't want to not allow anybody to put a business in town, but we don't want the town to become home to tattoo parlors," he explained. He said the town has had discussions with officials in other towns where tattooing is legal, and also to people who have received tattoos, and said there is some health risk involved with the practice of body art. "It's not something to be taken lightly," Bobo said.

Town health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said blood-transmuted diseases such as Hepatitis B and C, Pamalona Virus, and possibly HIV, could all be contracted from dirty needles. Also, Godzik was concerned about complications arising from skin-altering procedures, such as recipients developing pockets of scars known as keloid formations.

The state Legislature is expected to review the regulations, and even possibly pass a formal law authorizing tattoo and body art parlors.

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Rep. Bradley finds Beacon Hill a nice fit

Crime bills a focus for legislature

By Rick Collins
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Fridays are normally "dress-down" days at the Massachusetts State House. That's the one day of the week legislative aides, secretaries, assistants and even some legislators can leave the ties and heels at home, and dress more comfortably.

So new state Rep. Garrett Bradley stands out a bit on Fridays. While his legislative assistant Michael Salerno chose to wear khakis and a collared shirt last week, Bradley was in a full business suit – well, with one exception.

"Dress-down day means I don't wear a vest," said Bradley half-jokingly. It should come as no surprise to anyone that knows Bradley that he dons a suit even when he doesn't have to. It was Bradley who was seen walking around Hingham and Hull in mid-summer in a business suit.

"You never know who you're going to run into in the halls," he reasoned.

But maybe it's just a way for Bradley to stand out. Following in the footsteps of legislative legend Mary Jeanette Murray, Bradley is looking to step out from under her shadow.

Bradley has said on many occasions that he knows in order to have as much success as Murray had, he must be a representative of the people — to redefine, as she did, what constituent service means.

He also wants to be known for his work on the issues. Bradley won't be sitting on the sideline even though the filing deadline for new legislation had passed before he was sworn-in Jan. 2.

He has signed onto a number of initiatives and will be the lead sponsor of some House versions of Senate bills. He has also re-filed several bills left over from Murray, who was notorious for the number of bills she filed.

So far, Bradley has filed bills for land-swaps and sea walls; hospital funding and safer cigarettes.

However, Bradley took a lesson he learned in his orientation meetings about focusing on issues he is interested and has some expertise in. As a result, Bradley has drawn on his years in the Plymouth County District Attorney's office, and will back a number of bills designed to toughen sentencing guidelines and close legal loopholes.

He has signed onto a number of bills filed by Senate Judiciary Committee member Cheryl Jacques, D-Needham, including a bill that would allow victims of all crimes to testify at convicted criminals' parole hearings. Right now, under Massachusetts law, only families of murder victims can testify. But with convicted serial child molester William Porter, a former priest, up for parole — the new law would allow his victims to testify against him at his parole hearing. Other bills include: one that would include oral sex between family members as part of the legal definition of incest; expand the time-frame someone has to file sexual harassment charges from six months to 300 days; provide additional protection to victims of rape and domestic violence; prevent criminals from profiting from their notoriety; and expand protection against threats to those made over the internet.

He also signed onto a Jacques' bill that would require cigarette manufacturers to make cigarettes that extinguish themselves.

Land swaps

Bradley has also been working well with five-term state Sen. Robert Hedlund, and has co-signed, or signed onto a few bills with him. Among the bills are land-swap bills affecting the Hingham Shipyard redevelopment plan and the new development off Ward Street.

"Hingham officials told me they really need these to go forward," Bradley said.

One bill affecting Cohasset that Bradley has signed onto, would reinstate the moratorium on landfills in the state. Some Cohasset residents are afraid that with moratorium currently lifted, the Cohasset Heights Landfill would file to reopen.

Also, Bradley backs a bill that would take control of Title 5 regulations from local boards of health, and establish a state-wide, uniform enforcement code. Title 5 is the state code governing septic systems, and hits residents in Hingham and Cohasset, where the soil is frequently just inches deep above solid granite ledge, particularly hard. Bradley said many residents are upset that regulations in Hingham are tougher than the regulations found in Title 5. The bill would require any board of health regulations that go beyond what is found in Title 5 to be approved through a Town Meeting vote. Another bill, one of several filed by legislators, would reestablish the zero percent interest revolving fund for sewer and water projects. A line in the 2001 state budget ended the zero percent program, and the new bill would delete that section.

Tobacco money

One bill that could get Bradley some attention would authorize the state to spend up to 20 percent of the tobacco settlement fund for state aid for towns struggling under a heavy property tax burden. However, the twist is, towns with a smaller amount of industrial and commercial tax base, like Cohasset, would be eligible, as opposed to cities with large industrial and commercial property tax bases, such as Quincy. As part of the 1998 civil action suit against the tobacco industry, Massachusetts is slated to receive $383 million over the next 20 years. Bradley said 30 percent of the money is ear-marked for anti-smoking advertising, "which is great," he said. But he would like to see 50 percent remain in a trust fund, and give 20 percent back to the towns that are struggling.

Another locally-initiated piece of legislation would give towns the ability to transfer up to 1 percent of the their operating budget, between departments, or accounts. The bill, requested by Cohasset Town Manager Mark Hadadd, would give towns this ability only in the months of May and June, with the authority of the town finance committee, and it would not apply to school-related money. Right now, a town must receive authorization from a town meeting vote, before it can shift

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Takes oath in his hometown

By Rick Collins
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New state Rep. Garrett Bradley brought his campaign for the Third Plymouth District seat full circle Monday night when he took the oath office in front of family and friends at Tosca in Hingham.

"It feels like an odyssey," said Bradley — who started campaigning for the State House three years ago — but is now finishing up his third-full week on Beacon Hill. Though he was officially sworn in Jan. 2 in the State House Chamber, he once again took the oath, this time administered by family friend, state Auditor Joe DiNucci, and before his wife, Heather, parents, gubernatorial hopeful Warren Tolman, and other party supporters.

"This is what it's all about, you and the community," Bradley told the crowd of 100. "Everyday I walk into the State House I'm in awe, and I thank you for the opportunity."

Bradley, who was defeated by incumbent Republican Mary Jeanette Murray in 1998, easily defeated Republican Maryanne McKenna and independent candidate Walter Murray in November's election. He promised to "work hard, be honest, and be accessible" to his constituents. "I won't let you down," he said.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

State Rep. Garrett Bradley takes the oath administered by state Auditor Joseph DiNucci at a special ceremony at Tosca in Hingham on Monday.

The crowd was a blend of the older guard that helped to elect Caroline Stouffer, the last Democrat to represent Hingham before redistricting gave the town to Mary Jeanette Murray in 1976, and of young professionals. Tosca, owned by Ed Kane who made an appearance, seemed to be the perfect location for the event, as revelers munched on appetizers, sipped wine, and waited for some words from their conquering hero as scents from the wood-fueled stove filled the cavernous, brick restaurant.

Tolman, who emceed the event, has known Bradley since 1994,

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Garrett Bradley finds Beacon Hill a nice fit

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money around.

Bradley is also pushing for an increase in benefits to families of call firefighters killed on duty. Right now, the amount of money given to families are at 1963 levels — $520 per child, per year. The new bill would bump up benefits to $12,000 a child. He said three call firefighters were killed in 1999, and it was only then realized the benefit amounts had never been updated.

Mandatory sentencing

Bradley also has a couple bills he is eyeing for a few years down the road. One would create mandatory sentences for people convicted in the rape of a child. "Right now, if you deal drugs near a school, you go to jail for a minimum two years," Bradley said. "But if you rape a child near a school, there's no minimum sentence, and may not spend any time at all." He mentioned the recent uproar over the Judge Maria Lopez case, where Lopez gave a man convicted of sexually assaulting a 14-year old boy no jail time.

But for the next few months, Bradley said he's going to start to get his bearings together about the state budget. He has already attended one preliminary budget discussion — a budget shortfall is a possibility, some leaders report, and said he wasn't afraid to speak up and ask questions.

Though Bradley believes the state is going to have to exercise some fiscal restraint, with the voter-approved tax rollback taking effect this year.

The first month has been a period of adjustment for Bradley, who is one of the youngest state representatives at 30. He described himself as "humbled" every time he walks into the House chamber. But he knows it will soon be time to get down to business. He expects Governor Paul Cellucci to release his budget within the next couple of months, and when that happens "I'm going to roll up the sleeves and get to work."

Takes oath in his hometown

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when Bradley worked on Tolman's Senate campaign. He praised Bradley for his courage, integrity, intelligence and perseverance. "That's what people should look for in an elected official," said Tolman, who ran for lieutenant governor alongside gubernatorial candidate Scott Harshbarger in his 1998 battle to unseat Gov. Paul Cellucci.

Tolman also introduced DiNucci, a former middleweight professional boxer. "Now I'm a heavyweight," DiNucci joked. DiNucci served alongside Bradley's great-uncle, Joe Bradley, D-Newton, in the Legislature in the 70's, before DiNucci became auditor in 1987. Bradley also played football at Boston College with DiNucci's son, Joe.

DiNucci, who spoke at Bradley's kickoff in 1998 at the Hingham Sons of Italy Hall not far away on Rte. 3A, called Bradley "hardworking, dedicated and courageous."

"Listen to the words when he takes the oath," DiNucci told the crowd, "he means it."

Also in attendance were Plymouth County Sheriff Joe McDonough, state Rep. Bob Nyman, D-Hanover, Hull Selectman Tim MacKenzie, and former state representative Caroline Stouffer. Former state senatorial candidates Jim Cantwell and Ted LeClair were there to cheer Bradley on, as was Bradley's Democratic primary opponent Michael Holden, and Tim White, who ran for Plymouth County Commissioner.

Bradley also thanked his campaign manager, now legislative assistant Michael Salerno. "The reason I hired him was that when I yell at him he doesn't cry," Bradley joked.

Bradley said he was going to take some of the good feeling from the evening back to Beacon Hill Wednesday, when the House sat in its first formal session of the year. "When I look at all the people that supported me," he said afterwards, "that's why I ran for state rep."

Contract renewed with American Water

The Water Commission has voted unanimously to renew its existing three-year contract with American Water Systems (formerly American Anglian) for an additional three-year term for the operation and maintenance of the Cohasset Water Department.

"We are very pleased with the performance of American Water Systems and feel that the customers of the Cohasset Water Department are well served by this contract," said John McNabb, chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners.

The Water Commission conducted a comprehensive performance evaluation of American Water's performance since the contract was signed in 1998 and concluded that American Water has:

- Met or exceeded contract requirements for the distribution system, water treatment plant and for customer service.
- Saved the Water Department $90,000 in the past year for the purchase of water mains, gates, and hydrants through American Water's bulk purchase program.
- Kept unaccounted for water to 8 percent or less (about one-half the industry standard of 15 percent).
- Paid for $96,925 in maintenance expenses, more than double the contractual requirement of $45,000. They also repaired the sludge collection system in house when the system had a catastrophic failure in September, 2000, saving the department at least $5,000.
- Conducted required operation and maintenance tasks as needed in the past 21/2 years, including repairing 115 water leaks, painting 119 fire hydrants, and exercising 95 hydrant valves and 162 street gates.

"We also conducted an investigation of the market for the provision of contract operations of water departments," McNabb said, "to determine if we would be likely to save money by going out to bid again instead of renewing the contract. The investigation, conducted for us by Norfolk Environmental, concluded that the cost of the American Water contract was competitive and that renewal was more advantageous for the town than going out to bid again."

"Cohasset has received national recognition for this public-private partnership," said McNabb. "The EPA uses the Cohasset Water Department arrangement with American Water as a case history in seminars they give on how to run small water systems."

Final approval for renewal of the contract is still needed from Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Water system improvements detailed

The Cohasset Water Commission released its Year 2001 water system improvements this week.

We are moving forward this year to continue to make improvements to the Cohasset water system, to improve fire protection and the quality of drinking water provided to our customers in Cohasset," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission.

"Once we fill the new Scituate Hill tank later this month" McNabb said, "we will then flush the entire distribution system, which will improve the taste and odor of the drinking water. We also will drain, clean, inspect, repair (if necessary) and paint the Bear Hill tank. When both tanks on line, we will be able to provide greater fire reserve to the town which will improve fire protection."

Other improvements, said McNabb, include:

- Replacing 20 fire hydrants and 10 gates and valves, improving fire protection.
- Reactivation of the Ellms Meadow Wellfield, to provide a back-up water supply.
- Repair of settling basins and flocculators in the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, to ensure the continued operation of the Plant.
- Clean and line Beechwood Street (Rt 3A-Riverview Drive), Elm Street, and Summer Street.
- Replace 900 feet of 6 inch pipe on Border St. with 10 inch pipe.
- Improve fire flows on Rustic Dr. by either (a) looping Linen Dr., with Forest Ave., or (b) replacing 6 inch pipe on Rustic Dr. with 8 inch pipe.

The Board of Water Commissioners greatly appreciates the assistance and cooperation of the board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and all other town officials, boards, and employees," McNabb said.

State to hold water rate hearing in Hull

The State Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) will hold a hearing at Hull High School at 7 p.m. on Monday Jan. 29, to receive resident input on the petition of Massachusetts American Water Company to raise its rates charged for the water it provides to resident and businesses in Hull, Hingham, and part of Cohasset and Norwell.

The DTE held a similar hearing in Hingham on Jan. 16.

The hearing in Hull is being held after the Town contacted DTE and requested a hearing also be held in Hull.

"Users of the water company monopoly in Hull are greatly affected by the rising water rates and the DTE should hear directly from townspeople as to their objections to yet another rate increase. The Board urges all Town residents and businesses to attend this important hearing and make their voices heard by the state regulators." said John D. Reilly, Jr. chairman of the Hull Board of Selectmen.

The Water Company is a private utility owned by a national conglomerate, However, because it has a monopoly over the distribution of water, it is regulated by the DTE.

In 1996 the DTE granted permission on to the Water Company to raise rates for area users by some 160 percent in part due to the need for a new water treatment plant to be constructed. Hull and Hingham opposed this request at hearings and appealed the decision to the state Supreme Judicial Court. The SJC in a decision released on the day that DTE held its hearing in Hingham on the latest rate increase request, upheld the DTE 1996 decision.

Through an innovative legislative relief package moved through the legislature by State Sen. Robert Hedlund and then state Rep. Mary Jeannette Murray, some relief was provided to ratepayers via a special bill which provided financing assistance for the construction of the water plant. The new plant was required by the state and was necessary to comply with the federal Clean Water Act.

The hearing gets underway Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Doniger Auditorium at Hull High School

School bidding process underway

After nearly a month of delays, the bidding process for the Deer Hill and Cohasset Middle/High School renovation and expansion projects is about to get underway.

School Building Committee chairman Rob Spofford said the middle/high school's bid specifications have been held up in order to fine tune the electrical drawings. The project is slated to be put out to bid Monday, Jan. 29, with bids opened March 6. The Deer Hill project, will be put out for bid March 5, and opened March 15. Spofford said the committee believes the town will benefit in separating the bids, but would not expound why.

He also added that he believes the project will benefit from the delayed bids. "We feel good about this," he said, "We think it's worthwhile spending the extra time to make sure the document has been adequately and 100 percent completed."

Also, the school construction project has received the blessing of the town Conservation Commission. The middle/high school facet will see a new drainage system put in place. Plans had originally called for a discharge pipe be located within 50-feet of the wetlands but a second set of plans were submitted with the pipe moved back.

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AROUND TOWN



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GLITCHES RESOLVED

Hello Cohasset! Well, we are back in action and from the wonderful responses from many of you, it is none to soon! I am very sorry for the missing columns last week, I think all of the glitches are resolved. It is wonderful for me to know how many people really read this column, I enjoy the comments and feedback, both positive and negative. Make sure to keep all the news coming as well as the great feedback.

SNOWSTORM

What did you all think of the beautiful snowstorm that we had? Make sure to try and get out in the snow, take a walk in it, play in it or throw a few snowballs. It really has a way of making you stop and think of how pretty and amazing our weather really can be.

NEW ARRIVAL

We have a new little lady among us here in town. **John and Katie (Lord) Naples** of Parker Avenue in Cohasset, announce the birth of their daughter, **Samantha Elizabeth Naples**. Samantha was born on Jan. 2, 2001 weighing in at 9 lbs., 5 oz and measuring 21-ins. long. Samantha's grandparents are **David and Irene Lord** of Cohasset and **Robert and Frances Naples** of Naples, Fla. Congratulations to all of you and love, hug and snuggle that new little girl.

BUYING PINK

If you see **John and Rita Durkin** around town buying pink be sure to congratulate them. The Durkins, who recently moved across the border to Scituate, are new grandparents to **Caleigh Sue Durkin**. Caleigh, the daughter of Cohasset native **Thomas Joseph Durkin** and his wife **Suellen**, arrived Jan. 11 and tipped the scales at a petite 6 lbs., 14 oz. She measured just 19 ins. long. Caleigh's maternal grandparents are **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph MacDonald** of Weymouth. Caleigh and her mom and dad, and siblings **Micaela**, 5, **Thomas**, 2, and **Daniel**, 1, make their home in Marshfield.

CHS REUNION

The CHS Class of 1995 had its fifth-year reunion on Dec. 22 at Atlantica. It was great to see so many classmates there! Thanks to Cohasset Greenery and Atlantica for sponsoring this wonderful event.

QUILT SHOW

The Second Congregational Church on Cohasset Common will be sponsoring its eighth-annual quilt show and luncheon on Saturday, March 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The $10 donation includes a gourmet lunch and viewing of the more than 50 amazing quilts. Advanced purchases of tickets is recommended as seating is limited. Call the church office at 781-383-0345 to make reservations. If you have a quilt you would like displayed, call **Carol Sandblom** at 781-383-1812. This is a wonderful event and a great way to help raise money for pediatric AIDS.

BC HIGH HONORS

Boston College High School released the names of some Cohasset students who have been named to the first quarter honor roll. David F. Crowley-Buck '03, and **John R. Crowley-Buck** '01 both made high honors. **Christopher J. Carr** '02, **Evan M. McCaffrey** '01, **Matthew R. Meikleham** '03 and **Joseph D. Roach** '03 made Honors. Great work, gentlemen!

NOBLES HONOR ROLL

Noble and Greenough School also announced its honor roll students for the first semester. **Kayvon Tehranian**, a freshman received Highest Distinction, **Joseph M. Palone**, a senior received High Distinction and **John Edward Lubitz** received Distinction. These are great accomplishments for all three of you, keep up the great work.

RUN FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

The nominating committee of the Cohasset PSO is seeking candidates to run for parent representatives for both the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools for the coming two-year term.(2001-2003.) Each School Council is comprised of the principal, teachers, parent representatives and community representatives. They are charged with formulating and updating the schools improvement plan, missions and goals, as well as establishing focus areas to be studied each year. Parent representatives are elected for a two-year term by the parent body of each school and must have student(s) in attendance at the school they are serving for the duration of their term. There are two open seats at Osgood and one seat open at the Deer Hill School for the coming term. Individuals interested in serving as a parent representative are asked to submit a brief statement about themselves and their interest in the School Council to the PSO Nominating Committee, c/o **Susan Jaffe**, PO Box 30, no later than Monday, Feb. 12. Balloting will take place March 2-9. Council members will be announced at the PSO Board Meeting, March 20 and introduced at the PSO Annual Meeting in May.

VALENTINE SOIREE

What is happening on your calendar on Saturday, Feb. 10? How about coming and enjoying a night of fun, music and dancing at the St. Valentines Soiree, being held at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham from 7-11 p.m.? This event is being sponsored by the Cohasset PSO and the cost is $40 per person, $75 per couple. Also being featured are the ever-popular Chinese baskets and tickets for this raffle will be available soon. For more information or to buy tickets to this wonderful evening, contact any of the PSO members or call **Janeen Culhane** at 383-2349.

ART ENTRIES

The South Shore Art Center is currently seeking craft entries for its 46th Annual Festival on the Common, a juried art and fine craft fair held on Father's Day Weekend. Did you know that our very own Festival on the Common is the oldest outdoor art festival in the United States? This year's event will run Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 17 and is one of the premier fundraisers for the South Shore Art Center. The festival attracts knowledgeable craft collectors and buyers, as well as families from throughout the Boston area. For more information or an application, please contact **Diane Kennedy**, festival coordinator, at 781-383-2787, ext. 19 or visit www.ssac.org. Vendor Fees are $225 for three days. Application deadline is March 12.

AWARDED CREDENTIALS

Congratulations to **Kimberly Farwell** of Cohasset, who is school psychologist for grades 5-8 in the Hull Public Schools, on meeting the standards for becoming a nationally certified school psychologist by the National Association of School Psychologists.

"Kimberly Farwell's dedication is highly commendable," said **Caroline Wandle**, chairman of the National School Psychology Certification Board. "Mastering the knowledge and skill levels required for certification enhances, I believe , the quality of service provided to our children and youth."

In the Hull Public Schools, Kimberly is responsible for a variety of tasks including facilitating individual and group counseling, completing comprehensive psychological evaluations to determine eligibility for special education and/or regular education services, facilitating Chapter 766 team evaluations and meetings, and providing crisis prevention, intervention and consultation with parents and teachers.

That is all for this week. Please keep the news coming and get it to me in the following ways: 781-923-1057 mail it to 622 CJC Highway, Cohasset email: jenpiep@yahoo.com or ATSchoolsin@aol.com Have a great week!

— Jennifer Piepenbrink

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Scituate Harbor shop making move to Cohasset

Gatherings on the go

By Michael Marotta
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Just as the spotlight was beginning to shine on Marsha McNeice's Scituate Harbor business, she's taking it out of town.

Featured in the upcoming February issue of "Romantic Homes" magazine, McNeice's store, Gatherings, is leaving its Front Street location and moving north to Tedeschi Plaza off Route 3A in Cohasset.

"I really hate to leave the harbor," the Scituate resident said.. "It's really been great because I love (the area), but business is pretty slow down there."

But even though her business in the harbor isn't always booming, McNeice's shop still caught the attention of "Romantic Homes," a national magazine featuring home furnishings and decor, to showcase the shop where discarded furniture or antiques are brought to life again.

"I create furniture and marry pieces and we have some one-of-a-kinds and antiques," McNeice said. "We have old, we have new... We have anything you can decorate your home with."

On the two days Gatherings is closed — Monday and Tuesday — McNeice takes trips to other shops, wholesalers and auction houses to build up her own inventory. She'll even scour the internet looking for a discarded treasure.

"But most of it comes out of private homes and auctions and things like that."

Once it's in McNeice's hands, a transformation takes place, even if it's by a simple coat of paint.

"I've had people come in who had sold me a piece and not known it was the same piece because it changed so dramatically," she said.

McNeice got involved in Gatherings with two of her friends six years ago. Unemployed at the time and her children grown, McNeice just jumped into her own business at the urging of a friend. She now looks back and laughs at old pictures of the store in it's early years, when there was nothing but a painted chair here and there.

"Now you can't even walk around in the place, she said. "So we've really grown, and the new (Cohasset) store is going to be even more sophisticated than the one I have here."

McNeice believes it's her keen eye and sharp display sense that keeps her shop a favorite stop for her customers. "I have a good eye for things that are heavily carved and that I know will look terrific painted," she said.

"The difference with me is the way I display. I do vignettes, I just don't pile it all in. I bring in the chandelier and the bed and the chairs and the flowers and everything that goes with it."

Gatherings will be open until the end of February, where McNeice will take a few days to organize the new store and open its doors on March 1.

"I think I brought some clientele to the town," she said. "I don't think anyone leaves my store, whether they buy something or not, and doesn't say 'What a wonderful store.'"



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Gatherings in Scituate Harbor will open March 1 at its new location in Tedeschi Plaza off Rte. 3A.

Plaza puzzle finally finished

By Mary Ford
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The addition of Gatherings to Tedeschi Plaza off Rte. 3A is the final piece of the puzzle for the Cohasset shopping center.

All the spaces are now leased, said John Whalen, director of properties for Rockland-based Tedeschi Realty.

Whalen said he is pleased with the mix of stores at the plaza that had been anchored by Woolworths for more than 30 years until the chain closed about three years ago.

"We are extremely pleased that Marsha McNeice has decided to relocate her store to our plaza," Whalen said about Gatherings, a home furnishings and decor business. "She adds a lot in terms of the product she offers and the class of clientele she'll be bringing into our center."

Tedeschi Realty subdivided the former 15,000-square foot Woolworths into four spaces that in addition to Gatherings, now include LaVita Tile, The Cohasset Consignment Shop, and ParTee, an indoor miniature golf facility.

"It's an eclectic mix that fills the bill with a variety of goods and services," Whalen said.

Other businesses at the plaza include long-time tenants: Nobles, CVS, Victoria's pizza, a bank, Cohasset Jewelers, an income tax service and Curtis Liquors.

McNeice said the new location will be better for her customer base that comes from several area towns.

"It's such a busy little plaza," she said. "In Scituate Harbor I was out of the loop.

"My customers would say, 'I had to run to CVS and then go pick up the kids,'" she said.

Whalen said the plaza has something for everyone.

"The plaza is a convenient place to get your film developed, buy a card or pick up a bottle of wine," Whalen said. He doesn't expect there to be openings at the plaza anytime soon.

"Most of the businesses are there for the long haul," Whalen said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Extending a helping hand

The nor'easter on Sunday morning gave many Cohasset residents a chance to catch some extra sleep, enjoy a leisurely breakfast and to sit by a blazing hearth while swirling snowflakes coated their window sills. When the snowfall ended , nearly 10 inches of powder-like snow had painted the town with a picturesque coating.

Within minutes after the last flake had fallen, the echo of snow blowers and shovels blared a cacophony of notes in neighborhoods around the region as residents cleared their driveways. The hills around the area also came alive with the sound of sleds carrying youngsters and the young at heart downward.

Sunday's snowstorm generally offered most residents a pleasant change of pace. It came on a traditionally slow day. Although the storm was a largely welcome inconvenience it did pose hardships for some area seniors and disabled residents. For them, snowfall poses an extraordinary challenge for their ability to get around. Many of them are existing on fixed incomes and do not have money to pay people to remove snow from their driveway or walkway. All too often, they can be sometimes seen straining to clear a footpath on a walkway or driveway.

These challenges can add to their woes. Many of these residents live alone. The winter months can be an especially lonely time for them. The shorter daylight hours can make their struggles seem especially acute at this time of year. Some of these residents are shut ins and have medical conditions that don't allow them to get out freely. All too often, many of these residents don't have family close by to assist them with snow removal, getting groceries or prescription medicine. In some cases, these residents have nearby families who are too caught up with their own pursuits and don't care or notice their elder's plight.

Local homeowners can help ease the struggles faced by these residents by offering to remove snow from their driveway or walkway. Removing snow will also be helpful if an ambulance is needed to take an injured or ailing resident from their home. Neighbors can also help ease their plight by offering to run errands for them when a snow storm makes getting outdoors difficult. Thoughtful considerations such as these will also brighten their day and have their own rewards for the giver. Let's give community spirit a boost and ease these seasonal burdens faced by our neighbors.

— Ed Baker

Ed Baker is assistant editor of the Hanover Mariner, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

Legislative seminar open to any citizen

The office of State Senator Robert L. Hedlund is now accepting applications for the Citizens Legislative Seminar. The program is designed to familiarize citizens with the legislature and the lawmaking process. Throughout the six-week program, seminar participants will listen to presentations from senators as well as state representatives on the lawmaking process.

"The Citizens Legislative Seminar is another wonderful way for constituents to become more familiarized with the legislative process," said Hedlund. "This is an exceptional program that provides citizens with a "nuts and bolts" style education given firsthand by the very individuals responsible for lawmaking in the Commonwealth."

The Citizens Legislative Seminar will meet from mid-March through mid-April, on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Specific dates will be announced soon. The seminar is open to any interested citizen. Please contact Hedlund's State House office at (617) 722-1646 as soon as possible for information and applications.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Technology teacher

TO THE EDITOR:

On Oct. 25, 2000, as representatives of the parents of the students at the Deer Hill School, we began our request of the School Committee to revisit the budgetary cut of the Osgood technology position. This cut was affecting the 850 students at Osgood and Deer Hill. We had heard through conversations with the school principals, Ken Cisneros (technology coordinator), Ruth Fennessey (curriculum coordinator) and Ms. Lisa Kalapinski (technology teacher) that the shared teaching situation was not meeting the educational needs of our students.

We are pleased to hear that closure came to this budgetary dilemma at the Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, School Committee meeting when the School Committee authorized the immediate hiring of a technology aide for the Osgood School. We were glad we had the opportunity to bring this situation to the forefront and advocate for our students and schools.

Thank you to the School Committee and the Town for realizing this need and committing to the reinstatement of technology at Osgood and fulfilling the educational needs of our students.

Adrienne MacCarthy
85 Doane St.
Susan Galligan
31 Border St.

Token tunnel

TO THE EDITOR:

In an article (in the Jan. 11 Cohasset Mariner), "Train Study Group Back On Track", you stated that the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) had recommended a tunnel under Hingham Square in order to minimize the train's impact on Hingham's historic district.

In fact, there were a number of tunnel recommendations from the CAC and various other agencies, none of which was as short as the 800 foot tunnel the MBTA finally offered. Had the MBTA complied with one of the longer tunnel recommendations, the Greenbush resistance in Hingham would have been largely silenced.

As things stand, the CAC is picking up where it left off three years ago, with only a token tunnel from the MBTA and with a more entrenched Hingham population (less the voices of three selectmen) as adamant as ever that Greenbush is simply too environmentally invasive to "become a reality."

Michael Weymouth
29 Water St.
Hingham

Recycling money

Secretary Robert Durand
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Room 2000
Boston, MA 02200

Dear Secretary Durand:

Problems with solid waste disposal in this state are reaching crisis proportions. The state and its cities and towns are not meeting recycling goals, largely because citizens are still not fully participating in the effort, and because the state has a limited, and dwindling, landfill capacity. I join the towns in my district in asking you to consider using the $20 million being held in reserve in the Clean Environment Fund for a multimedia public education campaign to reach the state's recycling and waste reduction goals.

I understand the Cellucci Administration has announced that it will be accepting applications for new or expanded landfills in the state and pushing a "source reduction" agenda that calls for residents to downsize their trash output by 70 percent. These initiatives are admirable and important, but a 70 percent reduction will never become a reality unless the public finally catches on to the process, and cities and towns are reluctant to bind or expand existing facilities. An all-out campaign including messages repeated on prime-time television, radio and billboards is needed. A professional, statewide "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Buy Recycled" crusade would go along way toward changing the way our residents think about their disposal habits, and improving the effectiveness of the programs cities and towns are struggling to maintain.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of any further assistance as you consider this proposal, please feel free to contact me.

Robert L. Hedlund
Plymouth/Norfolk District

Editor's note: This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

Buzzy's life

TO OUR COHASSET FRIENDS:

A message from the Stanton family — For everyone who enriched Buzzy's life by:

- Holding open a door or helping Buzzy with his coat.
- Visiting him when he was in the hospital.
- Performing skillful nursing and home care.
- Taking time to greet him on the street as he rode "down the hill" or driving him home from downtown in an old Fallon ambulance.
- Offering support, encouragement, and long-standing friendship to his parents.
- Enthusiastically escorting Buzz to sporting events, trips, races, casinos and "unnamed" destinations.
- Arriving at the red house on the corner to fix, mow, adjust, install, or paint something, or offering help, as cherished neighbors, craftspeople, and friends.
- Joining us at many family celebrations and events.
- Coming to his rescue as one of Cohasset's exceptional firefighters, EMTs or police officers, so many times.
- Expressing friendship in so many different, thoughtful and meaningful ways.

We offer our utmost gratitude for the circle of caring and the community of kindness that enveloped Buzz throughout his life.

Thank you to everyone in Cohasset who did so much to give his life meaning and spirit.

With sincere appreciation,
Katherine Stanton
Kate Stanton Barker
Jerry Stanton
Mary Stanton Hynes

COHASSET CARES

Making acquaintance with the natural world

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

If what the ecopsychologists say is true, that our emotional wellbeing is directly related to our connectedness with the natural world, then a question of significance becomes, How do people feel connected with the natural world? I've been conducting a little survey on this question, and here are my findings:

The most important way to be introduced to nature is by our parents. Evidently there's no substitute for growing up with people who love the outdoors. Our inborn affinity to the natural world would then continue to develop in a normal way. If you are in this category, you have a greater chance of a healthy life, evidently, than do those whose parents are unfamiliar with nature, or, even worse, are fearful of it. (Are you afraid of the dark? Are you afraid of the woods? Wait — there's an adage about a real woodsman being someone who will admit to having gotten lost.)

The second most important way to be introduced to nature is by a knowledgeable older friend or relative. One fellow I "interviewed" said that, in addition to having parents who loved nature, he was fortunate enough to have a woods mentor, a man who loved the outdoors and communicated this in a hands-on way. Those of us who are lucky can recall those persons inside or outside the family who taught us the names of trees, the names of edible plants, the names of the constellations.

A third important way to be introduced to nature is by reading. Not just adventurous survival stories or interesting/inspiring magazine articles, but also manuals of birds, plants, stars, so that we learn as we listen, walk, and observe.

Of course a ready-made organization that introduces youngsters to nature is Scouting. Contact Arthur Lehr or Merle Brown! There are also Audubon (i.e. Marshfield) and YMCA (i.e. Quincy) courses and camps. See you outside!

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

LIBRARY CORNER

Postcards available

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are now selling postcards of the library cupola. Designed by Cohasset artist, Joanne Chittick, you can buy five postcards for $5 at the following places of business: The South Shore Art Center, Buttonwood Books & Toys, Cards 'n Shards, Flemings, Nobles and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Thanks to all of the above businesses for their participation. All proceeds go the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Grant on display

Three copies of the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Grant application are available for public viewing at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library front desk.

The trustees and the director of the library recently submitted the grant to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in Boston early last week.

Trustees are asking the state for more than $1,529,000 in funding for the conversion of the old Osgood School to the new Cohasset Public Library. Final grant awards by the MBLC are to be announced June 7. It is the trustees' hope for funding at this time and for construction to begin by September, 2001.

New artist on display

Virginia Allen, an artist and art historian, has her most recent paintings on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library beginning Jan. 10 and continuing until Feb. 28.

Allen, Professor Emeritus of art history at the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston, also served as chairperson of the Department of Critical Studies. She taught there for more than 25 years.

She has exhibited in New England and throughout the U.S. and has a number of her works in private and corporate collections. Allen has had recent solo exhibitions at Mass Art and the South Shore Art Center where she is a Gallery Artist (selected by jury).

Professor Allen received her bachelor's degree in zoology from Mount Holyoke College, her master's in art history from the University of Pittsburgh and her Ph.D. from Boston University. She studied printmaking and painting as an undergraduate, participating in programs at Oklahoma City University, the Ivy School of Professional Art in Pittsburgh and as a special student at Carnegie Mellon.

A Scituate resident since 1967, Allen's most recent artist statement sums up her relationship to her art. "Over time I have become increasingly entranced with the significance we give the objects that surround us in the daily round of our lives — the memories, emotions, meditations that they evoke in each of us and how these fluctuate with passing seasons and shifting weather. These have become the substance and focus of my life as an artist."

Rare bird alerts — how to get a birder's adrenaline flowing!

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON



Rare Bird Alerts! One day the Voice of Audubon's recorded message reveals that there are at least a dozen interesting birds at Plum Island in Newburyport. Oh why do Boston and the Big Dig have to lie in the path between here and there? Another day an e-mail brings word of a possible rarity off Provincetown. Are the plans for today so important that they can't be dropped in favor of a drive to the tip of Cape Cod? Next a friend calls with the whereabouts of a potential "life bird". Now that is a temptation which is really hard to resist! No matter how the report of the RBA arrives, birders will move to put birding at the top of the day's priority list.

In 1991 the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee (MARC) was created to establish a protocol for processing reports of unusual birds found in Massachusetts, to write a set of by-laws, and to produce an official list of birds that have been seen in Massachusetts. For a report to be accepted by MARC, at least 8 of the 9 members must agree that the description is accurate. Reports of birds considered to be of captive origin are not accepted. The latest official MARC list stands at 466 species for Massachusetts.

The next report from MARC will probably add at least one more bird to the list. Last November the arrival of a **Tropical Kingbird** at World's End in Hingham created a lot of excitement in the birding community. When first seen, it was recognized as something out of the ordinary, but a definitive identification could not be made before studying voice recordings. This is because a Couch's Kingbird looks almost identical, also belongs in the Rio Grande area, but has a different song. Many species of birds are so similar in looks that the only reliable way to make an accurate identification is by voice. Since this is the first time a Tropical Kingbird has been seen in Massachusetts, it will set a new official record, once it has been accepted by MARC.

Vagrants, or accidentals, are birds which occur at irregular intervals and outside of their normal range. A faulty internal navigational compass or very strong jet streams or storms are the usual causes of being so far off course. The danger for these misplaced birds is not so much the cold weather, as not being able to find enough to eat. This Tropical Kingbird stayed around for several weeks, eating berries and insects as it foraged in the fields of World's End, then disappeared in early December. It is unknown whether it died or flew elsewhere.



PHOTO/ANDREW JOSLIN

A Tropical King Bird perches on a branch at World's End back in November.

Some rare birds are more cooperative than others. In 1996 a **Boreal Owl** took up residence from November to April in a bush on Commonwealth Avenue between Gloucester and Fairfield Streets. It was able to survive, presumably, by feeding on rats and other rodents found in the area. To be able to see such a rare owl, more or less at eye level, over a period of several months in the middle of downtown Boston was pretty exciting. When a Boreal Owl showed up last fall just across the street from where the previous one had been, we all hoped it would stay around, too. Unfortunately, this one left after a couple of days.

1996 found another owl taking up residence in Rowley, Mass. for several months. The **Great Gray Owl** at 27 inches long is the largest owl found in North America, and appears in New England only very rarely. This bird was much photographed and written about, and people came from all around to see it. As the owl hunted in large fields across from a row of private homes on a quiet residential street, it illustrated several problems frequently associated with the presence of rare birds. Residents who have to put up with all the extra traffic and people hanging around at all hours of the day are not always as excited as birders over the arrival of unusual birds. Occasionally photographers, as in this case, become more interested in getting the perfect picture than in not harassing the bird.

Frustration sets in when a rare bird is unable to be relocated, despite the efforts of many birders. On Jan. 2, 2001, there was a report of three probable **Yellow-legged Gulls** on Nantucket. These birds ordinarily stay on the other side of the Atlantic, but occasionally are seen along the upper eastern seaboard. They are very difficult to distinguish from Herring or Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Several groups went to Nantucket to find the gulls again, but to no avail.

Last October two other rare birds appeared briefly in the Boston area. A **Mountain Bluebird** was seen at the wastewater treatment plant in Concord. The only previous record for Massachusetts was a bird captured on a ship 70 miles SSE of Nantucket in 1980. That bird did not survive, and the specimen now resides in Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology. A **Black-throated Gray Warbler** spent nearly a week at Mount Auburn Cemetery. There have been less than a dozen records of this bird in Massachusetts.

Anyone interested in making a trip to New Hampshire to see a **Northern Hawk Owl** or a **Gyrfalcon** should look for information on the web sites listed below. Both of these birds visit Massachusetts only irregularly, but current reports place them in the Jefferson/Whitefield, N.H. area.

If you see an unusual bird, it is important to take detailed notes on exactly what you see while still in the field, complete with sketches if possible. Photographs are even better. Report to 781-259-9506 x-7403 or x-7412. To find out what birds are in the area, rare or not so rare, you can call the Voice of Audubon at 781-259-8805 or look at recent reports of rare birds on the following web sites: www.massbird.org/ and http://www.virtualbirder.com/vbirder/realbirds/rbas/MA.html

Joanne Norton is a licensed bird-bander, avid birder, and a member of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force and the Turkey Hill Management Committee.

Speed and connecting with nature

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



Back in October, I announced in the Mariner the formation of a Deep Ecology Study Circle. A group of 13 formed and we've been meeting weekly, using a reader from the Northwest Earth Institute. I'm learning a lot and enjoying the company of 12 wonderful people. One of the topics we discussed, ecopsychology, has lodged in my mind and won't go away.

Ecopsychology is a relatively recent development. Author Theodore Roszak (Voice Of The Earth) asserts most of us have lost our ancestral connection with animals and nature. As a result we fear nature and feel hostility toward it. But we repress these feelings and remain unaware of them. We may tell ourselves we love nature, but our actions tell a very different story. The result is not only our grave ecological crisis, but our nagging feeling of discontent. No matter how much we possess, or what sensations and feelings we experience, it's not enough. Deeply alienated from nature and from a vital part of our psyche, we are incapable of changing actions which cause environmental and psychic damage.

I began to wonder, "Am I disconnected from nature? How can I try to connect? What will it feel like? Where should I go to connect with nature?"

Members of the circle offered helpful suggestions from their own experience. Walking at World's End, I tried them out, and they seemed to work a little, but I felt some barrier I couldn't identify.

Later I remembered something Sam Keen said at a workshop my wife, Nan, and I did with him last summer at Omega Institute for Holistic Studies. Sam was editor of "Psychology Today" for many years, and is now a "misfit philosopher" and flying trapeze teacher. The workshop was called "Living The Questions." Sam said, "Our culture colonizes us with speed, like imperial nations used to colonize foreign lands." That statement too had been simmering in my mind for months. It wouldn't go away either.

Last weekend I was driving Clapp Road toward the expressway. Cars flashed by me going in the opposite direction, driving way too fast. The drivers were talking on cell phones. Revelation struck! Suddenly I felt and understood Sam's statement. Colonized with speed, as so many of us are, it feels so good when we drive fast. If you share this condition with me, imagine how wonderful it would feel to get on Route 3 and be able to drive as fast as your car can go. Floor it and push it up over 100. Wouldn't it be fantastic?

I need to rid myself of this speed colonization in order to slow down to nature's tempo, to connect with the deeper reality of Earth, to be capable of renewing my lost ancestral link with nature.

I realized I had been colonized with speed from my youth. I thought of the phrase, "Time is money," and realized some implications: If you're not accomplishing your job as fast as possible, then you're wasting money. Mustn't do that. If you can be doing more than one thing at once, then you're making more money faster. Good. So the faster you can drive, and the more things you can be doing fast at the same time, the better you're doing.

Nan, the love of my life, once gave me a little tin box (I collect little boxes). On the cover is a colorful reproduction of a fruit crate label, showing an eager dog running flat out, with wisps of air streaming behind, she's moving so fast. The bold red letters above read HURRY! I've always identified with this little dog, feeling the need to hurry when I work, to not spend more time than I should on a given task. Even when I knew some tasks didn't fit the timetable and needed indeterminate lengths of time for something good to evolve. It's always been a struggle.

But now I've realized this is not an innate part of who I am, but rather I've been colonized to feel this. I need to rid myself of this speed colonization in order to slow down to nature's tempo, to connect with the deeper reality of Earth, to be capable of renewing my lost ancestral link with nature. Sam had said, "Slowing down will be the next revolutionary act." I've got some slowing down to do.

David, another member of the circle, had trouble with this nature connection thing too. The first night we discussed it he told us how he had felt a wonderful connection with nature when hiking and camping up in the White Mountains. But walking in Wompatuck he admitted he just couldn't seem to get that feeling. He got the same suggestions I got. Then several sessions later he told us how he feels in Wompatuck when he sees trash, remnants of campfires, saplings and branches hacked down for firewood, and graffiti on the rock ledge. It became apparent to several of us he was expecting a nature connection to feel good, comforting, enjoyable. But in Wompatuck he was feeling pain and grief. We realized connecting with nature doesn't always feel good.

Many of the circle members feel when this session ends a new group should be started, and this "old" group should find a way to help protect our place in nature. Interested in either?

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Clintons give Socks the boot

Now they've gone and done it.

The Clintons, I mean.

I stood by them through that whole Travelgate thing.

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I found excuses for Bill when Gennifer produced those telephone tapes that linked Mario Cuomo to the Mafia and Paula sued for sexual harassment and won enough to get a nose job.

I defended Hillary when the long-lost billing records from her Little Rock law firm showed up mysteriously in her White House office and the Lincoln Bedroom had more sleepovers than the No Tell Motel.

I even castigated those right wing conspirators who dispatched Monica to the Oval Office to have her blue dress stained.

But now they've gone and done it.

The way they've treated Socks, I mean.

The nine-year-old kitty, who served the Clinton White House well through many a photo op, apparently is being fired — along with Linda Tripp and her tape recorder, incidentally — as the new Bush administration replaces the old.

One of the 10 funniest pictures of the past decade was one showing a herd of photographers down on their pot bellies with their cameras aimed at Socks, who is contemplating them with a look that asks, "Who are these crazies?"

Hillary even got a book out of Socks, as a sort of warm-up for the memoirs she plans to write for which Simon & Schuster has paid $8 million.

But I digress . . .

What is going to happen to Socks, who was once acclaimed as "the First Cat?"

At first, it was said that Socks would be adopted by Clinton's secretary, Betty Currie but after hard questioning by the White House press corps, Jake Siewert, the latest White House spokesman, hastily backed up a bit and allowed that Socks may be permitted to hang around Hillary's office in the Senate or Hillary's new house in Georgetown.

Whatever, Socks won't go along with the rest of the Clintons when they finally settle down in their New York home in Chappaqua because that will be Buddy's turf, and the Clintons' pup dog just doesn't get along well with Socks.

"(Clinton) has worked hard in the last couple of years to do his best to reconcile Socks and Buddy," said Siewert. "He will keep at it. This is a family decision."

If I know cats and dogs, this will be the equivalent of getting Arabs and Israelis to stop throwing rocks at each other in the Gaza Strip, so Bill will be able to keep his mediation skills sharp, just in case.

Wouldn't you know it, though, that the dog will win out over the cat every time?

Even though Buddy is a comparative newcomer and Socks has been around since the Arkansas days, it is the dog that gets to check out the hydrants in exclusive Chappaqua while the cat has to stay behind inside the Beltway.

The White House won't be devoid of animals, however.

Dubya has a cat, India, and a dog with the unusual name of Spot, while Laura Bush has a new dog named Barney.

I hope they treat them better than the Clintons treated Socks.

SENIOR SCENE

Cohasset Elder Affairs upcoming dates and happenings are as follows:

Tuesday luncheons:

Feb. 6: Carolyn Housman will speak about "The Long Winter"; Feb. 13: Sally Avery of Cohasset will speak about local birds; Feb. 20: Cheryl Pooler, deputy assessor of the Cohasset Board of Assessors, will speak about the circuit breaker bill; Feb. 27: Arthur Lehr will talk about an emergency event in our town.

Won't you be our valentine?

Annual event is to be held Friday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m. Goodies by Anna Abbruzzese; music by Mabel Biagini.

Keep well and stay well!

Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m. before the senior luncheon; Friday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview Senior Housing.

Don't forget medical transportation

A handicapped van is available for trips of 15 mile radius, book with Carol Barrett, 383-9112. Medical transportation is available for doctor, hospital and clinic morning appointments Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 383-0220, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Computer classes start Feb. 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Four weeks/$115; senior discount, $98. Sign up by calling 383-9112.

Did you know the CEA has

Free legal affairs clinic Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6 to 8 p.m. at Quincy District Court.

Foot care sessions will be held monthly the second Wednesday. Next one is Feb. 14 at the center, call for an appointment.

Chanticleers Breakfast Club just for Men, every Wednesday at 8:45 a.m.

Schools get some wiggle room in budget projections

Debate focuses on special education funding plan

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset School Committee was able to put off some tough budget decisions last week, when it was announced the department would have an additional $180,000 to allocate throughout the system. The money last year made up the schools' maintenance budget. However, the town has since assumed those responsibilities, freeing up $180,000 in the schools' budget.

But the schools' budget won't be docked the $180,000. Instead, Town Manager Mark Haddad told Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey that the school committee would be able to reallocate the money as it saw fit.

"That's fantastic," committee member Rick Flynn commented, at the committee's meeting last Thursday.

"Rather than being in a position to reduce, we're now in a position to add," said committee chairman Pat Martin. "We now can look at the budget with a new perspective."

However, at least one school committee member would like to see the money used to fully fund the special education budget, rather than underfund it until a special town meeting is called in the fall, as it was the case last year.

Malvey's news came after he painted a bleak picture for the school committee on how much money the department would actually have for new teachers and initiatives. Haddad has told the school department that its budget increase would have to be contained under $600,000 in order to prevent a bigger override than the $300,000 one the town is currently facing.

The increase would bump the school budget up to $10,175,564 in FY-2002, which starts July 1.

Out of that $600,000 increase, $313,250 was tied up in salary increases and other contractual raises, leaving $286,750 available for new teachers, programs, and additional supplies. Plus, it appeared that the school committee was willing to dedicate $162,152 for the hiring of four new middle school teachers. Malvey said when all of the schools' remaining additional requests were factored in, the budget was approximately $269,000 higher than the "target" number. As a result, the school committee has asked the three school principals earlier this month, to go back and prioritize their additional budget requests.

However, earlier in the budget process, some questions arose as to whether the maintenance money had been transferred from the school budget to the town Department of Public Works' budget. As it turned out, Haddad and Finance Director Michael Buckley had sufficiently funded the DPW, and said the school department could keep the money within its budget.

The announcement creates an additional $180,000 available for new spending, without raising the budget more than the $600,000 limit.

"We can now reallocate that money into areas we had put aside," Malvey told the school committee.

But school committee member Chartis Tebbetts wants the board to reevaluate its funding plan. The committee had planned on following a precedent set last year, and hold up any funding increase for special education until the fall, when final state aid and enrollment numbers would allow the department to establish a hard number.

In past years, the schools faced huge deficits in special education funding six months after the school budget was approved, thanks to unexpected costs and an increase in children requiring services. The plan has worked well last year, as the budget was fully-funded in October. And with no deficits anticipated, and Haddad had hoped to do the same thing again. Student Services head Stephen Kaplan is looking for an additional $100,000 for FY-2002.

Tebbetts, and town Advisory Board member Maureen Jerz, called for the board to pass a "unified budget," and not separate out special education funding. They feared by separating out special education, it would place some sort of stigma on special education students.

"We should have one budget number for all students," said Tebbetts. She suggested funding the special education budget, and perhaps leaving some other line item under-funded until a future town meeting.

Jerz, who objected to the plan when first presented last year, once again outlined her objections.

"Calling this money special education money helps contribute to the culture of separatism," she said. "I don't believe any piece should be separated out, the budget should be presented as one unified piece.

"But if you're going to fund a piece separately, don't call it special education," she added. Jerz said by calling it "special education" money rather than simply "a piece" of the budget, the school committee would be "contributing to the culture that says special education is somehow different."

But Flynn and Martin, as well as fellow committee member Stephanie Noble, don't think they are doing special education a disservice by separating its line item out.

"I think [the news about an extra $180,000] is a wonderful way to play catch-up. I understand the need for a unified budget, but there is also a need for supplies and books and reading aides," Flynn said. "I don't think by having it as an outside line item we add any stigma.

Martin called the final special education spending increase number a "moving target," that could very well be $200,000 or $300,000 by the time the actual school year starts in September. "When we say we're going to pull out $100,000 for the fall meeting, people understand that number could expand to $150,000, or $200,000, or $300,000," she said.

She said if they were to underfund the athletic program $100,000, and then have special education funding come in $200,000 higher, they'd have to go ask for $200,000 to fully fund the athletic programs. And when people asked why the number had increased, the answer would "come right back" to special education.

"It worked," Martin said of the plan last year. "Certainly there was a risk; but history shows people overwhelmingly support it."

Noble took offense to any one who said the school committee was "singling out special education," and deflected funding problems on to the state. "I don't think by holding off on funding special education, we're singling it out. The state did a great job of that," she said. "And if this is the way it works for us, so be it."

Martin asked the principals to once again go back and re-prioritize their budget requests, in light of the extra $180,000.

Despite the seemingly good news, Noble didn't allow herself a smile during the budget discussions.

"There are several issues weighing heavily on my mind," she said afterwards. "I'm worried about how to spend this money. I want to do the right thing."

Martin said though the school department now has some more wiggle room, it has not been given a blank check. "After the second round of cuts, we still have more items we'd like to fund above the cost of $180,000," she said. "Nobody's going to get everything they want, we still have to prioritize."

Yearly overrides are on the table

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years.

The deciding factor, said Haddad, is how the interest and debt service payments would be affected over a 10-year course. If by having a fully-funded free cash and overlay surplus account, the town would save money in the long-run by paying off long-term debt quicker, then the proposal might be the direction the town should head.

"It will be fun to do," Haddad said about the long-term projection.

He said towns like Littleton, where he was town administrator before coming to Cohasset in 1997, and Hull, have been able to pay for municipal projects without an override because of the strength of their free cash and overlay surplus accounts.

Although Cohasset has approved a number of overrides in recent years, such as last year's $41.5 million debt exclusion override for the Deer Hill and Middle/High School construction projects, the votes usually don't come without a fight. Haddad is afraid the town's tax burden will get to the point where residents say enough is enough. "I would just be leery of overrides every year," he said. "That would be $100,000 a year on top of the 2 1/2 percent increase every year," Haddad told the board.

But Brown strongly believes a yearly override would be better for the town in the long-run. "A small override every year I can live with," he said, "rather than a big override every three years."

He added later a yearly override would "build the reserves up" and allow the town to pay off its debt quicker.

If selectmen were to approve the budget as is, the total town operating budget for FY-2002 would be $25.777 million – a 9.57 percent increase over the FY 2001 budget. The town is expecting $17.3 million in revenues from the tax levy, $7.8 million in state aid and town fees and $60,000 from other funds, totaling $25.247 million in total revenues – a $530,000 deficit.

A good portion of the deficit, $230,000, will be off-set through the overlay surplus account, leaving $300,000 unfunded.

The $300,000 deficit is made up primarily of an 18 percent increase in insurance costs for town employees. An override will be needed to cover the deficit. If the override fails, the town will have to cut $300,000 from the budget, and Haddad has warned that would probably mean layoffs.

Brown and fellow Selectman Michael Sullivan told Haddad they had some ideas for trimming the budget, but held off making their comments for a further time.

The school department budget will take up approximately 60 percent of the total town budget, if the school committee votes in a $10,143,555 budget as Haddad as recommended.

The town also will be increasing debt service payments by more than $556,000 in FY-2002, which starts July 1.

Also seeing a $555,000 budgetary increase is the town sewer department. However, Hadadd said that will be offset by an increase in revenues to the sewer department.

Fourth-graders get F on MCAS

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though those scores rank among the highest in the state. This year, the Deer Hill ranked 63rd out of 294 towns and school districts.

But school officials say the failing grade isn't indicative of the type of education Deer Hill students are receiving, and questioned how much emphasis should be placed on the improvement rates.

"It was probably an unrealistic goal," said Callahan, of the improvement mark the state had for Deer Hill. "Let's suppose a child takes a test and gets a 70, and you tell them to get an 80, and they do. But if they get a 90, and you tell them to get a 95, they might not be able to raise it."

"The state doesn't care where you currently are, you're expected to improve every year," said Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey. She said though the school's scores did go up, and less children failed the test in 2000, than in 1998, the state "indicated we didn't improve."

But both Callahan, Fennessey and School Committee Chairman Pat Martin think the state is wrong in comparing this year's scores to the previous two years' scores.

"In the past few years since the regulations went through, the state has kept changing the curriculum," said Callahan. "Every time you change it, it requires changes to the test."

Callahan called the MCAS a "quasi-standardized test" and said because the test keeps changing, "it's tough to make comparisons."

Martin agreed with Callahan. "It highlights the overall issue people have had with MCAS…How much is MCAS a true test of achievement in the fourth grade, and how much is it a test of the [curriculum] frameworks?" she asked. "The three years the test has been given, the curriculum has shifted each of those three years."

She pointed out an example two years ago when the state told school departments it would be testing fourth graders on Native Americans, and then decided to test on ancient Greeks, after the books had already been purchased.

Martin also pointed out that last November the Massachusetts Association of School Committees asked the state to suspend using MCAS as a graduation requirement, until the state finalizes its curriculum frameworks. She said once that happens, and teachers are brought up to date, then the MCAS could be used as an achievement ruler. "Once they do that, everyone thinks they'll be fine. 'Tell us what you want, leave us alone, let us teach it, get it into the classrooms and then test us,'" Martin said.

But school officials are taking the failing grade seriously, and do plan on addressing issues raised by the test.

"We're not going to be glib and say 'Oh we're not looking into it,'" said Martin. "We're going to be crunching the numbers and finding what area need to improve."

Callahan said he has budgeted for extra money to help students struggling with the MCAS. "I've proposed money next year's school budget for fourth, fifth and sixth grades to benefit the children who have had some problems, through programs in the summer, or after school or Saturdays."

He said Deer Hill students seem to be struggling the most with the test's writing samples, and that would be the area the school tries to improve the most.

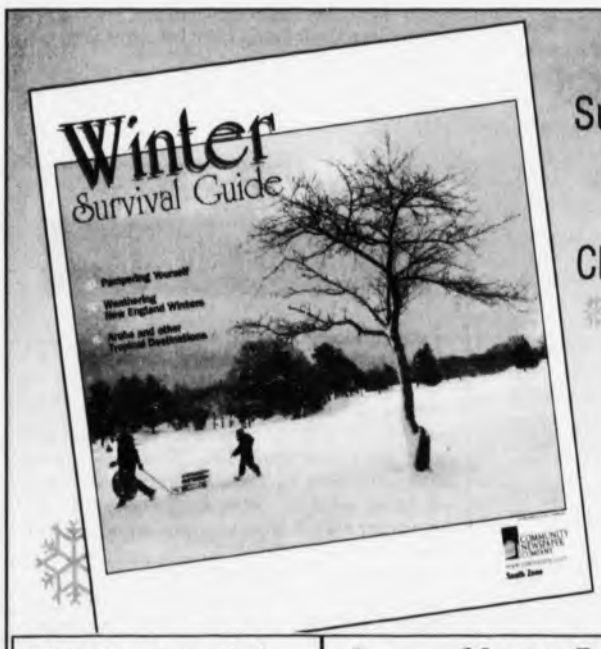
Fennessey said the schools would be "holding special sessions for students who need assistance." She said the school department has been consulting with other area school districts, and will have a consultant come in this spring to "help teachers with the writing process, and how it could be improved."

But Fennessey and Callahan both insist that the failing grades don't mean Deer Hill students are receiving a substandard education.

"Across the state educators are having the same concern," said Fennessey. "Using only one device as a test as a measure of achievement, is really not an adequate procedure."

"We had more children getting advanced scores in 2000 than in 1999 and 1998, and had less children failing over the three years," Callahan said. "I look at that as improving. How do you say we're not meeting expectations?"

The MCAS tests were given last spring to fourth, eighth and tenth graders. Students were tested in English and language arts, math, and science and technology.



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Stars of the Week

Greg O'Connell.
The sophomore forward notched six points (one goal, five assists) in the Skippers 10-6 win over Randolph on the ice Wednesday, increasing his team best total to 21 points (nine goals, 12 assists).

Hockey team continues to progress

Win over Randolph shows what's right and wrong with this team

By Mike Spellman
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This team is going to be something over the next year or two. Of that, Dennis Walsh seems confident. The prospects for this season, however, are an entirely different matter in the opinion of the longtime coach.

The bulk of the talent on the Cohasset hockey team comes from the underclasses. The top two scorers—sophomores Greg O'Connell (nine goals, 12 assists) and Matt Davis (eight goals, nine assists)—lead a group of talented neophytes who appear to be not quite ready for prime time.

"This group just doesn't have the maturity yet that you need to compete on a consistent basis," observed Walsh recently of his 4-6-1 team. "We've got as much talent in our locker room as most team around here, but we just don't seem to have that experience that separates the good teams from the rest."

Walsh, whose been walking the Cohasset High bench for 32 years as a head coach, points to his squad's most recent game as Exhibit A for his contention, a 10-6 win over a clearly less talented Randolph team last Wednesday.

For two plus periods, Walsh feels his Skippers played down to the level of their competition. The fact that they seemed to finally realize a sense of urgency once the Blue Devils tied the game at six early in the final frame, and reeled off four unanswered tallies to win going away, doesn't detract from this original contention, he opines.

"A mature team doesn't need a sense of urgency to put a team away," he offered. "A mature team doesn't give a team like that a chance to win; they take the fight out of them early."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Sophomore Greg O'Connell (#8) leads a host of talented young players for the Cohasset High hockey team.

This is not to say that Walsh feels his team must wait until next season to cash in on its potential. In fact, he believes there is a very real chance this group could qualify for the state tourney with a .500 or better record.

"I'm encouraged by a lot of the progress we've made, and I think we're going to be better over the second half of the season," he said. "We really haven't been blown out by anyone this year, so a couple of the losses we've had could have easily been wins if one or two things

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Swim team stays afloat

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDANT

"We had kind of a lull this week, but it'll whip up," said first year swim team coach Jamie Kearney.

This 'lull' is due to the last two scheduled meets, against league opponents in Duxbury and Barnstable, being cancelled.

But, at 4-2, the Cohasset/Scituate swim team is turning some heads, especially with the disadvantages facing them.

To start, they do not have a practice facility, except the Weymouth MDC Pool for an hour three times a week.

"Wouldn't it be great if we had a pool for these kids who dedicate themselves?" asked Kearney earlier in the season.

Still, Kearney and her team have stayed optimistic about it.

"It is not that bad," grinned Scituate sophomore breaststroke specialist Amanda Turner of the MDC Pool. "It's not perfect, but it's fine."

"It is very difficult to deal with the limited practice time, and distant practice site," added senior captain Chris Golden of Cohasset. "But it also brings the team together. We have to work harder because of these factors."

Because of the long commute to the pool, competitors are forced to study on the bus, yet another disadvantage for this team.

"Sometimes we ask the bus driver to keep the light on for us," said Kearney.

Third, it was only recently worked out with the MDC Pool that the team could practice after Jan. 30. Though their last dual meet is the 31st, there was still the All-Conference meet, sectionals, and districts all through February.

Fourth, with 29 of the 34 participants being females, competing with all boy teams has posed some difficulties. Both of the Sailor/Skipper losses this year have come against all male teams in Taunton and Middleboro, and the score would have been quite different if the points totaled by the ladies were added in.

Still, Kearney and her team have stayed optimistic about it.

"We are not counting [Middleboro] as a loss," noted Turner.

In addition, she views having practices with mixed genders as "just extra competition."

One final handicap that weighs this squad down is the fact that it is made up of two different towns.

Still, Kearney and her team have stayed optimistic about it.

"We don't differ at all," asserted Kearney, a native of Scituate herself.

"They are mature young adults, and there is no problem between Cohasset and Scituate, no problem between boys and girls."

In order to help bridge the town gap, one senior captain was chosen from each town. Golden of Cohasset and Jen Foley of Scituate have captained the team admirably in the eyes of both Kearney and the team.

"I am thrilled," said Kearney about having Golden and Foley as captains. "They are great leaders, and all the 'good stuff' is coming from them."

"We have really good captains," chimed in Turner. "They have a lot of spirit, and they hold the team together."

Even though these hardships have posed quite a burden to the members of the team, posting a 4-2 record is quite impressive.

"I give these kids a lot of credit," effused, Kearney. "There are a lot of adults who could not do what these kids do."

Parents fight, kids watch

FROM THE SIDELINES



JULIE ANN NEVERO

Ever see the movie "The Sandlot?"

The 1993 coming-of-age film set in the 1950s invites us into the lives of nine young neighborhood boys who spend their summer days doing nothing but playing baseball. Led by its most promising prospect, Benny "The Jet" Rodriguez, the group played ball on a nearby sandlot everyday, morning to sunset.

The team was good. Real good. But the kids were not part of a league, they played no opponents, they didn't keep score, and they didn't argue over who played what position. Likewise, there were no coaches deciding who got to play and who didn't, no umpires calling the game, and no parental spectators in the stands making calls of their own.

The kids just played and because of it, they had nothing but fun.

But unfortunately, this is just a movie. A piece of fiction. And it appears nowadays, in reality, it couldn't be further from the truth.

No kid could ever be happy just playing the game, could he/she? No scorekeeping? No winners?

What a nightmare, right?

Think again.

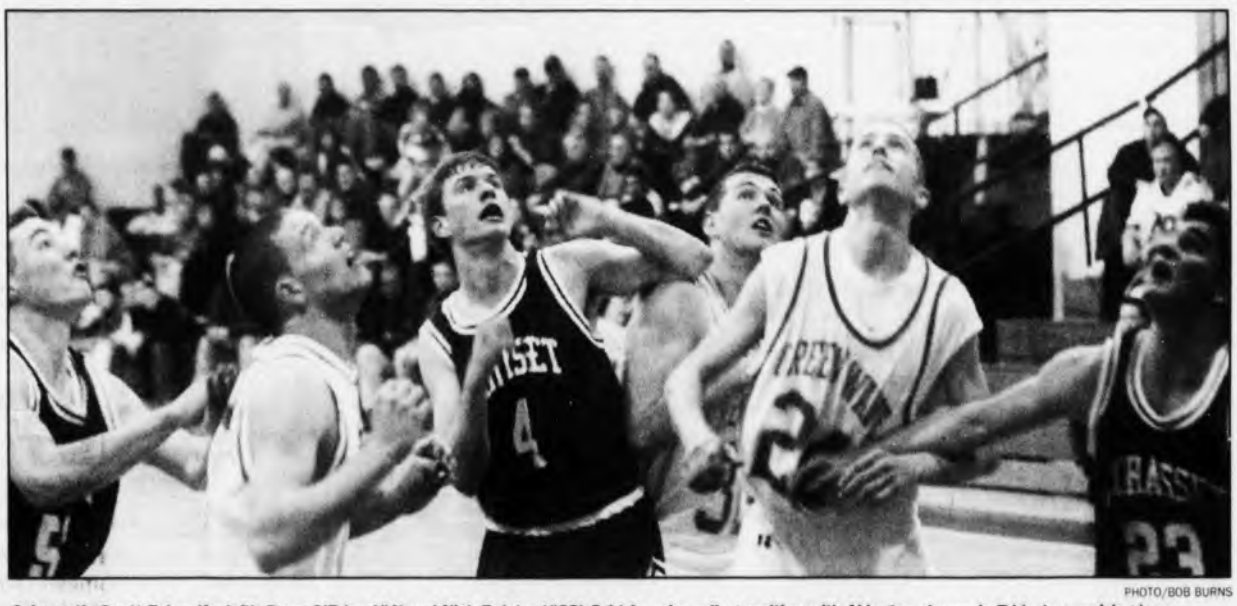
Recent goings on at organized youth/high school sporting events in Massachusetts involving parents fighting with each other and their children's coaches have indeed been a nightmare.

In just two months, the Bay State has been rocked by numerous reports of parental sports rage on display at local high school ice hockey games. The most recent being a father of a high school hockey player accused of attacking an opposing coach at a Taunton rink.

That father was Robert McDonnell, whose son plays for Foxboro. He allegedly shoved assistant Mansfield hockey coach Erik Madsen into a steal door outside the locker room after the game between the two schools. Madsen suffered a bruise on his head.

Just a few weeks prior to this inci-

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PHOTO/BOB BURNS

Cohasset's Scott Faber (far left), Doug O'Brien (#4) and Nick Bolster (#23) fight for rebounding position with Abington players in Friday's surprising loss. Fortunately, the boys bounced back with a win on Tuesday night over Hanover, 76-68, to improve to 9-3 on the season and stay a game out of first place.

Skippers shocked by Green Wave

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It has happened before, and it will happen again.

Some nights, a team just cannot get on track. That is exactly what happened to the Cohasset varsity basketball team when it suffered its second loss in league play this season, falling hard to Abington, 57-37.

"We played hard, but some nights it is just not there" reasoned 10th year coach Ron Ford. "You can't dwell on it."

The Green Wave, playing an "extended 2-3 zone," according to Cohasset captain Erik Shea, which cut down on the Skippers' perimeter game very effectively, forcing them into a gaggle of early turnovers. The Green Wave also clearly placed a heavy emphasis on stopping senior captain TJ Bilodeau, one of the Skippers' best shooters.

"It wasn't that we were not shooting the ball well," said Bilodeau. "It was that we weren't shooting the

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CHS weekly scoreboard

COED SWIMMING (Cohasset/Scituate

Jan.
18 at Duxbury- postponed
24 at Nauset

GYMNASTICS (Cohasset/Norwell)

Jan.
22 beat Carver,
24 at Randolph

WRESTLING

Jan.
17 lost to Hanover, 43-36
20 finished 6th Cohasset Tourney
24 Hull (league)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan.
19 lost to Abington, 83-27
23 lost to Hanover, 60-42

ICE HOCKEY

Jan.
17 beat Randolph, 10-5
20 Rockland- postponed

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan
19 lost to Abington, 57-36
23 beat Hanover, 76-68

Wrestling team flashing signs

Coach Sweeney encouraged by showing at Cohasset tourney

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset wrestling team lost to Hanover for the fist time since 1993 on Wednesday, 43-36. However, the Skippers may have regained a measure of respect by besting Hanover, along with three other teams at Saturday's annual Cohasset Wrestling Tournament.

A sixth place finish for the Cohasset wrestlers in a nine team tourney might not sound like much—that is, until one considers the five teams that finished ahead of them: Duxbury, Marshfield, Rockland, Lynnfield and Middleboro, all quality programs from much larger schools.

Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney was more concerned with the squads his young team outpointed: Scituate, Hanover and Norwell.

"It feels like we might be starting to get on a bit of a role," said Sweeney following the tourney. "We've got a couple of younger guys who are showing steady progress, and just about everyone wrestled well today."

To no surprise, the Skippers were led by Dan Littauer, who rode to the championship at the

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Dan Duffy (right) grapples with Rockland's Brian Heshion in action last week.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTS

Cohasset's Heather Peraino (with ball) does her utmost to get this shot over Norwell's Shauna Eyster.

Parents fight, kids watch

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dent, a Holbrook man allegedly assaulted his son's own hockey coach. A police officer who witnessed the attack said David M. Sullivan, 45, grabbed Avon-Holbrook coach Michael Devlin, pushed him into an empty locker room and hit him.

While injuries suffered in these specific attacks were minor, a Lynnfield man six months ago was not so lucky.

A fight between two fathers at a youth hockey game in Reading back in July 2000 led to the beating death of Michael Costin. Thomas Junta, of Reading, is currently awaiting trial for manslaughter after an argument with the father of four over rough play on the ice between the sons of the two men ultimately claimed Costin's life.

A death at a youth hockey game? Parents beating up coaches in locker rooms? How far are these irresponsible adults willing to go? Apparently until someone else stops breathing.

You know what's funny? There are people on Capitol Hill trying to put a strangle hold on filmmakers in Hollywood because they say movie violence is negatively influencing our nation's youth. As of right now, it appears some of our nation's parents are doing just fine in that category.

It is alleged that while McDonnell was attacking Madsen at the Taunton rink, his son joined in on the assault by throwing a wet paper towel at the Mansfield coach.

While the aforementioned violent outbursts have all involved fathers, it now seems that mothers are starting to get in on the action, making their attacks to the classroom.

Twenty-one first graders last Friday witnessed an assault on their 53-year-old Jamaica Plain teacher, who was pushed to the ground by an irate mother of an unruly kid. The aftermath of the alleged attack on Carla Reveliotty, was displayed on the front page of Monday's edition of the *Boston Herald* in a gripping close-up photo of the teacher's face, fractured cheekbone, black eye and all.

"I saw a parent pushing down a teacher," six-year-old Thylia Cromartie told the *Herald* Saturday. "Everybody was crying in the class."

Boston schools officials have reportedly obtained an order barring 32-year-old Angela Brison—the alleged attacker—and her son from the school, the *Herald* reported.

Imagine that? A first-grader not being able to attend school because his mom beat up his teacher?

Ridiculous.

But it appears that's the kind of world that we've come to live in. One in which children cannot even look up to their parents. Those days of playing sports for the shear fun of it like the young boys in "The Sandlot" seem to be long gone. Those days are gone because adults got involved. It's as simple as that.

Is this statement a little harsh? Perhaps. But in light of recent events, it seems to be truth.

Because adults have invaded the child's sports world, the focus of the game has shifted from simply having fun to winning. And if a team doesn't win, the focus turns to who's to blame. Once that's found out, the focus becomes what to do about it. The rest is history.

We sports writers witness this fact every time we cover a game. At basketball games, for example, it's not uncommon to hear parents in the stands screaming at officials when they disagree with a call, booing and hissing when an opposing team member takes a foul-shot, cheering on their children if an argument between an opposing player should break out on the floor, or encouraging their children to return a foul with a foul.

Do these instances amount to that of hitting someone? Perhaps not. But are they violent? Yes.

Some adults might argue that this happens everywhere. On every field, court, rink, track, pool, etc. And in most cases, this is a correct assumption. But does that make it right? Absolutely not.

Just as we sports writers witness these troubling actions, we are humbled by the fact that in most cases, the athletes are able to leave it on the field, court, rink, track, pool, etc. Whether it be offering a handshake, a cheer, or sometimes even a hug, the athletes seem to realize that whatever happens, happens and that it's all in the spirit of the game.

The question remains, then: If the athletes can leave their frustrations on the playing field, why can't their parents?

It is a question that has garnered national attention in the media, and has made its way into Hollywood story lines (i.e. a recent episode of NBC's "ER" in which the County General emergency room doctors are flagged by players and parents from opposing football teams involved in a riot sparked by the accidental injury of one player. Also, an episode a few years back of the now-cancelled CBS show "Picket Fences," in which children on a youth basketball team sought and received a court order to bar their parents and coaches from attending their games.)

Perhaps what's even more troubling than the question itself is whether it will ever be answered. As of right now, an answer seems awfully far away.

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ball enough."

Cohasset shot 6-for-22 in the second half, 12-for-38 for the game. Abington was not much better, though, shooting field goals at a 37% rate (20-for-54).

What was very surprising was that the Skippers attempted only eight 3-pointers for the entire game. This low output was due in large part to the blanketing of Bilodeau by the Abington guards..

"We never got into a flow, offensively," noted Ford, whose squad was further limited by early foul troubles.

Still, Ford was pleased with the defensive effort he saw, with the Skippers relinquishing only 57 points.

"And a lot of those were just junk points at the end," reported Shea.

The Skippers have not fully recovered from their spell of sickness, with Shea playing only two minutes due to the flu, and numerous others playing with lesser symptoms.

unior guard Liam Martin saw his first minutes since an injury against Norton sidelined him on December 22.

In the game, junior point guard Matt Bilodeau led the team with nine points, while senior captain TJ was next with seven, a perfect 3-for-3 from the floor.

Though it was tough to lose to another SSL team, Ford seems optimistic about their re-match at home with Abington in a few weeks.

"They are very athletic, but when we are healthy, we are two very similar teams," said Ford.

Shea was even more to the point, asserting "There is no way they are a better team than us."

Despite the loss, Cohasset is still very much alive in the hunt for the South Shore League, especially after formerly undefeated Carver's loss to the Clippers of Norwell.

"We are still only one game out," acknowledged Ford, his Skippers needing to win only two of their last nine games to qualify for the state tournament. "We still have the destiny in our hands."

Carver is now the only team in the SSL with one loss, while Norwell, Norton, and Cohasset all have three. The Skippers other two losses came at the hands of Carver and non-league opponent Scituate.

It appears quite possible that as many as six SSL teams could qualify for the state tourney. The four just mentioned are pretty good locks, and Hull and Abington definitely have a shot.

"Our league usually does pretty well in non-league games," explained Ford, who himself is 4-1 outside the league, the only loss coming to Scituate in the Holiday Tournament.

"Our first goal was to qualify for the tournament," he continued. "We want to try to get as high a seed as possible."

Hockey team continues to progress

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had been different. Hopefully, the second time around against some of these teams we'll be able to do a few things better that'll make the difference."

For what it's worth, he does like the attitude and work ethic of his young charges.

"I've got a good bunch of kids here," asserted the coach. "They work hard and want to get better. Win or lose, it's a nice group to be around."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain Ken Portavana (#5) and Jay Rasmussen (#12) celebrate goal against Randolph.

Acknowledging the full side of the glass from the Randolph game, Walsh did note "The kids showed what they're capable of when they focussed in in that third period. If the kids can find a way of playing at that level on a consistent basis, there aren't too many teams that will want to play us."

O'Connell had six points in this game (one goal, five assists), with Peter Whoriskey and Tom Anderson (a junior and sophomore, respectively) netting two goals apiece.

One area in which the Skippers clearly have an advantage is depth. Most local high school teams seem to have one line that sees upwards of 50 percent of the ice time, and produces an even higher percentage of the offensive output. Walsh trots out three lines and five defensemen in a regular rotation, and gets well dispersed production.

"We're getting consistent scoring from all three lines, which is a nice advantage to have because other teams can't concentrate on stopping just one or even two lines," assessed Walsh. "I think the area we need to improve in is defensively."

It would appear that inexperience is most in evidence here. The Skippers start junior Dan Kinchla in net, who not only never played high school goalie before this year, but never even played high school hockey.

Walsh asserts that Kinchla's reflexes and instincts are Grade A, but again comes back to the point that there is no substitute for seasoning.

He makes the same point about freshman defenseman Mike Devine, of whom he concedes "is going to make occasional mistakes, but his upside is too high to keep him off the ice."

"I knew going into the season that there'd be some growing pains," Walsh acknowledged. "The important thing is that we keep making progress, and so far we've done that. That's really all I can ask"

CHS winter sports schedule

COED SWIMMING
(Cohasset/Scituate

Jan.
26 at Sharon
31 at Sandwich
Coach: Jamie Kearney

GYMNASTICS
(Cohasset/Norwell)

Jan.
25 Scituate 7:30 p.m.
29 at Hanover 7:30 p.m.
Coach: Kara Cunnerty and Ruthanne Ardizoni

WRESTLING

Jan.
27 at Durfee, Wayland,10 a.m.
WH
31 Norwell (league) 7 p.m.
Coaches: Torin Sweeney, Doug Sheerin, Peter Buckley

GIRLS FRESHMAN/VARSITY BASKETBALL

Jan.
26 Norton V- 6:30 p.m.
27 at Scituate 2:30/4:00 p.m.
30 at Hull Fr- 3:30 p.m.
Norwell 6:30 p.m.
Coaches: Ellen Carr, Deb Beal
*** Freshman games always precede Varsity**

ICE HOCKEY

Jan.
26 Foxboro 7:20 p.m.
Rink: Pilgrim
27 at Hanover 5 p.m.
Rink: Pembroke
31 at Hull 5 p.m.
Rink: Pilgrim
Coaches: Dennis Walsh, Artie Rasmussen, Benji Watson

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan.		JV	Var.
26	at Norton	5 pm	6:30 pm
27	Card. Spellman	4:30 pm	
27	S.S. Christian Ac.	6 pm	
30	at Norwell	5 pm	6:30 pm

Coaches: Ron Ford, Mark Hall, Tim Owens, R.J. Miggliaccio

Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football sign-ups

Scituate-Cohasset youth football and cheerleading will hold its annual meeting on Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at 7 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at the Scituate Public Library

Officers and directors will be elected and installed at the annual meeting. The annual meeting is open to all citizens of the towns of Scituate and Cohasset.

Wrestling team flashing signs

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145-pund class with three pins, the first two inside the first minute. Littauer, a junior, has yet to lose since moving down from the 151-pound division two weeks ago.

"I can see him going a long way in the states in this weight class," Sweeney said.

Cohasset also got a big third place from fast rising sophomore Terry Baroudi at 130 pounds. Baroudi lost in the second round to Marshfield's Jon Cullen, but then won two in a row in the consolation bracket to grab third.

Dan Duffy (135 pounds) and Mike Casey (160) both finished fourth, advancing to the consolation finals.

Points were also earned in wins for the C.H.S squad by Vinnie Gratta (103 pounds), Phil Strazulla (112), Greg O'Brien (125), Jon Hertig (125), Justin Langham (140), Pat Carbone (152), Antwan Miller (189) and John Hussey (215).



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Cohasset wrestling coach Torin Sweeney takes in recent action.

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POLICE LOG

MONDAY, JAN. 15

12:22 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.
1:30 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.
6:34 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.
9 a.m. Border St., fire inspections.
9:14 a.m. South Main St., fire inspections.
2:03 p.m. King St., MVA.
4:51 p.m. Wood Way, missing person.
4:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.
6:17 p.m. Summer St., suspicious activity.
8:15 p.m. North Main St., parking violation.
9:32 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., MVA.
10:27 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist motorist.
10:29 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Bow St., MVA.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

12:45 a.m. Cohasset Square, general services.
5:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.
6:05 a.m. Cohasset Plaza, general information.
7:11 a.m. Hammond Ave., general services.
7:33 a.m. Hull St., assist citizen.
10:06 a.m. North Main St., fire inspections.
10:44 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
11:18 a.m. Parker Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.
11:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., road rage.
12:30 p.m. Highland Ave., animal control.
12:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire.
2:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.
6:08 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:18 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
6:33 p.m. Locust Rd, E911 call verification.
8:27 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

6:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.
7:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:59 a.m. S. Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.
11:19 a.m. Kingsley Rd., medical aid.
1:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
2:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., officer wanted.
2:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.
3:13 p.m. King St., motor vehicle violations.
7:45 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.
11:16 p.m. Dolan Ln., house checks.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

2:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., MVA.
8:35 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.
8:59 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., abandoned auto.
9:52 a.m. Rustic Dr., fire inspections.
10:48 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.
12:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire inspection.
1:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.
3:50 p.m. Black Rock. and Jerusalem roads, MVA.
8:06 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
10:24 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
10:36 p.m. South Main St., MV stop.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

5:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:22 a.m. Church St., MV stop, verbal warning.
2:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking violation, parking ticket issued.
2:30 p.m. Pond St., investigation.
5:08 p.m. Summer St., lost property.
6:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MVA, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

12:19 p.m. Fairoaks Ln., officer wanted.
3:37 p.m. Beach St., MVA.
4 p.m. Highland Ave., open door/window.
7:05 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.
7:08 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violations.
7:25 p.m. Various roads, traffic safety inspection.
10:21 p.m. Elm St., fire, log entry.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

12:34 a.m. Otis Ave., officer wanted.
9:45 a.m. Out of town, missing person.
4:28 p.m. Stone Ave., medical aid.
5:15 p.m. Buttonwood Ln., medical aid.
8:57 p.m. Rose Hill Ln., general services.

POLICE BRIEFS

Sign up for Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy sponsored by Cohasset police starts Feb. 5.

Classes will be conducted from 6-9 p.m. once a week for nine weeks. Curriculum includes criminal and constitutional law, court procedures, probable cause and elements of crimes, motor vehicle law and accident investigation, firearms and use of force, patrol procedures, traffic enforcement and community policing. Ride-alongs with police officers may also be included.

Applications are available at the police station on Elm Street.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said there is no charge for participants. The estimated $3,000 cost of conducting the academy that may include some overtime to cover shifts is being paid for through a state grant earmarked for community policing services.

The class size at the academy is limited to 12 people, age 16 and older. Noonan said police hope to get a cross-section of teenagers, parents and senior citizens.

"We hope participants will see what we really do, how people are treated and how we do our job," he said.

Yocum praised

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan commended Officer Richard Yocum for his "outstanding police work" when he helped rescue a Cohasset man who had fallen through ice on Lily Pond while skating.

As Yocum was on his way to work Jan. 3, he picked up a report of a man through the ice on his car scanner and drove to the pond. He grabbed a canoe from the shore, pushed it over several hundred yards of ice, hopped in and then helped the man hold on to the side until the Cohasset Fire Department rescue team arrived.

"Your quick assessment and decisive action, taken at no small personal risk, prevented a potential tragedy," Noonan wrote.

The victim was treated at South Shore Hospital for hypothermia.

"Your professionalism and dedication is one that I am extremely proud of," Noonan said. "This type of action brings credit to yourself, your department and the town of Cohasset."

Police memorial fund drive

Cohasset police hope residents will contribute to the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation that plans to erect a permanent memorial to the 260 officers in the state who were killed in the line of duty. Groundbreaking for the memorial at Ashburton Park at the State Capitol will take place during Police Memorial Week in May 2001.

All donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to the Mass. Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation and sent to the Cohasset Police Dept., 62 Elm St., Cohasset 02025. For more information, contact Officer Jeffrey R. Treanor, 383-1055 or 383-1212, evenings.

OBITUARIES

Francis M. Chase

Francis Michael Chase, 80, of Cohasset, founder and former CEO of Chase Corporation, died at his home.

Born in Canton, Mr. Chase attended Canton High School and graduated with honors. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire.

He played football for the University of New Hampshire, was an officer in the ROTC and a member of the Theta Kappa Phi fraternity.

He served in the Army as a second lieutenant in the 26th Coast Artillery Battalion and was stationed in Reykjavik, Iceland and England. He landed in Normandy in the D-Day invasion and also participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was promoted to captain of the 495th Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion.

He was commended with the Bronze Star Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and the American Defense Service Medal.

After returning from World War II, Mr. Chase along with his brother and father founded Chase & Sons which later was renamed Chase Corporation and now trades on the American Stock Exchange. He was the CEO and chairman of the board from 1948 to 1988.

He was an active trustee and director in a number of academic, Catholic, community and business institutions and organizations including Derby Academy, Thayer Academy, Family Counseling and Guidance Centers, South Shore Playhouse Associates, the Young Presidents Organization and the Boston Stock Exchange.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony Church in Cohasset and the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham.

He leaves his wife, Barbara (Sullivan) Chase, a daughter, Anne C. Sheehy; two sons, Francis G. Chase III and Michael C. Chase; and five grandchildren, Courtney and Conor Chase and Thomas, Margaret and Phoebe Chase.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at St. Anthony's in Cohasset. Interment will be at Cohasset Central Cemetery.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony Church or Glastonbury Abbey.

Robert F. Stanton

Robert Frank "Buzzy" Stanton, 49, of Cohasset, died Jan. 17, 2001, at South Shore Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Stanton was born in Boston, son of Katherine (Magullion) Stanton of Cohasset and the late Gerard J. Stanton. He graduated from Cohasset High School and Massachusetts Hospital School of Canton. He attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Mr. Stanton was a lifelong resident of Cohasset.

He was a member of the George H. Mealy Post 118 and the Sons of the American legion. He enjoyed music, NASCAR Racing particularly in Loudon, N.H. and the Indianapolis 500. He played Little League baseball as a youth.

Besides his mother, he leaves a brother, Jerry Stanton of Clive, Iowa; two sisters, Katherine Barker of Framingham and Mary Hynes of Southborough; four nieces, Katherine E. Barker, Kristine E. Barker, Andrea L. Stanton and Brianna L. Stanton; and two nephews, Patrick S. Hynes and Matthew J. Hynes; and a godson, Michael Calorio.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment was private at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Remembrances may be made to the South Shore Visiting Nurse Association, 100 Baystate Dr., Braintree, 02184.

IT'S HAPPENING

Relay for life

The planning committee for the American Cancer Society's 5th annual Relay For Life in Cohasset is looking for additional volunteer members. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, having a team becoming a sponsor, or volunteering at the event, please call Lyn Previte at 383-9723 or Justine Vanderlugt at 383-2956.

The Relay For Life is scheduled for May 18-19, at Cohasset High School. Funds raised through Relay for Life go toward the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, prevention, detection and patient services.

Splash Odyssey

Come to the 'Drownedhogs" Sixth Annual Swim Saturday, on Jan. 27, at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bath House, Nantasket Beach, at 11 a.m.

Come frolic with more than 200 swimmers and more than 1,000 spectators as those "wackos for charity" plunge into the chilly Atlantic to determine how long New Englanders will have to wait for Spring. What a great winter to send on it's way, with our sixth annual drowned hogs swim. The Bath House at Nantasket Beach is heated so your crew will be comfortable to get great shots and/or interviews. There will be a post swim party at The Dry dock featuring music by Knuckle Sandwich.

The charity we support is Wellspring Multservice Center located in Hull but serving the entire South Shore for over 14 years. Services include: food bank, thrift shop, domestic violence intervention and referrals, computer instruction and high school equivalency training and much more. Last year over $15,000 was raised. For more information, contact Al Bollinger at (781) 925-4573, Jeanne Nicholson (617) 241-5795 or Wellspring (781) 925-3211.

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SCHOOL'S IN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



Hello Everyone,

Well, it has been a while since we have had a Schools In column, sorry about that but we are back in action.

Please send all information and news in regards to school information or any events that may be happening to me at 622 CJC Highway, email to me at jenpiep@yahoo.com or phone it to me at 923-1057. Very soon, I will have a fax line to add which will be wonderful for all involved.

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Now, on to the news.... Feb. 10 is the night for us all to get together at a wonderful event and enjoy a great night together with good friends. The St. Valentine's Soiree is being held by the Cohasset PSO on this night at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham. Come and join us for a night of dancing, DJ music, socializing and of course, the wonderful Chinese Basket Raffle. It is from 7-11 p.m. and tickets are being sold by members of the PSO. The cost is $40 per person/$75 per couple and it is definitely well worth the money! So get your sitters lined up and come on out to the is fantastic night of fun! If you have any questions or want to buy your tickets now, call any PSO member or call Janeen Culhane at 383-2349.

Speaking of the Chinese Basket Raffle, this year brings many wonderful themes. We have a Coffee Lovers Basket, Tea in the Afternoon, Sports Spectacular, Cohasset Kitchens, Baby Boy/Girl Baskets, Arts and Crafts just to name a few. The raffle tickets are $1 a ticket and can be bought starting Friday, Jan. 26 by contacting Jen Piepenbrink at 923-1057 or emailing her at jenpiep@yahoo.com. Make sure to look for information coming home from the Joseph Osgood and Deer Hill Schools as well. This is a great way to support your schools as well as have the many chances of winning one of these spectacular baskets!

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The nominating Committee of the Cohasset PSO is seeking candidates to run for parent representatives for both the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools for the coming two-year term, (2001-2003.) Each School Council's comprised of the principal, teachers, parent representatives and community representatives. They are charged with formulating and updating the schools improvement plan, missions and goals, as well as establishing focus areas to be studied each year. Parent representatives are elected for a two-year term by the parent body of each school and must have a student(s) in attendance at the school they are serving for the duration of their term. There are two seats open at the Osgood and one seat open at the Deer Hill School for the coming term. Individuals interested in serving as a parent representative are asked to submit a brief statement about themselves and their interest in the School Council to the PSO Nominating Committee, c/o Susan Jaffe, PO Box 30, no later than Monday, Feb. 12. Balloting will take place March 2-9. New Council members will be announced at the PSO Board Meeting March 20 and introduced at the PSO Annual Meeting in May.

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The Cohasset METCO program would like to thank all of the community members and school staff who supported the Annual METCO wreath and candle sale. They raised much-appreciated money toward the senior scholarships. This is a great program to help support!

Just a reminder to all parents and Cohasset host families of METCO students. The Osgood and Deer Hill schools will have Early Release days on Thursday, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. All Cohasset host families may arrange with their Boston families some after-school activities from 1:00-2:30 before the METCO bus leaves for Boston.

If any of you have any interest in the METCO host family program, please contact Olivia Baldwin, 383-1866 or Allison Moskow, 383-9242.

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The Community Relations Committee of the PSO would like to thank the following people who have generously donated their time to drive the Senior Shuttle: JoAnne Higgins, MaryKay Richardson, Joan Andrus, Kellie Gaumer, Mary Goodwin, Nancy Teague, SallyAnn Quebec, Nancy Froio, Shelanne Durkin, Mary Kate McKenna, Ed Culhane, Janeen Culhane and Mary Mastromarino. Your enthusiasm has made organizing this program possible. Also, thanks to JoAnne Higgins, Nancy Teague and Lori Fitzgerald for baking(during a very busy holiday time) Senior Christmas Treats! This kind of community support is so great to hear! Thank you to everyone for all your wonderful efforts.

Thanks to Maggies Corner in Cohasset for the wonderful help with the Osgood School Intergenerational Tea!

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Here is a listing of some upcoming dates for the PAC meetings and workshops. Wednesday, Feb. 7, General PAC Meeting Monday, March 5, Dr. Michael Weiler, workshop on "ADD, ADHD." Wednesday, April 4, Federation for Children, workshop on Basic Rights Wednesday, May 2 workshop on New Independent Education Program(I.E.P.) Forms Wednesday, June 6, Steve Kaplan, open discussion and PAC award ceremony. All meetings are usually scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Osgood Music Room. Please call Allison Moskow at 383-9242 with any questions or comments you may have.

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We have had some wonderful things happening at the Osgood and Deer Hill schools in terms of Curriculum Enrichment. Maybe you have heard your child(ren) talking about them at home. These quality arts and science programs are brought to your children by the Cohasset Parent School Organization. This is just one way that your generous support and contributions of PSO sponsored programs throughout the year directly benefit all our children. This year, the children have already taken part in a program at the South Shore Art Center entitled, "Hands of the Ancestors," have had a visit from a local meteorologist and have learned a new way to think about poetry from David Zucker. There are many more exciting programs to come, from the Hingham Symphony Orchestra, to a demonstration of the various properties of magnets, to learning the most up-to-date facts about dinosaurs from staff at the Museum of Science. A listing of upcoming dates will be posted here in this column next week with some photos coming in the near future. Make sure to ask your children all about it.

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Our final piece of this week is a very important one, EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING PROCEDURES! Now that winter is upon us, the Cohasset PSO would like to take an opportunity to review emergency school closing procedures for parents and/or contacts for all the students in grades K-6. During an unscheduled school closing due to weather or an unforeseen emergency, the following will take place at the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools. After notification from the Office of the Superintendent to the principals, the PSO representatives will contact the room mothers from both the Osgood and the Deer Hill Schools to begin calls to parents or emergency contacts. For this reason, it is imperative that your Emergency Forms have been completed and returned to the appropriate school offices and that any updates or changes are made when needed. Closings are also announced on local TV stations, 4, 5 and 7 and radio stations, WBZ and WHDH. Closings will also be posted at the Osgood web site, www.ssec.org/idis/cohasset/osgood/Osmain.htm. During an unscheduled school closing, the buses travel in their original routes. Students from the Osgood School who take the bus will not be let off the bus unless there is a parent or contact person waiting for them. If no one is there, the student will be returned to the school. The primary reason for this policy is the safety of the child. Parents and contacts may always choose to pick up a child during an emergency closing, but need to check that child out with the staff or PSO representatives who may be at the school. You must be listed as a contact person to take a child who is not your own from the Osgood School during an emergency closing. Walkers will be dismissed from school if the room mother has reached a parent or contact person. If a contact is not made, the walker will be kept at the school until the regular dismissal time. Students from the Deer Hill School whose parents or contact cannot be reached, will be paired with a friend where an adult will be present. Please have a plan in place with your child in case of an emergency early dismissal. In the event that one of the schools is evacuated, the same steps will be taken. The Osgood will go to the Deer Hill and then be dismissed, and the Deer Hill will go to the Osgood. As always, the primary concern of the superintendent and principals of both schools is the safety of our children. Please remember that during an unforeseen school closing, a parent or contact person for every child needs to be notified. Your patience and understanding of the emergency school closing procedures will ensure a smooth and safe transition for your child. Make sure to cut this out and post it where it will be read by everyone!

Thanks for reading and we will talk to you next week. Jen Piepenbrink 622 CJC Highway jenpiep@yahoo.com 923-1057

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Garage dance

A Garage dance for grades 6 to 8 will be held Friday, Jan. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is $5 per person.

Super Bowl party

A big-screen Super Bowl party will be held at the Garage for grades 6 and over Sunday, Jan. 28, from 5 p.m. to the end of the game. Admission is $5.

The game will be broadcast on a 61/2-foot screen and four other TVs.

Pizza will be served free of charge.

February menu

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

Chicken stir-fry, rice, tuna sandwich, corn, pudding, milk.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

Pizza or bologna sub, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

Chicken nuggets, ham sandwich, french fries, carrots, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

Cheeseburger or turkey sub, soup of the day, pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

Pasta with meatsauce and dinner roll, sweet peas, Jello, milk.

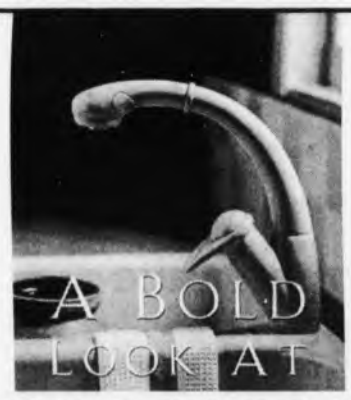
THURSDAY, FEB. 8

Chicken patty or egg salad, chips, chocolate cake, milk.

Summer Institute

Learn more about the Summer Institute at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1 in the middle-high school cafeteria.

Teachers and students will share their experiences during the informational session, organizer and teacher Jack Buckley says. The institute includes a series of courses focusing on a range of environmental studies. For more information contact Buckley by email at jbuckley@chs.ssec.org.



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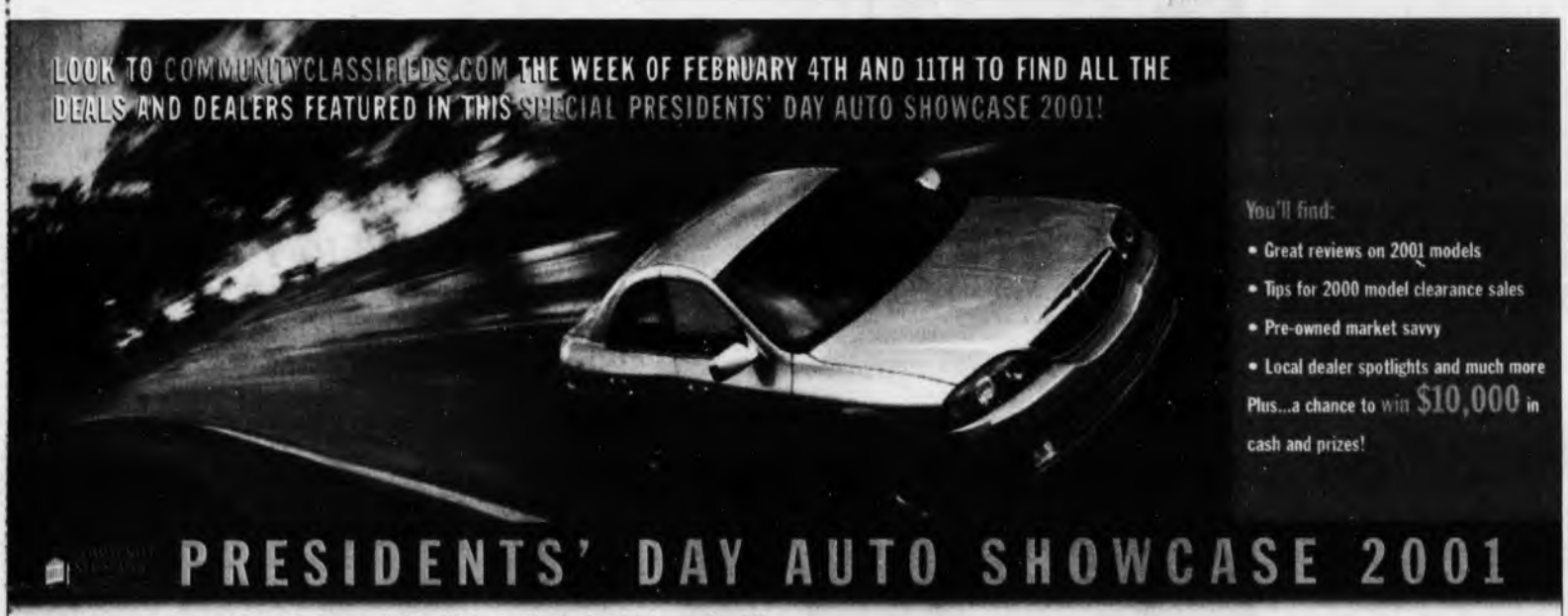


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The Swedish invasion

Local authors pen South Shore history

By Seth Jacobson
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If you think the Irish were the only immigrants to make this area their new home, think again.

Two local men are working hard to tell a tale of another group that traveled across the Atlantic Ocean to find a better life.

Lloyd F. Thompson of Norwell and James E. Benson of West Bridgewater are two authors collaborating on the writing of a new book—a photographic history illustrating the build-up of the Swedish population in Brockton since the 19th century.

"We have photos going in the book which date back to 1867," Thompson said. "And the history of the Swedish population coming to Brockton is quite interesting."

With both authors of Swedish descent themselves, putting the book together just made sense.

"It's a pure labor of love for us," Thompson said. "But it's also a story that's never been told."

Thompson said when the book is finished, it will span five chapters on topics including the journey (of the Swedes) to America, families, occupations and businesses of Swedes in America, a section on Swedish people in the armed services, and a chapter on Swedish leisure activities.

Thompson has no release date for the book just yet, but he said his goal is to have all the materials put together in March.

Benson said both he and Thompson have been working hard to complete the book, but there are a lot of details to take care of—collecting old pictures, making phone calls, conducting interviews, finding people, and searching through various photo archives—there's plenty of work to be done.

Both authors have been successful in terms of finding old pictures covering local Swedish history, but they have been calling on the public to help them as well.

"You have to do research to get those kinds of old photos," Thompson said. "In order to get them, we've been sending out letters to people, using contacts we have, and also through appealing to the public. People have actually been calling us with rare photos and information."

A Brockton native, Thompson said he was always interested in those Swedes that came before him. He often wondered, he said, why so many Swedish people decided to start new lives in Brockton.

Thompson came to know Benson through his work at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brockton — the oldest Lutheran Church in New England. The two are chairmen of the archives located within the church where so many Swedish immigrants attended services.

Last June, Benson pitched the idea of writing a book on the history of Brockton. Thompson agreed as long as they could work some Swedish history into the book.

"At first, the book was going to be more of a history of Brockton itself," Benson said. "But as we went along, we started looking at the Swedish immigrant population."

Both Thompson and Benson agreed it would be a good idea to change the focus of the book so that the subject matter centered more on Brockton's Swedish heritage.

"They came here for the lure of a better life, the promise of doing better," Thompson said of the many Swedish immigrants who came to Brockton.

"Long ago, Brockton was the leading shoe-producing area in the country, and many Swedish people went to Brockton because of all the factories that existed there. There were plenty of jobs available."

"A lot of (Swedish immigrants) came to Brockton to get involved with the booming shoe business, but a lot of them came to start their own businesses. They started all kinds of businesses—pharmacies, bakeries, floral shops, variety stores, and even small grocery stores. Some of immigrants also got into professions like law and medicine as well. They did it all."
-Lloyd F. Thompson, author

And so the focus of the book changed in order to highlight more than a century of Swedish history.

"A lot of (Swedish immigrants) came to Brockton to get involved with the booming shoe business, but a lot of them came to start their own businesses," Thompson said. "They started all kinds of businesses—pharmacies, bakeries, floral shops, variety stores, and even small grocery stores. Some of immigrants also got into professions like law and medicine as well. They did it all."

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STAFF PHOTOS/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Author Lloyd Thompson shows off some of the vintage photographs gathered for use in the new book he's putting together with James Benson chronicling the history of Swedish immigrants in Brockton.

Real estate kept healthy in 2000

Last year was a tumultuous one for the stock markets, but real estate remained a solid investment even as the NASDAQ Composite Index of high tech stocks took a 40 percent hit.

Around the country, housing inventory lagged behind demand, keeping prices up. Nationally, some 5 million existing homes and 892,000 new homes were sold in 2000.



Real Estate

In Massachusetts, the pace of single-family home sales continued to moderate during the second half of 2000, according to a recent analysis by the Massachusetts Association of Realtors (MAR).

"Across the state, housing is drawing much of its strength from the healthy local economy. This is most evident in eastern Massachusetts where income and job growth are acting as catalysts to pull new buyers into the market," said former MAR President Fred Meyer.

"The steady influx of out-of-state residents relocating to the Boston area for work, along with the region's growing immigrant population, are two elements helping to stabilize our market," he added.

Fluctuations in the financial markets, growing reluctance on the part of consumers to take on additional debt, and rising interest rates late in the spring of 2000 all factored into a slightly softened demand for residential real estate during the summer months, a peak time for activity, the MAR said in its recent report.

Sales of detached single-family homes declined 9.8 percent in the third quarter, from 13,918 units in the July-September period a year ago to 12,554 in the same period in 2000. Also, condominium sales fell 3.4 percent, from 3,832 units in the third quarter of 1999 to 3,702 in the comparable period this year.

The decrease in sales over the three-month summer season marks the fifth consecutive quarter in which detached single-family home sales have declined from the same period one year earlier.

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The perfect host

Norwell teen stays dedicated to others

By Seth Jacobson
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This continues our on-going campaign to recognize local teens who give back to their communities. Watch for a new Spirit of Community feature each month in Living. We welcome your nominations. Please see our ballot on page 10.

Spirit of Community

While many high-school students are out at the mall, Alexandra Selby, otherwise known as "Ali," is talking about life with senior citizens, volunteering with charitable organizations, or hosting people of different cultures in her home.

While Selby may appear to possess the determination and spirit of some adults, the Norwell High School junior is only 16 years old.

Selby cares genuinely about the world around her and she proves that by staying involved in the community of Norwell where she lives and well beyond it.

Those are just some of the reasons why Selby is The Mariner's Spirit of Community winner for January.

Rosann Weeks is Selby's instructor at Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center in Plymouth—Selby has been one of Weeks' students she was a young girl.

"Why go through life just being self-centered? What's the point?"
Norwell High School Junior
Ali Selby

"I've seen her deal with people her own age, younger, and older," Weeks said of Selby. "She communicates beautifully with everyone...and she always means it."

"(Selby) is one of our best citizens," said Norwell High School vice-principal Marianne Martin. "She's a great student and a great person, and she's always willing to help out with anything. In general, if you need anything done, she does it with a smile."

Selby was overwhelmed and surprised when she learned about the award.

"It's a huge honor getting (the Spirit of Community) award," Selby said. "I definitely did not expect it—it kind of came out of the blue and really surprised me."

It didn't surprise those that know her well and the many ways she gives to others.

Selby frequently volunteers at the Boston Food Bank. She is an officer in the American Field Service club at Norwell High. She has participated in the walkathon for breast cancer for the

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Ali Selby, Spirit of Community winner for January has a lot to smile about.

Norwell has the 'Blues'

Company Theatre hosts legendary group this weekend

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

It's been 32 years full of national and international club tours, theater and festival shows and 200 one-night gigs each year. Add to that a steady schedule of business between performances, travelling, rehearsing and recording and that's a lot of rooms full of blues for one band to take. But Roomful of Blues continues to do it, and willingly.

During it's three decades and various membership Roomful of Blues has released a dozen albums on several different labels. The band has spawned the careers of several individual players who have moved on to noteworthy blues/R&B acclaim in their own rights, including guitar-slingers Duke Robillard and Ronnie Earl, vocalist Sugar Ray Norcia and saxophonist Greg Piccolo.

And more recently, an impressive list of blues-based awards and accolades, including a 1998 W.C. Handy Award for Best Blues Instrumentalist (horn section), several winners and finalists spots in Downbeat Magazine's Readers and Critics Polls, previous Handy Award nominations in '96 and a Grammy nomination that same year in the Best Traditional Blues Album category for the band's disc Turn It On! Turn It Up!

Formed in Providence, RI in 1968, Roomful of Blues has become a New England blues institution, maintaining strong ties to particularly the Boston area throughout its career. The has several local stops on its touring agenda for following it's upcoming shows at Norwell's Company Theatre. Roomful of Blues will perform in Norwell both Friday and Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

"Our band has only missed maybe one or two gigs in all the years we've been together, with all of the different lineups. And even those were only because the weather was bad or maybe a band member was hurt and sidelined at the time." said ROB tenor and alto saxophonist Rich Lataille, who with Roomful's most recent personnel shift, signing on a new keyboardist, bassist and drummer late in 2000, is now the lone original member remaining with the band.

"We've always been very resilient in this way, and we've kept the band solid by getting the most well-qualified musicians we can find, players who really know the music. We've gotten some new people over the last few months who have really solidified the current band, especially the rhythm section. All of the different lineups we've had over time have been unique in their way, but this new band is one of the best in terms of playing and versatility that we've put together to date," Lataille said.

ROB's latest studio disc release is 1998's There Goes the Neighborhood, the band's eighth for the Cambridge-based Rounder Records, via the company's blues-based offshoot labels Bullseye and Varrick, since Roomful began a long-standing relationship with Rounder nearly two decades ago. The band's current live show focuses heavily on material from this disc, but it's also promoting another recent CD offering, a Rounder Heritage best-of collection titled The Blues'll Make You Happy, Too, a milestone release from Roomful covering the band's Rounder years and its timeless blend of guitar-and-horn-driven blues, R&B, roots rock 'n' roll, jump blues and swing.

"The new best-of disc is meant to be an overall view of our past. It covers stuff from all of our previous Rounder albums plus a couple of old and new unreleased cuts, and basically shows where we've been as a band and where we will continue to be going. It's also a good disc for newcomer listeners to the band who check through our catalog and might not know where to start. The whole band is happy to have this out and available," Lataille said.

Along with Lataille, the current Roomful of Blues includes vocalist Mac Odom, trumpet player Bob Enos, trombonist Ray Gennari, guitarist Chris Vachon and the newest members, keyboardist Hank Walthier, bassist Tom Enright and drummer Chris Lemp, who just a few months ago replaced previous Roomful regulars Albert Weisman, Marty Ballou and John Rossi respectively.

Current vocalist Odom has been with the group since early 1998, filling the shoes of previous singer Sugar Ray Norcia, who fronted ROB through the mid 90s and with whom the band made some of the most acclaimed music and enjoyed some of the biggest success of its career. Odom is a gritty, booming-voiced frontman most influenced perhaps by blues/R&B legend Bobby Blue Bland, unlike Norcia, whose style was more smooth and soulful.



Roomful of Blues includes: Mac Odom, Hank Walther, Chris Vachon, Bob Enos, Thom Enright, Rich Lataille, Mark Greenberg and Ray Gennari. The group will play two shows at Norwell's Company Theatre this weekend.

Lately, and rather predictably, much has been noted in the music press about the late '90s swing-blues/R&B revival of bands such as the Brian Setzer Orchestra and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, and that Roomful had been out on the circuit jumpin', jivin' and wailin' the swing/jump-blues style for many, many years before anyone ever gave a thought to a "revival."

"We've always been a band that's played a very diverse mix of blues styles, from swing-blues to New Orleans and Chicago styles and many more in between," Lataille said. "We've always had the versatility, not just the sound. I felt that the swing revival was mostly just a fad. I was glad that it happened. It got people listening to the sort of music that we'd been playing for so long, even though some of the new bands were, in my opinion, not all that great. We were gratified about the trend, but we didn't necessarily try to capitalize on it. We made a conscious decision not to play just the kind of swing-blues sound that the new bands were doing."

Lataille promises that this pledge of musical diversity will carry on to Roomful's forthcoming studio album, which he said is hopefully due for release this spring. There is also a live disc soon to follow, recorded at a club called Barry's at the Wolftrap in Virginia over this past weekend.

Ali Selby is the perfect host

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past three years. She tutors her fellow students in math. She served as a youth counselor last summer at the Norwell YMCA and has plans of going back to the Y again this summer.

Selby is also an active member of her church youth group, and she manages to be a team player on both the NHS soccer and lacrosse teams. She's also run track for the school for the last two years.

Her love of acting and dream of making it a career keeps her involved in the Dreamchasers theater group.

But that's not all.

Selby's favorite community service activities have to do with interacting with people from other cultures. One of her fondest memories was when she and her family hosted a female French foreign exchange student for a year in 1999.

"To me, it's amazing to learn about different customs," Selby said. "I love meeting people from different cultures. And I don't have any sisters, so when she was living there with us, it was kind of like actually having one. And we still keep in touch."

The experience touched her so much that she broadened it through the Dreamchasers program.

For the past four years, Selby has participated in another program through Dreamchasers—hosting students from the Children's Storefront School in Harlem, N.Y. as part of that school's scholarship acting program

"These were kids from the inner city," Selby said, noting that for the past four years, she and her family have hosted two kids from Harlem each year.

"One of the kids who stayed with us (in Norwell) wouldn't sleep with the windows open because he was scared of a drive-by (shooting)," Selby said. "It's sad that some of these kids have seen such bad things. It always makes me appreciate what I have. It makes me understand that things are really not that bad. I live in Norwell. I have parents. I have a roof over my head. A lot of people take those simple things for granted. That's why I like giving back."

Selby said she constantly keeps in close touch with one of the Harlem kids she hosted three years ago named David Vega.

Another group of people Selby enjoys interacting with are senior citizens. Through Dreamchasers, Selby participates in a group called the Teen Traveling Company which holds performances at hospitals, nursing homes, and senior centers around the area.

"Some of these seniors never get any visitors," Selby said. "When they see a young person coming to visit them, the looks on their faces are priceless. It's great to know you can make these people feel good, and that's why I started doing it."

"(Selby's) maturity, wit, gentleness, and true caring for others was really evident in her (Teen Traveling Company) performances and in the conversations she shared with the members of our audiences," Weeks stated, "whether they were residents of a nursing home, patients her own age in a hospital, or senior citizens at a club meeting."

When she is not busy helping someone else, Selby enjoys spending time with friends or making plans to go to college. Currently, she's thinking about going to school in New York City. She said her dream-school is Columbia University. She wants to go to school in an urban setting so community service opportunities will be more readily available. She said she plans on majoring in business and holding a minor in theater.

Everyone who knows Selby said they are confident that she will be a successful individual.

"I had (Selby) as a student in her freshman and sophomore years," said Norwell High School English teacher JoAnne Vernacchio. "She's very bright, very articulate, very hard-working, and very outgoing. The thing that sets her apart from other kids is the fact that she is very mature and very stable. I've never seen her in a bad mood, and for an adolescent, that's quite a compliment."

"She follows through in everything she does," Weeks said. "And she does it in an extremely intelligent way. She has a tremendous love for what she's doing. It's almost infective. She's got a unique sort of energy. There's almost a purity to it. With (Selby), what you see is what you get."

"She's always had a generous heart and an outstanding work ethic," said Marina Selby, Ali's mother. "Whatever she does, she gives it 100 percent, and she really does have a deep sense of community."

"She's a focused, very determined young lady," said John Selby, Ali's father. "And she's got a natural ability to connect with people. She's like a magnet—people are just drawn to her. She was born to be a leader. I'm proud to be her Dad, but I'm also proud of the person she has become."

"Why go through life just being self-centered?," Selby said of all her community service efforts. "What's the point?"

Swedish invasion

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It was those kind of historical tidbits that really got Thompson and Benson excited about putting the book together. Collecting old photos has been the other big part of the puzzle for the two.

"It's tough finding a lot of the really old pictures because so many of them have been lost," Thompson said. "But we've been really lucky in terms of finding a lot of photos. Some of them are very small, but they're very beautiful at the same time."

Benson and Thompson both agreed they've been finding some good sources for historical interviews around the area as well.

"A lot of people don't know what it was like in Brockton and beyond a long time ago," Benson said. "After the book is done, when people start looking at it, I think they'll come away with a better understanding of the contribution of the Swedish immigrants to the area. It was a major ethnic group of the area."

"By looking at the book, people will simply be able to learn about some things they might not have known about beforehand," Thompson said. "They'll also be able to look at historic photos of very-familiar sites and recall a very pleasant time in America's history. It's just a good story that more people should know about."

To contact either author regarding photos or information pertaining to the Swedish population in Brockton or beyond, call Thompson at (781) 826-4042 or Benson at (508) 586-5104.



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In researching their book, both Lloyd Thompson and James Benson have turned to the public seeking out more photographs for their upcoming book on Swedes in Brockton.

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An omelette and a frittata tells one a great deal about the difference between the French and the Italians. An omelette is light and soft with a modest filling placed on top of the partially set eggs whereas a frittata is a heartier dish, whisked eggs poured on top of cooked foods in a skillet. The problem with frittatas is that they are often tough, dry, and underseasoned, a poor man's lunch. They also can be difficult to prepare since the mixture often has to be flipped in the pan which can lead to a scrambled mess. I was looking for a simple recipe for potato frittata, one that was moist, flavorful, and relatively foolproof.

The basic ingredients are eggs, Parmesan cheese, potatoes, onion, herbs salt and pepper. Checking other recipes, I found that they used anywhere from six eggs and one potato to 2 eggs and 1 1/4 pounds potatoes. Some recipe require finishing the frittata in the stove, not a bad idea but one which requires a bit of planning. I also wanted to find a technique which eliminated the precooking of the potatoes.

The first issue was the potatoes themselves. I found that thinly slicing them was preferable to cubed pieces since it made the frittata easier to flip in the pan. I tested high-starch Russets which have lots of flavor and held together nicely. Yukon Golds were also good but I did not like the waxier red potatoes since they had less flavor and had a tendency to break apart. Using two eggs and a pound and a half of potatoes, I heated a 9-inch non-stick skillet (a sticky pan is a disaster), cooking the sliced potatoes in olive oil (even a small amount of butter produced too much browning on the eggs) for about 20 minutes. I then removed the contents to a bowl which contained the whisked egg mixture, folded the contents, and then returned the frittata mixture to the pan to finish. This worked well – it was certainly simple enough – but the balance of ingredients needed adjustment.

For starters I needed less potato and more eggs. I finally settled on 5 eggs to one pound of potato which also fits nicely into a 9-inch skillet. As for the Parmesan which is whisked with the eggs, I increased the quantity from 1/4 to 1/3 cup. The addition of herbs and onion is nice but definitely optional.

I also wondered about flipping the frittata. Some recipes suggest using a pancake turner – I found this less than satisfactory. Placing the mixture in an oven is actually a very good idea but, for such a simple, last-minute dish, this option requires a bit too much forethought. I decided therefore to simply use a plate with a slightly smaller diameter than the skillet. It worked like a charm.

This recipe can also be adapted to other ingredients such as asparagus. See recipe below.

EASY POTATO FRITATTA

A non-stick 9-inch skillet is important for t
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potatoes. Roast, grill, or broil trimmed, lightly oiled asparagus (you can also grill the asparagus) until just cooked and then proceed with step 2. This recipe is great for a simple lunch or supper served with a salad.



3 tablespoons olive oil

1 pound Russet, Yukon Gold or other high or medium starch potatoes of your choice, cut in half and then cut into 1/4 inch slices

1 small or 1/2 medium onion cut in half pole to pole and cut into thin slices (optional)

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

1 tablespoon freshly minced herbs such as parsley, chives, thyme or tarragon

5 large eggs

1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. Heat a 9-inch non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. When hot add 2 tablespoons olive oil and the potatoes and optional onion and toss to coat. Season liberally with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until cooked through about 20 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, whisk the eggs, Parmesan cheese and optional herbs in a medium bowl. Add the cooked potato/onion mixture to the bowl and fold to combine. Season to taste with a bit of salt and freshly ground pepper. Place the same skillet over medium heat and add the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil. Add the contents of the bowl and let cook without stirring for about 4 minutes or until the bottom is set and lightly browned. Place a plate over the frittata (one that fits into the rim of the skillet works best) and turn the frittata onto the plate. Slide the frittata back into the skillet and cook for about 4 minutes more or until the frittata is slightly puffy and cooked through and the bottom is lightly browned. You may poke into it with a fork to check for doneness. If additional cooking is needed adjust the heat to low and flip the frittata again in the same manner as before, cooking for an additional 2-3 minutes. Serve hot or room temperature. Serves 4-6 as a side dish.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

The new moon culminates at 8:07 a.m., 4 1/2-degrees of Aquarius. Generally the light side of a new moon is an ideal time for launching new activities. However, there are a few planetary alignments that warn against making important decisions or signing contracts. There are likely to be delays or unexpected obstacles; you may not have all the facts. Today the Aquarius moon interacts with Neptune at 11:21 a.m. The planet Saturn, standing at 24-degrees of Taurus, begins direct travel at 7:24 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Planetary action runs high. Gear up for a challenging day. The giant planet Jupiter begins to travel in direct motion at 3:38 a.m., 1-degree Gemini. The moon continues its travel in Aquarius and interacts with Mars/Uranus in the afternoon and Saturn in the evening. Give others lots of freedom and space. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Saturn warns against signing important contracts, making new commitments or important decisions. The sun and Neptune conjoin at 6-degrees of Aquarius at 10:56 p.m. Get extra rest tonight.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Potentially difficult planetary influences continue. Take it slow and easy. At 12:28 a.m. the Aquarius moon interacts with Mercury and becomes inactive. A Pisces moon takes over at 11:39 a.m., and forms a 90-degree contact to Jupiter at 2:03 p.m. Don't overdo, overindulge on any level. People may be hypersensitive. Choose your words carefully. Mars prepares to form a 90-degree alignment to Uranus, warning you to use extra caution when driving or operating machinery. Avoid taking chances or doing anything risky. On the other hand, this Mars/Uranus combined with an applying Venus/Saturn alignment may spark romantic fires this evening.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

This is a great weekend to kick back, rest and recharge your batteries. The moon travels in Pisces, setting a laidback mood. However, there is one rough spot between 3:01-6:01 p.m. today, when the moon aligns with Pluto. Be more sensitive to the needs of others; be more tolerant of their shortcomings and forgiving of past transgressions. The evening is prime for attending a concert or movie.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Take a vacation from stress and worry; treat yourself to a day of leisure. Today's influences bring a calm respite in an astrological stormy period. The moon travels in easygoing Pisces, forming harmonious contacts to Mars, Saturn and Venus until 2:48 p.m., when it becomes inactive. The moon enters the first sign of the zodiac, Aries, at 11:35 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

The planet Mercury is beginning to slow its rates of motion and will start retrograde travel on Saturday, February 3. That means that this can be a topsy-turvy week. It's a good idea to allow extra time to get where you are going or to have an alternate plan of action. Mechanical or electrical breakdowns are likely. Projects may take unexpected turns. The moon travels in Aries today and tomorrow. Don't jump into things or act on impulse. Take it slow and easy.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Today's planetary influences are similar to yesterday's. The moon continues its travel in fiery Aries. Others may be irritable, impatient, argumentative. Don't rock the boat in business or romance. Channel high energy constructively. Tackle jobs that require physical labor and exertion. You can be most productive. Get back on track with exercise routines.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Planetary influences turn around completely today, when the moon moves from fiery Aries to earthy Taurus. At 8:36 a.m. the Aries moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive until 9:21 a.m., when it enters Taurus. Zero in on projects that have been left hanging and finish them; handle routine chores, errands. A lunar alignment to Neptune makes this an evening to relax and unwind.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Mercury travels in retrograde motion during the month of February, making it a time for a change of pace and priorities. Rather than launching new ventures, plan to finish projects already begun; review, redo, repair. Artistic projects as well as jobs that require research or study also get the green light. Today Mercury moves into Pisces at 2:13 a.m. Mercury is slowing its rate of motion and will actually turn retrograde Saturday, February 3. The moon continues its travel in Taurus, prompting you to stay busy with practical projects. You can be most productive.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Astrological storm warnings are in effect today and throughout the weekend. Take it slow and easy. The Taurus moon becomes inactive at 5:31 a.m. The planet Venus moves into Aries at 2:14 p.m., remaining there until June 6. The moon enters Gemini at 3:56 p.m. and aligns with Jupiter at 6:14 p.m. Forget your troubles; relax and unwind this evening.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The sun forms a flowing 60-degree contact to Pluto at 8:06 a.m. This morning is prime for starting new diets, exercise regimens or programs to break bad habits. A polarity of Mars/Saturn also affects the day. Rather than trying to change others and transform external situations, this is a time to look within, change your thinking and find a new course of action for yourself. At 8:58 p.m. Mercury, standing at 1-degree Pisces, begins retrograde travel until February 25. A harmonious alignment of Venus/Jupiter highlights social and romantic activities this evening.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

The Gemini moon aligns with Uranus at 3:12 a.m. and becomes inactive until 7:00 p.m. If you have work projects to accomplish, handle a variety of tasks rather than one job. It may be difficult to focus and easy to overlook important details. This day is best, however, for relaxing and enjoying favorite sports, hobbies, friends. The moon enters domestic Cancer at 7:00 p.m., aligning with Mercury at 8:00 p.m. and Venus at 10:16 p.m. Share a special dinner with close friends/family.

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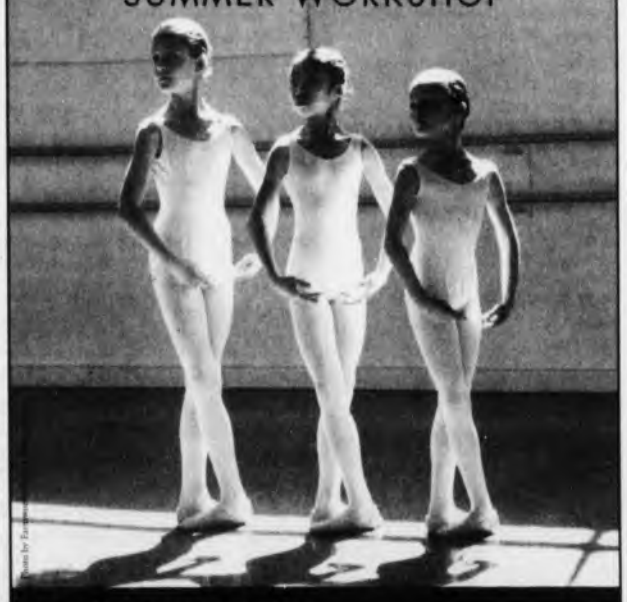
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SCIENCE ISN'T ALWAYS PRETTY with Keith Johnson at the South Shore Natural Science Center on **Feb. 11** at 1 p.m. Seating is limited and tickets MUST be purchased in advance by calling the center at (781)659-2559 or visiting the center. Children will cheer as Johnson breaks the sound barrier, mix up a batch of green non-Newtonian fluid (AKA slime) and various other science experiments.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. **The Odd Couple**, performances on Feb. 8, 9 & 10 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12. **SwingDance America** on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18. **The Tender Land**, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. **Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities** on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. **Radio Classic Live** on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

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Wed. 24

Call to Artists for the Duxbury Art Association Winter Juried Show 2001 Artwork Registration on Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at The Art Complex Museum, Alden Street in Duxbury. All mediums accepted. Show runs from Feb. 4 - April 29. Entry price is $10 per piece. Opening Gala reception and awards on Feb. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. Call (781)934-2731 ext. 15 for prospectus and more information.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum located at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, has various winter programs. For more information on any of the programs call Laura Liptak at (617)333-0690. "Drawing Wildlife: An intermediate to advanced workshop" will be held from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Fee person: $28 non member and $25 Mass. Audubon. Materials not included and students may bring drawing materials of their choice. (no oil paints please). Pre-registration required.

Hanson Garden Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 739 High Street. The speaker will be Ernie Flippo of the Hosta Society giving a presentation entitled "Plan for Shade." Anyone interested in gardening is welcome. There is a nominal $2 fee for non members to cover refreshments.

Thurs. 25

The Glastonbury Series "Listening to Other Voices," The way of prayer in our religious traditions with Timothy Joyce, OSB, author of "Celtic Christianity and Celtic Quest" and prior of Glastonbury Abbey, at 7:15 p.m. Lying Down With God: A Perspective on Celtic Christian Prayer and Spirituality. Held at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street in Hingham. Please call the Abbey at (781)749-2155 to reserve a seat. The lecture is free.

Fri. 26

"Mixed Couples" the comedy drama will be presented by the North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell on Jan. 26 & 27 and February 2 & 3 at 8 p.m. Two middle-age couples waiting for a plane in 1927 discover they have more baggage than they thought as they explore their past lives and loves. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call (617)476-8947.

A Midsummer Night's Dream will be presented by the Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center on Jan. 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 21 and 28 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1 lower level. Tickets are $5 per person. For advance tickets or more information call (508)747-1234.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required, no athletic shoes. For more information call (781)331-0021 or visit the website at www.southshoresingles.org.

The Singles Executive Club Cocktail Party and Singles Dance at the Golden Rooster, 78 Border Street in North Scituate. Tel. (781)545-4404. For single professionals from 30 - 55 years old from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. DJ music. Ties and jackets required. Cost is $15. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. For more information call (781)740-2545.

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Mortgage holder can pursue its share of interest in property



Anthony Summers

By Anthony Summers
CORRESPONDENT

You never know how watertight your contract is as long as all parties remain happy. But when priorities change and push comes to shove, your so-called set-in-cement contract may very well spring a leak.

It was one of those leaky agreements which both caused and effected the outcome of the Land Court case of Fleet Finance vs. Patricia and John Sammarco.

Background

On June 29, 1973, John and Patricia Sammarco purchased the home at 140 High St., Milford. They took title as tenants by the entirety, husband and wife. The home was purchased with a first mortgage loan from the Milford Savings Bank (MSB) which was signed by both John and Patricia Sammarco. Ten years passed and in 1983, they both signed a second mortgage for $10,000 and used the money to construct a swimming pool.

But trouble was brewing in 1990 when the surprised Patricia Sammarco received a loan approval letter from Advanced Financial Services (AFS). When she questioned her husband, he dismissed her inquiry by telling her not to worry and that it was none of her business. On Feb. 9, 1990, John Sammarco signed a $74,000 note, mortgage, and incidental loan documents. All loan documents also bore a signature purported to be Patricia Sammarco's. In addition, a Rhode Island notary public notarized both signatures.

After all closing costs and prior mortgages were paid, $58,243.75 remained, which was paid to Patricia and John Sammarco in the form of a check that was cashed. The note and mortgage was eventually sold to the unsuspecting Fleet bank, the plaintiff in this action.

In 1992, the couple threw in the towel and filed a petition for divorce alleging irretrievable breakdown. Part of the settlement agreement required John Sammarco to convey the house to his wife for a price of $35,000. He also agreed to assume full responsibility to pay the $74,000 second mortgage.

After the divorce, things went downhill for John Sammarco as he was disbarred from the practice of law and jailed for embezzlement. Finally, in 1995, he stopped paying the AFS mortgage. On Nov. 17, 1995, Patricia Sammarco notified Fleet that she never signed or authorized anyone to sign the AFS loan documents. With her former husband in jail

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Real estate kept healthy in 2000

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Historically, however, sales in the third quarter of 2000 remained quite high, with the 16,256 residential sales recorded this year ranking fourth all-time, exceeded only by the third quarters of 1997-99.

"Previously, over the past three years, we've satisfied a record level of buyer demand, so the current level of activity now marks a return to a more normal market," Meyer said.

"In most regions, we continue to see a fairly steady flow of traffic, especially from high-end buyers and first-time buyers looking for relief from today's escalating rents. However, some buyers are also being more cautious as they enter the market, not wanting to overextend themselves."

Regionally, in the third quarter, sales of detached single-family homes declined in all seven regions of the state, with the most modest decreases occurring in the greater Boston and Northeast regions, where sales dropped 6.6. percent and 7.6 percent respectively from the same period in 1999.

Elsewhere, sales fell 10-12 percent in the central, west, and South Shore regions, and 15-16 percent on Cape Cod and in southeastern Massachusetts.

Real estate experts have attributed the decline to a lack of inventory in those areas.

IN BRIEF



Maureen Barry



Bill Bliss



President Richard F. Cahill and Doug Crane.

Conway presents appreciation awards

Jack Conway & Co. recently honored the following sales agents with the realty firm's "Thanksgiving Award" for their outstanding performance during 2000.

Chairman Jack Conway and President Richard F. Cahill presented the awards at the company's annual Thanksgiving breakfast, held in November at Plimoth Plantation. Winners from each office received a holiday turkey in recognition of their efforts throughout the year.

"What makes the Thanksgiving award so special is that the winners are chosen by their colleagues," Conway said. "Each office's sales team selects the person they feel best represents the Conway spirit of cooperation, helpfulness and goodwill."

As part of the event, Conway associates and employees collected nearly $1,000 worth of canned food and other non-perishable goods to benefit Mainspring House, a homeless shelter operated by the Brockton Coalition for the Homeless.

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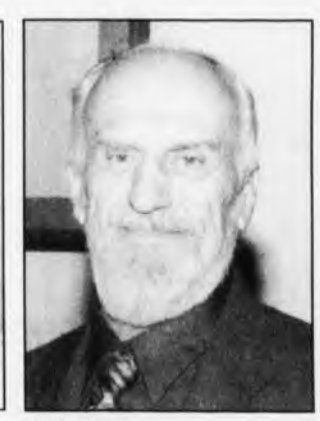
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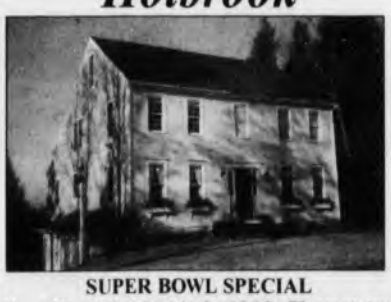
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and judgment proof and Patricia Sammarco's denial that she signed the mortgage, Fleet filed a complaint seeking a clarification of its rights with respect to the mortgage.

Discussion of law

Even though Patricia Sammarco might be able to prove that she never signed the mortgage, Fleet argued that the mortgage should be validated based on an equitable mortgage theory which would make the mortgage enforceable, the theory being that even if Patricia Sammarco did not sign the mortgage, it was unfair for her to escape liability given the fact that she knew about the mortgage as of 1990 but never denied signing until 1995.

In order to equitably stop Patricia from denying liability, Fleet must prove (a) conduct by Patricia Sammarco intended to induce AFS to make the $74,000 loan (b) the actual completion of the loan was induced by her conduct and (c) detriment to such person (failure to repay the loan to Fleet) as a consequence of her conduct.

Decision

Fleet has failed to prove the elements necessary to establish an equitable mortgage against Patricia Sammarco. After all, it was John Sammarco, not she who applied to AFS for the loan. She never did anything to induce AFS to make the loan. Any of her conduct in not raising the issue of forgery, occurred long after AFS made the loan, and therefore did not induce or deceive AFS to make the loan.

At the time the mortgage was made in 1990 John and Patricia Sammarco owned the home as tenants by the entirety which gave each party the right of survivorship.

However, in 1992, the divorce changed the form of ownership to tenants in common. When John Sammarco transferred his interest to Patricia Sammarco, his interest was transferred subject to the AFS mortgage. What we have here is a mortgage covering John Sammarco's undivided one-half interest in the home.

Legal advice

In order for the bank to move forward to collect on its loan, it would have to foreclose on the lien it had in John Sammarco's interest. Whoever purchased his interest at the foreclosure sale would become a tenant in common with Patricia Sammarco. The high bidder at foreclosure, possibly Fleet, could then file a petition to partition seeking an order that the property be sold and the proceeds be divided between Patricia Sammarco and the high bidder.

A small thing like the omission of a simple signature can have far reaching and disastrous consequences. George Herbert said it 400 years ago. "For want of a nail the shoe is lost, for want of a shoe the horse is lost, for want of a horse the rider is lost."

Anthony Summers, an attorney at law with the Boston law firm of Summers & Summers, 224 Clarendon St., is a member of the city of Newton's board of appeals and the Back Bay Architectural Commission. He is pleased to respond to your questions about real estate. You can fax questions to him at 617-536-7101 or e-mail him at summers@bostonrealestatelaw.com or check the website at www.BOSTONREALESTATELAW.com. Summers & Summers specializes in real estate conveyancing, litigation, divorce and personal injury.

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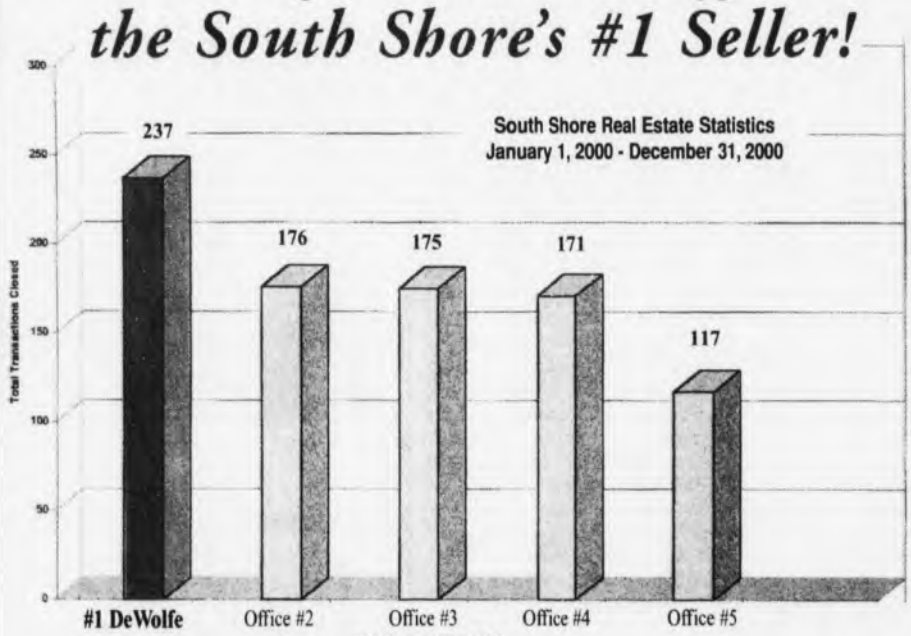

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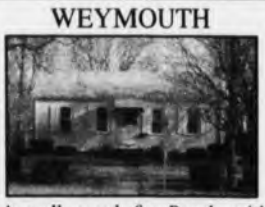
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Palatial Colonial

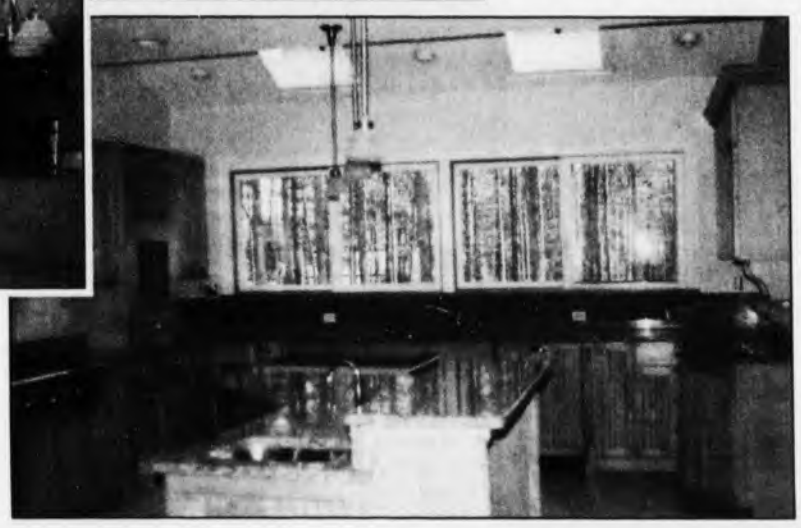


This beautiful palatial Colonial combines style and elegance with all the amenities required with a home of this quality. Both the living and dining rooms have hardwood floors, a Waterford crystal chandelier graces the tres ceiling in the dining room. A state-of-the art custom kitchen featuring subzero appliances, granite and ceramic tile floor opens into a cathedral-ceiling family room, which steps up to a four-season, sun-drenched room. The library is also located on this floor.

Two custom-crafted staircases lead to the second floor where three full baths and four bedrooms await you and include a breathtaking master suite that will appeal to the most discriminating buyer. A beautiful, professionally landscaped two-acre lot is home to this amazing, 10-room, custom-built, three-car attached-garage home and the list goes on.

This is a must to see, come preview Sunday, Jan. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m.





Realtor: DeWolfe,
10 Lone St., Marshfield
Tel: (781) 837-1188
Listing Agent: Christine Twigg
Property: 40 Lewis Farm Rd., Duxbury
Offered at: $1,180,000

IN BRIEF



Lois Baho, second from left, and Marian Blackwell, who manages the Duxbury office, are shown with Jack Conway, right.

Blackwell, Baho receive Extra Mile Award



Michael Coletta

Two real estate sales agents recently were honored for going the "extra mile" to help customers buy and sell homes in Conway Country.

Marian Blackwell, who manages the Duxbury office, and Lois Baho, an agent in the West Roxbury sales center, received a certificate and a plaque from Chairman Jack Conway during the company's annual Thanksgiving award ceremony.

Blackwell was honored for helping the Campbell family of Pembroke buy their new home on Oldham Street, even after their builder faced foreclosure prior to finishing the work. At Blackwell's request, Conway stepped in and bid on the house at auction, then completed the construction job with its own crew.

Crescent announced top brokers



Jeannie Carr

Crescent Realty Group recently celebrated the announcement of its top brokers for the year 2000 at a celebration luncheon at Papa Razzi's in Hanover. Michael Coletta was the recipient of the Broker of the Year award for volume. Jeannie Carr was honored for having the most number of transactions.

Michael Richardson, president, began the presentations by acknowledging the dedication of all Crescent's associates. "It has been a most remarkable year," commented Richardson. "We are an independent agency competing with corporate giants and we continue to succeed and continue to grow."

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SCITUATE - Meticulously renovated Colonial offers sun room, Florida room, custom cherry kitchen, master bedroom with wet bar, Jacuzzi and gorgeous acre setting.
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NORWELL - This Gambrel Cape is set on a professionally landscaped lot with eight rooms, four bedrooms, three season porch and carriage house with attached two-car garage.
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SCITUATE - What a view! Located on Peggotty Beach, this nine room, four bedroom Contemporary offers incredible ocean views, two fireplaces, skylights and many decks.
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COHASSET - Wonderful center entrance Colonial set in Ledgewood Estates! Highlights include a state-of-the-art kitchen with granite island and top-of-the-line appliances.
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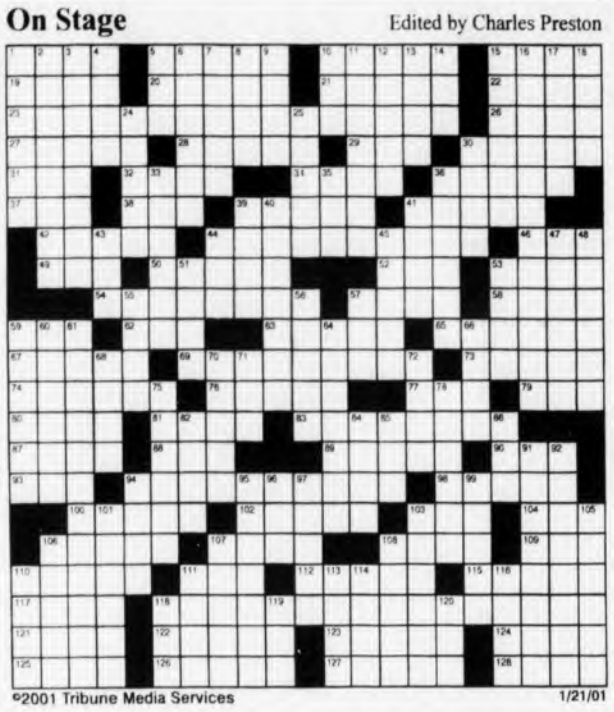
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On Stage

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1 Swedish rock group
5 British ___
10 Monasteryman
15 Longfellow's bell town
19 Wild pig
20 March king
21 Ill-tempered
22 Pal
23 1954 Dirk Bogarde flick
26 Shoe size
27 Complete
28 Domain
29 In the manner of
30 On the up and up
31 ___ Elum Lake, Wash.
32 King toppers
34 Portend
36 Cattle breed
37 Seaman
38 Much-used article
39 Sculptured slab
41 Gershwin's "___ Eat Cake"
42 Fall quaff
44 1932 W.C. Fields flick
46 Writer LeShan
49 ___ de cologne
50 Hunter in the sky
52 French king
53 Emulate Greeley
54 House member
57 Convent figures
58 Piece of china
59 Bikini top
62 Petty officer, for short
63 The pits
65 Bridge holding
67 Subject for Robert Burns
69 1937 Clark Gable flick
73 Massenet heroine
74 Fall blooms
76 Clamps
77 Defendants, in law
79 NNW + 180
80 Asian monkey
81 Not fer
83 Unkempt
87 Cupid
88 Bien- ___, Viet city
89 Vine-covered
90 Classified items
93 Mideast country
94 1966 Rod Steiger flick, with "The"
98 Zimbalist
100 Bedeck
102 Star of "Two Women"
103 Former Chairman
104 Symbols for tellerium
106 Verdi's "___ Miller"
107 Milano wine
108 English or French follower
109 To knead, of old
110 London bishop's headdress
111 Jazz players stand
112 Reedy in sound
115 *The Divine Comedy* author
117 Will- ___ -wisp
118 1955 Robert Mitchum flick, with "The"
121 "___ on first?"
122 Type type
123 Dean Martin specialty
124 "Roberta" composer
125 Spanish muralist
126 Sibelius's "___ Triste"
127 Kilns
128 African fox



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2 Footwear item
3 Germs
4 Comic Johnson
5 See 93 Across
6 Evening party
7 Crescent figures
8 This girl, in Taxco
9 Comic Mort
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11 Dilate
12 Greek legislative assembly
13 Greek peak
14 Literary monogra
15 Not retired
16 1967 James Earl Jones flick
17 Tiff
18 "___ a man with. . ."
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33 Car decor
35 Violinist Bull
36 Stop
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82 Cap's companion
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85 Man, to Caesar
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95 Eyesores
96 Darling of baseball
97 Maine university locale
99 Cheese concoction
101 Most calamitous
103 Abuse
105 Author of "Tristram Shandy"
106 Supple
107 Observation period
108 Garden walls
110 Cuts lower
111 ___ monster
113 Mod hairdo
114 Greek meeting place
116 Paul of song
118 Sagebrush State, for short
119 Golfer's gadget
120 Alts.

"Does the past exist? No."
— Bertrand Russell



"The extraordinary create action, the ordinary create excuses."
— Unknown. Contact Jay at jdimauro@cnc.com if you know who the above quote is from.

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AAA Southern New England Bank 800-446-6997	6.990 0 7.030 APR	7.625 0 7.629 APR	6.625 0 6.630 APR	6.500 0 7.410 APR 1/1 Product	Reduced closing costs for AAA members. Other programs available: 800-446-6997 Visit our website at www.aaa.com
Bank of Canton 781-828-5626	7.250 0 7.278 APR	7.875 0 7.904 APR	6.875 0 6.976 APR	7.375 0 7.816 APR 5/1 Product	Free Pre approvals. First Time Buyers -reduced closing costs. Over 200 loan options. Rates quoted have 60 day rate locks.
Baron Mortgage Corp 800-696-SAVE	7.000 0 7.000 APR	7.500 0 7.500 APR	6.625 0 3.625 APR	7.000 0 7.399 APR 5/1 Product	Mentioned by Money Magazine, Consumer Reports and Kiplinger's Letter as the lender with the lowest rates! Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
Belmont Savings Bank 617-484-6700	7.375 0 7.400 APR	8.250 0 8.270 APR	6.875 0 6.910 APR	6.625 0 7.370 APR 5/1 Product	First Time Home Buyers' products available for the following towns: Belmont, Arlington, Lexington, Waltham + Watertown www.belmontsavings.com
Boston Federal Savings Bank 800-688-LOAN	7.125 0 7.208 APR	7.625 0 7.711 APR	6.625 0 6.758 APR	5.875 2.000 7.632 APR 1/1 Product	Rates quoted have a 55 or 60 day rate lock.
Braintree Cooperative Bank 781-843-1370	7.250 0 7.280 APR	8.125 0 8.130 APR	6.875 0 6.920 APR	5.250 0 5.770 APR 3/3 Product	Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
Commonwealth Bank 800-924-9091	7.000 0 7.050 APR	7.625 0 7.670 APR	6.625 0 6.670 APR	6.875 0 call 1/1 Product	Close at home. Free bi-weekly available. 180 day lock and no cost refinance available. No application fee. Bank direct mortgage.
Dedham Savings 800-462-1190	7.375 0 7.389 APR	7.625 0 7.629 APR	6.750 0 6.763 APR	6.750 0 7.218 APR 5/3 Product	3/3 ARM - First Time Buyer Program 6.625% + 0 points - APR 7.295% APR quotes are based on $100,000 Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
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East Cambridge Savings Bank 617-354-7700	7.250 0 7.262 APR	7.500 0 7.512 APR	6.875 0 6.892 APR	7.125 0 7.717 APR 5/1 Product	Quick, simple and convenient process - We will come to you! Competitive rates for mortgages and home equity lines of credit. Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
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Eastern Bank 888-4EB-MTGS	7.375 0 7.375 APR	8.000 0 8.000 APR	7.125 0 7.125 APR	7.000 0 7.491 APR 5/1 Product	Call now: 888-4-EB-MTGS or apply on-line at www.ebmortgage.com Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
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301 Thayer St U:313	Abington	"Jackson, Joan M M"	196495	12/22/00	Bedford Heights LLC
301 Thayer St U:319	Abington	"Mclaughlin, Maura A"	212149	12/22/00	Bedford Heights LLC
315 Thayer St U:315	Abington	"Stadig, Barbara C"	190742	12/22/00	Bedford Heights LLC
317 Thayer St U:317	Abington	"Sciarini, Charles J"	187501	12/22/00	Bedford Heights LLC
19 Thayer St U:1903	Abington	Jandish Rt	161223	12/26/00	Bedford Heights LLC
25 Carriage Hill Dr	Abington	"Jarvis, Edward R"	395900	12/28/00	New England Architectu
67 Wyman Rd	Abington	"Woods, Lisa D"	169000	12/29/00	Anderson Richard B Est
14 Kingswood Dr U:8	Abington	"Cavagnaro, Stephen"	85000	12/29/00	Daniels Dorothy C Est
1901 Thayer St U:1921	Abington	"Fitzgibbon, Maureen E"	165825	12/29/00	Bedford Heights LLC
69 Holbrook Ave	Braintree	"Gabriel, Gary"	100000	12/29/00	JVN RT
61 Columbus Ave	Braintree	"Moran, Denise M"	180000	12/28/00	"Mccarthy, Richard C"
Hannah Niles Way	Braintree	NT Dev Inc	125000	12/29/00	Simeone Homes LLC
136 Tyson Commons Ln U:136	Braintree	"Weinstein, Nina"	175000	12/22/00	"Flynn, Paul F"
103 Hollis Ave	Braintree	"Cozzens, Mark S"	307000	12/18/00	"Barnett, Grace A"
82 Parkside Ave	Braintree	"Hurrell, Philip S"	222000	12/18/00	"Barry Tr, Linda L"
361 Elm St	Braintree	"Oppman Jr, Richard F"	183000	12/21/00	Elm St RT
153 Shaw St	Braintree	"Sheehan, Ronald A"	168000	12/18/00	"Greenstein, Rhoda M"
287 Commercial St U:23	Braintree	"Princiotta, Ronald P"	114000	12/18/00	"Poulicakos, Mark J"
36 Rustic Dr	Cohasset	"Brennan, Brian"	453500	12/20/00	"Ashjian, Gary"
612 Washington St	Duxbury	"Woodworth, Stephen Ma"	675000	12/21/00	"Dowling Jr, Richard E"
36 Pine Point Rd	Duxbury	"Packard, David A"	146500	12/27/00	Robertson FT
72 Forest St	Duxbury	"Quinlan, Robert J"	728500	01/05/01	Woodworth FT
191 Pine St	Duxbury	"Finn 3rd, Daniel J"	380000	12/29/00	"Kingsbury, Sandy E"
303 Lake Shore Dr	Duxbury	"Kearns, Stephen J"	255000	12/29/00	"Bouchie, Michael R"
100 Duxborough Trl	Duxbury	"Adams, Jason D"	237000	12/29/00	"Poule, Alec Nicholas"
Webster St	Hanover	"Lamarre, Richard D"	200000	12/27/00	Lamaco Inc
9 Azalea Way	Hanover	"Shahroodi, Ardavan A"	649900	12/27/00	"Bowen, Donald P"
24 Fieldstone Ln	Hanover	"Sullivan, Robert D"	390000	12/21/00	Sullivan Chrystine Est
963 Hanover St	Hanover	"Lacroix, Kevin P"	205150	12/28/00	"Tamburino, Mary T"
88 Buttonwood Ln	Hanover	"Skordinski, Mark A"	370000	12/28/00	"Moriarty, Thomas M"
Stoney Meadow Lane	Hanover	"Brait, Gary"	215000	12/28/00	Stone Meadow RT
Stoney Meadow Ln	Hanover	Falconi Bldrs LLC	195000	12/28/00	Stone Meadow RT
8 Cushing Ave	Hingham	"Burlingame, John F"	250000	12/21/00	"Tavaroli, Maria C"
190 High St	Hingham	"Macdonald, Michael J"	565000	12/28/00	High St RT
21-29 S Franklin St	Holbrook	Allied RT	260000	12/18/00	Holbrook Dev LP
312 Pond St	Holbrook	"Coughlin, Thomas J"	115000	12/21/00	"Chisholm, Sonya"
28 Winter St	Kingston	"Grasso, Jimi"	195000	12/27/00	"Murphy, Michael J"
106 Summer St	Kingston	"Mahoney, Michael J"	189000	12/21/00	"Reszenski, Edmund A"
8 Cross St	Kingston	"Wass, Gary T"	334900	12/22/00	"Mcintosh Jr, Charles J"
116 Main St	Kingston	"White, Lloyd"	214000	12/22/00	Chateau RT
N/A	Kingston	Cordage Dev LLC	2275000	12/22/00	RFD 2 Inc
Enterprise St (off)	Marshfield	VRT Corp	14500	12/22/00	Scannell Boiler Works
1089 Forest St	Marshfield	"Mcgrath, Thomas E"	223000	12/22/00	"Carney, Mark"
165 Plain St	Marshfield	"Fisher, Anthony R"	178000	12/22/00	"Connolly, Susan L"
120 Grove St	Marshfield	"Pavone, Michael J"	150000	12/28/00	"Pavone, John A"
28 Indian Rd	Marshfield	"White, William N"	320000	12/28/00	"Maurer, Harry J"
24 Liberty Rd	Marshfield	"Trefry, Eyre S"	280000	12/27/00	"Cully Jr, John T"
27 Brighton St	Marshfield	"Freiberger, Paul"	164000	12/21/00	"Foley, Robert C"
Olde Stage Stop U:11	Marshfield	"Chung-cooke, Susana Yt"	168900	12/22/00	Giannetti Ret
18 Paddock Way	Marshfield	"Murphy, Richard T"	446900	12/22/00	"Brousseau, John P"
5 Pinson Ln	Norwell	"Raab, Stephen W"	785000	12/22/00	SA Joseph & Son Inc
7 Assinippi Ave U:111	Norwell	"Wheelwright, Janice C"	309000	12/27/00	Jacobs Pond Estate LLC
Pheasant Run U:9	Norwell	SA Joseph & Son Inc	223000	12/28/00	HHM Constr Co LLC
66 Woodbine Ave	Pembroke	"Tanguay, Rosarie M"	150400	12/28/00	"Hansen, Lynn A"
14 Parker Rd	Pembroke	"Walett, Donna M"	140000	12/22/00	"Thorp, Tammi M"
17 Grace Ann Rd	Pembroke	"Obrien, David T"	175000	12/22/00	Kimba Rt
2 Pine Tree Ln	Pembroke	"Cobbett, Ronald I"	138000	12/28/00	Cook Marion B Est
54 Lantern Ln	Pembroke	"Budak, Stephen J"	145000	12/26/00	Elko Constr Corp
523 Washington St U:A12	Pembroke	"Kunz, H Lorraine"	163000	12/27/00	"Sullivan, Margaret E"
8 Evans Rd	Pembroke	"Carman, Brendan J"	180000	12/29/00	"Manning, Mary L"
43 Gorham Ave	Pembroke	"Wassmouth, Jason P"	187000	01/05/01	"Ventura Jr, Julius J"
85 Glenwood Rd	Pembroke	"Day, Carey W"	265000	01/05/01	"Zaniboni, Robert L"
136 Indian Trl	Pembroke	"Knudsen, Dennis J"	182000	12/29/00	"Costello, John J"
290 Center St	Pembroke	D&J Pine Tree RT	350000	12/29/00	Rottach FT
60 Allen St	Pembroke	"Marino, Jon D"	585000	12/29/00	"Abbott, Suzy"
500 Webster St	Rockland	"Hanson, Stephen J"	220000	12/22/00	"Mahoney, Joseph A"
359 Summer St	Rockland	"Sazin, Steven M"	215000	12/21/00	"Mcclure, Paula J"
Concord St U:MULTI	Rockland	"Schjolden, John N"	70000	12/22/00	"Reed, Patricia P"
N/A	Rockland	"Mahoney, Joseph P"	113000	12/22/00	"Reed, Patricia P"
88 Howard St	Rockland	"Petersen, James G"	294500	01/04/01	Howard St RT
24 Arlington St	Rockland	"Monet, Carole A"	236000	01/04/01	"Monet, Mark A"
85 Willow Pond Dr U:85	Rockland	"Reed, Walter A"	211000	12/29/00	"Fitch, H Natalie"
805 Summer St	Rockland	"Delprete, Deborah A"	38750	01/03/01	"Delprete, Wayne M"
286 North Ave	Rockland	"Scannell, Jody G"	178650	12/29/00	"Barzey, Keith E"
14 Holbrook St	Rockland	"Lauria, Richard D"	219000	01/05/01	"Bernache, David"
406 Liberty St	Rockland	"Maclean, Dawn M"	155000	12/29/00	Ryan Mildred L Est
485 E Water St U:6	Rockland	"Petriello, Richard M"	107000	01/02/01	"Bagley, Timothy A"
465 Plain St	Rockland	"Frattasio, Robert A"	184900	01/05/01	"Lauria Jr, Richard D"
179 Hatherly Rd	Scituate	"Oneil, Michael G"	382500	01/03/01	"Mincolla, Mark D"
586 Country Way	Scituate	"Keiter, Matthew"	265000	12/28/00	"Howe, Christopher D"
643 First Parish Rd	Scituate	647 First Parish Rd Rt	193000	12/21/00	"Iordanopoulos, Elias"
10 Old Mouth Rd	Scituate	"Odowd, Kevin C"	279000	12/21/00	Joseph F Farina Ret
242 Franklin St	Scituate	"Fultz, Stuart R"	275000	12/28/00	Dooley Bradley C Est
84 Raleigh Rd	Weymouth	"Sabatini, Robert E"	135000	12/20/00	"Coyne, Ruth G"
Raleigh Rd	Weymouth	Stephen Gosselin Inc	85000	12/19/00	"Young, Patricia A"
28 Belmont St	Weymouth	"Petrie, Robert P"	180000	12/20/00	"Petrie, Robert E"
1119 Middle St	Weymouth	"Mohammed, Asaff"	117000	12/18/00	Tascon Corp
117-A Tall Oaks Dr U:A	Weymouth	"Aucoin, Paul A"	199900	12/18/00	"Sullivan, Dennis F"
121-H Tall Oaks Dr U:H	Weymouth	"Snell, Maureen L"	142000	12/19/00	"Delrosso, Adriana"
52 Mercury St	Weymouth	"Delrosso, Adriana"	208000	12/20/00	"Gough, Richard I"
495 Pine St	Weymouth	"Bernard, Harry"	120000	12/21/00	"Ketcham, Delbert B"
66 Reed Ave	Weymouth	"Gannon, James"	175000	12/18/00	"Montgomery, Eleonore M"
2 School House Rd U:2	Weymouth	Janet B Soszynski T	251900	12/19/00	Garo-RB Weymouth LLC
40 School House Rd U:1	Weymouth	"Gloster, Donald J"	230610	12/19/00	Garo-RB Weymouth LLC
Gn Lewis Way	Weymouth	Cannon Const Corp	147500	12/20/00	Richard A Burns RE T
73 Broad Reach U:M73C	Weymouth	"Radosta, Gilda"	165500	12/27/00	"Devincentis, Marie"
24 Great Hill Dr	Weymouth	"Shaw, Scott D"	190000	12/28/00	"Bartlett, George L"
36 Frank Rd	Weymouth	"Sallaway, Sally A"	175000	12/28/00	"Sallaway, Isobell J"
Winstead Rd	Weymouth	"Barrow, Alister E"	250000	12/29/00	"Smith, Pamela A"
220 Essex St	Weymouth	"Comeau, Nicole M"	260000	12/27/00	"Tufts, James P"
174 Lake St	Weymouth	"Vassiliadis, Vassilios"	227500	12/29/00	Ryder Dev Corp
Hanifan Ln	Weymouth	"Bernard, Harry"	135000	12/29/00	"Dignan, Andrew J"
3 Tara Dr U:T10	Weymouth	"Cornwell Jr, William J"	86000	12/29/00	"Rielly Jr, John T"
8 Tara Dr U:T10	Weymouth	Tara Dr RT	73000	12/28/00	"Horsley 3rd, Harry"
14 Cara Dr U:14	Weymouth	"Delaar, Robert A"	210000	12/29/00	"Vassiliadis, Vassilios"

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FEBRUARY PROGRAMS AT THE SCIENCE CENTER featuring **Feed the Animals** every Wednesday from 3 - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also **Tales from the Wild:** Fridays from 10:30 - 11 a.m. For children ages 3 - 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. **Vacation Week Programs** "Come to your senses" for children grades 1 - 5, Feb. 20 - 23, half and full days offered. "For Kindergartners" Mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. "The eyes have it" Tues. Feb. 20. "Breathtaking Noses", Feb. 21. "We're all ears", Feb. 22, "Keep in touch", Feb. 23, "Parents and Tots" on Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 28. "Animal Tails", Feb. 1, 8, 15, "Stay Awake Bear" on Feb. 1, "Snip snip...snow" on Feb. 8, The Mitten, Feb. 15, "Scienceworks" on Wednesdays from 4 - 5:15 p.m., Feb. 7, 14, 28, March 7, 14 and 21 for children grades 1 - 5. "Dinosaurs and other Prehistoric Creatures" for children grades 1 - 3, "Great forces in nature" for children in grades 3 - 5, "Saturday adventures" on Feb. 3 and 17, "Creature Comforts", Feb. 3, "Do Raptors eat bark? Do beavers eat mice?" on Feb. 17. **Adult Programs:** Wednesday walks from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Marine Mammals walk on Feb. 7, "All about tea", Feb. 8 from 1 - 3 p.m., "Rhode Island Spring Flower & Garden Show, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. "Sunday Family Fun Day" on Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. "Water Watch Lecture Series 2001", "Nature as you see it" on Feb. 14 from 7 p.m. "The Boston Harbor Islands with George Price" on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 - 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call (781)659-2559.

LEARN TO SKATE AT LOCAL MDC RINKS for children ages 5 and up and adults wearing either figure or hockey skates. Quincy Shea MDC Rink on Willard Street on Fridays at 4 p.m. or Sundays at 11 a.m. The Weymouth MDC Rink on Broad Street, classes are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays. Register online at www.iceskating-classes.com or call Bay State Skating School at (781)890-8480.

YWCA MARSHFIELD BRANCH has winter classes: Acupressure and Reflexology - Feb. 2, Conversations with God and Helen, - Mon. afternoons, Mind - Body Connection - Jan. 26, Pet Massage - Jan. 29, Quilting - Stack and Slash, Jan. 24, Spanish at the Beach for children ages 3 - 5 and their parents - Thurs. mornings. Treasure Boxes - Jan. 24 and 31, Williamsburg Wreath - Jan. 26. For more information call (781)834-8371.

BATH TREATS WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT THE SCIENCE CENTER just in time for Valentine's Day. Rhonda Haavisto and Joanne Robinson of Paper Petals will show you how to create a basket full of bath treats in this craft class for adults on Jan. 31 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. All materials are included in the class fee of 25 for members/$28 for non members. To register please call the center at (781)659-2559.

BOATERS - BEGINNERS TO EXPERT can improve your boating and seamanship skills. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-3 is offering a 6 week course on basic skills and seamanship at Hingham High School beginning Jan. 24 from 7 - 9 p.m., ending March 14. Cost is $40 for texts and materials plus $20 registration. For more information call Paul Milone, lead instructor, Weymouth Harbormaster at (781)331-6688.

NRAS WINTER/SPRING 2001 CLASSES: "Design and Build your own Dreamhouse" March 19 - April 30 for 6 weeks. Fee: $85 members/$95 non members. Ages 8 - 14. "Explore! Drawing & Painting" on Sat. from 1 - 3:30 p.m. from Jan. 27 - March 31 for 8 weeks. Fee is $95 for members/$105 non members. "Vacation Fun Weeks" from Feb. 19 - 23 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. also April 16 - 20. Fee is $15 per day or $65 for the week. Ages 6 and up. "Advanced Painting Technique" on Mon. from 7 - 10 p.m. March 12 - April 30 for 8 weeks. Also on Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. March 7 - April 25. Fee is $85 members/$95 non members. "Portrait & Figure Oil Painting & Drawing" on Wed. from 7 - 10 p.m. March 7 - April 25 for 8 weeks. Fee is $85 members/$95 non members plus $80 model fee due at first class. "Introduction to Painting and Drawing" on Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. from March 2 - April 27 for 8 weeks. $85 members/$95 non members. For more information please call for more information at (781)837-8091.

YOGA, TAI CHI, MEDITATION New classes are beginning now at Harmony Wellness Center, 51 Mill Street in Hanover. Please call (781)829-4300 to register or for more information.

DOG TRAINING at the Hingham Recreation Center, 210 Central Street in Hingham. Sponsored by the New England Humane Association. "Good Manners for Beginners - Tues. Jan. 23 - 6 p.m. (5 weeks/$90). "Ultimate Obedience - Tues. Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. (5 weeks/$90). "Doggie Obstacle Course - Tues. Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. (5 weeks/$100). Saturday a.m. classes also available. Classes are also offered in Quincy, Milton & Cohasset. For more information call (781)878-4343 and ask for Lisa.

CREATIVE CLASSES AT THE SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER Adult courses: Monoprinting, Botanical illustration, Painting for the Petrified, Life Drawing, Beginning Drawing, Chinese Brushpainting, Calligraphy, Basic Darkroom, Oil Painting, Clay, Pastels, Watercolor, Collage, and Drawing Studios. All adult courses begin Jan. 16. Children's and Teens classes: Young Illustrators, Hands in Clay, Paper Treasures, Creative Clay, Fun With Folklore, Draw, Paint, Explore, Time Travelers, Animals in Art, Myths, Oil Painting, Teen Drawing, Draw what you see, Cocoa Time Parent and Child Workshop. All children's classes begin week of Jan. 22. Also: **PRINTMAKING CLASSES** are available with a wide variety of ability levels. Classes for beginners/intermediates are held on Mon. and Thurs. evenings while advanced monoprinting class will meet from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Mon. beginnings Jan. 22. To register call (781)383-2787.



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The James Library and Center for the Arts will hold another Chamber music concert at 3 p.m. featuring the Walden Chamber Players, members and friends of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Entitled "Winter Winds and Strings". Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 the day of the concert. For more information call (781)659-7100.

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"7 Over 4" an exhibition sponsored by Longwood Partners, LP and presented by the Duxbury Art Association. The artists represent seven of the more than fifty 4th Floor artists who have studios at the Codman Building in Rockland. The exhibition is open through **Jan. 26, 2001**. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

Sebastian Lockwood performs The Odyssey in a wise and streetwise version. Love, redemption, revenge, humility, mortality and immortality. It will leave you breathless. Held at Border's Books, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree. Poetry reading starts at 7:30, followed by open mike. Free admission; for more information call (781)380-3851.

Mens Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held **every second and fourth Friday** from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call (781)545-3335.

Sat. 27

Symphony Swing Band Concert with jazz vocalist Rebecca Parris presented by the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. Located at Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street in Plymouth. Tel .(508)746-8008. Reserved first tier seats, $25; general admission second tier seats are $17. Beginning at 8 p.m.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with some hilly terrain for 3 miles. Walk the green dot loop around tucker Hill. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum located at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, has various winter programs. For more information on any of the programs call Laura Liptak at (617)333-0690. "Animal Tracks" will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Fee per adult/child pair: $14 non member and $12 Mass. Audubon. This program is intended for children ages 5 - 10 accompanied by an adult. Learn of the different walking patterns of native wildlife. Dress warmly for outdoor exploration.

Sun. 28

Candlelight Concert Features Corigliano Quartet will perform music of Haydn, Dvorak and contemporary master John Corigliano at the Old Ship Candlelight Concert at 4 p.m. Part of an ongoing concert series at the Old Ship Meeting House, 90 Main Street in Hingham, admission if free of charge. For further information call (781)749-5493.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Elm Bank Sledding Party" at 1 p.m. .Meet at Elm Bank Reservation on Route 16 in Wellesley. Call for detailed directions. Grab your snow tube and join the MDC Rangers for an old fashioned sledding party. 2 hours. Please call to register for this program. For more information call (617)698-1802.

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Tues. 30

The Kendall Whaling Museum presents another film entitled "White Dawn" (1974) at 8 p.m. A powerful, tragic tale of whalemen stranded in the Arctic among the Inuit. Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon. Films are free with museum admission ($4 adult, $3 student/senior, $2.50 child) For more information call (781)784-5642.

Wed. 31

"Tried and True: Old and New Pain Management Strategies" a professional lecture presented by New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. Located at the Brenner Conference Center, New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, 150 York Street, Stoughton. Tuition is $35 and includes breakfast and lunch. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information and to register call (781)297-1300.

Thurs. 1

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host **"Bon Appetit"** for the month of February. The public is welcome to the opening reception on Feb. 4 from 2 - 5 p.m. The Gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Sciuate Harbor. Gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. closed on Mondays. For more information regarding the gallery or workshops and classes at the Mahoney Studios call (781)545-6150.

Tu B'Shevat Sedar at the Temple Beth Sholom on Feb. 4 at 12 noon. Located at 600 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. Special dairy lunch served. Fee is $5 per adult, $3 per child. Please R.S.V.P. at the Temple office (781)925-0091 by **Feb. 1.**

Fri. 2

"Mixed Couples" the comedy drama will be presented by the North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell on **February 2 & 3** at 8 p.m. Two middle-age couples waiting for a plane in 1927 discover they have more baggage than they thought as they explore their past lives and loves. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call (617)476-8947.

Annual Members Show with the North River Arts Society from Feb. 3 - 17 (closed Mondays) from 1 - 3 p.m. at NRAS headquarters, The G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. Gala opening part is Feb. 2 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. Free admission will include hors d-oeuvres and a cash bar. Awards presentation at 8 p.m. For more information call Kate Norton at (781)837-8091.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Northern Lights in concert at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106 Kingston, across from the First Parish Unitarian Church. $10 for members, $12 for non members. For more information call (781)871-1052.

The Milton Players will present Brian Friel's Irish comedy-drama "Dancing at Lughnasa" directed by Pam McArdle on Feb. 2, 3, 9 and 10. The performances on Feb. 2 and 9 are at 8 p.m. with Cabaret seating. The performances on Feb. 3 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Feb. 10 performance will be held at 8 p.m. in traditional theater seating. Tickets are priced from $10 - $15 and all performances are held at the Milton Women's Club, 90 Reedsdale Road, (route 28) in Milton. For more information call (617)698-7469.

Singles Executive Club Cocktail Party and Dance at the Dedham Hilton hotel Ballroom, 25 Allied Drive in Dedham. Exit 14, East Street off Route 128. Complimentary buffet from 8 - 9 p.m. DJ music from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Admission is $15. Ties, jackets, party finery required. Suitable for singles and couples 35 - 55 years of age. For more information call (781)446-0234.

Ongoing Events

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call (617)479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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Meetings

A COURSE IN MIRACLES a journey to inner peace will meet on Thursdays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 112 Randolph Ave. in Milton. Call (617)696-5685.

NEW BEGINNINGS - A support group for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, meeting at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Rte. 123), Norwell. For more information, call 781-653-2887.

THE MOMS (MOMS OFFERING MOMS SUPPORT) CLUB will be starting a chapter in the Marshfield area. Anyone interested in joining call (781) 837-2149.

WRITERS GROUP – Buttonwood Books has established the Buttonwood Writers Group to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing and meet the **second and fourth Mondays of each month** at 7:30 p.m. in Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. Call (781) 383-2665 for more information.

WEEKLY WRITERS MEETING – Adult writers group meets weekly with facilitator Susan Dominquez from 1-3 p.m. in the reference area of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Aspiring or published writers are encouraged to bring a sample of their work to share with the group. Call (508) 830-4250 for information.

SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – Meets on the first **Wednesday of each month** at 7:30 p.m. In the Council on Aging facility, 293 Pine St., Norwell. Call (781) 545-7067 for information.

QUINCY HOSPITAL – Offers the following support groups such as Al-Anon (617) 843-5300, Bettors Anonymous in the Education Center, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Breast Cancer Support Group (617) 696-8875, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Fibromyalgia Support Group (617) 479-5034, Debtors Anonymous (617) 728-1426, Emotions Anonymous (617) 729-7011, Nicotine Anonymous (617) 472-5628, Overeaters Anonymous (781) 641-2303, Prostate Cancer Support Group (617) 834-2818 or (617) 471-4582, Stress Reduction/Relaxation Response Group (617) 471-2595. The Hospital is located at 114 Whitwell St., Quincy.

TOPS – Take Off Pounds Sensibly by meeting at 6:30 p.m., **every Thursday** in the Parish Hall of the First Congregational Church, Hanover.

SOUTH SHORE SPINNERS' GUILD – Meets at 7 p.m., the **first Thursday of each month**, in the South Shore Natural Science Center. For more information, call (781) 837-8967.

THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTERS' CLUB – Club meets for feedback on speeches from 7-9 p.m., **the first and third Wednesday of each month** at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street, Weymouth. Call (781) 545-5101 for more information.

THE QUINCY LEADS NETWORK – Meets from 8:15-9:15 a.m. on the **second and fourth Fridays of each month** and includes 20 non-competing business-to-business professionals in the executive conference room of the Roche Brothers supermarket, 101 Falls Boulevard, off Quincy Avenue, Quincy. Free, but must preregister. For more information, call (508) 583-5260.

NEW BEGINNINGS SINGLES GROUP – Support group for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults meets at 6:30 p.m., **Mondays,** for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs in the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Route 123, Norwell. For more information, call (781) 653-2887.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – A support group for prostate cancer survivors and for those diagnosed with prostate cancer meets from 7-9 p.m., **every third Wednesday of the month**, in Quincy Hospital, 114 Whitwell St., Quincy, in Conference Room D. Membership is open and free to the public. Spouses, family members and health care providers are encouraged to participate. Meetings provide support and information from specialists in various fields related to prostate cancer, such as surgery, radiation, medicine, nutrition and psychology. Call (617) 376-4016 for more information.

THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTER CLUB OF WEYMOUTH – Meets from 7 to 9 p.m., **Wednesdays**, at the South Shore Savings Bank, 11 Front St., Weymouth Landing to provide mutually supportive and positive learning environment to develop communication and leadership skills. Call (781) 337-0344 to register or for more information.

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Living Calendar

JAN. 24 - FEB. 2

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The Hyannis Port Challengesm an 85-mile fundraising cycling event will take place on May 19. Best Buddies and Back Bay Bikes host an informational session at Best Buddies, 132 Adams Street, Suite 7, Newton. On Feb. 6 and 7 it will be held at Back Bay Bikes, 336 Newbury Street in Boston. All sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. and are free of charge. Spaces are limited so please call Beth MacNeil at (800)718-3536.

The Fuller Museum of Art presents Craig Bloodgood , artist/inventor known for innovative furniture, sculpture and interactive games. The show will run through March 11. The show is **entitled "Gravity, Biscuits and Rolling Balls: The Inventions of Craig Bloodgood."** For more information call (508)588-6000. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Museum hours are Tues. - Sun. from 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults.

The Fuller Museum of Art annual exhibition of African American Contemporary artists presents **Richard Yale** Recent Works on Paper: Coming and Going/Palms. Show will run through March 25. For more information call (508)588-6000.

"The Art of the Political Poster" loaned by Stephen Driscoll will be on display in the Pembroke meeting room gallery for the month of January. This historical display features a wide variety of campaign materials dating from 1864 to the present time.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Jan Ellen Zakrzowski. Her paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781)337-1402.

The South Shore Art Center presents "Faculty Odyssey" an Exhibition of South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists. The exhibit will run through Feb. 25. Gallery hours: Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. Dillon Gallery: "New Faces & Places" - Joan Brancale, Monica Denevan, Gloria Dufresne, Jack Foley, Wendy Hale, Pat O'Neill. Faculty Feature: Lis Koopman-Wyman. Located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information call (781)383-2787.

South shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the pastel paintings of Marshfield Artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan through the end of February. Admission to the gallery is free and the hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781)749-7565 ext. 16.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "Beautiful people, horses and places" Recent charcoal drawings by Mary Felton through February 28. There will be a reception on January 28 from 2 - 4 p.m. Held at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2721. Hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m.

Mothers and More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

Overeaters Anonymous is a twelve step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at (781)829-4278.

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Margaret Farrell Bruno** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run through **Feb. 3, 2001** and is open for viewing Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. Bruno lives and paints on the South Shore and grew up surrounded by the splendid coastline and cranberry bogs which have inspired her pastel landscapes. For more information call (781)837-8091.

"Art Good Enough To Eat" will take place from noon - 4 p.m. at the Fuller Museum of Art. Activities and entertainment will focus on the combination of art and food as can in the exhibition "Women of Taste: A Collaboration of Quilt Artists and Chefs." This exhibition will be on display though **Feb. 11, 2001**. Admission for family day is $3 for adults and $2 for children. For more information call (508)588-6000 ext. 113.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at (781)294-1880.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings **every Monday** at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call (781)659-1857.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at (781)749-1679.

The Chris Luard Jazz Duo appearing every Thurs. and Friday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at no charge. This piano and bass duo can be seen at Abbadessa's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 211 Lincoln Street, Route 3A, Hingham. For more information call (781)749-9829.

Mothers and More South Shore Chapter for mothers who have chosen to alter their career path in order to care for their children at home. Meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. For more information call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

The Network Voice Toastmasters' Club meets for feedback on speeches from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., **the first and third Wednesday of each month** at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street , Weymouth. Call (781) 487-5100 for more information.

The Artist's Way a journey in self-discovery based on Julia Cameron's book by the same title will be offered by the Art Complex Museum at Duxbury on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 12:30 p.m. Each week participants will examine a different core aspect of their way of living such as their sense of safety, identity and power. Early registration is suggested by calling (781)934-6634. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury.

The Olde Kids on the Block a 20 piece orchestra will be playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure at Striars JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. and admission is $5. Feb. 20., Mar. 20., Apr. 17., Jun. 19., July 17, and Aug., 21, 2001.

Just for kids

CHILDREN'S THEATRE REGISTRATION OPEN AT PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE in Plymouth receiving applications for the winter workshop entitled :Princess Lee's Journey," an American tradition written by Sherry Brier. Designed for children ages 4 - 15 will take place on Saturdays, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 10 from 12 - 4:30 p.m. For applications and schedules call (508)224-4888. The performance will take place on Feb. 24 and 25, March 3 and 4 at 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets are $5 for children and $10 for adults.
SCHOOL VACATION ACTIVITIES sponsored by the Children's Museum in Easton. Fun and art activities designed to celebrate the season and chase away the "There's nothing to do" blues. A different activity is planned for every day, no reservation is required. All activities are free with museum admission, $3.50 per person. For more information call (508)230-3789.
LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at (781)834-7417.
PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE Summer Day Camp programs are now open for registration offering a full and exciting schedule in the performing arts for children ages 4 -12. Registration is open by calling (508)224-4888.
'KIDS WORKOUT' a program offered by the South Shore YMCA for girls and boys ages 8 - 11. Classes consist of fun aerobics, fitness games, sports play, learned nutrition and weight training. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. For more information call Gayle Laing at 479-8500 ext. 135.
'DROP-IN STORYTIME–Children ages 3-1/2 to five are invited to a half-hour of stories, songs and fingerplays at 2 p.m. each Monday in the Plymouth Public Library's Manomet Branch, Point Road and at 10:30 a.m. **Tuesday mornings** at the Main Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. For more information or to register, call (508) 830-4250.
AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL STUDENT EXCHANGE–Currently accepting applications to host a foreign exchange student for the upcoming school year. Host families provide students with a bed, meals and a loving family atmosphere. The students will have medical insurance and spending money for their stay. Call (800) SIBLING or visit www.aise.com for information.
BOOK TALK–For kids ages 10-12 is a book discussion group that meets **every Thursday** at 4:15 p.m., Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Participants can also bring books they've read to talk about. Space is limited. Register in advance or find more information at (508) 83-4250, ext. 210.
MONTHS OF THE YEAR–Storytime and crafts from 10-10:45 a.m., **Wed. mornings**, in the Plymouth Public Library, Manomet Branch, Point Road, Manomet. Space is limited. Volunteer **Tricia Krause** will present a story and craft each week for children ages **3-and-a-half to 5**. For more information, call (508) 830-4185.



Tickets are $25 for first tier reserved seats; general admission second tier seats are $17 and may be ordered by calling the PPO at (508) 747-8008. They can also be purchased at the door one hour before the performance.

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BECOME A BIG SISTER offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones at the Boston office. For more information call (617)236-8060 and visit www.bigsister.org.
CARING, HELPING HAND NEEDED at the Marshfield Council on Aging for the following for people who can give the elder community help as they prepare for stormy weather. Hot meal delivery, grocery shopping, assistance with rides to medical appointments, library book delivery to homebound seniors, and especially friendly visitors for winter friendship and companionship. Please call Cathy Nickerson, Marshfield Council on Aging at (781)834-5581.
HINGHAM LIBRARY SEEKS COMPUTER DONATIONS of surplus computers and peripherals in working condition. The donated computers will be used to replace aging machines in use at the Library. The Library seeks Pentium II or later generation computers and PowerMac/IMac models. Particularly needed are laptops that can be upgraded. Also welcome are donations of 10/100 network cards and laser printers. For more information call the Library Director Dennis Corcoran at (781)741-1406.
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED at the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton, serving the physically challenged children and young adults. Volunteer opportunities are: After school and early evening recreation programs, therapeutic horseback riding program/barn help - after school and weekends, homework helpers, story tellers. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age. Please call the Development Office for an interview at (781)830-8517.
THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION of Greater Boston is currently looking for volunteers from the South Shore area. For more information call (617)451-WISH.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MARSHFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING to assist in the prep work for our Seniors lunch programs. Drivers needed to deliver meals to our homebound seniors as well as volunteers interested in the Council of Aging's services. To become a volunteer call Cathy Nickerson at (781)834-5581.
KIND HEARTED WOMAN CONSIGNMENT SHOP in Scituate raises funds for The Yellow Brick Road Project, a non profit program which assists survivors of domestic violence to learn job skills and gain self-esteem. Volunteers of varied interests are needed to work flexible schedules. For more information call Jodi Beldotti at (781)545-7775.
TALKING INFORMATION CENTER needs volunteers for reading evening newspapers, weekend newspapers and substitute readers. To sign up or for more information call (800)696-9505.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Save the Last Dance (C+)

Hollywood and TV (now increasingly indistinguishable) have little sense of how to deal with matters of race. Perhaps in expiation of decades of unflattering, even vile, stereotypes, movies and TV shows tend either to portray blacks in elevated positions (is there a world leader whom James Earl Jones or Morgan Freeman hasn't played?, a judicial system not chockfull of black, preferably female, jurists?, a non-black FBI director?) or to succumb to the odd idea that "authenticity" equates to street, genuine blackness to hip hop.

For mainstream consumption, reality flies away. Consider Fox's hyperactive Monday offering, "Boston Public," which has concocted an ordinary high school, not one of the exam schools, half of whose students are white — in actuality, fewer than eight percent of the non-exam high school student body in Boston is white — the better to draw a white audience, which routinely rejects TV shows with casts that are predominantly black. In this TV fantasy, the *teachers* have the problems, like a fondness for sleeping with students, and other no-nos.

"Save the Last Dance" is more honest. Its urban Chicago high school is overwhelmingly black, as in big cities they tend to be, whites



Julia Stiles and Sean Patrick Thomas get ready to teach and learn a few steps.

having scooted away for less troubled pastures. Our heroine, Sara (Julia Stiles), a suburban white girl who has just lost her mother, is somehow obliged to move to the city to live with her father (Terry Kinney), who for some reason lives in a black neighborhood, maybe because he plays the horn and wants to find "roots." In this school, there is only one teacher, it seems, onscreen for three minutes; after that, the kids spend their lives dancing exuberantly at a black club where underage drinking seems to be no problem, arguing about whether it's appropriate for a white girl to date a black boy, or heading excitedly off to face their fate in street warfare.

The black boy in question, Derek (Sean Patrick Thomas), the brother of Sara's new best friend (a single mother, with a ne'er-do-well boyfriend), was the boyfriend of snaky Nikki (Bianca Lawson), who's angered that Derek would rather be with Sara than with a sistuh. All of this is by-the-book of black empowerment, embodying also what Stephen Holden of the New York Times referred to as the "Perfect Negro" image: He who solves the problems of whites, as in 'The Green Mile," "Bagger Vance" and such. Derek restores Sara's will to dance, bestowing upon her rhythm and verve, a little bit o' soul. Until Derek unlocks Sara's dormant talents, she is frozen, unfulfilled. The romance is unconsummated, onscreen, but hope-filled: They are sweet and deserve each other, though of course Derek (just accepted to Georgetown) speaks illiterately, else, by the idiotic dictates of today's cinema, he wouldn't be a full-fledged boy in the 'hood. By showing us three minutes of classical ballet, the movie juxtaposes what has passed the test of time with what is considered dance and music in our careless era, unintentionally highlighting the differences, not to hip hop's advantage.

Written by Duane Adler and Cheryl Edwards; directed by Thomas Carter. Rated PG-13

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Ask George

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Q. We are interested in your discussion of Rule 240. From the way you described it, we assume that all U.S. airlines have a Rule 240 dealing with the same subject matter, but that each airline sets forth its own policies. It would seem desirable for travelers to obtain copies of this rule as adopted by airlines which they frequently fly.

Do you agree and, if so, can you suggest the easiest way of obtaining such copies?

A. Yes, it's a good idea to obtain a copy of the contract of carriage, including Rule 240, for all airlines you fly regularly. Airlines are supposed to provide you with a complete, not abbreviated, copy on request and can be fined for not doing so. But, usually, they'll just try to give you a shorthand version, or they won't know what you're talking about. Be persistent.

One method is by writing to the customer service department of your airline and specify that you want a copy of the entire contract, including Rule 240 language. If you have Internet access, you may be able to find a copy online (see below).

It's true that airlines have slightly different language in their Rule 240s, and not all domestic airlines include Rule 240 at all (but most major ones do). Foreign carriers don't have a Rule 240 in their contracts.

As I said before, you can also look at a useful Web site that summarizes airline rules at www.1travel.com (click on the "Rules of the Air" button). This isn't an official site, but it is accurate.

Some airlines also have contracts on their Web sites. American Airlines has a section on its site (www.aa.com) titled "Conditions of Carriage," but it's not the entire contract and doesn't mention Rule 240. Delta, too, has a summary, but not the official document. United's site (www.ual.com), in contrast, includes the complete contract, which includes a summary of Rule 240, as do Continental's (www.continental.com) and Northwest's (www.nwa.com) sites.

To find United's, click on "About United" and then "Our Commitment" and then "Contract of Carriage." You can then download the entire contract and print it out.

In fact, since United, Northwest and Continental make it so easy to get the full contract, people who fly these airlines often, have access to the Web, and don't carry at least the Rule 240 part of the contracts whenever they fly are making life harder than it needs to be.

Q. I recently returned from Christmas vacation, flying on Delta. When we left, it was raining heavily and apparently our luggage was left out in the rain unprotected. When we unpacked we found almost everything in our luggage was soaked, including all our clothing as well as new Christmas gifts. I had also packed a number of photographs dating back almost 100 years that narrowly escaped damage because I had packed them in bubble wrap.

I think I am entitled to some compensation from Delta for all of the dry-cleaning costs incurred if nothing else.

Can you please tell me how to file a claim and what would be reasonable compensation? I had planned to submit my baggage claim tickets — one of which is badly smeared — and an itemized dry-cleaning ticket. Is there anything else I should do?

A. First, it's a really bad idea to pack anything valuable or irreplaceable in your checked luggage. It amazes me that people do this. Always carry items like these on board with you. But that's for next time.

U.S. airlines are now required to compensate passengers for up to $2,500 in lost or damaged luggage. You're clearly entitled to compensation, although it may be hard to prove that Delta caused the damage since you didn't make a claim before leaving the airport.

At this point, you should write Delta, enclosing copies of your tickets, boarding passes, and baggage claim checks, along with your receipts for expenses incurred. The address: Delta AirLines, P.O. Box 20980, Atlanta, GA 30320-2980.

Follow up:

In the continuing saga of the passengers who bought $3,200 worth of tickets with their credit card on now-bankrupt Air Aruba and put the charges in dispute. After reading my reply to their plight, they called Chase Bank, their Visa card issuer, again. (Readers may remember that originally they were told that unless Chase could collect funds from Air Aruba they would expect these passengers to pay their bill in full.) Here's what the passengers learned:

"We asked what the next step was in our dispute process and what we should expect as a final resolution. (The Chase representative) indicated that once the dispute is finalized, whatever the outcome, our account will likely be permanently credited. He said that they generally handle it that way, because they want their customers to continue charging purchases on their credit card, without fearing that they'd lose their money. I asked what "generally" meant and he said "it means better than 90 percent of the time."

Well, in fact, the reason why Chase and other issuers handle it this way is because federal law requires it to be handled this way. The Federal Fair Credit Billing Act, as I've said in previous columns, mandates that credit card issuers refund a consumer's money if he or she doesn't receive something they've charged to their credit card and dispute the charge within 60 days.

I find it amazing that the Chase representative made it sound like this was some sort of customer relations gesture. It's not! It's the law. The lesson here: Know your rights and be persistent.

Have a travel question? George can be reached via e-mail at georgehobica(at)aol.com.

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Witness the magic of growth from seeds

By Suzanne Mahler
Part 1

As howling winds and swirling, drifting snow gave way to crystal clear blue skies, I ventured forth, my camera in hand, to document the beauty of our winter wonderland. Few events in nature rival the serenity and pristine elegance of a new fallen snow when even an average landscape can be transformed into a picture postcard. On this perfect winter afternoon in mid-January, spring seemed light years away, but even for gardeners who yearn for the greening of the landscape, the peaceful solitude of the storm's aftermath was undeniably mesmerizing.

With muscles aching from hours of shoveling, I paused periodically to observe the change in patterns cast by the elegant forms and distinctive lines of the winter landscape as the light shifted throughout the afternoon. The slanted rays of the setting sun illuminated a rustling clump of ornamental grasses as long shadows created intricate designs on the glistening, crystalline surface of the new fallen snow. A small flock of robins, perched high above, seemed out of place in this wintry scene, their occasional calls to one another sounding like protests to Mother Nature's for her most recent chilly offering.

Dusk and falling temperatures compelled me to retreat to the warmth and comfort of my home. During my hours out-of-doors, my mind wandered, envisioning the beauty of the spring landscape nestled beneath the fluffy, white blanket of snow. Eager to preserve these visions of flowers and greenery, I sought refuge in my stacks of gardening catalogs, their colorful offerings providing just the needed touch of summertime splendor.

One of the most economical ways to produce a garden full of beautiful flowers is to grow your own plants from seeds. Quantities of annuals, perennials and vegetables can be raised from seed packets at a fraction of the cost of buying flats or individual plants. There is also a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment when you successfully grow plants from seed. Gardeners of all ages experience an unexplainable thrill when they discover that leaves have sprouted from the seeds they have been sown. The magic of a tiny seed germinating and growing to produce a clump of exquisite flowers, a vine covered with delicious, plump tomatoes, or a stately evergreen tree, is



one of nature's greatest miracles.

Another advantage to starting your own seeds is the fantastic diversity available from seed sources. While many local nurseries offer a wide selection of plants and seeds, the possibilities from seed catalogs are infinite. Raising plants from seeds enables the gardener to select the colors, attributes and varieties best suited to their needs rather than being limited to those offered as transplants later in the season at local nurseries.

The month of January is an ideal time to begin the process of gathering seeds and supplies. Seeds, containers and growing medium can be bought locally or through catalogs. Perhaps the most difficult task will be selecting which types and varieties of seeds to purchase with so many enticing descriptions and photographs offered by the seed companies. A good reference book on seed starting is highly recommended, as well. Although most packets provide pertinent information on how to treat the seeds contained within the package, a complete reference will assist you in making your selections and provide many details which simply cannot fit on the back of a small seed envelope.

There are several excellent sources for seed packets. Park Seed Company has been my primary choice for years as I am partial to their foil seed packages which seem to help the seeds remain viable for a longer period. Another great supplier is Johnny's Selected Seeds located in Maine. They test all their seeds in that locale, so the varieties they offer tend to be especially well suited to our area. Burpee Company is a well known source with extensive listings and many of their seed packets can be purchased through local nurseries. Most commercial catalogs have web sites if you wish to browse their offerings on-line.

Should you have seeds from previous years, they should be tested now for their viability. Most seeds remain viable for a number of years if stored in a cool, dry environment, but some types last better than others. Airtight containers, plastic bags or canisters are ideal for storage. Place a number of stored seeds between damp layers of paper towels and keep in a warm location consistently above 70 degrees. Keep the toweling damp but not soggy and start checking the seeds in a few days for up to three weeks. If none or only a very small percentage of the seeds germinate, fresh seeds should be purchased.

While it is wise to begin planning and preparing for seed starting now, be sure to wait a few weeks before starting most seeds. Limited sunlight and short day length often leads to leggy, spindly seedlings. Supplemental light can be supplied but little will be gained by beginning the germination process too early. For now, be content to research, purchase and dream of your upcoming bounty of healthy, stocky seedlings and the rewards they will produce through the spring and summer months. Seed sources: Park Seed Co., 1 Parkton Ave., Greenwood, SC 29647-0001; W. Atlee Burpee & Co., 300 Park Ave., Warminster, PA 18991-0001; Johnny's Selected Seeds, 1839 Foss Hill Rd., RR1, Box 2580, Albion ME 04910-9731.



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Selectmen put off signing train pact

Resident concerns send town back to negotiating table

By Rick Collins
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"Historically, the town has been divided right down the middle. We're not getting an overwhelming mandate to stop the train."
— Selectmen Chairman Tom Callahan

Anti-Greenbush residents got a bit of a reprieve Tuesday night when the town put off signing a mitigation agreement with the MBTA, and said it will try to head back to the negotiating table. However, selectmen said the town will eventually sign a deal, in order to make sure the town is protected when the train does come.

"People think we have the ability to stop the train by not signing an agreement," said Selectman Fred Koed, "but that's not true."

In fact, said Selectman Michael Sullivan, the sooner the town signs, the better off it will be.

"If we can get this agreement in the draft Environmental Impact Report [the train has to file with the Department of Environmental Protection], it becomes more binding," an assertion backed by both MBTA Senior Project Consultant Kevin Dasey, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley.

Highlights of the agreement include up to $1.2 million reimbursement for the James Brook flood control project in the village and harbor areas; $1 million in exchange for a "friendly" land taking of the town-owned right-of-way; median strips at all grade crossings; a bridge from North Main Street, over the tracks, to Rocky Lane; and crucial MBTA support for a $1 million Public Works Economic Development grant.

But several of the nearly 100 residents that packed themselves into the selectmen's office for the three-hour public hearing said the deal wasn't strong enough, and some suggested the town sign no agreement at all.

"What should the town accept in order to make this irreversible change?" asked Arrowood Street resident Michael Dick. He argued that the mitigation package on the

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Train forum Tuesday

By Rick Collins
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A meeting to discuss proposed noise and vibration mitigation treatments for individual properties between Greenbush right-of-way abutters and MBTA officials has been scheduled for Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

The meeting was requested by selectmen and residents at this past Tuesday's public hearing on the proposed mitigation agreement between Cohasset and the MBTA. Though the agreement outlines a number of mitigation items for the town — abutters were concerned about mitigation for their individual properties.

According to MBTA officials, properties within a certain distance of the tracks are evaluated on an individual basis as to what their needs are. They said distance from the tracks, soil conditions, and any other factor is taken into consideration.

Senior Project Coordinator Kevin Dasey said the MBTA follows a formula established by the Federal Transit Authority in figuring out whether a house or building qualifies for things such as sound-proofing or vibration mats.

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'New kid on the block' at chamber



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
Cohasset Chamber of Commerce president Kimberly La Torraca at her law office.

Lawyer to lead business group

By Rick Collins
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New Cohasset Chamber of Commerce president Kimberly La Torraca and her predecessor, David Drinkwater do have a few things in common. Both are Scituate residents, both are involved in real estate, and have offices next to each other in a Route 3A office building. La Torraca is a real estate lawyer, Drinkwater is a real estate broker.

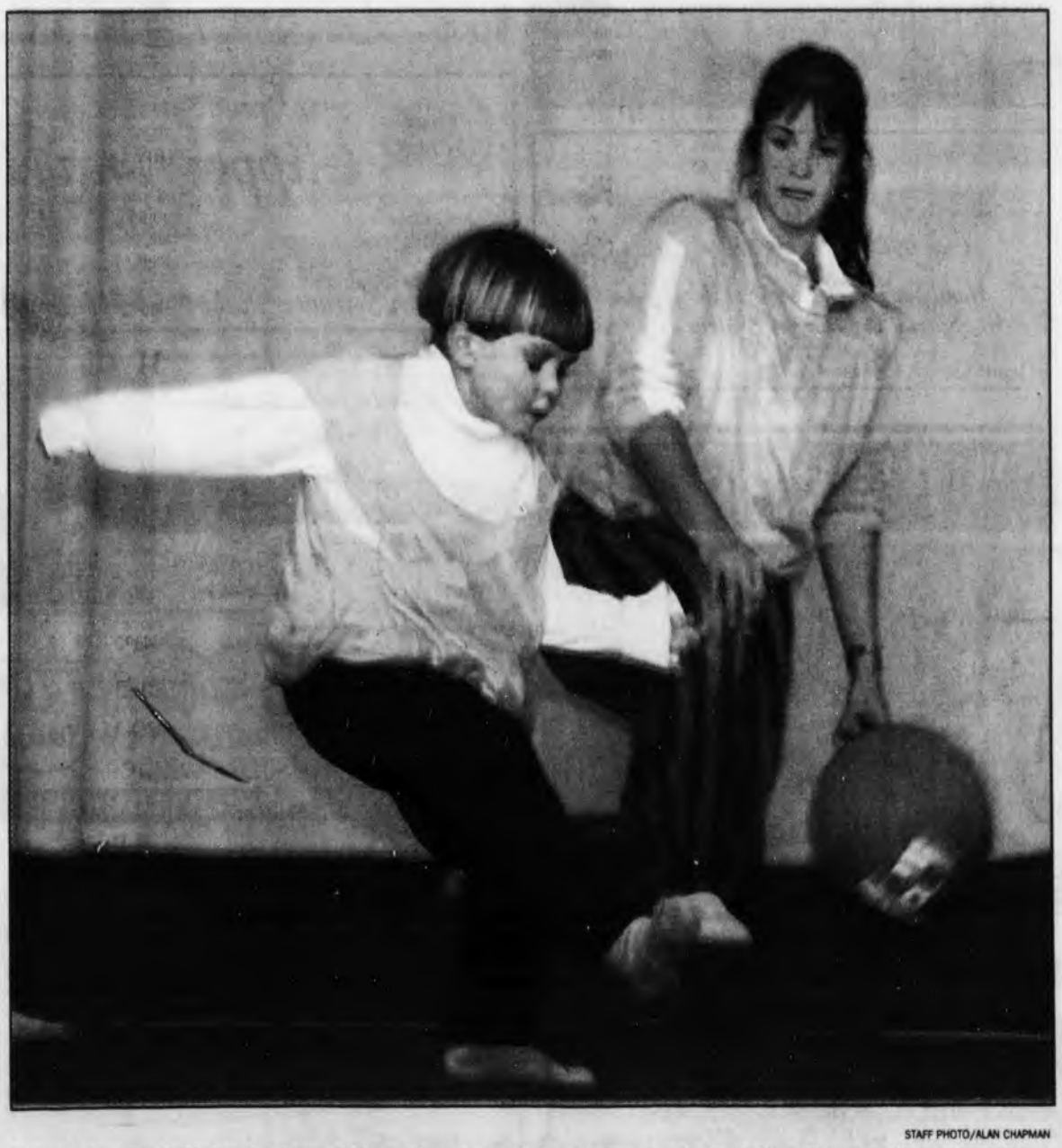
"She demonstrated strong abilities to work well with people and is a very good consensus builder."
— David Drinkwater, past president

But, more importantly in the eyes of the Cohasset chamber, La Torraca and Drinkwater are both involved with small businesses.

La Torraca officially took over the chamber presidency last Thursday at the organization's annual dinner, held in the

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HIGH KICK



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
Colin Whelan plays kickball under the watchful eye of coordinator Ruthann Ardizzoni at the South Shore Community Center during the Sports for Kids program.

Case made for more animal control hours

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy's job isn't just about making sure Rover's dog license has been renewed, or getting Mittens the cat out of a tree anymore.

Now it's about coyotes and foxes and possums and raccoons and skunks and the occasional tropical virus, such as the West Nile virus that spread throughout the South Shore via mosquitoes last summer and turned up in dead crows.

The job for Murphy has changed over the past two years, to the point now where 20 hours a week is not enough time to do the job properly.

"People do not want to hear that they should be patient. They insist on immediate service, which is impossible with limited hours."
— Police chief Brian Noonan

In 2000, the police department received 1,150 calls requesting service from Murphy, an increase of 250 calls over 1999. Concerns over the West Nile Virus alone

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A new look to paper's website

Townonline.com, the web site of Community Newspaper Company, was unveiled with a new look and features this week, making it faster and easier for Internet users to find local news, information and shopping close to home.

The new look incorporates the best of the past with additional features and functionality to improve the site. The most significant change is a new, more simply designed gateway page and universal navigation throughout the site. The simplified navigation allows users to easily find the information they're looking for. Some of the new features of the site include comprehensive community resource information about 200 towns in Eastern Massachusetts, online ticketing, personal and family web sites, and a new Tuesday chat series called, "Talk of the Town."

"The expansion of Town Online is one more step toward our company's mission of building community, both in print and online," said Kirk Davis, CNC president. "We want to relate to the people in each of our communities in a way that is as unique as the city or town in which they live. We're allowing and encouraging people to interact with their community. That's grass roots journalism at its best."

The redesign was contracted to New Tilt, a Boston-based company specializing in web strategy, information architecture and experience design.

"We are thrilled to bring this new generation of Town Online to our

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Case made for more animal control hours

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increased the workload by 150 calls and state health officials expect a large increase in cases in 2001. The West Nile Virus is blamed for a number of deaths across the Northeast over the past two summers. Whenever a dead crow was found, Murphy would have to go get it, and send it to the state for testing.

"We get an overwhelming amount of calls," he said. "I can't do it in 20 hours…I have to pick and choose what I do."

As a result, Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan has asked the town manager for an increase of five hours to allow Murphy to spend more time dealing with the calls.

"I think its more than justified, he gives up a lot of his own time," Noonan said.

However, the request could face a fight. Last week, Selectman Merle Brown fired the first salvo against the increase saying he'd rather see the money used for overtime for full-time police officers.

But Murphy insists that town residents would be better off if he could give more hours. "I'm not saying the town needs a full-time officer, though it certainly would be nice," Murphy said, "But if they expanded the services I could do a lot more."

Murphy said, by state statute, his main job is to make sure every dog in Cohasset is licensed, tagged and been vaccinated, "everything else is secondary."

However, public safety concerns have caused him to reevaluate his priorities, and he suggests the town needs to do the same. "Dogs and kitties up a tree are my last priority," he said. "Wildlife is the biggest problem."

Coyote and fox calls take up 30 percent of Murphy's time.

Noonan said residents don't understand the time limitations of the job.

"Residents find it hard to accept wildlife on their property in close proximity to their children and pets…People do not want to hear that they should be patient," Noonan stated in a memo to Town Manager Mark Haddad. "They insist on immediate service, which is impossible with limited hours."

Noonan said Murphy usually puts in a couple of extra hours of uncompensated service every week, and spends a lot of time tracking coyotes. "He spends a lot of time tracking them around town, tracking their locations, trying to find out where their dens are," Noonan explained.

He added that regular patrolmen aren't qualified to pick up the slack. "My people aren't qualified to do animal control calls. They can respond to emergencies, but they can't give out information or take action as he does," Noonan said.

Murphy, who has been a certified animal control officer for 25 years, makes $12.23 an hour. Hull, Scituate and Hingham all have full-time animal control officers. The Scituate officer is paid $30,429 a year. In Hingham, the animal control officer makes $20.29 an hour for 35 hours a week or about $37,000 an year.

Haddad said the additional five hours are still in the proposed Fiscal Year 2002 budget which starts July 1. Selectmen have not finalized the budget yet, he said.

This week in COHASSET

Grant hearing

The Cohasset Board of Selectman will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 8:15 p.m. on a proposed Public Works Economic Development Grant (PWED). The PWED program funds infrastructure improvements that strengthen the local economic climate while creating or retaining jobs. The proposed grant application includes upgrades to the municipal parking lot and select railroad crossings, in addition to other village streetscape improvements.

Nomination papers

Nomination papers for the annual Town Election for 2001 are available at the town clerk's office. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available: selectmen, two for three years; school committee, two for three years; trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library, three for three years; assessor, one for three years; board of health, one for three years; Cohasset Housing Authority, one for five years; planning board, one for five years; recreation commission, one for five years; sewer commission, one for three years; water commission, one for three years, one for one year to fill an unexpired term. Friday, March 9, is the last day to register for the annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 31, and the annual Town Election, Saturday, April 7.

Governor backs local aid hike

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund reports that the Governor's Fiscal Year 2002 school and local aid budget recommendations for Cohasset are as follows:

School Aid (Chapter 70) $1,434,077

Additional Assistance $209,013

Lottery Distribution $435,175

This brings the Governor's total 2002 budget recommendation for Cohasset to $2,078,265, representing an increase of $132,164 over Fiscal Year 2001. For Cohasset and most communities there is an overall increase in direct educational aid.

The House of Representatives and the Senate will compile their own budgets, and deliberations on final versions will begin in the spring.

"I am pleased that the Governor has remained committed to providing vital funding for the most important aspect of the Commonwealth's budget, that of local school aid for our cities and towns," said Hedlund. "This year promises to be a challenging one as we attempt to balance fiscal restraint with important budget priorities. I hope that the Legislature and the Governor will proceed in a spirit of cooperation so we can achieve the best outcome for the children and citizens of the Commonwealth."

Bradley holds office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley will hold district office hours this Friday, Feb. 2, in Cohasset. He will be available at the Stop & Shop, public meeting room, 400 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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Freshman state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, spent more than $126,000 in his 2000 campaign for the legislative seat, according to campaign finance reports, and outspent his Republican rival Mary Anne McKenna by a near 3 to 1 margin.

McKenna spent a total of $42,174 in her effort to succeed Mary Jeanette Murray as state representative for the Third Plymouth District. Independent candidate Walter Murray spent just $9,831.

Bradley's spending amount topped his 1998 total of $99,012 when he ran against Murray and lost. The 1998 was the fifth-highest amount spent by any state representative candidate in the state.

"It is a lot," he said, "but don't forget I had two opponents in the general election and I also had the primary. So I had three people I had to run against. That's really the way you have to look at it."

Bradley defeated fellow Hingham resident Michael Holden in the Democratic primary in September.

"Certainly it's a lot of money, but there are other races that cost just as much," he added. "To do it right, it costs money."

The numbers are compiled from Bradley's campaign finance report that is required to be filled out and sent to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. Any person who declares his or her candidacy and then raises money, must record and account for every cent collected and spent. The names and addresses of each donor over $50 must be itemized, and the occupation of every donor of more than $200 must also be included.

Candidates have to file one report the week for the primary, another report eight days before the general election, and again in January.

Bradley spent $29,262 in the final filing period, which lasted from Oct. 21 until Dec. 31. Of that amount, $7,447 was spent on printing costs, $2,192 in advertising, $9,480 in postage for mass mailings, and $1,361 in food and coffee for volunteers and commuters.

"You've got to feed the volunteers," he said. "Anytime someone comes out on a Saturday morning [to hold signs] you have to provide food...When you have 12 people labeling 8,000 pieces of mail, the only way you can pay them is to feed them."

Despite spending $126,000 Bradley raised only $94,671 in 2000. Most of the remaining balance — $32,560 – was made up from a surplus in fund-raising in 1999. However, Bradley did list more than $3,000 in liabilities, such as $2,725 in consulting fees to Viewpoint Strategies of Newton.

Bradley was widely criticized before the election for raising large amounts of money from people outside of the district. In the third filing period, 52 contributors from outside the district donated $9,365 to his campaign. Inside the district, 33 contributors from Hingham, Cohasset and Hull gave Bradley $6,252.

He also received $2,690 from political action committees and unions, such as the Eastern Mass. Bricklayers Union, Ironworkers Local #7, and Mass. Federation of Teachers.

Bradley also received a $500 donation from Speaker Finneran's House Victory Fund, a registered PAC. Bradley said as far as he knows, just about every Democratic candidate received a donation from the fund.

McKenna received $4,355 from 10 out-of-district donors in the third filing period, including $2,000 from the Mass. State Republican Committee. She also received $4,004 from 25 in-district voters, for a total of $8,359 raised from October to December.

In that time period, she spent $12,149; the majority of which — $8,134 — was spent on printing, mailing, and copying costs. She also spent $1,468 in advertising. McKenna listed $4,656 in outstanding liabilities, including more than $900 to Community Newspaper Company and the Tinytown Gazette for advertising and $1,700 in printing costs.

Murray spent $4,087 in the third filing period, all in mailing costs. All of Murray's money came from personal loans to himself.

The amount of money Bradley spent will surely once again bring the 1998 voter-approved Clean Elections Law to the forefront.

Bradley said repeatedly throughout the campaign he would not voluntary comply to Clean Election Laws, and reiterated that again this week.

"I personally don't believe in taxpayer-funded campaigns," he said. "There are too many organizations that need our tax dollars. I don't want to spend that on campaigns."

Bradley also said he doesn't want his tax dollars to potentially go to a candidate he doesn't support. "I want my money to go to a candidate I believe in and not just anyone who can raise $1,000."

He said if people think a person can be bought for $200, "they shouldn't be voting for that person in the first place."

The Clean Election Law was supported by more than two-thirds of the voters when it passed in 1998. Under the law, a state representative candidate who opts into the system, would only be able to spend a total of $30,000 in every two-year election cycle. Of that $30,000 – candidates could only spend $18,000 before the primary and $12,000 before the general election – $24,000 would be taxpayer funded. A candidate could only raise $6,000 through private contributors. The limit for private contributions would be $100 per person per election cycle [every two years].

If the candidate's opponent does not opt into the system, and spends more than the $30,000 limit, the candidate in the system will receive matching funds up to double the campaign limit.

Theoretically, if McKenna and Murray had opted into the system, they both would have received $48,000 in taxpayers' money during this last election.

Office of Campaign and Political Finance spokesman Denis Kennedy said the Clean Election Law is scheduled to take effect March 31. He also said the office has a bill before the Legislature that would "make certain technical changes" such as modifying the timetable a candidate has to file excess expenditure reports, as well as adjust the figures for inflation.

However, Kennedy said that some people are nervous that legislators will tack on amendments to the office's bill, and effectively "gut" the program.

Bradley said though he won't participate in the program, he also won't vote to "gut" the law.

Kennedy said candidates can't be forced to abide by Clean Election Laws because "a candidate can not be restricted in how much he spends...it's a free speech issue."



Garrett Bradley

Clean Election law makes level playing field

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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The Massachusetts Clean Elections Law halts the rising costs of political campaigns for statewide, legislative, and Governor's Council offices and creates a level playing field for candidates.

"It is costing more and more to run a campaign for public office. Many campaigns are funded through big-dollar donations. You have incumbents raising a lot of money, and people who want to run are seeing that as an obstacle, because they can't raise enough money to run a genuine campaign," Craig Hall of Weymouth, a volunteer for Mass. Voters for Clean Elections, said. "You're not necessarily getting the best and the brightest people running for office. They're out there starting up dot-com companies."

Any expenditures over the limit in the cycle made by non-participants (in the Clean Elections law) must be disclosed and will be matched with public funds up to twice the expenditure limit for the primary or general election.

March 31, 2001 is the date, according to the Clean Elections law, that the election cycle begins.

For races beginning after March 31, for candidates who agree to fixed spending limits and $100 contribution limits, the Clean Elections Law provides a set amount of public money for primary and general elections.

Any expenditures over the limit in the cycle made by non-participants (in the Clean Elections law) must be disclosed and will be matched with public funds up to twice the expenditure limit for the primary or general election.

For each of the following state offices, clean primary election funds for certified candidates for the primary and general elections are as follows: governor, $1,500,000 for primary, $1,050,000 for general; lt. governor, $383,000-$255,000; attorney general, $360,000-$240,000; treasurer and receiver general, same as attorney general; state secretary, $120,000-$80,000; auditor, same as state secretary; councilor, $19,000-$13,000; state senator, $43,000-$29,000; and state representative, $15,000-$9,000. (Candidates can raise some money privately. State representative candidates, for example, can raise $6,000 and state senate candidates can raise $18,000 through private donations).

The law also closes the "soft money" loophole by eliminating unlimited transfers of soft money from national parties to state parties and requires the electronic disclosure of all campaign contributions to candidates and political committees.

"People supporting the law are broad-based," Hall said. "People are tired of money being able to control legislative matters.

"People recognize that we need to have candidates to challenge an incumbent. We need to have open debate. When you have a number of candidates, you find out where people stand. With an unopposed incumbent, it can be much more difficult to get information."

Hall is organizing a Mass. Voters for Clean Elections-sponsored workshop on the Clean Elections Law open to residents in area towns. The nonpartisan, nonpolitical workshop is tentatively set for Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 7-9 p.m. at the Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St. (Route 53).

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ON THE MEND

Hello Everyone, I hope that everyone is dealing with all the illness that is around. Unfortunately, my little guy went down for the count and we spent some time in South Shore Hospital. **Cody**, we are very happy to see you smiling again and know that soon, you will be running around full of energy. I just want to include a big thank you to all of the staff at the South Shore Hospital for all the wonderful support and comfort that they provided to myself and Cody during this tough time. In our case, it was a matter of time and getting him back on his feet, for many others, it can be a lengthy stay and to know that the support is as wonderful as it is, is very reassuring. Thank you also to all of our great friends here in town for all of your support. It was greatly appreciated.

QUILT SHOW

Here is a reminder for all of you about the annual Quilt Show and luncheon being held by the Second Congregational Church on Cohasset Common. This will take place on Saturday, March 3 from 10:30 am to 2 p.m. The $10 donation includes a gourmet lunch and viewing of the over 50 amazing quilts. Advanced purchase of tickets is recommended as seating is limited. Call the church office at 383-0345 to make reservations. If you have a quilt that you would like displayed, call **Carol Sandblom** at 383-1812. This wonderful fund-raiser is to benefit a very important cause, Pediatric AIDS! Hope to see you there.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

As was reported to all of you last week, the PSO is seeking candidates for all the schools to serve on the council. If you have a student who will be attending the Middle/High School for the next two school years (2001-2003) you are eligible to serve on the Middle/High School Council. This council is comprised of the principal, teachers, parent community and community representatives. It is each council's charge to formulate and update the schools improvement plan, and to identify and put into action missions and goals for each school. This year, there are openings for two parent representatives at the Middle/High school. Council members are elected by the parent body of the school and serve two-year terms. If you are interested in serving, please send your name and paragraph about yourself and why you would like to serve on the council to: PSO Nomination Committee, c/o **Susan Biddle Jaffe**, 10 Wood Way, Cohasset MA, 02025, SBJaffe@aol.com The deadline for candidate entries is Feb. 12. Balloting will be held March 2-9 with the announcement of new council members to be made on March 20 at the PSO Monthly meeting.

CLASS OF '81 REUNION

Hey, anyone out there from the CHS class of 1981 make sure to read this! A 20th reunion is being planned for this summer and some people need to be "found" and your help is greatly needed. The following list are the people being looked for. **Michael Glasfeld, Brooke Henderson, Scott Hurlbut, Rebecca Osborne, Bob Lindsey, Michael Clark, Chuck Stockbridge, Jason Gill, Leslie Potts, Liz Goggin** and METCO students, **Paula Bouknight, Webster Roach, Aundrea "Peachie" Latson**. If anyone knows how to get in touch with any of these people, please respond to **Tina (Fiori) Danielson** at 781-545-3371 or email Tina at tdan@att.net

COLLEGE HONORS

Fairfield University of Fairfield, Connecticut sent me some news about a Cohasset student. **Jennifer Cellucci**, daughter of **Don and Judy** was named to the Dean's List with a 3.9 average. Jennifer, a senior, is majoring in school of Business Marketing and French. She is also active in Alpha Mu Gamma and the French Honor Society. Jennifer is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Hingham and her family is very proud of her. Great Job, Jennifer!

MARKETING PROJECT

Joseph Magner of Cohasset, a student in management Profession Sylvia Keyes' sales management class at Bridgewater State recently participated in a sales conference at the college. The conference was the culmination of semester-long marketing projects the students worked on in various businesses and agencies. The students made presentations about the work they had done, and were congratulated by Professor Keyes for their outstanding accomplishments during the fall semester. Joseph was part of the team that worked for the Plymouth County Development Council. The team sold advertising for the whole semester and exceeded the goals set for them by the council. They worked with **Rick Apel**, executive director of the council. Way to go, Joseph!

DEAN'S LIST

Let's hear it for Cohasset's **Amanda Gontarz** who has been named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn. for the fall semester. To achieve this honor, Amanda had to maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average and carry at least 12 hours of courses. Well done, Amanda!

VALENTINE SOIREE

Make sure to get your tickets to the St. Valentine Soiree being held on Saturday, Feb 10 by the Cohasset PSO. This is going to be a wonderful evening of fun, dancing and socializing from 7-11 p.m. The cost is $40 per person or $75 per couple and you can get your tickets from any of the PSO members or by calling **Janeen Culhane** at 383-2349! Also being revealed on this night will be the winners of the wonderful Chinese Baskets! If you wish to purchase tickets for these, please call **Jennifer Piepenbrink** at 923-1057 or email me at jenpiep@yahoo.com. Tickets are $1 each and these baskets were gorgeous last year!

HONOR ROLL

Philips Academy reported that a former Cohasset student, **Allanna Hughes** recently made honor roll for the first marking period. Allanna and her family moved recently to Andover to be closer to the school but are still very much connected to this town. Great job, Allanna!

JUST PERFECT

Chris and Kate Collins-Wooley let me know of some wonderful news about their daughter, **Mareth**. Mareth was a CHS graduate of 2000 and is currently a freshman at Eastern Nazerene. She was able to make a 4.0, the best you can get! What a great accomplishment, Mareth! Everyone is so proud of you.

That is it for this week. Send in all your news to me at: jenpiep@yahoo.com or ATSchoolsIn@aol.com, 622 CJC Highway or call it in at 923-1057 Have a Great Week!

Genealogy focus of meeting

The Cohasset Historical Society is sponsoring a genealogy workshop Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers Cottage. The speaker is Bob Edmands, a Mayflower passenger descendant and member of the Alden family board.

Refreshments will be served. For information on the society call 383-1434 or Martha Gjesteby, 383-1614.

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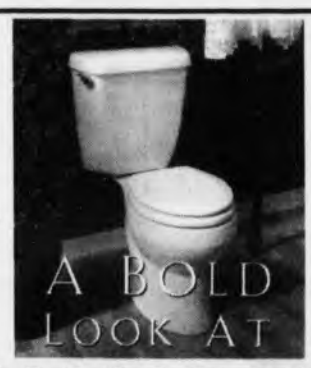
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South Shore Community Center plans for a secure future

Kicks off endowment fund drive

By Mary Ford
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The South Shore Community Center isn't a pool hall — but putting on an addition 20 years ago did put the facility behind the eight ball.

And while Cohasset is not River City, the center has kept both young and old off the streets with myriad offerings since its founding 50 years ago.

Mortgage and debt service was financially strapping the popular center until about three years ago, when the determined board of directors raised upwards of $200,000 — enough to bring the center back into the black.

And now, the board plans to go one step further and create a permanent endowment fund that will ensure the facility is here in perpetuity despite any undulations in the economy.

"As a building, it is beautiful and historic and as a facility, it mostly serves two of our greatest assets — our children and the elderly," said board member Mary Larson, who is spearheading the effort to make the center financially solvent. She also pointed out that the community center is one of the only affordable function halls in town for birthday parties and other events.

Larson explained that the motivation behind establishing an endowment fund is to ensure that the center will never be awash in red ink again.

"We never want to be in the situation we were in three to four years ago, when we didn't have enough money to cover expenses," she said. "We were faced with the possibility of closing the doors or not having enough to pay the staff or to heat the building."

Plans are to raise upwards of $250,000 through private donations over the next five years and once the money is accumulated, use the interest to pay for expenses such as a new roof.

"We want no more loans, no more second mortgages," she said.

Stephanie Church, program director, said the center has close to 800 members. Annual membership fees are $40 per family, $30 for an individual and $15 for a senior citizen. Course fees run $10-$20 cheaper for members. Upwards of 1,000 people walk through the community center doors every week. The nursery school has an enrollment of 115 and there are 250 children in the gymnastics programs. The facility also houses the senior center that pays a yearly rent to the center.

"It's a pretty busy place," Church said. She said the size of the Colonial building makes it costly to run.

Church said a community center is something to be treasured.

"Marshfield has talked to me about starting a community center," she said. "But it is a huge undertaking — and if you don't already have one, it would be tough to afford it."

The Cohasset center, a nonprofit corporation, is not funded through tax dollars but through program fees and donations. But Church pointed out for a town to start a center today, it would likely fall behind infrastructure necessities such as sewers and the like on the priority list.

Seventy-percent of those who participate in the center come from Cohasset with the balance from Scituate, Norwell and Hingham, Church said.

The endowment fund is set up to accept donations of cash or securities, said center treasurer Diane McLevedge. So far $48,000 has been raised ($4,600 of that in stock) with another $9,000 promised. The board of directors raised the first $20,000 to kick the endowment fund drive off, McLevedge said.

All contributions are tax deductible and may be sent to the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St. Securities should go to McNamara Financial Services, c/o US Charitable Trust Fund/South Shore Community Center, 760 CJC Hwy., Cohasset 02025.

Larson said the center really belongs to the community.

"We really see this as 'our' community center," she said. "Every member of the town should take pride it what it does and how it looks."

She said the building at the edge of the village and town common should always look nice and be in good repair.

"If it doesn't, it reflects badly on the whole town," Larson said.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Animal control

Seen any coyotes lately?

If you haven't yet — it won't be long before you will.

We saw one crossing North Main Street a few weeks back in broad daylight.

The growing population of coyotes and foxes is just one reason why we think selectmen should back the police chief's request for five more hours a week for the animal control officer.

Dealing with wildlife problems has eaten into the 20 hours per week allotted to Paul Murphy, who has served as the town's animal control officer for the past several years.

Unleashed and unlicensed dogs and feral cat complaints, as well as dead crows suspected of harboring the West Nile Virus also add to the workload. Remember the town also has a "pooper-scooper" law that needs enforcing.

Mr. Murphy is paid a little more than $12 an hour for his work. By comparison, the Hingham animal control officer, who is full time, makes $20 an hour. Cohasset's animal control officer is a bargain.

An increase is hours is needed and deserves the town's support.

Future planning

There's no doubt Cohasset is lucky to have people like Mary Larson and the other members of the board of directors at the South Shore Community Center who have vision.

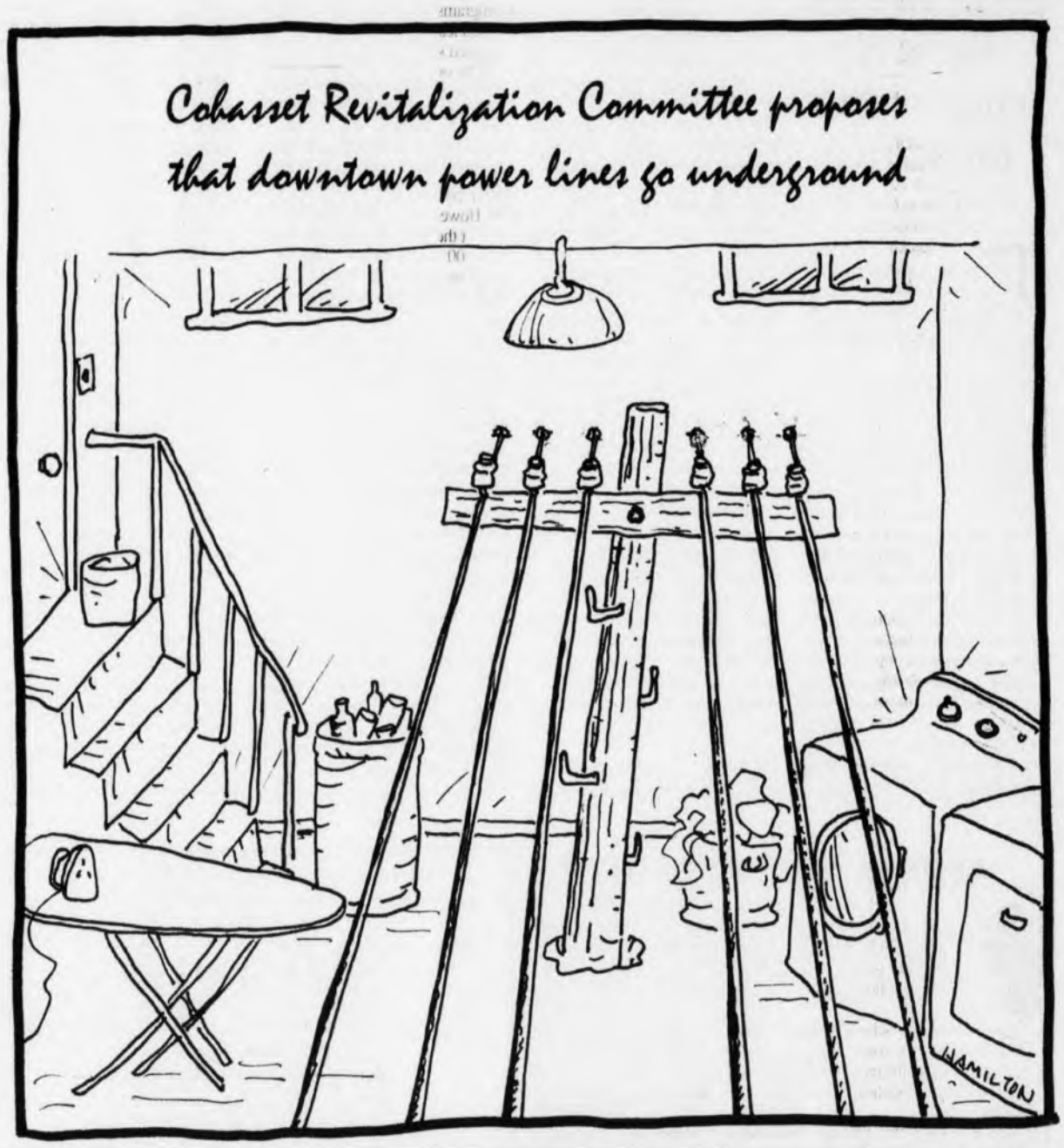
Thanks to this group, the community center that provides such a positive outlet especially for children and the elderly in town will continue to thrive.

It wasn't always that way. Just three to four years ago, the facility was so strapped financially there was a real possibility it might have had to shut its doors.

However, through a tireless fund-raising effort and the generosity of many contributors, the financial side of the popular center has been turned around. Now plans are underway to establish a permanent endowment fund to make sure that our children and our children's will always have a community center in Cohasset.

It speaks well of a town to have an attractive facility that is open to all and managed and paid for without burdening the taxpayer. There is no better way to put the true meaning of "community" into community center.

— Mary Ford
Editor



POLITICAL NOTES

Bradley defends Finneran vote

In one of his first votes, state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, voted to rescind the amendment that limits House speakers to four terms, as part of the debate on the rules for the new legislative session last week.

The term-limit issue received some attention thanks to controversial House Speaker Thomas Finneran, who just one day before the 111-39 vote in favor, said he didn't want the amendment removed. The speaker's detractors said by eliminating term limits, the house essentially named Finneran "Speaker for Life."

Bradley defended his vote, saying he is against any type of term limits. He also said that he doubts Finneran will take advantage of the change. "No speaker has served more than 9-1/2 years, and Finneran has been there four years now. That's a long time to be in that position," Bradley said. "If the House feels he is not doing a good job, they'll have to get together and vote to unseat him.

"It's a tough job to do. I don't think you're going to see this speaker there that long."

Bradley denied that his desire to receive a good committee designation prompted his vote. Bradley was named to the Government Regulations and Campaign Law committees on Monday. "It came down to term limits," Bradley said about the vote. "It wasn't about Tom Finneran, it was about my fundamental beliefs."

Bradley hold office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley will hold district office hours this Friday, Feb. 2, in Cohasset. He will be available at the Stop & Shop, public meeting room, 400 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend but would like to meet with the representative, call (617) 722-2800 ext. 7315 to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Village petition

TO THE EDITOR:

Crowd psychologists and other observers of the human comedy would have ample material to study in the metamorphosis of attitudes relative to revitalization.

At first, the purveyors of the nonsensical notion that the town would be Nantucketized were remarkably successful. The rumor spread, multiplied and infected like fleas at a hobo convention. Some less-than-brilliant braying about "corporate colors" was displayed when one of the backers presumed to correct some of the deficiencies of the neglected waterfront. At the initial workshop, ad hominem remarks bordering on the vicious were directed at the backers. And so on!

Each succeeding workshop has been more civil, more adult, more thoughtful. Now some are complaining about lack of progress!. Sure, some attendees are there only to express their skepticism, but the atmosphere no longer encourages intemperate and immature remarks.

There is now a new petition circulating to express support in principle for preservation through revitalization, and acknowledging that most of the features that make Cohasset a great town result from the initiative and energy of citizen groups. I'm told that the greatest difficulty in getting signatures is that many are so offended by the negativism that they want stronger language in the new petition!

The backers of the original petition published it in the belief that "it would speak for itself". Well, it did, perhaps to the embarrassment of some who hadn't thought enough about what they had signed. Essentially, it advocated reliance on government initiative instead of the initiative of a citizens' group.

Well, stay tuned. Time will reveal whether we can get together and do something constructive.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

School budget

TO THE EDITOR:

To members of the School Committee and Cohasset community:

The teacher's role in the budget process is to request materials, supplies and books; in short, the "tools" to perform their jobs. The administration proposes the staffing levels as they see fit within the budget constraints they have been given by you and the town. Knowing that, I still feel obligated to share some thoughts with you regarding the budget decisions you are about to make.

Our goal as Cohasset teachers is to help each student to learn and succeed. Our community has grown accustomed to a high quality of academic performance from its children and its school system. Over the last ten years, over 90 percent of Cohasset High School's graduates have been accepted to four-year colleges and universities — an achievement of which any school would be proud.

As I'm sure you are painfully aware, the last two school budgets were level funded. For the most part, the additional items being requested for next year are due to increased enrollment and are not "frills." The numbers are up. We have 71 students graduating from CHS and 154 in kindergarten. In the Middle School next year, there will be over 60 more children than this year. Considerable scientific research has shown that small class sizes significantly contribute to student success; yet, in Cohasset we have some classes with 30 students. Further, special education students are "included" in these classes requiring special accommodations, services and strategies from the teachers. Smaller classes are essential to help our caring teachers to better meet the diverse needs of our students.

Last year, both elementary schools had a technology teacher. Through the budget process, the Osgood's technology teacher was eliminated. This year, the former Deer Hill technology teacher has been spending half time at each school. This teacher is responsible to hold classes for the children of both schools, maintain the computers of both schools, and help train the regular education teachers of both schools on how to integrate technology into their curricula. The return of the second technology position is not a "frill" it is a necessity. MCAS testing will have a technology portion and how will students be prepared for that and the life skills they need in using computers?

The Department of Education continues to make changes to the curriculum frameworks and to the MCAS. Cohasset teachers are rewriting curriculum, as well as, developing new strategies to teach critical thinking, conflict resolution, and problem solving skills through professional development activities provided by the school system and on their own in graduate courses. MCAS is a reality; yet, the material to be tested is in a constant state of flux. This provides a special challenge for teachers. Although most of our students have done well on the MCAS, some students will need extra remediation support. Our budget needs to provide for this important state imposed requirement.

In conclusion, the teachers have seen the needs of our schools grow due to increasing enrollment and two years of a level funded budget. I implore you to approve a budget that recognizes our schools' needs for additional teaching, clerical, and custodial staff, as well as, providing the supplies necessary for teachers to do their jobs. These are not "frills", rather, necessary components for maintaining the high achievement level we have all come to expect. The children of Cohasset deserve nothing less.

Edward J. Leonard
CTA President

Editor's note: Mr. Leonard provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.

Parents and sports

TO THE EDITOR:

(In response to From the Sidelines, "Parents fight, kids watch" Cohasset Mariner, 1-12-01) It's always distressing to see the stories about the failures of athletic programs and the reactions of parents which have now even escalated into murder.

I've been casually researching since questions came up with sports here in Cohasset. Not surprising were some similarities, seemingly all over the US.

- Most sports tend to be operated by volunteers unskilled with management, parental or group skills. They are there because their kids signed up, they know somebody, and are untested and unscreened.
- Some "coaches" never played the games at a high level, or were inadequate in their understanding, had poor skills, and have little or nothing to pass on to kids, and don't. They are there in redemption of their frustration as as youth.
- No counseling or development of coaches.
- Frequently, those with teaching ability, coaching skills, and enthusiasm are undermined by those who have none, leaving good coaches frustrated when leagues adopt "just let them play" rules. Years later these same people wonder why their programs failed and their kids are skills-behind other towns.

Red flags and bad signs in youth sports:

- League leaders and administrators whose kids are always on the top teams, are always starters, or have other favored privileges.
- Same volunteer coaches year in and out despite willing volunteers on the sidelines.
- Other blocking of, or bias to, volunteers.
- Ambiguous, changing rules.
- Constant conflicts with other sport or event schedules.
- Coaches who don't know fundamentals or rules.
- Random coaching goals or guidelines — no unified league mission.
- Unwelcoming of parental participation. (ex: "Stand aside, we know what we're doing," with no follow up counseling of the parent, who has a right to understand/participate in their kids activities.)
- General disorganization, poorly maintained and distributed equipment.
- Abuse from coaches to players, parents and refs without recourse.
- "We won" or "we lost" is the only message taught/learned from the event.
- Nonsensical agreements, permission or indemnity clauses.
- No solid or effective means of communication with league.

Public athletic programs are works in progress, and can offer the best or worst a community can offer its youth. However, many programs validate themselves by social circles, gangs, and won-loss records. For so many, they can only recite the win-loss record and not what is being offered, or what was taught and learned in any given season or year. What is *your* High School sports hero doing these days? Some who "peaked" on the cheers of their townspeople and had no idea where to go after aren't doing as well.

The stories seem to go on and on, and will without more outside evaluation and less self-validation by many running leagues. Most of them have nothing to do with youth, youth activities, or have any certification or practice aside from their league experience in their professional lives. We insist on certified teachers, camp counselors, and others, but allow town-league activities to operate by/with lay people, and the results are often too clear. Fistfights? Murders? And that's just the stuff we here about, the headlines. More damage occurs behind the scenes.

As a result, what we are now teaching and learning is that assaults, murders, and abuse will be the memories many adults and children have of the "sporting" life they participated in. The key to success in sports, as in any community event, is opportunity and support for all. Adults are just as inclined to need teaching, counseling, and nurturing in their "new" roles as coaches as their children are. When bigotry, exclusion, and authoritarianism are part of the athletic process, it's no different than any other activity which encompasses hate, and will produce the same result....did you win or did you lose?

Mark Bell
460 King St.

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Summer Institute is gearing up

Informative session tonight at CMHS

By Rick Collins
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The idea of taking school-credit classes during the summer is usually as appealing to schoolchildren as turnip flavored ice cream. But when those classes consist of trips to Glacier National Park in Montana, or spending summer days on Cohasset Harbor, interest picks up quickly.

For the third year, the Summer Institute will offer Cohasset and other area students the opportunity to remain in an academic environment but also take advantage of the summer months outdoors.

"It gets kids out of the classroom to do some real science in an outdoor setting," said Dave Magnussen, a Summer Institute instructor and also the math and science department head at Cohasset Middle/High School.

Magnussen and fellow Cohasset High School instructor Jack Buckley put together the first summer program in 1999. A dozen local kids took part in a maritime studies program, that taught rowing, oceanography, and local maritime history. Last year, armed with a grant from the Massachusetts Academy of Teachers, the institute expanded, attracting more than 20 students.

This year, the Summer Institute will offer paid internship opportunities, and five different classes that includes the trip to Glacier National Park, an ecology course on the White Mountains, North River exploration and the original maritime studies course, but this time with an overnight trip on the Schooner *Ernestina* at the end.

"Kids will be introduced to the basic concept of oceanography, maritime history and environmental concerns of the day," Buckley said about the maritime studies class. "They'll spend most of the time out learning how to row and sail and become a crew."

Also, participants can choose to help with an MIT-sponsored water-quality monitoring project in Little Harbor.

"It will teach students how to do a true scientific project," Buckley said. "That way the data they collect will be usable for the town, and just not dismissed as a high school project some kids worked on."

Cohasset High School science instructor Patty McGrail, who has overseen the water quality monitoring project for the past two summers said the institute provides "a practical use for things they learn in the classroom."

McGrail calls the Summer Institute a type of "experiential education" and a style of teaching that she is trying to move closer towards in her own classroom. "The type of programs I run are much more the way I prefer to teach and learn," she said.

The classes are staggered so a student could participate in every course if he or she wanted to.

"A lot of the classes are condensed into a 10-day period," said Buckley. "We came to the conclusion that short intensive programs work best in the summer, because they don't interfere with everything else such as family vacations."

One prohibitive factor, however, is cost. Basic registration fee is $75.00. However, the Glacier National Park field study course at the end of July is expected to cost upwards of $1,500 a person. The maritime studies course and trip on the *Ernestina* will cost $500, less if more than 20 people sign up.

Buckley said he hopes to have scholarship money available for some students.

Though the program purposely avoids locking participants in a classroom, they are expected to do some academic work.

"The format used is to make use of the learning environment you're in," said Buckley. "If they're hiking down a trail and come into a wetland and want to talk about wetlands an primary succession, you do that. The kids are very willing to sit down and take notes, though they may moan and groan a bit."

"All the courses have a significant academic component," said Magnussen. However, the payoff for Cohasset students is that the Summer Institute can count towards their school transcript. Each class, if successfully completed, is worth 1.25 credits.

Buckley said the program isn't just for students proficient in science, but hopefully for everyone. "It's been a variety of kids [in past years]," he said. "They see it as a way to challenge themselves.

"I hope kids will think it's exciting. I certainly do."

The Summer Institute will hold an informative session tonight, Feb. 1 at the Cohasset Middle/High School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

Additional information can also be obtained by contacting Jack Buckley at jbuckley@chs.ssec.org or the Summer Institute website www.ssec.org/cohasset/student/SummerInstitute

Extraordinary sailing journey is subject of benefit

At age 18, Tania Aebi sailed out of the South Street Seaport Museum in New York and began an historic solo circumnavigation aboard her 26 foot sailboat Varuna.

In November of 1987, having sailed over 27,000 miles, Tania completed her journey and became not only one of the youngest individuals to complete a solo circumnavigation, but also the first American woman to have accomplished such a formidable task. Please join the yacht club for an evening with Tania as she shares the thrills, the adventures, and the trials of her extraordinary journey around alone.

The event is Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. St. Anthony's Parish Center 129 South Main St. Proceeds will benefit the Cohasset High School Marine Studies Program and Summer Institute. This program has received annual support from the Cohasset Yacht Club for the past five years. The lecture is open to the public and is free for students. Space is limited so please make your reservation early by calling Meg Bertolami at 781 383-2968 Cost: $15 per person (students free but make a reservation please) Payment required in advance. Refreshments will be served



Tania Aebi

LIBRARY CORNER

Vacation tea

The Cohasset Dramatic Club, in conjunction with the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, will present a tea for school-age children Thursday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m.

The cast of the current dramatic club production, "How to Eat Like a Child," will be on hand to entertain all who attend. Look for more details in the next couple of weeks.

Museum Passes

As February school vacation approaches, remember the following passes are offered to all Cohasset residents.

The museum passes funded by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library are The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Children's Museum, The Computer Museum, John F. Kennedy Library & Museum, The New England Aquarium, The Museum of Science, and The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Other passes to Plimoth Plantation and to the USS Constitution are available and are a gift of Lucille McLoughlin.

An information sheet about the museums, including addresses, hours and phone numbers is available at the front desk. Call the library 24 hours ahead at 383-1348 to secure passes.

In the Children's Room

A new rack of children's music has been installed in the Children's Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

It is located on the Children's Room desk just to the left of Mrs. Terry's computer and includes a wonderful selection of children's CDs and audiocassettes.

Choose from classical CDs like "Peter & the Wolf," conducted by Andre Previn and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. It is part of the Young Person's Guide to Orchestra Series. On a more contemporary note, Blue's Clues will capture your preschooler with "Blue's Big Musical Movie." Your youngster will sing, dance, play and learn they can be anything they want to be. "Baby Needs Bach" enriches your child's early musical experience. Beautiful melodies offer reassurance and comfort to young and old.

Music should be a part of every child's life. The next time you are checking out a book for your child, why not check out the music display as well.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Callahan announces his re-election bid

With the filing of his nomination papers Jan. 29, Tom Callahan announces his candidacy for re-election to the Cohasset Board of Selectmen.

Currently serving as Chairman of the Board, Callahan, 42, will seek his second term on the board. Callahan previously served for nine years on the Conservation Commission.

Callahan says he has four goals for his next term, all deriving from work and initiatives undertaken over the last three years:

1. Continuing the development of a town Master Plan and seeing it through to completion.

Continued participation in regional planning bodies and regional efforts regarding the future of education funding

Continuing is close scrutiny of budgets to insure the town is run in a fiscally reasonable way, squaring a reasonable tax burden with the demands and expectations for town services.

Keeping the MBTA honest if the, Greenbush line is restored and the proposed mitigation deal is implemented.

I still oppose Greenbush on a number of grounds, but if it comes, we have no choice but to make the best deal we can to mitigate impacts. The "T" has been very difficult to deal with, and it will be important to keep its feet to the fire regarding its agreements should this project go forward", he said.

Callahan, an attorney, lives on Hillside Drive with his wife, Alison and their children Katie and Peter, and has been a Cohasset resident since 1985.



Tom Callahan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MCAS slap in face

TO THE EDITOR:

I was deeply offended by your headline, "Fourth-graders get F on MCAS" in your Jan. 25 issue. This headline was a slap in the face both to our students and their fine, dedicated and hard-working educators. The MCAS has become a looming menace hanging over our classrooms. Wonderful teachers are being asked to suspend their creativity in order to push, push, push their students to perfect the skills sampled by this test. Though elementary students are individuals who develop unevenly in different academic skill areas, teachers are being asked to set aside their wise, professional judgment about whether it is appropriate or beneficial to their students to push them in a certain area. They are being mandated, instead, to make their sensitive, educational decisions based on the numerical bottom line of MCAS performance. As a result, the educational process is losing its excitement for both the teachers and their students. The joy of learning is being replaced with drudgery. And now the Cohasset educators, whose fourth-grade students already ranked 63rd out of 294 towns and school districts, are being asked to push harder. Cohasset students and their teachers should be supported and congratulated by your newspaper, not insulted.

Mary Ann Cushing
Parent of Osgood third-grader
271 Beechwood St.

Objects to title

TO THE EDITOR:

As a fourth-grade teacher at Deer Hill School, I'm writing with concern about the title given to the Informational article about MCAS test results here at the school. Stating, "Fourth Graders get F on MCAS", this title clearly does not accurately portray the content of the article. If a reader did not take the time to read the article and only scanned the front page of your paper, he or she would go away with a wrong idea about how the students performed during last year's testing.

It has always been my belief that a headline's intent is to give a reader a quick synopsis of the following article's information. The above-mentioned headline did not do this, and this is what is upsetting.

Perhaps you are not aware how many fourth graders, as well as other elementary level students, read your paper, or at least the front page. As an adult, and especially one who works in the school system, I am able to separate the meaning of your inaccurate title with the truth. However, I feel very sorry for any current fifth grader who read this headline and took it to heart. The students worked very hard last year, and it is unfortunate that rather than reading either an accurate title or one that congratulated their efforts, they read one that could have made them feel like failures.

Laura Keating
Fourth-grade teacher

Poor headline

TO THE EDITOR:

I am concerned about the title "Fourth Graders get F on MCAS" which accompanied the article on the front page of the *Cohasset Mariner* on Jan. 25, and also was repeated on page 10. In my opinion this title is an example of "sensationalism" that is not normally associated with your paper.

As I stated in a notice to parents on Friday, Jan. 26, last year's fourth graders *did not fail the MCAS tests.* The average score of the 1999 and 2000 MCAS tests did not improve over the 1998 MCAS by as much of a margin as the State had recommended. The State said we *failed to meet the improvement rating* that was assigned to us. There is a difference between failing the MCAS tests and failing to meet an improvement level.

I think that any reader of the article in the paper would realize the title does not accurately reflect the content of the article and the information that the system's Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey, School Committee Chairperson Patricia Martin, and I presented. I think it was a good article and presented the information well, but again the title did not match the article.

Paul Callahan
Principal, Deer Hill School

Super promo

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I watched the Super Bowl Sunday night and I thought it was real cool.

I thought the best play came right after the opening coin toss when the nice lady explained to the little girl how someday a white knight would sweep her off her feet and spirit her away to his castle where they would be married and live happily ever after.

Of course, if it doesn't work out, the little girl will still have her Charles Schwab stock portfolio to tide her over.

Then, and only then, do we see the nice lady is Sarah Ferguson, the former Duchess of York who was swept off her feet and carried away by Prince Andrew, second in line for the British throne.

Their marriage didn't work out either, so now Sarah is hustling stocks and bonds for the counting house of Charles Schwab after a brief apprenticeship hawking cranberries.

I also liked the part of the game where the herd of squirrels chases the Spaniards through the streets of Pamplona, all in the name of CDS.com.

Now if I ever find out what CDS stands for, the game will be a commercial as well as artistic success.

Occasionally, this action was interrupted by a football game between some guys in blue sweaters and some other guys in white suits.

Occasionally, this action was interrupted by a football game between some guys in blue sweaters and some other guys in white suits.

The guys in blue sweaters I was told included one who groped Miss Nebraska during his fun-loving college days.

And one of the white suits was worn by a fellow who was charged with obstruction of justice in a murder investigation.

It could have been worse, though.

It could have been the team with a tight end who is currently on trial for raping a teen-aged baby sitter at an after-prom party.

Or it could have been the team with the wide receiver who has just been sentenced to 18 years in the slam for hiring someone to whack out his pregnant girl friend.

The winning team, I am told, was the Baltimore Ravens, who used to be the Cleveland Browns before they moved to Baltimore to replace the Colts when they moved to Indianapolis.

The Browns, of course, replaced the Rams in Cleveland when they became the Los Angeles Rams and now they are the St. Louis Rams, replacing the St. Louis Cardinals who came from Chicago and are now in Phoenix.

Am I going too fast for you?

But I digress . . .

If you get the idea that the football game that started it all way back in 1967 is now incidental to the commercials and the E*trade Halftime Show, featuring Aerosmith and In Synch with a guest appearance by Britney Spears in a stage setting that reminded old timers of a Busby Berkeley musical.

The E*trade Halftime Show came just after the Verizon-wireless Halftime Report in which five analysts, including unemployed coaches Mike Ditka and Jerry Glanville, explained to us what we had just seen.

And for 30 seconds of airtime, Pepsi, Bud Lite and all the gang were paying $2.3 million, almost as much as the Red Sox are paying for a right fielder who bats four or five times a game and calls fly balls an adventure.

CBS also used the Super Bowl to promote its lesser shows, especially the new "Survivor" which takes place in the Australian outback and was due to be shown right after the Super Bowl.

One of the promos for a half hour comedy called "Becker" starring Ted Danson had Danson himself complaining to a waitress that the Super Bowl was turning into one big promo while a promo for "Becker" was flashing on the screen.

At least someone at CBS has a sense of humor.

Check out a new look to CNC papers' website

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users and advertisers," said Lynn Carberry, senior vice president of new media, for CNC. "For the past five years, Town Online has served as an extension of the local newspaper. Now, we can invite users to get involved in all aspects of their community through the interactivity of Town Online."

The site also will incorporate a new content management system powered by Openpages. Town Online will use Openpages ContentWare to manage and dynamically publish content from the more than 100 newspapers CNC publishes throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

Town Online's new navigation breaks the site into six easy-to-use segments:

• **News:** A comprehensive suburban daily for Eastern Massachusetts, where you'll find the top local, regional and national stories, as well as in-depth local news from more than 120 Eastern Massachusetts communities, including such things as police and fire logs, obituaries, social news, guides and more.

• **Marketplace**: A new local shopping directory, powered by Placelinks' Local Commerce Directory System. The new 160-town directory replaces Town Online's current directory, expanding CNC's market size. It offers improved yellow pages, self-service ad management for small businesses, and improved search ability, allowing shoppers to search by specific brands, products, services, activities and street name. In this section, you'll also find local coupons and specials, as well as Shop Town Online's local marketplace for shopping or browsing merchants close to home.

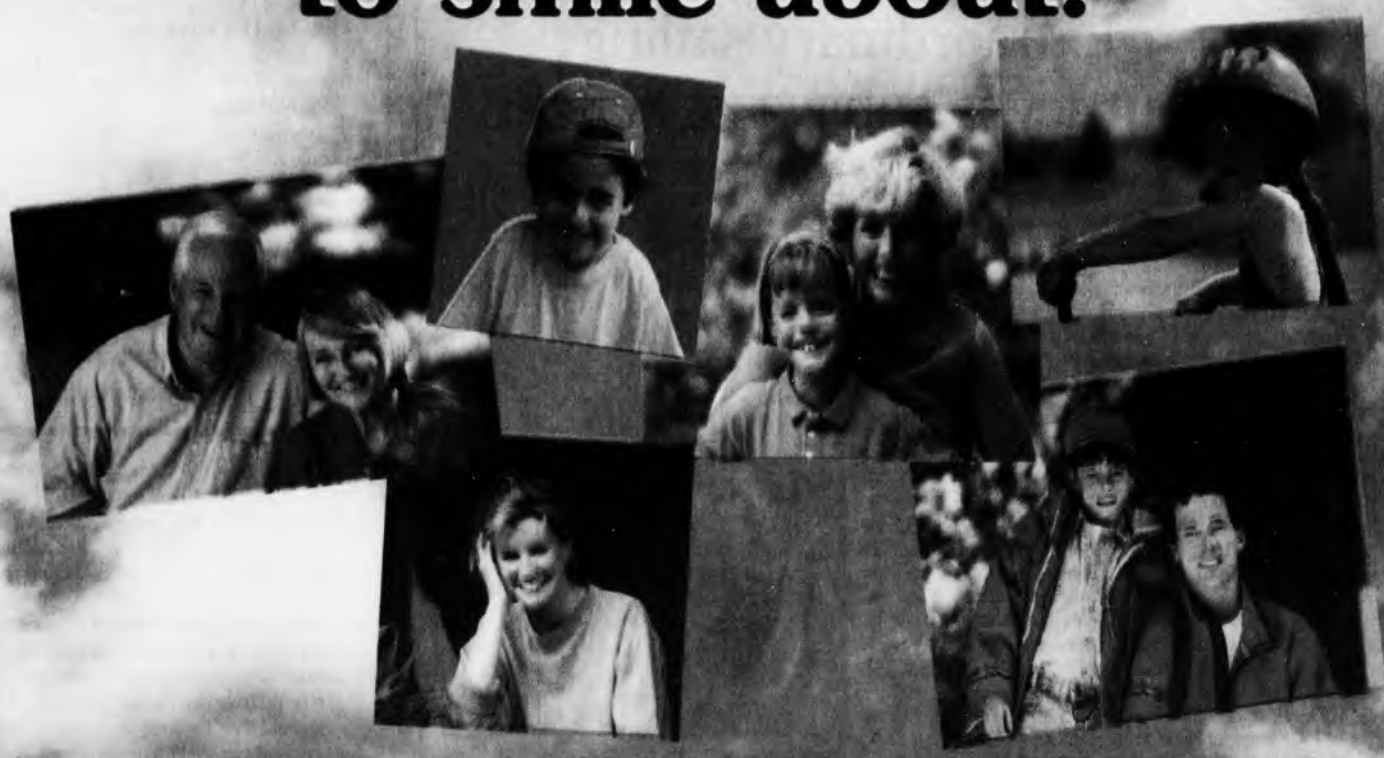
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• Forums: Town Online has expanded its popular chat series. Beginning in January, you can join Town Online every Tuesday for "Talk of the Town," where chat guests and users can interact on various topics. Every day, users can interact within their city or town, or discuss points of interest through the Town Online Bulletin Boards. Users also can join email newsletters on topics such as local news headlines, parenting information and finding the right job.

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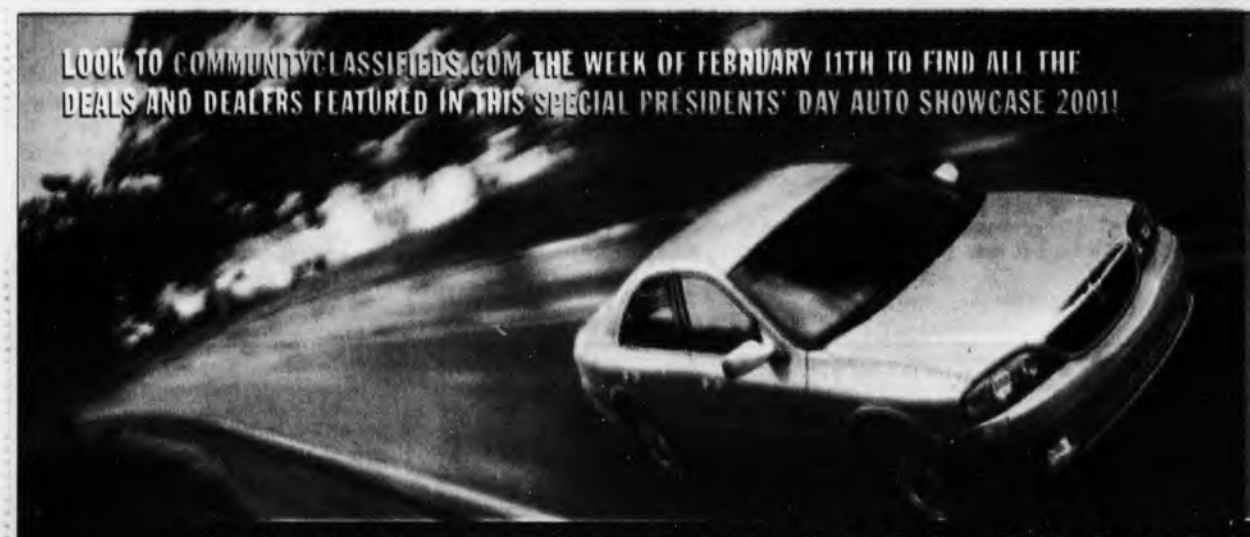
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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Ben Lynner. The sophomore power forward played a pivotal role in Cohasset's come from behind victory over Norwell Tuesday night. After missing much of the first half with an injury, he returned to pull down 11 boards in the second half, including five off of the offensive glass, to go along with 12 of his 14 points for the game.

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Boys qualify for tourney

And keep first place hopes alive

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Well, they're in.

With their tenth win of the season, an 84-45 shellacking of the South Shore Christian Academy Warriors, Cohasset is back into the Division 3 State Tournament.

Of course, after jumping out to an 8-2 start to start the season, qualifying for the tournament was pretty much regarded a formality.

Nevertheless, simply knowing they're in, allows the Skippers to breathe a sigh of relief.

"We got out to such a good record," said 10th year coach Ron Ford. "But it's still nice to get it out of the way."

With a record now of 11-4, with their thrilling 60-57 win over Norwell Tuesday, the Skippers were one of the first four teams in the division of over thirty teams to reach the double digit win mark.

"We would be somewhere in the top eight (if the season ended today," speculated Ford.

This is a very tight race though, as any number of teams could come away with the sectional title.

"I think there are four or five very good teams in the sectionals," appraised Ford, referring to such strong clubs as Cardinal Spellman, Rockland, Scituate, Carver and Norwell. "At least one team from our league will be going to UMass Boston (to play in the sectional finals)."

Indeed, Cohasset has found itself in a very thick race for the South Shore League title. With their win over Norwell on Tuesday, the Skippers are now in a three way tie for second place with Norwell and Norton, who also have three losses in league, with Carver (10-1, 6-1) maintaining its hold on first place.

The Skippers lost some ground in their quest for the SSL crown last Friday though, with a 64-41 loss to the Lancers of Norton. With their other two league losses coming to Abington (right behind them with four league losses) and first place Carver, the Skippers will obviously need a bit of luck to take the league title.

"We lost our ability to control our own destiny," admitted Ford, "but I think it could happen. It's a dog-fight, and I am happy to be in the middle of it."

In the Norton game, sophomore power forward Ben Lynner filled the scorer's book with nine points, nine rebounds, three blocks and two steals.

Senior tri-captain TJ Bilodeau, who led the way with 17 points against South Shore Christian, recorded eight points and four boards.

Cohasset was in the game for the entire first half, going into the break down six. But in the second half, a massive Lancer run turned what was a six point deficit at 11:51 into a 60-35 bulge with two minutes remaining.

"Norton was the worst game we have played all year," asserted Ford.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain Doug O'Brien (#4) takes it strong in showdown with SSL rival Norwell on Tuesday night, with Ben Lynner (#21), a monster on the boards in the second half, following him in looking for the clean up opportunity.

Hanover edges Cohasset gymnasts again...

...but Cohasset's Sheerin takes top individual honors in the showdown between elite squads

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

The Hanover High girls gymnastics team officially became an enormous pain in the neck for Cohasset-Norwell on Tuesday night.

The Indians became the only team this winter to defeat the Skippers twice this season – let alone once – with their 130.45-123.35 win to finish a perfect 8-0 in the Pilgrim Conference 2.

Indians head coach Jayne Schleiff expected her undefeated squad to defeat Cohasset-Norwell last night after dealing the Skippers their lone loss earlier this season.

"We go against every team twice and we beat them all the first time, so we wanted to do it again the second time around," said Schleiff, whose Hanover team has been on a roll with consistent scores in the 130s. "The girls' routines are the same every meet. They're just happy that they're undefeated. They're not overconfident."

Hanover's top score of the season was a 131.4, but Schleiff was quick to point out it was more than likely inflated because it was accomplished on a spring floor in a private club, a huge advantage for any team. "That surface enhances anyone's score," she admitted.

The Indians simply wanted to defeat Cohasset-Norwell and clinch the perfect dual-meet record. The Skippers, who have struggled without injured co-captain Carlie Carter in the line-up, never had much of a chance to deal the Indians their first loss of the season as Hanover took two of the top three in every event.

Freshman Kerianne Hart and Shannon Gerrish led the Indians up front, but it was the Skippers' Kristin Sheerin who had the last individual laugh. Sheerin was the lone Skipper gymnast to crack into the top three and defeated the superb Hart by the narrowest of margins in the all-around, 35.1 to 35.05.

"With their depth and consistency, we can't compete against them," conceded Cohasset-Norwell head coach Kara Connerty. "And we can't compete against them with these injuries.

"Coming in, we wanted to stick each routine."

Despite the fact that Hart defeated Sheerin in three of the four individual events, Sheerin dogged her the entire meet and dominated the balance beam. Sheerin beat Hart on the beam 8.8 to 8.5 to pull away. Gerrish was third with a score of 33.2

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Cohasset's wrestling future looks bright

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Coming on the heels of the legendary 1998-99 wrestling season, where Cohasset's squad finished second in the state, the last two years have paled in comparison. But the future of the wrestling program; now that is a different story.

Led by a host of athletic sophomores, freshman and enthusiastic eighth graders,18th year coach Torin Sweeney feels confident his squad can rise back up to the upper tier of division three wrestling teams within the next few years.

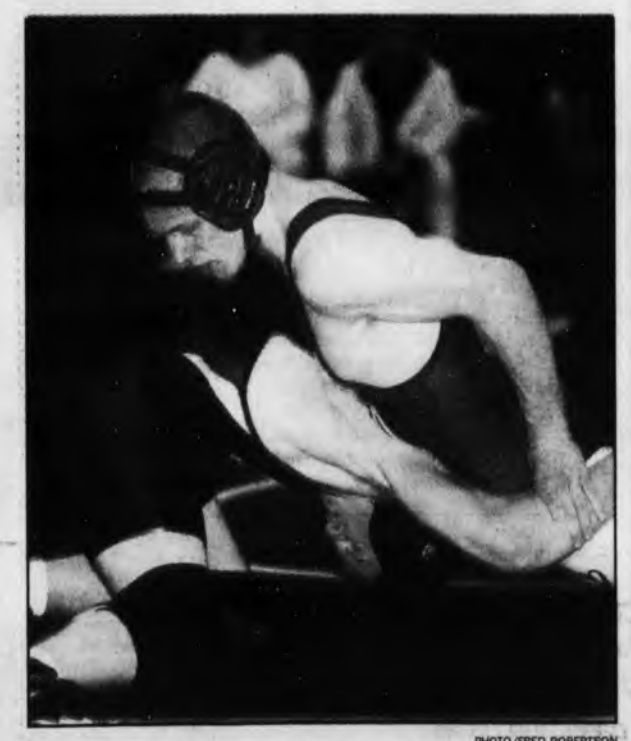
"No question about it," reported Sweeney. "These kids are as good as the team of 1999 when they were freshmen and sophomores."

Among the names highlighted at the tenth grade level was 130 pounder Terry Baroudi, who placed third in front of a home crowd at the Cohasset Tournament last Saturday, and in the extremely competitive Whitman/Hanson tourney.

Though Baroudi will miss a few weeks with a shoulder injury, Sweeney is looking forward to having him back for the sectionals in February.

Sweeney also mentioned sophomore Greg O'Brien, who filled in admirably for senior John Hertig at

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Cohasset's Dan Littauer, seen here (on bottom) trying to shake off Rockland wrestler Rob Chemkis, is hoping to lead a host of talented youngsters to bigger and better things next season.

Skippers test Hanover again

By Mike Spellman
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This is progress. Dennis Walsh wanted to make that clear right off the bat.

Now, on paper, one might not think this is the case.

In their initial meeting this season, on Jan. 3, the Skippers took Hanover into the final five minutes tied at two before falling 4-2. The powerhouse Indians outshot Cohasset, 44-23 in that game. Goalie Dan Kinchla was the hero for Cohasset in that one, making several saves of the extraordinary variety.

In Saturday's re-match, Cohasset (5-7-1) again gave the Indians (12-0-1) all they could handle, keeping it a 1-0 well into the third period. However, they were outshot 34-6 this time around, as the Indians vaunted blueliners completely controlled the middle of the ice for much of the game.

So what makes Dennis Walsh, a veteran coach with more than 40 years of experience, more pleased

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset goalie Dan Kinchla kicks out a shot from Hanover's Rich MacAllister (#13) in Saturday's tilt with the league powerhouse Indians. Cohasset hung tough before falling, 3-0.

Young girls hoop team continues to battle

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It would be a shame if folks judged the Cohasset girls basketball program on their record of 1-14 alone, because these youngsters have remained up beat and hard working all season against considerable adversity, and these efforts have been reflected in the way they've stuck around in recent games against some very powerful squads.

Recently, Cohasset lost to Hanover 60-44, but it wasn't until late in the second half that the Lady Indians took control of the game.

"It was a tremendous first half," reported second year coach Ellen Carr, of the game that game that saw her girls go into the break with a 22 all tie.

For virtually the entire 32 minutes, the Lady Skippers were able to limit Hanover's impressive transition

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game. Only late in the contest, when Hanover started pulling away with timely shooting from the perimeter, was the win assured for the league opponent.

"We had worked very hard in stopping their running game," asserted Carr.

Another noteworthy defensive effort was turned in by sophomore small forward Lindsay Grossman, who matched up on Hanover's talented leading scorer Maureen Halloran.

"Lindsay did a tremendous job on man-to-man defense," enthused Carr. "She kept that girl to six points, and she usually scores in the twenties."

Grossman also led the way on the offensive side of the ball with 12 points, while sophomore power forward Maura O'Brien chipped in 10.

Sophomore point guard Laraine Langford tossed in nine points in the Hanover matchup, while also collecting a very impressive seven steals.

"Laraine has been doing a fine job," noted Carr. "She single-handedly breaks presses."

Last Friday, Cohasset lost to the Lady Lancers of Norton, 52-29, with Grossman and Langford again pacing the offense with 10 and seven points, respectively.

"It was disappointing," admitted Carr of the loss. "Offensively, we were taking very poor shots. That was our nemesis in both the Norton and Scituate games."

In that Scituate contest last Saturday, the Lady Skippers field goal percentage was in the 20's, greasing the skids for a lopsided Lady Sailors victory, 60-32.

Unfortunately, sophomore shooting guard Heather Peraino's 11 and Grossman's eight points were not nearly enough to overcome the Scituate attack.

Senior captain forward Katie Wenmark made a rare start against the rivals to the south, and performed well in her coach's eyes.

"Katie has been doing well, particularly because it is her senior year," said Carr. "She is so versatile. She just does not have the stats to show it."

Considering the relative youth and inexperience of her squad, with Wenmark being the only senior, Carr admits that she can not get too upset by the full loss column. ese does not blame her young squad for the losses.

"I have a feeling I have not prepared the players well enough to execute," she conceded. "Individually, we have some very good shooters, and I would like to see them score more."

Just over a week ago, the Lady Skippers were faced with a team that has epitomized excellence over the last few years in Abington. Not surprisingly, the Lady Skippers were jumped on pretty soundly, 83-27.

"We got smoked," stated Carr simply. "We played really scared. They are a powerhouse."

Britney Cheney led the onslaught for the Green Wave with 28 points, as Abington refused to let up until the final buzzer.

"Everyone on [Abington coach Mike Mayhew's] bench were all very strong," appraised Carr. "They did not let up for one minute."

Domintated by height and size in that game, as well as most others, freshman center Danielle Pinkus, the only one in her grade on the varsity team, has helped the Lady Skippers establish an inside game.

"I wish we could get the ball to her more often," said Carr. "She is developing a nice shot. She is very good at 12 foot jump shots."

With six games left in the season, and qualification for the state tourney clearly not a possibility, Carr continues to focus on the long term picture.

"We are going to hang tough and keep moving forward," the coach concluded.

Hanover edges Cohasset gymnasts again...

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and Cohasset-Norwell's Meredith Bixby tallied a 31.8 to take the fourth slot.

Scheiff, who believes Hart and Sheerin are head and shoulders above the rest of the conference's gymnasts, said the rivalry between the two pint-sized competitors is good for the sport and healthy for both athletes.

"It's good to see them go against each other," said Schleiff. "It gives both of them pressure for once."

Connerty said it was a new "flight series" that Sheerin worked into her beam routine, and performed flawlessly, that was the difference in the all-around results. Hart was hurt by the fact that her near-flawless routine wasn't long enough. Still, her 8.5 was surprisingly low, given her tremendous dismount. The muscular Gerrish, a powerful gymnast, finished third with a 7.8.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Kristin Sheerin, seen here performing her routine on the beam, won her personal battle with Hanover's top gymnast Kerianne Hart on Tuesday night, 35.1-35.05. Unfortunately, the rest of the Cohasset-Norwell squad wasn't so lucky, as they fell to the perfect 8-0 Hanover squad.

Hart edged out Sheerin on the bars, despite losing her balance on the dismount and winding up on the mat. Still, the degree of difficulty of Hart's routine was clearly present and she claimed the event with an 8.8 to Sheerin's 8.75. Gerrish earned her second third-place finish with a personal best, 8.45.

Next to Hart's beam dismount, the highlight of the meet was the spectacular tumbling runs Sheerin and Hart nailed during their respective floor exercises. Hart more than proved herself the consummate competitor by winning the event in a personal best of 9.02. Sheerin was equally as good, following in second at 9.0. Gerrish was third with an 8.5.

Bixby took fourth on the vault with an 8.15 to edge out Hanover's Tayva Martin (8.1). Hart was first with an 8.75 and Sheerin took second with an 8.55 score. Gerrish, steady the whole way through, was third in 8.35.

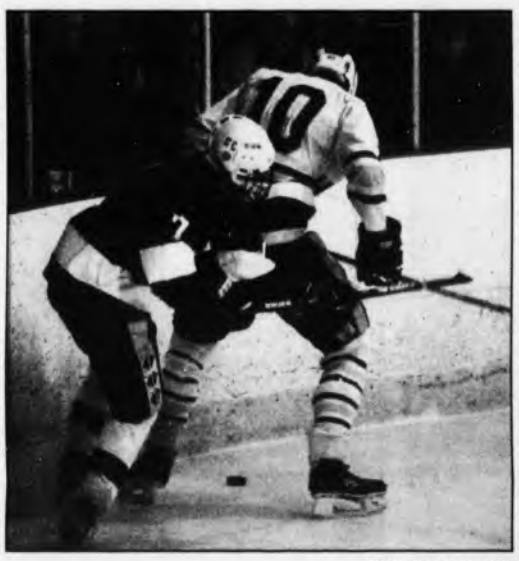
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over this effort than the previous one?

"First of all, I think Hanover was ready for us this time," offered Walsh. "They really played a great game against us today. They are just so deep and talented and experienced, and they showed us that today. Their defensemen are just the best, and they dominated that game today.

"But I thought, defensively, we played them much better than we did last time. Last time, they were able to get away a lot of good shots and Dan had to stand on his head a few times to keep us in the game. This time out, I thought we limited them a lot more in what they were able to do offensively."



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset defenseman Dan Morse (#7) pushes Hanover's leading scorer, Mike McNulty (#10), in Saturday's match-up with the powerhouse Indians.

Hanover got on the board just 2:25 into the game when captain Jason Ferris was able to knock home the rebound of a slap shot from Ryan Carr past the downed and powerless Kinchla.

The junior netminder and the young Cohasset defense pretty much shut the door after that, doing a solid job of keeping the front of the net clear and, for the most part, limiting the Indians to long shots .

With the Cohasset forwards unable to mount much of an attack and Hanover continuing to maintain a strong territorial edge, however, the backbreaker seemed inevitable, and it was finally delivered at 5:33 of the third period when freshman Jack Rafferty took a nice lead pass from linemate Jesse Ferraro to break in all alone down the left boards. He got Kinchla moving with a nice head and shoulders juke, opening up the pads enough for him to fire through a wrister.

The Rafferty line, which consists of all freshmen and serves as Hanover's third option, then took advantage of the understandably disheartened Skippers by taking the ensuing face-off right back into Cohasset's end. Kinchla stopped a quick wrister from Ferraro, but Rafferty was in perfect position to knock the rebound past the helpless Cohasset netminder.

On Friday, the Skippers notched a 6-2 non-league win over Foxboro. Kinchla stopped 12 shots to record the win, and his offensive support came from six different sources. Dave Bouchard, Matt Davis and John Durkin were among the goal scorers, and each added an assist.

This production reflected the balance Walsh has been trumpeting as the best hope for his team almost since day 1.

"I have three lines I can throw out there and expect pretty much the same thing," said Walsh. "Not a lot of high school coaches can say that."

Going into this week, the Skippers were being paced in scoring by sophomores Greg O'Connell (9 goals, 12 assists for 21 points) and Matt Davis (8-9—17). However, they'd also been getting steady punch from Chris Caron (7-8—15), Tom Anderson (7-5—12), Pete Whoriskey (7-3—10) and Bouchard (4-5—9).

The Skippers have seven games left, five of which they must win to qualify for the state tourney. They played Hull on Wednesday, who they tied in their first meeting. Three of the remaining games are against teams they beat the first time around in lopsided fashion (Norwell, Rockland and Foxboro), the other three against squads that got the better of them (Scituate, Trinity Catholic and South Boston), though the first two setbacks were one goal games.

Walsh sounds like a coach who believes his team should be in the post-season.

"We're a young team overall, but I think we've progressed to a point where we aren't going to be an easy match-up in the tourney," asserted the veteran bench walker. "And I definitely think we have the ability to win enough of these remaining games to make it in."

Wrestling future looks bright

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125 pounds, collecting two wins in the Cohasset Tournament over competitors from Whitman and Durfee.

"I am really pleased with his progress," said the coach.

At the 189 pound class, sophomore Braun Goodson has battled sickness all year, but performed very well against older, more experienced competition.

"He wrestles very well, and we hope to get his ready for sectionals," Sweeney appraised.

Sophomore Mike Casey has stepped into a varsity role this year at 160 pounds, performing up to Sweeney's high expectations.

First year wrestler Chris McKenna has progressed this year at 135 pounds. What he lacks in overall experience, Sweeney claims, he makes up for with instincts and terrific athleticism.

"He has a lot of athletic ability, but it is going to take him some time," said Sweeney, who then added, "next year, he will start winning some varsity matches."

Phil Strazzula is one of two freshmen on varsity, and is around .500 this year at the 112 pound class.

The other freshman on the varsity team is Ian Hickey, who has filled in for senior captain Justin Langham, out after suffering a slight concussion, at 140 pounds, a class Sweeney deemed "probably the toughest weight class in the area."

In addition to Langham being out, senior Antoine Miller is out for the season with a broken arm, and senior Bea Rankin has been fighting off a bad case of the flu all year. The maladies, while no plus to the team, have allowed some of the younger talent to see more varsity action than they otherwise might have.

"They have stepped in and learned a lot," affirmed Sweeney, who also raved about their enthusiasm for the sport. "When they are all healthy, they are ready to go. They are dedicated to doing well."

In addition to the freshman and sophomores, Sweeney has been very impressed with his 15 eighth graders, waiting for their chance to get into some varsity matches in coming years.

"[Middle school coach] Peter Buckley has done a fantastic job with the seventh and eighth graders," effused Sweeney.

Also, the captains— Langham, senior Dan Duffy and junior Dan Littauer— have definitely pitched in helping out the young members of the team.

With the 12 underclassmen, along with four juniors, and the 15 eighth graders waiting in the wings, Sweeney is ecstatic about the chance to have such a deep team.

"I have never had 23 kids before," said Sweeney of this year's total, as the Cohasset squad usually carries around 20. "But to have the depth, it will be just phenomenal."

Though Cohasset's varsity record stands at a sub-Cohasset wrestling standard 4-11, Sweeney knows that the best is yet to come.

"I am not the least bit concerned [about the record]," insisted Sweeney. "They are the future, and they are going to carry us. We show great promise."

Boys qualify for tourney

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However, Cohasset was able to bounce right back from the loss to pounce on the visiting Warriors the next day.

"That is important," said Ford of his team's ability to play well just after a big loss; "that your team never goes into a long dip."

In fact, Cohasset has not lost two games in a row this season, and averages 76.5 points per game after a loss.

Three days before the Norton match-up, Cohasset beat league rival Hanover for the second time this year, with a 76-68 win.

"It was a real ugly game," conceded Ford. "But Hanover played one of the best games I have seen them play this year."

Cohasset next takes on Carver at home. With the Crusaders high scoring center, Tim Ryan, out for a few weeks due to injury, this game will provide Cohasset's only real hope of staying in the chase for first place.

Game Notes

Norton:

-Cohasset is now 1-4 on Fridays, 9-0 on every other day of the week.

-In the second half, Cohasset took eight free throws, missing their first four and making their last four. Norton attempted six, missing on the first three and connecting on the last three.

-All three Bilodeau brothers, Chris, Matt and TJ, threw at least one assist to a sibling.

-This was the only game Cohasset did not make a three pointer, going 0-3 from behind the arc.

-Neither team attempted a free throw in the second half until more than ten minutes in.

-Junior guard Liam Martin, nearly fully recovered from the rib injury he suffered the first time Cohasset played Norton, made his first start of the year.

Hanover:

-Cohasset scored its last six points on free throws.

-Senior tri-captain Erik Shea, held to two points on 0-of-7 shooting from the floor in the first half, scored 19 points in the second half on 6-of-7 shooting.

-Five different Skippers had at least one block in the first half: Lynner (two), Shea, TJ Bilodeau, junior point guard Matt Bilodeau, and freshman center Sean Connolly. None of them had blocks in the second half.

-Hanover shot 35 foul shots, a season high for a Cohasset opponent, while the Skippers themselves attempted 30, a season high.

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



Hello everyone, Well, it is amazing to me to see that January has already come to a close. The events that closed it for myself and my family were not so great but definitely had a happy outcome. My little guy, Cody was hospitalized this past week and it really made me aware of how fast life goes in so many ways. Once the feeling of "emergency" had passed and he needed to be held and comforted, I was really in tune to just him and how so much of "life" is spent on rushing around, constantly hurrying up the kids or we will be late and failing to see and hear the "little things" that our children bring to us on a daily basis. As he was sitting in my arms, all snuggled up in his hospital bed, he looked up at me and said, "Mom, how long can you stay with me and hold me? Do you have to go anywhere or talk to anyone on the phone?" Well, needless to say, he stayed in my arms for hours and no one was going to take that away. Out of the mouths of babes took on a whole new meaning and really opened up my eyes. Take the time to listen to our children, hear the things they are saying about school and every now and then, stop all outside events, work and phone calls and enjoy your family. For me, it took a true emergency to show me this, from here on in, I hope to do it on a more regular basis.

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I wanted to let everyone know from the sixth grade that there will be a Class of 2001, Deer Hill Yearbook. Start going through those photos from Camp Bournedale, the whale watch trip, band performances, the fifth-grade play and any other important, fun or memorable pictures that you would like to be included.

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There is a box for photo collections in each sixth-grade classroom. Also needed are some students and parent volunteers to help with word processing, page setup and organization and small event fundraising(bake sales, raffles, etc.) For more information about what you can do to put this memory book together, please contact Susan Spofford(383-1680) or Sharon Daly(383-9293.)

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Parents, as we all are well aware, strep throat, the flu and colds are running rampant. Please use common sense when deciding whether to send your child to school or not. Those doses of Tylenol, Motrin and whatever else, only ease symptoms for a few hours and do nothing to protect the germs from spreading to everyone else. Please encourage hand washing, good cough and sneezing techniques and use lots of cleanser. Children will get sick we know, but if all of us help to reduce the exposures of illness, it can only help in the long run.

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The next Cohasset PAC meeting is scheduled to be held on Feb 7 at 7:30 in the Osgood Music Room. Tracy Hall, Director of the Lindamood-Bell clinic in Arlington will be the guest speaker at next month's meeting. Lindamood-Bell has pioneered programs to develop the sensory-cognitive processes that underlie reading, spelling, math, visual-motor skills, language comprehension, and critical thinking.

Ms. Hall will give an overview of the programs and explain how they are tailored to fit an individual's learning needs, as well as be available to answer questions. If you have any questions or further information, call Laura DeSisto at 383-6989 or Jamie Williams at 383-3075.

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As the students change semesters, please remember to refresh all the supplies that are needed for school. At the Middle School, they have a school store where all the proceeds go directly to support Middle School activities. The more that you buy, the more the Middle School kids get for extra programs and fun activities. Call Mrs. McCarthy-Egan at 383-4205 for additional suggestions or to help with this great store!

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Don't forget to get your tickets for the PSO St. Valentine Soiree, scheduled for Feb 10 at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham from 7-11 p.m. Light Appetizers and refreshments are available. Tickets are $40 per person or $75 per couple. Make sure to bring your ticket with you to receive a free drink. Tickets are available through all PSO Reps listed in the back of the school calendar or by calling Janeen Culhane at 383-2349.

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The METCO program is looking for two host families for a seventh-grade girl and an eighth-grade boy. If you are interested hosting either of these students, please call Alison Moskow at 383-9242 or Olivia Baldwin at 383-1866 for additional information.

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Make sure to all parents and students to check out the "Lost and Found" areas in all the schools. The pile gets bigger and bigger and you would be amazed at what gets found!

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If you have a student who will be attending the Middle/High School for the next two school years,(2001-2003), you are eligible to serve on the Middle/High School Council. This council is comprised of the principal, teachers and parents, and community representatives. It is each council's charge to formulate and update the schools improvement plan and to identify and put into action missions and goals for each school. This year, there are openings for two parent representatives at the Middle/High School. Council members are elected by the parent body of the school and serve two-year terms. If you are interested in serving, please send your name and paragraph about yourself and why you would like to serve on the council to the PSO Nominating Committee, c/o Susan Biddle Jaffe, 10 Wood Way, Cohasset, MA 02025 or email her at SBJAffe@aol.com The deadline for candidate entries is February 12. Balloting will be held March 2-9, with the announcement of new council members to be made on March 20 at the monthly PSO meeting.

Thanks for reading this weeks column. Please send any school news, events or items to me at jenpiep@yahoo.com or ATSchoolsIn@aol.com, mail it to me at 622 CJC Highway or phone it in 923-1057. Talk to you next week

— Jennifer Piepenbrink

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

NDA honor roll

NDA Hingham: Sr. Barbara Barry, SND, Principal of Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, is pleased to announce the Honor Roll for Term 1 for Cohasset. The Honor Roll is determined by the following criteria: Principal's List - Grade Point Average of 3.9, all grades B or higher; First Honors - G.P.A. of 3.7, all grades B- or higher; Second Honors – G.P.A. of 3.4, all grades B-or higher.

Kristen Devine,'01,Principal's List; Martha Henderson,'03, First Honors; Laura Kondrat,'03 Principal's List; Rachel McElroy,'03, Principal's List; Anna-Jane Murphy,'03, First Honors; Krista Nicynski,'03, Second Honors; and Katherine Roche,'03, First Honors. Folder: Pagination

February menu

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

Pizza or bologna sub, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

Chicken nuggets, ham sandwich, french fries, carrots, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

Cheeseburger or turkey sub, soup of the day, pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

Pasta with meatsauce and dinner roll, sweet peas, Jello, milk.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

Chicken patty or egg salad, chips, chocolate cake, milk.

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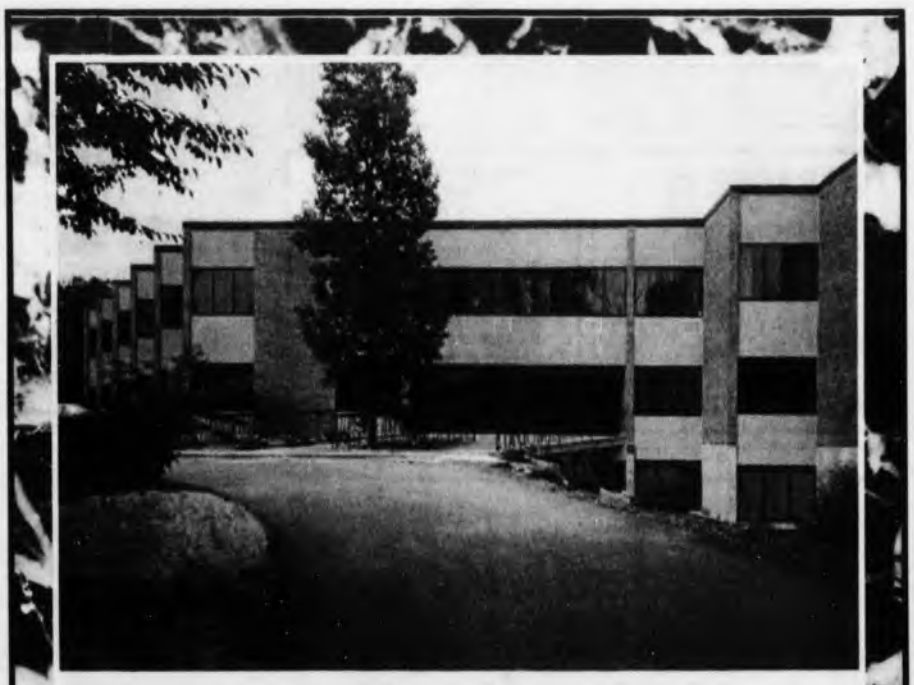
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Selectmen put off signing Greenbush rail pact

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table doesn't sufficiently compensate the town for the negative environmental impact the train will have on it. "We need the best possible compensation for our sacrifice," Dick said.

Ripley Road resident and right-of-way abutter Peter Pratt was critical over the lack of concrete language upholding the rights of abutters to resolve disputes over the amount of noise and vibration mitigation affecting them. "When the town signs the agreement [abutters] lose the leverage the town has," he said. Pratt was concerned with how enforceable the agreement would be if specific mitigation measures were not spelled out.

Dr. William Henry and Ann Musto, both of North Main Street, argued against the agreement in its entirety. Henry first argued against the financial wisdom of the $440 million project, and then said MBTA backing of a $1 million PWED grant isn't impressive. "With $1 million you can only do so much," he said. Later he argued, "The longer you delay signing, the better chance the project will die."

Musto said the town should "walk away" from the negotiating process, a statement that drew a positive murmur from the mainly anti-train crowd..

But Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan argued against the town just taking its ball and going home. Callahan, a fervent opponent of the train who didn't shy from taking shots at the MBTA all night, said it has been the long-standing feeling of the board that it has to act as if the train is coming, and protect the town properly.

Callahan said he knows this agreement isn't "perfect" but said both sides had to engage in give-and-take, and neither the MBTA nor the town of Cohasset got what it wanted. He also said though the majority of the board as individuals are against the train, there is a large portion of Cohasset that has been historically in favor of restoring the Greenbush commuter line.

"Historically, the town has been divided right down the middle," he said. "We're not getting an overwhelming mandate to stop the train."

A non-binding resolution at a special town meeting in 1994 gave the anti-train side a 52/48 percent margin, and a subsequent ballot vote was nearly tied.

Callahan also said the town could walk away but, "then the state puts the train down, and we get zero."

One of the main debating points at the hearing was the strategy involving the sale of the town-owned right-of-way. The town had twice last fall considered placing articles on special town meetings that would have asked residents to declare the right-of-way parkland. The benefit of the redesignation would have been that a two-thirds vote from both houses of the Legislature would have to approve the MBTA taking the land by eminent domain. It was taken off the warrant, said Callahan, because it was designed to use the right-of-way as leverage to get the MBTA to the negotiating table. When the second town meeting was scheduled in early November, talks had progressed so much, the town pulled the article off to maintain an appearance of negotiating in "good faith."

But some in attendance second guessed that strategy.

Pratt challenged the constitutionality of the legislation that authorizes the MBTA to take the right-of-way by eminent domain. However, both Callahan and MBTA counsel Robert Curry said, though it hasn't been challenged in court, the chance it would be struck down is slim.

Pratt also said he was in favor of forcing the Legislature to take a formal vote on the Greenbush issue. "If Garrett Bradley can stop it in the Legislature, I believe he will do that," he said.

"At least give it a chance," Dick added.

But whether the Legislature would block Greenbush was a point for debate. Bradley and Callahan reminded the crowd that Governor Paul Cellucci and powerful House Transportation Committee Chairman Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, want the train. Callahan said Sullivan actually "repudiated" the Braintree Board of Selectmen at a November meeting in the State House when the board came out against Greenbush. The one thing going for the Greenbush-corridor towns is that because of the project's high cost, the state's history of inflated capital projects and an economic downturn looming, the Legislature may be willing to cut such an expensive project.

Cellucci said in September that he wanted to impose a cap of $440 million on the project, said Michael Sullivan, "but he has totally backed off that since."

Dasey said the MBTA has just finished installing 62 miles of track in the Middleboro and Plymouth lines, they know what the costs are, and are confident they can come in at $440 million.

Musto said the town was cheating itself if it settled for a $1 million payment for the six-mile right-of-way. The right-of-way was assessed at $2 million, but Musto said that number doesn't take into account all the factors. "There's a value beyond real estate," she said of the land that she said has been considered a park by use, if not official name, for years by Cohasset residents. "We shouldn't just give it away. Don't sell the town short."

Predictably, comparisons to the $40 million deal Hingham received popped up.

"They got $1 million in Chapter 106 [historic preservation] money," said Spring Street resident Jody Butman. "Where's ours?"

Dacey said there is no such thing as "Chapter 106 money" and that the historic preservation fund set up the town was unique. "When we asked them [Hingham selectmen] what their number one priority was, they said protecting against unforeseen impacts to the historic district. Because we created the fund, that doesn't mean we need to create a fund for every district."

MBTA lawyer Curry said Hingham has the most dense section of historical properties along any railroad in the country.

Dasey continued that Hingham didn't get any money for flood control as Cohasset did.

However some residents reminded him Hingham "got a tunnel."

Callahan said to avoid comparing the two deals dollar-for-dollar. "There is a difference in concerns in the towns, and a difference and what the towns receive," he said.

Other issues raised in the hearing include:

- the 18-inch berm proposed outside the Strawberry Parfait that would prohibit left-hand turns into the store
- the steep grade down Pond Street leading to the grade-crossing
- lack of a sidewalk leading to the North Main Street access road to Cohasset station
- whether the proposed fencing around the tracks was sufficient to deter children from playing on the tracks

A North Main Street resident near the King Street/Forest Avenue intersection was concerned that the proposed stop light would turn a "quiet corner of Cohasset into Quincy."

Dacey said the MBTA would consider installing four-quad gates if the federal railroad authority rules them safe, and if they are "appropriate" for the specific grade-crossing.

Callahan said he had jotted down 21 areas of concern he planned on addressing with the MBTA. He also said the town and the MBTA were wrangling over some of the documents wording. He promised to hold another public hearing in the near future, despite Dasey's warning that the "train is leaving the station." Dasey also said he expects agreements to be reached with Scituate, Weymouth and Braintree within the next seven weeks. He hopes to have agreements with all the towns in place by the end of March.

Callahan said the hearing was informative because "we can't assume we've addressed every issue or to every degree. We need a fresh pair of eyes on this." He also said he doesn't consider any of the stuck negotiating points "insurmountable."

Train forum Tuesday

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It quickly became clear at Tuesday's meeting that citizens wanted to know specifics, not just general abstracts.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris suggested the MBTA come down for a day, fill a room with maps, and be available to answer any and all questions residents may have.

"I could arrange that with 48 hours notice," Dasey responded.

Town Manager Mark Haddad confirmed yesterday that Dasey kept his word and will be in town Tuesday to meet with abutters and discuss properties on an individual basis.

At the hearing, Dasey discussed the dispute resolution process that has been set up to deal with problems that arise between the town and the MBTA. He said both the town and the MBTA will appoint liaisons to act as direct go-betweens. The mitigation agreement states the two parties have to resolve any dispute within 48 hours. If it can't be resolved in that time frame, a majority of the Board of Selectmen will meet with the general manager of the MBTA and a representative of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction and hammer out a deal within five days.

This dispute resolution process, said Dasey, will be available for homeowners, as well as the town in general.

But Dasey said he is confident there won't be many problems. "In Middleboro and Plymouth [the two active branches of the Old Colony commuter rail system] our mitigation estimates turned out to be very accurate," he said.

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'New kid on the block' at chamber

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Lilac House at the Red Lion Inn. She recited the chamber's mission statement, which looks to represent the interests of small businesses in Cohasset, and said to the 80 in attendance she hopes to expand the group's networking opportunities and increase volunteerism. The dinner featured National Federation of Independent Businesses state director Bill Vernon, who spoke of the group's lobbying effort on behalf of small businesses, both nationally and locally.

In an interview later, La Torraca said she and the new board of directors represent a new "transition" group, and called herself the "new kid in the block." She has been in town since just 1998, when she graduated from the New England School of Law, and opened up her own practice. Since that time, the board of directors has had a complete turnover. La Torraca herself is new to the chamber, going from member in 1999, to the board of directors in 2000, and now president.

"She has been serving on the board for the past year, and was instrumental working on number of different projects," said Drinkwater about La Torraca. "She demonstrated strong abilities to work well with people and is a very good consensus builder."

La Torraca said she wants to focus the chamber's activities on networking opportunities and bringing back old events, such as the auction, and Candidates Night, where candidates for town offices gather for questioning by the town's small businesses.

La Torraca said upcoming events include a networking reception at Conlon Family Chiropractic in Scituate, a golf tournament along with the Scituate Chamber of Commerce, and the annual Farmer's Market starting in June.

"We want to help businesses by doing networking," La Torraca said. "We help business owners meet each other and talk about their businesses."

She said parking around the village, a lack of space for new businesses and helping the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation that is trying to make infrastructure improvements to Cohasset Village are among the main issues affecting the chamber.

La Torraca grew up in Scituate and majored in English and history at Simmons College, graduating in 1992. She then got her master's degree in English in 1993, before enrolling in the New England School of Law in 1995.

"English is actually the best major to have for law school," La Torraca said. "Lawyers have to be able to read very well and write very well. That's why law school was easy for me. I was used to reading thousands of pages."

Her time in law school working for other one-person law firms grew her interest in owning her own practice when she passed the bar exam in 1998. Her desire to be her own boss, plus avoid the dreaded daily commute into Boston, also contributed a bit, she said.

She currently has two employees working for her, one paralegal, and one office helper, who started this past Monday.

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is coming off a successful year, in terms of membership. The chamber now boasts 123 members, an increase of 19 over the previous year. However, La Torraca and Drinkwater said volunteerism in the organization is down. Between running the popular Farmer's Market on Cohasset Common, to organizing the fundraising and networking events, La Torraca said she hopes more businesses will lend a hand.

"Most of the work is concentrated in a handful of volunteers," said Drinkwater, who is a Realtor and partner with Coastal Countryside Properties. "You know what they say, many hands make light work."

For more information about the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, call 383-1010, or visit its website www.cohassetchamber.org



IT'S HAPPENING

Cholesterol, sugar screening

The Cohasset Board of Health and the Social Service Leagues of Cohasset announce cholesterol and blood sugar screening free of charge on Thursday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Second Congregation Church, 41 Highland Avenue.

The screening is funded by the Cohasset Rotary Club. For further information, call the Social Service League at (781)383-0771.

Garage hours

The teen garage (grades 6 and over) will be open for use as follows:

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Friday, Feb. 2, Karaoke night grades 6 to 8 from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3, Movie night grades 6 and up at 7:30 p.m.

Musical auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for the musical Bye Bye Birdie to be directed by veteran actor and director Ray Byrne of Scituate at Cohasset Town Hall, Highland Avenue.

- Sunday Feb.11, 2-6 p.m. for teens
- Monday Feb. 12, 7-10 p.m. adults
- Call backs Tuesday Feb. 13, 7-10 p.m.

Cast requirements include: teenage girls and boys; one pre-teen boy; adult men and women.

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Garden secrets

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Ballou, who owns and operates Mrs. Blossom's Flower Company — a seasonal fresh cut flower operation — also designs perennial gardens, offers horticultural consultations and runs seasonal workshops in her Hersey Street gardens. Member of a number of professional horticultural organizations, Ballou has been teaching this course since 1992 Her lovely perennial gardens have been on a local tour. She also founded The Perennial Gardeners, a thriving local garden club.

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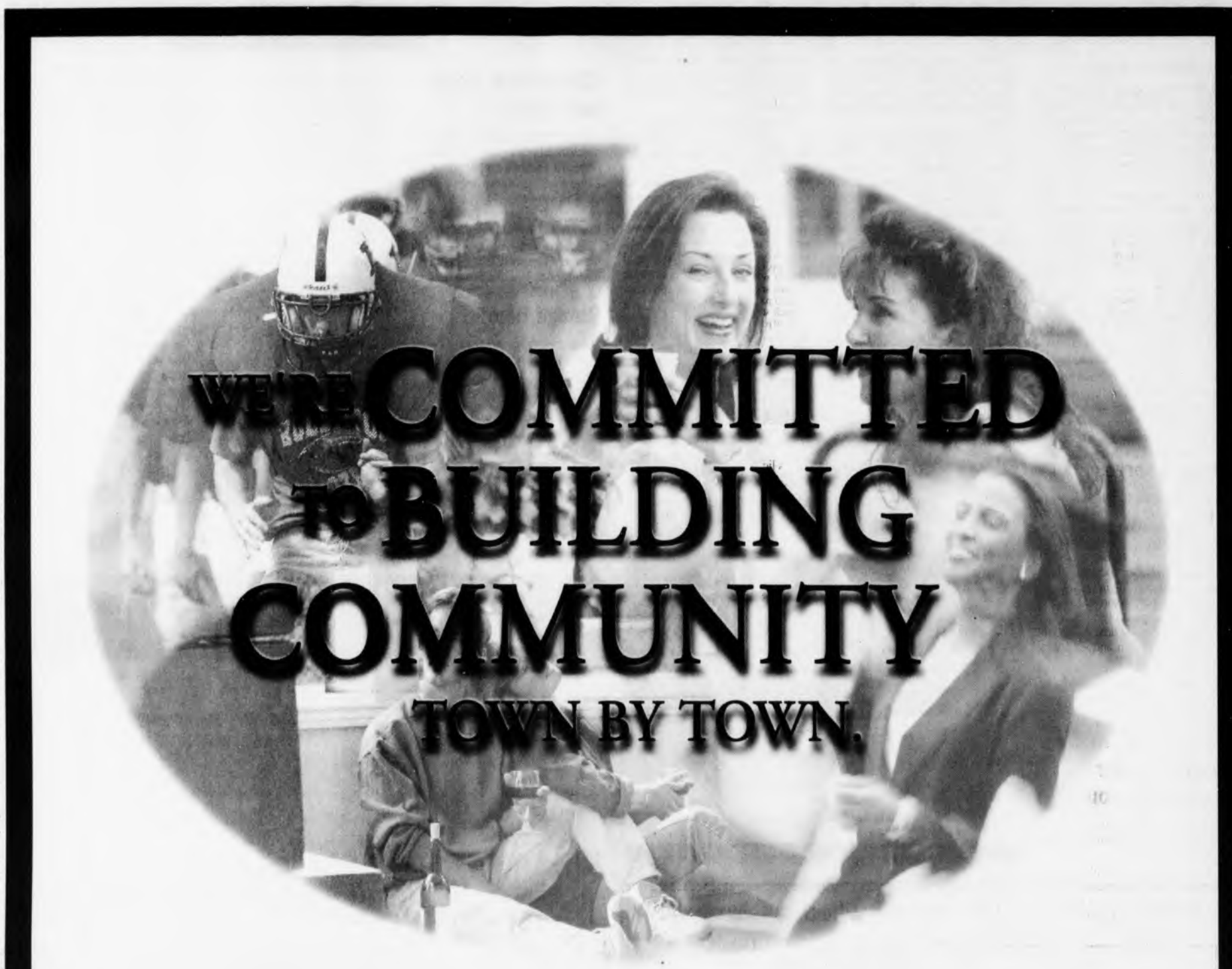
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JAN. 22

2:35 a.m. Samoset Ave., assist other police dept.

1:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

1:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto.

2:04 p.m. King St., motor vehicle violations.

5:14 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

5:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle accident.

5:52 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

7:04 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop. verbal warning.

7:55 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident. Arrest: David J. Mitchell, 20, 24 Central Ave., Hull. Chrgs. Illegal poss. of a class A substance, Illegal poss. of class D substance, poss. of instrument to admin. controlled sub., operating under the influence of drugs, failure to use caution, operating a MV w/o license in possession, speeding in violation of special regulations.

11:14 a.m. Sohier St., disable auto.

11:22 a.m. Elm St., disturbance.

11:42 a.m. King St., medical aid.

1:31 p.m. Little Harbor Rd., fire investigation.

2:36 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious.

2:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

3:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Red Fox Ln., animal control.

7:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violations.

11:52 p.m. South Main St., annoying phone calls.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

1:04 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general info.

10:52 a.m. South Main St., property lost.

12:59 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

1:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Mendel Rd.

5:22 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

6:32 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident.

9:39 p.m. Surry Dr., property lost.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

8:45 a.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

9:18 a.m. Sohier St., transport.

9:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire.

10:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

11:14 a.m. Forest Ave., public service.

11:34 a.m. King St., medical aid.

2:15 p.m. South Main St.,

5:46 p.m. King St., and Pond St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

7:51 p.m. Sohier St., and Green St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

6:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disable auto.

8:56 a.m. Ennis Ct., civil offense.

12:07 p.m. Summer St., escort.

1:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person.

2:28 p.m. N. Main St., and Dolan Ln., motor vehicle stop.

2:38 p.m. S. Main St., Brook St., parking violation, ticket issued.

8 p.m. S. Main St., parking violation.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

1:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

2:14 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle stop.

6:46 p.m. S. Main St., parking violation, ticket issued.

9:23 p.m. Chief Justice Hwy., notification.

9:07 p.m. Pond St., well being checked.

11:36 p.m. Summer St., and Border St,. motor vehicle violations.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

12:53 a.m. Forest Ave., and Black Rock Rd, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:21 p.m. Lamberts Ln., general services.

4:53 p.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Ln., traffic citation, warning.

5:19 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:43 p.m. Hill St., structure fire.

8:13 p.m. King St., animal control.

8:38 p.m. Lamberts Ln., suspicious person.

11:45 p.m. Forest Ave., suspicious auto. Arrest: Matthew T. Tarmey, 24, 7 Royal Dane Dr. #50, Marshfield. Chrgs. operating under the influence of liquor, illegal poss. of class D substance, red light violation, failure to stay within marked lanes, operating a MV without registration in possession.

POLICE BRIEFS

Drug charges

Police arrested a Hull man on drug charges following a motor vehicle accident on Forest Avenue last Tuesday (Jan. 23).

Police were dispatched to the scene at about 7:55 a.m. and found a man and woman standing in the road next to two damaged motor vehicles.

The man approached police and claimed the female driver had pulled out in front of him and he couldn't stop. However, police said they determined the man, David J. Mitchell, 20, of 24 Central Ave. in Hull was under the influence due to his speech and appearance.

According to police, further investigation revealed a quantity of marijuana on his person, and police spotted a hypodermic needle thought to contain heroin on the rear floor of the motor vehicle.

Police charged Mitchell with OUI-drugs, failure to use caution, no driver's license in his possession, speeding, illegal possession of a Class A and Class D substance, and possession of an instrument to administer a controlled substance. Mitchell was arraigned on the charges Jan. 24 in Quincy District Court.

OUI arrest

Police arrested at 24-year-old Marshfield man at 11:45 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday and charged him with operating under the influence of alcohol after he had allegedly been driving erratically through town.

An off-duty officer spotted the 1995 Mercury Cougar traveling "all over the road," according to the police report. The officer called dispatch and police subsequently stopped the car and arrested Matthew T. Tarmey, 24, of 7 Royal Dane Dr., Marshfield. Search at booking revealed a small plastic bag along with a piece of aluminum foil containing what police believed to be marijuana. Tarmey was charged with OUI, illegal possession of a Class D substance, red light violation, failure to stay within marked lanes and operating a MV without registration in possession. Tarmey was arraigned on the charges Monday in Quincy District Court.

SENIOR SCENE

Senior center volunteers sought

Cohasset Elder Affairs invites individuals to offer volunteer support services to elders.

The senior center counts on volunteers to make that special contribution of assisting elders to live in the most practically attainable comfort, dignity and independence.

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2. Nutrition volunteers — assist with on-site meals once or twice a week.

3. Office support — imputes computer data, assists with phone and transportation calls.

4. Companions — visit and advocate for elders who reside in their own homes.

5. Talents and skills — If you have a hobby/slides/music to share, please let the center know. The center is looking for new and interesting programs after its Tuesday lunches.

6. Join the board — People who are willing to serve on the board of directors are sought. Attendance is requested at a two- or three-hour meeting once a month during the day and assistance on one committee. Call the Rev. Gary A. Ritts at 383-0345 or 383-9112 if interested.

7. Mailing — People are needed to work on monthly mailings for Town Hall and for the newsletter which involves a commitment of three hours a month.

8. Drivers — for the local area, three hours, once a month. This service is covered by town insurance.

If you have a question, would like more information or would like to register, call the center at 383-9112.

OBITUARIES

Mark D. Coady

Mark d. Coady, 54, of San Diego, formerly of Norwell, died Jan. 8 at home of complications due to pancreatic cancer.

He was the co-owner of The Golf House in Norwell and Jeremey's Saloon in Hanover. He was a golf enthusiast and an avid sailor.

For many years he was employed by the Chesterton Corp. living and working in Johannesburg, South Africa, Teheran, Iran, and Athens, Greece.

In 1981, he was transferred by the Remco Corp. to San Diego and in subsequent years was self-employed as a consultant in the commercial waterproofing industry throughout the southern California region. Most recently he was employed by Power Source Inc. of LaJolla, Calif.

Mr. Coady was born in Milton and raised in Cohasset. He graduated from Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree and Miami Dade University in Florida.

He leaves his wife, Anne Marie (Maggio) Coady, formerly of Milton; a son, Mark Coady Jr. of Houston; three daughters, Kimberly Coady of Quincy, Deana Coady of Andover and Nicole Partner of Nashua, N.H.; his mother, Eunice M. Coady of Scituate; nine siblings, Francis Coady of Medford, Paul Coady and Dennis Coady, both of Scituate, Lee Coady of Brookline, Gregory Coady of Hanover, Sean Coady of Pembroke, Margaret Cisie Cullivan of Williamsburg, Va., Lisa Coady Maso of Brookline and Judith Benzaquin of Norwell; three grandchildren; and 29 nieces and nephews. He was also the son of the late Francis R. Coady of Cohasset.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, in St. Anthony's Church.

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Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P0126EP

In the Estate of GRACE A. DONOHUE

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In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death
November 26, 2000

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JAMES T. DONOHUE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 28, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, January 19, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#510394
Cohasset Mariner 2/1/01

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LEGAL NOTICE
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F.Y. 2002 SCHOOL BUDGET

There will be a public hearing on the FY 2002 School Budget on **Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Library at the Cohasset Middle-High School, located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for review, by February 6, 2001, in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA.

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LEGAL NOTICE
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Cohasset Town Hall on Monday, February 12, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to **6.5.1** of the Zoning Bylaw and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Tedeschi Realty Corporation,** seeks a sign at **790 C.J.C. Hywy.** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #01-01-19.

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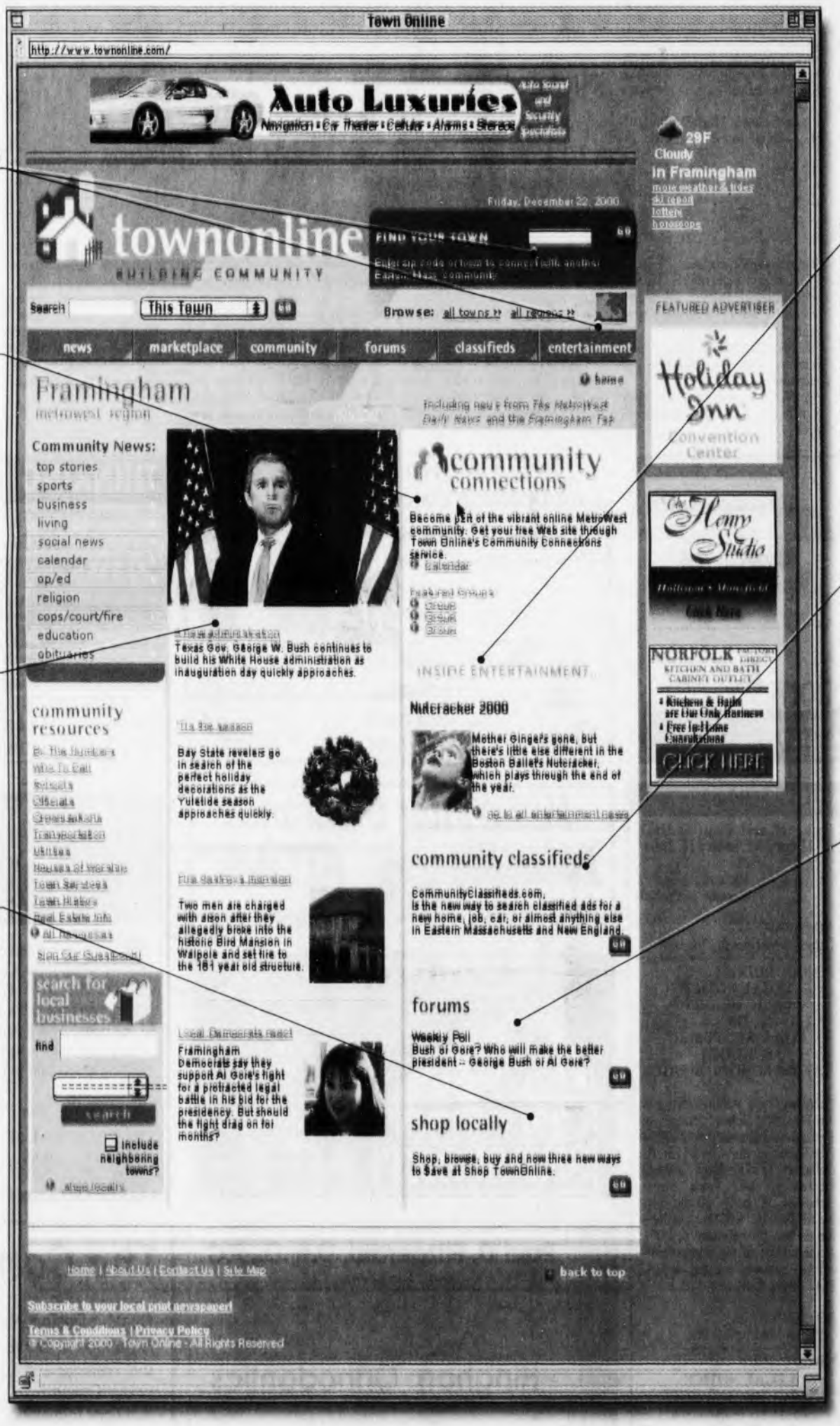
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Beatlemania, the ultimate tribute band will perform at Lombardos in Randolph Feb. 9.

Beatlemania is back

Tribute band makes South Shore tour stop Feb. 9

By Seth Jacobson
SJACOBSO@CNC.COM

On Feb. 9, 1964, The Beatles appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show.

On Feb. 9, 2001, Beatlemania, the ultimate tribute band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph.

While The Beatles "One" album continues to dominate the world-wide musical charts, the legendary Beatles cover band continues to pay homage to the Fab Four by touring around the country, playing the music that John, Paul, George and Ringo made famous.

"The Beatles were so big and so popular, and we're offering people a chance to re-live that moment in history."
-Stephen Sheridan of Beatlemania

But the band doesn't only play the memorable music of The Beatles. They recreate the magic of the group by looking like the Beatles, dressing like the Beatles, and sounding like the Beatles.

Beatlemania is always busy, as the band plays two to three shows per week. They've played all over the county — performing in Nebraska, Florida, Arizona, and California, and they've taken their act over seas too, performing concerts in Switzerland, Japan, Brazil, and Canada.

"We're always touring," said Stephen Sheridan, the guitarist of Beatlemania who recreates the character of John Lennon on stage. "And we're going to keep touring until we decide to sleep."

Beatlemania has been around since the early 1980s, but they have not lost touch with what they are doing even though some members of the band have changed over the years. They still love playing the music, they still love transforming themselves into the Beatles, and they frequently sell out their shows.

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A tall tale

Boston Beanstalks celebrate being 'vertically endowed'

By Seth Jacobson
SJACOBSO@CNC.COM

Are you taller than average?

If so, there are a few beanstalks that want to talk to you—the Boston Beanstalks, that is.

The Boston Beanstalks are the local chapter in an international organization called Tall Clubs International. There are 64 other tall clubs within the organization located in various areas around the globe.

"Each club has its own name," said Plymouth resident Thomas Stadelmann, a member of the Beanstalks who boasts a healthy height of 6'2.

"Basically, the tall clubs were established as social clubs for support and camaraderie for people who are vertically endowed," Stadelmann added. "Our chapter (the Beanstalks) serves Massachusetts, but it also serves Rhode Island."

Stadelmann, a science professor at Massasoit Community College in Brockton, said there are about 150 members in the Beanstalks, 19 of which hail from the South Shore. But as each day goes by, membership continues to grow.

"Membership is constantly dynamic," Stadelmann said. "We have new members joining all the time."

The Beanstalks keep growing because they have a reputation for knowing how to have a good time.

"We party a lot," Stadelmann said with a smile. "And we'll start dancing whenever we can find a room to accommodate all of us. Any opportunity we can think of to socialize, we usually take it."

Stadelmann said the Beanstalks have celebrations for a host of holidays including Groundhog Day, movie nights every Wednesday, dances, "tea nights" at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston, and even an annual national convention where all tall clubs from all over the world stand tall together. The convention is usually held in the United States—this year, it is being held in Maine.

"If we measure you, and you don't quite make the height requirement, we have a portable rack where we can stretch you out just a little bit."
-Boston Beanstalks member Thomas Stadelmann of Plymouth

Just last weekend, Beanstalk members held their annual beauty pageant where both a Mister and a Miss Tall Massachusetts was elected. The winners were Mark Sigrist, 6'6, of Brockton and Leeann Larson, 6'2, of Randolph. Stadelmann said he himself was elected as Mister Tall Massachusetts in 1999.

"It's just a beauty contest," Stadelmann said. "We don't take it too seriously, but we have a lot of fun with it." During

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STAFF PHOTO/ CHRIS BERNSTEIN
Boston Beanstalks member Thomas Stadelmann of Plymouth stands tall.

We're making

Beginning with next week's paper, readers will find some changes and new locations for our Living and South Shore Real Estate sections.

Living will now be incorporated into the main body of the newspaper, following sports. The section will not be printed separately, but it will continue to provide all the essential news and features readers have come to expect from Living — our comprehensive calendar of events and things to do on the South Shore; lively features in and around the arts and entertainment community; and our anchor columns such as Astral Week and Green Thumbs Up.

In an effort to further develop our position in the marketplace, South Shore Real Estate will now lead our community classifieds.com section. Our readers and advertisers will continue to find the latest stories on real estate news and trends, real estate transactions, mortgage line as well as a few new features such as open house listings and a Home Portrait focusing on a property currently for sale.

As always, we welcome your feedback. If you have further questions or comments, contact our living editor Alice Coyle at 837-4562 or real estate editor Paula Woodhull at 837-4569.

Different strokes for different folks

House hunters' preferences vary

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

Finding a community that is right for you and your family is as important, and in some cases, more so, than finding the right home.

For Kelli and Steven Burns, the parents of 3-year-old twin girls, the right community is first and foremost on their home buying wish list.

"What we're looking for is a good school district, a neighborhood with lots of small children, and a safe neighborhood, where the kids can ride their bikes. What the house looks like comes after that," said Kelli Burns.

"When we bought our first house, before the kids, we cared more about updated bathrooms than about a kid-friendly neighborhood. That changed after the twins were born," said Burns, who plans to put their Quincy four-bedroom Colonial on the market this spring.

"We love our house, but we're on a busy street and there aren't many kids close by. We know that we'll have to give up space and quality of home, but we figure it's worth it for us and the kids," she said.

The Burns family is not unusual, according to real estate brokers, who say many potential home buyers put community first.

Cindy Lowell of Century 21 Walker Brothers Realty in Duxbury said she often sees potential home buyers take a step down in a home to take a step up in a community.

"This is a quaint village town with a good school system, a private beach, a new library. It's very attractive to young families," said Lowell.

But it doesn't come cheap, of course. A three-bedroom single-family home in Duxbury can reach well into the $300,000 range.

While some of the basics — a good commute, a low crime rate and nearby shopping are universal, many other community attributes are subjective.

Some people want close neighbors, others want none. Some want a thriving downtown area, some want a more quiet, rural setting.

To find the community that's right for you, realtors advise thinking about these features, and more: tax rates; town recreation, distance to hospitals and medical facilities.

"Not everyone wants the idyllic village community," says Polly Hanlon of Conway Realty in Hull. "Sometimes people are looking for diversity, for an older community, for something a little funky," she said.



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Forbidden fun

Broadway spoof comes to Company Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Since 1982, the musical revue "Forbidden Broadway" has entertained audiences by cleverly skewering some of the Great White Way's best known sacred cows. For Sharon native Danica Connors, who heads home to the South Shore next week with a touring production of "Forbidden Broadway" at Norwell's Company Theatre, the show's success is easy to understand.

"There has always been a great deal of mystique around theater," Connors explained from Los Angeles last week. "What 'Forbidden Broadway' does is allow audiences to see theater from a tremendously human perspective. Everybody makes mistakes and we can all laugh at them. The humor is the magic of this show."

Creator Gerard Alessandrini finds his inspiration in the songs of current and classic Broadway musicals to which he adds stinging original lyrics. Alessandrini also sharpens his satirical pencil on some of Broadway's biggest legends including Ethel Merman, Carol Channing, Barbra Streisand, Julie Andrews, Liza Minnelli, Michael Crawford, Patti Lupone, Kevin Kline and Chita Rivera. The material is regularly updated. The current incarnation takes aim at "The Lion King," "Ragtime," "Chicago," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Music Man" while not overlooking staples like "Annie" and "Les Miserables". The lampooning of icons suits Connors just fine.

"I love singing the Ethel Merman roles, especially when she duets with the Phantom. Our 'Annie' is funny, too, because we have a 30-year-old woman in a too tight costume singing about "Tomorrow" while puffing away on a cigarette," says Connors. "It is great fun to spoof the performers and the shows. The things we poke fun at are often very true. It is all done in jest and with great honor."

Rounding out a four member cast are Mark David Kaplan, Kevin McGlynn and Kristine Zbornik.

"We change roles all the time. Nine out of 10 times when I walk in, I have to ask what I'm doing that day. It is great though because it keeps me on my toes and keeps the work fresh," says Connors. "We just all have to be very flexible."

Connors first joined "Forbidden Broadway" during its 1990's run at the Terrace Room of the Park Plaza and has been with it on and off ever since. A 1993 graduate of the Boston Conservatory, Connors was last seen in Boston two years ago in "Secrets Every Smart Traveler Should Know" at the Copley Theatre. Her regional theater credits include Sally Bowles in "Cabaret," Mary Magdalene in "Jesus Christ Superstar," and Mrs. Potiphar in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

In the past year, she has appeared in workshop productions of the new musical based on the Louisa May Alcott novel "Little Women". The show had been scheduled for a pre-Broadway tryout at Boston's Wilbur Theatre last September, but that run was shelved when producers decided to make changes to the musical's creative team. Even with all the behind the scenes upheaval, Connors remains attached to the project.

"If 'Little Women' does actually happen then I may get to play the lead character, 'Jo,' at matinees. The character's similarities with my own personality make Jo ideal for who I am today. The new songs by Jason Howland are incredible. They are strong and passionate and written for a mixed belt voice which is what I have. The role really feels like it was meant for me."

With the future of "Little Women" still undetermined, Connors will continue with her current assignment which she credits with helping to build her confidence as a performer. "What makes this show great for performers is that it demands extreme flexibility and vocal power. You're never just in the chorus. You sing leads at every show. It has really helped me as a performer."

The show has also given Connors a renewed appreciation for the magic of live theater. "After seeing so many shows over the years, there just comes a time when you start to look at everything with a critical eye. With 'Forbidden Broadway' I am able to see Broadway shows in a much more positive light. It snaps me out of the critical mindset and just lets me enjoy things for what they are."

Connors believe that even casual theatergoers will also find pleasure in the show. "What is brilliant is that there are enough funny sight gags that the show works well even if the audience doesn't know every musical being spoofed."

("Forbidden Broadway" will be at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, February 7-11. For tickets and further information, visit the box office or call 781/871-2787.)



South Shore native Danica Connors has a role in the upcoming production of "Forbidden Broadway," on stage at Norwell's Company Theatre Feb. 7-11.

Geared up for gospel

Fifth annual musical celebration staged this weekend

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

For five years, the Company Theatre has joined with the New England area's finest gospel groups and choirs to "raise the roof" and "jolt the spirit." The occasion is for the annual Gospel Music Celebration, which the Norwell theater presents each year to celebrate Black History Month.

This year's Gospel Celebration event will be the fifth at the Company Theatre. It takes the stage this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

The musical gala will once again showcase a wide and diverse array of gospel, spiritual and sacred music styles rooted in the African-American church and featuring a faithful gathering of some of the area's best vocal/musical assemblages available.

This year's performers include such groups as Juda and the All God's Children choir — both of whom are seen and heard regularly at the Morningstar Baptist Church in Boston — Love Divine and others.

The eternal motto of gospel music is, of course, to "lift every voice and sing." And the groups on the bill for this year's Company Theatre show will once more bring a stage full of voices to lift and stir the rafters. But in a concert setting, gospel music can always benefit from the presence of a vocal soloist or two. This weekend's celebration will in fact feature two soloists, including singer and sometime songwriter Micheal Saunders, of Randolph.

"The Company Theatre gospel show is a good annual production that brings together some of the best gospel groups in New England to celebrate the different aspects and types of gospel music, and what gospel has been," said Saunders. "This year is the first time that I've been involved in it."

"I attended the show for the last couple of years since I've got back into performing and recording myself and I enjoyed the spirit of the show so much that I really got interested in wanting to take part in it. So I sent a copy of my publicity kit, including a bio and my own independently produced CD, to (Company Theatre Artistic Director) Zoe Bradford, and just like that she gave me call to invite me on the bill this year," Saunders said.



Michael Saunders of Randolph will be one of the soloists in this weekend's big Gospel Musical Celebration at Norwell's Company Theatre.

Saunders said he will probably be singing three songs in his solo spot in this weekend's show. One or two of those will most likely spotlight tracks from the newly released independent CD, titled "Reconciled."

The disc's title bespeaks a profound return to musical roots for Saunders, who grew up in Boston and currently works on the staff at the May Center, a residential school for disabled children in Randolph. The singer began his musical career in gospel in the 1970s, singing first in his church choir, then forming his own gospel groups beginning at age 14. One of them, the Silverstars, played shows with major gospel artists such as the Winans, Shirley Caesar and Andre Crouch.

In the early 80s, Saunders diverted from gospel and moved toward a career in R&B and hip-hop, performing and recording first with the Boston-based band Essence, then solo under the moniker MYZZ. Working the contemporary urban-R&B genre through the early 90s, Saunders received strong local airplay and reviews with his smooth, resonant vocals and toured clubs and theatres up and down the east coast, sharing bills with modern soul/R&B singers such as Freddie Jackson, Melba Moore and Jeffrey Osborne.

In the last few years, Saunders has reunited himself with gospel, a move brought about by time and life circumstances. But his CD, which he describes as "a personal testimony" to Christ, does not exactly leave the R&B/hip-hop/pop influences behind. Songs written by Saunders and his keyboardist partner John Gibson with titles such as "I Worship You," "His Name Be Lifted" and "First Seek Your Face" are set to fresh, modern R&B, hip-hop and even Stevie Wonder-style, synth-textured production that would fit right into the mix on Boston's "new home of contemporary R&B/hip-hop" radio station WBOT-FM (97.7).

Said Saunders, "A lot of black music is old school R&B, blues and jazz all intermingled with gospel and the church. I see the whole style and production of my CD as just following the pattern of black music, and I can't really get away from all my earlier influences. I've just decided to sing about God and Jesus rather than love and hate."

This year's Gospel Celebration, like past shows, will feature spot performances from the groups and soloists involved, then conclude with all participants joining onstage for a climactic final number.

For tickets or more information on the Gospel Music Celebration call the Company Theatre at (781) 871-2787 or visit the website at WWW.companytheatre.com. The theater is located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell.

Correction: In last week's Spirit of Community feature on Norwell resident Ali Selby, Dreamchasers —a community theater group's home base was mistakenly identified as Plymouth. Dreamchasers is both based in and performs its shows in Norwell.



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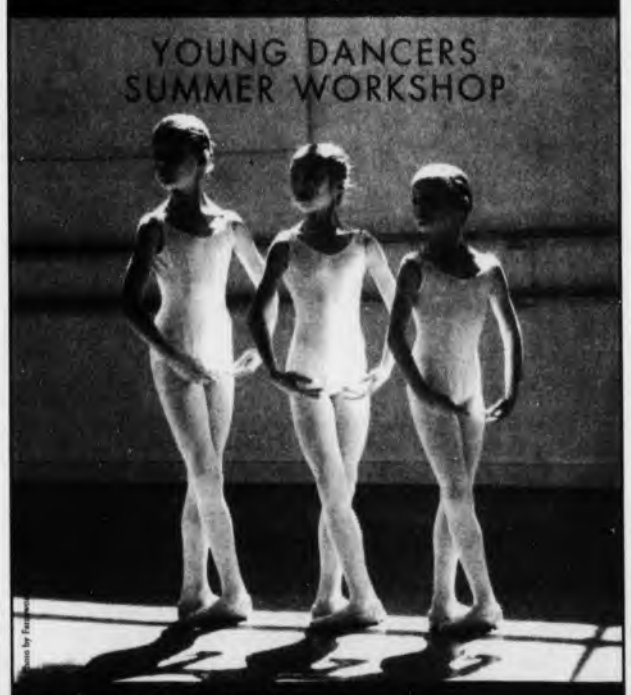
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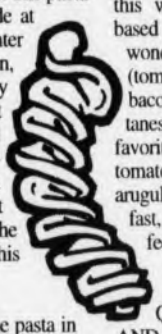


CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

In a small mountain village north of Rome, I was once served a simple dish of pasta with a sauce which had penetrated the pasta itself, flavoring it and bathing it with a silky salve of fruity olive oil, garlic, and herbs.

This was a far cry from the usual American spaghetti dinner -- a watery mound of pasta onto which is dumped an oily flow of tomato sauce. As we know, oil and water don't mix. I was also bothered by the comments of Italian friends who reprimanded me on the subject of the ratio of sauce to pasta. Although they insisted that a small amount of sauce goes a long way, I found that my attempts at lightly sauced pasta simply yielded underdressed, bland plates of spaghetti.

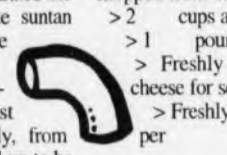
My first thought was to cook the pasta in the sauce itself, not in boiling water. Using a simple 10-minute tomato sauce, I added angel hair pasta with horrific results. The pasta was slimy on the outside at the point at which the center was cooked. In addition, the sauce was starchy from the pasta and it became very dry (dried pasta absorbs a lot of liquid during cooking). When I then added vast amounts of liquid to the pan to thin the sauce, this compromised its flavor.



Next, I tried starting the pasta in water and finishing it in the sauce. This method proved superior since the water rinsed off excess starch, the texture of the finished pasta was good, and the cooking water made the perfect liquid for thinning the sauce. Using fettuccine, I reduced the cooking time in water by one, three, five, and seven minutes, finishing the cooking in the sauce itself. When the pasta spent just a few minutes in the sauce, the results were disappointing. The noodles had not absorbed much flavor. When I precooked the pasta for only a couple of minutes, however, ended up with the same situation I had started with slimy pasta. Finally, I settled on cooking the pasta about half the time in boiling water and half in the sauce. This was perfection; the sauce penetrated the pasta and clung to it like suntan lotion. A little bit of sauce went a long way.



Now that I had tested fettuccine, I wanted to test other shapes. Surprisingly, from angel hair to fusili it ended up to be the same -- half the cooking time in water and half in sauce produced an amazingly flavorful piece of macaroni although the amount of cooking liquid which had to be added to the sauce varied. I also wanted to try this with other types of tomato based sauces. Meat sauces were wonderful as were an amatriciana (tomato sauce with pancetta or bacon) and a ragu although a puttanesca was less successful. My favorite, however, is still a quick tomato sauce with a handful or arugula thrown in near the end. It's fast, it's easy, and it marries perfectly with the pasta.



PERFECT PASTA WITH QUICK TOMATO SAUCE AND ARUGULA

The amount of pasta water you add to the sauce is variable. Just be sure to reserve two cups of cooking liquid before the pasta is drained. This approach is also very good with any meat sauce.

- 1 28 ounce can diced or whole tomatoes (not packed in puree) Muir Glen preferred
- 2 medium garlic cloves, peeled
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh basil leaves
- 2 cups arugula leaves
- 1 pound pasta
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese for serving
- Freshly ground black pepper

1. If using diced tomatoes go to step two. If using whole tomatoes, drain and reserve liquid. Dice tomatoes into about 1/4-inch pieces either by hand or food processor. Add enough liquid to yield 2 cups.

2. Process the garlic through a press (or mince with a knife) into a small bowl; stir in 1-teaspoon water. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil and garlic in a very large skillet or sautÇ pan (at least 12 inches) over medium heat until fragrant but not browned, about 2 minutes. (If you do not have a pan large enough you can use the pasta cooking pot once it has been drained. Drain the pasta for only a few seconds and then hold in a bowl until needed.) Stir in the tomatoes and simmer until slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Stir in the sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt.

3. Meanwhile, cook pasta in 4 quarts of salted boiling water for half of the directed time. Drain pasta reserving 2 cups of cooking water. At this point the pasta has started to soften but still appears quite raw in the middle. Add the pasta to the skillet (or add the pasta and sauce back to the pasta pot in the absence of a large enough skillet) and complete cooking the pasta in the sauce adding reserved cooking water as needed to keep the sauce moist, stirring frequently. With two minutes cooking time remaining add the remaining olive oil, and salt as well as the basil and arugula and stir to combine. The pasta and sauce will likely look dryer than normal but will be moist and flavorful upon tasting. Serve immediately with freshly grated parmesan cheese.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Planetary influences turn around completely today, when the moon moves from fiery Aries to earthy Taurus. At 8:36 a.m. the Aries moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive until 9:21 a.m., when it enters Taurus. Zero in on projects that have been left hanging and finish them; handle routine chores, errands. A lunar alignment to Neptune makes this an evening to relax and unwind.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Mercury travels in retrograde motion during the month of February, making it a time for a change of pace and priorities. Rather than launching new ventures, plan to finish projects already begun; review, redo, repair. Artistic projects as well as jobs that require research or study also get the green light. Today Mercury moves into Pisces at 2:13 a.m. Mercury is slowing its rate of motion and will actually turn retrograde Saturday, February 3. The moon continues its travel in Taurus, prompting you to stay busy with practical projects. You can be most productive.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Astrological storm warnings are in effect today and throughout the weekend. Take it slow and easy. The Taurus moon becomes inactive at 5:31 a.m. The planet Venus moves into Aries at 2:14 p.m., remaining there until June 6. The moon enters Gemini at 3:56 p.m. and aligns with Jupiter at 6:14 p.m. Forget your troubles; relax and unwind this evening.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The sun forms a flowing 60-degree contact to Pluto at 8:06 a.m. This morning is prime for starting new diets, exercise regimens or programs to break bad habits. A polarity of Mars/Saturn also affects the day. Rather than trying to change others and transform external situations, this is a time to look within, change your thinking and find a new course of action for yourself. At 8:58 p.m. Mercury, standing at 1-degree Pisces, begins retrograde travel until February 25. A harmonious alignment of Venus/Jupiter highlights social and romantic activities this evening.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

The Gemini moon aligns with Uranus at 3:12 a.m. and becomes inactive until 7:00 p.m. If you have work projects to accomplish, handle a variety of tasks rather than one job. It may be difficult to focus and easy to overlook important details. This day is best, however, for relaxing and enjoying favorite sports, hobbies, friends. The moon enters domestic Cancer at 7:00 p.m., aligning with Mercury at 8:00 p.m. and Venus at 10:16 p.m. Share a special dinner with close friends/family.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Gear up for a hectic week. A full moon is building up and will culminate February 8, Thursday morning. The best way to channel its energy is to stay busy; tackle projects that have been left hanging and follow through. The moon travels in the sign Cancer today. Although it forms no major contacts to planets, it is active. Others may be moody, hypersensitive. Choose your words carefully. Plan a quiet evening. Look within, and you will find what you need to get back on track.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full agenda today. Zero in on jobs that need repair, redoing; go on a cleanup campaign. The Cancer moon aligns with Saturn at 10:10 a.m. and Mars at 12:30 p.m., when it becomes inactive. The final windup to this month's full moon begins at 7:21 p.m., when the moon enters fiery Leo. A lunar alignment to Jupiter this evening prompts you to lighten up, mellow out.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

This is a day that can go either way. The full moon buildup generates excitement, intensity. Don't be too hasty in your judgements or too eager to commit yourself. Slow down. Avoid mental, physical or emotional burnout. The planet Uranus plays an important role in this period, because it stands within two degrees of the full moon culmination point. Its influence may bring sudden, unexpected breakthroughs or breakdowns. Keep an open mind; go with the flow of things.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

The full moon culminates at 2:12 a.m., 19 1/2-degrees of Leo/Aquarius. In addition, the planet Uranus aligns with the moon at 4:01 a.m. and with the sun tomorrow. This is a high energy, potentially stressful day. Be sure to take extra time out for yourself, to pursue activities that help you to relax. The Leo moon forms challenging alignments to Saturn, Mars and Mercury until 4:25 p.m., when it becomes inactive. At 6:35 p.m. a Virgo moon takes over.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

The moon travels in Virgo all day. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, travels in retrograde and aligns with Mars at 9:59 p.m. In addition, the sun/Uranus alignment occurs at 7:20 a.m., and the moon and Pluto interact at 6:17 p.m. This is a volatile mixture of planetary energies. Don't make waves. Take your time and pay attention to details. Use extra caution when driving or operating machinery. Channel high energy constructively.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

After the barrage of planetary aspects in the past few days, influences calm down considerably this weekend. The moon continues active travel in Virgo until 3:18 p.m., reminding you that compliments will work better than criticism. This period is ideal for organizing, cleaning, getting your life in order. The moon enters Libra at 6:46 p.m. In addition, Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra forms a harmonious contact to Neptune this evening. Love is the name of the game. Sail the love boat to exotic ports.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Today's influences bring a break in the stormy astrological weather we've been experiencing this month. This is a wonderful day to relax and recharge your batteries. Spend quality time with favorite friends; enjoy leisure activities. The moon travels in sociable Libra, forming contacts to Neptune, Venus and Pluto.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Alignments of the sun, Mercury and Saturn can make for a high stress day. The best way to channel this energy is to take on a big work project and stay busy. You can be most productive. The moon continues to travel in Libra and becomes inactive at 12:31 p.m. Mercury and the sun form 90-degree alignments to Saturn at 6:25 p.m. and 8:21 p.m. The sun and Mercury align at 7:17 p.m. All important signings, decisions are definitely off limits. The moon enters Scorpio at 9:51 p.m. Meditate for inner peace and vision.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Challenging planetary influences continue today and tomorrow. The moon travels in Scorpio, generating a serious mood. Others may be difficult to get along with, pensive, hypersensitive. Don't rock the boat in business or romance. Stay busy with work projects. You can get a lot accomplished. Take extra quiet time out for yourself. Review your priorities and readjust your sights. Open your heart to higher visions.

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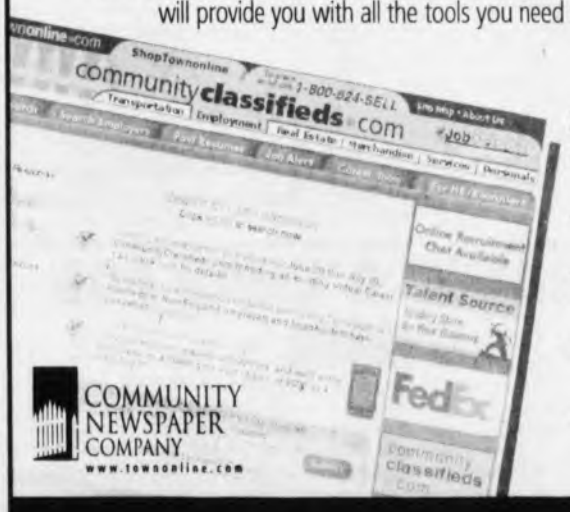


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Nederlander Theatre's production of "Footloose" will be kicking off its 2001 nationwide tour with 8 performances only at The Company Theatre in Norwalk, running Feb. 7 - Feb. 11. Performances are Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. (press night), Feb. 8 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 9 at 8 p.m., Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 and $27 for Wed., Thurs., and Sun. Shows for Frt. and Sat. are $27 and $29. Tickets are available at the Company Theatre Box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787

Wed. 31

"The Economy and Ecosystems of New England" with Diana Muir, author of Reflections of Bullough's Pond as part of the Water Watch Lecture Series 2001 presented by the NSRWA and SSNSS at 7 p.m. Held at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Jacob's Lane in Norwell. Admission is $3 for NSRWA and SSNSC members, $5 for the general public. For more information call (781)659-2559.

Thurs. 1

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host **"Bon Appetit"** for the month of February. The public is welcome to the opening reception on Feb. 4 from 2 - 5 p.m. The Gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. closed on Mondays. For more information regarding the gallery or workshops and classes at the Mahoney Studios call (781)545-6150.

Tu B'Shevat Sedar at the Temple Beth Sholom on Feb. 4 at 12 noon. Located at 600 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. Special dairy lunch served. Fee is $5 per adult, $3 per child. Please R.S.V.P. at the Temple office (781)925-0091 by **Feb. 1.**

Kingston Public Library presents "Animal World" exhibit throughout the month of February. The library is open from 1 - 8 p.m. on Mon., from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Wed., Fri., and Sat. For more information (781)585-0518.

Fri. 2

"Mixed Couples" the comedy drama will be presented by the North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell on **February 2 & 3** at 8 p.m. Two middle-age couples waiting for a plane in 1927 discover they have more baggage than they thought as they explore their past lives and loves. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call (617)476-8947.

Annual Members Show with the North River Arts Society from Feb. 3 - 17 (closed Mondays) from 1 - 3 p.m. at NRAS headquarters, The G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. Gala opening part is Feb. 2 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. Free admission will include hors d-oeuvres and a cash bar. Awards presentation at 8 p.m. For more information call Kate Norton at (781)837-8091.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Northern Lights in concert at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106 Kingston, across from the First Parish Unitarian Church. $10 for members, $12 for non members. For more information call (781)871-1052.

The Milton Players will present Brian Friel's Irish comedy-drama "Dancing at Lughnasa" directed by Pam McArdle on Feb. 2, 3, 9 and 10. The performances on Feb. 2 and 9 are at 8 p.m. with Cabaret seating. The performances on Feb. 3 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Feb. 10 performance will be held at 8 p.m. in traditional theater seating. Tickets are priced from $10 - $15 and all performances are held at the Milton Women's Club, 90 Reedsdale Road, (route 28) in Milton. For more information call (617)698-7469.

Singles Executive Club Cocktail Party and Dance at the Dedham Hilton hotel Ballroom, 25 Allied Drive in Dedham. Exit 14, East Street off Route 128. Complimentary buffet from 8 - 9 p.m. DJ music from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Admission is $15. Ties, jackets, party finery required. Suitable for singles and couples 35 - 55 years of age. For more information call (781)446-0234.

5th Annual Two-Day Gospel Music Celebration to be held Feb. 2 and 3 at the Company Theatre in Norwell at 8 p.m. both nights. This year's special guests include Boston's own "Bullock Brother" on Feb. 2 only. Also performing will be Michael Saunders. Tickets are $17 in advance and $20 the day of the performance and can be purchased at the Company Theatre box office or by calling (781)871-2787.

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Sat. 3

The North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Margaret Farrell Bruno** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street, Marshfield Center. The show will run through **Feb. 3, 2001** and is open for viewing Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. Bruno lives and paints on the South Shore and grew up surrounded by the splendid coastline and cranberry bogs which have inspired her pastel landscapes. For more information call (781)837-8091.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse in Central Square on the common in Bridgewater every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Open mike. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. "Adam's Choice (TBA)." For more information call Valerie Lawson at (508)833-3100.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Winter Wildlife Safari" at 1 p.m. .Meet at the Trailside north parking lot on Route 138 in Milton. 1.5 hours. Please call to register for this program. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Concerts in the Country presented by the Art of Music Chamber Players at 8 p.m. at the Wellesley Congregational Church, 2 Central Street in Wellesley. Also, **Feb. 9** at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. For more information call (781)837-2705.

Quincy Dinner Theatre Presents Legends Show "Nelson's Superstar Copycats: Legends Come to Life" featuring live tributes to Mariah Carey, Billy Ray Cyrus, Elvis Presley, Celine Dion and Neil Diamond plus Steve Savio. Dinner and show is $40 on Feb. 3 and 18, dinner at 7 p.m. and show at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 4, dinner at 5 p.m., show at 6:30 p.m. Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. For reservations call (781)843-5862.

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Disclosure of inspection could have averted suit

By Anthony Summers
CORRESPONDENT

The lesson is as ancient as the Book of Matthew in the Holy Bible: "The house fell not: For it was founded upon a rock. A foolish man ... built his house upon the sand."

If only Jonathan and Heidi White had reviewed the Book of Matthew before the 1998 purchase of the home at 28 Nardel Road, Newton, the Superior Court case of White vs. ABC Home Inspection, Otero & Pearl Associates and Milton and Evelyne Feinson might not have been filed.

Background

In 1991, Milton and Evelyne Feinson, the defendants, considered selling their home at 28 Nardel Road. Because of some foundation cracks, Barbara Diamond of Otero & Pearl, the broker, recommended Rene Mugnier, an engineer, to conduct a structural inspection. Mugnier reported that the foundation footings were not resting in good, undisturbed bearing soil and therefore were causing settlement, resulting in foundation cracks. Mugnier could not certify that the house had stopped settling. The Feinsons took the house off the market.

In 1998, the housing market heated up and to prepare the house for sale, Diamond prepared a fact sheet describing the house as a "meticulously maintained, nine-room ranch." The fact sheet was provided to the Whites, prospective buyers.

Surprisingly, even though Diamond knew of the Mugnier report, no mention was included in the fact sheet. Prior to making an offer, the Whites' broker asked Diamond if the house had "good bones." She replied that it did.

The Whites hired ABC Home Inspection to inspect the property and, upon receipt of a satisfactory inspection report, entered into a purchase-and-sale agreement (P&S).

The P&S contained various provisions, one of which stated that "the buyers acknowledged that they have had the property inspected by [a home inspector] and further acknowledge that the said home inspection was made by persons of buyers' own choosing ... and that they were satisfied with the results ... and accept the property in as is condition."

Finally, on Oct. 2, 1999, the Whites purchased the ill-fated home and moved in. Once in the house, the Whites became aware of the foundation problems and hired Mugnier to conduct an inspection. On May 18, 1999, Mugnier reported that the house had "significant and material foundation and structural problems." A structural engineer recommended that the house be demolished, which is exactly what the Whites did. The Whites ended up with a pile of rubble sitting on a house lot.



Anthony Summers

As you may guess the Whites sued everyone for everything. The complaint included counts for (1) breach of contact, (2) breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing (3) negligent misrepresentation, (4) intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress, (5) loss of use and enjoyment and (6) abuse of process. The defendants were the Feinsons, ABC Home Inspection, Barbara Diamond and Otero & Pearl.

Discussion of law

A review of the law, the facts, and the purchase-and-sale agreement convinced the court to grant summary judgment in favor of the Feinsons on all counts except for negligent misrepresentation. In order to establish that, the Whites "must be able to show that the Feinsons misrepresented material facts to them, which led the Whites to purchase the house. A special obligation of forthrightness is placed on the sellers of a house when potential buyers ask specific questions about matters within their knowledge. The Whites contended that when the Feinsons' broker, Diamond, agreed with (Whites') broker's assertion that the house had good bones, they reasonably understood that statement to refer to the foundation and overall structural soundness."

The Whites further focus on the fact sheet, prepared by Diamond, stating that the house was a "meticulously maintained nine-room ranch." The Feinsons were obviously aware of the findings of the 1991 Mugnier report. Once the Feinsons hired Diamond to represent them in the sale, they may have been negligent in not making Diamond aware of Mugnier's 1991 findings. Feinsons' awareness of the foundation problems can be imputed to their agent, Diamond, hired to sell the house. So, when Diamond confirmed that the house had good bones, the law will presume that Diamond, as Feinsons' agent, was aware of the foundation problems.

Legal advice

This case has yet to be tried. However, the only issue left to be decided is whether the Feinsons negligently misrepresented the condition of the house.

The Feinsons' exposure in this case is significant. They could possibly be liable for the entire value of the demolished house along with a variety of additional damages.

Anthony Summers, an attorney at law with the Boston law firm of Summers & Summers, 224 Clarendon St., is a member of the city of Newton's board of appeals and the Back Bay Architectural Commission. He is pleased to respond to your questions about real estate. You can fax questions to him at 617-536-7101 or e-mail him at summers@bostonrealestatelaw.com or check the website at www.BOSTONREALESTATELAW.com. Summers & Summers specializes in real estate conveyancing, litigation, divorce and personal injury.

Different strokes for different folks

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Frederika and William Richardi, both empty-nesters nearing retirement, recently bought a home in Hull.

"We wanted to live on the water, but didn't want to pay the prices of the waterfront homes" in the more expensive towns.

"We wouldn't be using the school system, so we didn't want to pay for a town that had a huge education budget shouldered by taxpayers," said William Richardi.

Hanlon said Hull is attractive to many different kinds of people because of what it offers: nearness to the water without sky-high home prices; 17 miles of shoreline; a charter school in town; lots of community services and transportation.

"The empty-nesters like Hull because they can have the beautiful water views" for less money than some coastal towns, she said.

"But if you do have children, Hull has a good school system and the plus of a charter school right here. Every single person with kids who is looking in town asks about it," she said.

The best way to find out if a community is right for you, though, is to spend time there, according to real estate experts.

Go into the local grocery store and post office; go to the parks and request permission to see the school. Talk to residents and subscribe to the local newspaper, experts recommend, to find out what the area's issues are.

You can also go to town hall to check out zoning regulations and plans for possible new developments. If you find that an expensive community is the right one for you, but you don't want to pay the price, experts recommend looking in neighboring towns.

"Look for towns where there is beginning to be more buyers than brokers. These are the up-and-coming towns," said Sarah McMichaels, and independent buyer-broker in Plymouth.

"Brokers know where they are. These are the places that could increase in value over the years as more and more people move in and the quality of life there could improve," she said.

Buyers also can consider a townhouse or condominium in a desired area or looking on the outskirts of the community, McMichaels advised.

According to Lowell, the real hallmark of a good community is how many people stay there.

"In Duxbury, you'll find that many people stay in town when they upgrade or down size. People are happy here," she said.

IN BRIEF



Jennifer Bradley



Diane Cassarino



Jeannie Carr

Top seller recognized

Plymouth Village, Inc. Realtors announces that Jennifer Bradley is the company's Broker of the Year for 2000. This is her third consecutive year as a top selling broker with the firm. Bradley lives in Plymouth with her husband and two sons.

Cassarino joins Crescent Realty

At a recent sales meeting, Michael Richardson welcomed Diane Cassarino to the Crescent sales force.

"Diane is a dynamo," said Laura Crosby, vice-president, operation. "She has extensive experience in marketing, technology and management. With her rich background and strong work ethic Diane is destined for a highly successful career at Crescent Realty," Crosby stated.

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Realtors awarded higher education designation

At a recent awards luncheon, Michael Richardson, president Crescent Realty Group, recognized the education achievements of three of Crescent's sales associates.

During the year 2000, three of Crescent's Realtors were awarded the National Association Board of Realtors GRI designation. The Graduate Realtors Institute (GRI) designation is awarded after a Realtor has successfully completed advanced education in all fields of real estate practice.



Robert Salamone



Jean Dunn

During the year 2000 this prestigious designation was awarded to Jeannie Carr, Jean Dunn and Robert Salamone. The agents were in agreement that it was Crescent Realty Group's commitment to education that encouraged them to travel around the state to take the various modules that made up the GRI curriculum.

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Grants available for energy bills

Consumer Guidance has established a grant fund to help people who are having financial problems because of high energy costs. This grant program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organizations 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by the Internal Revenue Service.

"Many people who are struggling with energy bills do not know that financial assistance is available from non-profit organizations and from the government," says Alien Nichols, Executive Director of Consumer Guidance.

"We have established the Energy Help Grant Program and also publish a number of booklets to help consumers who are struggling with rising energy costs."

Consumers can receive a free grant application and more information about other financial help by calling 202-595-1035 or by visiting Consumer Guidance's Internet web site: www.ConsumerGuidance.org

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Bulman to lead Massachusetts Mortgage Association

Carol Bulman, president of Conway Financial Services, recently was elected to chair the Massachusetts Mortgage Association, the trade group of the mortgage brokerage industry.

Bulman, who lives in Scituate, is recognized as a leader in her field and has won the respect of her peers through her successful management of her business, her involvement in industry organizations, and her commitment to community service.

"This is an exciting time for our industry, and I'm looking forward to the challenges of the year ahead," Bulman said.

The MMA, headquartered in Wakefield, represents the interests of nearly 500 members across Massachusetts. The organization is the Bay State affiliate of the National Association of Mortgage Brokers and focuses on community service, education, and legislative issues facing the mortgage industry.

"The membership of the Massachusetts Mortgage Association is privileged to have the opportunity to grow and expand our services under the leadership of Carol Bulman during 2001," said MMA President James Dougherty. "Her extensive experience in the industry combines well with her commitment to raising the bar for all our members in pursuit of maintaining the highest possible ethical standards."

Bulman is a past co-chairperson of the Southeastern Massachusetts Credit Grantors' Legislative Committee, and also is a member of the South Shore Women's Business Network.

Her consumer handbook, "Mortgage Sense," is in its second printing of 10,000 copies. Bulman is past recipient of Boston Business Journal's "40 Under 40" award and the Providence College Career Achievement Award for 2000.

Conway Financial Services is the mortgage affiliate of Jack Conway & Co., the largest independently owned real estate firm in Massachusetts.



A recent meeting of the MMA Board of Directors was held at the Conway offices in Norwell. 2001 chairwoman Carol Bulman (center) presided over the session, whose attendees included President James Dougherty (to the right of Bulman), past chairman Howard Miselman (to the left of Bulman) and Jack Conway, chairman of Jack Conway & Co. (to the left of Miselman).

Sen. Marc Pacheco receives award



State Sen. Marc R. Pacheco

State Sen. Marc R. Pacheco will be named the Conway Country Citizen of the Year next month at the annual convention and trade show held by the Jack Conway & Co. real estate firm.

Pacheco was nominated for the award for his continued support of community preservation and development issues in Southeastern Massachusetts, said Chairman Jack Conway.

"Sen. Pacheco is committed to protecting the quality of life of our region," said Conway. "His vision and ideas for the future set him apart."

The Citizen of the Year award will be presented during the realty company's 14th annual convention and trade show, to be held Feb. 2 at the Holiday Inn in Taunton.

Pacheco is the founder and co-chairman of the Southeastern Massachusetts Legislative Caucus, a bipartisan group of legislators and community leaders that share the goal of fostering economic development. In addition, he is a member the Task Force on Growth and Change in Southeastern Massachusetts – known as Vision 2020.

Pacheco, a Taunton resident, also earned the award for his work on the recently enacted Community Preservation Act, which provides ways for cities and towns to raise funds for the protection of open space and historic structures.

Founded in 1957, Norwell-based Jack Conway & Co. is the largest privately owned real estate firm in Massachusetts, with more than 600 agents in 37 offices from Boston to Cape Cod.

First time homebuyer workshop set

Neighborhood Housing Services, an MHFA and HUD-approved First Time Homebuyer Counseling Agency, will be holding a free informational First Time Homebuyer's Workshop in partnership with Consolidated Mortgage Services. The partnership was established to better serve the needs of the local first time homebuyer. This workshop will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Roche Brothers Supermarket, second floor community room, 101 Falls Blvd., Quincy. The informational workshop will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m.

The agenda will be comprehensive as well as individualized. The focus will be on different aspects of the home-buying process, including how to locate a property within your budget, how to make an offer, and determining the best mortgage program for your needs.

Each participant will have the opportunity to meet individually with a mortgage professional. Participants will learn how they can purchase property with little or no money and how to best utilize local down payment and closing costs grants now available across the South Shore.

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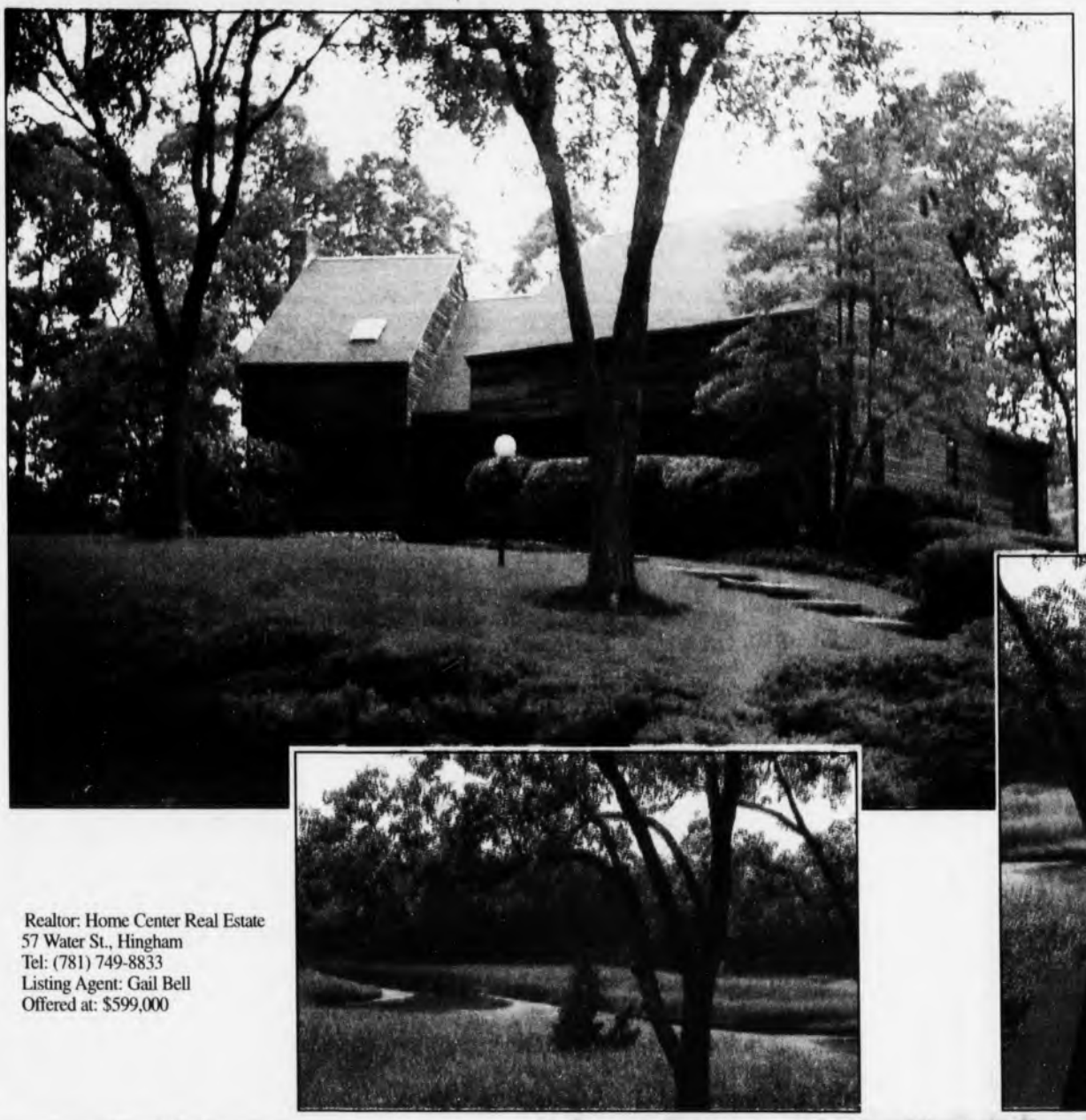
Three-year-old custom built Nantucket Colonial. Four bedrooms and three baths. Open floor plan featuring 24x22 great room with stone fireplace and wet bar. First floor bedroom, Florida room, finished basement, A/C, security, all this on 2.41 acres in sought after Marshfield location.

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Serene town river views

This property is nestled into a gorgeous spot at the end of an established, private, cul-de-sac, near the harbor and downtown, and is the premier site in this desirable neighborhood. With absolutely incredible views of the meandering and serene Town River and The Home Meadows, this one-owner, 11-room contemporary saltbox has been meticulously maintained and cared for. Five bedrooms, a separate master wing with two full bathrooms and a wow! sitting room with views reminiscent of the Savannah outback, central A.C., inviting screened porch, full deck, walkout basement, two stairwells and lovely open floor plan are just some of the amenities you'll find when you experience this well-kept secret.

Call and make an appointment to preview this private piece of heaven!

Realtor: Home Center Real Estate
57 Water St., Hingham
Tel: (781) 749-8833
Listing Agent: Gail Bell
Offered at: $599,000

OPEN HOUSES - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

BRIDGEWATER

Open 1-3, 1105 Plymouth St.
Oversized home in convenient location. Many updates. Three bedrooms, deck, patio, 2-car garage, fish pool and waterfall.
$239,900 781-871-4881

CARVER

Open 3-5, 7 Ann Way
Attractive 3 bedroom, 2 full bath Cape in great neighborhood. Offers Jacuzzi, 2-car garage.
$259,900 508-746-0051

COHASSET

Open 1-3, 73 Forest Ave.
Well maintained 8 room, 4 bedroom Colonial with farmer's porch, entertainment sized living room, newer kitchen.
$479,000 781-383-9202

Open 2-4, 48 Stockbridge St.
Architect's 3-level home with tidal marsh views, old world charm and two outbuildings.
$519,000 781-383-9202

Open 1-3, 22 Wood Way
Ledgewood Estates 3-year-old Colonial on cul-de-sac with 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms and 2 baths.
$639,000 781-545-4900

Open 1-3, 20 Bow St.
Superb location overlooking Little Harbor. Dramatic potential for upgrading.
$745,000 781-383-9202

DUXBURY

Open 1-3, 440 Lake Shore Dr.
Terrific 4 bedroom home with Corian kitchen, lovely master suite, central air.
$329,000 781-934-6995

Open 1-3, 191 Lake Shore Dr.
Eight room Cape with all oak floors, eat-in kitchen, 2 fireplaces, lower level family room, screened porch and 2 acres.
$359,000 781-934-6995

Open 1-3, 19 Franklin Terrace
Recently rebuilt home! Large family room, office, granite kitchen, nearly 3,000 sq. ft.
$599,900 781-871-4881

Open 1-3, 1268 Tremont St.
In-town, gorgeous Antique Federal Colonial. Many updates, 10 rooms and 4 bedrooms.
$699,000 781-934-6995

Open 1-3, 173 Power Point Ave.
Great potential in this 4 bedroom Colonial with hardwood floors. Walk to beach. Wow!
$759,000 781-934-6995

HINGHAM

Open 1-3, 74 Prospect St.
New Listing! Charming and unique Nantucket Colonial. Architecturally designed renovations. Prime location.
$389,000 781-749-4430

Open 1-3, 63 Fort Hill St.
Walk to Hingham Square from this 8 room, 3 bedroom home on spacious lot with pool.
$399,000 781-749-4430

Open 1-3, 4 Volunteer Rd.
Liberty Pole! Eight room, 4 bedroom home with 3.5 baths, 2-car garage and finished lower level.
$419,000 781-749-4430

Open 12-2, 18 Ward St.
Oversized 11 room, 4 bedroom home. Vaulted ceiling, large eat-in kitchen and finished lower level.
$449,000 781-383-9202

Open 1-3, 15 Mast Hill Rd.
Wonderful 9 room, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on cul-de-sac. Two fireplaces, hardwood floors, screened porch, in-ground pool.
$489,000 781-749-4430

Open 1-3, 50 Rockwood Rd.
Sunny and bright home with open floor plan and tidal water views.
$599,000 781-749-4430

HULL

Open 1-3, 11 Hillside Rd.
Outstanding views are offered from this large 5 bedroom Colonial. Many renovations!
$279,900 781-925-8585

Open 2:30-4:30, 25 Manomet Ave.
Walk to the ocean! Four bedroom turn-of-the-century Colonial with great wrap-around porch.
$334,900 781-383-9202

Open 1-3, 20 Sunset Ave.
Charming Colonial with spacious rooms,water views, large country kitchen & great front porch.
$424,900 781-749-4430

MIDDLEBORO

Open 1-3, 22 Starrett Ave. Ext.
Cute and cozy home on cul-de-sac. Nice open floor plan, large master bedroom, wooded lot.
$214,900 781-871-4881

NORWELL

Open 1-3, 10 Douglas Ave.
New Listing! Great 5 room Ranch with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, central air, garage, deck, 3/4 acre and convenient location.
$229,000 781-383-9202

PEMBROKE

Open 1-3, 18 Debra Road
Eight room, 4 bedroom home in great neighborhood with 1.5 baths, eat-in kitchen, and finished basement.
$319,900 781-545-4900

PLYMOUTH

Open 12-2, 11 Mooring Circle
Three bedroom Cape on over an acre in South Plymouth. Second floor open loft area, hot tub and ceramic tile floors.
$194,900 508-746-0051

Open 12-3, 24 Ellisville Rd.
Hip-roof Colonial, 2 years young. Eight rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Immaculate condition.
$299,000 508-746-0051

Open 12-3, 124 Warren Ave.
New 3 level, 4 bedroom home. Dramatic ocean views, screened porch, decks, third floor observatory, Jacuzzi.
$649,000 508-746-0051

ROCKLAND

Open 1-3, 27 West Water St.
Charming Cape in mint condition set just outside Rockland Center. Seven rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths.
$224,900 781-383-9202

Open 1-3, 140 Spruce St.
New Listing! Three bedroom home with impressive floor plan, beautiful kitchen, finished lower level family room, central air and alarm.
$287,900 781-871-4881

SCITUATE

Open 1-3, 229 Country Way
A "Doll House" set on 2.36 acres abutting the reservoir. Three bedrooms, beautiful yard, new Title V.
$239,900 781-545-4900

Open 1-3, 155 Mann Lot Rd.
Great 9 room home. Eat-in kitchen with skylight, family room with atrium doors, 4 bedrooms, 2 car garage.
$289,900 781-545-4900

Open 1-4, 744 Country Way
Walk to North Scituate Village from this 8 room, 4 bedroom, 2 bath Cape.
$329,900 781-545-4900

Open 1-3, 71 Norwell Ave.
Lovely 9 room Colonial set on large corner lot. Huge master bedroom, home office, fireplace, garage, town sewer.
$379,900 781-545-4900

Open 2-4, 34 Kent St.
A unique harbor lifestyle! Ten room Antique with 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, wrap porch and lovely views.
$534,900 781-545-4900

Open 1-3, 10 Pheasant Hill Rd.
Meticulously renovated 10 room Colonial. Sunroom, Florida room, skylights, Jacuzzi, in-ground heated pool.
$599,000 781-383-9202

Open 1-3, 64 Sedgewick Dr.
New Listing! Extensively updated, spacious Victorian. Period detail, in-law apartment, in-ground pool, tennis court.
$799,900 781-749-4430

Open 1-3, 701 Country Way
Eleven room Tudor set near North Scituate Village. Great space for entertaining, vaulted ceilings, gourmet kitchen.
$950,000 781-383-9202

WEYMOUTH

Open 1-3, 81 Holmes Ave.
Cozy 5 room Cape on dead-end street. Three bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, central air and private fenced yard.
$189,900 781-871-4881

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IN BRIEF

Speaker kicks-off executive club breakfast

The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce will host John Drew, project director for the A.D. Makepeace master planning initiative, and Fred Merrill, principal planner for the project. They will be presenting master plan concepts, including a discussion of smart growth management principles, master planned communities, contrast between current and alternative land-use programs, and other issues. The discussion is set for the Executive Club Breakfast on Friday, Feb. 9 at the Sheraton Inn Plymouth, 80 Water Street, Plymouth, The program will run from 7:45 - 9 a.m.

This event costs $20 for members, $30 for non-members. A full breakfast is included. Reservations are required, please call (508) 830-1620 to RSVP for this event or for more information about the Chamber.

The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce serves over 700 businesses in the towns of Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plympton, and Plymouth. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call (508) 830-1620 to RSVP for any event or for more information about the Chamber.

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Homeowners alerted to money-saving mortgage information

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin has alerted homeowners who carry mortgages to watch their annual statements for information on how they may be able to discontinue private mortgage insurance (PMI).

Galvin, who has general superintendency over 14 of the Commonwealth's 21 Registries of Deeds, said, "Homeowners who have mortgages and carry private mortgage insurance will soon be getting either their escrow statement or a mortgage interest statement, Form 1098 which will contain a disclosure on how they can discontinue PMI for a savings of anywhere from $40 to $100 a month on their mortgage payments."

Those annual mortgage statements are due to be sent by the end of January.

The federal Homeowner Protection Act of 1998 required each mortgage lender to include the information on their annual statements, including an address and telephone number of the lender and information on the mortgagor's rights to cancel PMI.

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Galvin has published a brochure "Private Mortgage Insurance and the New Federal Homeowner-Protection Act of 1998" which can be obtained by calling Citizen Information Service at the toll-free 1-800-392-6090 or by visiting the web site at www.state.ma.us/sec/cis.

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RATES AS OF JAN. 25, 2001

LENDER NAME	30-YR FIXED CONFORMING Rate/Points	30-YR FIXED JUMBO Rate/Points	15-YR FIXED CONFORMING Rate/Points	ADJUSTABLE RATE LOAN Rate/Points	COMMENTS
AAA Southern New England Bank 800-446-6997	**7.250 0 7.280 APR**	**7.875 0 7.878 APR**	**6.875 0 6.877 APR**	**6.375 0 7.410 APR 1/1 Product**	**Reduced closing costs for AAA members. Other programs available: 800-446-6997 Visit our website at www.aaa.com**
Bank of Canton 781-828-5626	7.375 0 7.403 APR	7.875 0 7.904 APR	6.875 0 6.976 APR	7.250 0 7.476 APR 5/1 Product	Free Pre approvals. First Time Buyers -reduced closing costs. Over 200 loan options. Rates quoted have 60 day rate locks.
Baron Mortgage Corp 800-696-SAVE	**7.250 0 7.250 APR**	**7.875 0 7.875 APR**	**6.875 0 6.875 APR**	**7.125 0 7.399 APR 5/1 Product**	**Mentioned by Money Magazine, Consumer Reports and Kiplinger's Letter as the lender with the lowest rates! Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.**
Belmont Savings Bank 617-484-6700	7.500 0 7.520 APR	8.375 0 8.400 APR	7.000 0 7.030 APR	6.625 0 7.370 APR 5/1 Product	First Time Home Buyers' products available for the following towns: Belmont, Arlington, Lexington, Waltham + Watertown www.belmontsavings.com
Boston Federal Savings Bank 800-688-LOAN	**7.250 0 7.334 APR**	**7.750 0 7.837 APR**	**6.875 0 7.009 APR**	**5.875 2.000 7.746 APR 1/1 Product**	**Rates quoted have a 55 or 60 day rate lock.**
Braintree Cooperative Bank 781-843-1370	7.375 0 7.400 APR	8.000 0 8.010 APR	6.990 0 7.030 APR	5.875 0 5.900 APR 3/3 Product	Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
Commonwealth Bank 800-924-9091	**7.000 0 7.050 APR**	**7.625 0 7.670 APR**	**6.625 0 6.670 APR**	**6.875 0 call 1/1 Product**	**Close at home. Free bi-weekly available. 180 day lock and no cost refinance available. No application fee. Bank direct mortgage.**
Dedham Savings 800-462-1190	7.375 0 7.383 APR	7.625 0 7.629 APR	6.875 0 6.897 APR	6.750 0 7.242 APR 5/3 Product	3/3 ARM - First Time Buyer Program 6.500% + 0 points - APR 7.291% APR quotes are based on $100.000 Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
Digital Federal Credit Union 800-328-8797	**7.625 0 7.660 APR**	**8.125 0 8.130 APR**	**7.125 0 7.170 APR**	**7.250 0 7.500 APR 5/1 Product**	**www.dcu.org First time homebuyer product available. www.dcu.org**
East Cambridge Savings Bank 617-354-7700	7.250 0 7.262 APR	7.500 0 7.512 APR	6.875 0 6.892 APR	7.125 0 7.717 APR 5/1 Product	Quick, simple and convenient process - We will come to you! Competitive rates for mortgages and home equity lines of credit. Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
East West Mortgage 800-EASTWEST	**7.250 0 7.340 APR**	**7.630 0 7.720 APR**	**7.000 0 7.090 APR**	**6.500 0 6.590 APR 1/1 Product**	**One of New England's largest independent lenders. Free credit and consultation. Visit us @ eastwestmortgage.com**
Eastern Bank 888-4EB-MTGS	7.500 0 7.500 APR	8.000 0 8.000 APR	7.125 0 7.125 APR	6.875 0 7.530 APR 5/1 Product	Call now: 888-4-EB-MTGS or apply on-line at www.ebmortgage.com Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
eSource Mortgage.com 877-937-4887	**7.000 0 7.120 APR**	**7.375 0 7.420 APR**	**6.750 0 6.840 APR**	**3.950 0 8.020 APR MTA Product**	**WE Shop for YOU! Select from many lenders. Low rate GUARANTEE. FREE approvals. Voted top web at www.esourcemortgage.com**
First Massachusetts Mortgage 800-308-5395	7.250 0 7.278 APR	7.625 0 7.639 APR	6.625 .250 6.709 APR	7.500 0 8.889 APR 1/1 Product	Rates quoted have a 45 day rate lock.
FIRSTFED 800-635-9191	**call**	**call**	**call**	**call**	**www.firstfedamerica.com**
Fleet Mortgage Co. 800-660-8998	7.375 0 7.375 APR	7.625 0 7.625 APR	6.875 0 6.875 APR	6.500 0 call 1/1 Product	Visit our website at www.mortgage.fleet.com
Foxboro Federal Savings 508-543-5321	**7.250 0 7.260 APR**	**7.500 0 7.500 APR**	**6.875 0 6.890 APR**	**6.625 0 7.150 APR 5/1 Product**	**Low Rates Great Service! Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock. www.foxfed.com**
Leader Mortgage Co. 800-562-6690	7.000 0 7.000 APR	7.625 0 7.625 APR	6.750 0 6.750 APR	6.875 0 7.720 APR 5/1 Product	Instant Pre-Approvals at leadermortgage.com Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock.
Mansfield Bank 508-339-2901	**7.375 0 7.385 APR**	**N/A**	**6.875 0 6.891 APR**	**7.125 0 7.429 APR 5/1 Product**	**Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock. www.mansfieldbankonline.com**
Norwood Co-operative Bank 781-255-7808	7.500 0 7.518 APR	7.625 0 7.644 APR	6.875 0 6.904 APR	6.990 0 7.874 APR 5/1 Product	Competitive Rates and Free Pre-Approval Program. Rates quoted have a 60 day rate lock. www.norwoodbank.com
The Sharon Co-operative Bank 781-784-7800	**7.625 0 7.625 APR**	**7.875 0 7.875 APR**	**7.250 0 7.250 APR**	**N/A**	**CALL 781-784-7800 FOR UP-TO-DATE OFFERINGS. Rates set at time of commitment. Rates quoted are for 45 day rate locks.**
Wellesley Co-operative Bank 781-235-2550	7.125 0 7.160 APR	7.875 0 7.160 APR	6.625 0 6.670 APR	6.250 2.000 8.290 APR 1/1 Product	Other programs available. Please call for quotes. Rates quoted (except for 30 yr jumbo) have a 45 day rate lock.

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LOCATION	TOWN	BUYER	PRICE	DATE	SELLER
31 Bv French St	Braintree	"Coyne, Phillip M"	260000	12/28/00	"Blake, William R"
371 Elm St	Braintree	"Dutcher, Timothy J"	193000	12/29/00	"Mcauliffe, Gerard S"
112 Hobart St	Braintree	"Abdelhamed, Monir"	220000	12/27/00	"Ducie Tr, Evelyn F"
32 Skyline Dr U:4	Braintree	"Donovan, James J"	129900	12/29/00	"Fox, Kathryn A"
116 Hayward St	Braintree	"Portesi, Mark D"	272500	12/28/00	"Ney, Thomas E"
50 Maplewood Ter	Braintree	"Russell, Patrick H"	365000	12/29/00	"Obrien, Agnes M"
230-240 Wood Rd	Braintree	"Tayoun, Robert E"	3250000	12/29/00	"Wilson Tr, Gregg J"
N/A	Braintree	"Walsh, Elinor"	4200	12/22/00	Capital Asset Mgmt&Mai
45 Priscilla Ave	Braintree	"Jennings, Patrick H"	402712	12/22/00	Aspinwall Corp
N/A	Braintree	Braintree Exec Pk LLC	19700000	12/29/00	Unum Life Ins Co Amer
427 S Main St	Cohasset	"Lanier, Anthony W"	545000	12/27/00	"Sheerin, Patricia L"
15 Ledgewood Dr	Cohasset	"Bjorklund, Arthur C"	350000	12/27/00	"Bjorklund, J Stephen"
3 Kendall Vlg U:3	Cohasset	"Grimes, William J"	315000	12/27/00	"Mixson, Martha C"
411 Temple St	Duxbury	"Tower 3rd, John F"	447500	01/02/01	"Drexler, Steven E"
198 Parks St	Duxbury	"Pizzo, Anna M"	305000	01/02/01	"Boyle, Neil J"
198 Parks St	Duxbury	"Pizzo, Michael J"	305000	01/02/01	"Boyle, Neil J"
250 Standish St	Duxbury	"Kingsbury, Sandy E"	665000	12/29/00	"Marino, Jon D"
183 Whiting St	Hanover	"Allan, Donald W"	250000	01/04/01	Homestead RT
25 Pond St	Hanover	S&r Rt	225000	01/04/01	Pond St RT
235 Hanover St	Hanover	Niti RT	331000	12/29/00	Alda Real Estate T
279 Broadway	Hanover	"Paluzzi, Lisa F"	138000	01/02/01	"Davis, Susan F"
18 Pocahontas Ln	Hanover	"Phelan, Joyce"	299900	12/29/00	Reed Pocahontas Lane T
71 Bates Way	Hanover	"Quinn Jr, Edward R"	649000	01/03/01	Scenic View NT
33 Lincoln St	Hingham	"Raby, John C"	799000	01/03/01	TRS NT
39 Fearing Rd	Hingham	"Born, Matthew T"	910000	01/05/01	"Blanchard, David W"
164 Central St	Hingham	"Waldrod, Michael V"	645000	01/05/01	"Ferency, Susan D"
383 Main St	Hingham	"Cataldo, Alexander L"	619000	01/05/01	"Bustin, Edouard J"
202 Old Hobart St	Hingham	"Schaefer, Kenneth P"	300000	01/02/01	"Dillaway, Charles A"
455 Main St	Hingham	"Oconnor, Maureen K"	267500	12/29/00	"Ogrady, Patrick J"
21 Linscott Rd	Hingham	"Montenegro, Elis"	270000	01/02/01	"Kentel, Frank H"
4 Beals Cove Rd U:4J	Hingham	"Foley, David M"	122000	01/04/01	"Supple, Albert M"
21-C Beal Cove Rd U:21C	Hingham	"Asnault, Felice"	130000	01/05/01	"Haughey, Mary Jo"
36 Loud Rd	Holbrook	"Mcgrath, Mary E"	190000	12/29/00	"Repucci, Kimberly A"
63 Revere St	Holbrook	"Grady, Lisa G"	160000	12/29/00	"Mccabe, Jsoeph J"
4 Cedar Brook Cir	Holbrook	"Christie, Mary L"	450000	12/29/00	Holbrook Hts Corp
192 Summer St	Kingston	Liddell Dev LLC	900000	01/03/01	Nickerson Lumber Co
21 Drew Ave	Kingston	Aujourd Hui Rt	200000	01/04/01	"Kelley, Joseph T"
8 Bagnell St	Kingston	"Hamilton, Mathew H"	236000	12/29/00	"Dahlen, Colin J"
55 Ocean Hill Dr	Kingston	"Brennan, William F"	340000	01/05/01	"Garciulo, Pablo"
60 Ocean Hill Dr	Kingston	"Coco, Frank J"	345000	01/05/01	"Kearney Jr, Paul B"
7 Longview Dr	Kingston	"Caliento, Joseph W"	431010	01/04/01	Fiore Bros Constr Co
Clearing Farm Rd	Kingston	Goscon Inc	870000	12/29/00	Keewayden NT
Harborview Dr U:20	Kingston	"Roth, Barbara M"	220750	12/29/00	"Kessel, Kenneth A"
93 Windsor Ln	Marshfield	"Mincolla, Mark D"	497000	01/04/01	"Kacik, Edward J"
85 Valley Path	Marshfield	Wilmanco Inc	215000	12/29/00	"Pizzi, Nicholas B"
226 Elm St	Marshfield	"Clifford, Stephen J"	280000	12/29/00	"Rancatore, Richard A"
25 Ferry Hill Rd	Marshfield	"Leone, Denise"	272500	01/04/01	"Mauro, Eugene H"
166 Fairways Edge Dr	Marshfield	"Watson, Gerard"	420000	01/02/01	"Russo, James P"
28 Longview Ter	Marshfield	"Croke, Patricia"	223000	12/29/00	"Kearns, Stephen F"
25 Marginal St	Marshfield	"Hagerty, John P"	392700	12/29/00	"Archer, Joanne M"
55 Allan St	Marshfield	"Mallory, Raymond J"	255000	12/29/00	Black Dog Rt
91 Canonchet Trl	Marshfield	"Hokanson, Barbara M"	585000	01/04/01	Arrowhead T
5 School St U:MULTI	Marshfield	"Kilnapp, Jennfer P"	38000	12/29/00	NG RT
408 Holly Rd	Marshfield	"Smith, Brian D"	279900	12/29/00	"Roth, Barbara M"
198 Pine St	Norwell	"Sheer, Peter D"	435000	12/29/00	"Herling, Carl A"
48 Brigantine Way E	Norwell	"Roman, Mark T"	665000	01/05/01	"Hanson, Mark A"
94 Bridgantine Cir	Norwell	"Roman, Mark T"	665000	01/05/01	"Hanson, Elizabeth C"
7 Assinippi Ave	Norwell	"Miller, Ann J"	289000	12/29/00	Jacobs Pond Estate LLC
547 Washington St U:C8	Pembroke	"Fasolini, Scott J"	178500	12/29/00	"Vears, James A"
520 Washington St	Pembroke	520 Washington St RT	50000	01/03/01	Washington St RT
530 Washington St	Pembroke	Pembroke Pines Residen	95000	01/03/01	Washington St RT
92 Wintergreen Farm R	Pembroke	"Guberber, Leonard"	393315	12/29/00	"Wilson Jr, John T"
92 Wintergreen Farm R	Pembroke	"Guberer, Leonard"	393315	12/29/00	"Wilson Jr, John T"
Colonial Way U:17	Pembroke	JMR RT	120000	01/03/01	Elmhill RT
12 Mackenzie Orchard	Pembroke	"Obrien, Agnes M"	359900	01/04/01	ZD Corp
Oakland Square Dr U:10	Pembroke	R&C RT	120000	12/29/00	Elmhill RT
Oakland Square Dr U:11	Pembroke	Robert V Oneill Constr	120000	12/29/00	Elmhill RT
Oakland Square Dr U:4	Pembroke	R&C RT	120000	12/29/00	Elmhill RT
Oakland Square Dr U:5	Pembroke	Robert V Oneill Constr	120000	12/29/00	Elmhill RT
Oakland Square Dr U:8	Pembroke	Robert V Oneill Constr	120000	12/29/00	Elmhill RT
31 Sunnybank Ave	Rockland	"Forgeron, Christopher J"	145000	12/29/00	"Maclean, Dawn M"
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HEALTHY BABIES EXPO 2001 **a fun and educational event for parents of young children from pre-birth to age six will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Feb. 10 in center court at the Independence Mall in Kingston. Exhibits will include information from birthing options, childbirth education, immunizations, education and much more. Sponsored by Jordan Hospital. For more information c all (508)746-2001.**

JORDAN HOSPITAL-**Offers a wide variety of wellness and support groups including a Lamaze Childbirth Classes, Breast feeding class, Combining Breastfeeding and working, Your baby care class, Refresher childbirth class, Intensive Childbirth preparation weekend, Early pregnancy and you, Sibling class, Grandparents program, Vaginal birth after Cesarean, Parenting birth to birthday, Parenting your toddler, Stroke club, Diabetes support group, Diabetes fitness and education program, Depression after delivery, Breast feeding support program held every Mon. from 12 - 2 p.m., Breast Cancer support group meetings held monthly from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Infant loss support group, Infertility Support group, pre-admission tours for children, Tours for youth organizations, Chronic fatigue immune dysfunction syndrome support group, The back school, Mammography Center, CPR, First Aid, Babysitting Classes, Free breast and cervical cancer screening services offered to eligible area women who are uninsured or underinsured over the age of 18. Screening by appointment. For more information please call JordanCall (800)750-5343.** MEN'S HEALTH PARTNERSHIP **at the Jordan Hospital offering prostate cancer screenings and support group for men over the age of 18. Screenings are scheduled by appointment call (800)750-5343.** PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP **on Feb. 12 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Jordan Hospital, 275 Sandwich Street in Plymouth.**

POWER WHEELCHAIRS AVAILABLE **The Senior Wheels USA Program makes power electric wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 yrs. old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost if you qualify. Available for those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair. If your need is for use in your home please call for more information at (800)246-6010.**

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MONTHLY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP **sponsored by the Bay Path Rehabilitation and Nursing Center meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 308 Kingstown Way in Duxbury. For more information call (781)878-6700.**

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CLINIC FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SEEKS APPLICANTS **The Children's Physical Development Clinic at Bridgewater State College is looking for applicants for participation in the fall 2000 semester. The clinic is open to children ages 18 months through 18 years who have physical, mental and/or emotional disabilities. Inquiries and requests for applications for enrollment should be made to Tanya Kivi-Bailey, CPDC Director or Joseph H. Huber, Ph. D., CPDC Developmental Clinic, The Children's Physical Developmental Clinic, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA 02325. Tel. (508)531-1776.**





Corinne Campobasso
Susan Davis

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BEST BET

Quincy Dinner Theatre Presents its Legends Show "Nelson's Superstar Copycats: Legends Come to Life" featuring live tributes to Mariah Carey, Billy Ray Cyrus, Elvis Presley, Celine Dion and Neil Diamond plus Steve Savio. Dinner and show is $40 on Feb. 3 and 18, dinner at 7 p.m. and show at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 4, dinner at 5 p.m., show at 6:30 p.m. Masonic Building, 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. For reservations call (781)843-5862.

Classes

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS AT THE SCIENCE CENTER featuring **Feed the Animals** every Wednesday from 3 - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also **Tales from the Wild:** Fridays from 10:30 - 11 a.m. For children ages 3 - 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. **Vacation Week Programs** "Come to your senses" for children grades 1 - 5, Feb. 20 - 23, half and full days offered. "For Kindergartners" Mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. "The eyes have it" Tues. Feb. 20. "Breathtaking Noses", Feb. 21. "We're all ears", Feb. 22, "Keep in touch", Feb. 23, "Parents and Tots" on Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 28. "Animal Tails", Feb. 1, 8, 15, "Stay Awake Bear" on Feb. 1, "Snip snip...snow" on Feb. 8, The Mitten, Feb. 15, "Scienceworks" on Wednesdays from 4 - 5:15 p.m., Feb. 7, 14, 28, March 7, 14 and 21 for children grades 1 - 5. "Dinosaurs and other Prehistoric Creatures" for children grades 1 - 3, "Great forces in nature" for children in grades 3 - 5, "Saturday adventures" on Feb. 3 and 17, "Creature Comforts", Feb. 3, "Do Raptors eat bark? Do beavers eat mice?" on Feb. 17. **Adult Programs**: Wednesday walks from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Marine Mammals walk on Feb. 7, "All about tea", Feb. 8 from 1 - 3 p.m., "Rhode Island Spring Flower & Garden Show, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. "Sunday Family Fun Day" on Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. "Water Watch Lecture Series 2001", "Nature as you see it" on Feb. 14 from 7 p.m. "The Boston Harbor Islands with George Price" on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 - 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call (781)659-2559.

LEARN TO SKATE AT LOCAL MDC RINKS for children ages 5 and up and adults wearing either figure or hockey skates. Quincy Shea MDC Rink on Willard Street on Fridays at 4 p.m. or Sundays at 11 a.m. The Weymouth MDC Rink on Broad Street, classes are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays. Register online at www.iceskatingclasses.com or call Bay State Skating School at (781)890-8480.

YWCA MARSHFIELD BRANCH has winter classes: Acupressure and Reflexology - Feb. 2, Conversations with God and Helen, - Mon. afternoons, Spanish at the Beach for children ages 3 - 5 and their parents - Thurs. mornings. Treasure Boxes - Jan. 31. For more information call (781)834-8371.

BATH TREATS WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT THE SCIENCE CENTER just in time for Valentine's Day. Rhonda Haavisto and Joanne Robinson of Paper Petals will show you how to create a basket full of bath treats in this craft class for adults on Jan. 31 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. All materials are included in the class fee of 25 for members/$28 for non members. To register please call the center at (781)659-2559.

BOATERS - BEGINNERS TO EXPERT can improve your boating and seamanship skills. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-3 is offering a 6 week course on basic skills and seamanship at Hingham High School from 7 - 9 p.m., ending March 14. Cost is $40 for texts and materials plus $20 registration. For more information call Paul Milone, lead instructor, Weymouth Harbormaster at (781)331-6688.

NRAS WINTER/SPRING 2001 CLASSES: "Design and Build your own Dreamhouse" March 19 - April 30 for 6 weeks. Fee: $85 members/$95 non members. Ages 8 - 14. "Explore! Drawing & Painting" on Sat. from 1 - 3:30 p.m. from Jan. 27 - March 31 for 8 weeks. Fee is $95 for members/$105 non members. "Vacation Fun Weeks" from Feb. 19 - 23 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. also April 16 - 20. Fee is $15 per day or $65 for the week. Ages 6 and up. "Advanced Painting Technique" on Mon. from 7 - 10 p.m. March 12 - April 30 for 8 weeks. Also on Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. March 7 - April 25. Fee is $85 members/$95 non members. "Portrait & Figure Oil Painting & Drawing" on Wed. from 7 - 10 p.m. March 7 - April 25 for 8 weeks. Fee is $85 members/$95 non members plus $80 model fee due at first class. "Introduction to Painting and Drawing" on Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. from March 2 - April 27 for 8 weeks. $85 members/$95 non members. For more information please call for more information at (781)837-8091.

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Sun. 4

Call to Artists for the Duxbury Art Association Winter Juried Show 2001. All mediums accepted. Show runs from Feb. 4 - April 29. Entry price is $10 per piece. Opening Gala reception and awards on Feb. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. Call (781)934-2731 ext. 15 for prospectus and more information.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with some hilly terrain for 3.5 miles. Massachusetts Trail to Three Pines Trail to No Name Trail. Return on Pokapoag Trail. Meet at the Donovan School on Randolph Street in Randolph. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617)698-1802.

27th Annual Winter Juried Show is open to the public at no charge from Feb. 4 - April 29. Artists throughout New England vie for the opportunity to exhibit their work, which is selected by a distinguished panel of judges. The Duxbury Art Association located at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

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Mon. 5

South Shore Women's Business Network will be holding a luncheon from 12 - 1:30 p.m. at Jimbo's Fish Shanty, Braintree Five Corners. For directions call (781)848-0300. Introduce your self and share your interest in networking. Pre-registration is $15 members, $25 non members, at the door $20 members, $30 non members.

Tues. 6

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Wed. 7

National Tour of "Forbidden Broadway Cleans Up Its Act" will be kicking off its 2001 nationwide tour with 8 performances only at The Company Theatre in Norwell, running Fe. 7 - Feb. 11. Performances are Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. (press night), Feb. 8 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 9 at 8 p.m., Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 and $27 for Wed., Thurs., and Sun. Shows for Fri. and Sat. are $27 and $29. Tickets are available at the Company Theatre Box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787

Thurs. 8

Buckley Performing Arts Center announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. **The Odd Couple**, performances on Feb. 8, 9 & 10 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

"All About Tea" with Judy McColgan of the Windsor Tea Shop in Hanover from 1 - 3 p.m. The program cost is $7 for SSNSC members and $10 for non members. Space is limited, to register call (781)659-2559.

Fri. 9

Beatlemania Live at Lombardo's for a show that will include over 30 Beatle's songs and three full costume changes.

South Shore Singles Dance with D.J. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission: $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required. For more information call (781)331-0021.

Ongoing Events

"Art Good Enough To Eat" will take place from noon - 4 p.m. at the Fuller Museum of Art. Activities and entertainment will focus on the combination of art and food as can in the exhibition "Women of Taste: A Collaboration of Quilt Artists and Chefs." This exhibition will be on display though **Feb. 11, 2001**. Admission for family day is $3 for adults and $2 for children. For more information call (508)588-6000 ext. 113.

Mens Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held **every second and fourth Friday** from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call (781)545-3335.

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Stetson is a 3 year old neutered male White German Shephard. He weighs about 75 pounds. Stetson is a very sweet young dog that needs a special home. We have discovered that Stetson is partially deaf. Stetson will thrive in a home with older children and a fenced in yard. Stetson has a wonderful temperament despite his deafness and will be a loving companion in a home without cats.



Bear is a 3 year old neutered male Black Lab/Golden Retriever mix. He weighs about 80lbs. Bear is good with children of all ages and other dogs. He enjoys hiking, swimming and going for long rides. Bear is a wonderful dog and will make any family very happy.



Lady is a 5-year-old spayed female purebred Basset Hound. She weighs about 35 pounds. Lady is exceptionally sweet and is good with other dogs. She will be a joy to have as a companion for long walks or sitting by the fire.



Marcy is a 3 year old spayed female Rottweiler/Lab mix. Marcy weighs approximately 70 pounds. She is very sweet and loves long walks. Marcy will be a faithful companion in a home with older children.

Ce Ce & Friends Humane Society is a non profit all volunteer cat shelter providing a clean and warm environment until loving, permanent homes are found. All cats have been examined by a veterinarian & tested for feline leukemia & feline AIDS, are up to date on all vaccinations and, if old enough, spayed & neutered. New volunteers are welcome. **To adopt or for more information, call 617-328-5812**

Canine Connections is a non profit organization. Funded only by donations from the public, we network with many area shelters to find homes for the animals that do not have a family to care for them. Our 24 hour hotline is 781-440-0477. We are always in need of donations, office supplies and volunteers. Our mailing address is 25 East Hoyle Street #225, Norwood, Ma 02062. email AdoptaDog@aol.com, www.geocities.com/Heartland/Prairie/3228.

Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc. - Fully volunteer, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing veterinary care, comprehensive evaluation and adoptive homes to Golden Retrievers that are abandoned, mistreated, neglected or left in pounds throughout New England. **For details, call 978-568-9700 (24-hour answering service).**

Neponset Valley Humane Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping animals. We operate a no-kill cat shelter and have a network of foster homes that provide homeless care to cats, dogs and other animals. Our other programs include providing reduced cost spay/neuter assistance. Volunteer help and donations are always needed. 781-341-2675.

ALL PAWS RESCUE — OUR NAME SAYS IT ALL. We are a not-for-profit Humane society with a no-kill philosophy. Dedicated volunteers helping homeless animals. Members, volunteers, and donations are always welcome and NEEDED. For more information please call **781-749-0968.** Our dog line is **508-543-7958.** Our cat line for adoption is **781-848-8065.**

Standish Humane Society. P.O. Box 824, Scituate, 02066, 781-834-4663, www.standishhumanesociety.com. Standish Humane Society has the largest no-kill cat shelter in the area. We currently house 80 cats at the shelter 40-50 kittens in foster homes. All cats have been examined by a veterinarian, tested for Feline Leukemia and Feline AIDS, sterilized, vaccinated, wormed and treated with a long acting flea preventative. The cats are uncaged in a loving, homelike environment. We specialize in doing personalized adoptions. Standish also has a home to home dog placement program and a reduced cost spay neuter program in which 26 area veterinary hospitals participate. Volunteers needed.

Quincy Animal Shelter has many dogs, cats and kittens for adoption. Adoptions are done every Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM; other times by appointment. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 88, Quincy, MA, 02169. The Shelter is located behind the Quincy Police Station, off Southern Artery at 56 Broad Street, New volunteers, members and donations are welcome. For information, 617-376-1349.

The Collie Rescue League of New England, Inc. is a non-profit organization serving all of New England and is comprised of volunteers dedicated to the preservation and well being of the breed of dog known as the Collie. The League provides rescue, placement and problem intervention service for all purebred rough and smooth Collies of both sexes and any age. We do not turn our backs on any purebred Collie! For more information please call CRLINE at 802-222-5124.

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The Fuller Museum of Art presents Craig Bloodgood , artist/inventor known for innovative furniture, sculpture and interactive games. The show will run through **March 11.** The show is **entitled "Gravity, Biscuits and Rolling Balls: The Inventions of Craig Bloodgood."** For more information call (508)588-6000. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Museum hours are Tues. - Sun. from 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults.

The Fuller Museum of Art annual exhibition of African American Contemporary artists presents **Richard Yale** Recent Works on Paper: Coming and Going/Palms. Show will run through **March 25.** For more information call (508)588-6000.

The South Shore Art Center presents "Faculty Odyssey" an Exhibition of South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists. The exhibit will run through **Feb. 25**. Gallery hours: Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. Dillon Gallery: "New Faces & Places" - Joan Brancale, Monica Denevan, Gloria Dufresne, Jack Foley, Wendy Hale, Pat O'Neill. Faculty Feature: Lis Koopman-Wyman. Located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information call (781)383-2787.

South shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the pastel paintings of Marshfield Artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan through the end of **February**. Admission to the gallery is free and the hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781)749-7565 ext. 16.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "Beautiful people, horses and places" Recent charcoal drawings by Mary Felton through **February 28**. Held at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2721. Hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m.

Mothers and More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

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Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at (781)294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level of the) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at (781)834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns call (781)843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings **every Monday** at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call (781)659-1857.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at (781)749-1679.



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Talent Search

HINGHAM CIVIC MUSIC THEATRE AUDITIONS for the Wizard of Oz on Feb. 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. (call backs will be Feb.. 7 at 7 p.m. Located at 210 Central St. Hingham. Show dates are May 11, 12, 18, 19 and 20. Please bring sheet music and be prepared to sing with piano accompaniment. For more information call Joel Leonard at (781)749-6431.

QUINCY DINNER THEATRE AUDITIONS for the Tony Award winning "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 5 and 7 at the Masonic Bldg., 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. Needed are: 4 men, 2 women ages 18 - 30. Singing, dancing, acting. Bring sheet music, accompanist provided. Show dates are late April into May. For more information call (781)843-5862.

COMMUNITY BAND SEEKS EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS to begin its thirteenth season. Percussion, double reed, low brass and saxophone players are especially needed. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 9 p.m. in the Sharon High School music room. For more information call Lorna Hurwitz at (781)784-6649.

ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR VINE HALL GALLERY The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking artists and/or photographers interested in exhibiting their work in Vine Hall Gallery during the upcoming year. Exhibits run on a monthly basis, with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Science Center. Proposals for exhibits must reflect a natural theme, and should be directed to Joan Reid, c/o SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061.

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Kids

CHILDREN'S THEATRE REGISTRATION OPEN AT PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE in Plymouth receiving applications for the winter workshop entitled :Princess Lee's Journey," an American tradition written by Sherry Brier. Designed for children ages 4 - 15 will take place on Saturdays, Feb. 10 from 12 - 4:30 p.m. For applications and schedules call (508)224-4888. The performance will take place on Feb. 24 and 25, March 3 and 4 at 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets are $5 for children and $10 for adults.

SCHOOL VACATION ACTIVITIES sponsored by the Children's Museum in Easton. Fun and art activities designed to celebrate the season and chase away the "There's nothing to do" blues. A different activity is planned for every day, no reservation is required. All activities are free with museum admission, $3.50 per person. For more information call (508)230-3789.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at (781)834-7417.

PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE Summer Day Camp programs are now open for registration offering a full and exciting schedule in the performing arts for children ages 4 -12. Registration is open by calling (508)224-4888.

'KIDS WORKOUT' a program offered by the South Shore YMCA for girls and boys ages 8 - 11. Classes consist of fun aerobics, fitness games, sports play, learned nutrition and weight training. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. For more information call Gayle Laing at 479-8500 ext. 135.

'DROP-IN STORYTIME–Children ages 3-1/2 to five are invited to a half-hour of stories, songs and fingerplays at 2 p.m. each Monday in the Plymouth Public Library's Manomet Branch, Point Road and at 10:30 a.m. **Tuesday mornings** at the Main Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. For more information or to register, call (508) 830-4250.

AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL STUDENT EXCHANGE–Currently accepting applications to host a foreign exchange student for the upcoming school year. Host families provide students with a bed, meals and a loving family atmosphere. The students will have medical insurance and spending money for their stay. Call (800) SIBLING or visit www.aise.com for information.

BOOK TALK–For kids ages 10-12 is a book discussion group that meets **every Thursday** at 4:15 p.m., Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Participants can also bring books they've read to talk about. Space is limited. Register in advance or find more information at (508) 83-4250, ext. 210.

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Beatlemania is back

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"We're always sold out in Boston," said bass-player Mac Ruffing, who plays the character of Paul McCartney. For authenticity sake, Ruffing who is right-handed taught himself to play guitar with his left hand, just as McCartney does.

"We have a really good time when we play, and people just love the music of The Beatles. The other members of Beatlemania include John Preston (drums, Ringo Starr) and David John (guitar, George Harrison).

Sheridan said he and his band mates are thrilled that the Beatles — who broke up more than three decades ago following the release of "Let It Be" — are once again topping the music charts with One, a compilation of the band's 27 number one songs.

"It takes some great music to be number one 30 years later," Sheridan said. "The show we put on is totally authentic in terms of the music, the costumes, and the instruments." Sheridan said the only exception to that rule is the fact that Beatlemania doesn't use some of the more "exotic" instruments The Beatles used on some of their tunes, such as the "sitar," used on songs like "Norwegian Wood." Instead, such instruments are recreated through synthesizers.

Beatlemania takes the audience on a journey through the Beatles' musical history.

"We put on a full theatrical performance," Ruffing said. "It's not just four guys in a rock band impersonating The Beatles. We portray them visually and musically."

Ruffing said Beatlemania starts performances by dressing and playing music like the Beatles did in the early years. The show then progresses to the later years—with the group donning Sgt. Pepper's garb and performing the music from the Beatles' later albums. As the show goes on, the members of Beatlemania "grow (their) hair out," and recreate the members of The Beatles in their final years as a band.

"We try to capture their personalities as well," Sheridan said. "It's definitely a lot of fun. We're all big Beatles fans, so for us, this isn't really like going to work. When the curtain opens at a given show, people seem to get visually interested with the whole thing. We always hear things from the audience like 'Wow! That really looks like them!' I think part of the reason people come to see us is because of nostalgia. The Beatles were so big and so popular, and we're offering people a chance to re-live that moment in history."

"I love all The Beatles music," Ruffing said. "I love being able to rock out on the early classics during one of our shows, but I also love playing their more sophisticated music. The show is like a mini-event, and there's never a dead moment."

"A lot of people don't think about it," Sheridan said, "but the Beatles were just really cool. They could play anything. The 'White Album' was like some kind of freak out, man."

Recreating the music and the men behind it is no easy task.

"We've probably done a lifetime's worth of research on them," Sheridan said. "We watch videos, listen to the records, and read books about them. It's really about being obsessed."

Of course, the members of Beatlemania feel the Beatles have influenced every rock band that followed them.

"If it's Rock 'n' Roll," Ruffing said, "you can usually trace it back to The Beatles. It's impossible to imagine what music would've been like without them. All the other bands who came out during the 70s incorporated the music of The Beatles into their work—bands like Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Nirvana—it all comes from The Beatles."

"The Beatles in their time were timeless," Sheridan said. "They are still the most timeless group in popular music. They still rule the radio, and every other kind of (modern rock) music flows out of what they did."

"Our show is basically a two-hour party," Ruffing added. "It's a happy experience, and you're bound leave the show with a smile on your face. It will also bring back some great memories for those people who lived in the era of the Beatles. We feel very lucky to be able to do this."

For tickets to the Beatlemania show at Lombardo's in Randolph, call Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2000 or log onto the website at www.ticketmaster.com. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Feb. 9. Tickets are $22, and are also available at Filene's, Tower Records, and HMV record stores around the area.

Boston Beanstalks celebrate being 'vertically endowed'

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the course of the competition, contestants are subjected to various questions by a board of judges — contestants are judged on looks and smarts.

Despite no official meeting place, the 150 members of the Boston Beanstalks manage to keep in touch with each other. The Internet helps them reach out to one another.

"We have a web page, and we also have a newsletter we send out to keep people informed on different events," Stadelmann explained. "We all manage to keep in touch."

To become a full-fledged member of the Beanstalks, one must undergo an initiation, Stadelmann said.

"The first time someone comes to a (Beanstalks) event, and they say they want to join the club, they are measured right there on the spot," Stadelmann said. "We have an official measuring guy."

Stadelmann said for men who want to join the club, a minimum height of 6'2 is required. For women, the height requirement is 5'10. He said the tallest person in the club is 6'9. All members must be 21 or older.

"If we measure you, and you don't quite make the height requirement, we have a portable rack where we can stretch you out just a little bit," Stadelmann added humorously. "But don't worry if you're not tall enough to join the club. You don't have to be a member to enjoy our company."

And you don't have to be a member of the Beanstalks to appreciate its charitable efforts. Stadelmann said some events which the Beanstalks initiate are on behalf of the group's favorite charity, the Marfan Organization.

"Marfan is a connective-tissue disease that affects people who are tall," Stadelmann said. "The disease can really have an impact on the heart."

Stadelmann said the Beanstalks also provide certain "scholarship support for tall young men and women."

"Besides just providing camaraderie and socialization, we really believe on actually supporting one another," Stadelmann said of the Beanstalks.

"This is by far the most active group of individuals I've ever been associated with," Stadelmann said. 'And we're made up of all kinds of people—engineers, Real Estate people, teachers, computer people, construction workers—you name it. And our members are all fun-loving people, and good-natured. If you have a chip on your shoulder, we don't want you."

For more information on the Boston Beanstalks, call (617) HUB-TALL. For information on other tall clubs around the country and around the globe, log onto www.hubtall.org.

Community travel

Cruise line offers guarantee

Ask George

By George Hobica
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. I've never taken a cruise, and I think I'd hate it, but my wife wants to try one. I read somewhere about a cruise line that offers a money-back guarantee. If you hate the cruise, they'll let you off at the first port of call and give you your money back.

What cruise line is that and do they still offer the money-back offer?

A. As far as I know, Carnival is the only cruise line offering a money-back guarantee. If you are not completely satisfied with your vacation experience, all you need to do is notify them before arrival at the first port of call and you may disembark at your ship's first non-U.S. port of call. Carnival will refund the unused portion of your cruise fare and pay for your flight back.

In addition, Travel Services International, the world's largest retailer of cruises, offers a guarantee to vacationers who book cruises through its retail units, including Cruises Only, CruiseMasters, The Cruise Line Inc., CruiseOne, Cruises Inc. and mytravelco.com if purchased from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2001.

The satisfaction guarantee gives customers 24 hours to test the waters. If there's a problem, the cruise line will try to satisfy the client. However, if the matter cannot be resolved, TSI will make arrangements to have the client disembark, fly them back to the port of embarkation and refund the unused portion of the cruise.

Full details of the program are available at www.mytravelco.com or through the reservation centers at (800) CRUISES.

Q. I plan to visit Asia this year, and am looking for a good deal on airfare. I'd like to include Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Bangkok. Where can I get the best deal?

A. By far, the best value in travel to and throughout Asia is Cathay Pacific's All Asia Pass. The pass is priced at $1,199.00 per person, not including U.S. and foreign taxes and fees. A $100 discount is available to students (age 24 and below with valid, student ID), seniors (age 55 and above with proof of age), and children under 12.

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The basic All Asia Pass includes round-trip economy-class air between either New York, San Francisco or Los Angeles and Hong Kong. From there, unlimited travel between Hong Kong and any or all of the following qualifying destinations is included: Bangkok, Cebu, Denpasar (Bali), Fukuoka, Jakarta, Karachi, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Nagoya, Osaka, Penang, Seoul, Singapore, Surabaya, Taipei, Tokyo.

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Travel during the summer period (May 14 through Aug. 13, 2001, or May 13 through Aug. 12, 2002) is also available for an additional $300, as are add-ons to other cities in Sri Lanka, India, Vietnam, China, Australia and New Zealand. And, you can extend the validity of the pass from 21 to 30 days up to 90 days for an extra $100 to $350. A business-class upgrade is also available for $1,099 each way, still far less than you'd normally pay.

Complete rules and restrictions about the All Asia Pass are available at www.cathay-usa.com, but you can only purchase it through a travel agent.

Have a travel question? George can be reached via e-mail at georgehobica(at)aol.com, or by writing to this newspaper. Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.

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Suzanne Mahler
Part 2

As the chilly, steel gray days of January pass slowly by, the winter seems to creep along endlessly for those who yearn to till the soil. Despite the loveliness of our recent snowfall, the dormant winter landscape offers only, a pen and ink sketch of the secret beauty hidden beneath Old Man Winter's snowy white blanket. We long for Mother Nature's kaleidoscopic art work of multicolored flowers, splashed against a soft green grass canvas, the sweet perfume of springtime blossoms and singing birds. Colorful catalogs and magazines help to alleviate these dull, dreary weeks but only the arrival of spring and the cultivation of our sod will fulfill our need to grow and nurture our gardens.

Despite the loveliness of our recent snowfall, the dormant winter landscape offers only, a pen and ink sketch of the secret beauty hidden beneath Old Man Winter's snowy white blanket.

Several days of slightly milder temperatures afforded a welcome opportunity to escape the dry, stuffy confines of the house and breathe in the exhilarating fresh air outdoors. As the afternoon sun reflected off the snow's slowly shrinking, crystalline surface, its warmth and intensity offered the promise of spring's arrival and the rebirth of our landscapes. February is a time of great anticipation for most gardeners. There will most likely be many more wintry days before the arrival of prolonged springtime warmth, but Mother Nature is sure to tease us with hints of spring in the days to come.

In preparation for spring's arrival, the time has come to assemble our supplies for starting seeds. While the majority of my seeds come from catalog sources, I make an effort each season to collect several types from my own garden. Cleome, poppies, columbines (Aquilegia), balloon flower (Platycodon), and angel's trumpet (Datura) are just a few of the seeds tucked away in canisters each fall. In addition, daylily seeds, which are the result of personal hybridization efforts, have been labeled and refrigerated, awaiting sufficient time to initiate the germination process.



Seeds purchased from outside sources should note each seed's requirements on the back of the packet but a reference book on seed propagation is helpful to ensure success. Two references I keep handy are Park's Success with Seeds published by the Park Seed Company and Seed Sowing and Saving by Carole B. Turner. These books contain valuable information on seed viability, germination times, temperature and light requirements and special treatments which may be required for certain varieties.

Seed-starting supplies are readily acquired locally and should include containers, growing medium, labels, a spray bottle and/or a watering can and possibly some form of heating cable or warming mat to supply bottom heat for seeds that require warmer temperatures for germination. Large, clear plastic bags or seed-starting kits with plastic domes are advantageous.

The most important aspect of successfully sowing seeds indoors is to purchase a suitable growing medium. The ideal medium for starting seeds is a sterile, soilless mixture of peat, perlite and/or vermiculite.

Should you lack brightly lit, sunny exposures inside your home, grow lights or a fluorescent light fixture may be necessary to provide supplemental light essential for strong, stocky growth. A liquid soluble fertilizer should be purchased to provide dilute feedings once seedlings are actively growing to ensure husky, robust plants.

A wide range of containers can be utilized for seed-starting, the only major requirement being that the containers have drainage holes. Flats or pots approximately 2 1/2 inches to 3 inches deep are ideal as they provide adequate room for root growth and prevent drying out. I like to clean and recycle the plastic flats I accumulate each season when I buy my annual plants from our local nurseries. Large trays with individual cells for each seed can be purchased with or without growing medium which are ideal for sowing larger seeds; I prefer those which are empty as the starting medium may contain mostly peat which is often difficult to moisten properly.

Peat pots and peat pellets, containers prepared from compressed peat moss, are yet another means of starting seeds and are especially useful for starting plants which resent transplanting since the seedlings are transferred directly into the ground, intact. Poppies, squash and cucumbers are just a few of the seeds which might benefit from being sown in these containers. Seedlings must be carefully monitored as the peat is prone to drying out quickly, especially once the plants' root systems become well developed.

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Once the essential supplies and seed packets have been acquired, carefully read the instructions on the back of the seed packets or consult catalogs and books to enable you to prepare a timetable for starting your seeds. Be sure to date your seed packets if they have not been stamped with the year of production. Do not start seeds earlier than recommended. Perennials tend to grow more slowly and can be started up to 12 week before the last frost. Most annuals and vegetables should wait until six to eight weeks prior to Memorial Day to be sown. Seedlings are best transplanted to their final location before they are budded or flowering. Very little is gained and much can be lost by sowing seeds too early or rushing to transfer seedlings into the ground.



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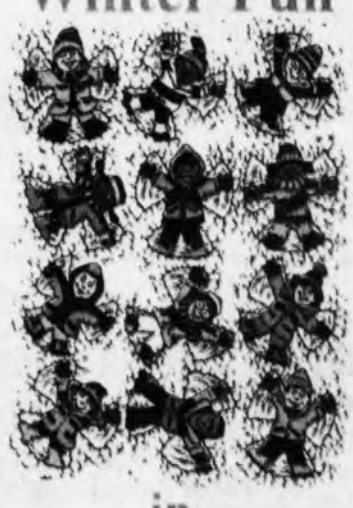

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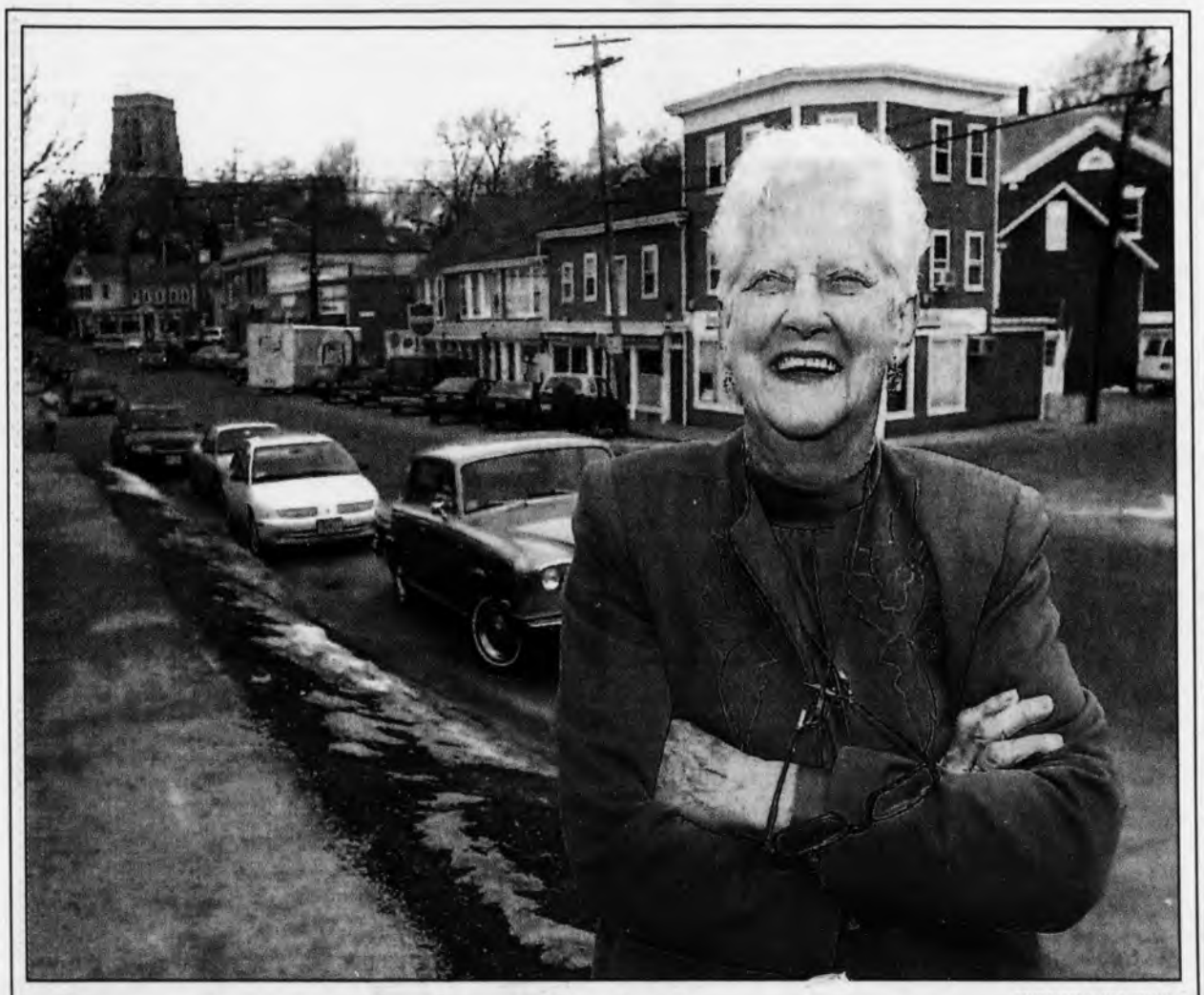


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Cohasset Village provides the perfect backdrop for Mary Jeanette Murray, who was born in town, and is being honored for her many years of public service with the Citizen of the Year Award.

'Sharing a lifetime of blessings'

Murray is named Citizen of the Year

By Mary Ford
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Contrary to common belief Mary Jeanette Murray did not get her sky blue eyes from her Irish Catholic mother but from her Jewish father.

Today those iridescent eyes well with tears more often as she reflects on her many "blessings" including a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader and then as selectman and state representative. But more importantly, the 76-year-old — who is today a Cohasset institution — feels fortunate to have a big, loving family and countless dear friends in her corner.

"She has the unique gift for meeting people, and helping in any way needed."
—Al Odermatt, 2 Todd Lane

"Mary Jeanette Murray is an outstanding person and wonderful mother and family woman," says Alfred Odermatt, 2 Todd Lane. "She has the unique gift for meeting people, and helping in any way needed."

For her many years of dedicated public service and undying loyalty to her constituents, Murray has been named the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year. This is the eighth consecutive year the newspaper has sponsored the local award.

A committee of four consisting of

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Union says board won't back cops

Staffing is key issue

By Mary Ford and Rick Collins
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A rift between selectmen and the Cohasset Police Department that had apparently been bubbling just below the surface for some time reached a full boil this week. The patrolman's union sent the board a lengthy letter claiming certain members of the board of selectmen don't support the police — a situation they say has affected morale and may be compromising the level of service the police can provide the community.

Lack of manpower, criticism over a request for new firearms and an outright anti-law enforcement stance by certain board members actions and words were reasons listed in the letter written by union president Officer William Quigley.

"We're operating right on the edge constantly. The bottom line is I could use three to four officers in a heartbeat to make this department run the way it should."
— Police Chief Brian Noonan

Police Chief Brian Noonan said three officers are currently out on disability, a factor that is adding stress to the 17-officer department. Greg Lennon and Rick Grassie, have been pulled off the detective beat and put back in uniform to fill the gap. That means the town is currently operating without any investigative services, he said. The police contract requires minimum manning of three officers on duty — or nine a day to cover all shifts.

"Ideally four people is a good crew," Noonan said.

Selectmen Chairman Tom Callahan, who is troubled by the tone of the letter, said he does not agree that selectmen don't support the police. He said the issue is budgetary.

"We have policy differences on how much we should spend on the police department," he said. "Every department wants us to spend more money."

But Selectman Michael Sullivan said problems with the police go deeper than the budget. He said different members of the board brought their concerns over the way youth arrests were handled to police last fall. While he doesn't condone underage drinking or breaking the law, he feels police are being too tough on first-time offenders who are cuffed, booked and put in a jail cell.

"Discretion is appropriate at different times rather than have a hard and fast rule," Sullivan said. He explained that some youths might be in a car or at a party and not be involved with the drinking but are arrested along with everyone else.

"Parents have called me and said it is getting out of hand," he said.

Sullivan said he raised the issue months before an incident involving a member of his family on New Year's Eve.

"There's a way to protect the public and build rapport and respect rather than divisiveness," Sullivan

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$10.2M budget to be voted

By Rick Collins
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A public hearing will be held tonight to discuss the Cohasset School Committee's proposed $10.175 million fiscal year 2002 budget, that includes money for five new teachers, additional music and art instruction and reinstating the middle school's "no-cut" sports policy.

The budget is a $600,000 increase over the current fiscal year 2001 budget, but has $780,000 in additional spending. The extra $180,000 is being reallocated from this year's maintenance budget to other areas. The town took school maintenance this past summer.

The public hearing at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the middle-high school will be the last chance residents have to comment on the budget before the March 31 annual Town Meeting, when it is presented as part of the town's operating budget. The school committee does intend to vote on the budget at the end of the public hearing.

"I think it looks great," said school committee member Mark DeGiacomo. "It works for me."

"Now is the time to ask questions about the budget. This is the drop-dead final discussion date."
— Stephanie Noble, school committee

"Now's the time to ask questions about the budget," added member Stephanie Noble. "This is the drop-dead final discussion date."

Of the $600,000 increase, $313,250 is committed in salary increases for the department's employees.

Another $202,690 will be spent on four new middle school teachers, and a third-grade teacher at the Osgood School. Committee member Rick Flynn said these costs are due to the increase in student enrollment in Cohasset schools. "People have to understand the frustration of what's going on this year," he said. Class size in the middle school has topped 30 students in some classes this year, and will average in the 30's next year without the new teachers, school principal Dr. Michael Jones has told the school committee. "We're trying to correct this problem, and now people have to do their part, and follow through and vote for it," Flynn said.

The Deer Hill and Osgood will also receive a $42,000 jump in fund-

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To our readers

Beginning this week, readers will find Living in the main section of the newspaper, following the sports pages. Additionally, South Shore Real Estate will now lead and anchor our Community Classified.com section.

The Living section will continue to provide all the essential news and features readers have come to expect from Living — a comprehensive calendar of events and things to do on the South Shore; lively features in and around the arts and entertainment community; and our anchor columns such as Astral Week, the Kitchen Detective, and Green Thumbs Up.

The classified section will now start with real estate on page 1 and will continue to provide the latest stories on real estate news and trends, real estate transactions, mortgage line as well as a few new features such as open house listings and a Home Portrait focusing on a property currently for sale.

Indexes are provided in each section so you can easily find what you are looking for in Living or Real Estate.

As always, we welcome your feedback. If you have further questions or comments, contact our Living editor Alice Coyle at 837-4562 or Real Estate editor Paula Woodhull at 837-4569.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Frank Carey stands at the Mill River Marine Railway at the harbor.

New Mill River Marine Railway site plan raises harbor issues

By Rick Collins
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On one hand, it could potentially help the businesses already on the site. However, it could also exacerbate the parking problem along the harbor area.

The new plan for the Mill River Marine Railway site is just a month old, but ready to cause a stir. The issue combines some of Cohasset's most controversial topics — harbor access, parking problems, the town's small commercial tax base, preservation of historic properties and wealthy businessman Peter Roy – and throws them all into one big package.

On the slate is the renovation of the dilapidated, yet revered Mill River Marine Railway site, which houses a boatyard and repair shop, the Cohasset Lobster Pound, and Cohasset's "Motif No.1," the storage building used in the feature film 'Witches of Eastwick.'

The new plan being proposed by Roy, the site's new owner, would tear down all the structures on the site, except for the Lobster Pound, and the Eastwick building – as it's known to some – and replace them with a new main three-story boat

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New Mill River Marine Railway site plan raises harbor issues

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repair shop with two apartments upstairs, a kayak sales and rental shop and an expanded deck area. Also, the plan would renovate the Eastwick building, which is currently threatening to fall into the Gulf River, including a new residential unit on the second floor, add a public launch for canoes and kayaks into the river, and improve the existing railway system.

Roy purchased the property from William Hanney in 1999, after Hanney fought to turn the majority of the site into residences.

The plan has already won one minor victory. Since Hanney had already began the permitting process, the new project's engineers, CLE Engineering, asked the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs not to require a new Environmental Impact Report. CLE Project Manager Susan Nilson said late last month, the EOEA did just that, allowing the project to proceed to the Department of Environmental Protection and local boards for permitting.

For one person that will be directly affected by the renovation and shuffling of buildings, the project could be a godsend.

"I'll have more space," said Frank Carey, who operates the boatyard. The boatman has been repairing and restoring boats at the site for 31 years, and said he was no fan of the plan proposed by Hanney. "There's a lot more water dependent use than the other owner's plan."

During the winter, Carey said his business is partially supported by renting space to store boats for the winter, and the plan, as it has been presented to him, would provide him for room for boat storage. Also, the renovation of the buildings he leases from Roy allow him more time for his craft.

"These buildings need a lot of work," he said standing in his cavernous main repair shop. "They really need to shore up the mill."

Though the main part of the mill — the Eastwick building — is usable, thanks to many hours of repairs by Carey, a drive across the Border Street Bridge will show that the rear of the building appears ready to fall into the tidal river beneath.

"I spend half of my time just maintaining the place," he said. Carey also said the renovated rail system would make it "easier" to pull boats out of the water.

However the plan wasn't approved by the EOEA without a warning for more waterfront access, and an improved parking plan.

"The current plan is weak on providing public access to the waterfront," said a report from the EOEA office. "In addition, the project fails to provide sufficient parking for the uses proposed."

Those are the main problems with the plan say some Border Street residents.

"The access [to public docks] because of the activity in the summer time, is quite restrictive. There is no place for a resident to come from Sohier Street with his canoe on top of his car or trailing a boat, and put it in," said Richard Karoff. "We now have a business being proposed [the kayak shop] and people of course have to get there, they're not going to walk from Boston, or wherever they come from. They have to put a car somewhere."

Karoff and seven other harbor-area residents sent a letter to the EOEA, critical of the proposed plan. "The patrons and employees of the Roy businesses [Atlantica, Olde Salt house, Kimball's By the Sea] compete for limited street parking which are needed by the general public including Cohasset residents to gain access to the harbor," the letter said. "In the event permission is granted to change the use of 82 Border St. [the Mill River Marine Railway site[, we do request off-site, non-public parking away from the harbor and river."

Karoff said that he just wants Roy, who owns just about all non-public land along the Harbor, to create and adhere to a better parking plan for his businesses' patrons and employees.

The EOEA heard the complaint and addressed it in its decision on the EIR. "[The state] understands that the proponent owns several parcels in the waterfront area," it said. "It may be possible to develop a parking plan to serve the area." The state also acknowledged the work of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation to enhance the harbor and village area and suggested Roy, a prime backer of the CRC, "work with these partners to improve pedestrian and vehicular access for the shipyard area."

This week in COHASSET

Snow, ice budget

Due to a recent rash of cold and snowy days, Department of Public Works Superintendent Harold Litchfield has asked for permission to exceed the department's snow and ice removal budget.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Tuesday night that the department has already almost used up its $50,000 budget, with more than a month of winter left.

Selectmen unanimously approved the extra funds, which now awaits approval from the town Advisory Committee.

Send us your news

The Cohasset Mariner welcomes information on local stories The deadline for submitting community copy is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St., sent by fax to 741-2931 or emailed to mford@cnc.com. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

Fire department grant awarded

The Cohasset Fire Department was awarded a $20,819 grant from the state Executive Office of Public Safety, to be used towards the purchase of thermal imaging cameras and other fire safety equipment.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the money, when added to the amount the fire department has raised already, should be enough to purchase the camera. He said cameras cost approximately $35,000.

Senior housing

The town Senior Housing Committee had been eyeing a parcel of land on Route 3A between the Rose Hill development and Jonathan Livingston Seagull plaza as a potential site to construct senior housing.

However, Paul Shea, the town's conservation agent, has nixed the idea, saying though it would be possible to install a septic system, there is no way a developer could squeeze a building and parking lot onto the site without coming within 100 feet of the wetlands. Town Manager Mark Haddad broke the news to selectmen at a recent meeting.

"I told you so," poked Selectman Merle Brown, who for months has been saying the area was "too wet" for development.

Heart Health Month

The Social Service League and the Cohasset Board of Health will offer a free cholesterol and blood sugar screening Thursday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church for all residents.

Celebrate Heart Health Month by taking advantage of this free cholesterol screening in February. A simple finger stick test will give you the cholesterol and glucose level in your blood. Professional technicians will perform the tests and give you the results within 10 minutes along with a recommendation for follow-up steps to ensure your continued good health. The test is free of charge and open to all residents. Call the Social Service League for additional information.

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'Wolf pit' purchase possible

By Rick Collins
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Voters may be asked later this spring to authorize the town to buy a parcel of land off Beechwood Street, known locally at the "Wolf Pits," in an effort to protect the town's drinking supply.

Cohasset developer Wayne Sawchuk purchased the multi-acre parcel a number of years ago from the Pratt/Bates Family Trust, and has been eyeing it for a 27-unit senior housing complex. However, the property is adjacent to the Aaron River Reservoir and some worry installation of a large septic system in the area would threaten the town's water supply.

Water Commission Chairman John McNabb is concerned over an increase in nitrates and other contaminants in the reservoir. Norfolk Environmental, the water commission's environmental engineers, has been analyzing the impact a development would have on the reservoir. "We're getting a better idea of what the potential risk may be," he said. McNabb added that the commission is being "prudent" by putting the article on the warrant without a definitive risk identified, such as high nitrate counts. An article is an item of business on the agenda at a Town Meeting.

McNabb did not know how much it would cost the town to buy the property.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris backed the commission's article, saying the town needs to "get in on the ground level before development starts." She said the town got in the game too late when it came to the Scituate Arrowwood development.

Scituate has approved a multi-home subdivision that falls within the Aaron River watershed area. However, Cohasset officials didn't find out about the project until the developer had obtained the permits. The water commission, along with the help of the state Department of Environmental Protection, looked into buying the land from the developer, but wasn't able to.

"[McNabb] has done a great job of protecting Cohasset's water supply," McMorris said, "And here is a development right within our water resource district."

But Sawchuk, who developed the Wheelwright Estate subdivision, said if he does submit plans for the complex, it will have a "state-of-the-art" septic system, and shouldn't threaten the water supply.

"Certainly all the environmental concerns would be met within the permit process," he said.

Sawchuk said senior housing is badly needed in Cohasset, and this property is one of the last developable spaces in town that could hold a complex this size. Plus, its proximity to the reservoir and Wompatuck State Park, makes it an ideal spot for a senior complex.

One concern McMorris had was that Sawchuk would apply for a comprehensive permit to circumvent some of the town's zoning bylaws. However Sawchuk said while he would seek a comprehensive permit, it wouldn't be to skirt bylaws.

"I don't like the term comprehensive permit, because it implies that I want to do something I'm not allowed to do," he said. "That's not the intent. The problem is the only way we can do any elderly housing proposal in the town of Cohasset on any piece of property is through a comprehensive permit. The property is zoned only for single-family homes.

"It's not to get around the process," he continued, "it's the only permitting process I can do."

The comprehensive permit process allows developers, willing to include 25 percent of the proposed units as affordable housing, to develop their land more densely than is allowed under regular review procedures. Though zoned for single-family homes only, that zoning restriction would be waived with a comprehensive permit.

Sawchuk somewhat expected the article, saying, "I've been listening to some people and wondering whether it was coming." He added it seems like a logical step for the town after its fight with Scituate over the Arrowwood development.

However, he pointed out that his development would face stricter setbacks, due to additional watershed regulations passed by the town and state since Arrowwood received permitting.

"We're very careful. Anything we do has every safeguard put in so there aren't any future problems down the line," said Sawchuk, a Beechwood Road resident, and consumer of the town's water supply. "I'm confident anything that is done will not impact the reservoir or the river."

The name "wolf pits" came from a time when the wild animals roamed Cohasset, and were a major public safety threat. In several locations around town, pits were dug and covered over. A carcass would be either strung up over the pit or in the pit, causing the wolf to fall into it.



An architect's rendering of proposed senior housing at the "Wolf Pits" off Beechwood Street.

Herald completes purchase of CNC



CNC president Kirk Davis and Herald president Patrick Purcell announcing that the deal to purchase CNC is official.

Herald Media Inc., owner of The Boston Herald, has completed its acquisition of the assets of Community Newspaper Company (CNC). The Herald has assumed ownership of CNC's 87 weeklies — including this newspaper — four dailies, 14 shoppers, numerous specialty publications, and its Townonline Web site. Terms of the sale were not disclosed.

"This is the beginning of a great media combination," said Herald President Patrick J. Purcell. "With the conclusion of this deal, Herald Media will have combined daily and weekly publications in 140 eastern Massachusetts communities with a total readership of over 2,000,000. The collective resources of the Boston Herald and CNC will provide readers with the best local news while at the same time, providing local advertisers with the most cost-efficient advertising medium available in eastern Massachusetts."

The company announced that Kirk Davis will continue to serve as CNC president and publisher under Herald Media ownership. "Under Kirk's direction, CNC has grown into a robust and profitable multimedia news organization," Purcell said. "He brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the job and I am delighted to have him on our team."

"I am extremely proud of our employees' accomplishments and enthusiastic about CNC's future," Davis said. "We have worked very hard to build a strong media company and I look forward to working with Pat and his team to realize the potential of our combined organizations."

Herald Media also announced the appointment of Kevin Convey to editor-in-chief of CNC. He has been managing editor for the Herald's Sunday and Features sections. He succeeds Mary Jo Meisner, who is leaving the firm following the completion of the sale.

Purcell said, "Kevin is an exceptionally gifted editor. His concepts and ideas about community journalism will build on the solid reputation and importance of each CNC publication."

"I'm grateful to Pat for the opportunity and the challenge," Convey said. "This is an extraordinary group of publications that is committed to serving readers' needs. I look forward to working with this talented and hardworking staff to build on CNC's commitment to local journalism."

"Mary Jo has done an outstanding job as editor and vice-chair of CNC over the past four years," Purcell said. "When she joined CNC, she was charged with improving the editorial quality of its publications and integrating the company's news operations. Since that time CNC has won numerous awards for journalistic excellence including the Suburban Newspaper of the Year Award and, for two years running, the Newspaper of the Year Award for the MetroWest Daily News. She has accomplished what she came here to do and I wish her well."

The Herald also said it made employment offers to nearly all of the 1,100 workers at CNC. As part of the acquisition, The Herald did not offer 36 workers positions in the new organization.

"We have taken care to minimize the number of affected employees," Purcell said.

Community Newspaper Company publishes 87 weekly newspapers; four dailies comprising The MetroWest Daily News, Neponset Valley Daily News, The Daily News Tribune and The Milford Daily News; 14 shoppers; the award-winning online enterprise, Town Online; and a number of targeted specialty publications. The company's publications have a combined circulation of nearly 900,000 distributed to more than 140 communities throughout eastern Massachusetts.

The Boston Herald was purchased in 1994 by Pat Purcell, president of Herald Media, Inc., which also is the parent company for jobfind.com, bostonherald.com, homefind.com and carfind.com. The Herald is the second largest daily newspaper in New England with a circulation of 266,000 and a Sunday circulation of 170,000.

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Many fine citizens nominated for annual award

By Mary Ford
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From the time nominations opened the first week in December until they closed Jan. 12, the Cohasset Mariner received 15 nominations for its annual Citizen of the Year Award submitted by 40 individuals and families. This is the eighth consecutive year the Cohasset Mariner has sponsored the annual recognition of a local citizen.

A committee of four consisting of editor Mary Ford, Molly Hochkeppel of 123 Atlantic Ave., Osborne Ingram of 274 Beechwood St. and Henry Rattenbury of Briarwood Lane selected Mary Jeanette Murray of 28 Margin St. as Citizen of the Year. Murray joins prior year citizens, the late Gerard Keating, Joseph D. Buckley, Dr. Robert Sceery, the Rev. Gary Ritts, Anna Abbruzzese, Katherine Stanton and the late Clark Chatterton.

The other nominees were:

•The late Virginia Anderson for her countless hours of volunteer work at South Shore Hospital, the Girl Scouts, Senior Center and for always being there to lend a helping hand to everyone;

•Mary Brennock as "Mrs. Santa Claus" greeted old and young on the coldest of days and enhanced the joy of Christmastime in Cohasset for so many;

•Margy Charles for setting a wonderful example of a good, solid person and citizen, as a member of St. Anthony's Parish Council and supporter of local politics;

•John Coe, a quiet and humble man, whom everyone seems to know and like, and for his volunteer efforts at the community center for seniors and at South Shore Hospital;

•Susan Etkind for continuing to oversee the Cohasset Diversity Committee as founder and active member and for bringing the "No Place for Hate" program to Cohasset;

• Judy Fitzsimmons, public health nurse, for going out of her way to help the elderly housebound by bringing cheer to their hearts and seeing that they have the needed medication and follow-up;

•Arthur Lehr for his volunteering with the Boy Scouts, Appalachia Service Project, as Civil Defense Director for the town, helping to maintain Wheelwright Farm and his immeasurable contributions to Cohasset's recycling efforts;

•John McNabb for being doggedly persistent as a citizen volunteer to help protect the water supply from potential contamination and for his work obtaining the necessary permits for the second water storage tank;

• Glenn Pratt for putting so much time and effort into solving the town's cemetery space crunch, for his efforts memorializing local veterans, and for innumerable other efforts behind the scenes through which he donated his time and money to improve the quality of life and spirit of community in Cohasset;

•Wallace St. John for providing the leadership behind the Cohasset Soccer Club that has developed and improved under his supervision, for serving as recreation commissioner, and for being focused on getting things done whether at his church St. Stephen's or by lending hundreds of boxes to help move the contents of the old Osgood School to the new building;

•Nancy Snowdale for serving as the town assistant treasurer for many years, as a long-time member of the historical society, member of the DAR, Lightkeepers Association, Beechwood Cemetery Association and much more;

•Bob Thompson for his countless hours of volunteer work at the food pantry and for his many years as a marvelous science teacher;

•Bob Thompson and Marjorie Steele, co-directors of the food pantry, for working tirelessly to make sure the pantry shelves are stocked and by bringing an intergenerational sense of cooperation to the job;

• Jack Worley, who as recreation director, has created a hometown environment for children and adults by organizing athletic and social programs and for taking on the chairmanship of the Youth Resources Committee that oversaw the establishment of the new teen center at "The Garage."

'Sharing a lifetime of blessings'

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Cohasset residents Osborne Ingram, Molly Hochkeppel and Henry Rattenbury, and editor Mary Ford selected Murray from a field of 15 nominees submitted by 40 different individuals and families.

An irrepressible tomboy whose father taught her how to box, the Cohasset-born Murray possesses a congenial personality that has won elections time and time again. She backs up the charm and an ability to remember faces, names and family details, such as what sports your children play or where they are going to school, with a genuine caring. Murray, who decided not to run for reelection in the fall, stepped down last month after 24 years as state representative for the Third Plymouth District consisting of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

"I'm a people person," Murray said. "I was brought up to know that I could do whatever I wanted in life.

"I think God put me on earth to help people."

As an only child, Murray was literally the apple of her father's eye. Murray's father, Nathaniel Hurwitz, whose parents emigrated from Russia, played semi-pro basketball on a team that competed locally and played games at Cohasset Town Hall. He met Lillian O'Reilly at a post-game party and offered to walk her home. The couple fell in love and later married.

Coincidentally years later as a young woman, Murray met her husband Philip at his father's bowling alley in Hull.

Murray spent the first 12 years of her life on Pleasant Street and then moved to Margin Street. Today she still lives on Margin Street in the house next door to the one she grew up in, a home she shares with her daughter and son-in-law, James and Lillian Curley and their two children. Murray's husband passed away in 1989.

In the modest home, family photographs featuring her parents, husband, three children and five grandchildren surround her. In her upstairs apartment, she has yet to tackle nearly 40 large corrugated cardboard boxes full of papers from her years at the Statehouse. Even Murray's "disorganization" when it comes to paperwork has endeared her to many.

"I give this unqualified recommendation mindful of the fact that Mary Jeanette may not be the most organized person," wrote local attorney Charles J. Humphreys in his nomination of Murray. "Like the year she was cookie chairman of the Cohasset Girl Scouts in which she exhorted all the Girl Scouts and Brownies to break all previous records in the sale of cookies, only to find when the truckload of cookies arrived, Mary Jeanette had 'misplaced' the list of all the persons who purchased cookies.

"My recollection is that this problem was patiently solved by her late devoted husband, Phil. Not withstanding her organizational skills, we always know that her heart is in the right place."

Getting into local politics came naturally to Murray. Encouraged by her husband, she ran for selectman in 1968 and lost by 89 votes. The next year, she tried again and beat Helen Scripture. Ironically Murray, a tough veteran of innumerable elections, still feels a sense of guilt about beating an incumbent.

"I didn't think she was running," Murray recalled. "But once I had taken papers out, it was too late to turn back."

That "iron will" surfaced years before when Murray enlisted in the US Marines in 1945 and served for 18 months. Her father, who also served as state representative and state commissioner of veterans services, fought in World War I and was active in the American Legion where he served as commander four times.

"As the American Legion motto says, I was brought up on God and country," she says.

Murray, who also inherited her father's athletic ability drew on his example of public service that provided the cornerstone of her career.

Although her legacy of service extends to organizations and causes such as her work establishing residential homes for retarded citizens and fight to keep casino gambling out of her district, Murray will likely be most remembered for her connection to people.

She has never tired of attending thousands of functions where she enthusiastically interacted with constituents.

"Mary Jeanette was always accessible, either personally or by telephone, to listen and to act responsibly relative to the concerns of her constituents," says Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road. "She never faltered on her strong commitment to maintain the best quality of life from the unborn to the elderly."

Growing up in a town that has more than its share of millionaires, Murray — who came from a modest background — always possessed the ability to cross any perceived or real "class" barrier with ease.

When Murray was a girl, Cohasset had a population of 1,200. She knew everyone — rich or poor — and had 28 first cousins from her mother's family alone. ("I counted," she recalls with a laugh.)

"My grandmother cleaned almost all the summer homes in Cohasset," Murray says. "My grandfather ran a steamroller."

Murray went to the Ripley Road School (before it was renamed the Joseph Osgood School) and the old Cohasset High School on Elm Street (since razed). She attended Boston University and later worked at Rockland Trust as a bank teller.

No longer making the trip to Beacon Hill every day, Murray now ponders the future while she reflects on the past. She hasn't ruled out a run for selectman either this year or next. And she hopes to write her memoirs one day. And as she has for nearly 13 years, Murray continues to have lunch every Saturday with four long-time women friends. She also bowls in a league.

But whatever Murray decides to do — there's little doubt, she will give it her all.

"I've been called tough," Murray says. "I never thought I was, but I guess I am.

"The Jewish side of me usually holds the Irish side down — but when the Jew goes along with the Irish you'd better watch out!"

Murray joins prior year Citizens of the Year, the late Gerard Keating, Joseph D. Buckley, Dr. Robert Sceery, the Rev. Gary Ritts, Anna Abbruzzese, Katherine Stanton and the late Clark Chatterton.

Union says board won't back cops

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said.

Noonan said police do use discretion but if alcohol is found inside a car, for example, with teenagers, everyone under 21 will be arrested. If there were a couple of beers in the trunk, that might be another matter, he said.

He said he goes over every arrest made by his officers.

"I have no problem with any arrests my officers have made," Noonan said.

Reacting to the budget issue, Chief Noonan said police in the department are all wearing multiple hats including safety officer, PALS officer, rape investigator, hate crimes officer, prosecutor, firearms instructor, and so on.

The department has spent $126,000 on overtime so far this fiscal year (which began July 1). Last year's overtime budget reached $221,000. Police are not allowed to refuse overtime.

"I have officers working five to six overtime shifts a week," Noonan said. Even one additional officer would help fill shifts and give officers some time off, he said. Average age in the department is 42 and the average length of service is 15 years.

"We're operating right on the edge constantly," he said. "The bottom line is I could use three to four officers in a heartbeat to make this department run the way it should."

Quigley, the union president, said Wednesday the union will charge selectmen with "unfair labor practices" if they fail to bargain with the union over the status of the detectives or return to the status quo. He said under the police contract selectmen can move officers around for the "protection of the town" but not in an effort to keep the overtime budget down which the union alleges is the case.

"We have had no problem at all filling the overtime shifts," Quigley said. "The only reason they are doing this (returning detectives to uniform) is to avoid paying overtime."

The issue of additional officers was on the forefront of Tuesday's selectmen's meeting. Town Manager Mark Haddad announced the police department had been awarded a $75,000 federal COPS grant for the town to hire an additional officer. The grant would cover 75 percent of the new officer's salary the first year, 50 percent the second, and 25 percent the third and final year of the grant.

Noonan, in attendance at the meeting, once again made a plea for the town to use the grant for additional staffing.

But Sullivan questioned the need for the additional person on the town payroll. "I just haven't seen evidence as to why we need another officer," he said.

Sullivan said he understood it takes nine officers of the 17-member force to work every day, but he said that left eight officers who aren't working, especially now that the department has civilian dispatchers.

Selectman Merle Brown added that when Noonan originaliy proposed switching to civilian dispatchers in an attempt to free up a sergeant, it was pitched to the town that it would eliminate the need for additional officers. Civilian dispatchers handle emergency calls for the police and fire departments.

However Callahan and Selectman Ronnie McMorris preferred to defer to Noonan.

"It's up to the police chief to tell the board what he thinks we need to maintain public safety," McMorris said. "I think we need to give what he's saying some weight."

Callahan said while he doesn't think the department needs to expand to 22 or 24 officers, he does agree with Noonan's opinion that Cohasset needs a 20-man police force. "Town Meeting supported the COPS grant application last year, and we can always revisit the issue in three years " when the grant runs out, he said.

The town would be on the hook for $14,000 the first year to pay for the new officer, if they accepted the grant money.

Selectmen voted to discuss collective bargaining and deployment of security personnel issues in executive session at the end of Tuesday night's meeting. The Cohasset Mariner made a formal objection to the vote, saying the issues the board said it was going to discuss aren't covered under the "deployment of security personnel" exemption the town has in the Open Meeting Law. The Mariner will file a complaint with the Norfolk County District Attorney's office.

For text of the police union's letter see page 9.

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School committee to vote on $10.2 million budget

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ing for music and art instruction. The Osgood will see its technology aide position reinstated at a cost of $25,000. The Deer Hill is slated to receive $3,500 for additional MCAS tutorial help, and $4,500 for a math tutor.

The middle/high school will get $15,000 for additional custodial help, $16,768 to reinstate the no-cut policy at the middle school, and $6,351 to bring back the varsity softball program.

The budget also has included $42,000 for a full-time business manager, $7,000 to purchase updated software, and $3,500 to pay for an audit of the department.

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Superintendent of schools Dr. Edward Malvey said he had to increase professional development funds by $24,000 in order to meet contractual and state spending requirements. As the Mariner reported last month, the state Department of Education cited the school department for not setting aside enough money for professional development for teachers. Malvey said the $24,000 will demonstrate a "good-faith effort" to right that situation.

Malvey also included $6,000 to change the middle/high school's fuel supply from a number four heating oil to a number two. He said number two oil is a thinner oil, and is needed to allow the school's boilers to live for another two years until the new ones are installed as part of the upcoming school renovation project.

The one line item not included in this budget is the $100,000 increase in special education funding requested by Student Services Director Stephen Kaplan. As they did last year, the school committee has elected to underfund the budget by $100,000 and seek the additional funds in a special fall town meeting, when the school department has the final state aid numbers and knows how many students are receiving special education services..

Committee member Chartis Tebbetts is against separating out the money but said she will "reluctantly" support it. Noble reminded people that special education, as required by law, will be paid for whether the $100,000 in additional funding is approved in the fall or not. She added that if the fall funding plan does fail, $100,000 will be cut from somewhere else.

School board slams Mariner headline

Deer Hill principal defends fourth-grade performance on MCAS

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset School Committee lashed out at the Cohasset Mariner last week, criticizing a headline about Deer Hill students' performance on the controversial 2000 state Massachusetts Comprehensive Academic Standards exam.

On Jan. 25, the Mariner ran a headline saying "Fourth graders get 'F' on MCAS," on top of a story about how the students failed to meet the improvement guidelines established by the state Department of Education. The headline drew heavy criticism from Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan, and others, who criticized it for "sensationalizing" the issue and "insulting" the students.

The school committee commented on the headline at Thursday's board meeting, that featured Callahan defending the school's performance.

"Those children did not deserve the National Inquirer headline that was in the Mariner last week," scolded committee member Stephanie Noble.

"As a father of a fifth-grader [who was a fourth-grader last year], and who knows a lot of them, I can not tell you how angry I was when I saw that," added committee member Mark DeGiacomo. "I know everyone makes mistakes, but this was a bad mistake."

Each spring for the past three years, students in the fourth, eighth and tenth grades around the state take the MCAS, as required under the 1993 state Education Reform Act. Schools were rated this past year based on a performance and improvement ratings arrived at by averaging the test scores from 1999 and 2000 and comparing them to a 1998 baseline test score. Based on the 1998 MCAS test scores, schools were placed in one of six baseline categories for performance: very high, high, moderate, low, very low or critically low. Each category had a point range for expected improvement. Using the average of the 1999 and 2000 scores, each school was rated as to whether it met its individual goal.

Though the Deer Hill school ranks 63rd out of 294 schools that took the test, its students' scores did not improve significantly enough for the state, and was told it had "failed" to meet its expectations.

Callahan again voiced his objection to the characterization to the school committee.

"We went from 29 percent [in 1998] to 34 percent [in 2000] scoring in the advanced category," he said. "That's 5 percent moving into the higher categories. We had a 7 percent failure rate in math in 1998, and 2 percent in 2000."

Callahan said the school did not fail the MCAS, it failed to meet the states improvement levels, despite, "more students getting higher scores, and less students failing."

He told the board only 12 percent of schools "exceeded" the state's expectations, and said "most of those schools did poorly in 1998." He added, "There are schools in the area who scored less than us, but met their expectations."

He conceded the school does need to work on its language skills. "Our weakest area is writing, but we are working on that," he said.

In an attempt to show the school committee how unfair he thought some of the fourth grade test was, he read a list of vocabulary words the fourth graders — nine-year olds — were expected to know. The list included artifacts, embalming, medicinal, ailments, muffling, and sarcophagi.

"Do you know what that means?" he asked the board, referring to the word sarcophagi. "Even I had to look it up."

Committee member Chartis Tebbetts said the results are available at the Deer Hill School for anyone with questions about the test and the results.

Mariner editor Mary Ford called the headline an "error in judgement," and has discussed the matter with Callahan.

"We did not mean to insult or hurt the feelings of any fourth or fifth grader," she said. "If it did, we apologize."

Garden secrets at community center

Dreaming of your summer garden? This winter, come and learn the secrets of successful perennial gardening. the South Shore Community Center is offering gardening classes to break the winter doldrums, and give all gardening enthusiasts a head start on spring planting. Succession of bloom, plant combinations, the placement of annuals, small trees and shrubs, design principles ease of maintenance, and local sources are just a sampling of what is covered in Ginny Ballou's popular six-week perennial gardening course which will start Thursday, March 1, for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. In this class you will earn hands-on planting as well as a slide/lecture and demonstration.

Ballou, who owns and operates Mrs. Blossom's Flower Company — a seasonal fresh cut flower operation — also designs perennial gardens, offers horticultural consultations and runs seasonal workshops in her Hersey Street gardens. Member of a number of professional horticultural organizations, Ballou has been teaching this course since 1992 Her lovely perennial gardens have been on a local tour. She also founded The Perennial Gardeners, a thriving local garden club.

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HEALTHY FEBRUARY

Hello Everyone, I hope that everyone is finally healthy and well. January was definitely filled with "bugs" but here's hoping that February only brings hearts, good health and SNOW!

SPECIAL NEWCOMER

We have a special newcomer to our town to talk about. **Nicholas John Ryan**, was born on Jan. 1, 2001 at 3:21 am. His birth date is 01/01/01! Nicholas is the adorable son of **John and Kristin Ryan** and he weighed in at 7 lbs., 20 oz. and was 20-ins. long. Nicholas' grandparents are **Carolyn and Delbert Fletcher** of Fort Jones, Calif. and **Arthur and Annie Oberg** of San Jose, Calif. What a wonderful way to start off the new year. Congratulations to all and welcome to Cohasset, Nicholas.

NEW ARRIVAL

Another new addition to our world was the birth of **Daisy Marie Koch**, daughter of former Cohasset resident, **Julie (Lanata) Koch** and her husband, **Brian**. Daisy made her entrance on Jan. 15 at 11:12 p.m., and weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Congratulations to Julie and Brian who are residing in Fort Lauderdale. I bet she is a real, little cutie!

BIRTHDAY WISH

I would like to send out a special, Happy Birthday wish to **Charlotte Fratus** from her great niece, **Kelly Dickson** and her great, great niece and nephews, **Mackenzie, Andrew** and **Devon**. Charlotte is turning 92 on Feb. 10. Happy Birthday to a wonderful lady.

HOCKEY FANS

Calling all hockey fans! During the month of February, the Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team will sell raffle tickets to the March 24, 1 p.m. Bruins game against the Colorado Avalanche. This is a totally sold-out game and these are very sought after tickets! The winner will receive a pair of premium seating club section tickets to the March 24 game, valued at $150. Raffle tickets cost $5 each and the winner will be drawn on Sunday, March 4. Proceeds will be used to benefit the Cohasset High School Varsity Hockey Team Program. So all of you hockey fans, support our Varsity Hockey Team and buy a raffle ticket from our Varsity Players or, call any of the Hockey Boosters to purchase a ticket: **Jo-Ann Pilczak** 383-0268, **Trish Morse**, 383-1622, **Chris Straughn**, 383-9857 **Shelanne Durkin,** 383-9225 or **Ann Rasmussen** at 383-1907. You may be the lucky person sitting in the premium seating section watching this sold out game. The Hockey Boosters sincerely thank **Mike O'Connell** for donating these tickets and making this fundraising event possible.



SPECIAL MOMENT

Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart and Rosemary Raccio of Cohasset recently shared a special moment. Meeting him was a real highlight, Rosemary says.

ART AWARD

Barbara and Warner Henderson of Cohasset are crowing their praise of their daughter, **Kelsey**.(with good reason!) Kelsey is a senior at the Cambridge School of Weston and has been awarded a scholarship from the Boston Globe Scholastic Arts Awards for her portfolio submission. She is one of four regional winners in the state of Massachusetts! What a great honor, Kelsey!

Keep up all your hard work.

WOMEN IN SPORTS

On Feb. 2, **Kristen Sheerin** and **Maggie O'Neil** were in attendance representing Cohasset High School at the National Girls and Women in Sports Day. This event was held at Faneuil Hall and was sponsored by the MIAA and New Agenda NorthEast. Featured speakers were **Kristine Lilly** of the women's Olympic team and the Boston Breakers, **Sharon Barbano**, a World Class Marathoner and **Mary Pratt** of the women's baseball tam, The Georgia Peaches. Kristin and Maggie are both students at CHS. This was great to hear girls!

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Some more news about an exceptional young person here in our town. **Jenny Roche**, who is a 12-year-old seventh grader at the Middle School has been riding horses since she was 5. Jenny had her first show season last summer on her horse, "Pocos Diamond Jessie." Imagine the surprise of her very proud parents, **Sarah and Adrian Roche,** when they found out that Jenny had earned enough points to be Reserve Champion for the Western Pleasure Class in the Massachusetts Horsemans Council year-end awards and was third in New England for the N.E. Horsemans Council awards. Both of these awards were in the under-19 section. Jenny attended two banquets, one in Milford, Mass. and on in Connecticut and she was with her trainer, **Nancy Moos** who was with her when she collected her awards. What a great accomplishment for such a young lady. Jenny goes to the Mount Hope Farm in Scituate every day where she mucks out the stalls and cares for the horses, rain or shine! Congratulations!

FOLK MUSIC

A wonderful night is slated for March 10 at the Second Congregational Church on the Town Common. Coffee House Night with Folk Music by the group, PBJ is being held on March 10 from 8-10 p.m., with doors opening at 7:30. The group is an outstanding singing trio, currently appearing all through the Boston area. The ticket price is $8, which includes beverages and desserts, not to mention this wonderful evening of entertainment. Tickets can be purchased by calling 383-0345 at the church. Don't miss out as this sounds like a great event.

RAFFLE, SOIREE

It is not too late to buy your raffle tickets for the wonderful Chinese Basket Raffle being held in conjunction with the PSO sponsored St. Valentines Soiree, this Saturday at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham. The tickets are $1 each and you can order as many as you would like. The many baskets are wonderful and we have such themes as: Cohasset Kitchens, Cheese Lovers, Decorators Delight and many, many more. If you would like to purchase last minute tickets, please send in your $ with name and phone number to **Jen Piepenbrink**, 622 CJC Highway or email me at jenpiep@yahoo.com. This is a great way to show your support for the schools and maybe your name will be one of the ones called the night of the dance!

SILENT AUCTION

South Shore Art Center Gallery artists **JoAnne Chittick**, **Susan DeMichelle** and **Ros Farbush**, all of Cohasset donated paintings to the "Share Your Heart With Rosie's Place" silent auction. All proceeds from the auction help to support Rosie's Place, a women's shelter dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment while helping homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity and find security in their lives.

Have a great week! Don't forget to send all information to me at: Jen Piepenbrink 622 CJC Highway jenpiep@yahoo.com or ATSchoolsIn@aol.com 923-1057.

ENGAGEMENTS



Jennifer Steffan Kirk and Michael Lee Cisneros

Kirk - Cisneros

Dr. and Mrs. John Steffan of Naples, Fla. announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Steffan Kirk, to Michael Lee Cisneros, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cisneros of Cohasset.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Paul IV High School in Fairfax, Va. and the University of Phoenix. She is employed as a senior project manager at AOL-Time Warner in Vienna, Va.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Harvard University. He is employed as senior graphic designer at PowerTrust.com in Reston, Va.

An April 21, 2001 wedding is planned.

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Residents, officials praise abutters meeting with MBTA

By Rick Collins
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It was the best opportunity abutters of the Greenbush right-of-way might have to get specific mitigation details about their property.

On Tuesday, more than a dozen tables in Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium were covered with blown-up, detailed maps of every house, building, and street within 100 feet of where the proposed commuter rail line would come rumbling down the tracks. Behind them were MBTA-hired engineers to discuss the called-for noise and vibration mitigation measures with property owners standing on the other side of the table.

The hastily arranged meeting was the result of the previous week's public hearing to discuss the proposed mitigation agreement between Cohasset and the MBTA. The majority of those that crammed into the selectmen's office were abutters filled with questions and doubts about what exactly was in the deal for them, and whether the MBTA would be held to its promises.

The day after the hearing, MBTA senior project coordinator Kevin Dasey, followed through his promise of the night before, and set up the meeting as a time individual abutters could come in, ask questions, and get informed.

Though no one will say all residents walked away happy, or that minds were changed from anti- to pro-Greenbush, most said the meeting was a good idea and helpful.

"It's been very informative, I'm glad they had it," said Ripley Road resident Denis Rossi, who said the train will come "almost through my house." At the meeting, Rossi was able to discuss moving a proposed fence, that was going to be a foot and a half from the rear of his house, back several feet.

He bought the house in 1993 knowing full well the train was on the discussion table, and though he would "rather not see it come," he is more concerned with making sure the MBTA is held to its word.

"What they promise and what they deliver can be two separate things," Rossi said about the MBTA. As of now, Rossi's house is scheduled to receive new triple-glazed windows to block out noise, air conditioning to make up for the inability to open windows, possible sound insulation for the house, and vibration mats under the tracks behind his house.

Though he said he was pleased with what he heard from the MBTA, his end opinion will depend on "whether the MBTA follows through or not."

Carousel Antiques co-owner Amanda Burgoon was even less optimistic than her Ripley Road neighbor. Her store's walls still bear the cracks from the rumbling-by of heavy machinery from the James Brook flood control project from two years ago, and last year's Central Cohasset sewer installation project.

"I'd like to be more reassured that my building isn't going to shake," she said. Even though the MBTA has promised vibration mats, she reminded them that her shop, and the area surrounding it, sits on peat moss, which could lessen the impact the mats have. Burgoon, who has been at the site for 25 years, said the MBTA is willing to give her $5,000 for new windows, but doubts how effective that will be. "I'm not a contractor, but I don't think $5,000 will go a long way," she said,

She also lamented the loss of parking spaces from beside her shop, and also that her children, who live with her on the second-floor of the building will be losing their backyard.

"I'm very apprehensive about what they tell me," she said.

But she said she thought the meeting was helpful. "The idea is good, people have a lot of questions," Burgoon said.

Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan was at the lion's share of the meeting and said he was pleased with both the turnout and the presentation. "It's been very helpful. People have very specific questions about their own property," he said.

Callahan called the turnout "steady" and said while all the MBTA engineers on hand have been engaged with residents, they weren't "overwhelmed."

He said though some people may feel they didn't get all the answers they were looking for, the meeting had remained civil. The town made comment forms available for residents to further expound their thoughts and concerns about the ongoing mitigation negotiation process.

Dasey said the MBTA was happy to put the meeting together. "These types of meetings does nothing but good," he said. "We have never run a meeting like this that hasn't turned out positively."

The one caveat Dasey had was that the MBTA couldn't guarantee what was on the maps Tuesday, would be exactly the same in two years.

"These are just conceptual plans that show the layout, the streets, houses and the proposed mitigation," he said, calling the project's design-phase "less than" 30 percent complete. "The plans will reflect things we agree on. When we get up to 30 or 60 percent completed, then the plans get more detailed."

Selectmen met last night with MBTA officials to discuss some of the 21 items of concern that Callahan collected from last week's public hearing. Though no official timetable has been established to reach an agreement, Dasey has urged the town "to try and get it done as expeditiously as possible."

Throwing more gasoline onto the fire to get things done, Jerusalem Road resident Dr. Edward Woods presented the board with a petition signed by 49 Cohasset residents that "urge the town to sign the agreement."

Woods said it took him just over an hour to collect the signatures one day at the Recycling Transfer Facility, and that two-thirds of the signers "leapt" at the opportunity to sign the petition.

"Citizens are anxious to get through with it and for the town to move on to something else," he said.

Deadline looming for town election candidates

By Rick Collins
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With a week to go before all nomination papers must be turned in to the Board of Registrars, only one candidate is officially on the ballot, as of yesterday.

Just Selectman Chairman Thomas Callahan has collected the needed signatures to secure a spot on the ballot. Town elections are April 7.

John Muncey was the latest person to take papers out. He is seeking reelection to the Cohasset Housing Authority.

Only two battles loom for town seats. Pleasant Street resident George Haley has taken out papers to run for a seat on the Paul Pratt Library Board of Trustees, along with incumbents Sarah Pease, Barbara Power and June Hubbard. Town voters elect three people to a three-year term.

Also, Osgood PSO member Adrienne MacCarthy is looking to run against incumbent School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo and committee Chairman Pat Martin. Martin and DeGiacomo are the first incumbents to seek reelection to the school committee since at least 1997.

So far running unopposed are current Water Commissioner Rob Kasameyer, Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo, Board of Assessors member Elsa Miller; Callahan, and fellow selectman Merle Brown. Richard Brown of Church Street, is the only person to take out papers for the open Planning Board seat and Stanton Road resident Sean Cunning has taken out papers for sewer commissioner.

Nomination papers for the annual town election are now available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Current planning board member Terry Atherton, sewer commissioner Henry Rattenbury, and Recreation Commission member Thomas Wigmore have decided not to seek reelection..

Two water commissioners spots will be up for election, though one will be for a one-year term to replace former commissioner Chip Muncey. Muncey resigned Jan.1, and was temporarily replaced by Glenn Pratt, until someone can be elected to fill the year left of his term. Pratt has taken out papers for the position.

Nomination papers for the annual town election are now available at the Town Clerk's Office. In order to hold elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions are up for grabs:

Selectmen - two for three years
School Committee - two for three years
Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three for three years
Assessor - one for three years
Board of Health - one for three years
Cohasset Housing Authority - one for five years
Planning Board - one for five years
Recreation Commission - one for five years
Sewer Commission - one for three years
Water Commission - one for three years, one for one year to fill an unexpired term

Nomination papers must be submitted to the Board of Registrars by Feb. 15.

Door still open for freight rail service

By Rick Collins
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The possibility of freight trains rolling down a restored Greenbush commuter rail line still exists, says MBTA officials and others close to the project, however the practicality of running the trains makes the chance of it ever happening slim.

According to MBTA Director of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan, freight rights from Boston down to Hingham Lumber do still exist, though a train has not run down the tracks since 1983. Brennan said the MBTA is not able to deny those pre-existing rights to whomever still holds them. If they did, the freight company could petition the federal Surface Transportation Board for permission.

Brennan said the MBTA could enforce "reasonable restrictions" such as banning the movement of freight at night, or requiring and change in the rights to go through an environmental impact permitting process, but it can't flat out refuse the pre-existing right. "We can't just say we'll never allow service," he said.

However, the preexisting freight rights only extend to Hingham Lumber, and the MBTA does have the ability to refuse freight train service past the lumberyard. So if freight trains aren't allowed past Hingham Lumber, which is being forced off the property in favor of the Nantasket Junction train depot, the question is, where would the freight train go?

"It's not like the rail is connected to a port or another major city. What can you do in a dead-end corridor, haul trash?" Brennan asked. "It's cheaper to do that by truck."

As a result, he said, "There's little, if any, likelihood of freight service on this line."

But that's not good enough for

"It's not like the rail is connected to a port or another major city. What can you do in a dead-end corridor, haul trash? It's cheaper to do that by truck."

— Andrew Brennan, MBTA director of environmental affairs

Greenbush Citizen's Advisory Committee member, and North Main Street resident, Edward Fegreus. "The MBTA has the discretion to refuse service beyond Hingham Lumber," he said, emphasizing the word 'discretion.'

Fegreus has asked selectmen to secure language in its mitigation deal with the MBTA, that would require town approval for freight service to travel through Cohasset. He said in a letter to selectmen, "For obvious reasons, railroad freight service through Cohasset will create significant impacts without commensurate benefits."

But Brennan argued that if a freight company wanted to use the Greenbush rails past Hingham Lumber the MBTA would require the company to review the need for additional noise and vibration mitigation.

Joe Norton, a Scituate selectman and chairman of the CAC, thinks Greenbush-corridor residents were misled about the chance of freight service. "I think for a long time people were led to believe that no freight service would be allowed," he said," and now we're being told that it is a possibility."

Norton did doubt whether it would ever happen, and added, "It's a bigger issue for some, than to others."

Greenbush would be the third and final leg of the Old Colony commuter rail system. Lines going to Middleboro and Plymouth have already been constructed and are operational. The Greenbush line would go through Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and end in Scituate. The project, which has the support of Governor Paul Cellucci, Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan, and House Transportation Committee Chairman Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, is expected to cost up towards $440 million to complete.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Citizen of the Year

As editor of the Cohasset Mariner, it is my pleasure to announce that Mary Jeanette Murray is the Citizen of the Year.

The former den mother, Girl Scout leader, selectman and state representative has touched countless lives. For the past 24 years until last month, the 76-year-old made the trek to Beacon Hill nearly every day where she tirelessly fought for her constituents in the Third Plymouth District.

"She never faltered on her strong commitment to maintain the best quality of life from the unborn to the elderly," wrote Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road, in her nomination.

While nominations were open, a total of 40 different individuals or families took the time to propose a citizen for the annual award, detailing his or her contributions to help make this town one we all love.

Regrettably we cannot recognize each of the 15 nominees with the Citizen of the Year Award. And we send our heartfelt thanks to all whose who wrote such thoughtful letters and notes nominating their fellow citizens.

Our thanks go to Osborne Ingram of 274 Beechwood St., Henry Rattenbury of Briarwood Lane and Molly Hochkeppel of 123 Atlantic Ave. for joining me at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square for the challenging task of poring over the nominations.

The selection committee narrowed the field down to nine, then five, three and finally one. The final decision was unanimous.

So we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mary Jeanette, a mother and grandmother, who still found the time to devote countless hours to so many people and worthwhile causes and issues.

Nancy O'Toole, 13 Haystack Lane, a former administrative aide to Mary Jeanette, said it best in her nomination:

"She is thoughtful, humble, kind, devoted, grateful, prayerful, wise and above all, honest with herself and others," Mrs. O'Toole stated. "Her generosity of time and energy to the Cohasset community is insurmountable."

With this award, the Cohasset Mariner offers recognition for making a difference. In our society too many role models go unrecognized. Too often people today look to the sports, rock or movie starts with envy, when the real hero is the local police officer, firefighter, parent, teacher, church leader or government official.

The annual Citizen of the Year Award is our way of taking our hats off to those among us who go that extra mile without asking for anything in return but the intrinsic reward of helping to make Cohasset a better place.

As Mrs. Plante wrote:

"After all these years of working so hard for so many, covering hundreds of issues, Representative Mary Jeanette Murray is graciously stepping down the sweeping steps of the Statehouse," she stated. "I would like to say a great big 'thank you' by requesting that the Cohasset Mariner nominate her for its annual Citizen of the Year Award."

— Mary Ford
Editor



Thinking of running for local office?

If you have ever thought about running for school committee, health board or other local office, then mark your calendar for Wednesday, Feb. 28.

That's when the Hingham League of Women Voters will run an informative workshop on what's involved in running a campaign — from dealing with the media, to campaign finance laws, understanding the responsibilities of the office, and much more. Future campaign managers might be interested, also.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall, 220 Central St., and is open to residents of Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, and Hingham.

Experienced candidates, campaign managers, and League members will provide pertinent advice on what to expect once you've made the decision to throw in your hat, or are simply testing the waters. Handouts on financial reporting and nominating deadlines, etc., will be available.

For further details, please call Patricia Facey, 781-383-0470.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freight trains

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

As some of you may know, I have been a member of the MBTA's Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Old Colony Railroad Rehabilitation Project since 1992. During my attendance at CAC meetings, I have learned that the MBTA may permit freight service over the Greenbush line. In fact, pre-existing freight rights prevent the MBTA from prohibiting freight service on the Greenbush Line between Boston and Hingham Lumber. However, there are presently no freight rights beyond Hingham. For obvious reasons, railroad freight service through Cohasset will create significant impacts without commensurate benefits.

Accordingly, I urge the members of the Board of Selectmen to obtain an agreement with the MBTA that freight service will not be conducted over the Cohasset section of the Greenbush Line without the prior approval of the Town of Cohasset.

Edward Fegreus
25 N. Main Street

Editor's note: Mr. Fegreus provided The Mariner with a copy of this letter.

Column on mark

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm not writing just to see my name in print; I always feel a bit uneasy whenever that happens. But I believe in certain causes, like helping the human race, and I have to commend Tom Henshaw for his Feb. 1 "Super promo" column.

My dad was a football coach, so I am familiar with the real thing. Tom hits the bull's eye here, not only with our glorification of money, but also with our loss of personal moral values. These two blights, along with a few other problems, are quickly bringing us to our knees.

Tom's column was right there with "Gulliver's Travels" in showing the way with succulent satire. Bravo!

Allan MacDonald
41 Oak St.

Time to speak up

TO THE EDITOR:

I was able to endure the dialogue at the Selectman's meeting last Tuesday night, until I heard Freddie Koed state that signing off or not on the MBTA train agreement has nothing to do with its ultimate inception. Fred, I love you, but feel that your opinion and agenda are far too politically driven, and do not show enough reverence for the core environmental and aesthetic quality of this town. The same holds true for Joe Sullivan whose politics moved him to defy his own town's wishes and embrace this train; or Paul, "The Innovator," Cellucci himself. If either one of them was appointed to a more powerful position, the word Greenbush would never again pass their lips.

For the state to spend $450 million, (probably twice that in the end), to remove 2 percent of the cars from the nightmarish South Shore commute is ludicrous. It will in no way change the face of this commute, but will forever change this area. Eighteen hundred parking spaces in Scituate? How short-sighted can we be to favor the last diesel train installation in this country?

To the train advocates in this town who are frustrated that Cohasset doesn't a little better resemble Greenwich, I suggest instead a trip to Abington. Does anyone really think that the Cohasset powerbrokers are going to abandon their BMWs and Lexuses for a seat on the MBTA? Whistles? The federal government is going to mandate whistles. See what happens when things become political?

If the state is serious about reviving the transportation on the South Shore it could spend half the money and create a feeder system to the commuter boat and use the resource that borders a good part of the route. If Marshfield and Duxbury need a train, figure out a more direct sensible line to access the Route 53, Route 139 area. A quick look at a map will tell you what an illogical route to Boston the Greenbush Corridor really is.

I plead that the Selectmen as a board, who by a three-to-two vote oppose this project, unite with the boards of Scituate, Weymouth and Braintree and go to the State House and complain loudly. They claim to have done this but it seems that it needs to be done another time with resolve. If citizens are need for reinforcement, I can be reached at (781) 383-0914.

Hingham got $40 million in mitigation and we are getting $1 million to become Marshfield's parking lot? I can hardly stand our town being dealt such a blow by a star struck, non-innovative governor with his eye on the door. Why are we so afraid to speak up, South Shore? Let's go, as a group, and cry foul now.

Jim Watson
101 Border Street

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COHASSET CARES

Earth course opportunity

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Fellow environmentalist and course colleague Jim Shipsky did a number of us townspeople such a big favor several months ago (do you recall his article, "Taking responsibility for the earth"?) in bringing the nonprofit Northwest Earth Institute's nine-session Deep Ecology course to town. Those of us who have been taking the course think so highly of the program that we want to see it offered again. How about it?

Calm and sensible, carefully-organized and field-tested, the discussion course is most enlightening and stimulating. For some reason the Pacific Northwest denizens are way ahead of us environmentally. Is it all the old-growth forests? I would say offhand that Native American influence is as strong here as there, but then again after visiting the Seattle area and seeing the fantastic graphic tribal reminders and visiting a longhouse presentation/re-enactment (like Plimoth Plantation), perhaps Indian influence really is stronger there.



At any rate, the Deep Ecology course is introduced by one of the volunteer representatives, you pay the $15 for the course manual, and you sign up to facilitate the class you wish. Class members take turns in presenting the eight sessions, Deep Ecology, The Gaia Hypothesis, Spirituality and the Earth, Native American Wisdom, Ecopsychology Simplicity, Bioregionalism, Ritual and Celebration.

I can't say enough about the value of the course. Classes will be held at the First Parish Unitarian Parish House across the street from the common, but there is no connection with any religious denomination. Sign-up sheet is just inside the parish house door or you may call the church office, 383-1100, or me at 383-7053.

See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Working for the readers


Kevin Convey

I can't tell you what a thrill it is to be working for you. You read that correctly. I said it's a thrill to be working for *you*, the readers of CNC's publications.

Technically, I am employed by Community Newspaper Company, which last week was acquired by Herald Media Inc., publisher of the Boston Herald, where I had worked as a business and State House reporter, city editor, Sunday editor and managing editor for Sunday and features for most of the last 19 years.

I began my career in community journalism; I believe very strongly in it. And I think that my job as editor in chief of CNC is to work first and foremost for you, the reader. And I'll tell you something more: every one of CNC's 1100 employees feels the same way.

We are all absolutely committed to making your paper essential reading, bulging with the kind of community news and opinion you can't get anywhere else.

How are we going to accomplish this? By dedicating ourselves to making all of our papers relentlessly local and proudly parochial. We want to make your CNC paper the number-one source of local news in your community.

Since Herald Media began the process of acquiring CNC last year, there's been a lot of talk about what the sale would mean for CNC's papers. Would readers suddenly find their pages stuffed with Herald stories and editorials? Would we attempt to export the Herald's feisty personality to CNC's papers? Would CNC's editorial pages take a conservative turn?

The truth is that while there are areas in which sharing content can help make both the Herald and CNC's papers more comprehensive — areas such as arts, lifestyles and sports, to begin with — the idea is not to bloat CNC's papers with foreign content and boilerplate in an effort to fill pages on the cheap.

I think the Herald is a great newspaper — and, if you will permit me a short commercial, I urge you to read it if you don't already — and I believe its hard-won reputation as the premier source of local news in greater Boston dovetails nicely with the mission of CNC's papers and staffs. Nevertheless, I do not intend to try to export its personality or editorial policies to CNC's papers.

Quite the opposite, actually.

The idea from now on — I'll say it again — is to make your paper relentlessly local and proudly parochial. That means you will see less, not more, of the regional and statewide reporting you may have found in your paper in the past. It means you will see less, not more, of the non-local, editorials and columns you may have found in your paper before.

But make no mistake about it: The goal here is not less, but more. I'm asking the staffs of our papers to work harder and smarter to put more local content in your paper.

To accomplish that, I've asked that:

• Staffs write shorter stories and more of them, to make sure you get a broad range of local news;

• Every paper carry community basics such as police and fire logs, town meeting agendas, school lunch menus, obituaries and more to ensure you get the local information you want from your local paper;

• Editors write at least one editorial on a local subject each week, and recruit, from their own staffs if necessary, local op-ed writers and columnists in order to create lively, local editorial pages;

• Each paper dedicate more space to the kind of bread-and-butter local news only community papers can provide, in part by recruiting community-based correspondents who know your town intimately;

• Editors and reporters assume journalistic ownership of their papers. I feel strongly that the staffers putting out your paper know more about you and your community than I do. Therefore I intend to give them the authority to decide what should go into your paper, and how it should be presented, rather than trying to issue orders about stories and editorials. It will be up to them to create papers that not only reflect their communities, but also are a part of them.

We hope that by taking all of these steps we can encourage you to take ownership of your local paper — to read it, get involved with it, argue with it, talk about it and help improve it.

CNC may own and operate these papers, but in reality they belong to their communities and to you.

As for me, I plan to talk with as many of you as I possibly can, ask you how we can make your papers more essential and useful, listen carefully to what you have to say and try to put your suggestions into action.

That's my job. After all, I'm working for you.

Kevin R. Convey
CNC Editor in Chief

Police union upset with selectmen

LETTER

COHASSET POLICE ASSOCIATION
I.B.P.O. LOCAL 641
FEBRUARY 1, 2001
BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN OF COHASSET
DEAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,

After monitoring the series of events over the course of the past few months as they have unfolded, it appears that it has become necessary to address the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Cohasset Police Association I.B.P.O. Local 641. We feel that amongst other issues, there has been an obvious lack of support for the Cohasset Police Department by certain members of the Board of Selectmen and as such, we feel that this has negatively effected not only the morale within the department but more importantly, may effect the level of police service that this department has been able to offer its citizens.

It is no secret that throughout the years, some members of the Board have refused, for a variety of reasons, to add manpower to the police department. As such, we have known for years that we would eventually face the potential disastrous situation that now presents itself. As we have anticipated, a set of circumstances presently exists whereby the department is without the services of three police officers and will continue to be for an unknown period of time. Due to the fact that certain members of the Board over the past several years have refused to recognize that this could happen, the department is not prepared for this lack of personnel. As a result of this situation, overtime costs have increased in order for the department to provide the bare minimum police service to the community. Because of these rising costs, it has come to our attention that the department has been ordered to cut the overtime expenditures in any way possible. The only possible way to do this, short of running two police officers on the street at any given time, which incidentally is foolhardy and invites catastrophe, is to place the two police officers acting in the capacity of plainclothes detectives back into a uniformed capacity.

The obvious result of this action is that crimes occurring in this jurisdiction will not be investigated beyond patrol officers simply taking a report at the scene. Ongoing investigations will have to be suspended. Detective's placed back in a patrol capacity, I can assure you, will not and cannot perform the duties of a detective. There won't be any proactive drug investigations taking place, we will not have detectives to process crime scenes, and there will be little chance of clearing cases that require any type of follow-up. We will have the only police department that I know of without a detective division. Even to cut a single detective would be devastating and detrimental to the department.

For years now Chief Noonan's requests for additional officers have been stymied. This police department has been forced to operate on the brink of disaster. What happens if even one more police officer is injured or becomes ill for an extended period of time? This is a legitimate question. Contrary to belief, this is a dangerous profession – even in Cohasset, and employees do get hurt. The department isn't getting any younger and injuries and illness is to be expected and should be properly planned for. The department is understaffed and it's not because the chief has not asked for additional police officers. There is nothing wrong with the way the department is deployed – we just need a little more help – plain and simple.

Members of the Board, we would like you to know that the message you are sending by entertaining this course of action is that you don't care what sort of morale situation exists within the police department. You are also sending the message that some of you, as elected, civilian officials, know more about what a police departments needs than the experienced, dedicated police chief whom you pay to run it. The Hingham Police Department has a captain, five lieutenants and six sergeants. Some members of the Board of Selectmen have stated that even one lieutenant for this department is too many. Unfortunately, we are left with a lieutenant's position that only exists on paper and no mid-level management. Currently the complete command of the department is left to 4 sergeants and the police chief. This is not even close to the strict standards that have been set by the National Commission on Police Accreditation, the agency that sets standards for police departments nationwide.

In its current state, the Cohasset Police Department couldn't fill any of the accreditation requirements. Other departments are able to offer specialized training to their officers to keep them on the cutting edge. Here, due to the consistent under-funding of this department, officers are only sent to the training that is mandated by law. Other training is done at the officer's personal expense and on their own time. Very rarely is the department in a position to offer training that is completely funded by the town.

There has not been an addition to the manning of this department in twenty-five years! In fact, because of the added responsibilities that we now face, many officers spend more time in the station performing administrative tasks and less time on the road than twenty-five years ago yet the town has grown and our calls for service have increased steadily – to almost eight thousand (8,000) in the year 2000 – and we're getting busier all the time. We are forced to work in a sub-standard police station that we outgrew years ago. We ask you, is this fair?

The department has asked that an article be placed on the warrant for the upcoming town meeting so we can replace our firearms, which are almost 10 years old. I have been informed that a certain member of the Board has criticized this article and has said that we do not need new firearms. What an outrage! It should be said that the Cohasset Police Association purchased the current firearms that officers carry with donations that were solicited from residents in the early 1990's. The Association then donated the pistols to the town. The simple fact is that the Town of Cohasset has not purchased firearms for the department since the late 1970's. It's despicable that police officers have to beg and grovel for donations from the citizens to supply us with the most basic police equipment. What an embarrassment.

It has also been no secret to us that certain members of the Board have taken what we believe to be outright anti-law enforcement stance as exhibited by their actions and words. They have reviewed and criticized the work of individual police officers that are simply doing their jobs and in some cases; the motives for such actions have been highly questionable and suspect. This is not fair to the officers or the department. We will continue to closely monitor this situation and address it further in the proper forum if need be.

We have received information that this department has been awarded a federal COPS Universal Hiring Program (UHP) Grant that will pay $75,000 over the course of three years for the town to add another police officer to this department – to bring the total officers to eighteen. We were only one of four police departments in this state to receive one of these grants. Although this won't, by any means, solve the problems we have discussed above, it will go towards alleviating some of them. It is a great opportunity to improve the situation at a reduced cost. If you remember, the Cohasset Police Department was awarded one of these grants in 1994 and we failed to take advantage of it then due to fiscal restraints. We hope that when the Board discusses this grant in the near future, that they will accept it. If we don't take advantage of the grant this time, not only will we be one of the few

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Granite heartbreak in Cohasset

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



You'd think biking around Cohasset, especially along Jerusalem Road and Beach Street, would be unalloyed charm and beauty. Mostly it is. I've been biking the same path for about five years now and love it so much I see no reason to sample other routes. But the problem is, the more familiar I get with each piece of woodland, each stretch of dune grass, each outcropping of granite ledge, the more it hurts me when I see pieces of nature destroyed or threatened with destruction.

Lately it's been seeing granite ledge under attack that breaks my heart. Granite ledge millions or billions of years old has been blasted away to build trophy houses on Jerusalem Road. A beautiful range of ledge along Beach Street is threatened with driveways and trophy houses. A landmark outcropping on Margin Street recently disappeared under the concrete foundation of a new house. On King Street a name and number now deface eons-old stone. Painted graffiti can be removed, but carved up, concreted, and blasted granite can never be restored.

We should write a letter of apology to future generations and install bronze castings of it at these former sites of Cohasset's most basic character. "Dear Children, Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren, etc.: We wish you could see the awesome granite ledge which once graced the land here. But we decided to blow it away and build trophy houses. We realized too late it was your birthright. We hope you like the houses, if they still remain."

Two years ago I drew up plans for removing some granite ledge for a sidewalk in front of St. Stephen's Church. At the time it seemed a reasonable safety improvement to me. The portions I designated for removal had already been tampered with in the past in widening Main Street. Today I feel very differently. If there's not enough space for two lanes of cars, diagonal parking, and a sidewalk, then I say let's change the parking, but leave the ledge alone.

As I've followed the path of deep ecology, I've come to share the Native American feeling that no person can truly own the Earth. Especially granite ledge which has endured for ages.

I realize it won't be easy to protect what remains of Cohasset's granite ledge. Most of it is "private property," and our laws and regulations allow "owners" to wreak nearly any destruction upon nature that suits their fancy. As I've followed the path of deep ecology, I've come to share the Native American feeling that no person can truly own the Earth. Especially granite ledge which has endured for ages. Our short life span of 100 years, give or take, is less than the blink of an eye in the life span of Cohasset's stone bones. Surely we do not have the right to destroy in our brief stay on this planet what took billions of years to form.

If you share my feelings about protecting Cohasset's granite character, please contact the Selectmen and urge them to act before the remaining rock ledge is nothing but crushed stone in the leaching fields of a trophy house. If you're the owner one of the properties I've mentioned, please understand my intention is not to offend you, but to try to protect Cohasset's remaining rock ledge. We're all in this together; we all damage the environment with our daily actions; we're all part of the same self.

The name Cohasset, according to Bigelow's Narrative History of Cohasset, comes from the Algonquin "Quonahassit." Quono meaning long, hassi meaning rocky, and the "t" at the end denoting a place. Thus Cohasset means "long rocky place." Cohasset's rocky seacoast and inland exposed rock ledge form the most basic aspect of it's natural character. When we destroy granite ledge we are truly eradicating the essence of Cohasset.

"There are limits to growth. There are no limits to development. The way we live can always be made more beautiful, more inventive, more creative, more efficient, more fulfilling." -Alan AtKisson

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Scoreless XFL

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Just when you thought we had hit rock bottom on the football field with a Super Bowl that supposedly featured the New York Giants and. The Baltimore Ravens but actually was best known for its Charles Schwab and Pepsi Cola commercials, what happens?

The XFL, that's what.

I know that the FL stands for "football league" but no one has successfully explained the X. All I know is that if I had anything to do with the XFL's television debut, the Las Vegas Outlaws vs. the New York-New Jersey Hitmen last Saturday, I'd prefer to be known as X, too.

The XFL was promoted as the football league that was going to bring us a dose of violence, sex and entertainment, the like of which was missing from the National Football League's version of violence, sex and entertainment. They didn't quite make it, although they certainly tried.

The first violent injury, which was as eagerly anticipated as the first NASCAR crash at Daytona, came before the opening kickoff of the Orlando Rage and Chicago Enforcers game (not shown on TV, thankfully) when, instead of a coin-toss, two players dove for the ball to see who would kickoff.

Orlando's Hassan Shamsid-Deen not only lost the ball to Chicago's Troy Saunders, but he suffered a left shoulder separation as well. Let's see the NFL top that one for violence.

There wasn't much sex either, although the bosomy Las Vegas cheerleaders looked as though they were willing to give it a try. I've seen as much skin on Nantasket Beach on a hot summer day and all those chicks were trying to do was get a sun tan.

One of the cheerleaders got to tape an interview with Outlaw quarterback Clement in which a lot of knowing looks were exchanged and the conversation seemed to center around the word "scoring."

Which reminded me of an interview given by Joe Namath on one of those late night talk shows, I think it was Johnny Carson's, at a time when the NFL was promoting its own brand of violence, sex and entertainment.

"Are you going to score this Sunday?" asked Johnny.

"No," said Joe. "I gotta play football."

But I digress . . .

If you were a football purist who tuned in to the Outlaws-Hitmen game expecting the real thing on a professional scale, you wound up disappointed, too.

NBC's experimental camera angles, like putting a camera behind the quarterback, made it look like Thayer Academy was playing Buckingham, Brown & Nichols. At least I hope it was a camera angle.

About half time, along with thousands of others, I tuned the XFL out and tuned in that old standby, "The Godfather I," on the USA Channel.

I got in just as Michael was retrieving the pistol from behind the hopper in the men's room in Louis' Restaurant and was about to use it to whack out Solazzo and the police captain.

That was enough violence, sex and entertainment for me.

Democrats caucus in Cohasset

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold a caucus at the Town Hall March 3, at 10 a.m. to elect five delegates and five alternates to the 2001 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The convention will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Springfield Civic Center in Springfield. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those registered Democrats unable to attend may be considered for delegate and alternate by 2/3 of those present and voting. Those not elected as delegate and alternate may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 129 Portland St., Boston, 02114 no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information, call the Democratic State Committee at (617) 742 6770.

Legislative seminar open to any citizen

The office of State Senator Robert L. Hedlund is now accepting applications for the Citizens Legislative Seminar. The program is designed to familiarize citizens with the legislature and the lawmaking process. Throughout the six-week program, seminar participants will listen to presentations from senators as well as state representatives on the lawmaking process.

"The Citizens Legislative Seminar is another wonderful way for constituents to become more familiarized with the legislative process," said Hedlund. "This is an exceptional program that provides citizens with a "nuts and bolts" style education given first-hand by the very individuals responsible for lawmaking in the Commonwealth."

The Citizens Legislative Seminar will meet from mid-March through mid-April, on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Specific dates will be announced soon. The seminar is open to any interested citizen. Please contact Hedlund's State House office at (617) 722-1646 as soon as possible for information and applications.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cardiac surgery

Local newspapers have recently reported that hospitals on the South Shore have applied for Dept. of Public Health permission to perform cardiac surgery. Separately, these same newspapers reported that these same hospitals are frequently not capable of supporting the emergency medical needs of the populations they serve, and are therefore too often on diversion for common medical emergencies. Being on diversion causes delay and potentially serious harm to the patients with the more common medical problems, one child with an ingestion, another with an allergic bee sting reaction, a teenager with a ruptured spleen, a mother with a leaking aneurysm, a father with a motor vehicle head injury, a grandmother with a T.I.A. about to progress to a paralyzing stroke.

Personally, when I get a fever to 106 degrees with dehydration, I do not wish to be driven to Brigham and Women's Hospital, nor do I wish to wait 15 hours in the ER at South Shore Hospital to be seen. But, when I need my cardiac surgery, I will not be upset if I have to be driven a few extra miles to Boston, a trip which I doubt would have any adverse effect on mortality or morbidity. If for medical reasons I might be unable to withstand the extra 50-minute ride, then in all likelihood, I would not be a candidate for cardiac surgery in the first place.

As a provider of medical care on the South Shore, and more importantly as a recipient of care here, it concerns me that, if these permits are granted, the capabilities of South Shore Hospital will be further stressed leading to even more frequent diversions, a situation which would adversely affect the health of so many more patients than could possibly be helped by having their cardiac surgery performed locally.

Our local facilities should continue to do what we do best, but do it completely, before taking on new and very expensive responsibilities which would undoubtedly diminish the quality of the overall medical services we provide to the populations we serve. Once we can demonstrate adequate capability to service all the medical needs of the community, especially emergency needs, especially avoiding diversions, then I see no reason to deny our local hospitals permission to increase the level of service they wish to provide.

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Misleading headline

TO THE EDITOR,

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mary Ann Cushing for her letter regarding the recent misleading Mariner headline about Cohasset's fourth-grade MCAS scores. We appreciate her very thoughtful comments concerning its effect upon both students and educators in our schools.

As she noted, educators must implement instruction around the fluctuating and expanding demands of the MCAS criteria while, at the same time, remaining aware of and responsive to each child's needs and talents.

We would like to acknowledge her letter of support with gratitude.

Joan Cassiani, Suzi Corkhum,
Laura Keating, Raymond Levine,
Lauren Paquin, Genevieve Brown
(Deer Hill Fourth-Grade Teachers)

Resident parking

CHAIRMAN THOMAS CALLAHAN
COHASSET BOARD OF SELECTMAN

CHAIRMAN, THOMAS GRUBER
GREENBUSH MITIGATION COMMITTEE

I am writing as a follow-up to the public meeting that I attended at the Town Hall on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001.

My comments here are based on the assumption that the MBTA Greenbush Line will in fact become a reality. As such, I would ask that you seriously consider the following items while the Town has a brief window of opportunity to secure some long lasting concessions on behalf of its residents.

I understand that Cohasset may be subject to an increased assessment fee from the State Legislature on behalf of the MBTA, as a result of the proposed Greenbush Line. At very least, we will pay for Commuter Rail with reduced safety to our children, decreased air quality and the other day in and day out disruptions that will result. My question to you and your colleagues is simply: what benefits will we see in return? The MBTA's response, I imagine, would be the improved commuting experience of the train.

One problem with this, I'm afraid, is that the Town has failed to secure commuter parking for the sole use of it's residents. I first raised this issue to the Mitigation Chairman last year. The response then, and again this week, was simply that the MBTA will own the parking lot and therefore we have no individual right to specific parking for Cohasset's residents. But don't we have something they need?

I realize there have been many issues to deal with, and respectfully, the abutters should be the foremost concern for all. However, it appears that we may be moving ahead without fully realizing the opportunity to correct some significant problems that will ultimately, with time, arise.

I have experienced commuter rail transportation to Boston from the Mansfield area for a number of years recently, and can assure you what has happened there is a good example of what we must avoid. Quite simply, there will be nothing worse than having a train with insufficient resident parking. To bolster this case I have enclosed excerpts from the November 12 , 2000 edition of the Boston Globe and November 15, 2000 Patriot Ledger. These articles speak specifically to the overcrowding and lack of parking that has occurred in Mansfield and along various stops of the recently constructed Plymouth & Middleboro lines. For example, an excerpt of the Globe states, "...the unwritten rule of commuter rail: If you don't get to the station by 7 a.m. forget getting a parking space. There are only 775 of them in the lot - with 300 reserved for Mansfield residents - and an average 1,700 riders a day taking the T from Mansfield to Boston.".

Although we are clearly not in the same situation as Mansfield, please stop a moment and simply consider the local residents of Norwell and Hull (et al.) who will take advantage of the new Cohasset station. Then ask what price they have paid for this convenience.

As the MBTA pointed out on Tuesday, we all have learned from the negotiation mistakes made by the communities along the Plymouth & Middleboro lines. But have we really?

I challenge you and your colleagues to ask yourselves, that after all is said and done, will the residents of Cohasset be assured of parking in the new Cohasset Commuter Rail Station? And why not? Obviously, we can't and shouldn't expect the world, yet I believe we are selling ourselves woefully short on this matter.

I am confident that if given attention, a solution can be found; I will throw out the following for starters: There has been much talk about the dollar amount the Town will be compensated for the railbed right-of-way you are about to transfer to the MBTA. I say again, that although important, the price may never truly reflect the value of this property and therefore we need to focus instead on what lasting benefits we will leave the table with.

I would ask you to consider a transfer of property for the right-of-way the MBTA needs. In return, in addition to what has already being negotiated, the Town should receive a unique parcel within the commuter rail station for "resident only"parking.

I must acknowledge a comment from your colleagues; to paraphrase: who would be responsible for enforcing the parking restriction and maintaining the station area? Here again, it seems a reasonable request that the MBTA take over this responsibility. After all, as things currently stand, they plan to take responsibility for their proposed station. Moreover, the beauty with the transfer of property approach, if done properly, is that there would be no additional costs to the MBTA for such a transaction; something hard to argue against (i.e. they will compensate the current landowner a fixed price for the parking area, regardless of who ultimately would own it).

I should note, even with the highest of optimism, I suspect the Town will ultimately have to police the commuter rail station, even if on a sporadic basis to ensure the safety of commuters entering/exiting Route 3A during rush hour. You have to look no further than the problems in Mansfield; I encourage you to speak directly with them about having to commit police officers to traffic duty. Yet regrettably, as you suggested, the MBTA's traffic studies conclude that a traffic light would simply create more congestion on Route 3A. Yet, why should the Town of Cohasset ultimately be burdened with this nuisance, and for what gain?

I would also ask, that you beware of simply assuming we can increase the parking area in the future (e.g. by adding an upper deck), as that may have a reverse effect and simply attract more out of town traffic. Yet, on the other hand, "resident only" parking might, as much as I hate to say it, go a long way to discourage out of towner's.

I spoke directly with Kevin Dasey of the MBTA on, February 1, 2001 specifically about the possibility of resident only parking as part of the current Mitigation Plan. To summarize, he did not discount this possibility but simply suggested the Town needs to come forth with an interest in this matter. Equally important though, he suggested that should additional parking become necessary, then the Town (as you've apparently discussed) has the power of eminent domain and could take a portion of property South of the proposed station. Are you really prepared to do that?

This is a perfect example of where we have failed to get a legally binding commitment for relief with future parking problems. Please, let's_get something in writing now to assure ourselves of a resident only parking area within the currently proposed lot. After all, if the MBTA's projections fail, who will pay the price?

Finally, more options should be developed to allow access to the station for all. Specifically, a drop off /pick-up point should be added (from North Main Street), as well as safe walking and biking paths (if not on North Main Street, possibly by running a railing guarded path from the intersection of King Street and Route 3A, to the new station.)

You have rightfully scheduled a Train Forum next week to address noise and vibration mitigation issues for the abutters. Similarly though, I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss the parking situation with you and your colleagues. I offer my assistance to help the Town pursue "resident only" parking and I thank you again, in advance.

Aaron Gilbert
38 Reservoir Road

Bradley vote

TO THE EDITOR:

As a supporter of Mary Anne McKenna I was always troubled that I liked her opponent Garrett Bradley. After all candidate Bradley was a likeable guy. He not only appeared likeable, but also diligent, dedicated and earnest as a campaigner. His pursuit of the Third Plymouth House seat made him a ubiquitous figure for several months. I am sure I'm not the only voter who met him half a dozen times, often just for a handshake and a welcoming smile.

Why, by the end of the campaign my boat trip to Boston didn't seem complete without Garrett bidding me bon voyage at the Hingham Boat Yard. The skeptic in me questioned, Why the effort? Why the knocking on doors on Forest Ave. on a hot Sunday in August? Why the repeated standouts at the boatyard, supermarket, and roadsides? Why so much money spent for a state rep. seat? For what and for whom? Was this endeavor to serve the people in his district or was this an effort to secure a seat that could become a stepping stone to bigger and better things?

Willing to give him the benefit of the doubt , I am fearful that my skepticism was regrettably indulged two weeks ago as Garrett cast one of his first votes as our representative. This vote repealed an amendment limiting the speakers term to four terms and in so doing has enabled Tom Finneran to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives for an unlimited reign and with little accountability. When questioned whether he supported this measure to position himself better politically by gaining favorable committee assignments, Rep. Bradley cited an adherence to a long held conviction against term limits as his justification for the vote.

I wonder how many beneficiaries of Garrett's handshakes and leaflet drops agree with his conviction against term limits, particularly when the vote arrogates so much power to one man. I hope that that affable, earnest campaigner does not become one of the go-along get-along guys on Beacon Hill whose conviction surfaces only when there is an opportunity to protect or bolster his political standing. It is too early to draw any conclusions based on one vote. But, before Garrett becomes fully indoctrinated as one of the "boys" on Beacon Hill let him heed the example of the gracious lady in who's seat he now occupies, that in serving us he may serve himself.

Peter J. Buckley
24 Old Coach Rd.

Technology position

TO THE EDITOR:

We are a group of people who are concerned about the decision to reinstate the full-time Technology position, as it is currently defined, at the Osgood School. We want to state for the record that we support School Committee member Stephanie Noble's stance on the issue, and will continue to question and explore the role of technology at the K-2 level.

We have great respect for the

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Police union upset with selectmen

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police departments in the United States not to benefit from the COPS program, but also we may not be fortunate enough to receive another one. A lot of time and effort, on the part of one of the detectives, was put in to applying for this grant and we think it would be a poor decision not to take advantage of it. The town's cost for the first year of this grant is under $15,000.

We urge the members of the Board of Selectmen to open its eyes to what we have described in this letter and to work towards solving some of the problems. Please join Chief Noonan and Town Manager Mark Haddad in their continuing efforts to bring this police department up to acceptable standards. We also ask the citizens of this community who care about public safety and would like to have a competent police department that has the most basic equipment at their disposal, to contact the Board and make their feelings known.

To the majority of the members of the Board of Selectmen that do consistently support the police department your efforts don't go unnoticed. We would like to sincerely thank you for your past and continued support.

On behalf of the members of the Cohasset Police Association,

William P. Quigley President
Cohasset Police Association IBPO
Local 641

Editor's note: the police union provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter.

Kimball's hearing unnecessary

By Rick Collins
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A week after selectmen voted to expand Kimball's By the Sea liquor license to include parties on the outdoor patio, it turns out the vote wasn't necessary — the condition was already on the license.

"It was an oversight on my part," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "We didn't need to hold that hearing."

Selectmen, who act as the town's licensing board, called for the hearing after a number of Border and Summer Street residents complained of loud noise from outdoor parties coming from the waterfront hotel.

At the hearing, attended by Kimball's By the Sea representatives Jane McCombs and Joe Campbell, Haddad told selectmen that out of 10 noise complaints received by the Cohasset Police Department regarding Kimball's, only one was about an outdoor party. Five calls were from guests complaining about other guests.

Selectmen voted to extend the liquor license to cover outdoor receptions, but reminded the hotel to abide by the town's new noise regulations, that require no noise to be heard at the abutting property after a certain hour.

However, the condition already existed on the license. A copy of a license for Kimball's approved in December of 1997 says that liquor may be served in the various guest rooms "cellar, main function room, swimming pool, first-floor garden view, patio, first-floor harbor view patio, second-floor pool roof patio, connecting lobbies…"

It's a good thing too, because if the condition hadn't already been on the license, selectmen would have been in violation of Alcohol Beverages Control Commission laws. State law requires a licensing board to notify abutters when it is considering expanding liquor license conditions. For the Jan. 23 meeting, the town did not.

"I made a mistake," said Haddad. "If the condition was not in the license, the selectmen would've had to hold a new hearing."

Kimball's Manager McCombs, said the hotel hosts more than 30 wedding receptions a year.

BUSINESS NOTES

New salon

Adrian Morris and Karen Oronte are pleased to announce last week's opening of their new salon, Adrian Morris, at 103 Ripley Road in Cohasset village. The salon is located across from the Post Office in the antique pie-shaped building previously occupied by Hallmark 100.

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Morris is joined by South Shore stylists Karen Oronte and Michele Murdock. Morris and Oronte welcome any visitors who may want to stop into the salon and have a look around.

According to Morris, the partners "want to be known for great hair color and great hair cuts in an intimate, friendly atmosphere."

LIBRARY CORNER

February vacation fun listings

The Cohasset Dramatic Club, in conjunction with the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, will present a tea for children ages 6 and up during the school vacation on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. at the library.

The cast of the current dramatic club production, "How to Eat Like a Child," will be on hand to entertain all who attend. Originally written for TV, this fast-paced musical revue takes you through a romp into the joys and sorrows of being a child and consists of 23 funny lessons on how to behave like a child.

Call the library at 383-1348 to sign up. Attendance will be limited to the first 50 children who are registered.

Museum passes

As February school vacation approaches, please remember the following passes are offered to all Cohasset residents:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Technology position

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teachers and administration at our schools and do not wish to be perceived as antagonistic. What we are trying to do is raise awareness and spark discussion on the importance of technology at different grades; the question of computer labs vs. technology integrated into the classrooms; and the issue of how technology is prioritized now and in the near future in Cohasset public schools.

Technology is a tool, not an end in itself. We are wary of overemphasizing the importance of technology in relation to other core subjects and the arts. And we want to make sure the deployment of technology resources reflects the different developmental and educational needs of our students.

"We question why classroom sizes remain too high, 4th grade chorus is cut, and there's a proposal to cut high school band from the curriculum and turn it into an after-school activity, while teaching technology in grades K-2 is seen as a high priority. While the latter two examples may have more to do with scheduling than budget, we feel it's important to look at how areas are prioritized throughout the school system. We worry about national trends showing stagnating school library book purchases. This year Kindergartners have only half a year of music, due to budget cutbacks. Next year we hope to be able to reinstate a full year of music for Kindergartners, plus a full year of computer. But what about the year after that? If money is tight, what will be cut?"

We are parents who believe that, during school hours, K-2 children should be writing with pencils, not keyboards; drawing with crayons, not KidPix; and performing science experiments with their hands rather than watching them done on a computer screen. They should be figuring things out, making mistakes, learning what a process is, not having information processed for them. We believe that writing in long-hand, though more laborious than keyboarding, is important for developing eye-hand coordination and forming important neural connections. We want our young children involved in work and play that has been tried and tested and deemed to be developmentally appropriate and enriching; we would like to raise awareness of the growing number of academics who feel that exposure to computers at a young age can be actually detrimental. Educational psychologist Jane Healy, author of "Failure to Connect: How Computers Affect Our Children's Minds—for Better and Worse" states that "For certain types of learning, mental habits such as motivation, perseverance, concentration, and certainly reading and language skills, everything we know suggests that this technology may do more harm than good."

Some of us are professionals working in the fields of educational and consumer technology who understand the exciting possibilities brought forth by the Internet and digital media. However, we question the value of computer labs in grades K-2, and the time, resources, and efforts taken away from more critical core subjects like reading, math, and science.

Some of us are involved in the arts and are concerned about research showing the alarming trend of school systems across the country cutting music and art programs in order to invest in expensive computer technology.

Some of us feel more neutral about technology at the elementary school age but feel that, given limited budgets and the limited amount of time kids spend at school, this is precious time taken away from more important and enriching offerings. We feel that technology money at the K-2 level should be used in the most efficient way possible—to train teachers to use computers in their own classrooms, to enhance their lessons, rather than sending children to a computer lab. We also acknowledge that there are children at Osgood with learning disabilities who may benefit from the use of computer technology, and we by all means support their access to it.

All of us feel that this is an important issue that warrants further discussion, and we hope to be able to take part in some sort of forum where many perspectives are considered in a thoughtful and constructive manner.

In September 2000, both Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report featured major articles on the detrimental effects of childhood computer use. Both were prompted in part by a statement issued by the child-advocacy group Alliance for Children, calling for a moratorium on the further introduction of computers in early childhood and elementary education. The statement was signed by a coalition of 75 experts in the fields of education, psychology, neurology, and technology, including Harvard professor of psychiatry Alvin Poussaint and Marilyn Benoit, M.D., President-Elect of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. Here are some excerpts from the Alliance's report:

"Must five-year-olds be trained on computers today to get the high-paying jobs of tomorrow?

"The technology in schools today will be obsolete long before five-year-olds graduate. Creativity and imagination are the prerequisites for innovative thinking, which will never be obsolete.

As Sherry Turkle, a professor of the sociology of science at MIT and a longtime observer of children's use of computers, has said regarding the use of technology in schools, "The possibilities of using this thing poorly so outweigh the chance of using it well, it makes people like us, who are fundamentally optimistic about computers, very reticent."

Of course there are proponents of technology in elementary schools who argue otherwise. But because the faction of parents that is behind reinstating the Osgood technology position has been so strong and so vocal, we present these other views as food for thought.

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Genealogy is focus

The Cohasset Historical Society is sponsoring a genealogy workshop Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers Cottage. The speaker is Bob Edmands, a Mayflower passenger descendant and member of the Alden family board.

Refreshments will be served. For information on the society call 383-1434 or Martha Gjesteby, 383-1614.

Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

Stars of the Week

T.J. Bilodeau. The hoops captain scored 67 points in his last three games to keep climbing the SSL scoring charts. He's currently in fourth place at around 17 points per game. More important that how many points, though, is when he's scoring them. T.J. came up with a last second jumper to propel the boys past first place Carver on Friday, 65-64, and hit a trey inside the final minute to put the Skippers up for good over Norwell last Tuesday.

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Skippers reign supreme in 'biggest week'

Boys edge SSL contenders Norwell and Carver to get within a game of first

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Within three days, the Cohasset boys basketball team beat the top two teams in the South Shore League, Carver and Norwell, to move within a single game out of the league lead.

"We knew right off the get-go that this was going to be the toughest week of the season," asserted tenth year head coach Ron Ford. "And they could not have come up any bigger than they did."

The Skippers 66-65 win over first place Carver came on what Ford considered "the best finish of a game" he has coached in his career at Cohasset.

With the Skippers trailing 65-62 in the final seconds, senior captain Doug O'Brien hit what appeared to be a three pointer, but the officials were right on the play, and called it a two.

"Doug's foot was on the line," admitted Ford, who was also right next to the play when it occurred. "[The referee] made a phenomenal call, but everyone on the team thought it was tied."

It was not tied, however, which forced the Skippers to quickly foul junior forward Nate Frazier, who led the Crusaders with 18 points, with four seconds left.

Frazier missed his free throws to the delight of the Skippers faithful, and O'Brien quickly got the ball up-court, and fed it to senior captain TJ Bilodeau for two as time expired.

Though Carver contended that the shot left Bilodeau's hands after the buzzer, the home crowd stormed the court to congratulate their team.

Not to detract from Cohasset's outstanding effort against #2 ranked division three team in the state, but the Crusaders were playing shorthanded, with senior center Tim Ryan sidelined with an injury.

"They had to go to a much smaller lineup," Ford noted, when asked about the absence of the powerful six-foot-five pivot man. "Taking away their low post threat really changes them as a team."

Cohasset defeated the Clippers of Norwell last Tuesday for the second time this year, 70-67. Emotions were running high for this matchup, especially since Cohasset had knocked off the Clippers 73-71 in overtime earlier this year.

Cohasset and Norwell traded basket for basket in the early stages of the game, until a 15-2 Norwell run turned an three point Skipper lead into a 30-20 deficit.

But Cohasset did not let up, pulling to within six by halftime.

With the help of seven three pointers from senior captains Erik Shea and TJ Bilodeau, the Skippers jumped back on top quickly after the break, and held that lead for the majority of the second half. However, they were unable to amass a lead of more than five for the most part.

Every time Norwell would try to surge back in front of their raucous home crowd, they were repelled by

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Norwell's Mike Gilraine (#35) and Jarrod Anderson (#23) bite on the pump fake from Cohasset's Ben Lynner (with ball) in South Shore League showdown last week. The visiting Skippers took the thriller, 70-67.

Special athletes can teach us much

EXTRA POINTS
WITH MIKE SPELLMAN



As I was scanning the sports pages the other day, a perfunctory exercise I perform with ever waning zeal, and was assailed by case after case of athletes behaving badly — Marcus Camby, Gary Payton, Jason Kidd, Mark Chmura… never mind Rae Carruth — it struck home more than usual what a polluted landscape the pro sports scene has become.

It also brought home just how lucky I, as someone who desperately wants to cling to a positive perception of athletics, am to be involved with an organization like Special Olympics.

Two years ago, my hometown of Plymouth had no Special Olympics program. When my wife and I made inquiries on behalf of our oldest son, Tim, we were told that the closest program we could get him involved with operated out of Marshfield

Fortunately, it was at about this time that Caryl Cristani, a special needs aid in the Plymouth school system who had started down this path prior to us, finally got fed up with the shrugging shoulders and endless buck passing. She decided to take matters into her own hands.

Although Caryl's children are adults, and she had no experience working with the "challenged" outside of the schools, she volunteered to take on the enormous task of starting the program herself. I quickly agreed to coach. We started out with approximately a dozen Special Olympians, and today we have more than 30.

And, every week when we get together, I am reminded in the purest sense of all that is great about sports: genuine camaraderie, spirit of cooperation, a sense of belonging, love of the sport and "friendly" competition.

In the fall, we concentrate on getting ready for our outdoor soccer tournaments. In the winter, we move on to the candlepin bowling season. It's then back to soccer for the indoor campaign in the spring, and on to softball in the summer. So these kids are a big part of my life year-round.

You see, at times like this, when my patience with sports is wearing thin, I am buoyed by the thought of all the wonderful Plymouth kids this program has helped. For reasons I'm sure you'll understand, I've chose not to use their names in this forum.

I think of one boy who suffers from cerebral palsy. As a result, this 13-year-old has considerable speech and physical limitations. His mind, however, is completely unaffected. I often think about what a cruel irony this is: his being quite capable of discerning all that is wrong with him. Amazingly, however, I don't think I've ever known a kid whose quicker with a smile or laugh. In fact, he is often the first to laugh at himself. The other day when a candlepin ball slipped out of his hand on release, popped over the gutter and proceeded to knock down four pins in the adjacent lane, we all laughed, he the loudest of all.

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CHS weekly scoreboard

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WRESTLING
31 beat Norwell, 53-18
Feb.
2 beat Middleboro, 42-39
beat Wellesley, 48-18
7 Carver (league) 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Feb.
2 lost to at Carver, 62-46
6 lost to Hull, 70-63

ICE HOCKEY
31 lost to Hull, 4-3
Feb.
2 beat Norwell, 5-0
7 at Scituate

BOYS BASKETBALL
Feb.
2 beat Carver, 66-65
6 lost to Hull, 73-72 (O-T)

For this week's schedule, see page 14

Cohasset wrestlers hope to surprise

Several Skippers appear primed for sectionals

By Mike Spellman
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For the majority of local wrestling teams, this time of the year is, first and foremost, about maximizing individual readiness for the state tourney.

Like most teams, Cohasset is no longer in the running for a league title, which actually gives coach Torin Sweeney an advantage in preparing his wrestlers for the sectionals, which get underway this Friday at Foxboro High School .

Sophomore Terry Baroudi compiled a 17-5 record in the 130 pound weight class before dislocating his shoulder a few weeks ago. If the Skippers were in the hunt for a league crown, he might have hurried back, running the risk of re-injuring it and then missing the sectionals. As things stand, though, sitting him until then was a no brainer for coach Sweeney.

"Wrestling really is an individual sport," appraised Sweeney, in his 10th year running the C.H.S program. "Getting each of your wrestlers as ready as they can be for

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Chris Caron jostles with Hanover player in action last weekend.

Buick drives to national renown



Ronan Buick poses I nthe uniform of his second favorite sport

C.H.S. lacrosse captain makes mark at national indoor championships

Contributed by Terry Kahn

Ronan Buick, co-captain of Cohasset High's 2001 varsity boys' lacrosse team, was one of 14 statewide all-stars selected to play for Team Massachusetts at the National High School Indoor Lacrosse Championships held January 13-15 in Hightstown, New Jersey.

Buick, selected for the second time, scored six goals and picked up three assists competing against the top junior and senior players in the country.

Massachusetts knocked off teams from Pittsburgh and New Jersey, and finished eighth in the 12-team event. Three of its losses came by a goal apiece, including a tight 10-9 contest with highly-regarded Philadelphia.

"Ronan was selected in part because he's one of the strongest defenders at midfield in the state," said Massachusetts coach Burke Walker, the director of Top Gun Lacrosse. "The fact he was able to give us a solid offensive contribution was a big bonus."

The Massachusetts team included players from both private and public schools. Among Buick's teammates were three other South Shore players — Tripp Neville, Jon Sisto and Brian Prescott of Duxbury, and Hingham's Justin Burns.

"It was a nice honor being chosen for this team again," said Buick, who led the Skippers in scoring last year with 25 goals and 15 assists, "It feels good to go up against some of the best competition in the country and do okay."

Buick's success continues that of Cohasset players in statewide competition. Last summer, three Skipper starters— Buick, and juniors Paul

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Hockey team still in playoff hunt

With big win over Norwell, Skippers now need wins in four of remaining five

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

At 6-8-1, the Cohasset High boys hockey team can still qualify for the state tournament. And veteran coach Dennis Walsh still believes his squad can win the necessary four of five final games to make it into the post-season.

"They are all games that they can win" asserted Walsh, who is in his 32nd and final year as coach of the Skippers. "And if they don't win them, then they don't deserve to be in the states."

Indeed, Cohasset has at least a very competitive game to each of their final five opponents.

This season, the Skippers have already beaten two of the teams they have left, Rockland and Foxboro, and had a three goal lead on a third, Trinity Catholic, before losing 6-5.

"The teams that we are playing, we have played very closely," noted a grinning Walsh.

With a 5-0 win on Friday over league rival Norwell, the Skippers kept themselves in contention for state tournament qualification. Though the score read 4-0 after two periods, Walsh would have liked to have seen his team continue to press.

"We could have scored a lot more goals," said Walsh. "But [the Clippers] were skating very well."

However, Walsh used the multiple goal cushion to give a few of his less experienced underclassmen some varsity ice time before the end of the season, possibly to ready them for the tourney.

"I like to do that when we get up three or four goals," affirmed Walsh, who played hockey in col-

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Buick drives to national renown

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Previte and Kyle Weber — played key roles on the silver medal-winning South squad in the Bay State Games. Buick was also selected as a Pilgrim Conference all-star in 2000, and is currently being recruited by several colleges in Divisions One and Three.

He's already been accepted at Division 3 schools Roanoke and Bryant, but is holding out hope for a possible scholarship offer from a Division 1 school. Providence and Lafayette are two D1 schools that have expressed some interest.

Buick is far from a solo sport standout. The C.H.S senior was the leading tackler for the Skippers football team this past fall as the team's middle linebacker, and was the named to the Mariner All-Scholastic Football team.

Lacrosse is clearly his #1 sport passion, however. He started playing the sport seven years ago, attracted to it, he says, by the "fast pace and high scoring."

Sports Editor Mike Spellman contributed to this submitted report.

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lege at Xavarian of Quebec.

In the game, sophomore center Matt Davis, who is second on the team in scoring behind fellow sophomore center Greg O'Connell, scored a hat trick to go along with an assist. O'Connell kept pace, recording a goal and a helper, as did junior defenseman Eric Libby.

Another recent rival match-up featured a hard fought battle against Hull.

As in the Norwell game, the Skippers jumped out to an early lead, but the Pirates fought back to even the score at 3-3 in the third period.

Hull then slipped one past junior goalie Dan Kinchla with thirty seconds remaining in regulation for the win.

Walsh has been pleased with his "back-ice" play, though, as the team allowed only three goals for most of the game, and permitted just three against state champion contenders Hanover (14-0-1).

"My goalie has played well, my defense has played well— they have done a good job," appraised Walsh.

Skipper scoring in the game featured two goals by junior wing Pete Whoriskey, while O'Connell recorded the third goal of the day.

Cohasset's other two games are against Scituate (10-5)— who barely snuck past the Skippers in the first go round, 6-5, but have won their last five games in a row— and South Boston, who beat the Skippers 5-1 back on Dec. 22.

CHS weekly sports schedule

COED SWIMMING
(Cohasset/Scituate

Feb.
9 All Conference Championship at Quincy
End of Regular Season
Coach: Jamie Kearney

GYMNASTICS
(Cohasset/Norwell)

Feb.
10 All-League meet/ 12 p.m. Carver
End of Regular Season
Coach: Kara Cunnerty and Ruthanne Ardizoni

WRESTLING

Feb.
9 Division 3 S. Sectionals 3:30
10 *@Foxboro* 9 am
16/17 Division 3 States TBA
@TBA
24 All-States TBA
@TBA
Coaches: Torin Sweeney, Doug Sheerin, Peter Buckley

GIRLS FRESHMAN/VARSITY BASKETBALL

Feb.
9 at Chatham 4:30/6 p.m.
13 at Norwell Fr- 3:30 p.m.
at Abington 6:30 p.m.
End of Regular Season
Coaches: Ellen Carr, Deb Beal
*** Freshman games always precede Varsity**

ICE HOCKEY

Feb.
9 Trinity 7:20 p.m.
Rink: Pilgrim
14 at Foxboro 5 p.m.
Rink: Internat.
End of Regular Season
Coaches: Dennis Walsh, Artie Rasmussen, Benji Watson

BOYS BASKETBALL

Feb.		JV	Var.
9	at Harwh	4:30 pm	6 pm
13	Abington	5 pm	6:30 pm
15	SSVT	5 pm	6:30 pm

End of Regular Season
Coaches: Ron Ford, Mark Hall, Tim Owens, R.J. Miggliaccio

Skippers reign supreme in 'biggest week'

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a crushing three pointer. The two captains combined for 7-for-7 shooting from long range in the second half, making them 10-for-13 for the game.

"As the smallest team in the league, we need something to counteract that," said Ford, who watched 33 of his 70 points come from downtown.

Bilodeau finished with 25 points to go with four assists, while Shea connected for 17 points with three steals.

"That was unbelievable for them," effused Ford of the duo's shooting performance. "But that is what you expect from your seniors."

Cohasset's inside game was as dominant as it has been all year, with sophomore power forward Ben Lynner collecting 14 points and 13 rebounds, including five off the offensive glass in the second half alone.

Muscling in the paint with defenders much bigger and taller than himself, Lynner was able to find a way to clear space time and time again. He shot 5-of-6 from the floor, with no misses on four attempts from the free throw line, including two huge ones in a one-and-one situation in the final seconds.

"Benny finishes very well," assessed Ford, of his field goal percentage leader. "He is an excellent free throw shooter, and he does well on the boards for us. He does not get a lot of shots, but he makes the most of them."

Still, the Clippers hung around, getting big second half help from a variety of offensive threats.

Norwell's main weapon, sophomore Gerry Corcoran, who leads the South Shore League with 23.9 points per game, was limited to a mere six points in the first half on two threes, as the shooting guard was forced to sideline with foul trouble.

"We were fortunate to get their best player in foul trouble," acknowledged Ford, who also noted that Norwell went on their 15-2 first half run with Corcoran on the bench. "But it could have been worse if he had been in thegame."

Shea and junior forward Nick Bolster did a terrific job face guarding Corcoran the whole game, holding the sophomore to 6-of-16 shooting.

Down the stretch, Doug O'Brien again hit a clutch shot, a driving layup through traffic that put Cohasset up 67-65 less than 30 seconds remaining.

Corcoran later tied the game with two fouls shots, making the long range sniper just 4-for-8 from the charity stripe for the game.

A Bilodeau three sealed the game. A desperation court long inbounds pass with one second showing was knocked away by Shea .

Norwell, who fell to 9-5 with the loss, got big contributions from Bob Savoy (17 points) and Mike Mohan (13 points), but it was not enough to get by the Skippers, who are now in second place in the South Shore League, a half game behind Carver.

In fact, as the SSL stands right now, five teams— Carver, Cohasset, Norwell, Norton and Abington are separated by two games. And if the state tournament had started the day after the Carver win, Cohasset would have been seeded seventh out of 31 division three teams in the South Sectional.

"We are probably looking at Norton or East Bridgewater (for a first round match-up, and neither one of them interests me much," said Ford.

Game Notes

Norwell

-Ben Lynner recorded his third double-double of the year. No one else on the team has one.

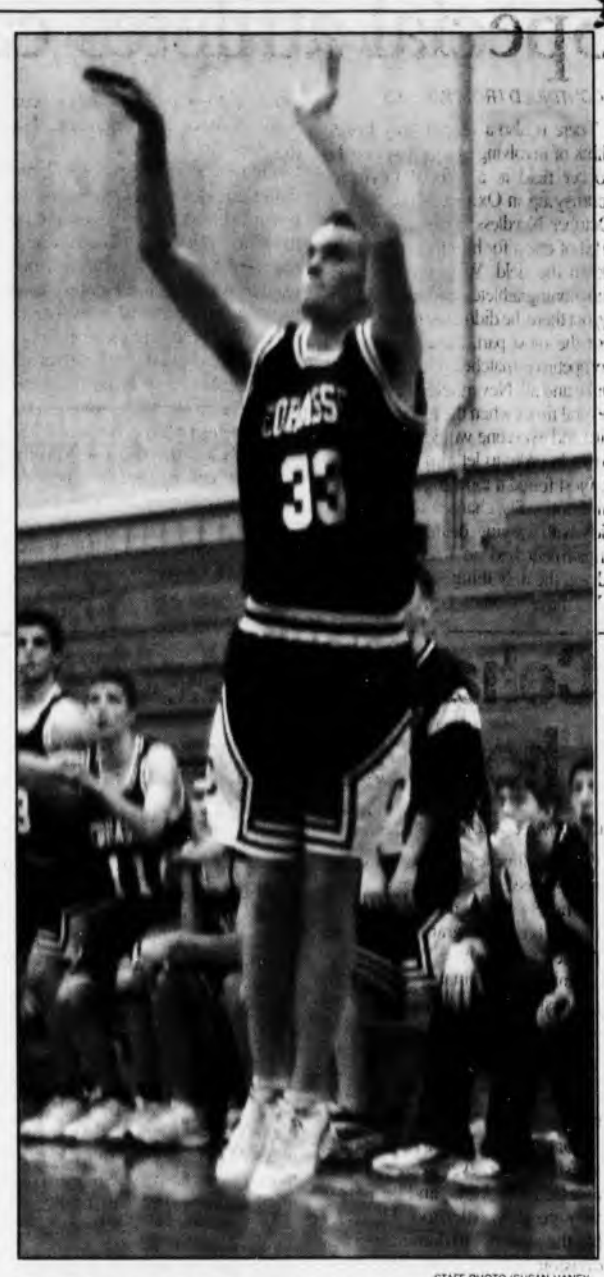
-Though Shea and Bilodeau were 7-for-7 from 3-range, they hit on only 3-of-7 attempts from inside the arc.

-Cohasset had 16 turnovers in the first half, three in the second, and their first in the second half did not come until more than halfway through.

Carver

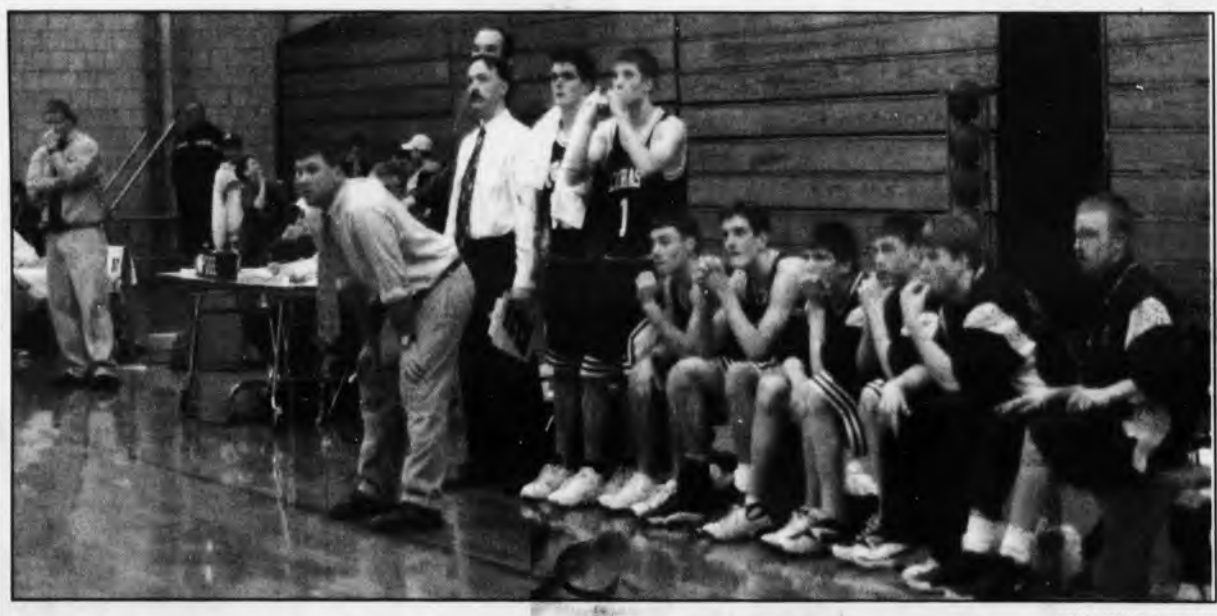
-This marked the fourth time the outcome of a Cohasset game has been decided in the final minute, with the Skippers taking all four decisions (73-71 over Norwell, 64-63 over Norton, 70-67 over Norwell, and 66-65 over Carver.)

-This was Cohasset's first Friday win since December 22 over Norton.



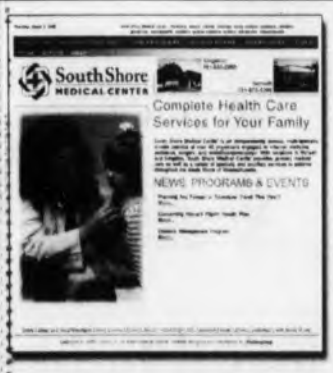
STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain Erik Shea drains one of his second half three-pointers against Norwell in the Skippers 70-67 win last Tuesday night. The senior his 5-of-6 from behind the arc in the game.



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Cohasset's bench looks on anxiously during Norwell contest, with head coach Ron Ford (standing on sideline) appearing the most anxious of all.



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Special athletes can teach us much about sports, life

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There is also a special story I often think of involving this teenager on the soccer field at a Special Olympics tourney up in Oxford, Mass. back in October. Needless to say, it took quite a bit of effort for him to move up and down the field. With several higher functioning athletes, at least physically, out there, he didn't see much action. For the most part, these were highly competitive matches, with medals at stake and all. Nevertheless, there were several times when the ball rolled near him and everyone would stop or slow down in order to let him get a shot at it. I just found it touching that, even in an emotionally charged setting, these kids with varying degrees of mental impairment had an innate sense for "doing the right thing."

We have another boy in the program, a 15-year-old who has been with us since the beginning. His developmental challenges are no where near as severe as the majority of the kids in the program. He takes a few regular education classes and he made the school's freshmen soccer team last year. Obviously, he's our main man in the fall and spring soccer tourneys. His personal growth over the last two years has just been amazing. Kind of shy and standoffish in the beginning, he is now as much a coach as an athlete. He works with several of the younger players on their skills, and is always the first one to offer words of encouragement when he senses frustration in one of his teammates.

Speaking of climbing out of the shell, there's another pair of boys whose voices I never even heard during their first few months in the program. Now, they both goof on me, along with so many of their teammates, with regularity.

I've also got a brother and sister, 16 and 14, respectively, who have been with us since day one. In addition to their developmental obstacles, these two have recently suffered a significant personal crisis, one that would probably floor most people I know. However, not only do this brother and sister endure, but I'm here to contend that you'd have a tough time finding two teenagers who more completely exude a love of life.

Then, of course, there's my own son, Tim. He suffered a pair of strokes during delivery for reasons that have never really come clear. The result was a significant amount of damage to his right hemisphere, hindering him both mentally and physically. I coached him in town youth soccer and basketball up until the age of nine, by which point keeping up competitively simply became too great an obstacle (though I will report with some pride that he was among the best pure shooters in the basketball league).

Removing him from these programs was heart-wrenching, because he is a certifiable sports nut. He almost always outlasts his brothers and I shooting baskets or hitting and throwing the baseball around, and sporting events are about the only thing on TV he considers worthwhile. He also asks to go with me to virtually every sporting event I choose to cover in the course of my job, and talks to me endlessly about what he remembers from these various contests.

Tim created his own special sports memory this fall at the state Special Olympics soccer tourney in Oxford when he scored the game-winning goal for us in the final period on a booming kick from 30 feet out into the top right hand corner of the net, clinching our silver medal. I honestly don't think any parent of any athlete could have been happier or prouder over an athletic feat than I was at that moment in time.

And, of course, the athletes are only part of this uplifting equation. I also think of all of the volunteers who've helped our program grow, adults, young adults and kids alike. It would be impossible to adequately express appreciation for all that these selfless people have down and are still doing. However, there are two in particular who I simply must mention: Sarah Thomas and Adam Sternberg, both of them sophomores at Plymouth North High School. These two volunteered to join the program on Day 1 after somehow hearing about Caryl's efforts. They have been helpful beyond words in helping us bond with our special athletes.

These two were young teenagers when they signed on to help, and I guess I assumed we'd lose them to other interests as they got more involved in high school life. I underestimated them. Both Sarah and Adam do indeed have interests you'd expect of kids their age—for instance, Adam was on the JV soccer team this fall. I guess there's no other way to say it: these kids amaze me. Indeed, it humbles me when I think of myself at their age as your run of the mill self-interested dope.

The biggest debt of gratitude, of course, goes to Caryl. With absolutely no interest in this beyond the belief that something like this should be done for these very special kids, and nothing to gain other than a stronger feeling of self worth, Caryl coaches these kids, coordinates all events, fights for facility usage, provides transportation, handles all of the mailing, billing, uniform purchases and a few other things I'm sure I don't even know about that are essential to keep this program moving. I just show up and clown around with these kids, try to pass along a few tips here and there, and she still tells people that we both run the program. Obviously, she is not in this for any type of political gain either.

Oh yeah, lastly I guess I should thank Messieurs Camby, Payton, Kidd, Chmura, Carruth, et al for providing me with the impetus for finally writing this column that has been kicking around in my head for far too long. These dolts helped me realize how silly my own concerns were for appearing too preachy or even self absorbed in writing this column, especially when placed against the importance of telling some truly great stories about some truly great people who, I might add, deserve to have their stories told a hell of a lot more than these guys do.

Cohasset wrestlers hope to surprise

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the state tourney is really what the season becomes about now."

And Sweeney does indeed feel that he has a few grapplers who are primed and ready.

Junior Dan Littauer carries the greatest degree of hope into the sectionals, entering in the 145 pound class. Since dropping from 151 to 145, Littauer has gone a perfect 16-0 on the mat. Before that, he was a solid 7-3 at 151.

"Dan is one of the strongest wrestlers I've ever seen at 145," assessed Sweeney, "and he's just a very good wrestler too. He really has the potential to dominate in this division."

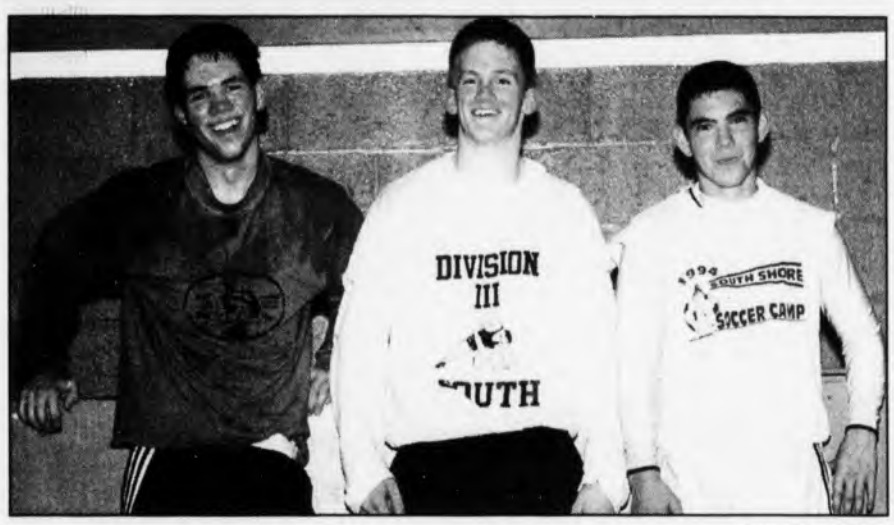
Any wrestler who finishes with a personal record of over .500 was to be seeded at the Division 3 coaches conference at Foxboro High on Wednesday. Littauer and Baroudi should receive high seedings, while freshman Phil Strazulla (14-9) at 112, senior Dan Duffy (18-10) at 135, and sophomore Mike Casey (12-11) at 160 will also be seeded.

Casey is a wrestler who has improved noticeably over the course of season, even notching a few wins "wrestling up" at 171 pounds recently. Sweeney said he would not be surprised to see this soph give a high seed all he can handle early on.

"Mike just seems to get better every time out," Sweeney reported. "He could be a darkhorse going into this thing."

All Division 3 wrestlers are eligible for the sectionals, and Sweeney plans on bringing his full compliment to Foxboro on Friday. The unseeded wrestlers will be pitted against the higher seeds to start the competition. From this group of under .500 wrestlers, Sweeney figures his seniors— Bea Rankin at 119, John Hertzig at 125 and Justin Langham — have the best shot of surprising, the latter in particular.

Langham, a team captain, missed much of the season with injury and illness and wound up finishing just under .500 in one of the area's toughest weight classes (140 pounds). Sweeney is going to hold off placing him in a weight class until he checks out the competition at 140 and the two surrounding weight classes.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset wrestling coach Torin Sweeney has high hopes for his captains heading into Friday's Division 3 sectionals at Foxboro High School: (L-R) Dan Duffy, Dan Littauer and Justin Langham

"Justin is a good wrestler and he has a chance to sneak up on some people as an unseeded wrestler," said Sweeney. "I'd like to give him the best shot possible."

The top six finishers in each weight class will advance to the State Finals, which get underway next Friday.

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Before Wednesday's season ending meet with Carver, the Skippers won their last three meets. On Wednesday, they got the better of Norwell, 53-18. Strazulla recorded a pin, Casey a technical fall (15-0) and Rankin and Chris McKenna (140 pounds) both earned wins on points.

On Friday, the Cohasset squad beat both Wellesley, 48-18, and Middleboro 42-39, in a tri-meet. Sophomore Dave Kupsc recorded his first ever varsity pin versus Middleboro at 103 to get the Skippers a quick 6-0 lead that proved huge in the four point meet win. Duffy also recorded a pin in his match.



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The Hingham Symphony Orchestra Kidconcert came to the Osgood School. The HSO, led by conductor Jin Kim, played three pieces of music and then took part in an instrument showcase at which students were able to ask questions. In the photo, Osgood students line up to see how the veena is played.

Hello Everyone, I hope that this finds everyone healthy and getting ready for February Vacation! The schools are certainly very busy these days with many exciting events taking place. Try to make some time in your day once in a while to go to your child's school and see what is going on, it is amazing to see the constant action and activities that go on in a day.

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For all of you that have said that going to the St. Valentines Soiree being held this Saturday night from 7-11 p.m. at the South Shore Country Club would be a lot of fun but forgot to get a ticket, here is one last chance to do so. This event, being sponsored by the Cohasset PSO is down to the very last tickets. If you would like a ticket for this fun-filled evening with music, dancing and socializing, call Janeen Culhane at 383-2349. Tickets are $40 per person or $75 per couple. Also, the wonderful Chinese Baskets are beautiful this year, thanks to the wonderful donations from students, parents and staff. With the wonderful support from the school staff and the great Basket Creators, these are truly "works of art" filled with all kinds of items and goodies. If you would like to purchase tickets for these before the drawing being held at the dance, please contact me at 923-1057 or mail your donations to 622 CJC Highway, Cohasset MA, 02025. Each ticket is $1 and it certainly goes to a great cause.

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The Hingham Symphony Orchestra recently performed at the Osgood School for all the children and a wonderful time was had by all. The Hingham Symphony Orchestra is holding a Discovery Concert, "Green Eggs and Ham" narrated by ZOOM member, Kaleigh. This great family event is Saturday, Feb 10 and Sunday, Feb 11 at 3:00 p.m. It is being held in Hingham at Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 220 Central St. and costs $15 for adults and $10 for children under 18. Tickets are available at Cards & Shards in Cohasset and Nobles in Hingham with discounts for groups of 5 or more. For more information, call HSO at 740-5694.

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Recently, Joseph Osgood School students and families participated in a special book donation program called "Spread the Word." Governor Cellucci and his wife Jan began this program in 1995 as a way to collect books from children who no longer need them, and distribute them to children who have few or no books of their own at home. Our books were shared with more than 200 children from the Mozart School in Roslindale! According to the students in Beth Owens-Rigby's class, the coordinators of our efforts, "During November and December, we sorted and counted 2,134 books. We donated 1,678 books to the Department of Education! They were given to a school in Roslindale, Mass. where kids don't have many of their own books at home. We are donating the other 456 books to pre-schools and homeless shelters for families. We received a special certificate from the Commissioner of Education for all our hard work." Coincidentally, a week after we shipped off our donations, we were bestowed with a donation of approximately 2,000 brand-new discontinued Dorling-Kindersly books! Paul Kennedy, a new parent to the Osgood, coordinated this contribution. Books will be going to all three school libraries and all Osgood classrooms, as well as the Paul Pratt Library and pre-schools in town. We want to thank the Kennedy family and all Osgood families for their thoughtfulness and support. As we learned from Pinocchio, "What is given is always returned. We are in this world to help one another." (C. Collodi-1883) What a true statement that is and what a great accomplishment for our students to have done. It sure did make a difference!

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The PSO is seeking candidates for two-year terms for the 2001-2003 term on the school council in all three schools. This is a wonderful way to serve the schools for anyone who may be interested. If you do have an interest in this, please send your name and a paragraph about yourself and why you would like to serve to: PSO Nomination Committee, c/o Susan Biddle Jaffe, 10 Wood Way, Cohasset Ma, 02025 or email to SBJaffe@aol.com. The deadline for this is Feb. 12.

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A public hearing is being held this evening on the school budget at the Middle/High School library. This is the time and the opportunity to add any more input you may have to the budget. If you want to be heard and recognized and have some input to give, make sure to head to the Middle/High School tonight at 7:30.

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The Middle School is looking for some parents, who would like to work in the Middle School office for 2-3 hours per month, answering telephones,helping teachers with projects, possibly some light typing etc. If this interests you, please call Helen Daley at 383-2978.

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CALLING ALL HOCKEY FANS! During the month of February, the Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team will be selling raffle tickets to the March 24, 1 p.m. SOLD OUT Bruins game against the Colorado Avalanche! This is a totally sold-out game and the tickets are very much sought after. The winner will receive a pair of premium seating, club section tickets to the March 24 game valued at $150. Raffle tickets cost $5 each and the winner will be drawn on Sunday, March 4. Proceeds will be used to benefit the Cohasset High School Varsity Hockey Program. So all you hockey fans, support our Varsity Hockey Team and buy a raffle ticket from any of the Varsity players or, call any of the Hockey Boosters to purchase a ticket: Jo-Ann Pilczak-383-0268 Trish Morse, 383-1622 Chris Straughn, 383-9857 Shelanne Durkin, 383-9225 Ann Rasmussen, 383-1907 You may be the lucky person sitting in the Premium seating section watching this sold-out game. The Hockey Boosters sincerely thank Mike O'Connell for donating these tickets and making this fundraising event possible.

Well, that is it for this week. If you have any news, events or any items that are school related, please send them to me at jenpiep@yahoo.com or ATSchoolsIn@aol.com, mail them to me at 622 CJC Highway or phone them in at 923-1057. Have a great week!

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Volunteers wanted to assist CMHS prepare for evaluation

Cohasset Middle High School is looking for parent and community volunteers to assist teachers, administrators, support staff, and students prepare for the formal evaluation process it will go through in the fall of 2002.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges requires its member schools to undergo a self-study and formal evaluation at least once every ten years to receive accreditation. Accordingly, the Cohasset School Committee has set aside some time for the professional staff to begin and complete this work. Students in grades 7-12 will be dismissed early (11:20 a.m.) on the following days: Feb. 8, March 13 and April 11. There will be no school - all day - for students (K-12) on May 7 while the professional staff continues its work. In addition, there will be approximately 10 dates during the 2001-2002 school year when students again will be dismissed early so that the staff can continue this work.

Parents and community members who are interested in assisting with this self-study process and are available to serve on one of several subcommittees (such as Curriculum, Instruction, Leadership and Organization, Community Resources, etc.) on the dates and times mentioned above, should please contact the high school (383-6107) and leave your name at your earliest convenience. Mrs. Marie Schleiff and Dr. Michael Gill, co-chairs of the Steering Committee, will coordinate the committee assignments.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for 10-$2,000 scholarships are available (starting Wednesday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

This is the 28th consecutive year the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding college scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application in person at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Saturday, March 31.

Applicants will be judged by members of the scholarship committee of the board of directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, call Hoby Taylor (781) 749-6660.

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Hurray for recess!





Say aaaah! Sixth-grader Nick Cambi expresses himself while lined up to return to class after recess at Deer Hill.



Above, Gabrielle Rodman jumps for joy at recess with her classmate Sara Libby.

At right, third-grader Kristina D'Antonio gets a piggyback ride from Hilary Bryan.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman



Leigh Collins hula hoops her way through recess time at the Osgood School.



Sasha Nakasima takes a break during a Whiffle ball game at the Sports for Kids program at the South Shore Community Center.



Ian Porter demonstrates his yo-yo skill to the delight of his third-grade classmates at Osgood.

IT'S HAPPENING

Newcomers events

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club invites current and prospective members to three upcoming events:

BOOK GROUP MEETING

On Monday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. the club hosts a book group meeting at the home of Carrie Peters, 27 Beach Plum Lane, Scituate. The book selected for the meeting is "Elizabeth," by author David Starkey. If you are interested in joining this great new group, please RSVP to Carrie at 545-2824.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Give Me The Skinny Caterer with storefront located in Norwell is hosting a cooking class on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.. The class will demonstrate how to whip up delicious stir fry dinners at home. Maximum of 12 people. Please RSVP to Debbie Kuppens at 383-6399 by Feb. 8. The cost is $35 per person. Bring your own beverage and be sure to pre-pay to reserve your space.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Fire up your Crock Pot and get your best chili recipe ready to go! This annual favorite will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 7-11:30 p.m. at the home of Debbie and John Kuppens, 25 Stanton Road, Cohasset.

All guests are asked to bring hors d0oeuvres or salad. Beer, wine, and soda will be provided. RSVP to Debbie Kuppens at 383-6399. This year0s event is limited to 50 people, so be sure to sign up early.

Foxwoods trip

The Sons of the American Legion is sponsoring a trip to Foxwoods on March 3. Bus tickets are $25. The bus will leave the George H. Mealy Post in Cohasset at 8 a.m. and the Scituate VFW on Rte. 3A at 8:15 a.m. and arrive at Foxwoods at 10 a.m. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 4:30 p.m. and be home by 6:30 p.m. For tickets stop by the American Legion hall on Summer Street in Cohasset or call the legion at 383-9657. The trip is open to all.

Quilt show benefit

The Second Congregational on Cohasset Common will sponsor its eighth annual quilt show and luncheon on Saturday, March 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The $10 donation includes a gourmet lunch and viewing of the more than 50 quilts. Advanced purchase of tickets is recommended as seating is limited. Call the church office at 781-383-0345 to make reservations. If you have a quilt you would like displayed, call Carol Sandblom at 781-383-1812. The event is a fundraiser for pediatric AIDS.

Organist in concert

As part of its Sunday Concert series, now in its 10th season, St. Stephen's Church is presenting organist Rosalind Mohnsen on Sunday, Feb. 11, in a concert beginning at 3 p.m. Mohnsen is director of music at Immaculate Conception Church in Malden, and performed widely throughout the United States and Latvia.

A native of Nebraska, Mohnsen holds degrees from the University of Nebraska and Indiana University. Among Mohnsen's teachers are Myron Roberts and Jean Langlais.

The afternoon's program will include works by Bach, LeMare, Guilmant, and Dupre.

The church at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset has plenty of parking available at the nearby village car-park. More information may be obtained by calling (781) 397-0963. The concert is free of charge, but donations will be accepted.

Romantic music

South Shore Conservatory presents a Romantic Music Festival, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. in Cox Hall at the Hingham campus at One Conservatory Drive. Pianist Mark Goodman speaks about "19th Century Romantic Music," followed by a romantic music concert featuring South Shore Conservatory faculty members and students. South Shore Conservatory is handicapped accessible. Admission to the festival is free.

Playground positions

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting applications for playground program counselor positions for their seven-week summer program for children ages 31/2 through 12. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with demonstrated experience working with children in camp, sports or organizational environments.

Those interested in working with children in the day camp structured program, call the Recreation Department office at (781) 383-4109 for further information and an application form or fax your résumé to (781) 383-1561.

Hamlet auditions

Hull Performing Arts Inc. announces auditions for Paul Rudnick's comedy "I Hate Hamlet" Tuesday, Feb. 20, and Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave., Hull. Cast: three men, three women. Call (781) 925-2406 for directions and other information.

Book making

Boston artist Peter Madden, whose handmade books have been exhibited in Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Harvard's Houghton Library and in book exhibitions throughout the country will be offering a class in basic book making at the South Shore Art Center this February. The two-day workshop will take place Feb. 10 and 11 from 9:30-3:30 p.m. and will include demonstrations, discussions and hands-on guided work time. Students will leave the workshop with at lease six handmade books and the knowledge and inspiration to create many more. Madden is an associate faculty member at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts and a visiting faculty member at Massachusetts College of Art.

The workshop costs $165 ($150 for SSAC members). To register call (781) 383-2787 or for more information visit www.ssac.org.

Musical auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for the musical Bye Bye Birdie to be directed by veteran actor and director Ray Byrne of Scituate at Cohasset Town Hall, Highland Avenue.

- Sunday Feb.11, 2-6 p.m. for teens
- Monday Feb. 12, 7-10 p.m. adults
- Call backs Tuesday Feb. 13, 7-10 p.m.

Cast requirements include: teenage girls and boys; one pre-teen boy; adult men and women.

Please bring your own music, upbeat show tunes no Lloyd Weber or Les Miz Also be prepared to do some basic movement If you have any questions please call Dawn Rota @ 781-545-3195 or Paula Higgins @ 781-545-5282. Show goes up first weekend in May.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, JAN. 29

3:22 a.m. King St., and Pond St., general services.
7:13 a.m. King St., general info.
7:25 a.m. South Main St., and Summer St., suspicious auto.
8:35 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.
10:07 a.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.
11:56 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.
12:30 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle violation.
12:54 a.m. Margin St., medical aid.
4:36 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
4:45 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:36 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:49 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:09 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:19 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:23p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

3:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.
7:48 a.m. North Main St. and Rocky Ln., animal control.
8:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:14 a.m. Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
11:57 a.m. Bates Ln., property lost.
1:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
3:08 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident.
4:23 p.m. Sohier St. disabled auto.
7:39 p.m. Pratt Ct., medical aid.
11:04 p.m. King St., medical aid.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

7:06 a.m. Arrowwood Rd., motor vehicle theft.
8:40 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.
11:08 a.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
11:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
12:59 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., larceny.
1:21 p.m. Beach St. summons service, no such person can be found.
4:35 p.m. Pond St., assist motorist, services rendered.
5:47 p.m. Beach St., summons services rendered.
7:04 p.m. Border St., suspicious activity.
7:27 p.m. Lamberts Ln., tree down.
8:09 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

3:49 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.
6:05 a.m. Cedar St., general information.
6:46 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
8:22 a.m. Elm St., misc. fire.
8:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Way, motor vehicle stop.
9:40 a.m. Pleasant St., general services.
2:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd.
3:23 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
3:45 p.m. Sohier St., parking violation.
4:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., threats.
7 p.m. Sohier St., threats (bodily harm).
9:38 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious activity.
10:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disturbance.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

12:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police dept.
9:38 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid.
10:39 a.m. North Main St., property found.
11:58 a.m. South Main St., disturbance/unwanted person.
12:33 p.m. Depot Ct., motor vehicle violations.
7:25 p.m. King St., medical aid.
8:54 p.m. South Main St., parking violation..

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

1:29 a.m. Cedar St., suspicious auto.
1:52 a.m. All over town, general services.
2:10 a.m. Headquarters, general services.
7:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.
7:34 a.m. King St., animal control.
10:30 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.
4:46 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop.
10:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., annoying phone calls.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

12:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic violation, warning.
12:27 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Ln., motor vehicle stop, services rendered.
12:36 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.
1:07 a.m. South Main St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
4:16 a.m. Gannett Rd., assist other police department.
7:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Brewster Rd., officer wanted.
12:51 p.m. Sohier St., and Ripley Rd. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
4:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
7:30 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

Police grant

Congressman Bill Delahunt announced that the Justice Department has awarded the Cohasset Police Department $75,000 to help hire an additional full-time officer for three years.

With the latest award, the Tenth Congressional district has received $18.3 million in grants to hire 283 new officers under the federal COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) program since 1994.

The grant, which covers up to 75 percent of the new officer's salary and benefits for three years, was one of only four awarded across the Commonwealth in the current funding round.

Delahunt, a longtime District Attorney, now serves on the House Judiciary Committee which is expected to consider legislation to extend the COPS grants program when it expires next year.

"This is a well-deserved boost for the community policing efforts in Cohasset and across the South Shore," Delahunt said. "These initiatives deserve much of the credit for the dramatic reduction in violent crime.

OBITUARIES

Charles J. McCormick

Charles J. McCormick, a long time resident of Cohasset and Marshfield died on Jan. 28, 2001.

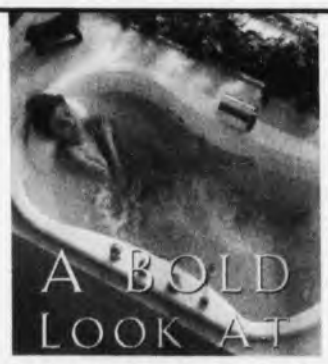
He was born in Buffalo, N.Y. in 1919 and spent most of his boyhood years on a dairy farm in Youngstown, N.Y. He attended Youngstown High School and went to Springfield College before being called to serve his country in World War II. Stationed for five years in the Pacific theater, Mr. McCormick served with the 37th Infantry Division. Like many of his generation, this experience left an indelible mark on both him and the country that he served, and we will be forever grateful.

Prior to retiring at age 77, he worked for Howard and Richards, Inc. for 25 years as a food broker.

Mr. McCormick leaves two daughters, Mary Jo Duncan of Doylestown, Pa. and Sandy Vickers of Duxbury; a son, Charles (Ian) McCormick of Omaha, Neb.; seven grandchildren, Nathaniel and Jonathan Duncan, Sarah and Jeffrey Vickers and Kaiya, Callan, and Kyle McCormick. He also leaves two sisters, Virginia Chudy of Strongsville, Ohio and Dorothy Kolb of Tonawanda, N.Y. and his former wife, Barbara McCormick of Duxbury.

A memorial service was held at the Shepherd Funeral Home in Kingston.

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HORRIGAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P0102EP

In the Estate of MARY L. HORRIGAN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death
December 27, 2000

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JANE AHERN of ABINGTON in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 28, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, January 16, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#516923
Cohasset Mariner 2/8/01

MACGREGOR ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P0256EP

In the Estate of CHARLES W. MACGREGOR A/K/A CHARLES WINTERS MACGREGOR

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death
December 17, 2000

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARIE G. MACGREGOR of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 7, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, January 29, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
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Say it with a song

By Seth Jacobson
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There are lots of way to say you care for someone on Valentine's Day.

You can say it with flowers.

You can say it with chocolates.

If you're really serious, you can say it with jewelry.

Or you can have four guys say it — or rather sing it — for you.

For several years now the South Shore Men of Harmony barbershop chorus has been serenading lovers on Valentine's Day.

"It's always great to see the expression on someone's face when we show up..."It makes a very happy day for someone."

South Shore Men of Harmony member Bill Fitzgerald



Members of the Yankee Ingenuity Quartet of the South Shore Men of Harmony — Tony Daniels, bass of Whitman, Don Taylor, lead of Whitman, Ken Siroonian, and Baritone of Rockland deliver a singing valentine to Fay O'Brien of Pembroke.

"We go anywhere from the Neponset Bridge down the canal," said barbershop chorus member Bill Fitzgerald, of Weymouth. To meet the demand for singing valentines, the chorus divides itself up into quartets for the for the holiday — and a few days leading up to it — bringing their harmonies to unsuspecting folks in their homes, places of work or even while out at to dinner for a romantic Valentine's Day dinner.

The Hingham based chorus which many know locally from their nearly annual performances in Hingham's Cabaret, is part of a much larger national barbershop quartet organization.

"There are more than 32,000 members throughout the United States," Fitzgerald said. Locally, there are 40 members of the South Shore chapter of the Men of Harmony, all of which participate in the various Valentine's Day singing activities.

"We divide ourselves into groups of four," Fitzgerald said. "And we all go around in quartets." Fitzgerald said his group's musical Valentine's Day deliveries will be taking place between Feb. 11 and Feb. 14.

"Within those three days, the Men of Harmony will probably do between 70-100 singing deliveries," Fitzgerald said. "On a national basis within those three days, there will probably be about 800 different quartets doing these deliveries across the country."

Fitzgerald said this is the sixth year that the South Shore chapter of the Men of Harmony have been taking part in the sing-o-gram deliveries.

"It's always great to see the expression on someone's face when we show up," he said. He added quartets deliver their singing Valentines in a wide range of places—business offices, restaurants, and even nursing homes.

"It makes a very happy day for someone," he said.

Fitzgerald said the process having a singing Valentine delivered to someone is easy.

"Just call me up and I'll take the information," Fitzgerald said. He said when a quartet shows up for a given delivery, the recipient is given a red rose, a personalized Valentine's Day message, and two smooth songs sung by an authentic barbershop quartet.

He added that some of the money raised through the sing-o-grams is donated to certain music-oriented charities.

"We've got about two-dozen orders so far," Fitzgerald said, noting he's been taking a number of calls. "People really seem to get into this."

To order a singing Valentine call Fitzgerald at (781) 337-0227 or Rich Barry at (781) 659-7463.

Love, Broadway style

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, J.M. Productions is opening its second season of dinner theater at Raffael's in North Quincy with "Broadway in Love," an original revue by the Scituate-based Showstoppers troupe. The show presents romance in all its incarnations through the music and lyrics of some of Broadway's biggest legends.

Showstoppers Producer Douglas A. Trudeau not only serves as director and choreographer for this production, he also returns as a performer after too long an absence from South Shore stages. Trudeau is joined by Donna DeWitt, and his fellow Showstopper alums Bill and Brenda McColgan. The quartet gets things off to a rousing start with a clever Cole Porter Medley of "Let's Fall In Love," "Night and Day," and "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To."

Solos and duets on a variety of show tunes from the last 50 years follow. Hollywood's contribution to love's landscape is represented by Brenda McColgan's gorgeous rendering of "The Way He Makes Me Feel" from the 1983 feature film "Yentl." Unfortunately, Bill fares less well with the listless "If I Can't Love Her" from the stage version of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

Trudeau and the male McColgan also fail to evoke the emotion intended in Stephen Sondheim's "Pretty Women" from "Sweeney Todd." Trudeau's pairing with DeWitt, however, on "Old Fashioned Wedding" from Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun" scores a musical comedy bullseye. Their voices are also beautifully matched on the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, "If I Loved You," from "Carousel."

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Playing off their real-life marital status, Bill and Brenda offer satisfying reprises of "When The Kids Get Married" and "Nobody's Perfect" from "I Do, I Do," which the pair performed a few seasons back with Showstoppers. Throughout the show, the musical selections are woven together both with new dialogue and snippets from the actual shows. This is especially effective in the act two opener, "Kids," from "Bye Bye Birdie."

The exploration of parenting continues with Bill's powerful performance of the notoriously difficult "Soliloquy" from "Carousel." Trudeau and DeWitt next take the stage for the inspirational "Wheels of a Dream" from "Ragtime." The ensemble brings this segment to a close with the Sondheim admonition "Children Will Listen" from "Sweeney Todd."

The proceedings are enhanced by costumes which include appropriate formal wear for the serious offerings, period tuxedoes for "Lily's Eyes" from "The Secret Garden" and funky retro garb donned for the humorously touching "Somewhere That's Green" from the off-Broadway cult favorite "Little Shop of Horrors."

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While "Broadway in Love" may be taking worthwhile risks with its song list, it might still have been wise to also include the time-tested works of George Gershwin, Jerome Kern and even Jerry Herman.

("Broadway in Love" will be performed at Raffael's, 1 Enterprise Drive, North Quincy, through Feb. 8. For tickets and informa-



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Living

Food & dining

High-roast chicken



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



The allure of a high-roast chicken is akin to cold fusion - the results are spectacular, but the technique is allusive. Roasting chicken in a 500-degree oven takes no more than 45 minutes for a 3- to 4-pound bird, and the skin is second to none. The problem is that the breast meat dries out in the hot oven and the resulting smoke is so bad that you think you are on the set of "Backdraft." So how does one get moist meat, great skin, short roasting time, and no smoke?

Two years ago in this column, I suggested quickly brining the chicken to solve the dry breast meat problem. This works just fine. (The chicken is submerged in a solution of water, sugar, and salt for one hour before roasting.) I also found that butterflying the chicken (removing the backbone and pressing it flat) was also helpful since the white and dark meat cooked more evenly. But I was still stymied by the problem of smoke. My original solution was to start the oven at 425 degrees, raising the temperature to 500 degrees halfway through cooking. This produced quite a good bird, but I wanted dark, crispy skin, the holy grail of the high-roast chicken set. For that, I needed a constant 500 degrees.

Adding water to the pan simply made the skin soggy, although it did solve the smoke problem. Thinly sliced potatoes placed underneath the chicken to absorb the drippings is the approach favored by my test kitchen at Cook's Illustrated. It work fine (although the potatoes, served as a side dish, are a bit on the greasy side), but you need potatoes on hand plus great knife skills or a mandoline to slice them.

I was looking for an easier, everyday solution. I tried the same approach using bread cubes and bread slices, both of which burned to a crisp. Cooked rice meant extra work, and it ended up a burnt mess, although it did prevent smoking. A dry kitchen towel started to brown around the edges - this was a walk on the wild side since it might have burst into flames. (A damp towel did not fare much better, and the skin was less crispy.) Damp cheesecloth and paper towels were no better than the kitchen towel. My last test was sliced onions, which prevented smoking and also cooked down to a pleasing garnish. Voila! This was the solution I was looking for, since almost everyone has onions on hand and the onions can be eaten along with the roast chicken.

To perfect this approach, I added to the onions some balsamic vinegar as well as salt, pepper, and a touch of sugar. Because so much fat drips down onto the onions during roasting, I transferred the cooked onions to a mesh strainer to drain off the fat while the chicken rested. (They can also be drained on a bed of paper towels.)

Now there were just a couple of things left to work out. Because this was to be a recipe for high-roast chicken, the oven had to be hot. I tried the chicken at 450 degrees instead of 500 degrees and found that it did not brown as well or as evenly and needed 10 minutes longer to cook. So I decided to stick with the 500 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes. In terms of basting, butter burned, a naked bird lacked flavor, and olive oil added a nice even color without burning. The Cook's test kitchen suggested tucking the legs up to sit between the thigh and breast (the bird is butterflied first), a technique that helps to speed the cooking of the thighs, which otherwise take longer to cook than the breast meat and cause it to overcook.

I also testing letting the brined chicken sit in the refrigerator uncovered for 8 to 24 hours. This does produce extra crispy skin, but it doesn0t seem practical, as the chicken roasted without a long refrigerator stay was just fine.

CRISPY, MOIST HIGH-ROAST CHICKEN

Don't forget to brine the bird, as the breast meat will dry out in the hot oven. This recipe is designed for a 3 1/2-pound bird. Adjust roasting times accordingly for different sizes.

For the brine:

1 cup kosher salt (or 1/2 cup table salt)
1/2 cup sugar
2 quarts cool water

For the chicken:

1 whole chicken 3 1/2 to 4 pounds, preferably Bell and Evans or other free-range variety, giblets removed, trimmed of fat around cavity
2 medium onions cut pole to pole and into 1/4-inch slices, about 3 cups
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon sugar
Freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon olive oil

1. Dissolve salt and sugar in 2 quarts cool water in a bowl (or use a large plastic storage bag) large enough to hold the chicken. Immerse the chicken and refrigerate for 1 hour. Meanwhile, adjust an oven rack to the lower-middle position and heat the oven to 500 degrees. Place onions in the bottom of a broiler pan and add the vinegar, salt, and sugar and toss to coat evenly.

2. Remove chicken from brine and rinse thoroughly under cold water. Remove and discard backbone of chicken by cutting through the bones on either side. (This can best be done with kitchen or poultry shears.) Flip the chicken over and use the heel of your hand to flatten the breastbone. Transfer chicken to broiler pan rack and dry thoroughly with paper towels. Rub chicken with olive oil and sprinkle with pepper. Push the chicken legs up to rest in between the breast and thigh. Place broiler rack onto pan.

3. Roast chicken for 20 minutes, at which time skin will be spotty brown. Rotate the pan 180 degrees and continue to roast until skin has crisped and turned a deep brown and an instant read thermometer registers 160 degrees in thickest part of breast, about 20 to 25 minutes longer. Transfer chicken to cutting board and let rest for 5 to 10 minutes before carving. Using a slotted spoon, remove onions to a mesh strainer or allow to drain on paper towels

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

This is a day that can go either way. The full moon buildup generates excitement, intensity. Don't be too hasty in your judgements or too eager to commit yourself. Slow down. Avoid mental, physical or emotional burnout. The planet Uranus plays an important role in this period, because it stands within two degrees of the full moon culmination point. Its influence may bring sudden, unexpected breakthroughs or breakdowns. Keep an open mind; go with the flow of things.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

The full moon culminates at 2:12 a.m., 19 1/2-degrees of Leo/Aquarius. In addition, the planet Uranus aligns with the moon at 4:01 a.m. and with the sun tomorrow. This is a high energy, potentially stressful day. Be sure to take extra time out for yourself, to pursue activities that help you to relax. The Leo moon forms challenging alignments to Saturn, Mars and Mercury until 4:25 p.m., when it becomes inactive. At 6:35 p.m. a Virgo moon takes over.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

The moon travels in Virgo all day. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, travels in retrograde and aligns with Mars at 9:59 p.m. In addition, the sun/Uranus alignment occurs at 7:20 a.m., and the moon and Pluto interact at 6:17 p.m. This is a volatile mixture of planetary energies. Don't make waves. Take your time and pay attention to details. Use extra caution when driving or operating machinery. Channel high energy constructively.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

After the barrage of planetary aspects in the past few days, influences calm down considerably this weekend. The moon continues active travel in Virgo until 3:18 p.m., reminding you that compliments will work better than criticism. This period is ideal for organizing, cleaning, getting your life in order. The moon enters Libra at 6:46 p.m. In addition, Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra forms a harmonious contact to Neptune this evening. Love is the name of the game. Sail the love boat to exotic ports.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Today's influences bring a break in the stormy astrological weather we've been experiencing this month. This is a wonderful day to relax and recharge your batteries. Spend quality time with favorite friends; enjoy leisure activities. The moon travels in sociable Libra, forming contacts to Neptune, Venus and Pluto.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Alignments of the sun, Mercury and Saturn can make for a high stress day. The best way to channel this energy is to take on a big work project and stay busy. You can be most productive. The moon continues to travel in Libra and becomes inactive at 12:31 p.m. Mercury and the sun form 90-degree alignments to Saturn at 6:25 p.m. and 8:21 p.m. The sun and Mercury align at 7:17 p.m. All important signings, decisions are definitely off limits. The moon enters Scorpio at 9:51 p.m. Meditate for inner peace and vision.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Challenging planetary influences continue today and tomorrow. The moon travels in Scorpio, generating a serious mood. Others may be difficult to get along with, pensive, hypersensitive. Don't rock the boat in business or romance. Stay busy with work projects. You can get a lot accomplished. Take extra quiet time out for yourself. Review your priorities and readjust your sights. Open your heart to higher visions.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Stormy astrological weather continues. A Scorpio moon urges you to focus on the positives instead of getting caught up in worries, limited thinking. Let go of the past and of situations you have no control over. Keep your nose to the grindstone. Hard work will pay off. The Scorpio moon forms challenging alignments to Uranus, Mercury, Saturn. The moon becomes inactive at 10:23 p.m., when the last quarter phase occurs. Mars moves into Sagittarius at 3:06 p.m., remaining there until September 8. Mars will begin retrograde travel on May 11, when it reaches the last degree of Sagittarius.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Planetary action turns around completely today. Storm clouds move out; sunny and mild astrological weather returns. The moon enters optimistic Sagittarius at 5:02 a.m. However, a lunar opposition to Jupiter in the morning warns against acting impulsively, overdoing on any level. Retrograde Mercury aligns with Uranus at 21-degrees of Aquarius. This combination may bring unexpected news or shed new light on matters. Keep an open mind. You can find new solutions to old problems.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

A Sagittarius moon continues to set the stage for an upbeat day. There are a couple of pitfalls, however. A lunar alignment to Pluto this morning may generate emotional fireworks. Think before you say or do something you will later regret. In addition, Mars prepares to oppose Jupiter, the planetary ruler of Sagittarius. Don't take chances or do anything risky. It is better to handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands mental focus and concentration. Gather with friends and let the good times roll this evening.

Explore the splendor of the winter landscape

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Perched in my window seat on a chilly, overcast day in early February, I gaze out at the snow-covered gardens and dream of spring. Another snowfall is predicted, as this winter season seems destined to linger indefinitely. While perpetual snow cover provides the ideal insulation blanket for our dormant plants, I long to see bare, soft earth and eagerly anticipate the opportunity to poke through leaf litter in search of emerging spring bulbs and perennials. Somehow I missed the results of that chubby, prognosticating rodent, Punxsutawney Phil, on Groundhog Day, but with the aid of modern technology, I was able to consult any number of web sites to confirm my suspicions that Chuck predicted that winter is likely to persist for many more weeks to come.

Despite the rather, gloomy weather outside, the winter landscape still serves as a source of inspiration and entertainment to the astute observer. Our dormant landscapes possess a beauty all their own with form, line and texture becoming the essential features. These elements form the basis for any successful garden design, and are often referred to as the "bones" of the landscape. This is the season to analyze these primary elements which serve as the foundation and structure of your garden and to note adjustments which should be made when warmer weather permits modification of these fundamental forms and lines.

Think of the winter landscape as a black and white photograph and imagine its components as sculptures. Each family of trees, for instance, has its own unique architecture. Dogwoods, cherries, magnolias, pears, crabapples, and weeping cultivars of birch, cherry, and katsura have extremely attractive silhouettes when "undressed." These elegant forms and distinctive lines tend to be disguised by lush foliage and vibrant colors with the coming of spring, summer and fall. It is rewarding to learn to recognize and appreciate each unique species without its foliage.

The winter landscape need not be all black and white, and for those of us who respond to color, thoughtful planting can dramatically enhance the winter palette. Fruit-bearing trees and shrubs add multi-seasonal color with the added bonus of attracting wildlife. By winter's end, many of these berries may be less dramatic or absent all together but holly, hawthorne, crabapple, pyrachantha, and juniper, to name a few, are worthy additions to any landscape.

Evergreens provide a dramatic contrast to the drab browns and grays of winter or a blanket of snow. Spruces, pines, hemlocks, firs, cedars, yews, junipers, and false cypress (Chamaecyparis spp.) are available in a wealth of sizes and color variations including blues, yellow, rusts and innumerable shades of green. When planted in small groups, evergreen trees and shrubs furnish blocks of color and form, even at a substantial distance, which can be used to frame views, create boundaries, or serve as backdrops for the handsome, white bark of birches or the branches of yellow- or red-twigged dogwoods.

Combinations of different colored evergreens including blues, yellows and copper interspersed with a diversity of greens, brighten the dormant landscape. Contrast of texture and color offers additional interest; repetition of these textures and colors produces rhythm by drawing your eye through the design. The smooth, shiny foliages of rhododendron, mountain laurel, holly, and leucothoe combined with the coarser textures of false cypress and arborvitae, or the fine needles of white pine and hemlock, create beauty in all seasons.

While our plants may lie dormant, many creatures remain active to provide gardeners with innumerable diversions and entertainment. Numerous bird species and small mammals can be observed foraging about the perennial borders and beneath the shrubbery in their quest for food. Dark-eyed juncos hop about as they jump to pluck seeds from the withered heads of asters and coneflowers protruding above the snow's icy crust. I mourn the departure of these plump, little, slate-colored snowbirds each spring when they fly northward to cooler climes.



Nearby, the brilliant rod plumage of a handsome cardinal is unmistakable as he cheerfully sings his springtime melody from the branches of a heavily budded dogwood. Tufted titmice and chick-a-deer flit back and forth to my window feeder, their perky, irresistible dispositions always producing a smile and lifting my spirits regardless of the weather. Equally endearing is the feisty Carolina wren with its distinctive white eyebrow and cocked tail feathers, exuberant song and persistent scolding of intruders.

Squirrels, bunnies and other furry visitors may not always be welcome as they raid my birdfeeders or munch on my plants and shrubs, but their presence seems more tolerable at this time of year. The crazy acrobatics of squirrels are undeniably entertaining, albeit, infuriating, and it is difficult, to detest a cuddly bunny in search of sustenance. Perhaps it is easier to endure their intrusion at this time of year because they can be ready observed. During the warmer months, their destructive tendencies always seems to be perpetrated under the cover of darkness.

The dormant winter landscape can be truly beautiful and entertaining. Take a few moments this week to observe and explore the splendor of our winter wonderland.

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TENTH ANNUAL WALK FOR HOSPICE SET FOR MARCH 3 with a dedicated group of volunteers sponsored by South Shore Hospital. On March 3 from 7 - 10 a.m. the annual walk steps off inside South Shore Plaza in Braintree. To be a part of this event you can: Volunteer to distribute promotional materials in your community; Walk with your family and friends,; Ask your school, religious organization or employer to support the walk; Make an individual or corporate donation. Call Kelly Greech at South Shore Health and Educational Foundation at (781)340-4061 for more information.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. **SwingDance America** on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18. **The Tender Land**, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. **Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities** on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. **Radio Classic Live** on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

NONNA'S COMEDY CRUISE TO NOWHERE!! is coming to the South Shore .This dinner/theatre is an expensive option (approx. $40) for having a great meal and see/take part in a show all at one location coming in January. For more information call (781)933-1363.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners. plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781)383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781)383-1980.



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The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Rita Brace. Her oil paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library throughout Februrary. The library is located at 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781 337-4513.

Wed. 7

The Hyannis Port Challengesm an 85-mile fundraising cycling event will take place on May 19. Best Buddies and Back Bay Bikes host an informational session at Best Buddies, 132 Adams Street, Suite 7, Newton. On Feb. 7 it will be held at Back Bay Bikes, 336 Newbury Street in Boston. All sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. and are free of charge. Spaces are limited so please call Beth MacNeil at (800)718-3536.

"The Belle of Amherst" coming to the Shubert Theatre in Boston from Feb. 7 - 11 starring five-time Tony Award winning actress Julie Harris depicting 19th century poet Emily Dickinson. Performances are Feb. 6 at 8 p.m., Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. (press night) Feb. 8 and 9 at 8 p.m., Feb. 10 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are available by calling (800)447-7400 or at The Theatre Box Office, 265 Tremont Street, Boston. Prices are $65, $55, $45.

National Tour of "Forbidden Broadway Cleans Up Its Act" will be kicking off its 2001 nationwide tour with 8 performances only at The Company Theatre in Norwell, running Fe. 7 - Feb. 11. Performances are Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. (press night), Feb. 8 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 9 at 8 p.m., Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 and $27 for Wed., Thurs., and Sun. Shows for Fri. and Sat. are $27 and $29. Tickets are available at the Company Theatre Box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling (781)871-2787

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South Shore Regional Center and the North River Sanctuary located at 2000 Main Street in Marshfield has on display through Feb. 24 the Sixth Annual Children's Nature Art Show with paintings by the students of Bettina Lesieur. Library, gift shop and art displays are open Mon. - Sat. from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Over 2 miles of trails are open from dawn to dusk Mon.. - Sun. $3 for adults and $2 for children. For more information call the Massachusetts Audubon Society at (781) 837-9400.

Duxbury Art Association presents the "Monotype Guild of New England" 4th annual juried exhibition sponsored by Deloitte Consulting. The exhibition is open through Feb. 26. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call DAA at (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

The North River Arts Society presents "Familiar Places and Open Spaces" with watercolors by Maureen K. Brookfield running through March 31. Held at the Ventress Library, Webster Street in Marshfield. Hours Mon. - Wed. 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thurs. 8

Buckley Performing Arts Center announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. The Odd Couple, performances on Feb. 8, 9 & 10 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

"All About Tea" with Judy McColgan of the Windsor Tea Shop in Hanover from 1 - 3 p.m. The program cost is $7 for SSNSC members and $10 for non members. Space is limited, to register call (781)659-2559.

South Shore Women's Business Network presents Business After Hours from 5 - 7 p.m. with members Barbara Case and Cheryl Brady, two financial advisors at Paine Webber. Having developed strong relationships and successfully increased their presence in the business community through SSBWN networking opportunities, they invite you to a night of engaging conversation and light refreshments. Tickets are $7 for members, $15 for non members. For more information call (781)749-8883. Pain Webber, 99 Derby Street in Hingham. For directions call (800)254-9927.

Northeast Human Resources Association will host a breakfast on "Beating the Odds" Successful recruitment function in today's dynamic market - from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph. the registration cost is $40 for members and $55 for non members. For more information visit www.nehra.com or call the office at (781) 235-2900.

Fri. 9

The Milton Players will present Brian Friel's Irish comedy-drama "Dancing at Lughnasa" directed by Pam McArdle on Feb, 9 and 10. The performance on Feb. 9 is at 8 p.m. with Cabaret seating. The performance on Feb. 10 will be held at 8 p.m. in traditional theater seating. Tickets are priced from $10 - $15 and all performances are held at the Milton Women's Club, 90 Reedsdale Road, (route 28) in Milton. For more information call (617)698-7469.

Concerts in the Country presented by the Art of Music Chamber Players at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. For more information call (781)837-2705.

Beatlemania Live at Lombardo's for a show that will include over 30 Beatle's songs and three full costume changes.

South Shore Singles Dance with DJ. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission: $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required. For more information call (781)331-0021.

Sat. 10

South Shore Conservatory Presents A Romantic Music Festival on Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. in The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. Pianist John Kramer speaks about 19th century Romantic music, followed by a convert featuring South Shore Conservatory faculty and students. Also held on Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. in Cox Hall at the Hingham campus at One Conservatory Drive. Pianist Mark Goodman plus students and faculty members. Admission is free.

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"Valentine Workshop" for children at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. From 1 - 3 p.m. for grades 1 - 3, from 3:30 - 5:30 fro grades 4 - 6. Create your own keepsake pierced and marbleized paper valentines. $25.

Valentines - The Perfect Time to Hunt for Treasure and Love celebrated with Plymouth County on Feb. 10 and 11. Romantic lodgings, fine dining and wonderful attractions bring passion and fun to a weekend getaway. For more information call the Plymouth County Convention and Visitors Bureau located at 32 Court Street in Plymouth, Tel. 508-747-3118.

The North River Arts Society presents Robin Lane in "Queen of Back Bay" - the life and times of Isabella Stewart Gardner at 7 p.m. at the North Community Church Parish House, 81 Old Main Street in Marshfield Hills Village. Reserve seats by calling (781)837-8091 ext. 4. $15 for members, $17 for non members.

The Javawocky is proud to present "Analog" with Christopher and Alison Cuff. Eclectic yet modern composers who perform original music. Also, Jean-Claude Sainte displaying his portraits entitled "Legends" at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Brockton, 325 West Elm Street, Brockton, Belmont Avenue Entrance. Doors open at 7:30, first set begins at 8 p.m. A $5 donation is requested.

Project Wild & Aquatic Wild Teacher Workshop at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. $40 non member and $34 for Mass. Audubon members. Located at Brookwood Farm. Co-sponsored with Habitat Institute for the Environment, Belmont.. For more information call (617) 333-0690.

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The North River Arts Society presents Robin Lane in "Queen of Back Bay" — the life and times of Isabella Stewart Gardner at 7 p.m. at the North Community Church Parish House, 81 Old Main Street in Marshfield Hills Village. Reserve seats by calling (781)837-8091 ext. 4. Tickets are $15 for members, $17 for non members.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra comes to Carver High School's auditorium for "Partner's in Time" on Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $13 - $25. For more information call (508)746-8008.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Dusk Deer Watch" at 4:45 p.m. . Please call ahead to register as space is limited. Join an MDC ranger on an evening walk. 1.5 hours. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a easy/moderate walk for 3 miles. A figure eight around Houghton's Pond and Tucker Hill. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617)698-1802.

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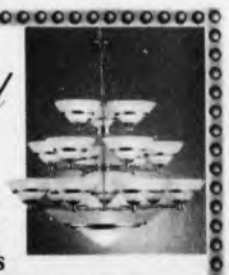
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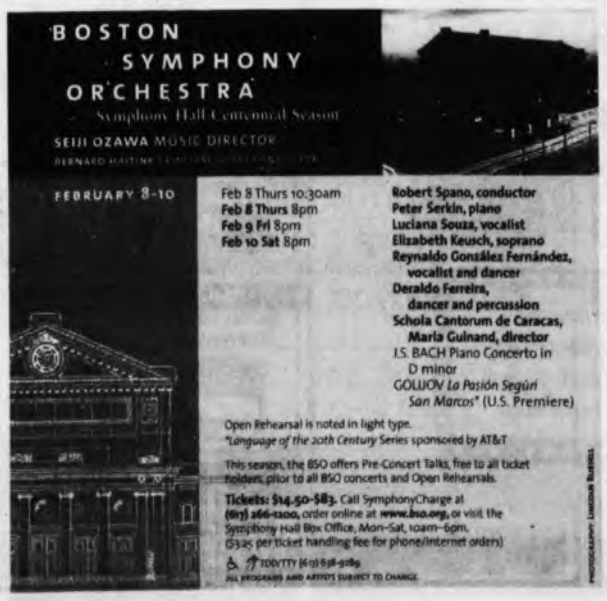


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Buckley Performing Arts Center announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus beginning with The Odd Couple. Performances are Feb. 8, 9 & 10 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

Talent search

HULL PERFORMING ARTS is pleased to announce auditions for Paul Rudnick's comedy "I Hate Hamlet" on Feb. 20 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Avenue, Hull. Cast: 3 men, 3 women. Performance dates are set for late April and early May. For more information and directions call (781)926-2406.

QUINCY DINNER THEATRE AUDITIONS for the Tony Award winning "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the Masonic Bldg., 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. Needed are: 4 men, 2 women ages 18 - 30. Singing, dancing, acting. Bring sheet music, accompanist provided. Show dates are late April into May. For more information call (781)843-5862.



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Sun. 11

"Cabin Fever Toy Show" presented by the Greater Boston Antique and Collectible organization will be held at the Holiday Inn in Dedham. Hours are 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Admission is $4.50 in the morning and $3.50 in the afternoon. Children 12 and under attended by an adult are free. For more information call (508)379-9733. The Dedham Holiday Inn is located on Route 1 at exit 15A off Route 128/95.

"Art Good Enough To Eat" will take place from noon - 4 p.m. at the Fuller Museum of Art. Activities and entertainment will focus on the combination of art and food as can in the exhibition "Women of Taste: A Collaboration of Quilt Artists and Chefs." This exhibition will be on display though Feb. 11, 2001. Admission for family day is $3 for adults and $2 for children. For more information call (508)588-6000 ext. 113.

Plymouth County Republican Assembly will meet at 4 p.m. at 64 Brockton Ave. in Scituate. For more information see website http://www.egroups.com/group/REPASSEMBLY.

"Singing Valentines" offered by the South Shore Men of Harmony on the 11th from noon - 9 p.m. and the 13th from 6 - 9 p.m. and the 14th from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. A Barbershop quartet will be sent in appropriate costume, to anywhere on the South Shore, search out the person, sing "Heart of My Heart I Love You" and "I Love You Truly", present a long-stemmed red rose, a lovely valentine card naming the sender and a Polaroid picture. Available for $40. Call Bill Fitzgerald at (781) 337-0227 or Rich Barry at (781) 659-7463 to order and further information.

Science Isn't Always Pretty with Keith Johnson at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. Seating is limited and tickets MUST be purchased in advance by calling the center at (781)659-2559 or visiting the center. Children will cheer as Johnson breaks the sound barrier, mix up a batch of green non-Newtonian fluid (AKA slime) and various other science experiments.

Judith Black to perform in Easton at the Family Entertainment Afternoon at Temple Chayai Shalom, Depot Street. Brunch and sing-along from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Performance from 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. and dessert and children's activities from 1:15 - 2 p.m. Tickets are $5 per person, $15 per family. Tickets may be purchased at the temple office or reserved by calling Susan Finn at (781)238-9077.

Fine Art Silent Auction and Sale to be held at the Red Parrot Restaurant, 1 Shore Drive, Hull, MA. Limited edition prints, one of a kind gifts, shell art, stationary, handmade jewelry, carved wooden decoys and more. Silent auction bids start at $50. Free admission and onsite parking. For more information call (800)413-1770.

Quincy Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Conductor Yoichi Udagawa will present the third concert of the 47th season at 2:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School. Single tickets available at the door are $12 for adults and $8 for students and seniors. Admission for a child 12 and under is $5. For more information call (617)773-2544.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Shivering Single Saunter" at 1 p.m. . Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Mix and mingle with other singles. Warm up to Mrs. and Mr. Right on this scenic stroll around the Blue Hills just in time for Valentine's Day. 1.5 hours. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Mon. 12

Poetry Open Mic at the Blackthorne Tavern, Route 138 in Easton. Tel. (508)238-9017. Valerie Lawson and Michael Brown . 8:30 p.m. is sign-up, 9 p.m. Open mike, 9:30 p.m. is feature.

The Massasoit Community College Theater Co. is holding open auditions for "Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Other Identities" by Anna Deavere Smith. Auditions held in the Buckley Performance Center, Fine Arts Bldg., Massasoit Community College, off route 27, Brockton, MA. Production dates are April 19 - 21, 2001. Needed are 10 - 12 men and women, ages 18 -60 plus. Actors of varied ethnic backgrounds are needed, particularly people of color. For more information Kate Caffrey at (508) 588-9100 ext. 1052.

Free Financial Aid Program at the Pembroke Library presented by College Funding Advisors, Inc. of Bedford, MA. This free program is scheduled from 6:45 - 8:45 in the meeting room. This is a workshop on the financial strategies available to you beforehand that can maximize your eligibility for financial aid and save you thousands of dollars in college costs yearly. All attendees receive a free confidential financial aid analysis.

Mothers and More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. The topic will be Family finances (with guest speaker) Please call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

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Tues. 13

South of Boston Knitters Guild will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. The February meeting will be on In-House workshops and problem solving. For more information call Barbara at (781) 834-8560.

South Shore Women's Business Network presents a Hingham Luncheon/Informal Networking from 12 - 1:30 p.m. at Siros on Main Street, 1217 Main Street. All attendees have an opportunity to introduce themselves and display literature and business cards. $20 for pre-registered members, $30 for pre-registered non members, $25 for members and $35 for non members at the door. For more information call (781)749-8883.

No time? Snapping at your Family? come hear speaker Joanne Sunshower, an enthusiastic participant in the movement for over 25 years. Join us in Hingham with AAUW at the Allerton House Meeting room, School House Road in Weymouth at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call (781) 331-0390.

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Wed. 14

"Nature as You've Never Seen It Before!" with Don Salvatore as part of the Water Watch Lecture Series 2001 presented by the NSRWA and SSNSS at 7 p.m. Held at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Jacob's Lane in Norwell. Admission is $3 for NSRWA and SSNSC members, $5 for the general public. For more information call (781)659-2559.

Fri. 16

South Shore Folk Music Club presents John Schindler, Chris Elliott and open mike at 8 p.m. at The Beal House, Route 106 Kingston. For more information call (781)871-1052. $4 members and $5 non members.

Snowy Owl Slide Show at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum at 7:30 p.m. $8 non member and $6 for Mass. Audubon members. Located at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Ave., Milton. For more information call (617) 333-0690.

Ongoing Events

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call for more information.

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"Two Chicks Painting" to be shown at the James Library, 24 West Street in Norwell from through March 1. Local artists Susan Davis and Corinne Capobasso. This show of oil paintings may be viewed during library hours which are Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (781)659-7100.

27th Annual Winter Juried Show is open to the public at no charge through April 29. Artists throughout New England vie for the opportunity to exhibit their work, which is selected by a distinguished panel of judges. The Duxbury Art Association located at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

Call to Artists for the Duxbury Art Association Winter Juried Show 2001. All mediums accepted. Show runs through April 29. Entry price is $10 per piece. Opening Gala reception and awards on Feb. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. Call (781)934-2731 ext. 15 for prospectus and more information.

Annual Members Show with the North River Arts Society through Feb. 17 (closed Mondays) from 1 - 3 p.m. at NRAS headquarters, The G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. Free admission will include hors d-oeuvres and a cash bar. Awards presentation at 8 p.m. For more information call Kate Norton at (781)837-8091.

Kingston Public Library presents "Animal World" exhibit throughout the month of February. The library is open from 1 - 8 p.m. on Mon., from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Wed., Fri., and Sat. For more information (781)585-0518.

Men's Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call (781)545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call (617)479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

The Hyannis Port Challengesm an 85-mile fundraising cycling event will take place on May 19. Best Buddies and Back Bay Bikes host an informational session at Best Buddies, 132 Adams Street, Suite 7, Newton. All sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. and are free of charge. Spaces are limited so please call Beth MacNeil at (800)718-3536.

The Fuller Museum of Art presents Craig Bloodgood , artist/inventor known for innovative furniture, sculpture and interactive games. The show will run through March 11. The show is entitled "Gravity, Biscuits and Rolling Balls: The Inventions of Craig Bloodgood." For more information call (508)588-6000. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Museum hours are Tues. - Sun. from 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults.

The Fuller Museum of Art annual exhibition of African American Contemporary artists presents Richard Yale Recent Works on Paper: Coming and Going/Palms. Show will run through March 25. For more information call (508)588-6000.

The South Shore Art Center presents "Faculty Odyssey" an Exhibition of South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists. The exhibit will run through Feb. 25. Gallery hours: Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. Dillon Gallery: "New Faces & Places" - Joan Brancale, Monica Denevan, Gloria Dufresne, Jack Foley, Wendy Hale, Pat O'Neill. Faculty Feature: Lis Koopman-Wyman. Located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information call (781)383-2787.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the pastel paintings of Marshfield Artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan through the end of February. Admission to the gallery is free and the hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781)749-7565 ext. 16.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "Beautiful people, horses and places" Recent charcoal drawings by Mary Felton through February 28. Held at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2721. Hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous is a twelve step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at (781)829-4278.



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The North River Arts Society presents "Familiar Places and Open Spaces" with watercolors by Maureen K. Brookfield through March 31. The exhibit is on display at the Ventress Library, Webster Street in Marshfield. Library hours are Mon. - Wed. 9:30 a.m. -9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call the NRAS at (781) 837-8091.

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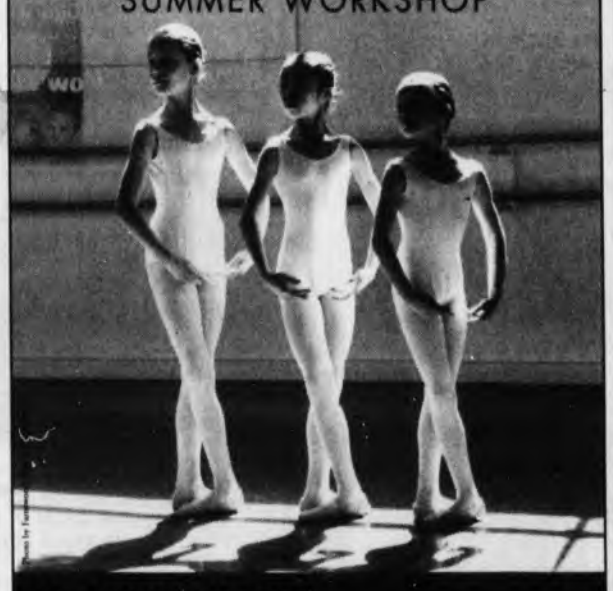
FEBRUARY VACATION ACTIVITIES AT THE KENDALL WHALING MUSEUM on Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. there will be a showing of the film "All the Brothers Were Valiant" on Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. "Meet the Whales," an introduction to the whales New Englanders know and love. The museum is open Tues. - Sat. and Mon. holidays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. Admission is $4, $3 for seniors and students and $2.50 for children 6 - 16. Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon. For more information please call (781)784-5642.
THIRD ANNUAL HINGHAM VACATION WEEK CONCERTS WITH KEVIN DEVINE on Feb. 20 from 9:30 - 111 a.m. at Loring Hall Theatre, 65 Main Street in Hingham. Tickets to benefit the Hingham Newcomers Club, are $5 in advance, $6 at the door. For advance tickets please call (781)741-5409.
CELEBRATE AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY with children's programs beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Smith Hall at the Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston. Reservations are not necessary. Space is available on a first come first served basis. For more information on any programs please call (617)929-1250. entitled: "Latino Voices" on Feb. 17 in the Enchanted Circle Theater. Feb. 19, "Celebrate" with the Bamidele Dancers and Drummers and on Feb. 21, "Hiawatha" the Catskill Puppet Theater, Inc. .
SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL CENTER AND THE NORTH RIVER SANCTUARY located at 2000 Main Street in Marshfield offers the following: Preschool Nature Stories every third Friday from 9 - 10:15 for ages 3 - 5. There will be a short nature outing related. Come prepared $3/$5 non member. Protecting the Nature of Massachusetts, Disappearing Grassland Habitats on Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m. Learn about the birds that depend on this specific habitat. $5/$7 non members. Connecting with our open space, Feb. 17 from 1 - 3 p.m., Night Sky in the Winter on Feb. 20 from 7- 8:30 p.m. at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary. $3/$5 non member. School Vacation Week Programs include Adventures in Winter from Feb. 21 - 23 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Family Fun Days on Feb. 24 from 1:30 - 4 p.m. For more information please call the Massachusetts Audubon Society at (781)837-9400.

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VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S DAFFODIL DAYS Join and help with administrative tasks in the office or help deliver or sell daffodils, the Society's flower of hope during the week of March 26. You will be helping to raise vital funds for the Society's patient services, education and research programs. Please call your local American Cancer Society at (508)584-9600.
OPEN HOUSE FOR POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS on March 1, the Fuller Museum of Art's Education Dept. will be hosting an open house and reception for individuals interested in learning more about the FMA's Docent Program. Drop in between 12 and 2 p.m. and again at 4 -6 p.m. to meet current Docents. The FMA Docents are comprised of men and women from a wide variety of backgrounds who share the similar love of education and they provide guided tours for the thousands of visitors that come to the museum. General volunteering hours are from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information call Dawn Low, Director of Education at (508)588-6000 ext. 113.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SPREAD THE WORD FOR COHASSET MS WALK The goal this year is to recruit 11,000 walkers, one for each person with MS and to raise $1.5 million. The MS walk 2001 takes place in 22 locations, March 31, April 1 & 7, and May 5 & 12. To walk for a cure, call 1-800-493-9255.
BECOME A BIG SISTER offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones at the Boston office. For more information call (617)236-8060 and visit www.bigsister.org.
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Canine Connections is a non profit organization. Funded only by donations from the public, we network with many area shelters to find homes for the animals that do not have a family to care for them. Our 24 hour hotline is 781-440-0477. We are always in need of donations, office supplies and volunteers. Our mailing address is 25 East Hoyle Street #225, Norwood, Ma 02062. email AdoptaDog@aol.com, www.geocities.com/Heartland/Prairie/3228.

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Living

Quick Flicks

By David Brudnoy (D.B.) and Ed Symkis(E.S.)

Guide to the Stars

A Great
B Good
C All Right
D Poor
F Dreadful

New Releases

THE WEDDING PLANNER (PG-13) The title character (Jennifer Lopez) somehow, despite her beauty, can't find true love, but when she meets a handsome doctor (Matthew McConaughey) she falls. He, however, is engaged, to one of our heroine's clients! Oh what to do? Some cute stuff mired in sugar overdose, with an ambling plot line, a flat screenplay and some embarrassing lapses. (D.B.) **C**

Ongoing

BEFORE NIGHT FALLS (R) An interpretation of Cuban writer Reinaldo Arenas (Javier Bardem, in a superb performance), persecuted for his homosexuality and books in Castro's people's paradise, from childhood to his liberation, albeit not a happy one, in New York. With Sean Penn and Johnny Depp in small parts, and Olivier Martinez as his companion. (D.B.) **B**

CAST AWAY (PG-13) Tom Hanks triumphs as a FedEx executive whose plane crashes, landing him on a Fiji island, all alone, for a long time, though his native intelligence and a bunch of washed-ashore FedEx packages enable him to survive. Will he live to reunite with his sweetie (Helen Hunt)? A bravura performance in a gutsy, sober film. (D.B.) **A-**

CHOCOLAT (PG) A lovely drifter) Juliette Binoche) blows into a French provincial town in the late 1950s, with her daughter and recipes for sensually arousing chocolates. She tames a grouchy crone (Judi Dench), meets an Irish vagabond (Johnny Depp), rescues an abused woman (Lena Olin), but angers the town boss (Alfred Molina). Sugary, retro, sweet. (D.B.) **B-**

CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON (PG-13) Even with the charmless Chow Yun Fat, this majestically photographed film, featuring stupendous martial arts feats (plus some wonderful special effects) excels. Michelle Yeoh, Zhang Ziyi and Change Chen co-star, in a tale of old China, a valuable, honored sword, love and vengeance. Remarkable. (D.B.) **A-**

THE FAMILY MAN (PG-13) When wealthy, single, popular, but empty-hearted New Yorker Nicolas Cage wakes up one morning to find that everything has changed — he's now married, with kids, living in the burbs — he freaks. But he somehow adjusts to working in a tire store instead of a sleek Manhattan office building. And he begins to think that maybe married life with Tea Leoni is pretty darn good. A sweet story with a good supply of laughs. (E.S.) **B**

FINDING FORRESTER (PG-13) A bright black boy (Rob Brown) is given a prep school scholarship (in part — of course; this is a movie, after all — to play basketball), and he encounters a reclusive, brilliant one-book writer (Sean Connery), who mentors him. The cliches pile up faster than chads in Florida, but the acting is persuasive. (D.B.) **B-**

THE GIFT (R) A young widow (Cate Blanchett) has psychic powers and encounters the ire of the local psychotic thug (Keanu Reeves), helps the local troubled lad (Giovanni Ribisi), tries to aid others in need (among them Hillary Swank) and is brought in to help figure out who murdered the local honey (Katie Holmes). Fine acting, in a film that sometimes goes over the top. (D.B.) **B-**

MALENA (R) An Italian 13-year-old (Giuseppe Sulfaro) in 1941 gets a yen for the town widow (Monica Bellucci), who is gorgeous and unimpressed by the town's conservatism. The war brings terrible changes to her life, as he grows and sees life as it is. Humorous and poignant, in turns, successfully portraying an era and the process of maturation. (D.B.) **B**

O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU? (PG-13) The Coen brothers' latest, with George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson as Depression-era escaped criminals eluding cops, con men (John Goodman), Baby-Face Nelson (Michael Badalucco), and encountering Mississippi Governor Pappy O'Daniel (Charles Durning) and Ku Klux Klansmen. Too precious for words and a bit heavy-handed, but amusing and harmless. (D.B.) **B-**

THE PLEDGE (R) Sean Penn's third directorial venture is a stunning portrait of a just retired cop (Jack Nicholson, superb), hell-bent on finding the killer of a small girl. With Robin Wright Penn, as a battered mother, and several fine performers in cameos, the movie, though over-long and awkwardly ended, enhances ambience, characterization and a propelling story line. (D.B.) **A-**

QUILLS (R) The last days of the Marquis de Sade (Geoffrey Rush) in an asylum, given a bluntly grotesque film treatment. With Kate Winslet as a naïve servant, Joaquin Phoenix as a tormented priest and Michael Caine as a sadistic doctor, the cast does what can be done with an over-the-top tale. The fundamental question — how may art best be served? — is asked; its answer comes midst sometimes unspeakable vignettes. (D.B.) **B**

SAVE THE LAST DANCE (PG-13) A suburban white girl (Julia Stiles), transferred to a Chicago inner city school, finds rhythm and a new will to dance owing to a new black friend (Sean Patrick Thomas). The ambience of a nearly all-black school is well presented, though the characterizations repeatedly veer toward caricature. A pleasant fantasy of interracial romance wedded to a melodrama. (D.B.) **C+**



Julia Stiles and Sean Patrick Thomas talk between dances in "Save the Last Dance."

SHADOW OF THE VAMPIRE (R) A semi-fantasy about what F.W. Murnau went through creating "Nosferatu," his vampire classic. With John Malkovich as the director and Willem Dafoe as Max Schreck, the title character, the movie is atmosphere-heavy and goes intriguingly bonkers suggesting that Schreck was not an actor but a real life (so to speak) vampire. An oddity but at times a chillingly engaging one. (D.B.) **B+**

SNATCH (R) Writer-director Guy Ritchie's follow-up to "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" has many similar plot structures as it predecessor. But this tale, about diamond thieves and bookies, not drug dealers and card sharks, is both darker and funnier and wilder. Brad Pitt speaks unintelligibly, big Vinnie Jones ("Lock, Stock") is inspiringly fearsome, the violence is plentiful but not gross, a dog steals away every scene he's in. (E.S.) **B+**



Dennis Farina looks at a gem of a gem in "Snatch."

STATE AND MAIN (R) A movie company begins filming in a small Vermont town. The director (William H. Macy) suffers a temperamental female lead (Sarah Jessica Parker), a male lead (Alec Baldwin) with a taste for 14-year-old girls, a wistful writer (Philip Seymour Hoffman) and assorted politicians with varying agendas. Madcap and at times hilarious. (D.B.) **B**

THIRTEEN DAYS (PG-13) The Cuban missile crisis, in October of 1962, seen from the White House, with Kenny O'Donnell (Kevin Costner, sporting an awful Boston accent), shown as more important than he was. Bruce Greenwood excels as JFK, with Steven Culp as Bobby, absent the viciousness, everyone glum and determined. The historical outlines ring true in a powerful, adult drama. (D.B.) **B+**



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CUDDLE COMFORT

Jane Greenip comforts her daughter Laurie during a raucous session of Gym Dandy at the South Shore Community Center. For more photos, see page 16.

Confusion comes amid Dasey departure from T

Cohasset wonders where Greenbush mitigation stands

By Rick Collins
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Much like the old adage about New England weather, if you don't like the status of the town's mitigation talks with the MBTA, just wait a minute.

In a 72-hour span, train talks involved information, negotiation, ultimatum, agitation and contradiction.

Going into last night's selectmen's meeting, where the board was scheduled to discuss the proposed Greenbush mitigation deal, it was uncertain exactly where the town stood with the MBTA. All that was certain was that the board would have a lot of talk about.

Last Wednesday, a day after meeting with abutters, Senior Project Coordinator Kevin Dasey stunned the town by imposing a Feb. 21 deadline to sign the deal or face losing part of its mitigation package. He followed up the ultimatum telling a crowd in Weymouth on Thursday that the MBTA was no longer considering a cut and cover tunnel through Weymouth Landing. However, 30 minutes later, Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan directly refuted that claim. The next day, the MBTA announced Dasey had resigned, but insisted it had nothing to do with what had just happened.

"I think he was really a breath of fresh air. I think the progress this town has made is to a great extent because of him."
— Thomas Gruber, mitigation committee chairman

John Carlisle, the spokesman for the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, which oversees the Greenbush talks and answers to Secretary Sullivan's office, had said on Thursday that the EOTC had authorized the deadline because it wanted to see some closure.

But on Monday, Carlisle said the office didn't know Dasey was going to give Cohasset and ultimatum, and "don't know why he did."

According to Carlisle, Dasey had sent in his letter of resignation two

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Schools, selectmen spar over building cleanliness

By Rick Collins
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What started out as a routine budget presentation between the School Committee and selectmen Tuesday dissolved into a heated discussion over the cleanliness of the town's schools with fingers being pointed back and forth across the table.

Apparently triggering the debate were results from a recent walk-through of the town's schools at which health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik reported a number of health and cleanliness concerns such as dirty tables in the cafeteria, low water pressure in bubblers, and broken toilets, leaking urinals, soap-less dispensers and poor ventilation in school bathrooms. Although the three memoranda – one for each school – were not referenced in the discussion, copies were included in this week's selectmen's correspondence.

"We have a $10 million school budget and we can't keep the schools clean. I think we need to look at what we're spending money on."
— Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan

"While the restrooms were not necessarily dirty, better cleaning by custodial staff is in order," Godzik said about the middle-high school.

In the Osgood report, Godzik said there was not enough water pressure in the bubblers to produce a water stream above the guard.

"These should be adjusted to eliminate the present likelihood of children's mouths touching the guard," he stated. "This is an excellent vehicle for the spread of acute upper respiratory infections as well as gastroenteritis."

The tenor of the joint meeting changed after a presentation of the proposed $10.175 million school budget for fiscal year 2002, when Selectman Ronnie McMorris chastised the School Committee for not outsourcing evening custodial duties.

She said in exchange for the town voting to build a new Osgood School, renovate the Deer Hill and middle/high school, and to transfer maintenance duties from the schools

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Cohasset Mariner wins top honors

Takes home three awards

For the third straight year editor Mary Ford and the Cohasset Mariner editorial team were nominated in the General Excellence category by the New England Press Association. Again this year, the paper took First Place, as it did two years ago.

The judges said, "Great stories, photos, layout, and everything else anyone would want in a paper."

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— contest judges

Ford's editorial team consists of staff reporter Rick Collins, photographers Alan Chapman and Susan Haney, and graphic designer Cheryl O'Brien.

Community Newspaper Company/South that includes the Cohasset Mariner took home 20 awards, six of them for first place, at the annual New England Press Association awards banquet held Saturday at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston.

The Cohasset Mariner also won second place in the Social Issues Feature Story category for a multi-article package on drug problems on the South Shore written by Chris Szechenyi, Seth Jacobson and Jeanne Rideout.

Judges also recognized the Cohasset Mariner's local election coverage with a third-place award. "Excellent stories, presentation of the candidates and information regarding election results," the judges wrote. "Question of the Week keeps the interest."

The awards were presented for excellence in reporting, writing, design and photography.

"This is a real tribute to the hard work of our local journalists," said Mark Skala, editor in chief for CNC/South. "We are fortunate to cover some unique and dynamic communities and the awards are an acknowledgement of the work of so many people. As one judge noted in comments "(the entry) shows the power of team work in a new way.' I couldn't agree more."

Competition was at an all-time record this year, with more than

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Chimney fire forces Red Lion evacuation

By Rick Collins
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A cold day and a big fire in an improperly lined fireplace combined to force 150 Red Lion Inn patrons to leave the restaurant's Sunday brunch when a fire broke out behind the fireplace.

According to Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, "a piece of construction" behind the restaurant's main fireplace and chimney caught fire Sunday and burned for a while until firefighters were able to break through the wall and locate the fire.

The fire department was called shortly before 2 p.m. when the first and second floors filled with a light smoke.

"I was told by some staff that happens when the main fire place was used," Lincoln said. He said the restaurant usually opens up windows to help with the ventilation of the smoke. However when that failed to air out the building, Lincoln said he knew it was "something more serious" and ordered the restaurant evacuated.

Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide said about 150 people were in the restaurant at the time, and most left happy despite the fire. "They were just finishing dessert so they were able to get away without paying," he joked.

Michael Spellman, the Mariner's sports editor, was near

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Cohasset firefighter Billy Litchfield stands outside the Red Lion Inn after Sunday's fire.

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Icing causes slippery situation

Money sought for Highland Avenue catch basin

By Rick Collins
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Roger Hill hopes next winter he won't be sliding through the Highland Avenue and Robert Jason Road intersection. The Highland Avenue resident is one of 10 residents that have signed a citizen's petition for Town Meeting asking the town to appropriate $4,500 to construct a catch basin on the sloped street, so that its perennial ice problem can be resolved.

Highland Avenue goes up the granite ledge adjacent to the Town Common, and past St. Stephen's and because of its impermeable ground, any water from the hill area, runs down the street and into the intersection, icing up in the winter.

"There's a catch basin on the down-hill side, but the water comes down the hill and crosses the street and then into the catch basin," said Hill. "The end of the street is covered in ice. I've slid out into the intersection too many times."

"The end of the street is covered in ice. I've slid out into the intersection too many times."
— Roger Hill, 19A Highland Ave.

The street, which was torn up in the past year to install sewer pipes and new water lines, remains without a final paving job, which has made the problem worse.

"The whole street is a sheet of ice," Hill said.

Adding to the problem, says Building Commissioner Robert Egan, is that the run-off is finding its way into a Highland Avenue resident's basement. "She has no choice but to pump it out," he said.

"[Freezing on Highland Avenue] has been a problem for years," Egan continued. "In the 21st century we should be able to pop in a catch basin every now and then."

Hill also said the ice problem hinders the ability of the town Department of Public Works trucks to climb the road and plow.

Egan said one of the contractors involved with the sewer project was asked to provide a price to install the catch basin, however called the figurre, "way out of line. It was too much to even consider."

DPW Superintendent Harold Litchfield said it would cost $4,500 for the town to do the work.

The annual Town Meeting will be held March 31, at 10 a.m., at the Cohasset Middle/High School Sullivan Gymnasium.

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COPS grant

Selectmen voted unanimously Tuesday night to accept the federal COPS grant that will give the town $75,000 over the next three years to partially fund the hiring of a new police officer.

The hiring, which will take place over the next few months, will bring the number of officers in town to 18. The grant covers 75 percent of the officer's first-year salary, leaving $18,000 for the town to cover.

As a result, Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen that he had put off the purchase of a new police cruiser until a special fall Town Meeting, freeing up money for the town to cover the new hire. Each year the town budgets for two new cruisers at a cost of $26,000 a piece.

Osgood arts grant

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) and Debra Kennedy, chairman of the Cohasset Cultural Council, announced a grant of $250 has been awarded to the James Osgood School by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The grant is part of the council's Event and Residency Program, which support short- and long-term residencies of artists in schools.

The grant will provide for a performance of songs and personal stories about immigration throughout history by Promised Land for second- and third-grade students.

"This grant enables children and teachers to participate in creative, hands-on learning situations with artists who have years of experience in school settings," Hedlund said. These dollars are critical to schools that are working to meet education reform requirements, and that understand the importance of arts in the curriculum."

The Massachusetts Cultural Council has awarded 133 Event & Residency grants totaling $212,312 across the state for projects to occur during spring, 2001.

Hedlund said the Education Reform Act of 1993 includes the arts as one of seven core subjects for Massachusetts schools. The Board of Education has approved an Arts Curriculum Framework providing school districts with guidance on how to integrate the arts into the classroom and the Event and Residency Program offers an important resource.

Playground positions

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting applications for playground program counselor positions for their seven-week summer program for children ages 31/2 through 12. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with demonstrated experience working with children in camp, sports or organizational environments.

Those interested in working with children in the day camp structured program, call the Recreation Department office at (781) 383-4109 for further information and an application form or fax your résumé to (781) 383-1561.

Summer jobs

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund announced that this year's recruitment program for summer positions within the Department of Environmental Management and the Metropolitan District Commission is underway.

Anyone interested in applying for these seasonal positions should contact Sandra Dalton at the District office located at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth, MA 02191. (781) 340-9866 to obtain a referral form.

The seasonal positions that are available include lifeguards, clerks, summer workers and laborers for MDC and DEM swimming pools, campgrounds and picnic/swimming areas.

To ensure that these facilities are staffed and seasonal personnel are adequately trained, completed forms must be received before Friday, March 30.

Hedlund hours

The February office hours for state Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall Thursday, Feb. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. in the 2A vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth, that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator. The telephone number is (781) 340-9866.

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Chimney fire forces Red Lion evacuation

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the scene at the time of the fire and saw white smoke "pouring pretty heavily out of the upper story window."

Ordelheide told Spellman, "We were lucky to catch it in time, it could have been a lot worse." Ordelheide described the fire department's response as "great."

Lincoln said he had the hoses on stand-by, and once the location of the fire was discovered, it was quickly put out. Fire apparatus from Hull and Scituate were also called to the scene to help out.

The Red Lion Inn is in the final stages of a $6 million renovation and expansion. The fireplace in the main dining room of the nearly 300-year old building is hundreds of years old, said Ordelheide. During the renovations, all the fireplaces were relined, but "apparently it wasn't done properly," he said.

Town Building Inspector Robert Egan said the only damage to the building was to the areas cut out to reach the fire. He said because of the faulty lining job, the fire was "going to happen sometime."

The restaurant and hotel were closed Monday, but were scheduled to be open by Valentine's Day.



STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Firefighters broke through the sheet-rock walls behind the fireplaces to put out the fire.



Two fireplaces (back to back) at the Red Lion Inn where the fire started on Sunday.

Selectmen updated on town history book

'Living' website is possible

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset Town History Committee, in the midst of writing the third volume of town history, appeared before selectmen last week to update the board on its progress, and propose a new town history website.

Committee chairman Wigmore Pierson, and members Jackie Dormitzer, Lou Harvey, Julia Gleason and Louis Eaton, told the board that the next volume, being penned by Dormitzer, should be ready in the summer of 2002.

Dormitzer said she has almost finished the 1980's and should begin work on the 1990's this fall. She also is looking for old photographs of the town taken in the last 50 years that "say something about Cohasset."

The book, which will be available to the public upon completion, was also supposed to be made available on CD-ROM for computers. However Harvey warned the board that the CD's could prove to be obsolete 10 years down the road, much like 5-1/2 inch floppy disks are now.

Instead, Harvey suggested the town sponsor an official town history website. He said the website would be a "living, breathing" document that could be periodically updated and edited. However, because it is a "living, breathing" thing, the town would have to commit money annually for its upkeep. Harvey told the board it would probably be a minimum of $300 to keep the page online and updated. The committee has already reserved the webpage name www.cohasset history.com

Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan and Selectman Merle Brown suggested high school technology classes could be utilized to maintain the site. Callahan said he recently visited a small town in Pennsylvania's website that was maintained by high school students and called it "elaborate."

The board is looking into forming a committee to further investigate the idea.

At the start of the meeting, Town Manager Mark Haddad reminded the committee and Pierson that the meeting room has a new camera system, including one behind the selectmen that look out into the audience.

"Have you ever been on camera before, Wig?" Haddad asked Pierson, the former host of the cable television talk show "Pierson to Person" that ran on local cable-TV for ten years.

"He has more time on TV than anyone else in the room," joked Eaton.

Water resources public meeting

The Hingham Water Resources Task Force will hold a public meeting Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

At that time, GZA, a preeminent environmental consulting firm, will present its executive summary of the Weir River watershed, and Samantha Woods of the Weir River Watershed Association will also make a presentation.

The water resources task force will present its conclusions and recommendations as well.

A key concern is whether or not the water supply is adequate to meet the demands of the next decade as well as those posed by new developments.

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The towns of Hull, Norwell and Cohasset have also been invited to attend.

Volunteers wanted to assist CMHS prepare for evaluation

Cohasset Middle High School is looking for parent and community volunteers to assist teachers, administrators, support staff, and students prepare for the formal evaluation process it will go through in the fall of 2002.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges requires its member schools to undergo a self-study and formal evaluation at least once every ten years to receive accreditation. Accordingly, the Cohasset School Committee has set aside some time for the professional staff to begin and complete this work. Students in grades 7-12 will be dismissed early (11:20 a.m.) on the following days: Feb. 8, March 13 and April 11. There will be no school - all day - for students (K-12) on May 7 while the professional staff continues its work. In addition, there will be approximately 10 dates during the 2001-2002 school year when students again will be dismissed early so that the staff can continue this work.

Parents and community members who are interested in assisting with this self-study process and are available to serve on one of several subcommittees (such as Curriculum, Instruction, Leadership and Organization, Community Resources, etc.) on the dates and times mentioned above, should please contact the high school (383-6107) and leave your name at your earliest convenience. Mrs. Marie Schleiff and Dr. Michael Gill, co-chairs of the Steering Committee, will coordinate the committee assignments.

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Schools approve $10.1M budget, find extra $180K

By Rick Collins
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Last Thursday was a good day for the Cohasset Public School system.

Not only did the school committee approve a $10.175 million fiscal year 2002 budget, that will create five new teacher positions, increase music and art instruction, and bring back the varsity softball program — but it also announced it was able to reallocate $180,000 from this year's budget.

Budget approval came as no surprise to those in attendance, but the announcement that the committee had been given the green light to reallocate $180,000 in this year's budget did.

By the way of background, school officials announced last month that though the fiscal year 2002 budget number would increase $600,000 over the fiscal year 2001 number — the schools would also be able to reallocate an additional $180,000 that had been built into the budget for maintenance next year. The town Department of Public Works took over maintenance at the schools last summer, originally with the thought the school department would transfer its maintenance line item to the DPW budget. However, because the DPW had enough money to fund the maintenance, Town Manager Mark Haddad said the schools would be allowed to keep the money in the budget and could reallocate it to other areas.

"We've been under-funded for years and could really use this."

— Mark DeGiacomo, school committee

As it turns out, said school committee member Mark DeGiacomo, the schools have that same $180,000 maintenance line item in this year's budget and it had gone unused. The school department asked Haddad if it would be allowed to reallocate the money to other areas this year.

"We've been under-funded for years and could really use this," DeGiacomo said he told Haddad.

"And he kindly said 'yes'," added committee member Stephanie Noble.

As a result, Supt. Edward Malvey announced a spending plan for the majority of the money. Because long-time secretary Debbie Greenwood is retiring this summer, Malvey hopes to bring a replacement on board early to ease the transition, at a cost of $7,700. He also looked to spend $9,300 on further curriculum development for the Deer Hill and Osgood Schools.

But perhaps most importantly, he said the town's three schools would be given nearly $90,000 to purchase supplies and new books.

Noble praised the decision to put such a large amount of money into supplies. "I hear there's a rumor of new spelling books," she said half-jokingly.

"We're really going to be in good shape," DeGiacomo said. He said schools sometimes have to have parents buy and send in supplies such as paper, and that "a school system like this shouldn't have to stoop to these solutions."

Also included in the spending plan was to send $50,000 back to the town.

Committee Chairman Pat Martin, Noble and DeGiacomo all thought sending the money back would be a "good-faith move" thanking the town for its support. Noble said "Haddad has been so generous it's time we reciprocate."

Haddad appreciated the kind words, but said, unfortunately it wasn't him just being nice, the $180,000 was given to the schools by the town to spend, thus it's rightfully theirs to do what they want. "I have no control over the school committee," he said. "Town Meeting gave them the right to spend that money."

As for the fiscal year 2002 budget, Malvey said by starting budget discussions in November, instead of at the beginning of the calendar year, the "process worked very well."

Malvey broke the budget down to the committee and those in attendance using a slew of charts and graphs. He said 81 percent of the $10.175 million budget goes to pay for salaries, and 23 percent of the total budget goes to fund special education.

DeGiacomo said the new budget reflects the fact that 50 new students have entered the system over the past two years, and that this was the first budget that "accounted for the growth."

He added, "There has really been a cooperative effort with the town manager and the school committee. [The budget increase of] $600,000 is a number we agreed to, that let us put in what we thought was necessary."

Selectmen spar over school cleanliness

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to the town Department of Public Works — the schools promised they would hire a cleaning service.

"You said you would go from custodians to a cleaning service. This year money isn't an issue. Why aren't you putting [the cleaning duties] out to a service?" she asked.

The school department is being allowed to keep the $180,000 that had been earmarked for maintenance in both this year's and next year's budgets, and reallocate it throughout the school budget. *(see related story)* McMorris suggested that some of the $180,000 should have been applied to the hiring of a cleaning service.

Both school committee chairman Pat Martin and selectman Merle Brown explained that the school department had decided to outsource cleaning at the new Osgood School first, gauge how that process goes, and then do the same for the other two schools.

Martin said the schools never promised to switch to a cleaning service, but to improve the upkeep of the buildings. Last year Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey put the cleaning contract out for bid, but the cheapest bid came back at $50,000 higher than had been budgeted. The schools decided to start at the two-year old Osgood, and then phase in the cleaning service for the other schools. The school department has budgeted for an additional part-time custodian at the middle/high school, and $26,000 for cleaning services next year.

"We are still at the point where we are dealing with the issues," Martin said.

Brown said he agreed with the school committee to not rush into fully outsourcing the custodial duties. "It's like a baby. At the start you don't walk, you crawl," he said. "You start at the Osgood and find out what the issues are."

McMorris wasn't satisfied and said she believes the schools are putting students health "at risk" by not improving the quality of the cleaning.

But Malvey quickly defended the condition of the schools.

"We need to stop this hysteria [that the schools are dirty]," he said. "I've had one person complain to me, and everything else has been heard second and third person."

He added that he has authorized overtime and hired a cleaning service to come into the schools over February and April vacations. Malvey also said tight school budget's over the past two years, including in 1999 when only the smallest of three override ballot questions passed, has helped contribute to the lack of proper custodial staff. "We need the town to be patient and give us what we need," he said.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the school department "keeps coming up with excuses" and that he doesn't care who cleans the schools as long as it gets done.

Selectman Chairman Thomas Callahan criticized Malvey for saying it was the town's fault for not passing a larger override in 1999.

Malvey then accused both Callahan and McMorris of using the issue for "political grandstanding," and said, "We have a plan. You should trust us and give us a few months. I have nothing else to say."

Callahan, who is up for reelection this year, and McMorris both vociferously objected to the grandstanding charge. Callahan said "We have a $10.5 million school budget and we can't keep the schools clean. I think we need to look at what we're spending money on."

He specifically questioned the need for a full-time school department business manager, which is part of the proposed school budget.

School committee member Stephanie Noble told the board that the school departments of Dover-Sherborne, East Longmeadow, Harvard, Scituate and Nantucket — chosen because of the similar socio-economic make-up and population as Cohasset — all have full-time business managers.

Sullivan said a full-time business manager would improve the efficiency of the school department.

Malvey said a 1997 audit of the department recommended a full-time business manager.

The acrimonious discussion came to an end after 45 minutes. Selectmen aren't able to veto or approve any part of the school budget. The budget will be approved as part of the general town operating budget at the annual Town Meeting on March 31.

Cohasset Mariner wins top honors

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5,000 entries submitted from daily and weekly newspapers throughout New England.

The Marshfield Mariner won a third-place award in the distinguished General Excellence category in the Weekly B division. The Weymouth News also earned an honorable mention in that category. Top honors for Cohasset were in the Weekly A circulation division.

For the second year in a row editor Cathy Conley earned the esteemed First Place award for editorial writer for the Braintree Forum.

The editorial department's South Shore package on abandoned toxic sites headed up by Chris Szechenyi with contributions from so many people, won a First Place award for environmental reporting. The judges called it "a clear cut winner. Wow. Good solid reporting; photography and graphics make this story real."

Highlights of the other awards include:

- General News: First Place, Alice Coyle, Scituate Mariner
- Sports Section: First Place, Abington-Rockland Mariner
- Color Photo: First Place, Alan Chapman, Scituate Mariner
- Editorial pages: Second Place, Weymouth News
- Sports Story: Second Place, Liz Lawrence, Scituate Mariner
- Headline writing: Second Place, Marshfield Mariner
- Special Award: Second Place, Seth Jacobson, Norwell Mariner
- Color Photo: Second Place, Chris Bernstein, Pembroke Mariner
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Little effect on value of houses that abut rail line

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A quick survey of other towns affected by the recent restoration of the Old Colony commuter rail line revealed that properties, which directly abut the right-of-way, have seen just a 10 percent reduction in their assessed value, and in some cases, no change in value at all.

Deputy Assessor Cheryl Pooler called the Board of Assessors of Kingston, Abington, Plympton, Halifax and Whitman — all towns that are along the Plymouth branch of the Old Colony line. What she found out was that only two of the towns had felt the need to adjust property assessments — Kingston and Plympton.

"The consensus of the assessors was that they felt they wanted to show there could be an effect [on property assessments along the right-of-way] so they made a slight adjustment," Pooler said. "But after the train was up and running, they really didn't see any difference."

In fact in Abington, town assessors had originally reduced abutters property assessments by 10 percent but the state Department of Revenue made the board reverse the adjustment because sales hadn't shown it necessary.

"The consensus of the assessors was that they felt they wanted to show there could be an effect so they made a slight adjustment. But after the train was up and running, they really didn't see any difference."

— Cheryl Pooler, Cohasset deputy assessor

One property in Halifax was adjusted because the train station encroached on the property, and Whitman made no changes at all. Kingston's adjustment was "on average" 10 percent, said that town's assessor, Jim Judge. In Plympton, only commercial properties received a 10 percent abatement, with 5 percent adjustments given to houses within 100 feet.

Abutter concerns about a decrease in property values if the Greenbush commuter rail does become a reality, sparked Cohasset selectmen to ask Pooler to conduct the survey.

Property owners can seek abatements if they feel their house has been overvalued. A property's assessed value is what its property taxes are based on. A property's assessed value does not increase if it is sold at a higher price. Property value only changes during a revaluation year when the entire town is reassessed.

Pooler acknowledged the housing markets in the towns surveyed doesn't compare with the Cohasset market, but said nonetheless, there doesn't appear to be signs of "plummeting" property values. She said in fact the opposite was happening and most towns had experienced an increase in housing demand. There was no evidence that the housing boom didn't also extend to abutting houses.

She said though the results come from a "little quick survey," it is available for residents to look at. She also welcomes any questions residents, especially abutters, may have.

Confusion comes amid Dasey departure from T

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weeks ago and had planned for Friday, Feb. 9 to be his last day.

As of Monday, the state's official stance on the ultimatum was that Cohasset would not be held to the deadline.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said Sullivan did not back the deadline in Cohasset.

"He said the town is not under that deadline, and that he would like to get a deal done," Hedlund said. Interestingly, Hedlund reported last Thursday that Sullivan told him the deadline doesn't mean all mitigation items will come off the list, just that "there will be no guarantee they will stay" — meaning Cohasset would be held to some sort of deadline.

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo reiterated that the "21st is not a hard and fast deadline. We will continue to work with the town to get this done. At this point, everything remains on the table. We have no plans to remove anything in no agreement is reached."

All of this leaves Cohasset wondering where it goes next.

Until last week's events, elected officials had praised the recent change in attitude the MBTA had shown in dealing with towns along the Greenbush corridor. Cohasset and Scituate selectmen met with Cellucci to discuss the lack of progress and good-faith negotiations last September. A push was made after that meeting to get mitigation deals finalized, and Cohasset selectmen announced in December they were close to signing an agreement.

Last Wednesday's meeting was to discuss a list of concerns selectmen had compiled at a public Jan. 30 and after the abutter meeting the day before. Eighty-five minutes into the scheduled 90-minute meeting, Dasey stunned selectmen and everyone else in the room not connected to the MBTA, that the board had until this past Tuesday to sign the deal, or, he couldn't guarantee "what was on the table would be there."

"The EOTC feels we need to come to some sort of closure," Dasey said.

After much protest, Dasey agreed to a Feb. 21 deadline.

Residents at the meeting slammed Dasey and the MBTA saying they should be "ashamed" and called it a return to the "arrogant" MBTA of years past.

Despite what the EOTC says, at least two people in town think Dasey was told to give the ultimatum, and that the state just backed off once they saw the reaction.

"Kevin was a very good guy at carrying out orders, and I think he said what was expected of him," said Mitigation Committee Chairman Thomas Gruber, who wondered if Dasey was just the fall guy.

Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan said, "My own view is that I doubt he would say it unless he was told to."

The resignation was also met with great disappointment among those involved, who considered Dasey to be largely responsible for moving along the discussions.

"I think he was really a breath of fresh air," said Gruber. "I think the progress this town has made is to a great extent because of him.

"He sat on our side of the table in Braintree (where he was that town's mitigation committee chairman before joining the MBTA), so he knew what the things were all about. Nobody else at the MBTA had that experience."

Callahan said Dasey had put "a much nicer face on the MBTA over the last two years."

Martha Gjesteby, a long-time member of the Greenbush Citizens Advisory Committee — in charge of critiquing the MBTA's environmental impact report — called Dasey a "natural mediator," who could see both sides of the coin.

"He has very nice to deal with, and as honest as the day is long," she said. "It's a real loss."

According to Pesaturo, Eric Botterman, the MBTA's chief of engineering and construction, would be the new point-person for the MBTA.

Town to apply for $1 million grant for help with train mitigation

By Rick Collins
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The Greenbush commuter train may not be on track yet, but Cohasset hopes the money will start rolling in once the MBTA-backed $1 million Public Works Economic Development grant is submitted.

The grant is part of the $3.5 million-plus mitigation package currently awaiting signatures from Cohasset selectmen, and would be used to aesthetically improve the grade crossings and other areas affected by restoration of the Old Colony Rail line.

Though actual construction of the commuter line is still years away, selectmen voted last week to beat the rush and send in the application this week.

Town Planner Elizabeth Harrington, who presented the application along with David Walsh of Boston-based landscape architects, Copley/Wolff, told selectman that the beauty of the grant is the wide-range of things it could be used for. Unlike most other state-grants, Harrington said the application doesn't have to specifically outline what the town would use the grant for, just as long as it was tied into a public works project.

Harrington said the town would focus the grant money mainly on street and landscape improvements along Depot Court, the town parking lot and Pleasant Street, and also to "tie in" the proposed grade crossings to the areas the tracks bisect. According to the proposed mitigation agreement, the MBTA would "reconstruct and expand" the existing town parking lot. Since the town parking lot now partially sits on the former Greenbush right-of-way, the MBTA is on the hook to replace the spaces lost.

Harrington and Town Manager Mark Haddad said the money could be used to further enhance whatever work the MBTA does.

But some selectmen don't think the town should spend a cent on the reconstruction of the parking lot. Selectmen Merle Brown and Chairman Thomas Callahan said the MBTA should be responsible to make the parking lot look as good as possible.

"Why should we take the PWED grant to do what the MBTA should do right the first time?" asked Brown. Brown isn't against the grant, but said he just wants to make sure the MBTA doesn't "just hot top the parking lot and walk away."

Callahan said the board should do all it can to make sure the MBTA reconstructs the town parking lot to its liking. "None of this money should be spent on the footprint of the parking lot," he said. "If we can get these things, we can use this for other things."

Because the MBTA isn't even at the 30 percent designed phase, Cohasset doesn't know what the reconstructed parking lot will look like. Walsh said the town should try to "pound every dime out of the MBTA" they can, and suggested a streetscape plan around the area that includes trees, benches, drinking fountains, street lighting and perhaps a clock.

Haddad said the PWED grant would "further enhance" what the MBTA does in the area, and reminded the board that "the MBTA is not going to do everything we want them to do."

"Well, why not?" Brown wanted to know.

Walsh said the MBTA won't blend the grade crossings to the parking lot or to Main Street, but that the grant can be used to make additional improvements.

Haddad pointed out that the town also has streetscape improvement proposals coming in from the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, and will have to dig up the parking lot to do the last phase of the James Brook flood control project. He suggested coordinating all the projects to be done at the same time.

"We can leave the application somewhat open-ended," he said.

The application, said Haddad, will be a "true test of the MBTA's commitment to the Cohasset mitigation agreement. PWED grants, Haddad and Harrington said, are very competitive grants that can take years to get approved. Supposedly, with the MBTA's backing, the application could be approved within six months. The money won't be immediately sent to the town, but just held aside until the town begins the actual construction process.

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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HELLO COHASSET

Hello Cohasset! As I sit here and write this weeks column, it is sunny, warmer and breezy making me wonder about the groundhog's predictions. Even me, who loves the snow and winter, cannot wait for spring and summer to arrive. I guess we shall just have to wait and see..

THAYER HONORS

Thayer Academy, in Braintree, sent news of some Cohasset students who made the Term 1 Academic Honors. **Brooke Kristen Baker, Lauren Margaret Smith** and **Michael Thomas Ernst**, all earned honors for the first term. Great work to all three of you. Also, Thayer announced the Semester 1 Academic Honors. **Brooke, Lauren** and **Michael,** as well as **Malcolm J. Stansell** all earned honors for this semester. Congratulations to all.

BC HIGH NEWS

Christopher J. Carr of Cohasset, a junior at Boston College High School, was one of 80 seniors and juniors inducted into the National Honor Society at a ceremony at Boston College High School's McNeice Pavilion. The National Honor Society is established under the National Association of Secondary School Principals to provide recognition to high school students who have clearly distinguished themselves in their school and community for scholarship, character, leadership and service.

SENIOR EVENTS

The Cohasset Elder Affairs has some upcoming events that sound like a great time. The Annual Valentine Event is being held on Friday, Feb 16 at 1 p.m.. Wonderful goodies by **Anna Abbruzzese** and music by **Mabel Biagini** will help to make this a wonderful and happy event. On Friday, Feb 23 from 10 a.m.-noon is the next Keep Well and Stay Well program being held at the Harborview Senior Housing. Don't forget the Medical Transportation available to you. A handicap van is available for trips of 15-mile radius, if needed, call **Carol Barrett** at 383-9112 Medical transportation is available for doctor, hospital and clinic morning appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays by calling 383-0220 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.. Make sure to mark Wednesday, March 21 to join the senior center at the Bayside Expo Center for this year's flower show. The cost is $17 and includes the trip in and out of Boston.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Matthew Keefe, a student at Plymouth State College in Plymouth, N.H. was named to the President's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.7 or better during the Fall 2000-2001 academic year. Fantastic job, Matthew!

DEAN'S LIST

Wow, we have a lot of news from schools and colleges this week, a great tribute to all of our talented students. Colby College of Waterville, Maine, wanted us to know that **Jessie L. Zerendow** was named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester. Jessie is the daughter of **Donald and Victoria Zerendow**. Great work Jessie!

The fall semester Dean's List at Bryant College includes two Cohasset students. **Todd M. Bestick**, a sophomore finance major and **Lauren N. Dooley**, a junior management major were both named to the list. Keep up the great work.

BUTMANS SEND NEWS

I received a note from **Bruce and Georgine Butman**. They are doing well and wanted to say hello to everyone. Amelia made the high honors at her school which earned her a $100 savings bond from the school. High praise was sent to her teachers here in Cohasset.

Amelia is also working on her Silver Award in Girl Scouts, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can receive. She is also preparing for a state competition in gymnastics and is doing very well in this sport. Bruce has officially opened his business called, "Moosehead Sharpening and Machine." He is extremely busy and very happy. It sounds like they are all doing well and wanted to send out a special hello to all of their friends here and invite anyone for a stay with them, dog sledding anyone?

RELAY FOR LIFE

In anticipation of the American Cancer Society's fifth annual Relay For Life in Cohasset, relay committee is hosting a kickoff at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the Lightkeeper's Residence, 15 Lighthouse Lane in Cohasset. The kickoff will include music by a string quartet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and refreshments by the Red Parrot Restaurant of Hull. Anyone interested in attending the kickoff or learning more about the Relay For Life in Cohasset should contact event co-chairs, **Craig Bleicken** at 383-1502, **Victor Vanderlugt** at 383-2956 or **Gordon Behrer** at 617-770-7989. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's nationwide, signature fund-raising activity. Last year, 2700 relays took place throughout the United States. This year's relay event will take place at Cohasset High School from 3 p.m. Friday, May 18, through noon on Saturday, May 19. Relay teams of eight or more people, representing families, clubs, churches, neighborhoods and companies will join the race to beat cancer by walking, strolling or running around the high school track for the entire overnight event. Teams are encouraged to camp out in tents around the track and enjoy the festive atmosphere created by music, food and camaraderie. Anyone interested in finding out more about the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is welcome to attend the kickoff..



Members of the Community Garden Club recently prepared their own Betta Phenomenon. All pictured are members of the club, displaying their Betta Phenomenon project.

BETTA PHENOMENON

Thirty members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset recently prepared their own Betta Phenomenon. The project was introduced to the club by members of the horticultural committee, **Ann Fee** and **Mary Sullvan**, who presented the bettas in their unique and beautiful ecosystem. The betta is an anabantid, air-breathing freshwater tropical fish. It takes oxygen from the water, and also, breathes atmospheric air. The Peace Lily, with roots floating in the water, purifies the water. The betta feeds on the roots and refuse in the water. They live with little care in this vase arrangement for more than two years.

Other interesting workshops organized by the horticultural committee include, sharing favorite garden books, soil testing, multiplication and division, plant swapping and a field trip to Arnold Arboretum.

Well, that is all for this week. Please send me all of your news, birthdays, anniversaries, accomplishments or get-well messages are all welcomed along with any general news you may have. Call it in to me at 923-1057 Send it to me at 622 CJC Highway Email it to me at jenpiep@yahoo.com Thanks! Have a great week.

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Cohasset Body Art Regulations
Summary

The Cohasset Board of Health under Massachusetts General Laws has adopted regulations governing licensing and practice of body artists and operation of an establishment for dispensing body art.

The purpose of these regulations is to protect the public's health by preventing diseases, such as hepatitis B and C and HIV. They establish procedures and standards for:

- registration of all persons performing body art;
- requirements for minimal training for the prevention of disease
- knowledge of anatomy and physiology,
- regular inspection of premises wherein body art is performed,
- revocation of the permit of any person or establishment

Nothing in the regulations shall be construed to,require the practitioner to perform a body art procedure upon a client.

A listing of **definitions** is provided in the regulations, giving explanations for such terms as scarification, braiding (prohibited), body piercing, branding, tattooing, ear piercing and other terms related to the application of body art.

The regulations contain rules such as the following:

- No minors shall receive body art; i.e. no person under the age of eighteen years.
- Mobile or temporary body art facilities are not permitted. Nor shall a residence be used as a body art establishment.
- No piercing or tattooing of animals shall be allowed in body art studios.
- Pre-procedural consultation to discuss body art, its risks and potential complications shall be required with each client.
- Tattooing and Body Piercing Kits shall not be sold to anyone under the age of 18 years.

Each body art **practitioner** must be a minimum of 21 years of age and shall practice in accordance with BOH regulations. Body artists and their employees must show evidence of current certification and or apprenticeship and completion of courses required in the BOH regulations, prior to receiving a Town body art practitioner permit. Body artists must have completed and passed an approved college course or courses dealing with preventing disease transmission, as well as two semesters of human anatomy and physiology courses from an accredited community college or university. Other courses relating to disease transmission are also required.

Body art **facilities** may be used for no other purpose, and must be set up, maintained and operated with rigorous cleanliness according to BOH regulations kept on file at the establishment.

All **products applied to the skin**, including needles and body art stencils, shall be **single use and disposable.** Sanitizing and sterilization procedures in accordance with BOH regulations shall be performed.

Each operator shall keep **records** of all body art procedures administered, including date, time, identification and location of the body art procedure(s) performed, and practitioner's name.

For a complete copy of Cohasset's body art regulations, contact the Board of Health at 781-383-4116.

Dancing the night away at the Valentine Soiree









Clockwise from top right: Judy and John Collins make a lovely couple at the Valentine Soiree sponsored by the PSO on Saturday at the South Shore Country Club.

Nancy Froio displays a gift basket from the Sons of Italy that she won in the raffle with proceeds going to the PSO that supports the schools.

Cohasset PSO president Jane Pescatore welcomes everyone to the event.

Karen and Charles Hurd on the dance floor at the PSO fund-raiser.

Dee and Karima Davis and 3-1/2 month old Alia enjoy the evening.

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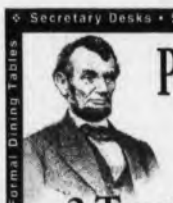
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Mayberry no more

Every Monday morning for the past 10 years we've been a regular visitor at the Cohasset Police Department. It's part of our routine. We stop by to pick up the police log for the prior seven days and to find out if anything is newsworthy.

So we speak to you with some first-hand knowledge of Cohasset police. We usually arrive around the time the shift changes about 8-8:30 a.m. If we're lucky we catch Sgt. Robert Jackson, who also wears the hat of police prosecutor, to find out who's been arraigned at Quincy District Court and what the next step is. If we miss Sgt. Jackson because he's at court, we call him later in the day and follow-up.

Over the years, we've seen the police in a range of situations. Incidents have run the gamut and include fatal car accidents, rapes, bank robberies, drug and alcohol arrests, domestic violence, robberies, break-ins, arson, sex offenses, stolen cars and so on.

We observed the police under the glare of the national media during the investigation of Michael Kennedy's alleged affair with his under-age babysitter. A teen's death after a graduation party in town one June and another teen killed in a tragic car crash four days before graduation the next year also created a media frenzy here that put the spotlight on the police department.

From our perspective, Cohasset police have consistently handled themselves in a professional manner even under the most difficult circumstances.

That wasn't always the case. As an article in a 1977 Boston Magazine points out, Cohasset and other small town police forces at the time were likened to "the gang that couldn't shoot straight." In those days, few if any of Cohasset police officers had formal training and those that did used Cohasset as a stepping-stone to go elsewhere. As the article quoted one cop, "As soon as a guy gets his academy training, he transfers to another force and gets the hell out of this town. Can you blame him?" Ammunition and guns were also at a premium with most officers buying their own.

So we find the recent "attitude" expressed by some members of the board of selectmen toward the police department's lack staff and outdated equipment to be a throwback to, as the article states, "the town content to live with things they way they are, until something happens."

There are several issues at work here that resulted in the police union's letter to selectmen last week saying lack of manpower, criticism over a request for new firearms and an outright anti-law enforcement stance by certain board members actions and words are having a negative effect on the police department.

One issue is budgetary and therefore, is fairly straightforward. There are currently three officers out on disability, a situation that has put the 17-member police force in a staffing crunch. Minimum manning requires three officers on duty at all times. The callbacks are driving the overtime budget through the roof. Currently the town is without any investigative services because the two detectives are back in uniform filling shifts.

The good news for the staffing issue is that through a federal grant, the town can pick up an additional officer with minimal impact to the town budget for three years. One new officer is not enough to solve the staffing problems, but supporting the grant with some matching town funds could go a ways toward lifting police morale.

The second issue is far more disturbing and harder to rectify. A group of parents in town, whose spokesman in the top office is Selectman Michael Sullivan, think police are "out to get" the teens in town. This has roots last summer when police arrested upwards of 20 minors at several under-age drinking parties in a single weekend. Some parents say police need to adopt a go-easy policy on first-time offenders in alcohol-related incidents and use "discretion" in their arrests.

There is little doubt sure that some "innocent" teens, who are guilty by association, are nabbed in cars or at parties. But these and other "first-time offenders" with no prior records are put in to diversion programs by the court and the arrest does not appear on their records. However, we think the experience of being arrested sends a strong message and could prevent a teenager from making the wrong choice again. But rather than using the opportunity of an arrest as a time to talk with their kids, some parents are instead thrashing out at the police and the Cohasset Mariner for printing the news.

There is also the issue of teen behavior. Twice in the past four years, teen melees involving dozens of local youngsters have taken over the village on Halloween — the first time, police were pelted with eggs and the second time, vandals painted obscene graffiti on the Osgood Playpark and exhibited lewd behavior.

We want to make it perfectly clear that the vast majority of Cohasset teenagers are great kids and will probably never see the inside of a police station. But while all parents want to believe their teenagers are well behaved and polite — the fact is, some are not. Innumerable times, we've been shocked by police description of the foul language and threats that flow out of a Cohasset teen's mouth following an arrest.

Selectmen need to show some real leadership to turn the negative spiral regarding police and some parents around. For starters, they should get behind police attempts to conduct a "Citizens Police Academy" — which has been so highly successful in other towns. The only town official to sign up for the second attempt to get one started here is former assessor Jim Laggrotteria. The academy had to be abandoned again for lack of interest.

The alternative to doing nothing is sitting by while relations between the town's selectmen and police continue to deteriorate. We think both sides will agree that is unacceptable.

This is not Mayberry or Cohasset of the '70s that was made out to be a laughingstock in the Boston Magazine story. Selectmen should realize times have changed. Cohasset may still be off the beaten track and is as beautiful as ever, but it is not an oasis that is immune to crime.

— Mary Ford
Editor

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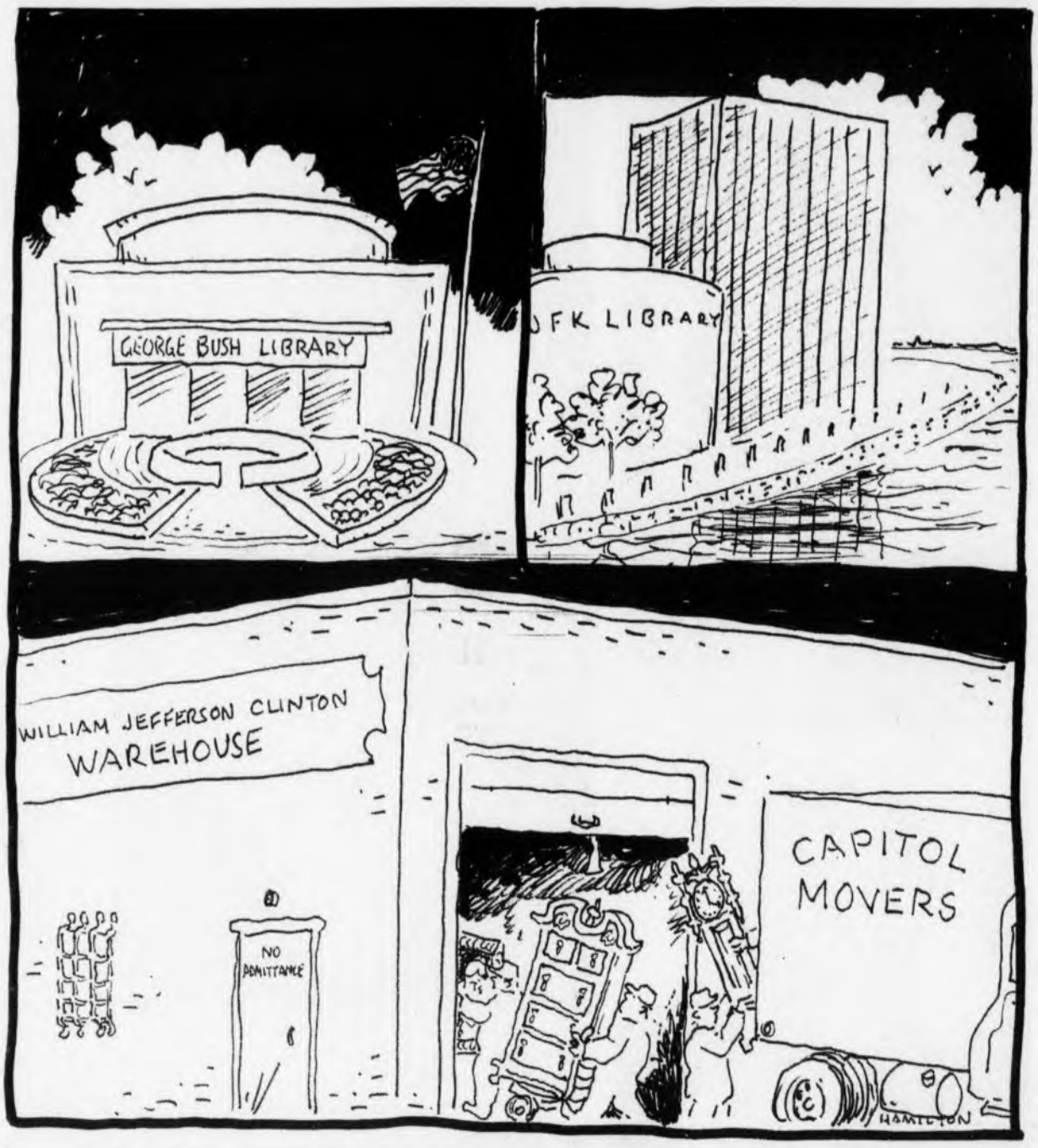
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Granite ledge

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Jim Shipsky's timely article," Granite heartbreak in Cohasset", which appeared if the Feb. 8 edition of the Mariner. If you missed it, I strongly recommend you find a copy because Mr. Shipsky's ideas and thoughts are both inspiring and insightful.

Like Mr. Shipsky, I am very concerned with the wanton destruction of our natural world. Just take a quick ride around town and it becomes obvious that the balance between development and preserving natural space has definitely been tipped in favor of development. This "bigger is better" mentality and the "profit at any cost" mind set are changing forever our beautiful little town.

I feel Jim Shipsky voiced these kinds of concerns in a touching manner, He also shows his character by publicly admitting that he had changed his point of view regarding the blasting of ledge in the village.

In conclusion, I would implore the Selectmen and other town boards to act to save granite ledge in particular, and other natural areas in general so we can ensure future generations the natural beauty, clean air, and clean water that I believe all of us have a moral obligation to protect.

Gail Whitehouse
17 Ash St.

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TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the people of Cohasset for all their friendship and support during the illness of my mother, Jean Higgins.

A lifelong resident, Jean loved the town of Cohasset and served it well over the years in many capacities. She worked in the school system for 20 years but was perhaps best known for her extensive volunteer work–giving of her time to the Cohasset Food Pantry, driving the Senior Shuttle and serving the Senior lunches for the Council on Elder Affairs, making food and knitting hats for the Pine Street Inn, volunteering at the library and the Red Cross Blood Drive–among other things.

Although there is a "giving gap" (my brother Jim's phrase) because she is gone, it is very clear that the spirit of giving is alive and well in Cohasset. The outpouring of love and support shown by the entire community (from individuals and organizations alike) has been truly overwhelming — all the kind words and offers to help, the concerned calls, cards and visits, the flowers and baked goods and meals. It made a very difficult time more tolerable — and oftentimes spiritual — because we were surrounded by the warmth and love of others.

There are no words to express the gratitude in my heart but please know that your collective kindness made a world of difference in our lives. It just goes to show that what you give comes back to you a hundred-fold.

Jane Higgins
159R Glades Road
Scituate

Valentine Soiree

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset PSO Fundraising Committee would like to thank all of the people who helped to make this past weekends St. Valentines Soiree the success that it was. To all the families who donated for the gorgeous baskets, the staff at the Osgood and Deer Hill schools for all of the help they gave in the collection of these items, to the Reps at the Middle School for all of the work that went into your baskets and the families who donated to them and to all of the behind-the-scenes people, THANK YOU!!!! We also had several local businesses who donated to our Chinese Basket Raffle: Cards and Shards, French Memories, Cohasset Hardware, Good Sports, The Froio Family, Adrian Morris, Charlottes, Hair Imports, Pastimes, Strecker Eye Care, Josephs Hardware, Trish Fortin, The Shoe Market, Dunkin Donuts Barefoot Rugs, Par-tee, Sweet Surprises, Wilburs and Buttonwood Books, thank you for all the wonderful donations.

The PSO Fundraising Committee, 2000-2001
Janeen Culhane, Susan Hernan, Karin Doonan and Jennifer Piepenbrink

Wolf Pit property

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to last week's "Wolf Pit" article to express my concern over potential development on this property. As a Doane Street resident, I am familiar with the area and do not see where there is space for a 27-unit complex so close to our reservoir that will not affect our water supply. I feel a housing development will endanger our water supply as well as the natural beauty of the town. The reservoir area is one of our town treasures that is used by many residents for recreation and enjoyment.

I agree with Mr. Sawchuk that we need affordable senior housing in town however; I do not agree that the former wolf pit is a suitable site. I am extremely apprehensive about the use of a comprehensive permit. Many of the local issues involved in the development of this property will be overlooked as such a permit allows Mr. Sawchuk to circumvent the local zoning bylaws.

I ask that residents go to Town Meeting to support the town's purchase of this land to protect our water supply as well as to conserve the land. These types of open spaces enrich Cohasset in immeasurable ways. Please help us preserve this unique piece of property that ads so much to the town's character.

Jeanine Perrone
101 Doane St.

Library sale

TO THE EDITOR:

I am not opposed to the plans for a new library in the renovated Osgood School. However, I am opposed to any sale of the existing Paul Pratt Library that would result in its inaccessibility to the public. It is apparent to me that the Cohasset Historical Society is not prepared to assume a leadership role in assuring continued public use of the Pratt Library. The Directors of the Historical Society believe that their "plate is full" maintaining the properties that they already have: The Lothrup and Wilson houses as well as the Maritime Museum. Perhaps they are correct.

An alternative possibility would be to locate the Superintendent of Schools and his administrative staff in the Paul Pratt Library. This alternative could save some renovation expenses at the Middle/High School. Please become involved by supporting some option that will preserve public access to the Paul Pratt Library.

Joseph R. McElroy
One Windy Hill Road

Thermal imaging fund drive

TO THE EDITOR:

Our fund has reached $11,500 to date. We continue to strive to reach the goal of $25,000. The most recent system demonstrated was $35,000. If we can reach the goal by June coupled with the $13,000 grant the town received from the state (June is deadline for grant money to be used), one of the best systems available will be purchased for our fire department.

Thermal imaging has the unique ability to detect objects of vast temperature ranges simultaneously. This gives us the ability to see through smoke and finally see what we are doing. That is something that has been missing in firefighting since firefighting began. What does that mean? Seeing though smoke allows finding trapped victims faster. Locating the seat of a fire faster, which means less damage to the building.

Here is some information about who we are and what we do. We are the Call Firefighters of the Cohasset Fire Department. If you are not familiar with Call Firefighters, we respond to all alarms of fire in Cohasset and all mutual aid, that Cohasset is call to in other towns. We are appointed to the department and are paid by the town. All members are trained to at least Firefighter I level (national standard) or higher and as First Responder (which is basic emergency medical care) or higher, several members are EMTs.

We have been giving a scholarship each year for the past 30 to a Cohasset high graduate, more than $15,000.

When we see a new product or a piece of equipment that will make our or the permanent firefighter job safer and benefit the public we serve in emergency situations, we will evaluate and consider purchasing and donating it to the town. Some of the equipment donated includes:

1. Cohasset's first Hurst Rescue tool (Jaws of Life); 2. Cold water survival suits; 3. Upgrade for oxygen resuscitators; 4. First-aid jump kits for each engine; 5. Traction splints; 6. Chain saws; 7. Scuba equipment; 8. Ice rescue sled. More than $15,000 in equipment.

Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association
Thermal Imaging Fund Committee

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How to keep wild animals off your property

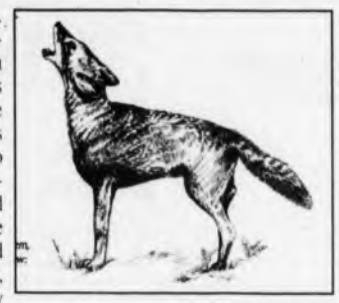
The following information is reprinted with permission from MassWildlife.

Conflicts with wildlife most often arise when animals find readily available food or shelter in close proximity to people. To minimize the chances of conflict, concerned homeowners should take common sense precautions to make their property unattractive to species including coyote, fox, black bear, skunk and raccoon.

ANIMAL CONTROL

PAUL MURPHY 383-9119

First, people should eliminate or make inaccessible all food sources that might be used by wildlife. Trash, garbage and compost should be kept in closed containers while vegetable gardens should be fenced-off and dropped fruit picked-up. Lawns should be treated for grub infestations. Pets should be fed indoors and dog bones and rawhide chew toys taken in after use. Grills should be kept clean and drip cups changed frequently to eliminate odors. Bird feeders should be removed in early spring as the seed attracts small mammals and the larger mammals that prey on them. Bears and wild turkey are particularly fond of seeds and will return to bird feeders regularly. All pets should be kept indoors or under the immediate control of the owner as cats in particular are vulnerable to predation by coyotes and can contract diseases from infected skunks, raccoons or bats. Cats are efficient predators themselves and frequently bring home songbirds, chipmunks, rabbits and mice they have killed. These dead animals may attract coyotes, foxes and other scavengers who will return in search of these easy meals.



The backyard should also be made unattractive to wildlife by eliminating any shelter. Wood piles, brush piles, construction debris, crawl spaces under porches or out-buildings, abandoned vehicles and thick, brushy undergrowth all provide shelter for prey species such as insects, rabbits, snakes, woodchucks, mice and the predators that seek them. Clean up the debris and block off any crawl spaces or similar areas that could be used as hiding places or den sites. Fencing can be an effective means of excluding many types of wild animals while confining pets. The undergrowth along edges where yards meet woodlands can be cut back to provide a sterile, park-like appearance.

Finally, wildlife perceives people as predators and that perception should be reinforced whenever possible. If coyotes or foxes persistently show up in the yard after all food and shelter has been removed, they should be scared-off by adults using loud noises, bright lights, thrown objects, a garden hose or any combination thereof. Regulated hunting seasons further reinforce man's role as a predator while utilizing valuable, abundant and renewable wildlife resources.

Local animal control, police and public health officials should be notified if wildlife appears, sick, confused, disoriented, lethargic or appears to have lost its wariness of people. Local health officials must be notified if there is any physical contact, such as a bite or scratch, between a wild mammal and a person. Licensed Problem Animal Control specialists can be hired to remove raccoons from chimneys, squirrels from attics and can address other similar situations. Check the yellow pages under Pest Control Services.

By taking simple, common sense precautions, Massachusetts residents can learn to coexist with the wildlife around us.

Paul Murphy is the Cohasset animal control officer.

COHASSET CARES

Of things and warmth

by Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I'll never be the same after reading this book. I just wonder how many others might be deeply affected by it also.

The author appears to me to be very realistic. He certainly writes clearly, and interestingly, because he not only has a sense of humor, he reveals himself to have the average American's love of creature comforts, a loving relationship with his mate, a great appreciation for our freedom and opportunities.

But in at least one very important way Bill McKibben really stands out. Of the people I have read in my rather feverish attempt to absorb as much as possible about the environment, Bill McKibben is the first one, in my estimation, to have it all together, to see the big picture. Everything he says makes sense. And he has a very important message.

Our lives as consumers, our love of things, he says, drives the use of fossil fuels, which create global warming, which is a huge change we have made in the climate of the globe. The warning signs are perceptible now — the melting icecaps, the increased severity of storms, forests damaged by acid rain, the increase in the ozone holes.

We have meddled with the planet and have done a lot of damage to it. Though the title of his book is "The End of Nature," it is possible, McKibben points out, to live lightly but still comfortably. He wants to hope. That is, he hopes our ability to reason will prevail, reason that indicates we must live more humbly. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

LIBRARY CORNER

Vacation tea

The Cohasset Dramatic Club, in conjunction with the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, will present a tea for children ages 6 years old and up during the school vacation, Thursday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. at the library.

The cast of the current dramatic club production, "How to Eat Like a Child," will be on hand to entertain all who attend. Originally written for TV, this fast-paced musical revue takes you through a romp into the joys and sorrows of being a child and consists of 23 funny lessons on how to behave like a child.

Call the library at 383-1348 to sign up. Attendance will be limited to the first 50 children who are registered.

Museum passes

As February school vacation approaches, please remember that the following passes are offered to all Cohasset residents.

The museum passes funded by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library are: The Museum of Fine Arts; Boston Children's Museum; The Computer Museum; John F. Kennedy Library & Museum; The New England Aquarium; The Museum of Science and The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Other passes to Plimoth Plantation and to the USS Constitution are available and are a gift of Lucille McLoughlin.

An information sheet about the museums, including addresses, hours and phone numbers is available at the front desk. Call the library 24 hours ahead at 383-1348 to secure passes.

Postcards

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are selling postcards of the library cupola. Designed by Cohasset artist, Joanne Chittick, five postcards may be purchased for $5 at the following businesses: The South Shore Art Center, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Cards 'n Shards, Flemings, and Nobles. They are also available at the front desk of the library.

They are wonderful for quick notes to local friends or to those who know Cohasset and live at a distance. All proceeds help support a number of programs at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

HEALTH NOTES

February is American Heart Month

The American Heart Association in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has proclaimed that Feb. 2001 is American Heart Month. The National Institute of Health has set heart health goals in their Healthy People 2010 Plan. The initiatives which will be pursued are a high blood pressure education program, an obesity education initiative, a heart attack alert program and a cholesterol education program.

Cardiovascular disease and stroke was the second leading cause of death in Cohasset after all types of cancer in 1998, the last year for which statistics are available. High blood pressure presently affects about 28 percent of people over 20 years of age in the United States. Reducing weight, increasing physical activity and reducing salt intake can all help to reduce blood pressure. Hints on how to control or reduce blood pressure are available at the Public Health Nurse's Office at the Social Service League in St. Stephen's Church. If you have high blood pressure controlled by medication, be sure that your pressure is checked regularly. That too can be done by the public health nurse.

As part of the Board of Health's cholesterol program, free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings will be offered Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church. This screening is underwritten by the Cohasset Rotary Club. In older adults high cholesterol is a major risk factor for coronary heart disease, the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in older men and women. Cholesterol lowering drugs are available and may be appropriate for some elders. This needs evaluation by your physician. Trials have shown that these drugs significantly lower coronary heart disease events and mortality. However, in most cases, older patients will need better dietary and drug therapy to lower a high cholesterol level. Consult your physician for an evaluation of your needs.

Cardiovascular disease and stroke was the second leading cause of death in Cohasset after all types of cancer in 1998, the last year for which statistics are available.

This year the American Heart Association is launching a campaign to alert everyone to cardiac emergencies. Everyone should know the warning signs of cardiac arrest. There are three steps everyone should know to improve the cardiac arrest survival rate:

1. Know the warning signs: heart attack, electrocution, drowning, and choking or trauma.
2. Call 9-1-1 immediately to access the emergency medical system.
3. Give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

You can call the American Heart Association by dialing 1-877-AMA-4CPR or by visiting their website at www.cpr-ecc.americanheart.org to find out how you can learn CPR.

Give your heart a break:

- Keep your blood pressure at normal levels.
- Eat a heart healthy diet and reduce salt intake.
- Reduce your weight.
- Exercise.
- Keep your cholesterol below 200.

Health notes is compiled by the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for help

TO THE EDITOR:

The Scituate Historical Society would like to thank both Shaw's and Stop & Shop of Cohasset for contributing baked goods to our first-ever CookieFest this past Sunday at the Scituate Maritime and Irish Mossing Museum on the Driftway. Their donations helped put smiles on the faces of more than 80 visitors to the museum in just three hours, on an otherwise frigid and windy wintry day. Thank you both for helping to make our first Valentine's Day cookie event so much fun!

John J. Galluzzo
Special Projects Coordinator

Lady Jane

HENSHAW



If all goes according to Dubya's plan, and Jesse Helms permits it, Paul Cellucci will become ambassador to Canada in the spring and Massachusetts will have its first woman governor, a woman governor pregnant with twins, no less.

I don't know how many of you have noticed, but the last time Jane Swift was in a family way, with daughter Elizabeth, now 2, she was running for lieutenant governor and gave birth two weeks before the 1998 election.

Was it the charm of the Cellucci-Swift ticket that attracted the voters or was it Baby Elizabeth? There is a whole school of political thought that holds that, given the choice of a veteran politician and an innocent baby, the voters will take the kid 50.1 per cent of the time.

I happened to be in a mid-town Manhattan bar ordering a mart . . . er, getting change for the Coke machine at the height of the 1960 election campaign when I overheard two PR people commiserating about Jackie Kennedy's pregnancy.

The other 24 per cent said, "Jane, who?"

"So you're doing press for Dick Nixon and she has the baby the day before election," said one flack to the other. "What do you do?"

I didn't catch the other guy's reply but it didn't matter because John-John was born three weeks after the election and we'll never get an answer to the first guy's question.

But I digress . . .

In spite of a furious campaign of fence mending, Jane will start her term as governor — some call her "acting governor" — with the lowest rating of anyone who ever occupied the corner office of the State House.

And she hasn't even taken the oath yet!

A poll taken by The Boston Herald in December showed that only 17 per cent of the electorate had a favorable view of our lieutenant governor while 59 per cent viewed her unfavorably. The other 24 per cent said, "Jane, who?"

Even The Boston Globe, which is inclined to find some good in a triple axe-murderer as long as she is a she and not a he, could locate only 20 per cent of the voting public who looked favorably on Lady Jane.

This is because she was fined $1,250 by the State Ethics Commission for using members of her State House staff to baby-sit Elizabeth and even got yelled at by her own party for borrowing a State Police helicopter and crew to fly home to North Adams for Thanksgiving.

She also came under fire for taking a part time teaching job at Suffolk University for $25,000 a year, a fairly common occurrence among our Bay State's pols of the male persuasion. Nevertheless, Jane was forced to hang up her chalk and erasers.

Jane, as the first woman governor of Massachusetts, roused my curiosity. ,

Who was the first female state representative? That would be M. Sylvia Donaldson, Republican, of Brockton; and Susan W. Fitzgerald, Democrat, of Boston, both of whom were elected in November, 1922.

Who was the first woman state senator? Sybil H. Holmes, Republican, of Brookline, elected in 1936.

Who was the state's first selectwoman? Annie Skelley Lynch, Non-Partisan, of Weymouth, elected in 1923.

When her grand nephew, Rep. Bill Connell, went to her for advice prior to his first run for the State House in 1952, "she told me firmly she didn't want anything to do with politics," he said. "She did not want to get involved."

Maybe Jane Swift will be tempted to say the same thing after a year and a half in the governor's chair.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

BOATS AT REST

Boats wait out the winter season on Government Island.

Murray says no to board run...this year

By Rick Collins
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Recently retired state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray said she has decided to "sit this one out" and will not run for selectman this year.

She said a number of people have told her she'd have their vote if she did run, but Murray said she thinks she should just wait a year to get organized.

Murray, the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year, said she'd prefer to run for an open seat, as opposed to against an incumbent. This year, current Selectman Merle Brown and Chairman Thomas Callahan will seek reelection. It will be Callahan's second term, and Brown's fourth.

Both Brown and Callahan have returned their candidate forms, as have Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo, Water Commissioner Robert Kasameyer, School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, Paul Pratt Library Trustees June Hubbard, Sarah Pease, and Barbara Power.

Also on the ballot will be Richard Brown for the open planning board seat, and Sean Cunning for sewer commissioner.

No one has taken out papers yet for an open seat on the Recreation Commission.

Today is the last day to take out papers for town office. Town elections are April 7.

Other that have taken papers out are Cohasset Housing Authority member John Muncey, Board of Assessors member Elsa Miller, School Committee Chairman Pat Martin, and interim Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt. Pratt took over for Chip Muncey, who resigned in January. He is running for a one-year seat to full out Muncey's term.

Nomination papers for the annual town election are now available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Two battles loom for town positions. Pleasant Street resident George Haley has taken out papers to run for a seat on the Paul Pratt Library Board of Trustees, along with incumbents Pease, Power and Hubbard. Town voters elect three people to a three-year term.

Also, Osgood PSO member Adrienne MacCarthy is looking to run against DeGiacomo and Martin, the first incumbents to seek reelection to the school committee since 1994.

Current planning board member Terry Atherton, sewer commissioner Henry Rattenbury, and Recreation Commission member Thomas Wigmore have decided not to seek reelection..

Nomination papers for the annual town election are now available at the Town Clerk's Office. In order to hold elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions are up for grabs:

Selectmen - two for three years

School Committee - two for three years

Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three for three years

Assessor - one for three years

Board of Health - one for three years

Cohasset Housing Authority - one for five years

Planning Board - one for five years

Recreation Commission - one for five years

Sewer Commission - one for three years

Water Commission - one for three years, one for one year to fill an unexpired term

All papers are due into the Town Clerk's Office by Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Legislators get first automated pay hike

SENATE REPORT

BOB HEDLUND



As we start this new legislative session, I wanted to take a moment to brief you on a number of issues, some old and some new, which may be of interest to you. Developments in the areas of Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) testing, the Prescription Advantage Plan for seniors, simulcast racing, the proposal for runway expansion at Logan Airport, the Mass-American Water Rate case, state credits for local or regional transportation services, the Voluntary Optional Tax Endowment (VOTE) bill filed by Citizens for Limited Taxation, and, last but not least, the pay increase that recently went into effect for the state's legislators, are some of the hot issues at hand.

Legislative Pay Raise

Let's start with the bad news. On Jan. 3 legislators received their first automatic pay raise under the terms of a constitutional amendment, requiring raises of 5-6 percent. This move makes the Massachusetts legislature the only entity with a constitutionally guaranteed pay raise in America. I voted against this constitutional amendment, which was voted on in two consecutive sessions. I feel that legislators should be accountable to the voters for all legislative actions and votes, including pay raise measures, and that such guarantees take the power out of the citizens' hands and encourage a sense of entitlement amongst lawmakers.

Voluntary Optional Tax Endowment (VOTE)

Now that the majority of citizens have spoken and the state's income tax rollback will be taking effect, Citizens for Limited Taxation has come up with a unique idea for legislation that should satisfy many concerned with the state's ability to raise revenues in the future. The bill establishes a Voluntary Optional Tax Endowment, which will allow those persons who opposed the tax cut to continue to pay the higher rate. This initiative should set pro-taxation citizens' minds at ease.

MCAS Testing

The good news on the MCAS front is that towns in the Plymouth/Norfolk district have seen at least some measure of improvement in test scores, with Braintree being singled out among a small handful of Massachusetts's towns by the Department of Education for substantially improving its performance. Governor Cellucci and Lt. Governor Swift, mindful of the fact that starting in 2003 high school students will be required to earn a passing score of 220 on the MCAS test in order to graduate, have proposed a number of new policies to ensure that the tests are fair, and that students who fail are not abandoned but given the help they need to leap this important hurdle. They are supporting a student appeals process that would allow students who failed the grade 10 test by four or fewer points to argue before school and state officials that their tests should be reevaluated; alternative degree requirements for special education students called "certificates of competency" which would not be a diploma and would not grant access to state colleges, but would recognize their achievements; and involvement of the state's higher education system in K-12 education reforms. Another central component of the Cellucci/Swift plan is use of the state's 15 community colleges to provide remedial programs for all students who fail the MCAS.

Obviously there are many differences of opinion about the future of the MCAS test in the state, and there are many legislative proposals on the table, including one bill requiring suspension of the use of the MCAS as a graduation requirement. As we move forward in this debate I will continue to listen to students and teachers – those most affected by the new standards – and advocate for their rights at every step in the discussion.

The Prescription Advantage Plan for Seniors and the Disabled

The Prescription Advantage Plan for seniors and the disabled, authorized recently by the legislature, is being implemented by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs during 2001. The plan provides prescription drug coverage for Massachusetts residents over the age of 65 and low-income disabled residents under the age of 65. The prescription insurance plan will provide eligible residents with an option for affordable prescription drug insurance. Enrollees will pay premiums, deductibles and co-payments at a graduated rate based on gross household income, and the Commonwealth will pay the premiums and deductibles for certain low-income enrollees. A mail service program will also be available. The Plan began enrolling people Jan. 1. Persons interested in enrolling should call 1-800-AGE-INFO (TTY: 1-800-872-0166) as soon as possible for an application.

Local and Regional Transport Services for the Disabled

Last year you may remember I co-sponsored a bill which the legislature passed into law allowing cities and towns that create local or regional transportation services for the disabled to receive a 50 percent credit for the cost of operating these services, to be deducted from the following year's MBTA assessment. This year I am joining with other legislators in asking the MBTA to develop clear guidelines for this program for eligible communities. The towns of Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury stand to benefit from this credit since they pay the MBTA subsidy but do not have access to The RIDE, but guidelines must be established so that these communities will know what kinds of services are reimbursable.

Simulcast Racing in the Commonwealth

As a member of the Government Regulations Committee, which oversees the horse and dog racing industries, I have supported efforts to end greyhound racing in Massachusetts. As you may know, the statute regarding the simulcast of dog and horse racing was recently extended for six months, through July 1, 2001. What happens this year in the legislature on this issue will likely determine the industry's fate in the Commonwealth.

I am deeply concerned about the issues raised throughout this debate. I am sensitive to your concerns, and promise to continue to advocate on your behalf as we move forward with this important public policy issue. I will continue to support responsible legislation designed to bring about an end to greyhound racing in Massachusetts.

Logan Airport Runway Expansion

A number of constituents in my district are quite disturbed about the status of the proposal to expand the current runway system at Boston's Logan Airport, since noise pollution on the South Shore has already increased substantially over the communities of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset during the past few years. For example, additional air traffic generated by the proposed 14/32 runway would result in 75,000 more jet arrivals flying over Hull annually. The final decision has been delayed by the Federal Aviation Administration while outstanding questions are resolved. Congestion and delays have plagued Logan for some time, but solutions which take into account the general public's interest in improved air transportation facilities must also equally weigh the quality of life issues vital to these South Shore communities, and I will continue to advocate on their behalf.

Mass American Water Rate Case

Many of you in the towns of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset have received notices from Mass-American Water Company detailing their plans for a 16 percent water rate increase. At this stage the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) is just beginning preparations to hear the case presented by Mass American. I offered testimony myself in Hingham and Hull against the rate increase at public hearings sponsored by DTE in January. I plan to keep a close eye on DTE's investigation of the request and its hearing process. I wholeheartedly support the affected towns' efforts to contest the increase.

New State House Office

Following the fall election, Senate Minority Leader Brian P. Lees had the wisdom to name me to his leadership team. Along with some new responsibilities I now have a new title, Assistant Minority Whip, and a new state house address: Room 309, State House, Boston, MA 02133-1053. The telephone number remains the same: (617) 722-1646.

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, represents the Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Hingham.

Bradley elected class officer

State Rep. Garret Bradley D-Hingham has been elected by his fellow classmates as Freshman Class Vice President. In a Freshman Caucus held Monday, Bradley was nominated and then elected.

"I felt running for class officer was a good idea to ensure that this years Freshman Class be the best it can possibly be to carryout legislative issues that are important to us," Bradley said.

On Monday the representative also moved into his new permanent address at the State House. He is now in the Government Regulations Committee office, room 472. His new phone number is (617) 722-2120.

Bradley can also be seen at his in district office hours this Friday, Feb. 16, in Hingham Town Hall, Second Floor meeting room, or next Friday, Feb. 23, in the Stop & Shop, second floor community meeting room, in Cohasset, 400 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, both from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Democrats caucus in Cohasset

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold a caucus at the Town Hall March 3, at 10 a.m. to elect five delegates and five alternates to the 2001 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The convention will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Springfield Civic Center in Springfield. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those registered Democrats unable to attend may be considered for delegate and alternate by 2/3 of those present and voting. Those not elected as delegate and alternate may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 129 Portland St., Boston, 02114 no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information, call the Democratic State Committee at (617) 742 6770.

Bradley honored in Who's Who registry

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, has been accepted by The National Registry of Who's Who as a Life Member.

The National Registry of Who's Who is a nationally distributed biographical publication for professionals. The organization chooses people by a search procedure or on a recommendation of an existing member.

"I am honored to be recognized by such a prestigious organization," Bradley said.

Bradley can still be reached in his temporary office in State House Room 437, or called at 617-722-2800 ext. 7315.

SLIPS AVAILABLE

Hingham Boatyard (formerly First Quality Marine) has a limited number of slips available. Power and water. Up to 33 ft. in length. Route 3A behind the Mobil station at rotary.



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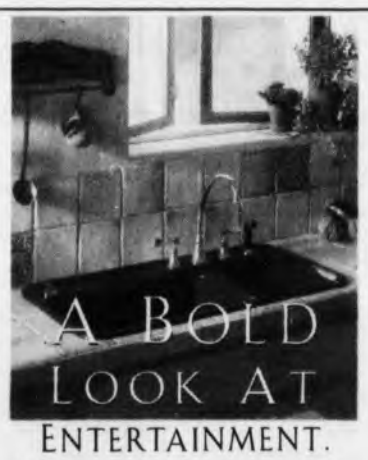
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Brown questions need for full-time town planner

By Rick Collins
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Playing the role of the fiscal conservative, selectman Merle Brown questioned the line item in the proposed fiscal year-2002 town operating budget that would expand the town planner position from part to full-time.

"I have nothing against [current part-time town planner Liz Harrington] but I just don't think a small town like this needs a full-time planner," he said at the selectmen's meeting Tuesday night.

Harrington was brought in last summer and splits her time between Cohasset and Hull, at a cost of $25,000 to the town. If moved to full-time, Harrington would receive $48,000.

Brown said though it would be nice to have a full-time town planner, the town just shouldn't add additional staff right now.

But Brown, who is up for reelection this spring, was vastly outnumbered in terms of support for the position.

Town Manager Mark Haddad ran off a list of projects the town will be facing over the next four years such as the creation of a town-wide master plan, dealing with village and harbor beautification issues, the final stage of the James Brook flood control project, possible restoration and construction of the Greenbush commuter rail line, developing an open space preservation plan, and helping out with the town planning board, zoning board of appeals, growth and planning committee, as justification of the need for a full-time planner.

"The need is absolute," said selectman Ronnie McMorris, who praised Harrington's work with the senior housing committee. "In the near-term, we are going to need a full-time planner."

""I'm a real conservative anti-spend guy, but if you can't justify this, what can you justify?""
— Planning Board Chairman Al Moore

Selectman Chairman Thomas Callahan, who has been working with the growth and planning committee, said a full-time planner will be essential when drawing up a master plan, adding it would cost a lot more to contract it out.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said, "If you think you need a planner today, wait until five years form now. You'll laugh at this discussion." He said Harrington has brought a level of professionalism to the board that hadn't existed previously. "When I first came on 15 years ago, the planning board was just some folksy group that made some, frankly, arbitrary decisions. Now developers come in with court stenographers and lawyers at their elbows," Moore told selectmen. "Bringing in someone like Liz has been a breath of fresh air."

He also said Harrington has saved the board thousands in legal costs, because they can send questions to her instead of town counsel. "I'm a real conservative anti-spend guy, but if you can't justify this, what can you justify?" Moore said. He also suggested using some of the money the board collects on the sale of zoning maps to partially fund her position.

Haddad battled Brown's assertion that the addition of a full-time planner was an unnecessary expense that would expand the budget. "We just don't add positions willy-nilly," he said. "We did not go into this decision lightly. There was a lot of thought and a lot of debate that went into this decision. We're already using her 30 hours a week now." Haddad continued to say he has reduced town hall staff by three positions since he came to the town in 1997, and that the addition of a full-time town planner would improve services available to the town.

Brown reminded the board of the looming signs of an economic slowdown and the accompanying reduction of new growth in the town. "There's a lot of things that's going to happen. We have to say we'd like to have it but we can't," he said.

Despite his protest, selectmen voted 4-1 to support the full-time town planner.

ZBA gives marina green light

By Rick Collins
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The two-year battle over the Cohasset Harbor Marina came to an end this week, when the town Zoning Board of Appeals granted the marina a special permit that allows it to keep its dock addition, but said that the special permit would be subject to a yearly review.

The review would allow abutters and other neighbors of the Parker Avenue marina a chance to tell the zoning board if the marina has been a 'good boating neighbor', as is required by one of the special permit's conditions.

ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick realized the decision won't make either side completely happy but that there was something for everyone.

"The decision wasn't a compromise, it recognized the merits of both sides," he said. "The decision provides for automatic renewal unless interested parties have a reason to object. If the marina is not living up to conditions imposed on it, neighbors have a forum which they can come into armed with facts rather than vague allegations."

In 1998, CHM owner Paul Trendowicz extended the marina's dock 280 feet into Bailey's Creek, and expanded the number of slips from 47 to 85, after receiving the needed state and federal permits. However, the ZBA ruled that the area the dock extended into a residentially-zoned area and was in violation of zoning laws. Trendowicz appealed the decision, and the case remains in land court.

But Trendowicz came back last October to argue that the marina was a pre-existing non-conforming use, and just needed a special permit to be legal. Angry residents complaining of speeding boat owners, and a trash-filled creek, said the marina didn't meet the special permit's condition that requires the marina to not be detrimental to the neighborhood or pose a safety or health hazard.

"If the marina is not living up to conditions imposed on it, neighbors have a forum which they can come into armed with facts rather than vague allegations."
— ZBA chairman Woody Chittick

The ZBA, based upon testimony from Harbormaster John Winters, Assistant Harbormaster Robert Baggs, former owner Diane Figueiredo, and Robert Pattison, said enough evidence existed to show "some sort of marine activity" was going on at the site, before the 1969 zoning change. Therefore, says Chittick, it was a pre-existing non-conforming use.

"The historical record was less than crystal clear," Chittick admitted, but said, "We had a lot of testimony and evidence presented from people that did prove to be influential in the decision."

The ZBA rejected the argument that what was going on at the site pre-1969 didn't constitute a "marina," by writing in its decision, "...because Cohasset's bylaws have been silent on size as a defining element of a marina, any dock or float which has at least one rented space is a marina...".

Neighbors had complained in public hearings of speeding cars and trash in the water as examples of the marina not being a good neighbor. But both Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan and Harbormaster Winters testified there has not been a large increase in complaints. As a result, the ZBA ruled "the impact on the neighborhood...may well be somewhat more detrimental that the prior operation, but we are not convinced by evidence presented that these impacts rise to the 'substantially more detrimental' standard set by the bylaw."

But if all goes right, neighbors will have the ability to force an annual review of the special permit. The ZBA attached five conditions to the special permit which Trendowicz has to renew yearly.

Residents are able to file written objections to the renewal, which is then subject to a public hearing. The ZBA said, however, the objections are limited to whether the marina abides by the good boating neighbor conditions. Trendowicz will also have to provide boaters with a copy of the good boating neighbor rules.

Parker Avenue resident, and vocal opponent of the marina Russ Bonetti said he wasn't surprised by the ruling, but was critical of its conditions. "Zoning laws should be written and not just 'Let's see how things go'," he said.

Logan runway fight rages on

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The battle against a new runway at Logan airport continues in full force.

Two members of the South Shore Jet Noise Council, one from Hingham and the other a former Hingham resident, would like to ask Town Meeting to appropriate funds to the South Shore Aviation Fund to assess noise and pollution impacts of the proposed Logan Runway 1432.

Richard Goldhammer and Eric Oddleifson, now a Cohasset resident, urged selectmen Tuesday to support an appropriation of not more than $75,000 for two years to be used at the Hingham selectmen's discretion for that purpose.

"We're concerned about water quality and pollution. Even if planes were to fly higher, the pollutants have to go somewhere," Goldhammer said. "This is a public health issue."

Both men are members of the South Shore Jet Noise Council. The group is lobbying against the current plan and has put forward a number of proposals aimed at influencing the direction of the current policy discourse revolving around the subject.

Noise and pollution impacts, possible health hazards and the potential negative effect on some property values top the list of concerns.

According to Oddleifson, there would be an increase of approximately 35 percent in air traffic over the South Shore if the runway plan becomes a reality.

Goldhammer is also a member of Hingham's jet noise task force. Voters at last year's town meeting supported a warrant article asking selectmen to do everything in their power to protect the town from noise and other impacts of jet air traffic to and from Logan Airport.

Goldhammer said the funds, if appropriated, would be used in conjunction with those appropriated by other South Shore communities to pay for research concerning the air pollution impact and possible health hazards associated with jet emissions, noise monitors and potential legal proceedings if necessary.

"We need a thorough study," Goldhammer said.

Some time ago, Hingham selectmen called for a moratorium on the project until an adequate environmental study was made and are taking a proactive approach.

Hingham, Cohasset and other South Shore communities are already being hammered with high noise levels during all hours of the day and night.

"We're concerned about water quality and pollution. Even if planes were to fly higher, the pollutants have to go somewhere."
— Richard Goldhammer, jet noise task force

The South Shore Jet Noise Council is making a grass-roots organizational effort to convene South Shore governments and citizen representatives from Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Hull and Weymouth to make recommendations to Massport regarding the Runway 1432 proposal.

To that end, the council has retained a noise consultant with private funds.

"We believe we're already being impacted at a severe level, especially in Hull," Oddleifson said. "If traffic triples over the South Shore, the situation will worsen and there will be increased air pollution impacts."

That's why the Council has approached the Harvard School of Public Health and Center of Environmental Health at Massachusetts Institute of Technology about studying the issue.

"We've been gathering data about diseases related to jet emissions," Oddleifson said.

A draft environmental impact report about the project is scheduled to be released in March, followed by a public comment period. The final environmental report is expected in May. A final decision would likely be made within a month or two after that.

Massport's recent application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for clearance to construct the new runway resulted in an FAA request for more study.

Consequently, a blue ribbon study panel was appointed – half by Gov. Paul Cellucci, who supports the proposal, and half by Mayor Thomas Menino, who opposes the plan.

Even though South Shore communities are expected to be impacted greatly by the new runway, there's not one representative from that area on the blue ribbon panel, which is studying the effects of the proposal.

"There's something un-American about those who are being affected not being able to participate in the process," said selectman Mathew MacIver.

Still, he said, "We have to work towards a solution, not an oppositional bad end."

The selectmen, while generally supportive of the South Shore Jet Noise Council's goals as well as the warrant article, will decide whether or not to support it at a later date.

For the most part, their concerns revolve around how much money should be appropriated.

"It would be money well spent to the degree we can afford it," MacIver said. "On the other hand, can we afford not to do it?"

Other voices at the Abbey

The Glastonbury series, "Listening to Other Voices: the Way of Prayer in our Religious Traditions" will feature Rabbi Nechama Goldberg, Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, and Tina Malik. The women will talk on "Speaking From Experience: The Voices of Three Women in their Tradition of Prayer", on Thursday, March 1 at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham.

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Stars of the Week

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Living

On the South Shore

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Boys hit a rough patch

Skippers will try to move past three losses and focus on tourney

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Going into Tuesday night's action, there were five teams in the South Shore League separated by a mere one game.

If Norwell had beaten Carver on Tuesday, as they did in the first go round, there could be a four way tie for the South Shore League crown. As it turned out, the Crusaders hung on to defeat Norwell to claim the top spot all to their own.

With all these exciting games, two points can mean a win, and in this high intensity atmosphere, a win can mean the world.

What does this all mean? But of course, the playoffs are about to begin.

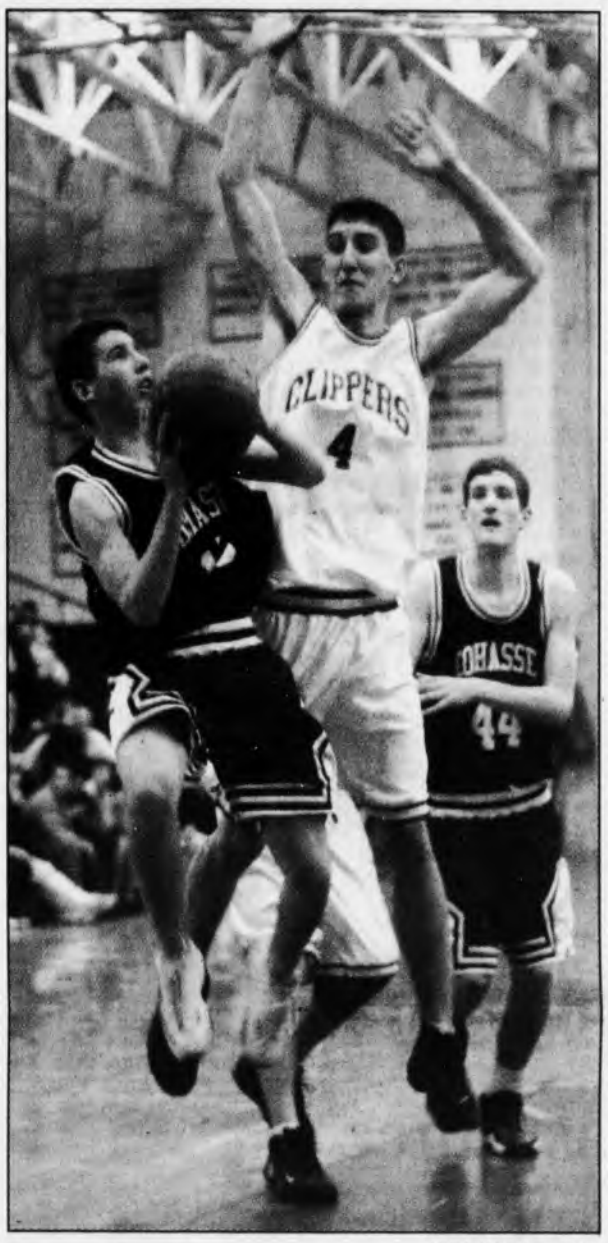
For Ron Ford, tenth year coach of the boys basketball team at Cohasset High School, the post-season is when he can really see what his team is made of. And, so far this season, he and many fans and enthusiasts have been quite impressed.

Standing with a record of 12-7 after three straight losses to Hull, Harwich and Abington (Tuesday night), the Skippers could fall anywhere between a seed of number seven and thirteen.

"If it ended today," appraised Ford two days after the Harwich loss, "we would be number 11."

However, with 22 teams already having registered the necessary 10 wins for tourney qualification, and with a few more expected to get in within this next week, the door is wide open for any number of challengers.

This closeness between the teams was reflected by Norton, who was in the number 13 spot a week ago, earlier this week defeating the SSL champion Carver, and the number 2 ranked team in the entire Division 3 South Sectional.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Matt Bilodeau (with ball) tries to squeeze one off past Norwell center Ted Hughes in South Shore League action earlier this month, as Skippers freshman center Sean Connoly look on.

As for Cohasset, a win this Thursday at home against the Vikings of South Shore Voke Tech would most likely result in a preliminary round home game against Foxboro, Dedham or Martha'a Vineyard.

"I am just happy we are going into our last game still in the hunt," said Ford, smiling.

Cohasset did lose ground with the three losses, all but eliminating the chance of a first round bye or even first round home game.

The first of the three was a heart-breaking 73-72 overtime loss to SSL rival Hull. This marked the first time all season that Cohasset has been in a game that came right down to the wire and lost.

"We put ourselves in a hole, and we just couldn't dig ourselves out," offered Ford. "You have got to be lucky, and we probably used that all up in the Carver game."

Ford is referring to the 66-65 win over the Crusaders, where senior captain TJ Bilodeau hit a buzzer beating shot to win the game.

Bilodeau, a native of Hull, had a great game against his fellow residents, putting up 17 points, six steals and four assists. Senior captain Erik Shea also led the offense with 19 points, on 8-of-14 shooting from the floor, to go along with six steals.

This game really came down to size, and the Pirates "Twin Towers"— senior John Lidington and sophomore Chris Tabella— came up…er, big. Using both their height and quickness to their advantage, the duo combined for 42 of their team's 73 points, while tallying a combined 22 rebounds and 13 blocks.

Lidington, tied with Gerry Corcoran of Norwell for the league

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Wrestling gains a fan

EXTRA POINTS

WITH MIKE SPELLMAN



It's been pretty clear to me for a while now that wrestlers and, even more so, their coaches have a real chip on their shoulders in regards to the lack of attention they receive from fans and media alike. As sports editor for a number of town papers, this was for me, quite frankly, a minor source of annoyance at the beginning of the winter sports season.

What has only become increasingly clear over the last few months, however, is just how much of a right these wrestling folk have to this chip. Hell, I'll go so far as to say they have an obligation to spread their word. Wrestling is a great sport! If more of you would give it a chance, as I was cajoled and shamed into doing, I'm sure the majority of you who truly consider yourselves sports fans would see this too.

Excuse my bluntness, but I have only recently come to know what a dramatic, compelling, and entertaining take high school wrestling provides. In fact, I think it is pretty tough to argue the assertion that wrestling comes as close to capturing athletic competition in its purest sense as any other. I've also come to realize what a shame it is more people haven't realized this.

Though there have been signs in recent years that the sport of wrestling (yes, I mean "the sport"; not the moronic fluff that far too frequently pollutes our airwaves and appeals to people's worst instincts) has gained in popular appreciation, it still has a long way to go before it climbs out of the shadow as a winter sport of basketball and hockey (two sports I also enjoy immensely).

Even indoor track seems to have a more loyal following. In one big way, this is understandable: track events are among the easiest to follow and comprehend. Run the fastest, jump the highest or furthest or throw this, that or the other thing the best, and you win. What could be simpler than that. Heck, you could plop down a Sahara Desert nomad with absolutely no exposure to any sports culture and he'd get that.

ASIDE TO THE TRACKSTERS AND THEIR PARENTS: I have great respect for anyone who participates in track and field. However, I will opine unabashedly that I can not see how any track event would hold anywhere near the spectator appeal of wrestling. Besides, track goes school year round. Wrestling programs basically have three months to sink or swim.

I've been to three wrestling meets this season. Like most, there were a lot of things I didn't know about the sport. For example, up until this point, I didn't even realize they were called "meets." At the first meet, I spent most of my time and reporting energy just trying to find out why one move that didn't look like much prompted the ref to award points, while another that looked much more impressive to these untrained eyes got nada. I also spent quite a bit of time wondering how I didn't read about more injuries being sustained in this sport. I mean, when you've got all these muscle bound kids turning red in the face while simply applying pressure to just a single limb of another, you'd figure there'd be a sickening snap or two somewhere along the line.

Fortunately, I've yet to witness (or hear) a wrestling related injury, and

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Skippers place four wrestlers in states

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Last Saturday, the Cohasset wrestling team finished ninth in the 16 team field for the Massachusetts South Sectional title.

With a 9-12 record to round out the regular season, the wrestling team put on a performance on Friday and Saturday that pleased coach Torin Sweeney.

"The sectionals went great," reported the 18th year coach. "We wrestled really well."

The Foxboro squad finished first in front of their home crowd, and Cohasset's South Shore League rival Carver came in second.

Of the 14 grapplers Cohasset had entered in the sectionals, eight placed in the double elimination tournament, exceeding the coach's expectations.

"Going in, I would not have thought we were going to do that," conceded Sweeney, "but I was extremely pleased."

At the 103 pound weight class, junior Vinnie Gratta came off two weeks on the injured list with a broken pinky to finish eighth place.

Phil Strazzula, one of only three freshman in the sectionals for Cohasset, bounced back from losing his first match at 112 pounds to pin the number four and number five seeds. Seeded sixth, Strazzula lost in the consolation round finals to place fourth.

Senior Bea Rankin, wrestling up a weight class at 119, lost her two matches, but stayed competitive in a

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Freshman forward Mark Davis is just one of the young players who is brightening the forecast for the future of the Cohasset High hockey program.

Skippers iced from tourney

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Needing to win four of their last five games in order to qualify for the State Tournament, the Cohasset hockey team was eliminated by losses to Scituate and South Boston.

The Ice Skippers were in both games.

The young team lost to Scituate, 4-2 on Wednesday. The Sailors (11-5-1) got help from their core of seven seniors to lead their playoff bound squad to victory.

The contest against South Boston did not go well either, as the Cohasset skaters lost 3-0. Even though their offensive output does not show it, the Skippers recorded 20 more shots on net.

But in a way, that is how the season has gone for Cohasset: the opportunities have often been here, but a few bad bounces cost them in the end.

"There are six games that they lost or tied within the last two or three minutes," noted coach Dennis Walsh, in his 32nd, and possibly final year as the Skippers' skipper. "We could have won any one of those games."

Indeed, Cohasset showed that in the first game of the season, when they were up on Abington by one goal with three minutes left. The

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Cohasset's Kristin Sheerin won the overall competition at Saturday's Pilgrim Conference 2 meet at Carver High School with a score of 35.65. The Cohasset High junior, competing for the Cohasset/Norwell gymnastics team, had an 8.55 on the bars, 9.2 on the beam, 8.9 on the vault and 9.0 in the floor exercise.

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Jacobucci sets high water marks

Scituate swimmer shines in and out of pool

By Mike Spellman
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If she hadn't won that first race, who knows what Garet Jacobucci would be doing right now.

Today, the Scituate High School senior, and member of the Cohasset-Scituate swim team, is the number one ranked short distance swimmer in the state, and it's funny to think

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Swimming with the boys. Garet Jacobucci (second from right) has been dominating both the male and female fields in competition this winter for the Scituate/Cohasset swim team.



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Cohasset High School athletes Maggie O'Neil and Kristin Sheerin (first and second from left) were accompanied by Debbie Beal, CHS Physical Education teacher, and Ron Ford, CHS Athletic Director, to the "National Girls and Women In Sports Day" on Feb. 2, 2001, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

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I'm told they're really not much more common than in other contact sports.

"Limbering up is a very big part of this sport." explained Scituate coach Tom Giacomozzi. "That's just one of the reasons I think these kids are truer athletes than in any other sport."

See what I mean about the chip on the shoulder? And Coach G is more than happy to expand on this assertion.

"I look at these kids having to maintain weight or trying to drop five pounds in a day or two while still not losing strength. Can you tell me of any other high school sport where that kind of discipline is required."

Nope; not me.

It is also a largely unrewarding sport, relatively speaking, any argument Silver Lake coach Greg Black takes up enthusiastically.

"Wrestling is just such a grueling sport, and the only real satisfaction comes from winning," offered the veteran SL coach. "Sometimes these kids just say enough is a enough. I'm amazed more of them don't. The level of commitment these kids who stick with it over the years is just fantastic."

I don't know if Greg was thinking of any particular wrestler when he was making these comments, but I know I was.

His name is Eric Supple, a 92 pound freshman who wrestles for Blacks' Silver Lake varsity team in the 103 pound weight division. I've see this kid wrestle twice this year against kids who barely managed to stay under the maximum weight requirement for the 103 pound class. Both of these mighty mites towered over Eric, and I was instantly reminded of how I felt the few times I interviewed Robert Parish or Joe Kleine. Fortunately, I never had to sidle up to them on the mat, and I can tell you I wouldn't have for any promised reward. So Eric earned my respect before "go" for even climbing in there.

It didn't take long to realize that Eric's main goal in both of these matches against seasoned wrestlers (who I found out later were among the tops in this division) was to hold the opponent to as few points as possible. A win simply was not in the cards. A forfeit is good for six points in a wrestling, the same as a pin. A win on points is good for three, a minor tech win (+7 points) for four and a major tech win (15+) for five.

Eric was able to avoid the pin until the third period the first time I saw him. It was amazing to watch as he kept ducking and spinning his way out of potential pins and point awarding situations. The next time out, Eric put on an even more compelling show against 105 pound Bridgewater-Raynham grappler Craig Lundlay. Despite giving away close to 15 percent in body mass, the plucky 14-year old was extremely aggressive, repeatedly going for Lundlay's legs. By the third period, Supple was clearly exhausted but still battled valiantly to avoid surrendering the final few points that would give Lundlay the major tech win. Unfortunately, he fell short of that goal with just 15 seconds remaining in the match. With his face beet red and covered with perspiration, he was barely able to walk off the mat afterwards, where his teammates lined up to congratulate him for a phenomenal effort.

This was the opening match in the showdown for the Old Colony League title two weeks ago at Silver Lake High School, with both teams entering the match unbeaten in league competition. B-R won the meet 34-32 on the last of the night's 14-matches when Lee Beane, the number 1 ranked heavyweight in the state, managed to beat SL's Joe Briggs on points. This match was just as compelling as the first, and I could have found great angles for at least half the other matches on the night.

I'd love to lay all of this out in glorious detail. Unfortunately, I don't have the time or space. Sad that there weren't more of you there to see it.

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very tough class.

At 125, senior John Hertig won two and lost two to finish the sectionals at eighth place in his weight class.

Sophomore Terry Baroudi, one of Cohasset's higher seeds at number five in the 130 pound weight class, finished third in the tournament. Baroudi's only loss came to the number one seed in the semi-finals, but Baroudi did knock off Carver's Duncan Banks, who finished fourth in the states last year for the Crusaders.

Senior captain Dan Duffy, seeded third at 135 pounds, did not disappoint the oddsmakers by placing third, his only loss coming to number two seed Chris Peters of Scituate.

At 140 pounds, another of the Skipper freshmen, Ian Hickey, did record a win early on in the competition, but was knocked out by losses to the number four and number five seed. Hickey managed to get all three of his opponents on their back, but only managed the one pin.

Junior captain Dan Littauer, seeded third at 145 pounds, came in second in his weight class, losing only to Foxboro's Mike Ragusa in the finals, 8-3.

Littauer had Ragusa in a fireman's carry, but was ruled out of bounds by the referee.

Senior captain Justin Langham placed eighth in a difficult class, winning two and losing two.

Sophomore Mike Casey did not place at 160, but won his first match to get into the top bracket, losing his next two.

Sophomore Justin Baker wrestled at 173, losing both of his matches.

At 191, Braun Goodson placed eighth, recording two wins and two losses.

Unseeded 215 pounder John Hussey, a junior, won his first match, then was eliminated in two matches against high seed opponents.

Freshman heavyweight Jake Berger lost both of his matches to round out the competition.

Of all the Skipper wrestlers, four qualified for Division 3 State Competition, to be held this weekend at Wayland High School. Interestingly, one representative from each grade will wrestle: senior Duffy, junior Littauer, sophomore Baroudi, and freshman Strazzula.

Strazzula will be following in the footsteps of such Cohasset notables as Nathan Fiore and Mike Baird for qualifying for states as a freshman.

Cohasset had some momentum heading into this tournament, after beating Norwell, Middleboro, Wellesley and Carver consecutively to end the season.

Though the 9-12 record may not be up to par with many past seasons, Sweeney was pleased with the strong finish and looks to the future with optimism.

CHS weekly sports scoreboard

COED SWIMMING (Cohasset/Scituate
Feb.
9 8th at All Conference meet
End of Regular Season

WRESTLING
Feb.
7 lost to Carver
9 Division 3 South Sectionals
sent four wrestlers to states

ICE HOCKEY
7 lost to Scituate, 4-2
9 beat Trinity, 3-0
14 at Foxboro
End of Regular Season

GYMNASTICS (Cohasset/Norwell)
Feb.
7 beat Notre Dame, 124.2-120.7
End of Regular Season

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Feb.
9 lost to Chatham
13 lost to Abington, 63-34
End of Regular Season

BOYS BASKETBALL
7 lost to Hull, 73-72
9 lost to Harwich, 61-46
13 lost to Abington, 61-46
15 SSVT 5 pm6:30 pm
End of Regular Season

Skippers will try to move past three losses and focus on tourney

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lead in scoring, narrowly missed a triple double, coming up just two blocks short of completing the rare feat.

The next big blow to the Skippers record occurred three days later, when, after the hour and a half bus ride, Cohasset was jumped on by their Cape Cod hosts, losing 61-46.

The Skippers were without captain Doug O'Brien (sickness) and junior forward Nick Bolster (ankle injury).

"I went down to Harwich knowing we would be in a lot of trouble," said Ford, referring to those absences.

Shea and Bilodeau both recorded nine points to lead the Skippers in , that category.

Sophomore power forward Ben Lynner came a lay-up shy of his fourth double-double of the season, as he knocked down eight points and 10 boards to go with three steals.

Arguably, the most costly loss for the Skippers in the SSL standings was on Tuesday against Abington, where the Green Wave became only the second visiting team to beat Cohasset in Sullivan Gym.

Cohasset again was playing without the help of O'Brien and Bolster, which helped the Green Wave to a 64-52 victory.

Bilodeau and Shea led Cohasset with 17 and 14 points, respectively, while freshman center Sean Connolly had one of his best games of the season with 11 points and six rebounds.

Senior forward Nick French, a former resident of Cohasset, impressed his former teammates with 17 points to lead Abington.

Even with the string of losses, Cohasset is very much in the picture for coming away with a Sectional title. Everything will unfold when the tourney starts over February break.

Game Notes

Hull:

-Hull made its first nine foul shots of the game, but missed their tenth with 30 seconds left in regulation, a shot which would have won the game for the Pirates without overtime.

-Tabella and Lidington shot a combined 17-of-19 from the floor.

-The two teams combined for four 3-pointers the entire game.

Harwich:

-Both teams made 17 two point field goals, and 12 free throws, but the Roughriders five 3-pointers were the only difference in the game. (This Game Note courtesy of JV forward sophomore Ross Lieb-Lappen.)

-Sophomore center Scott Faber, now a JV swing player with the tournament coming up and Cohasset in need of height, became the 14th Cohasset varsity player to score this year, doing it with a foul shot late in the game.

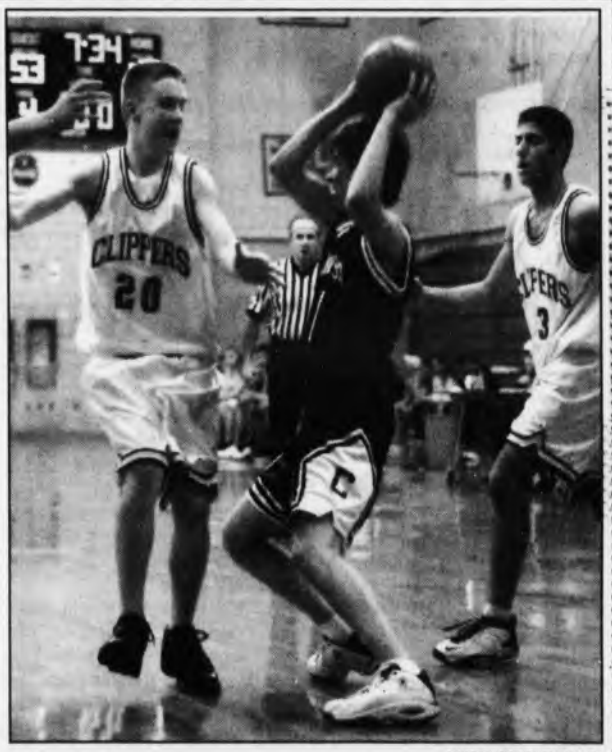
-Harwich led 24-23 at halftime, and never trailed the entire second half.

Abington:

-The two teams combined for 24-for-30 from the foul line, including 9-for-10 in the first half.

-Junior guard James Smith for the Green Wave scored all six of his first half points on two point baskets, and all five of his second half points on foul shots.

-Cohasset took three charges, two by junior point guard Matt Bilodeau and the other by sophomore forward Ian Kidder.



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Cohasset's invaluable sixth man, captain Doug O'Brien (with ball), missed the last two Cohasset games due to illness, Not coincidentally, the Skippers fell in both of those contests.

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now how fate intervened to get her in the pool as a competitive swimmer for the first time....fun for everyone, that is, but her opponents.

As a 10-year old, Garet didn't like it when a few of her friends were called away from play time to go to "swim practice" at the Scituate Knight of Columbus, so she prevailed on her parents to join up as well.

They agreed, and it didn't take long for Garet to figure out that this was for her. In her first race, a 25-yard backstroke, she lapped a field of more experienced swimmers on strength alone.

"I went in just wanting to hang around with my friends, but I think I saw with that first win that I had a little bit of talent for it," offered the modest 17-year old.

She wasn't the only one. Jim Zotz, who was at that time the Aquatic Director for the K of C and the Brandeis University Swim Coach, also witnessed the race and told Garet's parents, Jake Jacobucci and Claire Cook, that their daughter did indeed have the potential to be something special in the water.

Garet stuck with her friends at the K of C for a few more years, quickly becoming the class of the club. It was at this point, that mom and dad concluded Garet should take it up a notch, and they signed her up with the Gators Club team, which operates out of Bentley College in Waltham.

Annual registration is $3,000 for this elite squad, which competes regularly on a national level. When you add in costs associated with travel, uniform requirements, gas...and then there's the 3:30 wake up calls... obviously, there's been a few sacrifices in the Jacobucci household, not that there was ever really any doubt as to what would happen once the passion reared its head.

"As a parent, when you see your child want something that much, how can you not be supportive," said Cook, who also has an eighth grade son, Kaden. "We just went with the flow as much as we could."

Cook would not offer estimates of how much they have spent to support Garet's hobby over the last five years, merely conceding that it's been "a good chunk of our expendable income."

Of course, this is a situation that has improved dramatically over the last several months. Cook, a part-time teacher, had her first novel— "Ready to Fall"— published in May. She jokes that she penned the bulk of this work while sitting in the mini-van outside of Garet's swimming practice. Off of the success of this literary debut, Cook recently signed a lucrative two book deal with Viking Press. Her second work of fiction, entitled "Must Love Dogs," should hit the stands in a few months.



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Garet is all smiles as she climbs out of the pool shortly after her record setting wins in the 50 and 100 meter races at the All-Conference meet on Friday in Quincy.

Fortunately, this is not the only way in which Garet's swimming passion is now paying off.

Last week, the Scituate teen received word via Fedex that she'd been accepted into Emory University, her number one choice among colleges. Emory, which is located in near Atlanta, Georgia, has one of the top swim programs in the nation. In fact, the school hosted the swimming events for the 1998 Summer Olympics. This school also boasts the highest GPA nationally for any swim team. Garet was also recruited by Yale, William & Mary and UCal-Berkeley, but Emory was her clear preference almost from the beginning of the search process.

"Obviously, I'm pretty excited right now," said Garet, who plans to major in Political Science with an eye towards becoming an attorney. "Emory has everything I was looking for. Plus, I've got some family down there, so that will make things easier for me."

With Emory being a Division 3 school, athletic scholarships are not an option. However, now that Garet has been formally accepted, an attractive financial aid package should be forthcoming.

But that's the future. Right now, Garet still has to get through her senior year at S.H.S and, more immediately, the swim season for the Cohasset/Scituate squad.

Last Friday, Garet broke the league record in both the 50 and 100 meter races at the league championships in Quincy. On Feb 25, she will compete as the favorite for the state championship in both of these events. She modestly notes the opinion that she has "a pretty good shot." The one person who is in perhaps a better position to prognosticate, seems a little more certain.

"Garet WILL take first place in both those events," stated first year Scit/Coh coach Jamie Kearney emphatically. "She really is in a class by herself, and she's at her best when the pressure is on."

To illustrate this final point, Kearney pointed to Garet's individual times in the 50 versus her times for the same distance swimming the anchor leg for the relay team. Often forced to come from behind in the team event, Jacobucci has consistently posted her best times here. A few weeks back, she notched a 24.0 in her 50-meter leg of the relay, a mere second off of the Olympic qualifying time. Her high water mark solo is 24.91.

"I think that kind of thing holds true for most of your top swimmers," appraised Kearney, herself a former elite performer in the pool. "Competition brings out their best in most of them, and Garet is certainly no exception."

As an elite swimmer, Garet also appears to be something of an exception out of the water.

"As talented as she is, she is a great team member," reported Kearney, a former coach at Westwood High who had been away from competitive swimming for 10 years before this winter. "I can't even imagine what it would have been like coaching without her here this year. There have been a lot of changes in the way things are done since I stopped coaching, and Garet is the one who clued me in on them."

According to the coach, this willingness to help also extends to team members, something she confesses to finding nearly as amazing as her exploits in the pool.

"It's easy to get a little bit of attitude when you're this good this young," said Kearney, who admitted she was speaking from personal experience. "But Garet really doesn't have any of that. I don't know if I was really a prima donna when I was in her position, but I know I wasn't as down to earth and mature as her."

Skippers iced from tourney

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Green Wave was able to come back and win the game before the regulation buzzer sounded, perhaps setting a bad tone for the rest of the season.

Cohasset's most recent game resulted in a 4-3 triumph over Trinity Catholic. Walsh asserted of that game: "We really outplayed them."

Although the victory came after the Skippers had been pushed from playoff contention, it was sweet to get back at this opponent. In the first go round between these two teams this season, Trinity Catholic overcame a three goal first period deficit to win.

It is disappointing to not make the playoffs, especially when they were so close.

"I really thought we could have been in the states," appraised Walsh. "They should have been in."

Still, Walsh is not displeased with the effort he received from his young team.

Thinking back to the beginning of the season, Walsh stated, "I thought we were a good skating team, and we still are. We just didn't play as a team as well as we could have."

Though Walsh would have liked to have seen more of a team concept, he cannot possibly be disappointed with some of the outstanding individual efforts he received over the last few months.

Notably, sophomore centers Matt Davis and Greg O'Connell are conducting a nip and tuck battle to the end in the team scoring race, and both are also among the league leaders in that category.

Walsh was also quick to point to the great play of his inexperienced defense, as well as to junior goalie Dan Kinchla, a converted forward, who played admirably in his first year as netminder.

The defense of Cohasset was also superb, despite junior Eric Libby and freshman Mike Devine having never played under Walsh before.

Though the inexperience of this team may have contributed to some of the key losses, losing only three seniors will be a big plus next year.

"If everyone comes back, we should have a good team," asserted Walsh.

South Shore League All-Star basketball teams

Boys
James Smith, Abington
Nick French, Abington
Ralph Frazier, Carver
Tim Ryan, Carver
Nate Frazier, Carver
T.J. Bilodeau, Cohasset
Erik Shea, Cohasset
John Lidington, Hull
Ryan Rooslet, Norton
Tim LaConte, Norton
Michael Gilraine, Norwell
Gerard Corcoran, Norwell
Coach—TBA

Girls
Brittany Cheney, Abington
Stephanie Morrissey, Abington
Katie Alexander, Abington
Maureen Halloran, Hanover
Carolyn King, Hanover
Megan Jesse, Carver
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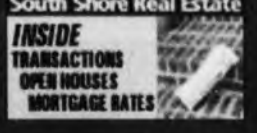
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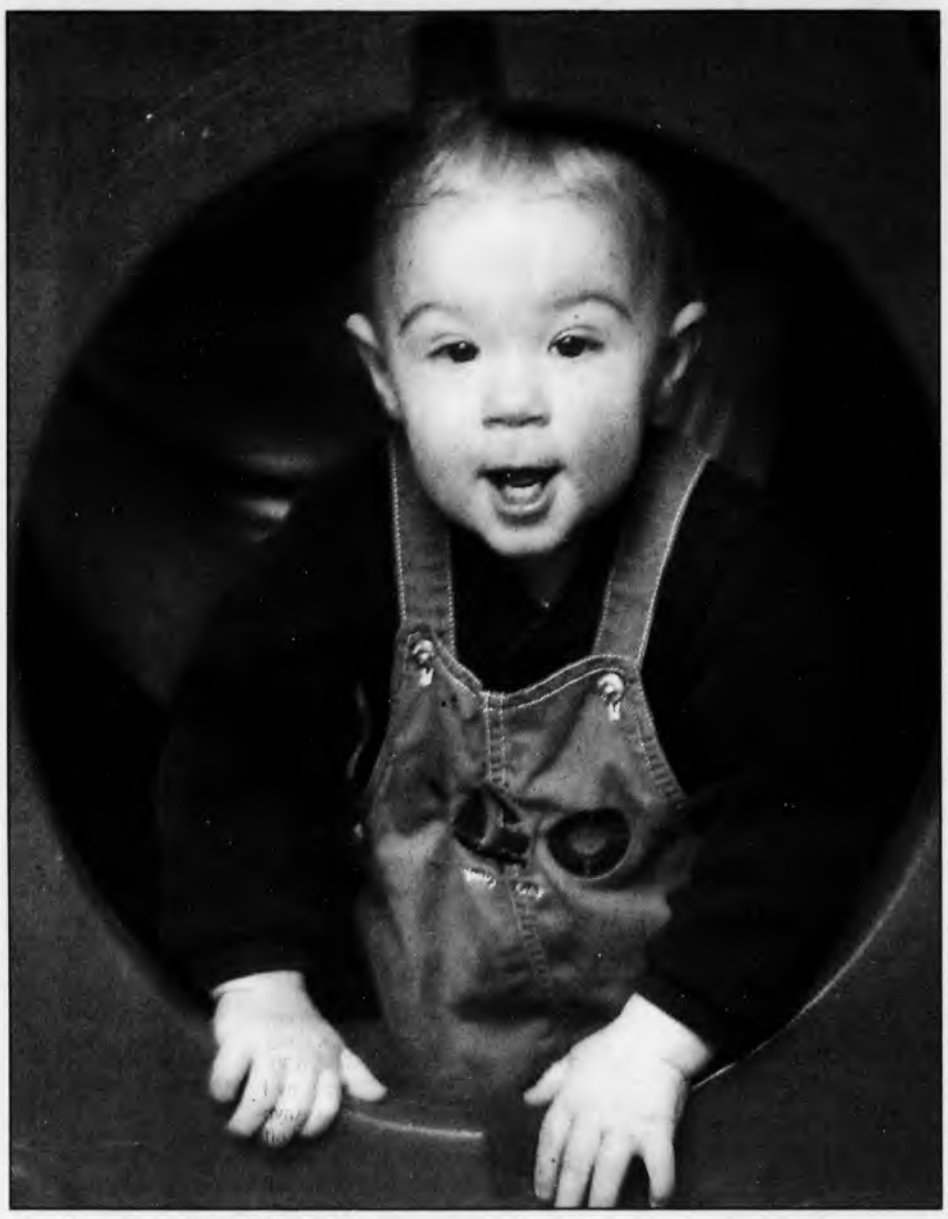
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Michelle Heffernan joins the fun with her kids Catherine and Matthew.



Curtis Lessard crawls through a giant playbox.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman



Kerry and Elizabeth Caufield lift the parachute revealing hidden youngsters.



Charlie Swartwood waits his turn on the trampoline while Nora Hill and Minnie Stavis bounce away at Gym Dandy. For more information about community center programs, call 383-0088.



Mark Bodner holds hands during Ring Around the Rosie.



Sam Greenip emerges from his playground cave during Gym Dandy at the South Shore Community Center.

IT'S HAPPENING

Chamber meeting

The Cohasset Chamber's Next Networking Meeting is Thursday, Feb. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Conlon Family Chiropractic, 814 CJC Highway (Rte 3A), Cohasset.

Part of the coming attractions at the Conlon Family Chiropractic networking session include free screenings and chair massages.

Mystery writer

Buttonwood Books & Toys presents Dennis Lehane who will speak and sign in Cohasset on Sunday afternoon, March 4 at 2 p.m. "Mystic River" (William Morrow $25) is Lehane's latest novel. Introducing new characters whose lives are as intertwined as the neighborhoods from which they emerged, Lehane has captured the cadence of their language and their inner-city lifestyle as played against the backdrop of their blue-collar neighborhood. Lehane is a first rate storyteller and "Mystic River" is a psychological thriller that snares you immediately. Lehane was born and raised in Dorchester.. He has written six novels, "A Drink Before The War"; "Darkness, Take My Hand"; "Sacred"; "Gone, Baby Gone"; "Prayers For Rain"; and "Mystic River". His short story "Running Out of Dog" was recently selected for publication in The Best American Mystery Short Stories of the Century. Dennis graduated from B.C. High School and then attended Emerson College and the University of Massachusetts, before settling into a creative writing program at Eckard College in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Free. Please call 781-383-2665 for reservations or to order your signed copy.

Foxwoods trip

The Sons of the American Legion is sponsoring a trip to Foxwoods on March 3. Bus tickets are $25. The bus will leave the George H. Mealy Post in Cohasset at 8 a.m. and the Scituate VFW on Rte. 3A at 8:15 a.m. and arrive at Foxwoods at 10 a.m. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 4:30 p.m. and be home by 6:30 p.m. For tickets stop by the American Legion hall on Summer Street in Cohasset or call the legion at 383-9657. The trip is open to all.

Garden secrets at community center

Dreaming of your summer garden? This winter, come and learn the secrets of successful perennial gardening. the South Shore Community Center is offering gardening classes to break the winter doldrums, and give all gardening enthusiasts a head start on spring planting. Succession of bloom, plant combinations, the placement of annuals, small trees and shrubs, design principles ease of maintenance, and local sources are just a sampling of what is covered in Ginny Ballou's popular six-week perennial gardening course which will start Thursday, March 1, for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. In this class you will earn hands-on planting as well as a slide/lecture and demonstration.

Ballou, who owns and operates Mrs. Blossom's Flower Company — a seasonal fresh cut flower operation — also designs perennial gardens, offers horticultural consultations and runs seasonal workshops in her Hersey Street gardens. Member of a number of professional horticultural organizations, Ballou has been teaching this course since 1992 Her lovely perennial gardens have been on a local tour. She also founded The Perennial Gardeners, a thriving local garden club.

Stop by the office or call 383-0088 to register. You can also visit the website at www.southshorecommunitycenter.com

Genealogy is focus

The Cohasset Historical Society is sponsoring a genealogy workshop Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers Cottage. The speaker is Bob Edmands, a Mayflower passenger descendant and member of the Alden family board.

Refreshments will be served. For information on the society call 383-1434 or Martha Gjesteby, 383-1614.

Hamlet auditions

Hull Performing Arts Inc. announces auditions for Paul Rudnick's comedy "I Hate Hamlet" Tuesday, Feb. 20, and Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave., Hull. Cast: three men, three women. Call (781) 925-2406 for directions and other information.

Quilt show benefit

The Second Congregational on Cohasset Common will sponsor its eighth annual quilt show and luncheon on Saturday, March 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The $10 donation includes a gourmet lunch and viewing of the more than 50 quilts. Advanced purchase of tickets is recommended as seating is limited. Call the church office at 781-383-0345 to make reservations. If you have a quilt you would like displayed, call Carol Sandblom at 781-383-1812. The event is a fundraiser for pediatric AIDS.

Relay kickoff

In anticipation of the American Cancer Society's fifth annual Relay For Life in Cohasset, the relay committee is hosting a kickoff at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Lightkeeper's Residence, 15 Lighthouse Lane in Cohasset, which will include music by a string quartet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and refreshments by Red Parrot Restaurant of Hull. Anyone interested in attending the kickoff or learning more about the Relay For Life in Cohasset should call Keith Bleicken at 383-2956, Victor Vanderlugt at 383-2956 or Gordon Behrer at (617) 770-7989.

This year's Relay For Life in Cohasset will take place from 3 p.m. Friday, May 18, through noon Saturday, May 19, at Cohasset High School. Funds raised through the Relay For Life benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and patient services.

Music lessons at conservatory

Now in its third year, the satellite school of The Boston Conservatory in Cohasset is accepting students for spring and summer. Lessons in piano, class piano, voice, strings, organ, as well as various other band and orchestral instruments are being offered, as well as school break class keyboard lessons (from Feb. 19-23) and summer classes in theory, music history, and class keyboard. Private lessons are offered all year long. Most classes and lessons will be held at The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset on Jerusalem Road, and some may be held at St. Stephen's Church on Highland Avenue. Call the director of the school, Dr. Fredrick Guzasky, for information, (781) 397-0963. Other instructors include Linda DeRosa-Coakley, Evelyn Czaja and a crew of The Boston Conservatory's finest teachers.

Newcomers events

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club invites current and prospective members to three upcoming events:

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Give Me The Skinny Caterer with storefront located in Norwell is hosting a cooking class on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.. The class will demonstrate how to whip up delicious stir fry dinners at home.

Maximum of 12 people. Please RSVP to Debbie Kuppens at 383-6399 by Feb. 8. The cost is $35 per person. Bring your own beverage and be sure to pre-pay to reserve your space.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Fire up your Crock Pot and get your best chili recipe ready to go! This annual favorite will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 7-11:30 p.m. at the home of Debbie and John Kuppens, 25 Stanton Road, Cohasset. All guests are asked to bring hors d0oeuvres or salad. Beer, wine, and soda will be provided.

RSVP to Debbie Kuppens at 383-6399. This year0s event is limited to 50 people, so be sure to sign up early.

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MONDAY, FEB. 5

1:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:51 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:05 a.m. Sohier St., transport.

10:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:46 a.m. Forest Ave., general services.

11:41 a.m. King St., medical aid.

1:57 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle violations.

5:32 p.m. Pond St., tree down.

8:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

9:54 p.m. Spring St., general services.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

3:59 a.m. all over town, general services.

4:32 a.m. Nichols Rd., assist other agency.

6:33 a.m. Ash St., motor vehicle accident.

6:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

7:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., abandoned 911 call.

7:28 a.m. South Main St., and Beechwood St., general services.

9:35 a.m. North Main St., animal control.

9:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. officer wanted.

10:36 a.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

11:24 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle accident.

1:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning issued.

3:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning issued.

3:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

3:34 p.m. Doane St., officer wanted.

4:43 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

5:48 p.m. Hull St., officer wanted.

7:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., road rage, services rendered.

7:40 p.m. Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

8:26 a.m. North Main St., fire investigation.

8:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

9:53 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

10:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

10:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

11:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

11:18 a.m. Sohier St., animal control.

11:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., assist motorist.

1:06 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:46 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

2:59 p.m. South Main St., fire inspections.

11:06 p.m. Black Horse Ln., fire investigation.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

7:35 a.m. Howe Rd., officer wanted.

1:44 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

2:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

2:42 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

7:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

7:46 p.m. Elm St., notification.

7:51 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident.

8 p.m. Rust Way, medical aid.

8:25 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., disabled auto.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

12:48 a.m. Rust Way, medical aid.

3:30 a.m. Arrowwood Rd., vehicle stored/impounded.

9:53 a.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

12:37 p.m. King St,. medical aid.

3:48 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.

3:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person.

4:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

6:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Pond St. Arrest: Paul F. Tracey, 37, 50 Oceanside Dr., Scituate. Chrgs. operating under the influence of liquor, 2nd offense, failure to stay within marked lanes.

8:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

12:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Crocker Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

12:45 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

12:52 a.m. Black Horse Ln., abandoned 911 call.

1:08 a.m. Black Horse Ln., assist citizen.

1:34 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.

1:41 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., and Windy Hill Rd., motor vehicle stop.

1:46 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., and Windy Hill Rd., motor vehicle stop.

7:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

7:28 a.m. Pond St., fire.

8:06 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

11:04 a.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.

11:14 a.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

11:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general info.

12:47 p.m. Sohier St., general information.

1:05 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.

1:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., transport.

1:46 p.m. South Main St., Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:04 p.m. King St., medical aid.

2:19 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

5:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

7:35 p.m. S. Main St., and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

8:05 p.m. S. Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

8:13 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

8:23 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:26 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle violations.

9:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

10:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SUNDAY FEB. 11

12:48 a.m. Pond St., suspicious auto.

2:51 a.m. headquarters, abandoned 911 call.

11:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation.

1:53 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

4:36 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.

5:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., trespassing.

5:19 p.m. Bancroft Rd., general services.

6:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation.

6:58 p.m. Bancroft Rd., general services.

9:15 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop.

POLICE BRIEFS

Stolen car recovered

Quick response by Cohasset police officer Christy J. Tarantino Jr. helped recover a car that was allegedly stolen from Hull within minutes of it being reported as stolen.

Tarantino was on patrol on Hull Street at 1:20 p.m. Monday when he observed a Gold Delta 88 that had been reported as stolen just ten minutes before. He activated the cruiser's blue, flashing lights and siren and followed the car over the town line where it came to a stop on Nantasket Avenue near the Hall Estate in Hull.

"At this time I initiated a felony motor vehicle stop," Tarantino stated in his report. Assisting at the scene were Hull officers Dale Shea and Christine Chagnon.

Hull police charged John L. Gardner, 36, of 101 West St., Plympton with larceny of a motor vehicle, OUI (alcohol) third or subsequent offense and driving with a suspended license (fifth or subsequent offense). Gardner was arraigned on the charges later that day at Hingham District Court.

OUI arrest

A cell caller alerted police of a brown Toyota being driven erratically southbound on Rte. 3A at about 6:40 p.m. Friday. Several minutes later the Toyota passed a police cruiser near Cohasset Plaza. The officer followed the car.

"I immediately noticed the driver of the Toyota was drifting and weaving over the double yellow line forcing northbound traffic to swerve to avoid being hit head-on," officer William Quigley stated in his report.

The driver stopped at 3A and Pond Street and was placed under arrest. Police charged Paul F. Tracey, 37, of 50 Oceanside Drive in Scituate with operating under the influence (liquor) and failure to stay within marked lanes. He was arraigned on the charges Monday in Quincy District Court. A pre-trail conference is slated for March 23.

Local officer completes leadership course

Sgt. Robert W. Jackson, a resident of Cohasset and a member of the Cohasset Police Dept., was among 39 law enforcement officials to complete a three-week Command Training Program Feb. 9. The program was held at the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management at Babson College and sponsored by the New England Association of Chiefs of Police.

The training program provides command officers with the skills needed to exercise effective management practices. Command training concentrates on the operational aspects of the command officer's responsibilities including problem solving, community policing and leadership. The New England Institute's faculty is drawn from colleges and universities including Babson, Bentley and Brandeis, as well as the business and law enforcement professions.

The program offers courses in community relations, decision-making, planning, staffing and other management and human relations subjects. Gerald F. Burke, retired major of the Massachusetts State Police, is director of the New England Institute.



Sgt. Robert W. Jackson of the Cohasset Police Department receives certificate of graduation from Gerald F. Burke (right), director of the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management at Babson College, Wellesley..

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OBITUARIES

Dennis K. Bradley

Dennis K. Bradley of Savannah, Ga., formerly of Cohasset, died on Jan. 30, 2001.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Bradley attended William and Mary College. He lived in Savannah for the past three years.

He leaves his long-time companion, June Hopkins, of Savannah; his mother, Adelaide B. Bradley of Dover, Del.; two daughters, Lauren Curley, of Cohasset, and Jill Bradley of S. Londonderry, Vt.; one granddaughter, Madeline Curley; a sister, Maureen Fletcher of Stamford, Conn., three brothers, William Bradley, Townsend, Del., Michael Bradley, Felton, Del., and Edward Bradley, Chattanooga, Tenn., and several nieces and nephews

A private memorial reception was held at his home in Savannah. Remembrances may be made to the United Network of Organ Systems, 110 Boulders Parkway, Suite 500, Richmond, VA. 23225.

Michael Batts

Michael D. Batts, 50, of Hull, died on Feb. 1, 2001, at home.

Son of the late Robert E. and Veronica (Drago) Batts, he leaves a daughter, Jennifer Roessler of Virginia; sisters, Kathleen Knorr and Mary Batts both of Hingham, brothers, Mark Batts of Cohasset, Robert E. Jr. and Shawn Batts both of Weymouth, William Batts of Palm Bay, Fla. and John Batts of Hull; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held in St. Paul's Church in Hingham.

Interment was in Forest Hills Crematory, Boston.

Arrangements were made by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home.

Veronica Batts

Veronica A. (Drago) Batts, 76, of Hull, died on Feb. 4, 2001, at the South Shore Hospital.

Mrs. Batts was a homemaker.

Wife of the late Robert E. Batts Sr., she leaves daughters Kathleen Knorr and Mary Batts, both of Hingham; sons, Mark Batts of Cohasset, Robert E. Jr. and Shawn Batts, both of Weymouth, William Batts of Palm Bay, Fla., John Batts of Hull and the late Michael D. Batts; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held in St. Paul's Church in Hingham..

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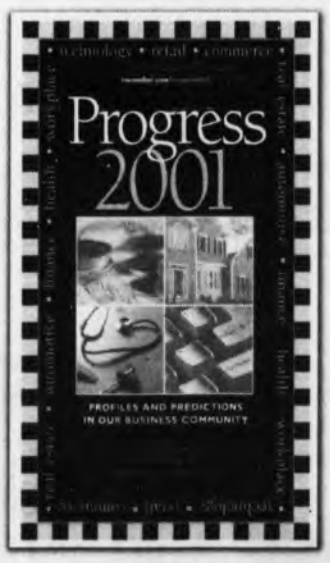
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Plymouth artist Rita Brace is currently showing her work at two South Shore displays — one in Rockland and another in Weymouth. She will take part in a Boston exhibit beginning next month.

Color full

Plymouth artist piles on the paint for South Shore shows

By Seth Jacobson
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What was once an outlet for personal expression has become a living for painter Rita Brace. The Plymouth artist recently took first prize for an oil painting from the Cape Cod Art Association and is currently displaying her work in two South Shore shows —one at the Rockland Library and the other at the Tufts Library in Weymouth. Brace will take part in another show next month, displaying her work at the Tishman-Speyer building in Boston. Her work is also often shown at Artistic Appetites in Hyannis.

"Everything just started happening," Brace said.

Brace said her Rockland and Weymouth shows will be running through the month of February. While many of her favorite works are being exhibited in Rockland, Brace said she's also proud of the paintings on display at Weymouth's Tufts Library.

"My best stuff is at the Rockland show," Brace said, adding the exhibit consists of about 25 different paintings consisting of various still life and landscape pieces.

Brace said the paintings at both shows reflect her artistic style.

"I paint pretty loosely," Brace said of her work. "I'm very free in my style, and I use a lot of color and a lot of paint. Some people say I paint like a millionaire based on how much paint I use. People often ask me if I'm using some sort of special paint, but I'm not—I just use a lot of it."

Brace said she believes piling the paint on is a "freer" way to express herself, and she stressed the fact that she believes an abundant amount of paint makes a given work of art look better.

Brace said her favorite medium is oil painting, but she said she also experiments with watercolors and acrylic paints. But it doesn't matter what medium she's working in as long as she is painting scenes from real life.

"I like to go out and paint," she said. "I just get out there and do it. I also like painting under pressure."

"I just go for color. If I see something interesting in terms of color, I paint it. It doesn't matter what it is."
Plymouth artist Rita Brace

Pressure is nothing new for Brace, who has four teenaged children which often leaves her a limited amount of time each day to paint.

Part of the challenge for her in terms of her art is getting a giving painting done in a short period of time—painting under pressure, as Brace referred to it.

"I love driving around trying to find the right scene to paint," Brace said. "I go anywhere from Scituate to Provincetown. There's just millions of gorgeous places to go within those areas, and they all have their own qualities."

Brace said because of her particular onsite-painting style, she never really tries to incorporate any deep themes in her work.

"I just go for color," she said. "If I see something interesting in terms of color, I paint it. It doesn't matter what it is."

Brace's love affair with painting began at the age of 16 when she got her first "paint box."

"I just started painting on my own," she said. "I kind of taught myself." Since those early days of painting, Brace has been trying to make herself a better artist and she has.

These days, Brace studies with various local artists and involves herself in a number of painting workshops. She is also involved with a large amount of art organizations including The Braintree, Weymouth, and Cape Cod art associations, the South Shore Art Center, the North River Art Society, and Oil Painters of America.

"I'm always trying to learn new things," Brace said. She said she is often experimenting with new techniques and new scenarios, and she will continue to do so in the future.

Brace said she believes a good painting is something which makes people think.

"A good painting has to call people to respond to it," she said. "They want to stop and look at it, maybe even just relax in front of it A good painting will make someone want to look at it—it involves the viewer."

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Hatch thriving after surviving 'Survivor'

By Josh B. Wardrop
CNC ARTS WRITER

Richard Hatch endured 39 days on the remote island of Pulau Tiga in the South China Seas. Right now, he's just trying to survive his schedule.

He walked away from CBS's "Survivor" with $1 million and the nickname "The Snake." And now the sky appears to be the only limit for Hatch, the corporate trainer who recently began a new career as co-host of "The Wilde Thing Morning Show" on Star 93.7 FM, in Boston. The sky, and the 24 hours allotted to him each day.

"We have about... oh, 12 minutes," says Hatch, settling into a chair in the somewhat cramped office he shares with fellow morning deejays Charlie Wilde, Karen Blake and Heather Gersten. Assistants and interns pop in and out — delivering messages, asking questions. Blake works at a computer, Wilde talks on the phone. Hatch sits in a corner, and takes just a moment to breathe.

The morning show, which begins at the ungodly hour of 5:30 a.m., has ended roughly a half-hour before our talk. In that 30-minute interim, Hatch has already done another interview. Once this chat is over, he'll be off to record a promo with his radio crew, and then out the door, off on yet another of the series of adventures his post-"Survivor" life has become. To hear Hatch tell it though, his current diversions — which range from radio to magazines to books to, possibly, a return to TV — are nothing more than just that: diversions.

"I didn't *care*, necessarily, about fame or any of this stuff [when I went on "Survivor"]. I felt pretty well grounded long before I ever got on the island. I think that's part of why I've been able to handle this pretty well.

"It's *not* meaningful to me ... it's all pretty much superficial crap. If the notoriety is gone tomorrow, I'm fine with that. If not, I'm fine with that, too. I'm enjoying what's happening, and though I could never have predicted it, it's not really overwhelming to me in any way."

Hatch joined the "Wilde Thing" show full-time on Jan. 30. How the whole thing came about is one of those serendipitous, coincidental tales that originates in (where else?) Los Angeles.



Richard Hatch discusses his career jump from survivor to radio co-host.

Hatch, who has no formal radio background, admits that he's still taking baby steps in his new venture.

"I met Charlie in L.A., when I was shooting 'Hollywood Squares,' " says Hatch, a tall, healthy-looking specimen that conjures up few images of the bearded, sunburned figure familiar to viewers of the first "Survivor." "He knew Linda Blair, who was on while I was on ... and we connected that way. And Charlie called me a number of times, and I did a couple spots on the radio.

"After the winning episode aired, I filled in on a radio show [in Rhode Island], and not long after that, the Star 93.7 program director, Ron Valeri, showed up in Newport and we began talks ... and here I am."

Hatch, who has no formal radio background, admits that he's still taking baby steps in his new venture. "I don't know anything technical, yet ... Heather, Karen and Charlie have an understanding of all that. I just babble and respond to what I'm hearing. It's easy so far. I'm sure it will be harder as I assume more responsibility, but right now, I'm just enjoying it."

Hatch stresses that his role on the "Wilde Thing" is not just that of a famous name providing some occasional pre-recorded bit. "I'm called

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The Art Complex Museum is currently showing "Trees" a solo exhibition by photographer Lance W. Keimig —celebrating the beauty and wonder of trees of all shapes and sizes — through March 4. The show is the first in a series of three exhibits offered by the museum in "On Their Own," an initiative highlighting artists who work in different media in separate exhibits. The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For museum hours and information call (781) 934-6634.

Food & dining

Quick-cooked root vegetables



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



Is there a quick and easy way to cook root vegetables that also enhances their flavor? You can roast or bake them, of course, or boil and then mash them but I was looking for a quicker and easier method, a side dish which could be thrown together at the last minute. I also wanted a method which preserved the taste and texture of the vegetables without drying them out.

My first thought was to put together a variation on a stir-fry but without the Chinese flavorings. I cut the vegetables into small (1/2 by 1/2 by 2 inch) pieces and cooked them in a large skillet over high heat with oil. This worked fairly well but the vegetables became slightly dry and tough. I also tried potatoes, beets, and rutabagas cooked in this manner. The potatoes overcooked on the outside before the inside was tender, beets make a huge mess and overpower the other ingredients, and rutabagas are quite large and a bit difficult to cut into small pieces.

Carrots, turnips, and parsnips, however, worked well although each required a different amount of cooking time. (The carrots went in first, followed by the parsnips, and then the turnips.)

My next thought was to skip the stir-fry method and cook the vegetables over high heat with water, butter, salt, and sugar until the liquid reduced and created a nice glaze. The small amount of water steams/boils the vegetables and then, as the liquid evaporates, the pan is drier and the contents are sautéed. Now that I had plump, tender and browned vegetables I wanted to try and develop a couple of quick variations with lots of flavor. My favorite combination was equal amount of lime juice and honey — two tablespoons of each are added after the vegetables are cooked. I also developed a more traditional Asian variation with ginger, soy sauce, sherry, and sugar or maple syrup.

10-MINUTE ROOT VEGETABLES

You can use just one of the vegetables or any combination.

2 cups carrots cut into 1/2 by 1/2 by 2 inch sticks, about 2 medium
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup parsnip cut into 1/2 by 1/2 by 2 inch sticks, about 2 small
1 cup turnip cut into 1/2 by 1/2 by 2 inch sticks, about 1 small
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Bring the carrots, butter, sugar, salt and 1/2 cup water to a boil over high heat in a large skillet for 2 minutes. Add the parsnips and cook an additional 2 minutes. Add the turnips and continue cooking, stirring about every minute until all of the liquid is evaporated and the vegetables are tender, browned, and shiny, about 6 minutes longer. Adjust seasoning with salt and freshly ground pepper and serve immediately. Serves 4 as a side dish.

LIME AND HONEY VARIATION

In a small bowl stir together 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice (from 2 limes) and 2 tablespoons honey. Once the vegetables are tender and browned, add the lime/honey mixture and cook, stirring constantly, for another 30 seconds or until the vegetables are evenly coated with the mixture which will be reduced to a glaze.

SOY-GINGER VARIATION

In a small bowl stir together 2 tablespoons soy sauce (light preferred) 2 tablespoons sherry and 1 tablespoon maple syrup or granulated sugar. Once the vegetables are tender and browned make a well in the center of the skillet. Add 1 tablespoon finely minced ginger and 1 teaspoon peanut or vegetable oil and mash with the back of a spatula or wooden spoon. Cook until fragrant, about 5 seconds and stir into vegetables. Add the soy mixture and cook, stirring constantly, until the vegetables are evenly coated and the mixture is reduced to a glaze, about 30 seconds longer.

Creating a garden with style

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT



Warm, balmy breezes, on a sun-drenched February morn, offered South Shore residents a glimmer of hope that springtime might soon come to pass, but frigid, gale force winds sent temperatures plummeting hours later, serving as a poignant reminder that patience is a necessity for gardeners in the northeast. Snow and ice continue to dominate our landscapes and gardeners must seek refuge in books, catalogs and magazines to satisfy their appetite for colorful flowers and the lush greenery of a garden in bloom.

The winter months are an ideal time to begin the process of creating a new garden plan or to modify an existing garden or landscape layout. Once the ground thaws and the soil can be tilled, gardeners tend to be overcome by spring fever which usually leads to impulse buying and designs which lack organization, balance or structure. The garden becomes merely a collection of plants rather than an attractive, creative plan. A seasoned gardener learns to focus on a particular theme or style to produce a specialty garden which facilitates the purchase of suitable plants to reinforce the design scheme.

Whether you are an experienced gardener or a fledgling dirt digger, your first priority is to analyze and evaluate your property, noting sun and soil conditions, drainage, and exposure to wind. While some of these existing conditions can be modified, to do so may require a considerable investment of time or money. For any garden to be successful, it is essential that its style, theme, and plants are suitable to the growing conditions found on your personal site.

The availability of light is perhaps the most critical aspect in choosing and developing a successful garden theme and is best judged once trees have leafed out in the spring. Observe your potential site every two to three hours, taking notes to determine how much light your area receives. As the days grow longer, the sun will be higher in the sky and most sites will receive considerably more sunlight as spring progresses unless large deciduous trees and shrubs cast shade. A site which receives morning sun and afternoon shade or dappled shade most of the day is considered shady; conversely, a site which receives morning shade and afternoon sun is usually classified as full sun. A garden located in full sun will enable you to grow the greatest diversity of flowering plants.

Selecting a style or theme for your garden requires considerable thought and research. Broad categories of garden themes might include perennial garden, cottage garden, sun or shade garden, formal garden, naturalistic garden, wildlife garden, or seasonal garden. A more specialized garden might evolve from any one of these general classifications. A perennial garden, for instance, might focus on a certain period (i.e. Victorian or Colonial), a specific color scheme (i.e. white, yellow, cool or warm) or a particular plant family (i.e. daylilies, hosta, roses or iris). A wildlife garden might concentrate on special wildlife visitors such as butterflies or hummingbirds. Each garden theme is bound to overlap another and many landscapes are likely to include multiple theme gardens.

A garden design should also be a reflection of a gardener's personal style and taste, just as each home has its own unique interior design. Most successful garden designs tend to match the style of the adjacent home. If your home has a formal appearance with symmetrically laid out foundation plantings, rectangular beds with straight edges will most likely suit your taste. A cottage garden, might be perfect alongside a country cape. In this style of garden, the emphasis is on bountiful color throughout the season using all types of plantings in beds, borders and containers. Large properties may lend themselves to one or more naturalistic plantings with the emphasis on native trees, shrubs and wildflowers as would be found in our local woodlands or wetlands. Somewhere in between formal borders and naturalistic landscapes are informal beds and borders with curved edges and irregular shapes which blend with nearly all types of architecture.

Browse through books and magazines and look for gardens which appeal to you and which might be suitable for your growing environment. If your property is predominantly shady, gardens which feature woodland wildflowers, perennials, hostas, ferns, astilbes and shade-loving trees and shrubs arranged in informal beds or naturalistic settings might be considered. A water garden or wildlife garden are alternative themes, many of the same plants being integral parts of any shade garden design. A shady spot, however, would be less than ideal for an herb garden or rose garden as these plants tend to be sun-lovers. Do your homework to ensure success.

Visit the Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show from Feb. 15 to 18 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence for an early glimpse of spring. Their theme, "Down the Garden Path," is sure to inspire and delight.

Hatch thriving after surviving 'Survivor'

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a co-host, and I'm in-studio as much as I can be. When I have to be away on other assignments, I'll call in from wherever I am."

Right now, one of Hatch's "other assignments" is his column for U.S. Weekly, The Hatch Report, which provides a weekly insight to something Hatch knows plenty about: "Survivor." The reigning champion delivers his opinions, observations and predictions each week about "Survivor: The Australian Outback," airing Thursday nights on CBS.

So far, Hatch's take on the second group of marooned strangers has been impressively perceptive. He was one of few analysts, for example, to predict that heavily favored Army intelligence officer Kel Gleason would be an early casualty. Hatch does admit, though, that he's surprised by much of what he's seen so far — particularly when addressing the question about whether the new cast has learned any lessons by watching the old.

"Absolutely not ... which *shocks* me. I'm surprised that these 16 people watched the show, listened to us talk about what we did, how we did it, why we did it ... and are making the *same* mistakes most of the other contestants made. It's unbelievable to me.

"I think that (the contestants) are not thinking clearly enough about what they're doing, or understanding themselves clearly enough to be responsible for how they're impacting the other people. All that anger, all that outspokenness, is *inappropriate* for a 'Survivor' winner," Hatch says.

Early on in the proceedings, Hatch favors Keith, Michael, Maralyn and Jeff among his possible winners, but also hastens "Don't bet on Rodger losing ... he's flying under the radar right now. I think he's sharp."

Hatch may be paid for his opinions on "Survivor," but don't look to him for insight on the other "reality" shows dominating the airwaves. "Haven't seen one," he remarks, matter-of-factly. "I haven't had time to pee, let alone watch 'The Mole' or 'Temptation Island'."

Hatch has recently been busy planning his *own* return to television, specifically, as the host of an imported English game show called "The Weakest Link," which NBC is producing.

"It's a phenomenal show," says Hatch, getting visibly enthusiastic. "I imagine it will air in September. On the show, I fire questions at nine contestants, with the money value increasing gradually. After each round, though, the team votes one of their own off." He chuckles. "Doesn't *that* sound familiar? At the end, one winner takes away what everybody has earned."

Two versions of the show are reportedly being prepared — a primetime version for NBC, and a syndicated daytime version — with the English show's host, Anne Robinson, supposedly attached to the primetime. But, let it be said that Hatch didn't outwit, outplay, and outlast 15 other "Survivor" contestants without a healthy degree of confidence.

"There's more money in the syndicated one, so of course I wanted that," he half-jokes. "But, I haven't actually worked my magic on them yet, and I hopefully will be doing both. They just don't know that yet."

With all the success and fame that winning "Survivor" has brought, it's foster parent Hatch's involvement with a personal cause that has brought him the most satisfaction. "One of the most meaningful things that's come from all of it is my involvement with 'Horizon Bound,' an outdoor adventure program for troubled teens.

"It had been defunct for 10 or 12 years, but now I've incorporated a program under the same name. We hope to have a couple of groups of kids out [on activities] by this summer."

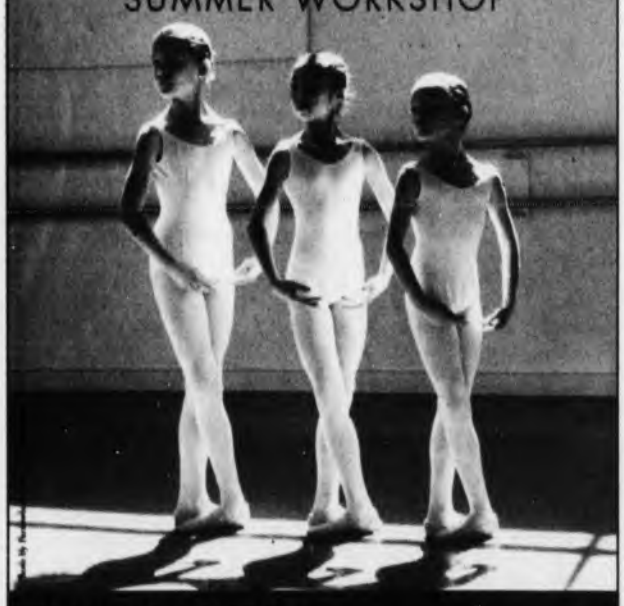
Richard Hatch appears to be a man with the world at his fingertips. But, with all the advantages and opportunities that lay before him, the most pleasant part of his success seems, to him, to be the freedom to do whatever — the journey, more than the destination itself. "Right now, I'm enjoying so many opportunities we'll see how they pan out, and where they lead me."

As he gets up, grabs his shoulder bag and is bustled out the door to the next meeting, the next appearance, the next...whatever, Hatch concludes, "My life changes daily. I feel like I'm an observer, and I watch and think and decide on a continual basis. So, who knows what's next?"

And, just like that, the tribesman has spoken. And he's gone.

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LES MISERABLES at the Colonial Theatre opening April 11 and running through May 20. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Midweek matinee on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices are $25 - $75. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617)931-2787 or directly through The Colonial Theatre Box Office , 106 Boylston Street and the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street. For more information call the Colonial Theatre at (617)426-9366.

EVENING IN PARIS with the Massasoit Community College Foundation's Third Annual Gala on March 3 at 7 p.m. Held in the Conference Center, Crescent Street in Brockton. For tickets and information call (508)588-9100 ext. 1008. $100 per ticket or call for reserved tables. Festive evening of Parisian ambiance with fine French cuisine and wines, music, casino and entertainment.

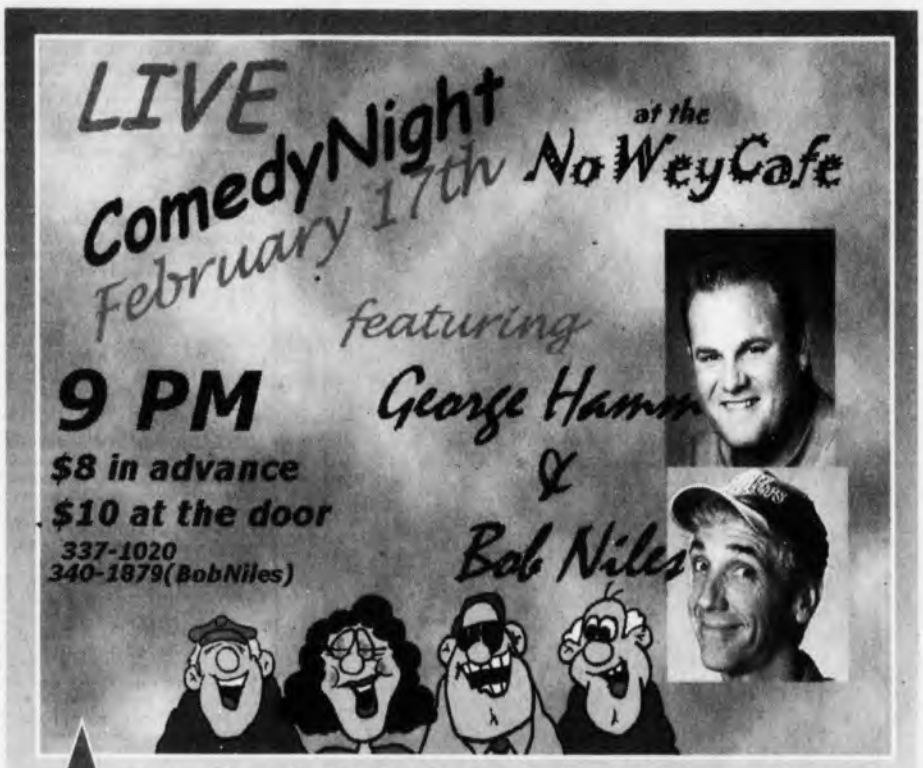
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TENTH ANNUAL WALK FOR HOSPICE SET FOR MARCH 3 with a dedicated group of volunteers sponsored by South Shore Hospital. On March 3 from 7 - 10 a.m. the annual walk steps off inside South Shore Plaza in Braintree. To be a part of this event you can: Volunteer to distribute promotional materials in your community; Walk with your family and friends,; Ask your school, religious organization or employer to support the walk; Make an individual or corporate donation. Call Kelly Greech at South Shore Health and Educational Foundation at (781)340-4061 for more information.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. The Tender Land, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

NONNA'S COMEDY CRUISE TO NOWHERE!! is coming to the South Shore . This dinner/theatre is an expensive option (approx. $40) for having a great meal and see/take part in a show all at one location coming in January. For more information call (781)933-1363.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners. plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781)383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781)383-1980.



BEST BET

George Hamm of Portland, Me. and local comedy veteran Bob Niles (wearing the baseball cap) will be appearing together at the NoWey Cafe 312 Bridge St. (Rt 3A) North Weymouth on Saturday, Feb 17 at 9 p.m. . The NoWey has been the South Shore's headquarters for the Boston Comedy Company for over a year admission is $8 in advance, $10 at the door. Tickets are available by calling the NoWey Cafe at (781) 337-1020 or by calling Bob Niles (781) 340-1879.

Fri. 16

South Shore Folk Music Club presents John Schindler, Chris Elliott and open mike at 8 p.m. at The Beal House, Route 106 Kingston. For more information call (781)871-1052. $4 members and $5 non members.

Snowy Owl Slide Show at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum at 7:30 p.m. $8 non member and $6 for Mass. Audubon members. Located at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Ave., Milton. For more information call (617) 333-0690.

Mass and Prayer Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 856 Washington Street in South Braintree. For more information call (781)848-1249.

Family Fun through Hands-on Workshop at Plimoth Plantation during school vacation week. The artisans and specialists at Plimoth Plantation will hold a 17th century cooking class and pottery workshop for families on Feb. 22 and 24. Both workshops are offered each day from 9:30 - noon (cooking) and from 1 - 4 p.m. (pottery). The fee is $30 per workshop for an adult with one child and $15 for each additional child ages 5 - 12. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 16. For more information call (508)746-1622 ext. 8371.

Sat. 17

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse in Central Square on the common in Bridgewater every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Open mike. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. "Monique Jarvis". For more information call Valerie Lawson at (508)833-3100.

The Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the square presents Don White with his funny story telling, singing, body language and facial theatrics. All events at 8 p.m. and tickets are $10. Located at 107 Main Street in Hingham.

Exhibit Opening at the Hull Lifesaving Museum running for 18 months. "Feathering, Sweeping and Laying Back" rowing and the small boat collections of the museum and its members. For more information call (781) 925-5433 or check out the website at www.bostonharborheritage.org.

"Baby, It's Cold Outside" a benefit for DOVE, Inc. will be held at Siro's Water Club at Marina Bay starting at 7 p.m. Silent auction and raffle, entertainment by the Java Jive Band, lite fare and cash bar. Tickets are $30. To purchase tickets or donate items call Anita Vella at (781)843-2922 or Laurie Kelliher at (617)773-2434.

Beginner Basics Workshop at Finding Inner Peace, Yoga and Stress Reduction Center with Maureen Spencer. Located at 988 Bedford Street in Abington. For more information call (781)878-0115.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on Feb. 17 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. Nancy Howell will demonstrate watercolor painting. The meeting is open to the public and is free. For more information call (781)337-1402.

Developing a Meditation Practice at Finding Inner Peace, Yoga and Stress Reduction Center with Karen Paolino. Located at 988 Bedford Street in Abington. For more information call (781)878-0115.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with hilly terrain for 3 miles. Headquarters path to Doe Hollow Path and return via Bugbee path. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Sun. 18

The Milton Players will hold open auditions for "Move Over Mrs. Markham the hilarious British farce written by Ray Cooney and John Chapman on Feb. 18 and 20 at 7 p.m. at the East Congregational Church, 610 Adams Street, East Milton. Performance dates are April 20, 21, 27 and 28. For more information call (617)698-SHOW.

Introduction to Meridian Hatha Yoga at Finding Inner Peace, Yoga and Stress Reduction Center with Daniel Orlansky. Located at 988 Bedford Street in Abington. For more information call (781)878-0115.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Lumberjack Jamboree" from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Grab your flannel shirt and hustle down. Try the 2 person saw, ax throw or spit for distance . 3 hours. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Mon. 19

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents Winter Wildlife from Feb. 19 - 23 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fee per adult/child par: $3 non member adult, $2 non member senior, $1.50 non member child: MAS members free with valid membership card. For more information call (617)333-0690.

Tues. 20

South Shore Women's Business Network presents a Canton luncheon/Informal Networking from 12 - 1:30 p.m. All attendees have an opportunity to present and distribute literature and introduce themselves. Held at Nick's Place Restaurant, 399 Neponset Street in Canton. $15 for pre registered members, $25 for pre registered non members. $20- for members and $30 for non members at the door. For more information call (781)749-8883.

The Kendall Whaling Museum located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon. at 8 p.m. presenting "All the Brothers were Valiant". Films are free with museum admission ($4 adult and $3 student/senior, $2.50 child). For more information call (781)784-5642.

Wed. 21

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will meet at 7:30 p.m. presenting Lucille Sorrentino on the topic "Practical Approaches and Activity Adaptation for the Physically and Cognitively Impaired Person". ADGSS Inc. meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street in Hingham. For more information call Joe Willard at (781)749-0795.

Fri. 23

South Shore Singles Dance with DJ. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission: $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required. For more information call (781)331-0021.

"Singles Executive Club" Monthly Social and Singles Dance at the Golden Rooster, 78 Border Street in North Scituate (781)545-4404. For single professionals from 35 - 55 from 8 - 12 a.m. Music by DJ. The cost is $15. Co-sponsored by Young Professionals Club.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "Arctic Summer: So Much Light, So Little Time" presented by Marcia Wilson from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the North Community Church Hall in Marshfield Hills. Fee is $5/$8 non members. Pre registration required. Tel. (781)837-9400.

The Fuller Museum of Art located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton presents "Feeding Mind, Body and Soul" at 11:30 a.m. with artist Richard Yarde presenting a gallery talk regarding his large-scale watercolors currently on display. Two of Yarde's series, "Coming and Going" and "Palm Prints" were selected for exhibition in the FMA's annual show of African-American Contemporary artists. Cost for the talk and lunch is $10. For reservations call (508)588-6000 ext. 100.



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Buckley Performing Arts Center announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. SwingDance America on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

Ongoing Events

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Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Rita Brace. Her oil paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781)337-4513.

South Shore Regional Center and the North River Sanctuary located at 2000 Main Street in Marshfield has on display through Feb. 24 the Sixth Annual Children's Nature Art Show with paintings by the students of Bettina Lesieur. Library, gift shop and art displays are open Mon. - Sat. from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Over 2 miles of trails are open from dawn to dusk Mon.. - Sun. $3 for adults and $2 for children. For more information call the Massachusetts Audubon Society at (781) 837-9400.

Duxbury Art Association presents the "Monotype Guild of New England" 4th annual juried exhibition sponsored by Deloitte Consulting. The exhibition is open through Feb. 26. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call DAA at (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

The North River Arts Society presents "Familiar Places and Open Spaces" with watercolors by Maureen K. Brookfield running through March 31. Held at the Ventress Library, Webster Street in Marshfield. Hours Mon. - Wed. 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call for more information.

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"Two Chicks Painting" to be shown at the James Library, 24 West Street in Norwell from through March 1. Local artists Susan Davis and Corinne Capobasso. This show of oil paintings may be viewed during library hours which are Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (781)659-7100.

27th Annual Winter Juried Show is open to the public at no charge through April 29. Artists throughout New England vie for the opportunity to exhibit their work, which is selected by a distinguished panel of judges. The Duxbury Art Association located at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

Call to Artists for the Duxbury Art Association Winter Juried Show 2001. All mediums accepted. Show runs through April 29. Entry price is $10 per piece. Opening Gala reception and awards on Feb. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. Call (781)934-2731 ext. 15 for prospectus and more information.

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The Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the square presents Don White with his funny story telling, singing, body language and facial theatrics on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10. The Old Ship Church is located at 107 Main Street in Hingham.

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Annual Members Show with the North River Arts Society through Feb. 17 (closed Mondays) from 1 - 3 p.m. at NRAS headquarters, The G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills. Free admission will include hors d-oeuvres and a cash bar. Awards presentation at 8 p.m. For more information call Kate Norton at (781)837-8091.

Kingston Public Library presents "Animal World" exhibit throughout the month of February. The library is open from 1 - 8 p.m. on Mon., from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Wed., Fri., and Sat. For more information (781)585-0518.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call (781)545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call (617)479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

The Hyannis Port Challengesm an 85-mile fundraising cycling event will take place on May 19. Best Buddies and Back Bay Bikes host an informational session at Best Buddies, 132 Adams Street, Suite 7, Newton. All sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. and are free of charge. Spaces are limited so please call Beth MacNeil at (800)718-3536.

The Fuller Museum of Art presents Craig Bloodgood , artist/inventor known for innovative furniture, sculpture and interactive games. The show will run through March 11. The show is entitled "Gravity, Biscuits and Rolling Balls: The Inventions of Craig Bloodgood." For more information call (508)588-6000. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Museum hours are Tues. - Sun. from 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults.

The Fuller Museum of Art annual exhibition of African American Contemporary artists presents Richard Yale Recent Works on Paper: Coming and Going/Palms. Show will run through March 25. For more information call (508)588-6000.

The South Shore Art Center presents "Faculty Odyssey" an Exhibition of South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists. The exhibit will run through Feb. 25. Gallery hours: Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. Dillon Gallery: "New Faces & Places" - Joan Brancale, Monica Denevan, Gloria Dufresne, Jack Foley, Wendy Hale, Pat O'Neill. Faculty Feature: Lis Koopman-Wyman. Located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information call (781)383-2787.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the pastel paintings of Marshfield Artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan through the end of February. Admission to the gallery is free and the hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781)749-7565 ext. 16.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "Beautiful people, horses and places" Recent charcoal drawings by Mary Felton through February 28. Held at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2721. Hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous is a twelve step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at (781)829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at (781)294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level of the) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at (781)834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns call (781)843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call (781)659-1857.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at (781)749-1679.

The Chris Luard Jazz Duo appearing every Thurs. and Friday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at no charge. This piano and bass duo can be seen at Abbadessa's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 211 Lincoln Street, Route 3A, Hingham. For more information call (781)749-9829.

The Network Voice Toastmasters' Club meets for feedback on speeches from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street , Weymouth. Call (781) 487-5100 for more information.

The Olde Kids on the Block a 20 piece orchestra will be playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure at Striars JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. and admission is $5. Feb. 20., Mar. 20., Apr. 17., Jun. 19., July 17, and Aug., 21, 2001.

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Just for kids

THE REVERE CHILDREN AND THE SIEGE OF BOSTON on Feb. 21 and Feb. 23 from 10:30 - 12 p.m. For children ages 6 - 10 and accompanying adults to find out what happened to Paul Revere's children as the siege of Boston began. $3.50 per person child or adult. Located at 19 North Square, Boston. For more information call (617)523-2338.

MASSACHUSETTS AUDUBON SOCIETY presents programs for the school vacation week. Feb. 21 - 23 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. registration deadline is Feb.. 17. Family Days at the Farm, "Fur and Feathers" Feb. 24 from 1:30 - 4 p.m. "Night Sky in Winter" on Feb. 20 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary. If the sky is clear bring binoculars and dress warm. $3/$5 non member. For more information call (781)837-9400.

FEBRUARY VACATION ACTIVITIES AT THE KENDALL WHALING MUSEUM on Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. there will be a showing of the film "All the Brothers Were Valiant" on Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. "Meet the Whales", an introduction to the whales New Englanders know and love. The museum is open Tues. - Sat. and Mon. holidays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. Admission is $4, $3 for seniors and students and $2.50 for children 6 - 16. Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon. For more information please call (781)784-5642.

THIRD ANNUAL HINGHAM VACATION WEEK CONCERTS WITH KEVIN DEVINE on Feb. 20 from 9:30 - 111 a.m. at Loring Hall Theatre, 65 Main Street in Hingham. Tickets to benefit the Hingham Newcomers Club, are $5 in advance, $6 at the door. For advance tickets please call (781)741-5409.

CELEBRATE AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY with children's programs beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Smith Hall at the Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston. Reservations are not necessary. Space is available on a first come first served basis. For more information on any programs please call (617)929-1250. entitled: "Latino Voices" on Feb. 17 in the Enchanted Circle Theater. Feb. 19, "Celebrate" with the Bamidele Dancers and Drummers and on Feb. 21, "Hiawatha" the Catskill Puppet Theater, Inc.

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL CENTER AND THE NORTH RIVER SANCTUARY located at 2000 Main Street in Marshfield offers the following: Preschool Nature Stories every third Friday from 9 - 10:15 for ages 3 - 5. There will be a short nature outing related. Come prepared $3/$5 non member. Connecting with our open space, Feb. 17 from 1 - 3 p.m., Night Sky in the Winter on Feb. 20 from 7- 8:30 p.m. at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary. $3/$5 non member. School Vacation Week Programs include Adventures in Winter from Feb. 21 - 23 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Family Fun Days on Feb. 24 from 1:30 - 4 p.m. For more information please call the Massachusetts Audubon Society at (781)837-9400.

SCHOOL VACATION ACTIVITIES sponsored by the Children's Museum in Easton. Fun and art activities designed to celebrate the season and chase away the "There's nothing to do" blues. A different activity is planned for every day, no reservation is required. All activities are free with museum admission, $3.50 per person. For more information call (508)230-3789.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at (781)834-7417.

'KIDS WORKOUT' a program offered by the South Shore YMCA for girls and boys ages 8 - 11. Classes consist of fun aerobics, fitness games, sports play, learned nutrition and weight training. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. For more information call Gayle Laing at 479-



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Four your health

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL PROGRAM LISTINGS: Newborn Care and Safety - Feb. 25, March 9, 23 and 25. Call (781)340-8332 for times and fees. Babes in Arms - an infant massage class. call for dates and times. Preparation for Labor and Birth: Call for times and dates. Understanding Preterm Labor March 13 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call to register. Twins, triplets and more on March 13 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. call to register. Healthy Expectations - call to register. Epidural Update on March 22 from 7 - 8 p.m. call to register. Refresher Birth Class on March 10 from 2 - 6 p.m. call to register. Sibling Preparation class on March 4 call to register. Boot Camp for New Dads on March 3 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. call to register. Breast feeding Class on Feb. 23, March 9 and 23 from 7 - 9:30 p.m. call to register. Grandparenting class call to register. Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Class on March 10 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. call to register. Hospital Tours call to register. Golf Clinic on Tues. and Thurs. at 5:45 starting March 22 call to register. Teen conditioning program on Mon. and Wed. at 4:15 call to register. Baby Maybe? on March 26 at 7 p.m. at Eat Bridgewater Public Library call to register. Parkinson Exercise Class call to register. Stretch, Tone and Balance call to register. Diabetes Exercise Program call to register. Speakers Bureau call to register. Promoting Early Literacy call to register. Child/Teen Support Group on Tues. from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Beginning April 3 call to register. Drop in bereavement Group on Mon. from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at 100 Bay State Drive in Braintree. Bereavement Group on Mon. from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at 85 Columbian St. South Weymouth. Stepping Healthy call to register. Stress Reduction Clinic call to register. Bosom Buddies call to register. Volunteer Opportunities call to register. Become a Friend call to register. Infertility Services call to register. Travel Health Service call to register. Bone Densitometry call to register. Juvenile Arthritis Program call to register. Skin and Wound Center call to register. Osteoporosis Exercise call to register. Prenatal Exercise Program call to register. Postnatal Exercise on Tues. and Thurs. at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., and 4 p.m. Wed. and Fri. at 11:15 a.m. Fibromyalgia on Mon. and Wed. at 5 p.m. Meet the director on Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Boston Sports Club in Weymouth. Prenatal and Postnatal Exercise an Overview on Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. at the Boston Sports Club in Weymouth. Call (781)340-8332 for times and fees and to register.

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Lend a hand

VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S DAFFODIL DAYS Join and help with administrative tasks in the office or help deliver or sell daffodils, the Society's flower of hope during the week of March 26. You will be helping to raise vital funds for the Society's patient services, education and research programs. Please call your local American Cancer Society at (508)584-9600.

OPEN HOUSE FOR POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS on March 1, the Fuller Museum of ArtÕs Education Dept. will be hosting an open house and reception for individuals interested in learning more about the FMAÕs Docent Program. Drop in between 12 and 2 p.m. and again at 4 -6 p.m. to meet current Docents. The FMA Docents are comprised of men and women from a wide variety of backgrounds who share the similar love of education and they provide guided tours for the thousands of visitors that come to the museum. General volunteering hours are from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information call Dawn Low, Director of Education at (508)588-6000 ext. 113.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SPREAD THE WORD FOR COHASSET MS WALK The goal this year is to recruit 11,000 walkers, one for each person with MS and to raise $1.5 million. The MS walk" 2001 takes place in 22 locations, March 31, April 1 & 7, and May 5 & 12. To walk for a cure, call 1-800-493-9255.

BECOME A BIG SISTER offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones at the Boston office. For more information call (617)236-8060 and visit www.big-sister.org.

CARING, HELPING HAND NEEDED at the Marshfield Council on Aging for the following for people who can give the elder community help as they prepare for stormy weather. Hot meal delivery, grocery shopping, assistance with rides to medical appointments, library book delivery to homebound seniors, and especially friendly visitors for winter friendship and companionship. Please call Cathy Nickerson, Marshfield Council on Aging

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Blue Hills Trailside Museum program listing: Museum hours Tuesday through Sunday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Fees $3 adults (age 16 - 64), $2 seniors (ages 65 plus) $1.50 children (ages 3 - 15). Free for Massachusetts Audubon Society members with a valid membership card. Weekends programs: 11 a.m. - "Story time", (geared to ages 3 - 6) 1 p.m. "Live Mystery Animal", (geared to all ages) 3 p.m. "Theme of the month", (geared towards ages 6 and up). Located at 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton. For more information call (617)333-0690.

Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "Walk on the Wild Side" on Mondays from 8:45 - 11 a.m. You don't have to be a bird watcher or amateur naturalist to enjoy being out doors. this is a weekly walking group which will meet at the Society's office on Route 3A in Marshfield. To register call (781)837-9400.

An evening of Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse on Bridgewater Common, every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Relax and enjoy coffee and pastry, hang out in the back room and search for greatness on the chalked walls or step up to the mike and read a poem on the open session. Admission is free but we pass a hat for the feature. For more information call Valerie at (508)833-3100 or vmuddypond@aol.com or The Daily Grind Coffeehouse at (508)279-9952.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation & Nursing Center located at 308 Kingstown Way in Duxbury which meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. All family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims are welcome to attend. For further information all Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser at (781)585-2397.

Izaak Walton Fishing Association has meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Whipple Senior Center, 182 Green Street, North Weymouth. Dues are $15 annually. Featuring fresh and salt water subjects, field trips, local fishing contests and tips on equipment and locations. For additional information call (evenings): James Moore - 781-335-8653, Tom MacDonald - 781-335-3424.

Bridge is Back at the First Parish Church of Duxbury. ACBL certified director and bridge teacher Bill Wennerberg will be running the game. The scoring will be stratified so everyone has a chance to earn their points. The game is every Thursday and begins at noon sharp. Refreshments are served and partners are always available. For further information call the Owl's Nest Bridge Club at (508)746-8715.

South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 - 11 a.m. For children ages 3 - 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots : Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Afterschool nature programs: Thursdays, 4 - 5 p.m. For children grades 1 - 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 - 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call (781)659-2559.

Vincent's Nightclub adjacent to Lombardo's, Exit 5 A off Route 128, Randolph. For more information call (781)986-4000. Every Thursday: 8 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. is Dick Svatt's Adult Singles Dance Party. Every Friday: 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. : Latin Night. Every Saturday: 8:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.: Discotheque Saturday Night. Every Sunday: 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.: Caribbean Night.

Italian meal and music sing at Sheraton Plymouth on Thursdays and Fridays at the Harbor Grille and Pub featuring an Italian meal. Cost for the complete meal is $8.95 for lunch and $13.95 for dinner. Located on the Plymouth waterfront near the intersections of rtes. 3A and 44. For reservations and more information call (508)747-4900.

Meetings

MOTHERS AND MORE provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. The topic will be Family finances (with guest speaker) Please call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES a journey to inner peace will meet on Thursdays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 112 Randolph Ave. in Milton. Call (617)696-5685.

NEW BEGINNINGS - A support group for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, meeting at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Rte. 123), Norwell. For more information, call 781-653-2887.

THE MOMS (MOMS OFFERING MOMS SUPPORT) CLUB- will be starting a chapter in the Marshfield area. Anyone interested in joining call (781) 837-2149.

WRITERS GROUP - Buttonwood Books has established the Buttonwood Writers Group to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing and meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. Call (781) 383-2665 for more information.

WEEKLY WRITERS MEETING - Adult writers group meets weekly with facilitator Susan Dominquez from 1-3 p.m. in the reference area of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Aspiring or published writers are encouraged to bring a sample of their work to share with the group. Call (508) 830-4250 for information.

SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. In the Council on Aging facility, 293 Pine St., Norwell. Call (781) 545-7067 for information.

QUINCY HOSPITAL - Offers the following support groups such as Al-Anon (617) 843-5300, Bettors Anonymous in the Education Center, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Breast Cancer Support Group (617) 696-8875, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Fibromyalgia Support Group (617) 479-5034, Debtors Anonymous (617) 728-1426, Emotions Anonymous (617) 729-7011, Nicotine Anonymous (617) 472-5628, Overeaters Anonymous (781) 641-2303, Prostate Cancer Support Group (617) 834-2818 or (617) 471-4582, Stress Reduction/Relaxation Response Group (617) 471-2595. The Hospital is located at 114 Whitwell St., Quincy.

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly by meeting at 6:30 p.m., every Thursday, in the Parish Hall of the First Congregational Church, Hanover.

SOUTH SHORE SPINNERSÖ GUILD - Meets at 7 p.m., the first Thursday of each month, in the South Shore Natural Science Center. For more information, call (781) 837-8967.

THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTERS' CLUB - Club meets for feedback on speeches from 7-9 p.m., the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street, Weymouth. Call (781) 545-5101 for more information.

Classes

FINDING INNER PEACE Yoga and Stress Reduction Center offers the following classes: "Teaching Yoga to children" on March 6 with Maureen Spencer, M.Ed., R.N. Also "Aromatherapy Workshop" on March 31 with Phyllis Comoletti, LPN, Cert Aromatherapist, 3.6 contact hours. Located at 988 Bedford Street in Abington. For more information call (781)878-0115.

DOG TRAINING at the Hingham Recreation Center, 210 Central St. in Hingham sponsored by the New England Humane Association. Good Manner for Beginners - March 13 at 7 p.m. for (5 weeks/$90). Obedience with Distractions March 13 at 8 p.m. (5 weeks/$90). Agility - Obedience on March 13 at 6 p.m. (5 weeks/$100). For more information call 781)741-1464.

PEMBROKE LIBRARY FEBRUARY PROGRAMS: Yoga Thursdays: Feb. 15, 22 from 6 - 7:15 p.m. for adults. Homework Help on Feb. 16 from 3:30 - 4:30 for ages 6 and up. Homework Help on Feb. 20 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for ages 6 and up. Yoga Wednesdays, Feb. 14, 21, 28 from 10 - 11:15 a.m. for adults. Tax Preparation on Feb. 15, 22 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon for adults. Mother Daughter Book Club on Feb. 22 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for ages 8 and up. Boston Symphony on Feb. 24 at 12 noon ages 7 and up. Babies all aboard with Dr. Leo Muido on Feb.. 26 from 7 - 7:45 p.m.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER is offering the following courses for adults: "How to Photograph Your Art" on Feb. 24 from 12 - 5:30 p.m. $85. "Mosaic Birdhouse Workshop" for two Sundays, March 4 and 11 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. $130.

"BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP" course including boat construction, boat handling, safety and legal requirements, navigation rules, aids to navigation, piloting, engines, marlinspike, weather, radiotelephone and trailering. Course will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. beginning Feb. 27 through June 5 at the Weymouth High School, 1051 Commerical Way, Weymouth. There is a $40 fee to cover materials cost. Contact L. William Fuller Jr., Public Education Officer at (781)848-2906.

AMERICAN RED CROSS is offering the following courses: Feb. 15 - 22, Community First Aid and Safety from 6 - 10 p.m. $70. Call (617)770-2600 Mon. - Fri. from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS AT THE SCIENCE CENTER featuring Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 - 11 a.m. For children ages 3 - 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Vacation Week Programs ÖCome to your sensesÓ for children grades 1 - 5, Feb. 20 - 23, half and full days offered. "For Kindergartners" mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. "The eyes have it" Tues. Feb. 20. "Breathtaking Noses", Feb. 21. "We're all ears", Feb. 22, "Keep in touch", Feb. 23, "Parents and Tots" on Wednesdays, Feb. 14, 28. "Animal Tails", Feb. 15, The Mitten, Feb. 15, "Scienceworks" on Wednesdays from 4 - 5:15 p.m., Feb. 14, 28, March 7, 14 and 21 for children grades 1 - 5. "Dinosaurs and other Prehistoric Creatures" for children grades 1 - 3, "Great forces in nature" for children in grades 3 - 5, "Saturday adventures" on Feb. 17, "Do Raptors eat bark? Do beavers eat mice?" on

Talent search

HULL PERFORMING ARTS is pleased to announce auditions for Paul Rudnick's comedy "I Hate Hamlet" on Feb. 20 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Avenue, Hull. Cast: 3 men, 3 women. Performance dates are set for late April and early May. For more information and directions call (781)926-2406.

COMMUNITY BAND SEEKS EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS to begin its thirteenth season. Percussion, double reed, low brass and saxophone players are especially needed. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 9 p.m. in the Sharon High School music room. For more information call Lorna Hurwitz at (781)784-6649.

ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR VINE HALL GALLERY The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking artists and/or photographers interested in exhibiting their work in Vine Hall Gallery during the upcoming year. Exhibits run on a monthly basis, with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Science Center. Proposals for exhibits must reflect a natural theme, and should be directed to Joan Reid, c/o SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061.

PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS to fill the following vacancies: Principal Timpani, Section Strings and all sections except cello. Candidates must make an audition appointment with PPO Personnel Manager Norma Steiner by calling (508)339-0418 evenings before 10 p.m. Rehearsals and performances are held in Plymouth's Memorial Hall on Court St., Rte. 3A.

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TOGETHER AGAIN IN HARMONY - The all male a cappela chorus is seeking singers through 7:30 to 10 p.m. open rehearsals, Thursday evenings in South Weymouth, Route 18, next to the Weymouth Air Base. Call (508) 378-3553 for more information.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Stormy astrological weather continues. A Scorpio moon urges you to focus on the positives instead of getting caught up in worries, limited thinking. Let go of the past and of situations you have no control over. Keep your nose to the grindstone. Hard work will pay off. The Scorpio moon forms challenging alignments to Uranus, Mercury, Saturn. The moon becomes inactive at 10:23 p.m., when the last quarter phase occurs. Mars moves into Sagittarius at 3:06 p.m., remaining there until September 8. Mars will begin retrograde travel on May 11, when it reaches the last degree of Sagittarius.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Planetary action turns around completely today. Storm clouds move out; sunny and mild astrological weather returns. The moon enters optimistic Sagittarius at 5:02 a.m. However, a lunar opposition to Jupiter in the morning warns against acting impulsively, overdoing on any level. Retrograde Mercury aligns with Uranus at 21-degrees of Aquarius. This combination may bring unexpected news or shed new light on matters. Keep an open mind. You can find new solutions to old problems.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

A Sagittarius moon continues to set the stage for an upbeat day. There are a couple of pitfalls, however. A lunar alignment to Pluto this morning may generate emotional fireworks. Think before you say or do something you will later regret. In addition, Mars prepares to oppose Jupiter, the planetary ruler of Sagittarius. Don't take chances or do anything risky. It is better to handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands mental focus and concentration. Gather with friends and let the good times roll this evening.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

An ebullient Sagittarius moon continues active travel until 2:22 p.m. This is a wonderful day for relaxing, enjoying favorite friends and pastimes. On the other hand, don't overdo or overextend; avoid making extravagant promises or purchases. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. A Capricorn moon takes over at 3:59 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The sun moves into Pisces at 9:27 a.m., remaining there until March 20, when the Vernal Equinox arrives. The moon travels in Capricorn, prompting you to follow through on jobs that may have been left hanging in the past few days. You can be most productive. Get back on track with exercise and physical fitness routines. A polarity of Mars and Jupiter cautions you to channel high energy constructively. Know your limits.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

A Capricorn moon urges you to be more ambitious; tackle a busy agenda. Zero in on projects already begun and finish them; clean out desk drawers and closets, get rid of the clutter. Follow through on commitments and promises you have made to others. The moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn at 6:03 p.m. and becomes inactive. Plan a quiet evening.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Planetary action points to an above-average day. The moon enters Aquarius at 4:53 a.m. and aligns with Jupiter and Mars in the morning. If you have a clear plan of action and stick to it, you can be most productive. Be open to new ideas and new ways of doing things. You can fix glitches, solve problems. A 90-degree alignment of the sun and Jupiter generates an optimistic mood but warns against overdoing, overextending. A lunar alignment to Neptune makes this an evening to kick back and mellow out completely.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

This is a wonderful day for vacationing. On the other hand, if you are working with others, you can be most effective. All team sports, community endeavors, group efforts get the green light. The moon continues to travel in freedom-oriented Aquarius and forms easy contacts to Venus, Pluto and Mercury. In addition, an applying alignment of the sun and Mars adds an energy boost but warns against fast driving, risk taking.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Take it slow and easy this morning. Stay alert and use common sense. The Aquarius moon forms a challenging contact to Saturn at 7:18 a.m. and becomes inactive. A 90-degree alignment of the sun to Mars can spark arguments, power struggles, impulsive action. Others may be irritable, moody. The dark side of a new moon is a time for cleaning out, letting go, making way for new starts. Take extra quiet time out for yourself; reflect on and learn from past experiences. The moon enters Pisces at 5:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

The new moon culminates at 3:21 a.m., when the sun and moon conjoin at 5-degrees Pisces. The light side of a new moon brings a time for new beginnings. However, it is best to put new ventures on hold until Sunday, when Mercury turns direct. Because Mercury is slowing its rates of motion, the next couple of days may be hectic. Unexpected setbacks, breakdowns or changes in plans are likely. Slow down and pay extra attention to details.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

The combination of a Pisces moon and applying Venus/Pluto alignment makes this day prime for creativity. You can find fresh inspiration and add new depth, dimension to artistic projects. Follow your intuition; your instincts are on target. Romance is in the air this evening. Spend quality time with the love in your life.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

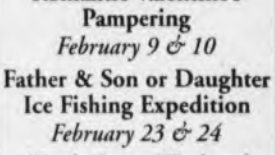
The moon enters Aries at 5:20 a.m., and generates high energy and enthusiasm today and tomorrow. The big news, however, is that the planet Mercury turns direct at 10:41 a.m., and the green light goes on for new starts across the board. You can launch new ventures, make important decisions, purchases. A harmonious Mercury/Venus alignment makes this a time for meeting people, developing new friendships. Put on your party hat and let the good times roll tonight. The next

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Honors

Michael Barnes, Kelsey Bell, Isabelle Bertolami, Katherine Bolger, Mark Bouchard, Prescott Busk, Rita Carpenter, Melissa Crawford, Amanda Daley, Zachary Etkind, Aileen Fotunato, Remy Lee, Benjamin Libby, Erin Liddell and Jonathan Lowe.

Also, Michael Martone, Paul Miller, Christine Muir, Lisa Musto, Nathan Needle, Michael Pecca, Christopher Pescatore, Vanessa Plante, Katrina Reardon, Cassie Rosano, Nils Sceery, Charlotte Sida, Stephen Simmons, Brandon Smith, Devin Smith, Lisa Spirito, Ellen Tarpey, Emma Weston and Jessica Wheelwright.

GRADE 8
High Honors

Jeannette Daley, Katherine Englander, Andrew Flynn, Rachel Garber, Danielle Hajjar, Jonathan Littauer, Toby Norman and Elizabeth Stone.

Honors

Daniel Allen, Christopher Barber, Jacqueline Blake, Jack Carroll, Matthew Casey, Cecelia Chapman, Elizabeth Condos, Kevin Dinsmore, Joseph Durkin, Mary Fegreus, Alison Fludder, Jonathan Grimm, Adam Haracz, MacKenzie Holway and Courtney Hurley.

Andrew Jerz, Lindsey Kennedy, Molly Kirk, Rebecca Lehr, Mark Lewis, Molly Liddell, Colin Magruder, Jennifer Murray, Milly Ogrodnik, Timothy Pilczak, Justin Previte, Lauren Rizzotti, Thomas Ross, David Silva, Mary Silva, Christina St. Pierre, Edward Straughn and Domenic Strazzulla.

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High Honors

Christopher Bilodeau, Jesse Brewer, Jennifer Buckley, Andrew Busk, Jonathan Downing, Rachel Doyle, Allison Earon, Corey Evans, Kara Flint, Tess Foley, Jessie Guild, Craig Laugelle, Leah McMorris, Elizabeth Meikleham, DeWayne Morris, Andrew Musto, Brittany Novak, Ryan Ofsthun, Danielle Pinkus, Carling Sturino, Emilie Sullivan, Daniel Tarpey and Nicole Turgiss.

Honors

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GRADE 10
High Honors

Bryan Bilton, Nell Brewer, Matthew Davis, Scott Faber, Laura Genello, Lindsay Grossman, Sarah Hassan, David Ingber, Ian Kidder, Ross Lieb-Lappen, Allison Moje, Elizabeth Reynolds, Julie Shea, Rachel Smith and Kimberly Ulmer.

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GRADE 11
High Honors

Charles Anderson, Connor Avery, Timothy Baird, Matthew Bilodeau, Nick Bolster, Caroline Carter, Kevin Chang, Cara Foley, Jeffrey Garber, Jacqueline Goines, Katharine Grimm, John Hussey, Stephen Laney, Nicholas Lesniewski-Laas, Daniel Littauer, Suzanne Lynner, Liam Martin, Megan McCain, Robinson Murphy, Stephen Murray, Matthew Ogrodnik, Mary Parker, Kelly Stone, Corey Sullivan and Kyle Weber.

Honors

Courtney Anton, Jason Brown, Abigail Coakley, David DeVito, Shane Dewar, Brendan Fludder, Emma Gardner, Vincent Gratta, Kathryn Hines, Daniel Kinchla, Mark Lehmann, Eric Libby, Peter Maitland, Robert Protulis, Alexander Schmidt, Jessica Stevermer, Timothy Straughn, Amanda Watts and Peter Whoriskey.

GRADE 12
High Honors

Timothy Bilodeau, Benjamin Bixby, Catherine Bosworth, Casey Brewer, Ronan Buick, Robin Cunningham, Susan Dane, Kelly Devine, Daniel Duffy, Catherine Flaherty, Lane Forrer, Christopher Golden, Lydia Guild, John Hertig, Victoria Hurley, Elizabeth Ingber, Sarah Kidder, Brian Krupczak, Alicia Lewniewksi-Laas, Kelly Lordan, Julia Lovallo, Kathleen McCarthy, Kerry-Ann McCarthy, Karen McMorris, Daniel Morse, Douglas O'Brien, Clara Sceery, Erik Shea and Ashley Ulmer.

Honors

Aryanna Afshar, Amanda Cowing, Alexander Dedes, Amy Devlin, Maureen Equi, Lindsey Gardner, Ted Gledhill, Timothy Grassey, William Heinz, Geoffrey McWilliams, Margaret O'Connor, Nick Pestone, Elizabeth Rankin, Arthur Rasmussen and Andi Shaughnessy.

Cohasset hosts post-prom party

The fourth annual post-prom all-night party will be held at Cohasset High School June 1. Tentatively, the prom will be held at the Marriot Long Wharf in Boston. After the prom, the students will return to CHS for a night of fun. A live band, a casino and a breakfast are some of the events that are being planned.

An inclusive, chemical free all-night party for seniors has been very successful in many neighboring towns, including Hingham, Scituate, Hanover and Marshfield. Local police and organizations strongly support the idea in these towns as this all-night affair takes what may be a worrisome night and turns it into a safe and fun experience for prom-goers.

The ticket price will be $30 per attendee. Student tickets will not cover the entire evening. Donations are needed to make this event a success.

Please help support this event and send your donation to: Cohasset Post- Prom Party c/o Kay Langham, 100 Pond St., Cohasset, 02025.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the committee, please call Kay Langham, 383-2748 or Allison Ulmer, 383-2672.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for 10-$2,000 scholarships are available (starting Wednesday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

This is the 28th consecutive year the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding college scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application in person at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Saturday, March 31.

Applicants will be judged by members of the scholarship committee of the board of directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, call Hoby Taylor (781) 749-6660.

Derby honors

Derby Academy Headmaster Edward Foley announced the names of seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade students who have achieved an average of A- (90) or better in all academic subjects for the first semester.

From Cohasset they are: Christina Daniels, (8th Grade), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Daniels of Fair Oaks Lane; Katie Kuppens, (7th Grade) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kuppens of Red Gate Lane; Jenna Larson, (8th Grade) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Larson of North Main Street; Suzanne Lewis, (8th Grade), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis of Mohawk Way; Maggie Pilczak (7th Grade) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pilczak of Riverview Drive; Gillian Simons, (9th Grade) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simons of Jerusalem Road and Callie Steele, (9th Grade) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Steele of Black Horse Road.

Derby Academy, founded in 1784 by the will of Madam Sarah Derby to educate boys and girls of Hingham, now serves 303 students Pre-kindergarten through Grade 9 from 28 greater Boston communities.

'Summer Arts at Derby 2001'

Registration is now open for "Summer Arts at Derby 2001" at Derby Academy in Hingham. Summer Arts is a comprehensive five-week arts program for ages 8 to 15. The program is staffed by professional artist/teachers and includes more than 90 courses in drama, visual arts, newspaper and creative writing, dance, sports, gymnastics, photography, music, animation, and martial arts. A newspaper is printed every day and a full-scale musical is produced. Students choose their own schedules and there is a daily free-choice period to try new things. The program culminates in an all-day arts festival that celebrates the talents of the students through performances and exhibits of their work.

The goal of the program is to allow students to explore a wide range of activities and to encourage their individual talents. Campers from more than 20 communities share a special summer through the arts.

The dates of the program are June 25 to July 27; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tuition for the five-week program is $1,500; enrollment is limited. For applications and more information, call Thalia McMillion, director, at (781) 740-4766.

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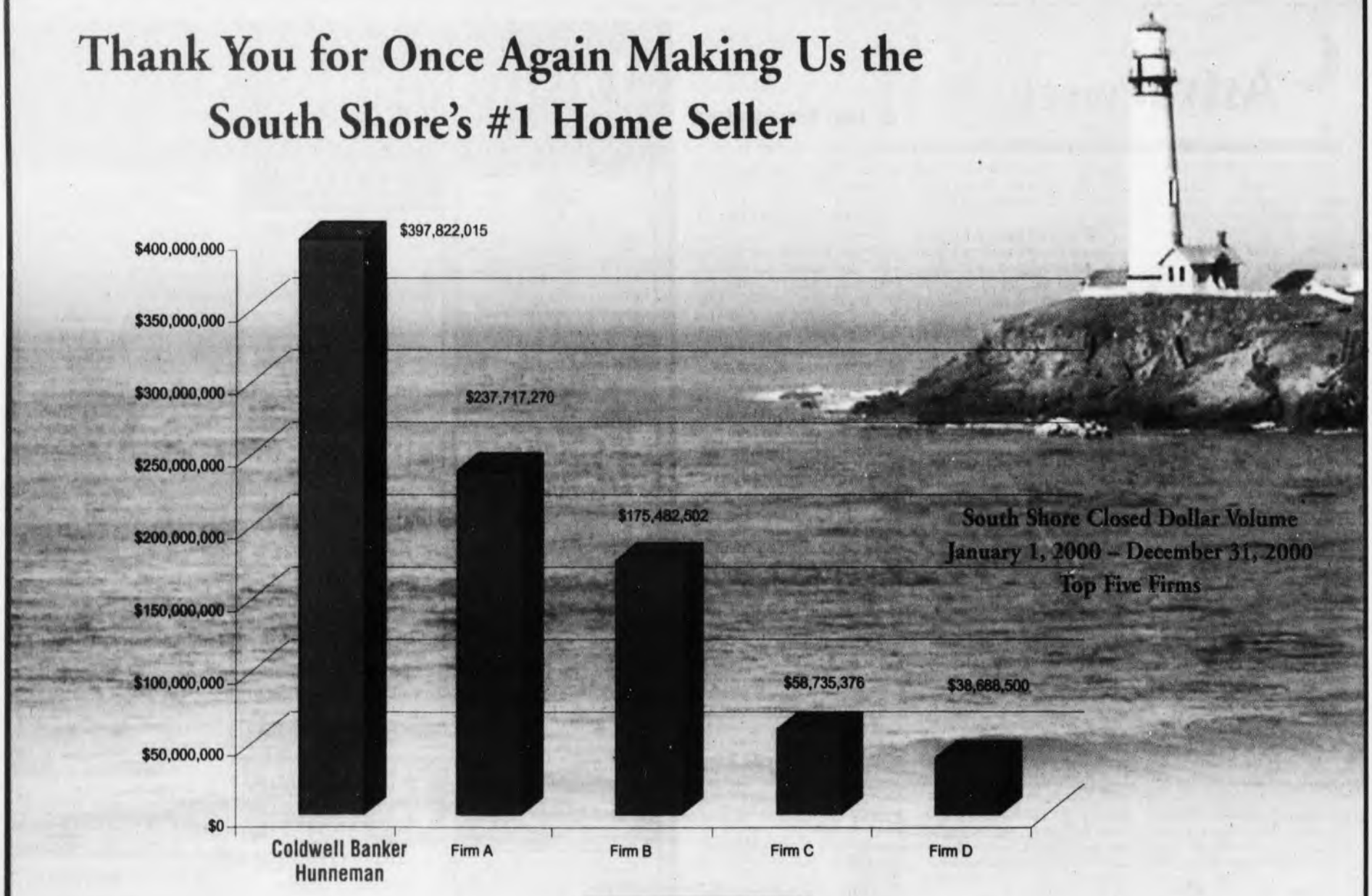
Hello to all of our Schools In readers! After writing this column for some time, I feel that it will work better to have it run on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Please have all news to me no later than the fifth and the 20th of each month. You can expect a full column that will include all the events and upcoming news happening in the schools. Also, this column will not be published during the months of July and August. Thank you all for your support. You can get your news and information to me in the following manner:

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Price tag for rail bed rises

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset may have received a big gift from the state this week when Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan said the MBTA would have to pay fair-market value when it takes the six-mile town-owned, railroad right-of-way as part of the Greenbush restoration project.

The town had been told in the past, particularly by former senior project manager Kevin Dasey, that under a 1991 bill, the MBTA was authorized by the Legislature to take all land needed for the Greenbush commuter rail right-of-way at no cost. But through train negotiations, the town and MBTA agreed to a $1 million payment in exchange for a "friendly" good-faith land taking of the long-dormant rail bed as part of Cohasset's mitigation package.

However, thanks to some investigative work by state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and lobbying by state representatives Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, and Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, Sec. Sullivan told Bradley, and later confirmed in a conversation with the Mariner, that the 1991 legislation only authorized the free land-taking of state-owned land.

"There had been an interpretation out there that the MBTA wasn't obligated to compensate the town for the land. But Sec. Sullivan said that is not how we are going to operate," said Executive Office of Transportation and Construction spokesman John Carlisle. "We're trying to still work in good-faith with the towns. Taking the land

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Diane Kennedy, with clipboard in hand, surveys the site of this June's Festival on the Common.

Who's the conductor?

Dasey departure worries town

By Rick Collins
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MBTA senior project coordinator Kevin Dasey's exit in the middle of Greenbush mitigation talks not only resulted in the loss of a valued and respected negotiator, but also left a vacuum around whom the town should approach in order to continue to hammer out a deal.

To that end, selectmen met in a special Greenbush session last week during which they expressed concern about current developments.

"I'm nervous that any changes we ask for would bring us back to square one," Selectman Fred Koed said. He said when Dasey walked out the door, so did the entire negotiating history the town and MBTA had accumulated over the past two and a half years.

"It's a whole new game," agreed Mitigation Committee chairman Thomas Gruber, who has been one of the town's chief negotiators.

The MBTA said engineering and construction chief Eric Botterman would be the new point person for discussions surrounding the proposed commuter rail, and promoted Weymouth-native Jamie Jackson to project manager. But Cohasset selectmen were doubtful whether either would have the background knowledge or the authorization to make changes to the deal currently on the table.

After nearly three hours of informal discussion regarding mitigation

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The fine art of festival planning

Cohasset woman focuses on attention to detail

By Mary Ford
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It may only be mid-February but Diane Kennedy is thinking about June. And just like the rest of us – who pine for warmer temperatures right about now — she hopes June is sunny and not too hot.

But Kennedy's summer thoughts are focused on more than the weather. As coordinator of the Festival on the Common sponsored by the South Shore Art Center – that includes the celebrated art festival – Kennedy is in the midst of planning the details of the annual event set for June 15-17 that will bring upwards of 10,000 visitors to Cohasset Village.

"It's like planning a wedding. You get so wrapped up in the details and making sure that everything is filed in the right place that you ride on adrenaline."

— Diane Kennedy, art festival coordinator

It's her second year at the helm. Last year she and another resident, Debbie Flannagan, split the duties, an arrangement that provided the perfect initiation for Kennedy into a job that includes its share of stress associated with pulling together the signature event for the town. Potential headaches can range from parking and traffic to problems with tent rentals and electrical wiring – not to mention thunderstorms that can quickly clear out a crowd.

The art center has a trip down Memory Lane to thank for the fact that Kennedy, who grew up in Norwood, and her family moved to town.

It was two years ago that Kennedy and her husband, Patrick, an attorney, were heading back home from Washington, D.C. to live in the Boston area. As a girl, Kennedy spent summers in Scituate, so she talked her husband into taking a drive down to the South Shore.

"I wanted to see the Scituate lighthouse," the mother of two recalled. "We were driving down Forest Avenue and saw the ocean."

Cohasset's proximity to the sea and the town's love for the arts provided the perfect lure for the young family.

"I saw an article in the Mariner about the art festival, and thought, 'a town that does that has got to be good!'" recalls Kennedy, who lives on Jerusalem Road Drive.

Kennedy brings a natural enthusiasm to the art festival coordinator position along with a rich background in the arts. While in Washington, the Wheaton College

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The heart of the matter

Hospital awaits word on surgery application

By Alice Coyle
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Physicians on staff at South Shore Hospital can tell you if an artery to your heart is blocked, but they can't perform the surgical procedures often required to fix this-life threatening problem.

Patients rushed to the Weymouth hospital with chest pains can be treated medically and stabilized but then must travel farther by ambulance or Medflight to a Boston hospital if heart surgery is required to save their lives.

"It's a long trip into Boston, even with lights and sirens," said Anthony Marks, chief of cardiology at South Shore Hospital.

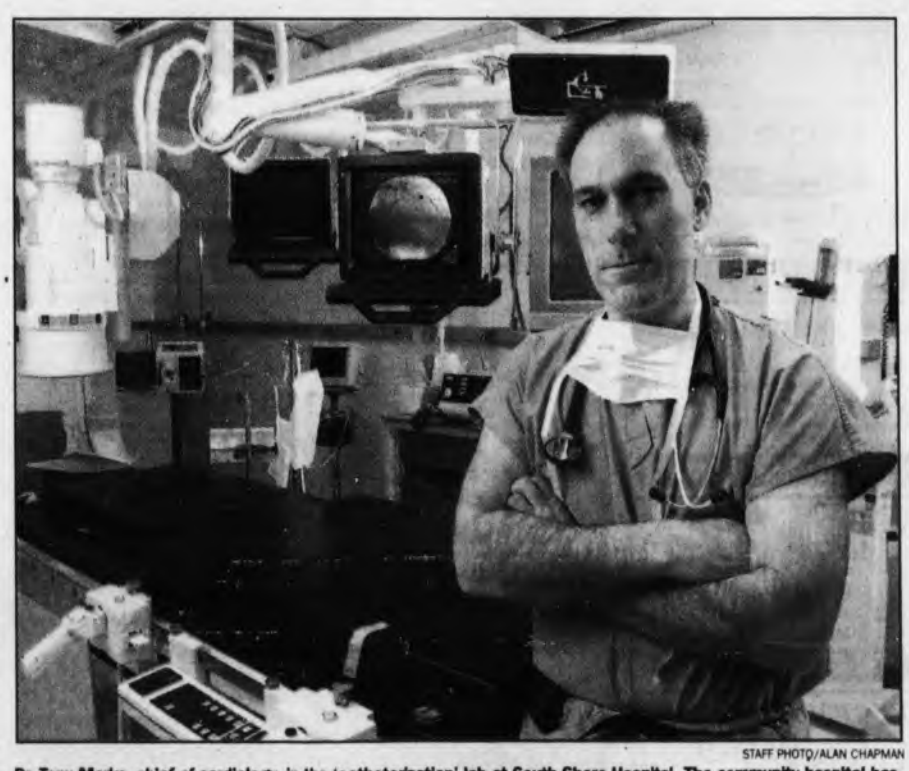
Door to door, a patient could wait a minimum of 90 minutes before receiving treatment in Boston and that can add up to more heart muscle damage along the way, he said.

Marks and others at the hospital want to change that by offering open heart surgeries including heart by-passes and angioplasty procedures — where a catheter with a balloon is used to break through heart blockages — at the community hospital.

Like nearly every community hospital across the state, South Shore Hospital does not have a license to perform open heart surgery. Community hospitals in the 49 other states already do the procedures that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has restricted to Boston's teaching hospitals

All of that could change next year if the DPH approves the hospital's application to begin open heart surgery service. The DPH is reviewing applications from six community hospitals, including

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Dr. Tony Marks, chief of cardiology, in the 'catheterization' lab at South Shore Hospital. The community hospital has applied to the Department of Public Health to be able to perform open heart surgery.

Stress on watershed subject of workshop

By Mary Ford
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Most think of the word "taxed" in relationship to bills people must pay to government, but members of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force hope to bring a whole new meaning to the word.

The Weir River Watershed that provides water for about 38,000 people living in Hingham, Hull, Norwell and north Cohasset is taxed in both its capacity to provide a stable public water supply and its ability to maintain adequate habitat for aquatic wildlife, according to a state watershed resources study.

The results of the study — that officials promise will be explained in layman's terms — will be the focus of a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hingham Town Hall on Central Street.

A watershed is the land area that drains to a body of water, such as a stream, river, pond or the ocean.

"The study shows that during times of high water usage, we're taking more out of the watershed than we should," says Jeffrie Bettinger, chairman of the Hingham task force.

What's happening, as a result, is the downstream ecology is suffering and could ultimately have an impact on the quality of life.

"Some say, 'good there will be no more mosquitoes,'" said Bettinger facetiously. "But the potential impact is on the open space that borders the rivers — the trees and plants." Low-flow conditions also affect fish that must compete for diminished living space, dissolved oxygen and food supply.

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Norwell pumps water from four wells in the upper portion of the watershed. Massachusetts American Water Company, which supplies Hingham and Hull and north Cohasset, withdraws exclusively from the Weir River watershed and accounts for up to 85 percent of water withdrawals, according to the report.

The report states that existing demand exceeds the minimum acceptable threshold — or "Aquatic Habitat Safe Yield" for the entire 20-square-mile Weir River basin —

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by 59 percent. In 20 years, forecasts are the demand will exceed the minimum acceptable threshold by 82 percent.

Bettinger said the state report is a tool that should be used by the region to come up with solutions.

"It's a start," he said about the report providing the impetus for what it calls "stakeholders" to work together.

He explained that the state is not going to use the report as a cudgel over the region to force conservation.

"They're not going to say, 'you're taking too much water out and have to stop,'" he said. Bettinger said the state would leave it up to the stakeholders to determine what they are willing to do to protect the watershed.

The state commissioned the study conducted by environmental consulting firm, GZA, through the Department of Environmental Management. It purpose was to develop a model of the watershed including water sources and withdrawals as well as the ecological system dependent on the watershed. The goal of the study "is to tell us how much water can be removed from the watershed system, while still maintaining the ecology of the downstream areas," Bettinger said.

At the Feb. 28 meeting GZA, the DEM and the task force will be on hand to discuss the study and present recommendations.

Samantha Woods of the Weir River Watershed Association encourages participation in the meeting.

"There is plenty of water but at what expense?," she asked. "The water that supplies our drinking water is also the water that supplies surface waters like the Weir River and its associated ponds.

"Flow in the river is already impacted, according to the report, and further withdrawals have the potential to exacerbate that situation. Citizens should be concerned because this could affect planning for future growth of the town(s) and how to supply that growth with drinking water."

She said citizens can help by becoming informed about the issue and, if necessary, changing water-use behavior.

Bettinger of the Hingham task force said he considers the report's findings to be serious.

"One reason I came to this town in addition to the excellent schools and public services, is the great park areas and open space," he says. "The town is near the city, but it's country.

"But we're going to lose that if we don't pay attention."

This week in **COHASSET**

Bradley hold office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley will hold district office hours this Friday, Feb. 2, in Cohasset. He will be available at the Stop & Shop, public meeting room, 400 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend but would like to meet with the representative, call (617) 722-2800 ext. 7315 to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Hotel room tax

This fall, the town could mull over whether to reinstitute the local occupancy tax on hotel rooms in Cohasset. Town Manager Mark Haddad brought up the issue at Tuesday night's selectmen's meeting, after being sent a letter about the issue from the state Department of Revenue.

In 1988, Town Meeting voted to tack on a 4 percent tax to hotel rentals in town. It was revoked in 1989. Now, with the expansion of the Red Lion Inn, coupled with Kimball's By the Sea, Haddad said the town could raise an additional $32,000 annually be bringing back the 4 percent tax.

It's too late to bring it up for the March 31 Annual Town Meeting, but selectmen said it could be brought up at a fall special town meeting.

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Sun. 25	12:27	9.5	6:27	12:38	10.1	6:50
Mon. 26	1:01	9.7	7:06	1:16	9.9	7:27
Tues. 27	1:37	9.7	7:47	1:55	9.7	8:06
Wed. 28	2:16	9.8	8:30	2:38	9.4	8:47
Thurs. 1	2:57	9.8	9:17	3:25	9.1	9:34

Tides at all ports from Annisquam to Wellfleet are within 10 minutes of the above.

Thermal imaging unit update

The Cohasset volunteer firefighters' effort to raise enough money to purchase the town a thermal imaging goggles received some support from interim water commissioner, and cemetery and veterans ommittees member Glenn Pratt.

Pratt told selectmen Tuesday that the town should "step up" and cover the remaining $10,000 needed to buy the goggles. "I think it's time your board and the taxpayers to step up and buy this lifesaving piece of equipment," he said.

The call-firefighters have raised $10,000, and a recent grant added $12,000 to that total.

Selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to see if the $10,000 could be absorbed into the budget somehow.

Town parking lot

One of the mitigation items the town is poised to receive from the MBTA is the construction of a new and expanded parking lot.

At least week's informal selectmen's meeting on the proposed mitigation package, discussion included counting spaces that would be lost along the right-of-way when the train comes.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Tuesday that town Building Commissioner Robert Egan counted 55 cars parked along the right-of-way last week. The MBTA plans on adding 69 spaces to the new town lot.

Summer jobs

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund announced that this year's recruitment program for summer positions within the Department of Environmental Management and the Metropolitan District Commission is underway.

Anyone interested in applying for these seasonal positions should contact Sandra Dalton at the District office located at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth, MA 02191. (781) 340-9866 to obtain a referral form.

The seasonal positions that are available include lifeguards, clerks, summer workers and laborers for MDC and DEM swimming pools, campgrounds and picnic/swimming areas.

To ensure that these facilities are staffed and seasonal personnel are adequately trained, completed forms must be received before Friday, March 30.

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Permitting in-house apartments on agenda

ebate begins er Town eeting articles

By Rick Collins
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ough the groundhog has called six more weeks of winter — sure sign that spring is coming ne sound of residents arguing Town Meeting warrant arti-

though the debates have not ed to boil, Cohasset selectmen ed off the season last Tuesday n they brought in a number of town's boards to go over pro- ed articles.

s of press time, there were 34 les — or items of business ed to be discussed at the March Town Meeting — ranging from roving the town's $23 million rating budget, to zoning nges, to adding a new bylaw rding floor drains.

lectmen and the town isory Committee attach their mmendations to the warrant residents to take into consider- n when voting.

anning Board Chairman Al ore, with Zoning Board of eals Chairman Woody Chittick Town Planner Liz Harrington ing on, explained his board's posed zoning changes.

ne change would allow acces- dwellings or "in-law apart- nts" by special permit in resi- tial homes. Two-family resi- ces are currently prohibited in asset, although some home- ers particularly in the veterans of town, created in-law apart- nts before the town's zoning s ruled them out.

ne addition of legal accessory llings, said Harrington, could er provide additional money financially strapped seniors, or te additional senior housing out actually building a new cture.

ne permit would come with 18 ditions such as the accessory elling can't be more than 25 cent of the house's floor area, or feet, whatever is less, and the licant for the permit would e to be a live-in owner. Only 10 e-year permits would be avail- each year.

lectman Ronnie McMorris ested that half of the permits n be set aside for seniors.

Moore said he didn't know how great the demand would be, but didn't doubt that accessory dwellings already exist illegally, just "under the town's radar."

One change would rezone the Hagerty Property from light industrial to open space. Seven years after it purchased the water-front lot, the town is finally ready to build the long-planned public parking lot and boat ramp at the site. Rezoning would prevent attempts to use the site for commercial enterprises. Last summer Cohasset Lobster Pound owners Tommy Alioto and Chris DiNatale were interested in leasing out part of the space for a new lobster shop. The plan was eventually nixed, but as a result, the move began in earnest to see the property rezoned.

The permit would come with 18 conditions such as the accessory dwelling can't be more than 25 percent of the house's floor area, or 900 feet, whatever is less.

The matter was scheduled to be on one of last fall's town meetings, but was pulled off when the planning board had some concerns about whether the change had been properly researched. Now, the planning board is ready to move forward.

"We thought it had been thrown together quickly, and wanted to be careful," Moore said. "Now we're comfortable."

Selectmen voted to recommend both articles.

Chittick was next in the hot seat to lobby for the ZBA's four articles. One article would change wording in a bylaw that prohibits fences taller than five feet, to six feet. Chittick said a Town Meeting vote had authorized the change a number of years ago, but the "wording was never changed."

Another article would "clarify" the wording of a zoning bylaw regarding waterfront properties, by changing "The land is not subject to flooding or wave damage, nor is unsuitable because of drainage conditions" to "The proposed use is not subject to damage by flooding or waves, nor is unsuitable because of drainage conditions."

Chittick said under old regulations, a house could be denied a permit because its shoreline 50 feet away had some erosion, for example. The new language would allow the permit, as long as the proposed use, isn't affected by flooding or wave damage.

A third zoning bylaw change would increase the required distance between a driveway and a property line. Selectmen had some concern over this article because of the popularity of split driveways in town. Also, selectmen questioned a zoning bylaw change that would prohibit the storage or display of commercial goods, products, materials or equipment on property lines. Selectmen questioned if this would prohibit fishermen from storing their boats in their yards too close to property lines. Moore said it would, but Chittick said they would insert some language to protect boat storage. Selectmen held off on approving either of those two articles.

Sewer Commission Chairman Gary Vanderweil explained two of the three articles his board has proposed. One article asks the town to approve $200,000 study to see if the Central Cohasset wastewater treatment plan could expand. The commission recently completed a feasibility study of Little Harbor to see if it would be possible to sewer the area. One of the study's conclusions suggested the expansion of Central Cohasset plant from its current capacity level of 300,000 gallons per day, to 450,000 gallons a day.

Vanderweil said though the town couldn't afford to start any further expansion within the next five years, he would like to "lay the groundwork" for expansion. That would include, he said, seeing just how much the plant's capacity could be enlarged; the effect of additional wastewater discharge into Cohasset Harbor; and other environmental aspects. The article, which also has the support of the Board of Health, will be recommended by selectmen.

Another article would give the sewer commission $30,000 to study the water flow of the existing plant, and buy new measurement gauges.

Town election slate set

Two races to highlight ballot

By Rick Collins
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With the filing deadline past, the 17 candidates that returned 100 certified signatures have been put on the ballot for the 15 available positions.

Ripley Road resident, and former selectman, Peter Pratt was a late entrant into the fray as he threw his hat into the race for Planning Board.

He will face off against Richard Brown for the five-year seat. Current member Terry Atherton declined to seek reelection.

"I think it's time to take a serious look at an overall strategic plan, and to look at growth and developmental issues facing the town," Pratt said recently.

The announcement ends a four-year hiatus from elected office for Pratt. From 1984-1987, Pratt was a town water commissioner, and then served on the Board of Selectmen from 1994-1997. He has also been involved in the local environmental group SAFE, and has been an outspoken opponent of the current plan to restore diesel-engine train service to the Greenbush corridor.

The other race will see Adrienne McCarthy try to unseat either school committee incumbent Mark DeGiacomo, or committee chairman Pat Martin. DeGiacomo and Martin are the first school committee members to seek reelection since 1994. McCarthy has been involved in the Osgood School PSO, and a critic of the board's decision to cut the Osgood School's technology aide position last year.

Last week, retired state representative and former three-term selectman Mary Jeanette Murray said she won't be running for one of the two available selectmen seats – this year.

Selectman Chairman Thomas Callahan and three-term incumbent Merle Brown are running unopposed.

On the ballot are, current Paul Pratt Library trustees June Hubbard, Sarah Pease and Barbara Power, Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo, Water Commissioner Robert Kasameyer, Cohasset Housing Authority member John Muncey and Board of Assessors member Elsa Miller. Interim Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt is running to fill the year left on his term. Pratt replaced Chip Muncey, who resigned January 1.

Sean Cunning will be on the ballot for Sewer Commissioner, and Atlantic Avenue resident Fred Grassie, another late entrant, is up for a spot on the Recreation Commission.

Gene Haley had taken out papers to run for library trustee, but did not file.

Town Elections will be Sat. April 7, at Town Hall.

Editor's note: candidates, both unopposed and opposed, are welcome to submit announcements of their candidacies with a photograph. Next week, the Mariner will announce the first Question of the Week, with responses printed in the following week's issue. Candidates are also welcome to submit news of upcoming coffees and the like, for candidates corner. Those items should be limited to 150 words. The Mariner will not accept letters endorsing or attacking candidates, but welcomes letters on the issues.

Roy seeks representation on the harbor committee

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset Harbor's biggest employer and largest private landholder is looking for representation on the town Harbor Committee.

Margin Street resident, and owner of Atlantica Restaurant, Kimball's Hotel, and the Mill River Marine Railway site, Peter Roy, is looking to have say in what goes on the harbor.

In a letter sent to Town Manager Mark Haddad, Roy contends that "significant interests on the harbor...do not have representation." The Harbor Committee, by by-law, has seats for a representatives from the sailing club, yacht club, recreation department, historic commission, the harbormaster, two seats for town lobstermen and two citizens-at-large.

Roy said, if the town's 30 lobstermen are represented by two seats on the board, then the Atlantica Restaurant, which has 100 employees during peak season from April to November, Kimball's, which employs 50 people during that same time, and the Mill River Marine Railway, should have at least one seat.

"The above interests, currently unrepresented on the committee, by virtue of their size and impact (on the citizens of Cohasset, employees, visitors and fishermen), their economic value to the town, the public access and support services to the marine interests, seem to warrant representation on the committee," Roy said.

Roy representative Linda Shropshire has been a familiar face at harbor committee meetings for the past year, and said either Roy or another representative would take the seat, if offered. Shropshire isn't a Cohasset resident and couldn't sit on the committee.

However, selectmen seemed reluctant to allowing the dominant business interest on the waterfront to have a say on its governing body.

"I'm concerned about Peter Roy serving on a town board, while going through with a number of private development projects," Selectman Chairman Thomas Callahan said.

Roy is a prime backer in the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, which is mulling over a number of landscape changes to the harbor, such as the creation of a promenade around the harbor. Also, the Mill River Marine Railway is currently involved with the permitting process to renovate the dilapidated marine site, add residential units and a kayak rental and sales shop.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris doubted if businesses should be represented on town committees.

Callahan said technically fishermen are businesses, but their businesses are water-dependent, and though Atlantica and Kimball's are on the water, they aren't water dependent.

Selectman Merle Brown said if Roy was interested in a seat, it should be given as a citizen-at-large seat. But Callahan hoped the citizen-at-large seats could be filled by town residents with no formal connections to the harbor, other than the harbor as a town-wide resource.

The harbor committee's representation is set in the town bylaws. Any change to the representation would have to be approved through a Town Meeting vote.

Selectmen said Roy was welcome to bring the issue up at a future Town Meeting.

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UMass Amherst releases Dean's List

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HELLO COHASSET!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the week and that those of us on vacation are taking the time to enjoy the "little things" that happen throughout our days. It is amazing to think that Spring is around the corner, what do all of you think? Maybe one more big storm?

SPECIAL WORKSHOP

Calling all photographers and non-photographers alike.

Jan Phillips, author of "God is at Eye Level, Photography as a Healing Art" and "Marry Your Muse-Making a Lasting Commitment to Your Creativity" (Winner of the 1998 Ben Franklin Award) is coming to the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset on March 16 and 17 to present a one or two-day workshop series. Call the church office at 383-0345 to register. The deadline for this wonderful series is March 12.

DEAN'S LIST

We have some college news to share with all of you this week. It is amazing to see the news that comes from the schools and colleges about our talented students.

UMass Amherst wants to let us know that the following students were all named to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester of 2000. They are: **Bronwen M. Daley, Elizabeth N. Hassan, William P. Kearney, Ashley E. Koed, Meredith D. O'Hayre** and **Eric J. Wenmark** all of Cohasset. Great Job to all of you.

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N.Y. announced that **Robert A. Stansell** of Cohasset, who is majoring in Architecture made the Dean's List for the Fall Semester of 2000. Good Job, Robert.

Thayer Academy graduation, **Caitlin E. Slodden**, was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement at Colby College during the fall semester. Caitlin, is a freshman and the daughter of **Henry and Karen Slodden** of Cohasset. Congratulations!

HONOR ROLL

We also had news from Archnishop Williams High School in Braintree. **Meaghan Rizzotti**, a tenth-grader at this school, made Second Honors for the second term. Keep up the hard work, Meaghan.

ON STAGE

Drama club presentation sure to create instant recognition in anyone who is or remembers being a child. March 2-17 the Cohasset Dramatic Club will presents "How to eat like a child and other lessons on how not to be a grown up" at the Cohasset Town Hall.

This fast-paced musical revue is a romp through the joys and sorrows of being a child. It consists of lessons such as: ow to beg for a dog, how to torture your sister, how not to go to bed and many more. Directing for the first time for CDC is Plymouth resident **Eric Henderson**. Eric studied theater at Bridgewater State Collage, was the acting artistic director for Pricilla Beach Theater and in the spring of 2000 opened the Lighthouse Theater which is based in Plymouth.

CDC is celebrating its 80th season this year. Making it one of the country's oldest community theater organizations. President **Jean Di Giacomandrea** is thrilled about this production which is highlighting talent form ages five-to-15 from all over the South shore. It is the club's first all-child cast. The kids are wonderful. They are all so excited. Watching the kids rehearse is a refreshing and welcome break from any hectic day. You can't help but smile and laugh. They are all precious.

Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 383-1718. Girl Scout troops will receive $2 off each ticket purchased for opening weekend. Call **Dawn Rota** at 545-3195 to reserve seats. Cohasset cast members include: **Katy Baker, Ryan Connors, Rebecca Dickenson, Josh and Jessica Dupre, Polly and Wis Murray, Adam Yeager,** and **Clair McCarthy.**

Don't let another week go by with-



Rebecca Dickinson



Jessica Dupré



Josh Dupré

Local kids cast in drama club musical

Our names are Rebecca Dickinson, Jessica Dupré and Josh Dupré live in Cohasset. We are cast members of "How to Eat Like a Child." This show will be held March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 at Cohasset Town Hall on Main Street. Cohasset Dramatic Club is putting it on. This is a fast-paced musical review that touches the heart of anyone who is a child or was a child. This musical romps through the joy and sorrow of being a child and gives lessons in such wonderful things as "How to Beg for a Dog" and "How to Torture Your sister." The music is wonderful and you will smile throughout the whole thing. Come see us at CDC's production of "How to Eat Like a Child." For tickets and information, call 383-1718.

IT'S HAPPENING

Relay kickoff

In anticipation of the American Cancer Society's fifth annual Relay For Life in Cohasset, the relay committee is hosting a kickoff at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Lightkeeper's Residence, 15 Lighthouse Lane in Cohasset, which will include music by a string quartet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and refreshments by Red Parrot Restaurant of Hull. Anyone interested in attending the kickoff or learning more about the Relay For Life in Cohasset should call Keith Bleicken at 383-2956, Victor Vanderlugt at 383-2956 or Gordon Behrer at (617) 770-7989.

This year's Relay For Life in Cohasset will take place from 3 p.m. Friday, May 18, through noon Saturday, May 19, at Cohasset High School. Funds raised through the Relay For Life benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and patient services.

End of fife

Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m., the Social Service League will sponsor a panel on local options for life's end, along with Bill Moyers' PBS series "On Our Own Terms" at St. Anthony's parish hall, Summer Street, Cohasset.

This special program, free and open to the public, will be moderated by an oncology nurse and a panel discussion with medical, legal and hospice home representation to discuss local options for life's end. In addition there will be free literature on the topic available.

Refreshments will be served.

The Social Service League of Cohasset, a non-profit community service agency, serves the towns of Cohasset, Hull, Hingham, Scituate and Norwell. President of the league is Motoko Deane of 672 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset.

For more information and directions call Patricia Carleton, staff social worker, at (781) 383-0771.

Foxwoods trip

The Sons of the American Legion is sponsoring a trip to Foxwoods on March 3. Bus tickets are $25. The bus will leave the George H. Mealy Post in Cohasset at 8 a.m. and the Scituate VFW on Rte. 3A at 8:15 a.m. and arrive at Foxwoods at 10 a.m. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 4:30 p.m. and be home by 6:30 p.m. For tickets stop by the American Legion hall on Summer Street in Cohasset or call the legion at 383-9657. The trip is open to all.

Winter sale

If you resolve to save money in 2001' come to the winter sale of Cohasset Consignment Shop as sale ends Feb. 28. The shop which benefits the myriad projects of the Social Service League in the towns of Scituate, Hull, Hingham, Cohasset and Norwell is located at Tedeschi Plaza, Route 3A. Regular hours for shopping are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

Manager Andi Merrill of Scituate said that many treasures will be offered for men, women, children and infants at half price and up to 80-percent off. Merrill added that the sale will include selected fur coats, leather jackets including some fur lined, silver and gold jewelry, cashmere sweaters, Italian and English china, winter coats, slacks and blouses.

Consigning for spring and summer will begin Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. During the month of April there will be consigning every Thursday, from 6 to 8 p.m., Merrill said.

Playground positions

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting applications for playground program counselor positions for their seven-week summer program for children ages 3-1/2 through 12. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with demonstrated experience working with children in camp, sports or organizational environments.

Those interested in working with children in the day camp structured program, call the Recreation Department office at (781) 383-4109 for further information and an application form or fax your résumé to (781) 383-1561.

Daffodil Days

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days will soon be here, and volunteers are needed to make this year's event a success! Volunteers will work with society staff and will be responsible for managing the daffodil ordering process, as well as coordination of daffodil distribution in their communities.

To launch the event, the American Cancer Society buys acres of flowers from growers in Washington state. The daffodils are then purchased by businesses, schools, churches, temples, government offices, restaurants, hotels, clubs, shopping malls, and hundreds of individuals. This March, 7.5 million daffodils will arrive for distribution throughout New England.

Help the American Cancer Society celebrate Daffodil Days, March 26 through 29, by volunteering to bring this symbol of hope to businesses, homes, and schools in your community. To volunteer, call your local American Cancer Society at (508) 584-9600.

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A tribute for a tribute

Video honors Jason brothers for work on light keepers memorial

By Alice Coyle
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As premier screenings go, the debut of Peter Whitfield's video tribute to Herb and Kenny Jason of Cohasset for their tribute to the two men who lost their lives keeping the first Minot Ledge Light, was pretty tame.

There was no red carpet stretched along Scituate's Bulrush Farm Road and there were no limousines dropping off celebrities in tuxedos and high-priced designer gowns.

Still, Whitfield who wrote, directed and filmed and narrated the 38-minute video, and his wife Barbara put out a nice spread for the intimate group gathered for the very first screening of "A Light That Fell."

The documentary piece chronicling the Jason brothers' crusade to build a monument to honor assistant Minot Ledge Light keepers Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson, took Whitfield more than a year to complete. It will air on local cable access channel 10 tonight (Feb. 22) and tomorrow night (Feb. 23) at 6 p.m.

A long-time member and trustee of the Scituate Historical Society, Whitfield has made videography his part-time career since retirement from the textile industry 12 years ago. Whitfield got his start in the filming biz working behind the scenes for former cable talk show host Wigmore Pierson. Pierson's popular "Pierson to Person" program, which ended its 10-year run on local cable June 1997, covered everything from town government officials and election races to the local color and characters that make up the fabric of the South Shore.

Life-long Cohasset lobsterman Herb Jason and his brother Kenny were two of the local characters that Pierson's show introduced to Whitfield.

"I was just so impressed with them both," said Whitfield. "They're just two of the nicest, most caring guys."

But what impressed Whitfield more than the Jasons' good nature, was their unfailing dedication and commitment to building a monument to two fallen assistant lighthouse keepers. "I got involved with it because of Herb, and because I admired what he was trying to do. And, I thought it would be one heck of a story to tell."

In his 70 years as a lobsterman, Herb Jason rounded Minot Ledge Lighthouse thousands of times and reflected each trip about the two men, who lost their lives "keeping a good light" 150 years ago this April 17. Antoine and Wilson manned the first, metal structured lighthouse over dangerous Minot Ledge. During a nor'easter on the night of April 17, the poorly constructed lighthouse which was known to sway two feet of center, back and forth in the Atlantic swells, succumbed to the waves, claiming the lives of both men. A letter in a bottle discovered after the tragedy showed the men knew the structure would not make it through the night.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Herb Jason and his daughter, Heather Dauphinee, display a drawing of the first Minot Ledge Light and a photo of the memorial.

Nearly a century and a half later, the compelling story would motivate Herb Jason to push for a Government Island monument to honor the two men.

"This is really a tribute to four men," said Whitfield of his video. "The two men that died manning the lighthouse, and the two that saw to it that they will never be forgotten."

Whitfield's folksy film covers the process the two Jasons went through to get the impressive monument built, including their negotiations with Cohasset town officials, and actual work in designing and helping to construct the memorial. A good portion of the spring ceremony in which the monument was dedication was also filmed.

But beyond its purpose as a tribute, Whitfield's video provides a historical look at both the maritime heritage of Cohasset while telling the story of the construction of the doomed lighthouse. Cohasset town historian David Wadsworth and Doug Bingham of the American Lighthouse Foundation both share their insights in the film.

Archive photography provided by maritime museums in Scituate, Cohasset and Hull was woven into the video.

Whitfield said favorable reviews have been coming in since the private screening Friday.

"Several folks there Friday said they had tears in their eyes," Whitfield noted. And the bear hug he received from Herb Jason when the film ended spoke volumes to the amateur film maker.

"I reached my goal," Whitfield said of the finished project.

But Whitfield is far from wrapping up his video career. Whitfield has completed four of the six videos for the exhibits in Scituate's Maritime and Irish Mossing Museum. Along with fellow historical society trustee Fred Freitas, Whitfield is currently working on the video footage for the museum's impressive ship building room.

And while he was the force behind his video tribute "A Light That Fell," Whitfield is quick to thank those that lent a hand including George Bearch who filmed segments when Whitfield was doing interviews. "When I was on 'mic', George was behind the camera," he said. Whitfield also says thanks to AT&T program director Lisa Reddie who helped Whitfield during the 20 hours of editing needed for the 38-minute video. . "She pushed all the buttons for me," Whitfield joked. "I was lucky to have her working with me on this."



The Government Island monument honoring Minot Ledge Light keepers Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson was unveiled in May and is now part of a video to be aired on cable channel 10.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A case for cardiac surgery

There are several significant and overriding reasons why South Shore Hospital should be granted a license to perform cardiac surgery in Weymouth.

• First, and foremost, the hospital has a proven track record on succeeding and being a leader in medical procedures, the fairly recent development of the neo-natal facility standing out as a fine example.

• The hospital is in a financial position to take on the challenge, thanks to responsible fiscal planning.

• The need exists on the South Shore to treat a growing demographic in more need of cardiac care.

• It is already affiliated with the top-notch Brigham and Women's cardiac team

Then of course there's the personal reasons. You can talk to countless people on the South Shore who often relay personal and intimate stories about themselves, their parent, spouse, sibling or friend who has been in cardiac distress and in need of medical attention beyond what can now be found at South Shore Hospital.

Talk to them, read their letters sent to the hospital and understand what they have been through. It is sure to convince you a cardiac surgery unit needs to be closer than the 90-minute harrowing ride in to Boston. These people didn't have a choice when the cardiac crisis reached a threatening point and precious seconds meant a lifetime.

It's hard not to be convinced they need and should have top-notch doctors and medical team here on the South Shore ready to perform routine procedures such as angioplasty or something more invasive such as cardiac surgery.

It's also hard not to be convinced the South Shore Hospital leaders are prepared and serious about making those options available right here. They take this business seriously and know how critical the need is on the South Shore.

As a community, we need to rally behind the efforts of hospital officials to secure one of three licenses expected to be awarded around March 1 by the state Department of Public Health. The hospital is one of six community hospitals in the state applying for one the three licenses.

We urge residents to join the chorus of voices who have weighed in their support to bring cardiac surgery to the South Shore. We need to send a strong message to state leaders that it is time to expand cardiac surgery beyond the big city hospital in Boston. Massachusetts is the last state to limit what community hospitals can provide in terms of cardiac treatments.

There's little logic in denying the license when community hospitals have a track record of providing exceptional care, its chief doctors already serve in rotations at the Brigham, and the hospital has carefully laid out its medical and financial plan.

You can help bring open heart surgery to South Shore Hospital by expressing your support in a letter. Write to Gov. Paul Cellucci, Office of the Governor, Statehouse, Boston 02133 or to the state Department of Public Health, 250 Washington St., Boston 02108

We need to make it clear we welcome and encourage our medical staff at South Shore Hospital and want immediate access to the full range of cardiac services.

Join the chorus

Send your letter supporting open heart surgery on the South Shore by writing:

• Gov. Paul Cellucci, Office of the Governor, Statehouse, Boston 02133

•Joyce James, Director, Department of Need Program, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington St., Boston 02108

• Dr. Howard Koh, state Commissioner of Public Health, 250 Washington St., Boston 02108



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Train disbelief

TO THE EDITOR:

It is with sadness and disbelief that I witness the progress of the Greenbush Diesel Train project. The supporters and advocates of this highly impactive, expensive and inappropriate choice for transportation enhancement must be blind to, or disinterested in the price our communities will ultimately pay. Our children most especially, who now roam freely from one end our communities to the other, by foot and bicycle are at great risk for injury and death. Who will the first victim be. Very likely we will all be acquainted with him or her. Very likely it will be a child or teenager. This train will be barreling through and crossing over parts of our town which have in the past 50 years been established very close to the rail bed. Our school bus stops are dangerously close to the proposed crossings. This is a terrible step backward. I hope our new Governor will be receptive to ideas that have been ignored by her predecessor. A monorail using the Route 3 corridor has been proposed. Leave our communities alone to continue to grow as a community of people. We do not want these Federal dollars to be spent in this way. We do not want to give up our way of life, our safety, or our health. Please put Diesel Trains where they belong, in the past; not in our future.

Chris Maloney
PO Box 815
Scituate

Heartfelt thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

Last November your publication reported on the loss of our home due to a fire. We would like to thank the members of the Cohasset Fire Department who put their lives at risk in an effort to contain and minimalize the damage to our home. Despite their best efforts, our home was lost. We are grateful also to the Scituate Fire Department for their assistance that evening.

Since the time of the fire many donations have been made to the fund established on our behalf at the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank. To those who have contributed to the fund, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our daughter, Ariel, would like to thank all those who donated clothing and gave her Beanie Babies to help rebuild her collection that was lost in the fire.

We have been moved by the generosity of members of the Cohasset Community, many of whom are anonymous or unknown to our family. The display of compassion by individual members of town government has reaffirmed our belief that Cohasset is a community that we are proud to be a part of.

Again, thank you to everyone for your continued support and kindness since our devastating loss.

Ali Trager, Fred Siegel, Ariel Seigel

Abortion rights

TO THE EDITOR:

One cannot watch TV today without running headlong into a "for God and Country" type NARAL ad sanctifying abortion rights.

This costly ad is thought provoking and like a punch line of old "Where's the beef?" one feels the urge to add "Where's the baby?"

The clever defenders and promoters in NARAL may well know the principles of eternal divine law, natural law, civil law, church laws and the laws of reason. All these laws involve self-denial, self-control and obedience. NARAL's message, however, seeks to excuse one from obeying the eternal principles by using sentimental and emotional alibis. Let us not change our principles to justify our actions.

M. Rita Burke
30 Windy Hill

POLITICAL NOTES

Rep. Bradley stance on Clean Election Law

Freshman state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said this week he will uphold his campaign pledge to keep the teeth in the voter-passed Clean Election Law, but with a twist.

Though Bradley said he won't vote to "gut" the law, which was supported by nearly two-thirds of Massachusetts voters in 1998, he also won't opt into the plan.

"The voters in my district and throughout the commonwealth have spoken on the Clean Election Law. I think it is time the legislature acts to implement it without changes that would weaken it," he said in a release this week. "I gave my word on the campaign that I would not vote to weaken the law and I intend to keep my word."

But the Election Laws Committee member added that he personally is against using taxpayer's dollars to finance a campaign, and won't participate in the plan.

"That's not the issue at hand," he said. "The issue is a law that was passed by two-thirds of the state and for the legislature to try an end run around the law [by making changes and adding amendments to it] is wrong."

Bradley spent more than $125,000 in his attempt to replace long-time state representative Mary Jeanette Murray. Under the Clean Election Law, a candidate couldn't spend more than $30,000 over a two-year election cycle. The law is supposed to take effect March 31.

Interestingly, despite his personal bias against the law, Bradley has the backing of David Donnelly, one of the people behind the 1998 ballot question. "[Bradley] heard the message sent by his constituents to implement clean elections, and now he is working with us to make this giant step toward better democracy, and in turn, better government," Donnelly said.

Bradley said he, as does Donnelly, supports the technical corrections bill that is up for debate next week. The bill, filed by the Secretary of State's office, would make minor change such as adjusting the amount a candidate can spend to take into account inflation.

Bradley can be reached at his new office in the Committee on Governmental Regulations, Room 437, or at (617) 722-2800.

Democrats caucus in Cohasset

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold a caucus at the Town Hall March 3, at 10 a.m. to elect five delegates and five alternates to the 2001 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The convention will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Springfield Civic Center in Springfield. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those registered Democrats unable to attend may be considered for delegate and alternate by 2/3 of those present and voting. Those not elected as delegate and alternate may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 129 Portland St., Boston, 02114 no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information, call the Democratic State Committee at (617) 742 6770.

Running for office workshop Feb. 28

The Hingham League of Women Voters' Feb. 28 workshop on running for local office will feature several veteran candidates as presenters. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall, 220 Central St.

The informative meeting will focus on campaign strategies such as dealing with the media, campaign finance laws, understanding the responsibilities of the office, and more.

For further details, please call Patricia Facey, 383-0470.

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Cormorants - skilled fish-eaters

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW



JOANNE C. NORTON

Cormorants are slim, dark and snaky-necked. Their eyes are a startling brilliant aqua blue color and are adapted to see in either air or water. Most have bare skin around the mouth that can be red, orange, yellow or blue, depending on the species. They have fully webbed feet used to propel their sleek bodies through the water. They catch their food under water, but bring it to the surface to eat. They swallow fish headfirst, regurgitating as pellets the indigestible parts, such as bones or fish scales. In some parts of the world they are highly valued for the huge amounts of guano they produce.

Cormorants are the birds one frequently sees standing with their wings spread out. There is some debate over the true purpose of this so-called "spread-wing posture". It used to be thought that feathers became waterproofed when preened with oil from a special gland at the base of the tail. Instead it turns out that feather structure, not oiling, provides waterproofing. Thus the fact that cormorants do not have an oil gland is not the reason their feathers get wet. The structure of their outer feathers allows saturation with water. The weight of this extra water decreases buoyancy, which is helpful while diving, but these "wettable" feathers then require drying out. In addition to drying the wings, other reasons for "spread-wing posture" have been suggested. Regulating temperature, making it easier to remove parasites, increasing Vitamin D absorption, or exhibiting some sort of social display are a few of the possibilities.

There are six North American species of cormorants, but only two are found in Massachusetts. **Double-crested Cormorants** are here in the summer and during migration, with a few remaining all winter. Both the bill and the adjoining bare skin area are yellow. They actual-



PHOTO BY DON BACCUS

Double-crested Cormorant.

ly have two little crests on their head, but these are almost never seen. They nest in colonies, sometimes on the ground and sometimes in trees, but each colony has only one type of nest. The **Great Cormorant** is a winter visitor here. Although it too has a yellow bill and small yellow bare patch, the primary field marks are its white throat patch and white hip patches. This species usually nests on rocky sea cliffs, not in trees. The **Anhinga** is not a cormorant even though it looks very similar. It is found in Florida and belongs to the darter family, which has only one species in North America.

Indeed they are very "old" birds, as shown by the fossilized remains found in Florida, which are estimated to be more than two million years old.

DDT was a large factor in reducing the numbers of cormorants drastically in the 1950s. Since 1980, however, there has been a steady increase in numbers. Fishermen have long been suspicious that cormorants steal their fish and are a threat to sport and commercial fishing. A variety of studies over many years, however, have shown that cormorants generally do not take sport or commercial fish as their primary food. That story may be changing now that fish farming is increasing. Large concentration of fish in small areas provides easy fishing for birds. Cormorants are known to be very fond of alewives and herring as well. Where some of these species are becoming endangered, and where the population of cormorants is exploding, there may be some justification for considering population control programs.

For some observers, cormorants suggest dinosaurs. Indeed they are very "old" birds, as shown by the fossilized remains found in Florida, which are estimated to be more than two million years old, according to Peter Steven in an article published in the June 1997 issue of Birders' World. He suggests that a type of red tide alga may have killed those birds, in the same way it causes problems in shellfish today.

Since ancient times, Asian fishermen have used trained cormorants for fishing. Tying a string with just the right tightness around their necks ensures that they swallow only the smallest fish. The birds easily learn to bring larger fish back to the boat. Today this practice is used more as a tourist attraction than commercially.

In the summer, look for Double-crested Cormorants swimming or diving in harbor waters, or perhaps perched on rocks or buoys. During the winter months, the best place to find Great Cormorants is on the very large rocks off North Scituate. Whether you spend time watching "bald ravens" as the Greeks called them, or "sea crows" which is the translation from a variety of Romance languages, or "shags" as many fishermen call them, or just plain cormorants, you will witness some remarkable fishing ability.

Joanne Norton is a licensed bird-bander, avid birder, and a member of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force and the Turkey Hill Management Committee.

Generally excellent lack of wisdom

MY VIEW



RICK COLLINS

Last week I had a couple of my wisdom teeth out.

(Pause as readers make their own jokes)

The question I had going into it was, do those troublesome molars in the sub-regions of one's mouth actually control a person's wisdom, or is it a misnomer, like it's severely unfunny cousin the funny bone? "It can't be true," I said to myself, as I took the last drive I ever would with all 32 teeth in my head. "Why would a simple chunk of dentin and enamel control whether I'm destined to be a Horace Greeley or a mere pretty-boy forced to get by on his good looks as an evening news anchor person?"

The teeth were pulled, the bill was paid, and the tears were dried.

"Why would a simple chunk of dentin and enamel control whether I'm destined to be a Horace Greeley or a mere pretty-boy forced to get by on his good looks as an evening news anchor person?"

But I still had some doubts. After all, haven't we all been shocked and surprised before? The impossible happened? The foundation of our beliefs shaken and shattered much like a Californian freeway during an earthquake?

This wasn't the right time for me to lose my edge. Just two weeks ago the Mariner won the General Excellence contest in the New England Press Association awards. "I'm a generally excellent reporter after all, with the certificate to prove it," I lamented, waiting for the Advil to kick in. "I need to stay on top!"

I got through the weekend with a minimum of whining, and started to put the question out of my mind.

But on Monday I started to have my doubts again. I pulled into the Tedeschi's in the village and while waiting in line to buy my Fresca, I spotted a well-dressed man, in his early to mid 40s buying a TV Guide. I knew I should know him, so I went up to him and heard myself say, "Excuse me, aren't you the most controversial guy in Cohasset?"

He looked at me as the clerk rang up the TV Guide and said, "Why, no, I'm Peter Roy. You must have me confused with Mark Haddad."

Hmm...That's not good. A certain fear arose that made me rethink what had happened. "This can't happen right now," I said out loud, scaring a mother and her young daughter so bad they nearly fell off the 2-inch high curb.

"Town elections are coming up! Tom Brown and Merle Callahan are seeking reelection and they don't need a dim-witted reporter covering it," I thought as I got into my cherry red Mustang.

I began to think of all the issues swirling around this bucolic land-locked town. "Ah Peter Roy," I finally remembered. "He's the one that founded the non-profit group that wants to bring back the commuter train, pollute the town, and build an amusement park along Cohasset Harbor."

Everything started to rush back to my memory. "State Sen. Garrett Hedlund, D-Weymouth is against the MBTA which wants to fix the sidewalks, while decreasing the special education budget in a special fall town meeting! The police department is under fire for setting up machine gun nests, while continually leaving the schools dirty! The town sewer commissioners wants to build a new treatment plant on the Town Commons that will service eight houses near Aaron Reservoir and act as a leaching field for Cohasset Heights Landfill!"

Rejoice, my wisdom hadn't been lost!

The drive up Route 3A was wonderful, especially as I thought about the upcoming Route 3A widening project.

"Ah Turkey Hill, where every Halloween the town's children egg coyotes," I excitedly remembered driving past the park.

My wisdom hadn't been ripped out in placed in a hermetically-sealed plastic bag. I could continue to fill the pages of the Mariner with political insight and wisdom and stuff. And write about the other stuff that, ya know, happens sometimes.. Use a combination of my reporting skills, and a really, really, really, big vocabulary to continue to make the Mariner generally excellent.

If only I could find my office...

Rick Collins is the staff reporter for the Cohasset Mariner.

N.H. repels Red attack

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

You'll be comforted to know that anti-Communism is still alive and well in New Hampshire, where the state legislature stands at the alert to defend us.

This time, it comes in the insidious form of a plaque honoring the 2,800 American volunteers who fought as the Abraham Lincoln Brigade on the side of those who were called "the Loyalists" in the Spanish Civil War.

That war ended 62 years ago, but it's still being fought by New Hampshire legislators, who will vote this week on whether the plaque will be placed in the State House Hall of Flags or on the scrap heap for the BFI truck.

The plaque was authorized by the Legislature's Joint Historical Committee last year to recognize those 12 New Hampshiremen who took up arms against Generalissimo Francisco Franco and his fascist backers, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

But the Loyalists were supported by the Communist Soviet Union, and a lot of the American volunteers joined the Communist Party simply to get to Spain, where the U. S. government had banned travel during the civil war.

For most of those who fought with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the enemy was Hitler and fascism, and it didn't matter who was in the foxhole beside them.

To Hitler, the Spanish Civil War was an opportunity to try out the new German military tactics that would be used in World War II, which began only a couple of months after the fighting ended in Spain.

It was in Spain that the Nazis conducted field tests of their new concept of "blitzkrieg," or lightning war, which as to prove so successful in Belgium, France, and Poland and, for a time, in Russia, in the years to come.

It was there that shrieking sirens were built into the Ju 87 Stuka dive bombers so that their screams would scare the bejesus out of those troops or civilians (it didn't matter which) who were unlucky enough to be the targets of their bombs.

It was there that the warplanes of Germany's crack Condor Legion obliterated the town of Guernica and most of its civilian population in preparation for similar attacks on Warsaw, Rotterdam, and Coventry during the Big One.

In New Hampshire, at least, all that pales before the fact that there were Communists fighting alongside those 12 New Hampshiremen and the 2,800 other Americans for the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 750 of whom died in the war.

Feelings got so intense in the New Hampshire Legislative Office Building the other day that a representative referred to a senator as "Comrade Cohen," and those leaving the building were treated to a chorus of "Good-bye, Communist!"

Theresa Dizillo of Bedford showed up with an American flag and a swab, ready to "mop out any Communist infiltration in the State House."

I, for one, dread the day when the New Hampshire legislature finds out that I, along with several million others, were on the same side as the Red Russians during World War II

Now that you know, let's keep quiet about it, shall we?

CANDIDATES CORNER

Peter Pratt seeks Planning Board seat

Peter J. Pratt this week announced his candidacy for the open five-year seat on the Cohasset Planning Board. A former Selectman and Water Commissioner, Pratt, 45, said, "I would like to help the town move ahead with the complex planning issues before this important board. Cohasset continues to face developmental pressures that challenge us to maintain the character and precious resources of the town."

"Development on Route 3A, Title V septic regulations, our central and North Cohasset sewer projects, efforts aimed at village and harbor revitalization, our diminishing open space and the pending reactivation of the Greenbush rail line, all signal to us that we have to continue to move toward a strategic planning approach to growth and development. Given that we today are facing greater pressures from regional growth and suburban sprawl than at any previous time, our planning efforts have to better meet those pressures in order to protect Cohasset," concluded Pratt.

As a Selectman (1994-1997), Pratt successfully authored, and lobbied the Massachusetts Congressional delegation for passage of the federal Cohasset Harbor Navigation Act that funded the extensive harbor dredging project with some $1.6 million in federal and state funds. Additionally, he was instrumental in securing the state-federal grant funds that resulted in the James Brook flood control project, following the extensive flood of October,



Peter Pratt

1996. He was also one of the primary authors of the Town Manager Act, passed by Town Meeting and the Legislature in 1997 to modernize the structure of town government.

During his tenure on the Water Commission (1984-1987), Pratt was the lead sponsor of Cohasset's Water Resource District zoning bylaw. Designed to protect the surface and underground public drinking water supplies of the town, the bylaw became one of the first such municipal zoning overlay districts in Massachusetts, and exists today as the last major change to the zoning bylaws of Cohasset.

Over a 20-year period, Pratt has served in a variety of other public sector and civic roles. From 1984 to 1989, he was a department head and senior executive aide in the reform administration of former Mayor Eugene C. Brune of the city of Somerville, which oversaw the significant urban revitalization programs in the city's Davis and Union squares. In 1989, he testified to Congress on behalf of the National League of Cities as part of the national effort to regulate consumer cable television rates. In the early 1990s, he helped found the local environmental group SAFE, dedicated to stopping the expansion of the commercial Cohasset Heights Landfill.

Pratt is a 1973 graduate of Cohasset High School, holds a bachelor's degree in government from Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., and has done course work at Boston University's Graduate School of Management. Professionally, Pratt develops metropolitan area fiber optic networks for telecommunications carriers, most recently as director of market planning for Metromedia Fiber Network based in White Plains, N.Y. Pratt is the son of Mrs. Helen J. Pratt and the late Burtram J. Pratt. He and his wife Donna Pratt, an educational consultant, reside with their two sons at 75 Ripley Road.

LIBRARY CORNER



New biographies

"Van Gogh and Gaugain by Deborah Silverman takes a new look at the stormy relationship of these two artists during the time they both lived in Arles "Refreshing and insightful scholarship," said one reviewer.

"The First American: The Life and Times o Benjamin Franklin," written by H.W. Brands explores Benjamin Franklin's story, as Brands see and tells it, is also the "story of the birth o America-an America Franklin first discovered i himself, then helped create in the world at large." This eminently readable narrative is a worthy suc cessor to Carl Van Doren's classic Pulitzer Prize winning biography of Franklin.

Hooked on tulips

"Tulipomania," written by Michael Dash, is a lively account of what must be the strangest and most colorful episode in horticultural history-the tulip craze in 17th century Holland.

The wildly popular new flower and greedy speculators drove prices up to fantastic figures and bankrupted more than a few merchants. One tulip bulb could sell for the price of twelve sheep, two tons of butter, or four barrels of beer. This is the third book in the recent flurry of books set during this fascinating period. Dash's book is nonfiction in contrast to "Tulip Fever" by Deborah Moggach and "Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Susan Vreeland which are both novels.

Hospital awaits word on surgery application

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ockton, Cape Cod and South ast, and could approve up to three them by March 1. If South Shore ts approved, the first open heart rgery could take place in the hos- al in January of 2002.

South Shore Hospital's state-of - e-art "cath" (catheterization) lab which has been up and running ice 1994 — can diagnose a host heart disease and ailments, but ysicians then must send their tients to oston hospitals have the open art surgery or ective angio- asty procedure ey need done.

And the people nt to Boston ll only crease, particu- rly with the panding South ore population, hich is also owing older, oted Donald ellefeuille, the ospital's vice esident of strategic development.

ne demographics of the area are in rt behind hospital officials push to fer its patients the option of having double by-pass closer to home.

ne 45-and-older population across e region, the age group more like- to suffer heart disease, is boom- g. Bellefeuille said that while tewide the number of heart surg- ies are declining, on the South ore the number of patients going Boston for heart surgery is creasing.

That's evident in the increase in olume seen at South Shore's cath ., said Marks. Marks said every ar more than 600 patients are ated in the lab, where dye is jected into the arteries to show possible blockages to the heart.

So often, said Marks, his patients at South Shore want to know why he can't do the heart procedure they need right there. Their families wonder too. Because a trip into Boston through Big Dig construction can be as stressful a journey for a patient's family members as it is for the patient. In his letter of support of South Shore Hospital's application to the state commissioner of public health, Rev. James F. Rafferty of St. Paul Church in Hingham writes of this very problem.

> **"It's a public health problem to require a patient to go all the way to Boston for this. It's a quality of care issue."**
>
> — Anthony Marks, Chief of Cardiology at South Shore Hospital

"Travel time from distant parts of the region can take more than one hour. This travel via the Southeast Expressway adds to the stress family members experience when visiting a loved one who has undergone this procedure," Rafferty said.

While some patients may still be willing to travel to Boston hospitals based on their reputation for high quality care, Marks believes South Shore Hospital should be able to offer cardiac patients in its service area a choice.

In anticipation of being able to do just that, construction on a new wing to house the heart surgery unit is well underway. And the hospital is ready to make the $3.6 million investment in medical equipment for the facility, said Richard Pozniak, director of public affairs for the hospital. Pozniak is quick to point out that the decision to apply to the DPH is not based on any financial gain — it is a patient care issue.

But there are some critics, including local doctors, who question whether the hospital is prepared to take on this overhead and increasing demand. Some people have expressed concern about whether the hospital's commitment to providing cardiac surgery will cause a drain on already taxed services.

Another issue being raised is the impact cardiac surgeries at community hospitals will have on the big, Boston teaching hospitals. Some have privately questioned how this change will impact the teaching hospitals, who are sure to lose patients and therefore money when they already have high overhead costs.

South Shore officials say they have heard the arguments and don't buy it.

"This is not about money or the status of doing the procedures," said Pozniak. "This is not about winning a medical arms race. It's about serving a public health need."

And Pozniak said it is a need the hospital can afford to meet.

"We are financially stable, he said. "For the past 13 years. South Shore Hospital has had a positive operating margin. We can invest in programs like this." The recognized need for it in the hospital's service area and its unique ability to offer what he called "gold star service" through its partnership with Brigham and Women's Hospital makes it more than viable, Pozniak said.

Marks is also confident that South Shore Hospital's application meets and even goes beyond the DPH criteria. "We've been working on this for more than 10 years," he said.

Under the three-year DPH pilot program, approved hospitals will be allowed to perform 100 surgeries or elective angioplasties the first year, up to 200 the second year and 300 the third year. After which the DPH will review the hospital's record and determine whether heart surgery service can continue. More serious surgery cases including heart transplants will still be sent to Boston hospitals, Marks noted.

Marks said based on the number of catheterizations the hospital does now, he has no doubt the demand for surgery and or elective angioplasty will be there.

Offering heart surgery at community hospitals is something that Marks said is long overdue in the Commonwealth.

Over the last three decades, this kind of surgery has made its way into community hospitals all over the country and the world, Marks said. And a few years ago, the Massachusetts DPH began to explore allowing this state's community hospitals do the work.

"There has been a gradual evolution in thinking about this," he said.

"It's not the high tech procedure it was 30 years ago, he said. "You don't have to be an academic hospital to do this well. Some of the best procedures are done at community hospitals," Marks said. "It's a public health problem to require a patient to go all the way to Boston for this. It's a quality of care issue."

Marks, who also does surgical rotations at Brigham and Women's Hospital, said the goal is to put together a South Shore Hospital program equal in quality the one at Brigham and Women's. They'll do that, he said, by staffing it with Brigham and Women's surgeons. This will mean that patients on the South Shore will get the best doctors Boston has to offer in a hospital much closer to home.

In the meantime, the hospital is also awaiting word from the DPH on when it will be able to begin offering emergency angioplasty to its patients. Marks said the hospital is likely to know soon and could begin performing the emergency procedure in about eight weeks.

Criteria for open heart surgery license

According to Massachusetts Department of Public Health spokesman Roseanne Pawelec a community hospital's ability to partner with a larger teaching hospital is one of the main criteria the DPH is looking for in its open heart surgery applicants. Being able to prove there is a demand for the service within the community hospital's service area and estimate the number of procedures to be done based on case load and diagnostic services now is another key element to the application, she said.

While DPH has a legislative deadline of July 1, Pawelec said the agency has a self-imposed deadline of early March. Whether that will be March 1 or March 3, or March 10, she couldn't say.

For those hospitals not chosen in the first round, Pawelec said the legislation does allow for additional selections over a period of time.

Mt. Auburn, a teaching hospital, and St. Vincent's in Worcester are the only two community hospitals in the state that can perform these cardiac procedures.

The DPH restriction dates back to the 1970s when Malden hospital's program lead to several complications and deaths. At that point, DPH determined that heart surgery was better left to teaching hospitals.

The criteria for the license includes:

Applicants must demonstrate, to the Department of Public Health's satisfaction, the following seven criteria set out in the legislation:

1. Each applicant must have executed a written affiliation agreement with an academic medical center;
2. Each applicant must be operating a fixed cardiac catheterizatian laboratory;
3. Each applicant must be performing at least 1,000 cardiac catheterization procedures per year or have a projected annual cardiac catheterization volume of 1,000 procedures per year by the end of the third year;
4. Each applicant must have a projected open heart surgery volume of at least 300; procedures per year and a projected open heart surgery volume per surgeon of 100 procedures per year, by the end of the third year.
5. Each applicant must demonstrate an ability to finance any capital improvements and operating expenses for said program;
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7. Each applicant must comply with clinical standards for program quality developed by the department.

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Price tag for rail bed rises

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without paying fair-market value would fly in the face of that."

Only Cohasset and Scituate own the right-of-ways in their town. Cohasset bought its section in 1982 for $132,000

Many Cohasset residents had complained at recent public meetings that the town hadn't received enough for the land, which has become an unofficial park for walkers and cross-country skiers. The town estimated the land to be worth upwards of $2 million, if it was broken up and sold to the abutting properties.

But at a public hearing in January, Dasey hinted that Cohassset would be lucky to get anything for the right-of-way and essentially shot down any suggestion that the town could get more for it. At the meeting, Dasey cited the 1991 act as reason the MBTA didn't have to pay anything and could take the land by eminent domain.

The day after the meeting, Hedlund questioned the bill's language which reads, "[the MBTA] is hereby authorized to use or take land of the commonwealth's without compensation" any land it needs for the Greenbush commuter rail line. But senate counsel told Hedlund that the bill said it only applied to land owned by other state agencies, not towns.

Hynes, who was on the transportation committee when the bill passed, recently wrote a letter to Sec. Sullivan that said, "House [Transportation Committee] Chairman Steve Karol assured me [in 1991] that this section did not abrogate any right the town of Scituate has to just compensation for the MBTA acquiring the former rail bed to restore the Greenbush rail."

Bradley said he also put in a phone call to Sec. Sullivan to protest the MBTA's stance.

The question before selectmen now is, with the state's assertion that Cohasset will receive fair-market value for the right-of-way, how will this impact current negotiations? The current proposed deal that has been circulated in public since January was negotiated with the understanding that the MBTA could take the right-of-way without compensation.

Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan said negotiations now could rest on the query, "How much is the right-of-way worth to the MBTA?" Selectman Merle Brown wondered if the MBTA would contend the right-of-way should be appraised as parkland, not as if it was sold to abutters, or if it was appraised as a railroad bed – both of which could possibly drive the price down.

But if the MBTA doesn't seek an independent appraisal of the land, the Cohasset mitigation deal could be sweetened. Selectmen have been kicking around a number of new concerns to be discussed at their next meeting with the MBTA [see related article], and as Callahan pointed out, that could mean either a new payment price for the land taking, or some extras in the deal.

Selectmen have tentatively scheduled another informal meeting to discuss the Greenbush talks for next Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Greenbush is the proposed third leg of the Old Colony commuter rail line, that would end in Scituate and travel through Cohasset, Hingham and Weymouth. The Plymouth and Middleboro branches have already been restored. Cohasset has not had active passenger rail service since the 1950s.

Dasey departure worries town

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issues, the board decided there was a need to get a guarantee from state Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan that negotiations would continue on the same track.

"With Kevin [Dasey] no longer an employee of the MBTA, the town is concerned that the momentum gained will be lost," the town said in a letter sent to Secretary Sullivan and Cohasset's elected officials at the State House. "The [board] is prepared to complete these negotiations in an expeditious fashion, but would like assurances from you as to who will be representing the MBTA from this point on. It is important that this individual have the same dedication and access that Mr. Dasey possessed."

Gruber and other town officials credited Dasey with being the reason mitigation talks had progressed so much after a number of unproductive years.

What's left on the table is more than the dotting of an "I" and the crossing of a "T." The town is unhappy with enforcement language contained within the agreement's cover letter. Cohasset wants to make sure the MBTA is held to the content of the agreement, but Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan said until recently, the MBTA was reluctant to include specific language that would do just that.

Perhaps one of the biggest sticking points involves how abutters along the right-of-way can resolve disputes with the MBTA. The MBTA has offered an informal dispute resolution procedure the town can enter into on behalf of residents unhappy with the amount of noise and vibration mitigation they receive.

Both Callahan and Selectman Ronnie McMorris argued that the a separate dispute resolution procedure needs to be set up for private property owners. Callahan said the town can't "bind" property owners to go to the town for help and that abutters should be able to hire their own lawyers to fight the MBTA, if they so choose. But the town would also reserve the right to "step in and enforce the contract on behalf of the abutters," he said.

McMorris pushed for separate informal dispute resolution procedures for the town and private property owners.

The Forest Avenue/ North Main Street/King Street intersection was also discussed. The MBTA wants to install a traffic light that will be coordinated with an oncoming train, so cars don't get backed up on King Street. This could either be a regular traffic light, like the one at the Sohier Street/Ripley Road intersection, or a flashing light that turns solid green when a train is coming to allow cars exiting King Street onto North Main or Forest Avenue to continue through the intersection. However many area residents don't want the light, saying it will result in dozens of cars idling outside of their houses all day. Selectman Merle Brown recommended the MBTA pay for a traffic study of the intersection to come up with the best plan.

Also, in order to meet safety regulations, the MBTA will have to construct a 60-foot berm from the top of the intersection to the right-of-way grade crossing. However, as Brown pointed out, the berm would prevent trucks leaving the town recycling transfer facility coming down North Main Street from making the turn onto King Street.

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"The trailers couldn't make the turn with the berm," he said.. Right now, the trucks have to cross over the opposite side of the road to complete the turn. If they aren't able to make the turn, the trucks would have to travel through town in order to get out to Route 3A.

Other items the town hopes to discuss with the MBTA include:

- the North Main Street entrance into the station —the MBTA has proposed an entrance into the Cohasset station via North Main Street, that would prohibit right hand turns when leaving the station. However Brown suggested the MBTA make it an entrance only, and force all cars to exit onto Route 3A, in order to prevent southbound commuters from cutting through the town. The suggestion was well received by the board, and those in attendance. "I think Merle's right on," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. Also, the town decided it will ask the MBTA to create a pedestrian and bike path alongside the vehicle entrance. Gruber said the train platform will be less than 100 feet away from North Main Street and even if there wasn't an entrance, commuters would still cut through the woods to access the station.
- a crossing guard at the Ripley Road/Sohier Street intersection. Callahan said with the Deer Hill and Osgood Schools just up the road from the Sohier Street crossing, the MBTA should pay for a crossing guard to ensure kids get across the tracks safely.
- the Pond Street grade crossing — Brown said the state shouldn't redesign the sloped intersection or get rid of the massive granite boulder at the base of the hill. "I don't ever remember having an accident there," he said. "[Because of the boulder and curve in the road,] people have to slow down." He said the money the MBTA had planned on spending for the redesign could be allocated elsewhere.
- limiting the time a train can idle on the double section of the Cohasset tracks, while waiting for an oncoming train to pass by.
- making the MBTA hold a public hearing regarding how and when abutters will receive their mitigation, provide detailed sketches of the Rocky Lane bridge by the 60 percent design completion phase, and holding the MBTA to the town's work-hour restrictions.

Selectmen have tentatively scheduled the meeting for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Town Hall.

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The fine art of festival planning

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graduate received a 10-week fellowship at the National Endowment for the Arts where she reviewed grants and learned how the agency works. She also worked part-time at an arts consulting firm. Right out of college, the music and history major landed a job at Great Woods in marketing and public relations. And while her husband was attending law school in Vermont, Kennedy worked at the Hopkins Center at nearby Dartmouth that includes an arts complex and theater.

This time of year, Kennedy is focused on recruiting the dozens of artisans to be featured in about 90 booths on the common during the festival. Unlike many town fairs that may not screen their vendors for quality, the festival tries to be unique. Kennedy takes virtual trips on the Internet and real trips to craft shows to preview the art crafts that will be "juried" or judged for creativity and "sale-ability" of the product by a committee of curators from the art center next month. All work must be handmade using original designs; kits are not accepted.

Kennedy can often be seen clutching her large, white three-ring notebook full of clear, plastic sleeves containing slides featuring examples of jewelry, wood, fine art, glass, sculpture, metal, ceramics and more.

"It's easy to sell most artisans once they know what it's all about," she says. The festival also includes up to 10 food vendors and the popular Strawberry Festival, a separate fund-raiser sponsored by the Second Congregational Church.

Vendors pay a booth fee to participate in the Festival, which is the main money maker for the non-profit art center. The Festival does not charge admission but asks for donations from the thousands of visitors to the main tent that shelters the juried art exhibition. Volunteers also ask for donations at the "arborways" located at various locations along the perimeter of the common that provide the gateways into the event..

"It's expensive," says Kennedy about orchestrating the Festival that also includes continuous stage entertainment including the popular "Fiddlers' Gathering," an afternoon highlighting New England fiddlers. Art center staff work hard behind the scenes to obtain sponsorships that help underwrite large chunks of the Festival, she explains. And help over Festival weekend is provided by an army of 100 volunteers.

But Kennedy takes it all in stride. "It's like planning a wedding," she says. "You get so wrapped up in the details and making sure that everything is filed in the right place that you ride on adrenaline."

Kennedy says when Festival weekend comes, if she's done her homework, there won't be much left to do.

"It's almost like having an out-of-body experience," she says. "You say, 'why don't I have anything to do right now?' It's amazing the way the hundreds of details come together."

For more about the South Shore Art Center call 383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

IT'S HAPPENING

Photography as a Healing Art

Jan Phillips, a photographer, writer and lecturer who has presented workshops around the world will conduct a two-day workshop entitled "Seeing Our Way Clear - Photography as a Healing Art" on March 16 and 17 at the Second Congregation Church.

For the photographer and non-photographer alike this experiential hands-on workshop opens door after door into the inner chambers exploring the landscape of our feelings, our visions, our hopes for the future. Cost is $15 for Friday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. $80 for Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or $90 for both sessions.

Call the church office at 383-0345 to register. Deadline is March 12.

Quilt show benefit

The Second Congregational on Cohasset Common will sponsor its eighth annual quilt show and luncheon on Saturday, March 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The $10 donation includes a gourmet lunch and viewing of the more than 50 quilts. Advanced purchase of tickets is recommended as seating is limited. Call the church office at 781-383-0345 to make reservations. If you have a quilt you would like displayed, call Carol Sandblom at 781-383-1812. The event is a fundraiser for pediatric AIDS.

Chamber meeting

The Cohasset Chamber's Next Networking Meeting is Thursday, Feb. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Conlon Family Chiropractic, 814 CJC Highway (Rte 3A), Cohasset.

Part of the coming attractions at the Conlon Family Chiropractic networking session include free screenings and chair massages.

String quartet

On Saturday, March 3 at 8 p.m., the world-famous Borromeo String Quartet will come to Hingham for a special performance as part of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music series.

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The newly formed Hingham Symphony String Quartet (Aya Hasegawa and Laurent Chatel, violins, Melissa Reardon, viola, and Razvan Suma, cello) will join the Borromeo to present the virtuosic Octet Op. 20 by Medelssohn.

Tickets to this spectacular evening of chamber music are available at the Hingham Public Library, at Noble's in Hingham Square, Cards & Shards in Cohasset, or by calling (781)740-5694. $15 adults, $10 age 18 and under. The audience is invited to meet the musicians at a reception following the concert.

Garden club meets

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet at 9 a. m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Second Congregational Church, Bates Hall. The topic will be "Songbirds of the South Shore." Club member (and expert) Sally Avery will share her passion for birding through colorful slides of common birds and habitats found around the South Shore .She will explain when,, how and where to look for those beautiful, often elusive creatures, and will demonstrate their songs so that you can recognize them by hearing as well as by sight.

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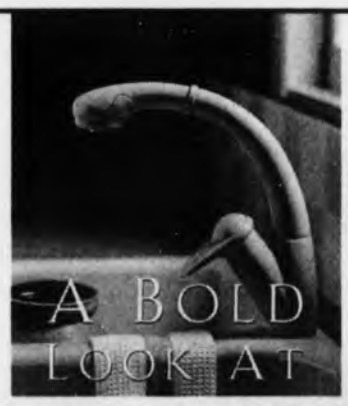
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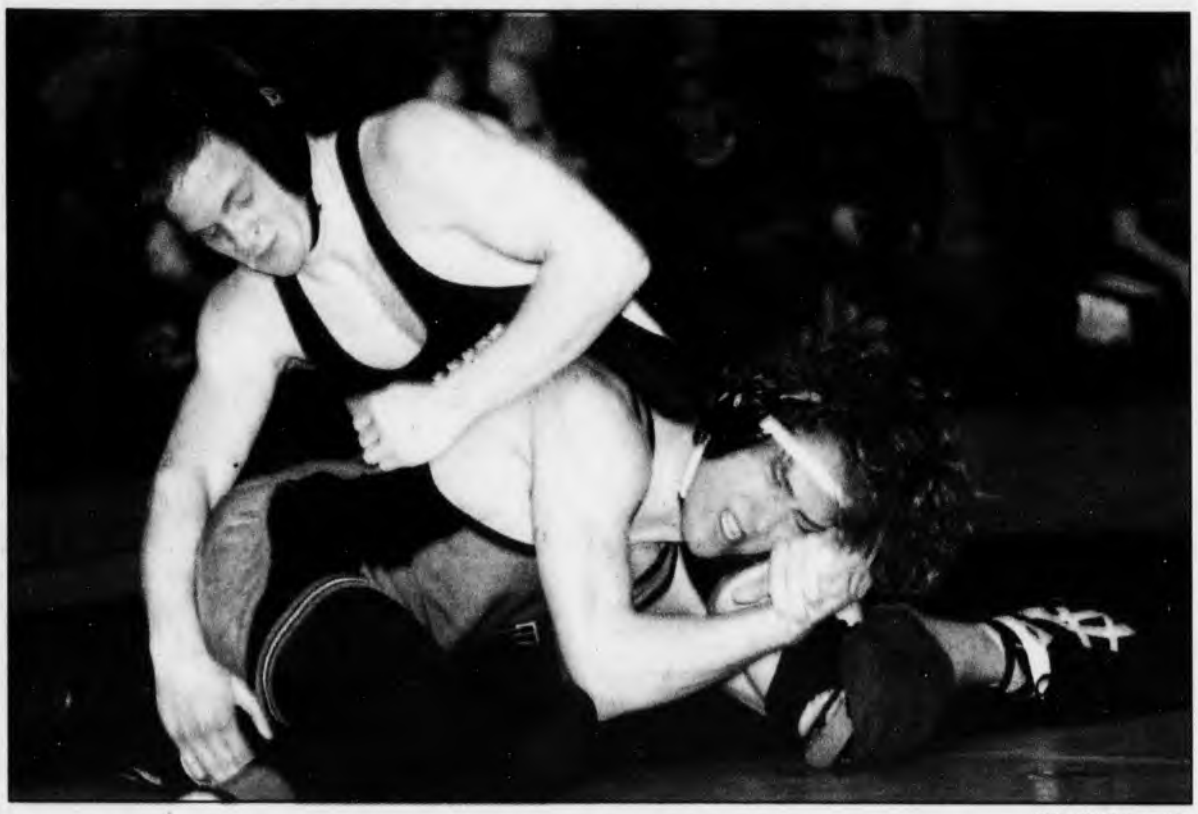
SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Garet Jacobucci. The Scituate /Cohasset team swimmer won the combined South/West Sectional State Championships last Thursday in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle. She will swim for the state title in both of these events on Sunday at Northeastern University.

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On the South Shore
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Heartbreaker



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Dan Littauer (top) gets the upper hand on Wayland's Ari Joniec in a consolation match won by the Cohasset wrestler, 14-3, at Saturday's Div. 3 state finals.

Littauer comes up just short in bid for All-States

By Micheal Spellman
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Close only counts in horse shoes and hand grenades. It most certainly doesn't count in wrestling.

In fact, in wrestling, it is possible to dominate an opponent in just about every conceivable way and still wind up with the loss. This is precisely what happened to Cohasset wrestler Dan Littauer in Saturday's Div. 3 state championships.

As a result, the CHS junior won't be going to the All-State championships this weekend at Franklin High School. Only the top four finishers from each of the three divisional meets qualify, and Littauer finished fifth in the 145-pound division.

"I'm really disappointed in myself because I let the first loss get me down and then I wasn't really prepared to wrestle in the consolation match," said Littauer.

After winning both of his matches in relatively easy fashion on Friday, Littauer advanced to the semi-finals on Saturday against number one seeded Mike Sullivan of Tyngsboro.

Dan gave Sullivan, a senior, all he could handle, but wound up falling on points, 6-3.

"Danny really made a statement there that he's going top be the top guy to deal with in this weight class next year," asserted Cohasset wrestling coach Torin Sweeney.

With Sullivan then moving on to take the Div. 3 crown on a 1-0 decision over Foxboro's Mike Ragusa, Littauer matched up with Wayland's Ari Joniec in the consolation round.

According to Sweeney, Littauer was clearly the better wrestler, but he simply could not get the points necessary against the defensive-

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Captains to steer course

Seniors Shea, Bilodeau and O'Brien asked to shoulder even bigger load in post-season

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

After a four year absence from "The Big Dance," the Cohasset boys basketball team is back.

However, with 21 teams in the Div. 3 South Sectionals, many of which seemingly possess the ability to go all the way, the Skippers have certainly got their work cut out for them.

"This was a very satisfying season," reported tenth year coach Ron Ford. "We have some quality wins. I think we can make some noise in this tournament."

"We go how they go. The three of them will carry us. We are a senior driven team, especially come tournament time."

Cohasset boys basketball coach Ron Ford, referring to his tri-captains

With teams coming from the South Shore League, the Patriot League (including the expected first seed Rockland Bulldogs), the Tri-Valley League, the South Coast League and the Mayflower league, the Skippers know they have a large task at hand.

Still, the field seems to be wide open, just waiting for a Cinderella story to pop up and surprise everyone.

"We have got as good a shot as anyone," asserted Ford. "No one team stands above everybody else."

After ending the season on a subpar note— losing three straight games before winning a close one in the finale— Ford does admit some concern as he prepares his team to face the iron of Div. 3 iron.

"It is a concern," conceded Ford. "You never want to go into tournament the way we did."

Though the official pairings will not come out until the 25th, it appears Rockland, Cardinal Spellman, Ashland, Carver and possibly Abington will make the top five. Though the Abington squad started out the year 2-4, they have won 13 of their last 14 games, and still have two home games left.

"You don't want to draw them; they are hot," noted Ford, whose Skippers fell victim to the Green Wave last week.

The next few teams in the rankings would be (in no particular order) Bourne, Norton, Norwell, Fairhaven, East Bridgewater, Scituate, and Cohasset.

The top 11 teams should receive a preliminary round bye, meeting some of the lower seeded teams in the first round.

But regardless of what the Skippers draw, the three Cohasset senior captains, Erik Shea, TJ Bilodeau, and Doug O'Brien should be especially ready to take on this tournament, with five of the six Div. 3 teams in the South Shore League being represented.

"We go how they go," admitted Ford. "The three of them will carry us. We are a senior driven team, especially come tournament time."

The three veterans showed their playoff form last Thursday night in

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CHS weekly scoreboard

WRESTLING
Feb.
16/17 Division III State Tournament
Dan Littauer
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End of season

ICE HOCKEY
Feb.
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End of season

BOYS BASKETBALL
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End of regular season
Qualified for state tourney

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Feb.
15 lost to Abington, 63-34
End of regular season

Jacobucci takes sectional crown

Now it's on to state championships for Scituate swimmer

By Mike Spellman
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Scituate's Garet Jacobucci won the combined South/West Sectional State Swimming Championships last Thursday in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle. Ho hum...

Scituate/Cohasset swimming coach Jamie Kearney practically guaranteed these wins for last week's Mariner and Jacobucci, a Scituate High senior, delivered.

Garet won the 50 with a time of 25.64, more than a second ahead of nearest finisher Vanessa Morton of Nauset (26.67), and more than doubled up on that margin of victory in the 100 with her time of 55.26, 2.65 seconds ahead of Algonquin's Jenni Baker.

Now it's on to the state championships (Sunday at Northeastern University), and apparently stiffer competition. Jenna Shoemaker, of Lincoln-Sudbury, captured the North championship in the 50 with a time of 25.45, nearly two-tenths of a second better than Garet's winning time.

Weston's Caroline Curtis also finished with a better time than Garet's in the 100, 54.97, while Shoemaker finished second in that meet just .08 seconds behind Garet's time of 55.26.

Surprisingly, Coach Kearney seemed almost nonplussed by this information, as she again projected victory for her star swimmer.

"Challenges are just so important

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Garet Jacobucci (far right) with relay squad teammates (L-R) Della Regan, Marion Powers and Kelly Stone. Katherine Noonan (not pictured) also swims with this team.

Girls team eyes future

Positive signs abound as Lady Skippers wrap up rebuilding season

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't fun at many points this year, but the girl's basketball program at Cohasset High School is looking to improve over the next few years, and get back up to tournament status.

"We are going to have to hang tough, and keep moving forward," said second year coach Ellen Carr earlier in the year.

With a record of 1-19, it may seem hard to pick out a few highlights from the season, but since it has been considered a rebuilding year, Carr seems to think her team has learned a great deal, and perhaps they can surprise some people

GIRLS HOOP, PAGE 12



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Top scorer Lindsay Grossman (#44), a sophomore, is just one in a group of talented underclassmen who should help lead the Lady Skippers to bigger and better things next season.

Mini-March Madness...catch it

EXTRA POINTS
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Does the resurgent play and renewed likeability of *our* Boston Celtics (now that the Armani-clad snake oil sales man is no longer front and center) have any of you feeling hoops happy again? Are you, like me, back to appreciating just how beautiful a game this can be when it's played well, with hard work and an unshakable team concept as the cornerstone?

Well, if you answered "yes" to either of these queries, I've got some good news for you: the state basketball tourney is about to get underway and there are several quality entrants from *Marinerland* in serious running for post-season glory.

Honestly folks, it doesn't get much better than this. This single-elimination format for all of the state's teams finishing with a .500 or better record has all the elements that has made March Madness this country's number one sports spectacle. Puh-leaze get out of here with that nonsense about the Super Bowl. If it wasn't for the gamblers, that NFL capper would probably run neck-and-neck with the NHL All-Star game in the winter sports ratings war.

What high school state tourney play might give up to the NCAA's annual 64-team tourney in terms of

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Girls team eyes future

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next year.

One highlight, of course, would be the "1" on the left side of the record column, a come-from-behind 49-45 win over Mashpee.

Cohasset was down 29-14 at halftime, in danger of losing their tenth straight to start the season. But the Lady Skippers clawed their way back with aggressive traps that flustered Mashpee's ballhandlers.

"The guards did a wonderful job of putting pressure on the ball," praised Carr.

Though their record was not close to sea level, that victory did mean a lot to the struggling squad.

"I think it takes the pressure off," said Carr about getting the first win after a string of losses.

The team was remarkably young, the youngest in the league with four sophomores and a freshman in the starting line-up.

LaRaine Langford ran the point, using great ballhandling skills to break traps and run the halfcourt set offenses.

"She is the one who runs the plays and sets up other people to score," said sophomore shooting guard Heather Peraino of her selfless point guard.

Peraino and shooting guard Lindsay Grossman spent the entire season leading the team in scoring. Not to put a jinx on either of them, but they both have a distinct chance of becoming the first girls in the history of Cohasset High School to reach the 1,000 career points plateau.

Sophomore power forward and captain Maura O'Brien led the team in rebounding for the second consecutive year, and looks to be an inside threat down the line.

The only freshman on the team, center Danielle Pinkus, really helped the Lady Skippers establish a post threat, and establish a presence on the offensive glass.

The Sixth WoMan was senior captain and team emotional leader Katie Wenmark, a player who was able to play any position on the court. Apart from her talents on the court, though, Wenmark is known for dedicating herself to helping out younger players, and making them gain acceptance.

"She is going to be missed so much," said Peraino of Wenmark, the only graduating senior on the team, "not only on the court, but as a friend."

Thanks in large part to Wenmark's efforts, most everyone on the team would agree that they were pleased with how close knit they were.

"We bond so much," reported Peraino. "That is what kept us going: our friendship."

Indeed, after a year like the one this team just had, the future is the only sensible direction in which to look. And with many talented first year players on the freshman team, improvement could be just around the corner.

With the varsity squad lacking size, frosh team members Libby Meikelham and Ashley Faber should help tremendously in that department next season. The freshman squad also featured an abundance of speed this season, something you can never have enough of, with guards like Gillian Weber and Courtney Caron.

Tony Rolfe also has been grooming an excellent girls Middle School team this year, with young talent that should be a great lift down the line.

Captains to steer course

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an 80-72 win over South Shore Voc Tech, with a big crowd on hand for Senior Night.

Bilodeau had one of his best games of the year, nearly recording a triple double with 21 points, nine rebounds, eight assists and three steals.

O'Brien came off missing two weeks due to sickness to record 14 points and seven boards, while Shea had 10 points to go with nine rebounds and four assists.

"We needed that kind of effort from them, and we got it," lauded Ford.

This game ended up being much closer than anyone had originally anticipated, since the Skippers tore down the Vikings 74-48 a month ago.

But the visiting Voc Vikings pulled to within 72-70 with two minutes left, thanks to some timely perimeter shooting, prompting Ford to use a timeout.

Fortunately, Cohasset finished off the game with a 8-2 run, including 6-of-6 from the foul line, to seal the victory, their first since the 66-65 thriller over league champion Carver on Feb. 2.

All-Star Game provides thrills

Taking a break from the intense preparation for the upcoming postseason, Bilodeau and Shea were able to play in the Annual South Shore League versus Patriot League All-Star game.

The top few players from nearly all of the teams in both leagues came together for one entertaining night at Middleboro High School last Friday, where even the losing players (those from the SSL) had smiles on their faces after the game. The bigger Patriot League team came out on top, 100-95. Obviously, as is also the case with the annual NBA star-fest, defense was not the order of the evening.

"It was fun," laughed Ford. "It is a nice show."

Some of the more vertically gifted competitors were able to amuse the crowd with athletic dunks during warm-ups, and a couple of times during the game itself.

"There is a lot of height in the league," observed Ford. "We just weren't blessed with it."

Norwell High sophomore Gerry Corcoran hit two alley-oop lay-ups during the game, en route to a 13 point performance, while teammate Mike Gilraine connected for 14.

The surprisingly powerful Frazier brothers of Carver, Ralph and Nate, lit up the rim with slams down the lane, combining for 25 of the SSL's 95 points.

Jessie McKinnell of Scituate ignited the crowd with a dunk that he threw off the backboard, caught in the air, and tomahawked in.

However, the dunk of the night was awarded to Hull senior center John Lidington, who led the SSL in scoring this year. Lidington impressed everyone in attendance with his agility and athleticism, converting a 360 degree dunk from the block. He finished the All-Star game with 10 points, nine rebounds and four blocks.

Bilodeau recorded six points, including one amazing shot that appeared to be from behind the backboard. Shea drilled a three-pointer early in the game to get the ball rolling for the SSL squad, and also had three steals.

At halftime, junior point guard Kyle Weber represented the Skippers in the three point contest, hitting four treys in forty-five seconds. The winner was Kevin McDermott of East Bridgewater, but the highest forty-five second total of the night was nine, by second place finisher Tim LaConte of Norton.

Game Notes

South Shore Voc Tech

-The first time these two teams met, the Skippers opened the game by scoring 21 of the game's first 23 points. But in this contest, the Vikings held Cohasset to only 12 of the first 23.

-Sophomore power forward Ben Lynner had nine points and one rebound in the first half, while recording two points and six boards in the second half.

-The two teams combined for 23 turnovers in the first half and nine in the second.

Da All-Star Game

-With its four representatives, including backcourt standouts Bobby Murphy and Ken Keefe, Rockland led all teams in scoring with a combined 37 points.

-The only hometown representative of the Middleboro/Sachems, Craig Murphy, made the crowd erupt with a forty foot, step back three-pointer.

-Both teams hit 24 foul shots, including the first seven of the game, and at one point, 12 in a row.

-Matt Woodworth of Hull started off his three-point contest round by hitting six of his first seven shots.

Jacobucci takes sectional crown

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to a swimmer, and that's especially true for Garet," appraised Kearney. "She's always at her best when she's pushed. She swam as hard as she had to to win (the sectionals), and now I believe she'll swim well enough to win the states."

To punctuate this assertion, Kearney pointed to Garet's individual times in the 50 versus her times for the same distance swimming the anchor leg for the relay team. Often forced to come from behind in the team event, Jacobucci has consistently posted her best times here. A few weeks back, she notched a 24.09 in her leg, a mere second off of the Olympic qualifying time. She also posted a 24.91 two weeks ago, finishing second to Duxbury's top male swimmer.

Another factor in Garet's less than premium performance at the sectionals is the fact that she had not had time to fully taper off her regular school season training. That won't be an excuse at the states, as Garet has 10 days to focus on short-distance workouts.

Even Jacobucci, who is painfully modest, concedes that she likes her chances of shaving considerable time off of her sectional times.

"Any swimmer will tell you that proper tapering is a big deal," explained Jacobucci, who has been accepted to Emory University in Atlanta, which boasts one of the nation's premiere swimming programs. "And I think that, plus the better competition, will really make a difference for me on Sunday."

Unfortunately, no other member of the first-year team qualified for the states. The girls team did, though, finish a respectable 12th overall in the 18-team field.

The relay team of Delia Regan, Marion Powers, Katherine Noonan and Garet, swimming the anchor, finished 11th in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:58.08 and 16th in the 200-yard medley at 2:16.76.

Fortunately, though, it appears that many members of the Scituate/Cohasset joint squad will take almost as much pride in Garet's accomplishments as they would have their own.

"Garet is a very easy kid to root for," claimed Kearney. "There's no prima donna attitude there at all. No one has been a better teammate than her. She has tried to help a lot of these kids, especially the younger ones. Now she's representing two towns, and I think we should all be proud of her.

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Littauer comes up just short in bid for All-States

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minded Joniec. The Wayland wrestler took a 3-2 lead in the second period and then stalled for much of the final period to take the match by that that margin, thus forcing Littauer out of the All-States.

Angry at himself over the mental letdown, Littauer then went on to destroy Joe Habel of Drury High School, 14-4, for fifth-place honors. This makes him top alternate for the All-States, meaning if one of the top four drop out he'd take his place.

Ironically, Dan's older brother, Ben, also finished fifth in the Div. 3 Championships at 145 in 1998, and got to wrestle when one of the four who finished ahead of him was unable to go.

Sweeney, who has coached wrestling for 18 years, figures something like this happens between 10 and 15 percent of the time.

"It would be something if lightening struck twice for the same family," said Sweeney with a smile. "I certainly believe Dan is one of the top 12 wrestlers at 145 pounds in the state. I think he deserves it, but sometimes life's not as fair as you'd like it to be."

"I don't think it's going to happen, but I can still hope," said Littauer, who has continued to practice daily with just in mind.

Other Cohasset wrestlers

None of the other three Cohasset High wrestlers who qualified for the Div. 3 states came close to making it to the All-States.

Freshman Phil Strazzula, who finished fourth in the sectionals at 112 pounds, won his first match, but lost his next two. The second loss came to the number three seed in the class, and Strazzula actually had him on points (3-2) going into the third period.

"I thought Phil wrestled incredibly well for a freshman," appraised Sweeney. "The way he goes after it, I just know he's going to be a force in this area over the next three years."

Sophomore Terry Baroudi (130 pounds), who finished third at Sectionals, lost his first match in a heartbreaker, 5-4, and then re-aggravated the shoulder injury that kept him off the mat for the last three weeks of the regular season, forcing him to drop out.

Senior captain Dan Duffy, who finished third in the Sectionals at 135 pounds, lost both of his matches by two points to be eliminated.

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Although a regular season record of 9-12 was certainly not up to the lofty standards established by Cohasset's rich wrestling history, Sweeney insists that high hopes for this program are warranted.

"We've got a lot of young talent and a lot of enthusiasm," reported the veteran coach. "We'll be back up there soon enough."

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The Cohasset team was awarded an honorable mention for sportsmanship by the Massachusetts Officials Association. The annual sportsmanship award went to Wellesley High, with Cohasset and four other schools among the 49 in Div. 3 being named as runners-up.



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Dan Littauer (middle) holds the medal he was awarded for fifth place at this Saturday's Div. 3 state finals. He is flanked by Cohasset coaches Torin Sweeney (left) and Peter Buckley.

Mini-March Madness set to get under way for local school teams

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individual athleticism and skill, it comes pretty close to recouping in the area of provinciality. Think about it: what could be better than rooting for the teenager who pumps your gas, or your old paper boy or your baby sitter or even some kid with whom you have no relationship. If he or she is from your hometown, or even a nearby town, why can't there be some sort of kinship?

On the boys side of the hoops ledger, we have Silver Lake, Abington, Rockland, Scituate, Cohasset and Norwell going to this area's version of 'The Big Dance" and each team has plenty of reasons compelling enough to foster an appreciation, if not a genuine affection.

Silver Lake has lost just one game in Old Colony League play over the past two seasons, making the Lakers two-time league champs. The Lakers are competing in Division 1, however, where it is a relatively small fish in a big and deep pond, so they are something of a long shot to do much in the tourney.

They're far from the biggest or most athletic among the Div. 1 teams in Eastern Mass. What they do have is four seniors in the starting lineup who play very well together and who carry out a beautifully efficient attack, masterminded by veteran head coach Dick Arieta. The Lakers also feature the most complete high school basketball talent these eyes have beheld in several years. His name is Chris Conroy, and what makes his game so glorious to behold is the non-flashy way in which he does everything within the framework of the team philosophy. Indeed, this understated proficiency he embodies seems representative of the whole team.

And if it's watching these kinds of individual talents that gets you going, be advised that we've got a potential Division 1 collegiate recruit at Norwell High, and he's only a sophomore. Fifteen-year-old Gerry Corcoran led the South Shore League in scoring this year, tossing 'em down at a 25 ppg clip. He's 6'foot-5 and can do it all on the court, and he's still got gobs of untapped potential! He's already been contacted by at least one Big East school along with a number of other prominent hoops universities. Once he puts all the elements together, he could become one of the best basketball products this area has seen in a long time. I can think of a lot worse things to do than watch and follow a potentially great "work in progress."

I don't know too many people who don't like to tell "I remember when..." stories. Well, here's your chance at one.

Even without Corcoran, these Clippers would prove an enjoyable take. Senior Mike Gilraine possesses a nice inside-outside game, and sophomore point guard Bobby Savoy is as hard working and scrappy a player as I've personally seen anywhere this season.

Perhaps it's that "40 minutes of hell" look you prefer (of course, in high school basketball, the equivalent would be "32 minutes of hell"). If that's the case, I'd like to heartily recommend that you check out Scituate, Rockland or Cohasset. All three of these teams were designed by their coaches to press and run all night.

Rockland is coached by the venerable Bob Fisher, who earned his 500th career coaching win this season. He's created a factory for in-your-face, up-tempo basketball that has been the model that too many high school coaches to count on the South Shore have attempted to emulate. None has quite got it down yet, though, as attested to by Rockland's continued dominance. The Bulldogs are currently led by lightening quick point guard Bobby Murphy (best known for his exploits on the gridiron, but quite a force on the hard floor as well), long range bomber Ken Keefe, bruiser Matt McDonald and a host of role players who seem to completely understand and embrace their role on this team.

Many of these same things can be said about the Scituate program, as rookie head coach Matt Poirier appears to be one of the few who might actually have a clue about imitating Fisher's system. The Sailors didn't even make the tourney last year, but the job Poirier has done in transforming them is truly one for the annals. With a 10-2 record in Patriot League play (14-5 overall), the Sailors finished the year as co-champs with Rockland, and they did this with their returning center and top scorer (senior Mike Hale) out of action the entire season with a stress fracture.

If you're into good team play or strong individual talent, this team has something for you. Joel Racicot is a sweet shooting two guard whose signature shot is the seldom seen anymore "stop and pop". And Jesse McKinnell, the team's 6-foot-5 junior center, has moves in the post that on occasion bring back visions of Kevin McHale.

As for Cohasset...well, in my opinion any team from that school is worth getting whole hog behind anytime something noteworthy is taking place. With just over 300 students in grades 9-12, CHS is by far the smallest school in the South Shore League. In fact, it is much smaller in terms of student population than many of the state's Div. 4 schools: However, because Cohasset High is aligned with the Pilgrim Conference, and the smallest of its member leagues (the South Shore), it can't go any lower than Div. 3.

What coach Ron Ford does with this team on a consistent basis is nothing short of remarkable. Though the Skippers clearly do not have the size, athleticism or raw talent of most of the schools they're forced nightly to go against, they survive and even occasionally thrive with magnificent total team play. That has been the case this season with a 13-7 record. No team you'll see moves the ball better than this one. The play on the perimeter, with sharp shooters and slashers like Erik Shea and brothers TJ and Matt Bilodeau, is what drives this team, but it's been the emergence of underclassmen Ben Lynner and Sean Connoly on the inside that has forced opposing defenses to stay honest and given these "little" guys the room to operate.

Abington, likewise, features a wonderfully balanced attack, with Nick French, Mark Sulomonte, James Smith and Brian Kallenberg all averaging double figures in scoring.

As for the girls, how can anyone not root for Norwell. Knowing he had a team quite capable of running the table in the South Shore League and achieving an unbeaten season, coach Bill Gerety still agreed at the beginning of this season to take part in the this past weekend's annual Hall of Fame Tournament at Massssoit College in Brockton. The event also had as entrants far larger powerhouse teams from Hingham, Duxbury and Braintree.

Sure enough, the Lady Clippers went into the invitational with a perfect record (19-0) and came out with a blemish, a 50-43 loss to Div. 1 tourney frontrunner Braintree, 50-43. And Gerety will tell you until he's blue in the face that neither he or any player on his team has even an inkling of regret over playing these games.

"There's a reason we wanted to play these games at the end of the season," said Gerety, who is retiring from teaching and coaching at the end of this season after 35 years. "Our goal is to be as ready as we can for the tourney, and these games might have helped us as much as any of our wins."

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Police, town settle grievance

Day detective back at post

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The police department has almost returned to status quo now that daytime detective Rick Grassie is back in plain clothes.

Evening detective Greg Lennon can serve in that capacity as long as three uniformed officers are on duty. In other words, Lennon has to be in uniform if there are less than three other officers on duty — the requirement under minimum manning so no overtime is used to fill the shift, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. The town has only two detectives.

The temperature between Town Hall and the police warmed last week following what is described as a productive meeting with Haddad, Police Chief Brian Noonan and police union president William Quigley.

Two weeks' ago, Haddad ordered the detectives back in plain clothes to cover the gap created by three officers in the 17-member department who are currently out on disability. Callbacks to fill shifts have sent the police overtime budget through the roof. Police are not allowed to refuse overtime.

The union planned to file a grievance — now off the table — over the change in working conditions for the detectives.

Haddad said Town Counsel pointed out, based on the collective bargaining agreement, the town would have to talk to the union about the change in duties.

Quigley explained the town could change working conditions for the protection of the town but not to rein in the overtime budget. He said despite reduced personnel, the department has not had a problem filling shifts.

Quigley described the meeting with Haddad as positive.

> **"We have mutual respect and share the common goal of having a good, well-equipped, effective police department."**
> — Union president William Quigley

"We have mutual respect and share the common goal of having a good, well-equipped, effective police department," Quigley said.

The union decision to settle the grievance follows on the heels of selectmen backing a federal grant that would pay the lion's share of a new police officer's salary for three years. Noonan, the police chief, said he has already asked for a list of candidates from Civil Service, a state agency that compiles lists of candidates for state and municipal public safety positions. But even if hired fairly soon, a prospective, untrained officer would have to go through the 21-week state police academy. He said it would likely be August at the earliest, before a new officer could be on board.

Quigley said when one officer gets back from sick leave and another is hired through the grant, the night detective can be restored in full. He said it was nice to see the selectmen support the grant. In a recent letter to the board, the union was critical of selectmen for what it saw as their lack of support for the police department.

"Hopefully this brought some problems to light," Quigley said about issues aired over the past few weeks.

Analysis of police overtime provided

In an analysis of police overtime, town financial officials say that unexpected line-of-duty and extended sick leaves have resulted in an unacceptable level of overtime for the department.

The report, requested by Selectman Merle Brown, explained that each officer below the 16 (the department has 17 officers not including the chief) incurs about $68,000 in additional overtime a year. Increases in manpower would reduce or eliminate the amount of structural overtime and offset some increases in manpower cost.

In fiscal year 2000 that ended June 30, the police overtime budget was $221,768 including nearly $57,000 in vacation coverage and $40,000 in sick-time coverage.

Adding one officer could equate to $31,000 in annual overtime savings. Hiring two officers could save about $62,000 in overtime, almost enough to offset the average yearly cost of $75,000, the analysis stated.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, FEB. 12

5:33 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:24 a.m. Highland Ave., general services.

7:26 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

1:10 p.m. Hull St., assist other police department.

2:44 p.m. Cedar St., fire investigation.

3:39 p.m. Linden Dr., traffic complaint.

5:34 p.m. North Main St. and Rocky Ln., fire investigation, no fire service necessary.

6:43 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

7:52 p.m. Nichols Rd., family disturbance, removed to hospital.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

9:15 a.m. Gannett Rd., motor vehicle violation.

9:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.

11:06 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

11:15 a.m. North Main St., vandalism.

4:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:01 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted, services rendered.

7:56 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., general services.

9:35 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto, services rendered.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

6:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:58 a.m. King St., fire inspections.

11:25 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

12:23 p.m. Ledgewood Dr., motor vehicle violation.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

2:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

5:58 a.m. Brewster Rd., medical aid.

6:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., traffic citation, warning.

6:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Rd., animal control.

1:57 p.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

3:15 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle violations.

3:39 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:30 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

6:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation.

9:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

11:10 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Craig M. Sheerin, 18, 8 Trudy's Ln., Scituate. Chrgs. poss. class B sub. w/ intent to distribute, illegal poss. of a class B substance, illegal poss. of a class C substance, illegal poss. of class E substance, minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage; drinking alcohol from open container, and juvenile arrest.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

6:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vandalism.

3:16 p.m. Schofield Rd., officer wanted.

4 p.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

4:28 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:48 p.m. Pleasant St., animal control.

5:33 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:27 p.m. North Main St., traffic citation, warning.

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

2:01 a.m. Elm St., fire.

3:35 a.m. Pond St. and Clay Spring Rd., animal control.

3:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. general services.

4:15 p.m. South Main St., and West Gate Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

5:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Schofield Rd. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

5:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Schofield Rd. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

6:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:59 p.m. Doane St., noise complaint.

10:32 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person.

11:48 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.

POLICE BRIEFS

Scituate man faces drug charges

An open can of beer allegedly placed on the ground next to the driver's door while the driver, later identified as Craig M. Sheerin, 18, of 8 Trudy's Lane, Scituate, went into a Cohasset convenience store led to an arrest on drug charges Friday night.

While on routine patrol, Cohasset Officer William Quigley drove through the Mobil Mart parking lot off Route 3A at about 11:10 p.m. where he spotted a black Volkswagen Jetta parked with the engine running. On the ground outside the driver's door was an open can of Budweiser. After the driver came out of the store, he allegedly picked up the beer and got behind the wheel. The officer pulled behind the car in which there was also 15-year-old female juvenile sitting in the back seat. Further investigation revealed three more cans on beer inside the car, four plastic bags containing what police believe to be cocaine, and an open 30-pack of Budweiser in the trunk. At booking, Sheerin was alleged to be in possession of a quantity of pills believed to be the drugs: ecstasy, valium and an anti-depressant. The beer, powdered substances and pills were held for evidence.

Police charged Sheerin with illegal possession of a Class B substance (cocaine) with intent to distribute; and three other drug possession charges; as well as minor transport alcohol and drinking alcohol from an open container. The juvenile was charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

Sheerin was arraigned on the charges Tuesday in Quincy District Court. He was released with the promise to return for a pre-trial hearing March 28. The 15-year-old girl was scheduled to be arraigned in juvenile court yesterday after the Mariner went to press.

Officers praised

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan commended officers Richard Yocum and Christy Tarantino for their "outstanding police work" recently.

Yocum helped rescue a Cohasset man who had fallen through ice while skating on Lily Pond.

As Yocum was on his way to work Jan. 3, he picked up a report of a man through the ice on his car scanner and drove to the pond. He grabbed a canoe from the shore, pushed it over several hundred yards of ice, hopped in and then helped the man hold on to the side until the Cohasset Fire Department rescue team arrived.

"Your quick assessment and decisive action, taken at no small personal risk, prevented a potential tragedy," Noonan wrote. The victim was treated at South Shore Hospital for hypothermia.

Tarantino intercepted a broadcast Feb. 12 from the Hull Police Department regarding a stolen motor vehicle. Within eight minutes Tarantino spotted the car on Hull Street in Cohasset, followed the vehicle and conducted a "felony" stop on Nantasket Avenue. With the help of Hull police, a man was arrested and charged, and the vehicle recovered.

"Your quick assessment of the situation and your decisive action took a criminal off the streets in near record time," Noonan stated.

The chief said the actions and professionalism of Yocum and Tarantino are a credit to themselves, the police force, and to the town.



PHOTO/COURTESY OF THE COHASSET POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Larry Ainslie examines one of the cars involved in the head-on collision on Jerusalem Road on Monday morning.

Spilled coffee linked to collision

A Milton woman driving a Toyota sedan told police she was traveling northbound on Jerusalem Road at about 10 a.m. Monday morning and while going around a corner, she spilled hot coffee on her leg. Police said, the mishap caused her to cross over the solid yellow line and hit the Honda sedan driven by Carol S. Hamilton, 34, of 546 Jerusalem Road.

Police cited Erin E. Mitchell, 29, of 58 Governors Road, Milton, with marked lanes violation and impeded operation of a motor vehicle. The women were both transported by Cohasset ambulance to South Shore Hospital where they were treated and released.

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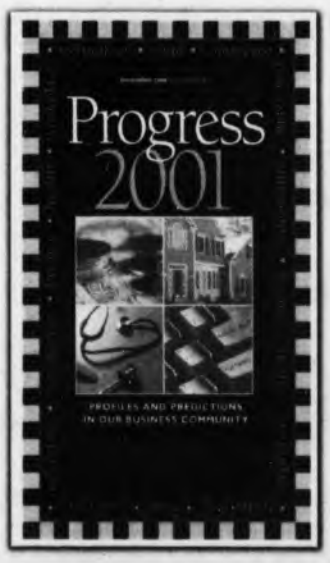
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Two chicks, one big show

By Seth Jacobson
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Have you seen "two chicks painting" at the James Library? Dynamic and artist duo Corinne Campobasso of Weymouth and Susan Davis of Holliston have put their minds and art work together to come up with a unique show on display through March 1.

The exhibit is first collaboration of Campobasso and Davis and features about 40 of their combined works consisting of oil and watercolor paintings. The works feature various still life pieces, landscapes, floral portraits, and others. All of the works on display at the show are for sale.


Corinne Campobasso
Susan Davis

"It's a show about a friendship that started in Braintree back in 1996," Campobasso said. "We met in an art class there and instantly became friends."

That friendship is represented in the combined works exhibit. The two artists have found they have many things in common, first and foremost they are relatively new to painting.

Davis has been painting since 1996, and Campobasso has been painting since 1991.

"We've each had a few sales," Davis said regarding some of the paintings within the exhibit. "People do seem to really like the show."

"My husband actually introduces himself as 'Mr. Chick' now," Campobasso said.

Both women have done their own shows in the past. Both are also members of various area art organizations like the Braintree art Association and the North River Art Society in Marshfield. In fact, after they initially met in 1996, Campobasso and Davis started venturing out to the North River Art Society together. Davis would drive all the way from Holliston to do so.

Campobasso and Davis started taking a workshop with the North River Art Society member John Kilroy, an individual they both listed as an artistic influence.

"After awhile, we decided to start painting outside," Davis said.. "We wanted to start painting on-location."


Corinne Campobasso of Weymouth and Susan Davis of Holliston have joined forces for an exhibit at Norwell's James Library called "Two Chicks Painting." The show will run through March 1.

The exhibit is first collaboration of Campobasso and Davis and features about 40 of their combined works consisting of oil and watercolor paintings. The works feature various still life pieces, landscapes, floral portraits, and others.

And for the next couple of years, Campobasso and Davis kept painting in each other's company, practicing their techniques and improving them.

In late 1999, a member of The James Library contacted both women, asking them if they would like to do a show together. Campobasso and Davis said yes, and immediately got to work on the show.

"When we found out we were going to do the show, I started working on frames," Davis said. "It's like having the right shoes to go with a given dress—you need the right frame for a painting."

"We really put a lot of effort and concentration into choosing good paintings. It was a lot of work," Campobasso noted.

The name — "Two Chicks Painting" given to the exhibit fit the "fun" way the two artist friends go about painting together.

For the show, both women selected some of their favorite paintings each of them had done in the past, and both painted a couple of pieces specifically for the exhibit. All in all, they came up with what they thought would be a good mix for the exhibit. The end result is paintings that compliment each other and earn compliments from many who have viewed the show.

"They fit great," Davis said of the various paintings in the show. "They are complimentary to each other."

"My husband actually introduces himself as 'Mr. Chick' now."
Weymouth artist Corinne Campobasso

"A lot of people have told us they think our styles are a lot different," Campobasso said. "But they still manage to work together."

"For me, painting is about seeing a lot of things and having to whittle them all down into one painting," Davis said. "It's about keeping it simple. A good painting is about composition, design, value, and color, but it's also about having the ability to convey an idea."

"A good painting evokes an emotional response in a viewer," Campobasso said, "whether it be nostalgia, beauty, awe, or shock. Whatever it is, it gets a viewer's attention."

Both say when the show at the James Library is over, it will probably not be the last time the area hears from the "Two Chicks Painting."

"This started as a hobby, and now it's an obsession," Campobasso said. "But most of all, it's just a lot of fun."

For more information on the "Two Chicks Painting" show, call the James Library at (781) 659-7100. Campobasso can be reached at (781) 331-0882 or through e-mail at art-corinne@yahoo.com. Davis can be reached through e-mail at shp-davis@aol.com.



The musical dance revue SwingDance America comes to Massasoit Community College Friday, Feb. 23.

Musical dance review steps over to Massasoit College

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

By now, the late 90s trend of swing dance bands such as the Brian Setzer Orchestra and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy has ebbed, but apparently the dancing itself has not.

At least not if you ask Whitney Trilling, a New York dancer, choreographer and dance theatre director who since last summer, has also been the producer of SwingDance America. During the last eight months, Trilling has taken the self-billed "original swing dance show" on the road from New York, Florida and Los Angeles to British Columbia and even as far as Tokyo to thrilled audiences and rave reviews.

SwingDance America is described as a personable, exuberant celebration of swing dance, covering the range of the music and its social context and its history from its roots in the 1920s through today. The high-

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ON HER OWN

Singer/songwriter Sally Taylor brings her unique style to the South Shore

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Sally Taylor is one of the legions of independent-minded modern singer/songwriters working the current scene. Performers of this stripe tend to shun the strict, bottom line-oriented rigors of major-label, music-biz promotion — which are all too often at odds with artists' own desires and ambitions — and find outlets to make music on their own terms.

For Taylor, the outlets of choice are on-site, live-gig vending and the Internet, where the cherub-voiced, folk-rock singer/songwriter has personally overseen sales, promotion and distribution of two independent CDs released since late 1998. Local listeners can expect to find Taylor out in the lobby, right behind the vending table well stocked with copies of both discs, that is, when she's not onstage.

"I would describe my sound as mostly folk-rock, with jazz influences from different sources."
Singer/songwriter Sally Taylor

Music has been a big part of Taylor's life. You could say it runs in the family. The daughter of James Taylor and Carly Simon, the royal couple of 1970s singer/songwriter rock, Taylor will make a rare Boston-area appearance performing at Norwell's Company Theatre Saturday at 8 p.m.

Although there are some definite similarities to the lyrical, folk/soft-rock musical styles of her famous mom and dad to be spotted on her own two CDs, there are also just as many of Taylor's own creative ideas and approaches to be heard as well, making listening a distinct, intimate experience overall.

"I would describe my sound as mostly folk-rock, with jazz influences from different sources," said Taylor. "I decided right from when I began playing with my own band that, rather than try to look for that major-label record deal, to go with the grassroots, 'minimalistic' approach."

"Musically, I have a very eclectic background, between what I've grown up listening to and what I've performed myself. From the start, I've wanted to see how that evolves in my own music. I like the whole process of writing and creating music and seeing what it takes to get it across to listeners. And I prefer to take that approach before signing a deal with a large record label and giving other business people the authority over my music, although I've been made offers. I've generally wanted to keep my eyes open, and my ears open, and my integrity intact," Taylor said.

So far, Taylor's collective musical career and strategy has netted some interesting results. The singer's first disc, 1998's Tomboy Bride, showcases musical settings from mellow singer/songwriter rock to "torchy" nightclub/cabaret jazz, much of which would feel right at home on any album by James or Carly or by their contemporaries such as uncle Livingston or Carole King, for that matter. Through live-show sales, Taylor's own web site (www.sallytaylor.com) and general word-of-mouth, it has also sold an impressive 7,000-plus copies.

On her second disc, the newly released Apt. #6S, Taylor turns up the volume just a bit, with a more pronounced electric guitar and band feel, and branches out stylistically. The singer's voice takes on the arch, cunning tone ex-10,000 Maniacs will recall from that band's lead singer — Natalie Merchant. Although interestingly enough, Taylor does not cite a great deal of familiarity or influence from that singer or her former band, and the music edges toward more sprightly pop, shuffling blues, island calypso and even an eccentric "artsy" tone.


Sally Taylor, daughter of famous folk singers/songwriters Carly Simon and James Taylor will bring her own band and sound to the South Shore in a Company Theatre performance Saturday night.

Said Taylor, "Generally, my songwriting process starts with a melody in mind. Then the chord progressions take me into the lyrical part of the song, and finally I just let whatever is there musically and lyrically come through me. It's more of an emotional process than anything else. I've been very influenced by the music of both my parents, but I also draw ideas from a lot of other sources, such as Portuguese jazz, jazz players like Stan Getz and Astrud Gilberto and singers like Sheryl Crow and Shawn Colvin."

Although Taylor tours mainly with a full band, playing some 150-170 shows a year at venues from nightclubs to casinos to coffeehouses, the singer's Norwell date is planned as a stripped-down acoustic-duo set with her band's guitarist, Chris Soucy. Like her typical band gigs, Taylor promises the usual mixed bag of original songs from both her CDs, plus a well-blended selection of cover songs, such as, for example, Traffic's "Pearly Queen," Steeler's Wheel's 70s chestnut "Stuck In the Middle With You" and songs by alternative rave Ben Harper, among others.

"Our live shows are always unpredictable, and we always like audience participation," Taylor said.

Sally Taylor will perform Saturday, Feb. 24 at Norwell's Company Theatre. Tickets are priced at $22 in advance and $25 the day of the performance and are available by calling (781)871-2787.

Food & dining

Potato soup



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



Everyone knows that soups make quick and easy dinners yet most of us stick to the run-of-the-mill variations such as vegetable, chicken noodle, or tomato. Few of us have made potato soup, a staple of many cuisines, which is hearty and, if well made, also complex. The problem is achieving just the right texture - creamy rather than slippery - as well as enhancing flavors so that the soup does not turn out bland.

The first issue was the selection of the potatoes. I tried low starch (red), medium starch (all-purpose and Yukon gold), as well as high starch (russet) potatoes. The red potatoes were the worst of the lot - they didn't offer enough body to the soup and their texture was 'slippery.' In addition, their sweet flavor was not enough of a balance to the heavy cream. Next, I tried all-purpose and they were too bland. The texture was decent but the flavor was unremarkable. Yukon golds, if you enjoy their distinctive flavor and yellow color, were good (I find their strong and slightly unusual flavor to be a bit overpowering for this recipe) but the russets offered the most body and their earthiness was a welcome addition to what could be a very dull main course recipe. This recipe needs big potato flavor and the russets deliver.

The onion is no surprise nor is the addition of leek as the pairing of potato and leek is a French classic. I had decided early on to use a balance of chicken stock and heavy cream and finally settled on 3 1/2 cups of stock to 1/2 cup heavy cream. I did not want to overpower the potatoes with too much dairy. I also tested half-and-half and light cream but the soup was too milky. The addition of one tablespoon of herbs to the soup while it simmers and then a healthy dose of raw herbs to garnish just before serving brightened the flavor considerably. I also tried adding a couple of tablespoons lemon juice but it tasted like anchovies in a slice of apple pie – definitely out of place. The only other unusual addition is just a 1/2 teaspoon of sugar which kicks up the flavor.

POTATO SOUP WITH LEEK AND CHIVES

Use russets for this soup since both red potatoes and all-purpose potatoes don't deliver enough flavor. This soup can be puréed for a more elegant version which is best done before the cream is added. Try using tarragon with this soup for a more interesting flavor combination.

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion cut into 1/4-inch dice, about 1 1/2 cups
1 large leek, white part only, cut into 1/4-inch dice, about 1 cup
1 1/2 pounds potatoes, russet or Yukon gold preferred, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch dice (about 3 russets or 4 Yukon gold)
1/2 teaspoon sugar
3 1/2 cups chicken stock, homemade or Swanson0s preferred
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon fresh thyme, tarragon, or other herb
1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
Freshly ground pepper to taste
1/4 cup finely chopped chives or parsley, for garnish

Heat the butter and oliye oil in a large pot. Add onion and leek and cook, covered, over low heat for about 15 minutes, or until they are very soft but not browned. Add the potatoes, sugar, and stock and bring to a simmer. Cook, until the potatoes are tender about 25 minutes. Add the heavy cream and herbs and cook 5 minutes longer. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish each serving with chives or parsley. Serves 4

Creating a garden with style

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

NATURALISTIC WOODLAND GARDENS



The sweet perfume of heavenly hyacinths mingled with the fresh scent of pine bark mulch as I passed through the doorway of the Rhode Island Convention Center leaving the snow, ice and frigid breezes of winter behind and stepped into the wondrous sights, sounds and smells of springtime. Pretty primroses, handsome hostas, dazzling dogwoods and delphiniums, and wonderful woodland wildflowers were just a few of the horticultural delights on display at the Rhode Island Spring Flower Show this past weekend.

As I closed my eyes to listen to the peaceful sounds of water cascading over rocky waterfalls, I dreamed of springs gone by. The woodland wildflower garden kindled fond memories of the mountain streams of my childhood, growing up in the

Green thumbs up

Catskills, where lady slippers, jack-in-the pulpit, ferns and trillium abounded. I recalled recent springs in my butterfly meadow, as it burst into bloom alongside my babbling brook with spacious patches of fringed, pink ragged robin, cheerful clumps of ox-eye daisies and glowing masses of golden-yellow buttercups. How I desperately long for spring to arrive so that I may witness the miracle of the garden's rebirth and till the soil once again.

Gratefully, the warmth of the late winter sun has produced several large patches of bare ground in the sunnier portions of my landscape, revealing a few of those springtime miracles. The telltale tips of crocus and daffodil foliage have started to push their way up through the crusty earth while nearby, the silvery, silken catkins have emerged on the contorted branches of the Japanese fan-tail willow which twist and turn to form fascinating curlicues. Despite Mother Nature's persistent reminders that the winter season is far from over, these harbingers of spring are beginning to offer promise that springtime flowers may soon appear.

Our local spring flower shows are an ideal opportunity to explore a variety of garden styles, as each year talented designers, nurseries, horticultural organizations and agricultural schools display their interpretation of the show's theme. From formal gardens adorned with statuary, urns and geometric designs to naturalistic woodland gardens and seascapes, there is always an exhibit which is sure to inspire and might suggest an appropriate theme garden for your own property.

Naturalistic gardens are a popular theme at the flower shows and can be readily adapted to many home landscapes. While most gardeners realize that a no-maintenance garden does not really exist, many habitat gardens can be low-maintenance once planted and established. The use of native plants, trees and shrubs in the landscape, assuming they are appropriate to the light and soil conditions which are present, reduces the need for constant care, as they are particularly adapted to survive our weather extremes.

Given a shady site, especially on a wooded lot of deciduous trees, winding paths bordered by ferns, native wildflowers, spring-flowering bulbs, and shade-loving trees, shrubs and perennials, make a very practical and attractive solution to a challenging location. Should you wish to adopt a woodland garden theme, it is important to identify the types of trees which predominate. Tree roots, especially those of beech and maple, compete for nutrients and moisture and during periods of drought. Supplemental moisture may be required, particularly during periods of drought, to ensure the survival of plants which prefer damp conditions. You may want to consider removing some of the smaller trees and saplings in addition to pruning the lower branches and thinning out the overhead canopy to enable more light to filter through to promote flowering.

Many shade-loving plants are woodland flora by nature and prefer fluffy, woodsy soil, mildly acid, rich and light with a high humus content. Ideal shade garden soil should contain two parts humus (compost, peat or leaf mold), one part sand and one part loam. Soil can be mixed and mounded over tree roots to expedite planting but should not come in contact with tree trunks as it may lead to their demise.

Foliage becomes the dominant feature in shady gardens. Contrast in color, form and texture is essential. Repetition of these elements creates rhythm, drawing the eye through your design. The addition of evergreen shrubs and perennials will provide winter interest.

Take your cues from nature. Visit Garden in the Woods in Framingham, which is the New England Wildflower Society's display garden, or our local nature preserves for ideas. Mark your calendar for the New England Spring Flower Show sponsored by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society at the Bayside Expo, March 17-25. Their theme, "The Inspired Garden," is sure to suggest themes for your personal landscape as well as offering a welcome breath of springtime splendor.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

This is a wonderful day for vacationing. On the other hand, if you are working with others, you can be most effective. All team sports, community endeavors, group efforts get the green light. The moon continues to travel in freedom-oriented Aquarius and forms easy contacts to Venus, Pluto and Mercury. In addition, an applying alignment of the sun and Mars adds an energy boost but warns against fast driving, risk taking.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Take it slow and easy this morning. Stay alert and use common sense. The Aquarius moon forms a challenging contact to Saturn at 7:18 a.m. and becomes inactive. A 90-degree alignment of the sun to Mars can spark arguments, power struggles, impulsive action. Others may be irritable, moody. The dark side of a new moon is a time for cleaning out, letting go, making way for new starts. Take extra quiet time out for yourself; reflect on and learn from past experiences. The moon enters Pisces at 5:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

The new moon culminates at 3:21 a.m., when the sun and moon conjoin at 5-degrees Pisces. The light side of a new moon brings a time for new beginnings. However, it is best to put new ventures on hold until Sunday, when Mercury turns direct. Because Mercury is slowing its rates of motion, the next couple of days may be hectic. Unexpected setbacks, breakdowns or changes in plans are likely. Slow down and pay extra attention to details.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

The combination of a Pisces moon and applying Venus/Pluto alignment makes this day prime for creativity. You can find fresh inspiration and add new depth, dimension to artistic projects. Follow your intuition; your instincts are on target. Romance is in the air this evening. Spend quality time with the love in your life.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

The moon enters Aries at 5:20 a.m., and generates high energy and enthusiasm today and tomorrow. The big news, however, is that the planet Mercury turns direct at 10:41 a.m., and the green light goes on for new starts across the board. You can launch new ventures, make important decisions, purchases. A harmonious Mercury/Venus alignment makes this a time for meeting people, developing new friendships. Put on your party hat and let the good times roll tonight. The next Mercury retrograde period will occur in June.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Get an early start to this day. Influences are prime for new beginnings in your business and personal life. Take advantage of the favorable planetary aspects for launching ventures this period brings. New is in; old is out. The Aries moon forms easy contacts to Pluto, Mercury and Venus in the morning. At 11:34 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Organize your time carefully and stick to your game plan, if you want to be productive today. The moon continues its travel in Aries, but it is inactive until 3:06 p.m. That means that you should finish projects already begun and prepare for new starts tomorrow. The moon enters Taurus at 3:06 p.m., setting the stage for a relaxing evening.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

The combination of a Taurus moon and applying Mars/Neptune alignment places the focus on creative pursuits. You can make gains developing music, photography, arts and crafts projects. Beautify your surroundings; add color, texture, plants or flowers. It is okay to initiate new activities. Let rest and relaxation top your agenda this evening .

Dance review steps over to Massasoit

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stepping music-dance revue makes its New England debut this Friday (February 23) at Massasoit College's Buckley Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m.

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"EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES" a family musical comedy is coming to Marshfield on March 16 and 17 at the Furnace Brook Middle School at 7:30 p.m. Performed by the Family Performing Arts Center, this is a hilarious musical version of the famous fairy tale.

"THE CRUCIBLE" will be presented by the Communication Art Department of Eastern Nazarene College on March 15 - 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $7 and can be ordered by calling the box office at (617)745-3715 or by sending a check to Eastern Nazarene College, Dept. of Communication Arts, 23 East Elm Ave., Quincy, MA 02170.

LES MISERABLES at the Colonial Theatre opening April 11 and running through May 20. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Midweek matinee on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices are $25 - $75. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617)931-2787 or directly through The Colonial Theatre Box Office , 106 Boylston Street and the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street. For more information call the Colonial Theatre at (617)426-9366.

EVENING IN PARIS with the Massasoit Community College Foundation's Third Annual Gala on March 3 at 7 p.m. Held in the Conference Center, Crescent Street in Brockton. For tickets and information call (508)588-9100 ext. 1008. $100 per ticket or call for reserved tables. Festive evening of Parisian ambiance with fine French cuisine and wines, music, casino and entertainment.

TENTH ANNUAL WALK FOR HOSPICE SET FOR MARCH 3 with a dedicated group of volunteers sponsored by South Shore Hospital. On March 3 from 7 - 10 a.m. the annual walk steps off inside South Shore Plaza in Braintree. To be a part of this event you can: Volunteer to distribute promotional materials in your community; Walk with your family and friends,; Ask your school, religious organization or employer to support the walk; Make an individual or corporate donation. Call Kelly Greech at South Shore Health and Educational Foundation at (781)340-4061 for more information.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. The Tender Land, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

NONNA'S COMEDY CRUISETO NOWHERE!! is coming to the South Shore . This dinner/theatre is an expensive option (approx. $40) for having a great meal and see/take part in a show all at one location coming in January. For more information call (781)933-1363.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners. plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781)383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781)383-1980.



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The Ventress Library Author Series continues Wednesday, Feb. 28 with Quincy native Janet Tinney discussing her first novel "Bunker Hill." The program begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The Ventress Library is located in Marshfield's Webster Square. For more information call the library at (781) 834-5535.

Fri. 23

WGBH Wine and Food Weekend at the Prestigious Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, for enjoyable days of sipping, tasting, feting and feasting. Open to the public, Feb. 22 - 25. For more information or to make reservations call (617)300-3999

Kingston Public Library presents "Animal World" exhibit throughout the month of February. The library is open from 1 - 8 p.m. on Mon., from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Wed., Fri., and Sat. For more information (781)585-0518.

Dr. Seuss Poster Contest at the Pembroke Library in conjunction with the Massachusetts Retired Teacher's Association celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. Posters are due at the library by 5 p.m. on February 23. The top winner in each category will receive a $50 Savings Bond from local banks. Reading logs will also be available at the library. Those who read the most pages from Feb. 1 through March 1 will receive a special prize. Reading forms are due at the library at 5 p.m. on March 1.

South Shore Singles Dance with DJ. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission: $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required. For more information call (781)331-0021.

"Singles Executive Club" Monthly Social and Singles Dance at the Golden Rooster, 78 Border Street in North Scituate (781)545-4404. For single professionals from 35 - 55 from 8 - 12 a.m. Music by DJ. The cost is $15. Co-sponsored by Young Professionals Club.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "Arctic Summer: So Much Light, So Little Time" presented by Marcia Wilson from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the North Community Church Hall in Marshfield Hills. Fee is $5/$8 non members. Pre registration required. Tel. (781)837-9400.

The Fuller Museum of Art located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton presents "Feeding Mind, Body and Soul" at 11:30 a.m. with artist Richard Yarde presenting a gallery talk regarding his large-scale watercolors currently on display. Two of Yarde's series, "Coming and Going" and "Palm Prints" were selected for exhibition in the FMA's annual show of African-American Contemporary artists. Cost for the talk and lunch is $10. For reservations call (508)588-6000 ext. 100.

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Pilgrim Hall Museum celebrate Valentines throughout the month of February with "The Treasure Hunt for Love" for children and adults. Discover the first Pilgrim bridegroom, love knots, herbs at weddings, wedding gowns and more throughout the museum's exhibits. Located 75 Court Street in Plymouth. Tel. (508)746-1620. The hall is open daily from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the pastel paintings of Marshfield Artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan through the end of February. Admission to the gallery is free and the hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781)749-7565 ext. 16.

Exciting Course Offered for Adults with Developmental Disabilities held at New England Village located on Route 27 in Pembroke. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Classes include Basic First Aide II, Clay Sculpture, Bicycle Safety, Restaurant Etiquette and an Acting Workshop. To register or for more information call Lisa Drennan at (781)293-5461 ext. 119. Registration ends Feb. 23.

Project Concern Youth Dance Company to perform their hip-hop dance style and show their can-o attitude at the Hingham Community Center with two performance/dance classes. Geared for students ages 7 - 18, workshops are two and a half hours long. Students sign up for either of the Friday back-to-back sessions. Class fee is $25, $20 for center members. For more information call (781)749-9786 or stop by the center at 70 South Street.

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Food & dining

Potato soup



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Everyone knows that soups make quick and easy dinners yet most of us stick to the run-of-the-mill variations such as vegetable, chicken noodle, or tomato. Few of us have made potato soup, a staple of many cuisines, which is hearty and, if well made, also complex. The problem is achieving just the right texture - creamy rather than slippery - as well as enhancing flavors so that the soup does not turn out bland.

The first issue was the selection of the potatoes. I tried low starch (red), medium starch (all-purpose and Yukon gold), as well as high starch (russet) potatoes. The red potatoes were the worst of the lot - they didn't offer enough body to the soup and their texture was 'slippery.' In addition, their sweet flavor was not enough of a balance to the heavy cream. Next, I tried all-purpose and they were too bland. The texture was decent but the flavor was unremarkable. Yukon golds, if you enjoy their distinctive flavor and yellow color, were good (I find their strong and slightly unusual flavor to be a bit overpowering for this recipe) but the russets offered the most body and their earthiness was a welcome addition to what could be a very dull main course recipe. This recipe needs big potato flavor and the russets deliver.

The onion is no surprise nor is the addition of leek as the pairing of potato and leek is a French classic. I had decided early on to use a balance of chicken stock and heavy cream and finally settled on 3 1/2 cups of stock to 1/2 cup heavy cream. I did not want to overpower the potatoes with too much dairy. I also tested half-and-half and light cream but the soup was too milky. The addition of one tablespoon of herbs to the soup while it simmers and then a healthy dose of raw herbs to garnish just before serving brightened the flavor considerably. I also tried adding a couple of tablespoons lemon juice but it tasted like anchovies in a slice of apple pie – definitely out of place. The only other unusual addition is just a 1/2 teaspoon of sugar which kicks up the flavor.

POTATO SOUP WITH LEEK AND CHIVES

Use russets for this soup since both red potatoes and all-purpose potatoes don't deliver enough flavor. This soup can be puréed for a more elegant version which is best done before the cream is added. Try using tarragon with this soup for a more interesting flavor combination.

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion cut into 1/4-inch dice, about 1 1/2 cups
1 large leek, white part only, cut into 1/4-inch dice, about 1 cup
1 1/2 pounds potatoes, russet or Yukon gold preferred, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch dice (about 3 russets or 4 Yukon gold)
1/2 teaspoon sugar
3 1/2 cups chicken stock, homemade or Swanson◊s preferred
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon fresh thyme, tarragon, or other herb
1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
Freshly ground pepper to taste
1/4 cup finely chopped chives or parsley, for garnish

Heat the butter and oliye oil in a large pot. Add onion and leek and cook, covered, over low heat for about 15 minutes, or until they are very soft but not browned. Add the potatoes, sugar, and stock and bring to a simmer. Cook, until the potatoes are tender about 25 minutes. Add the heavy cream and herbs and cook 5 minutes longer. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish each serving with chives or parsley. Serves 4

Creating a garden with style

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

NATURALISTIC WOODLAND GARDENS



The sweet perfume of heavenly hyacinths mingled with the fresh scent of pine bark mulch as I passed through the doorway of the Rhode Island Convention Center leaving the snow, ice and frigid breezes of winter behind and stepped into the wondrous sights, sounds and smells of springtime. Pretty primroses, handsome hostas, dazzling dogwoods and delphiniums, and wonderful woodland wildflowers were just a few of the horticultural delights on display at the Rhode Island Spring Flower Show this past weekend.

As I closed my eyes to listen to the peaceful sounds of water cascading over rocky waterfalls, I dreamed of springs gone by. The woodland wildflower garden kindled fond memories of the mountain streams of my childhood, growing up in the Catskills, where lady slippers, jack-in-the pulpit, ferns and trillium abounded. I recalled recent springs in my butterfly meadow, as it burst into bloom alongside my babbling brook with spacious patches of fringed, pink ragged robin, cheerful clumps of ox-eye daisies and glowing masses of golden-yellow buttercups. How I desperately long for spring to arrive so that I may witness the miracle of the garden's rebirth and till the soil once again.

Green thumbs up

Gratefully, the warmth of the late winter sun has produced several large patches of bare ground in the sunnier portions of my landscape, revealing a few of those springtime miracles. The telltale tips of crocus and daffodil foliage have started to push their way up through the crusty earth while nearby, the silvery, silken catkins have emerged on the contorted branches of the Japanese fan-tail willow which twist and turn to form fascinating curlicues. Despite Mother Nature's persistent reminders that the winter season is far from over, these harbingers of spring are beginning to offer promise that springtime flowers may soon appear.

Our local spring flower shows are an ideal opportunity to explore a variety of garden styles, as each year talented designers, nurseries, horticultural organizations and agricultural schools display their interpretation of the show's theme. From formal gardens adorned with statuary, urns and geometric designs to naturalistic woodland gardens and seascapes, there is always an exhibit which is sure to inspire and might suggest an appropriate theme garden for your own property.

Naturalistic gardens are a popular theme at the flower shows and can be readily adapted to many home landscapes. While most gardeners realize that a no-maintenance garden does not really exist, many habitat gardens can be low-maintenance once planted and established. The use of native plants, trees and shrubs in the landscape, assuming they are appropriate to the light and soil conditions which are present, reduces the need for constant care, as they are particularly adapted to survive our weather extremes.

Given a shady site, especially on a wooded lot of deciduous trees, winding paths bordered by ferns, native wildflowers, spring-flowering bulbs, and shade-loving trees, shrubs and perennials, make a very practical and attractive solution to a challenging location. Should you wish to adopt a woodland garden theme, it is important to identify the types of trees which predominate. Tree roots, especially those of beech and maple, compete for nutrients and moisture and during periods of drought. Supplemental moisture may be required, particularly during periods of drought, to ensure the survival of plants which prefer damp conditions. You may want to consider removing some of the smaller trees and saplings in addition to pruning the lower branches and thinning out the overhead canopy to enable more light to filter through to promote flowering.

Many shade-loving plants are woodland flora by nature and prefer fluffy, woodsy soil, mildly acid, rich and light with a high humus content. Ideal shade garden soil should contain two parts humus (compost, peat or leaf mold), one part sand and one part loam. Soil can be mixed and mounded over tree roots to expedite planting but should not come in contact with tree trunks as it may lead to their demise.

Foliage becomes the dominant feature in shady gardens. Contrast in color, form and texture is essential. Repetition of these elements creates rhythm, drawing the eye through your design. The addition of evergreen shrubs and perennials will provide winter interest.

Take your cues from nature. Visit Garden in the Woods in Framingham, which is the New England Wildflower Society's display garden, or our local nature preserves for ideas. Mark your calendar for the New England Spring Flower Show sponsored by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society at the Bayside Expo, March 17-25. Their theme, "The Inspired Garden," is sure to suggest themes for your personal landscape as well as offering a welcome breath of springtime splendor.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
This is a wonderful day for vacationing. On the other hand, if you are working with others, you can be most effective. All team sports, community endeavors, group efforts get the green light. The moon continues to travel in freedom-oriented Aquarius and forms easy contacts to Venus, Pluto and Mercury. In addition, an applying alignment of the sun and Mars adds an eriergy boost but warns against fast driving, risk taking.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Take it slow and easy this morning. Stay alert and use common sense. The Aquarius moon forms a challenging contact to Saturn at 7:18 a.m. and becomes inactive. A 90-degree alignment of the sun to Mars can spark arguments, power struggles, impulsive action. Others may be irritable, moody. The dark side of a new moon is a time for cleaning out, letting go, making way for new starts. Take extra quiet time out for yourself; reflect on and learn from past experiences. The moon enters Pisces at 5:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
The new moon culminates at 3:21 a.m., when the sun and moon conjoin at 5-degrees Pisces. The light side of a new moon brings a time for new beginnings. However, it is best to put new ventures on hold until Sunday, when Mercury turns direct. Because Mercury is slowing its rates of motion, the next couple of days may be hectic. Unexpected setbacks, breakdowns or changes in plans are likely. Slow down and pay extra attention to details.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
The combination of a Pisces moon and applying Venus/Pluto alignment makes this day prime for creativity. You can find fresh inspiration and add new depth, dimension to artistic projects. Follow your intuition; your instincts are on target. Romance is in the air this evening. Spend quality time with the love in your life.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
The moon enters Aries at 5:20 a.m., and generates high energy and enthusiasm today and tomorrow. The big news, however, is that the planet Mercury turns direct at 10:41 a.m., and the green light goes on for new starts across the board. You can launch new ventures, make important decisions, purchases. A harmonious Mercury/Venus alignment makes this a time for meeting people, developing new friendships. Put on your party hat and let the good times roll tonight. The next Mercury retrograde period will occur in June.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Get an early start to this day. Influences are prime for new beginnings in your business and personal life. Take advantage of the favorable planetary aspects for launching ventures this period brings. New is in; old is out. The Aries moon forms easy contacts to Pluto, Mercury and Venus in the morning. At 11:34 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Organize your time carefully and stick to your game plan, if you want to be productive today. The moon continues its travel in Aries, but it is inactive until 3:06 p.m. That means that you should finish projects already begun and prepare for new starts tomorrow. The moon enters Taurus at 3:06 p.m., setting the stage for a relaxing evening.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
The combination of a Taurus moon and applying Mars/Neptune alignment places the focus on creative pursuits. You can make gains developing music, photography, arts and crafts projects. Beautify your surroundings; add color, texture, plants or flowers. It is okay to initiate new activities. Let rest and relaxation top your agenda this evening .

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SIXTH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND AUCTION to benefit the students of Cardinal Cushing Centers at Braintree and Hanover. Held March 10 from 7 p.m. - midnight at the Sons of Italy, 75 Market Street in Rockland. Tickets are $30 each and include a choice of a traditionally prepared Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner or roast chicken, plus a chance to win the door prize - a luxury weekend for two in Boston. The event will feature entertainment and dancing to the music of The O'Reilly's. Tickets for the dinner and auction are available by calling Abington Savings Bank at (781)982-3644.

"EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES" a family musical comedy is coming to Marshfield on March 16 and 17 at the Furnace Brook Middle School at 7:30 p.m. Performed by the Family Performing Arts Center, this is a hilarious musical version of the famous fairy tale.

"THE CRUCIBLE" will be presented by the Communication Art Department of Eastern Nazarene College on March 15 - 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $7 and can be ordered by calling the box office at (617)745-3715 or by sending a check to Eastern Nazarene College, Dept. of Communication Arts, 23 East Elm Ave., Quincy, MA 02170.

LES MISERABLES at the Colonial Theatre opening April 11 and running through May 20. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Midweek matinee on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices are $25 - $75. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617)931-2787 or directly through The Colonial Theatre Box Office , 106 Boylston Street and the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street. For more information call the Colonial Theatre at (617)426-9366.

EVENING IN PARIS with the Massasoit Community College Foundation's Third Annual Gala on March 3 at 7 p.m. Held in the Conference Center, Crescent Street in Brockton. For tickets and information call (508)588-9100 ext. 1008. $100 per ticket or call for reserved tables. Festive evening of Parisian ambiance with fine French cuisine and wines, music, casino and entertainment.

TENTH ANNUAL WALK FOR HOSPICE SET FOR MARCH 3 with a dedicated group of volunteers sponsored by South Shore Hospital. On March 3 from 7 - 10 a.m. the annual walk steps off inside South Shore Plaza in Braintree. To be a part of this event you can: Volunteer to distribute promotional materials in your community; Walk with your family and friends,; Ask your school, religious organization or employer to support the walk; Make an individual or corporate donation. Call Kelly Greech at South Shore Health and Educational Foundation at (781)340-4061 for more information.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. The Tender Land, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

NONNA'S COMEDY CRUISETO NOWHERE!! is coming to the South Shore . This dinner/theatre is an expensive option (approx. $40) for having a great meal and see/take part in a show all at one location coming in January. For more information call (781)933-1363.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners. plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781)383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781)383-1980.



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The Ventress Library Author Series continues Wednesday, Feb. 28 with Quincy native Janet Tinney discussing her first novel "Bunker Hill." The program begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The Ventress Library is located in Marshfield's Webster Square. For more information call the library at (781) 834-5535.

Fri. 23

WGBH Wine and Food Weekend at the Prestigious Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf, for enjoyable days of sipping, tasting, feting and feasting. Open to the public, Feb. 22 - 25. For more information or to make reservations call (617)300-3999

Kingston Public Library presents "Animal World" exhibit throughout the month of February. The library is open from 1 - 8 p.m. on Mon., from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Wed., Fri., and Sat. For more information (781)585-0518.

Dr. Seuss Poster Contest at the Pembroke Library in conjunction with the Massachusetts Retired Teacher's Association celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. Posters are due at the library by 5 p.m. on February 23. The top winner in each category will receive a $50 Savings Bond from local banks. Reading logs will also be available at the library. Those who read the most pages from Feb. 1 through March 1 will receive a special prize. Reading forms are due at the library at 5 p.m. on March 1.

South Shore Singles Dance with DJ. music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission: $5 SSS members, $8 non members. Proper dress required. For more information call (781)331-0021.

"Singles Executive Club" Monthly Social and Singles Dance at the Golden Rooster, 78 Border Street in North Scituate (781)545-4404. For single professionals from 35 - 55 from 8 - 12 a.m. Music by DJ. The cost is $15. Co-sponsored by Young Professionals Club.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "Arctic Summer: So Much Light, So Little Time" presented by Marcia Wilson from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the North Community Church Hall in Marshfield Hills. Fee is $5/$8 non members. Pre registration required. Tel. (781)837-9400.

The Fuller Museum of Art located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton presents "Feeding Mind, Body and Soul" at 11:30 a.m. with artist Richard Yarde presenting a gallery talk regarding his large-scale watercolors currently on display. Two of Yarde's series, "Coming and Going" and "Palm Prints" were selected for exhibition in the FMA's annual show of African-American Contemporary artists. Cost for the talk and lunch is $10. For reservations call (508)588-6000 ext. 100.

Buckley Performing Arts Center announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. SwingDance America on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

Pilgrim Hall Museum celebrate Valentines throughout the month of February with "The Treasure Hunt for Love" for children and adults. Discover the first Pilgrim bridegroom, love knots, herbs at weddings, wedding gowns and more throughout the museum's exhibits. Located 75 Court Street in Plymouth. Tel. (508)746-1620. The hall is open daily from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the pastel paintings of Marshfield Artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan through the end of February. Admission to the gallery is free and the hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781)749-7565 ext. 16.

Exciting Course Offered for Adults with Developmental Disabilities held at New England Village located on Route 27 in Pembroke. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Classes include Basic First Aide II, Clay Sculpture, Bicycle Safety, Restaurant Etiquette and an Acting Workshop. To register or for more information call Lisa Drennan at (781)293-5461 ext. 119. Registration ends Feb. 23.

Project Concern Youth Dance Company to perform their hip-hop dance style and show their can-o attitude at the Hingham Community Center with two performance/dance classes. Geared for students ages 7 - 18, workshops are two and a half hours long. Students sign up for either of the Friday back-to-back sessions. Class fee is $25, $20 for center members. For more information call (781)749-9786 or stop by the center at 70 South Street.

Sat. 24

South Shore Regional Center and th North River Sanctuary located at 200 Main Street in Marshfield has on displa through Feb. 24 the Sixth Annu Children's Nature Art Show with painting

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Boston Symphony Orchestra spon- ed by Paula Phillips, The Pembroke ltural Council and Pembroke Library to end a free concert. The concert is enti- d "World Music" and will feature ston area artists and music of the twen- th century. The bus will leave the mmunity Center Parking Center at 12 n. At 1 p.m. there will be a tour of mphony Hall and the concert begins at 2 n. The bus should be back in Pembroke 5 p.m. The cost for the bus is $3 per per- . The age group is for anyone who is 7 rs and up.

Fuller Museum's African Festival and rketplace provides a cultural day of fun families from noon - 5 p.m. The rican Festival highlights the achieve- nts of African-Americans in the arts and considered the largest Black history nth celebration in the South Shore area. mission is $5 for adults and $3 for iors and students. $2 for children under and FMA members. For directions and re information call (508)588-6000 ext.).

The Sally Taylor Band makes its mpany Theatre debut on this day start- at 8 p.m. in Norwell. Taylor is the tal- ed daughter of Carly Simon and James ylor and she and her band are touring to pport their latest CD, "Apt. 6S" and ently played to a packed house at the hegan Sun in Connecticut. Tickets are ced at $22 in advance and $25 the day the performance. Tickets are available calling (781)871-2787.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include rctic Antics" at 1 p.m. Meet at the ughton's Pond main lot on Hillside St. Milton. For family fun in the winter sun n the MDC ranger on a short hike und the Houghtons Pond with games l activities for the kids 1.5 hours. For re information call (617)698-1802.



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Sun. 25

The South Shore Art Center presents "Faculty Odyssey" an Exhibition of South Shore Art Center Faculty Artists. The exhibit will run through Feb. 25. Gallery hours: Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. Dillon Gallery: "New Faces & Places" - Joan Brancale, Monica Denevan, Gloria Dufresne, Jack Foley, Wendy Hale, Pat O'Neill. Faculty Feature: Liz Koopman-Wyman. Located at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information call (781)383-2787.

Women's Month Art Exhibition is opening and the Women's Resource Center at Massasoit Community College invites women artists age 18 and over to submit their work for the 2001 International exhibition at the Fuller Museum in Brockton. Contact Barbara Barry, Coordinator, Women's Resource Center at (508)588-9100 ext. 1484 for information on this or scheduled events.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with hilly terrain for 4.5 miles and walk around the Ponkapoag section. Meet at the Ponkapoag Golf course lot on Route 138 in Canton. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Mon. 26

Duxbury Art Association presents the "Monotype Guild of New England" 4th annual juried exhibition sponsored by Deloitte Consulting. The exhibition is open through Feb. 26. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call DAA at (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

Tues. 27

South Shore Women's Business Network presents "Communication Tools to Achieve Outstanding Customer Satisfaction" a breakfast meeting from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Held at Jamie's Grille & Pub, 804 Plain Street in Marshfield from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. If you need directions call (781)834-7877. $15 for pre registered members and $25 for pre registered non members. $20 for members and $30 for non members at the door. For more information call (781)749-8883.

Wed. 28

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents "Beautiful people, horses and places" Recent charcoal drawings by Mary Felton through February 28. Held at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2721. Hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m.

"The Boston Harbor Islands" with George Price as part of the Water Watch Lecture Series 2001 presented by the NSRWA and SSNSS at 7 p.m. Held at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Jacob's Lane in Norwell. Admission is $3 for NSRWA and SSNSC members, $5 for the general public. For more information call (781)659-2559.

Thurs. 1

"Two Chicks Painting" to be shown at the James Library, 24 West Street in Norwell from through March 1. Local artists Susan Davis and Corinne Capobasso. This show of oil paintings may be viewed during library hours which are Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (781)659-7100.

South Shore Chamber of Commerce presents a breakfast at 7:44 - 9 a.m. with speaker Kevin Sullivan, Mass Secretary of Transportation at Lombardo's in Randolph. $20 for Chamber of Commerce members and $30 for non members. For reservations call (617)479-1111.

"Trading Places" an award winning Irish photographer shoots New England and an award winning New England photographer shoots Ireland. Photographs of N.E. by Dermot Conlan of Marshfield, a native of Co. Kildare, Ireland and of Ireland by Judith Enright of Norwell, a native of New England. Held at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. (781)659-2559 from March 1 - April 30. Mon. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to an opening reception on March 11 at the Science Center from 2 - 4 p.m. Refreshments and live Irish music.

The High School Art Show at the Helen Bumpus Gallery from March 1 through April 1. There will be an artists reception with the Duxbury Brass performing on March 21 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Located at 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. Hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

Fri. 2

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Peter Keane and Cheryl Hoenemeyer in concert at 8 p.m. at the Beal House on Route 106 in Kingston across from the First Parish Unitarian Church. Tickets are $10 for members and $12 for non members. For more information call (781)871-1052.

"Other Lands, Other Shores: Watercolor Impressions of Italy, Iceland and Greenland" by Joanne Chittick will be on view at the James Library and the Center for the Art in Norwell Center from March 2 - April 5. An opening reception for the public will be held on March 2 from 7 - 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (781) 659-7200.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents The Musical Revue, "How to Eat Like A Child" at the Cohasset Town Hall on March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17. Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasseet, Front Street Books in Scituate, by phone or at the door.

Ongoing Events

South Shore Art Center Artists donate their work to Rosie's Place. Gallery artists JoAnne Chittick, Susan DeMichele, Rose Farbush, Dorit Flowers, Michelle Meister, Donna Rossetti-Bailey and Diane Panarelli Miller donated paintings to the "Share Your Heart With Rosie's Place" silent auction. The work can be seen in the Dillon Gallery at the Art Center, The Paul Pratt Library, The Staircase Gallery at the South Shore Conservatory and the Landmark Bldg., 160 Federal Street in Boston. For more information call (781)383-2787.

Local artists Displaying Work Around Town through February and March. In the Town Hall the Mayor's office Edwina Caci and Jeanne Mulligan are displaying their painting. In the Treasurer's office, Josephine Bottari is exhibiting her painting. In the Councilor's office, Rita Brace, Yvonne Gillis, Denise Graham and Peter Keith are exhibiting their work. Snyders Jewelers at 12 Columbian St. is displaying the work of Kay O'Brien, Lauren Denmore, Paul Liondstrom and Elizabeth Pohl. Jordan Insurance at 17 Front Street displays the paintings of Marie Cassani, Mary Jackson, Reva Gordon, Elva Procter, Thelma Swanson, Isabella Hoell and William Hallsen. Rizzo Insurance at 435 Columbian St. has the work of Mary Mainiero, Barbara and Charles Greland and Lauri Porter. Colonial Federal Savings Bank at 815 Washington St. has a painting of Ludlow Berkeley. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

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Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Rita Brace. Her oil paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781)337-4513.

The North River Arts Society presents "Familiar Places and Open Spaces" with watercolors by Maureen K. Brookfield running through March 31. Held at the Ventress Library, Webster Street in Marshfield. Hours Mon. - Wed. 9:30 a.m. -9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call for more information.

Mothers and More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

27th Annual Winter Juried Show is open to the public at no charge through April 29. Artists throughout New England vie for the opportunity to exhibit their work, which is selected by a distinguished panel of judges. The Duxbury Art Association located at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-2731 ext. 15.

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Just for kids

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL CENTER AND THE NORTH RIVER SANCTUARY located at 2000 Main Street in Marshfield offers the following: Preschool Nature Stories every third Friday from 9 - 10:15 for ages 3 - 5. There will be a short nature outing related. Come prepared $3/$5 non member. Family Fun Days on Feb. 24 from 1:30 - 4 p.m. For more information please call the Massachusetts Audubon Society at (781)837-9400.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRINCESS LEE'S JOURNEY AT PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE an American tradition written by Sherry Brier. The performance will take place on Feb. 24 and 25, March 3 and 4 at 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets are $5 for children and $10 for adults.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at (781)834-7417.

'KIDS WORKOUT' a program offered by the South Shore YMCA for girls and boys ages 8 - 11. Classes consist of fun aerobics, fitness games, sports play, learned nutrition and weight training. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. For more information call Gayle Laing at 479-8500 ext. 135.

'DROP-IN STORYTIME-Children ages 3-1/2 to five are invited to a half-hour of stories, songs and fingerplays at 2 p.m. each Monday in the Plymouth Public Library's Manomet Branch, Point Road and at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings at the Main Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. For more information or to register, call (508) 830-4250.

AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - Currently accepting applications to host a foreign exchange student for the upcoming school year. Host families provide students with a bed, meals and a loving family atmosphere. The students will have medical insurance and spending money for their stay. Call (800) SIBLING or visit www.aise.com for information.

BOOK TALK - For kids ages 10-12 is a book discussion group that meets every Thursday at 4:15 p.m., Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Participants can also bring books they've read to talk about. Space is limited. Register in advance or find more information at (508) 83-4250, ext. 210.

MONTHS OF THE YEAR - Storytime and crafts from 10-10:45 a.m., Wed. mornings, in the Plymouth Public Library, Manomet Branch, Point Road, Manomet. Space is limited. Volunteer Tricia Krause will present a story and craft each week for children ages 3-and-a-half to 5. For more information, call (508) 830-4185.

Talent search

COMMUNITY BAND SEEKS EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS to begin its thirteenth season. Percussion, double reed, low brass and saxophone players are especially needed. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 9 p.m. in the Sharon High School music room. For more information call Lorna Hurwitz at (781)784-6649.

ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR VINE HALL GALLERY The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking artists and/or photographers interested in exhibiting their work in Vine Hall Gallery during the upcoming year. Exhibits run on a monthly basis, with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Science Center. Proposals for exhibits must reflect a natural theme, and should be directed to Joan Reid, c/o SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061.

PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS to fill the following vacancies: Principal Timpani, Section Strings and all sections except cello. Candidates must make an audition appointment with PPO Personnel Manager Norma Steiner by calling (508)339-0418 evenings before 10 p.m. Rehearsals and performances are held in Plymouth's Memorial Hall on Court St., Rte. 3A.

PERIOD DESIGN - Seeks artists of all mediums to display their creations in shop's renovated, 19th century barn at 295 Washington St., Norwell. For more information, call (781) 659-3321.

TOGETHER AGAIN IN HARMONY - The all male a cappela chorus is seeking singers through 7:30 to 10 p.m. open rehearsals, Thursday evenings in South Weymouth, Route 18, next to the Weymouth Air Base. Call (508) 378-3553 for more information.

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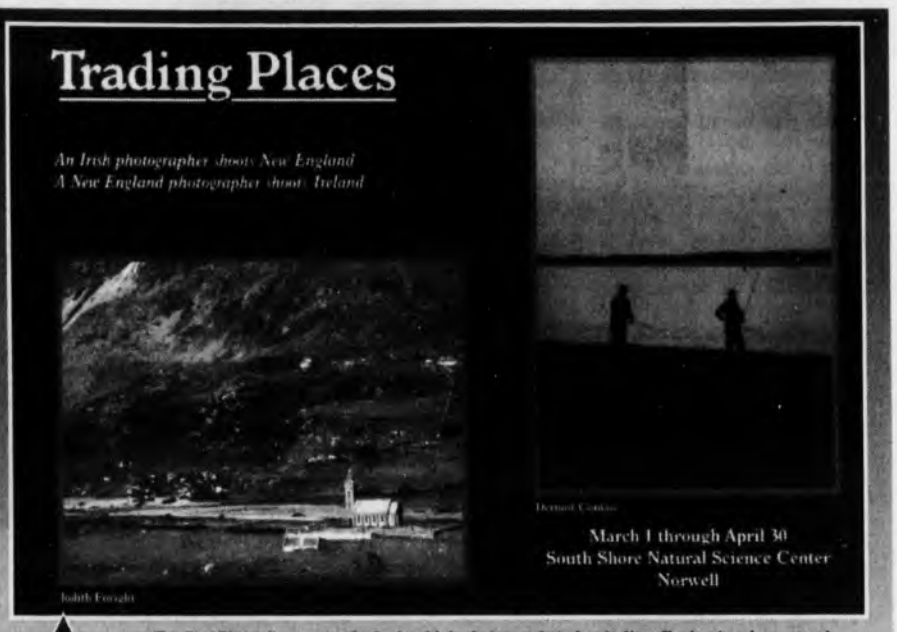
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Call to Artists for the Duxbury Art Association Winter Juried Show 2001. All mediums accepted. Show runs through April 29. Entry price is $10 per piece. Opening Gala reception and awards on Feb. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. Call (781)934-2731 ext. 15 for prospectus and more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call (781)545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call (617)479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

The Hyannis Port Challengesm an 85-mile fundraising cycling event will take place on May 19. Best Buddies and Back Bay Bikes host an informational session at Best Buddies, 132 Adams Street, Suite 7, Newton. All sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. and are free of charge. Spaces are limited so please call Beth MacNeil at (800)718-3536.

The Fuller Museum of Art presents Craig Bloodgood , artist/inventor known for innovative furniture, sculpture and interactive games. The show will run through March 11. The show is entitled "Gravity, Biscuits and Rolling Balls: The Inventions of Craig Bloodgood." For more information call (508)588-6000. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Museum hours are Tues. - Sun. from 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults.

The Fuller Museum of Art annual exhibition of African American Contemporary artists presents Richard Yale Recent Works on Paper: Coming and Going/Palms. Show will run through March 25. For more information call (508)588-6000.

Overeaters Anonymous is a twelve step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at (781)829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at (781)294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level of the) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at (781)834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns call (781)843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call (781)659-1857.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at (781)749-1679.

The Chris Luard Jazz Duo appearing every Thurs. and Friday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at no charge. This piano and bass duo can be seen at Abbadessa's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 211 Lincoln Street, Route 3A, Hingham. For more information call (781)749-9829.

The Network Voice Toastmasters' Club meets for feedback on speeches from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street , Weymouth. Call (781) 487-5100 for more information.

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THE DESIGNING WOMAN
by Kathleen Fox ASID



TUNE IN

Last June I decided to take a break from writing columns for the summer. I wasn't planning to relax, however! I began a remodeling project on my own master bedroom suite, adding a bathroom and redecorating. This project, as well as work on my client's homes, have kept me too busy to get back to writing. The previous summer I had remodeled the kitchen, breakfast room, dining room, and powder room. It was very exciting this fall to be selected by Home and Garden television to have these projects filmed.

The completed master suite will appear on HGTV (channel 32), Bed and Bath at 10:30pm Saturday, March 3, and the kitchen on Kitchen Design at 9:00pm Friday, March 23.

At this time of year, most of us are thinking SPRING, and planning projects large and small to breath new life into our homes. Tune in to HGTV and get some ideas that you might incorporate into your own projects!

The kitchen and master suite are areas of our homes where most of us spend a great deal of time. If you feel that your rooms do not work well for your needs, or that they need a face lift, call The Designing Woman at (781) 383-6411 to schedule a consultation. We look forward to helping you with all of your design projects.

Road to success at business network



Christa Hagearty

Cohasset residents Christa Hagearty, president of Dependable Cleaners, and former State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, will be two of the featured speakers at The South Shore Woman's Business Network's THRIVE! event, to be held Thursday, March 8, at Lombardo's in Randolph.

This year's theme will be "2001: A Woman's Odyssey," which will highlight the paths taken by five prominent businesswomen on the road to success.

As the president of Dependable Cleaners, Hagearty oversees operations of 16 Dependable stores, serving the South Shore and Boston. She is the third generation president of this booming company. From the political arena will be Murray, a former member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, who has remained active in Republican politics since her recent retirement from office.

Other guests will be entrepreneur Mary Lou Andre, founder and president of the Needham-based "Organization By Design." This organization advises individuals and organizations on the power of appropriate dress in different situations. Shellie Lawlor founder and CEO of eKindness.com, will also be interviewed. Through community development and innovative marketing partnerships, Lawlor has built a number foundation for women's self-help/ spiritual network online. Also on the panel will be Bella English, a reporter and columnist for the Boston Globe. Kathleen Hassan, an inspirational speaker, will serve as facilitator of the event.

Registration for "2001: A Woman's Odyssey" begins at 11:30 a.m. on March 8, with silent auction bidding throughout the day, and informal networking among guests. There will be a buffet luncheon at noon. At 1:30 p.m. the "2001: A Woman's Odyssey "begins, and finally the day will end with coffee and dessert which leads into check-out. Portions of the proceeds of the silent auction are donated to The SSWBN Marion Overhiser Scholarship Fund. For more information call the SSWBN at (781) 749-8883.

LEGAL NOTICES

BIERYLA ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P0379EP

In the Estate of WILLIAM J. BIERYLA

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 20, 2000

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SANDRA L. BIERYLA of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve with personal surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 21, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, February 9, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#522597
Cohasset Mariner 2/22/01

COLCLOUGH ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P0300EP

In the Estate of MILDRED E. COLCLOUGH

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 14, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DONNA BRAZAUSKAS of NORWELL in the County of PLYMOUTH and PAULA DAVITT of LONGMEADOW in the County of HAMPDEN be appointed executors, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, February 5, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
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SLUDGE DISPOSAL BIDS
TOWN OF COHASSET
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
WATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE DISPOSAL

Sealed bids for the **"WATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE DISPOSAL"** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, until **10:00 AM** prevailing time on **March 22, 2001.** The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Town Manager at 10:00 AM prevailing time on **March 22, 2001.**

The work includes furnishing all labor, tools, equipment, chemicals and materials required to empty and clean the sludge drying bed at the Cohasset Water Treatment Plant. The drying bed contains drinking water residuals derived from the treatment of surface water using alum, lime and polymer.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

1) Office of the Engineer, Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc., 12 Bay Street, Wilmington, MA 01887

2) Dodge Reports

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Contract documents and plans will be mailed upon request and receipt of a **separate** non-refundable check made out to Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc. for $50.00 to cover handling and mailing costs.

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A certified check or satisfactory bid bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, payable to the Town of Cohasset in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Price must be furnished by each bidder together with a letter of intent on the form provided. This proposal guarantee will be returned after the Contract has been executed.

A performance bond and a labor-material payment bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required of the successful bidder. These bonds and the certificate of insurance on form ACORD 25-S (3/88) as amended MUST be delivered to the Town of Cohasset Town Manager within ten (10) days of award. The five percent (5%) bid bond will not be returned to the successful bidder until the one hundred percent (100%) performance bond has been established in satisfactory form. The performance bond is to be in effect for one year beyond completion of the project.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening thereof without permission of the Town of Cohasset Town Manager.

The Town of Cohasset Town Manager reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informalities in the bidding, or accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the Town of Cohasset.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **11:30** on **March 13, 2001** at the Water Department, 339 King Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The successful BIDDER shall be required to comply with the applicable State and Federal prevailing wage laws.

Town of Cohasset
Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

AD#524910, 524911
Cohasset Mariner 2/22/01

WATER DISTRIBUTION BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE A-1

Sealed bids for the **"WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE A-1"** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, until **10:00 AM** prevailing time on **March 22, 2001.** The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Town Manager at 10:00 AM prevailing time on **March 22, 2001.**

The work includes the cleaning and lining and/or replacing of existing water mains including associated valves, hydrants, and service connections (to the property line) along Elm Street, Summer Street, Border Street, Rustic Drive, Beechwood Street and Bound Brook Lane. All ductile iron pipe, valves and hydrants shall be furnished by the Town. All fittings, bends, corporations, curb stops and copper tubing shall be furnished by the Contractor.

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Town of Cohasset
Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

AD#524912, 524913
Cohasset Mariner 2/22/01

WATER TANK BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
BEAR HILL WATER TANK RESTORATION

Sealed bids for the **"BEAR HILL WATER TANK RESTORATION"** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, until **10:00 AM** prevailing time on **March 22, 2001.** The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Town Manager at 10:00 AM prevailing time on **March 22, 2001.**

The work includes repainting an existing 2 MG welded steel water storage tank including cleaning residue and sediment from tank, removing and disposing existing coating (including Class 1 containment system and lawful disposal of lead paint residue), minor repairs to tank, application of new coating system (interior and exterior) curing of coating system and disinfection of tank. This is a fast track project which must be completed as soon as possible.

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Mending fences

Support for village revitalization grows

By Rick Collins
RICOLLINS@CNC.COM

A new petition circulating around town is trying to mend fences with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, the private, non-profit group formed to get village improvements moving.

And results of a survey conducted by CRC show many in town want to see the village infrastructure fixed up.

"Instead of fighting about whether to do this or not, now we're debating about what type of bricks we're going to have in the sidewalk."
— Andrea Giroux, Atlantic Avenue

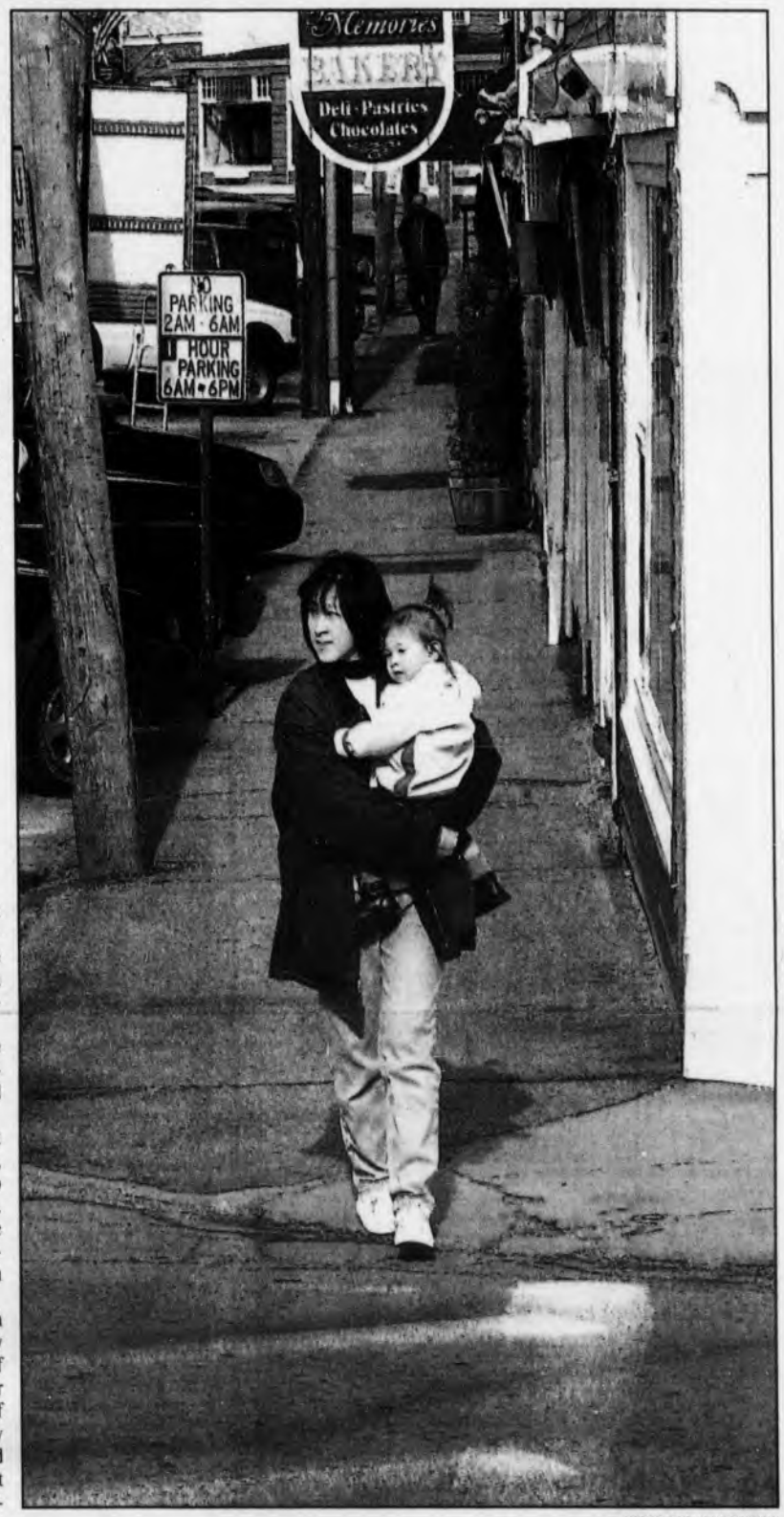
These developments are in sharp contrast to criticism of the new corporation in an earlier petition that aired concerns about private business interests in the harbor, village area and said selectmen should take the leadership role in any revitalization effort.

Andrea Giroux of Atlantic Avenue is one of those circulating the new "let's at least listen" petitions, that have reportedly garnered dozens of signatures throughout the town.

"The petition isn't saying the CRC is right and should be able to do what they want, just, let's listen and use their willingness to dedicate money and time," she said. "There's no denying the town needs some shaping up. You look at the charming-looking homes, and the store fronts and you might miss the dangerous curb sides."

Replacing current curbs is an idea with vast support, according to a recent survey taken by the CRC. Dean Rizzo, director of the corporation that is backed by harbor businessman Peter Roy, said 82 percent of the 150 people who responded said they were in support of new sidewalks and improved street lights. He did note that though people were in favor of new streetlights, most respondents cringed at the term

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
Kelsey and Rebecca Behenna step off the edge of the sidewalk by Dependable Cleaners to cross Brook Street. Infrastructure improvements are the main focus of the village revitalization effort.

North Scituate train station stalled for now

Selectmen fear traffic flood to Cohasset stop

By Alice Coyle and Rick Collins
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Cohasset selectmen are now looking to plead their case before Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan, following news that the MBTA would be willing to eliminate the proposed 400-space North Scituate station as part of that town's mitigation package for Greenbush restoration.

On Tuesday night, selectmen voiced concern over what would happen to the 400 cars that were slated to park in North Scituate — specifically, how many of those cars would drive north to Cohasset.

"It's going to put more pressure on our traffic and on our lot."
— Selectmen Chairman Tom Callahan

"Those 400 cars have to go somewhere," said Selectman Merle Brown.

Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan said he was "quite alarmed," by the potential flood of commuters heading north to Cohasset's station and its 410-space parking lot.

"It's going to put more pressure on our traffic and on our lot," he said.

In a meeting between state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-

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Signature count to be challenged

Would affect citizens petitions

By Rick Collins
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Is it a threat to old-fashioned Town Hall democracy?

Or a way to weed out frivolous, unsupported articles?

That's what Cohasset voters will decide about a proposed bylaw change that would require a citizens' petition to have 100 signatures in order to be placed on an annual Town Meeting agenda, instead of the present ten.

The article, which ironically is a citizens' petition signed by ten people, is being pushed by Jerusalem Road resident Lucia Woods, who said she sees no reason why the number of signatures required for an annual Town Meeting article – ten – shouldn't be the same amount needed for a special Town Meeting article –100.

An article is matter of business to be discussed before a Town Meeting.

In the summary she submitted with the article, Woods argued by increasing the number of required signatures to 100, the article will "have greater support from the town before it comes to the meeting." She also said "In a town of approximately 5,000 voters, 100 signatures (2 percent of the registered voters), is not unreasonable,

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3A site eyed for new police/fire station

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset Police/Fire Building Committee has asked the Trustees of Reservations about a possible land swap that would give the town land on Route 3A for a new police and fire station, and give the preservation group a parcel of town-owned land near the Hingham line.

Though nothing has been etched in stone, Town Manager Mark Haddad said it is one of the options being examined.

Haddad said the committee, which includes Police Chief Brian Noonan and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, has been analyzing the need to replace or expand the current Elm Street joint location, and has come to the conclusion it "won't be feasible to do anything at the current location."

Noonan, speaking just for the police department, said a Route 3A location "gives us better access to any area of town than where we are right now. We have no town square to contend with and Route 3A leads us north and south and gives us access to all the streets, to the shore, and Beechwood."

The land being eyed is on the southbound side of Route 3A, between Sohier Street and King Street. Haddad said the town would only look to swap a couple acres of land.

In a letter sent to the Trustees of Reservations, Building Commissioner and committee member Robert Egan said the committee "keeps coming back to the basic problem; that none of the town-owned parcels are centrally located." The letter continued, "The committee would respectfully request that the Trustees of Reservations consider a 'land swap' for a suitable sized parcel of land at the intersection of Route 3A and 'upper' King Street. The town owns several parcels contiguous to Thayer Woods further north on Route 3A that may be valuable to the Trustees."

Egan said until the committee finds a location, not much more work can be done in terms of the design process. As of Wednesday, the Trustees had received the letter, but not made a decision.

Learning how not to grow up

Musical revue features all-kid cast

By Mary Ford
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Do you ever want to go back to the days when you purposely tried *not* to eat your vegetables or wanted to fake being sick so you could stay home?

If so, then "How to Eat Like a Child" could be just the ticket for a wonderful trip down Memory Lane to get back in touch with your inner child.

"Although it's billed as a kids' show, adults will look at the skits and be reminded of when they were children."
— Jean Di Giacomandrea, Cohasset Dramatic Club

The 24-member cast in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production ranges in age from 5-15 years and hails from Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield and Quincy. The show opens at 7:30 p.m., Friday at Cohasset Town Hall.

Club president Jean Di Giacomandrea says the audience won't be disappointed by the fast-paced musical review.

"It's a romp through the joys and sorrows of being a child," says Di Giacomandrea of Scituate.

She explains the show is a series of musical lessons about how not to grow up — including everything from how to beg for a dog to how to stay up past bedtime.

"The show is very uplifting," Di Giacomandrea says. "Although it's billed as a kids' show, adults will look at the skits and be reminded of when they were children."

The dramatic club, which is in its 80th year, is one of the oldest community theater groups in the

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Katy Bake pretends to be sick so she can stay home from school in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "How to Eat Like a Child."

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State keeps shellfish beds closed

By Rick Collins
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In an announcement that should come as no surprise to Cohasset residents, the state Division of Marine Fisheries reissued the ban on shellfishing in Little Harbor and Whales Meadow, off Atlantic Avenue.

But there shouldn't be much of an impact on the town's shellfishing industry — this year's high school seniors weren't even born when the beds were first closed.

"They've been closed since 1978, I have nothing to do," said town shellfish constable Clifford Dickson about the town post.

Neil Churchill, a biologist with the state, said high coliform counts are the cause for the closure. "This is not a new closure," he said. "It's a reissue of a closure. Under state law, we have to send out a notice each year."

Town health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik, said the closure indicates a "potential danger" if someone eats the shellfish, mainly clams and quahogs in Cohasset. He didn't know what would happen if someone ate a clam from Whales Meadow, but said he doesn't doubt that people still do despite the closure. But the fact there is a potential health risk due to high coliform counts, calls for the closure.

"We're covering ourselves legally," said Churchill.

Fecal coliform is bacteria resulting from human or animal waste.

"This is not a new closure. It's a reissue of a closure. Under state law, we have to send out a notice each year."
— Neil Churchill, state biologist

The high bacteria counts in Little Harbor are no surprise to town environmentalists. The area surrounding the inlet is not on the sewer, and failing septic systems have resulted in high bacteria counts for years. The area is now being looked at as part of an expansion of the central Cohasset sewer district. A recent feasibility study projected the cost of installing sewers in Little Harbor at nearly $11 million.

However, in Whales Meadow, a salt marsh area tucked between Atlantic Avenue and White Head Road, the cause of the pollution is more uncertain. "We're still trying to figure out that problem," Churchill said. "There's no point source [such as a leaking septic system or out-fall pipe] that we can prove."

Godzik said there was a "good chance it's coming from animals."

Shellfishing is allowed on the coastline, except for Sandy Cove which is closed, and in part of Cohasset Harbor – however there isn't much in terms of shellfish in those locations.

Interestingly, shellfishing is allowed on Bassing Beach in Scituate (opposite the Cohasset Sailing Club in the harbor). The town line goes through Bailey's Creek. Churchill said because of the old sewer out-fall pipe in Cohasset Harbor, the harbor's bacteria count is too high until you get near the breakwater. He said the counts near the yacht club are "reasonable" and are "clean" at the beach. "You have to draw the line somewhere," Churchill said.

Selectman Merle Brown said he lobbied Scituate to issue shellfishing licenses to Cohasset residents for $20 – the same rate Scituate residents pay – instead of the current $50.

"More from our town use it than Scituate," he said.

Brown said shellfishing in town used to be popular, with "quite a few" town clammers.

Dickson said Little Harbor and Whales Meadow were used commercially, until the Blizzard of '78 "opened up a few septic systems." Neither Brown nor Dickson thinks Little Harbor will be opened until the area is on the sewer, but Brown is holding out hope for Whales Meadow in the near future.

Until then Dickson and fellow constables Rocco Laugelle and Stephen Wigmore have nothing much to do besides chasing out poachers trying to harvest illegally.

"I'm out of business," Dickson said

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Sun. 4	5:37	10.0	——	6:21	8.7	12:10
Mon. 5	6:39	10.2	12:26	7:26	8.9	1:13
Tues. 6	7:43	10.6	1:29	8:28	9.4	2:14
Wed. 7	8:45	11.1	2:30	9:26	10.0	3:12
Thurs. 8	9:43	11.5	3:28	10:20	10.5	4:06

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This week in COHASSET

House values

Town Manager Mark Haddad told Selectmen Tuesday night he had met with the town's Board of Assessors to discuss possible market impacts to properties along the Greenbush right-of-way. He said the combined loss of assessed value would be approximately $35,000, but that the town's tax revenue base wouldn't change.

Haddad said the town can still increase the levy limit by 2 1/2 percent a year, but that the extra $35,000 would be spread out through all town properties.

He also said the board is looking at sales rates of houses along existing commuter rail lines, and in Scituate along the Greenbush right-of-way

Road to success

Cohasset residents Christa Hagearty, president of Dependable Cleaners, and former State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, will be two of the featured speakers at The South Shore Woman's Business Network's THRIVE! event, to be held Thursday, March 8, at Lombardo's in Randolph.

Other guests will be Mary Lou Andre, founder and president of the Needham-based "Organization By Design;" Shellie Lawlor founder and CEO of eKindness.com; and Bella English, a columnist for the Boston Globe. Kathleen Hassan, an inspirational speaker, will serve as facilitator of the event.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with silent auction bidding throughout the day, and informal networking among guests. There will be a buffet luncheon at noon. At 1:30 p.m. the program begins. Portions of the proceeds of the silent auction are donated to The SSWBN Marion Overhiser Scholarship Fund. For more information call (781) 749-8883.

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Historic district commission to look at possible violation

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset Common Historic Commission is looking into a possible violation of the district's bylaws, in regards to two new windows installed recently at 63 Highland Ave.

Last week, during an interior renovation of the two-story white house, contractors installed two windows on the north side of the house, bought in 1999 by Charles Furtado. This week, commission member and the former owner of the house, L. Emmett Holt, and Highland Avenue resident Carolyn Horn, told new commission chairman Jacqueline Clark that Furtado had violated the district's bylaw that requires any exterior work done to a house in the historic district first receive approval by the commission.

But Fortado contends the work didn't need commission approval, and even if it did, the windows didn't constitute a significant change in the structure's appearance.

Clark, also a Highland Avenue resident, said the Cohasset Common Historic Commission has been in effect "for a long time" and that its purpose is to "preserve the exterior architecture of the properties."

Homes visible from Cohasset Common and certain designated homes along North Main Street fall under the jurisdiction of the Cohasset commission. Other similar historical commissions exist for Main Street in Hingham, and for Boston's Back Bay and Beacon Hill.

In two separate letters sent to Clark and other town officials, Holt and Horn, the wife of former commission Chairman and current member Richard Horn, say they had conversations with Furtado last week reminding him not to make any changes to the exterior without approval from the commission.

Holt said Furtado showed him interior renovation work going on in the two-story house's attic on Feb. 13. He said one window on the house's south side could be replaced because the new window was similar to the old. However Holt said he "quickly noted that [two new windows on the north side of the house] could not be installed without a public hearing, and suggested that Furtado get in touch with Horn immediately." Holt said he again reminded Furtado the next day not to let the contractors cut in the new windows. He concluded the letter by saying he had warned Furtado of the requirements twice in two days, before the work was done, and that he "apparently chose to ignore the requirement."

Horn said while her husband was out of town on Feb. 15 she also warned Furtado not to do any work. She said Furtado claimed town Building Inspector Robert Egan had given him the go-ahead Thursday afternoon. Horn also said Furtado "claims he did not understand the procedure for application for historic changes. It is important that the historic district committee keep in mind that ignorance of the town bylaws does not place a resident outside the jurisdiction of these laws."

She also criticized Egan for allegedly giving Furtado authorization to install the two new windows – something Egan denies doing.

"I went up the house to do a framing inspection on the inside, and said the windows were going to be a problem," Egan said. "He said he had already talked to a member."

In a letter written by their attorney, Furtado contends that the work doesn't fall under the jurisdiction of the historical commission. He also contends that Horn had told him it would be all right to do the work; a claim she denies.

"The commission cannot consider architectural features not subject to public view," the letter states. "The Furtados installed the windows at a location that is not open to view from a public street, public park, or public way. Therefore the bylaw does not apply to the window installation, and the Furtados are not required to see a certificate of appropriateness from the commission."

The letter also said the windows didn't constitute a "significant change to the design, material color or outward appearance" of the house.



PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

A photo of 63 Highland Ave. taken from Highland Avenue, near North Main Street, shows the two new attic windows on the north side of the house

Furtado said he is willing to work with the commission to resolve the issue, and will attend any hearing the commission has, along with his architect.

Clark said that in the five years she has been on the commission, it hasn't dealt with a violation. Holt said in his letter that Furtado could be required to restore the exterior of the house to its original condition.

Clark said the commission hopes to hold a meeting in March.

MCAS expands grades tested

By Rick Collins
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In an attempt to eliminate test burn-out during this year's Massachusetts Comprehensive Academic Test, the state has spread out the test among the grades.

Starting in April, grades 3 - 8, and grade 10 will takes the test's five parts, instead of just grades four, eight and 10 as was done the previous three years.

In 1998, after fourth graders spent 17 hours, spread over 13 days taking the test, the state Department of Education came under fire from parents and educators saying the test was too long for a nine-year old child. In the two following years the length dropped 11 days to nine.

The new testing format will see fourth graders taking the composition portion of the test as well as the math test. However third graders will now be take the reading test, comprised of language and literature sections, fifth graders will take the science and technology, and history and social science tests, and sixth graders will take the math test.

The new format, said Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan should help the school's scores, which have been lagging behind the scores of their older peers at Cohasset Middle/High School.

"I think it certainly will be more beneficial for the fourth grade," said Callahan. "The amount of days they have to do it is certainly much better."

Said Cohasset School Department Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey, "Students were exhausted, it was not considered age appropriate. Maybe [the state] listened."

School Committee Chairman Pat Martin not only thinks it will help because of the spread out time, but in identifying curriculum problem areas. "Instead of waiting until the fourth grade to test the K through four curriculum, we'll be able to get more into the minutiae earlier," she said. "I think it's good."

Changes are also afoot for middle school students. The seventh grade will be taking the composition and reading test. However the eighth grade will still take the majority of the test: composition, reading, math, science and technology, and history and social studies. The tenth grade also still has a heavy test load, taking the composition, reading, math and history and social science tests.

Middle/High School Principal Dr. Michael Jones said the test schedule will change again next year for seventh and eighth graders. "This year seventh grade is taking the language arts/English composition test, as is the eighth grade. Next year the eighth grade will not, only the seventh grade," he explained.

Jones said the change will "shorten up the exam" for the eighth grade. "It will help burnout. The test is much too long and it will certainly help the younger students manage the marathon test."

Testing will begin on April 9, and continue staggered amongst the grades until May 25.

A complete testing schedule is available on the state Department of education website www.doe.mass.edu/mcast

Senior class parents plan post-prom party

By Cynthia Dedes
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Calling all parents of seniors. The planning for the post-prom party is underway. A group of parents have met three times since the fall to start things rolling. Preliminary decisions have been made, but there are still many choices to make and projects to organize.

This will be the fourth year that parents have hosted a party after the prom. Decorations and entertainment are planned around a selected theme. The theme is always a surprise, but we can share that during the years, casinos, live bands and caricature artists have been part of the fun.

Support for this activity has come from local businesses, civic organizations and others. Donations of gifts for prizes and raffle items, also monetary donations have made past senior-class celebrations great going-away parties. The class of 2001 is a class made up of great young people. They have excelled academically — remember the MCAS scores. They have been outstanding athletes in all sports — remember how proud we were when they won the 2000 banner for soccer. They have been active in community service projects as well, helping in activities such as the Appalachian Service Project.

If you have some time to give and want to volunteer call: Kay Langham at 383-2748 or Allison Ulmer at 383-2672.

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Valentine luncheon at senior center was extra special

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HELLO COHASSET

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone after a week of vacation for a lot of us? I have talked to so many of you and heard some great stories, make sure to send in any news of any exciting things you may have done or people that you may have visited from Cohasset. I just wanted to send a reminder to everyone as we enter the sort of slow, draggy month of March. Try to take a little time to talk and visit to all of the elderly people here in town who may be needing a little pick-me-up in their days. It is not too soon to start thinking of Spring cleaning and finding out what little things may be needed by an elderly friend or a person in need.

VALENTINE LUNCHEON

This past Valentines Day, the Cohasset Elder Affairs members held their annual luncheon at the South Shore Community Center. The Cohasset PSO had its hand in making the day a little sweeter with handmade desserts from parents of the Osgood students. The desserts, some of which were adorned with a personal valentine picture, put smiles on everyone's faces. The event also featured the Notre Tones from Notre Dame Academy that serenaded the seniors.

GIRL SCOUT AWARD

Mary McElroy of Windy Hill Road was recently awarded the Girl Scout Alumnae Award and was recognized at an awards ceremony, held on Feb. 25 in Newton. Congratulations to you Mary on this wonderful honor.

LITTLE LEAGUE SIGNUPS

Can you believe it? It is that time of the year again for baseball and softball sign-ups for the Spring season. Little League baseball and Softball registration will be held on March 10 from 9 a.m.-noon at Cohasset Middle-High School for all children who will be at least five years old by August 1. All players, including those already on a Major League team must sign up. Parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate if they have not already done so. Please call **Lynne or Mark DeGiacomo** with any questions you may have, by calling 383-6413.

NEW ARRIVAL

John and Kristin Ryan of Deep Run welcomed the birth of their son, **Nicholas John**, born on Jan. 1, 2001 at 3:21 a.m. at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. Nicholas weighed in at 7 lbs., 2 oz. and measured 20 inches.

Sounds like Nicholas is going to be an earlier riser. Congratulations all!

SNOW ROW

The Hull Lifesaving Museum hosts the 21st Annual Snow Row at 12:30 p.m., Saturday March 3, at Windmill Point Boathouse, Hull Gut. Rowers who are museum members pay $15, non-members pay $20. Spectators are free. This is a popular event with Cohasset rowers. Call 925-5433 for more information.

SALVE REGINA HONORS

Nichole L. Santoro, a senior at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I., has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. She is a CHS grad and the daughter of **Charles and Andrea Santoro**. Great work, Nichole.

DEAN'S LIST

Grace Gardner, of 90 Beechwood St., is a freshman majoring in communications design at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. She has been named to the dean's list for earning a minimum of a 3.4 grade point average on a 4 point scale. Grace, this is fantastic, keep up the good work.

TOPS AT TUFTS

Rebecca L. Moje of Cohasset earned dean's list status at Tufts University for the fall/winter semester. To achieve the honor, Rebeccas had to maintain a grade-point average of 3.4 or better.

Keep up the good work, Rebecca!

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

The Cohasset PAC and PSO are co-sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" forum for the three candidates running for School Committee, on Wednesday, March 7 at the 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room at the Osgood School. **Mark DeGiacomo**, **Pat Martin** and **Adrienne MacCarthy** will be available to answer questions from the audience. Come and learn more about the candidates who will be seeking your vote on election day.

PSO VOLUNTEERS

The nominating committee of the PSO (Parent Student Organization) is seeking volunteers to fill several vital and rewarding positions on the PSO executive board for terms beginning with the 2001-2002 school year. Positions to be slated include: president, vice president, Osgood rep, Deer Hill rep, middle and senior high rep, curriculum enrichment, fundraising chairman, both METCO spots, PSO activities, diversity, publicity, PAC and a new post, building and facilities liaison. Volunteer opportunities also exist for committee memberships which don't include board responsibilities. Such committees include, METCO host families, fundraising, PSO activities, diversity, community relations and curriculum enrichment as well as various volunteer opportunities within each school from specific school-based fundraisers to library volunteers, room parents, etc.

The PSO and its boards serves as Cohasset's parent organization and representatives to the schools. Its main goals is to facilitate communication among parents, faculty and school administrators for the benefit of Cohasset's children. The PSO also annually supports a variety of curriculum and academic support program in the schools. All parents of Cohasset school children are encouraged to become actively involved in the PSO. To find out more about becoming a PSO board member or a volunteer, please contact **Susan Jaffe**, nominating committee chairman at 383-9858 or any PSO board member. Detailed descriptions of all board positions are available for review in the front office of each school.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send in all your mail to me at: Mail: 622 CJC Highway Phone: (781)923-1057 Email: jenpiep@yahoo.com Please remember that all items need to be to me no later than Monday at 9 a.m. to make that week's edition. Have a great week!

—Jennifer Piepenbrink



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Adie McGrath applauds the Notre Tones at the senior center Valentine party.



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Cohasset's own Taylor Strecker sings her own composition "Exhale" with the Notre Tones from Notre Dame Academy at the senior center Valentine luncheon.

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Hamlet is a woman in Drama Festival entry

On March 3, Hamlet will utter "To be or not to be?" and those other familiar words we read in high school or heard Mel Gibson or Kenneth Branagh utter on the screen, but there will be a basic difference: they will be delivered by a woman. The audience at the Duxbury High School for the preliminaries of the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival will see Cohasset High School's adaptation of Terrence Ortwein's "And Flights of Angels," a modified version of Shakespeare's Hamlet.

Ortwein's work attempts to make Hamlet more accessible to a broad audience without sacrificing the heart and soul of the play. His preparation of the "new" script began when he worked with students at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn., to revise Shakespeare's play. After much discussion, some scenes were cut or merged, and lines were (thankfully for many contemporary audience members) deleted. Shakespeare's original vocabulary was left untouched. In July, 1991, theatre students in Choate's summer theatre program worked with Ortwein and Ron Emmons, director of Cohasset's drama program, to further revamp the play, bringing it down to half of its original length, and Emmons, with the permission of the author, has pared it down to just under 40 minutes, the festival time limit.

The title of the revised play, comes from the words of Horatio, Hamlet's only loyal friend, who says after the prince's death, "And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest." Ortwein's adaptation of the play begins at the end of Shakespeare's work. Hamlet, before his death urges Horatio, who is contemplating following his friend into death, to live to tell his story. It is Horatio who then stage manages a retelling of Hamlet's dilemma as it is rehearsed by a group of actors.

Under Emmons' direction a workshop production of the play was done with scripts in the performers' hands and a minimum of costuming, scenery, and props. Because most of the males in the program were needed for other productions that summer, it was decided that the Choate production would present a reversal of the Elizabethan all-male acting company and utilize an all-female cast.

"As I went down to Choate last summer, I had major misgivings about this format, but much to my surprise this became my most successful Choate production," Emmons says. "The audience bought into it completely. When I found that the females greatly outnumbered the males in my program this year, I decided to produce the play here in much the same way."

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— Ron Emmons, director

There are differences in this production of "And Flights of Angels," however. The most noticeable of these is the inclusion of males in the cast. The roles of the dying Hamlet and of the original Horatio are played by males; however the acting company that rehearses the retelling of Hamlet's story is made up exclusively of females. Even Horatio, himself, is played by a female while the male who played him in the first scene stays on stage to cue actors' entrances, remind them of their lines, point out stage positions, and move scenery pieces. If this all sounds terribly confusing, be assured that reactions from past audiences indicate quite the opposite to be true; audience members who either have not read Hamlet or have had difficulty with the original play will find this adaptation easier to understand.

Appearing in the cast will be David Ingber, the original Horatio; Ashley Ulmer, the King; Jacqui Dupre, the Queen; Jackie Goines, Hamlet; Kelly Stone, Laertes; Alicia Laas, Polonius; Lydia Guild, Gravedigger; Elizabeth Ingber, Ophelia; Julia Lovallo, Horatio; Jessica Stevermer, the Ghost, Morgan Hurley, Guildenstern; Kelly Hurley, Rosencrantz; Kimberly Ulmer, Player Queen; Maura McKenney, Osric; Brenna O'Donnell, Lucianus and Priest. The assistant director is Ashley Ulmer, art director is Alicia Laas, stage combat director is Jacqui Dupre, and Jeff Gerber is the stage manager. Also assisting with the production is Stew Replogle, a CHS graduate.

The preliminary festival at Duxbury will open with Cohasset's at 9 AM on Saturday, March 3. Tickets for one or all of the plays will be $6. the full day's lineup is as follows:

9 a.m.— Cohasset - And Flights of Angels
10 a.m.— Westwood - Fortress
11 a.m. — Savio Preparatory - Left for Dead
1 p.m. — Wareham - Power of Darkness
2 p.m. — Madison Park - TBA
3 p.m. — Norwood - Largo Desolato
4:30 p.m. — Rockland - Limbo
5:30 p.m. — Duxbury - Cagebirds

"And Flights of Angels" will be the first of two encore productions of director Ron Emmons' last year as head of the Cohasset High School Drama Workshop, a position he has held for 25 years. Since he began his directing career at Neptune High School in 1961, he has directed more than 70 productions. In the spring he will end his Cohasset career with a production of the Drama Workshop's most successful show of all time, the rock-musical "Godspell." He is planning to incorporate cast members from past CHS productions of the musical with current Cohasset High School students. Any CHS alums interested in participating should contact the director at GodspellCHS@aol.com as soon as possible. "Godspell" will be presented in May.

Local options for 'end of life'

Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m., the Social Service League will sponsor a panel on local options for life's end, along with Bill Moyers' PBS series "On Our Own Terms" at St. Anthony's parish hall, Summer Street, Cohasset.

This special program, free and open to the public, will be moderated by an oncology nurse and a panel discussion with medical, legal and hospice home representation to discuss local options for life's end. In addition there will be free literature on the topic available.

Refreshments will be served.

The Social Service League of Cohasset, a non-profit community service agency, serves the towns of Cohasset, Hull, Hingham, Scituate and Norwell. President of the league is Motoko Deane of 672 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset.

For more information and directions call Patricia Carleton, staff social worker, at (781) 383-0771.

Music festival at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its tenth year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting a Festival of the Music of Josef Gabriel Rheinberger on Sunday, March 11, at 3 p.m.

Rheinberger (1839-1901) was born in Liechtenstein and taught and composed in Munich. At a time when church music had not much integrity, this composer shone like in a beacon, with a tremendous output of choral, organ, and instrumental music.

St. Stephen's is located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and has available parking in the nearby village car park. There will be a playing of the 58 bell carillon a half hour before the concert by Sally Slade Warner and a reception will follow the festival. The concert is free of charge, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call (781) 383-1083.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Question of the Week

The Planning Board race in this year's April 7 election promises to be an interesting one. Former selectman Peter Pratt of Ripley Road and Richard Brown of Church Street are vying for the open seat being vacated by Terry Atherton of Clay Spring Road.

Incumbents Pat Martin of Linden Drive and Mark DeGiacomo of Beach Street face a challenge from Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street in a three-way race for two seats on the School Committee.

So in keeping with our tradition, we will pose a Question of the Week to local candidates. In the past we have limited the Question to candidates for contested seats, but this year we'll make an exception for the two incumbents running for reelection to the Board of Selectmen. With so much in the news about Greenbush, jet noise, village revitalization and so on, we think our readers would be well served by knowing what Tom Callahan of Hillside Drive and Merle Brown of Beechwood Street have to say on targeted issues.

All candidates — opposed or unopposed — who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

Starting next week, we will feature candidates' answers to the Question of the Week. Responses should be brief — no more than 250 words — and must be received by 5 p.m. Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

The following are the first Questions of the Week:

For Planning Board candidates:

What's your stance on allowing two-family homes in town?

For School Committee candidates:

Do you think there is too much emphasis on technology in the lower grades at the expense of other subjects?

For Selectmen candidates:

Has the Town Manager Act stripped the Board of Selectmen of too much power?

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com by fax at 741-2931 or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m., Monday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Democrats caucus in Cohasset

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold a caucus at the Town Hall March 3, at 10 a.m. to elect five delegates and five alternates to the 2001 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The convention will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Springfield Civic Center in Springfield. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those registered Democrats unable to attend may be considered for delegate and alternate by 2/3 of those present and voting. Those not elected as delegate and alternate may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 129 Portland St., Boston, 02114 no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

For more information, call the Democratic State Committee at (617) 742 6770.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Train right-of-way

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently we learned from the Mariner that the MBTA will have to pay Cohasset fair market value when it purchases the right of way to be used by the Greenbush Line. According to the town, this could mean up to $2.3 million is received. While this is more than has been anticipated, at this point we really don't know how it compares to the future tax revenues that will be lost to Cohasset as a result of the certain devaluation of the town's property base caused by the train's return.

Up until now, the town has valued the right of way as a simple parcel of real estate. Failing to measure the effect on property values could put the town's long-run financial health into danger. For example, if the town's property tax revenues were to decline by only $200,000 per year because of the train, the present value of the lost tax revenue to the town over the next 30 years could exceed $3 million! And with the very large number of homes in Cohasset that will negatively impacted by the train, this amount is probably conservative. Suddenly $2.3 million doesn't seem like so much.

There is a way that the town can ensure-or at least increase the likelihood of-its future financial health. As it currently stands, those townspeople whose homes are negatively impacted by the train (including my own) will receive no additional protection from the town beyond the paltry measures proposed by the MBTA (essentially, black chain link fences along portions of the right of way), while those townspeople whose homes are not negatively impacted will receive the benefit of train service, as well as share in the funds received from the MBTA. The mitigation measures offered by the MBTA are designed to protect us physically from the train, but will do nothing to protect the value of our homes. If the town wants to preserve its revenue base — as well as its unity — it should invest the funds it receives from the MBTA to provide additional protective measures for property owners beyond those proposed by the MBTA. Any additional measures that the town can take to confine the train's harmful effects to the right of way will only benefit all of the townspeople — landscaping, sound-proof fencing and vibration mats would go a long way towards accomplishing this.

Since the owners of the properties abutting and nearby the right of way are the townspeople who will be most harmed by the train, it stands to reason that any amount that the town receives from the sale of the right of way should be used primarily to reduce their injury. Using the MBTA's funds to limit the train's effects to these properties will benefit the town far more than $2.3 million ever could. I urge readers of this letter to contact the town's selectmen in support of this proposition.

Michael C. Betts
271 South Main St.

Harbor seat

TO THE EDITOR:

Seems reasonable to grant Mr. Peter Roy his request for a seat on the Harbor Committee (an advisory rather than a regulatory committee). It seems ridiculously unreasonable to deny him a seat just because he owns the three commercial properties on the waterfront, as well as his estate. Surely he has more reason than anyone in town to preserve the beauty and quality of the harbor.

Let us set aside the goofy notion that what might be in his self interest is automatically against the public interest. On the rare occasions where the interests seem not to be concurrent, the regulatory authorities are there to protect the public interest.

Sure, his arrogantly humongous yacht and ham-handed foray into revitalization has aroused the perennial carpers and gossipers, but it would make more sense to welcome his desire for constructive involvement in the town. Most of us have far less to offer, and aren't any closer to perfect.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Citizen petitions

TO THE EDITOR:

For centuries, the New England town meeting has been a bastion of open democracy; an open forum in which citizens can participate in the running of their town government and, most important, a place where citizens can bring their issues directly to the town for a decision. Citizen articles are a positive force in our town government.

This invaluable right of Cohasset residents to submit warrant articles to town meeting is being threatened by an article to be considered on March 31, annual town meeting. This article, submitted by a group of citizens, would increase the number of signatures needed to submit an article from the current requirement of 10 signatures to 100 signatures.

Obviously, it is a lot harder to get 100 signatures than it is to get 10. The effect of this article, if it succeeds, would be to make it much, much harder for citizens to submit articles for town meeting, and would make it much harder for a small group of citizens to put their issue before town meeting.

This might prevent a small group of citizens with a local problem who have been unable to get their issue resolved through the usual channels of town government (for example to get a catch basin installed, to get a water main, to tie into town sewer, to get a culvert repaired) to have their voices heard.

I urge those attending the town meeting to vote to reject this article at the town meeting.

John K. McNabb Jr.
writing as a private citizen

Parents and sports

TO THE EDITOR:

(In response to Mark Bell's letter dated 2/1/01 from the President of the Cohasset Soccer Club)

My first thought I will leave unsaid…

My second thought was not to respond…

My third thought was a responsibility to respond on behalf of the many wonderful parents who participate in our program each year as volunteers and coaches.

This spring the Cohasset Soccer Club will field 73 teams consisting of over 700 players organized and led by over 100 adult coaches and volunteers. The same is true of the baseball, lacrosse, softball and many other programs in our community.

The experiences of Mr. Bell as he rambled from violence and murder in sports to problems with sports in Cohasset are not reflective of the programs we have and the thousands of volunteer hours committed now and in the past. I found his statements to be inaccurate and not relative to the overall experiences of our children in our community. The "facts" he presented as "research" have unfortunately been slanted based upon his own personal past participation in team sports. I cannot allow his misrepresentations to stand without a rebuttal.

The volunteers and coaches are a cross-section of some of the finest residents of Cohasset. What they give in time to our children and programs cannot be measured. We are not perfect but we continue striving to offer our children quality programs.

The leaders of our community and school sports programs are challenged as our numbers have increased dramatically in the past few years while our resources have not. We work continually with the town administrators to provide the fields, space and equipment so that each child can participate and grow into his/her potential.

In closing, I believe that the sports programs in Cohasset offer many opportunities for our children and serve as a positive model to other communities in the state and country.

Wallace St. John
President

POLITICAL NOTES

Bradley met Kerry on air traffic

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, a member of the Legislative Air Traffic Caucus, met with United States Sen. John Kerry regarding the ongoing jet-noise problem in our district and the proposed new runway at Logan Airport.

During the meeting, Bradley stated his opposition to the expansion of Logan Airport saying, "It would triple the number of flights over Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. Presently, we have a flight overhead every 45 to 60 seconds; with the addition of a new runway it would be a plane every 15 to 20 seconds.

"In fact, building a new runway could even make delays worse. It would increase peak capacity of the airport resulting in an increase in airplane scheduled operations providing a worse delay."

Bradley said, "The only real solution is regionalization."

Kerry said he appreciated Bradley's willingness to share his concerns as well as those of his constituents on the issues surrounding Logan Airport's future. He also encouraged the representative to contact his office with any updates or suggestions as these issues move ahead.

Bradley can be reached in the State House Room 472, or called at (617) 722-2120, if you would like

Selectmen support spending 30K for runway study

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset selectmen gave the fight against a new Logan Airport runway a tailwind last week by supporting a Town Meeting article that would appropriate $30,000 for the South Shore Aviation Fund of the South Shore Jet Noise Council, the local group lobbying against the proposed fourth runway.

Town Meeting voters March 31 will have the final say on spending the money.. The proposed appropriation is one of 34 articles – or matters of business – on the Town Meeting warrant.

Eric Oddleifson, a member of the council and a Cohasset resident, said the amount of jet traffic over Cohasset, Hingham and Hull will increase from 29,000 flights to 98,000 flights annually. "That equals one a minute, seven days a week," he told the board.

Oddleifson was critical of MassPort studies that said the South Shore, which is in the direct path of the proposed runway 14/32, wasn't an "impact zone" or a zone where the sound level of the overhead air traffic reaches 65 decibels. Not only did he say the sound levels along Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue and especially in Hull, easily reach 65 decibels, but that the Federal Aviation Administration's 65 decibel level threshold is too high.

"Everything they said about the train was false, but we're still going to get the train. And we're still going to get that runway."
— Selectman Merle Brown

He also slammed environmental studies done by MassPort that dismissed any negative health impacts of a high-level of air traffic, saying the studies were "unsupportable and false."

Selectman Merle Brown likened the situation to the push to restore the Greenbush commuter rail line. "Everything they said about the train was false, but we're still going to get the train," he lamented. " And we're still going to get that runway."

Oddleifson said the money Cohasset gives, when combined with money committed by Hingham and Hull, could pay for independent noise and pollution studies. He said the South Shore Jet Noise Council is working with local environmental law firms to create a legal case against the runway.

A draft environmental impact report on the runway will be available for comment in March, and said the FAA could give final approval by July.

Brown suggested concentrating the lobbying efforts on forcing the planes further out to sea, before banking in for the final approach over Boston Harbor, something the board and Oddleifson agreed with.

Also, Oddleifson said he wants to force departing flights to climb to 10,000 feet, before banking west over the South Shore, rather than the 6,000 feet as proposed.

Questions and answers about Logan runway proposal

An interview with Eric Oddleifson, Board Member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council about Air Traffic and Logan's Runway 14/32. The questions provided by Mr. Oddleifson reflect community concerns.

Q. We heard there will be a net environmental benefit to building the new runway at Logan. Isn't this true?

A. This is what Massport's director, Ginnie Buckingham is saying. She refers to the possible benefit to "close-in" neighborhoods like Winthrop, Chelsea and parts of Boston.

The new runway will bring an additional 100,000 jet arrivals and departures annually to Logan, increasing its capacity to handle traffic by 35 percent. 15,000 of these flights will overfly close-in neighborhoods. The vast majority—75,000—will overfly the South Shore.

So no matter how you cut it, there is no "net" benefit.

Ginnie refers to those 75,000 planes as flying "over water," referring only to Boston Harbor. In fact, they will be overflying our houses and businesses, on their way to and from Logan.

Q. What will be the increase in jet traffic from today's levels?

A.Jet arrivals alone—those loud long, low approaches we now experience, will almost quadruple—from 29,000 to 98,000 flights annually. It's gotten very noisy the last couple of years. This will be much worse—constant, persistent noise throughout the day and night.

Q. Is Massport trying to help us?

No. We lie outside their "impact zone," so they have no legal obligation to pay any attention to us.

Q. What's an "impact zone"?

A. It's an area, defined by a noise impact contour line, called the day–night sound level (DNL), drawn according to the 24-hour average noise level, expressed in decibels. A low level of impact is 45dB DNL, 55dB DNL is significant, and 65db DNL is severe. Massport uses 65dB as the point where they have to pay attention to people living inside this contour (the airport itself being the epicenter). They describe this threshold as a "significant" impact, rather than a "severe" impact as most others do, to hide the fact that noise at this level is extremely disruptive. Indeed, most people agree that residential land use is no longer possible at 65dB DNL.

The 65dB DNL contour, as now drawn, lies just short of the Hull peninsula.

Q. You mean that Massport can quadruple jet arrivals over the Hull High School, where noise has already reached intolerable levels, and not be forced to do something about it?

A. Yes. Essentially, Massport makes up the rules, then tells us we don't count because the rules don't apply to us. The use of 65dB by Massport limits its liability. We believe however its liability should start at 50 or 55dB, being the level of significant impact, depending on residential density. We believe as well that the 55dB contour extends over many parts of the South Shore. The difference between 55dB DNL and 65dB DNL is very significant—a factor of 10, as the scale is logarithmic.

Residents of Panama, Central America who live next door to a World Bank power development project involving heavy construction not unlike Boston's "Big Dig," experience much quieter surroundings than us. Their communities are protected by the World Health Organization's 55dB standard of noise exposure, unlike the citizens of Cohasset, Hingham and Hull who must withstand >65dB standard as developed by the FAA.

Q. How are these noise levels measured? And are the measurements accurate?

A. There is one noise monitoring station, at the tip of the Hull peninsula. We believe that the Integrated Noise Model (INM) used by Massport may actually be underreporting noise levels. We believe we are already experiencing a severe impact from aircraft noise, as that noise monitor routinely registers 70–80dB impacts from aircraft passing overhead.

These noise levels may be having quantifiable, cumulative psychological and learning impacts, including sleeplessness leading to increased anxiety, depression and distractibility, reduced effectiveness, chronic experiences of annoyance, and lowered reading rates in schools directly under flight paths.

Q. We hear that the runway will reduce delays. Since none of us like to wait 2–3 hours for airplanes, that sounds like a real benefit. Shouldn't we just grit our teeth and bear it?

A. It would be nice if delays could be reduced by runway 14/32. However, airport capacity experts, in public testimony, indicate that even with 14/32, there will never be a day when delays are fewer than they are now.

The reason is simple. If you build it, they will come—like highways. Air travel will increase another 25 percent in 10 years, and perhaps double from that level during the next ten. What we get with 14/32 is 35 percent more airplanes—not fewer delays. Even MassPort's own consultants admit that 14/32 would, in the best of circumstances, reduce delays 20 percent for only a couple of years. This isn't a delay reducing move by MassPort, but a capacity expanding move which will not help delays.

Q. What about jet emissions? Do they affect us?

A. Unfortunately, noise buildup may be the least of our problems. Aircraft emissions include benzene, a known carcinogen, and formaldehyde, a suspected carcinogen. Consultants at O'Hare concluded that cancer risks are five times higher than the regional average for those living near the airport.

A recent study of women living in Winthrop reveals a 50 percent higher than average incidence of breast cancer.

A government health census in Seattle found that infant mortality near the airport was 50 percent greater, heart disease 57 percent and cancer deaths 37 percent greater.

Residents in Cohasset have been noticing thin films of oil on their outdoor patio furniture recently. We hope it isn't building up in our water supply. The health risk, if flights over us quadruple, is not insignificant.

Q. How near an airport do you have to be to experience an impact from emissions?

A. The O'Hare study suggests within a 30-mile radius of an airport, especially downwind (which we are of course on the South Shore). Hull is 6 miles, Hingham 9 miles and Cohasset 12 miles.

Q. Is there any correlation, as in the Winthrop health study, between location/exposure in our towns to the arrival paths and cancer incidence?

This would be a good question for our towns' boards of health who perhaps keep records of who has cancer and where they live.

Q. What other bad news do you have?

A. The air traffic buildup the last couple of years is already having an impact on real estate transactions, and property values. A broker in Cohasset reports losing sales once prospective buyers hear the jets passing overhead. Another in Hingham has been sued by a client for having failed to reveal the noise he was exposed to. The noise is particularly severe in the early morning, and late at night. All flights between midnight and 6:00 a.m. are required, by the FAA, to fly over the South Shore, so as not to wake people to the west and north of Boston, as well as residents of Boston itself.

We estimate a decline in South Shore property values of $1.4 billion if 14/32 is built.

Q. How have you calculated that?

A. For every one percent increase in dB DNL, there is a corresponding drop in value of between 0.6–2.5 percent. Tripling aircraft traffic increases DNL by 5dB. We took an average decline in property value per dB DNL—1.5 percent, times the $18.4 billion in property value on the South Shore that will be affected.

Q. Given this impact, why on earth is the South Shore Chamber of Commerce supporting the runway?

A. We don't know. The general perception is that it's "good for business." More jobs, and the like. I think the Chamber is wrong. It will be very bad for business. Its members are uninformed about the true costs, to residents of the South Shore, of noise and air pollution.



Eric Oddleifson, board member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, is a Cohasset resident.

Ginnie Buckingham has managed to gain the support of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in her quest to get the runway built. Powerful business interests support its construction. Richard Egan, the CEO of EMC in Hopkinton, one of the country's most successful high tech entrepreneurs, has put together a coalition of 150 businesses to put political pressure on the Massachusetts legislature, and the U.S. Congress. Indeed, our Governor Paul Cellucci is openly boasting of his ability to get the runway built, because of his friendship with George W. Bush.

What we have here is an airport located in the heart of a city, very conveniently located for powerful businesses and professional groups that believe delays can be solved by building the runway.

Q. It sounds hopeless.

A. It may be. Congressman Moakley (who will not run for another term because of his health) and Mayor Menino, both of whom are adamantly opposed to the runway, may be the only people that stand between Massport and the destruction of the quality of life on the South Shore.

Our health and quality of life are clearly secondary to economic growth, in the minds of many. The South Shore is in danger of being destroyed in the name of "progress."

Ginnie Buckingham wonders why "activists" attempt to stand in the way of "sound public policy."

Some aviation consultants have concluded that a small minority must suffer to benefit the majority. The argument is if we want the benefits of easy access to low cost air travel, which have helped build America into an economic superpower, we must accept the degradation to our quality of life.

Essentially, we are being told to move away if we don't like it—that some people don't mind the noise, and impact on their health. Those that do can pick up and leave.

Q. Why are politicians not responding?

A. Bob Hedlund and Garrett Bradley are very responsive. Others may not fully appreciate the extent of the problem, which has been masked by the FAA and the airlines. We are trying to bring them up to speed with our briefing books, and papers written by independent experts. Our Congressional delegation appears to be sitting on the fence. Senator Kerry has decided to run for President, so he may not want to take a position. Finding an acceptable middle ground between citizens opposed to further runway expansion, not only in Boston but elsewhere, and the economic interests of the aviation transport industry and the country would be a perfect role for Senator Kennedy who has the political skills to pull it off.

Q. Is there nothing we can do?

A. We think that the impact of ever-increasing air traffic on the South Shore needs to be better understood, before 14/32 is built. There are also some changes to air traffic departure, and arrival, corridors that could be made.

The selectmen of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull have asked our political representatives for a moratorium on 14/32 until these issues are sorted out.

Since Massport doesn't have our interests at heart, residents will be asked in town meetings to allocate funds to retain consultants to assess the health and noise impacts, and to respond, during the 45-day public commentary period, to the soon-to-be-released 14/32 draft supplemental environmental impact statement.

Our citizens group—the South Shore Jet Pollution Council—has been formed to add input, and to coordinate this effort. We have already retained, with private funds, an aviation noise consultant, to develop a "white paper" on aviation noise, including metrics used and dB criteria levels, and to examine the accuracy and reliability of Massport's noise data. Further work needs to be done to measure existing noise levels, and project the extent of the noise impact if 14/32 is built.

The towns may decide to pursue the matter through the courts, if a dialogue with the FAA and Massport cannot be initiated, and the requests for a delay go unheeded.

In our opinion, it is unfair to ask private citizens, either individually or as taxpayers, to pay to address a problem they have not caused, and that should be covered in any environmental impact assessment. Indeed, the Director of the regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has asked Massport to respond to our concerns, which it has not done (because we lie outside the 65dB DNL contour).

Other countries have adopted "the polluter pays" principle. Any monies we are forced to spend should be reimbursed by Massport, the FAA and the airlines.

Q. If Massport won't agree to true "over water" flight patterns, and noise and emission pollution levels increase as you forecast them, what then?

A. It is a difficult problem. Many of us on the South Shore are getting really hammered, particularly by the early morning and late evening flights, which the Logan tower keeps off other communities. At times it sounds like a World War II dogfight going on over our heads—at midnight! We are truly anguished. The thought of this traffic quadrupling is really more than we can stand.

I see it this way. What's going on is an illegal process of eminent domain, the taking of property by government to serve public purposes without compensation. There is no compensation because the airlines, and the FAA, take no responsibility for the noise impact that starts with "significant," i.e., 55dB DNL, and grows to "severe," i.e., 65dB DNL. Only when the noise impact is such that residential land use is no longer possible will they recognize the problem.

Unfortunately, for both them and us, there are already communities that lie in this zone that have been there for 300 plus years. We don't have the option of folding them up, like Hollywood sets and moving away.

Individual residents do have the option of moving away. My belief is they should be compensated for having to do so, if it is the will of government to exercise its powers of eminent domain.

Our problem is that some people who live in this impact zone are not affected, and others who live outside it want the increased flights that Logan expansion will bring, and are unsympathetic to our plight. Randi Currier expresses it well, in a recent letter to the Bedford Minuteman.

Additional flights at Hanscom result in costs to local residents: noise pollution (plane and auto), air pollution (plane and auto), visual pollution and traffic delays. These are external costs, not borne by the airlines, and thus not calculated into their economic decision-making. Such a case of negative externalities results in an inefficient allocation of resources, with the number of flights too high and too much pollution.

Further, the costs to residents increase exponentially as the pollution increases. A couple of planes per hour may pose negligible costs. But a threshold seems to have been reached where costs to residents are sharply escalating. We often can't maintain conversations due to noise and we're regularly awakened by flights.

This issue is larger than that of commercial flights at Hanscom and larger even than a New England issue. People nationwide are being paved over by the pressure to expand airports while each additional flight imposes an increasingly higher cost on residents. So, we are taking a stand at the margin, at the latest increase. This is a case of conflict of rights: the right of an airline to operate and people to travel versus the right to peace and quiet. Surely, the right to peace and quiet has at least equal merit. I want some recognition from my government, a.k.a. Massport, of this right. I want some recognition of the redistribution of costs and benefits they're promoting by advocating only for airlines and travelers and not for residents.

Pollution generation is a classic situation where government intervention is used to internalize the external costs. This is often achieved by setting pollution limits or by taxing pollution. Such measures introduce incentives to search for ways to yield less pollution into the market. For example, airlines might then invest more heavily in technology to reduce engine noise. Instead of requiring airlines to account for these costs, Massport subsidizes the airlines, e.g., via terminal improvements, further skewing the market towards pollution.

In the face of an outpouring of concern about the livability of areas surrounding Logan and Hanscom, Massport promotes travel: 'Fly New England!' The orthodoxy of 'economic growth' continues to hold sway while our actual welfare is eaten away by noise, traffic, and crowding.

My suggestion is that we establish the noise impact zone for the South Shore (and the rest of Boston as well) based on 55dB DNL, both now and projected, and begin to address the true external costs—not simply property devaluation, identified by Randi.

Unfortunately, this will not be done willingly by the airlines or the FAA, as the economic consequences may be considerable.

As Randi indicated, noise is only half the story. Jet emissions are carcinogenic. We may get more sympathy for our cause from a wider audience, as jet emission pollution is not contained within noise corridors, but spreads more widely. The statistics, as I mentioned, are startling. I compare this to the dumping of toxic waste by W. R. Grace in Woburn, which led to the pollution of the groundwater and eventually to leukemia in the neighborhood children.

The dumping that is going on here is analogous—but in the air, not the groundwater—and continuous, not in rusty 55-gallon drums behind the plant that eventually leak. Added to this is the occasional dumping of raw fuel on our heads as planes lighten up for landing.

The idea that Massport can, with impunity, quadruple the level of emissions output, without even bothering to pick up the phone and talk with us, I find troublesome.

At the moment, I see no option for South Shore towns and residents except civil action—a claim for wrongs, including the denial of our right to "quiet enjoyment" of our property by the Constitution. Massport won't talk to us—indeed, quite the reverse. Ginnie Buckingham's Coalition for Runway Expansion is very powerful—and appears to have the Bush administration behind it. The Congress, from what I can gather, is inclined to support the construction of Runway 14/32, and the 29 others around the country waiting for approval.

We may need another Jan Schlichtmann (the lawyer in the story/movie, A Civil Action) to help us.

What we have here is a regulated industry which has successfully fended off any regulation of its noise and emissions pollution by getting into bed with its regulators ("FAA—we are the FAA." a comment by a senior airline industry executive recently).

The general public—including the Congress—isn't sufficiently savvy to know what's going on. And the science itself is controlled by the polluters, as the bread and butter of acoustical engineering firms comes from the FAA and the airports!

Ginnie Buckingham, together with businessman Richard Egan, airline CEOs, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is waging a public relations campaign for the hearts, minds and votes of the U.S. Congress. Ginnie's background is in PR, not in aviation, so she is perfectly suited to put the proper "spin" on the message, i.e., "environmentally beneficial," "over water," "tiny little 5,000-foot runway," "no harm to anyone," it's about jobs," etc.

We are being outgunned, outspent and outmaneuvered. To push against this arsenal of talent, money and influence is an awesome task. It might be easier just to get out of town.

Vermont, anyone?

Q. Whom do we contact if we want to help?

A. We would suggest that you write commentary letters to the Mass. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Economic Impact Review Division, 100 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA, referring to the case number, when the draft supplementary environmental impact statement on 14/32 is released on March 13th. The division is charged with reviewing what is "significant," and what is not, and determining whether the document is "sufficient." The commentary period will run until April 30th. The FAA and Massport plan to publish their final report May 30th.

People can call the President of the Council, Tom Maloney, as well as Mary Ann Frye in Hingham, or Linda Wakeman and myself in Cohasset, for more information.

Writing our political representatives may help—Bob Hedlund, Congress Delahunt in the U.S. House and Senators Kerry and Kennedy.

However, Governor Cellucci and Ginnie Buckingham are acting as if it's a done deal. Our politicians, excepting Bob Hedlund and Garrett Bradley, have been mute on the subject.

We need local experts to join our Council's advisory board—to help with various cost assessments—on health, on real estate values—and to help politically. We would like to be seen as a group interested in dialogue, and in finding solutions. We are happy to talk at any time with Massport, Chamber of Commerce's and the like. Anyone who can help us do that is welcome.

North Scituate train station stalled for now

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Weymouth, and Sullivan last week, the state said it would be willing to consider eliminating the North Scituate station from its plans.

Cohasset selectmen approved a tersely worded letter to Sullivan, to be hand-delivered by state Rep. Garrett Bradley, telling him the board "adamantly opposes" the elimination of the station.

"We urge you to reject any proposal that would eliminate the North Scituate station," selectmen wrote, noting that the town would expect "additional and substantial mitigation measures to offset this negative impact."

While Callahan said he "can't blame Scituate for trying," he did criticize local officials for not considering the regional impact.

"No one is going to switch directions and drive south [to the Driftway station] to catch the train."

Cohasset selectmen said if the North Scituate station is eliminated, the current mitigation agreement the town and the MBTA are discussing would "go out the window." Bradley told selectmen Wednesday to prepare a second mitigation package in case the station is eliminated.

The board spent much of its meeting Tuesday night finalizing its mitigation requests, and seemed to focus on making sure the MBTA didn't shirk its responsibilities to abutters both before and after the trains start rolling.

Much like their counterparts in Cohasset, Scituate officials believed the MBTA didn't fully understand some of their concerns, and asked elected officials to set up last week's meeting with Sec. Sullivan.

Hynes said Sullivan understands those concerns now and is ready to negotiate with the town in good faith so long as the town is willing to do the same.

"The selectmen's view is that the North Scituate station is superfluous and would cause significant disruptive concerns to North Scituate Village and that patrons of that station could access the train in Cohasset or in Greenbush," Hynes said.

Sullivan appeared open to the request if it would open the path to smoother negotiations, Hynes said.

"We are receptive to eliminating the station if it has support and consensus at the local level," said Sullivan spokesman Jon Carlisle. Carlisle said the decision would of course impact other communities along the Greenbush corridor, especially Cohasset.

"We'd work with Cohasset too. We want to make sure as many people are as happy as possible," Carlisle said.

Hedlund said he knows by making Scituate happy, people in Cohasset will be upset, but that he will work to make sure the Cohasset is properly mitigated for the inconvenience. He also said Scituate selectmen will willing "in concept" to expand the Scituate Greenbush station to take part of the burden off the Cohasset station.

Bradley said the deal would be bad for Cohasset and will work to "a, make sure it doesn't happen, and b, if it does, that Cohasset's package is increased significantly."

As of press time, no meeting date between Cohasset and Sec. Sullivan had been set.

Count to be challenged

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and 10 signatures (two-tenths of 1 percent) is inconsequential."

Appearing before selectmen last week, Woods said, "We didn't used to have a lot of citizens' petitions, and now we do.

"Some are valid and some aren't, but they all have to be read at Town Meeting and go through them. I don't see any reason why it should be so easy [to place a citizens' petition on an annual Town Meeting warrant]."

She pointed out that technically, a person could bring a petition to just five houses, or even less if there's a big family, and easily get 10 signatures.

Woods' petition has 10 signatures from 10 different households.

But her article has already met with opposition. John McNabb presented selectmen with a fact sheet arguing against the proposed change. He called the proposal an "undemocratic" change to the way Town Meeting has been conducted in Massachusetts for 300 years. McNabb pointed out that nearly three times as many town-sponsored articles have failed in the past 10 years, than citizen articles.

"We didn't used to have a lot of citizens' petitions, and now we do."

— Lucia Woods, Jerusalem Road

Since 1990, 53 citizen articles have been debated before Town Meeting, and only 19 have passed — a 36 percent rate. Citizen articles have made up 11 percent of all articles debated. From 1990 to 1996, there were 23 citizen petitions. Since then, there have been 30.

The article also met up with some reservation on the part of the selectmen. Merle Brown said citizen petitions allow residents to "bypass the system" in getting something placed on the warrant.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris called Town Meeting the community's "main forum" of debate and was concerned the article would hurt that.

Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan said "Town Meeting is the last bastion of pure democracy and I would hate to see that hindered."

Selectmen deferred making a recommendation on the article, and said it would "let Town Meeting argue it out."

The amount of signatures required for a citizen's petition is set by state law. If the article was approved, it would then be sent as a home rule petition before the state legislature. Town Meeting is March 31.

Firefighters raise money for camera

Selectmen decided Tuesday night to withdraw a line item that would have given the Cohasset Fire Department $10,000 needed to purchase a new thermal imaging camera.

The withdrawal came at the request of call firefighters Joe Migliaccio and Bruce Pratt who told the board they had raised an additional $2,500 in the past two weeks. Including a $10,000 grant from the state towards the purchase of a camera, and $12,500 raised privately, Pratt said they were confident they could raise the remaining $7,500 needed to buy the unit.

Selectmen said if needed, they would bring back the issue back in an article at the special fall town meeting.

Pratt and Migliacco did bring a toy for selectmen to play with during the discussion – a cheaper, older version of the camera they hope to buy. All five selectmen and Town Manager Mark Haddad took turns scanning the crowd with the camera.

Pratt also said "This building isn't insulated too well. I could see a lot of heat escaping from the roof from outside."

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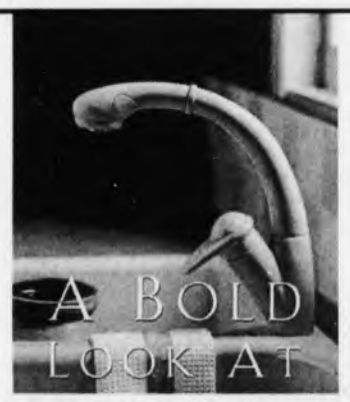
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Battle over separation of powers set aside for now

Conflicting articles to be pulled from Town Meeting warrant

By Rick Collins
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A potential high-noon showdown on the floor of Town Meeting between the town's independently elected boards was avoided, when selectmen agreed to remove an article that would have given the town manager controlling authority over any municipal capital project with a price tag of more than $100,000.

The article's removal is continent on the withdrawal of an opposing article, created by citizens petition, that would continue the sewer and water commissioners "independent authority" over any departmental projects.

The two contradictory articles, if kept on the annual Town Meeting warrant, would have resulted in a "shootout on Town Meeting floor," said water commissioner Glenn Pratt, one of the petition's signers, at last Tuesday night's selectmen's meeting.

The selectmen's article came on the heels of complaints that the town manager and board of selectmen were powerless to deal with any of the resident complaints about last year's sewer installation project. The project, was designed and run by the town's sewer commission, a board elected independently of the selectmen, as is the town's water commission.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen, Pratt and water commissioner John McNabb, another of the citizen petition's signers, that during the North and Central Cohasset sewer projects, "we would receive 20 calls a week from residents asking questions, or wanting information." Because he had no oversight or control of the project, the only thing he could do was refer a call to the sewer department — a response that would further upset the resident.

"To have these divided little fiefdoms is impeding the efficiency of the town."
— Selectmen Chairman Tom Callahan

The article had the support of selectmen Thomas Callahan, Merle Brown and Ronnie McMorris, but was fiercely opposed by Fred Koed, a former water commissioner. Mike Sullivan was not at the meeting.

Koed said all the town has to do is explain that under town bylaws, the water commission, sewer commission and board of selectmen are separate entities, and neither has control over the other. The school department is independent by state law, and has explicit control over any school construction projects.

"The only problem we have is that we can't explain the facts of life to people," Koed said. "It sounds like we can't say water projects are the responsibility of the water department."

McMorris countered, "Regardless of what we know about the independence of boards, [residents] consider it passing the buck."

Callahan echoed McMorris's comment. "When people call here [the selectmen's office], they want a solution and they want answers. They don't appreciate the political niceties of separate boards," he said. Callahan added that as town boards, they generally don't have the time needed to give a capital project the general oversight needed.

"To have these divided little fiefdoms is impeding the efficiency of the town," he said.

McNabb and Pratt pointed out that all capital projects undertaken by the water commission in recent years has been completed on budget, and usually under budget.

Pratt criticized the selectmen for not consulting any other board before placing the article on the warrant, and urged a sort of unilateral disarmament on both sides, in favor of getting together and working a compromise out. Koed, McMorris, and Brown each agreed.

"If we keep them, we're going to get up at Town Meeting and shoot each other in the face," said Brown, " and the people don't want to hear that."

Because the second article was a citizen's petition, McNabb and Pratt need to get the 10 signers to agree to the article's removal from the Town Meeting slate.

"We will pull ours, as soon as we get theirs," Callahan said.

"And our is conditional on yours being removed," McNabb joked.

Haddad ended the dispute by saying, "Give me both of them at the same time, and I'll hit delete for both."

Other topics Town Meeting agenda

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen heard an argument for a Water Commission-sponsored article that would allow water commissioners to serve on other town boards. Commissioner John McNabb said when the commission was created in 1946, it included language that prohibited the water commissioners form holding any other town office. McNabb contends this was only meant to apply to the commission at that time, and the language change was needed because he, along with Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt serve on other town boards.

McNabb is a member of the town Recycling Committee and Water Resources Protection Committee. Pratt is a member of the Cemetery Study Committee.

"Glenn can't leave that committee," Town Manager Mark Haddad joked. Pratt has been influential in the proposed expansion of the Woodside Cemetery.

Selectmen Chairman Tom Callahan balked at the article, arguing the selectmen are held to a similar restriction.

But Selectman Fred Koed, a former water commissioner, said, "In a town this small, sometimes you have to double-up."

Selectmen voted 3 to 1 in favor of the article – Callahan dissented – after Haddad jokingly asked third-term board member, and long-time town resident Brown, "How did you vote?" in 1946.

"I couldn't," Brown responded. "You had to be 21 and had to read something. I had to wait until I could read."

Other articles discussed included:

• the proposed article that would allow the town to purchase the "Wolf Pit" property off Beechwood Street. As previously reported in the Mariner, the town is eyeing a parcel of land near the Aaron Reservoir on which owner Wayne Sawchuk is proposing a senior housing development. However, the Water Commission is concerned the development's septic system would threaten the town's water supply. McNabb said he is still waiting for a cost appraisal of the property. Selectmen deferred a recommendation until Town Meeting.

• an article that would replace the town bylaw concerning hazardous materials. McNabb, who wrote the article in his capacity as a water commissioner, said the new language would replace the town's current "outdated" language, and bring the bylaw in compliance with Department of Environmental Protection regulations. He assured selectmen that when rewriting the bylaw, there were no "McNabb flourishes" added to the regulations. Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo said his board basically supports the article, but with a few changes that would clarify some of the language. Callahan, a former Conservation Commission chairman, also insisted that the bylaw reaffirm that the commission would retain jurisdiction where appropriate. Selectmen deferred a recommendation until Town Meeting.

• an article that would amend the "water resource" bylaw. Like the previous article, the changes would update the town's current bylaw to meet new DEP regulations, and expand the water resource-zoned district in Cohasset. Board of Health member Peggy Chapman suggested changing a sentence from "allowed uses" in the water resource district to "suggested uses" in order to prevent the restriction of uses to what is contained in the bylaw. Selectmen deferred a recommendation until Town Meeting.

Town Meeting is March 31 starting at 10 a.m. in the middle/high school gymnasium.

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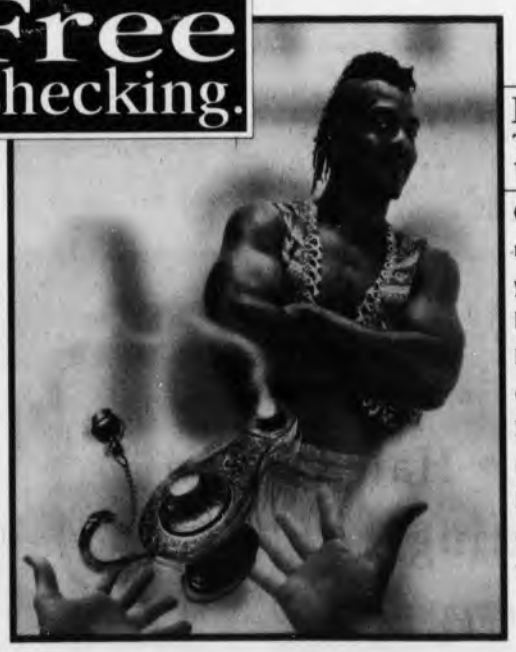
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Village effort gains momentum

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"decorative street lighting" which appeared on the survey.

"People don't want it to be ornate or fancy," he said. Despite just a 10 percent response rate, Rizzo said the results show "a consensus that things need to be done in the village."

The survey also showed:

- 84 percent want to see the utility lines buried under ground in the village (100 percent along Elm Street):
- 93 percent want to change Elm Street to create a link between the harbor and village:
- 88 percent want Elm trees planted along Elm Street:
- 95 percent support new sidewalks and lighting along Elm Street:
- 71 percent want to see the intersection outside of the South Shore Art Center redesigned.

Changes that weren't popular were the creation of a one-way traffic flow at the Elm, Brook and South Main Street intersection, and different paving patterns at intersections to signify a gateway to an area of town.

A recent fund-raiser thrown by the CRC attracted 40 people, as part of Roy's goal of raising the $600,000 needed to see the project through

One of the things Rizzo has noticed is many, who initially rejected the CRC, have now come around, and are giving "constructive comments about the village and harbor initiative." He said a lot of residents' fears were alleviated just by better clarifying what the CRC's goals were.

Elm Street resident Dave Fulton was one of those early skeptics that now welcomes the discussion.

"At first I was a little bit skeptical because of the backers, but what I've seen I've been real impressed with," he said. Fulton sees the group as the "catalyst" in the public brainstorming sessions that have been held to discuss plans. The CRC, along with its design firm The Cecil Group, have held a number of open meetings, that have ranged from high-tech, such as computer slide shows and computer-altered images, to the low-tech pieces of paper and pencils participants use to write down their thoughts.

Fulton said he supports any effort to slow down traffic driving along Elm Street and through the village.

"We have a natural resource here we need to treat with respect," he said. "Just like at a business meeting, let's get it out on the table and discuss it."

Roger Whitley is one of those in favor of limited improvements to the village. "I'm not for a lot of decorative stuff. I think the simpler the better," he said. "But things could be spruced up."

Whitley urged people to participate in the public workshops the CRC sponsors. "They are begging for the input of the townspeople. I don't feel their trying to railroad anything through, it's just a chance for the town to do some planning," he argued. "And if you don't like what they are suggesting, they want you to tell them so."

He supports some aesthetic improvements to Brook Street, and thinks the CRC needs to approach any design with pedestrians in mind. "[Elm Street and North Main Street] are very wide and could be narrowed up by a sidewalk, which would slow traffic down," said Whitley.

Giroux said her support also stems largely from pedestrian safety in the village. A mother of five, she said in many places in the village, the sidewalk just ends.

"When I'm in the center of Cohasset walking towards the common, the sidewalk ends and I have to walk inside a white line, which is technically called 'the street,'" she said.

Giroux, who initially had reservations about the corporation, welcomes the change in tune regarding CRC.

"Instead of fighting about whether to do this or not, now we're debating about what type of bricks we're going to have in the sidewalk," she said..

Any design plan the CRC decides on that requires town money, or a town-sponsored grant, must be approved by a Town Meeting vote. Then the plan would be subject to approval of the various town boards, such as planning and conservation.

Rizzo said another public meeting is scheduled for sometime in the beginning of March.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, FEB. 19

10:19 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle accident.

12:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Way and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

1:24 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., disabled auto.

2:20 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Erik J. Johnson, 20, 38 Jacobs Trail, Norwell. Chrg. Illegal possession of Class D substance.

3:28 p.m. Black Horse Ln., fire investigation.

4 p.m. Elm St., general service.

7:06 p.m. Long Rd., parking violation.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Frederick A. Prokop, 40, 97 First Parich Rd., Scituate. Chrgs., operating after revocation habitual traffic offend.

9:03 a.m. King St., disturbance.

9:44 a.m. Forest Ave., medical aid.

9:58 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

10:06 a.m. Summer St., fire inspections.

10:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.

11 a.m. Summer St., fire inspections.

12:50 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:08 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:35 a.m. South Main St., traffic citation, warning.

2:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

2:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation warning.

2:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation warning.

3:42 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

4:40 a.m. King St., property found.

6:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:50 a.m. King St., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

6:55 a.m. King St., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

7:01 a.m. King St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

7:14 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

7:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:26 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

7:31 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

7:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:44 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:55 a.m. S. Main St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., violation of restraining order.

12:01 p.m. Linden Dr., suspicious activity.

3:30 p.m. Church St., wires down.

3:50 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle accident.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Dan Littauer. The Cohasset High wrestler finished fifth the Div. 3 state championships last weekend, missing out on qualifying for the All-States by one spot. The junior captain finished his season at 145 pounds with a 23-3 record , which included a second place finish at the state's South Sectional tourney, and first place crowns in both the Cohasset Tournament and Whitman-Hanson Tourney.

Living
On the South Shore

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Skippers sink Warriors

By David Ingber
CORRESPODENT

With the preliminary round over, only 16 teams remain. And the Cohasset team is one of them thanks to their thrilling 64-62 win over Foxboro on Tuesday.

"I am just really proud of our kids," effused Cohasset Coach Ron Ford following the victory over the 22nd seeded Warriors.

The host Skippers were down 32-31 at halftime, the deficit shaved to one courtesy of a half court Hail Mary from freshman center Sean Connolly at the buzzer, good for his first three-pointer of the season.

Foxboro came out of the locker room to put the first five points of the second half on the board, and managed to maintain at least a one hoop cushion for a good portion of the second half.

Every time the Warriors started to sneak away, however, Cohasset seemed to respond with a big hoop to stay within shouting distance, the lead never going above six for the remainder of the half.

"They had an answer all night," noted Ford of his team's ability to stay with their fast and physical opponents.

Cohasset rallied to tie the game for the first time with 4:49 to play at 59-59.

Foxboro regained the advantage at 61-60 on a jumper by senior forward Tim Callahan.

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STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

The capacity Cohasset home crowd erupts to cheer a big play down the stretch in Tuesday's electrifying tourney opening win over Foxboro.



Cohasset senior captain TJ Bilodeau (with ball) showed his mettle, playing with a badly sprained ankle to score 15 points.

Hope on Ice

Hockey team closes out building season with optimism

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Missing the tournament by a single game, the Cohasset hockey team put together a season they can be proud of, especially in their tough league.

"We almost met our goal," said 32nd year Cohasset head coach Dennis Walsh. "We were very close."

The Skippers finished out the year with a solid record of 8-10-2 overall, but stayed close in all but a few games.

"I was pleased with the way we skated," the coach appraised. "We were competitive in all of our games."

One of the main reasons the team was able to stay so close against much larger teams was the entire defensive unit. Junior Eric Libby, who played his first year for Cohasset after two years at Xaverian, had a great year in Walsh's eyes, especially considering he had never played on the blue line before.

"He got better as the season went on," said Walsh, noting the progress of his inexperienced defender.

On the same line as Libby, also in his first year playing defense for the Skippers, was freshman Mike Devine, who was instrumental all season in killing power plays and stopping offensive attacks.

"He was a very solid defender," reported Walsh, "very dependable."

Backstopping the callow defense between the pipes was another neophyte, junior Dan Kinchla, who'd never even played goalie at the high school level before this season. All things considered, the veteran coach stated that he was "very pleased" with his play.

"He did a great job," said Walsh. "It is a hard position to learn, and a very hard position to play."

The Skippers did have some experience on the other defensive line, with senior captain Dan Morse. Morse, in his fourth year with the varsity squad, was a rock all season on the blue line, particularly during the gallant final playoff push.

"Dan Morse was our experienced defenseman," said Walsh. "He did a great job. He led by example."

Cohasset's other senior defenseman, Jay Rasmussen, was more of a two-way threat an offensive threat. He too picked it up when needed down the stretch.

"Toward the end of the season, he played pretty well," said Walsh. "He gave us some experience."

The Skippers had some ups and some downs on the ice this year.

One of the highlights, though, would have to be Cohasset's sweep over much bigger South Shore League rival Rockland. Cohasset beat them 8-3 in the first go round and then managed to pull off another win when both teams were batltign for a post-seaso nberth down the stretch.

Another league rival the Skippers managed to knock off twice this season was Norwell, which qualified for the tourney. Indeed, Cohasset's 5-0 dismantling of the Clippers in the second half of the season showed what this team could do when firing on all cylinders.

"Norwell might have made the states, but I wouldn't want to go in the way they are," said Walsh.

This contest featured a hat trick from the Skipper's skillful sophomore scoring sensation Greg O'Connell, as well as two goals from equally notable sophomore Matt Davis. These two led Cohasset all year in scoring, and should down the road as well.

In fact, the prospects for the team on the whole look pretty bright, as the inexperienced freshmen and sophomores of today will be the seasoned vets down the road.

"If everyone comes back, this team should be good," said Walsh, who is currently debating whether or not he should man the Skippers again next year. "They have three lines that can play hockey."

Walsh even offered some advice about the off-season for the players he may or may not coach next season: "Start thinking of next season: weight training, condition and outside hockey."



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset junior Dan Kinchla provided the Skippers with strong play in the net this season, remarkable considering he'd never even played high school hockey before this season.

Do we really have a right to slam NASCAR?

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN



Let me just start out by saying that I simply don't get car racing…formula, NASCAR, whatever. Nor do I consider it a sport. In my mind, it doesn't require remarkable skill to drive a car fast; it takes conditioning and decent reflexes.

The thrill of driving my car faster than necessary wore off, as near as I can recall, well before my 20th birthday, superceded by the risk of tickets, increased insurance premiums and, most of all, tragedy. Ditto for my being impressed by others who did so. And, since I've had children, this disfavor has gradually evolved into antipathy.

Needless to say, the thought of plopping down any of my hard earned bucks to support a sport that glorifies excessive automotive speed, or to even spend one minute watching it on TV, is anathema to me.

When the Dale Earnhardt tragedy occurred last weekend, my first thought was to express these thoughts in an editorial calling for an end to auto racing (spitting into the wind…I know). What stopped me from following through on this pointless assertion was the response of a "gear head" in my acquaintance. "Well then you'd just have to do away with hockey and football too," he said.

I scoffed at first, pointing to the

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Sheerin carries pride of two towns

Cohasset gymnast will have the support of Norwell teammates at states

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The Norwell-Cohasset gymnastic team will be sending one gymnast to the state championship tournament on March 10, but she will have plenty of company.

Kristin Sheerin, of Cohasset, will be competing in the all-around at the Lincoln-Sudbury event and it's only fitting she will have her teammates all around her.

"The entire team is going down for support and to cheer her on to victory," said coach Kara Connerty, "all 13 of them."

This will be Kristin's second trip to the state championship event. Last year, as a sophomore, she finished sixth in the event.

This year, Kristin will carry a 35.4 average into the tournament. A 40 average is perfect.

This year she has already won the Pilgrim Conference II league all-around championship.

To go along with that, she has broken all the school records: vault, bars, beam and all around. According to coach Connerty, the beam is Kristin's strong event.

A total of 20 girls will be competing in the all-around, 10 from the south and 10 from the north. The selection from each section is made on a percentage basis and Kristin was a third seed.

"Kristin will have plenty of good competition at the meet," said Kara.

"There are a lot of very good gymnasts from the northern section. All 20 girls have to be very good. They have to qualify for each event, which in itself is quite an achievement.

"Kara's sixth place finish in the tournament last year was quite an achievement. Obviously, she feels she can do better, and she will certainly have plenty of support there to cheer her on."

According to the coach, the upcoming tournament is the big one. After the state tournament, there are no more gymnastic tournaments, such as track which goes on to the All-State and then the New Englands.

Jacobucci takes first in 100 meter race

But has to 'settle' for being the state's third fastest 50-meter swimmer

By Mike Spellman
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The discouragement in her voice following Sunday's state championships was unmistakable. Alas, Garet Jacobucci had to settle for just one state crown.

The Scituate High senior took first overall in the 100-meter freestyle at Sunday's statewide meet at Northeastern University, along with a third in the 50-meter. As incomprehensible as it might seem, she was far from thrilled with her performance.

"I just didn't swim my best times, so I'm a little disappointed from that perspective," said Jacobucci, who will swim next year for the Emory University team, widely considered one of the nation's premier collegiate programs.. "I'm happy with the gold and the bronze medals, though, because I swam against good competition."

In the 50, Garet was chasing Weston's Caroline Curtis and Lincoln-Sudbury's Jenna Shoemaker right off the block, which was all the edge these two seasoned swimmers needed. Curtis touched the wall first at 25.29 seconds; Shoemaker second at 25.39, followed by Jacobucci at 25.47, creating a margin of just 18/100ths of a second between first and third place.

What irked Garet perhaps even more than the third place finish was the fact that she expected to get much closer to her top time for the season (24.91) against this elite competition.

"I've generally performed better against the better swimmers," said Garet, twhose best time came in a second-place finish to a top Duxbury male swimmer. "But it just didn't happen today."

Garet also finished well off her season-best 53.69 in the 100, but her time of 54.83 was still good enough to edge Curtis at the wire by a mere .06 seconds. The Weston swimmer again took an early lead in this race, but Garet was able to close the gap over the last 25 yards or so to reach the wall a blink faster.



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Fortunately, star Scituate swimmer Garet Jacobucci doesn't really have her head in the clouds.

"I really thought (Curtis) had it," confided Jacobucci, who swam in the lane adjacent to the Weston swimmer. "I think I was just a little stronger down the stretch, and that made the difference."

Despite being stronger down the stretch, Garet did not feel she was in her best shape entering the meet. Between swimming for the Scituate/Cohasset high school team and getting ready for the U.S. Sectional Swim Meet in two weeks with her club team the Gators, who train out of Bentley College in Waltham, she does not feel she had the time to properly "taper off" her training for these events.

"It's been a little crazy, but the other girls who swam Sunday might have the same kinds of problems," she said.

Even though a better regimen might have meant the difference between winning and finishing third in the 50, Jacobucci made it clear that in no way does she regret swimming for the first-year Scituate/Cohasset squad under head coach Jamie Kearney.

Swimming for the school team has enabled her to log several more official times than she could have otherwise — an important achievement because minimum times must be set in order to qualify for the Sectionals, which are being held March 8-11 in Long Island, New York. She's already qualified for the 50- and 100-meter races, and hopes to qualify for the 100-meter breaststroke in the next two weeks, perhaps at the Age Group Championships this weekend at Wheaton College.

Even beyond that, though, it sounds as if being a part of this school swim team is not something Jacobucci would have wanted to miss for all the top times in the world.

"I've had a blast swimming with these guys this year," she said. "Sometimes the people I swim with can take this too seriously, but getting to swim with this team and all the kids who just liked being there for the fun of it was great."

Do we have a right to slam NASCAR?

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fact that there have now in the last year been four accidental deaths on the professional NASCAR circuit, allegedly the safest of them all, whereas there had been no game related deaths in hockey and football on the professional level for as far back as I can recall.

Given time to reflect, however, several recent hockey tragedies came to mind: the severing of goalie Clint Malarchuk's jugular in an NHL game, ex-Bruin Trent McLeary nearly suffocating when his windpipe was crushed by a slapshot, the paralysis of local collegiate players John Gilpatrick (of Hanover) and Travis Roy (of B.C and Maine), the death of a local high school player a few years back after a check sent his heart into spasm.

Talk about anathema, the thought of doing away with hockey or even dramatically altering the way it's played because of these incidents is inconceivable to me.

As painful as it is to admit, in the final analysis, I must concede that there is enough of a parallel between some of the sports I love and auto racing to force me to modify my initial shoot-from-the-hip impulse.

The bottom line is that many of the sports we all enjoy do come with associated risks. As fans, it is up to us to lobby for the adoption of safer measures. Nascar fans are following this path, crying now for softer walls and better safety restraints in the vehicles.

Given that, I personally don't think it's fair to say much more about the sport than I already have.

Cohasset Skippers sink Warriors

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This is when Cohasset's veteran leadership stepped up, just as Coach Ford predicted would be the case if the game was close. Senior captain TJ Bilodeau got it started, sticking a trey from a few feet behind the arc to ignite the enormous home crowd and, more importantly, gave Cohasset its first lead of the half with 3:02 left in regulation.

Bilodeau was not even expected to play until yesterday due to an ankle injury he suffered last week. But the senior showed what it meant to play in the tournament, dumping in 15 points to go along with three rebounds with three boards. He also proved what a clutch performer he was by draining all four of his free throws.

After this huge three pointer, Cohasset proceeded to hold Foxboro to a single free throw the rest of the way, eating the clock on every possession.

"Defensively, our kids really dug in at the end," lauded Ford.

Junior point guard Matt Bilodeau (TJ's brother) was instrumental in keeping the tempo of the game to Cohasset's liking, meticulously running the offense and surrendering few turnovers.

Ford predicted this would be the case last Sunday, saying, "If we dictate the pace, we will do all right."

The younger Bilodeau finished with 16 points on 6-of-7 shooting from the floor, along with a dazzling "and-1" play that brought the Skippers to within one late in the game.

The 11th seeded Skippers (14-7) now hope that the third time will be the charm against South Shore League rival Abington. The sixth seeded Green Wave (17-5) beat Cohasset in both regular season meetings, and will now host them for a third go round on Saturday (7 p.m. tip).

The winner in this game will go on to face the victor of Wednesday's match-up between 14th seeded Martha's Vineyard and number three seed Rockland in the quarterfinals (time and place to be announced).



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Matt Bilodeau (15) fires up a jumper for two of his team high 16 points in Tuesday first round win over Foxboro.

SPORTS NOTES

21st annual Snow Row

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents its 21st annual Snow Row, Saturday, March 3, at the Windmill Point Boathouse, Hull Gut. The race will start at 12:30 p.m. (coxswain's meeting 11:45 a.m.) The fees for rowers are $15 members, $20 non-members, spectators free.

Crowds will gather on the beach beside the museum's Windmill Point Boathouse to experience the wild start, unpredictable weather, and assembled mob of boats and athletes. The museum's signature race, the Snow Row covers a 33/4-mile triangular course starting off the beach at Windmill Point, LeMans style, and continuing around Sheep Island, past the Peddocks Island day marker and back to shore. The event is entirely within view of the boathouse. It is a rare opportunity to see, up close, the array of wooden pulling boats on the beach and in action — peapods, dories, wherries, whitehalls, ocean shells, kayaks, pilot gigs, captain's gigs and Irish curraghs.

The race has five boat categories: workboats, livery boats, coxed boats, ocean kayaks and ocean shells. A few notes to all race participants: 1. all racers must be members of the HLMI Rowing Association; 2. all boats must carry PFDs, bailers and whistles; 3. all coxed boats must begin the race bow on the beach; and 4. the HLMI Race Committee reserves the right to cancel the race or keep individual boats from setting forth due to weather conditions or rower skill level.

After watching the excitement of the Snow Row's one-of-a-kind start, warm up inside the boathouse with a cup of hot coffee or cocoa. A mile from the boathouse, the museum will be open throughout the day with free admission, and on display, the new small craft exhibit. For more information about the Snow Row call Ed McCabe at the museum, (781) 925-5433.

MacQuarrie, Sandell earn varsity letters

Cohasset's Brett MacQuarrie and Morgan Sandell were recently awarded their varsity soccer letters from Trinity College.

The Bantams finished the season with a 5-6-3 record, 2-6-1 in the NESCAC, and scored a total of 14 goals.

Sandell, , a sophomore, led the team in scoring with five goals and one assist, playing in all 14 games. This gave him 14 goals and seven assists to date in his collegiate career.

MacQuarrie, a senior, also played in all 14 games and finished third on the team in scoring with two goals and an assist. He finished his career at Trinity with 14 goals and five assists in 57 games

Hockey sign-ups

The Coastal Stars Youth hockey program for Cohasset and Marshfield will hold sign-ups on Sunday, March 11, from 1-5 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center in Cohasset and at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, in Marshfield on Sunday, March 25 from 1:15-5 p.m..

Little League sign-up

Registration for the 2001 Little League Baseball and Softball Season will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cohasset Middle High School. All players (including players who are already on a Major League team) must sign up.

In addition to completing a registration form and paying the registration fee, parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate if one has not previously been supplied. Registration is open to all children who will be at least five years old by August 1, 2001.

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Learning how not to grow up

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country. This is the first all-child production the club has tackled in about five years. Di Giacomandrea says one of the club members heard about the show through a theater news group on the Internet. The club got a copy of the script and loved it.

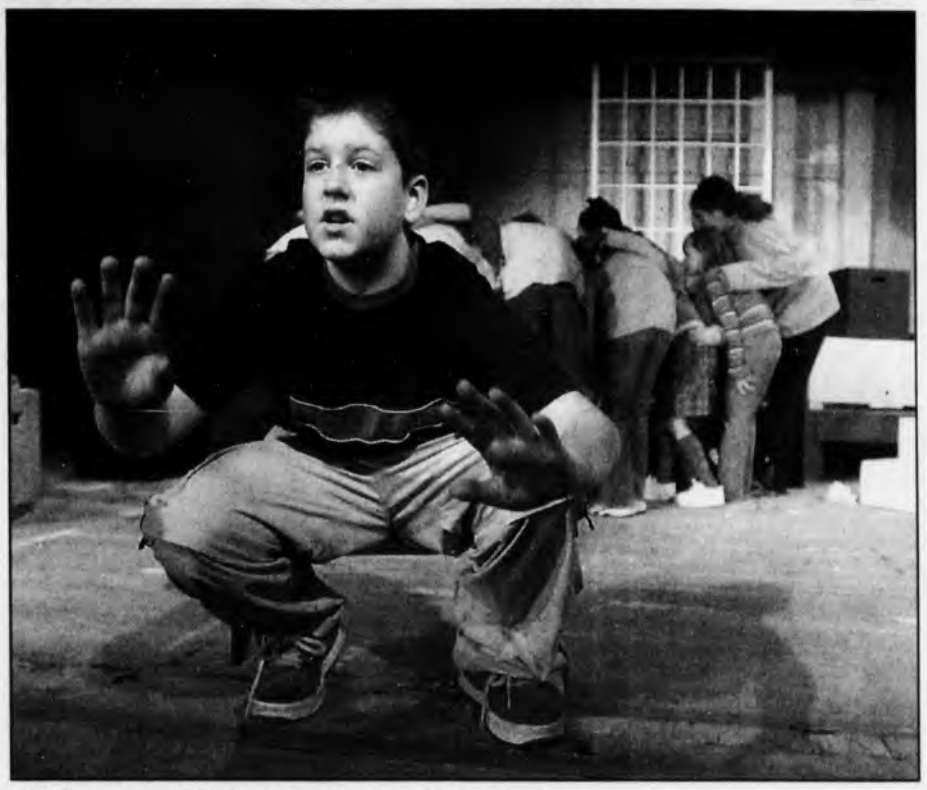
The opening number about hating turnips and how not to let vegetables defeat you — including the age-old trick of depositing a vegetable in your dinner napkin — gets the show off to a perfectly hilarious start, Di Giacomandrea says.

There will be nine shows on weekends from March 2-17. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with matinees Sunday at 2 p.m. Immediately following the Sunday, March 4 performance, there is an "after-glow" reception for the cast, family members and friends.

There is no performance on Sunday, March 18 because the club has a float in Scituate's St. Patrick's Day Parade, in which members will be promoting their next show, "Bye, Bye Birdie."

"The kids are wonderful," Di Giacomandrea says. "Watching them rehearse is a refreshing and welcome break from any hectic day. You can't help but smile and laugh, they are all so precious."

The cast features Katy Baker, Ryan Connors, Rebecca Dickenson, Josh and Jessica Dupre, Polly and Wis Murray, Adam Yeager, and Clair McCarthy, all of Cohasset; Corie Bulman, Genevieve and Rick Chason, Leah Curran, Emma Freeman, Geoff Gordon, Alex Huntington, James Nolan, Nick and Marina Pedini, Declan Powers and Ian Wilder of Scituate; Catherine Wilson and Marissa Yourell of Marshfield; and Jessica Widdicome of Quincy.



Josh Dupre is one of the show's stars along with his sister Jessica.

Tickets for "How to Eat Like a Child and Other Lessons on How Not to be a Grownup" are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 383-1718. Girl Scout troops will receive $2 off each ticket purchased for opening weekend. Call Dawn Rota at 545-3195 to reserve seats.

IT'S HAPPENING

Annual Egg hunt

Cohasset Recreation Commission annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 7 at the Deer Hill School at 12 noon sharp.

Ages 3 to 11. The Easter Bunny arrives via Cohasset fire truck.

Rain Date: Saturday, April 14, same time - same place.

Teen garage hours

Teen Garage (grades six and over) will be open for use as follows:

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Quilt show benefit

The Second Congregational on Cohasset Common will sponsor its eighth annual quilt show and luncheon on Saturday, March 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The $10 donation includes a gourmet lunch and viewing of the more than 50 quilts. Advanced purchase of tickets is recommended as seating is limited. Call the church office at 781-383-0345 to make reservations. If you have a quilt you would like displayed, call Carol Sandblom at 781-383-1812. The event is a fundraiser for pediatric AIDS.

Annual kitchen tour is April 16

The South Shore Community Center holds its fifth annual kitchen tour April 6.

Each of this year's five kitchens reflects the many options available to homeowners when planning or decorating a kitchen and each is housed in different homes.

Tickets will go on sale March 1 for $25 each and may be purchased at the center or by calling 781-383-0088. Ticket sales are limited so early purchase is recommended.

Funds from Kitchen Tour 2001 will be used to promote the programs of the South Shore Community Center. The center, located at 3 North Main St., is a non-profit organization founded nearly 60 years ago. It is dedicated to a wide-range of educational and enrichment programs for infants to seniors.

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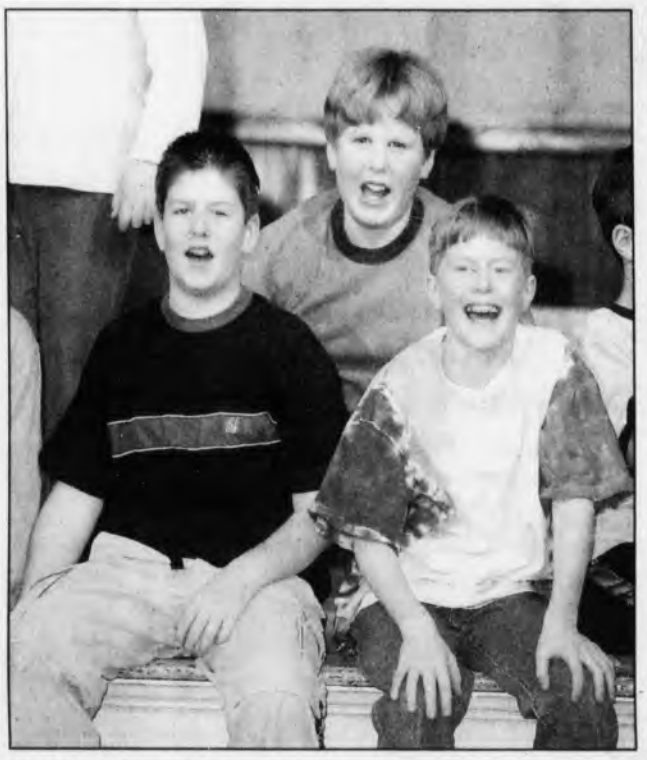
Marina Pedini and James Nolan introduce the show.



Ian Wilder chews on a carrot. Through skits or lessons, the musical revue teaches how not to grow up including how not to eat your vegetables.



Emma Freeman strikes a pose during the Cohasset Dramatic Club musical.



Josh Dupre, Geoff Gordon and Ryan Connors show why it's great to be a kid.



Adam Yeager starts the cameras rolling.

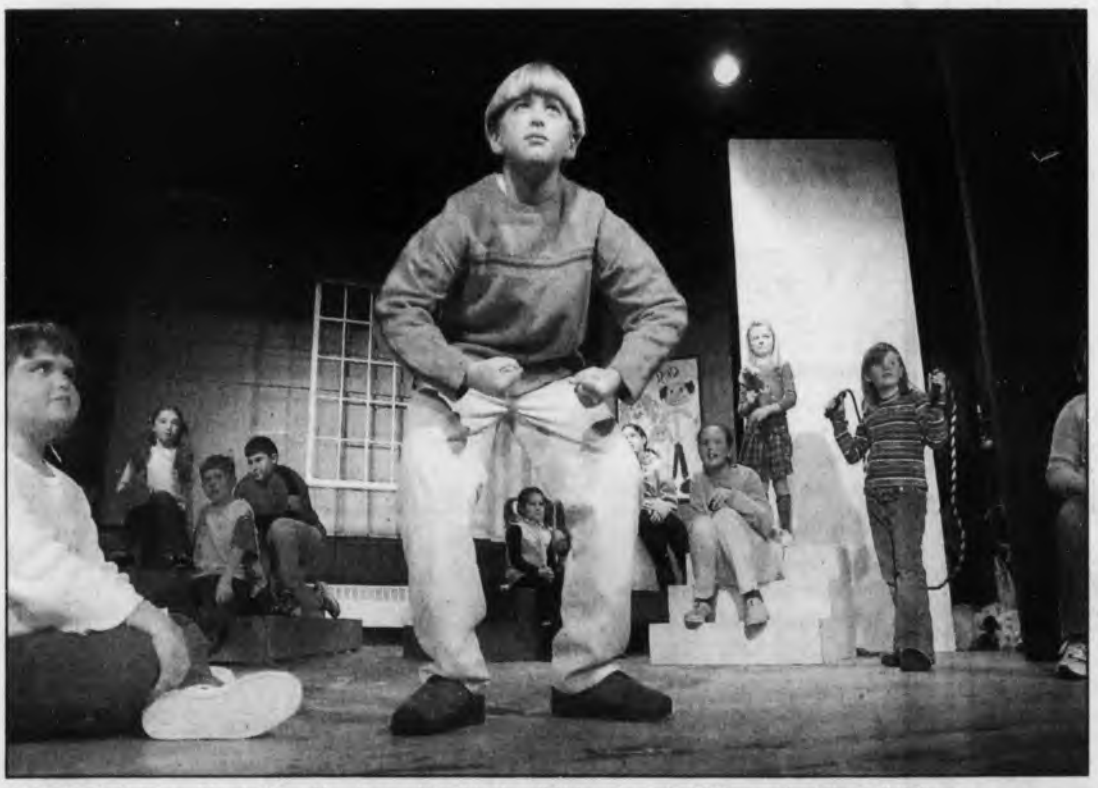


Wiz Murray asks "Is Your Refrigerator Running?"

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Alex Huntington holds a bouquet in one of the show's numbers.



Nicholas Pedini sings "Look Mom, How Strong I Am" in the all-kid production of "How to Eat Like a Child" on stage at Cohasset Town Hall.

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Fine dining is just around the corner

Restaurateurs toast area as culinary hot spot

By Seth Jacobson
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You don't have to drive to Boston for a night of elegant dining. Fine cuisine is rapidly becoming a staple of the South Shore, according to a number of local chefs and restaurant owners alike.

"Ten years ago, there weren't many restaurants to choose from around here," said Joe Campbell, director of operations for Atlantica, a fine-dining establishment in Cohasset. "But now, it's a wide open market. In the last four years, people have been really raising the bar in terms of food. It's still not Boston, but it's improving."

Campbell said one of the reasons he thinks the food scene on the South Shore is improving is because people's palates are becoming more sophisticated—and in turn, so are the culinary creations of given chefs.

The options are endless—try a chilled split lobster served with garlic cream sauce and tomato remoulade from Atlantica. At Riva, a new Scituate Harbor restaurant, diners can enjoy a grilled Red Oak Farm New York Sirloin basted with roasted garlic and red-wine butter. Like Italian? You can enjoy an authentic Neapolitan meal at Trattoria San Pietro in Norwell, or head over to Pembroke to sample the "eclectic" menu at Boca.

"I think the South Shore food scene is definitely up and coming," said Atlantica chef Erik Stenfors. "People seem to be getting back to the roots of New England-style cooking with things like lobster, and a lot of other sea foods. Striped bass is making a huge comeback."

Living in restaurants

"Seafood is big again because people are thinking of the health factors that come with it," Campbell added. "Plus, seafood handling is a lot better these days. Around here, you know you're going to get a fresh piece of fish."

Stenfors said another up and coming culinary trend seems to be the use of exotic types of mushrooms like black trumpets and shittakes.

"To me, the in-thing around the South Shore seems to be Italian restaurants," said Mike Burke, the chef and co-owner of Riva. "People just seem to be leaning that way."

Burke described Riva's menu as "authentic Italian cooking."

Burke said one of his favorite ingredients these days are called Sunchokes, which look like ginger roots, but do not taste like them. He added he's also been cooking with foods like dried fruits in the form of sun-dried cherries and sun-dried cranberries.

Like Stenfors and Campbell, Burke agrees the South Shore is becoming a dining draw for local residents and even out-of-towners.

"People are attracted to this area because it's right on the ocean, and it's out of the city," Burke said. "A lot of the restaurants here get the fish right from the fishermen. But people just want good quality food, and we're starting to see more and more of that around (the South Shore). People who live here know good quality when they see it. If you give people good quality meals, good portions, and good service, I don't think you can go wrong."

"I think people who dine out on the South Shore are looking for a very straightforward approach nowadays," said Mike's brother Derek Burke, who also works at Riva. "People want consistency—they want to know what they're going to get."



Riva chef/co-owner Mike Burke says Italian restaurants and those offering fresh seafood are big on the South Shore.

And the quality of what they're getting locally is a big reason folks are dining locally, said Boca owner Carol Zaremba.

"I think people on the South Shore are more into food than they ever were before," said Zaremba, "I still love going into Boston to eat once in a while, but I do think the South Shore is getting there in terms of having good restaurants in the area."

Zaremba said like others in the business, she is seeing a trend of people eating more seafood. However, she said at her establishment, pasta and various meat-dishes are still frequently requested.

"We go through fish like you wouldn't believe," Zaremba added.

Vincenzo Nocero, owner of Trattoria San Pietro, said his restaurant offers traditional, central-Italian cooking. Like other chefs and restaurant owners, Nocero believes people want certain things from their given dining experiences.

"It takes consistency to be successful here," Nocero said. "You can't make a good steak today and then make a bad steak tomorrow. You can't fool the people. They're well-educated when it comes to food. To survive here is tough, so you have to do the right things."

One of the things Nocero features at his restaurant is the fact that he gets all of his wines and his pasta imported directly from Italy.

"There are some good quality restaurants around here," Zaremba said, "and the future certainly looks very promising. A lot of people still go to Boston when they want dinner, but what people forget is that there are also a lot of people coming from Boston to eat on the South Shore."

"Ten years ago, there weren't many restaurants to choose from around here. In the last four years, people have been really raising the bar in terms of food."
Joe Campbell,
Atlantica operations director

"It's becoming a challenging market," Stenfors said. "The biggest thing chefs are going to have to do is change with the times. Chefs and restaurant owners need to listen to the public—and if people are not coming in, you have to ask yourself why."

"My opinion is the scene's going to boom within a couple of years," Mike Burke said. "It's bound to be a very successful area."

"It's only going to get better," Campbell said. "There's been a market down here that's been neglected for a while, but now it's starting to get hot. The restaurants that pay attention to details and listen to the public will prosper, and the ones who can't deliver will get shaken out."



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A walnut bourbon pumpkin torte with caramel mast at Atlantica in Cohasset. Atlantica is one of a growing number of fine restaurants thriving on the South Shore.

Match maker

Marshfield wrestler helps pin down youth program

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This continues our on-going campaign to recognize local teens who give back to their communities. Watch for a new Spirit of Community feature each month in Living. We welcome your nominations. Please see our ballot inside.

Barry Wilson is serious about wrestling, but his dedication to the sport does not get in the way of his giving back to his community.

Wilson, 18, of Marshfield, just won his third consecutive state championship in his division. He has been wrestling since the fourth grade, and has been an active member of the Marshfield High School team for the past four years.

Spirit of Community

When he's not on the mat, Wilson is an active member of his church — St. Thecla's in Pembroke — and is always striving to be active with the youth population in his town.

In January, Wilson and Marshfield gym-owner Roger Whidden founded a new youth wrestling program a venture that inspired Whidden to nominate Wilson for the Spirit of Community award.

"Barry is not just an athlete," Whidden said, "he's just a very well-rounded person. His overall demeanor is excellent, and he's a great role model for young kids."

Wilson comes from along line of wrestlers—four of his uncles on his mother's side took part in the sport. So did his father. Wilson started wrestling when he was young, but that was only because he was willing to commute to a wrestling class in Wellesley.

"That really helped me develop some skills," Wilson said. "Starting earlier was definitely a good idea." And Wilson has three state championships under his belt to prove it.

But for local kids getting into the sport early isn't easy, because there is no youth program in the area. Eighth grade is the earliest wrestling is offered at most South Shore schools.

When Wilson found out Whidden, owner of Whidden's School of Fitness in Marshfield, was trying to start up a youth wrestling program this winter, he jumped at the chance to get involved.

"I started realizing that there really weren't any wrestling programs for kids in grade one and up," Whidden said. "But I knew I couldn't start up a youth program on my own." Whidden said he called Marshfield High wrestling coach John Kenney and told him he could use some help.

"Immediately, (Wilson) came down," Whidden said. "He said he would be willing to give up his Saturdays to do this. He grabbed about eight other friends of his and he ran the youth program in the (wrestling) pre-season. All the kids had a lot of respect for him."

"I plan on doing it again," Wilson said of the youth program. "Not only does it help the kids, but it also helps me brush up my skills. But all in all, you're there for the kids. I had a lot of people helping me when I was young, so for me, this is a giving back kind of thing."

Wilson said he believes wrestling gives younger kids some basic lessons in life.

"Wrestling encourages a base of morals," Wilson said. "It teaches about discipline, conditioning, and taking care of yourself. There are also rules in wrestling. It's an organized fight, so it teaches kids to respect those rules. You also learn a lot about controlling yourself and your own actions when you're on the mat. I've also gained quite a few friendships with the kids. It's cool just to be there for them, and it's even cooler to see them experience success."

Whidden gives Wilson a lot of the credit for making the youth program a success.

"(Wilson) was really the guy that went for it and made it happen. Now, when the younger kids see him, they just surround him. When I took some of those kids to see (Wilson) in his matches, they would all be like 'Hey, there's Barry!'"

After graduating from high school this year, Wilson said he plans to stay involved with youth wrestling as much as possible.

"I'm extremely proud of him being recognized," said Barry's mother, Mary. "It's great he's promoting his sport and sharing his knowledge with the younger generation."

He's a good role model, he's involved with his church, he has a terrific sport, and he has a good amount of school spirit," said Barry's father, Gerry. "There's no telling how much he will achieve in his life."

"He's totally committed to whatever he's doing," said Marshfield High School principal Peter Deftos. "I have nothing but great things to say about him."

"Nobody works harder or longer at improving himself," said assistant wrestling coach John Putnam, who has been with the program for 29 years. "He is the most dedicated individual that we've ever had in the wrestling program."

To contact Whidden's School of Fitness (822 Webster St., Marshfield) about the youth wrestling program call (781) 834-9161.



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Barry Wilson is February's Spirit of Community winner. The Marshfield High School senior has been wrestling since the fourth grade and helped develop a youth wrestling program at Whidden's School of Fitness.

Food & dining

Steak and pan sauce

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Most of us think of steaks and grilling as inseparable yet a quick (10-minute) skillet steak is one of life's great pleasures since it requires no preheated grill and can be done in the middle of a snowstorm. Although cooking the steak itself is not too difficult, the pan sauce is what transforms this dish from everyday steak to a Saturday night dinner, the perfect marriage of meat and sauce leading to a luxurious, extraordinary main course.

First, the steak itself. Much testing has led me to select either ribeye or boneless strip steaks since they have the most flavor and are quite juicy. (Ribeye steaks are also boneless; if they include the bone, they are called rib steaks.) One-inch thick steaks are the most common supermarket size and a heavy-duty preheated skillet is a must. The steak is seasoned liberally with salt and pepper, slapped in the hot greased pan, cooked for 5 minutes, turned, and then cooked another 5 minutes or so for a medium-rare steak. The meat is now removed from the pan and the sauce is made.



A classic French pan sauce has four main ingredients: shallot or onion, wine or stock, herbs, and butter to finish. Of course, there are easier, more pedestrian approaches such as a simple combination of Worcestershire sauce, water, and butter, but for a good ribeye and with only a few minutes of work, I wanted more complex flavors. I preferred shallot over onion for the improved flavor and after it had been softened, I tried a variety of liquids. Chicken stock was wan and incapable of standing up to the beef, red wine was good but a bit lackluster in terms of taste, Marsala was too sweet, but sherry was just right.

Next, I tried adding vinegar but it was a poor match with the sherry as were capers and green peppercorns. To add some bite to the sauce, I preferred a combination of mustard and lemon juice. For the herbs, I preferred thyme and parsley although you can experiment with what0s on hand. (Tarragon is one of my favorite herbs with steak.) To finish the sauce, I added some anchovy fillets at the beginning of cooking so that they would dissolve and add a bit great idea and adds a bit of luxury and smoothness. (Four tablespoons of cold butter are whisked into the sauce just before serving, one tablespoon at a time.)

STEAKS WITH SHERRY SHALLOT PAN SAUCE

This recipe serves two and both steaks can be prepared in the skillet at the same time. For four people, increase the pan size, increase the cooking times a bit (the meat will cook more slowly), but you can leave the ingredients for the sauce the same – there will be enough for all.

For the steaks
2 ribeye or boneless strip steaks, 1 inch thick, about 8 to 10 ounces each
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

For the sauce
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/4 cup finely chopped shallot, about 1 large
1 1/4 cups dry sherry
4 anchovy fillets, coarsely chopped
1 teaspoon mustard
1 tablespoon thyme, finely chopped
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon flat leaf parsley, finely chopped
4 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into tablespoon-sized pieces
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Season the steaks liberally with salt and pepper. Set a large heavy-duty skillet over high heat. When hot add the oil, swirl to coat the bottom of the pan, and then add the steaks and stand back - they will splatter. Cook for 5 minutes and turn. Cook on second side for 4 minutes for rare, 5 minutes for medium rare and 6 minutes for medium. (Check starting at 4 minutes. The steaks will continue to cook as they rest.) Remove steaks from skillet and keep warm in a low oven or tented with foil.

2. Pour off any fat from the skillet and lower to medium-high heat. Add the vegetable oil and then the shallot. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until it has softened but not browned. Add the sherry and anchovy. With a wooden spoon or heatproof spatula, scrape the brown bits from the bottom of the pan. Boil until the sherry is reduced by about half and syrupy about 5 minutes. Add the mustard and thyme and cook for an additional 2 minutes. Off heat add the lemon juice and parsley and whisk in the cold butter one tablespoon at a time. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve over the steaks at once.

Selecting plants for a woodland garden

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Leaving our most recent snowfall behind, I gratefully escaped southward for a brief weekend visit to the beautiful state of Virginia where the magic of springtime was in the air. A profusion of pansies appeared around every corner, their smiling, multicolored faces cheerfully raised to greet the warm sunshine. Splashes of brilliant yellow daffodils dotted lawns and woodlands. Many of the trees and shrubs were beginning to unfurl tiny, tender green leaves, a dramatic contrast to the elegant backdrop of handsome hollies and magnificent, statuesque magnolias. Spring is coming our way.

As the wintry days of February slip away and March comes roaring in, we venture forth into our landscapes to begin the process of spring cleaning our lawns and gardens. Winter storms have scattered debris throughout our yards. As we clip, rake, and haul, thoughts turn to creating new borders, planting ornamental trees and shrubs, or renovating tired, overgrown plantings.

Shady, wooded properties often pose the greatest challenge for developing new gardens. Low light and competitive root systems limit the choices for suitable plants, particularly those which produce flowers. The key to success is to analyze your existing conditions and to modify your site to expand your growing opportunities. Observe and identify the plants which currently grow on your property. If necessary, take leaves and cuttings to your local nursery. The types of plants which presently thrive will tell you a great deal about your growing environment. Many of these may be desirable specimens which may only require a little pruning. Leaf litter and decaying logs are a source of organic matter and an ideal mulch and should be allowed to remain reasonably intact. Dense shade cast by closely growing evergreens or root competition from mature maples and beeches may prove insurmountable obstacles. Older trees which have lost their lower branches, creating an overhead canopy, beneath which understory plants have become established, present the ideal location for creating a woodland garden.

Take a stroll through Garden in the Woods in Framingham or a local woodland garden in springtime to observe Mother Nature's handiwork. Notice that many of the plants in wild places grow in clusters or colonies. A naturalistic garden should take its cues from nature but does not necessarily have to be composed of all native plants although these plantings usually reduce the need for maintenance. An informal layout with winding paths of wood chips, mulch or pine needles which includes both native and introduced plants, trees and shrubs can give rise to a peaceful, cool retreat throughout the growing season.

The list of plants which will adapt to a woodland garden is remarkably diverse. Small trees and shrubs which night be considered include dogwood (cornus florida, C. mas, C. kousa),redbud (cercis canadensis), witch hazel (hamamelis), hollies(nex), mountain laurel (kalmia), leucothoe, viburnum, Oregon holly (mahonia),azalea and rhododendron. For moist shade, try red and yellow twig dogwood, sweet pepper bush (clethra),blueberry (vaccinium), serviceberry (amelanchier) and winterberry (ilex verticillata).

The month of May tends to be peak bloom season in our local woodlands as many woodland flora bloom in spring, before the trees have fully leafed out, to take advantage of the sun's light and warmth. Lady slippers, trillium, trollius, Virginia bluebells, lungworts, Solomon's seal, primroses, hellebores and jack-in-the-pulpit are in their glory. Spring-flowering bulbs make attractive companions to these woodland wildflowers. The best for naturalizing under deciduous trees include scillas, snowdrops, daffodils, crocuses, chionodoxa, fritillarias, and grape hyacinths.

There are a numerous groundcovers, both deciduous and evergreen, suitable for naturalistic settings including lady's mantle (alchemilla), gingers (asarum), epimediums, foamflower (tiarella), golden star (chrysogonum), wintergreen (gaultheria), sweet woodruff (galium), phlox stolonifera, lamium, and leadwort (ceratostigma).

As the season progresses, foliage color and texture play expanding roles in the shady garden. The fiddleheads of aristocratic ferns gradually unfurl to reveal their lacy fronds as the spring progresses, adding textural contrast to the broad leaves of blue, gold, green and variegated hostas which are premier performers in all types of shady sites. astilbes, goatsbeard (aruncus),and bugbane (cimicifuga) offer feathery flowers and exquisite, divided leaves. Bleeding hearts (dicentra), corydalis and columbines (aquilegia) provide equally charming blossoms and foliage diversity. Drifts or mass-plantings of bulbs, ferns, hostas, astilbes and groundcovers intermingled with strategically placed shrubs and trees will give the best effect.

The importance of determining your particular site's light and soil conditions cannot be overemphasized. Prune branches to let in additional light, amend the existing soil with organic matter to promote drainage and improve water retention, select plants appropriate to the existing soil and light conditions and focus on foliage.

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SIXTH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND AUCTION to benefit the students of Cardinal Cushing Centers at Braintree and Hanover. Held March 10 from 7 p.m. - midnight at the Sons of Italy, 75 Market Street in Rockland. Tickets are $30 each and include a choice of a traditionally prepared Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner or roast chicken, plus a chance to win the door prize - a luxury weekend for two in Boston. The event will feature entertainment and dancing to the music of The O'Reilly's. Tickets for the dinner and auction are available by calling Abington Savings Bank at (781)982-3644.

"THE CRUCIBLE" will be presented by the Communication Art Department of Eastern Nazarene College on March 15 - 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $7 and can be ordered by calling the box office at (617)745-3715 or by sending a check to Eastern Nazarene College, Dept. of Communication Arts, 23 East Elm Ave., Quincy, MA 02170.

LES MISERABLES at the Colonial Theatre opening April 11 and running through May 20. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Midweek matinee on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices are $25 - $75. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617)931-2787 or directly through The Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Street and the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street. For more information call the Colonial Theatre at (617)426-9366.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. The Tender Land, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508)427-1234.

NONNA'S COMEDY CRUISE TO NOWHERE!! is coming to the South Shore . This dinner/theatre is an expensive option (approx. $40) for having a great meal and see/take part in a show all at one location coming in January. For more information call (781)933-1363.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners. plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781)383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781)383-1980.

LANDSCAPE TALK with Ben Gary, prominent Boston landscape architect and designer of the Abigail Adams State Park in North Weymouth on Hingham Bay, will discuss his design for the parks uses and landscaping at 7:30 p.m., March 14. The meeting, at The Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham, and sponsored jointly by The Garden Club of Hingham and the Neighborhood Garden Club of Hingham, is open to the public, free of charge.

"EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES" a family musical comedy is coming to Marshfield on March 16 and 17 at the Furnace Brook Middle School at 7:30 p.m. Performed by the Family Performing Arts Center, this is a hilarious musical version of the famous fairy tale.



The Art Complex Museum will offer the first concert in its yearly series by Violinist Andrew Kohji Taylor who has developed an international reputation for captivating audiences with his luminous tone and technical prowess. The concert will be held Sunday, March 4 at 4 p.m. and is free. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Peter Keane and Cheryl Hoenemeyer at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Route 106 in Kingston. Tickets are $10 for members and $12 for non members. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

"Trading Places" an award winning Irish photographer shoots New England and an award winning New England photographer shoots Ireland. Photographs of N.E. by Dermot Conlan of Marshfield, a native of Co. Kildare, Ireland and of Ireland by Judith Enright of Norwell, a native of New England. Held at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. (781)659-2559 through April 30. Mon. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to an opening reception on March 11 at the Science Center from 2 - 4 p.m. Refreshments and live Irish music.

The High School Art Show at the Helen Bumpus Gallery through April 1. There will be an artists reception with the Duxbury Brass performing on March 21 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Located at 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. Hours are Mon. – Thurs. from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and sun. from 1 – 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

"Other Lands, Other Shores: Watercolor Impressions of Italy, Iceland and Greenland" by Joanne Chittick will be on view at the James Library and the Center for the Art in Norwell Center from March 2 - April 5. An opening reception for the public will be held on March 2 from 7 - 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (781) 659-7200.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents The Musical Revue, "How to Eat Like A Child" at the Cohasset Town Hall on March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17. Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, by phone or at the door.

"Lost in Space" actor Mark Goddard will venture back out into the Solar System in Bridgewater State College Children's Theatre Production of 3001: The Odyssey in Space. Performances are March 2 at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., March 3 and 4 at 2:30 p.m., March 5 and 6 at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and March 7 at 9:30 a.m. All performances are in Bridgewater State College Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium. Tickets are $5 general admission and $3 for groups of ten or more. For more information or ticket reservations call (508) 531-1321.



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Fri. 2

"Dame Edna: The Royal Tour" presented by Broadway in Boston has extended their engagement through March 18. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m. Thurs. matinees at 2 p.m. Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. Tickets range from $65 - $25 and are available through Ticketmaster (617) 931-2787. For all other information contact the Wilbur Theater at (617) 426-7491 located at 246 Tremont Street in Boston.

Buckley Performing Arts Center presents "An Evening with Dorothy Parker - Laughter and Hope and a Sock in the Eye" starring Elizabeth Morrell. Held at the Little Theater, Massasoit Community College, Route 27, Brockton at 8 p.m. Free admission. For more information call (508)427-1234.

Sat. 3

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse in Central Square on the common in Bridgewater every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Open mike. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. 'Sou MacMillan'. For more information call Valerie Lawson at (508)833-3100 or The Daily Grind at (508) 279-9952.

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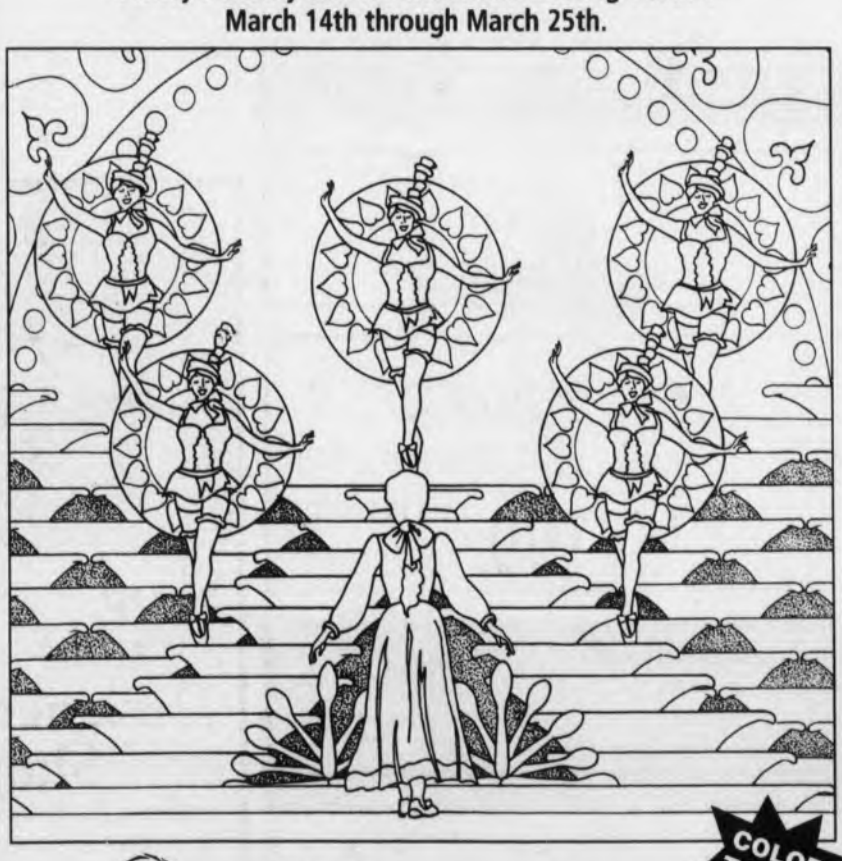
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Tenth Annual Walk For Hospice Set For March 3 with a dedicated group of volunteers sponsored by South Shore Hospital. On March 3 from 7 - 10 a.m. the annual walk steps off inside South Shore Plaza in Braintree. To be a part of this event you can: Volunteer to distribute promotional materials in your community; Walk with your family and friends,; Ask your school, religious organization or employer to support the walk; Make an individual or corporate donation. Call Kelly Greech at South Shore Health and Educational Foundation at (781)340-4061 for more information.

Hockomock Association's 29th Spring Antiques Show and Sale at the West Bridgewater High School on March 3 - 4 features 51 dealers. Route 106, 1 mile east of Route 24. March 3 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and March 4 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission $3.50. Early buyers on Sat. from 10 - 11 a.m. Admission $10. For more information call Sue Hartman (508)378-7388.

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Hingham Symphony presents the Borromeo String Quartet at 8 p.m. as a special performance in the Chamber Music series. Tickets are available at the Hingham Public Library, at Noble's in Hingham Square, Cards and Shards in Cohasset or by calling (781) 740-5694. $15 for adults, $10 age 18 and under.

Sun. 4

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with hilly terrain for 4.5 miles and walk on Old Route 128 to Beech Hollow and Doe Hollow. Return via green dot trail. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main lot on Hillside Street in Milton. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617)698-1802.

Buttonwood Books & Toys presents Dennis Lehane who will speak and sign in the Cohasset store at 2 p.m. "Mystic River" (William Morrow $25) is Mr. Lehane's latest novel. Reservations requested by calling (781)383-2665.

The Art Complex Museum will offer the first concert in its yearly series by Violinist Andrew Kohji Taylor who has developed an international reputation for captivating audiences with his luminous tone and technical prowess. Concert will be held at 4 p.m. and is free. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

Mon. 5

Artwork by Weymouth Youth to be featured in solo exhibit at Rockland Memorial Library. The award winning artist Brian Rusconi, 17, of Weymouth will be featured in "Art in the Rotunda" through March 28. The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours: Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The opening reception will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. on March 8.

Insight Education Center for Parents and Teachers presents a workshop entitled "The Trouble With Talking Back" teaching children respect for all ages. Held from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates off Route 3 in Braintree. Individuals $25, co. parenting couples $40 and groups of four or more $20 per person. Tel. (781) 294-8004.



South Shore Women's Business Network will hold the monthly luncheon at Jimbo's Fish Shanty, Braintree Five Corners in Braintree from 12 - 1:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to share your interest in networking and collaboration. Limited seating so register early. If you need directions call (781)848-0300. For more information call (781) 749-8883.

Thurs. 8

Curtain Call Theatre presents "The Sound of Music" with performance dates on March 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17. The CCT clubhouse is located on the corner of Faxon and Commercial Street in Braintree. Please call (781) 356-5113 for reservations and ticket information. Performance on March 11 at 7 p.m. and all other shows start at 8 p.m.

South Shore Women's Business Network present "THRIVE! - Welcoming Fulfillment and Success" from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Held at Lombardo's, 6 Billings Street in Randolph. For more information call (781) 749-8883.

NQAT presents "The Boys Next Door" written by Tom Griffin and directed by Stacey Erikson. The play is humorous, yet touching story about the daily triumphs and tears of four mentally handicapped adults. Performance dates are March 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. All performances are held at the Black Box Theatre at North Quincy High School on Hancock Street in Quincy. Parking is free and tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for students and senior citizens. To reserve tickets call (617)769-0232.

Fri. 9

Joyful Listening presents "More Than Tickling the Ivories" a class that will focus on the fascinating and rich role the piano has played since its explosive entry onto the musical scene (around 1709-1710). Held on Fridays, March 9, 16 and 23 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the James Library in Norwell. Mail tuition of $60 (payable to Alison Barr) to 663 Whiting Street, Hanover, MA 02339. For more information call (781) 982-8920.

Ongoing Events

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on March 1, April 5, June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781)934-6634.

South Shore Art Center Artists donate their work to Rosie's Place. Gallery artists JoAnne Chittick, Susan DeMichele, Rose Farbush, Dorit Flowers, Michelle Meister, Donna Rossetti-Bailey and Diane Panarelli Miller donated paintings to the "Share Your Heart With Rosie's Place" silent auction. The work can be seen in the Dillon Gallery at the Art Center, The Paul Pratt Library, The Staircase Gallery at the South Shore Conservatory and the Landmark Bldg., 160 Federal Street in Boston. For more information call (781)383-2787.

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DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION AND THE ELLISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS presents the following classes and workshops: "Nantucket Easter Basket Workshop" on Tues. evenings from 6:30 - 9 p.m. March 6, 13, 20 and 27. $200/members, $230/non members. "Painting on Silk Workshop" on March 9 from 9 a.m. - noon. $55/members, $70/non members. "Intermediate/Advanced Monoprinting on Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. from March 3 - April 7. $200/members, $230/non members. "Multi-Media Portrait Workshop" with Katherine Smit held Wed. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - noon on March 21 - 23. $75/members, $95/non members. Located at 64 St. George Street in Duxbury, call (781)934-2731 ext. 15 for more information or to register.

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP WITH TED MINCHIN where participants will learn semi-abstract (loose realistic) and abstract painting techniques in a four-day workshop on April 9, 10, 11 and 12. For more information or to sign up contact the Duxbury Art Association at the Ellison Center for the Arts by calling (781)934-2731 ext. 15. The workshop runs from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. Cost is $225 for DAA members and $255 for non members.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY OFFERS CLASS FOR RELUCTANT SPEAKERS at the Conservatory's Hingham campus on March 17 from 3 - 6 p.m. Workshop participants are asked to dress comfortably and bring a notebook and pencil. To register call (781) 749-7565 ext. 10.

FINDING INNER PEACE Yoga and Stress Reduction Center offers the following classes: "Teaching Yoga to children" on March 6 with Maureen Spencer, M.Ed., R.N. Also "Aromatherapy Workshop" on March 31 with Phyllis Comoletti, LPN, Cert Aromatherapist. 3.6 contact hours. "Sacred Life" Yoga Philosophy with Kim Valerie on March 27. 6.0 contact hours. "Beginner Basics" on March 17 with Maureen Spencer - 2 hours. "Breathing you way into Peace" on March 6 with Maureen Spencer, 1.3 hours. "Yoga for Menopause" with Maureen Spencer on March 18. 1.8 contact hours. "Ayurveda and Yoga" with Sandra Vezina, March 18. 3.6 hours. "Natural Approaches to Menopause and PMS" with Patricia Rackowski" on March 18. 1.8 contact hours. "Yoga and Relaxation for Breast Cancer" with Maureen Spencer on March 11. 1.3 contact hours. Located at 988 Bedford Street in Abington. For more information call (781)878-0115.

Living

Calendar

MARCH 2 - MARCH 9

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Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town through March. In the Town Hall the Mayor's office Edwina Caci and Jeanne Mulligan are displaying their painting. In the Treasurer's office, Josephine Bottari is exhibiting her painting. In the Councilor's office, Rita Brace, Yvonne Gillis, Denise Graham and Peter Keith are exhibiting their work. Snyders Jewelers at 12 Columbian St. is displaying the work of Kay O'Brien, Lauren Denmore, Paul Liondstrom and Elizabeth Pohl. Jordan Insurance at 17 Front Street displays the paintings of Marie Cassani, Mary Jackson, Reva Gordon, Elva Procter, Thelma Swanson, Isabella Hoell and William Hallsen. Rizzo Insurance at 435 Columbian St. has the work of Mary Mainiero, Barbara and Charles Greland and Lauri Porter. Colonial Federal Savings Bank at 815 Washington St. has a painting of Ludlow Berkeley. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

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The North River Arts Society presents "Familiar Places and Open Spaces" with watercolors by Maureen K. Brookfield running through March 31. Held at the Ventress Library, Webster Street in Marshfield. Hours Mon. - Wed. 9:30 a.m. -9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call for more information.

Mothers and More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781)544-4664.

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Bridgets An Irish Tradition will present Irish Family Fest on Sunday, March 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cordage Park in Plymouth. The festival will include live Irish music, traditional step dancing, face painting, storytelling, refreshments and more. For more information call (508) 747-2273.

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Darling Productions at the Quincy Dinner Theatre presents "Whose Wife Is It Anyway," March 3,4, 9,10, 11,17,23,24 and 25. Fridays and Saturdays dinner is at 7 p.m., show at 8:30. Sundays dinner is at 2 p.m. with the matinee performance at 3:30 p.m. The dinner theater is located at 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. Tickets are $35. For more information call (781) 843-5862.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

A mixed bag of planetary influences makes for an interesting, dynamic day. A rough spot is in effect between 11:03 a.m.-2:03 p.m., when the moon opposes Mars. Slow down in this period; stop, look and listen. All communications get the green light; chat, network, collaborate. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 9:03 p.m. This month's full moon culminates in a week, March 9. This can be a fun evening. However, a lunar opposition to Pluto occurs in the early morning hours. Know when it's time to call it a night.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

This day rates high across the board. Expect others to be sociable, talkative. The best planetary influences for new starts are in effect until 1:45 p.m., when the Gemini moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. The remainder of the day rates high for enjoying favorite sports, hobbies and friends. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

The moon enters the sign Cancer at 3:24 a.m. This day is ideal for spending quality time with family and close friends. Be more attentive and sensitive to the needs of others. Plan a special dinner, at home or your favorite restaurant. An applying 90-degree alignment of the sun and Pluto makes this a favorable time to mend bridges, heal old wounds, strengthen ties in existing relationships. Let go of the past; clear the decks and start anew.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Yesterday's planetary influences are in effect today as well. Others may be moody, hypersensitive; choose your words carefully. Tackle jobs that need redoing, repair or renovation. The sun/Pluto alignment culminates at 1:11 p.m. It is okay to start new activities or make important decisions between 3:00-10:10 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn and becomes inactive. Plan a quiet evening; enjoy solitude, meditation, music.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

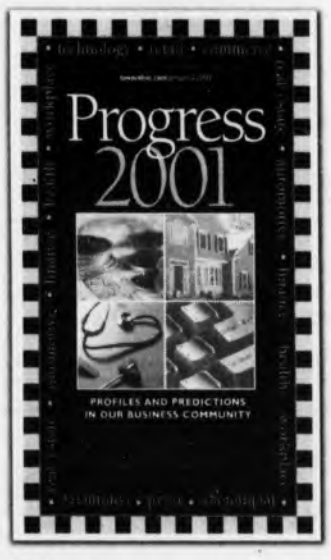
The next few days may be topsy-turvy. Take your time. The moon enters Leo at 5:30 a.m., generating an upbeat mood. In addition, a lunar contact to Jupiter urges you to initiate new projects before 11:41 a.m. Slow down and pay extra attention to details between 3:58-6:58 p.m., when the moon opposes dreamy Neptune. This is an evening to kick back and enjoy favorite friends and pastimes.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

A barrage of planetary alignments occurs in the next few days, making for an action-packed period. Take it slow and easy. Today the Leo moon forms challenging contacts to Mercury, Uranus and Saturn until 10:50 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Don't launch bold ventures or large-scale enterprises. Instead, plan to finish business already begun, review and redo. Stay upbeat and don't allow minor setbacks to throw you off track.

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Hingham Symphony presents the Borromeo String Quartet

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Known as one of the most exciting ensembles of its generation, violinists Nicholas Kitchen and William Fedkenheuer, violist Mai Motobuchi and cellist Yeesun Kim will perform Beethoven's String Quartet Op. 18 No. 2 and a new quartet by Steven Mackey, "Ars Moriendi." The Borromeo's presentation of this new work received rave reviews at its performance in the Fleet Boston Celebrity Series this past weekend.

Globe critic Richard Dyer wrote that the Borromeo "combines every 20th century virtuoso ensemble virtue with an old-world sense of color, character and style. To hear them in their youthful prime is one of our great privileges."

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The concert will take place in Sanborn Auditorium, an intimate venue with excellent acoustics at the new Hingham Town Hall, 220 Central St. Tickets are available at the Hingham Public Library, at Noble's in Hingham Square, Cards & Shards in Cohasset, or by calling 781-740-5694.

The cost is $15 for adults, $10 for age 18 and under. The audience is invited to meet the musicians at a reception following the concert.



Hingham Symphony Orchestra presents the Borromeo String Quartet, in a chamber music performance of Beethoven's String Quartet Op. 18 No. 2, and the new quartet by Steven Mackey, "Ars Moriendi." The HSO String Quartet will join them for Mendelssohn's Octet Op. 20 on Saturday, March 3, at 8 p.m. at the Sandborn Auditorium at Hingham Town Hall.

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Winter storm packs tough second kick

By Rick Collins
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By 9 a.m. Monday in anticipation of a huge blizzard, the line of parents, children and teens at Blockbuster Video was outside the door and wrapped along two store fronts at Cohasset Plaza. Stop & Shop had been picked clean the night before, restocked, and bombarded again that morning. The package store was doing a brisk business and it wasn't even the weekend, and the Exxon station at 3A and Beechwood Street had run out of gas.

At 10 a.m., Carl Sestito of the town's Department of Public Works had good news and bad news for the town's emergency control committee: Cohasset had plenty of sand, but not much salt. Close to 100 tons of sand was scheduled to be delivered later in the day, but he said Cohasset would be lucky to get even two loads of salt.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, at 10:30 a.m., agreed to declare a state of emergency in town as of 3 p.m.

And by 3:30, everyone was ready. The food had been bought, movies rented, shovels dusted off, cat brought in, and children bundled.

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Town landmark toppled in storm

By Mary Ford
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The worst blizzard of the fledgling 21st century claimed one victim Tuesday — the 80-foot flag pole on the town common.

The fiberglass pole installed about four years ago broke off about four feet above the base at 3 p.m., police said. The pole was flagless due to the storm.

"I was sitting in my office and I heard a crack," Police Chief Brian Noonan said. "There was a surge in power and the lights blinked. I thought someone had hit a pole."

Within seconds the switchboard at the emergency dispatch center lit up with calls from residents

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Above, Consuelo Halloran and Laljit Teelucksingh walk Black Rock Beach during the height of the storm on Tuesday. At left, the Brophy family checks out Cohasset Harbor during Tuesday morning's high tide.

Group acts to preserve open space

By Mary Ford and Carol Meyer
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A group of Cohasset citizens has succeeded in putting the issue of community preservation before the voters at the April 7 Town Election.

While the town has a large amount of open space and historic buildings which add to its small-town charm, proponents feel more must be done to preserve Cohasset's character.

"There is still a lot of developable property in town," said selectman Ronnie McMorris, who, acting as a private citizen, helped lead the effort to obtain enough signatures to get the matter on the ballot.

The goal was to gather enough voter support to adopt the Community Preservation Act — state legislation passed last year that provides a local option to pay for community housing, open space and historic resources.

If adopting the preservation act passes muster at Cohasset polls, it would pave the way for the formation of a community preservation committee in town. That body would ultimately make recommendations on how to best use the funds to enhance affordable housing, open space and historic preservation in Cohasset.

"Some said they are taxed enough, but that was a small minority of people that I talked to. By far the majority were quite receptive to the idea of saving land."
— John Hartshorne, Border Street

There's a price tag attached, however.

The enabling legislation allows cities and towns to levy a property tax surcharge of up to 3 percent per year to create the fund and qualify for a state matching grant.

Cohasset proponents are recom-

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Cohasset native could be tapped for White House post

By Rick Collins
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President George W. Bush has announced he intends to nominate Cohasset native Lincoln P. Bloomfield Jr. as assistant secretary of state for political military affairs.

Bloomfield Jr. should be another familiar face in the White House — he spent 12 years there during the Reagan/Bush years working in various roles in the administration.

After graduating from Cohasset High School in 1970, attending Harvard University, and then the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, he followed one of his professors down to Washington D.C. during the opening days of the Reagan Administration in 1981.

"He's a professional, and a foreign affairs and defense expert."
— Lincoln Bloomfield, Sr. of Beach Street

"[The professor] went to Washington as the assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs and took Linc with him, and that began his government career," said Lincoln Bloomfield Sr., a distinguished international affairs strategist himself. "He was on the Lebanon desk, which was very quiet, and then all of a sudden he was helicoptering into Beirut under fire with the Secretary of Defense, Casper Weinberger."

In 1983, 241 Marines were killed by a suicide bomber while in Beirut on a peace-keeping mission.

Bloomfield Sr. of Beach Street said his son "did a lot of interesting things" before eventually ending up as Vice-President Dan Quayle's deputy National Security Advisor.

From 1992-1993 Bloomfield Jr. served as deputy assistant secretary of state for Mideast affairs, for places such as North Africa, Syria and Lebanon.

When the Clinton Administration came in, and cleaned house, Bloomfield Jr. joined up with former Bush Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Armitage, and his consulting group Armitage Associates in Arlington, Va., in 1993.

Bloomfield Sr. said along with

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Lincoln Bloomfield Jr., who graduated from Cohasset High in 1970, may join the Bush administration.

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School construction sub-bids in range

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset officials opened up sub-contracts for the upcoming middle/high school construction project, last Thursday, and the early prognosis is good.

"We're pretty much on target," said Town Manager Mark Haddad who oversaw the opening in his role as the town's Chief Procurement Officer.

The sub-contracts were for such things as the painting, heating, electrical work, and plumbing. Contractors submitting bids to perform the actual construction work take the sub-contract bids and include them in their general construction bids. Those bids were to be opened today at 2 p.m.

Haddad said he was pleased by the number of bids submitted for the sub-contractor work.

"It took us over an hour to open them all," he said after the opening attended by many of the contractors, the town School Building Committee, and other town officials. "I got tired of hearing my own voice."

He said 10 sub-contractors turned in bids for the painting contract, and eight firms submitted bids for the Heating, Venting and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) sub-contract, and a total of 80 contracts in all.

"This is good news," he said.

Schools Supt. Edward Malvey had told the school committee Gene Raymond, the project's architect, was "very, very optimistic" the bids were within the budget range.

Tomorrow, sub-contract bids for the Deer Hill School construction project will be opened, and general bids will be opened on March 27. After that, Malvey said the school committee will decide which contractor to go with, and start work in mid-April.

The two school renovation and expansion projects is expected to cost $41 million.

This week in COHASSET

Under the weather

Last week's school committee was a bit short-handed thanks to a couple of late injuries. Committee member Stephanie Noble was at home nursing a broken wrist suffered while ice-skating on the Cohasset Common pond, chairman Pat Martin told the rest of the board.

Also, the committee had to cancel its scheduled discussion of the department's technology education policy, because technology head Ken Cisneros had to have emergency oral surgery.

"He was told he would not be able to talk tonight – literally," said Martin.

The discussion was rescheduled for next week.

Personnel moves

Schools Supt. Edward Malvey announced the resignation of long-time administrative secretary Ilene Colwill last week. Malvey said Colwill had been on a leave of absence while her husband took a job in Texas, in the hopes she would return. However, Colwill decided to resign when it appeared she would not be back any time soon, and the committee "reluctantly" accepted the resignation.

Also, the school committee approved a two-year leave of absence maternity leave for Osgood School teacher Kristin Blume, effective April 12. She is expected to be out until September, 2003.

School schedule

The school committee approved a basic school calendar for the 2001-2002 school year. School will start Sept. 9, and close for the summer on June 19, 2002.

Register to vote

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a Town Meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home. Registration is closed for a brief period before each Town Meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote, for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Election is Friday, March 9. The clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before the cut off date.

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Cleaning, Osgood technology on school committee slate

By Rick Collins
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Next Thursday's school committee meeting has the potential to be a hot one. Not only does the committee plan on discussing school department's current policy of technology instruction at the early grades, but also school cleanliness issues.

Both issues have been controversial in the past, with the committee sparring with the board of selectmen at a meeting last month over school cleanliness, and some residents questioning the need for technology instruction for all Osgood School students.

"I think those are the two things that will bring people out," said School Committee Chairman Pat Martin.

The School Committee will meet March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the middle/high school library.

She said the technology discussion will involve a review of the department's five-year technology education plan. This past year, the Osgood has had to share a technology instructor with the Deer Hill, reducing the amount of time elementary students received technology instruction. In January, Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey told the committee he had freed up enough money to fill the Osgood technology position for the remainder of the year, and last Thursday, said he had hired Heather Carroll for the job.

However, along with the announcement last month came a murmur of disagreement with the need for technology instruction for early elementary students.

"I just don't see the urgent need for kindergartners, first and second graders to have technology," said school committee member Stephanie Noble. "The question of all questions we really have to take a long, hard look at, is should kindergartners be getting the exact same amount of technology as sixth graders?"

"I think those are the two things that will bring people out."
— School Committee Chairman Pat Martin

The following week, a letter signed by 15 residents also questioned the need for technology at the lower grades.

Martin said next Thursday's meeting will be a public discussion, but that those in attendance shouldn't expect any changes in school policy, or budgeting.

"This is a discussion, not a reconsideration of any vote. It's not set up so that we decide whatever gets more support gets it out of budget," she said. "Hopefully afterwards they will know the administration has looked at both sides of the research."

While presenting the school budget to selectmen last month, the discussion broke down into a debate over whether the school committee was spending enough money on keeping the town's three schools clean.

Martin said the committee next Thursday will give the community an update on what has been done, what is being done and what will be done to address that issue.

"This comes out of the fact we weren't able to present all the things at the meeting," she explained. "We hope to answer all those questions, and provide information on things being done, so people understand how it works." She said a lot is being done behind the scenes such as bringing in cleaning crews over school vacations, authorizing additional overtime, and shuffling around cleaning crews. She also hopes to explain why the school department decided to outsource its cleaning services in stages rather than all at once.

Also, Martin said, the town Recycling Committee has asked for time to discuss implementing a recycling program at the middle/high school.

Taking a page from Wellesley's book

Town tackled problems surrounding underage drinking

By Rick Collins
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It was a scene that should be familiar to Cohasset residents: "out-of-control" kids, under-age drinking, arrests, accusations of police picking on the teens.

These aren't examples ripped from the headlines of the Cohasset Mariner, this was the scene in Wellesley last year.

In December of 1999, a high school holiday dance in that town was marred by a group of drunk students and "vomit from corner to corner, " according to published reports. Months later, a 16-year-old left in charge of his neighbor's house to feed a family pet, invited a few friends (100 turned up) over for a few drinks. The party resulted in mayhem and damage to the house.

The split between parents and teens, and police over problems surrounding underage drinking broke down to the point that the town felt the need to intervene. Through a series of group discussions involving residents from all sides of the issue called "study circles," Wellesley was able to establish a dialogue and engage in a public discussion of the town's attitude and behavior towards underage drinking.

Cohasset's Drug & Alcohol Committee hopes to start a similar town dialogue based on Wellesley's model, before things break down further.

"We've talked about it for a few months and been aware of some of the disagreements between parents and police, and issues around drugs and alcohol," said the Rev. Cliff Cutler, the committee's chairman.

Over the summer, police arrested more than two dozen teenagers for underage drinking, including 22 in one night. Cohasset police were criticized by some of the teenagers' parents for arresting first-time offenders. The criticisms were echoed again this past fall when parents questioned police policy regarding under-age drinking at a forum to discuss the middle/high school's risk behavior survey results.

"The idea is that it's helpful for all sides to come together in understanding in a way with less misunderstanding, and less opportunity for dissension."
—The Rev. Cliff Cutler, chairman of the Drug & Alcohol Committee

On the recommendation of the South Shore Board of Health Collaborative liaison, Kathryn Treffry, the committee will host Wellesley Board of Health member Lisa Stone to find out how that town dealt with the issue, at the Drug & Alcohol next meeting on March 14. The collaborative is a regional agency that includes Cohasset.

Stone, a licensed physician, and Harvard University School of Public Health graduate student, was responsible for organizing the study circles in Wellesley. She said the use of study circles is an effective way to discuss a controversial issue on a community-wide basis.

"There are no experts, every one has equal weight and equal opportunity to speak," she explained. "It's a very productive way of talking about."

Stone said Wellesley had 104 people ranging from 15 years old to 88, participate, in 10 study circles. "Study circles meet in four or five sessions and [the group] follows a discussion guide, which is very important," she explained. In the end, the circles present "ideas for action" to the larger group and then task forces are formed to work on the different ideas.

"The feedback we got from people who filled out forms at the end, was that it was an effective way to move the dialogue forward," Stone said.

Cutler hopes the committee will learn about both the process and outcome of Wellesley's experience from Stone. "The idea is that it's helpful for all sides to come together in understanding in a way with less misunderstanding, and less opportunity for dissension," he said.

If nothing else, said Treffry, study circles get "the right people to the table to talk about changing policy."

Next Wednesday's meeting won't feature a study circle, but instead just an opportunity for Stone to explain how the program works.

However, Cutler said the public is still welcome to the meeting. "Anyone can come to the meeting that wants to, but it will be a working committee meeting," he said. "If they come to address their concerns of parenting and policing, that will be premature."

In 1998, Cohasset police made 15 arrests for minors in possession of alcohol. In 1999 the number was 18. But in 2000, 32 males and 26 females were arrested for being in possession of alcohol while under-age. So far in 2001, Cohasset police had made seven arrests.

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Town census

The town census for 2001 has been mailed to each household. The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists but it also aids in school enrollment projections, public safety and senior citizens' needs.

The local census also establishes proof of residency, which is often needed for certain privileges, such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain veterans' benefits and reduced tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

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Mike and Mary Ward are brand-new grandparents

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HELLO COHASSET

I hope this column finds everyone well and that you have all survived the storm that wasn't. Yes, I was a little disappointed with the lack of snow but we certainly are learning that Mother Nature has a mind of her own and cannot be counted on to be predictable.

Although the first reaction is to blame the weather people when things don't go as planned, they are just doing the job that they chose to do. I give them so much credit, both for trying to figure out the ever-changing weather, but for dealing with all of us who think it is such an easy thing to do.

ART SHOW

Well, a Cohasset resident is putting on a one-lady art show at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from now until April 25.. **Judy St. Peter**, has on display her beautiful paintings of animals, particularly elephants at the library. The exhibit is in cooperation with the South Shore Art Center. A reception was held this past Sunday and she and her artwork were very well received. The library is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9a.m. -5 p.m. and Sun from 2-5 p.m.. Make sure to try and get in to view these beautiful works of art. I know that Judy's friends and family are so proud of her, congratulations Judy!

BABY GIRL

We have a birth to announce. **Erin Margaret Nardo** was born on Feb. 20 at 3:56 p.m. weighing in at 7 lbs., 3 oz and was 19.5" long. Erin's mom and dad, **Lauren and Charles** of Weymouth, are so thrilled with her as is her big brother **Joseph** and grandmother, **Elaine Nardo** of Hull. Congratulations to all of you, there is nothing like a new little baby in our world!

CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT



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This is Leah Curren of Scituate pretending to be sick so she can stay home from school in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "How to Eat Like a Child" on stage at Town Hall. The Mariner incorrectly identified her last week. For ticket information about the show call, 383-1718.

HEALING ART

Calling all photographers and non-photographers alike.

Jan Phillips, author of "God is at Eye Level — Photography as a Healing Art" and "Marry Your Muse-Making, a Lasting Commitment to Your Creativity"(Winner of the 1998 Ben Franklin Award) is coming to the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset on March 16 and 17 to present a one- or two-day workshop series. Call the church office at 383-0345 to register. The deadline is March 12.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Another little cutie has joined us in this world. **Mike and Mary Ward** announce the birth of their first grandchild, **Julia Mae Haskell**! Julia was born to their daughter, **Michelle** and her husband **Steve** on Feb. 6 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Julia weighed in at 9 lbs., 6 oz and was 21 inches long. She is quite a little beauty, if her grandparents do say so themselves! Enjoy her and congratulations.

TROOP VISIT

I had another message from **Georgine Butman**, who as most of you know, moved with her husband **Bruce** and daughter **Amelia** to Maine. Georgine's old Girl Scout troop went for a visit and were able to enjoy the mountains, skiing, skating and what it is like to be a musher in a dog sled race. Great fun was had by all. This troop is a Cadette/Senior Troop from Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate.

Linda and Allen Snowdale were up at Squaw Mountain at the same time with their sons, **David** and **Michael**. Every day, a wave went out to them from the Butmans, who look at Squaw from their home.

DEAN'S LIST

Megan Fahey from Cohasset recently graduated with a BBA in Marketing from UMass Amherst and achieved dean's list status for the fifth semester in a row! What great accomplishments Megan!

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

I wanted to let everyone know of the Cohasset Candidates night being held on March 19 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Cohasset Selectman's Office at the Cohasset Town Hall. This event, which will be televised on channel 10, is sponsored by the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and the Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers. **Kimberly La Torraca** will serve as moderator and their will be a "Question Gallery" comprised of local reporters and live calls from viewers.

POST-PROM PARTY

I wanted also to let all of the parents of seniors in the Cohasset High School that the planning is underway for the post-prom party. Meetings have been happening for this very important and impressive party which is running for the fourth year in a row. Support for this activity has come from local businesses, civic organizations and others. Anyone who would like to give some time to this wonderful and worthwhile event is encouraged to call **Kay Langham** at 383-2748 or **Allison Ulmer** at 383-2672. If you would like to make a monetary donation, send it in to Cohasset High School, Post-Prom Party, c/o **Steve Langham**, 100 Pond St, Cohasset 02025.

REGISTER FOR BASEBALL

All of the baseball players out there, make sure to go to the Little League baseball and Softball registration being held on March 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cohasset Middle/High School for all children who will be at least five years old by August 1. All players, including those already on a Major League team must sign up. Parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate if they have not already done so. Any questions, please call **Lynne** or **Mark DeGiamocco** at 383-6413.

That is all for this week. Please send in all of your news to me at: E-mail: jenpiep@yahoo.com Phone: 923-1057 Mail: 622 CJC Highway All items need to be to me by Mondays at 9 a.m. to be published in that week's edition. Have a great week!



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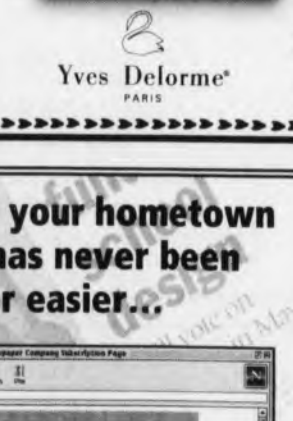
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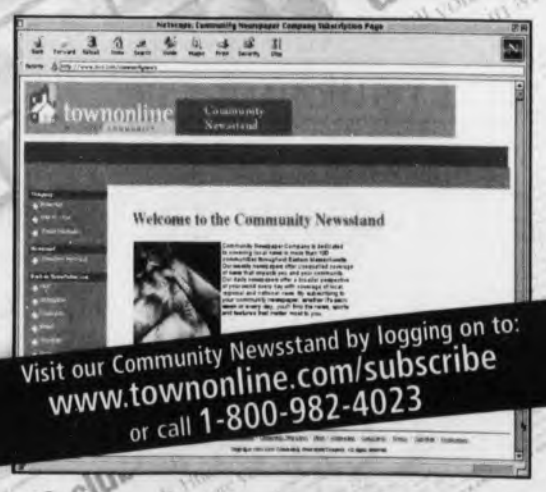
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South Shore Art center looking for new director

Dillon Bustin resigns after four years

The South Shore Art Center announced the resignation of Executive Director Dillon Bustin, following almost four years of leadership. Bustin is leaving to assume the position of Director of the Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts in Concord, Mass.

At the March 2 opening reception of the Beginner Mind: Zen and the Art of Kaji Aso exhibition, President of the Board of Directors Vcevy Strekalovsky said: "It is with deep regret that we make this announcement. Dillon Bustin has accomplished a great deal during his tenure at the Art Center. Programming, exhibitions, courses and workshops, and special events have all achieved a new level of excellence under his direction. The Center is becoming known not only for the quality of its visual arts offerings, but for its musical and gallery programs as well. We will miss Dillon and wish him all the best in his new endeavor."

Reflecting on his years at the Center, Bustin wrote:

"My memories are a torrent of vivid images: engaged and productive students both children and adults, in the teaching studios; the rapt and attentive faces of audience members in the galleries; strolling throngs of people enjoying the festival; the jovial crowds at opening receptions. In and among all these memories are unforgettable pieces of artwork—paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, and sculptures—and the artists who created them....I have been privileged to know the diverse range of artists, art instructors, and students who make up the core community of the South Shore Art Center. I have been pleased to work with generous benefactors, a loyal staff, and willing volunteers."

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— Dillon Bustin

A search committee has been formed to begin the process of finding a new executive director. Program Director Sarah Hannan is currently serving as acting director.

The South Shore Art Center is a regional center for the arts with two galleries offering changing exhibitions of contemporary work by regional and national artists and a year-round schedule of courses and workshops in the visual arts. The Center hosts the country's oldest outdoor art and craft festival. This year's 46th Festival on the Common will once again take place Father's Day Weekend, June 15, 16 and 17. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.



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Dillon Bustin, a Hingham resident, reads winners names at the awards ceremony at the Festival on the Common in Cohasset last June. Bustin recently resigned as director of the South Shore Art Center.

Sped PAC gives parents resource for their questions

By Rick Collins
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If you're a parent, and your child's teacher one day says he or she would like to test your son or daughter for a learning disability, would you know the next step?

While some parents would, others wouldn't. What's more, being told their child might qualify for special education could result in concern.

Fortunately, Cohasset parents with children in special education have formed a parents advisory council (PAC) to help fellow parents deal with the issues that accompany a child being placed in an independent education program (IEP), as part of the special-education process.

"As a parent, when you're told your child might have a learning disability, it's a shock and a bit confusing," said PAC Secretary Allison Moskow, a parent of a special ed student. "You're handed a brochure that says 'here's what we're seeing' and that gives you your options. But you don't usually get that until after the testing and you're signing the IEP."

PAC Vice-President Jamie Williams said she wants to reach out to the parents of the 225 special ed students in the Cohasset School Department. "What is needed, we believe, is a network of parents that support and educate each other, that says what is available in the community and surrounding area for remediation for children with special needs," she said.

Special education in the modern school department is no longer defined by children with physical disabilities or mental retardation. Special education needs can range from a minor reading problem to a combination of physical and emotional disabilities, or cerebral palsy. No matter what the disability, or how minor, under state law Cohasset must still educate that child. How it goes about doing that, however, can vary.

Part of the PAC's focus is on holding workshops and hosting speakers to discuss some of the issues and alternative learning methods available, said Williams. One such program will be held Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the Osgood School music room, featuring Dr. Michael Weiler who will make a presentation on Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder, and a new disorder that involves hypoactive children, particularly in girls.

"What we're doing at this point is holding a series of workshops and seminars to educate and expose alternatives," said Williams. "What works, what doesn't, and give more information of disabilities that our children have and work from there."

The PAC's new board of Williams, Moskow and President Laura DeSestito is new this year, replacing the board formally headed by Kim Maynard and former School Committee member Maureen Jerz.

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"When a child goes into an IEP, it's a very legalistic process," said Jerz. "Sometimes parents feel intimidated by the language and getting their child through the system." She said that by having a forum where parents can talk to each other, it helps newcomers feel "more comfortable" about the process.

Williams explained the general process a child will go through. "A child's disability is first recognized in the classroom by a teacher, and he or she will go to the parent and say, 'I find Johnny has trouble reading, you may want to have some tests to see if there's something there we can help,'" she said. "They'll administer whatever type of test, and find maybe it's just a weakness, and based on the assessment, the child is given an individual education plan that spells out what kind of extra help or what kind of teaching program can be given to bring him up to level."

As time passes, Williams said, the child's IEP will be reevaluated to see what works, and whether more needs to be done.

It's during the testing period and initial IEP where the PAC can help parents understand what's going on. Williams said the role of the PAC isn't to advocate for one particular child, but for special education in general.

The current trend, both nationally and in Cohasset, said Moskow, is for inclusion, where students are kept in the classroom.

"Personally I feel a lot of kids benefit from being in the same learning environment as their peers," said Moskow.

Williams said PAC meetings are also open to parents whose child does not have a special need, and also for faculty.

On April 4, the PAC will feature a workshop by the Federation for Children on 'basic rights' for special education students and parents. On May 2, there will be a workshop on the new IEP forms, and Cohasset Student Services Coordinator Stephen Kaplan will meet with the group on June 6.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The storm of the century that wasn't

The plows were ready.

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Despite snow removal budgets that in many communities were depleted by the end of January, DPW directors had town employees and private contractors geared up for three very long days and nights of work to keep local roadways clear and navigable.

After all, people still needed to get to work — in most cases.

In others, businesses all over the region including ours began, sending out e-mails reminding employees about company snow policies and human resource directors, anticipating the storm to gradually worsen, scurried about compiling contact lists with home and cellular phone numbers in case the office should — yeah, right — close for the day.

By Sunday night superintendents all over the South Shore canceled school to the delight of students, and folks fearful of running out of milk and bread stood in enormous supermarket check out lines to ensure there would be sufficient peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to get them through the latest storm of the century.

I wonder, as I hear gleeful meteorologists proclaim the latest, to be the greatest storm in recent memory, how can we have more than one "storm of the century." In my lifetime there have been at least three storms so proclaimed, and considering we've only just started this particular century, I'd say we're better off reserving that judgement for now.

The long forecast three-day storm was just what we hearty New Englanders can expect at this time of year, it just wasn't as bad as we were told it would be.

I don't intend to bash our weather forecasters, they have a job to do. Unfortunately that job involves studying a lot of computer models and things like Doppler Radar which in some cases can provide valuable weather information especially where tornadoes are concerned.

But in our area, which lies far outside Tornado Alley, the mystifying snow/rain line which decides whether we need to break out the snow blower or turn on the sump pump in the basement, is at best unpredictable. And I am left along with others, to wonder if weather forecasting wasn't more accurate back in the old days before computers, when folks determined a storm was coming based on cloud formations, weather vanes, and unusual animal behavior. Today, too many computer models, tell too many meteorologists, too many things leading them to make premature and often inaccurate predictions.

Communities north and west of the city got significant snowfall amounts, but not the three feet some were calling for at the start of the storm. Beach erosion, flooding and high winds were a problem coastal towns. Brant Rock and Humarock were — as they often are in northeast storms — impassable during the high tide Tuesday morning. And as highway department workers began work clearing the rocks and debris the waves tossed onto coastal roads, the long predicted snow began to fall in earnest. Knowing another high tide was less than 12 hours away no doubt made theirs a frustrating and chilly task.

But for most of us South of Boston, this was no storm of the century, no rival to the devastating Blizzard of '78 —and that's nothing to complain about.

Still people will complain.

Some complained that school was closed on what turned out to be a rainy Monday. On Tuesday, others complained that school was open and flooded roadways made it difficult for students to get to their bus stops.

Our six-month winters in New England gives us all a lot to complain about.

But it *is* winter. And even if our forecasters miss the mark more than they hit it, it's safe to predict there will be inclement weather — be it rain, sleet or varying amounts of snow.

Keep the shovels and galoshes handy, no matter what you hear on the Weather Channel and remember, spring is just a few weeks away.

—Alice Coyle

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner, one of The Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Youth sports

TO THE EDITOR:

I appreciate Soccer League President Wallace St. John's input in the last Mariner regarding my response to the (column in the sports section, by Julie Nevero), "Parents Fight, Kids Watch." 1/25/01 Mariner. My entire response was in the context of that article. Many, who decide to comment, never read the first line of my letter indicating that, nor bothered to read the original article.

Mr. St John didn't describe the fact that I was on the original board which appointed him as coordinator, helped usher in the fabulous "Play Soccer" program and the computerized system of registration, helped plan, build and construct the shed, helped measure fields for lining, invented the water-filled inner-tube goal counterweight system used after 6 and 12 in. spikes, the previous method of holding down goals, resulted in 6 and 12 in. spikes being haphazardly left on the field, and successfully coached, co-coached and after many games, was on the field clearing up the trash and lost clothing. I was also (cheerfully) admonished in the fall about attending the classroom section of the "C" coaching clinic for review when I have the higher "F" level. Considering my role as a teacher, and several years playing experience with professional guidance and coaching, I think have enough qualification to "ramble" a bit.

Some leagues excel. The Cohasset Soccer Club is one. It improved when it needed to years back, and the results show, as we predicted they would back then. Pop Warner is also amazing considering the type of sport and its risk factors. Many other leagues have great coaching and player developmental programs. Others don't. The fact that too many organizations are politically motivated in their actions and philosophies hurts youth sports, and is probably its biggest problem. No youth activity should be trusted to just any volunteer, or their cronies.

Fortunately I was out of town for the basketball horror show of this past weekend. Perhaps it's distressing to some that they can't blame me for it. Ten year-old kids hurt, crying, frustrated, and angry, and teams being pulled off the court because control couldn't be maintained isn't my idea of what sports should be about. The events were not, per Wallace's description of Cohasset sports, "a positive model to other communities in the state and in the country." Such occurrences seem to be on the increase here in town, and this was just one of many stories. Perhaps worst of all, the actions were an insult to Don Demichele, basketball's head, and a class act who deserves better people to work with who can handle 10 year-old boys basketball.

I don't make up the situations I describe, never have. The negatives are also not out of "[my] experience" as Wallace insinuated. In "my experience," the players I coached had a very rough season, but they were champions who stuck it out to the end. They received praise, encouragement, and a gift certificate I made for them to go to Village Butcher with a parent.

Too few talk about the problems, for whatever reason, so little gets done until somebody gets hurt, or as in Reading, kills a person.

Maybe the Mariner will post the original article and letters on their website so perhaps a few people will look at reality, and themselves, instead of looking to whack the messenger.

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COHASSET CARES

The crunch is on

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Maybe it's because it's spring [well, almost]. There's a lot going on right now with respect to the environment —in town, in the country, in the world. Some of it I can share with you and some I can't, but here's a start:

Bill McKibben, author of "The End of Nature" [1989], which I reviewed here recently, and also of "Hope, Human and Wild: True Stories of Living Lightly on the Earth" [1995], which I am in the process of reading, a fascinating and encouraging book, will be speaking in Cambridge Thursday, March 8, — the day you might be reading this at First Parish Unitarian Church, 3 Church St. Harvard Square, 7:30 p.m.

Things are hopping at the RTF, some things which we have some control over and some things over which we have little control. More later on this. The important thing for everyone to keep in mind is July 1, when Pay-As-You-Throw goes into effect. I spoke with one person today who says his goal is to pay for one bag — for the one year [he means to do this honestly — just ecologically, a real inspiration to us all]. Another person put it another way to me today: that homeowners should be able to recycle almost everything. Get ready.

Lastly, for now, the word I hear, is that our present administration in Washington will be doing wonders for the environment — much more than the former administration, even with Gore, ironically — just because of who they are and what they stand for. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee

CANDIDATES CORNER

Meet MacCarthy

Adrienne MacCarthy kicked off her campaign for a seat on the Cohasset School Committee, with a coffee at the Atlantic Avenue home of Andrea Giroux last Tuesday. Upcoming coffees include an evening coffee, tonight March 8, at the home of Suzanne and Pat Waters, 91 Aaron River Road, from 7-8:30 p.m. Next Friday, March 16, a 10am-noon coffee will be held at the home of Mary Foley, 184 Lamberts Lane. All are welcome to attend, if you would like more information, please call Lucia Flibotte (383-2792) or Susan Galligan (383-0765).

Martin campaign committee, coffees

Cohasset native Catherine Davis, CHS class of 68, has taken the role of campaign chairperson of the Committee to Re-elect Pat Martin to the school committee. PSO member Janyce Brown will serve as publicity manager Melissa Grasz, a member of the Osgood School Council will serve as treasurer. Campaign contributions can be sent to the campaign c/o Melissa Grasz at 19 Linden Drive, Cohasset.

The Committee to Re-elect Pat Martin has scheduled its first two campaign coffees for the public to attend and get to know their candidate. The first coffee will take place Friday, March 9 beginning at 9:15 a.m. at the home of Rich and Kathy Ofsthun of 45 Fair Oaks Lane. The second coffee will take place on Sunday, March 11 from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Stephen and Karen Golden Oronte at 2 Bound Brook Lane, Cohasset.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

School committee: Do you think there is too much emphasis on technology in the lower grades at the expense of other subjects?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

In order to engage in the current debate on whether the emphasis on technology in the lower grades is too great or whether other subjects may be compromised at its expense, one must first understand an overlying context regarding current state regulations on school curriculum. The state has developed curriculum frameworks by grade for all subjects which now includes technology. It is expecting school districts to follow and implement these frameworks and in order to determine how well schools have done implementing curriculum, the state measures its comprehension through another state mandate, MCAS testing.

The second issue people need to realize is the Cohasset School District has a five year technology plan which outlines our goals for implementing, teaching and using technology. It describes technology as the ability to access, process and use a vast array of informational resources for enriching the learning process. Although we are currently using a lab format to teach technology, while integrating grade level curriculum themes into a once a week 40 minute session, the goal for the near future is to bring technology into the classroom where it can be taught and used more as a tool to augment learning in all subjects.

As chairperson of the School Committee, I have scheduled a technology discussion to take place at our regularly scheduled March 15 meeting, 7:30pm in the high school. We encourage anyone who would like additional information on our technology plan to join us then.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

In addressing this issue, one must revisit the commitment the Town made to integrating technology into the school system as outlined in the technology plan adopted in 1997. The plan outlines the town's commitment to bring our school community into the 21st century. Since then, our town has made a significant financial commitment to enable a total integration of technology into the K-12 curriculum.

I believe in the objectives of the plan as stated and therefore, no, I do not feel the technology is being emphasized too much in the lower grades. The question, as posed, would lead one to believe technology is being taught as a subject unto itself. On the contrary, through my involvement in the schools, I see technology being used more as a means to enhance the learning experience of our children. The children spend no more than 40 minutes a week receiving instruction on how to utilize technology. This instruction is done in conjunction with topics being taught in their other classes. In this manner, they are learning to use technology as a tool.

Both our Curriculum and Technology Coordinators agree that technology needs to be integrated at the lower grades. This way we can insure that our students will be empowered to be active seekers of knowledge, as they matriculate through our schools.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Mark DeGiacomo

The proper amount of technology training that should be given in the elementary grades is one of the hottest topics in education today. It is also a topic that the School Committee recently studied in connection with our consideration of whether to reinstate a technology position at the elementary school level.

Parents and the experts are fairly evenly divided on the issue of how much, if any, technology should be taught in the elementary grades. However, our administrators are unanimous in the opinion that an appropriate amount of technology should be taught at the elementary level. In the end, based on my review of the research and unanimous opinion of our administrators, I voted in favor of hiring a technology aide who would cover Osgood so our existing technology teacher could dedicate all her time to Deer Hill students.

Our school district is committed to providing our students with the technology training they need to reach their full potential in the 21st Century. Our emphasis is to train teachers to use technology as an educational tool and to gradually introduce basic skills to the children. While I am confident that our administrators and teachers will keep the amount of time students are taught computer skills at an appropriate level, we must keep an open mind about this important issue. We must diligently monitor future studies as well as our own experiences and be willing to make adjustments if necessary to strike the right balance for our students.

Planning board: What's your stance on allowing two-family homes in town?

PLANNING BOARD/ Peter Pratt

I support the Planning Board's effort to allow for so called "in-law apartments" in Cohasset under controlled circumstances. The Board's proposal is reflected in warrant article 21 for this year's annual town meeting. If passed, this article will authorize "Accessory Dwelling Unit(s)" in existing homes.

This proposed zoning bylaw change will hopefully support our senior citizens who desire to continue to live in the homes they have owned for many years.

Article 21 contains several restrictions to ensure that Cohasset does not experience an uncontrolled number of accessory unit conversions. These restrictions include the requirement that new permits for these units be limited to ten (10) per year starting in calendar year 2003.

If passed, Article 21 would not authorize 'two-family homes' which your question references. I do not support changes to our zoning bylaws allowing for greater deployment of multiple dwelling units in Cohasset, except for Article 21, beyond what is authorized today.

We need to determine if each new designated Accessory Dwelling Unit may count as a recognized unit of affordable housing under state guidelines. If these units do so qualify, the passage of Article 21 will further the Town's compliance with state mandated affordable housing thresholds. We have both a legal and a moral obligation to provide for affordable housing in town, while maintaining the special character and natural resources of Cohasset.

Passage of Article 21 will be an important step towards achieving a better balance between our goals of housing affordability and community protection.

Planning Board/ Richard Brown

Cohasset is in need of affordable housing, and we should support two-family housing when possible. At the same time, a balance must be maintained so that the character of the town is not adversely affected.

I support the Planning Board article which is before Town Meeting to allow families, under certain conditions, to convert their residences to two-family.

Selectmen: Has the Town Manager Act stripped the Board of Selectmen of too much power?

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

No. The Act only served to separate administrative functions from the Board so as to achieve the best of both worlds – executive power and policy making within the hands of an elected, citizen Board and day-to-day managerial authority in the hands of a professional manager. The Town Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the town but the Board remains the Chief Executive Officer. The Board makes policy and the Town Manager implements policy. Yes, the Town Manager can make as well as implement certain administrative and personnel policies. However, the Town Manager must ultimately answer to the Board, and thus, a politically astute and job-conscious town manager will neither go out of a limb nor make major administrative policy without consultation with the Board. That is how things now work in Cohasset, and so the Board's authority is not diminished. The Board's authority is only diminished if it allows that to occur, and that is a matter of personalities, not of inherent institutional weakness.

SELECTMAN/Merle Brown

No. We have been three years with the town manager. Things are working OK.

Next week's questions

For selectman and planning board candidates: Why (or why not) should voters support Cohasset adopting the Community Preservation Act at the polls April 7?

For school committee candidates: Should hiring a business manager for the school department be a budgetary priority?

Answers must be received by 5 p.m. Monday. Responses, which must be no longer than 250 words, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com, sent by fax to 7441-2931 or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. For more information, call Mary Ford at 741-2933. Candidates, who are opposed or unopposed are welcome to submit photos and formal announcements of their candidacies. The Mariner will also publish a candidates' corner that is limited to a few lines (about 150 words) from any candidate who wishes to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

Save the true martini

Heaven help us!

The 2000 Best of Guide, published by Citysearch.com, the web site of entertainment information, has chosen the chocolate mint martini, concocted by the Martini Ranch in Chicago, as one of the five best mixed drinks in the country.

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



"Why would anyone drink a straight martini when they could have a rich and creamy chocolate one?" a customer, Dante Williams, asked Maria Montoya, a reporter from USA Today, who had the unmitigated gall to publish the quote.

Well, if no one else will tell you, Dante, I will. It's because the rich and creamy chocolate one ain't one, that's why. It sounds like a milk shake you'd get on a bad day at Mad Martha's — and then go out back and throw up.

As everyone knows, and if they don't know, let me remind them, that a true martini is made of six parts gin, one part French dry vermouth, stirred and poured gently into a cocktail glass, and served with an olive.

When I started tending bar at the Boston House in Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard during college vacation in the summer of '49 the book also called for orange bitters but no one ever used it and pretty soon it was dropped from the recipe.

The pace quickened when someone else sneaked a baby onion into the drink and called it a "Gibson."

I arrived on the Vineyard confident that I had all the possible situations covered. I knew how to make a martini. I knew how to open a bottle of beer. And I had the Bible of the trade, the Old Mr. Boston Bartenders Guide, by my side.

Wouldn't you know that the first drink I was called on the make was something called a Salty Dog? Old Mr. Boston failed me. No one in the employ of the Boston House had ever heard of it, although I was told later it was popular of the West Coast.

Thus, I was faced with the embarrassment of having to ask the customer himself how to make my first drink. If I remember right, it's made of gin (or vodka), grapefruit juice and salt to taste around the rim of the glass.

But I digress . . .

The true martini started down the road that leads to perdition sometime in the '50s when someone stuck a twist of lemon peel in place of the olive. The pace quickened when someone else sneaked a baby onion into the drink and called it a "Gibson."

Then came vodka in place of gin and then . . .

Chicago's Martini Ranch has no less than 40 different kinds of "martinis" for sale at anywhere from $6.75 to $12 a pop, including the Angel Food Cake "martini" — dark crème de cacao, Kahlua, chocolate syrup and ice cream with sponge cake.

And the Mint Chocolate Chip "martini," which features blue curacao liqueur and peppermint schnapps.

Go ask for either of those at Haddad's Ocean Café on the Brant Rock Esplanade and see what they say and how they say it.

As for me, I'll still take my olives in their natural habitat, surrounded by six parts gin and one part dry vermouth.

CANDIDATES CORNER



Pat Martin

Pat Martin announces her re-election bid

Pat Martin, current chairperson of the School Committee has announced that she will seek reelection to another three year term. Pat cited the need and importance for continuity and an established knowledge base on the school board as well as her desire to see the schools continuing to move in a positive direction as her two main reasons for her decision. She stated she would also like to build on the work she has done on the committee over the past three years which includes the establishment of alternative funding, strategic planning, policy revision and increased and enhanced communication within town and school departments.

"We have one of the finest school districts in the commonwealth and its stewardship is of utmost importance. I will work to ensure its excellence while continuing to address and solve the issues that confront us," she said.

Pat and her husband Dan have three children ages 10, 7 and 4, are members of the Second Congregational Church and live on Linden Drive. Pat, a former school teacher, received her masters degree in Social Work Administration from Rutgers University in 1986 and currently works part time as the Domestic Violence Intervention Specialist at Wellspring MultiService Center in Hull.

MacCarthy to run for school board

Adrienne MacCarthy is pleased to announce her candidancy for School Committee. Adrienne and her husband, John, reside at 85 Doane St. with their three sons who all attend the Cohasset Public Schools.

Adrienne brings a proven record of experience, accomplishments and commitment to the race. For the past five years, she has served on the School Building/Facilities Committee. During this time, Adrienne has been deeply involved in overseeing two of the largest school projects ever to be undertaken by the town — the $10 million Osgood School and the current $42 million Deer Hill/Middle-High School renovation projects. Adrienne also holds seat on the Executive Board of the PSO as a Parent Representative to the Deer Hill School. It is through her PSO experience that enabled Adrienne to gain an insight to the needs and issues of concern facing the schools on a daily basis.



Adrienne MacCarthy

Adrienne has the necessary experience. She is well versed on topics ranging from multi-million dollar construction projects to multi-colored dry board markers. But Adrienne is also about accomplishments. Her most visible accomplishment would have to be the construction of the $24,000 playground outside of the new Osgood School. What makes this so impressive was the fact that when Adrienne realized there were no funds available for a playground she spear-headed a grassroots committee "The Friends of Cohasset School Playground." This committee raised $24,000, purchased and installed the playground, all within a four-month period. Last Spring, Adrienne and the committee raised additional funds and installed a second playground at the Deer Hill School.

Adrienne feels that it is her experience and her demonstrated commitment to improve the schools that are the essential assets that she will bring to the School Committee. If elected, Adrienne's first order of business will be to establish a "Priority List" of the schools' needs so that in an event unanticipated funds become available, the committee will have a direction for spending. Secondly, Adrienne feels the school committee needs to refine and update its goals and develop a strategic plan to bring our schools into the 21st century. She also would like to explore and implement full utilization of our schools for after school and summer enrichment programs to bring in added revenue.

Adrienne MacCarthy welcomes any questions or comments via Email: MACCARTHY5@aol.com. Contributions to her campaign may be made to "Committee to Elect Adrienne", David Chase, Treasurer c/o 31 Border Street, Cohasset, MA 02025

The Committee to "Elect Adrienne" includes:

Anna Abbruzzese, JoAnne Chittick, David Chase, treasurer, Mary Foley, Sara and Jim Porter, Ralph Kidder, Mary Goodwin, Maureen Jerz, Susan Galligan, co-chairman, Lucia Flibotte, co-chairman.

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Now all the town needed was some snow.

The 2001 version of the 'Perfect Storm,' the angry younger brother of the Blizzard of '78, the storm to shake New England back into its cold, wintry past sputtered and stuttered along the South Shore, much like a 1982 Yugo on a chilly morning.

Cohasset schoolchildren benefited from the early paranoia surrounding the storm, as school was cancelled for Monday.

As Cohasset and the South Shore got drizzled upon Monday afternoon and night, other areas were getting nailed. Worcester and Middlesex County were truly experiencing a good-old fashioned winter storm.

But at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, when the first wave crashed over the Atlantic Avenue causeway, things turned a bit worse in Cohasset. Though Monday was a bust, Tuesday's backlash lived up to its expectations, dumping upwards of six inches in town, most coming after dusk, knocking down power lines, a flagpole (see accompanying story), and flooding low-lying roads.

While some towns such as Chelmsford and Concord received as much as 30 inches, Cohasset was for the most part spared the brunt of the storm.

"We had a very good couple of days," said town Director of Civil Defense and Emergency Preparedness Arthur Lehr. He said beside some "awfully slippery roads," minor flooding, and scattered power outages, the town came through unscathed. "MassElectric had a crew on duty and most of the time they sat around, which is good too, I guess."

The hard snow didn't start in town until early that afternoon and picked up a bit by nightfall.

"Last night was messy," Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan said Wednesday. He reported a half-dozen accidents in town, but no serious injuries.

The weather was just bad enough to call off school Tuesday and Wednesday, giving Cohasset schoolchildren a mini-vacation.

The only real havoc caused was thanks to abnormally high tides, coupled with the strong storm surge, and high winds resulted in a dangerous high-tides Tuesday and Wednesday morning. At one point, said Noonan, the Bow Street/Jerusalem Road intersection was under three feet of water. "The sea was hurling rocks the size of softballs," said Officer William Quigley.

Police had more of a problem clearing spectators away from the wave wash along Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue. "There was a lot of SUV's all over town going through barricades we had set up," Noonan said. He also said town police had been working double shifts during the storm, and had two dispatchers on duty. Fire Chief Roger Lincoln had up to 15 firefighters and paramedics on-call Monday and Tuesday, in order to help-out mutual aid calls from Hull and Scituate.

Lehr said he closed the emergency shelter at the high school after Wednesday morning's high-tide, and said the town's state of emergency would end later that afternoon. His next worry, Lehr said, was a storm threatening to dump another foot of snow for the weekend.

That news would surely be music to local stores' ears. If the bare shelves at Stop & Shop Sunday evening were any indication, Cohasset was undoubtedly over-prepared for this storm.

"The last two and a half days we've done almost double the business," said Stop & Shop manager Eddie Samuel, who added the store had actually run out of a few items.

He said it was very busy on Saturday, and Sunday was even busier than Saturday.

"We had almost all 17 check-outs going," he said. The store was able to restock over Sunday night, and experienced a little burst of business Monday morning, before emptying out. By 2:30 Monday afternoon, the store was a ghost town. Samuel said the downside of having such a busy weekend was that "for the next couple of days, the store will look like this."

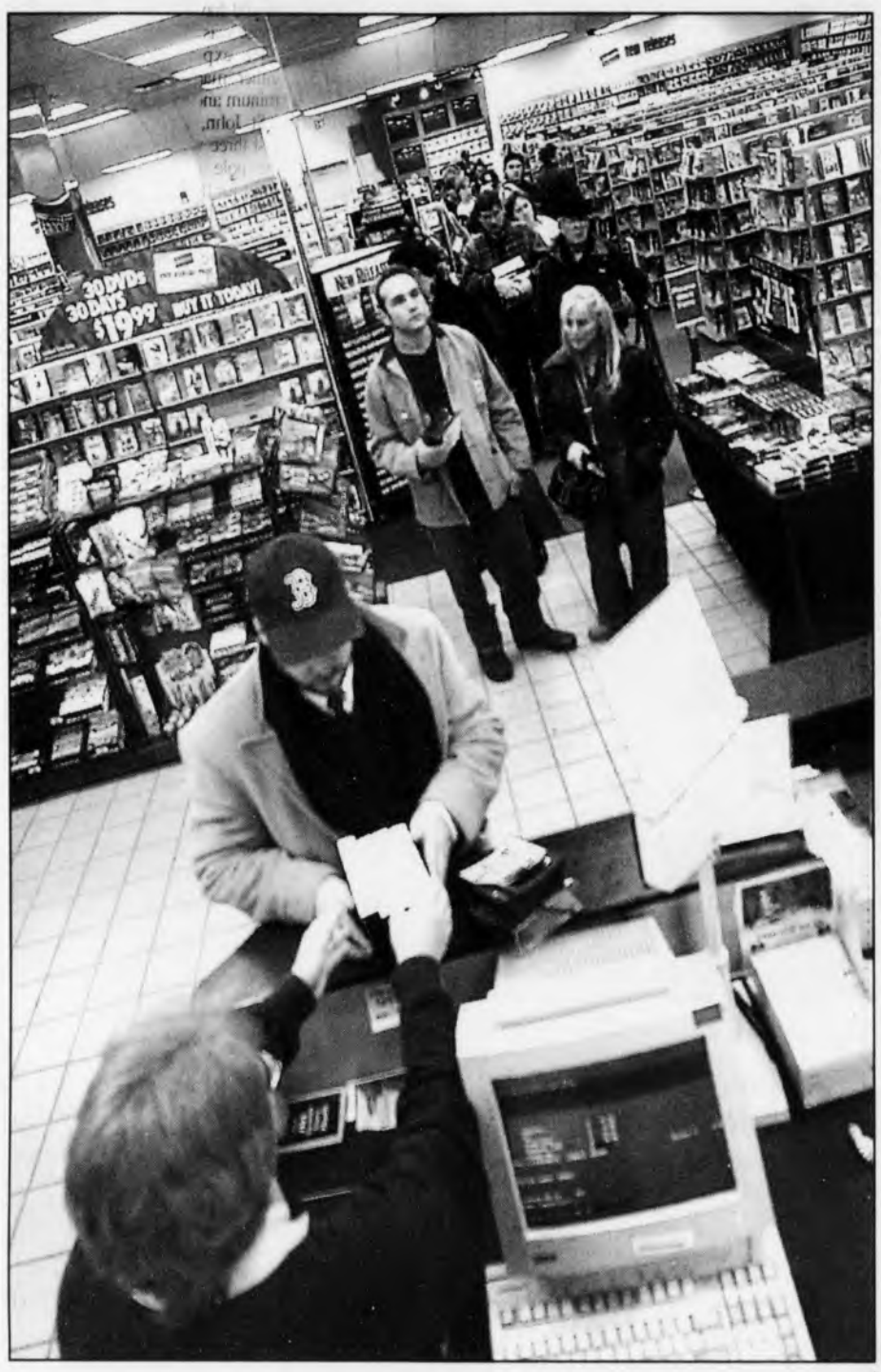
At Blockbuster Video, the line reached 22 people deep Monday afternoon, after getting a running start that morning.

"It's been like this since Friday," said store manager Margaret Doval.

Apparently, while the kids have been picking out movies and video games to rent, their parents were next door picking out what type of wine to buy.

"It's been busy since 9 a.m.," said Michael, behind the counter at Cohasset Liquors. When asked how many people has come through the doors since Saturday, he said "hundreds easily," and expected more.

"I'll be here until the power goes out."



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Long lines were the norm at Blockbuster on Monday morning, as area residents stocked up on videos in anticipation of being snowed in.

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Town landmark toppled in storm

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reporting the pole had fallen down.

Apparently the pole hit the wires where it broke again and sent a surge through the lines.

The pole replaced a wooden one that was taken down because it was rotting and had stood there for decades.

"It busted about four feet up," said Selectman Merle Brown. "We were worried about the old one falling down and that one had stayed there 50 years."

A pole has stood on the common for nearly 150 years. The first one was installed in 1861 by W. B. Johnson; then two subsequent poles were given to the town in 1915 and 1946 in memory of George G. Crocker. The new pole was installed in October 1997.

Building inspector Bob Egan said the fiberglass pole is advertised as being able to sustain winds of 120 miles per hour.

"It was windy, but not that windy," he said. Egan explained the pole broke off near a door that opens to the halyard housed inside the pole.

Wallace St. John of Eagle Flag Company in North Weymouth, which obtained the pole for the town, said the pole — that is hollow — is covered under a 10-year warranty.

"That really surprises me," he said. "We've installed several of those and never had one break."

But St. John said an investigation would have to determine what the cause was.

He explained poles today are either made of fiberglass or aluminum and are always hollow.

St. John, a Cohasset resident, said just three weeks ago he worked on the pole to install new retaining rings for the flag.

"I'm glad no one was hurt," he said. "I've never heard of one falling ever."

Plastic Laminate Products manufactured the pole in New Hampshire.

Pilgrim Cooperative Bank donated the $12,000 needed to replace the wooden pole with fiberglass replacement 3-1/2 years ago.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE COHASSET POLICE

The 80-foot flag pole on Cohasset Common toppled during the storm on Tuesday afternoon.

Group acts to preserve open space

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mending the town consider adopting a surcharge of 1.5 percent, calculated after exempting the first $100,000 of the property's assessed valuation. The 1.5 percent surcharge would be on the real estate tax, not on the value of the house.

Taxes collected under the Community Preservation Act would not be included under Proposition 2-1/2, the tax cap that limits the amount a town can raise its annual levy.

If the ballot question meets with voters' approval, the estimated annual revenues expected would be about $200,000. The owner of a home assessed at $350,000 would pay about $78 annually.

John Hartshorne of Border Street, president of the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private organization established in 1968 to preserve open land, said there are several parcels the town might eye if it had the money.

"It's no secret we're hopeful Cohasset can persuade the Barnes' family to allow us to purchase a significant part of the 32 acres next to Wheelwright Park that they have on the market," he said. "Also, there's the so-called Wolf Pit property next to the reservoir." Developer Wayne Sawchuk is planning to build a 22-unit senior housing complex at the Wolf Pits site.

Hartshorne said he had no trouble getting people to sign the petition to put the question on the ballot.

"Most readily accepted it with just the words 'open space,'" he said. "Some said they are taxed enough, but that was a small minority of people that I talked to. By far the majority were quite receptive to the idea of saving land."

The Community Preservation Act establishes a Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund to be funded with statewide surcharges on real estate recording and registration fees, at an estimated $26 million per year. Eighty percent would be distributed on a matching basis to local communities that adopt the act. If Cohasset collected $200,000, the state would match up to 70 percent of that figure or $140,000 – giving the town an annual total of $340,000.

Community preservation legislation is designed to help communities plan ahead for sustainable growth and raise funds to achieve their goals, officials say.

Community preservation funds may be used to purchase land, easements or restrictions to protect existing and future water supply areas; agricultural, forest or coastal lands; frontage to inland water bodies; wildlife habitat; nature preserves; and scenic vistas.

Funds could also be utilized for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation or restoration of buildings or real property determined by the local historic preservation commission to be significant to the history, archaeology, architecture or culture of the community or is listed or eligible for listing on the state register of historic places.

The community preservation committee would be comprised of members of the town's planning board, conservation commission, parks department, historical commission and housing authority in addition to other citizens at large. Public meetings would be held to discuss the town's community preservation needs and opportunities. Town Meeting is required to spend or set aside at least 10 percent of the revenues for non-recreational open space, historic preservation and community housing.

Voters are also being asked to consider adopting the Norfolk County open space plan at the March 31 annual Town Meeting. That plan would not involve a tax increase. However, the town would have to file a home rule petition asking the Legislature to allow the county to divert county deed excise taxes to its own municipal open space account. If approved, the plan could add up to about $145,000 annually for Cohasset.

Hartshorne said he thinks it's possible for the town to adopt both plans. He said his reason for backing the Community Preservation Act is that it produces more money.

"Open land is not inexpensive these days," he said.

Cohasset native may head to White House

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Armitage, his son helped negotiate the country's military base agreement deal with the Philippines, and was put in charge of water right negotiations in the Middle East.

Bloomfield Sr. was involved in the setting up of the United Nations, taught at MIT for 35 years, and served as Jimmy Carter's National Security Council Director of Global Issues.

When asked if he could be persuaded by his son to rejoin the international affairs game, Bloomfield Sr. said "I'm happy as a clam up here."

He said while in high school, Bloomfield Jr. was "an athlete not a jock," as a member of the school's tennis and baseball teams, played tuba in the school band, and was the student council president his senior year. "He was a normal kid...played in a rock band," said Bloomfield Sr.

As of now, Bush has only said he "intends to name" Bloomfield Jr. to the position, but has not yet done so formally.

Though his son is a Republican, Bloomfield Sr. said he considered the appointment to be merit-based. "He's a professional, and a foreign affairs and defense expert," he said. "I'm pleased that someone that good will be in a responsible position."

"This is meritocracy at work," he said.

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POLICE LOG

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

3:50 p.m. Highland Ave., malicious destruction.

4:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto.

6:10 p.m. North Main St., civil offenses.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

12:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:43 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:55 a.m. Highland Ave., vandalism.

7:05 a.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:52 a.m. South Main St, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

1:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire inspections.

2:20 p.m. Bayberry Ln., wires down.

2:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

4:23 p.m. Beechwood St., well being check.

8:18 p.m. Black Rock Rd., suspicious person.

10:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

10:27 p.m. All over town, general information.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

12:13 a.m. Elm St., disabled vehicle.

12:36 a.m. Elm St., general information.

2:44 a.m. Square, general services.

8:39 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

8:57 a.m. Highland Ave., parking violation.

10:31 a.m. South Main St., barking dog.

1:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

4:56 p.m. Spring St., fire investigation.

5:23 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

5:39 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

6:05 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

6:16 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

6:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

9:02 p.m. Square, parking violation, parking ticket issued.

10:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Janine M. Cunningham, 32, 101 Turner Rd., Scituate. Chrgs., operating after suspended license, traffic, town by-law offenses, operating a motor vehicle with defective equipment.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

1:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services, area search.

1:36 a.m. Pond St., open door/window.

7:24 a.m. Arrowwood Rd., medical aid.

8:30 a.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

9:36 a.m. Fairoaks Ln., suspicious auto.

8:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

8:21 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

8:29 p.m. Nichols Rd., assist citizen.

10:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

11:29 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

9:26 a.m. All roads in town, general services.

2:46 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

3:34 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle accident.

5:15 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

8:28 p.m. Tad Ln. burglary.

10 p.m. Tad Ln., house checks.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

7:15 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:30 a.m. Parker Ave., traffic complaint.

8:21 a.m. Elm St., auto fire, extinguished.

8:32 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient signoff.

10:21 a.m. Beach St., suspicious person.

11:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:43 a.m. Black Rock Rd., animal control.

1:32 p.m. Elm St., violation restraining order.

2:40 p.m. King St., animal control.

5:27 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:47 p.m. Elm St., violation restraining order, arrest. Pamela L. Brebbia, 47, 589 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset. Chgs.: violation of protective order, making annoying telephone calls, criminal harassment.

6:56 p.m. North Main St., MVA.

8:54 p.m. Holly Ln., general services.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

6:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:48 a.m. King St., animal control.

9:39 a.m. King St., animal control.

10 a.m. Forest Ave., fire inspections.

11:15 a.m. Sohier St., investigation.

12:41 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:20 p.m. Powers Ln., animal control.

2:09 p.m. Stockbridge St., animal control.

2:29 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:32 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:44 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:56 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, protective custody.

2:56 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:28 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:44 p.m. Elm Ct., fire investigation, extinguished.

9:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto, investigated.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

2:40 a.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

6:17 a.m. King St. and Lily Pond Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:24 a.m. King St. and Lily Pond Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:35 a.m. King St. and Lily Pond Ln., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:11 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:18 a.m. King St. and Lily Pond Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:35 a.m. King St. and Lily Pond Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:34 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:48 a.m. Red Gate Ln., fire inspections.

12:54 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:16 p.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

1:40 p.m. Brewster Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:40 p.m. South Main St. and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:45 p.m. South Main St. and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:08 p.m. South main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

7:02 a.m. Mill Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:16 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:23 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:37 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:48 a.m. Aaron River Rd., fire inspections.

9:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:27 a.m. Beechwood St., traffic complaint, area search negative.

10:54 a.m. Wood Way, fire inspections.

11:11 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire inspections.

12:30 p.m. Deep Run, medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:34 p.m. King St., fire investigation, extinguished.

12:52 p.m. Elm St., lost property.

12:54 p.m. Elm St., general disturbance.

1:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:55 p.m. Central St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

OBITUARIES

John J. Davenport

John J. Davenport, 92, of Marshfield, formerly of Cohasset, died at the John Scott House in Braintree on Feb. 16, 2001.

Born and educated in Cohasset, he was a retired landscaper for the Town of Cohasset. He also worked as a private landscaper after his retirement.

He leaves two sons, Robert Davenport of Cohasset, and John Davenport of Hingham; two daughters Dorothy Hiltz of Hingham and Elizabeth Mager of Scituate; a dear friend, Kathryn M. Murphy of Marshfield and many grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at MacDonald Funeral Home in Marshfield. Interment was in Couch Cemetery.

Rosemary Ann Laugelle

Rosemary Ann (Cross) Laugelle, 67, of Cohasset, died Feb. 21, 2001, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a brief illness.

Mrs. Laugelle worked for Alco for 34 years before retiring as treasurer in 1998.

She was born and raised in Weymouth and graduated from Weymouth High School in 1951. She had lived in Cohasset for 45 years.

Mrs. Laugelle leaves her husband, Joseph S. Laugelle; a son, Joseph S. Laugelle Jr.; a daughter, Elizabeth A. Wilson; three brothers, William Cross, Edwin T. Cross and John R. Cross all of Weymouth; two sisters, Jeanne F. Corcoran of Norwood and Rita Bryant of Weymouth; many grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Marie Laugelle.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery.

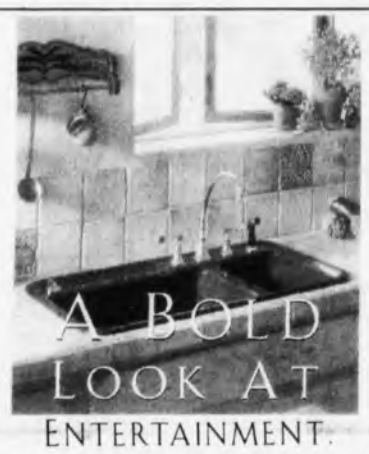
Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

Alzheimer's support

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SPORTS

Star of the Week

Kelsey Bell. The Cohasset teenager placed fourth in the 3-meter springboard competition of the 2001 Junior Olympic Winter Regional Championships held in Ewing, NJ, this past Weekend, thus qualifying for the East Junior National Diving Championships to be held in Bloomington, Indiana at the end of April.

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Green Wave swamps Cohasset Skippers

Boys tourney run ended by Abington

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The upstart Cohasset Skippers, dismissed by many at the beginning of the season as also-rans in the South Shore League, exceeded virtually all expectations over the last three months, winning 14 games. Unfortunately, their Cinderella ride ended abruptly last Friday in a Sectional quarterfinal loss to the Green Wave of Abington.

"We originally thought that if we had gone .500 and made the tournament, it would have been a successful season," confessed 10th year coach Ron Ford.

After several consecutive dismal seasons, this team was thought to have been simply more of the same. But finishing up with a 14-8 record despite numerous players down due to illness or injury, Cohasset remained in contention for the league title into the last week of the season.

In the 72-51 loss, Cohasset's third this year to their SSL rivals from Abington, the Skippers started out matching their hosts shot for shot, even holding a seven point advantage at one point.

"It started the way we wanted it to," said Ford.

The veteran coach attributed much of his squad's early success to the unusually large Cohasset crowd on hand. CHS even offered a spectator bus for some of the student fans.

"I think we had more fans than they did," effused Ford, who added that he was incredibly impressed with the capacity crowd on hand for last Tuesday's preliminary round win over Foxboro.

Unfortunately for the Boys in Blue, the host Green Wave squad eventually found their shooting touch and surged in front during an 8-2 run at the end of the half. They took a 33-27 advantage into the intermission.

When both teams came back on the floor for round two, Abington busted out for a 16-3 run that blew the game open. During that span, Abington seemed to be hitting every shot thrown in the same vicinity as the hoop.

"They just shot the lights out," stated Ford plainly.

"We were getting good looks. We just weren't hitting them. It wasn't our night. . . but they played with character."
Cohasset coach Ron Ford

In fact, Abington's two South Shore League All-Stars— seniors Nick French, a former Cohasset resident, and James Smith— combined for 8-of-8 shooting from the floor in the second half. Smith tallied 21 points, while French finished the game with 15.

Cohasset never reduced the deficit blow 16 points, hardly surprising considering the team shot just 8-of-27 from the field in the second half.

"We were getting good looks," said Ford, shrugging. "We just weren't hitting them. It wasn't our night. . . but they played with character."

With a minute left in the game, Ford substituted his younger bench players for senior captains Erik Shea, TJ Bilodeau and Doug O'Brien for the last time. The trio received a lengthy standing ovation from the Cohasset faithful.

"Those three stack up as some of the best captains I have ever had," lauded Ford after the game.

Indeed the Skipper squad success story is in large part due to the motivation and leadership of Shea, Bilodeau and O'Brien. Shea and Bilodeau were selected to represent the schoolin the South Shore League All-Star game, and O'Brien, though he missed multiple games due to sickness, was once again among the most effective 'sixth men' on the South Shore.

Tournament Game Notes

Abington

-Cohasset shot 29 percent from the floor in the second half, but hit 50 percent of their three point attempts. Cohasset shot 41percent in the first half, but went 0-for-6 from long range after the break.

-For the second straight tournament game, a frontcourt underclassmen hit a shot as the buzzer sounded in the first half.

-Cohasset took three offensive fouls in the game, two by junior point guard Matt Bilodeau, and the other by O'Brien.

-Abington missed 6-of-14 foul shots in the game. Two were by 85% shooter French, and three were by senior captain Jason Harrington, "The Mule."

Foxboro

-The two teams combined to make their first six field goal attempts of the second half, then combined to miss their

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain and invaluable sixth man Doug O'Brien takes it inside against much bigger Abington defender.



STAFF POTO/SUSAN HANEY

With the wrestling and gymnastics seasons over, Doerr gym has been cleared out for the final time.

Doerr gym closes doors for last time

Site of so many Cohasset High glories to be converted into a library

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

"It has got history," said former varsity gymnastics coach Ruthann Ardizonni about the Doerr Gym of Cohasset, which will no longer be used as an athletic facility come next year.

The gymnasium, opened in the 50s as the premiere basketball court on the entire South Shore, certainly has more than its fair share of history. A host to basketball, wrestling and gymnastics over the past quarter century, Doerr Gym had no shortage of proud seasons.

Gracing the walls of the gymnasium are a large numbers of banners for the gymnastics team and countless names on the wall of wrestlers who were either Sectional Finalists or State Finalists.

"It is definitely intimidating to a school that doesn't have that type of history," offered 18th year Cohasset wrestling coach Torin Sweeney, who wrestled himself for Cohasset the first year the school had a team in 1977.

The namesake of the Doerr Gym was Everett "Evie" Doerr, a much beloved coach and physical education teacher for many years at Cohasset High School.

Ardizonni and Sweeney, with a combined 34 years of coaching experience at Cohasset, have shared the gym since the early 80s, and recalled some of their most cherished moments.

Ardizzoni started by saying that the first year Cohasset had a school gymnastics program, she was a freshman, but a captain for the squad in 1976.

The Skippers lost all their meets that year, forced to compete entirely on the road due to equipment shortages.

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Sheerin vaults into All-State's

C.H.S junior looks to prolong record breaking season this weekend

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Heading into this season, Kristin Sheerin was inarguably one of the best female gymnasts ever to compete for the Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team. Now, 3-1/2 months later, the Skippers' junior co-captain is arguably the best ever.

Sheerin takes on the best in Massachusetts on Saturday when she travels to Lincoln-Sudbury High for the State Individual Championships. The meet was a definite turning point in Sheerin's high school gymnastics career as the rest of the state couldn't help but take notice of her huge sixth-place finish.

Sheerin has always thrived on big-meet pressure for the simple fact she never feels as though there's a whole lot of pressure on her. If there is pressure on Sheerin, whether it be internal or external, she's not telling.

"It was very unexpected," Sheerin said of her sixth-place finish of a year ago. "I'm very happy. This has been a successful season. I'm seeded higher (ninth). Last year I was just a nobody. I'll be happy just to place."

By the time Saturday rolls around, it will have been more than three weeks since Sheerin last competed. That meet, the Pilgrim Conference 2 Championships, proved to be one for the ages. Sheerin locked up the only two Skippers' school records she didn't already own; the all-around and vault. Her 35.65 all-around mark was more than a point in front of Michelle Hartley's record and also good for first place. Sheerin won the vault with an 8.9, bettering Hartley's 1990 mark of 8.7. Along with the all-around and vault, Sheerin also holds the school record on the beam (9.15), floor (9.15) and bars (8.8), which she set at last year's State Individuals.

Much of Sheerin's success this season can be attributed to the fact that she was healthy for the duration. There was never the hint of a flu bug, which hit so many teams this winter. Sheerin didn't lose any training to injuries and only got stronger as the season wore on.

The degree of difficulty in Sheerin's routines rose, as did the consistency in which she nailed them cold. She believes the 8.9 vault in the Pilgrim Conference 2 meet was the result of a handspring

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Kristin Sheerin, who will compete on Saturday in the State Individual Gymnastics Championships at Lincoln-Sudbury High, displays her form on the balance beam.



Green Wave swamps Skippers

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next seven.

-Matt Bilodeau either scored or assisted on eight of Cohasset's first nine baskets to start the second half before being replaced by younger brother Chris with 6:24 left on the clock.

-Although he is a senior, Tim Callahan is in his first year as a player for Foxboro. Even the Foxboro folks couldn't explain why.

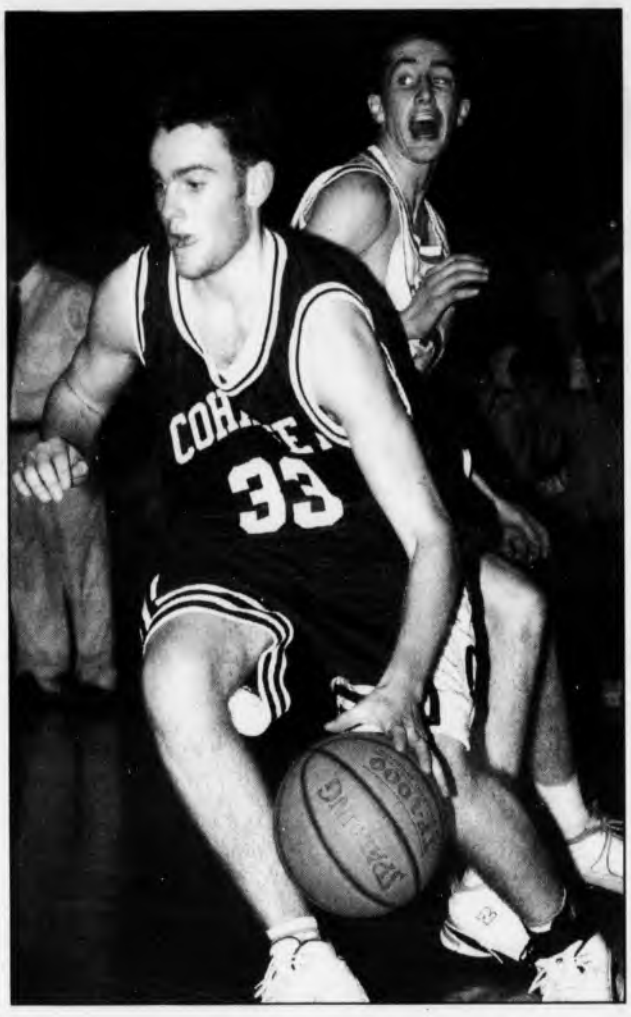
-This was only Cohasset's second win of the year when committing more turnovers than their opponents, losing this battle 12-11.

-Cohasset shot an unconscious 67% from the floor in the second half, including 75% from three range. And while paling in comparison, the home team managed to shoot an impressive 50% in the opening 16 minutes.

-Oddly enough, the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald picked Foxboro and Cohasset, respectively, to be the Sleeper in the Div. 3 South Sectionals.

-The Skippers improved to 4-1 when playing non-league opponents at home.

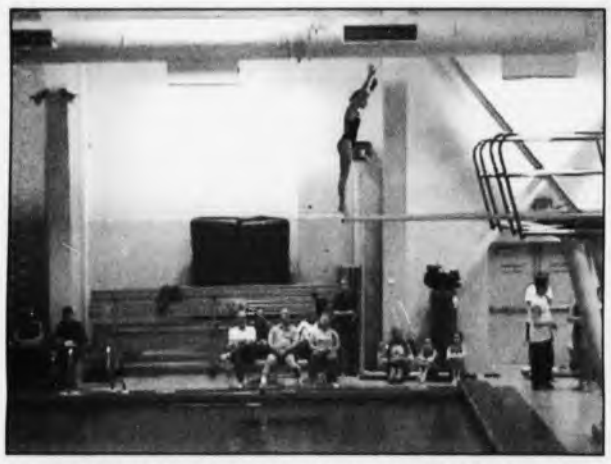
The Cohasset cheerleaders did everything they could think of to inspire the hoopsters on Friday night.

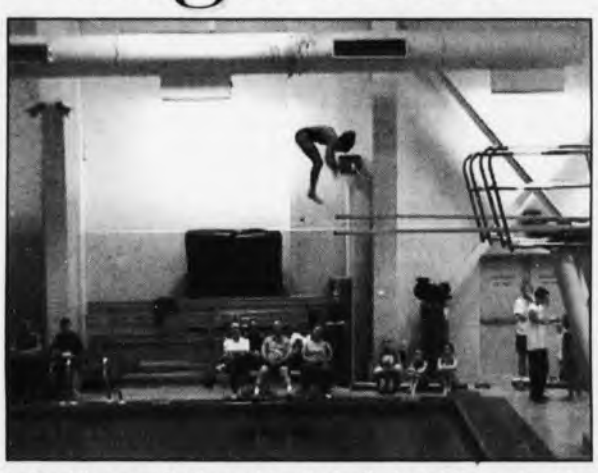


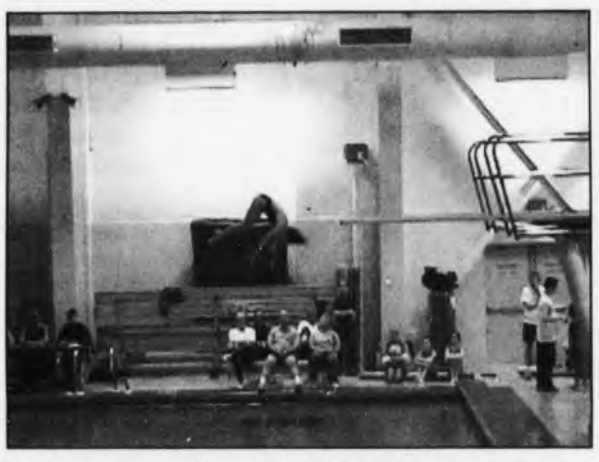
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Cohasset captain Erik Shea drives by his man in first round tourney action against Abington on Friday.

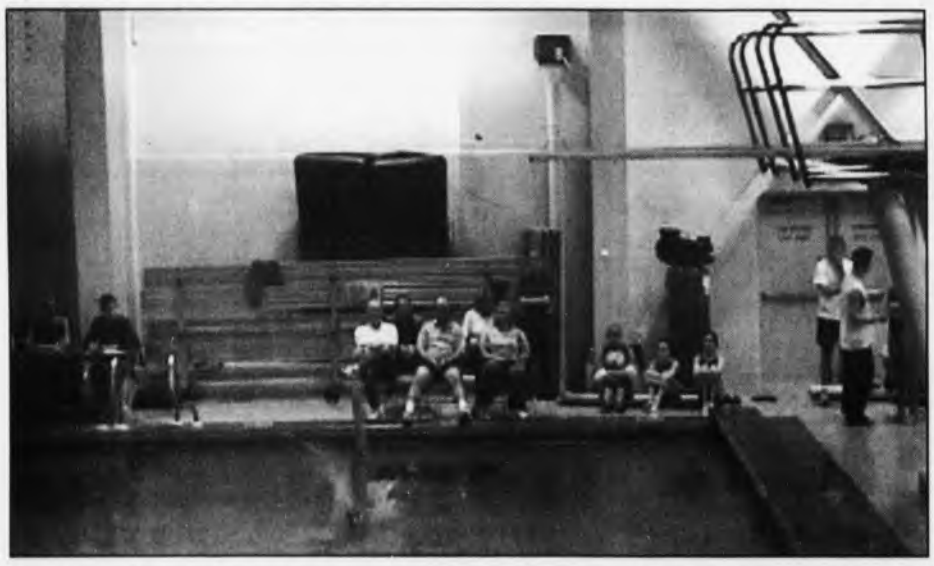
High Dive







Cohasset's Kelsey Bell, pictured here performing one of her dives from platform step 4 and then accepting her medal on the fourth place platform, placed fourth in the 3-meter springboard competition of the 2001 Junior Olympic Winter Regional Championships held in Ewing, NJ, this past Weekend, thus qualifying for the East Junior National Diving Championships to be held in Bloomington, Indiana at the end of April.





Cohasset's Kristin Sheerin vaults into All-State's

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with 1-1/2 twists she had been working on. Sheerin had the move down pat and hit it perfectly.

"That was just what I needed to bring up my overall score," she said.

Sheerin has been training at her private gym in Braintree since the Pilgrim Conference competition and is itching to get back on the mats.

"Once I've been in a routine of two meets a week, (then gone three weeks without a meet) it hurts a little," she said. "But I'm ready. It'll be a lot of fun. There are going to be so many great gymnasts there."

Sheerin can't help but look ahead to the 2001-2002 season. Not only will she be working on putting her records out of reach for some years to come, but Sheerin has her conference title to defend. Then there's the six seniors who will be picked to represent Massachusetts in the national high school championships.

Sheerin fully intends to make a serious run at breaking into that elite six.

"I have a lot to look forward to next year," she said.

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Doerr gym closes doors for last time

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Amazingly, the program righted itself, and the Skippers captured the League Championships just one year later in 1977.

As a varsity coach from 1984 to 2000, and a Middle School coach this past season, Ardizzoni has seen her girls win two League Co-Championships, in the '93-'94 and '97-'98 seasons, and two League Championships in the '94-'95 and '95-96 seasons.

In addition to the superb team effort Aridizzoni has seen over the years, there has been a great number of standout individuals.

Since 1994, the South Shore League has selected the top 10 gymnasts in the league to represent their school in an All-Star competition.

The Skippers have sent two competitors three times, three All-Stars twice, four participants twice, and, in 1995, sent a whopping five, or half the All-Star team.

Erica and Tara Hettstrom and Jody Calwell dominated the mid-90s with four All-Star performances each. Kristin Sheerin, currently a junior at Cohasset High School, should make the team again next year for her unprecedented sixth selection, as she has made the team every year since seventh grade.

In fact, over the course of her career, Sheerin has broken every Doerr Gym record, including a 9.15 on the beam and a 9.2 on the floor, and a 35.65 in the All-around.

The team record for a meet is 127.15, but Ardizzoni hardly thinks that not having their home arena will stop the progress of the program.

"I am sure [new coach] Cara Connerty and her crew will break it next year," predicted Ardizzoni, who was a captain for the Skippers all four years she was at Cohasset High School.

"Wherever the Lady Skippers find a home next year, their chances look good with three returning All-Stars in Sheerin, junior Carlie Carter and sophomore Meredith Bixby.

Sweeney also had a great deal to say when asked to pinpoint some of the great feats he had seen over the last 25 years, both as a competitor and a coach.

Sweeney began to wrestle for the varsity Skippers as an 8th grader, modestly adding he was only on the roster that young due a shortage of participants.

Sweeney suffered a few losing seasons to start off his coaching career. The turning point of his coaching career came with a win over the juggernaut Marshfield team in 1986.

"That was a match that let the South Shore know we had made it to the top," recalled Sweeney. "That would have been our first winning season as a program."

Two years later, Sweeney felt a similar feeling when his Skippers handed State Champions Weston their only loss of the season.

Later that same year, Cohasset was in contention for the league title, hosting Rockland in the final meet of the season to decide the South Shore League crown. Rockland did come out victorious, thanks in large part to a now outdated rule that the home team had to declare their wrestlers first, giving Rockland a distinct advantage.

By utilizing this rule, the Bulldogs were able to avoid pitting their top wrestler against Skipper superstar Glen Freeman. This was one of the cases cited when league officials voted to eliminate the rule the following year.

Glen Freeman led a host of Freemans, as well as many other almost legendary wrestlers whose names are proudly displayed on the walls of Doerr Gym.

John, Glenn, Chris and Paul were virtually unstoppable in the late 80's, helping Sweeney and Cohasset to five consecutive winning seasons.

In the 1992-'93 and '93-'94 seasons, Cohasset was led by rising stars Ray Jones, Steve Herrington and Nate Fiore, leading to a combined six sectional final appearances.

Cohasset solidified itself as one of the premiere wrestling programs in the area with wins that year over such Division One powerhouses as Weymouth and BC High, leading to some pretty heated rivalries.

Even now, Cohasset is still the envy of many schools in Massachusetts, having strung together seven straight seasons with at least 10 wins.

Part of the success for both the gymnastics and wrestling teams was due to the great competitive atmosphere of Doerr Gym. A relatively small facility, compared to some others across the state, Doerr Gym has a way of packing in more fans than seemingly possible.

"When we drew great crowds, it was intimidating for the other teams," said Sweeney.

The gym was so raucous at times that Ardizzoni felt that even her own team members would be nervous to face the crowd.

"When we were doing gymnastics, the place was packed," asserted Ardizzoni. She added, jokingly: "Just imagine walking out in a leotard. The fans were real supportive even though you were real nervous."

So many years, so much history. The landmark of CHS will be used as a temporary library and art room during all of the construction at the school once the gymnastics and wrestling programs are gone.

Gone, but obviously far from forgotten.

SPORTS NOTES

Little League sign-up

Registration for the 2001 Cohasset Little League Baseball and Softball Season will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cohasset Middle High School. All players (including players who are already on a Major League team) must sign up.

In addition to completing a registration form and paying the registration fee, parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate if one has not previously been supplied. Registration is open to all children who will be at least five years old by August 1, 2001.

Call Mark or Lynne DeGiacomo at 383-6413 with any questions.

Hockey sign-ups

The Coastal Stars Youth hockey program for Cohasset and Marshfield will hold sign-ups on Sunday, March 11, from 1-5 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center in Cohasset and at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, in Marshfield on Sunday, March 25 from 1:15-5 p.m..

Lacrosse Instruction

Instructional Lacrosse six-week program, registration Sunday, March 18, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Scituate High School large gym located off Rt. 3A. Open to girls ages 5 to 10 or grades K to 4 and boys ages 5 to 8 or grades K to 2.

This six-week program runs on Saturday's beginning May 5 until June 9, from 3 to 4 p.m. behind Hatherly Elementary School off Ann Vinal Road, Scituate.

This program is open to Scituate and area towns, proceeds benefit the Scituate High School Lacrosse teams. Cost is $25 for Scituate residents, $30 for non-residents, payable to Friends of Scituate High School Lacrosse. Equipment requirement is a stick only, mouthguards are recommended.

This program is for the beginner player to introduce techniques of the game with no physical contact or checking. For more information contact Paula Evans at (781) 545-4031 or email: KPNRCEVANS@aol.com

Lacrosse clinics, to jump-start your season. Girls and boys; youth and high school players. Given by varsity players, coaches and former players. Clinics will be held on Sunday, March 18 at the Scituate High School large gym located off Rt. 3A from noon to 2 p.m. for boys ages 7 to 18 and 2 to 4 p.m. for girls ages 7 to 18.

All field equipment is required, cost to participate is $20 payable to Friends of Scituate High School Lacrosse. For registration and information contact Paula Evans at (781) 545-4031 or email KPNRCEVANS@aol.com

Roadrace by-the-sea

The Cohasset Rotary Club announces that the 25th Annual 10K Road Race by-the-sea and Funwalk will be held Sunday, April 1. The proceeds go to the many local, regional, and International projects that Rotary supports. Over 800 runners are expected from all over New England. The start for the Road race will be 1 p.m. from the Cohasset Common. The race is sanctioned by USATF-NE. There will be free refreshments for all registered runners. The Fun Walk starts at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach.

Applications are available at www.roadracebythesea.com and in Cohasset at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop, and mail from the Cohasset Rotary, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MM 02025, or send email with your mailing address to tlg@dreamcom.net. The registration fee for the race is $12 prior to March 25, and $15 after. The registration fee for the walk is $12. On-site registration will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset on Saturday, March 31, at 9 a.m. until noon and Sunday, April 1, 9 a.m. until noon. For race questions call (781) 383-2811 or send email to tlg@dreamcom.net

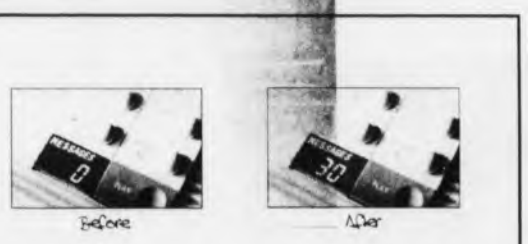
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You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 13th - 15th and Final accounts of Fleet Bank of Massachusetts N.A., as Trustee (the fiduciary) of the will of said deceased for the benefit of Ada F. Iselin and Delinda T. Harding et al have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the Fourth day of April, 2001, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this Twenty-second day of February, 2001.

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Hello to everyone! Schools In is starting this week on its new schedule. The column will run on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Please have all news to me by the 12th and 25th of each month, including all pictures that you may have. The best way to assure that this all gets to me in a timely fashion is:

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Any photos can be sent to mford@cnc.com, as well as to me with all the pertinent information attached. Please remember to send the photos to us in jpeg format and to identify those in the picture.

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Pizza is coming again to Cohasset! The current fifth-grade students will be selling the very popular Little Ceasar's Pizza Kits to help in their fundraising efforts for the sixth-grade trip to Camp Bournedale. The pizza kits are wonderful and for everyone that is sold, the student earns $5 towards his/her tuition for this very rewarding week away. The sale will start this Friday, March 9 and all orders need to be turned in no later than March 20. All orders will be delivered on March 26, please make sure to make arrangements for this as they need to be refrigerated or frozen right away. If you cannot locate one of our wonderful fifth graders, please call the Deer Hill Office at 383-6115 and place your order. These kits can be eaten right away or frozen for a later date. Not only can you enjoy a fun and easy meal, you will help the students in a very positive way. Please feel free to call **Adrienne McCarthy** at 383-1028, **Dianne Shipp** at 383-9198 or **Jen Piepenbrink** at383-0143 with any questions you may have.

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The PSO is currently accepting nominations for positions for the upcoming 2001-2003 term. The following positions are to be slated: president, vice-president, Osgood, Deer Hill, middle and high school representatives, curriculum enrichment at both the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools, fundraising, METCO, PSO activities, diversity, publicity, PAC and a building and facilities liaison. For more specific information about available positions, job descriptions are available in the main office of each building. Whether you are interested in serving on the executive board or helping to organize next years Family Math and Science Night, the PSO Nominating Committee would like to hear from you and help you to get involved.

For more information about the PSO or to volunteer, please call any of the following nominating committee members: **Joan Allen** at 383-9027, **Mary Beth Carrier** at 383-6051, **Susan Jaffe** at 383-9885, **Mary McGoldrick** at 383-1431, **Barb Mullin** at 383-0953 or **Lyn Previtte** at 383-9723

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The following dates and times are for some upcoming important dates for all of you to note. School Committee — March 15, 7:30 p.m. in the CHS Library; PSO — March 20, 7 p.m. Also, the South Shore Community Center PAC Workshop on Basic Rights— April 5, 7 p.m. in the Osgood Music Room, reservations requested, call **Laura DeSisto** at 383-6989

Also note that the MCAS testing for Grade 3 is being held on April 9-12.

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The Cohasset PSO METCO are seeking host families for a seventh-grade girl and an eighth-grade boy. Host families provide a contact in Cohasset for the Boston student and their family. The age of your children, schedule, and style of your family and other factors will define your host relationship. There is flexibility in the definition of your relationship and interaction with your Boston family. For detailed information about each student, contact **Olivia Baldwin** at 383-1866 or **Alison Moskow** at 383-9242.

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The Annual Spelling Bee for the seventh grade is being held this Friday in the morning. The Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee Co. has some wonderful awards this year for this PSO sponsored event. I cannot wait to hear the results of this fun and educational event. Good Luck to all...

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The Grade 7 team recently held an awards assembly to recognize those seventh graders who have attained a high level of academic achievement for Semester 1 and to honor those students who have contributed to their classes in other ways. I think it is so important for us to recognize all accomplishments and am thrilled to report in this area.

Highest Academic Average(in each class): These students had the highest academic average in each class at the end of Semester 1 SCIENCE: **Charlotte Sida, Matthew Finian, Brooke Allen** and **Kelsey Bell**. SOCIAL STUDIES: **Caitlin Sanchez, Daniel Mercurio, Lisa Musto** and **Emily Nash**. ENGLISH: **Molly Trisler, Caitlin O'Connell, Kaitlin James** and **Emma Weston**. MATH: **Brooke Allen, Amanda Faulkner, Katie Bolger** and **Daniel McCarthy.**

Humanitarian Award: These two students were nominated by their peers for their caring, kindness, generosity and respect towards others: **Mia Lieb-Lappen** and **Chris Ofsthun**. Recognition for Diligence: The following three students were nominated for outstanding effort by the seventh-grade teachers: **Daniel Mercurio, Jennifer Roche** and **Mark Bouchard.** HEALTH: Creativity in Role Playing: **Beverly Rock** and **Steve Abrams**. Contributes most to class: **Brendan Barrett, Krystal Hudson** and **Ben Libby.** READING: **Remy Lee, Matt O'Connell** and **Brittany O'Neil** BAND: **Sam Kusek, Elyse Morin, Molly Trisler** and **Mike Martone.** TECHNOLOGY: Class of 2006 positive attitude and team effort for their work on the school newspaper. Creativity: **Jon Lowe** and **Mia Lieb-Lappen.** Outstanding Improvement: **Katie Bolger** and **Tom Morgan.** LANGUAGES: Best Spanish Accent: **Emily Savage**. Contributes most to class: **Nils Sceery.** Best French Accent: **Emilie Shea.** Contributes most to class: **Lisa Spirito** PHYSICAL EDUCATION: **Erica Aikens** and **Tom Morgan.** What a fantastic list and a great bunch of students! You should all be very proud of yourselves and make sure to keep up the amazing work.

Speakers' workshop at conservatory March 17

"According to recent studies," said South Shore Conservatory Drama Instructor Ellen Kelly, "fear of public speaking is among the top three most common fears, with the other two being fear of flying and fear of death."

Starting with the idea that all the world is indeed a stage, Kelly has expanded the Conservatory's theatre program with "Speak Up, Speak Out, Speak for Yourself!", an introductory speech skills workshop designed to help everyday people play their everyday roles in life by putting them at ease when speaking. Kelly said she scheduled the workshop at the Conservatory's Hingham campus on March 17, from 3 to 6 p.m.



Ellen Kelly

By applying some of the techniques actors use to prepare themselves for performance, anyone can become more relaxed at speaking, whether one-on-one, in a small group, or before an audience. Kelly will teach these techniques in the workshop, then work with games and exercises intended to put participants at ease and help them have fun while learning the basics of the art of communication. A packet of informational materials and recommended reading will be available to take home.

Workshop participants are asked to dress comfortably, and to bring a notebook and pencil. Pre-registration is required. To register, or for details, phone South Shore Conservatory's Hingham office, 781-749-7565 x 10.

IT'S HAPPENING

All rowers invited

The Cohasset Maritime Institute would like to invite all interested youth and adult rowers, experienced and novices alike to a gathering at the lighthouse keepers residence on March 29 from 7 – 9 p.m.

This evening is being held share with the rowing and maritime community CMI's mission and plans for the summer of 2001. Rowers and other CMI supporters who can't make the meeting but are interested in obtaining CMI's schedule of events, including rowing times, should contact either Jack Buckley at Johncbuckleyjr@msn.com or call Jack 383-8261. Mary Sease at seasefam@mediaone.net

Music festival at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its tenth year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting a Festival of the Music of Josef Gabriel Rheinberger on Sunday, March 11, at 3 p.m.

Rheinberger (1839-1901) was born in Liechtenstein and taught and composed in Munich. At a time when church music had not much integrity, this composer shone like in a beacon, with a tremendous output of choral, organ, and instrumental music.

At the festival, organists John Whiteside and Fredrick Guzasky will play organ works of the composer, and Dr. Whiteside will conduct the Cantate Domino Chorale in Rheinberger's "Mass in E major." Dr. Guzasky will present reflections and anecdotes from the composer's life, Taras Leschishin will perform the "Six Baritone Songs," and there will even be a sing along of a Rheinberger Kyrie.

St. Stephen's is located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and has available parking in the nearby village car park. There will be a playing of the 58 bell carillon a half hour before the concert by Sally Slade Warner and a reception will follow the festival. The concert is free of charge, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call (781) 383-1083.

Yard sale benefit

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is holding its annual Yard Sale fund raiser on voting day, Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church. Special treasures are needed — especially those fitting for ASP's silent-auction. Items may be dropped off any time the week prior to the sale. Pick-ups may be arranged for the week of March 26 by calling 383-0345.

In this, ASP's 14th year, a record175 volunteers (120 teenagers, 55 adults) will travel to West Virginia and Virginia to work on 25 homes in the Appalachian mountains. ASP is in the midst of fund raising at this time (buy stock in ASP! - $20/share) and will start training and orientation in May. Then ASP volunteers leave for a week of home repair work in Appalachia on June 23.

Also watch for more information about our new Appalachian Festival to be held Saturday, April 28, with special Appalachian-style crafts, entertainment and food.

Visit ASP on the web at www.cohassetasp.org for updates and information.

Chili cook-off

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club invites current and prospective members to the annual Chili Cook-Off.

Fire up your Crock Pot and get your best chili recipe ready to go! This annual favorite will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 7-11:30 p.m. at the home of Debbie and John Kuppens, 25 Stanton Road, Cohasset. All guests are asked to bring hors d0oeuvres or salad. Beer, wine, and soda will be provided. RSVP to Debbie Kuppens at 383-6399. This year0s event is limited to 50 people, so be sure to sign up early.

Teen garage hours

Teen Garage (grades six and over) will be open for use as follows:

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Achieving 'Zen' through art

Japanese artist Kaji Aso brings his style to South Shore Art Center

By Seth Jacobson
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His name can be translated as "flower child."

He believes art and philosophy are one in the same.

Japanese artist Kaji Aso, 65, is presenting his unique brand of art work to the public in a show called "Beginner Mind: Zen and the Art of Kaji Aso" at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset.

"Philosophy and art go hand in hand," said Japanese artist Kaji Aso, whose work is currently on display through April 15 at the South shore Art Center in Cohasset. "Art itself is a philosophy." His show, titled "Beginner Mind: Zen and the Art of Kaji Aso, center features about 22 of his paintings, all of which he said incorporate the "Zen" philosophy. Aso will also be featuring other forms of his work, including prints, some of his poetry, and even a "Zen is a sect of Buddhism," Aso said. "While many other religions talk about life after death, that never really comes up with Zen. Zen is about realizing the paradise in one's lifetime and accentuating the value of one's life. Beauty is a very important aspect of Zen, one which I incorporate into my art."

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Aso's resume is quite impressive. He retired last year from his job as a professor at the school of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston where he worked since 1967. Now manages his own institution, Kaji Aso Studio in Boston, on a full-time basis. He founded the studio in 1972.



STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Friday night's opening reception drew a crowd, some of whom you can see reflected in Kaji Aso's painting "Night Visitor." Aso's show will run through April 15.

Aso said going on adventures is part of the Zen aspect of his life, something which started to develop at an early age when he lived in Tokyo. Aso said the talents which Aso has today started to form when he was only 13 years old.

"That's when I started painting, but really, I've been drawing since I could pick up a pencil," Aso said.

While painting and drawing gave him joy when he was young, Aso noted he also survived some of the horrors of World War II, including running from fighter planes in Tokyo, and withstanding the bombing of neighboring Hiroshima.

> "When I can see life on the canvas, I'm very happy."
> -Artist Kaji Aso

"My war experience as a young boy opened my eyes," he said. "It was quite real."

In 1967, Aso left Japan and came straight to America and settled in Boston. He said he always wanted to travel to other countries, but it was the United States which lured him more than any other.

"Somehow, I was caught by the passion of the young people of this country at the time," he said, noting the demonstrations against the Vietnam War were at their height when he first arrived.

Some Americans asked Aso why he chose America, given the tension in World War II.

"I never had a vengeful mind," he explained.

Aso managed to land a job as a professor in the late '60s and a few years later, he opened his studio where he taught classes, displayed art, read poetry, and even performed tea ceremonies. He still does all those things today.

"The tea ceremonies are about enjoyment of life," he said. "It's about being together with other people, looking at art, and having conversations. It's a form of a party." Aso said he always prepares a poem for every tea ceremony he conducts every Sunday afternoon at the studio.

Aso said he is enthusiastic about showing his work at the South Shore Art Center.

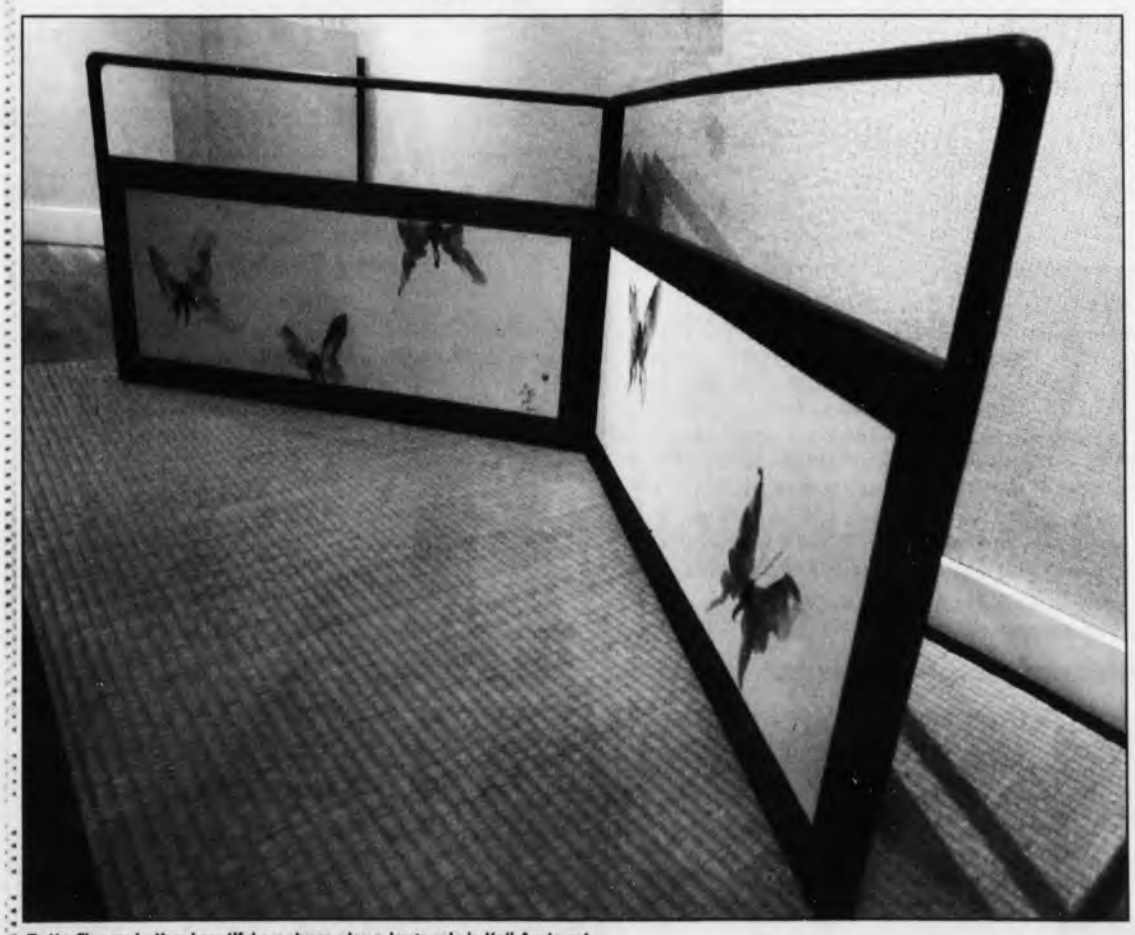
"I love the location," he said, "and I always enjoy it when different people see my work."

Aso said he displays his art frequently at Kaji Aso Studio, and he also "has shows constantly in Japan." He said on May 2, he will be hosting a "festival of Japanese images" at the studio.

Aso said although he believes art and philosophy are intertwined, he has a very straightforward view of what he thinks makes a good piece of art.

"When I can see life on the canvas, I'm very happy," he said.

For questions about Kaji Aso's exhibit at the South Shore Art Center, call (781) 383-2787. For more information on Kaji Aso Studio, call (617) 247-1719.



Butterflies and other beautiful creatures play a large role in Kaji Aso's art.

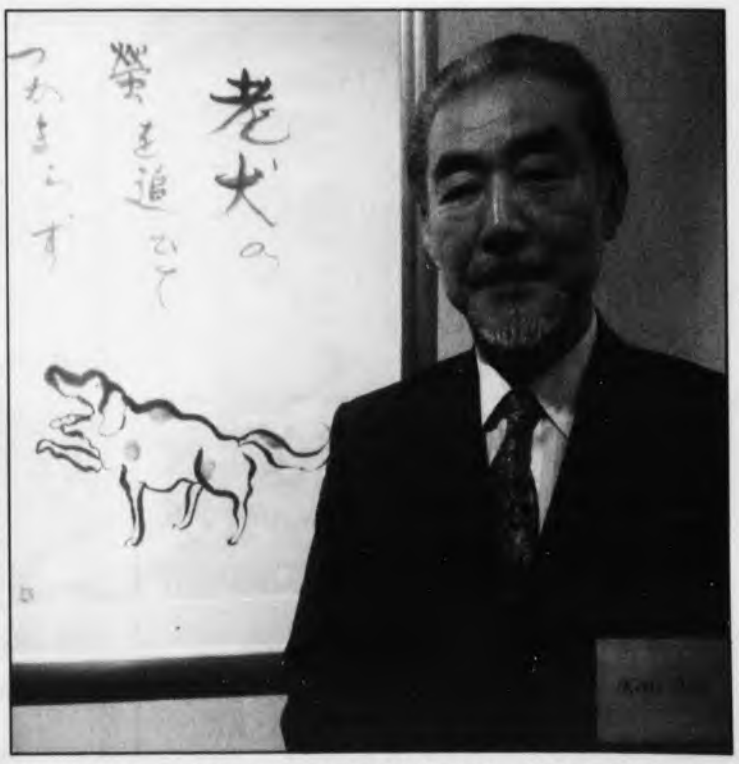
Over the years, Aso has managed to win numerous honors including the "500 Leaders of Influence" award from the American Biographical Institute, and also has been hailed as one of the "2000 Outstanding People of the 20th Century" by the International Biographical Centre in England.

Aso has also illustrated a number of publications, written articles and books of poems, and furthermore, his art work has been featured at some of the most prestigious galleries in the United States, in Europe, and in his native homeland of Japan.

In addition to enjoying art and writing poems, Aso also has a few other talents.

"I'm an opera singer, a philosopher, a calligrapher, and a poet, but besides that, I also like being adventurous," he said.

Aso explained he has led a number of expeditions through various waterways, including taking groups of artists down the Tagus River on the Iberian Peninsula in 1997, and down the Nile River from Sudan to Egypt in 1993. He also traveled the entire length of the Mississippi River, which has an approximate span of 2,800 miles. Aso has covered rivers in America, in Europe, and also in Japan.



Kaji Aso with some of his work now on display at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset.

Living

Improving tomato soup



If your childhood memories include Ed Sullivan, Haley Mills, and Fred MacMurray,

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



you probably associate tomato soup with Campbell's. Since many of us at Cook's Illustrated had fond memories of this ubiquitous product, we recently tasted it alongside a variety of homemade tomato soups. I am saddened to report that Campbell's was judged as bland, hardly worth the effort of opening the can, while the other recipes were, to my surprise, also lackluster. I wanted big tomato flavor with complexity, a soup that could be eaten on its own without a sandwich to make it interesting. I also wanted a recipe that could be made in the dead of winter with canned, not fresh, tomatoes.

In the December 1999 issue of Cook's Illustrated, we published an excellent recipe for cream of tomato soup. The trick was roasting canned tomatoes with a sprinkling of brown sugar. Still, as good as it was, I was searching for a pairing of flavors that would give the soup a more complex flavor profile. The solution? Well, since I had to roast tomatoes in a hot oven, I decided to roast a red pepper as well, which gave the soup a wonderful smoky flavor and sweetness without having to add hardly any sugar.

The technique was simple enough. I used a very hot oven (500 degrees), lined a jelly roll pan with foil, and roasted the peppers skin-side down after cutting them into 1-inch strips. When the skin was black and had blistered (which takes fewer than 15 minutes), I removed the peppers from the oven and folded up the foil to let them steam in their own heat. (This facilitates removal of the dark, bitter skins.) I then roasted the tomatoes in a similar manner, which took only 20 minutes.

Wanting still more flavor, I added onion to the recipe, sautéing it till softened but not browned, along with a garlic clove. All of the above ingredients were then simmered in tomato juice and chicken stock for about 20 minutes. To add a bit of contrast I decided to add a herbaceous accent to the soup. After some experimentation, I settled on a garnish of simple pesto made from basil leaves, olive oil, and salt.

ROASTED TOMATO/RED PEPPER SOUP

This recipe is best made with canned tomatoes, which have more flavor than most fresh tomatoes you will find in the supermarket.

1 red bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1-inch strips
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cans (28 ounces each) whole tomatoes, not packed in puree, drained and seeded
3 cups of liquid reserved
1 medium onion cut into 1/2-inch dice, about 1 1/2 cups
1 clove garlic, finely chopped or pressed through garlic press
1 1/2 cups chicken broth
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1 tablespoon finely chopped marjoram or tarragon
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Heat oven to 500 degrees and adjust a rack to the upper-middle position. Line a jelly roll pan or rimmed cookie sheet with foil (heavy-duty is best). Toss pepper with 1 tablespoon olive oil and place the strips on pan skin-side down. Roast in the oven for 12 to 14 minutes or until they have softened and large black blisters appear on the skin side. Remove from the oven and carefully pull the ends of the foil up and around the peppers to make a closed package. Transfer the package to a plate and allow to cool. Once again line the pan with foil. Spread the tomatoes in a single layer. Roast for about 20 minutes, or until the liquid has evaporated and the tomatoes have started to brown (this will tend to be on the side in contact with the pan rather than the top).

2. Heat the remaining tablespoon of olive oil in a heavy nonreactive saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and stir to coat with the oil. Reduce the heat to low and cook, covered, for about 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until the onions are soft. Add the garlic and cook for an additional 2 minutes. Add the prepared tomatoes, pepper, reserved tomato juice, chicken stock, and sugar and cover; increase the heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes. Add the marjoram and cook for an additional 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper and serve immediately, adding a healthy dollop of Rough Pesto (recipe follows) to each portion.

Serves 4 to 6

ROUGH PESTO

This "pesto" contains no pine nuts or Parmesan to dull the flavor of the basil.

2 cups tightly packed basil leaves
6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1/8 teaspoon salt or to taste

Using a food processor or mortar and pestle crush the basil, oil and salt to form a rough paste.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

The final windup to this month's full moon begins at 5:44 a.m., when the moon enters Virgo. Stress management is important. Avoid getting caught up in negative thinking, worrying. Instead, tackle jobs that require physical labor and exertion. You can be most productive. At 8:07 p.m. the planet Venus begins retrograde travel until April 20. Get back on track with exercise routines, self-improvement programs. This is not a favorable period for making major financial investments or long-term commitments to others. On the other hand, it brings a time to reflect, reorient, refocus; redress the balance in personal or professional relationships that have become too one-sided for comfort.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Wake up in a good mood. Look for the positives in all situations. Others may be critical, impatient, difficult to please. The full moon culminates at 12:23 p.m., 19-degrees of Virgo/Pisces. An applying alignment of Mercury/Uranus prompts you to keep an open mind. This influence is ideal for brainstorming, trouble-shooting. You may experience a sudden flash of insight, a breakthrough in understanding, a new discovery.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

At 5:47 a.m. the moon enters the sign Libra, traveling there throughout the weekend and bringing a focus on key relationships. Because Libra's ruling planet, Venus, travels in retrograde, it is not a favorable time for starting new partnerships. Rather, it's a time to strengthen the ties in existing relationships. Open the doors to a higher level of communication; work on a compromise that will satisfy both parties. Love is the name of the game this evening. Plan a romantic dinner for two.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Yesterday's advice applies to today. The Libra moon forms contacts to five planets until 9:44 p.m., when it becomes inactive. This is a wonderful day for socializing. Plan to visit or entertain friends. Go with your creative side; arts and crafts projects also get the green light.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

There are a number of challenging planetary alignments this week. A Scorpio moon arrives at 7:42 a.m, and a lunar alignment to Neptune is in effect until 10:21 a.m. It may take a while for the morning fog to burn off. Pay extra attention to the little things. Pluto, the planetary ruler of Scorpio, is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for retrograde travel Friday, March 17. That means that this is a time for cleaning out, letting go. Take extra time out for yourself this week; for prayer, meditation, inner reflection. You can gain significant and useful insights.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Yesterday's planetary influences affect today as well. The moon continues active travel in Scorpio. A challenging 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Saturn culminates at 5:30 p.m. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Signing contracts or launching ventures are off limits. Instead, stay busy with matters that have been left hanging and finish them; make repairs, clean out and reorganize. Don't get caught up in negative thinking or power struggles with others. Keep it light. Focus on the positives.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Wake up in a good mood. The Scorpio moon forms stressful contacts to Saturn and Mercury until 7:17 a.m., when it becomes inactive. Make up a list of things to do; tackle routine chores, errands, unfinished business. Get rid of the clutter. A Sagittarius moon arrives at 1:16 p.m., bringing a lighter, brighter mood. However, a lunar opposition to Jupiter this evening warns against going to extremes or bingeing out on any level. Maintain a balance.

Late winter pruning

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

PART 1

A light dusting of shimmering snow covers the ground on this gray morning in early March. A major nor'easter is headed our way, threatening to bury the emerging foliage of our springtime bulbs and perennials for weeks to come as March lives up to its reputation for "coming in like a lion." Gusty winds and drifting snow are likely to damage trees and shrubs and scatter debris, reminders of a winter season reluctant to release its grip. For the moment, spring seems light years away.

Should the prediction for a foot or more of snow come to pass, it may be some time before we can tend to our gardens, but this is the ideal time to prune many deciduous trees and shrubs. The very word, pruning, is capable of striking fear in the heart of even a seasoned gardener. Learning to prune effectively is much like becoming an amateur hair stylist. A poor pruning job is analogous to giving a bad haircut. Barring the infiltration of disease, the tree or shrub will nearly always recover, re-grow, and be ready for another trim later in the season or the following year allowing for correction of any gross mistakes.

Pruning is the selective removal of specific plant parts for a purpose. Nearly all shrubs and trees benefit from a routine pruning to train, develop, revitalize or retrain overgrown plants to keep them in scale with their surroundings. Good pruning techniques also improve the health of most plants by promoting air circulation and allowing light to reach the interior of an otherwise densely branched tree or shrub. Creative pruning may also enhance the beauty of many plants, as in the case of topiary or hedges.

Mid-February to mid-April is a preferred time of year to prune dormant plants since it is considerably easier to view their architecture and observe damaged, diseased or crossed branches. Winter storms often cause injury to woody plants leaving jagged cuts which may collect water and can potentially lead to disease. Partially broken limbs may eventually lead to the bark being stripped beneath the tear. Damaged or diseased stems and limbs should be pruned as soon as they are noticed to prevent the spread of infections. Dead limbs can be removed at any time throughout the year. Should you observe crossed branches, lop off at least one of the branches as the constant rubbing of one branch against another is an open invitation for disease to penetrate damaged bark.

The timing of pruning will determine a plant's response to the process. Plants produce food reserves at season's end to help them survive the winter months and to initiate growth in spring. Reducing the number of branches and buds in late winter leaves more energy for the remaining shoots and promotes especially vigorous growth in spring. One drawback to pruning early bloomers at this time of year is the removal of some of this season's flowers but the ultimate rewards are worth a few less blossoms. Bring the pruned branches of forsythia, crabapples, dogwoods and other early-flowering shrubs indoors to force into early bloom. If you do not wish to sacrifice those lovely blossoms, prune spring bloomers after they finish flowering. Members of the cherry family, including peaches, plums and cherries, are particularly susceptible to disease and tend to be best pruned while they are in bloom.

Summer and fall blooming trees and shrubs such as butterfly bushes (Buddleia), blue mist shrub (Caryopteris), sweet pepper bush (Clethra) and Rose-of-Sharon, should be pruned before new growth appears. Even very large butterfly bushes should be cut back to 12 to 18 inches tall. This ruthless pruning will promote glorious quantities of fragrant blooms later in the summer.

Red- and yellow-twigged dogwood bushes should be drastically pruned as the leaf buds swell and may even be cut completely down to the ground to promote vigorous, new, brightly-colored stems. Similar renewal pruning should be exercised on forsythia bushes and lilacs immediately after flowering. Lop old, thick, woody canes right to the ground to encourage young, healthy shoots to emerge. Another candidate for severe spring pruning is hydrangea "Annabelle" which, when pruned to the ground, produces spectacular, massive white trusses beginning in July.

Plants which are prone to heavy sap production, including birches, maples or grapes, bleed profusely if pruned in spring as the leaf buds are swelling. Although the running sap will not actually harm the tree or vine, this bleeding can be most disconcerting. Late winter pruning, while the plant is still fully dormant, or spring pruning after new growth begins, will minimize this condition. Acquire a good reference book on pruning or attend a pruning demonstration by our local county extension service to learn proper pruning techniques. I often refer to "The Pruning Book" by Lee Reich, to refresh my memory on when and how to prune but practice and experience tend to be the best means of becoming a skilled pruner.


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BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. The Tender Land, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

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ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners. plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781)383-1980.



The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents The Musical Revue, "How to Eat Like A Child" at the Cohasset Town Hall on March 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, by phone or at the door.

Thurs. 8

"March in Bloom" workshops and classes hosted by the Scituate Arts Association Gallery, located at 132 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information regarding the gallery or workshops and classes at the Mahoney Studios call (781) 545-6150.

Curtain Call Theatre presents "The Sound of Music" with performance dates on March 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17. The CCT clubhouse is located on the corner of Faxon and Commercial Street in Braintree. Please call (781) 356-5113 for reservations and ticket information. Performance on March 11 at 7 p.m. and all other shows start at 8 p.m.

South Shore Women's Business Network present "THRIVE! - Welcoming Fulfillment and Success" from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Held at Lombardo's, 6 Billings Street in Randolph. For more information call (781) 749-8883.

NQAT presents "The Boys Next Door" written by Tom Griffin and directed by Stacey Erikson. The play is humorous, yet touching story about the daily triumphs and tears of four mentally handicapped adults. Performance dates are March 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. All performances are held at the Black Box Theatre at North Quincy High School on Hancock Street in Quincy. Parking is free and tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for students and senior citizens. To reserve tickets call (617) 769-0232.

Artwork by Weymouth Youth to be featured in solo exhibit at Rockland Memorial Library. The award winning artist Brian Rusconi, 17, of Weymouth will be featured in "Art in the Rotunda" through March 28. The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours: Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The opening reception will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. on March 8.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Joseph Nova will exhibit his paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781) 337-4513.

New England Village Residents Exhibit Art at the Pembroke Library throughout the month of March. New England Village is a residential community located in Pembroke for adults with developmental disabilities. The exhibit displays a variety of techniques and styles, including pottery, paintings, fabric, woodwork and collage.

The Art Complex Museum presents "On Their Own" a series of one person exhibitions running through April 1. Thomas Deininger balances on a very fine line by attempting to be playful yet prophetic in contrasting ideals of beauty, value, nature and culture. Opening reception on March 11 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, call (781) 934-6634.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents the watercolor paintings of Duxbury artist Wendy Hale through April. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

Chabad of South Shore/Greater Hingham Area invites you to Gala Purim Party at 6:30 p.m. at the Weymouth Eagles, 1338 Washington Street, East Weymouth. Program: Kosher Chinese buffet, traditional megilla reading, masquerade, DJ dancing, raffles. Adults, $9, children $6, maximum family price $25. RSVP (781) 331-6445.

Fri. 9

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents The Musical Revue, "How to Eat Like A Child" at the Cohasset Town Hall on March 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17. Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, by phone or at the door.

Joyful Listening presents "More Than Tickling the Ivories" a class that will focus on the fascinating and rich role the piano has played since its explosive entry onto the musical scene (around 1709-1710). Held on Fridays, March 9, 16 and 23 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the James Library in Norwell. Mail tuition of $60 (payable to Alison Barr) to 663 Whiting Street, Hanover, MA 02339. For more information call (781) 982-8920.

Darling Productions at the Quincy Dinner Theatre presents "Whose Wife Is It Anyway," March 9,10, 11,17,23,24 and 25. Fridays and Saturdays dinner is at 7 p.m. show at 8:30. Sunday's dinner is at 2 p.m. with the matinee performance at 3:30 p.m. The dinner theater is located at 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. Tickets are $35. For more information call (781) 843-5862.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non members. St. Patrick's theme. Proper dress required. For more information call (781) 331-0021.

Antiques Appraisal Day at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Route 3A in Scituate from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The public is invited to bring furniture, jewelry, paintings, oriental rugs, toys, ceramics etc. (no books please) for appraisal by Gary Langenbach. One appraisal is $10, 3 for $20. For more information call (781) 545-8295.

Coast Guard Auxiliary 12-3 Meeting will take place at U.S. Coast Guard Station Pt. Allerton, Hull, MA at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in becoming a member is also welcome.

Sat. 10

Uptown at The Ellison presented by the South Shore Conservatory and Duxbury Art Association at the Ellison Center for the Arts on March 10 from 7 p.m. - midnight. Travel through time for an evening of entertainment that spans the decades. For tickets call (781) 934-2731 ext. 14. Located at 64 Saint George Street, Duxbury.

Sixth Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction to benefit the students of Cardinal Cushing Centers at Braintree and Hanover. Held March 10 from 7 p.m. - midnight at the Sons of Italy, 75 Market Street in Rockland. Tickets are $30 each and include a choice of a traditionally prepared Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner or roast chicken, plus a chance to win the door prize - a luxury weekend for two in Boston. The event will feature entertainment and dancing to the music of The O'Reilly's. Tickets for the dinner and auction are available by calling Abington Savings Bank at (781) 982-3644.

Camp Fair hosted by the South River School in Marshfield from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the cafeteria and gymnasium. Families with young children and teens are invited to come and explore a wide variety of summer opportunities. Admission is free. For more information call (781)834-5030.

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The Art Complex Museum presents "On Their Own" a series of one person exhibitions running through April 1. Thomas Deininger balances on a very fine line by attempting to be playful yet prophetic in contrasting ideals of beauty, value, nature and culture. An opening reception will be held March 11 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, call (781) 934-6634 for more information.

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Clement Micarelli All Media Figure Workshop on March 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This workshop will be based on the drawing and painting of the poses of a live model. The workshop is for the intermediate and advanced student. Beginners may want to attend and will be coached and encouraged. The fee is $150 for the weekend. For more information call Lilias, coordinator for The New Art Forum of Kingston at (781) 585-5622.

Free Piano Concert at 3 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street in Braintree. Held in the Logan auditorium, upper level and open to the public. John Kramer, pianist, is on the faculty of the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. For more information call (781) 843-8519.

Emergency Preparedness Fair from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 379 Gardner Street in Hingham. Classes, booths, children's, outdoor activities and more. To prepare for home and community emergencies.

Sun. 11

Plymouth County Republican Assembly holds their monthly meeting at 4 p.m. at 64 Brockton Ave., Scituate. For more information visit the website at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/REPASSEMBLY.

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Tea Tasting at 2 p.m. at the Woodacre Farm Soaps Studio, 46 Columbia Park (Route 53) in Pembroke. Learn to make and serve tea the Chinese way with expert Shun Chen. Reservations are required in advance, as seating is limited. For more information call (781) 826-9720.

Music Festival at St. Stephen's with the music of Josef Rheinberger at 3 p.m. Located at 16 Highland Avenue in Cohasset, the concert is free but donations will be accepted. There will be a 58-bell carillon a half-hour before the concert by Sally Slade Warner. For more information call (781) 383-1083.

Mon. 12

Poetry Open Mic at the Blackthorne Tavern, Route 138 in Easton. Tel. (508)238-9017. Aidan Rooney-Cespedes . 8:30 p.m. is sign-up, 9 p.m. Open mike, 9:30 p.m. is feature.

Spring Art Classes presented by the Braintree Art Association starting March 12 at the Studio at Braintree High School, 128 Town Street, Braintree. There will be instructors in oil and watercolor painting. For more information on registration please call (781) 843-6764.

Self Image and Public Speaking at the Pembroke Library with Erica Winchester from the Speech Company from 7 - 8 p.m. You will learn the most effective techniques to use you voice and body to win the audience and to communicate your message, gaining power and recognition. The program is free and is sponsored by the Friends of Pembroke Library.

Tues. 13

The Kendall Whaling Museum offers "Hell Below Zero"; a drama starring Alan Ladd as a mining engineer whom ships as mate on an Antarctic whale-chaser and investigates murder at sea. Shown at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Films are free with museum admission ($4 adult, $3 student/senior, $2.50 child, $10 family rate). Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon. Tel. (781) 784-5642.

Connections presents "Listening to the Voices of Children" a forum on gender issues our youth fact today. Dr. William Pollack, author of "Real Boys" and "Listening to Boy's Voices" and Dr. Judith Jordan, co-author of "Women's Growth in Connection" will be speaking. Held from 7 - 9 p.m. at Stoughton High School auditorium.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold the monthly luncheon at Siros on Main Street, 1217 Main Street in Hingham from 12 - 1:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to share your interest in networking and collaboration. Limited seating so register early. If you need directions call (781) 749-4500. For more information call (781) 749-8883.

Wed. 14

Norwell Historical Society will meet at the Norwell Public Library on South Street. Historic Tree of Norwell, a slide presentation by Wes Osborn. No fee and the public are invited. For more information call (781) 659-1888.

"From Snowys to Say Whets: A Look at Owls on the South Shore" with Norman Smith as part of the Water Watch Lecture Series 2001 presented by the NSRWA and SSNSS at 7 p.m. Held at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Jacob's Lane in Norwell. Admission is $3 for NSRWA and SSNSC members, $5 for the general public. For more information call (781) 659-2559.

Insight Education Center for Parents and Teachers presents a workshop entitled "A Child's Anger! Allowing the Feeling, Managing the Behavior". Ages 3 - 10. Held from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Canton Community Kindergarten, 1541 Washington Street in Canton. Individuals $25, co. parenting couples $40 and groups of four or more $20 per person. Tel. (781) 294-8004.

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Artwork by Weymouth Youth will be featured in solo exhibit at Rockland Memorial Library. Award-winning artist Brian Rusconi, 17, of Weymouth will show his work in "Art in the Rotunda" through March 28. The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours: Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. An opening reception will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. on March 2.



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The O'Reilly's will perform at the sixth Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction to benefit the students of Cardinal Cushing Centers at Braintree and Hanover will be held March 10 from 7 p.m. - midnight at the Sons of Italy, 75 Market Street in Rockland. Tickets are $30 each and include a choice of a traditionally prepared Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner or roast chicken, plus a chance to win the door prize — a luxury weekend for two in Boston. Tickets for the dinner and auction are available by calling Abington Savings Bank at (781) 982-9644.

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Disney's Beauty And The Beast the Tony Award(r) winning smash hit musical is returning to Boston's Wang Theatre from March 14 - 25. Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont Street in Boston or through Telecharge at (800) 447-7400.

Thurs. 15

The Braintree Art Association will meet at the 7:45 p.m. at the Council of Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Michael Domina will demonstrate watercolor painting. For more information call (781) 843-6764.

"The Crucible" will be presented by the Communication Art Department of Eastern Nazarene College on March 15 - 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $7 and can be ordered by calling the box office at (617) 745-3715 or by sending a check to Eastern Nazarene College, Dept. of Communication Arts, 23 East Elm Ave., Quincy, MA 02170.

Fri. 16

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Steve Hurl, Tom DeBuono with open mike at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Route 106 in Kingston. Tickets are $4 for members and $5 for non-members. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Dreamchasers, Inc. will be presenting four performances of the laugh-filled farce "Parlor Games". Set in a funeral parlor the play centers on Mortimer McNulty who decides to play a practical joke by staging his own fake wake. Opening night is Fri. 16 at 7 p.m. There are two performances on March 17, a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening show at 7 p.m. There will be a matinee at 2 p.m. on March 18. Performances are held at The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main Street in Norwell. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for senior citizens and students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. For further information call (508) 224-4548.

"Emperor's New Clothes" a family musical comedy is coming to Marshfield on March 16 and 17 at the Furnace Brook Middle School at 7:30 p.m. Performed by the Family Performing Arts Center, this is a hilarious musical version of the famous fairy tale.

Ongoing Events

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

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The High School Art Show at the Helen Bumpus Gallery through April 1. There will be an artists reception with the Duxbury Brass performing on March 21 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Located at 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. Hours are Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

"Other Lands, Other Shores: Watercolor Impressions of Italy, Iceland and Greenland" by Joanne Chittick will be on view at the James Library and the Center for the Art in Norwell Center through April 5. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (781) 659-7200.

"Dame Edna: The Royal Tour" presented by Broadway in Boston has extended their engagement through March 18. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m. Thurs. matinees at 2 p.m. Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. Tickets range from $65 - $25 and are available through Ticketmaster (617) 931-2787. For all other information contact the Wilbur Theater at (617) 426-7491 located at 246 Tremont Street in Boston.

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on April 5, June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

South Shore Art Center Artists donate their work to Rosie's Place. Gallery artists JoAnne Chittick, Susan DeMichele, Rose Farbush, Dorit Flowers, Michelle Meister, Donna Rossetti-Bailey and Diane Panarelli Miller donated paintings to the "Share Your Heart With Rosie's Place" silent auction. The work can be seen in the Dillon Gallery at the Art Center, The Paul Pratt Library, The Staircase Gallery at the South Shore Conservatory and the Landmark Bldg., 160 Federal Street in Boston. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

Local artists Displaying Work Around Town through March. In the Town Hall the Mayor's office Edwina Caci and Jeanne Mulligan are displaying their painting. In the Treasurer's office, Josephine Bottari is exhibiting her painting. In the Councilor's office, Rita Brace, Yvonne Gillis, Denise Graham and Peter Keith are exhibiting their work. Snyders Jewelers at 12 Columbian St. is displaying the work of Kay O'Brien, Lauren Denmore, Paul Liondstrom and Elizabeth Pohl. Jordan Insurance at 17 Front Street displays the paintings of Marie Cassani, Mary Jackson, Reva Gordon, Elva Procter, Thelma Swanson, Isabella Hoell and William Hallsen. Rizzo Insurance at 435 Columbian St. has the work of Mary Mainiero, Barbara and Charles Greland and Lauri Porter. Colonial Federal Savings Bank at 815 Washington St. has a painting of Ludlow Berkeley. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

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The North River Arts Society presents "Familiar Places and Open Spaces" with watercolors by Maureen K. Brookfield running through March 31. Held at the Ventress Library, Webster Street in Marshfield. Hours Mon. - Wed. 9:30 a.m. -9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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SENIOR SCENE

Exercise is topic at March 13 luncheon

TUESDAY LUNCHEONS

March 13 — Leslie Vickers, RN, MS, a coordinator for the rehab specialist program, will speak about "It's never to late to exercise."

March 20 — The Rev. Jennifer Justice, pastor at the First Parish Unitarian Church, will talk about her mission and goals.

March 27 — Mrs. Rigby will accompany her third-grade class from Osgood School for a visit.

Lunch volunteers are needed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14 — Christmas Tree Stop/TJ Maxx

March 21 — Hanover Mall

March 28 — Red Parrot in Hull for lunch

The next meeting of the TRIAD — the three-way commitment between seniors, law enforcement and protective services, will be Monday, March 26, at 9:30 a.m. at the senior center.

The annual luncheon for all Irish "wannabees" will be Friday, March 17, at 1 p.m. at St. Anthony's Hall. Luncheon will be prepared by Paul and Anna — music and dancing too. The cost is $7. Call the senior center at 383-9112 to join in the fun.

Keep Well Clinics: Tuesday, March 13, at 11 a.m. before the senior luncheon; Friday, March 23, at 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview Senior Housing.

Computer classes starting March 14: Microsoft Word, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for four weeks. Cost: $115; senior discount: $98. Sign up with Mary.

Foot-care sessions will be held monthly, second Wednesday. Next one is March 14 at the center. Call for appointment.

Chanticleers Breakfast Club (just for men), every Wednesday at 8:45 a.m.

Depart from the High School Tennis Club, call Win Merrill at 545-0695.

Beginning Level Senior Fitness, super class to get in great shape: Tuesday, 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Thursday, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Gloria White is the leader. Make a great beginning. $3 for signup, $4 for drop-in.

Want to join a book club? CEA is thinking of having its very own. Call the senior center at 383-9112 if interested.

Save Wednesday, March 21, for trip to the Bayside Expo Center. $17 includes trip in and out of Boston.

Volunteers are needed to drive, visit, answer phones, assist elders. A variety of time slots are available, call 383-9112.

MCAS talk

On March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hingham Middle School library, the Hingham Area Branch of the American Association of University Women will be looking at High Stakes Testing and its risks. The topic will include MCAS and testing programs in the other New England states. Dr. Pamela Gray-Bennett, director of the commission on public secondary schools, will be the speaker. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 781-749-5493. The Hingham Middle School is off Route 228.

Membership in AAUW is open to all college or university graduates.

The American Association of University Women is a network of women and men dedicated to removing the barriers that block women from full equality.

End of Life

Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m., the Social Service League will sponsor a panel on local options for life's end, along with Bill Moyers' PBS series "On Our Own Terms" at St. Anthony's parish hall, Summer Street, Cohasset.

This special program, free and open to the public, will be moderated by an oncology nurse and a panel discussion with medical, legal and hospice home representation to discuss local options for life's end. In addition there will be free literature on the topic available.

Refreshments will be served.

The Social Service League of Cohasset, a non-profit community service agency, serves the towns of Cohasset, Hull, Hingham, Scituate and Norwell. President of the league is Motoko Deane of 672 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset.

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Land swap possible part of train deal

By Rick Collins
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The state could be willing to throw in a possible "land swap" as part of its payment for the town-owned, railroad right-of-way to coax the town into signing a Greenbush mitigation deal.

State Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan said he would be willing to discuss giving the town the former Mass. Highway property off Crocker Lane or help the town buy another piece of open space, said state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth. Hedlund said Sullivan made the offer during a recent informal meeting with the senator.

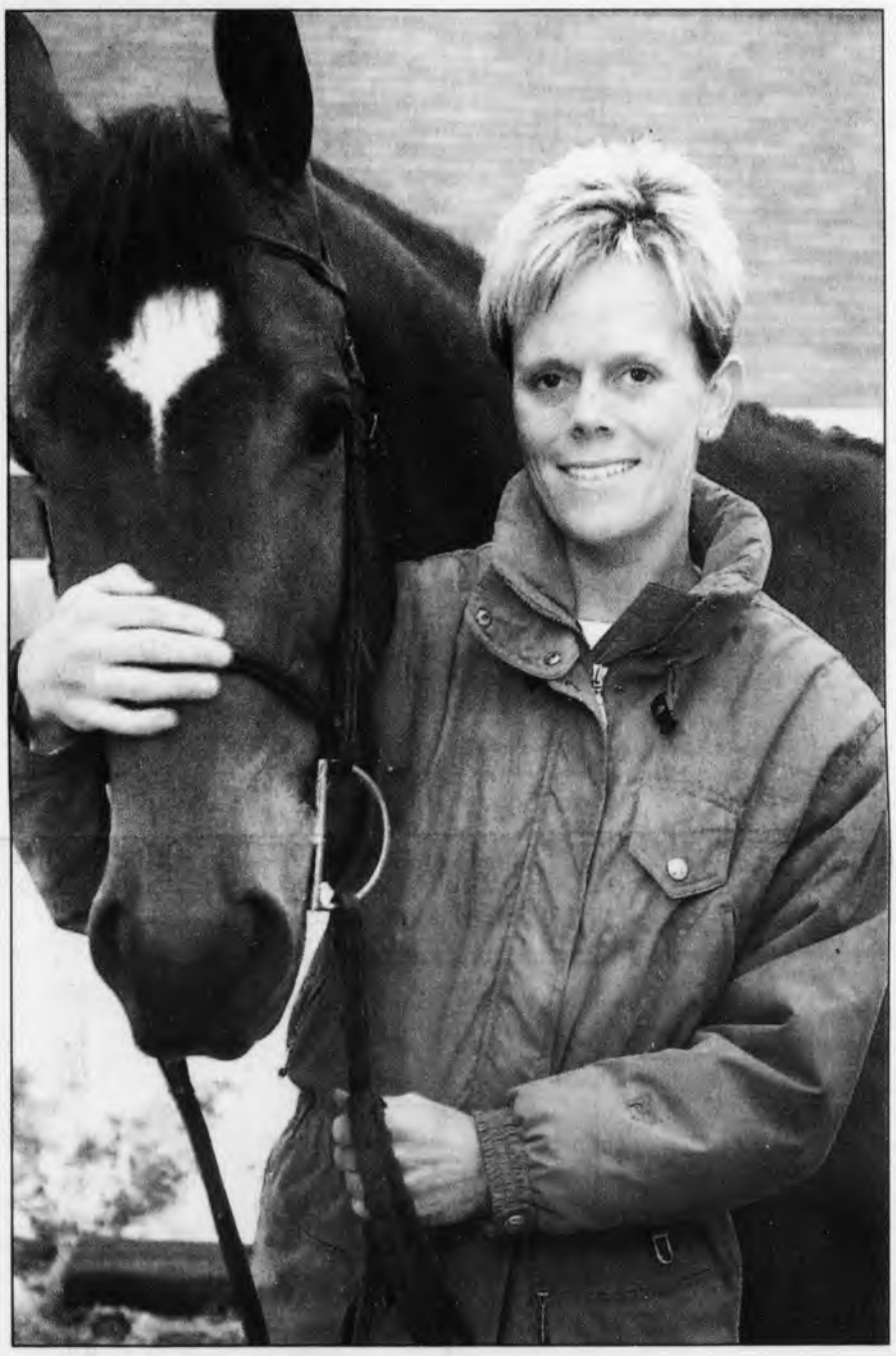
One potential selling point about the Crocker Lane property off Rte. 3A is that the state would keep all environmental responsibility for the site. The site, which could be contaminated, used to be a shop for Mass. Highway trucks in the area.

The town and MBTA had originally agreed on a $1 million payment for the six-mile rail bed, but that agreement was negotiated with the understanding the MBTA had legal authorization to take the land by eminent domain at no cost. However, Sec. Sullivan has since said that wasn't the case, and that the MBTA will have to pay fair market value for land. What that amount is remains to be debated, however, the town has said — because of its importance to town residents as a recreational area — it would seek $2.6 million for the right-of-way.

The MBTA is anxious to ink agreements with the various

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Sharing her love for horses



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Abby Adams Greer poses with Harry, one of the horses at River Wind Farm in Pembroke where Greer teaches.

Top equestrienne teaches her sport

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

The lucky ones in life they say, are those who are able to take their love for something and turn it into their "job."

Cohasset native and professional equestrienne Abby Adams Greer is one such "lucky" person. Greer, who took the passion she had for horses since her first gallop at the tender age of eight and rode with it, is now both an accomplished and nationally acclaimed equestrienne, as well as business partner at the River Wind Farm in Pembroke (the same hunter/jumper barn where she got her start years ago).

"It's nice to see all their hard work come together, and for them to leave a show with a ribbon for their efforts. It's very rewarding."
— Abby Adams Greer

Greer is glad she made the world of horses a full-time endeavor.

"I love it," says Greer, talking about not only her many personal achievements as an award-winning rider on the national hose-showing circuit, but also her teaching duties with the scores of students she instructs from all over the South Shore area at the River Wind. "Both riding [myself] and teaching is just a lot of fun for me. I really enjoy what I do."

On the personal side of things, Greer has earned numerous acco-

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Town waits for tide-gate answer

Reeds taking over the salt marsh

By Rick Collins
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After months of studying water and salinity levels in James Meadow, the Army Corps of Engineers has decided two more months of studying are needed.

Cohasset officials are waiting for word from the Corps about whether they have to revisit the James Brook tide gate installation project. The question at hand is: do the flapper-style tide gates installed two years ago allow enough saltwater into the James Meadow to allow the salt-marsh to come back?

"A salt marsh needs salt water," said Ed Reiner, a salt-marsh expert with the EPA. "What happens when you cut off the flow of salt water, phragmites takes over."

A good portion of the marsh sports phragmites — common reeds — which can cause a problem in floodplain salt-marshes, such as James Meadow. The Corps, along with the federal Environmental Protection Agency, wants Cohasset to undergo a salt-march restoration project.

Though phragmites might look harmless, Reiner said they can have a multi-fold negative impact on the environment and could create an

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Oh, what a shim!

Interior support slips, weakening pole

By Mary Ford
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The support inside the 80-foot Town Common flagpole near the door to the halyard broke loose and slipped down during last week's storm, said Nancy St. John of Eagle Flag Company that supplied the pole.

"The shim (a device inside the pole) lends support to that area that would otherwise be a weak spot in the pole," she said. "It broke free and when it did it left the area subject to the wind."

The fiberglass pole should be able to sustain winds of up to 120 miles per hour, according to the company brochure, far more than the 45 mph gusts in last week's nor'easter. The pole broke off about four feet above the base last Tuesday, struck some wires on the way down sending an electrical surge that flickered lights in the village, and broke again. No one was injured in the mishap.

PLP Composite Technologies of New Hampshire that manufactured the pole has never had a break like that, said St. John, who sent photographs to the manufacturer who might still make a site visit.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Bill Campbell jogs past what's left of the 80-foot Town Common flagpole.

A four-foot section of the pole remains above the base. The rest of the broken pole is being housed at the Department of Public Works garage.

St. John, a Cohasset resident, said the four-year-old pole that is under warranty would be replaced at no charge to the town. She did not have a timeframe.

"The manufacturer will take a look at the reinforcement to make sure this does not happen again," she said.

Building inspector Robert Egan said as soon as the snow clears, the remaining section of the pole will be removed from the base.

"As soon as we can, we're going to yank out what's left," he said.

Lobster Lab gets warning

Must start building by fall

By Rick Collins
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Time is running out for Kevin Ulmer and his Cohasset Lobster Lab.

Tuesday night, Ulmer was given until Oct. 1 to raise $326,000 and start construction work on the town-owned Hagerty House on Parker Avenue, or have his lease terminated.

The lab is entering its third year of occupancy in the former Cohasset Colonials office and showroom, and the project's critics say the project is all but dead.

"Nothing has changed in three years," said Selectman Michael Sullivan, who has been opposed to Ulmer's plan to create a student-oriented marine research lab there since he first proposed it in 1996.

Ulmer met before the board this week as part of its annual lease renewal and update. Referring to Ulmer's annual finance report, Sullivan said, "There's the same amount of money in here as there was three years ago."

Ulmer defended his project saying by saying he told the board when he signed the $1-per-year lease that the lab would take four years to raise the necessary funds and get the program up and running. That's as long as it took the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation to raise money and renovate the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island. He also said he had a number of financial commitments for the lab, but he wasn't going to call in those donations until he was ready to break ground.

"It all seems very, very vague. We've seen nothing in writing."
— Selectman Michael Sullivan

However selectmen questioned how firm these commitments were, and asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to check into them.

"It all seems very, very vague," said Sullivan. "We've seen nothing in writing."

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Middle-high school project bids are under estimates

By Rick Collins
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Town officials are smiling after receiving three bids for the middle-high school renovation and expansion project under the estimated $25 million price tag.

"We're ecstatic," Town Manager Mark Haddad said about the low-bids. "We're so happy about that."

Haddad called the bidding to perform the construction "very competitive" because all seven bids received were within $3 million of each other.

TLT Construction submitted the low bid of $23.4 million; followed by Neponset Valley Contractors' $24.4 million bid; and a $24.8 million bid by Eastern Contractors Incorporated. John T. Callahan Construction, which built the new Osgood School, submitted the high bid of $25.6 million.

Haddad and School Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford gave credit to the project's architects Strekalovsky & Hoit for correctly estimating the project's cost. The bid opening, which was attended by representatives from each of the seven companies that submitted bids. Also on hand were Cohasset School Department Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey, Selectman Merle Brown, and architect Roger Hoit, and building committee members JoAnne Chittick, Denise Parker, Donna O'Donnell and David Chase.

With the bids open, Haddad said the committee will check the contractors' references, look at its rating with state and make sure it is bonded to do this type of work.

"We really need to do our homework on the references," Haddad said. "This is a major project for the town."

> **"We're ecstatic."**
> — Town Manager Mark Haddad

The committee is scheduled to meet March 21, and could make a decision that night. Final bids for the Deer Hill project will be opened earlier in the day.

Though the town is pleased with the way bidding went for both the project's general contract and sub-contract, they're not as rosy about the Deer Hill project.

Haddad, who spent more than an hour opening up sub-contract bid last Friday, said the bids came in a bit higher than expected.

"It went not as well [as the middle-high school bids]," Haddad said Monday.

Haddad hopes to have both the contractor and final cost on hand for the March 31 Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen have placed an article on the warrant that would seek additional funds for the project, if needed.

The project, which will see an expansion and complete renovation of both the Deer Hill and middle-high schools is expected to cost $41 million. The town authorized the project during Town Meeting last year, and in a subsequent vote at the annual town election last spring.

This week in COHASSET

Meeting schedule

The following is a list of meetings posted in Town Hall, as of Monday, March 12:

- Advisory Committee, March 15, 20, 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- Conservation Commission, March 15, 22 at 7: 30 p.m. at Town Hall
- Cohasset School Committee, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the middle/high school library
- Board of Health, March 20 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall
- Board of Selectmen, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- School Building Committee, March 21, at 7 p.m. at the middle/high school
- Osgood School PSO, March 27, at 3:30 p.m. at the Osgood School
- Youth Resource Committee, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- Planning Board, March 27, at 8 p.m. at Town Hall

Historical commission

Selectmen Tuesday accepted the resignation of Historical Commission member Nelson Pratt Jr. Anyone interested in filling the spot is urged to contact either Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105, or committee chairman Noel Ripley.

Liquor license

Selectmen approved a one-day liquor license for St. Anthony's Church for its St. Patrick's Day festival on March 24. The approval was part of the board's consent agenda Tuesday night.

HARBOR VISIT



PHOTO/KELLY DICKSON

A harp seal takes a break at the meadows by Howard Gleason Road on Friday, March 2. The seal left that night with the high tide before a storm hit the following day.

Runway meeting

Residents will be asked to vote at Town Meeting, March 31, on an article authorizing $30,000 to meet expenses having to do with controlling aviation noise and pollution over Cohasset.

The South Shore Jet Council members from Cohasset, Eric Oddleifson and Linda Wakeman, have scheduled a meeting to bring citizens up-to-date with the activities of the committee and to answer questions concerning the proposed runway expansion at Logan airport and its effects on the health and quality of life.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

Open houses

This week's listing of open houses in the Real Estate section are from last week. You can log onto our website at townonline.com for the correct ones.

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Sat. 17	5:03	9.3	11:30	5:49	8.2	11:43
Sun. 18	6:04	9.0	——	6:52	8.1	12:33
Mon. 19	7:05	9.0	12:44	7:51	8.2	1:34
Tues. 20	8:03	9.1	1:42	8:44	8.4	2:27
Wed. 21	8:53	9.4	2:35	9:28	8.8	3:13
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School committee rules on policy and budget

But no longer hires and fires

By Rick Collins
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Pat Martin


Mark DeGiacomo


Adrienne MacCarthy

For the first time in years, there will be a race for the school committee.

Come April 7, Cohasset voters can choose among three candidates for the two school committee seats as part of the annual Town Election. Incumbents Mark DeGiacomo, and chairman Pat Martin face a challenge from Deer Hill PSO and School Building Committee member Adrienne McCarthy for a three-year term on the five member committee.

Not only has it been a while since the last race for school committee – in 1998, a three-way race for two open seats involving Martin, DeGiacomo and Hugh Gorman – but it's also the first time an incumbent has run for reelection since 1994.

—NEWS ANALYSIS—

Now eight years into education reform, the role of the school committee is well understood: set school policy and create a departmental budget each year. And, if needed, the school committee also has the ability to hire and fire a superintendent.

But it wasn't always that way. Until the legislature passed the Education Reform Act in 1993, a town's school committee had essentially unlimited power over the day-to-day operation of the school system.

"It took the politics out of the schools," said former, long-time school committee member Ralph Kidder.

In the early 1990's, the state embarked on a massive retooling of the state's educational system. A recession coupled with inequality in school funding methods, left many city school systems in shambles, such as Boston, Brockton, and Springfield. "Boston went through four superintendents in nine years," Kidder recalled.

The reform act upped the amount of aid money the state doled out, but booted the school committee out of the classrooms, increased parent/principal control of the schools, and sought accountability in the form of a state-wide curriculum test (MCAS).

Kidder, who served from 1989-1998, served on the board both before and after education reform went into effect.

"It came in at the beginning of my second term," he said. "In Cohasset it wasn't much of a problem. The real problem was in urban school districts.

"Prior to education reform, the school committee hired everybody if they chose. There was patronage, and there was school committee meddling," Kidder said. "Imagine having a business where the CEO, in this case the superintendent, needs to hire a management team and can't. We got out of the business of hiring."

Kidder, now the chief financial officer and vice-president of administration at Massasoit Community College, said the Cohasset School Committee was actually in favor of education reform, and really didn't have a problem adjusting to its new rules, such as limitations on hiring.

"There was a lot of grief [amongst other school committees about the reform legislation] but our school committee recognized the benefits of what it was attempting to do," he said. "And we'd been working with our superintendent (Stephen Hart) like that anyway."

One of the beneficial characteristics of the school committee in Cohasset, Kidder reasoned, was that unlike in major cities, board members weren't using their seat as a springboard into higher political office.

"It's a good system and it's very small," he said. "People who run for school committee aren't interested in politics. Their background is in education or business. We don't have the people using the school committee for political advancement."

So the only issues Kidder had with education reform were the financial formula for aid distribution and high stakes testing. "It was inevitable that it was the suburban schools that would get whacked," he said about the aid distribution formula. "The way it was set up, the majority of the money went to places like Chelsea and Holyoke and Springfield. The Cohasset school system received $25 per student."

He added that high stakes testing such as MCAS depended on whether the district could get teachers retrained fast enough to teach the new curriculums.

In the end Kidder said, Cohasset came through reform immediately in good shape. "Frankly in the four years I was on the committee [following ed reform] it wasn't a problem," he said.

Today's current members would agree that Cohasset wasn't hurt by education reform, though the school committee may not be as strong as it once was.

It was Kidder and the rest of the school committee that hired current Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey in 1998, but it was Malvey who hired new middle/high school principal Dr. Michael Jones.

"The power of the school committee has clearly been weakened," said DeGiacomo, who was elected to the board in 1998, the year Kidder left. "But one of the many goals [of education reform] was to give the principals and superintendent more power to run the schools...We hire the superintendent and that's about it."

Both DeGiacomo and Martin said education reform left the "on-site management" of the schools up to principals, and also the parents with the mandatory creation of school councils. "Parents have a much more active role in the schools and I imagine that's a positive change," Martin said.

She added that by taking the school committee out of the day-to-day decision making of the school department, it "puts the expertise with who it should be."

DeGiacomo said he has no problem with the way the state structured the role of a school committee. "I have a lot of confidence in our superintendents and principals. They will keep us up to date on any hirings and may ask for our opinion, but the final decision is [Malvey's]," he said, adding. "I've been very comfortable with the decisions he has made."

"Imagine having a business where the CEO, in this case the superintendent, needs to hire a management team and can't. We got out of the business of hiring."

— Ralph Kidder, former school committee member

The school committee's biggest roles now, can also be two of the more unpleasant ones. In crafting a budget, the school committee has the last say in what stays and goes.

The Cohasset school committee recently wrapped up its budget negotiations, and submitted a $10.1 million budget to the town for its consideration.

It's other big role is setting general policies for the town's three schools.

Martin said it's the school committee's job to take information from parents, craft or revisit a certain policy and then leave it up to the principals to implement it. "They're the day to day people," she said.

McCarthy believes education reform, in general, has been good for the state, and as far as the school committee goes, she's also content with its role. "I'm not sure it needs more power," she said, "Basically the committee directs the schools how they should perform and how they should handle themselves."

McCarthy said because of education reform, school committees now have mandated power, and that it is "up to that committee on how to act with that...The committee is only as good as the people on it."

Village workshop on sidewalks, travel pattern

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, in partnership with the Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force, is sponsoring the fourth in a series of five community workshops to develop designs for infrastructure, circulation, and streetscape improvements in Cohasset Village. The workshop will be held on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Church Parish Center.

The Cecil Group, urban landscape design consultants, will review various design alternatives for new sidewalk and crosswalk dimensions and materials, a one-way travel pattern in the village, reversing the existing parking configuration on Depot Court, changing some of the parking along South Main Street from angle to parallel, improve parking and circulation in rear municipal parking lot, and providing pedestrian-scale lighting and other forms of streetscape amenities.

The design ideas presented at this workshop are a culmination of the public input received, land survey information completed, and the work of the designers at The Cecil Group. The goal of this workshop is to reach agreement on some of the options, refine the existing ideas, and formalize a community consensus on definitive aesthetic, circulation, and safety changes to the village infrastructure.

Preliminary designs and ideas are on display at the CRC office located at 87 Elm St. (across from Kimball's). Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 10 am – 4 p.m.; Tuesday noon – 8 p.m.

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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

GREETINGS

Hello Cohasset! I hope this finds all of you dry and safe as we experience a huge amount of water in our yards, streets and (gulp) basements. Hopefully a nice, dry Spring is in the forecast.

NEW ARRIVAL

I want to start this column by introducing a new little guy who was born in the crazy storm of last week. **Nicholas A. Grazioso** was born on Tuesday, March 6 at 11:31 a.m. Nicholas is the new son of **Henry and Dr. Christine Grazioso** of Marshfield and joins his big brother **Alex**, 1 1/2 at home. Dr. Grazioso is a pediatric dentist whose practice is at the new medical building on Rte. 3A. Little Nicholas weighed in at 6 lbs.13 oz. and was 19-3/4 ins. long. I am sure that all are enjoying this wonderful little bundle! Congratulations to you all.

DEAN'S LIST

Providence College had some news to share. **Andrea Freeman**, a CHS graduate and class of 2001 at Providence, was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2000 semester. Andrea is majoring in management. Great work, Andrea.

UMass Amherst wanted us to know about a Cohasset student who made the fall semester dean's list at this school. **Ryan S. McWilliams** of Lamberts Lane was named to the dean's list. Another great accomplishment for a CHS graduate!

BC HIGH HONOR ROLL

BC High School had quite a list of Cohasset students named to the second-quarter honor roll. They are: High Honors, **Christopher J. Carr, David Crowley-Buck** and **Evan M. McCaffrey**. Students who made honors were: **Edward M. Chase, John R. Crowley-Buck, Matthew R. Meikleham** and **Gregory F. Smith**. Congratulations to you all.

ELECTION SUPPER

The Annual Election Supper will be held on Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m., at the Beechwood Congregational Church. This is an opportunity for those running for town offices to be introduced. Roast pork, Harvard beets, green beans, potato, dessert and beverages will be served. This year, a mailing announcing the Election Supper will be sent to those who typically attend Beechwood's suppers in lieu of phone calls. Ticket prices are $7.99 for adults and $3.99 for children. Please call 383-1298 to make reservations.

KITCHEN TOUR

Here is a sure sign that Spring is just around the corner. Tickets are now on sale for the South Shore Community Center's annual Kitchen Tour. This year, there are five distinctive and festively decorated kitchens and dining rooms set for Friday, April 6 from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. As with past tours, each of this years homes will spotlight formal and informal tablescapes by the homeowners or area professionals, as well as tempting treats by some of the South Shore's finest caterers. Tickets are limited and may be purchased at the Center or by calling 781-383-0088. Tickets cost $25 each (while available) throughout the day of the tour. Funds from the tour are used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center. From all accounts, this is a day that you won't want to miss.

That is all the news from here this week. Make sure to get all your wonderful news and events to me no later than Monday by 9 a.m. for that week's edition. You can do this by: email: jenpiep@yahoo.com; phone: 923-1057; mail: 622 CJC Highway FAX: 923-1035 Have a Great Week!

—Jennifer Piepenbrink

ASP yard sale benefit is April 7

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is holding its annual Yard Sale fund raiser on voting day, Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church. Special treasures are needed — especially those fitting for ASP's silent-auction. Items may be dropped off any time the week prior to the sale. Pick-ups may be arranged for the week of March 26 by calling 383-0345.

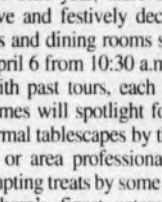
In this, ASP's 14th year, a record175 volunteers (120 teenagers, 55 adults) will travel to West Virginia and Virginia to work on 25 homes in the Appalachian mountains. ASP is in the midst of fund raising at this time (buy stock in ASP! - $20/share) and will start training and orientation in May. Then ASP volunteers leave for a week of home repair work in Appalachia on June 23.

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Also watch for more information about our new Appalachian Festival to be held Saturday, April 28, with special Appalachian-style crafts, entertainment and food.

Visit ASP on the web at www.cohassetasp.org for updates and information.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kyle F. Hublitz

Schramm — Hublitz

Ellen Alexandra Schramm, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin T. Schramm of Cohasset, married Kyle Friederich Hublitz of Fairfield, Conn., son of Dr. and Mrs. Uve F. Hublitz, also of Cohasset, on Oct. 7, 2000. The ceremony was held at the Second Congregational Churc. The reception was held at the Cohasset Golf Club.

The maid of honor was Lisa Schramm, sister of the bride. Other attendants were Heidi Condon, sister of the groom, and Amy Russell Farber. Bridget Condon, niece of the groom, was the flower girl.

Kristiaan U. Hublitz, brother of the groom, served as best man. The ushers were Dr. Uve F. Hublitz, father of the groom and Peter Condon.

The bride graduated from Cohasset High School and Colgate University and is a marketing director at Priceline.com in Norwalk, Conn. The groom graduated from the Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, Mass. and Hamilton College. He is a financial consultant with Salomon Smith Barney in Westport, Conn.. The couple resides in Fairfield, Conn. after a trip to Bora-Bora.

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Quilt Show



Amy Silvia and Maggie Bates at the Quilt Show in Cohasset. Bates sold raffle tickets for a chance to win a quilt.



A colorful view of the many quilts on sale at the Second Congregational Church during the recent Quilt Show & Luncheon to benefit Boston Medical Center's Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust and Reach Out & Read Program.



Trudy Chase, left, along with a standing-room only crowd study the quilts in the show.

Staff photos by Susan Haney



Joan Crowley and Amy Wright admire the quilt "Reach for the Stars" by Marcia Burr of Hingham.

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Cohasset Village Community Workshop

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The goal of this workshop is to reach agreement on streetscape & circulation design options, refine existing ideas, and formulize a community consensus on definitive aesthetic, circulation, and safety changes to the village infrastructure.

Items for review include:

- **Sidewalk & Crosswalk Designs**
- **One-way Travel Alternatives**
- **Pedestrian Scale Lighting Options**
- **Aesthetic & Safety Improvements**
- **Parking & Circulation Patterns**

This workshop is held in partnership between the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and the Town of Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force.

For additional information please call 383-2449, or visit the CRC office at 87 Elm Street.



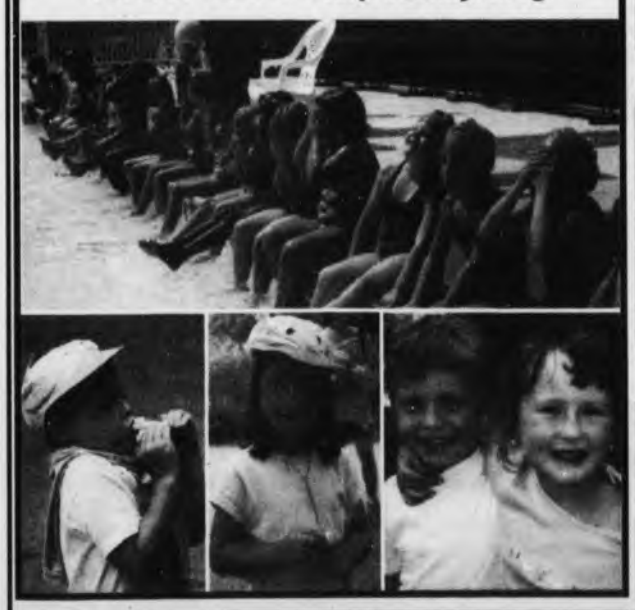
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Save the watershed

With all the snow and rain we've had over the past two weeks, it's tough to imagine drought conditions. But the facts are that despite a wet winter — although that certainly helps recharge the watershed — the Weir River Watershed is under stress.

Water withdrawals exceed the minimum acceptable threshold, taxing the watershed in its capacity to provide a stable public supply and its ability to maintain adequate habitat for creatures such as largemouth bass, sunfish, pickerel, eel, aquatic insects, blueback herring and rainbow smelt.

The Weir River Watershed, which includes Triphammer, Fulling Mill, Foundry and Straits ponds, the Weir, Plymouth and Crooked Meadow rivers and Accord Pond, provides water for about 38,000 residents in Hingham, Hull, North Cohasset and Norwell.

A four-inch thick report prepared by environmental consulting firm GZA of Norwell was the subject of a public forum on the diminishing watershed two weeks ago in Hingham.

The bad news is our watershed is in critical condition. But the good news is that we have the power to turn things around.

The Hingham-based Water Resources Task Force recommends the following:

- Formation of a council made up of elected and appointed officials and citizens of Hingham, Hull, Norwell and North Cohasset, which are served by the watershed, along with members of environmental organizations, water suppliers and state representatives;
- Development of a watershed management plan;
- Educating the public about the issues;
- Exploration of new water sources;
- Enactment of water conservation measures; and
- Choosing appropriate ways to preserve the aquatic habitat.

Samantha Woods, who is president of the Weir River Watershed Association and assisted with the study, put it best.

"The people who live in this area are the environmental stewards of the watershed," she said.

As stewards, residents can get involved in so many different ways. Individuals can educate themselves about the watershed and its challenges, practice water conservation, or participate on a larger scale — such as helping to develop the watershed management plan or formulating educational programs.

It really is up to residents. The options are endless, but the water supply is not.

To get involved contact Jeff Bettinger, water resources task force, c/o the Selectmen's Office, Hingham Town Hall, 212 Central St., Hingham 02043.

— Mary Ford
Editor



POLITICAL NOTES

Hedlund on transportation board

Senator Robert L. Hedlund has been appointed by Senate President Thomas P. Birmingham to represent the Massachusetts Legislature on the Conference of State Governments, Eastern Regional Transportation Committee.

The Eastern Regional organization is responsible for helping to plan and coordinate northeast regional transportation policy. Current efforts of the Regional Committee include working to secure increased federal transportation monies for northeast highway projects as well as regional rail improvement projects. The committee also coordinates efforts between the state and federal government to provide funds for proposed and ongoing transportation initiatives, such as the Acela Express train service and Boston's "Big Dig" project.

Many local transportation projects have had a significant federal funding component. These include restoration of commuter rail lines to Plymouth and Middleboro, the Route 3 widening project, and many other local road and bridge projects.

"Transportation issues have been at the center of my legislative agenda for some time now, and I am eager to immerse myself in the details of the initiatives overseen by this regional group of legislators," Hedlund said. "I thank the Senate President for allowing me to serve the Commonwealth in this capacity."

Hedlund currently serves as the senior ranking minority member of the state legislature's transportation committee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sportswriter

TO THE EDITOR:

I'd like to congratulate and thank David Ingber for his very professional coverage in the Mariner of several of the sports teams this school year. David's writing is clear, interesting, and usually contains some extra statistics and "Notes". It has been wonderful to have consistent news of these teams each week. I think that this benefits those who play on the teams, those who follow the games and meets, and those who are not as connected with the high school sports, but who would like to know more. It is also commendable that he does this at the same time as being on the JV basketball team and being a full-time student at Cohasset High School.

Thanks also to the Mariner for encouraging David's obvious talent.

Heidi Maitland
299 Forest Ave.

Gag for the public?

TO THE EDITOR,

The town meeting is a unique aspect of New England political life. Those of us who have grown up in this corner of the country may have come to take this form of governing and decision-making for granted. The town meeting is where the big and not so big issues get aired, discussed and voted. It's all pretty cut and dried to some, but I remember as a junior high civics student being fascinated by the detailed discussions on snow-plowing or road paving or the school budget line items. It was watching the town in collective debate that gave me the feel for the humanity behind the body politic.

In our March meeting warrant Article 7 innocently proposes to change the minimum number of signatures for submission of town warrant articles from 10 to 100. Why? To eliminate or minimize the "frivolous" issues from "bothering" the citizens assembled at the town meeting is the explanation. Frivolous to whom? I wonder. Since moving to Cohasset I have seen and participated in many town meetings. I treasure the opportunity, whether I choose to exercise it or not of being a part of the process. What I sense here, fellow citizens, is an attempt to stifle public debate. I see this as an attack on our right to free speech.

For any of you who have taken the time to sign a public petition or felt strongly enough to put one together and gather those signatures, collecting 10 persons' signatures is not a simple task. It may take several hours or days depending on time of the week or year. But collecting 100 names makes this process a major undertaking requiring organization, planning and strategy. What better way to strangle public discourse than to require petitioners at town meeting to have to stage a major write-in effort before putting their requests before public vote. Political candidates are only required to present 50 signatures to seek public office. Town bylaws require only 100 voters for a quorum to make a town meeting official.

Reject this ill conceived and misbegotten suggestion, Vote No on Article 7.

Jim Kinch
77 Forest Ave.

Community support

TO THE EDITOR:

"That's why we live here," a friend said, while I was relating how many people came to my son's rescue. On Saturday our youngest son fell and in our absence a network of people in this Cohasset community came together to call for help; accompany him to the hospital; pick up my oldest son to be with his brother; travel to the hospital to supply information and accompany and stay with me at the hospital when I found out all this had happened.

The good will did not end there. Calls of well wishes from his peers and our friends continued and an entire Sunday dinner was prepared and sent.

When a community comes together and volunteers its heart for you, you do think that's why we live here. Thank you.

Diana & Jim Kinch
Forest Avenue

Sewer costs vs. open space

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week the Cohasset Mariner reported background information about the Citizen's Petition that will be on the April 7 town election Ballot to help finance Open Space acquisitions. The initiative may deserve support, but we want to learn more before deciding how to cast our votes.

It does seem to us that there is a higher priority. Many citizens in non-sewered areas voted their conscience and supported 50/50 financing for the North Cohasset and Central Sewer expansions. Most of these voters were persuaded by the historical precedent that sewering is a municipal responsibility. Those same Cohasset residents in non-sewered areas still confront daunting costs if they have to replace their septic systems.

It seems to us that Cohasset's highest priority is to create a mechanism to either expand sewage service and/or share 50/50 the cost of septic system repair/replacement.

Joe and Mary McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

CANDIDATES CORNER

MacCarthy coffee

A 10am-noon coffee will be held at the home of Mary Foley, 184 Lamberts Lane on Friday, March 16 for school committee candidate Adrienne MacCarthy. All are welcome to attend, if you would like more information, please call Lucia Flibotte (383-2792) or Susan Galligan (383-0765).

Martin coffees

Joan Allen and Joan Busk, Coordinators for Outreach for the Committee to Re-elect Pat Martin have announced several new upcoming opportunities for members of the public to come meet or discuss issues with Pat Martin, candidate for re-election to the School Committee. The first will be a wine and cheese gathering on Sunday, March 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the home of Paul and Ann Musto, of 42 Stevens Lane. To RSVP to this event, please contact Joan Allen at 383-9027. The second will take place on Wednesday, March 21 at 9:30 am at the home of Joe and Andrea Kinneally, 37 Elm St. For information on either of these events or for information regarding Pat Martin, please contact campaign chairman, Catherine Davis at 383-2570

Neighborhood meeting slated

All those who are interested in discussing articles which will come before the Cohasset Town Meeting are invited to the home of Margy Charles at 85 Linden Dr., at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21. Selectman Tom Callahan who is running for a second term will be present to lead the discussion and answer any questions residents may have. Dessert will be provided.

Budget issues as well as the zoning article about accessory dwellings are of utmost interest to all taxpayers.

Election supper is March 29

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Candidates' night

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and the Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers are sponsoring a Candidates Night from 7:30-9:30 p.m., March 19 at the Cohasset Selectmen's Office at Town Hall. It will be televised on Channel 10.

Cohasset Chamber President Kimberly La Torraca will serve as the moderator. The "Question gallery" will be comprised of local reporters, and live calls from viewers.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

School committee: Should hiring a business manager for the school department be a budgetary priority?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

Priorities — we all have them. They help guide us to where we want to go in life and how we want to get there. I believe that the school committee has to establish a "needs based" priority list for the entire school system. My approach to a priority list, would be to rank the items based on how much of an impact they would have at the classroom level. Therefore, I question the need to have a new business manager position during these times of budgetary restraint.

I am familiar with the job description for the business manager position and agree that it would be wonderful to have such a luxury, but can we as a town afford it? I have read the job description, line by line, and did not see one item that cannot be professionally handled or carried out by our current level of resources now available. I believe that a coordinated approach, by the school and the town, can handle the tasks covered by a business manager; but in a more fiscally responsible manner.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Mark DeGiacomo

Town officials, as well as citizens who are experienced in the business community, have recognized for many years our school district's need for a full-time business manager. It simply makes sense for a school department with a budget in excess of $10 million to have an experienced employee dealing solely with the school district's business and operational matters. The good news is that this position is not a new position, but merely a "supersizing" of an existing staff position. As a result, we only need to budget an additional $37,000 to fund a position that I feel will greatly enhance our school district.

Among other qualifications, our new business manager must have at least a master's degree and five years of management experience. His or her duties will include supervising the accounting and reporting of the financial affairs of the school district and administering the operation of the schools. By relieving the superintendent, principals and other administrators from much of school district's the day to day operational issues, we can free up their time to focus on important educational issues. Our research has confirmed that every other school district with a similar size has a business manager or a similar position. The addition of a full-time, qualified business manager to our staff is long overdue and will pay significant dividends for our students and citizens.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

The priority for this year's budget should be and is teachers. Within the FY2002 budget, we are adding five new teachers. Four to address the extra large seventh-grade class and another for next years third grade. The top priority of the School Committee, which has been the same since I was elected, is to maintain small class sizes. Research has shown it's the greatest determining factor for insuring student success and the best approach for implementing the inclusion model of incorporating special needs students into our classrooms. The key phrase here is "maintaining small class sizes". With enrollment increasing at 101 new students over the past three years, it has been a challenge for us. Increased enrollment is being felt on every level. Hence other budget priorities include increasing specialty areas of arts and music as well as providing more opportunities for participation in athletics such as girls softball and restoring our no-cut policy in middle school sports.

The business manager is not a new position, it's the expansion of a part time staff assistant that is currently in place. The need to increase the time and skill set on this position is driven in part by increased enrollment. With 1,339 students and an additional 54 new predicted next year, it has become unrealistic to expect one superintendent to oversee it all. Add the upcoming high school accreditation, sped audit, teacher recertification process and the building renovation project and you see why it too is necessary.

Planning board: Why (or why not) should voters support Cohasset adopting the Community Preservation Act at the polls April 7?

PLANNING BOARD/ Richard Brown

I have mixed reactions as to whether or not to support the Community Preservation Act and the effect it would have on Cohasset.

Certainly the concept of maintaining open space is sound, yet Cohasset already has a large percentage of its space dedicated to parks and recreational areas.

How much is enough? Will this tax be another nail in the coffin that makes Cohasset unaffordable to our children and elderly parents?

I can see both sides of this issue, and I am currently undecided. Perhaps this question is best answered by the majority of the town's electorate.

PLANNING BOARD/ Peter Pratt

Well-planned open space acquisition by the Town makes good economic sense. Establishment of a funding program for open space purchases will reduce municipal expenditures over time, appreciate the value of our homes, and maintain a continued superior per pupil funding level for our schools.

For these reasons, I support the passage of both the Community Preservation Act, as it will appear on the town ballot of April 7, and Article 17 at this year's annual town meeting. The ballot question seeks to add a 1.5 percent surcharge on our property tax bills, after the first $100,000 of valuation. The town meeting article earmarks property conveyance fees collected by the Norfolk Registry of Deeds back to the Town. If both initiatives were in effect today the Town would have raised a total of some $485,000 in the most recent fiscal year, including matching state monies, for open space and associated purchases.

Greater building density costs us as Cohasset taxpayers more money as increased demands are placed on municipal services. As most critically seen in the funding equation for our schools, property tax growth from new housing construction often does not offset the costs of such new demands. A boom in housing growth generated by uncontrolled development could literally drive down our per pupil expenditures on education.

Adoption of the Community Preservation Act in Cohasset will give us a better tool to control growth, advance our quality of life, and support the highly competition funding for public education that our community correctly demands.

Selectman: Why (or why not) should voters support Cohasset adopting the Community Preservation Act at the polls April 7?

SELECTMAN/Merle Brown

Supporting the CPA will add $78 a year to the average tax bill. I believe this is adding more to the burden for the elderly and others that can barley keep their heads above water now. The proponents of the CPA say it will limit the building of more houses therefore less population for our schools. Let's face it, the elderly who can't afford to pay the taxes in town are not going to sell to other elderly. They are going to sell to younger people who have children. As it is we have a lot of things going on that will increase our taxes over the next few years — renovation to the school buildings, new fire/police building and the Central sewer and Little Harbor sewer project still to come.

I believe we should be working with contractors to build affordable and elderly housing. It has been mentioned a number of times we should try and buy the Barnes property. I think we should look at this for elderly/affordable housing, such as they have at Legion Way in Hanover. We could make the rest of the area open space and get the best of both worlds. Same goes for the Wolfpit. If we worked with the developer we could make sure that the septic system passes the present Board of Health Regulations, protecting our drinking water and getting more Elderly housing.

We need our Growth and Development plan in place first, then look at our needs.

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

Every community wrestles with the problems of suburban sprawl. We want to keep our towns essentially as we found them, and be able to see green and open spaces. I think we all share a core value in preserving open space. The reality of property development and the law, however, is that often the best and only way to preserve open space is to buy it. It is expensive to do so, however, particularly in an "up" real estate market, Remember how it cost us about $2 million for the Pape Reservation because it had development potential. Grants like the one we obtained for the Turkey Hill purchase are not always available. Our private land trusts don't always have the necessary resources on hand. And looking for a single, large appropriation for a purchase at Town Meeting can be a difficult sell. We need a means by which we can gradually and regularly raise and bank amounts sufficient to buy land we deem essential to preserve when we need to do it. Land banks were the idea once, and the Act is the means now. While procedurally more complicated than originally proposed, it has the benefit of creating a state matching fund (an estimated $25 million per year), which is being collected as we speak and enables us, when the time comes, to double our money. As a well known TV and marketing celebrity would say, it is a good thing

Next week's questions

For selectman and planning board candidates: Are concerns about private business interests being involved in plans to revitalize the village justified?

For school committee candidates: What do you see as the benefits of MCAS testing?

Answers must be received by 5 p.m. Monday. Responses, which must be no longer than 250 words, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com, sent by fax to 7441-2931 or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. For more information, call Mary Ford at 741-2933. Candidates, who are opposed or unopposed are welcome to submit photos and formal announcements of their candidacies. The Mariner will also publish a candidates' corner that is limited to a few lines (about 150 words) from any candidate who wishes to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

Paul's fight for Canadian post

I think if I were a high-powered advertising man who ate sushi and drank Jack Daniels at a power lunch, I'd wrest the Swedish Bikini Team from their beer sponsor and put the girls on retainer for showing on TV at the next Super Bowl Sunday.

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



That's a badly overwritten way of announcing that I have discovered the one thing that is virtually certain to sell products from dishwasher soap to Lear jets; the thing that is guaranteed to redirect our attention when it strays from Coke to Pepsi or from Bud Light to Miller Lite.

It's called sex.

I hope you noticed, as did I, that Ken Starr's investigation of an obscure Arkansas savings & loan failure was going nowhere until Monica showed up at the White House with a pizza for Bill and asked if there was anything else she could do for him as long as she was there. It turned out there was.

Right now, a similar thing is happening to our own governor, A. Paul Cellucci, whose dreams of mushing off to Ottawa as President Dubya's ambassador to the frozen wastes of Canada are being challenged by a particularly heinous crime in his past.

Is it the Big Dig, that hole in the ground in Boston in which so many billions of federal dollars have disappeared that the U. S. Congress is concerned and, believe me, it takes a lot of billions to even make Congress take notice? No, it's not that. Hell, that happens every day in Massachusetts.

Then it must be A. Paul's friendship with George Cashman of the Teamsters, the union that has all but driven the motion picture industry out of the state with its demands on the movie makers. No, it's not that, even though A. Paul was close enough to George to name him to the Massport board.

No, the crime for which A. Paul stands accused is his "support" of gay sex education, specifically his failure to react swiftly or harshly enough in the wake of a workshop, "Teach Out 2000," run by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network and sponsored by the Department of Education.

The workshop, which was attended by 14 to 21-year-olds, included descriptions of gay sexual techniques, similar to those that can be seen on Cinemax after the Arnold and Bruce Willis films have been put away for the night.

The guv did what he could to recoup. He denounced the conference as "outrageous" and promised that another one "will not be tolerated." He even fired two DOE workers who participated, but that was not enough for the Parents' Rights Coalition of Newton.

Right now, they are busily firing off clandestinely recorded graphic audio tapes of the workshop to all 100 members of the U. S. Senate, which will have to confirm A. Paul as ambassador, and especially to the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who will hold hearings on his confirmation.

The chairman of the committee is Jesse Helms, who will be remembered as the man who single-handedly blocked the confirmation of Bill Weld's appointment as ambassador to Mexico because he didn't like Bill's casual attitude toward marijuana.

The latest recruit in the battle to save Canada and Western Civilization from A. Paul Cellucci is Alan Keyes, the unsuccessful presidential hopeful last year, who denounced A. Paul as "not a fitting representative of American values, nor of the values that the Bush administration claims to represent."

Where is the Swedish Bikini Team when you need them?

Birds, trees, pets, and snow

Nan and I have a bird feeder just outside our dining area window. We experience a special joy seeing the chickadees, titmice, finches, nuthatches, woodpeckers, cardinals, and other birds landing there for the sunflower seeds. It has long puzzled me why I should feel such delight in these little creatures. Several sessions into the seminar-Ecopsychology: Health Care Theory and Practice in the Larger Context, taught by Sarah Conn, I've finally discovered the answer.

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



Ecopsychology asserts we need to be connected with nature and community to be psychologically healthy. If we assume homo sapiens appeared about two million years ago, then humans have lived closely with nature and community for over 99.5% of human history. During those millennia, infants grew up in close contact with natural earth, plants, animals, weather, rock and tribal community. But starting about ten thousand years ago farming began to separate humans from wild nature. Fences were built to separate wild plants and animals from domesticated versions. Native plants and animals were destroyed as farms spread over the earth. Today none of us is unaware of global and local environmental damage.

Tribal community and large extended families met their demise much more recently. Some writers blame Western science, the Reformation, the Enlightenment, or various other influences. From the beginning the United States has been a nation of rugged individualists. Separate farm families, then separate urban dwellers.

Today, as Margaret Thatcher put it, there is no society, only family units and individuals. Our homes, jobs, cars, computers, advertising, televisions and phones all tend to promote separateness rather than community.

Therapists constantly hear the phrase, "I feel so empty inside, so depressed." Ecopsychologists understand how isolation from nature and community, and awareness of environmental damage, can give rise to these feelings. Connecting with nature and a supportive community is a way to heal our psyche. In the seminar we have an ongoing assignment to spend at least five minutes every day in some natural place or with some natural being to which we feel drawn. The exercise includes guidelines for strengthening our earth connection. Sarah structures our three-hour seminar meetings to further strengthen our connections. Rituals and exercises are used to overcome our isolation from nature and each other.

Which brings me back to the birds. I began wondering, "What elements of nature present themselves to most people in our culture, despite suburban sprawl, cars, speed, and all the rest?" Here's my short-list: birds, trees, and pets. At last Friday's seminar I had to add "snow", because so many members mentioned the snow of last week's snowstorm. So there it is. The little feathered creatures at our bird feeder bring me such joy because they are one of the few links I have to wild nature. The same is true of trees and pets. If you have a pet I'm sure you'll agree they bring joy and healing.

Which brings me to trees. Lately I've become more aware of how wonderful trees really are. They attempt to undo our air pollution by absorbing carbon dioxide, the cause of global warming. They produce oxygen, when leaves are present. Standing under a tree looking up at its crown, I sense an extraordinary energy. I must confess I've been hugging trees, too. Always seemed like a silly idea to me.

I can't explain it, but it feels great! Next chance you get when there's no one looking, give it a try and see for yourself. Trees are teaching me to stand firmly rooted, to stretch out my arms, and to sway in the wind. You can try this at home. Preferably with children.

I don't know if you've noticed, but Cohasset seems to have declared war on trees. I live across from Beechwood Cemetery, and in the past few weeks some extremely unfortunate cutting has been done there. A row of hundred-year-old Norway Spruces had all their lower limbs senselessly removed. Lilac thickets were decimated. Bridal wreath bushes were clear cut. Maple and cherry trees were felled. This was not done maliciously, but is heartbreaking nonetheless, and much of the damage can never be healed.

On the north side of Beechwood Street opposite Mill Lane, two healthy White Oaks were cut down, one thirty inches, one twenty inches in diameter. I counted ninety-seven growth rings on the larger stump. I'm still trying to find out why they were destroyed. At the intersection of Beechwood and King Street, the power company cut down several glorious White Pines, one forty-five inches in diameter, which was overt sixty feet tall. The power company said they might fall and interrupt power. On Atlantic Avenue a White Oak thirty-three inches in diameter was senselessly cut down in front of a trophy house being remodeled.

Just how significant are these few trees in light of the clearcutting of vast forests in New England and the Pacific Northwest? Not very. But what is significant about them is the attitude we here in Cohasset have toward nature. With all we know about human damage to the natural environment, do we really want to continue with such an arrogant attitude, cutting down beautiful old trees to suit our merest whims? Or do we want to begin learning how to reconnect with nature and each other, to heal our damaged psyches, to heal the damaged earth?

Many of us feel helpless to stop the global despoliation of the land, air, water, and wildlife. We feel trapped in a lifestyle where we must generate many tons of carbon dioxide every year driving our cars, heating our homes, using electricity, and creating waste. We must constantly suppress what we hear on the news about worldwide environmental harm or be overwhelmed with grief and despair. But right here in our own town we can do something.

Please be aware of the wonder of trees. Protect them when you can. They're your friends.

Jim can be reached at shipsky@cs.com

SENIOR SCENE

Van schedule for seniors

Transportation services are offered by the Council on Elder Affairs. Call 24 hours in advance at 383-9112. Transportation is provided for essential needs to all Cohasset residents 60 years old and over.

- Senior Shuttle for local errands and appointments. Mon. to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Medical (FISH) for out-of-town medical appointments. Not handicapped accessible. Mon. to Fri. Call 24 hours in advance.
- Medical Access Program (MAP) for handicapped/non-handicapped out-of-town medical appointments. Cohasset residents only. Mon. to Fri. Call 24 hours in advance: 383-9112.
- Medical Transport to Boston for handicapped/non-handicapped medical appointments in Boston. Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Call 383-0220 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon. to Thurs.

AROUND TOWN

- Local Trips, Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Around town including hairdressers, banks, library, and post office.
- Stop & Shop, first Monday of month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- All other Mondays of month, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Hingham Stop & Shop and Marshall's.
- Shaw's, every Wednesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

SHOPPING MALLS

- Hanover Mall or Kingston Mall, third Wednesday of the month, 12:30 p.m.
- Braintree Mall, first Monday of month 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Hingham, third Friday of month, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Pembroke, second Wednesday of month, 12:30 p.m.

MEDICAL

Call Carol Barrett, Outreach at 383-9112 to schedule home pick-up.

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Call Pat Sargent, 383-9215, to schedule home pick-up.

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Every Tues. and Thurs. 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m., home pick-up and return.

Environmental 'benefits' of runway disputed

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

The lead story in the Boston Globe, March 10, 2001, was, "Logan seen emerging as top polluter." State Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand said that emissions-wise, "the one industry that has gotten the free ride is the airline industry." The Globe said, "jets at Logan are emitting tons of nitrogen oxides every year, a key ingredient in both smog, which aggravates asthma, and acid rain, which harms trees and wildlife."

The Globe article says, "Air pollution concerns at Logan couldn't come at a worse time for airport officials, who are trying to get approval for a fifth runway to ease congestion. Still, adding that runway will cut down on air pollution, contends Betty Desrosiers, Massport's director of aviation planning, because planes would not be idling as long as they do now before taking off." Ms. Desrosiers says here that delay equals pollution. Give her a big bonus for breathtaking spin control, Massport! Falling for her claims would literally take our breath away.

It is not credible that the 100,000 more jet operations annually and 35 percent increase in capacity Massport projects for the runway would *decrease* emissions. It would take a monstrous lot of idling to equal it. Runway or no runway, Logan is predicting increases in delay, not decreases. Building the runway would create a higher volume of traffic *and* a higher volume of delays.

Massport's runway expansion project depends on using the South Shore for most new operations, on top of the current traffic, including all possible night time traffic. The Massport PR blitz to push runway expansion claims environmental benefits from "over the water" operations which are actually routed right over South Shore towns.

A 2000 study of O'Hare Airport found elevated cancer risks within a 30-mile radius, especially downwind. Hull is 6 miles, Hingham 7 miles and Cohasset 12 miles from Logan Airport. Public health and atmospheric pollution impacts from airports are a real sleeper issue with scary statistics just beginning to emerge on elevated cancer rates, respiratory disease and early mortality.

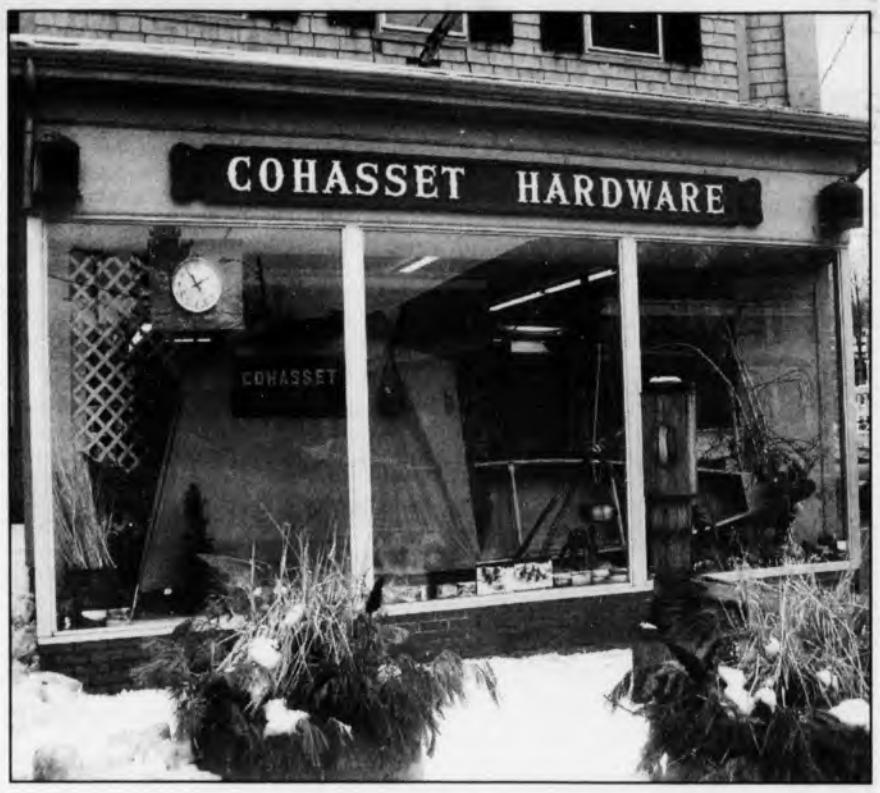
Logan traffic may already be the biggest industrial polluter on the South Shore. Every plane is like an aerosol can bigger than a brontosaurus, spraying carcinogens down into our backyards during its whole transit. One a minute for long periods over Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. The South Shore could be the Woburn/A Civil Action of the near future.

It is time to take a hard look at that layer of brown smog emerging and drifting from Logan and the voluminous if invisible emissions pollution raining on communities under the jet paths. The Greater Boston area needs regional transportation solutions that do not increase Logan traffic.

I have been looking at the website of Citizens Aviation Watch, http://www.us-caw.org, particularly the "studies" and "pollution" pages. If you are getting interested in the impacts Logan Airport is proposing for the South Shore but you haven't gotten involved yet, this is a good place to start.

Mary Ann Frye is a member of the Hingham Jet Noise Task Force and an alternate member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council.

TROOP 28



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Boy Scout Troop 28 currently has a camping display in the window of Cohasset Hardware.

Town waits for answer to tide-gate problem

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even bigger flooding problem.

"This plant basically takes over the normal short grasses...It grows so thick and spreads, it might be the only thing in the marsh," he explained. The reeds can pose a serious fire hazard in the summer, promote a higher than normal level of mosquitoes, and block the James Brook flow pattern and retain sediment impeding the draining process altogether.

However, in order to get rid of the reeds, the salt marsh needs a certain amount of saltwater per day. When the original flapper gates were installed 50 years ago, fresh water was allowed to drain out of the marsh, but saltwater wasn't allowed to flow back into the marsh during high-tide, as it had.

In 1998, the town received a federal flood control grant to improve the drainage of James Meadow, which included adding an additional out-fall pipe and widening the two existing pipes at the "wall" of the harbor under Cove Road near Kimballs by the Sea.. Though the work received the proper state and local permits, the Corps, which last spring stumbled upon the work by accident, ruled it should have been consulted during the permitting process.

Since October, wedges have left the flapper gates open an inch, allowing tidal water to flow back into the marsh. Depending on the time of day, if one was to stand in the parking lot at from Kimball's, the water would either be flowing towards the harbor, or towards the salt marsh. Tutela Engineering, which oversaw the tidal gate project, has been measuring water levels at three different spots in the marsh since then, and filed an interim report in December.

The report said at an elevation of three feet, tidal water overflows the brook's channel, and spreads out over the marsh, reaching a peak of 3.3 feet before the water starts to recede. The water takes approximately five to six hours to come in, and then two to three hours to drain out

Response to report

The report prompted a response by former Fairfield, Conn. Conservation Administrator Thomas Steinke, who developed a self-regulating tide gate which opens and closes the gate depending on the tide level, and was referred to the issue by Reiner. Steinke said in order to prevent the further encroachment of the reeds, more water — up to 3.6 feet — should be allowed to come into marsh, enough water to allow it to soak in more and prevent reed growth.

Steinke took into consideration flooding problems around the marsh and suggested reducing the amount of back-flow into the marsh during the peak flooding months between December and March. He strongly recommended the town install some sort of self-regulating tide gate, or else the town would have to manually control the wedges in the flapper gates.

He also criticized the lack of flood-control alternatives in the town's original grant. Steinke said it would be possible to "achieve reasonable flood protection and commensurate marsh restoration goals" at the same time by evaluating some of alternatives. He made 10 suggestions such as creating a run-off detention basin upstream of the village; diverting floodwaters into other meadows for temporary storage; "flood-proofing" structures in the flood zone; and restoring deteriorated or destroyed salt marshes in other areas such as along Black Horse Lane.

Steinke also called for more studying of the marsh's water levels, saying, "Cohasset has made a beginning in reconciling the need for providing both flood relief and marsh restoration. Time and monitoring will tell how well they are achieved."

Domenick Tutela, Tutela Engineering's president, dismissed Steinke's 10 suggestions, point-by-point in a lengthy letter sent to Town Manager Mark Haddad last month, saying some of the suggestions were either cost prohibitive or impossible. He also said Steinke's suggestion that more tidal water be allowed to flow in is a moot point. Tutela said the average water levels in the meadow are "effectively flooding portions of the meadow" and that any high water levels could cause problems, particularly to properties next to the channel leading to the flapper gates.

"A sump pump discharge has been observed in operation during certain high tide events," Tutela said. "Therefore, any additional field efforts are anticipated to have an impact on the residents around the meadow and should be considered."

Army Corps spokesman Greg Penta said the agency won't be making any decisions until more data was been collected.

Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan said he didn't have any comment on either reports at this time, and just wanted to get the project done correctly. "I just want it to be done right, and if it was done wrong, I don't want the town to bear the responsibility of that," he said.

Land swap possible part of train deal

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Greenbush towns because it plans to submit its environmental impact report to the Department of Environmental Protection — that would include all mitigation deals — late this spring. Cohasset Selectmen have a self-imposed deadline of mid-March to complete the deal.

Adding further impetus to have an agreement signed, Sullivan announced that the Army Corps of Engineers had signed off on the Section 106 portion — historic preservation —of the permitting process at a recent breakfast hosted by the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. The ACE, the lead federal agency in the project, has jurisdiction over the protection of historic properties. One of the unique aspects of Greenbush restoration is the number of historic sites along the line, which cuts right through the middle of North Scituate, Cohasset Village and Hingham Square and across Weymouth Landing. The Section 106 hearings, which took years to complete, were part of the catalyst for the MBTA to agree to a tunnel underneath Hingham Square. With the Section 106 portion signed, the MBTA has moved on to the main permitting process with the Army Corps and other state agencies.

Lobster Lab gets warning

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Ulmer said, "It doesn't make any sense to have these checks sitting in the bank collecting 3 percent interest," and added he could have $300,000 in the bank by this summer.

The lab was the recipient of a matching grant from the Jane Cook Charitable Trust of up to $82,500. Ulmer reminded the board he spent $15,000 this past summer painting the outside and first floor of the house.

Sullivan was the only selectman that proposed terminating the lease immediately. But despite their desire to see the project succeed, the patience of the other selectmen is wearing thin.

"We're just looking for something firm that says construction will begin [this fall]," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris.

Board Chairman Thomas Callahan told Ulmer he would like to see the project brought through to fruition, but had doubts of his ability to secure a building contract without money in the bank. Selectman Merle Brown feared a half-completed outer shell, and asked the board to forbid a hammer from touching the building until Ulmer has money in hand to complete the project.

The board said was more concerned that Ulmer would start construction, run out of money, and abandon the project, leaving a half-built building on the Cohasset waterfront.

The board voted 4-1 to amend the lease to require Ulmer to raise $326,000 and start construction by Oct. 1, or be evicted. Ulmer said after the meeting that he had no problem with the board's decree. Another $325,000 will be needed to finish the interior of the lab.

Hagerty Property Committee Chairman and Parker Avenue resident Russ Bonetti, along with Sullivan, vehemently disagreed with the board's decision.

Bonetti was upset when Ulmer suggested the project's progress had been hampered by the slow-moving Hagerty Park project. The two-acre property, which is abuts the Hagerty house where the Lobster Lab will be housed, is slated to have a concrete slab removed and turned into a waterfront parking lot and park, but has taken nearly eight years to complete thanks to a long and grueling permitting process.

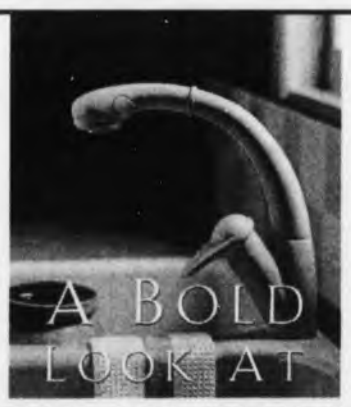
"I strongly object to his contention that the Hagerty plans have held this project up," he said. "We've asked him twice to come to one of our meetings, and twice he has not even had the courtesy to call us and say he wasn't going to come. This is the first time we've heard about this.

"For him to lay this on our doorstep is the most disingenuous thing I've heard from this most disingenuous proposal."

Bonetti also criticized the board for being too lenient on Ulmer.

"The Hagerty committee was almost disbanded last year, and we were just a few steps away [from completion]," he said.

Sullivan said the board was "being irresponsible" by renewing the lease, which calls for Ulmer to show "substantial progress" being made on the project. "Three and a half year of zero progress is not substantial progress," he argued.



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In a dark, dark wood ... the mysterious club-mosses

COMMON GROUND



AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

There are pockets, deep in Wompatuck State Park, far off the beaten path, where you can easily imagine you've traveled back in time to a dank prehistoric woodland.

The humus-rich, pine needle-strewn forest floor, dappled with light, is carpeted in lustrous, creeping, though inconspicuous, green plants commonly known as club-mosses - for the botanists, genus *Lycopodium*, from the Greek meaning "wolf's claw" — offspring of the earliest vascular land plants, plants that flourished some 300 million years ago during the Paleozoic period and whose petrification laid down vast seams of coal.

Though the genus *Lycopodium* boasts more than 100 species worldwide, less than a dozen species are common here in the northeast, some of which are now protected by law. Small, evergreen and perennial, with needlelike or scale-like leaves and an upright or creeping habit, the club-mosses resemble miniature versions of the larger conifers with which they share the loose, acidic soil of our shady woodlands. Colloquially known as "running pines" or "ground pines," club-mosses propagate by a horizontal root system that "runs" on the surface or underground. The previous year's growth withers and dies, but because club-mosses grow faster than they die, colonies increase and spread rapidly.



Lycopodium clavatum – Staghorn Clubmoss or Wolf's Claw



Lycopodium complanatum – Running Cedar on Christmas Green



Lycopodium obscurum – Tree Clubmoss or Princess Pine

Illustrations by Dr. Shirley G. Cross. Used with permission from Dr. Cross and The Thornton Burgess Society, Sandwich, Mass.

Like ferns, the club-mosses — often referred to as fern allies —are flowerless plants, plants that reproduce not from seed but from spores, reproductive cells rich in fat that divide and ripen underground into the structures that produce the sperm and egg. These, in turn, fuse to form the gametophyte generation, the sexual form of the plant. Under favorable conditions, spores can take as many as seven years to germinate and another ten to 15 for a new plant to develop above ground. No wonder the club-mosses are nearly impossible to cultivate.

Borne in enormous quantities atop wire-slender shoots in elongated, candelabra-like cones called strobili, the yellow powdery spores ripen in the late summer and early fall and are dispersed by the air. Over the centuries much lore and legend has attached to spores. Until the 18th century, supernatural powers were attributed to spore plants whose microscopic gametophyte was seldom seen and, therefore, difficult to study. How else then, but by "magic dust," to explain the proliferation of these "seedless" plants.

Hay fever was thought to be spore-induced. Decoctions of spores, harvested by threshing the dried spore cases, were said to improve wine gone bad and to kill lice. An infusion of spores was taken to treat urinary tract infections, kidney stones, rheumatism and liver ailments. Water-repellent and absorbent, spores were used externally as a dusting powder for rashes, wounds and surgical incisions and as a pill coating to prevent pills from sticking to one another. Modern day herbalists still use spore powder medicinally for diaper chafe and eczema.

Extremely explosive, hence the names "vegetable brimstone" and "vegetable sulpher," spores were used in the theater to produce fireworks and stage lighting effects, and by the earliest photographers as a "flash" powder. These days, as in years past, the club-mosses are desirable as Christmas greenery and their overcollection has contributed to their increased scarcity.

My friend Wendy, a curious naturalist herself, first introduced me to the club-mosses in Wompatuck State Park. We were out walking one afternoon and she led me deep into the woods to a wide, meandering patch of Staghorn club-moss, *Lycopodium clavatum*, that she had found on a previous walk. Staghorn is one of the club-mosses that sharp-eyed visitors to Wompatuck are certain to find. A surface runner extending many yards with precarious rootings at intervals, Staghorn is distinguished by its profuse, erect, forking branches that resemble deer antlers. Also known as "Wolf's Claw" (the roots resemble a wolf's claw) and "forks and knives," the horizontal runners and the erect stems are densely covered with small, soft leaves arranged spirally that feel like antler velvet.

Lycopodium obscurum, better known as Tree Club-moss, is tiny and demure, distinguished from the running club-mosses by an upright that grows as an individual tree. Wendy calls it "Princess Pine," a name that befits its dainty pine tree appearance. These little evergreens, up to 12 inches tall, sprout every six inches or so from a deep underground horizontal stem.

Another club-moss that lives happily in Wompatuck is the "Christmas green," *Lycopodium complanatum*, also known as "running cedar." Still collected as Christmas roping, this glossy specimen pulls up easily from the leaf litter in long, trailing sections. Unlike the Staghorn or Tree' Club-moss, running cedar grows in tangled, drooping colonies. Its uprights bear flattened, cedar-like branchlets in fan-like patterns.

Despite the temptation to gather these attractive ground covers for transplantation, their natural habitat and subterranean conditions — many club-mosses rely on a host fungi for their sustenance — are virtually impossible to reproduce in the home garden. These ancient plants are best left where they are, left alone for the next passerby to ponder their mysterious underground existence and their remarkable adaptability that has enabled them to survive from a time of vast fern jungles, a time long before T-Rex and Brontosaurus roamed the planet.

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Author's note: A heartfelt thanks to all who have responded so generously and enthusiastically to the Plymouth River School coyote research project. To date, we have received detailed information about more than 75 sightings. PRS fifth graders will be analyzing and mapping the data later this month and we will be bringing you a story in mid-April.

Amy Whorf McGuiggan is a freelance writer living in Hingham.

COHASSET CARES

The environmental crisis as a moral dilemma

By Allen MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I've been writing about Bill McKibben in this column lately. Yesterday morning I finished his, third book, "Hope, Human and Wild." Last night I heard him give a talk, and his sponsor, the Boston Area Solar Energy Association, and the location, Harvard Square, probably tell you his ("progressive" / "liberal") perspective. Whatever the slant may be, the area is known for its intellect, and my 'morning after' exercise now is to present what he said to you somewhat objectively.

Being pretty much familiar with his ideas, I was transfixed (not an objective word, sorry) by his eyes, the eyes of a selfless, dedicated individual. As befitting one of his messages, to live what you believe, he was dressed very informally and simply, and after his talk and many questions and answers, politely excused himself to get the bus. I thought of Ralph Nader. I had been likening him to Thoreau in my own mind even before McKibben said he'd been jailed recently for holding up a banner about carbon dioxide (evidently in the "wrong" place at the "wrong" time).

McKibben mentioned what Al Gore told him in an interview about six months into the Clinton administration: "We are in an unusual predicament as a global civilization. The maximum that is politically feasible, even the maximum that is politically imaginable right now, still falls short of the minimum that is scientifically and ecologically necessary."

McKibben mentioned the statistic that each dollar we spend requires the burning of a half liter of oil (and its carbon dioxide emitted in the production of whatever we buy for that dollar). A gallon of oil is burned for each one of us Americans each day in the production of our food. Our vehicles produce their weight in carbon dioxide each year, all creating the hole in the ozone and global warming. He gave instance after instance of documented scientific fallout from global warming.

McKibben said that especially considering the present Washington administration that the environmental crisis must be shouldered by the churches, because this period of time we are living in is the most pivotal period in the history of the planet.

Call him a Thoreau, a Nader, a progressive or liberal or whatever you wish, it's hard to fault him for his main concern, the preservation of the planet. And it's hard to disagree with McKibben when he says that the answer is political. And hopeful when he reminds us that an enlightened 15 percent of the population could lead us to do what has to be done. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

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Regional watershed preservation effort is urged

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The four towns served by the Weir River Watershed need a comprehensive water management plan — before it's too late.

That's the message delivered by Jeff Bettinger, chairman of the Water Resources Task Force, at a well-attended public hearing in Hingham.

At that time, GZA of Norwell, an environmental consulting firm, revealed the results of its study of the 23.4-square-mile Weir River Watershed, which provides water for about 38,000 residents of Hingham, Hull, Norwell and North Cohasset. The study was commissioned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and also involved the task force.

The four-inch thick report indicates the watershed is taxed in both its capacity to provide a stable public water supply and its ability to maintain adequate habitat for aquatic wildlife, which could eventually negatively impact quality of life. Low water flows in particular, which typically occur during the summer months, limit the aquatic habitat.

In fact, the existing demand exceeds the minimum acceptable "Aquatic Habitat Safe Yield" threshold by 59 percent. In 20 years, predictions say the demand could exceed that threshold by 82 percent. The Weir River is home to brown and brook trout, largemouth bass, sunfish, pickerel, eel, aquatic insects, blueback herring and rainbow smelt.

Massachusetts-American Water Company, which serves Hingham, Norwell and North Cohasset, accounts for up to 85 percent of Weir River watershed withdrawals. Norwell draws water from four wells in the upper portion of the watershed.

Massachusetts-American's actual withdrawals from the watershed exceed the amount allowed by the state. That demand is expected to increase over the next two decades. "Unaccounted for water" also constitutes a very high portion of total usage in Massachusetts-American's system (28.8 percent in 1998). Unaccounted for water is water that is treated at the plant and disappears after it enters the distribution system through leaks or unmetered connections, Bettinger explained. Through an administrative order from the Department of Environmental Protection, the water company has to come up with both a conservation plan and a survey to find leaks and reduce unaccounted for water.

> **"We don't want this study to be turned into a doorstop."**
> - Jeff Bettinger, watershed task force

The water company withdraws exclusively from the watershed, which is a geographic area of land in which all surface and ground water flows downhill to a common point, such as a river, stream, pond, lake, wetland or estuary.

When the study began three years ago, the water company was registered to withdraw 3.51 million gallons of water a day on average. The actual withdrawal amount in 1998 (the latest figure available) was actually 3.74 million gallons daily. By 2020, that demand is expected to rise to 4.91 million gallons.

The average customer uses 112 gallons of water a day.

"It's up to the citizens to decide what they want to do," Bettinger said.

To that end, task force members recommend the establishment of a regional organization made up of local communities within the watershed district working together to find solutions.

The watershed includes Triphammer, Fulling Mill, Foundry and Straits ponds, the Weir, Plymouth and Crooked Meadow rivers and Accord Pond.

"We don't want this study to be turned into a doorstop," Bettinger said.

Steven Tambini, a Massachusetts-American official who attended the meeting, called the numbers "shocking" and said the water company would like to supply its own comments about the study.

Tambini especially took exception to water level measurements taken during a period of low rainfall, which he doesn't feel represent the total picture.

"We will be making detailed technical comments with relation to the report," he said. Chad Cox, an engineer for GZA, agreed the measurement was only an example of water flow at a particular time and was not representative of the overall average.

Photographs taken by GZA showed dry streambeds in Accord Brook.

"The natural base flows there are quite low," Cox observed.

Regional drive to save Weir watershed floated

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The Weir River Watershed is overtaxed according to a recent study. Accordingly, the Water Resources Task Force has made some recommendations.

"Is it to early to take action to preserve this resource? No. Is it too late? I don't know," said task force chairman Jeff Bettinger. But it's worth a try, he said.

The recommendations include:

- formation of a council made up of elected and appointed officials and citizens of Hingham, Hull, Norwell and North Cohasset, which are served by the watershed, along with members of environmental organizations, water suppliers and state representatives;
- development of a watershed management plan;
- educating the public about the issues;
- exploration of new water sources;
- enactment of water conservation measures; and
- choosing appropriate ways to preserve the aquatic habitat.

"The people who live in this area are the environmental stewards of the watershed," said Samantha Woods, president of the Weir River Watershed Association, who assisted with the study.

The task force concluded that watersheds are important and valuable resources.

"Maintaining a healthy watershed is a good thing. The Weir River Watershed is a vital (source of water), but it's exhibiting signs of stress because it's serving a lot of masters," Bettinger said. "Communities must join together to develop a solution. It's up to us to determine how important it is. The watershed is ours to (preserve or) lose."

While the task force has completed its charge to evaluate the watershed in conjunction with GZA, an environmental consulting firm, Bettinger said the volunteer group stands ready to offer further assistance in developing a working plan.

Citizens organize to support community preservation

— COMMENTARY —

The Citizens for Cohasset Preservation has been formed to support passage of the Community Preservation Act on the town election ballot on April 7. The founders of this group obtained well more than 300 signatures within just a few days' time to place the matter on the April 7 election ballot.

This was well over the number needed and demonstrates strong initial support from citizens of the town for the community preservation goals of the Act.

The Community Preservation Act went into effect in December, 2000. Under the Act, the State and Town of Cohasset work together to create a dedicated fund of money outside of Proposition 2 1/2, from which the Town can purchase and preserve open space, expand recreational resources, preserve historical assets and provide or maintain affordable community housing options. The fund is created in two steps: 1)by the Town choosing to add a surcharge to each tax bill of anywhere from 1 to 3 percent and 2) by the State creating a matching fund through additional fees it is charging at local Registries of Deeds. This State matching fund has already begun to be collected, and will be available to supplement the Town fund each year. It is estimated that the state matching fund will amount to $25 million per year.

The choices of projects selected remains solely under the control of the Town, through an advisory Community Preservation Committee and town meeting vote. The Committee will make annual recommendations to Town Meeting, at which time either a single project or purchase or a number of smaller projects or purchases could be approved, or money could set aside for future projects or purchases. Thirty percent of the fund's yearly revenues must be dedicated to particular areas: 10 percent each to open space preservation, historic resource preservation and community housing. The remaining 70 percent of the fund can then be spent in any of these areas in proportions the Committee recommends and Town Meeting approves.

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Local legislators split on death penalty stance

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Garrett Bradley


Bob Hedlund

The area's two representatives on Beacon Hill — who normally work closely for the voters of Cohasset and Hingham — were on the opposite sides of the death penalty debate this week.

In a vote taken Monday, freshman state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, was one of 92 members of the House to vote against restoring the death penalty in Massachusetts. If the bill had passed, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, would have voted for it.

Hedlund said while he has some misgivings about the death penalty — in the end, he would have voted the will of those he represents.

"I have some mixed feelings about it, but it's an issue in which I do factor in the will of the district as well as my own outlook," he said. "The contact and input I've gotten from my constituents has been overwhelmingly in favor."

"Mistakes are made. I believe in death by incarceration."

— State Rep. Garrett Bradley

Bradley, however, said the issue came down to his own personal beliefs, partly accrued through his time in the Plymouth County District Attorney's office.

"Mistakes are made," said Bradley, who helped prosecute a couple of murder cases. "I believe in death by incarceration."

Bradley also argued that the death penalty has not been a proven crime deterrent. "Look at Texas. They execute more people than any other state, and have had a higher crime rate," he said. "It also costs more to execute them, than to keep them alive."

Hedlund dismissed the possibility of executing an innocent person today.

"There are more safeguards built into these bills than any other criminal justice issue. The likelihood in this day and age, under these bills that have been proposed, of an innocent person getting that far through is almost non-existent," he said.

Interestingly, the death penalty, like abortion is one of the few issues where the House leadership foregoes any politicking, or arm-twisting.

"Each representative checks his and her conscience on the day of the vote," Bradley said. "There is no indication from the leadership to vote one way or another."

The 60-92 vote was the third time in four years the death penalty has been defeated in Massachusetts, but never by such a large margin. In 1997, the House split 50/50 on the vote, and in 1998 it lost by one vote when Rep. John Slattery, D-Peabody, changed his vote at the last minute.

This week's vote lacked the popular uproar that boosted the 1998 vote, which came on the heels of the horrific story of Jeffrey Curley, the 10-year old Cambridge boy who was abducted, killed and raped by two neighborhood men.

Looming over this year's debate were new concerns the state could put an innocent person to death, especially in light of recent FBI corruption scandals.

The state recently released Joseph Salvati and Peter Limone, after they served three decades behind bars on trumped up murder charges, allegedly fabricated by corrupt FBI agents trying to protect the real killer from prosecution. Two other men convicted in the case died in prison. They are also now believed to have been framed by government witnesses.

Those two cases affected the vote of long-time death penalty supporter Robert Correia, D-Fall River, who said those and other judicial errors changed his mind about the ability of the state to implement executions fairly.

"I haven't changed my mind or my opinion on the death penalty. But I am changing my vote," Correia said. "I've lost a level of confidence that I need in our judicial system, and in the justice system in this country, to determine a person's guilt."

In the last five years, four people serving life terms for murder have been freed from Massachusetts jails after new evidence proved they were innocent. Twelve have been released since 1980.

A Gallup poll conducted last year showed that although the majority of Americans favor the death penalty, that percentage has been gradually decreasing, and is now at 66 percent, its lowest level since 1981.

The same poll showed that, when given the alternative of life without parole, the percentage of Americans favoring the death penalty dropped to 42 percent.

State House reporter David Caruso contributed to this story.

APPLAUSE

STAFF PHOTO/ ALAN CHAPMAN



Daisy Culkins applauds the cast of the Cohasset Dramatic Club production "How to Eat Like a Child" during a performance at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Citizens organize to support community preservation

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While some neighboring towns are pursuing the full 3 percent local surcharge, the Citizens for Cohasset Preservation is proposing only a 1.5 percent surcharge. Additionally, the Cohasset adoption would exempt the first $100,000 in property value from the surcharge equation, and would also apply a low income senior exemption, that exempts qualifying persons from paying the surcharge much as other current low income/senior exemptions do with, respect to property taxes. It is estimated that at current valuations and with these exemptions, the Town will raise approximately $192,000 per year, with the impact on the "average" tax bill of about $74 per year. The state will distribute its matching fund annually, the amount to each community to be determined by the number of communities who participate, ranging from a 5 percent minimum to a 100 percent maximum of the fund the community has created.

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The Citizens for Cohasset Preservation believe that Cohasset's participation in the Act's program, and its early participation ahead of other communities, is extremely important to Cohasset's future. It will, for the first time, gave Cohasset a dedicated and sizeable fund to help preserve its character and combat the threats of suburban sprawl and increased residential development. This fund will help the community preserve valuable open space, or build new and much needed fields, or create new parks and trails, or preserve and protect our historical assets, or help us create affordable senior housing, all priorities of the Town as expressed in a number of recent surveys. It will help us address the always problematic issue of funding these types of projects and purchases, especially as it allows the Town to access the new $25-million-per-year state fund that will just go elsewhere if we let it pass us by and will not be available if we fund these projects outside the Act program, as we do know when we can afford to do it.

In the coming weeks, the Citizens for Cohasset Preservation will be provided in this paper and at Town Meeting additional information and details about how the Act will work and what it can do for the Town. The group selected Debbie Cook as its chairman and John Hartshorne as its treasurer. Call Cook at 383-6313 or Hartshorne at 383-0317 for more information about the group and how you can help it insure the success of this important vote for Cohasset's future.

Hull Lifesaving Museum sale March 17-18

Facing directly out toward Boston Light and the mouth of Boston Harbor, the Hull Lifesaving Museum's headquarters, at the old Point Allerton U.S. Life Saving Station on Stony Beach, sustained minor damage due to this week's Northeast storm. The museum will be closed to the public through March 16, re-opening on March 17.

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Alzheimer's support

On Wednesday, March 21, the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc., will present Deborah Thomson, director of Public Policy for the Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Her topic will address consumerism and health care from the needs of the Alzheimer's patient and family.

ADSGSS, Inc., meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St.. For more information call Joe Willard at 781-749-0795 or Rosemary Sampson at 781-826-3653.

Free respite care for an Alzheimer's patient so that the family may attend this lecture is available at Harbor House. Reservations for respite care must be made in advance by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House at 781-749-4774 ext. 843 by 3 p.m. on March 21.

Annual Egg hunt

Cohasset Recreation Commission annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 7 at the Deer Hill School at 12 noon sharp.

Ages 3 to 11. The Easter Bunny arrives via Cohasset fire truck.

Rain Date: Saturday, April 14, same time - same place.

Gallery artists

Artists interested in becoming gallery artists at the South Shore Art Center are invited to submit for jury selection a portfolio of original work. Portfolios may be dropped off at the Art Center on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, April 8, from noon – 4 p.m. or Monday, April 9 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Gallery artists enjoy a special category of membership that benefits exhibiting artists by offering them exposure, referrals and sales. A gallery artist member must be a professional, consistently working in his or her field, with a body of work large enough to meet a frequent showing schedule. gallery artist exhibitions are open to all genres and media. Membership as a gallery artist affords an artist the opportunity to exhibit in group shows in the Center's Dillon Gallery, or in solo shows at satellite locations. Satellite locations include the Landmark Building in Boston, the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham, and the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset.

For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

End of fife

Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m., the Social Service League will sponsor a panel on local options for life's end, along with Bill Moyers' PBS series "On Our Own Terms" at St. Anthony's parish hall, Summer Street, Cohasset.

This special program, free and open to the public, will be moderated by an oncology nurse and a panel discussion with medical, legal and hospice home representation to discuss local options for life's end. In addition there will be free literature on the topic available.

Refreshments will be served.

The Social Service League of Cohasset, a non-profit community service agency, serves the towns of Cohasset, Hull, Hingham, Scituate and Norwell. President of the league is Motoko Deane of 672 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset.

For more information and directions call Patricia Carleton, staff social worker, at (781) 383-0771.

Photography as a 'Healing Art'

Jan Phillips, a photographer, writer and lecturer who has presented workshops around the world will conduct a two-day workshop entitled "Seeing Our Way Clear - Photography as a Healing Art" on March 16 and 17 at the Second Congregation Church.

For the photographer and non-photographer alike this experiential hands-on workshop opens door after door into the inner chambers exploring the landscape of our feelings, our visions, our hopes for the future. Cost is $15 for Friday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. $80 for Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or $90 for both sessions.

Call the church office at 383-0345 to register. Deadline is March 12.

All rowers invited to March 29 gathering



Instructor Jack Buckley, far right, leads a group of rowers.

The Cohasset Maritime Institute would like to invite all interested youth and adult rowers, experienced and novices alike to a gathering at the lighthouse keepers residence on March 29 from 7 – 9 p.m.

This evening is being held share with the rowing and maritime community CMI's mission and plans for the summer of 2001. Rowers and other CMI supporters who can't make the meeting but are interested in obtaining CMI's schedule of events, including rowing times, should contact either Jack Buckley at Johncbuckleyjr@msn.com or call Jack 383-8261. Mary Sease at seasefam@mediaone.net.

Charter school auction

On Friday, March 30, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, the South Shore Charter School will host its fifth annual auction and dinner at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham.

The school is striving to improve facilities, develop laboratory space and build a much-needed gymnasium. Support is important to the 27 communities from which the school draws, and to the students involved.

You do not need to have a child enrolled in the S.S. Charter School or be affiliated with the school in any way to make a donation or attend this event. No tickets will be sold at the door.

All donations are tax deductible. To donate items or services to the auction or to purchase tickets ($25 each), call Peter Kenney, auction chairman, at (617) 249-1991.

Kids and stress

Many parents think of childhood as a time of stress-free happiness. In truth, childhood and especially adolescence can often be a time of stress that's comparable to any experienced by adults. The pressures of school, relationships, and increasing responsibilities associated with growing up can combine to make it difficult for kids to effectively handle stress in a productive way.

On Wednesday, March 21, at 7 p.m., The South Shore School Partnership for Health will present "Success vs. Stress: Helping our Children," a free community forum featuring a panel of parents, teachers, and students discussing the extent to which stress plays a role in the educational and social success of students. The "town meeting" format will be moderated by Steven Parker, MD, director of developmental and behavioral pediatrics at Boston Medical Center.

The program will be at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St. Hingham. Call (781) 794-7415 for more information.

Have you ever thought ...what if?

Have you ever wondered what would have happened in your life if you had made a different choice along the way? Come celebrate life's crossroads at the concert "The Roads Not Taken: Songs to celebrate life's crossroads," at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m.

The cabaret-style concert will also be held for Hingham seniors at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central St., Friday, March 23, at 1 p.m. The Hingham concert is free and open to all Hingham seniors. For more information about the Hingham concert for seniors, call Sandra Kent, 741-1458. Tickets for the Cohasset concert can be reserved by calling the South Shore Art Center at 383-2787.

"The Roads Not Taken" is a concert that explores through song, the art of making choices, accepting decisions, and making the best of what life has given you. This thought-provoking and entertaining concert features the music of Stephen Sondheim, Leonard Bernstein and others and includes songs from such Broadway hits as "The Fantasticks," "Into the Woods," "Sweet Charity," and "On the Town. " Other current favorites written by some of New York's rising young composers will also be included in the night's entertainment.

Hingham resident Caroline Chapin produced this unusual concert concept with funding from the Hingham Cultural Council, a local agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

All of the musicians are well known to South Shore audiences and appear regularly in variety of Boston area music ensembles. Soprano Joan Gatturna and mezzo Caroline Chapin are both Hingham residents and have a musical friendship that goes back for 20 years. Gatturna is best known for her storytelling and her stage depictions of historical characters.

Scott Ketcham of Rockland and Rich Jensen of Weymouth are also familiar to Hingham concert goers. Both have performed with the Unicorn Singers and have extensive stage experience. Jensen has created a number of original musical arrangements expressly for "Roads Not Taken." The pianist is Dawn MacGarvey of Duxbury who is a nationally known piano teacher and is the accompanist for a number of choral ensembles including Weymouth's Fine Arts Chorale.

Seating is limited at both concerts. For more information, call Caroline Chapin, concert coordinator, 740-0529.

Irish fest

Don't miss the Noel Henry Band this Saturday at St. Paul Church in Hingham. The band will be on hand for two shows, one beginning at noon and the other at 1:30 p.m. as part of the church's day-long Irish fest.

Performing with the band will be Irish Step Dancers from the Nevin Academy, the South Shore's premier Irish Step School. The performances will be held in the church hall. Tickets for the show are $10 per person and $8 for seniors/students.

The day will also include an Irish Fair which will be held in the neighboring New North Church Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and an Irish Mass, which will be celebrated at St. Paul's Church at 9 a.m.

Tickets to Noel Henry can be purchased by calling Noreen Devine at 749-3385 or Lori McCarthy at 749-2160. There is no charge to the fair.

The church is also raffling off a week-long trip to Ireland (or a comparable location), including airfare. Only 250 chances will be sold at $50 per chance. To buy a chance on the trip, call the phone numbers listed above. Who knows, you may have the luck of the Irish!

Newcomers' Club

The Annual Chili Cookoff will take place on March 31 at 7:30 p.m. This year's friendly competition will be at the home of Sue and Rick Hall, 3 Lee Ave., Scituate. Members are invited to enter their prize winning chili recipes. Chilis should be brought ready to serve in a crock pot, along with any other special fixings. Otherwise, simply bring an appetizer and enjoy the fiesta. Beverages will be provided. RSVP: Christine McDonald at 383-2864.

Mom and Tot Playgroups will meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Each participant takes turns hosting. Call Christine McDonald at 383-2864. Always open to new members.

Men's Basketball on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Osgood School in Cohasset. Call Chris Knight at 545-6059. Always open to new members.

Upcoming spring events include an April Mom and Tot Egg Hunt, Ladies Coffee, Ladies Night Out at the Silver Spoon Café, Cinco De Mayo Party in May, and the Annual Lightkeepers Ball in June.

If interested in becoming a Newcomer member, call Sue Hall at 545-9552 or Gina Leahy at 383-2618.

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Stars of the Week

Kristin Sheerin. The Cohasset High junior took seventh in the vault at the State Gymnastics Cchampionships this past weekend at Lincoln-Sudbury High School with a score of 8.65.

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Skippers look back, ahead with pride

After surprisingly strong season, boys basketball team looks primed for the future

By David Ingber
CORRESEPONDENT

With a record of 14-8 for the season, amid some of the stiffest South Shore League competition in years, the undersized Skippers saw their season come to an end two weeks ago, a season that no one can feel bad about.

"We thought if we had gone .500 and made the tournament, it would have been a successful season," said 10th year coach Ron Ford, thinking back to his pre-season predictions.

Indeed, the Skippers did make the tournament, and even got a playoff win at home over Foxboro in the preliminary round. Their surprisingly high seed in the tournament, at the number 11 spot, came from strong play both within the SSL and in non-league games. In fact, the team missed out on drawing a first round bye on the flip of a coin with league rivals Norwell, a team the Skippers beat twice during the regular season but wound up sharing an identical 13-7 record.

One of the most amazing things about that record is the level of competition the Skippers were forced to go against this season. Five SSL teams—Coahsset, Norwell, Carver, Norton, and Abington—were remaining in the Sweet 16 of the Div. 3 South Sectionals. And Hull made it six, as it made it to the quarterfinals of the Div. 4 South Sectionals.

Cohasset started out the season by winning eight of its first 10 games to put the playoffs well within reach a month into the season.

The start was all the more impressive, as numerous key players were forced out of action due to illness or injury. The extended absence of junior guard Liam Martin, who suffered a cracked rib in the third game of the season, was one of the biggest blows.



Captain and invaluable sixth man Doug O'Brien will be missed next season...

Still, the Skippers showed their heart, going 5-1 in games decided by three or fewer points.

"They won five of the six close games they were in," noted Ford. "That is just great senior leadership."

The leadership was key all year for the Skippers, with senior captains Erik Shea, TJ Bilodeau (both South Shore League All-Stars) and Doug O'Brien playing their best in the most important games.

Perhaps the most memorable case of these three stepping up big came in the final regular season game, Senior Night at home against South Shore Voc Tech.

All three produced what were arguably their best games of the season, with Bilodeau throwing down 21 points, grabbing eight boards and dishing out eight assists, Shea going for 10 points and nine rebounds, and O'Brien, in an uncustomary starting role, coming through with 10 points and seven rebounds.

O'Brien, a 'jack of all trades' player who many felt was the SSL's most effective 'sixth man' this season, was sorely missed down the stretch, as he missed three straight games, all losses, due to the flu.

Bilodeau and Shea also showed their mettle this year, both playing with sprained ankles for good stretches. Bilodeau threw down 16 points in the

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...but with players like sophomore Ben Lynner, who led the Skippers in rebounding this season, Cohasset should remain in the hunt for post-season glory for the next few years.



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The Bilodeau brothers: (L-R) Chris, a freshman, Matt, a junior, and TJ, a senior.

Triple threat

Bilodeau brothers lead the way everywhere you look at Cohasset High

By David Ingber
correspondent

Nowadays, nearly every basketball fan complains about how professional basketball players make too much money, and don't play for love of the game anymore.

Those who were fortunate enough to catch any Cohasset basketball this season, and caught a glimpse of the Skippers Bilodeau triad of TJ, Matt and Chris got to see three players who clearly play for the love of the game.

"I don't think they are trying to be the best Bilodeau," appraised the proud father of the three, Tim Bilodeau. "They are just trying to be the best that they can be."

"We always try to outdo each other," said freshman Chris, the youngest of the three, seemingly contradicting pop. Even as early as the first week of the season, Cohasset coach Ron Ford noted how heated practices could get thanks to the intensity of the three brothers.

"They go at it with each other," confided the 10th year head coach, a well known advocate of hard-nosed, scrappy play in practice. "You want practice to be competitive."

All three brothers attributed their great determination to win to their early days of backyard street ball together. "We have always played together," said the elder TJ, a senior and a captain of this years squad. "Playing with them (now) brings back the playground mentality."

Often, the brothers will have vicious bouts of two on two, the two middle brothers Chris and Matt against the oldest and youngest, TJ and 11 year old Mike.

"Chris and I usually dominate," joked Matt, a junior point guard, who likes to follow the 2-on-2 games with an even more competitive "King of the Court" 1-on-1-on-1 with Chris and TJ. "We talk a

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All-Scholastic Wrestling team

Cohasset's Littauer named among area's elite

The 14 wrestlers you see honored here are the ones we determined through research and personal observation to be the top overall wrestlers in *Marinerland* (i.e. Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland and Scituate).

Early on in this process we quickly abandoned the premise of naming one wrestler from each weight class, opting instead to simply go with the best 14.

As you might imagine, this was no easy task. Several of the wrestlers you see recognized here as High Honorable Mentions received serious consideration for All-Scholastic honors. In fact, Cohasset's Terry Baroudi and Dan Duffy, who both did as well at Sectionals as some of those who made this team, were among the more difficult omissions.

Dan Cotrone - Heavyweight
Sophomore - Hanover



Dan Cotrone

One of the biggest surprises of the year for first-year coach Bill Dunn, as the sophomore was brought in to fill the spot left vacant by senior Jim Lothrop... Finished the season with a 19-5 record and took home a Div. 3 South Sectional Championship... Just missed a trip to the All-States finishing 6th at the Div. 3 State Championships...Will be one of the Hanover team's top returnees next year. Hanover coach Bill Dunn: "Once he got his opportunity, he just showed the natural athlete that he is. The younger kids really came in strong and wrestled really well for us. I like how things look for next year."

Barry Wilson - 112
Senior (Capt.) - Marshfield



Barry Wilson

One of the most dominating light weights in the state for the last three years, Wilson is a three-time Div. 2 State Champion (two titles at 112, one at 103)...Also won the Div. 2 South Sectionals... Entered the All-State Championships with a perfect 36-0 record...Wilson finished fourth at the All-States, where in the consolation finals, he suffered a concussion...Though his finish qualified the senior for the New Englands, injury kept him out of the competition for the second straight year...Helped lead his team to a 19-

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Sheerin shines at states

Cohasset gymnast takes seventh on vault

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Old Colony League vault champion Lindsey Kay, of Silver Lake High School, traveled to the State Invitational Championships with the humble goal of coming away with a quality performance after failing to win a medal as a junior last year.

Kay, who has redefined gymnastics at Silver Lake by setting records in every individual event, including a 9.2 on the vault and a 9.0 floor-exercise mark, had the meet she was looking for Saturday at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School by garnering a pair of medals on the vault and uneven bars.

Kay, though, didn't go at the uneven bars cautiously. Knowing she was competing in her final high school meet, Kay decided to keep a difficult dismount in the routine that she has been working on for several weeks. Kay knew it would be risky keeping the front flyaway in her routine, but was also knew a strong dismount would secure a solid score. Her decision paid of as Kay landed the dismount cleanly to earn a score 8.5 for fifth place. and fifth place.

"I knew it was the last chance to do it, so I went for it," said Kay, who works out at the Massachusetts Gymnastics Center in Hingham.

On the vault, which proved to be one of the deepest events of the meet, Kay picked up a score of 8.6, good for 10th place and her second



Kristin Sheerin

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All-Scholastic Wrestling team



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Cohasset's Dan Littauer, seen here (top) getting the upper hand on Wayland's Ari Joniec at the Div. 3 state finals last month, has been named one of *Mariner*land's top 14 wrestlers.

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overall record and a second-place finish in the Atlantic Coast League…Wilson, who is currently 37-2 on the season, will compete in next month's Senior Nationals in Maryland…Wilson—who wrestles year-round—has been accepted to both VMI and Old Dominion, but is not yet made a decision on which to attend. Marshfield coach John Kenney: "He's a technician. He out-wrestled every opponent he faced. He's the first three-time state champ ever at Marshfield. He had a great career."

Dave Laramee - 112
Sophomore- Rockland

Finished second at the Div. 3 South Sectionals, fourth at the Div. 3 State Championships and went on to compete at the All-State Champ-ionships… Defeating a high-er-seeded senior in the first round of the All-States was a highlight for him this season…Has been wrestling varsity since eighth grade, and earned a trip to All-States last year as a freshman…Finished his season with a record of 30-9…Helped lead his Bulldog team to an undefeated Pilgrim Conference Championship, its first in 12 years…Laramee will be looking to carry on the strong wrestling tradition in his family, which began with his brother, Mark, winning four consecutive State Championships during his tenure at Rockland High.



Dave Laramee

Frank Sforza - 119
Junior - Rockland

Another dominating force at the state level, Sforza is a three-time Div. 3 State Champion (one each at 103, 112, and 119)…Sforza also won the Div. 3 South Sectional Entered the All-State Championships undefeated in his class…Finished third at both the All-States and at New Englands this year, rallying back to win four-straight consolation round bouts each time …Helped lead his Rockland team to a Pilgrim Conference 2 championship, its first in 12 years, going 6-0…Wrestles year-round and will compete at next month's National Scholastic Duals, an underclassmen tournament… Sforza finished with a record of 42-3…Next year, he will be looking to do what only three other Massachusetts wrestlers have been able to do: win four consecutive state titles in high school.



Frank Sforza

John Cullen - 130
Senior (Capt.) - Marshfield

Was the Rams go-to guy, according to coach John Kenney… Finished with a record of 30-4, dropping the four matches by only one point… Finished third at the Div. 2 South Sectionals, after dropping a tough decision in the semifinals… Went on to take eighth at the Div. 2 State Championships Matched up against some of the state's top talent, dropping a one-point decision to New England Champion Rob LeRoux of Bridgewater…Finished his career with a record of 86-16…Cullen has been accepted to Bryant College, Colby-Sawyer College, and Hartford University. Marshfield coach John Kenney: "He was always so close. He didn't make many mistakes. He was a great captain and a great team leader."



John Cullen

Kyle Giacomozzi - 140
Senior - Scituate

Kyle became the first Scituate wrestler in a decade to go to All-State Championships this season…He qualified for this event by taking second place at the Div. 3 State Championships, losing to Canton's unbeaten Mike Fitzgerald in the finals This improved on his sixth place finish at State's the year before when he wrestled at 119 pounds….had a 28-6 record heading into All-States this season, and wrapped up his three year career at 63-26….loves a challenge, illustrated by his dropping and adding weight all season to face top wrestlers from opposing teams…would likely have had more success if he stayed at 135, but he preferred the stronger competition at 140…He hopes this will help him when he moves onto college, where he is hoping to wrestle…He has been recruited by Bridgewater State, but may take a year off to work and coach…Scituate wrestling coach Tom Giacomozzi (Kyle's father): I can objectively say that he's one of the most dedicated wrestlers I've ever seen in high school. He really puts his all into this sport."



Kyle Giacomozzi

Adam Hardy - 145
Senior - Silver Lake

The captain finished his senior season 33-7…He won the Division 1 South Sectionals with a 9-0 major decision over Cambridge R&L's Eugene Damian looked to be headed towards a high finish at the State Div. 1 Champ-ionships as well, with two wins and a loss to only eventual champion, St. John's Jamie Grabowski (who went on to take second place at New England's), but suffered a cracked rib on the second day of competition, and was forced to withdraw…Adam also took first at the Cumberland (RI) Tourney this season, second at the Marshfield Tourney and third at the Silver Lake Tourney… also wrestles for a club team at Bridgewater State College…would like to wrestle in college, either on a club team or interscholastically…is leaning towards St. Anselm's and a career in criminal justice….Silver Lake wrestling coach Greg Black: "Adam really came on this year thanks to some hard work. He's a very good defensive wrestler who discovered some nice offensive moves this season."



Adam Hardy

Dan Littauer - 145
Junior - Cohasset

The junior captain finished second at the South Sectionals and fifth at the State Div. 3 championships, missing out on qualification for All-States by one place…After dropping weight to go from the 152 pound class to 145, Littauer dominated the competition, going unbeaten for the remainder of the regular season. He finished up at 23-3, with those losses coming at he Sectional's and State's…took first place at both the Cohasset Tourney and Whitman-Hanson Tourney… Cohasset Wrestling Coach Torin Sweeney: "Dan is one of the strongest wrestlers at this weight class I've ever seen, and he's also a very good technical wrestler. I think he's going to dominate next season."



Dan Littauer

Ed O'Neil - 160
Senior (Capt.) - Rockland

Is hailed by first-year coach Tim Brown as being a terrific captain and senior leader…O'Neil finished second at the Div. 3 South Sectionals, and just missed a trip to the All-States, finishing fifth at the Div. 3 State Championships, which made him an alternate...Had a memorable pin in the state championships as he used a forward roll and a Russian spin to pin his opponent…Cited winning Rockland's first league title in 12 years with a perfect 6-0 record as one of highlights of his senior campaign…O'Neil is considering attending Bridgewater State College. Rockland coach Tim Brown: "Ed O'Neil was a terrific captain. Whatever college gets him is going to get an outstanding person. I have wrestled college as well as in high school and he is the finest captain I have seen."



Ed O'Neil

Rich Omar - 160
Senior - Silver Lake

Another Silver Lake wrestler who really turned it up a notch for his senior year. It started with him dropping over 25 pounds during the off-season to move from the 189-pound division to 160 Lost only four matches in the regular season, and finished 33-7 overall after taking a third at Sectionals and sixth in the Div. 1 State Championships…He won the annual Silver Lake Tournament this season, and took thirds in both the Marshfield and Cumberland (RI) Tourneys…Also an excellent student, Rich has been accepted at Worcester Polytechnical Institute, where he plans to study Aerospace Engineering…He would also like to continue wrestling and playing football at the next level…. Silver Lake wrestling coach Greg Black: "Rich really worked hard all year to get ready for this season, and really improved his conditioning. He really had only one bad match this season (consolation match at State's), and that cost him a shot at All-State's, where I think he would have done pretty well."



Rich Omar

Carl Benbow - 171
Senior (Capt.) - Hingham

Had an impressive senior campaign, which landed him at the All-State Championships…Had a classic rivalry at 171 with Whitman/Hanson's Nate Dineen, finishing second behind the Panther at both the Div. 2 South Sectionals and Div. 2 State Championships by only one-point decisions Benbow (25-6) came close to placing at the All-States, where again he met Dineen in the first consolation round, dropping a tough 1-0 decision…Helped lead his team to a 3-3 finish in the Patriot League…Will most-likely attend Stonehill College next year. Hingham coach Keith Durham: "Carl is just a tremendous athlete. He's probably the quickest upper-weight I've ever coached. He's a very balanced and skilled wrestler, and is a real gentleman too. He's a super kid who's had such a positive impact on the team with his warmth and attitude."



Carl Benbow

Peter Krzyzewski- 171
Senior - Silver Lake

The most successful wrestler on our team with his second place finish at the New England Championships. This is also where he placed at the Div. 1 State Championships and All-States, falling all three times in the finals to three time state champion Mike Pedro of St. John's Prep… Peter, a Kingston native, was clearly the undisputed second best wrestler in New England at 171, as no other match was close… Finished his senior season with a 40-4 record, with all four losses coming to Pedro, and his four year career with over 100 wins…With his top two finish at New England's, Peter will compete at the National Wrestling Championships at Delaware University April 6 through 8… said one of the highlights of his career was avenging a 17-2 loss to Somerset's Eric Dube with a pin just four days later on his way to a first place crown at the annual Marshfield Tournament… Enjoyed a big summer, taking first place at the Bay State Games at 171 pounds, going 8-1 at a national meet in Florida, and finishing seventh at a Junior Olympics national meet…is currently leaning towards accepting an offer from Boston University…Longtime Silver Lake wrestling coach Greg Black: "Peter is the most successful wrestler I've ever had and may be the hardest working too. It's incredible to think how much he improved after just having taken up the sport four years ago."



Peter Krzyzewski

Matt Lipshutz - 189
Junior - Norwell

In his first full year of varsity action, Matt proved to be a big time talent, compiling a 19-3 record… Finished second at Sectionals and then made it to the second day at the Div. 3 State Championships the following weekend. He lost both matches there to wind up in the 7/8 slotting…won the Cohasset Tourney and his only loss at the Marshfield Tourney was to Duxbury's Adam Hicks…With more experience, Norwell coach Mike Ware sees Lipshutz becoming a dominant wrestler: "If Matt works at it seriously in the off season doing club wrestling, I don't think there are going to be too many wrestlers in his class who will be able to stand up to him next season."…Matt's older brother Dan, a senior, wrestled at Tabor Academy this year, and finished second in the Class A Sectionals…Dan plays no other sports at Norwell High, but is a year round member of the Robotics Team. In fact, he helped form the team/club of 40 members which competes in national events…Not surprising, he plans on studying robotics or engineering in college.



Matt Lipshutz

Phil Martin - 215
Senior - Scituate

This "gentle giant" has a friendly manner that seemingly belies his love for wrestling… Observed Scituate head coach Tom Giacomozzi: "If Phil ever developed a mean streak, he'd be a great wrestler. He'd get slapped in the face and the smile still wouldn't leave his face"…The senior still put together a pretty sound campaign, compiling a 19-3 season before going on to take fourth place at the Div. 3 South Sectionals, followed by a sixth at the State's the following week to earn him an alternate spot for All-States…Coach Giacomozzi figures his season would have been even better if he hadn't missed the first three weeks of the season…Phil is considering Quincy College to continue his education, but is not sure if he will continue wrestling.



Phil Martin

High Honorable Mention

Jim Davenport (103) Marshfield
Mark Shainwald (125) Hingham
Mark Praetsch (130) Silver Lake
Terry Baroudi (130) Cohasset
Chris Peters (135) Scituate
Ben Affleck (140) Rockland
Ben Kinch (145) BC High (from Cohasset)
Dave Giacomozzi (145) Scituate
Dan Duffy (152) Cohasset
Ed Marcellino (152) Hanover
Jim Tribble (160) Scituate
Brendan St. Peter (215) Marshfield
Chris Delaney (215) Hanover
Joe Briggs (Heavyweight) Silver Lake

Honorable Mention

Ryan Siu (103) Norwell
Phil Strazulla (112) Cohasset
Paul Donovan (112) Silver Lake
Zach Gorman (125) Rockland
Greg Kahn (130) Hingham
Steve Shainwald (135) senior-Hingham
Dave Giacomiozzi (145)-Scituate
Rob Shemkus (152) Rockland
Dave Kramer (171) Scituate
Greg Rogan (189) Hanover
Sean Kane (189) Silver Lake
Sean Acton (215) Norwell.
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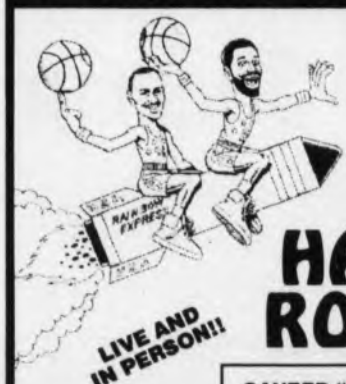
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Skippers look back, ahead with pride

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team's tourney win over Foxboro, a game he was questionable for right up until game time.

In addition to receiving great performances all year from the veterans, Ford was pleasantly surprised by the contributions from a few new sources of a few the Skippers had several many new faces that were great contributors all year.

Freshman Sean Connolley stepped into the starting center role, giving Cohasset a much needed threat in the low post and a presence in the middle. This was no easy task, as he was frequently matched up against much older, and more experienced players, like All-Stars Jessie McKinnell of Scituate, Nate Frazier of Carver, and John Lidington of Hull.

Sophomore power forward Ben Lynner, one of only three six footers on the team along with Connolley and O'Brien, was a force on the offensive and defensive glass all year, leading the team in rebounds.

Junior point guard Matt Bilodeau, who saw some starting time as a sophomore last year, ran the offense smoothly all year, and gave some much needed offensive support, a rarity at that position.

A handful of juniors—Nick Bolster, Pete Maitland and Martin— all helped compliment their teammates with hard-nosed rebounding and aggressive drives to the basket.

Perhaps the brightest light to emerge on the Skippers' horizon this season was freshman Chris Bilodeau, who led the JV team in scoring despite missing many games to play with the varsity.

Next year, Cohasset will move down into Div. 4 come tournament time, with an enrollment that puts the Skippers as one of the smallest schools in that division. Still, the possibility of Cohasset's first Sectional Championship since the days of Jared Hardwick appear quite distinct.



PHOTO/BOB BURNS

Freshman center Sean Connolley filled a big hole in the middle for the Skippers this season, and should continue to improve over the next several seasons.

Bilodeau brothers lead the way at Cohasset High

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lot of trash. It is pretty intense." Chris does his best to use the heated driveway rivalries to his advantage in real games.

"I try to absorb their knowledge and do what they do," he stated.

When watching Chris play, it is obvious to see how much he has learned from his senior and junior brothers, as he has mastered both TJ's outstanding perimeter jump shot and Matt's uncanny ability to drive to the hoop and shoot over much taller opponents.

"It definitely makes him a better player," appraised Ford. "He is one the best players on the South Shore for his age."

Though their styles of play do contrast one another, Ford values the way the disparate strengths compliment his attack, and he often got quite a kick showing this off by putting all three on the floor at once.

"They compliment each other very well," effused Ford. "They have all found another sport to play, but [basketball] is the one sport that they can play together."

The other sports Ford was referring to also have Bilodeaus at the top of their respective Cohasset teams. TJ is about to start his second year as a captain and shortstop for the baseball team. Matt led the Sectional Semi-Finalist soccer team in scoring, and Chris, as a freshman, was among the team leaders in receptions for the varsity gridiron squad.

"I am pretty old school when it comes to sports," confided a grinning Tim Bilodeau, a former basketball player for Roxbury Latin High School, and a baseball and football player in college at Harvard.

But even with their talents in those other sports, the people around the Bilodeau brothers know that their ability on the hardwood floor is a result of their perseverance and determination, not necessarily God-given ability.

"I am proud of the fact that they get the most of their ability with work ethic and discipline," appraised Mr. Bilodeau.

In addition to working harder than just about anyone else on the court, the Bilodeaus also play just as much, if not more, than anyone out there. TJ and Matt were teammates during grades six through eight on the Coastal Pops AAU team. Chris also has competed at the AAU level, along with his freshman teammate Sean Connolly.

As if leading the Skippers on the athletic fields and courts were not reason enough to praise them, they are all High Honor students, something looked at very fondly by their Ivy League Alumnus father.

"They approach the academic side the same way as the athletic side," said Tom. "Maybe there is a little peer pressure because everyone [in the family] wants to do well. . . they have grown a lot through their experiences as athletes, but also as people."

"They are all tremendous additions to our school," Ford noted.

When TJ graduates (which he will do this June as one of the top students in his remarkably bright class) he will leave Chris and Matt, and eventually Mike, the reins to the Cohasset basketball leadership role. And he feels confident that they will all do as good a job as him at leading the Boys in Blue.

"Matt will definitely be one of the leaders, and Chris will be a scoring threat," offered the eldest brother.

Whatever the future may hold for the remaining Bilodeaus after TJ graduates, Skipper fans will have at least a few more years of some the most competitive balling on the South Shore. It doesn't give you basketball fans much to complain about, does it?

Lacrosse team wins U-12 Indoor

In the Top Gun U-12 lacrosse final at Plymouth, Cohasset played Free Agents in a memorable game. Led by Coach Paul Trendowicz Jr., Cohasset beat Plymouth, Duxbury, and Derby on their path to the final.

Anchored by the strong defense of Patrick Flynn, and Dan Trendowicz, Cohasset attacked and scored first with Jared Kinch assisting Mike Bunstein. Cohasset goalie, Logan Chase repelled several attacks before Free Agents broke through with three quick goals. Unaccustomed to trailing opponents, Cohasset bounced back with superb goals by Kinch, Trendowicz, and Aidan Buick. Chase made a magnificent kick save, but was left helpless by two quick Agents' goals, to make the score 5 to 4 Agents. The teams moved from end to end, with Cohasset's Robert Silvia, Adam Smith, and Parker Berg fighting hard to slow the rugged Agents' middies. Bobby Meikelham and Jeff Brown got open and fed Buick for Cohasset goals 5 and 6. Despite this flurry of goals, Cohasset found themselves behind at the half by 8 to 6.

If the first half had been a seesaw affair, the first six minutes of the second half were all Cohasset, as shots pelted the Agents' goal. After four minutes of relentless pressure, Cohasset broke through on a solo effort by Trendowicz. Aided by the hustle of Andrew Clark, Sam Parker, and Jared Dick the onslaught continued, and it wasn't long before the pressure paid off with the tying goal by Bunstein, and the go-ahead goal by Buick. Cohasset had a well-deserved lead which increased when Kinch scored on a powerful shot. With both goalies performing heroics, the game hung in the balance. The Agents responded with sustained pressure, and if not for MVP goalie Chase and the stubborn defense of Ryan Kucinski, Flynn, and Cory Chase, Cohasset might have yielded several goals. The Agents' perseverance paid off with a goal, but Flynn scored for Cohasset to make the score 11 to 9 with four minutes left. Back came the Agents to make it 11 to 10. Bunstein tried to pad the lead with a solo charge downfield, but was denied. The resilient Agents replied with the tying goal at the two-minute mark.

As spectators watched intently, Cohasset dug deep while both teams fought for that winning shot. As Kinch battled for possession, Buick reached high, took a loose ball, and shot over the onrushing goalie for the winning goal, with t irty seconds to go.

What a finish - what a game - what a team.! Well done Cohasset on your championship win.

SPORTS NOTES

Hockey sign-ups

The Coastal Stars Youth hockey program for Cohasset and Marshfield will hold sign-ups on Sunday, March 25, at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, in Marshfield from 1:15-5 p.m..

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Cohasset's Abby Greer shares her love for horses

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lades in her field during her 11-year tenure as a professional rider, including top-ribbon honors at some of the industries' biggest events, such as the prestigious Washington International and Pennsylvania National Horse Shows. In addition, Greer has also picked up championship awards at the National Horse Show held at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and more recently was a winner at the Ocala Horse Show in Florida this past February, taking home a victory along with Cohasset students Spencer and Caroline Saltonstall, as well as Sara Lambert, who all won ribbons.

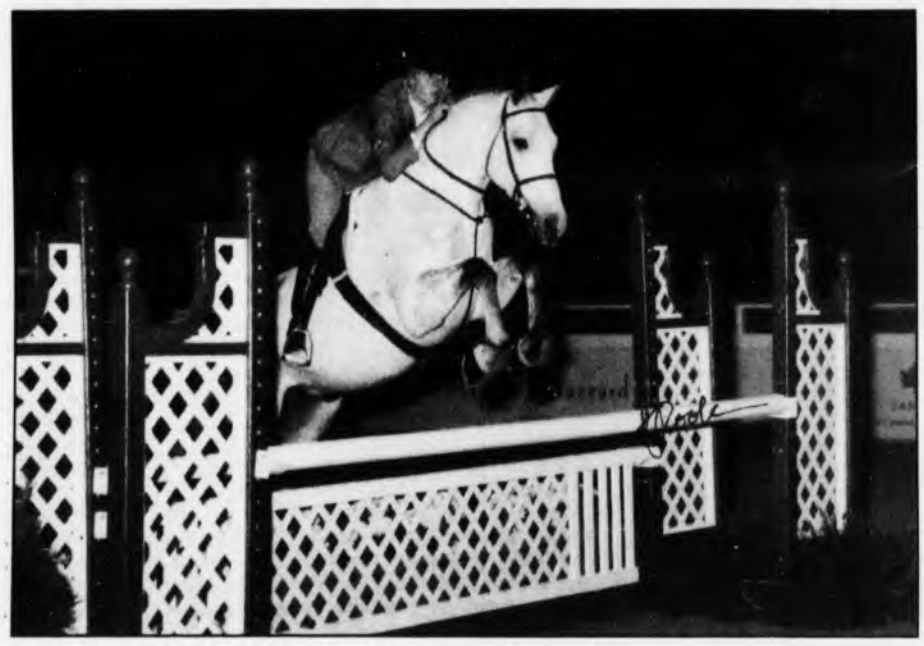
While she says it's a good feeling to be recognized as one of the leading equestriennes in the country, a modest Greer is quicker to point out the accomplishments of her students, stating as a teacher, the most gratification one can hope to receive as an instructor is knowing you have taught someone well and are aware that you, in your small way, helped them to reach a goal.

"It's such a nice feeling seeing one of your pupils [succeed]," Greer says. "It's nice to see all their hard work come together, and for them to leave a show with a ribbon for their efforts. It's very rewarding."

Caroline Saltonstall , 10, of Jerusalem Road, takes lessons at River Wind along with her mother Spencer and sister, Elizabeth, 7. Caroline says Greer has the right mix of encouragement, patience and discipline.

"I think she is really encouraging," says Caroline, adding that Greer makes sure all the students do their share. That includes grooming the horses, putting on the harness and saddle and walking the horse for about 10-15 minutes following a lesson until it settles down.

In addition to Greer's teaching, the Cohasset champion also aids in handling the "business" end of the farm along with partner Carl Catani (Greer's former trainer at River Wind). This includes, among other things, the buying and selling of the River Wind Farm's top-notch horses.



Abby Greer jumping Petrus at the Washington International Horse Show last fall.



Abby and Will Greer horsing around on the Ocala, Fla. show grounds.

Catani has known Greer since she first started riding at River Wind. He says Greer is so good with horses that she is often asked to ride other professional's horses too in shows.

"She knows how to get the best out of a horse and can make an okay horse look good," he says.

A member of the CHS Class of 1988 and graduate of Babson College in Wellesley, where she received her degree in Business Administration — Greer is not only a winning performer, but a winning businesswoman as well. She has helped to make River Wind Farm one of the largest facilities of its kind on the South Shore and that, along with the tremendous satisfaction and dedication given to both riders and their boarders by Greer and her staff, is something she takes pride in knowing.

What does the future hold for this fine equestrienne and teacher? Besides her "other" full-time occupation as wife to ex-major leaguer Ken Greer and the couple's 18-month-old son Will, Greer hopes to just keeping on doing what she's doing now for a long time to come. Greer has no plans to abandon competitive performing herself anytime soon, and the same holds true for teaching the art she has loved and mastered. She is right where she wants to be right now, living out a dream which commenced a long time ago in a place she now calls one of her "homes."

Greer is indeed, one of the "lucky" ones.

And luck really had nothing to do with it at all.

Staff writer Mary Ford also contributed to this story.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

School lunch menu

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Baked chicken, mashed potato or tuna sub, green beans, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Grilled cheese or chicken salad sandwich, carrots California raisins, milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Pasta w/meat sauce or ham sandwich, corn, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Cheeseburger or turkey sub, potato wedges, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

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NDA honor roll

NDA Hingham: Sr. Barbara Barry, SND, Principal of Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, is pleased to announce the Honor Roll for Term I for Cohasset. The Honor Roll is determined by the following criteria: Principal's List - Grade Point Average of 3.9, all grades B or higher; First Honors - G.P.A. of 3.7, all grades B- or higher; Second Honors – G.P.A. of 3.4, all grades B-or higher.

Kristen Devine,'01,Principal's List; Martha Henderson,'03, First Honors; Laura Kondrat,'03 Principal's List; Rachel McElroy,'03, Principal's List; Anna-Jane Murphy,'03, First Honors; Krista Nicynski,'03, Second Honors; and Katherine Roche,'03, First Honors.

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CHASE ESTATE

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Docket No. 01P0522EP

In the Estate of
FRANCIS M. CHASE

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 22, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that BARBARA A. CHASE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 11, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, February 26, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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FRIEL ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P0580EP

In the Estate of RAMONA A. FRIEL

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 2, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CONSTANCE V. WALSH of BRAINTREE in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 11, 2001.**

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, March 2, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
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Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of February, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt, Register.

AD#541231
Cohasset Mariner 3/15/01

POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

6:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:13 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:58 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.
9 p.m. Heather Dr., general information.
9:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

2:20 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
6 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:18 a.m. Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:06 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Howe Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:35 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking violation.
1:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto, area search negative.
1:19 p.m. King St., medical aid, patient sign-off.
1:49 p.m. Cedar St., traffic complaint.
2:16 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
3:05 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid, patient sign-off.
3:17 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., outside fire, extinguished.
3:34 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire inspections.
3:38 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.
5:05 p.m. Howard Gleason Rd., animal control.
5:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:21 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:15 p.m. Arrowwood Rd., animal control.
6:21 p.m. Beach St., well-being check.
8:20 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

10:57 a.m. Locust Rd. and Beechwood St., disabled auto.
11:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.
12:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.
1:26 p.m. Cedar St., general information.
3:17 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., MVA, area search negative.
3:25 p.m. N. Main St. to Jerusalem Rd., transport.
6:16 p.m. Grace Dr., medical aid.
7:16 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted, area search negative.
8:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.
8:47 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.
8:56 p.m. Cedar St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

11:30 a.m. Fernway, barking dog.
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MONDAY, MARCH 5

12:40 a.m. Surry Dr., parking violation.
8:31 a.m. Jerusalem and Howe rds., motor vehicle stop.
8:38 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop.
9:47 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop.
9:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.
10:59 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
2:51 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop.
3:11 p.m. South Main St., wires down.
3:38 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
7:11 p.m. Beach St., MVA.
11:24 p.m. Church St., medical aid.
11:33 p.m. Margin St., traffic safety inspection.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

5:35 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Atlantic Ave., public service other.
6:35 a.m. Atlantic Ave., public service other.
6:51 a.m. Parker Ave., public service other.
6:53 a.m. The Cove, public service other.
7:17 a.m. Stockbridge St., public service other.
7:18 a.m. Border St., public service other.
8:24 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.
10:26 a.m. Black Rock Beach, parking violation.
11:16 a.m. Around Town, fire (misc.).
11:39 a.m. Elm St., notification.
12:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.
1:59 p.m. Jerusalem and Gammons Rd., MVA.
2:09 p.m. Beechwood St., tree down.
2:26 p.m. Whitney Woods, suspicious auto.
2:28 p.m. Church St., wires down.
2:37 p.m. Square, general services.
2:49 p.m. South Main St., assist motorist.
2:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., arrest: Janine M. Cunningham, 32, 101 Turner Rd., Scituate. Charges: operating after license or right to operate suspended.
3:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., MVA.
3:28 p.m. North Main St., notification, investigated.
5:33 p.m. Beechwood St., notification, departmental action.
6:03 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop.
7:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.
7:42 p.m. North Main St., general services.
7:47 p.m. Elm St., general services.
8:21 p.m. Highland Ave., general services.
8:40 p.m. Parker Ave., general services.
9:39 p.m. Cohasset Public Schools, general services.
9:48 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

2:09 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.
4:12 a.m. Beach St., MVA.
6:01 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:15 a.m. Aaron River Rd., assist citizen.
8:30 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.
8:55 a.m. Nichols Rd., general information.
9:01 a.m. Lantern Ln., animal control.
9:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle violations, traffic citation issued.
11:28 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen, departmental action.
11:52 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.
12:33 p.m. Atlantic Ave., disabled auto.
2:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.
3:15 p.m. Pond St. to Cohasset Plaza, transport.
4:32 p.m. Kendall Village, officer wanted.
8:28 p.m. Forest Ave., general services.
9:40 p.m. Cedar St., general services.
9:51 p.m. South Main St. and West Gate Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

8:20 a.m. Elm St., fire (misc.), departmental action.
11:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
12:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. well being check.
2:38 p.m. Beechwood St., well being check.
2:40 p.m. Atlantic Ave., serve restraining order.
2:49 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
3:08 p.m. Sanctuary Pond Rd., fire (misc.).
3:13 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious, traffic citation/warning.
3:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy, motor vehicle violations.
4:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Crocker Ln., MVA, investigated.
4:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., annoying phone calls.
5:14 p.m. Atlantic Ave., serve restraining order.
5:33 p.m. Surry Dr., animal control.
7:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

12:16 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.
6:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
10:41 a.m. Atlantic Ave., parking violation.
11:17 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
11:46 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
12:15 P.M. Brook St., parking violation.
12:40 p.m. Brook St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:30 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking violation, investigated.
3:46 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, patient sign off.
4:16 p.m. Elm St., notification.
5:21 p.m. Sohier St., MVA.
6:24 p.m. Pond St., tree down, referred to other agency.
6:26 p.m. Highland Ave., general services.
6:30 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., general services, referred to other agency.
6:32 p.m. Cedar St., general services.
6:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., tree down.
7:05 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:16 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.
7:39 p.m. Doane St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:33 p.m. Deer Hill School Parking Lot, general services.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

4:07 a.m. Atlantic Ave., MVA.
10:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA.
1:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.
7:34 p.m. Stockbridge St., medical aid, investigated.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

12:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person, verbal warning.
1:26 a.m. King St., arrest: William P. Toland Jr., 35, 80 Glades Rd., Scituate. Charges: affray (fighting), disorderly person. Arrest: Christopher M. Pepe, 29, 10 Nut Island Ave., Quincy. Charges: affray (fighting), disorderly person.
11:13 a.m. Church St., MVA, investigated.
1:30 p.m. North Main St., disabled auto.
1:35 p.m. Atlantic Ave., property damage.
1:41 p.m. Spring St., animal control.
1:57 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
2:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
3:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., notification, referred to other agency.
3:43 p.m. South Main St., notification, referred to other agency.
3:58 p.m. Elm St., notification, services rendered.
4:07 p.m. Elm St., property found.
4:09 p.m. Elm St., property lost.
5:24 p.m. Parking Way, suspicious person.
9:40 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
11:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control, investigated.

POLICE BRIEFS

Local man sentenced for child pornography

Mark R. Sullivan, 34, of Pembroke, was sentenced Monday to two months in prison for taking photos of nude children at beaches in Hull and Cohasset during the summer of 1999. A Middlesex Superior Court judge suspended the rest of the 2-1/2 year sentence in a plea agreement in which Sullivan admitted guilt to several counts of child pornography.

According to Cohasset Police Sgt. Robert Jackson, Sullivan had been confronted by town police on separate occasions in 1996 and 1999. "We'd be down at the beach and see him, and people would say there's this suspicious guy down here with binoculars and a camera," Jackson said. "We'd remove him from the beach because he didn't have a sticker, but we couldn't find any violations." He said Sullivan was also spotted around Sandcastles Daycare Center on Route 3A, but again police did not find any violations.

Jackson said once Sullivan was arrested in Concord and the photos seized, Cohasset police were able to identify some of the pictures as being taken at Sandy Beach. Cohasset police then filed charges in Norfolk County, which were then merged with the Middlesex County charges.

Sullivan was apprehended after taking pictures of children at Walden Pond. He aroused the suspicion of authorities when he was seen there with a camera and binoculars, photographing young children. He carried a Boston police badge. While on probation he was ordered to stay away from unsupervised encounters with children, the Internet and to receive counseling.

Arrests follow barroom fight

Police arrested two men following a barroom brawl at KoKo Island off Rte. 3A in the early hours of Sunday morning.

When Cohasset Officer William Quigley arrived at the scene at about 1:15 a.m., he ordered the unruly crowd away from the two males who were fighting. The group of men did not listen to Quigley's verbal commands, according to the police report. So the officer hit an unidentified man, who was allegedly holding one of the men involved in the fight down, with his police baton on the leg to get him to back away. He also hit one of the men, Christopher M. Pepe, who was later charged, on the forearm and leg and called for backup.

Sgt. John Conte assisted in clearing the bar of other patrons and several Hingham units arrived to help as well, the police report stated.

Police charged William P. Toland Jr., 35, of 80 Glades Road, Scituate and Christopher M. Pepe, 29, of 10Nut Island Ave., Quincy with fighting and disorderly conduct. At the time of the arrest both men were bloody and yelling at each other, police said. Members of the Cohasset and Scituate fire departments treated the men at police headquarters where they refused any further medical treatment. Neither man wanted to file assault and battery charges on the other.

Police said Pepe's earring was ripped out of his left ear during the fight. Police said although both men had been drinking, neither appeared to be intoxicated. Quigley said the staff a KoKo Island was cooperative.

The men were arraigned Monday in Quincy District Court. The charges were continued without a finding for three months meaning if they stay out of trouble, the charges will be dismissed at that time, Sgt. Robert Jackson said. Both men were required to pay $135 each in court costs.

Police arrest 24 in past two months

There were eight arrests in February, two for Violation Controlled Substance Act, two for the Motor Vehicle Violations, one for Violation of a Protective Order, one for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, one for Protective Custody, and finally one for Minor Transporting Liquor, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

In January there were 16 arrests, five for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor; four for Minor Transporting Alcohol; two for Larceny; one for Receiving Stolen Property; one for Assault and Battery; one for Operating after Revocation, one for an Outstanding Warrant and finally one arrest for Possession of a Class A Substance, Possession of Instruments to Administer Controlled Substance, and Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, Noonan said.

Over the past two months, police investigated 33 motor vehicle accidents, six of which resulted in injuries. There were 219 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $5,940 in fines. Additionally, there were 108 parking tickets issued for $3,075 in fines.

Also in the months of January and February the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,044 calls for police services, of those 218were Emergency 911 calls.

Sergeant Robert W. Jackson completed a three-week Command Training Program Feb. 9. The program was held at the New England Law Enforcement Institute at Babson College. The Command Training Program provides command officers with the skills needed to exercise effective management practices.

OBITUARIES

Ruth L. Hudson

Ruth (Litchfield) Hudson, 99, of Cohasset died March 13, 2001, at Southwood of Norwell Nursing Center after a short illness.

Born in Norwell, daughter of Arthur C. and Carrie G. (Pratt) Litchfield, Mrs. Hudson grew up in Cohasset and graduated from Cohasset High School.

She lived in Wollaston for 34 years, Redington Shores, Fla. for 40 years and then moved back to Cohasset for two years. She was active in the Wollaston Woman's Club and Wollaston Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Hudson enjoyed crafts, gardening, sailing and travel.

Wife of the late Elisha S. Hudson, she leaves a son, Donald S. Hudson of Norwell; a granddaughter, Nancy Hudson Walkins of Waterford, Va.; two grandsons, Robert Hudson of Mountain Lakes, N.J. and David Holloway of Cary, N.C.; and two great-grandchildren. She was also mother of the late Virginia Holloway.

Interment will be private. There will be no visiting hours.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Norwell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, 683 Main St., Norwell, 02061.

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Sports Photo, 1st place

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Editorial Writer, Honorable Mention
Infographics, 2nd place

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Front Page, 2nd place
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*General Excellence, 3rd place
Spot News Photo, 3rd place

Malden Observer
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, 3rd place
Sports Column, 2nd place

Marblehead Reporter
Design, 1st place
Editorial Writer, 2nd place

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*General Excellence, 3rd place
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Health Reporting, 2nd place
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Serious Columnist, Honorable Mention
Social Issues Feature Story, 2nd place
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Environmental Reporting, 1st place
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Reporting on Religious Issues, 1st place
Serious Columnist, 1st place
Transp./Commuter Reporting, Hon. Mention

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Editorial Writer, 1st place
Social Issues Feature Story, 1st place

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*General Excellence, 3rd place
Arts & Entertainment Section, 3rd place
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic issue, 3rd place
History Reporting, 2nd place
Photo Series, 1st place
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Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, Hon. Men.
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Social Issues Feature Story, 2nd place

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General News Story, 1st place
Pictorial Photo, 3rd place
Sports Story, 2nd place

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General News Story, 2nd place
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Headline Writing, 3rd place
Living Page or Section, 3rd place
Photo Illustration, 1st place

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Personality Photo, Hon. Mention
Photo Series, 1st place

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Health Reporting, 1st place
Reporting on Religious Issues, 1st place

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The history behind the horror

Scituate author researches the truths behind legendary monsters

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Radu Florescu can tell you the real stories behind some of the world's most horrifying monsters.

Florescu, a retired Boston College history professor and Scituate resident, has written two books based on famous horror figures along with his colleague Raymond McNally, who still teaches at the university. On his own, Florescu wrote another book about the infamous creature known as Frankenstein's monster.

The most recent book Florescu and McNally published is called "In Search of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," which is the story behind author Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novella about dual personalities called "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

"There was a prototype for the person that Stevenson portrayed in his novella," Florescu said. "The man's name was William Deacon Brodie, and he was a Scotsman of the 18th century. He was a perfect gentleman during the day, but at night, he got pretty nasty."

Florescu said the first section of the book focuses on Brodie's life—by day, Brodie was a respected member of society. He belonged to the city council, and he was rather wealthy. By night, Brodie took up with thieves, had many mistresses, and was also a drinker.

"Brodie's character was the beginning of Stevenson's inspiration," Florescu said. "Stevenson himself sort of led what could be considered as a double life."

Although the focal point of "In Search of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is examining the character of Brodie, it also gets into the life of Stevenson, his travels, and his personality. The book ends with a "travelogue" which gives readers names of places where Brodie spent his days in Scotland.

The other book Florescu and McNally co-authored — "In Search of Dracula," was published in the early 1970s.

"Dracula was a person who hit closer to home for me," Florescu said, noting Dracula's roots are grounded in Romania, Florescu's native country. Currently, Florescu serves as the honorary consulate of Romania in Boston.

"When I first came to Boston College and met (McNally), he asked me whether I had ever read Bram Stoker's 'Dracula,' but I never did at that time. But he listed a number of places that were mentioned in (Stoker's) book, and I told him they were all authentic, and that I knew them as a boy growing up there."

Florescu said he never bothered to read the tale of Dracula, but moreover, he said vampires were never very popular in Romania. In any case, McNally's intrigue with the landmarks in Stoker's book led to a search of the real person known as Dracula and McNally and Florescu had began their long-time friendship.

"Dracula was a Romanian prince otherwise known as Vlad the Impaler," Florescu said. "But he was never a vampire. The other thing a lot of people probably do not know is that there were many of these princes in Romania. These were not people who were very well known in the course of history."

Florescu said he and McNally had specific roles in writing the books. Florescu said his role is researching the history aspect of a given subject, while McNally often looks into the literary component. In order to write the books, both men had to do a lot of traveling abroad to places like Romania, Scotland, and Germany.

In terms of writing the historical books, Florescu has ventured out on his own without McNally. Florescu explained that he wrote "In Search of Frankenstein" by himself because McNally was working on another project at the time. Florescu said he was impressed by the work of others who wrote before him in the horror genre.

"What fascinates me is that Mary Shelley, the author of ('Frankenstein'), knew very little about science and electricity, two very important components to the book," Florescu said. "It took a lot of detective work on her part."

Florescu said the character of the book's main figure Victor Frankenstein was not inspired by an actual creation, but by a castle in Germany called "Castle Frankenstein," where Shelley actually wrote a large portion of the book.

Regarding the literary value of all three horror-based books, Florescu said "When you can tie a legendary personality in with a specific location, I think people find that very interesting."

Florescu said although he enjoys researching these legendary dark figures, he said he sometimes disagrees with the term "monster."

"I don't consider myself a horror buff," he said. "And keep in mind that these figures were created as monsters here in America through movies, books, and plays. Like I said, Dracula was not a vampire. And what is known as Frankenstein's monster was never actually intended to be a monster, but rather, an idealized form of man. Brodie is someone who simply reflected the dual nature of man. My interest has always been history for the most part."

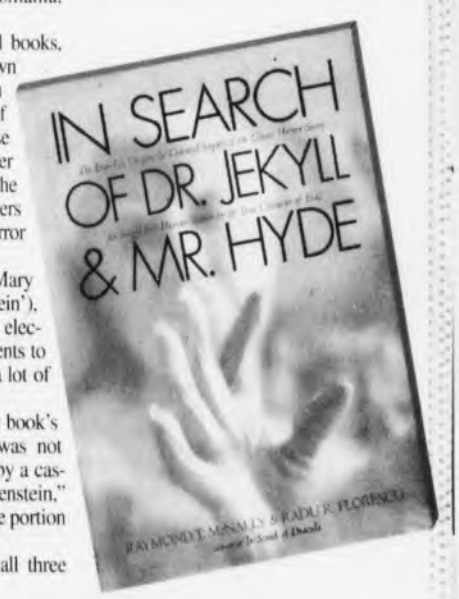
At the same time, Florescu said uncovering the past is always intriguing.

"I think the most fascinating thing about this is the extensive detective work involved," he said. "You can write a book about Napoleon or Henry the VIII because there's all sorts of information out there about them. But to find out about Dracula or Brodie, a lot of field work is required. I've been to all these places. I've seen where Shelley wrote Frankenstein. I've been to Dracula's castle."

And Florescu has other projects in the works, including books about figures like the Pied Piper and also Bluebeard.

"Evil is just an aspect of human nature," Florescu said. "And people have always had a fascination for the person who involves themselves in negative activities. Sometimes the good in human nature is overshadowed by the bad."

For more information on Florescu's work, call him at (781) 544-1326. All of his books are available at local stores including Barnes and Noble and Borders.



> "There was a prototype for the person that Stevenson portrayed in his novella ('The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde'). The man's name was William Deacon Brodie, and he was a Scotsman of the 18th century. He was a perfect gentleman during the day, but at night, he got pretty nasty."



Author and historian Radu Florescu, of Scituate

Jamming for the James

Mount Blue hosts art center benefit March 25

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It has been a gathering place for art lovers, hosting diverse cultural events since 1874. And more than a century later, the community that has enjoyed its programs continues to support Norwell's James Library and Center for the Arts.

Mount Blue Restaurant owners Patrick and Jayne Bowe have invited the public to a benefit party for the James Library March 25, from 1-4 p.m. The $50 ticket price which supports the library's programs includes a wine and food tasting, and live performances by two renowned musical talents—the blues-based Bruce Katz Band and violinist Mimi Rabson's "electric power trio."

"We're each going to play a set of our own, and then we're going to combine forces and fool around a bit," Katz said.

Katz, a Marshfield resident, said he and Rabson both teach at Berklee School of Music, and have played together in the Klezmer Conservatory Band.

"She'll play Jimi Hendrix songs with a string quartet," Katz added of Rabson's eclectic musical style. Regarding his own musical methods, Katz said his specialty is playing the Hammond organ. His band features all original, instrumental music within the realms of blues, rock, jazz, and gospel.

"It's a combination of all those things," Katz said. Rabson added she plays her music within some of those same genres.

"What people will be seeing is my newest thing," she said, "an electric violin power trio. It's an eclectic mix of electric music. We play funk, jazz, reggae, ska, gospel, and fusion. We like to call it 'dance music you can listen to.'" Like Katz, Rabson said her band writes all original, all instrumental material.

Rabson said she has a new album coming out in the fall called "Violation," and Katz said his most recent release is called "Three Feet off the Ground."

Regarding the March 25 benefit show, Rabson added "This is the best kind of music there is—music to support local arts."

Patrick Bowe said the restaurant frequently holds fundraisers for local organizations and businesses, including one large summer benefit every year. He said the benefit for the James Library will be a smaller version of the annual summer party.

> "This is the best kind of music there is — music to support local arts."
> Musician Mimi Rabson

"We're expecting anywhere from 120 to 175 people for the one on March 25," Bowe said. "At the summer party, we usually expect up to 500 people."

"We've always thought about doing some kind of benefit for the (James) library," added Jayne Bowe.

Friends of the James Library committee members say the Mount Blue benefit will be a boon for the library.

"It will definitely help us in supporting those programs," said committee chairman Doug Perry. "We always have various art exhibits here, and we frequently hold small concerts.

The timing of the benefit is excellent, noted Perry who said the library is holding its annual "Festival of the Arts" March 23 and 24 leading up to the benefit.

Featured acts at the library during the course of the weekend will include a piano concert by Max Levinson on March 23 at 8 p.m. and a needlepoint art exhibit by Norwell's own Sally Mederos March 24 from 1-4 p.m..

"I'm excited about the whole weekend," said James Library board of trustee member Betsy Gordon. "We're a non-profit organization, and we have to raise money for the services we provide somehow. Mount Blue has been wonderful."

Tickets for the Mount Blue event are $50 apiece and are available at the restaurant or at the James Library. For more information call Mount Blue at (781) 659-0050. For more information on The James Library's art programs on March 23 and 24, call (781) 659-7100.



A live performance by the blues-based Bruce Katz Band will be part of the entertainment offered at Mount Blue's benefit event March 25 to support Norwell's James Library and Center for the Arts.

Food & dining

Pasta with bread crumbs



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Garlicky pasta tossed with pan-toasted bread crumbs can be heaven on earth, or it can be a soggy, lifeless mess of a dish. The difference? Well, as with most cooking, it's all in the details. The garlic must be prepared and cooked just right, the bread crumbs need to have crunch, and one or two additional flavorings help to round out the dish. The most important issue, however, was going to be how to prepare the bread crumbs.

I found that a rustic bread (not too doughy or tough for best results) is best. A country white loaf works well, but any sort of coarsely textured white bread, or even a day-old baguette, will do. The bread should be trimmed of most of the crust, especially the bottom crust, which is often dark and thick. I found that the best way to prepare the bread is to use a food processor fitted with the metal blade (cut the bread into 1-inch cubes for best results before processing). I tested various crumb sizes and found that pieces no larger than a small pea worked best. This recipe calls for 1 1/2 cups of crumbs, which works out to two 1-inch slices of a large rustic loaf or about five 1-inch slices of a baguette.

The next step was to toast the crumbs. I usually do this in an oven, but to simplify things I tried using the same skillet I intended to use for the rest of the recipe. This worked well, especially when the crumbs were first tossed with salt and then toasted with 2 tablespoons of butter. The crumbs need frequent stirring for even browning.

The next issue was the garlic. For a story in the March/April 2001 issue of Cook's Illustrated, our test kitchen director discovered that a combination of fresh and cooked garlic was best for the classic dish pasta aglio e olio (pasta with garlic and oil). I played with various amounts and ended up with 2 tablespoons cooked garlic paired with 2 teaspoons raw per pound of spaghetti. I then tested the best method for preparing the garlic, trying sliced garlic, crushed whole cloves, and garlic that was minced or passed through a garlic press. The whole cloves, if removed from the oil before serving, did not contribute enough flavor, but if left in the dish they did not allow for even distribution: you either got a large hunk of garlic on your fork or you didn't. The sliced garlic had the same problem of uneven distribution. The minced or pressed garlic provided tiny pieces of garlic in each bite which was just what I wanted. I found that the garlic was best cooked over low heat, just until it becomes straw-colored.

As for other ingredients, a high-quality, fruity, extra-virgin olive oil is a must. I used 3 tablespoons for cooking the garlic and an additional 3 tablespoons to toss with the pasta before serving. A quarter teaspoon of red pepper flakes added flavor, as did a few anchovy fillets (these are optional), which dissolve in the oil during cooking. A trick I picked up from the Cook's test kitchen is adding a bit of hot pasta water along with the raw garlic to help distribute it evenly. The dish is finished with the bread crumbs and chopped parsley. Some folks also like a bit of grated cheese on top, but I pass on the grated cheese for a dish because I find that it muddies the flavors. This dish couldn't be easier, and it couldn't be better.

GARLIC PASTA WITH BUTTER-TOASTED BREAD CRUMBS

For best results with the bread crumbs, use two 1-inch slices cut from a rustic white loaf of bread. After removing the crusts, cut the bread into 1-inch cubes and process, using the metal blade in a food processor, for about 20 to 30 seconds. The largest crumb should be no larger than a small pea.

For the bread crumbs
1 1/2 cups fresh bread crumbs (see above)
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons unsalted butter

For the Pasta
1 pound spaghetti
2 teaspoons table salt
6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
10 medium garlic cloves, finely minced or pressed through garlic press (about 2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons)
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
5 anchovy fillets, coarsely chopped (optional)
3 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

1. Toss the bread crumbs with the salt. Place the butter in a large (12-inch) skillet set over medium heat. After the butter foams, turn heat to low, add the bread crumbs, and toss to coat evenly. Toast the crumbs, stirring frequently, until golden brown, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from pan and set aside, uncovered, to cool. Wipe out skillet with a paper towel. Bring 4 quarts water to a rolling boil in a large pot.

2. Add 3 tablespoons olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt (omit if using anchovies), garlic, red pepper flakes, and optional anchovies to the 12-inch skillet. Cook over low heat until the mixture is very fragrant and the garlic is straw-colored, about 10 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, add the pasta and 1 1/2 teaspoons table salt to the boiling water and stir to separate. Cook until al dente, about 7 minutes. Drain pasta, reserving 1/3 cup cooking water. (The pasta should not sit more than a minute or two before finishing the dish.)

4. When garlic is cooked, remove skillet from heat and add the remaining raw garlic, 2 tablespoons of the reserved water, and the parsley; stir to combine. Add the pasta, the remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil, and the remaining pasta cooking water and toss to evenly coat the pasta. Serve immediately with optional Parmesan cheese and a liberal sprinkling of toasted bread crumbs.

Serves 4 to 6.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

A Sagittarius moon sets a quick pace today. Be sure to have a clear plan of action and stick to it, if you want to be productive. People will be outgoing, talkative and may be easily distracted. The moon aligns with Mars at 4:01 p.m. and Pluto at 6:12 p.m. Pluto begins retrograde travel on Saturday, March 17. In addition, a Mars/Pluto alignment culminates early Sunday, March 18. This planetary combination spells t-r-o-u-b-l-e. Don't take chances or do anything risky. Use extra caution when driving or operating machinery. This advice is in effect through Sunday.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

The moon continues to travel in optimistic Sagittarius. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:45 p.m. This moon will decrease in light until March 24, when the new moon culminates. Today a harmonious 60-degree alignment of the sun and Saturn aids focus and productivity. Carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan; handle a variety of jobs and errands, follow through on unfinished projects. The Sagittarius moon becomes inactive at 10:48 p.m. until 11:02 p.m., when it enters Capricorn.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

The planet Mercury enters Pisces at 1:05 a.m., remaining there until April 6. However, the planet Pluto takes the spotlight today. Pluto, standing at 15-degrees of Sagittarius, begins retrograde travel at 9:36 p.m. It represents rebirth and transformation. It brings a time to let go of anger, resentments, negativity; work toward understanding and forgiveness. Open your heart to higher visions.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Mars and Pluto come together at 6:45 a.m., 15-degrees of Sagittarius. The moon continues to travel in conservative Capricorn all day. The planet Venus prepares to form easy 120-degree contacts to Mars and Pluto, serving as a buffer to recent volatile planetary alignments. Channel your passions into creative or romantic outlets. You can cut through obstacles and gain profound insights, deep experiences.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

The past few days have been action-packed and challenging. Influences begin to ease up today. The Capricorn moon forms a harmonious contact to the sun at 9:40 a.m. and becomes inactive. An Aquarius moon takes over at 11:36 a.m., bringing a time when people are more likely to reach out and network with others to achieve their goals. Venus forms a harmonious 120-degree alignment to Pluto at 6:31 p.m. In addition, a lunar contact to Jupiter makes this a great evening for social or romantic activities.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

The sun enters Aries at 8:31 a.m., marking the beginning of the spring season. An Aquarius moon may point you in directions you do not normally travel. Be more spontaneous and open-minded; explore new horizons. It is okay to initiate new activities anytime after 8:31 a.m. The moon forms flowing 60-degree contacts to Venus, Pluto and Mars this evening. Spend quality time with friends and loved ones.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

A mixed bag of planetary influences makes for an interesting day. The Aquarius moon and Uranus conjoin at 10:24 a.m. Avoid rigid time schedules; go with the flow of things. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Jupiter generates an optimistic mood. However, don't go overboard; know your limits. This is not a favorable day for launching important activities, making major purchases or decisions. Cool your heels and don't take action for a few days. A lunar contact to Saturn may bring a lull period at 6:03 p.m., when the moon becomes inactive.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

The moon enters Pisces at 12:28 a.m. and interacts with Jupiter at 12:37 p.m. and Mercury at 3:08 p.m. Don't take on more than you can handle. Choose your words carefully. You may be tempted to overdo, overextend, make foolish promises. You can make headway with projects that need your imagination and creativity. On the other hand, avoid jobs that require mental focus and precision.

Late winter pruning of trees and shrubs

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

PART 2: TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES

In the aftermath of a week-long barrage of consecutive winter storms, crystal blue skies, brilliant sunshine and mild temperatures are quickly beginning to erase the memories of Mother Nature's most recent wintry offering. The heavy slush and snow, which plastered my windows and coated the branches of trees and shrubs only a few days ago, have started to melt away, as signs of springtime gradually reappear.

I am greeted each morning by the unmistakable spring songs of colorful cardinals who seem eager to express their delight that milder weather is on its way. A Carolina wren, perched outside my window in the heavily budded branches of a pink dogwood, sings its exuberant melody, while tufted titmice and chick-a-dees flit about in the treetops, calling to their mates. A sure sign of spring is the return of the noisy red-winged blackbirds who gather in flocks among the branches of the emerging, steel gray-colored catkins of the pussy willows along the brook. The fragrant, yellow, fringed blossoms of the witch hazel "Arnold Promise" have started to appear, the dense clusters of delicate ribbons glowing in the slanted rays of the afternoon sun. From my window, this tree resembles a frilly, lemon chiffon cloud, an exquisite addition to a shady corner alongside my water garden.

The wild winds and heavy, wet, slushy snow took its toll on some of our trees and shrubs necessitating some immediate pruning to repair nature's damage. Early March is also the ideal time to begin the process of selective pruning to produce balance, symmetry, direct growth or rejuvenate old, sparse or overgrown shrubs. Regular pruning will improve the overall appearance of nearly all woody plants since few grow with perfect shapes and even when selected appropriately for their allotted space, most benefit from an occasional trim to look their best.

The two basic approaches to pruning are heading back and thinning out. Heading back is the technique used when trimming a hedge where the entire shape is clipped, producing a more formal appearance with denser, sturdier growth. The thinning out of a tree or shrub produces a more open plant with a more natural, graceful appearance.

Thinning out tends to be the preferred technique for pruning ornamental trees and shrubs. The heading back of rhododendrons, azaleas or other foundation plantings into little round forms often spoils the individual beauty and character which distinguishes each unique species, although this approach is often prompted by overgrown shrubs or space limitations.

To shorten a woody stem, always cut back to a bud. On branches where the buds alternate, cut the stem at an angle and cut away from an outward facing bud to encourage growth away from the interior spaces of your shrub or tree unless you are striving to fill a gap which may have been produced by storm damage. If the plant has opposite buds, cut immediately above a strong pair. Do not leave stubs which may develop disease but be careful not to prune too closely to a bud which may cause the bud to dry out.

When pruning entire branches from the trunk of a tree, cuts should be made just beyond the ridge (above the branch) and the collar (a swollen area below the point of the branch's attachment to the trunk). Sawing a branch too closely to the trunk may disrupt the healing process or may stimulate growth around the site of the wound producing new, unwanted sprouts. It is not necessary to apply paint to the wound as this application may actually interfere with the plant's natural healing ability. Up to one-third of a plant can be safely pruned away.

To ensure precise pruning, purchase and use proper tools. Quality tools last longer, produce cleaner cuts which heal faster, and make the job easier. Anvil pruners have one sharp blade with an opposing blade which has a flat, blunt edge which may crush stems and produce uneven cuts. Bypass pruners work with a scissor-like action, with their two blades sliding past one another, enabling cleaner, closer cuts. High quality pruners, like the Swiss-made Felco, are worth the additional cost for their durability, precision and the fact that they have replaceable blades. Inexpensive pruners tend to be easily bent out of shape which may produce ragged cuts. Hand pruners are preferred for twigs and smaller branches up to half an inch across. Long-handled lopping shears are useful for cutting larger branches up to 2 inches thick.

Curved-blade pruning saws are usually designed to cut only on the pull-stroke and are ideal for larger branches and great for tight places. Bow saws cut on both the push and pull strokes but require more room to maneuver. Both of these types of saws are available in models with replaceable blades.

For performing the technique of heading back, hedge shears are a necessity. Manual hedge shears may be adequate for small jobs, but electric hedge shears are faster and easier and permit greater accuracy of line while shaping.

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RAINFOREST REPTILE SHOW AT THE SCIENCE CENTER on April 8 for a return visit from professional herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky. There will be two shows, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 members and $6 non-members and can be purchased by phone with a credit card by calling the center at (781) 659-2559.

THE ROADS NOT TAKEN is a concert to be presented at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on March 31 at 8 p.m. The musical revue will be presented by four singers with piano accompaniment. Tickets are $10 and $8 for SSAC members and are available by calling the Art Center at 383-2787.

LES MISERABLES at the Colonial Theatre opening April 11 and running through May 20. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Midweek matinee on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices are $25 - $75. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787 or directly through The Colonial Theatre Box Office , 106 Boylston Street and the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street. For more information call the Colonial Theatre at (617) 426-9366.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners. plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781)383-1980.



BEST BET

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Steve Hurl, Tom DiBuono and Steve Hurl with an open mike Friday, March 16 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Route 106 in Kingston. Tickets are $4 for members and $5 for non-members. For more information call (781) 871-1052.



BEST BET

The Duxbury High School Art Show will be on display at the Helen Bumpus Gallery through April 1. There will be an artist's reception with the Duxbury Brass performing on March 21 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Located at 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. Hours are Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

Thurs. 15

Duxbury Cultural Alliance will hold a meeting at 11 a.m. in the Lanman Room, upper level, of the Duxbury Free Library. The DCA is a consortium of Duxbury organizations dedicated to enriching the community through educational and cultural programs, open and accessible to all.

Curtain Call Theatre presents "The Sound of Music" with performance dates on March 15, 16 and 17. The CCT clubhouse is located on the corner of Faxon and Commercial Street in Braintree. Please call (781) 356-5113 for reservations and ticket information. Performance on March 11 at 7 p.m. and all other shows start at 8 p.m.

NQAT presents "The Boys Next Door" written by Tom Griffin and directed by Stacey Erikson. The play is humorous, yet touching story about the daily triumphs and tears of four mentally handicapped adults. Performance dates are March 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. All performances are held at the Black Box Theatre at North Quincy High School on Hancock Street in Quincy. Parking is free and tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for students and senior citizens. To reserve tickets call (617) 769-0232.

Disney's Beauty and The Beast the Tony Award(®) winning smash hit musical is returning to Boston's Wang Theatre from through March 25. Tickets are on sale at The Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont Street in Boston or through Telecharge at (800) 447-7400.

The Braintree Art Association will meet at the 7:45 p.m. at the Council of Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Michael Domina will demonstrate watercolor painting. For more information call (781) 843-6764.

"The Crucible" will be presented by the Communication Art Department of Eastern Nazarene College on March 15 - 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $7 and can be ordered by calling the box office at (617) 745-3715 or by sending a check to Eastern Nazarene College, Dept. of Communication Arts, 23 East Elm Ave., Quincy, MA 02170.

Fri. 16

"Concerts In The Country" with the Art of Music Chamber Players at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury on March 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 at the door and $10 in advance and may be obtained by calling (781) 837-2705.

The Scituate Arts Association will be presenting the Scituate High School Art Exhibit at the Mahoney Studios of the Ellis House, 709 Country Way, North Scituate. There will be an opening reception on March 16 from 5 - 7 p.m. The exhibit will also be open on March 17 and 18 from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 545-6150.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents The Musical Revue, "How to Eat Like A Child" at the Cohasset Town Hall on March 16 and 17. Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, by phone or at the door.

Joyful Listening presents "More Than Tickling the Ivories" a class that will focus on the fascinating and rich role the piano has played since its explosive entry onto the musical scene (around 1709-1710). Held on Fridays, March 16 and 23 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the James Library in Norwell. Mail tuition of $60 (payable to Alison Barr) to 663 Whiting Street, Hanover, MA 02339. For more information call (781) 982-8920.

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Dreamchasers, Inc. will be presenting four performances of the laugh-filled farce "Parlor Games". Set in a funeral parlor the play centers on Mortimer McNulty who decides to play a practical joke by staging his own fake wake. Opening night is Fri. 16 at 7 p.m. There are two performances on March 17, a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening show at 7 p.m. There will be a matinee at 2 p.m. on March 18. Performances are held at The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main Street in Norwell. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for senior citizens and students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. For further information call (508) 224-4548.

"Emperor's New Clothes" a family musical comedy is coming to Marshfield on March 16 and 17 at the Furnace Brook Middle School at 7:30 p.m. Performed by the Family Performing Arts Center, this is a hilarious musical version of the famous fairy tale.

Sat. 17

Old Fashioned Corned Beef Dinner at the First Baptist Church, 660 Country Way in North Scituate. Tel. (781) 545-0058. Held at 6:30 p.m. A donation of $7 for an adult and $2 for a child is suggested. Coffee and dessert as well.

The Children's Museum in Easton celebrates ten years of community service with a Tenth Anniversary Gala and Silent Auction. A festive black tie optional affair will take place at the Massasoit Conference Center in Brockton beginning at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour followed by a 5-course gourmet dinner. Tickets are $60 each and must be purchased in advance. Call (508) 230-3789 to reserve tickets or more information.

Darling Productions at the Quincy Dinner Theatre presents "Whose Wife Is It Anyway," March 17,23,24 and 25. Fridays and Saturdays dinner is at 7 p.m. show at 8:30. Sunday's dinner is at 2 p.m. with the matinee performance at 3:30 p.m. The dinner theater is located at 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. Tickets are $35. For more information call (781) 843-5862.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, South Coastal Hadassah and South Shore Jewish Singles are sponsoring a Masque Ball* on Saturday, March 17th at the social hall of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom. The event will begin at 7:00 PM with a Havdalah Service followed by light supper, music and dancing. The cost is $15 per person. A cash bar will be available. Please call 781-740-1345 for information or reservations. (*Costumes are encouraged, but not required.)

The Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the square presents Dawna Hammers/Sherman Whipple, two local artists, singers/songwriters and spirited. All events at 8 p.m. and tickets are $10. Located at 107 Main Street in Hingham.

Weymouth Art Association will meet from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. Dona Rossetti Baily will demonstrate art in pastels. The meeting is open to the public and is free. For more information call (781) 337-1402.

Duxbury Village Spring Antique Show and Sale on March 17 and 18 at the High School. There will be an appraisal day on March 18 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. This is the only fundraising event of the year for the DHS Boosters Club. Any business/restaurant interested in making a tax-deductible donation call C0-chairman Marybeth Nixon at 934-7471.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse in Central Square on the common in Bridgewater every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Open mike. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. "Jay Davis" slammaster from Portland, ME. For more information call Valerie Lawson at (508) 833-3100 or The Daily Grind at (508) 279-9952.

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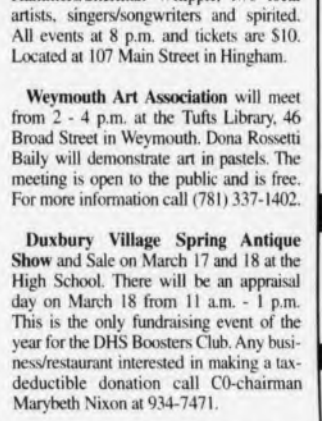


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MARCH 15 - 23



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The glitzy and outrageous La Cage Aux Folles opens Friday, March 16 at Norwell's Company Theatre with 15 performances through April 8. Performances run Thursday through Sunday. Tickets are $19 in advance and $21 on the day of the show for Thursday and Sunday performances; and $22 in advance and $24 the day of the show for Friday and Saturday night performances. For tickets and information call the theater box office at (781) 871-2787.



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Duxbury Village Spring Antique Show and Sale is set for March 17 and 18 at Duxbury High School. There will be an appraisal day on March 18 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. This is the only fundraising event of the year for the DHS Boosters Club. Any business/restaurant interested in making a tax-deductible donation call CO-chairman Marybeth Nixon at (781) 934-7471.

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Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with hilly terrain for 3.5 miles and walk Border Path to Hancock Hill Path and return via Wolcott Path. Meet at the Trailside Museum north parking lot on route 138 in Milton. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617) 698-1802.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Dusk Deer Walk" at 5:30 p.m. Please call to register. Join an MDC Ranger to hopefully spot White-tailed deer on an evening walk. For more information call (617) 333-0690.

Sun. 18

"Dame Edna: The Royal Tour" presented by Broadway in Boston has extended their engagement through March 18. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m. Thurs. matinees at 2 p.m. Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. Tickets range from $65 - $25 and are available through Ticketmaster (617) 931-2787. For all other information contact the Wilbur Theater at (617) 426-7491 located at 246 Tremont Street in Boston.

South Shore Conservatory presents Pianist Mark Goodman in concert at 4 p.m. at The Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Admission to the concert is free. Located at 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Vernal Equinox Hike" at 1 p.m. Meet at the Shea Rink lot on Willard Street in Quincy. Celebrate the return of spring and look for skunk cabbage, mourning cloak butterflies and more. 1.5 hours. For more information call (617) 333-0690.

Great Musical Event comes to the Cape with Verdi Requiem to be performed in Yarmouth. Taking place at 3 p.m. at the Mattacheese Middle School in South Yarmouth. This performance with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra is a benefit for Child and Family Services of Cape Cod. Tickets are $25, $35, $50 and $100 and are available at all Puritan's Stores and at Child Family Services (508) 778-1839.

Mon. 19

Insight Education Center for Parents and Teachers presents a workshop entitled "Setting Limits...Step Out of your Emotions". Held from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Healthtrax Fitness and Wellness Center, 20 East Street, off route 53 in Hanover. Individuals $25, co. parenting couples $40 and groups of four or more $20 per person. Tel. (781) 294-8004.

Tues. 20

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold the monthly luncheon at Nick's Place Restaurant, 399 Neponset Street in Canton from 12 - 1:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to share your interest in networking and collaboration. Limited seating so register early. If you need directions call (781) 828-7878. For more information call (781) 749-8883.

Wed. 21

South Shore Simmons Club will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwell Public Library. Guest speaker will be writer Claire Cook, Scituate resident and author of the novel "ready To Fall".

The High School Art Show at the Helen Bumpus Gallery through April 1. There will be an artist's reception with the Duxbury Brass performing on March 21 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Located at 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. Hours are Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore presents Deborah Thomson, Director of Public Policy for the Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Assoc. The topic addressed will be consumerism and health care from the needs of the Alzheimer's patient and family. Meetings are held at the Hingham Senior center, 220 Central Street in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-0795.

Leaving Your Job? A.G. Edwards will sponsor an educational workshop designed for those who are leaving their jobs through company downsizing, early retirement or reaching mandatory distribution age. The workshop will cover lump sum distributions, rollovers and investments for retirement income. Held at 101 Derby Street in Hingham on March 21 and 28 from 12 - 1:30 and lunch will be served. To reserve a space call Cindy Lepre at (800) 543-8010.

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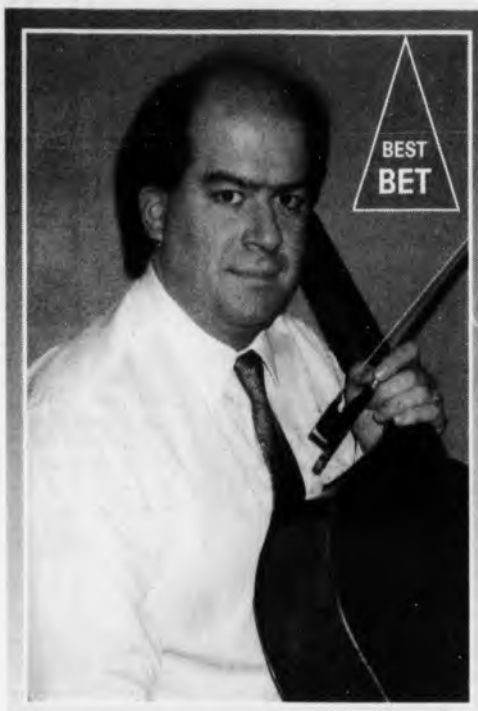
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Reunions

HYDE PARK HIGH SCHOOL announces the Class of 1975 - 25th Reunion on April 27 from 7 p.m. - midnight at the Franklin Country Club. Tickets are $50 per person. Make checks payable to HPHS Class of 1975. Mail to Stephanie Damata, 7 Cross Street, Foxboro, MA 02035. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return mailing of tickets. Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 6. The reunion information line is (617) 632-6300.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL, BOSTON Attention all grads, there will be an all class reunion, especially class of 1951, at the Radisson Boston Hotel on October 13, 2001. Please contact Maryann at (978) 531-1857.

FORMER GRADS IN 'PAYBACK' FUND RAISER FOR SOUTHIE SCHOOL - A group of former classmates from a small parochial school in South Boston have been raising funds for their alma mater as a payback for the educational start they received as youngsters. Checks/new addresses can be sent to St. Brigid's Rectory, 98 N Street, South Boston, MA 02127.

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Celebrate the Region at a Taste of Metro South sponsored by the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Massachusetts Electric Company, The Enterprise and WBET from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at Massasoit Conference Center in Brockton. Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the door. Purchase your tickets at Shaw's supermarket in Brockton, Easton, Hanson, and Stoughton, Massasoit Conference center or at the Metro South Chamber office. Tickets may also be purchased by telephone at (508) 586-0500 ext. 221.

Insight Education Center for Parents and Teachers presents a workshop entitled "From conflict to Cooperation...Dealing With Difficult People". Held from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Conant Community Health Center, off route 18 and 28 in Bridgewater. Individuals $25, co. parenting couples $40 and groups of four or more $20 per person. Tel. (781) 294-8004.

Thurs. 22

Benefit Auction for the Blind with Live Bidding on WATD FM starting at 2 p.m. Auction items include museum passes, auction packages and gift certificates. Volunteers are needed to help answer telephone lines. If you are interested in donating call (781) 834-4400 or (800) 696-9505.

Fri. 23

Buckley Performing Arts Center announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. The Tender Land, March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non-members. Proper dress required. For more information call (781) 331-0021.

"Shabbat Across America / Canada" - participants join over 75,000 North American Jews in a major effort to revitalize Sabbath observance. Congregation Beth Jacob invites practicing and non practicing Jews to experience and rejoice in this festive meal taking place at 6:15 p.m. at the Beth Jacob Community Center, located on the corner of Court St. (Route 3A) and Brewster Street, downtown Plymouth. For reservations and more information call Robin at (508) 888-7901.

Ongoing Events

The Fuller Museum of Art annual exhibition of African American Contemporary artists presents Richard Yale Recent Works on Paper: Coming and Going/Palms. Show will run through March 25. For more information call (508) 588-6000.

New England Village Residents Exhibit Art at the Pembroke Library throughout the month of March. New England Village is a residential community located in Pembroke for adults with developmental disabilities. The exhibit displays a variety of techniques and styles, including pottery, paintings, fabric, woodwork and collage.

The Art Complex Museum presents "On Their Own" a series of one-person exhibitions running through April 1. Thomas Deininger balances on a very fine line by attempting to be playful yet prophetic in contrasting ideals of beauty, value, nature and culture. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, call (781) 934-6634.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents the watercolor paintings of Duxbury artist Wendy Hale through April. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Joseph Nova will exhibit his paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781) 337-4513.

Artwork by Weymouth Youth to be featured in solo exhibit at Rockland Memorial Library. The award winning artist Brian Rusconi, 17, of Weymouth will be featured in "Art in the Rotunda" through March 28. The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours: Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

"Trading Places" an award winning Irish photographer shoots New England and an award winning New England photographer shoots Ireland. Photographs of N.E. by Dermot Conlan of Marshfield, a native of Co. Kildare, Ireland and of Ireland by Judith Enright of Norwell, native to New England. Held at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell, (781) 659-2559 through April 30. Mon. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to an opening reception on March 11 at the Science Center from 2 - 4 p.m. Refreshments and live Irish music.

"Other Lands, Other Shores: Watercolor Impressions of Italy, Iceland and Greenland" by Joanne Chittick will be on view at the James Library and the Center for the Art in Norwell Center through April 5. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (781) 659-7200.

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on April 5, June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

South Shore Art Center Artists donate their work to Rosie's Place. Gallery artists JoAnne Chittick, Susan DeMichele, Rose Farbush, Dorit Flowers, Michelle Meister, Donna Rossetti-Bailey and Diane Panarelli Miller donated paintings to the "Share Your Heart With Rosie's Place" silent auction. The work can be seen in the Dillon Gallery at the Art Center. The Paul Pratt Library, The Staircase Gallery at the South Shore Conservatory and the Landmark Bldg., 160 Federal Street in Boston. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

Local artists Displaying Work Around Town through March. In the Town Hall the Mayor's office Edwina Caci and Jeanne Mulligan are displaying their painting. In the Treasurer's office, Josephine Bottari is exhibiting her painting. In the Councilor's office, Rita Brace, Yvonne Gillis, Denise Graham and Peter Keith are exhibiting their work. Snyders Jewelers at 12 Columbian St. is displaying the work of Kay O'Brien, Laurent Denmore, Paul Liondstrom and Elizabeth Pohl. Jordan Insurance at 17 Front Street displays the paintings of Marie Cassani, Mary Jackson, Reva Gordon, Elva Procter, Thelma Swanson, Isabella Hoell and William Hallsen. Rizzo Insurance at 435 Columbian St. has the work of Mary Mainiero, Barbara and Charles Greland and Lauri Porter. Colonial Federal Savings Bank at 815 Washington St. has a painting of Ludlow Berkeley. Many of these paintings may be purchased.



Dreamchasers, Inc. presents four performances of the laugh-filled farce "Parlor Games". Set in a funeral parlor the play centers on Mortimer McNulty who decides to play a practical joke by staging his own fake wake. Opening night is Fri. March 16 at 7 p.m. There are two performances on March 17, a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening show at 7 p.m. There will be a matinee at 2 p.m. on March 18. Performances are held at The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main Street in Norwell. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for senior citizens and students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. For further information call (508) 224-4548.

Classes

"HEALING THE DAOIST WAY" A workshop on the origin and overview of Traditional Chinese Medicine offered at the Whidden's School of Fitness, Inc. Held March 25 and April 1 from 2- 5 p.m. The fee is $70 by March 21 or $80 after. To register call (781) 834-9161. Located at 822 Webster Street in Marshfield Center.

TAI CHI CLASSES will begin on Thursday mornings at Harmony Wellness Center in Hanover. Call (781) 829-4300 for more information and to register. Also, Reiki Master/Teacher class on April 1. Astrology classes beginning now as well.

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AWARD WINNING AUTHOR WILL LEAD WORKSHOP on March 16 and 17 at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset. Jan Phillips, a photographer, writer and lecturer will conduct a 2-day workshop entitled "Seeing Out Way Clear - Photography as a Healing Art." Cost is $15 for March 16 from 7:30 - 9:30, $80 for March 17 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. or $90 for both sessions. Call the church office at (781) 383-0345 to register.

FINDING INNER PEACE Yoga and Stress Reduction Center offers the following classes: "Aromatherapy Workshop" on March 31 with Phyllis Comoletti, LPN, Cert Aromatherapist. 3.6 contact hours. "Sacred Life" Yoga Philosophy with Kim Valerie on March 27. 6.0 contact hours. "Beginner Basics" on March 17 with Maureen Spencer - 2 hours. "Yoga for Menopause" with Maureen Spencer on March 18. 1.8 contact hours. "Ayurveda and Yoga" with Sandra Vezina, March 18. 3.6 hours. "Natural Approaches to Menopause and PMS" with Patricia Rackowski" on March 18. 1.8 contact hours. Located at 988 Bedford Street in Abington. "Sacred Life" Yoga Philosophy with Kim Valerie on April 24 from 6 - 9 p.m. $125 - 5 part series. "Breathing your Way Into Peace" on April 22 from 2 -3 p.m. Cost is $10/session. "How to Run A Workshop" on April 22 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost $10/session. For more information call (781) 878-0115.

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Town Meeting last hurdle for cemetery plan

By Rick Collins
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After more than 15 years of work — the Cemetery Committee is a Town Meeting vote away from completing its mission.

On March 31, residents will be asked to allocate $600,000 for the expansion of Woodside Cemetery and solve the town's burial plot crunch for the next 50 years.

"We've been around and around and this appears to be the solution for the better part of the next century," said committee chairman Glenn Pratt.

There is currently no space left in the popular cemetery off North Main Street. More than 300 plots remain available at Beechwood, but for some reason, said Pratt, more people want to be buried at Woodside.

"We've been around and around and this appears to be the solution for the better part of the next century."
— Glenn Pratt, cemetery committee

"State law says a town needs to have space to bury its inhabitants within the community, so we have to do something," he explained. "It's been very difficult to sell grave sites at Beechwood. People just don't buy them for some reason."

Right now, a family can only buy a plot with a death certificate in hand.

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One-way circle in village is floated

Selectmen question impact on businesses

By Rick Collins
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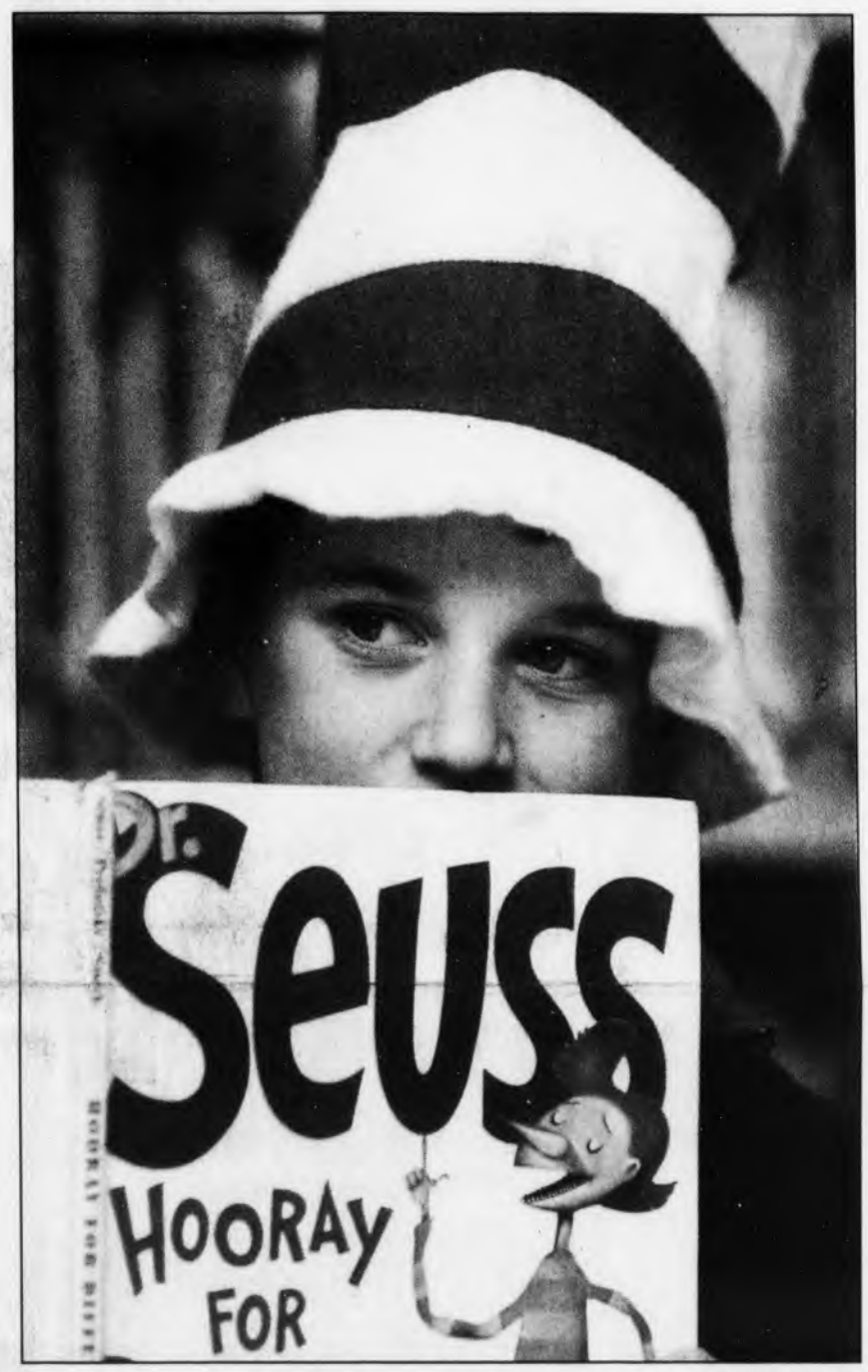
The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation is pushing for a major redesign in the village traffic pattern, that would create a one-way traffic circling counter-clockwise around Cohasset Hardware and the adjoining block of buildings.

In a presentation before selectmen Tuesday night, CRC Executive Director Dean Rizzo, and the group's engineer, The Cecil Group, outlined the proposed change it would discuss at its next public forum on March 26.

The redesign, if approved by the selectmen and Village Revitalization Task Force, would force cars heading north on South Main Street to turn right onto Brook Street and then left onto Elm Street. A car heading past the Common towards the harbor, would be diverted down South Main Street, and then could either turn down Brook Street and pick up Elm Street, or head down South Main Street towards Summer Street.

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DR. SUESS DAY



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Ryan McLellan reads to Osgood students during the Read Across America program featuring Dr. Seuss books. This year's theme was "Oh, the Places Words Can Take You..." Deer Hill students also wrote poems imitating Dr. Suess' writing. For more photos, see page 11.

Disney looking to film in town

By Rick Collins
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Hollywood is once again knocking on Cohasset's door for permission to film in town. This time, it's Walt Disney who hopes to roll film in town, for a movie starring Academy Award winners Dustin Hoffman and Susan Sarandon.

Walt Disney has asked the board of directors of the Central Cemetery on Joy Place for permission to shoot on the property in late April, said Tim Grafft, the deputy director of the state's film office.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he received a call a couple of weeks ago from the state asking how to connect with the cemetery's owners. The shoot would supposedly be a one-day shoot, unlike the previous two movies filmed in Cohasset, 1987's "The Witches of Eastwick" and 1992's "Housesitter," which spent weeks in town.

"They think the cemetery is beautiful and have been in contact with the board and put in a formal request," said Grafft. He described the movie as an adult "dramedy," — part drama, part comedy — similar to the movie "Terms of Endearment." The movie, which will be directed by Brad Silberling, who directed "Casper" and "City of Angels," is scheduled to begin filming in April.

Disney has already approached some Cohasset residents about using their property the day of the shoot. Joy Place resident Priscilla Dresser said a representative from Disney knocked on her door Saturday and asked for permission to park some trucks in her driveway.

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

From left, Ben Bixby, Sarah Kidder, John Hertig and Ted Gledhill have come up with a plan to improve the traffic flow at the middle-high school before school.

Lot of headaches at CMHS

By Mary Ford
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The school day is stressful enough. So several Cohasset High seniors think they have found a way to eliminate at least one of life's hassles — the unworkable traffic pattern in the lower school parking lot from 7-7:30 a.m.

"No one has been run down, yet," said student council president Ben Bixby. But Bixby, Sarah Kidder, John Hertig and Ted Gledhill, who serve as student representatives to the school committee, don't want to see that happen.

So they've hatched a plan that includes prohibiting parents, who are dropping their children off, from cutting through the student/faculty parking lot, resulting in hair-raising near collisions.

In a report to the school committee, the students wrote: "Cohasset features one of the highest SUVs [sport utility vehicles] per capita on

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Playing bridge has its benefits

Seniors enjoy the challenge, camaraderie

By Mary Ford
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It's down right contagious.

No, it's not nasty colds or the dreaded flu — but a passion for the age-old card game of bridge.

"I started playing bridge at 10 years old," recalls Bill Wennerberg, who is now a certified bridge instructor.

"My father started me and then I stopped for college, the service, children, the dog and the attack parakeet," laughed the retired salesman. "I didn't get back into competitive bridge until about five years ago. I had forgotten how much I loved the game."

Wennerberg, who lives in Plymouth, brings his expertise in the game to Senior Center in Cohasset where his classes are drawing a crowd.

"The room is filled every Monday, I'm amazed," says Kathy Bryanton, director of the Council on Elder Affairs. "They get dressed for it. You'd think they were going to the Ritz the way they come in here.

"They are very enthusiastic about the game. There's a lot of challenge to it."

In fact, an animated Wennerberg,

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Bill Wennerberg teaches the finer points of bridge at the Senior Center on Monday.

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Disney looking to film in town

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She said she was told the scene they are shooting would be a funeral scene, and are hoping to film on April 30.

"They said they'd get in touch with me about a contract," she said. "He said they'd probably give me something $100 to use the driveway.

"It should be kind of fun."

The cemetery's board of directors said it understands there have been some inquiries and would only consider a written proposal.

The shoot would be a return to Cohasset for Sarandon who was one of the three witches in Eastwick, along with Michelle Pfeiffer, Cher, and a devilish Jack Nicholson.

Sarandon won an Academy Award for her performance in Dead Man Walking, and has also starred in "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," "Lorenzo's Oil," "Thelma & Louise," and "Step Mom."

Hoffman won Academy Awards for his roles in Rain Man and Kramer v. Kramer. He has also starred in "The Graduate," "All the President's Men," "Tootsie," and "Wag the Dog."

Haddad said the fact Disney is interested in filming in Cohasset, "is testimony to the beauty of the town."

This week in COHASSET

Story correction

In last week's story on the role of the school committee, the Mariner incorrectly reported that long-time member Ralph Kidder was on the board when Supt. Edward Malvey was hired. In fact, Kidder left the school committee in April 1998 and Malvey was hired that July by the new committee, Pat Martin, Mark DeGiacomo, Kathy Ofsthun, Rick Shea and Joe McElroy.

Thermal camera

The Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association is trying to raise money to help purchase a thermal imaging camera for the fire department. To that end, association members will have a camera on display and a bucket for donations by Town Hall on election day April 7. The cameras range in cost from $18,000-$23,000 and are used to help find people through the dark and smoke in burning buildings.

Meeting schedule

The following is a list of upcoming meetings, as of Tuesday, March 20:

- Growth & Development Committee, March 22, 7 p.m. at Town Hall
- Conservation Commission, March 22, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- Greenbush Citizens' Advisory Committee , March 24, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Hingham Town Hall
- Board of Assessors, March 27, 5 p.m. at Town Hall
- Osgood School PSO, March 27, 3:30 p.m. at the Osgood School
- Youth Resource Committee March 27, 7:30 at Town Hall
- Board of Health, April 3, 7 p.m. at Town Hall
- School Committee, April 5, 7:30 p.m., at the middle/high school library
- MBTA Wetlands Working Group, April 26, 8:30 a.m.

Harbor committee

Jack Brister resigned as the Cohasset Yacht Club's representative on the Cohasset Harbor Committee. In a letter sent to selectmen and the committee, yacht club commodore Charles Dean said vice-commodore Daniel Evans will replace Brister.

New flagpole

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Tuesday night that the new town flagpole is expected to be in place within two to three weeks.

The old flagpole was toppled over in this month's nor'easter. A weakness at the bottom of the pole caused it to break off.

Second car stickers

Selectmen voted Tuesday night to assess a $20 fee if a family wishes to buy an all-facilities sticker for a second car. Last year, the board decided to combine the Recycling Transfer Facility and Sandy Beach parking sticker for a cost of $50 per sticker.

Selectman Merle Brown, the board's liaison to the town recycling committee, said a number of people had asked him if the committee would continue to issue second stickers at no cost. Brown said the town shouldn't and requested the $20 charge for the second sticker. Also, if a family has an all-facilities sticker, they can purchase just a beach parking sticker for an additional $7.

The new stickers go into effect this summer.

Town docks

Selectmen said Tuesday night that the new town docks and Margin Street pier will not be painted but would be left in their current state.

The issue was raised at their meeting by Peter Laugelle, the town's former tree, park and cemetery superintendent, who begged the board not to allow the docks and piers be painted in "corporate colors." Laugelle was referring to the last summer's mini-controversy where Atlantica and Kimball's By the Sea owner Peter Roy, with the town's permission, painted a number of town-owned harbor-front properties in black and gray – his "corporate colors." Selectmen later asked Roy to repaint some parts the original color.

Selectmen had also allowed Roy to landscape and maintain Memorial Park and Lawrence Wharf, which Laugelle also objected too. He suggested putting it back under the Department of Public Work's responsibility.

However Town Manager Mark Haddad and the board said they received nothing but positive feedback about the parks, and would allow him to do keep on maintaining them this summer, if he chooses.

"We got a lot of compliments about Memorial Park," Selectman Merle Brown said.

"If someone wants to voluntarily maintain Memorial Park, I think we should let them," added Selectman Michael Sullivan.

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Community Preservation Act elicits varying viewpoints

Topic raised at candidates' night

By Mary Ford
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Proponents of the Community Preservation Act may face an uphill battle in Cohasset if Monday's candidates' night is a gauge.

Although the candidates who expressed differing views aren't running against each other — their opinions provided a window into the complexity of the preservation effort. Voters will decide at the polls April 7 whether to adopt the measure that would ad about $78 to the average annual tax bill.

The Chamber of Commerce and local taxpayers group sponsored the question-and-answer session at Town Hall for all candidates, opposed or unopposed.

In answering a question about whether Cohasset taxpayers could afford the preservation act, Planning Board candidate Peter Pratt, who supports adopting the act, said in essence they couldn't afford not to. He explained the cost of development in the end is more expensive because of increased municipal services and more children in the schools.

But selectman Merle Brown, who opposes the act, said seniors have been taxed enough and if they are forced to leave town, families with children who will fill the schools will move into their empty homes.

Debbie Cook, chairman of the group Citizens for the Preservation of Cohasset and is not running for office, was asked to make a presentation on the act at candidates night which was televised on local cable.

The enabling legislation allows cities and towns to levy a property tax surcharge of up to 3 percent per year to create the fund and qualify for a state matching grant. Cohasset proponents are recommending the town consider adopting a surcharge of 1.5 percent, calculated after exempting the first $100,000 of the property's assessed valuation. The 1.5 percent surcharge would be on the real estate tax, not on the value of the house.

Taxes collected under the Community Preservation Act would not be included under Proposition 2-1/2, the tax cap that limits the amount a town can raise its annual levy.

If the ballot question meets with voters' approval, the estimated annual revenues expected would be about $200,000. The owner of a home assessed at $350,000 would pay about $78 annually.

Cook touted its benefits including the fact the town would raise about $200,000 for open space, historical preservation and affordable housing — not counting matching funds from the state. But Elsa Miller, who is running unopposed for reelection to the Board of Assessors, disputed the figures Cook gave.

Miller said once certain properties are exempted from the tax rolls, the net gain to the town would not be as great. She said it was the consensus among the assessors to wait a year before adopting the act to see how other towns fare. (For more on the Community Preservation Act, see page 9).

Pratt and Richard Brown, who could not attend Monday, are vying for the open planning board seat.

School committee candidates, Adrienne MacCarthy and Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo fielded questions on a range of issues including special education, communication and the benefits of hiring a business manager.

Voters also got to see Sean Cunning, a political newcomer, who is running unopposed to the sewer commission. They also heard from Steve Bobo, who is running unopposed for the Board of Health, and Library Trustees Barbara Power, Sarah Pease and June Hubbard, who are also unopposed.

Power said the library would learn on June 7 whether the project at the old Osgood School is on the first round of construction grants from the state.

"We think we have a strong need and an excellent application and we're very optimistic," she said. If the grant comes through, construction on the new library could start in the fall. The town is planning to sell the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building, once the new library is finished.



Debbie Cook



Elsa Miller

Planning Board often faces lawyers, engineers

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Peter Pratt



Richard Brown

The Cohasset Planning Board, which is one of just two boards taking center stage this election season, can either be the friend of developers and enemy of environmentalists or vice versa, depending on the issue.

But chances are — whatever the planning board decides – won't come easily. With real estate a big-money business and preservation of open space the latest buzz phrase, the Planning Board doesn't have the luxury of remaining the somewhat informal, folksy board of days gone by, says chairman Al Moore.

"Business in a small town government until recently was done informally with a wink and a nod," said chairman Moore, who has served on the Planning Board for 15 years. "I'm not suggesting there was any illegality, more it was just out of ignorance. If you had asked the members of the town board what its responsibilities and purpose was, you'd get all sorts of different answers."

Come April 7, the five-member board will have a new face. Peter Pratt and Richard Brown are vying for the open seat on the planning board being vacated by Terry Atherton, who is not seeking reelection. The only other contested race in the Town Election this year is for the school committee.

The difference in the past 15 years, when Moore first won a five-year term on the five-member board, is the level of professionalism expected of the board by those that come before it.

"There is so much money involved now, everyone comes before the board with their lawyer and their engineer," Moore said. "They pay more attention to the details now."

Moore pointed out the development of Rose Hill as an example of the big-money business real estate has become. "There's 13 houses down there and I don't think one of them sold for under $650,000," he said.

The increase in development and the high price of real estate have led to another increase — court cases. Moore said project proponents are more than willing to appeal an unfavorable decision in court. The Planning Board has been involved in several legal cases in the past five years.

But it wasn't always that way.

"They used to come in and argue like the dickens," recalled former Planning Board chairman Dan Cotton, who served years back. "But I don't remember anyone suing."

As a result, Moore has become a big fan of giving approvals with a number of attached conditions. "We can't just turn something down, we have to have a legal reason," Moore said. "I believe it's better for the town to approve a plan with a number of conditions. If we turn it down, the burden of proof is with the town to prove why it turned it down. With conditions, the burden is put on the proponent."

The difference between the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals is how the respective boards work within the rules. Moore said the Planning Board can only rule within the guidelines of the town's zoning regulations. But if a proponent needs the rules "bent" via a special permit, or waiver, that's when the zoning board gets involved.

Moore said Planning Board members are a dedicated group. Members spend countless hours on the phone, in bi-monthly meetings and on site visits.

Moore singled out member Bob Sturdy, who is not afraid to speak his mind, as an example of the caliber of individual on the Planning Board.

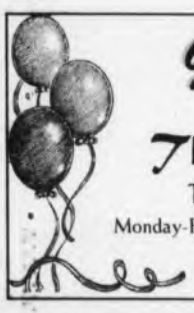
"We've been lucky to have some very bright people on this board," Moore said. "Whether you love him or hate him, [Sturdy] is one of the most brilliant engineers I've ever met. He sometimes might be kind of grating, but the town is lucky. You can't get a bad plan past him."

But despite having dedicated members, the board, which also counts Chris Ford, Terry Atherton and William Good as its elected members, needs a full-time professional on staff, according to Moore. The board has been using the services of part-time Town Planner Elizabeth Harrington, and Moore successfully lobbied to have the position expanded to full-time as part of the fiscal year 2002 town budget. "Town government is getting more sophisticated, he said. "This volunteer-part-time board needs a professional on staff nowadays."

Brown and Pratt, the candidates seeking to replace Atherton, agreed with Moore on the demand for increased professionalism of the board.

"The bottom line is that people are willing to spend more and more to develop less and less valuable land," Brown said. "When big money is at stake, people will go to court rather than accept a 'no' answer."

Pratt added. "I think Al Moore is right that developmental pressures, such as sprawl, that face us really demands some level of professional staff, and depends on the return to master planning so we can preserve and protect the reason we all choose to live here."



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Bradley A. Albanese makes an entrance

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Hello Cohasset. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the peek of Spring that we had. As I write this week's column, I do not know what the weather will do today and hope that it goes away fast! It is certainly time for us all to start looking for and growing those beautiful Spring flowers and cleaning up the mess that winter left behind in our yards.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

An invitation has been extended to all interested people to join the PAC/PSO open forum with the School Committee Candidates on Monday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Osgood Music Room. **Mark DeGiacomo, Pat Martin** and **Adrienne MacCarthy** will discuss issues and answer your questions. This is great chance to learn about each candidate before you cast your vote on Saturday, April 7.

KITCHEN TOUR

Tickets are now on sale for the South Shore Community Center's annual Kitchen Tour. This year, there are five distinctive and festively decorated Cohasset kitchens and dining rooms set for Friday, April 6 from 10:30-3 p.m. As with past tours, each of this year's homes will spotlight formal and informal tablescapes by the homeowners or area professionals, as well as tempting treats by some of the South Shore's finest caterers. Tickets are limited and may be purchased at the Center or by calling 383-0088. Tickets are $25 each (while available) throughout the day of the tour. Funds from the tour are used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center.

ART AWARDS

Three Cohasset students were recently recognized for their artwork that was submitted to the Boston Globe's "Scholastic Art Awards" program. The awards ceremony was held at the John Hancock Hall in Boston on Feb. 10 of this year. This program is an annual statewide competition to recognize top artistic talent in the areas of painting, sculpture, computer graphics, textiles and mixed media, with selected pieces going forward to a national competition in Washington, D.C. The three students honored each received Honorable Mention awards and should be very proud of themselves. They are: **Abbey Coakley**, junior; **Laura Genello** and **Alicia Laas**, both seniors. Congratulations girls on your wonderful achievements!

ELECTION SUPPER

The Annual Election Supper will be held on Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m., at the Beechwood Congregational Church. This is an opportunity for those running for town offices to be introduced. Roast pork, Harvard beets, green beans, potato, dessert and beverages will be served. This year, a mailing announcing the Election supper will be sent to those who typically attend Beechwood's suppers in lieu of phone calls. Ticket prices are $7.99 for adults and $3.99 for children. Please call 383-1298 to make reservations.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send me all your great news and upcoming events at: EMAIL: jenpiep@yahoo.com Phone: 923-1057 Mail: 622 CJC Highway Fax: 923-1035 (let me know that it is coming please!) Have a great week!

BOOK DONATED

In memory of Grace Donahue, on behalf of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, member Doris Flint donates a copy of "The Adventurous Gardener" to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Accepting the book is Susan Watrous.



NEW ARRIVAL

We have a new "Cohasseteer" in our town to announce. **Bradley Anderson Albanese** made his entrance on Feb. 26, 2001, born three weeks early but still weighing in at 8 lbs. 3 oz and 19-1/2 ins. long. Bradley is the son of **Kimberly and Greg Albanese** of Cedar Ledge Village. What a wonderful way to start this new season, enjoy your new little bundle!

LIBRARY CORNER

New artist



Judy St. Peter, whose artwork is on display at the library, interprets her subjects with playful use of color, texture and line.

Cohasset resident Judy St. Peter is currently featured as Artist of the Month at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. St. Peter began her artistic career as a commercial artist after attending the Art Institute of Boston where she majored in graphic design and an interest in fine arts. She worked for several printing companies as a designer and layout artist and also freelanced.

St. Peter primarily concentrates on acrylic painting after experimenting with several other mediums. Her focus on abstract elements creates interesting pieces through movement and energy in her paintings. "Instead of just painting what I see, I interpret my subject with playful use of color, texture and line."

Currently a gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center, she has received recognition from local exhibits and one-woman shows. St. Peter's paintings are on display through April 25 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Substance abuse

Do you ever think to yourself, "Why doesn't someone do something about it?" The corner store is selling to minors. Your teenage daughter tells you that the seniors plan to drink all night after the prom at someone's house, and the parents say it is okay. Now you have an opportunity to learn how to make a positive change in your community. "Community First Steps: Strategies for Preventing Alcohol & Other Drug Use Among Youth" has 17 different methods for creating strong, safe communities. The resource manual was produced by the Massachusetts Prevention Center, a program of Mount Auburn Hospital Center for Community Health in Cambridge. A copy of the manual is now available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

The manual, funded by the Mass. Dept. of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, is an easy-to-use format with complete strategy descriptions, outlines for implementation, resources and helpful hints. It includes "how to's" for getting people involved, running productive meetings, fund-raising, working with the media and evaluating your success.

You can also find the manual at the Prevention Center library at 552 Mass Ave., Suite 203 in Cambridge. Call the center at (617) 441-0700 to reserve a copy of the manual or for help with implementing any of the strategies.

Internet tutoring

Individual internet tutoring sessions, taught by local volunteer Jim Benedict, begin on Monday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at the library. Pre-registration is required by calling the library at 383-1348.

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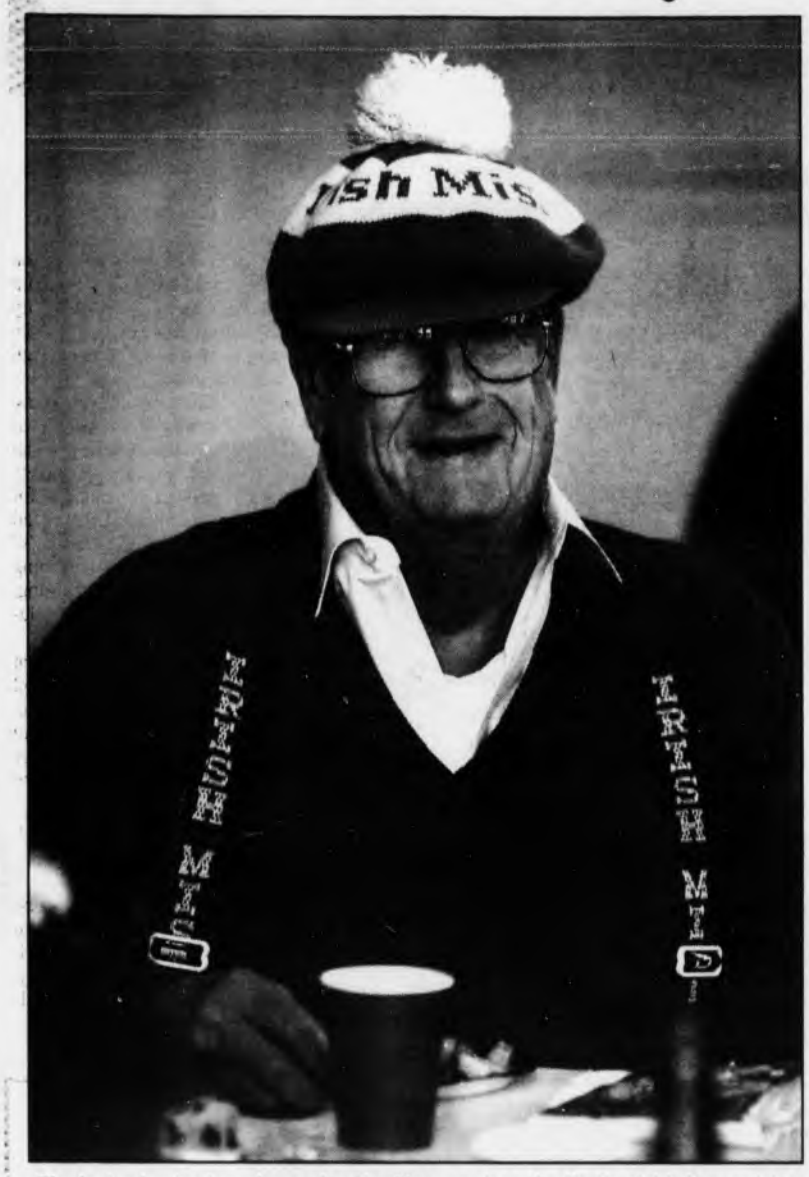
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Charlotte Checks In...
Dear Friends,
Teresa and I recently returned from *Magic!*, one of the largest fashion expos in the country... and the new spring fashions we found for The Boutique will do magical things for your wardrobe... everything from wedding and cruise wear to swimsuits (new for 2001!)... and, of course, accessories, from cool to chic to elegant. Please stop by often to check out our new arrivals... we're open every day, Monday through Saturday from 9:00 to 5:30 and Sunday, noon to five, in Scituate Harbor.
The Salon is gearing up for spring as well, and with several new staff members, it's become easier to schedule appointments to fit your busy days (or nights) with our evening appointments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you're ready for a fresh, easy spring look, you should try "The Shift," the latest innovation from the Redken Exchange in New York City (only at Charlotte's). While you're being adventurous, try some tasteful - and fun - nail art for special occasions or vacations, and don't forget to treat your winter weary feet to a relaxing pedicure in our new pedicure suite. All of us at Charlotte's Salon and Charlotte's Boutique look forward to helping you swing into spring in style!
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Partying on St. Pat's Day









Clockwise beginning above: Joe Buckley gets into the St. Patrick's Day spirit. Ellen Londergan dons an Irish cap at the St. Patrick's Day party sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs at St. Anthony's Parish Hall last week. Nathan Riley, who goes to Derby Academy, plays piano for the seniors at the party at St. Anthony's. Christine Guinee serves punch at the party.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Cohasset Village Community Workshop

Monday, March 26 @ 7:30 pm

St. Anthony's Church Parish Center - 129 South Main St.

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, in partnership with the Town of Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force, is sponsoring the fourth in a series of five community workshops to develop designs for infrastructure, circulation, and streetscape improvements in Cohasset Village. The workshop will be held on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 pm at the St. Anthony's Church Parish Center.

The Cecil Group, urban landscape design consultants, will review various design alternatives for new sidewalk and crosswalk dimensions and materials, a one-way travel pattern in the Village, reversing the existing parking configuration on Depot Court, changing some of the parking along S. Main St. from angle to parallel, improve parking and circulation in the rear municipal parking lot, and providing pedestrian-scale lighting and other forms of streetscape amenities.

The design ideas presented at this workshop are a culmination of the public input received, land survey information completed, and the work of the designers at The Cecil Group. The goal of this workshop is to reach agreement on some of the options, refine the existing ideas, and formalize a community consensus on definitive aesthetic, circulation, and safety changes to the village infrastructure.

Preliminary designs and ideas are on display at the CRC office located at 87 Elm Street (across from Kimball's). Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Tuesday 12:00 – 8:00 pm.

Cohasset Village Survey Results

1) **Do you support the idea of removing the overhead utility lines?**
Yes: 84% No: 16%

2) **Do you support the idea of installing new sidewalks and decorative street lighting?**
Yes: 82% No: 18%

3) **What kind of paving materials would you like to see on the sidewalks?**
Brick: 39% Concrete: 17% Concrete with Decorative Border: 16%

4) **Should pedestrian street crossings have a textured paving material?**
Yes: 60% No: 40%

5) **Would you support the use of different paving patterns at major intersections?**
Yes: 49% No: 51%

6) **If land is available, should additional parking be created in the town parking lot?**
Yes: 80% No: 20%

7) **Would you support the loss of some on-street parking along Elm & Brook St to create new sidewalks that prevent cars from parking on them?**
Yes: 54% No: 46%

8) **Would better regulation of times and locations of deliveries ease congestion?**
Yes: 64% No: 36%

9) **Should the intersection in front the South Shore Art Center be altered?**
Yes: 71% No: 29%

10) **Should a one-way travel pattern be considered at the intersection of Elm, Brook and South Main Street?**
Yes: 43% No: 57%

11) **Is Elm Street too wide and out of scale with the surrounding environment?**
Yes: 33% No: 67%

12) **Would better signage, pedestrian scale lighting and linking sidewalks on Elm Street improve the connection between the Village and the Harbor?**
Yes: 57% No: 43%

13) **In general, do you agree that infrastructure improvements are needed in theVillage?**
Yes: 80% No: 20%

Note: A complete list of survey comments is available at the CRC office.

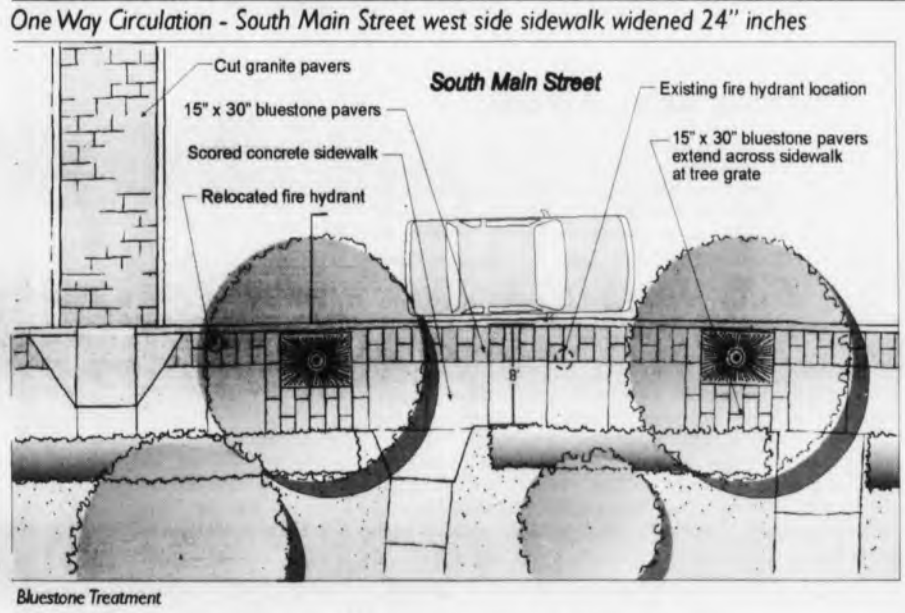


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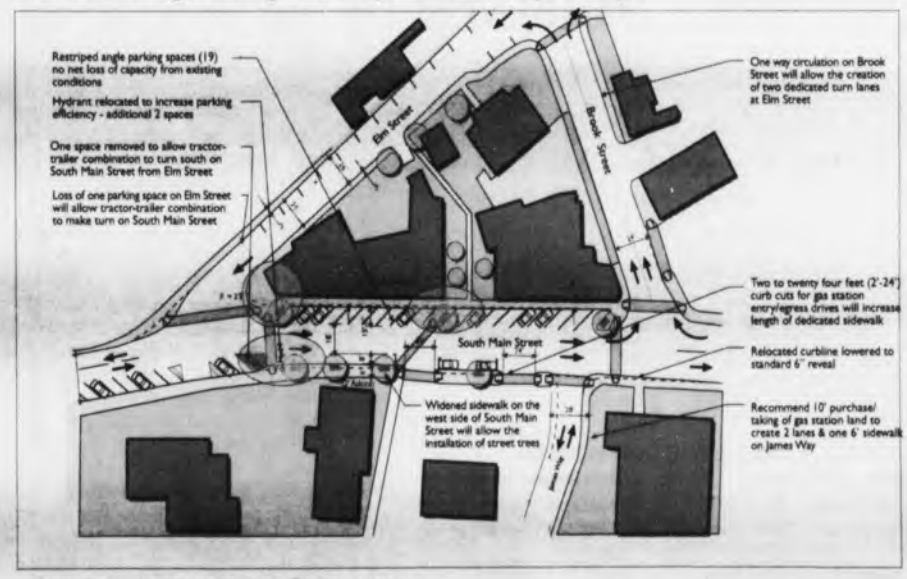
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Traffic solution

We have to agree with Ted Gledhill, Sarah Kidder, John Hertig and Ben Bixby — 7 in the morning is just to early to play "dodge 'em" with vehicles and pedestrians in the middle-high school parking lot.

The scene before school almost resembles a game of bumper cars, although thankfully, at this point there have only been near misses. The crux of the problem is impatient parent drivers who opt out of the long line of "SUVs" waiting to drop their children off at one of the school's doors and then, cut through the lot with no intention of parking there. These parents wreak havoc as they go against traffic, when they try to exit the parking lot.

The school committee warmly received the seniors' plan to improve the traffic flow at its meeting last week. School administrators are working with the students to iron out the details, which once finalized will be shared with student drivers and parents.

At first glance, we wondered why so many parents are driving their students to school when there are buses available. But, as school committee member Mark DeGiacomo says, the early morning ride provides some one-on-one time for a working parent to spend with his or her child.

Sarah said before she started driving, her father always drove her to school for that same reason.

The other reason for not taking the bus is with classes starting at 7:20 a.m., many teens would have to catch the bus as early as 6:40 a.m. And those extra minutes at that hour in the morning can mean a lot.

But no matter how you may feel about parents driving their kids to school or teens who want a few extra minutes of sleep in the morning — the new traffic flow pattern at the school will be an improvement over the current situation.

Thanks, Mrs. Cantelmo

As Marilee Cantelmo said back in 1998 — moving a house is hard but can you imagine moving a 70-year-old school? Mrs. Cantelmo can imagine that because she lived it.

Under her leadership, the move from the old to new Osgood schools was a smooth one. And anyone who's moved into a brand-new house knows there are lots of little and not so little "punch list" items that need attention. A new school is no different, except it's 10 times larger and the punch list considerably longer. During all the upheaval, Mrs. Cantelmo still handled all the other duties that go along with being principal of a K-3 elementary school including management issues, reams of paperwork, grant writing and overseeing 500 kids and dozens of staff.

Last week, she tendered her resignation and has decided to pursue other challenges in the education field.

We wish her well and thank her for five years of dedicated service to Cohasset schoolchildren.

— Mary Ford
Editor

Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on April 7, are now available at the town clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon on Friday, April 6, 2001, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only: absence from the town during the hours the polls is open; physical disability or religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on election day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the town clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the town clerk's office by April 7 to be counted.

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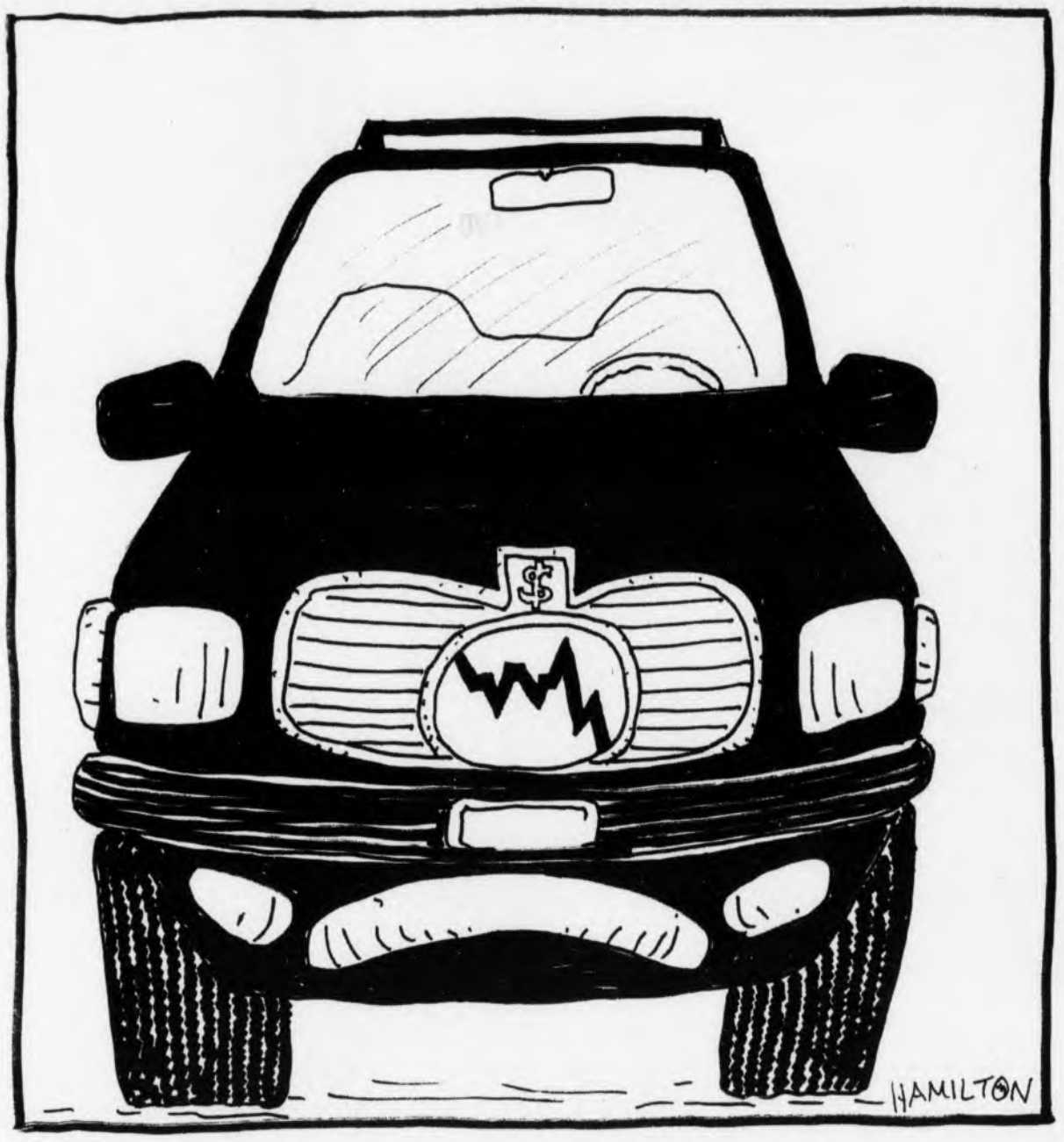
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The railroad and nuclear energy

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week the Mariner included an insert, paid for by an anti-train group, detailing the considerable health hazards of emissions from diesel engines and from coal burning electric generating plants. The insert made little or no mention of the health hazards of burning gasoline in vehicles, or of burning oil or natural gas to produce electricity.

Solar, wind, biomass, and other renewables may be relatively clean. But they are not going to provide the massive amounts of energy we need for transportation and electricity generation, no matter how much money,. tax incentives and wishful thinking is directed at them. Conservation only modifies the supply requirement; it doesn't replace supply. (So far, whatever has been achieved in electricity conservation has been almost exactly offset by ever-new uses for electricity, by increased use for air conditioning, and by switching to electricity in industrial processes).

The long term answer, increasingly recognized in many pragmatic European and Asian nations, is electricity generated by nuclear energy. We must set aside such false mantras as "no known solution to disposal of nuclear waste", and recognize that the Three Mile Island accident demonstrated the safety that can be achieved with nuclear energy, not the opposite. (Chernobyl demonstrated the fecklessness of the Soviet system, rather than that nuclear energy can't be safely exploited).

Well, I'm all for the railroad, even if it begins with diesels. Best to establish a working system without delay, before the cost becomes even greater, and electrify it later. The perpetually full parking garages on the Red Line, and our increasingly clogged highways, surely demonstrate that alternate public transportation is desperately needed. Boats aren't going to make much of a dent in the growing need, nor does substituting buses for automobiles seem to be more than a feeble stop gap.

In the long run, electrified rail is the ideal answer. In the long run, nuclear energy is going to be our major energy source for generating electricity, so we'd better start learning the facts about it, and dismiss the nonsense that has been our fare for some years...But there isn't electricity to spare at this time for the railroad, and we certainly shouldn't be generating it with fossil fuels, nor kidding ourselves that we will get it from wind, solar, fermented garbage etc.

If the environmentalists can face reality and lean on the anti-train crowd, maybe we'll get moving toward the ideal answer: electrified rail served by nuclear-electric generating plants..

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Communication links

TO THE EDITOR:

At the March 15 School Committee meeting, Ted Malvey, Superintendent of Schools, announced that he had formed a "Superintendent Communication Links" forum. This group is comprised of parents who represent all of the schools in Cohasset either via the PSO, School Council or the PAC. The first meeting was held on Tuesday March 20, and it seemed appropriate as an extension of this communications link to share the meeting with the public at large.

The first topic of discussion, which is always near and dear to every parent's heart, was the school calendar for 2001/02. The first day of school for next year is Sept. 5. This naturally led to the question of when the last day of school this year is — assuming we have no further snow days! It will be Friday, June 22, and no, the Commissioner of Education has not granted any waivers because of the statewide state of emergency during the last storm!

The proposed budget for 2001/02 was the next topic. Since this is well documented, there was little discussion. For those of you who feel the need for extra detail, please contact the Superintendent's office for a complete copy of the budget package. One of the components of the budget is the Middle School sports program. This program will be the subject of many discussions in the future, and I encourage all parents to familiarize themselves with the proposed "no cut" policy vs. the intramural policy that is also being discussed. Either Ron Ford or Dr. Michael Jones can answer specific questions you may have regarding these proposed programs.

Next up, the building renovations for Deer Hill and the Middle/High School. Again, these topics are well covered in the press. Some dates of interest, though, are the proposed completion for both projects. The anticipated completion for Deer Hill is December 2002, while the Middle/High School project is not slated to be completed until December of 2003—more likely it will be the early part of 2004.

Ted also mentioned that he has formed a Transportation Task force to look into all transportation issues as they relate to the Cohasset Public Schools. This group is comprised of both teachers and parents, and they met for the first time on Monday, March 19. Their charge is to look at what we should be doing with regard to transportation issues in the future. Should we provide more transportation? Less? Their recommendations will, I'm sure, be of great interest to all parents!

For the next school year there will be a number of positions open in the school district. All of these positions will be posted within the schools. Outside advertising will be placed for some of the open positions as well. If any parents are interested in participating in the search for the new elementary principal, he/she should contact one of the School Committee members.

We then had a general discussion that revolved around changes in the schools as a result of Ed Reform. It became clear that there is a great deal of misinformation and confusion surrounding Ed Reform. A suggestion was made that perhaps some kind of fact sheet be mailed to all parents summarizing the highlights of Ed Reform. Given the discussion we had, this certainly seems like a worthwhile effort!

In closing, I think all who participated in this forum found it tremendously informative and beneficial. Thanks to Ted for suggesting it and implementing it. We'll continue to share all the information with as many people as we can, and in doing so we hope we'll come up with topics for future meetings.

Jane Pescatore President
Cohasset PSO

Article 7 opposed

TO THE EDITOR:

Article 7 in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant is an attempt to fundamentally change the character of our future Meetings. Since before the Revolution, in fact as far back as 1715 any 10 citizens in the Towns of Massachusetts could place a matter before the Annual Town Meeting for discussion and vote. Special Town Meetings are usually called to deal with financial issues and other unforeseen business of the Town. To keep to the narrow focus of Special Town Meetings 100 signatures are required to place a matter before the town. There is no reason to adopt the restrictive rules of Special Meetings and apply they to our Annual Meeting forevermore.

Article 7 will diminish the right to petition government. If this law was in place the Mendel Road citizens would not be tied into the sewer system, the Church Street resident would still have the large tree blocking his driveway, the Doane Street bridge would still be in need of repair, a large area of the Town would still be zoned for commercial landfills. Alumni Field at the High School was built because a 10 Citizen Article passed Town meeting. A 10 Citizen Article passed the Town Manager position over the objection of the then Selectmen. Ten Citizen Articles keep the elected officials responsive. It is a major undertaking to obtain 100 signatures. Our Town would have less justice if citizens concerns could not be resolved as they have for generations.

Our Town Meeting Moderator, George Marlette, does a fine job of moving the meeting forward. There are Rules to fairly limit debate including the right of any person at the Meeting to "Call the Question" a procedural method of formally ending debate and voting the question. Article 7 will deny access to justice to some, and diminish us all.

Please vote No on Article 7.

Kevin F. O'Donnell
248 King St.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For selectman: Are concerns about private business interests being involved in plans to revitalize the village justified?

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

No. I don't see anything wrong with engaging in a public-private partnership. If we can get assistance from private parties we should not reject it out of hand. I am also comfortable with the arrangement since all proposals to date cannot be done unless the Town is in agreement. In my book, there is no automatic entitlement simply because private money is being spent.

I believe the village and harbor areas could use improvement in appearance. That these would benefit the private business proponent is logical, or they wouldn't be proposed. That doesn't bother me if the exchange brings benefit to all village and harbor merchants and the Town as a whole. Some appear resistant to any change whatsoever. Realistically, though, I don't think we need fear becoming a Newport-like destination. But I also don't think it is the end of the world if we have first class businesses and physical appearance in the village and harbor that reflect that we are a town that is relatively well-off, geographically blessed and otherwise physically attractive.

I also believe, though, that a public-private partnership is and should be a two-way street, a true partnership. This has not happened so far to the degree I'd like to see. This means that the quid prop quo should be a greater town input in the design, use and appearance of adjacent properties of the proponents, beyond that of mere permitting. Improvement of these areas of Town cannot be done in a vacuum.

SELECTMAN/Merle Brown

No. Why should it be? Nothing can be done without town meeting voting on it. This is not an uncommon thing, it happens in a lot of towns. I think it is great that these people are willing to take the initiative to get involved.

Planning board: Are concerns about private business interests being involved in plans to revitalize the village justified?

PLANNING BOARD/Peter Pratt

Yes, I certainly believe that citizen concerns about the influence of private business interests in the village revitalization process are legitimate. Given my own strong concerns, I was one of many signatories on last fall's citizen petition addressed to town officials on these issues.

Under our democratic system, none of us should ever hesitate to publicly try to influence governmental decisions, nor be surprised when others in business and private life do so. What is surprising and troubling however is the degree to which the developmental agenda of the town has come to be set by private interests. Development interests will always prevail when the Town does not advance the larger public interest.

Business took the lead in village planning because the town had failed to do so for over 35 years. Expansion of the Red Lion Inn proves that our bylaws should allow for Town purview over historically significant buildings outside of the Common district, and that our licensing and permitting powers need to be better coordinated. The MBTA has demonstrated our lack of a fiscal and legal strategy to protect Town owned open space. Commercial development in the harbor shows the need for a new harbor management plan that speaks to land based impacts. Our sewer projects and Title V septic advances compel us to update our subdivision control bylaws.

I seek the open seat on the Planning Board in an effort to help reassert the primacy of the Town in setting our developmental agenda.

PLANNING BOARD/ Richard Brown

Village revitalization is a very timely controversial proposal. No doubt, the Town has become a bit tired over the years. Yet, no one wants to see it turn into Disneyland north.

Changes in the central area of Cohasset will affect both residents and businesses. Each should have input into formulating plans for any changes. Our downtown businesses are generally fragile, with few exceptions. Residents are worried about sweeping changes that will dramatically alter the character of Cohasset. Thus, both business and residential inputs must be successfully blended if the project is to go forward. Keep in mind, no work at all can be done without the approval of the Town and its voters. Thus, the voters have ultimate control.

School committee: What do you see as the benefits of MCAS testing?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

I believe that the current level of debate does not diminish the fact that there are a number of benefits to having a program such as the MCAS tests administered on a regular basis. The MCAS tests provide us with an objective gauge of how well our children are learning the current curriculum. If properly used, the MCAS test results can point out areas in need of improvement, whether these areas pertain to an individual student, teacher or encompass a larger problem with the curriculum.

I am a firm believer in the value of a quality public school system and the equalizing role it plays in our society. Prior to the MCAS tests, there was no real mechanism in place to insure all of our schools were adequately teaching the state mandated curriculum. As a result, there were some school systems in our state graduating functionally illiterate children. When the public school system fails a student, it also fails our society. A student should not be short-changed on his or her education because they do not live in an affluent community. The MCAS tests can insure that every student graduating from a public school in this state has a certain level on knowledge and skill by holding the schools accountable for their students performance. The MCAS tests are not perfect and they continue to evolve, but there are numerous benefits to be derived from such a program.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Mark DeGiacomo

The MCAS tests were established to insure that all Massachusetts students are taught the same high quality curriculum. Another goal was the elimination of the practice in some school districts of graduating seniors who had not achieved a reasonable proficiency level. Although these are laudable goals, not surprisingly the implementation of such a vast new program has run into several bumps along the road. The Department of Education is continuing to struggle with issues such as which subjects should be taught at which grades and how to decrease the number of hours that are taken out of the school day for testing.

Recently, the MCAS strict graduation requirement has received quite a bit of publicity. While I do not oppose the inclusion of a modified graduation requirement, I believe more accommodations need to be given to students with special needs and students for whom English is a second language. Exceptions also need to be made for students who would otherwise be well qualified to receive a diploma but who cannot pass the MCAS, no matter how often they try. I believe that the graduation requirement should be temporarily suspended until these very serious issues can be worked out. Denying these students a high school diploma would be detrimental not only to them but to society as a whole.

If necessary changes are made, I believe the MCAS can fulfill the vision of the drafters of Education Reform and be a positive vehicle for change in schools throughout the Commonwealth.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

As a testing instrument, I see MCAS as having several benefits. First, it allows administrators to determine how well individual schools have adopted the state mandated curriculum frameworks imposed on districts several years ago. Second, the test can indicate how well teachers have done implementing the curriculum into the classroom. And third, MCAS can assess each students competency on a particular subject area or on even a single question. This type of feedback is very helpful as it allows schools to focus attention at the specific area needing improvement.

With the current administration that's in place at both the state and federal level, it's clear high stakes testing is here to stay. Through continued lobbying efforts, however, school committees like Cohasset's have successfully pushed the state to make improvements. For example, this year testing will be spread out among grades resulting from expressed concern regarding the intensive time demand on the 4, 8 and 10 grades. In response to unique issues of special needs students taking the test, the state has required individual assistance for students on IEPs.

In our FY2002 budget, the School Committee has included additional MCAS tutorial help as well as computer software in an effort to address areas targeted for improvement and assist students who need extra help preparing for the tests. Although some may continue to argue that MCAS are not at all beneficial to little avail, we will use it as a tool to achieve another measure of excellence in our schools.

Next week's questions

For selectman candidates: What can selectmen do to improve relations between police and some members of the community who think the police are too tough on teens?

For planning board candidates: Given your druthers, what would you envision for the former Webb-Norfolk site on Rte. 3A?

For school committee candidates: Although only the bottom line of the school budget is approved at Town Meeting, does the school department have a moral obligation to spend the budgeted line items as presented to voters and not move money around?

Answers must be received by 5 p.m. Monday. Responses, which must be no longer than 250 words, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com, sent by fax to 7441-2931 or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. For more information, call Mary Ford at 741-2933. Candidates, who are opposed or unopposed are welcome to submit photos and formal announcements of their candidacies. The Mariner will also publish a candidates' corner that is limited to a few lines (about 150 words) from any candidate who wishes to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

Geographic name game

When I was growing up, I distinctly remember a country in Europe called the Irish Free State. Somewhat later, it became Eire and then Ireland, which it is called today, except by romantics who still think of it as Erin, as in "Erin Go Bragh."

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



There was a country in Africa called the Belgian Congo, which became independent as the Congo, then Zaire, then the Republic of the Congo to distinguish it from the next-door Democratic Republic of the Congo, which used to be known as the Middle Congo when the French were in charge.

My brother served our uncle in an area that came to be called the China-Burma-India Theater. They couldn't call it that today. But China-Myanmar-India somehow doesn't have the same ring to it. The natives seem to like it though.

And they say our kids do poorly in geography. Nonsense. It's just that the map won't hold still long enough for them to learn it.

Even the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is getting into the act.. What used to be the Martha's Vineyard town of Gay Head is now the town of Aquinnah. That's just the town. The colorful headland remains Gay Head.

The state of Maine is busily rounding up all its place names in order to replace the word "squaw" with the word "moose" so as not to offend the Native Americans. Hence, Big Squaw Pond will become Big Moose Pond and Big Squaw Mountain will be Big Moose Mountain, although the ski development will still be Big Squaw Mountain Resort.

The community of Boystown in Nebraska has quietly become Girls and Boystown, Neb., although the title of the old movie starring Spencer Tracey and Mickey Rooney will remain the same.

Most of the changes in the map have followed a change in the political winds.

Leningrad, named for the communist revolutionary, reverted to the old designation of St. Petersburg, named for the tsar who founded it, when the Russians overthrew the Soviets in 1991.

Likewise, Stalingrad, site of the climactic battle of World War II, became Volgograd the same year, although its original name was Tsaritsin prior to the coming of the Reds.

The city of Saigon in Vietnam was renamed Ho Chi Minh City as soon as the Americans and their allies left. When I first looked at a map back in the '30s, the whole shebang — and Cambodia and Laos, too —was know as French Indo China.

The Chinese capital city was known as Peiping back then. Later it became Pekin and now I see they call it Beijing. The Indians (the real ones, not the Native Americans) have changed the names of best known cities, Calcutta to Kolkata and Bombay to Mumbai.

Don't chuckle.

It wasn't that long ago when the PC crowd wanted to change the name of the town of Amherst to something else, anything else, because the colonial soldier for which it was named was mean to the Native Americans.

And the city of Lynn was giving serious thought to changing its name to Ocean Park so that people couldn't chant "Lynn, Lynn, the city of sin" any more.

Early spring birding — some surprises and some treats

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON



The month of March

Sports writers write of March Madness. "Beware the Ides of March", wrote Shakespeare. William Cullen Bryant wrote a poem, describing March as follows:

The stormy March has come at last,
With wind, and cloud, and changing skies:
I hear the rushing of the blast
That through the snowy valley flies.

Many New Englanders complain about March and early April being the worst time of year. Certainly our weather has been quixotic the past few weeks. Many birders consider March to be a less than exciting month for birding. After all, the weather is windy and chilly, the winter birds are leaving, and the best of migration is yet to begin. But wait! There are some interesting things to look for.

The first to arrive

Have you seen the flocks of grackles that started arriving from the southern states in February? I saw my first Turkey Vulture of the year on Feb. 11. Red-winged Blackbirds are also early spring arrivals. Many people think that seeing a robin is the first sign of spring. In actual fact, we have robins around here all winter. Not as many as there will be later on, it is true, but some flocks hang on. What do they eat? It is not easy to find worms in winter, so they change their diet to include berries. This ability to adapt their feeding habits enables them to survive the winter without having to migrate farther south. Some of our winter robins have migrated here from points farther north.



PHOTO BY MARK CASSINO

Common Grackle perching on a branch.

The new spring look

Perhaps you have noticed that American Goldfinches are looking blotchy as they turn bright yellow again. I am often asked where the goldfinches go in the winter. The answer is that they stay here, but molt into such drab grayish plumage that they are easy to overlook. From now on they will be hard to miss. If you have spent time looking at winter ducks on the ocean, you are probably familiar with the Horned Grebe, a small black and white diving bird with a distinctive black cap. Try looking for them near the causeway on World's End before they leave for their breeding grounds in the Arctic. If you are lucky, you may catch the metamorphosis into the rufous neck, black throat, and bright yellow ear patches of breeding plumage. How's that for a totally new look? Even European Starlings go through some striking plumage changes. The white tips of their winter feathers become worn and disappear, turning this often-unloved bird into a glossy greenish-black beauty.

Some leave, others arrive

Winter birds are still here, but will gradually leave, as the strong southerly winds encourage them northward. The variety and number of sea ducks will be less, with the Red-breasted Mergansers and the Buffleheads among the last to leave. Some of our feeder birds will also leave, such as the Dark-eyed Juncos, White-throated Sparrows, and American Tree Sparrows. The next new arrivals will include Eastern Phoebes, Tree Swallows, Killdeer and Osprey.

What's that song?

Already there is more bird song in the air as the breeding season approaches. I hear cardinals and Mourning Doves regularly now. The Black-capped Chickadee is a tricky one, though. Its "Chick-a-dee-dee" song is easily recognized. But listen carefully. The chickadees are beginning to sing their springtime song, a clearly whistled "Fee-bee". The first note is higher than the second note. This is a good time of year to bone up on identifying birds by their voices. While there are fewer different songs in the air, try to identify every song you hear. Later, when migration is in full swing, this will make it easier to sort out the familiar from the unfamiliar.

Courtship behavior

Blue Jays, always flashy, noisy and aggressive, become downright raucous in the spring as they join together in flocks. These flocks are made up mostly of males who follow a lone female leader as they fly around, trying out their entire vocalization repertoire. After forming pairs, though, and during nest building and egg laying, Blue Jays become very quiet and stay out of sight. Ducks begin going through some amazing courtship displays, even before leaving for their more northerly nesting grounds. Watching these contortions can be a lot of fun. Before long it will be time to witness the remarkable aerial displays of the American Woodcock at sundown.

Don't give up on early spring birding. With less going on, it is a good time to concentrate on the details and get really well acquainted with certain species. You never know when you will encounter something unusual and unexpected, making your birding outing truly memorable, and March not such a bad month after all!

Joanne Norton is a licensed bird-bander, avid birder, and a member of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force and the Turkey Hill Management Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taxing concerns

MR. MICHAEL BUCKLEY
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

The Annual Town Meeting Warrant advises that a Proposition 2-1/2 override will be necessary this year and that it is coming a year sooner than previously projected. In addition, the Town Manager projects an average tax increase of $466.40 for the average home, or $6,302.40. Such an increase (8 percent) is "huge" by any measure and I am under the impression that annual tax increases will continue to escalate far more than inflation rates.

Before Town Meeting votes on Article 3 (the Operating Budget), I respectfully ask that you present a handout to attendees with the attached information.

The information is requested because the Town Meeting Warrant needs to be supplemented by information about the accuracy of past budget projections and the prognosis for future budgets as well as their impact on the average tax for the typical Cohasset home.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Editor's note: Mr. McElroy included an attachment with his letter to Michael Buckley asking for five years of historical financial data and a five year financial projection.

Youth basketball

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Recreation Commission wishes to thank the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club for another fine Basketball Program and season.

Special thanks to Don DeMichele, president and treasurer of CBBC, for his magnanimous effort overseeing the hundred of details of this operation. Also, Kevin Crough, who coordinated the grades 1 to 3 clinics, should be thanked for all of his time and efforts overseeing the clinical program.

Gratitude is extended to the many parental coaches and grade coordinators for their interest, efforts and time.

Gratitude is also extended to Ron Ford, Athletic Director at Cohasset High School, for his effort, time and support of this and other recreational programs.

Recreation-Boosters Basketball serves over 350 youngsters in grades 1 to 8 and is demonstrative of what can be produced by a community effort, reflecting the best interests and needs of so many children.

Jack Worley, Director
Cohasset Recreation Department

Accessory dwellings

TO THE EDITOR:

Having just read through my recently-delivered warrant for town meeting, I am writing to express my sincere opposition to Article 21, the so-called Accessory Dwelling article.

I'm sure that the proponents of this article will tell us that its primary purpose is to help out some of the house-rich, cash-poor seniors in our community who truly are having a hard time making ends meet on their fixed incomes. There are three principal points I would like to make:

First, Article 21 really does nothing to help our seniors who are in this predicament;

Second, this article has the potential to cause more harm to our community than anything I've seen in the seven years in which I've lived here, which far outweighs any potential benefit to the handful of seniors who might take advantage of Article 21; and

Third, it is apparent that the real purpose of Article 21 has little to do with helping out our needy seniors, but is in reality an end-around our zoning by-laws to allow for spot zoning of multi-unit housing in single-family neighborhoods throughout our community.

As to the first point:

Proponents will tell us that seniors who have owned their homes here for many years are unable to afford the escalating property taxes which have resulted from increased property values and ever-higher tax rates. No question, this is a problem for those on meager, fixed incomes. I personally know individuals in this town for whom this is an issue. But we already have a mechanism to help them out, namely, the laws which allow for low-income seniors to abate their taxes and/or to defer payment of taxes in their entirety until there is a transfer of the house. (Incidentally, 14 seniors in our community presently take advantage of the property tax deferral law.) I've heard it said that to take this course of action somehow is demeaning to our senior citizens. I don't quite understand why that is. I only will say that if our seniors are looking for help with their property tax payments, there is a very simple process already in place which does not involve this proposed wholesale change in our town's zoning bylaws which has the potential to negatively and adversely affect everyone's quality of life and property values (including those same senior citizens.)

I've also heard the argument that seniors do not want to pass on the costs of their deferred property taxes to their heirs. Pardon my exasperation on this point, but let's consider the simple reality: The heirs will be the beneficiaries of a huge windfall when they inherit the property, on which the deferred property taxes will be a truly insignificant sum when compared to the years of appreciation of the real estate. The taxes may go up by a few hundred dollars each year, but the property value increases by tens of thousands of dollars. This is truly a non-sensical argument in support of this article.

In addition, where are these supposedly cash-strapped seniors supposed to get the huge sum of money - at least $30,000-$50,000 for a new kitchen, new bath, code-conforming electrical and plumbing, and code-conforming second-egress alterations - that it will cost to renovate their homes to provide for a separate apartment? Am I missing something here?

As to my second point, we have to ask ourselves, both individually and as a community, what the implications of Article 21 will mean. Consider the following provisions of this proposed by-law:

Section 15.2(5) requires that there must be an off-street parking space for each bedroom—which means that lots of green space in backyards in our town will now have to be black-topped to provide for the required parking. I'm sure none of us had a clue that some day we might be living next to a mini-parking lot when we bought our homes;

Section 15.2(6) asserts that the exterior of the structure may not be altered, except for outside stairways, which are required under state law to provide a second means of egress for an apartment. The statement in this section that the "appearance of the house is to remain that of a one-family dwelling," therefore, is absurd on its face. There will be a tenement-style fire escape on the side or rear of every home which converts to a multi-unit structure, which will be far from aesthetically pleasing;

Section 15.2(1) and the body of the by-law refer to the "primary owner" and the requirement that the primary owner also be a resident. Common-sense and common experience tell us that these provisions will be utterly unenforceable for all practical purposes- which is to say that absentee landlords of these converted multi-units dwelling will become the norm, rather than the rule, not too many years out, once these properties start transferring from the original owners; and

Section 15.2(16) purports to limit the number of such structures to no more than 10 percent of the housing stock. I'm not a particularly big fan of "foot in the door" arguments, but I will say this: In every community in which I've lived, the attempt to put "limits" on things inevitably crumbles within a few years - and before you know it, there are no limits on anything. In addition, courts routinely overturn such limitations as being arbitrary - and let's face it, what is the justification for 10 percent versus 15 percent, 25 percent, or 50 percent? None that I can see on the face of this bylaw. Far less than 10 percent of the homeowners in this town are senior citizens who need the benefit of this article. Ten percent of our seniors may need help, but they constitute a very small percentage of homeowners. So why is there this 10 percent figure, which bears no relation to the reality of the problem which Article 21 purports to solve? Could it be that real estate developers, for whom Article 21 is a wide-open door, are just itching to start converting many of our large, single-family homes into small apartment buildings?

Moreover, without even considering the hypotheticals, 10 percent is not an insignificant number. If this by-law were utilized to full capacity, it would have a dramatic impact on the look of our community and could affect every neighborhood—including our historic village district.

That brings me to the third point, which is this: If this by-law truly is designed to help our present-day senior citizens, then why are so many provisions obviously geared to successorowners who presumably will not be senior citizens?

For example, Section 15.2(6) discusses the size of the accessory unit. But what it does not limit is the number of accessory units in a structure (at least none I could find.) Thus, a 3900 sq. ft. house could become the home of three, 900 sq. ft. apartments plus the 1200 sq. ft. "owner's unit." Further, why should the special permit envisioned by the by-law be transferable if the purpose of this by-law, from everything everyone has said about it, is solely to help out our cash-strapped seniors? I think it is clear that the proponents of this article have a bigger agenda, and that is to increase the amount of affordable rental housing in our community.

And you know something? They are absolutely correct. We do need to address this issue for the sake of the many seniors, and others, who presently call Cohasset their home and who would like to stay here, but who are unable to afford to do so.

But Article 21 is not the way to go about it. We can do both—find affordable housing for our seniors and others, and maintain the integrity of our single-family neighborhoods - if we

have the will to do so and if we are willing to be creative. Norwell, for example, is addressing this issue without making wholesale zoning changes.

Article 21 however, falls far short of both goals. It is a short-sighted, ill-conceived solution to the problem of affordable housing with far-reaching consequences. This Article does nothing less than destroy the fabric of our present zoning by-laws—which ultimately will have a serious and detrimental affect on our quality of life and property values.

Andrew P. Quigley
38 Jerusalem Road

Lobster Lab

TO THE EDITOR:

As a supporter of Kevin Ulmer's efforts to establish a marine research and educational facility at Cohasset harbor, I was disappointed to learn and read that the Selectmen are collectively so frustrated with the "Lobster Lab" project that they decided to terminate his lease if he doesn't raise $326,000 and begin construction work by Oct. 1. The Selectmen's action, I fear, just might prove to be the first step taken

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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towards throwing the baby out with the bath water.

Although critics of the project undoubtedly welcome the Selectmen's actions, I would like to remind readers that the project represents much more than just one answer to the question of what is to be done with the town-owned Haggerty House on Parker Avenue. The project represents the potential to address a variety of town issues and to meet a host of town needs. Readers of the March 15 edition of the Mariner must certainly have seen this potential embedded in various articles. In numerous ways, this one edition of the Mariner made it manifestly clear that the town of Cohasset would be well served by a marine and environmental research facility.

The article "Town waits for tidegate answer" essentially reveals that engineering decisions that will affect both the life of the salt marsh and the property of abutters to James Meadow are on hold due to a lack of data for salinity and water levels in James Meadows. Data for such a project can be properly collected, recorded, and even analyzed by students working out the Lobster Lab; monitoring data will be needed for a lengthy period of time even after professional engineering recommendations are acted upon by town officials

"Save the Watershed," editorialized the Mariner, education, environmental stewardship, and citizen involvement were the three main vehicles by which residents could use their "power to turn things around." If a hue and cry for watershed stewardship is sounded, don't we need an educational facility to answer this clarion call to environmental education?

No less than three other environmental articles either sounded the alarm for significant environmental education and change or spoke eloquently to the power of experiential education. Al McDonald's "The environmental crisis as a moral dilemma," along with Jim Shipsky's "Natural View" and Amy Whorf McGuiggan's "Common Ground" so clearly spoke to the need for an environmental education center for teaching stewardship.

Next week's question (this week's answer) for the School Committee candidates: "What do you see as the benefits of MCAS testing." As a teacher at the high school, I can tell you that the curricula damage wrought by MCAS far outweighs the benefits one might be pressed to list. (State imposed MCAS frameworks and state imposed requirements on Time and Learning have brought about the demise of several successful academic programs; ninth-grade humanities, tenth-grade American studies, business education, traditional woodworking, and the Alternative School are a few of the casualties.) But let's assume for the sake of argument that MCAS is a wonderful assessment tool. A nationwide study of 40 U.S. schools that use the environment as a context for learning reports that students in such schools compare favorably on standardized test scores to students not enrolled in such programs. (State Education and Environment Roundtable report; "http://www.seer.org")Will the students (and residents) of Cohasset not be well served by additional opportunities to practice and gain skills in science, technology, math, English, and, civics? Might these additional opportunities possibly result in improved MCAS scores? There's no guarantee, of course, but isn't it desirable to create the opportunity?

If the Selectmen have not been satisfied with progress made by Oct. 1, I fear that the voices which have advocated tearing the building down will prevail. Such a drastic course of action will certainly bring finality to discussions about the building. But, the best that can be said of such action is that it will provide for a few additional parking spaces, thereby minimally increasing the town's ability to accommodate day-boating residents on the few peak weekends of the summer. Which will add greater value to the town of Cohasset, expanded parking at the harbor or a marine and environmental education center serving the educational needs of the residents and the scientific needs of the community?

Jack Buckley
272 N. Main St.

LWV workshop

TO THE EDITOR:

The Hingham League of Women Voters thanks everyone who attended our recent workshop on "How to Run for Office" at Hingham Town Hall. The meeting was open to residents of Hull, Cohasset, Scituate and Hingham. We had a great turnout. Our guest presenters, Tim White and Donald Hussey, told their personal stories about what it takes to run for local and regional office. One of the League's missions is to educate citizens about voting and the political process. What better way than to run at the local level? Even U. S. presidents started somewhere.

The League plans to sponsor a workshop again next year, albeit earlier to meet Cohasset's nomination filing date.

Jerry Elsden
Hingham League of Women Voters

Community Preservation Act is good for Cohasset citizens

MY VIEW

DEBBIE COOK

Passing the Community Preservation Act on April 7 is making an investment in Cohasset's future. This Act would help us to preserve and protect the things that we love about Cohasset —scenic vistas across salt marshes, woodlands to walk our dogs, historic properties, the harbor, the village — so much that is uniquely special about Cohasset.

If you think, like so many do, that Cohasset really won't change — that it is all built up — well the facts say otherwise. Currently there are 2801 households in Cohasset. It is estimated that there is room for an additional 1,036 households, which is a 50 percent increase! Under our current zoning most of these households would be single family houses, which would be built on the estimated 1551 acres of developable land.

And this kind of residential growth costs. Study after study shows that residential growth costs a town more than it takes in from property taxes. For example, in 1992, the American Farmland Trust conducted a study of Massachusetts' towns that concluded that for every dollar the Town raises in residential property taxes, it costs $1.16 to provide that home with services, including water, fire protection and schools. In 1998 Andover conducted a similar study which concluded that every dollar Andover raises in residential property taxes, it spends $1.06 providing that home with services.

So I'd like to make an economic argument for passing the Community Preservation Act, which is basically we can pay a little now or a lot more later. And in the scheme of things, the cost really is nominal. For example, the 1 fi percent surcharge Cohasset is asking for would amount to $66 on a $400,000 house — compare that to a dinner out at a local restaurant. Furthermore, low and moderate senior citizens are exempt from the surcharge altogether when they apply for the exemption and the first $100,000 of each property's valuation is exempt.

Through the Community Preservation Act we would be able to raise $200,000, which can be matched by the state up to $400,000. We don't have to spend this money all in one year — we can let it build up or we can even borrow in anticipation of receiving the funds if we need to act quickly to purchase a special property. And the Act doesn't last forever, in five years we can vote to repeal it.

The window of opportunity is now. Each year that passes leaves less land to acquire for open space or ball fields. Senior citizens need help now with affordable housing. Funds to preserve and protect our historic properties are sadly lacking. The Community Preservation Act will help in all these areas. Make an investment to preserve what we love about Cohasset, and vote for the Community Preservation Act on April 7.

Debbie Cook is chairman of the group, Citizens for the Preservation of Cohasset.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Martin coffee

Joan Allen and Joan Busk, Coordinators for Outreach for the Committee to Re-elect Pat Martin have scheduled another upcoming campaign coffee on Tuesday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jim and Derry Schwantner, 10 Beach St.. Anyone wishing to come meet Pat Martin or discuss school issues is welcomed to attend. For information regarding her campaign platform, can contact campaign chairman, Catherine Davis at 383-2570.

Election supper is March 29

The annual Election Supper will be held on Thursday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m., at the Beechwood Congregational Church. This is an opportunity for those running for town offices to be introduced.

Roast pork, harvard beets, greenbeans, potato, dessert and beverages will be served. This year, a mailing announcing the Election Supper will be sent to those who typically attend Beechwood's suppers in lieu of phone calls. Tickets prices are $7.99 for adults and $3.99 for children. Please call 383-1298 to make reservations.

ASP yard sale benefit is April 7

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is holding its annual Yard Sale fund raiser on voting day, Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church. Special treasures are needed — especially those fitting for ASP's silent-auction. Items may be dropped off any time the week prior to the sale. Pick-ups may be arranged for the week of March 26 by calling 383-0345.

In this, ASP's 14th year, a record175 volunteers (120 teenagers, 55 adults) will travel to West Virginia and Virginia to work on 25 homes in the Appalachian mountains. ASP is in the midst of fund raising at this time (buy stock in ASP! - $20/share) and will start training and orientation in May. Then ASP volunteers leave for a week of home repair work in Appalachia on June 23.

Also watch for more information about our new Appalachian Festival to be held Saturday, April 28, with special Appalachian-style crafts, entertainment and food.

Visit ASP on the web at www.cohassetasp.org for updates and information.

Death 'On Our Own Terms' is topic

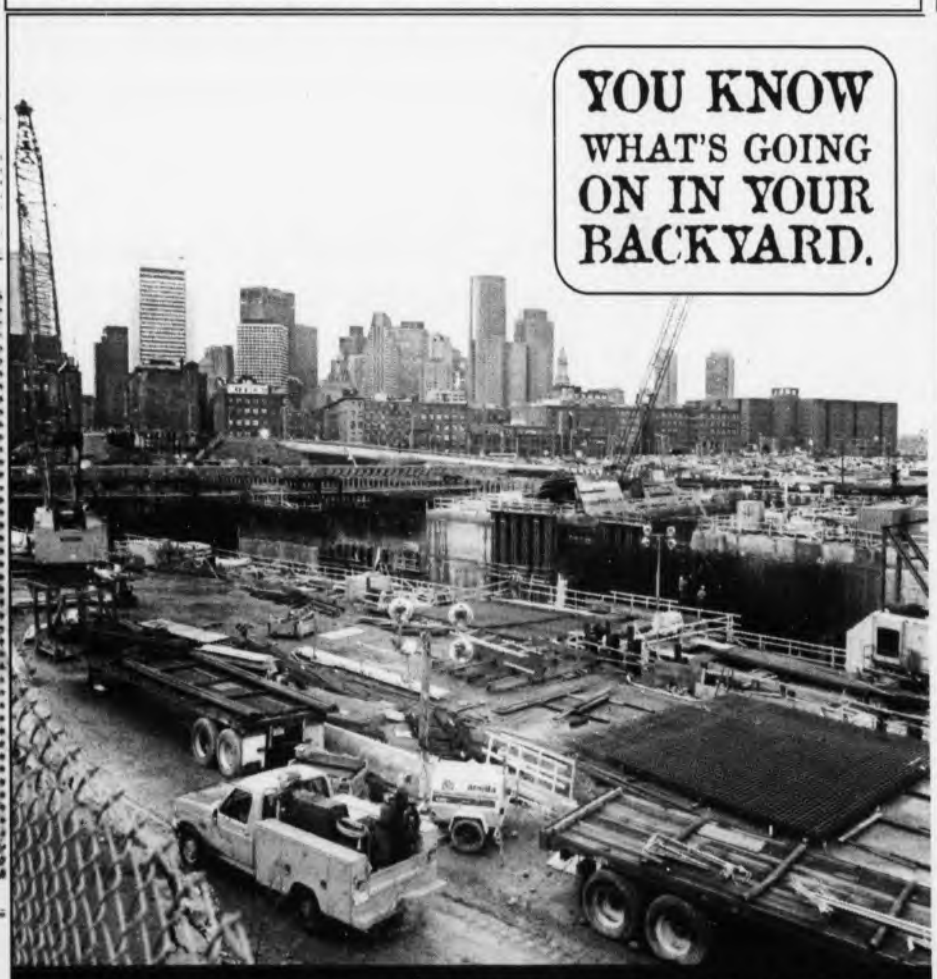
Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m., the Social Service League will sponsor a panel on local options for life's end, along with Bill Moyers' PBS series "On Our Own Terms" at St. Anthony's parish hall, Summer Street, Cohasset.

This special program, free and open to the public, will be moderated by an oncology nurse and a panel discussion with medical, legal and hospice home representation to discuss local options for life's end. In addition there will be free literature on the topic available.

Refreshments will be served.

The Social Service League of Cohasset, a non-profit community service agency, serves the towns of Cohasset, Hull, Hingham, Scituate and Norwell. President of the league is Motoko Deane of 672 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset.

For more information and directions call Patricia Carleton, staff social worker, at (781) 383-0771.



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SCHOOL'S IN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



Hello Everyone. Spring is here and the children are definitely showing signs that they are ready! I have noticed the appearance of roller blades, bikes and skateboards is growing and the number of children who are out and about on sidewalks and roads has grown as well. Please remember this as you are driving around town and take caution when doing so. Now is a great time for us as parents to review all the safety rules involved in this great time of year and work together on keeping our children safe.

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I wanted to start this week's column by recognizing some students from the Middle School who are in the eighth grade. The Grade 8 team recently held an Awards Ceremony to recognize those eighth-grade students who have attained a high level of achievement. Overall Grade 8 awards went to **Andrew Flynn** and **Danielle Hajar**. Social Studies: Most Improved, Mr. Knurek: **Courtney Hurley, Nancy Durkin, Jonothan Littaur** and **Christopher Barber**. Contributes Most to Class: **Louis Blanco, Jake Previte, Jenne Daley** and **Kate Englander** Science: Most Improved, Mr. Erlandsen: **Kelvin Ferreira, Chris Simms, Allison Dean** and **Christina St. Pierre** Science: Contributes Most to the Class: **Kevin Dinsmore, Jennifer Murray, Lucy Gardener, Jim DeGiacamo** and **Colby Durant** English: Most Improved, Ms. Wood: **Elizabeth Condos, Colin Magruder, Miguel Delos Santos** and **Colby Durant** Contributes Most to Class: **Lauren Rizzotti, Jack Carroll, Mark Donovan** and **Casey Anderson** Mathematics: Most Improved, Ms. Devin: **Rachel Garber, Dominique Asnault, Brian Bolger** and **Matthew Baroundi** Contributes most to Class: **Jon Grimm, Danielle Hajar, Ricky Lordan** and **Peter Bunstein**

Exploratory Awards Languages, Best Spanish Accent: **Jonothan Grimm** and **Lindsey Kennedy** Contributes most to Class: **Rachel Garber** and **Matt Casey** Technology: Outstanding Improvement: **Kelvin Ferreira** and **Lauren Rizzotti** Outstanding Creativity: **Jenn Daley** and **Casey Coleman** Class of 2005 Positive Attitude and Effort when working on their School Newspaper. Outstanding Improvement: **Kelvin Ferriera, Lauren Rizzotti** Outstanding Creativity: **Jenn Daley** and **Casey Coleman** Physical Education: **MacKenzie Holway** and **Kelvin Ferriera** Health: Volunteering over and above: **Lucy Gardner, Jenn Murray** and **Allison Dean** Band: Improvement: **Kevin Dinsmore** and **Bill Carbone** Enthusiastic: **Tom Ross** Reading: Overall improvement: **Miguel DeLosSantos** Best Effort: **Crandon Leahy** Art: **Matt Casey, Emma Grinnell** and **Jim DeGiacamo**

As we can see by this list of wonderful accomplishments, many children are working hard and it is definitely being noticed by all. Keep up the great work kids!

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Please join the PAC/PSO open forum with the School Committee Candidates on Monday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m.. at the Osgood Music Room. Incumbents **Mark DeGiacomo** and **Pat Martin** join **Adrienne MacCarthy** to discuss school issues and answer your questions. This is a great chance to learn about each candidate before you vote on Sat, April 7.

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The wonderful Relay for Life Cancer Walk is coming up on May 18 and May 19 and a Middle School Team is ready to get involved. Anyone who is interested in being a parent volunteer for this great event and are willing to spend the night with the team should contact **Ann McCarthy-Egan** at 383-4205 so that a commitment can be made to this team to be involved. A super way to get involved with this fundraiser and help support the students endeavor in this.

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The Cohasset METCO program is seeking two host families for a seventh-grade girl and an eighth-grade boy. Host families provide a contact in Cohasset for the Boston student and their family. The age of your children, schedule and style of your family and other factors will define your host experience and relationship. For detailed information about each student, contact **Olivia Baldwin** at 383-1866 or **Alison Moskow** at 383-9242.

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Monthly PAC meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.. in the Osgood Music Room. On Wednesday, April 4 at 7 p.m.., the PAC presents a "Basic Rights Workshop" provided by the Federation for Children with Special Needs. Contact **Laura DeSisto** at 383-6989 or **Jamie Williams** at 383-3075 for more information.

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A huge thank you goes out to the parent volunteers who are helping at the Middle School office. Parents **Derry Schwantner, Gitte Shea** and **Caren Wheelwright** have volunteered for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.. If anyone else is interested in volunteering on Tuesdays or 12:30-2 p.m. on any day, please call PSO Middle School Rep, **Helen Daley** at 383-2978.

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WOW! We have a seventh-grade student, **Manasseh Remy**, who is the Middle School Spelling Bee Champion this year. Manasseh will represent Cohasset Middle School at the regional contest on March 24 in Weymouth. The winner of that contest will compete in the national championship in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the Scripps-Howard Publishing Company. The Middle School runner up was **Kevin Dinsmore**! Thanks to all competitors for their sportsmanship and academic skills. We also want to thank the PSO for sponsoring the contest and providing all competitors with "National Spelling Bee Participant" pins and the winner and runner up with "Spelling Ace" sweatshirts. Fantastic Job!

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CALLING ALL FIFTH GRADERS! Mark your calendars for a night of bingo and fun. Friday, April 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Deer Hill cafeteria will be a fun night for all of you to get together as a grade, play bingo and enjoy each others company. Parent volunteers are needed to help that night and room parents will be asked to organize refreshments. Please call **Susan Galligan** at 383-0765 or **Adrienne MacCarthy** at 383-1028 with any questions.

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Another thank you is going out, this time to all those who baked and helped out with the Grade 6 bake sale! This sale is used to benefit the Grade 6 yearbook committee and mmm,mmm,mmm reviews were heard by all.

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Three Cohasset High School students were recently recognized for their artwork submitted to the Boston Globe's "Scholastic Art Awards" program. The awards ceremony was held at the John Hancock Hall in Boston on Feb. 10. This program is an annual state-wide competition to recognize top artistic talent in the areas of painting, sculpture, computer graphics, textiles and mixed media, with selected pieces going forward to a national competition in Washington, D.C. The three students honored each received Honorable Mention awards and they were: **Abbey Coakley**, a junior and **Laura Genello** and **Alicia Laas** who are both seniors. Great job girls, you should be super proud of these honors.

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SOME IMPORTANT DATES: Currently, the last day of school is Friday, June 22. The first day of school in September is Wed., Sept. 5. Grade 3, reading MCAS is being held April 5-12. Grade 4, composition: Wednesday, April 11, Grades 4,5,6: May 14-May 25.

That is all for this week. Please make sure to have all your news and information to me no later than Monday at noon. EMAIL: jenpiep@yahoo.com PHONE: 923-1057 MAIL: 622 CJC Highway FAX: 923-1035(call ahead to let me know when it is coming) Have a great week!

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Lunch menu

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Pasta w/meatballs, dinner roll or ham and cheese hoagie, green beans, fruit

THURSDAY, MARCH 29
Baked ham dinner, mashed potatoes, pineapple raisin carrots, pudding.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30
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Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for 10-$2,000 scholarships are available (starting Wednesday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

This is the 28th consecutive year the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding college scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application in person at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Saturday, March 31.

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Sixth-grader Mary Evans lines up with her Deer Hill class to enter the library at Osgood to read to second-graders.



Liz Englander reads a Dr. Seuss book to Claire Pozniak and Olivia Adkins. Deer Hill students read to Osgood pupils during the day-long celebration.

Kids celebrate reading with Dr. Seuss books



Second-graders Kaci Kucinski and Emily Toomey listen to sixth-grader Robin Earle during the Deer Hill and Osgood Schools' celebration of reading program.



Tyler Brown plays Cat in the Hat. This year's theme was "Oh, the Places Words Can Take You" and the pupils wrote poems imitating Dr. Seuss' writing.

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Elizabeth Fegreus reads Dr. Seuss.



The Deer Hill Band leads students in a parade to Osgood at the beginning of the day.

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Even a rainy Monday couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of Cohasset Sailing Club's new commodore Bob Deutsch.

New commodore takes the helm of sailing club

By Rick Collins
RICOLLINS@CNC.COM

Bob Deutsch has always been a sailor and growing up helped captain several vessels in races as part of the South Boston Race Club. Now the Cohasset resident and Belmont native will try to lead the Cohasset Sailing Club for the next two years.

"I love sailing, I'm absolutely passionate about it," said Deutsch, just days into his term as the club's new commodore. "It's just a part of me."

Deutsch is replacing Chuck Peterson, who stepped down after five years at the club's top position.

"I think this is going to be a very exciting transition for the sailing club," Peterson said. "Bob has been an asset for a number of years. Not only does he bring a love of sailing, but a fresh new perspective to the leadership of the club.

Peterson said Deutsch, 51, would bring new blood to the club's races and instructional programs. "When I was first in, I was in tune with the kids and now Bob is going to bring back that facet to the club," he said. "In that sense, he'll rejuvenate the club."

"I love sailing, I'm absolutely passionate about it...It's just a part of me."
— new Cohasset Sailing Club commodore Bob Deutsch

Deutsch has an 11-year old son, Evan, and Peterson said it's important to have a person in charge with children, who are peers with the rest of the youth involved with the club.

"I would have done it forever, but it was time for the club to make a change," Peterson added.

But Deutsch isn't going to stop with the younger members of the club. A member for 11 years, Deutsch hopes to improve the boat instruction curriculum and boost the instruction available for adults.

"One of the things we've done is hire more experienced summer staff, which assures a higher quality of instruction, and we're doing the same at the adult level," explained Deutsch, who promised to serve as commodore for only two years. "Past orientations have been primarily for children and the adult program has been somewhat second fiddle. We hope to bring the adult component on par with the children's."

Deutsch likened the sailing club to the Community Boating program on the Charles River in Boston. "We're not exclusionary like a private yacht club," he said. "Some think it's part of the town recreation committee and that's not true. We're a private, non-profit club that relies solely on its annual membership and private contributions." The club boasts about 230 Cohasset residents as members.

The club employs a paid staff in the summer, and Deutsch said he hopes to keep the instructor-student ratio down.

Since founded in 1960, the Cohasset Sailing Club has seen 8,000 town children come through its doors.

"We put 160 kids and 40 adults through the program each summer," said Peterson, who has been with the club for 15 years. Deutsch counts ten, 16-foot Mercury sail boats, three 420s and a "small number of turnabouts" among the club's collection. He said a good number of kids have gone on to race in college.

As commodore, Deutsch will be in charge of maintaining the club's docks, running the educational programs, and organizing any sailing meets or regattas the club participates in.

Peterson said the biggest thing Deutsch needs right now is volunteer help.

"It's paramount to keep the program effective," he said. "Volunteerism has always been there, but you can never get enough." Peterson counted a "core group" of 20 volunteers but added, "the club really needs 40." Deutsch said he expects to have his leadership team finalized in the next couple of weeks, in plenty of time for the start of sailing season in May.

Peterson is confident Deutsch is up for the challenge. "It means good things for the Cohasset Sailing Club, and good things for the kids," he said. "Bob's going to do a great job."

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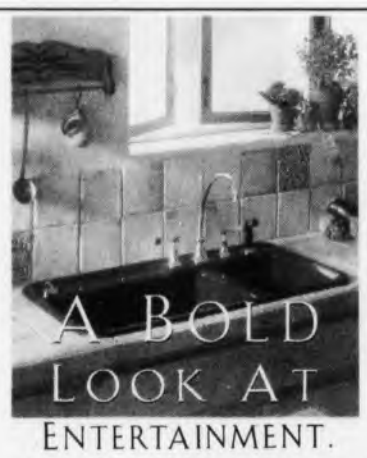
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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Meredith Bixby, Kristin Sheerin and **Carly Carter.** These three Cohasset girls were named to the Mariner All-Scholastic Gymnastics team this week. The best news of all, though, is that these three will all return to compete for the joint Cohasset-Norwell gymnastic team next winter.

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Gymnasts improve by leaps and bounds

Young Cohasset- Norwell squad will look to improve on 2nd place finish next season

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

All things considered, this was a remarkable season for the Cohasset-Norwell Gymnastics team.

Between the settling in of a first year coach, multiple injuries to their All-Star captain and an absence of seniors, it seems a wonder the girls team wound up second in the South Shore League with an impressive 6-2 record.

First year Skipper-Clipper coach Cara Cunnerty, who previously coached at the varsity level for Norwell High School, was pleased with the progression of the young squad as the season unfolded.

"Even those who didn't compete really improved their skill level," reported Connerty, a native of Norwell. "We saw a lot of progress."

The team seemed to like their new coach, who had some large shoes to fill after replacing long time coach Ruthann Ardizzoni.

"We had an awesome time with Cara," said junior captain Carlie Carter, smiling. "She has a lot to offer us."

Ardizzoni did help out as an assistant for the C-N squad.

Due to the absence of graduating seniors on the team, the Clip-Skip juniors, All-Stars Kristin Sheerin and Carter, were forced to step into the leadership role as captains.

"We are friends, so we work well together," said Sheerin of the comaraderie of the two captains.

"Even those who didn't compete really improved their skill level. We saw a lot of progress."

Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics coach Cara Cunnerty

"If you work hard, others will work hard too."

Sheerin was selected to be a South Shore League All-Star for the fifth straight season, dating back to when she was a seventh grader.

"It is still fun every year," said Sheerin.

Sheerin highlighted the regular season by breaking the only event record at Cohasset High she did not already hold by scoring an 8.9 on the vault. In the post-season, she then re-set her own school record in the All-around, by receiving a 35.65 in the high pressure atmosphere of the All-League Meet to take place first.

"My favorite part of gymnastics is competing," said Sheerin. "I like to rise to the occasion."

Sheerin even went on to State competition, where she was seeded ninth overall, and finished seventh in the vault.

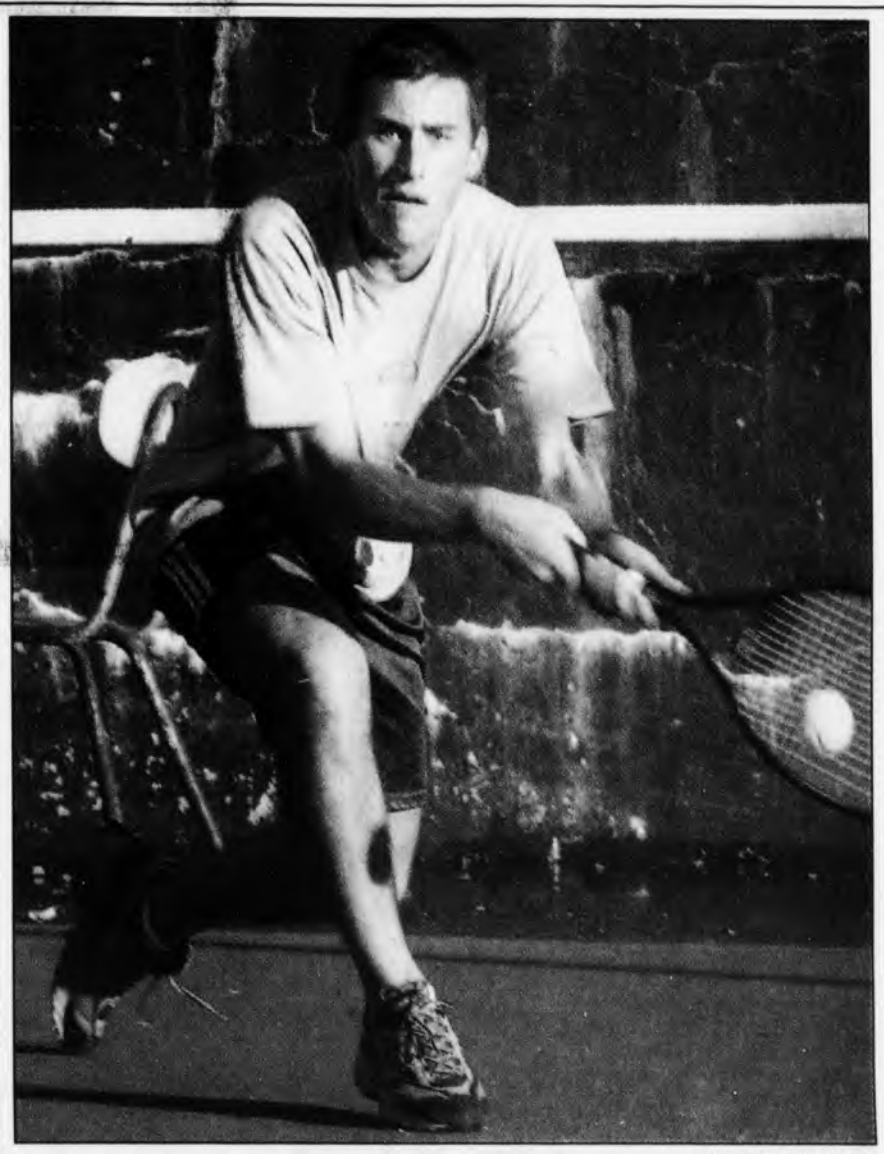
Though Sheerin competes year round at Ellis in Braintree, she has said that the lifestyle of Olympic driven gymnasts is simply not for her.

"I would not want to work it to the point where I don't like it," said Sheerin, who has seen a glimpse of what that is like, competing in club competition against athletes who work out upwards of 25 hours a week even in the off-season.

Carter, who competes year round with Sheerin at Ellis, was selected to her third consecutive All-Star team in the uneven bars event.

Needing at least four official scores to even be considered for All-Star selection, Carter just made the cut with exactly that many performances due to her

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAMPMAN

Spring is in the air! And so are pop-ups, tennis lobs and javelins. Cohasset High tennis player Chris Golden returns service at a team practice Tuesday afternoon. See next week's Mariner for Cohasset spring sports previews.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset sophomore Matt Davis (with puck) finished second on the hockey team in scoring this season, and will be looked to for even bigger things next season.

Cohasset Hockey team defeted

SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Varsity Ice Hockey Team recently held its annual Break-up and Awards Banquet at Atlantica overlooking beautiful Cohasset Harbor.

The banquet marked the end to the 2000-2001 Varsity Hockey Season which ended with a record of 8-10-2. Missing the State Tournaments by one game was a disappointment but one that has made the team even more determined to qualify next season.

Mike O'Connell, father of sophomore Greg O'Connell and General Manager of the Bruins, spoke to the team, encouraging them to continue to raise the bar and increase their expectations and "to push towards those higher expectations in working to meet their goal of qualifying for the States next year." He also offered to assist the team in meeting their goal by assisting Coach Walsh in working with them in as many practices as he can attend next season.

The CHS Hockey Boosters continued the long standing tradition of presenting graduating senior players with engraved watches as a memento of their varsity years on the ice. Senior Captain Dan Morse and Jay Rasmussen were presented their watches by Coach Dennis Walsh. Coach Walsh also presented first-year goalie Dan Kinchla, a junior, with a framed picture of him protecting the net during one of the Skippers games.

Coach Walsh announced the new team leaders for the 2001-2002 season. Chris Caron, Eric Libby and Peter Whoriskey will act as captains for the Skippers next season.

Coach Walsh also presented several other awards as part of the events of the evening. Senior Dan Morse was presented with the "Norman Delaney Award." Norman Delaney was the original founder of the Hockey Boosters in the 70's. In Mr. Delaney's honor, his friends established this award to be presented to a senior player who exemplified leadership and achievement in academics as well as athletics. Mr. Delaney's son, Matthew Delaney, was present at the banquet to present the award with Coach Walsh.

Freshman defenseman Mike Devine was presented with the "Barney Robinson Award." Barney Robinson played for Cohasset High School in the mid-1960's. This award is the unsung hero award recognizing extraordinary effort and accomplishment on the ice.

Coach Walsh said "Mike is a quiet kind of guy who is always one of the

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Mariner All-Scholastic Gymnastics team

Cohasset's Sheerin, Bixby and Carter named among area's elite

The 12 gymnasts you see honored here are the ones we determined through research and personal observation to be the top overall wrestlers in *Marinerland* (i.e. Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland and Scituate).

We determined early on, with our area's wealth of gymnastics talent, that the best way to do this was to acknowledge four for their outstanding overall performance over the course of the season, and then also name two gymnasts for their levels of excellence in each of the four individual gymnastic events.

Kristin Sheerin - All-around
Junior - Cohasset

The junior was the dominant All-around performer in the Pilgrim Conference 2 this year, leading the Cohasset-Norwell team to a second place season (6-2)... She won the All-around individual competition in each of the team's eight meets this season... won the league meet All-around with a score of 35.65, the best mark posted in the league this season and re-setting her own school record... averaged 35.4 in the all-around for the season (8.675 on bars, 9.05 on floor, 8.65 on vault and 9.025 on beam)...Pilgrim Conference 2 All-Star...took seventh on the vault at the State Gymnastic Championships on March 10 with an 8.65. Unfortunately, a mishap on the beam cost her a shot at a medal in the All-around...trains at the Ellis School of Gymnastics in Braintree...Cohasset-Norwell Coach Kara Cunnerty: "Kristin is extremely dedicated to gymnastics and works hard year round. This is very important to her, and she's constantly working on improving her skills."



Kristin Sheerin

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset gymnast Kristin Sheerin will be back next season, no doubt to re-break several of the school records she set this season.

Gymnasts improve by leaps and bounds

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injuries. Carter sprained her knee in the third meet of the season, and then cut open her eye during warm-ups prior to a match-up against Randolph.

"That happened in front of everybody, and definitely shook up. . .the underclassmen," said Carter.

Fortunately, the team was able to gather its composure after their captain was felled. Sophomore All-Star Meredith Bixby, also of Cohasset, took over for Carter as the second All-around gymnast to help the 'Sclippers' to the win.

Carter tore her ACL in one of the final few meets of the season. Fortunately, the malady will not require surgery, and she should return to the lacrosse field within three weeks.

Bixby wrapped up the season in grand style filling in for Carter in the All-Around, and was selected to her second Pilgrim Conference 2 All-Star team to compete in the vault.

With the 6-2 record, good for second in the league behind perennially powerful Hanover, the Cohasset-Norwell fans are already looking ahead to next season with hopes of a league title.

Sophomores Katherine Coyne, of Cohasset, and Amy Maree and Laura Good of Norwell, all of whom competed in three events consistently this past season, will all be forces next year. Sophomore Sarah Dennis, who was unable to compete this year due to an ankle injury, will hopefully make it back to the mat next year.

Next year, the team is looking forward to receiving current eighth grader Nancy Durkin, and see a bright future for a host of talented seventh graders.



Several Middle School gymnasts (seen here) should step up to help the varsity squad next season. The Middle School team was captained this season by Nancy Durkin. The rest of the team was made up of Kate Carpenter, Caitlin Sanchez, Melissa Crawford, Lisa Spirito, Kesley Bell, Leigh Laugelle, Cassie Rosano, Alison Krupczak, Jackie Flint, Emma Weston, Katrina Reardon, Katherine Murphy, Carrie Muir and Christie Muir. All but the latter three are pictured here.



Middle School Gymnastics team captain and standout Nancy Durkin dismounts from the uneven bars at a recent practice.

Cohasset Hockey team feted

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first on the ice at every practice and works to get the job done."

Coach Walsh and Assistant Coaches Ben Watson and Archie Rasmussen were presented with gifts from the team by this year's captains, Dan Morse, Greg O'Connell and Tim Straughn. Speaking for the captains and the team, Dan expressed their deep appreciation to the coaches.

Coach Walsh announced the new team leaders for the 2001-2002 season. Chris Caron, Eric Libby and Peter Whoriskey will act as captains for the Skippers next season.

Speaking for the Cohasset Hockey Boosters, Jo-Ann Pilczak reviewed the successful fundraising events for the season including the First Annual Holiday Raffle and the recent raffle of Bruins' tickets donated by Mike O'Connell.

This year's fundraising was so successful, the Boosters were able to continue to purchase team jackets, present memento watches to senior players, host a hockey clinic run by Russian Red Army Elite Hockey Team member Igor Gratchev, and sponsor a "Team Night Out" to a Northeastern University vs UMASS-Amherst game. The boosters were also able to partially fund the break-up banquet.

"We knew our fundraising goals were ambitious this year, but we pushed forward and we thank the players, parents, alumni and the townspeople and merchants who supported our efforts."
Cohasset Hockey Booster, Jo-Ann Pilczak

The winner of the Bruins' tickets raffle was drawn during the banquet. Joe Bouchard, father of junior forward David Bouchard and Social Studies teacher at the Cohasset Middle High School, was the lucky winner who will be sitting in premium seating on March 24 to watch the Bruins face-off against the Colorado Avalanche. Money raised from this recent raffle of Bruins tickets will be used to purchase either team hockey bags or team helmets at the start of next season.

"We knew our fundraising goals were ambitious this year, but we pushed forward and we thank the players, parents, alumni and the townspeople and merchants who supported our efforts," said Pilczak.

Pilczak went on to report that fundraising was so successful the Hockey Boosters have established a hockey scholarship to be awarded to the qualifying senior who has played for the Varsity Ice Hockey Team for a minimum of two years, including their senior year, and who is in high academic standing and has exemplified good sportsmanship while playing for the Skippers.

The scholarship has been named "The Coach Dennis Walsh Ice Hockey Scholarship" and this year $1,000 has been earmarked for this scholarship.

The Varsity Ice Hockey players, coaches and Hockey Boosters would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who supported the team this season through donations and attendance at the games. Planning is already underway for the 2001-2002 season!



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Goalie Dan Kinchla had a fantastic season between the pipes for the Cohasset High hockey team, made all the more remarkable by the fact that he'd never even played high school hockey before this season. Needless to say, the junior is expected to be a force for the Skippers next season.

SPORTS NOTES

Last chance Little League Signup

Did you forget to register your child for Little League? It's not too late. Call Lynne of Mark DeGiacomo at 6413. All registrations need to be completed by March 31, 2001.

by-the-sea

The Cohasset Rotary Club announces that the 25th Annual 10K Road Race by-the-sea and Funwalk will be held Sunday, April 1. The proceeds go to the many local, regional, and International projects that Rotary supports. Over 800 runners are expected from all over New England. The start for the Road race will be 1 p.m. from the Cohasset Common. The race is sanctioned by USATF-NE. There will be free refreshments for all registered runners. The Fun Walk starts at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach.

Applications are available at www.roadracebythesea.com and in Cohasset at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop, and mail from the Cohasset Rotary, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MM 02025, or send email with your mailing address to tlg@dreamcom.net. The registration fee for the race is $12 prior to March 25, and $15 after. The registration fee for the walk is $12. On-site registration will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset on Saturday, March 31, at 9 a.m. until noon and Sunday, April 1, 9 a.m. until noon. For race questions call (781) 383-2811 or send email to tlg@dreamcom.net.

April Vacation Baseball Clinic

Cohasset Recreational Department and the South Shore Baseball Club will hold a baseball clinic during the April school vacation from Tuesday, April 17 through Friday, April 20, at Milliken Field from noon to 2:30 p.m. for children ages 8 to 12. The fee is $100. Applications are still being accepted.

Anyone interested can register at the Cohasset Recreation Office, on the first floor of Town Hall. Checks shoud be made payable to "Town of Cohasset".

Space is limited, so early registration is advised. For further information, call the office (383-4109).

The rainy day site will be Cohasset High School. To register, drop off or mail form to: Cohasset Recreation Department - Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset at 383-4109. Please make checks payable to Town of Cohasset.

Hockey sign-ups

The Coastal Stars Youth hockey program for Cohasset and Marshfield will hold sign-ups on Sunday, March 25, at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, in Marshfield from 1:15-5 p.m..

Roadrace Girls basketball skills development

Cohasset Recreation girls basketball skills development for grades 3 to 8 on Tuesday evenings April 10 to May 22 for six weeks. $36 per player at Sullivan Gym-Cohasset High School. Register prior to April 5. Grades 3 to 5 meet at 6 to 7:15 p.m. Grades 6 to 8 meet at 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Registration forms available at recreation office, Town Hall. Ellen Carr, Head CHS Girls Basketball Coach, will instruct Programs.

Girls gymnastics camp

Join Ruthann Ellen, and other staff members of the Community Center for two fun-filled days of gymnastics, bowling, make-a-craft, sports and much more.

Mini April vacation gymnastics camp for girls meets on Wednesday, April 18 and Friday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring lunch and snack daily. Fee for both days is $60 members and $65 for non-members. Make checks payable to SSCC. Camp is open to all girls ages 5 to 12. Limited space available.

Don't miss the April issue of South Shore parentandbaby Journal.

This month's features include:

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- Easton writer Michael O'Brien shares his personal experience with infertility.
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Mariner All-Scholastic Gymnastics team

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Julia Wilson - All-around
Sophomore - Marshfield

Was a dominating force on all four events for the Pilgrim Conference 1 runners-up…Wilson was key in helping her Marshfield team set a new school record for total team points with 135.5 points against PC 1 and State Champs Barnstable…Also nabbed four individual school records in that same meet for all-around (35.4), bars (9.2), floor (9.0), vault (8.9)…Also set a new record on the beam this season (8.9)…Qualified for the State Individual Championships in the all-around…Took home fifth in the all-around and third on the bars at the PC 1 League Meet…Will be one of the top returnees next year. Marshfield coach Marion Cherubini: "She's always very focused and maintains extreme poise. She's very tough on herself because she's a perfectionist. I never feel that she's not going to perform to the best of her ability."


Julia Wilson

Kerianne Hart - All-around
Sophomore - Hanover

Was a key player on the Pilgrim Conference 2 champions Hanover team Her performance helped the team nab an undefeated season at 8-0…Was a force on all four events for the Lady Indians, averaging all-around scores in the low 35's Qualified for the all-around at the State Individual Championships and came home with a seventh-place finish (35.15) in just her first year at the state level Came up huge in the team's final meet of the season with second-place Cohasset/Norwell, scoring 35.05 of the team's seven-point victory over their rivals…Will be one of the team's top returnees next year. Hanover coach Jayne Schleiff: "She scores well because she performs at a higher degree of difficulty. She's dedicated enough to perform these difficult skills well. She always performs to the best of her ability and I will expect the same dedication next year."


Kerianne Hart

Lindsey Kay - All-around
Senior - Silver Lake

The senior finished a brilliant four year career at Silver Lake taking two medals at the State Gymnastics Championship on March 10, a fifth on the bars with a score of 8.5 and a seventh on the vault (8.65)… Both of these scores were actually well below her season best marks of 9.0 and 9.2, respectively…She was named the alternate for the Massachusetts Senior National team, being named eighth for the seven member state squad… won the Pilgrim Conference meet championship on the vault with a score of 9.1125… best All-around score this season was 35.3, which re-set her own school record…Pilgrim Conference All-Star… has been involved with gymnastics since the age of three…currently a member of the Mass. Gymnastics Center in Hingham… finished third in USA Gymnastics state meet in bars last year, and fourth on the vault in 1998…will continue her gymnastics career in college…still hasn't decided on a college, but the list of suitors is topped by Springfield, UMass and UNH… Silver Lake coach Lindsay Leigh-Consolati: "Things come to Lindsey very quickly. She's just a natural and she's very strong, so that helps. She could be about as good as she wants to be."


Lindsey Kay

Browyn Riggs - Floor Exercise
Junior - Hingham

Was a force on the floor for the third-place Pilgrim Conference 2 Hingham team, averaging high eights…Riggs' best performance on the floor came against PC 2 champs Hanover, earning a 9.0…Says her strength on floor is based in her ability to dance and express herself artistically, in addition to her impressive tumbling skills…Riggs began dancing at the age of five…A year-round gymnast, Riggs is also a member of the Spectrum gymnasts in Brockton. Hingham coach Patricia Anderson: "She's just an incredible athlete. She's awesome on floor. She has one of those routines where everyone has to stop what their doing to watch her."


Browyn Riggs

Meg Peterson - Vault/Beam
Junior (Capt.) - Hingham

Was a force on the vault for Hingham team, averaging high eights…Qualified for the State Individual Championships on both the vault and bars, and finished in the top ten for each (ninth, vault - 8.625/tenth, bars - 8.45)…Was Hingham's top point-getter in the all-around as well and was a Pilgrim Conference 2 all-star…Also enjoys performing on the beam and scored a season-high 9.0 on the apparatus…Will be among the top returnees on the third-place PC 2 Hingham team next year. Hingham coach Patricia Anderson: "Meg's had a good year. She's been powerful and has improved a lot. She's very dedicated to the sport. She was our captain this year as a junior. That's how much the girls look up to her."


Meg Peterson

Nicole Souris - Bars/Vault
Sophomore - Marshfield

An injury sidelined the talented gymnast for the All-League meet, but Souris was still voted a Pilgrim Conference 1 All-star on the beam… Souris returned from injury just in time for the State Meet, where she placed 10th on the bars with an (8.45)…A very well-rounded gymnast, Souris also came up big for the second-place PC 1 Marshfield team on the vault and beam…Nabbed a school record on the vault against PC 1 champ Barnstable with an 8.9…Averaged mid-eights on the vault, bars, and beam…Will be among the top returnees next year.


Nicole Souris

Shannon Noonan - Beam/Vault
Senior (Capt.) - Marshfield

Was a force on the beam for the second-place Pilgrim Conference 1 Marshfield team, averaging mid-eights…Took home two medals at the PC 1 All-league meet with a pair of fifths on the beam (8.2) and on the vault (8.15)…Consistently placed in the top four on both the beam and vault for the talented Marshfield squad, which only lost one regular season meet… Noonan also plays field hockey and softball. Marshfield coach Marion Cherubini: "She's just a natural athlete. She's very viable on the vault and beam. She's a powerful runner, which is important on the vault and has a good sense of balance on the beam. Very determined."


Shannon Noonan

Shannon Gerrish - Vault/Floor
Senior (Capt.) - Hanover

An extremely powerful gymnast, Gerrish was key on the vault for the Pilgrim Conference 2 champions, which finished their regular season with a perfect 8-0 record… She qualified for states on the vault…A strong all-around gymnast, Gerrish was also powerful on floor, averaging mid-eights…Had a solid performance in the final meet of the season against second-place Cohasset/Norwell, taking second on the floor (8.5), third on both the vault (8.35) and bars (8.45), and tied for third on the beam (7.8), which earned her third in the all-around…Also a member of the South Shore League champion Hanover field hockey team…Gerrish practices her skills year-round with Ellis Gymnastics. Hanover coach Jayne Schlieff: "Shannon is a very dedicated gymnast. Floor was a solid event for her. She was always powerful in tumbling and leaps. As a captain, she was a great role-model for the younger girls. She always worked hard and kept everybody motivated."


Shannon Gerrish

Carly Carter - uneven bars
Junior - Cohasset

Although she missed the second half of the season after tearing the Anterior Cruciate Ligament in her knee, she was still named to the Pilgrim 2 Conference All-Star team for the uneven bars with an average score of 8.1375 (2nd best in the league)… practices gymnastics year round at the Cohasset Community Center... competes at Level 8 in state competition… Also suffered a concussion while competing at Randolph High this year when the uneven bars collapsed during her routine… Last season, as a sophomore, Carly was a standout for Cohasset-Norwell team in the All-around… Cohasset-Norwell Coach Kara Cunnerty: "I think this would have been a great season for Carly if she hadn't hurt her knee. She's a very dedicated gymnast who keeps getting better."


Carly Carter

Meredith Bixby - vault
Sophomore - Cohasset

When Carly Carter went down for the season with a torn ACL, this sophomore stepped up and filled the second All-around spot for the Norwell-Cohasset team, and played a big role in helping them secure second place in the Pilgrim 2 Conference with strong overall scores. The team went 3-1 with her performing in the overall to finish with a 6-2 record…was named a Pilgrim Conference 2 All-Star for the vault, finishing with the second best average in the league in this event (8.1375 average)…Also averaged very solid marks on the floor exercise (7.85), beam (7.925) and the bar (7.35)… Cohasset-Norwell Coach Kara Cunnerty: "I knew Meredith was a good gymnast, but she really stepped up when Carly got hurt and was better every time out. She made lot of improvement and I look forward to seeing her develop do over the next two years."


Meredith Bixby

Cristy Pforr - beam
Junior – Silver Lake

A very good performer in the All-around for the Lakers this season who shines in particular on the beam… Christy took 11th on the beam at the state championships this year, missing out on medaling by one-tenth of a point with a strong score of 8.55…took seventh at the same event last year with a score of 8.5…finished second at the Pilgrim Conference meet on beam…Her best scores this season were 8.7 on beam, 7.7 on uneven bars, 8.3 on the vault and 8.5 on floor exercise… Her best total for the All-around was 33.2… takes private lessons year round at Head over Heels in Norwell… a Pilgrim Conference All-Star…. has been one of the two Silver Lake gymnasts to compete in the All-around competition since her freshman year… Silver Lake coach Lindsay Leigh-Consolati: "Christy's a good team player and she's shown steady improvement over three years. She's always working hard to improve. She'll really be counted on even more next year with the graduation of


Cristy Pforr

Registration for youth football/cheerleading

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2001 fall season Sunday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Store-it storage facility next to the Driftway Tennis Center on old Driftway in Scituate. Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1. Any players not signed up on April 8 will not be guaranteed a position on a team. If unable to attend this signup, call: for football questions, Joe Obert at (781) 545-0854; cheerleading questions, Lorie Neil at (781) 545-4526.

Registration fees are: football $145*; cheerleading $95.* *Maximum charge per family is $290. Minimum age: Players must be 8 by Dec. 31, 2001.

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Playing bridge has its benefits

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who exudes enthusiasm about the game, points out that competition is what makes it fun. It's also well documented that bridge is especially good for senior citizens, he says.

"There's a social aspect of it," Wennerberg says. "They can meet new friends and form partnerships. They get out and move around and they crank their brains up something fierce because they have to."

On Monday, Wennerberg was teaching the finer points of "stayman," a bidding convention, to a rapt group of about a dozen in a "mini" lesson that preceded lunch and the game. For $5, participants get the lesson and for $3 more, they can have lunch and stay for the game of duplicate bridge. In duplicate bridge, as opposed to party bridge, all players play the same hand at some point.

Chris Murray, who comes from Scituate with her friend Jeanette Nothern to play, says there are no excuses in duplicate bridge.

"You can't say I didn't have a good hand and that's why I didn't do well because the same hand gets passed around," she says.

Kay Lincoln of Cohasset says she's played bridge for a number of years but is still learning.

"I love learning some of the conventions I didn't know and didn't use."

Taking a more pragmatic approach, Bob Goldman says, "it's the only card game that you can really enjoy without playing for money.

"Every hand is difficult and it's challenging."

Wennerberg says the computer where he logs onto bridge websites helped him get back into the game. He runs several bridge clubs, including the one in Cohasset called "The Owl's Nest," and has discovered that food mixes well with the game.

"The first club I went to when I got back into the game, there was a nice layout of food and I quickly discovered people will go to the game where there is good food.

"So I decided to put on the best food in the area and I enjoy doing it," he says. Monday's menu included ham, seafood and egg salad sandwiches and homemade fudge for dessert.

"My classes eat well and enjoy a good, competitive game of bridge."

Wennerberg tallies the points on computer. The Cohasset game is sanctioned so players can earn their masters points, which signify a player's level and add up as they become more proficient.

It takes about two years to become a competent player.

"It's not like 'Go Fish' that you can teach in three minutes, bridge takes time," he says.

Bryanton, the CEA director, says Wennerberg's enthusiasm is catching. Since he started teaching at the Senior Center in September, the program has taken off.

"It brings me so much joy," she says. "The seniors go out happy, the make new friends and set up bridge groups on different days."

But to Wennerberg, the popularity of the bridge club is no surprise.

"Bridge is the most popular game in the world," he says. "It far outstrips monopoly and soccer because of the competitive aspect of it."

Crocker Lane land swap not part of town's mitigation requests

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen said Tuesday night that a possible land swap involving the town right-of-way and the former MassHighway garage on Crocker Lane was not included as part of the Greenbush mitigation package the town submitted to the MBTA last week.

But the board added, if the state wanted to propose the land swap, they would listen.

"It is open for discussion, but it's not part of our mitigation proposal," Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan said.

The Mariner reported last week that Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan had told state Sen. Robert Hedlund that the state would be willing to throw in the land, which is slated to be marked as surplus land, to help sweeten the mitigation pot. But selectmen said they had some reservations about potential soil contamination at the site.

Selectmen have requested a meeting with Sullivan in order to try and etch out a deal, and though the secretary has agreed, no date has yet been set.

The town is also willing to consider a proposal to help it buy another piece of open space adjacent to one of the town parks.

The town was hoping to have a deal with the MBTA in place by mid-March, but talks, which had been fast and furious throughout the winter, have slowed down considerably since lead negotiator Kevin Dasey resigned in February.

Lot of headaches at CMHS

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the East Coast.

"This conclusion, of course, is not derived from actual numbers, but rather the seemingly endless train of SUVs, minivans and station wagons that descend on Cohasset High School at the beginning of each and every school day."

The parent drivers, who are dropping their children off at either one of the two school entrance doors, are supposed to wait in line behind other vehicles along the school driveway that runs up the hill to the right of the lower parking lot. But the line often extends down the driveway and out onto Pond Street. So some impatient drivers take a short cut by going through the lower parking lot to drop their children off and then have to weave back through a sea of oncoming cars to exit the lot.

"Given the high volume of traffic in the parking lot every morning, collision is inevitable. The only unknown is who or what will collide, and what will become of them," the students wrote.

At least one school committee member understood the students' point exactly.

"I've almost been sideswiped a couple of times by people coming out of the parking lot," Stephanie Noble said.

The students are suggesting:

Σ Prohibiting those who do not intend to park from entering the parking lot from 7-7:30 a.m.;

Σ Allowing for only one drop-off location at the front of the high school, therefore reducing the number of early stops that slow the traffic flow and result in back ups on Pond Street.

Σ Buses would travel in the outside lane along the driveway; and parents would use the inside lane (closest to the school)

Hertig said the extent of the problem became evident when he and his fellow classmates started driving last year and experienced the traffic nightmare firsthand.

But encouraging more students to take the bus to school is not the answer, the students say.

Bixby explained that classes start at 7:20 a.m. That means many students have to catch the bus as early as 6:50 a.m.

"Many kids and parents find that unreasonable," he said.

Hertig pointed out that Cohasset is a small town making it convenient to drive. "I live on Lamberts Lane, about the farthest point away in Cohasset," he said. "I'd have to catch the bus at about 6:40 a.m." But, he said, a car ride would take less than 10 minutes.

When the students presented the plan to the school committee, member Mark DeGiacomo said parents often opt to drive their children to school in order to spend more time with them.

"A lot of us work all day and driving them to school gives us a few minutes alone to chat," he said.

DeGiacomo suggested a crosswalk should also be painted across the driveway near the stairs from the parking lot as an added safety feature.

The students, who are meeting with the school administration to work on the plan, said their classmates could be alerted through posters at the school, but there would need to be a mailing to parents.

Supt. Edward Malvey said the school committee supports the concept that something needs to be done and praised the students for bringing the issue forward. "There is merit to this," he said. "I think we can craft something that will work out."

Any fix will be temporary because the middle-high school will be refurbished. The $25 million plans include a new parking lot.

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Town Meeting last hurdle for cemetery plan

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The expansion would create space for 814 casket burials and 1,000 urns and allow people to purchase space ahead of time. The proposed expansion, which has all the necessary permits and can start as soon as the money is appropriated, recently received further good news.

"Because we were able to get the Conservation Commission to approve a different kind of drainage plan, we were able to get an extra 175 grave sites and $150,000 knocked off in construction cost," Pratt said.

Construction will have no impact on the town tax base. Pratt said the $600,000 borrowed for construction will be paid off by plot sales. Once that is done, and all plots are sold, the town could earn $2 million in its perpetual care fund. "Once we get over the first hurdle of paying it off, it could be a huge money generator for the town," he said.

Money borrowed for cemeteries is usually paid off over a five-year period, but last fall, special Town Meeting voters authorized a home-rule petition asking the state for permission to repay the money over 10 years.The home rule petition is currently awaiting action by the legislature.

"The reason we had to do that is we didn't think we could sell enough graves over five years to pay off the debt, but when looking at ten years we could do it." Currently there are about 35 burials in town a year and 50 deaths.

The town began looking for a new cemetery site in 1986. Selectman Merle Brown said other sites had been looked at, but it came down to just expanding the Woodside site. "We looked at other areas, but they weren't compatible," he said. "So we started looking at Woodside and saw we could expand on the Route 3A side."

The expansion will have a section available for gravesites with stone markers at $1,850; gravesites with flat markers for $1,500; cremation niche for $2,500; and double-depth cement vaults for $3,500. Each cremation niche has space for two urns.

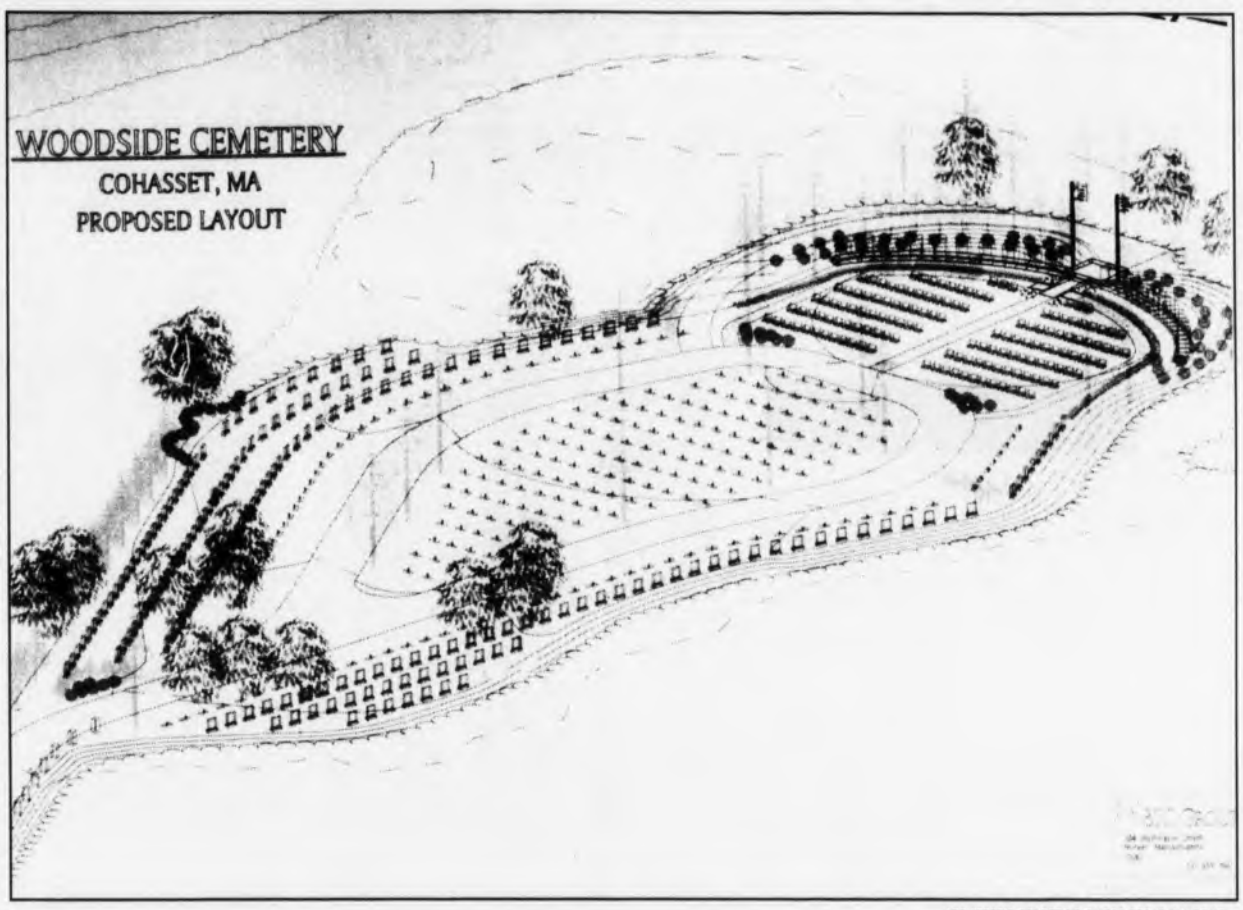
Interestingly, according to David Crispin of BSC Group, the project's engineers, Cohasset has a higher than average cremation rate, than other South Shore communities.

The cemetery will also have a memorial for the town's 21 Gold Star Mothers. "The ZBA [Zoning Board of Appeals] was concerned the expansion would look like a big, open ball field, and were talking about some sort of feature focal point," Pratt said. "So this got hatched up. We have a kind of informal veterans memorial committee that whenever these kind of things come up, gets resurrected and they came up with a memorial that commemorates mothers who lost their sons."

There will also be a flagpole and space for ceremonies.

Pratt said he would have the final bids in his hand when he presents the article before Town Meeting, and if approved, work could begin in June. He is looking at a Patriots Day, 2002 dedication.

The annual Town Meeting will be held on March 31, at 10 a.m. at the middle/high school Sullivan Gymnasium.



ARCHITECT'S RENDERING BY BSC GROUP IN NORWELL

Village workshop

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, in partnership with the Cohasset Village Revitalization Task Force, is sponsoring the fourth in a series of five community workshops to develop designs for infrastructure, circulation, and streetscape improvements in Cohasset Village. The workshop will be held on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Church Parish Center.

The design ideas presented at this workshop are a culmination of the public input received, land survey information completed, and the work of the designers at The Cecil Group. The goal of this workshop is to reach agreement on some of the options, refine the existing ideas, and formalize a community consensus on definitive aesthetic, circulation, and safety changes to the village infrastructure.

Preliminary designs and ideas are on display at the CRC office located at 87 Elm St. (across from Kimball's). Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 10 am – 4 p.m.; Tuesday noon – 8 p.m.

One-way circle in village is floated

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Cecil Group engineer David O'Connor said the change would be based almost exclusively on safety concerns along the narrow stretch of Elm Street between Brook and South Main streets. O'Connor and Peter Briere of the BSC Group, said the only way to get sidewalks on both sides of Elm Street, keep the parking, and allow cars to pass through, would be to make it a one-way. O'Connor said, as an engineer, he would be unwilling to certify any plans without a sidewalk on both sides.

He showed the board pictures of cars parking up on the marked sidewalk in front of the Hingham Institution for Savings, and across the street.

Briere said businesses on South Main Street and Brook Street would benefit from the extra cars diverted in front of their buildings. He said the change would effect approximately 350 cars during the morning and evening rush-hours.

However Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan was concerned over the effect the one-way pattern would have on South Main Street businesses that rely on the northbound flow of traffic in the morning. He singled out especially French Memories and Tedeschi's as businesses which rely on commuters' morning cup of coffee, and how they would be affected if cars had to circle around the village.

He also questioned the need to have a sidewalk from the bank to Cohasset Hardware.

"To have a sidewalk, in back of a hardware store, that no one uses, is a ridiculous notion," Callahan said. Cohasset Hardware's main entrance is on South Main Street.

Callahan said he wants to make sure the effect the change has on businesses doesn't override the value of the "total discombulation" of the downtown area.

"Residents will get used to it, but I'm more concerned with the businesses, who can't shift around where they are," he said.

Selectman Merle Brown was among those in favor of a month-long test period for the traffic change. He said though people would initially hate the change, they'd get used to it. He used the four-way stop at Forest Avenue, King Street and North Main Street as an example. Brown said people were opposed to it initially but now they're writing letters saying its great and not to change it as part of the Greenbush mitigation package.

"People fight change. They want the town to stay the same as it was 300 years ago," Brown said, "If we want something, we have to try it."

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the change make deliveries easier, and should slow down traffic coming into the village.

Task force member Lucia Flibotte said she was against the change because of the potential bottleneck along Brook Street it would create.

However both Brown and Sullivan said bottlenecks exist on Brook Street already.

"I think it can be absolutely nuts there," Sullivan said.

Rizzo said the plan has been presented to Police Chief Brian Noonan and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, and neither rejected the plan outright. O'Connor said the turn from Elm Street to South Main Street, in front of the hardware store, could be made by a ladder truck.

O'Connor also proposed a number of village parking changes. He suggested switching parking across from St. Stephen's from angular to parallel. The benefit, he said, would be increased safety for cars backing out, and the need for less granite rock be chipped from the ledge for the new St. Stephen's walkway. Unfortunately, the number of parking spaces would be reduced,

However, the number lost would be made up along Depot Court, where O'Connor suggested switching the angular parking to the South Shore Community Center side of the road.

He also suggested a redesign of the Depot Court/Ripley Road intersection that would include a traffic island in the middle, and "sharper edges" along the streets to better define the intersection.

Rizzo said the village plan will be open for discussion at the CRC's next public forum, on March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Parish Hall on Summer Street.

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Σ **Bear Hill Tank restoration** - for cleaning, inspecting, repairing (if necessary) and painting the Bear Hill Water Storage Tank.

Σ **Sludge Removal** - for removal of accumulated alum sludge from the storage areas at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

"These projects will help improve water quality and water service for all of our ratepayers," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission," and will ensure that all areas of Cohasset have adequate fire flows and water pressure."

McNabb also pointed out that the Water Commission is currently working on the following improvement projects:

Σ **Fire Hydrant Replacement** - six hydrants have been replaced so far since the beginning of the year, and a total of 20 wilt be replaced in the next six months.

Σ **Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant** - the Commission is currently conducting major repairs at the Plant, by replacing the sedimentation basins and flocculators.

Σ **Scituate Hill Water Tank** - the new tank will be placed on line very soon, which will allow the Commission to flush the entire water distribution system (which is expected to take place before June).

Σ **Distribution system improvements continue** - including replacement of a valve at King Street & route 3A and replacement of undersized pipes on High Strain Road.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

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2:59 a.m. Chief Justice Highway, animal control.
6:28 a.m. South Main St., animal control.
6:33 a.m. King St., and Lily Pond Ln., motor vehicle stop, warning.
6:44 a.m. King St., and Lily Pond Ln., motor vehicle stop, warning.
6:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
7:20 a.m. Cedar St. and Cedar Ledge Vlg., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
8:15 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
9:25 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
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10:49 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
11:04 a.m. N. Main St., and Depot St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
11:26 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:38 p.m. N. Main St., threats.
3:25 p.m. N. Main St., registration inquiry, verbal warning.
3:30 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation.
11:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

11:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation.
11:54 a.m. Brook St., traffic complaint.
12:35 p.m. North Main St., registration inquiry.
1:36 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:35 p.m. Hull St., medical aid.
2:29 p.m. Summer St., officer wanted.
2:53 p.m. Atlantic Ave., serve restraining order.
3:20 p.m. Nichols Rd., officer wanted.
3:59 p.m. Summer St., fire investigation.
6:40 p.m. Nichols Rd., fire investigation.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

12:56 a.m. Registration inquiry.
1:14 a.m. Pond St., medical aid.
3:57 a.m. Elm Ct., general services.
6:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:13 a.m. Pond St., medical aid.
10:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
10:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. warning.
10:19 a.m. Sohier St., officer wanted.
10:23 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle accident.
10:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, warning.
10:42 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:35 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking violation.
4:19 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:34 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
4:42 p.m. S. Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:47 p.m. Summer St. and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, warning.
4:59 p.m. S. Main St. and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, warning.
5:30 p.m. S. Main St. and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, warning.
5:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:17 p.m. S. Main St., assist motorist.
9:13 p.m. Elm St., family disturbance.
10:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violation ,verbal warning.
11:07 p.m. Clay Spring Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

6:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:09 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:20 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:10 a.m. Sohier St., investigation, advised legal help.
8:23 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle violations.
9:46 p.m. King St., annoying phone calls.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

5:47 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., traffic complaint, citation issued.
6:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, warning.
6:31 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
6:48 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
6:56 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
8:43 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
8:50 a.m. White Head Rd., fire investigation.
11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, warning.
11:05 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
11:59 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
1:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, warning.
3:32 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious person.
3:35 p.m. Beechwood St., well being check.
5:15 p.m. Sohier St., animal control
6:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

12:56 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Bridgit L. Chase, 18, 514 Beechwood St., Cohasset. Chrgs. minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage. Arrest: James L. Figueiredo, 18, 8 Margin Ct., Cohasset. Chrgs. minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage. Arrest: Catherine Wenmark, 17, 27 Riverview Dr., Cohasset. Chrgs. minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.
9:03 a.m. Lower King St., disabled auto.
11:26 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
12:33 p.m. Cushing Rd., vandalism.
3:03 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.
3:43 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle accident.
4:25 p.m. N. Main St., property found.
4:38 p.m. King St., and Schofield Rd., tree down.
5:14 p.m. King St., message delivery.
8:26 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

12:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident.
12:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, warning.
1:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Timothy Michael Mogavero, 27, 115 Upham St., Melrose. Chrgs. Illegal possession of class D substance, drinking alcohol from open container in motor vehicle. Arrest: Christopher W. Whitaker, 34, 34 Golden Ave., Medford. Chrgs. Illegal possession of class D substance.
10:40 a.m. Elm St., fire investigation.
12:22 p.m. Cushing Rd., animal control.
4:42 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.
6:52 p.m. Norfolk Rd., civil offenses.
7:43 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

POLICE BRIEFS

Drug charges

Police charged two men with possession of marijuana following a traffic stop early Sunday morning.

Officer William Quigley made the stop at about 1 a.m. after activating radar that determined the motor vehicle was going 51 mph in a posted 35 zone.

After approaching the driver, Quigley smelled a strong odor of burning marijuana on the driver's breath. Police asked each of the five occupants in the car to step out of the motor vehicle, all were frisked and asked for identification, according to the police report. Further investigation revealed that the driver, Christopher W. Whitaker, 34, allegedly had a plastic bag with what police believe was marijuana in his possession. Passenger, Timothy Mogavero, 27, whose breath also smelled of marijuana, was found to have two marijuana cigarettes in his pocket. Mogavero also had an open bottle of beer at his feet.

Whittaker, a Medford resident, was charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance (marijuana). Police charged Mogavero with illegal possession of Class D and drinking alcohol from an open container in a motor vehicle.

The men were arraigned on the charges Monday in Quincy District Court. The drug possession charges against Whitaker and Mogavero were continued without a finding for three months, meaning if they stay out of trouble, the charge will be dropped at that time, Sgt. Robert Jackson said. Mogavero was found responsible but not fined on the open container of alcohol charge. Both men had to pay $135 in court costs.

Minors arrested

Police charged three minors with transporting alcohol after a routine traffic stop at about 1 a.m. Saturday.

Police could allegedly smell the odor of alcohol on each of the occupants at booking and found seven cans (two of them opened) and a 40 oz. bottle of Bud Lite beer inside the car.

Charged were Bridgit Chase, 18, of 514 Beechwood St.; James Figueiredo, 18, of 8 Margin Court. and Catherine Wenmark, 17, of 27 Riverview Drive. Wenmark was also cited for having an expired inspection sticker and operating a motor vehicle with defective equipment (brake lights stuck on).

At the arraignment, the charge against Wenwark was continued without a finding for three months. She had to pay court costs of $85.

The charges against Chase and Figueiredo were dismissed. The teens were put in a diversion program and will have to pay a $50 fee to MADD, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

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OBITUARIES

Herbert E. Morse

Herbert E. Morse, 71, of Englewood, Florida,. died Feb. 21, 2001 at his residence.

Born in Cohasset to Herbert and Dorothy (Cooper) Morse, he moved to the Englewood area in 1995 from Euless, Texas, where he was an avid horseman.

Mr. Morse worked with American Airlines as a ticket agent.

He was a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #2378 and St. Raphael's Catholic Church, both in Englewood, Florida.

He leaves his wife, Priscilla, two sons, Chuck and Christopher of Texas; six daughters, Kimberly Wagner and Diane Morse of Ohio, Debra Lite and Pamela Morse of Fla., Jeannine Larondo of Va., Karen Blackmon of Texas; a sister, Helen Raymond of Quincy; and 15 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 27, 2001, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Englewood.

A Month's Mind Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset on March 31, at 5 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of S.W. Florida, 5955 Hand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Merritt A. Clegg

Merritt A. Clegg, 101, of Cohasset died March 16, 2001, after a brief illness.

Born in Bronx, New York and graduating from Sufferan High School in Sufferan, N.Y., he attended Columbia University and College of City New York. He was also a World War I Army veteran.

A resident of Sunrise Assisted Living Facility in Cohasset for the last two years, Mr. Clegg lived in Wellesley for 40 years and summered in Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard before becoming a full-time resident in 1978.

In 1945 he brought Junior Achievement to Massachusetts, serving as its Massachusetts Executive Director and later as its Executive Vice President until 1972.

A 50-plus-year member of Rotary International, he was recently honored by the Cohasset Rotary Club at his residence.

An extraordinary gifted fundraiser, he devoted considerable efforts during his retired years to a variety of charitable and non-for-profit organizations in Wellesley and Martha's Vineyard including the Red Cross bloodmobile.

Husband to the late Helen (Bruno) Clegg for 57 years, he leaves his son, Winston Clegg of Norwell and his daughter, Linda Bleasdale of Phoenix, Arizona; four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Emilia Clegg.

Visiting hours were omitted and interment will be private.

A memorial service will be held at Sunrise Assisted Living Facility (Rt. 3A) 125 King St., Cohasset, on Thursday, March 22, at 2 p.m.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Norwell and Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to the Unitarian Service Committee, 130 Prospect St., Cambridge, MA 02139 or a charity of your choice.

IT'S HAPPENING

Garage dance

Dance at the garage on Friday, March 23, from 7 to 10 p.m. Grades 6 to 8, $5 per person.

Yard sale benefit

A fund-raising yard sale for the Cohasset Historical Society will be held on May 19, at the Lothrop House. The society will accept donations of household items, furniture, tools, books, small working appliances, etc. (no clothing please).

The first drop off dates will be: Saturday, March 24 noon to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, March 25 noon to 2 p.m. at the Lothrop House on Summer Street. Additional drop-off dates will be scheduled in April and early May.

Any questions, call John or Pat Steel at 383-2545.

Gardeners meet

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet at 9 a. m. March 27,at the Second Congregational Church, Bates Hall. The topic will be "Iris, Lilies and Daylilies." Well-known author and lecturer Suzanne Mahler will provide a general overview of those three diverse plant groups with suggestions for successful culture. Slides will be shown to aid in selecting special varieties for your garden.

Retirement dinner

Friends of Mary Jeanette Murray will host a retirement roast on Thursday, April 26 at 6 p.m. at Lantana in Randolph to celebrate the former State Representative's 24 years of service. Tickets for the evening are $35 per person and are available by calling the following people: Nancy Roach, 383-0802; Carolyn and Chris Manning, 925-4375; Bill Herman 749-4894; John Cohan, 740-0098; Cindy Kelleher, 749-7860; Lillian Murray Curley, 383-0695.

'Living with Memory Loss'

On Sunday, March 25, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Adult Life Enrichment program at First Parish, Cohasset, will offer a talk and discussion on issues arising for people and their loved ones who are coping with issues around memory loss.

This program is designed to address both a broad overview of illnesses and circumstances that result in memory loss and ways of learning to live with these conditions. Some specific areas that will be covered include Alzheimer's, dementia, illnesses that affect the brain and caregiver stress.

The presenters for this event will be Carolyn Housman and Susan Shumaker.

Housman is a licensed social worker who has worked 18 years for the Social Service League of Cohasset and also at the Hingham VNA and Affiliated VNA. Her specialties have included chronic and life-threatening illness, geriatric mental health and Alzheimer's disease.

Shumaker is a member of First Parish, who has a chronic disease that results in memory loss. A former teacher, Shumaker will discuss her personal struggles with this condition and methods she has learned through therapy and practice to cope with and overcome memory loss.

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THEATER REVIEW

Company Theatre's 'La Cage Aux Folles' sparkles

By. R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Billed from the outset as a big, old-fashioned musical, "La Cage Aux Folles" first took the musical theater world by storm during a pre-Broadway tryout at the Colonial Theatre in Boston in the summer of 1983. Based on the 1973 Jean Poiret play of the same name, "La Cage" featured music and lyrics by Jerry Herman and a book by Harvey Fierstein. From Boston, the play moved to New York where it won six Tony Awards including Best Musical and settled in for an almost five year run at the Palace.

Now through April 8 at Norwell's Company Theater, first-time and return audiences have an opportunity to see a visually spectacular production of "La Cage Aux Folles." Indeed, a virtual of sea of sequins, bugle beads and marabou feathers are helping to bring all the free-spirited joy and tawdry glamour of nightlife on the French Riviera right here to the South Shore.

It should have surprised no-one that Jerry Herman was behind this show. It was Herman after all who gave words and music to the larger than life women at the heart of the 1960s Broadway hits "Mame" and Hello Dolly!". With "La Cage," Herman was back on Broadway with another fabulous female, the indomitable Zaza. Actually, there was one little difference. Zaza wasn't really a lady after all, but instead the drag persona of Albin, a nightclub headliner in St. Tropez. Like Mame Dennis and Dolly Levy before her, Zaza hides a heart of gold beneath often outlandish behavior.

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One of the most talked about elements of the original Broadway production of "La Cage" was the stunning chorus line of dancers, all in drag except for two. Their remarkably shapely legs became part of the show's mainstream appeal. Not surprisingly, the illusion is not maintained in Norwell. While the Company Theater deserves credit for hiring some actual drag queens for its "Les Cagelle" line, even they aren't enough to save the dance numbers from being more awkward than awe-inspiring. The always dependable David Good does his best with the naughty role of "Hannah from Hamburg," but is continuously betrayed by a whip that just won't crack.



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Les Cagelles strut their stuff in the Company Theatre's lavish production of La Cage Aux Folles.



Back stage Michael McAdam gets made up for his role as Phaedra in the chorus line Cagelles.

The leads here are strong, however, especially Michael Kreutz as Georges, the nightclub owner whose partner Albin/Zaza is also his headliner. Kreutz captures all of Georges' sweet-tempered warmth and fussy dignity. When he sings the heartfelt "Song on the Sand" to his partner, Albin, he is expressing sentiments of love and devotion that know no barriers. Watch and listen to Kreutz, and Christopher J. Hagberg as Albin, and you just may realize what life should be all about.

Hagberg plays Albin with an affecting vulnerability so touching that you may want to jump to his defense when he becomes the object of ridicule. Hagberg's acting helps provide the story with its emotional core. His flat singing voice is frequently under pitch and does the musical material few favors. The rousing anthem that closes act one, "I Am What I Am," should stir the soul and raise the roof off of the theater. In Hagberg's hands, the song will probably only get to you if you have heard it done before.

Harvey Fierstein was hot off his own "Torch Song Trilogy," when he was hired to do the book for "La Cage." He didn't add very much by way of smoothing out the rough edges of the original. When Albin and Georges learn that "their" son, Jean-Michel, is to be married, and that he wants his "parents" to clean up their act and make themselves presentable to his would-be in-laws, the musical suddenly accelerates before abruptly veering into a dance number. The odd interlude features not only Jean-Michel, but his fiancee and not one, but two paramours from his past. This bogus ballet seems as out of place now as it did 18 years ago.

Unfortunately, the visit by Jean-Michel's conservative future in-laws is a plot device that turns act two into little more than a French farce. The second act does, however, boast the buoyant, "The Best of Times," one of the musical's most "hummable" tunes.

The cast is clearly enjoying itself. Company stalwart John King is hilarious as Jacob, the high-strung servant. As young lovers, Jean-Michel and Anne, David Costa and Lauren Gemelli are an appealing duo despite a lack of any obvious romantic chemistry.

Musical Director Michael Joseph, appropriately attired in a sequin jacket that may be on loan from the Liberace Museum, ably leads a strong 18-piece orchestra through Herman's now familiar score. Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman do everything they can to keep things moving with a large cast and many scene changes. Choreographer Sally Ashton Forrest would have done well to trim some of the dance numbers, or at least better tailor them to the abilities of her performers. Costume Designer Shirley Carney really steals the show, though, with some of the most lavish designs ever executed on a South Shore stage.

"La Cage Aux Folles" will be performed at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, through April 8. For tickets and information, call (781) -871-2787.

Singing for the boys and girls

Benefit concert features Avenue X

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Avenue X, a local a capella group, will combine business with pleasure at Handlebar Harry's in Plymouth Sunday.

The smooth harmonizing quintet, which bills itself as Acapella Doo Wop...and Beyond, will highlight a day-and-evening-long benefit show at Plymouth's waterfront "Cheers"-style restaurant, pub and nightclub, located in Cordage Park. Proceeds raised at the event will go toward the Plymouth Boys and Girls Club a group for which Avenue X member Wes James sits on the board of directors. Tickets for the seven-hour benefit running from 2-9 p.m. are $10.

Also performing are headliners James Montgomery and surprise guests for the occasion the All-Stars, jazz trumpeter Johnny Sousa and Friends, 60s rock covers band Two-o-Clock Charlie, and the Blues Jammers, featuring various area blues players and singers including Jimmy Carreira, who organizes and hosts the weekly open-mike blues jam on Tuesdays at Handlebar Harry's. Emcee for the day is WATD-FM radio personality Liz Raven.

The Plymouth Boys and Girls Club currently plans to move to a new, larger facility in the town, from Miller Street to a location off South Street across from Mayflower Village. The Handlebar Harry's benefit date is one of numerous fundraising events for the Club taking place recently in the Plymouth area.

The Club has a whole host of new programs it would like to introduce," said James, "including not only sports, but also music, arts and theatre. And for all this, we definitely need a new facility with more space, especially now when our membership is at an all-time high of 1,100."

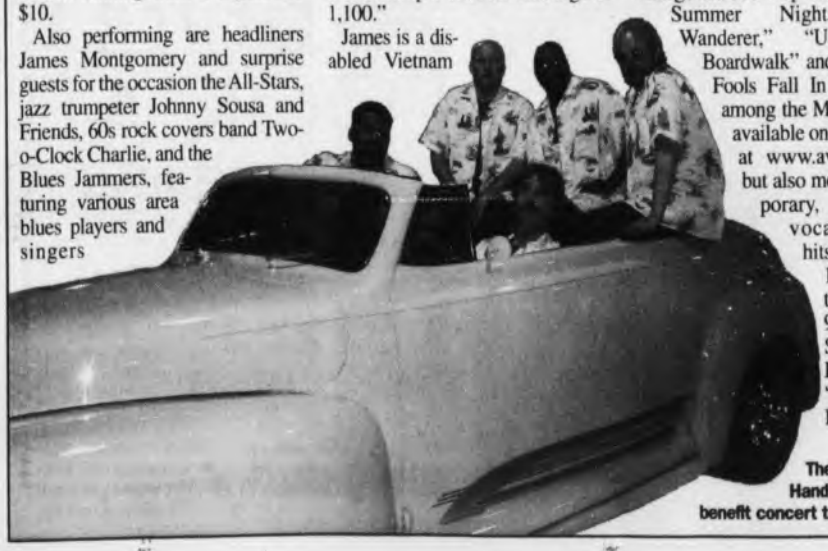
James is a disabled Vietnam veteran who's done community work in Plymouth, including serving on the Boys and Girls Club board of directors, for nearly thirty years. He noted that the Club's music program has in recent years produced its own blues band, which in 1998 won a national amateur bands competition and flew all-expenses-paid to San Diego to perform for standing ovation crowds. Last year the Boys and Girls Club group released an independent CD of old-school blues/R&B cover songs by James Brown, Santana, B.B. King and others as well as an original song about the plight of the homeless. Members of this band will be among the Blues Jammers at Sunday's benefit show.

The group's "Acapella Doo Wop...and Beyond" tagline denotes its typical live repertoire of not only vintage-era doo-wop classics ("One Summer Night," "The Wanderer," "Under the Boardwalk" and "Why Do Fools Fall In Love" are among the MP3 samples available on the website at www.avenuex.net) but also more contemporary, doowop/vocal-friendly hits from the 1960s through the 90s, such as Smokey Robinson's "Ooh Baby Baby," the Capris' "Morse Code of Love" and even such recent Adult Contemporary fare as Shania Twain's "You're Still the One" and Savage Garden's "Truly, Madly, Deeply." Avenue X adds the occasional original song to its set list as well.

"Our group first officially formed as Avenue X in 1998," said member Mike Kelby, the appointed spokesman of the group. "And from the beginning we've wanted to be creative with our repertoire, knowing that there are a lot of post-doo wop songs that are very compatible with the doo wop/a capella vocal style. This sense of adventure, I think, distinguishes us from other doo-wop nostalgia groups."

Avenue X keeps a busy performing schedule, playing an average of 75 dates a year at venues from Plymouth's Mayflower Restaurant to Boston's Faneuil Hall, the Cape Cod Melody Tent and Mohegan Sun resort while its members all have full-time day jobs. The group is already booked through summer 2001.

"One thing that always amazes and delights me about performing live is that people at the shows like the music no matter who they are, even teenagers and little kids along with the forty and fifty-something folks who grew up with the music. It's a very spontaneous reaction we get from audiences and they're always very supportive," Kelby said.



The local a cappella group Avenue X will cruise into Handlebar Harry's at Cordage Park this weekend for a benefit concert to support the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth.



Home show goes botanical

An annual home show is making its way to the South Shore once again this year, but this time, it's got a new botanical twist.

The first annual South Shore Home and Garden Show will set up shop at the Marshfield Fairgrounds March 22, and will continue through March 25.

The garden show is merely an expansion of the South Shore Home Show, which was founded on the South Shore in 1999 by Kingston sisters Jill Daly and Kim Kelly, otherwise known as CED Promotions.

Home show organizers say that by adding a gardening component, the event "further satisfies a long-standing need for such a resource to South Shore businesses and consumers."

More than 100 South Shore businesses are taking part in this year's show.

The upcoming show will feature a number of 'botanically-related' subjects including creating your own gardens, and modifying landscapes. As always home show visitors can pick up dozens of tips for renovating and decorating their homes. Home decorating professionals will be on hand providing information on renovating bathrooms, kitchens and just about any other room in your home. Those in the market to build or buy a home can speak personally to builders, realtors and mortgage loan officers at the home show.

The South Shore Home and Garden Show will be open from 3-9 p.m. on March 22, from 2-9 p.m. on March 23, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. on March 24, and from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on March 25. Admission is $7 per person, $2 for children 6-12, and no charge for children under the age of six. For more information, call (781) 585-0017.

Living

Weeknight cassoulet



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



Cassoulet, the traditional French dish of beans and meat — usually pork, duck confit, and sausage — is cooked very slowly to allow the flavors to meld. It can be dry, heavy, and salty, but when prepared properly, it is juicy and succulent without being overbearing. The problem, of course, is that this dish is inordinately time consuming making it unsuitable for anyone other than an intrepid retiree.

The first step was to simplify the ingredient list and shorten the cooking time. Gone was the duck or goose confit and the long, slow simmering. Instead, I opted for quicker cooking chicken thighs (they stay moist even when overcooked) and Italian sausage. The first issue to resolve was how to prepare the beans. After some testing, I decided to pre-cook the beans and then build the finished dish. (Although overnight soaking does produce slightly plumper beans, the difference is marginal.) I wanted to infuse flavor into the beans during cooking so I added a small onion studded with whole cloves, a bay leaf, and salt to the cooking water. The cooking takes about 45 minutes —I wanted my beans very tender not al dente — but you can leave the kitchen while the beans cook.

For the chicken, bone-in, skinless chicken thighs worked best. I found that the skin becomes gummy during braising and that the thighs do not lose any moisture or flavor prepared skinless. I found that brining (soaking in salted water to add flavor and moisture) did not make much difference in this dish since the thighs are braised which infuses them with flavor.

I thought that the dish needed one more type of meat and I opted for pork. At first, I rendered fat from a few slices of bacon and then used the fat to brown the chicken and the bacon to garnish the finished dish. I then tried using sweet Italian sausage removed from its casing in place of the bacon; this was a major improvement since it added depth of flavor and texture, making the dish hearty and rustic.

The liquid I preferred was 1/2 cup of white wine and three cups of chicken stock. The water used to cook the beans had a taste which was overpowering and unwelcome and plain water didn't add enough taste or body. Additions which made the cut were onion, carrot, and a couple of tablespoons of tomato paste for flavor and color — actual chopped tomato seemed out of place. Finally, I added a bit of fresh rosemary during the last 10 minutes of cooking although you could try either fresh sage or thyme. The dish is garnished with a generous portion of chopped parsley.

QUICK CASSOULET

A word of caution about the beans. Do not undercook them. They will not soften much when cooked with the meat so they should be just shy of soft after precooking. There is nothing worse than half-cooked beans in this sort of dish.

1 pound great northern or navy beans picked over and rinsed

1 small onion peeled and studded with 8 whole cloves plus one medium onion cut into 1/2-inch dice

1 bay leaf

3/4 teaspoon salt plus additional salt for seasoning the chicken

1/2 pound sweet Italian sausage removed from casing and crumbled

8 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed

Freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 medium carrot, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice

2 cloves garlic, finely mined or pressed

1/2 cup white wine

2 tablespoons tomato paste

3 cups chicken stock

1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary

1/4 cup chopped flat leaf parsley

1. In a large saucepan combine the beans, onion studded with cloves, bay leaf and 3/4 teaspoon salt with 6 cups water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, reduce the heat to maintain a simmer, partially cover and cook for 45 minutes or until just tender. Discard the clove-studded onion.

2. Place a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and brown well on all sides, breaking apart any large pieces with a spatula. Remove with a slotted spoon and set on paper towels to drain. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon of fat. (Some sausage is very lean and may not render much fat.) Season the chicken with salt and pepper and brown well on both sides in batches if necessary. Remove and reserve.

3. Adjust the heat to medium and add the olive oil. Add the chopped onion and carrot and cook until soft, stirring occasionally, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for an additional 2 minutes. Add the white wine and scrape browned bits from bottom of pan. Add the tomato paste and stir to combine. Drain beans and add them to the Dutch oven along with the chicken, sausage, and chicken stock. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to maintain a simmer and cook, covered, for 20 to 30 minutes or until chicken thighs are cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees. Add the rosemary and cook for 10 minutes more or until the beans and chicken are very tender. At this point if the braising liquid is very thin, simmer uncovered for a few minutes more. Season to taste with salt and pepper. (Add liberal amounts of both.) Serve immediately, garnished with the chopped parsley. Serves 4-6.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

The moon enters Pisces at 12:28 a.m. and interacts with Jupiter at 12:37 p.m. and Mercury at 3:08 p.m. Don't take on more than you can handle. Choose your words carefully. You may be tempted to overdo, overextend, make foolish promises. You can make headway with projects that need your imagination and creativity. On the other hand, avoid jobs that require mental focus and precision.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Stormy astrological weather arrives this morning. Be sure to start off with a positive, peaceful attitude. Others may be hypersensitive, temperamental, distracted. Take it slow and easy. The Pisces moon forms challenging alignments to Pluto at 6:53 a.m and Mars at 11:12 a.m. This is a day for cleaning up the clutter, reorganizing, preparing for new starts. Plan a quiet evening; get extra rest.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

This may be a slow-starting morning. Allow extra time to get where you are going. Others may be moody, sleepy. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 5:58 a.m. and travels at the tail end of the zodiac until 11:44 a.m. The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect until 8:21 p.m., when the sun and moon conjoin at 4 1/2-degrees of Aries. Influences turn around completely after the new moon culminates, and a harmonious alignment to Jupiter sets the stage for late night partying. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

The light side of an Aries new moon brings sunny astrological weather. Enthusiasm and energy run high. Be more adventurous; spur of the moment ideas get the green light. The Aries moon forms harmonious alignments to five planets today. In addition, an applying alignment of the sun and Jupiter prompts you to make long range plans, set new goals. New starts in your business or personal life are recommended.

MONDAY, MARCH 26

Get an early start to this day. You must initiate new projects before 8:10 a.m., when the Aries moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. The remainder of the day is prime for finishing projects already begun, handling routine chores and errands. The applying sun/Jupiter alignment continues to generate an optimistic, playful mood. Take extra time out for fun and games; enjoy favorite sports, hobbies, friends. At 8:51 p.m. a Taurus moon takes over.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

This day has its challenges. The Taurus moon forms one major contact to a planet, a 90-degree alignment to Neptune at 12:12 p.m. That means that it may be difficult to focus on practical matters; others may be sleepy, careless, distracted. In addition, an applying alignment of Mercury to Pluto warns against signing important documents, making major decisions or launching new enterprises. Plan a quiet evening. Meditate for inner peace and clarity.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

A mixed bag of planetary influences makes for a day that can go either way. Let go of situations that are out of your control. Instead, zero in on duties, commitments you have made and follow through. Mercury aligns with Pluto at 1:28 a.m. A lunar alignment to Uranus is in effect between 1:57-4:57 p.m., warning you to be flexible in this period; projects may take unexpected turns. The sun forms a flowing 60-degree contact to Neptune, aiding all creative, artistic endeavors. At 11:29 p.m. the Taurus moon conjoins Saturn and becomes inactive.

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VOCALIST DONNA BYRNE AND QUARTET will be in concert in Duxbury at First Parish Church on April 1 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. The concert is being sponsored by Pamela Campbell Smith, raising money for the American Liver Foundation. Tickets are $25 for general seating and $35 for reserved seating. Tickets can be purchased at Westwind Books and The Studio in Duxbury or C and C Gallery in Norwell. For more information call (781) 934-6492.

JAZZ IN THE LIBRARY: The Ed Sorrentino Jazz Trio, featuring Jazz Vocalist Amanda Carr will present a diverse program at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree on April 7 at 3 p.m. in the library's Logan Auditorium. This is a free program and is open to the public. For more information call (781) 843-8519.

RAINFOREST REPTILE SHOW AT THE SCIENCE CENTER on April 8 for a return visit from professional herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky. There will be two shows, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 members and $6 non-members and can be purchased by phone with a credit card by calling the center at (781) 659-2559.

THE ROADS NOT TAKEN is a concert to be presented at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on March 31 at 8 p.m. The musical revue will be presented by four singers with piano accompaniment. Tickets are $10 and $8 for SSAC members and are available by calling the Art Center at 383-2787.

LES MISERABLES at the Colonial Theatre opening April 11 and running through May 20. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Midweek matinee on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices are $25 - $75. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787 or directly through The Colonial Theatre Box Office , 106 Boylston Street and the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street. For more information call the Colonial Theatre at (617) 426-9366.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners. plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781)383-1980.



BEST BET

Cohasset artist Judy St. Peter is showing her works now through April 25 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The library is located at 106 South Main Street in Cohasset. For more information on the show call (781) 383-1944.

Thurs. 22

Benefit Auction for the Blind with Live Bidding on WATD FM starting at 2 p.m. Auction items include museum passes, auction packages and gift certificates. Volunteers are needed to help answer telephone lines. If you are interested in donating call (781) 834-4400 or (800) 696-9505.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents The Bruce Marshall Group with special guests Flintlock. Tickets are $8 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

The Friends of the John Curtis Free Library note cards illustrated by local artists, depicting familiar scenes of Hanover are now available at the Salmond School, Broadway, Hanover and Elegant Entrances at 150 Broadway, Hanover Four Corners. Note cards are available in packages of 10 cards for $7. All proceeds will benefit the John Curtis Free Library. For more information call (781) 826-2972.

Home Show Grows: New Garden Exposition featuring the South Shore's first large-scale gardening exposition held from March 22 - 25 on the Marshfield Fairgrounds. The show will be open from 3 - 9 p.m. on March 22, 2 - 9 p.m. on March 23, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. on March 24 and 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on March 25. Admission is $7 per person, $2 for children 6 - 12 and no charge for children under 6. For more information call (781) 585-0017.

Fri. 23

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Stephanie Corby, Adam Ezra and Linda Shara. Tickets are $10 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

The James Library and Center for the Arts will begin the "festival of Arts Weekend" with a Gala Piano Recital at 8 p.m. by Max Levinson, the first American to win first prize at the Guardian Dublin International Piano Competition. Tickets are $25. There will be a reception on March 24 from 1- 4 p.m. and admission is free. On March 25 from 1 - 4 p.m. the James and Mount Blue restaurant will present a fundraiser for the James Library entitled "Jammin for the James" with an afternoon of great blues music with the Bruce Katz Band and eclectic violinist Mimi Rabson and Friends. Tickets are $50 and proceeds will help support the James Library. For more information please call (781)659-7100.

Joyful Listening presents "More Than Tickling the Ivories" a class that will focus on the fascinating and rich role the piano has played since its explosive entry onto the musical scene (around 1709-1710). March 23 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the James Library in Norwell. Mail tuition of $60 (payable to Alison Barr) to 663 Whiting Street, Hanover, MA 02339. For more information call (781) 982-8920.

Darling Productions at the Quincy Dinner Theatre presents "Whose Wife Is It Anyway," March 23,24 and 25. Fridays and Saturdays dinner is at 7 p.m. show at 8:30. Sunday's dinner is at 2 p.m. with the matinee performance at 3:30 p.m. The dinner theater is located at 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. Tickets are $35. For more information call (781) 843-5862.

Buckley Performing Arts Center announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. The Tender Land. March 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are $14. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non-members. Proper dress required. For more information call (781) 331-0021.

"Shabbat Across America / Canada" - Participants join over 75,000 North American Jews in a major effort to revitalize Sabbath observance. Congregation Beth Jacob invites practicing and non practicing Jews to experience and rejoice in this festive meal taking place at 6:15 p.m. at the Beth Jacob Community Center, located on the corner of Court St. (Route 3A) and Brewster Street, downtown Plymouth. For reservations and more information call Robin at (508) 888-7901.

Sat. 24

Clowns Get Serious About Romance on national TV's "Totally Outrageous" show airing on March 24 on ABC from 8 - 9 p.m. Susan Oberg and Harvey Jacobvitz are Fruit and Jingles, respectively, the husband and wife team, are inviting friends, family and the public to the Red Parrot at 1 Hull Shore Drive, Hull to view the segment "live" on big screen TV. For more information call (781) 925-9793.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with some hills for 4 miles . Loop around Ponkapoag Pond. Meet at the Ponkapoag Golf Course parking lot on Route 138 in Canton.

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The United Brass Quintet will be presenting a concert Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church at 660 Country Way in North Scituate. The program includes a variety of styles from Handel to Jazz. All children under age 12 are admitted free and donations of $10 and for students and senior citizens will be accepted at the door. For more information call the Scituate First Baptist Church office at (781)545-0058 or Bob Baker at (781) 585-3622.



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There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617) 698-1802.

Massachusetts Striped Bass Association presents the 50th Annual Sport fishing Expo from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on March 24 and from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on March 25. Held at Cordage Park, Building number 1, Route 3A in Plymouth. Show prices is $7 for adults and kids 12 and under are $2. For more information call (781) 395-1791.

Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center will hold a Reiki Level 1 Training with Mary Lou Hanlon from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on March 24 and 25. The session will be repeated on April 21 and 22. Located at 45 Pond Street in Norwell. For more information call (781)982-1616.

Celebrate the Child at the Early Childhood Fair from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Daniel Webster School, 1456 Ocean Street in Marshfield. There will be activities for children, information about programs and services and families with children ages preschool through age 8 are encouraged to attend. Admission is $2 per family, sponsored by the Early Childhood Council and Project Hand-In-Hand. For more information call 834-5048.

The South Shore Model Railway Club, Inc. will hold an open house on March 24 and 25 at Building 51, Bare Cove Park off Fort Hill Street in Hingham. The Railway Club show will be on March 25 at Weymouth High School, 1071 Commercial Street in Weymouth. Hours for both events are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is $3 for adults and children 6 - 12 or seniors are $2. For more information call (781) 740-2000.

Cambridge Society for Early Music "Chamber Music by Candlelight" Series presents harpsichord virtuoso Colin Tilney at 8 p.m. at the First Parish Church, Tremont Street in Duxbury. Tickets are $20; $15 for students and seniors and are available at the door. For more information call (617) 489-2062.

The Pembroke Library presents Tom O'Carroll with Irish Songs and Stories from 2 - 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Pembroke Library this Dublin born folk-singer and instrumentalist will provide a program of Irish songs and stories. The program is free but space is limited so pick up your tickets as soon as possible. Refreshments will be served.

Rockland Democratic Town Committee will hold Scholarship Dance and Roast at 7 p.m. - midnight at the Eagles Hall, 29 Park Street in Rockland. DJ Lori Soper will provide music. Tickets are $6 and are available from any committee member or by calling Rockland Democratic Town committee Chairman Mike Cunnigham at Howland's Insurance Agency at (781)878-9000.

Singles Executive Club Saturday Social and Dance at the Dedham Hilton Hotel, 25 Allied Drive in Dedham. Exit 14, East Street off Route 128. (781)446-0234. Open to all single professionals 35 - 55 years of age. Tickets are $15. Ties and jackets are required for men and party or business finery for women. Co-sponsored by Young Professionals Club.

Sun. 25

The Fuller Museum of Art annual exhibition of African American Contemporary artists presents Richard Yale Recent Works on Paper: Coming and Going/Palms. Show will run through March 25. For more information call (508) 588-6000.

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Gallery Talk with Sculptor Stacy Latt Savage at Art Complex Museum at 2 p.m. Located at 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. Museum hours are Wed. - Sun. from 1- 4 p.m. and the first Thurs. of each month from 1 - 8 p.m. For more information call (781)934-2731 ext. 4.

Blue Hills Winter Programs include "Canine Capers" at 1 p.m. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Bring your favorite furry mutt who must be on a leash not to exceed seven feet. 1.5 hours. For more information call (617) 333-0690.

Quintessential Brass at Candlelight Concert is part of the ongoing series in Hingham. Scheduled for 4 p.m. at the Old Ship Church, 90 Main Street in Hingham. Admission is free.

Brockton Symphony Welcomes Guest Pianist for a March Concert. Award-winning pianist Esther Budiardjo returns to perform Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 3 as part of the spring program. Held at Brockton High School, an informal discussion about the concert selections with Jonathan Cohler will begin at 2:45 p.m. The concert begins at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $18 for adults and $14 for seniors and $9 for children and can be ordered by calling (508) 588-3841.

Classes

DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION and the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury is offering the following courses and classes: Multi-Media Portrait workshop with Katherine Smit on Wed. - Fri., 9 a.m. - noon, March 21 - 23. $75/members, $95/non members. "Stamp Your Way into spring" on April 6 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Ages 4 - 6 welcome. $15/members, $20/non members. "Paint a Silk Egg Window Ornament" on March 30 from 1 - 3 p.m. $20/members, $25/non members. "Paint a Silk Tulip Ornament" on March 30 from 10 a.m. - noon. $25/members, $30/non members. "Gallery Talk and Slide Presentation with Sculptor, Stacy Latt Savage on March 25 at 2 p.m. Admission is free. "Gallery Talk/Slide Presentation with Artist, Anne Heywood" on April 22 at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Call to register at (781) 934-2731 ext. 15

RED CROSS COMMUNITY CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING will be offered at the Brockton Red Cross Office on April 7. The participants will learn Adult, Infant and Child CPR and First Aid. Held from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 281 Pleasant Street in Brockton. Registration is $55 per person. To register call (800) 232-8812.

HEALING FROM TRAUMA: a new support group starting April 5 at 2 Columbia Road, Suite 8 in Pembroke. Meetings will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month from 7 - 9 p.m. Some of these Trauma issues are: Child Abuse - Sexual Abuse - Alcoholism - PTSD - Workplace - Separation Trauma - Relationships. Program is free and donations are accepted. For more information call Beth and Donna Counseling Associates at (781) 871-6285.

THE ARTIST'S WAY a journey in self-discovery based on Julia Cameron's book by the same title on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. beginning March 28 at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. Each week participants examine a different core aspect of their way of living such as their sense of safety, identity and power. The cost of the twelve week program is $40 and meetings will be held at the Judah Alden House on the grounds of the museum. Class size is limited so please call (781) 934-6634 ext. 12 to register

YOGA CLASS at the New North Church in Hingham Harbor on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Please bring a mat. For more information or to register call Joanne Harrison at (781) 740-4412.

DOG TRAINING AT THE HINGHAM RECREATION CENTER, 210 Central Street in Hingham, sponsored by the New England Humane Association. Agil-O-Bedience is a funfilled, active class combining obedience, attention, trick and agility training. Class starts April 24 at 7 p.m. and the cost is $100 for a five-week session. Saturday morning classes are also available starting April 7. For more information call (781) 878-4343.

Mon. 26

Braintree Art Association will hold an exhibit at the Thayer Academy Gallery in Braintree from March 26 - April 19. Located at 745 Washington Street in Braintree. The Gallery hours are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. when school is in session. The Braintree Art Association meeting will be held on April 19 at 7 p.m. A demonstration in watercolors will be presented by Eleanor Mahoney. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call (781)843-3590.

Canton Spiritualist Church presents Reverend Gail Hicks of Georgia, internationally renown psychic/healer/horsewhisperer, lecturing on "Connecting With Spirit" how to access your own spirit guides and teachers. Held from 7 - 9 p.m., $15 per person. Held at Trinity Parish, Canton, 138 North across from Howard Johnson's. For more information cal (617)469-2568.

Tues. 27

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a breakfast meeting at Lantana, Randolph from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Speaking will be Dr. Rita H. Losee, CEO, Total Success!. "Unlock Your Possibilities: Never Settle for Less than you Are" If you need directions call (781) 961-4660. Please register by March 22 by calling (781) 749-8883.

Participate in the Celebration of Spring and Hope and help further the fight against cancer with daffodils. South Shore residents can participate in the American Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days by purchasing a bouquet of ten fresh daffodils for only $6. While supplies last, daffodils can be purchased from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on March 27 - 30 at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South Street in Hingham or 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. on March 28 - April 1 at the Hanover Mall, Washington Street in Hanover. For more information please call your local American Cancer Society office at (508) 584-9600.

Wed. 28

Leaving Your Job? A.G. Edwards will sponsor an educational workshop designed for those who are leaving their jobs through company downsizing, early retirement or reaching mandatory distribution age. The workshop will cover lump sum distributions, rollovers and investments for retirement income. Held at 101 Derby Street in Hingham from 12 - 1:30 and lunch will be served. To reserve a space call Cindy Lepre at (800) 543-8010.

Artwork by Weymouth Youth to be featured in solo exhibit at Rockland Memorial Library. The award winning artist Brian Rusconi, 17, of Weymouth will be featured in "Art in the Rotunda" through March 28. The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours: Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Attention all Nature Lovers and Kayakers! Don't miss Bar Harbor and Acadia: The Maine Coast by Kayak and Melonseed, a Water Watch Lecture Series presentation at the South Shore Natural Science Center at 7 p.m. Located on Jacob's Lane in Norwell. Admission is $3

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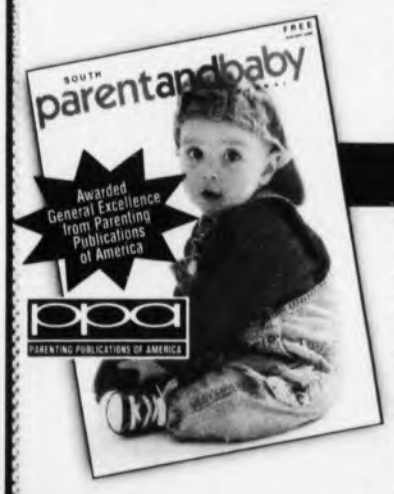
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- Middle child syndrome: fact or fiction?
- Columnist Kathleen McKenna shares her not-so-wonderful experience of throwing a dinner party.
- A calendar filled with fun, local, family-friendly events.



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Stop and Shop, 333 M. Bishop Blvd., Fall River
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The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Laurie Geltman with Cerebral Ink. Tickets are $12 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant at Braintree 5 Corners beginning at 8:30 p.m. featuring Tony V., a regular on the WZLX morning show. Your host is Stephanie Peters. Admission is $10 with half priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Please call (781)848-0300. The next show will be held on April 19 with Kevin Know.

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The North River Arts Society presents "Familiar Places and Open Spaces" with watercolors by Maureen K. Brookfield running through March 31. Held at the Ventress Library, Webster Street in Marshfield. Hours Mon. - Wed. 9:30 a.m. -9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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The Duxbury Art Association presents a Young Artist Celebration. Artwork registration for young artists age 18 and under will be held on March 30 from 1 -3 p.m. and March 31 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. All work must be ready to hang and will be displayed through April 29. Reception for artists, friends and families on April 8 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. There is a $3 per entry registration fee. One entry per artist. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

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Ashland TAB
Feature Photo, 3rd place

Bedford Minuteman
Investigative Reporting, 3rd place
Photo Series, Honorable Mention

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Beverly Citizen
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Billerica Minuteman
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General News Photo, Honorable Mention

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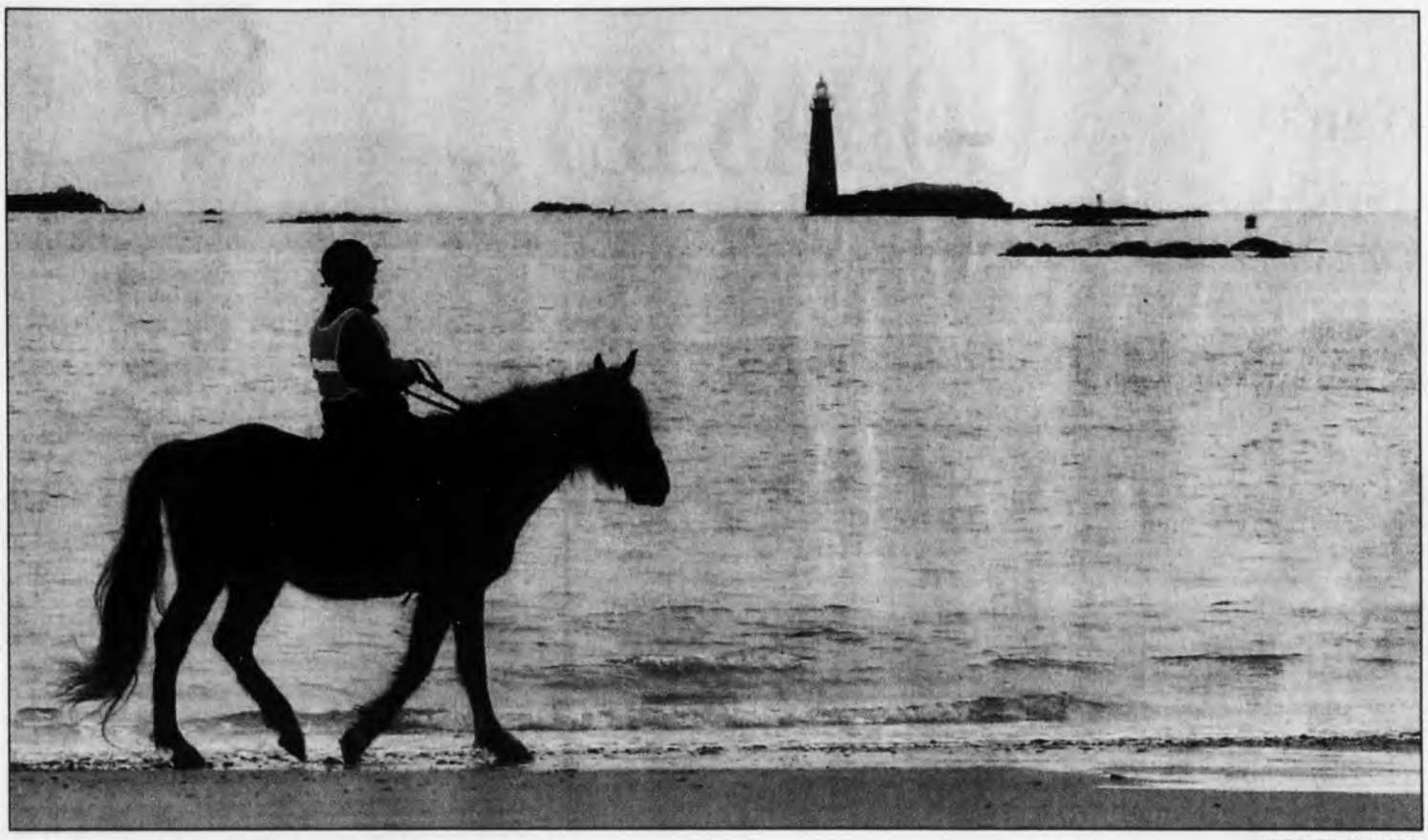


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MORNING RIDE
With Minot Ledge Light as a backdrop, Betty Jane Andrus rides her horse, Sebastian, along Sandy Beach after sunrise.

Young people count rises

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset grew by 186 people in the past 10 years, said Census 2000 results released last week. But although that equals just a 2.63 percent rate, the number of residents in town under the age of 18 grew at a rate of 4.74 percent.

"We weren't as high as I though we'd be, but we still do have some growth," said Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan. "It shows we have a younger population stepping up, taking over from the older population.

Out of the town's 7,261 residents, 27.79 percent is under the age of 18, or one out of every four Cohasset residents is under the age of 18. Percentage-wise, Cohasset ranks 69th out of the state's 352 communities in residents under the age of 18.

The numbers seem to back the

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New Hingham-based group rails against the train

By Mary Ford
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A new organization says the best Greenbush deal a town can get — is no train at all.

At first, it may sound like another grassroots attempt to derail the $408 million project — one that would likely fail given current momentum behind the train. But the force behind Advocates for Train Alternatives, dubbed AfTA, thinks Greenbush restoration is anything but a sure bet.

"I come in with a different perspective," said AfTA president, Hingham's John Bewick, about his tenure as state Secretary of Environmental Affairs under then Governor Ed King in the early '80s.

"My general principle as secretary was when a town was strongly opposed to a project — it didn't happen."

— John Bewick, former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs

AfTA is asking for an independent evaluation on Greenbush by a firm with no potential conflict of interest with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and one that would be overseen by state environmental authorities.

As the state's chief environmental officer — credentials that should wake up the dormant anti-train movement in his adopted seaside town — Bewick was no stranger state-mandated, environmental feasibility studies, known as EIRs, that are required for large projects.

"As secretary I reviewed a lot of EIRs," said Bewick, who charges the MBTA has crafted its Greenbush studies to deliberately skew the reports in favor of the train.

In its first anti-Greenbush volley, AfTA took its case to the people two

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MBTA plans to use 'creative' financing to pay for Greenbush

Summer 2002 groundbreaking is possible

By Rick Collins
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Some might call it creative financing, others risky business — but the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, says it's the best way to put the $408 million Greenbush project on the fast track.

"I think it lends more evidence the state cannot afford it. They have to utilize a very novel, creative and nearly unprecedented method to fund Greenbush."

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth

The MBTA says it will pay for the train by using a plan called "design/build" where the contractor – in essence would act as the bank — designs, builds and pays for the project, and the MBTA then pays the contractor back over a period of years. Normally, for major capital construction projects, the MBTA would have to secure bonds for the money needed.

But under new restrictions from the legislature, it's not clear the MBTA could afford the debt service financing Greenbush in the traditional way.

The "design/build" financing strategy has only been used once in the state's history of capital projects — the Route 3 North widening project — and that hasn't been completed yet.

So not only do local elected officials think this funding strategy is "risky" because of its lack of history in the state, but say it is also further proof that the MBTA can't afford to build Greenbush..

"I think it lends more evidence the state cannot afford it," said state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said. "They have to utilize a very novel, creative and nearly unprecedented method to fund Greenbush."

"It clearly shows they don't have the capital resources to do a project of this magnitude," said state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. "It's really the only other way to fund the project, from what I can tell, at this point."

But transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan and MBTA officials insist the MBTA can absorb the cost for restoring commuter rail service, and is only using the design/build method to put construction on the fast track. Yet Hedlund and Bradley are convinced that the MBTA doesn't have the money, as illustrated in a largely, ignored in a state-commissioned report released last year.

Sec. Sullivan authorized a blue-ribbon study of the effects the new

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Bob Martin calibrates a lathe used to make contact lenses at ABB Optical in Cohasset. The business is worried that the process could be affected by the building's proximity to the Greenbush Line.

Uncertainty worries businesses along abandoned right of way

By Rick Collins
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The Greenbush right-of-way slices Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham and Weymouth in half traveling through dozens of historic districts and business centers. Restoration of the Old Colony Railroad line will not only bisect village squares but construction will create months, even years of disruption to places such as North Scituate and Cohasset villages, Hingham Square, Weymouth's Jackson Square and Weymouth Landing. While the return of the train will be a boon to the commuter, local businesses along the long, abandoned tracks worry the huge diesel-powered engines will do more harm than good.

"A vibration once a day is one thing, but there's talks about 24 scheduled trips a day," says William Giarrusso, owner of Bowl & Board in Hingham Square. "I can't believe that it won't have some detrimental effects to this building and other historic buildings that abut this line."

As the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority pushes ahead with the project — towns along the line are hammering out mitigation agreements with the agency. Hingham's

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"This flushing program, while it will cause some short-term discoloration of water, will improve water quality, taste and odor, for all of our customers."

— John McNabb, Water Commission Chairman

"With the new tank on line," McNabb said. "The Water Commission is now able to start a regular flushing program for the entire water distribution system on April 16. This flushing program, while it will cause some short-term discoloration of water, will improve water quality, taste and odor, for all of our customers."

"The Water Department will also now be able to drain and clean the Bear Hill Water Tank, and remove the six feet of alum sludge from the inside of the tank," he said, "further improving water quality. We opened bids last week for this project, and received two bids which were under the engineering estimate of $400,000, allowing us to stretch our dollars."

The Water Department also opened bids last week for Phase A-1, which includes cleaning & lining pipes on Beechwood Street (Rt. 3A – Riverview Drive), Elm Street, and Summer street, and to replace undersized pipes on Border Street and Rustic Drive, said McNabb.

The Water Department is also replacing fire hydrants, and has replaced six pipes since January and plans to replace a total of 20 by

This week in

COHASSET

Thermal camera

The Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association is trying to raise money to help purchase a thermal imaging camera for the fire department. To that end, association members will have a camera on display and a bucket for donations by Town Hall on election day April 7. The cameras range in cost from $18,000-$23,000 and are used to help find people through the dark and smoke in burning buildings.

Bradley hours

Friday April 6, state Rep. Garrett Bradley will hold his in-district office hours at the Stop and Shop in Cohasset, 400 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Second Floor Meeting room. If you are unable to attend but would like to meet with Bradley, please call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

Meeting schedule

The following is a list of upcoming meetings:

- Town Meeting, 10 a.m., March 31, CMHS gym
- Board of Health, April 3, 7 p.m. at Town Hall
- School Committee, April 5, 7:30 p.m., at the middle/high school library
- MBTA Wetlands Working Group, April 26, 8:30 a.m.

Summer jobs

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund announced that this year's recruitment program for summer positions within the Department of Environmental Management and the Metropolitan District Commission is underway.

Anyone interested in applying for these seasonal positions should contact Sandra Dalton at the District office located at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth, MA 02191. (781) 340-9866 to obtain a referral form.

The seasonal positions that are available include lifeguards, clerks, summer workers and laborers for MDC and DEM swimming pools, campgrounds and picnic/swimming areas.

To ensure that these facilities are staffed and seasonal personnel are adequately trained, completed forms must be received before Friday, March 30.

Office hours at CRC

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation announces the following office hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 am – 4 p.m.

Tuesday: 12 –8 p.m.

Saturday: 9 am–1 p.m.

And by appointment.

The CRC seeks community involvement in the effort to establish consensus driven visions and planning documents to improve the infrastructure of the village and harbor. For further information call 383-2449.

Osgood arts grant

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) and Debra Kennedy, chairman of the Cohasset Cultural Council, announced a grant of $250 has been awarded to the James Osgood School by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The grant is part of the council's Event and Residency Program, which support short- and long-term residencies of artists in schools.

The grant will provide for a performance of songs and personal stories about immigration throughout history by Promised Land for second- and third-grade students.

"This grant enables children and teachers to participate in creative, hands-on learning situations with artists who have years of experience in school settings," Hedlund said. These dollars are critical to schools that are working to meet education reform requirements, and that understand the importance of arts in the curriculum."

The Massachusetts Cultural Council has awarded 133 Event & Residency grants totaling $212,312 across the state for projects to occur during spring, 2001.

Hedlund said the Education Reform Act of 1993 includes the arts as one of seven core subjects for Massachusetts schools. The Board of Education has approved an Arts Curriculum Framework providing school districts with guidance on how to integrate the arts into the classroom and the Event and Residency Program offers an important resource.

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Mon. 2	6:16	10.1	12:03	7:04	8.9	12:49
Tues. 3	7:22	10.2	1:08	8:09	9.2	1:53
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Churches, marching bands and sports teams have used this program to join the World Wide Web.

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Accessory dwellings, cemetery on docket

Town Meeting is Saturday

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset residents will gather this Saturday for the 231st Annual Town Meeting, and debate a platter full of articles ranging from the annual operating budget to numerous town bylaw changes.

Starting at 10 a.m. with an invocation from the Rev. Jennifer Justice of First Parish Church, more than 30 warrant articles are slated to be discussed, including ones that would allow a limited number of accessory dwellings in town, increase the number of signatures needed for a citizens petition from 10 to 100, and a town budget, if approved, that would require a $300,000 override to be voted upon at next week's town election.

Although there may not be any articles that are poised to cause a major ruckus, Town Moderator George Marlette said the voters won't be able to be in and out in 90 minutes, like it was in last October's Special Town Meeting.

"There does not appear to be any particularly contentious articles," he said, adding there could be a number of resolutions from the floor to honor outgoing town officials. Marlette also said the meeting could be slow moving at first, due to town traditions such as the invocation, presentation of the town color guard, and a new tradition this year, a number of town committee reports.

Marlette said for the first time, recess for lunch will be dispensed with and the meeting will be extended until 6 p.m.

However, the meeting might be able to pick up time thanks do a new addition to the town meeting warrant: summaries of each article.

"Every year we try to make Town Meeting more informative, and last year we had several questions from people saying they don't understand what the article means," explained Town Manager Mark Haddad. He said in the town of Andover, where he grew up, the Town Meeting warrant used to include a summary of what the article was, and what it would mean if it passed, at the bottom of each article as printed in the warrant.

"It makes the debate more informative," Haddad said.

"I really think it will help the meeting move along," Marlette added. "People can read the article for themselves."

Once a quorum of 100 registered town voters is reached, Marlette said he will stop on each of the articles for debate. He normally had run down the list at the start of the meeting, and people could request an article be "held" for discussion. But opposition to this has led him to abandon the time-saving tactic.

"I was told by one citizen that he intends to put a hold on every article," Marlette said.

Marlette said will dispense will the lunch recess and will try to have everyone out of the Sullivan Gymnasium by 6 p.m. He will allow voters to bring food into the gymnasium. Officials are worried that if the Town Meeting adjourns until Monday, there would be a problem getting a quorum. He said unless there is a bunch of routine stuff Town Meeting can "plow right on through" to avoid coming back for a second session.

Some of the agenda's highlights include:

- the town's $25 million operating budget, and accompanying override if it passes (see related story)
- 13 changes to the town's general and zoning bylaws, including accessory dwellings
- the rezoning of the Hagerty Property off Parker Avenue, and of a parcel of land behind Stop & Shop Plaza off Route 3A
- authorization to spend $700,000 to expand the Woodside Cemetery, and an additional $80,000 to complete the construction of a town parking lot on the Hagerty property.

Health insurance driver behind $300K override

By Rick Collins
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On Saturday, on the floor of Town Meeting, Town Manager Mark Haddad will present a proposed $25 million town operating budget – the largest in town history.

However, thanks to an 18 percent rise in health insurance costs, an increase in legal fees, and a large amount of accumulated overtime by the Police Department, the town faces approving a $300,000 override, or the possibility of tough budget cuts.

"When we first began to develop the budget, it appeared that we would meet out goal of maintaining services without an override," said Haddad in his Town Manager's Report included with the town budget article on this year's warrant. But in January, Haddad reported to Selectmen that the town's health insurer, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, would be raising rates 23 percent. That number was later knocked down to 18 percent, but the unexpected financial hit of $200,000 still loomed.

The town had expected to use $100,000 of free cash to offset any shortfalls in this year's budget, however that money disappeared through an increase in police overtime due to three injured officers, and an increase in legal expenses accumulated fighting the Mass-American Water Company's rate increase. Mass-American provides water service to North Cohasset.

Haddad said he and town Finance Director Michael Buckley looked for fat to trim from the budget, but wasn't able to find much. "Since all expense budgets in the municipal budget have essentially been level-funded over the past three years, there is little room to make significant cuts without reducing the delivery of services," Haddad said. "Our philosophy for FY-2002 was to provide a budget that maintains services. The only way to cut $300,000 from the budget would be to cut personnel and that would definitely have an impact on services."

Taking into consideration the normal 2 1/2 percent levy increase limit and the debt exclusion tax rate, the homeowner of a house valued at $400,000 would see his or her taxes increase by $460.80, not including the override.

If the override passes, an additional 22 cents per $1,000 would be added, or an additional $105 to that same house. In total, with the override, the tax bill of a house valued at $400,000, would increase from $5,836 to $6,302.

Interestingly, the tax rate is scheduled to drop from $14.59 per $1,000, to $13.13. Haddad credited this to a 20 percent increase in property values throughout the town.

The override is supported by both the Selectmen and Advisory Committee.

Selectmen Chairman Thomas Callahan said the fact the board voted to support the budget unanimously shows their support of the override.

The budget wasn't as warmly received amongst the Advisory Committee, where it passed 4-3.

Chairman Dick Avery said the committee found the budget fine "in essence but found some inflationary things troublesome." One item in particular calls for the $25,000 part-time Town Planner position to become a full-time, $48,000 position.

"It came down to maybe $100,000 out of a $25 million budget we would argue with, so that's not enough to stop it," said Avery. "We just wanted to sound some cautions."

If the budget is approved Saturday, the override will then appear on the ballot on next Saturday's Town Elections. The override needs a simple majority vote to pass at the polls.

Absentee ballots available for election

Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election on April 7, are now available at the town clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon on Friday, April 6, 2001, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only: bsence from the town during the hours the polls is open; physical disability or religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on election day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the town clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the town clerk's office by April 7, 2001 to be counted.

Vendors all in compliance in tobacco sting

The Board of Health announced that none of the tobacco vendors in town sold to minors under the age of 18 during a recent tobacco sting. "The Board of Health would like to extend its congratulations to all tobacco vendors in Cohasset," said chairman Stephen Bobo.

On March 19, the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program conducted a compliance check on local vendors.

"Not a single vendor sold to an underage youth," Bobo said. "And we just wanted to give them a pat on the back for a job well done." The goal of the "stings" is to ensure students are ID'd when they ask to purchase tobacco products.

The sting was part of an effort to enforce the state's tobacco sale, vending and distribution laws. No person under the age of 18 is allowed to purchase any type of tobacco product. However there are no laws prohibiting those under 18 from using tobacco. State law requires vendors to check the identification of any person who looks to be under the age of 27.

During the sting, which is conducted twice a year, an underage person goes into a store and asks for cigarettes. If he or she is turned away, the store is ruled in compliance and nothing further happens. If the store does sell, the minor and an adult health educator from the collaborative file a report and submit it to the local town board of health. Approximately 17 stores in Cohasset were checked.

In November, there was one violation in Cohasset.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I have enjoyed meeting and speaking with so many of you these last few weeks. For those of you that I might have missed, I wanted to take a minute to share my accomplishments and goals for the School Committee with you. As I have demonstrated by my 5 years on the School Building/Facilities Committee; where we brought the new Osgood School in on time and within budget and are now overseeing the $42 million Deer Hill, Middle/High School renovation AND as the organizer of the Friends of Cohasset Public Schools where I designed, funded and built two playgrounds in three years; I am a person who sets attainable goals and "delivers" on them.



I feel confident that I can help the School Committee to establish funding priorities, explore the full utilization of our schools and listen and respond to your concerns. I will make the same commitment to the School Committee that I have made to every other project that I have undertaken. I am prepared to make a full time commitment to the work of the School Committee. I will not disappoint you!

On April 7th, I would appreciate your Vote...

Thank You
Adrienne MacCarthy

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Cohasset students achieve academic honors at Middlebury

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

WHERE IS SPRING?

Hello Cohasset, where is spring? I do have flowers poking through in my yard although I think they are completely confused with the extra snow. I think that may be it for the year and now, spring is really here! Make sure to send in all the great news and photos of springtime events; birthdays, births, weddings etc. Make sure to get out and vote in the upcoming election, April 7.

NEW ARRIVAL

I would like to start this column by announcing the birth of a very special little boy. **Camron Farrell Lindquist** was born on Friday, March 23, 2001. Camron is the son of former Cohasset resident, **Heather (Pietrowski)** and **Eric Lindquist**. This little guy is so lucky to be surrounded by love and well-wishers. I know that Camron will be strolling around our town very soon and that everyone in Marshfield are delighted with his birth. Congratulations to all of you! As some of you may remember, I wrote about Heather's mom **Bonnie Farrell** who is recovering from a major year of illness. She is such a strong lady and has a store in Hingham, "Bonnie's Baubles." Make sure to stop in and say hello and congratulations on her new little grandson!

CANCELLATION

I have a note to let you all know about the PAC/PSO School Committee Candidates night that was slated for Monday, April 2. This has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to a wonderful resident of Cohasset. **Mary Monteiro**, of Stockbridge Streeet recently celebrated her 95th birthday! She enjoyed a special luncheon with friends, **Chris Whoriskey, Betsy Good, Gitte Shea, Barbara Anderson, Penny Myles** and **JoAnne Chittick**. Many happy returns to a beautiful lady.

WATERCOLORS

If you go and visit the James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell, you can see a great collection of watercolors by Cohassets very own, **JoAnne Chittick**. Entitled "Other Lands, Other Shores," the show includes 40 impressions of the artists trips to Italy, Iceland and Greenland. Gallery hours are Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m.; Tues. and Sat from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The show will be there until April 5.

MIDDLEBURY HONORS

Let's hear it for a bunch of Cohasset students who are excelling at Middlebury College in Vermont. Both **Elizabeth C. Myers**, daughter of **Michael and Rhonda Corey Myers**, and **Theodore W. Noon**, son of **Nicholas and Constance Corvan Noon**, were named College Scholars for academic excellence. A College Scholar represents the highest level of achievement in the liberal arts college.

Also doing really well are the following Middlebury students from Cohasset who achieved dean's list status, the second highest academic recognition at the school. They are: **John J. Flanagan III**, son of **John and Deborah Flanagan**; **Margaret A. Goedecke,** daughter of **Peter and Jane Goedecke**; **Sydney J. Johnston**, daughter of **Robert and Diane Griswold Johnston**; **Cara E. McKenney**, daughter of **Brian and Monica McKenney**, and **Cragin P. Parker III**, son of **Cragin and Mary Parker**.

Congratulations, all!

NO ESCAPE

Polly Doggett of Hugh Strain Road and her 12-year-old granddaughter, **Hana Doggett**, flew down to Bermuda to escape the recent blizzard. Instead it followed them. No snow, but tempest-like winds and rains for much of the week. Hana would have had more spring if she has stayed in Orem, Utah. Polly says her new flag-covered umbrella will make a nice souvenir.

KITCHEN TOUR

Tickets are going fast for this year's Kitchen Tour to be held Friday, April 6 from 10:30-3 p.m. At this printing, a limited number remain so act fast and don't miss out on the area's only house tour that specifically features kitchens. This year's five distinctive and festively decorated kitchens and dining rooms spotlights formal and informal tablescapes as well as tempting taste treats by some of the South Shores finest caterer's. Tickets are $25 per person and may be purchased by stopping by the Center at 3 North Main Street. Proceeds from the tour go to benefit the programs at the South Shore Community Center.

VASSAR LACROSSE

Beth Pierson, daughter of **Wigmore Pierson** of Atlantic Avenue and **Janet Pierson** of South Main Street, is playing varsity lacrosse on the Vassar College Women's Lacrosse team. Vassar is competing this spring for the first time as a member of the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association. It will be a tough challenge for the Vassar program, says head coach **Judy Finerghty**. But the coach says with strong leadership from upperclassmen and added depth from sophomores like Beth, Vassar will have a rewarding season.

ASP YARD SALE

There will be a wonderful yard sale and silent auction being held on April 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, right next to the Town Hall. After casting your votes, come on over and find some great treasures or bid at the silent auction. Items are needed for both events and can be dropped off at the church all next week. For pick-up of large items, call 383-0345. This yard sale and auction will go to benefit the Cohasset ASP group heading out in June. For more information on this great program, log onto www.cohassetasp.org.

Also being held in April for the same program is a very exciting Appalachian Festival! It is being held on April 28 at the St. Anthony's Parish Center. From 4:-6 p.m., the Market Place will be open and will include Storytelling, Appalachian crafts and snack foods as well as some slide presentations. At 6:30, there will be a family style dinner and then, at 7:30 a great performance of Cloggers and Blue Grass Bands. The cost for this will be for the dinner and performance: Adults-$20, 13-18 $10 and 12 & under $5. The performance only will be Adults, $10 and 12 and under are free. Tickets will be available April 1 and you can call 383-0345 for more information.

Remember to send me your good news! You can reach me by e-mail at: jenpiep@yahoo.com; by telephone at 923-1057 or by mail at 622 CJC Hwy. Have a great week!

— Jennifer Piepenbrink



JoAnne Chittick's watercolors are on display at the James Library in Norwell. This one is titled "Doorway in Rome."



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Early spring rain storm soaks town

Frozen ground causes flooding

By Rick Collins
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A slow-moving storm drenched Cohasset in four inches of rain in a 12-hour span last week, causing severe flooding problems along North Main Street, and forcing the street to be shut down.

"Domenic Tutela told me it was a 25-year storm, with a 100-year water run-off problem," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "Normally a certain amount seeps into the ground, but because the ground is frozen, it all ran-off." Tutela is the engineer for the town's James Brook flood control project.

Though Cohasset experienced acute flooding problems in low-lying areas, no area was hit worse than North Main Street, between the former Eastern Edison building and the King Street intersection. Three houses had to have the power cut as overflow water draining into Sanctuary Pond backed up across North Main Street.

Deborah Pitaro said by 6 a.m. she was forced to get her cars out of her garage.

"The water was as high as the wheels," she said. " It happened really quick. It can go really quick from one inch to three feet."

Neighbor Pat Powers said water started collecting in her driveway around 7:30 a.m. and by 1 p.m. she got her daughter out of school and went to Kimball's motel. At 2:30 p.m., water was more than three feet deep at the doors of her finished basement.

The backlog of water forced police to divert traffic around the stretch of North Main Street from Thursday afternoon until Friday. The Cohasset Department of Public works cut a trench across the rail bed that runs parallel to the street in an attempt to increase the flow of water into Sanctuary Pond.

"The water was as high as the wheels. It happened really quick. It can go really quick from one inch to three feet."
— Deborah Pitaro, North Main Street

An early morning high tide forced the flapper gates to shut at the harbor, which exacerbated the problem by preventing water from draining out of James Meadow. But by late afternoon, a torrent of water was gushing down the culvert under Elm Street, out the three out-fall pipes and into the harbor.

"The tide gates worked perfectly," said Haddad, referring to the ongoing debate between the town and Army Corps of Engineers which wants the town to install a self-regulating tide gate to allow a larger back flow of water from the harbor into the meadow, in an attempt to restore the salt marsh.

"The gates worked as they were supposed to work," Haddad said.

Haddad also received phone calls wondering why the post office parking lot was flooded after the town spent millions of dollars on the James Brook flood control project.

"Imagine what the flooding would have been like if we hadn't done that work," Haddad said. In October of 1996, a Nor-Easter flooded Ripley Road with more than four feet of water, after eight inches of rain fell in two days. Drainage pipes running through the area have been replaced, as well as an additional out-fall pipe added at the harbor. The remaining part of the project is to replace an undersized pipe underneath the town parking lot.

"We had a 25-year storm, but the run-off was a 100-year storm," Haddad explained.

"We've had 17, 100-year storms in the past three years," joked Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan.

Haddad said homes along Elm Street also experienced flooding from James Meadow.

He asked MBTA engineers Sverdrup to come down last Friday to see the flooding, and how a raised rail bed proposed for the Greenbush line would have affected the drainage process.

Back on North Main Street Pitaro's house was hit the worse. She left her home Thursday morning and didn't get electricity and heat back to her house until Monday. The five-year resident said it was the worst flooding on her property that she's seen.

Pitaro said she had just placed wall-to-wall carpeting in her basement but that was ruined by three-and-a half feet of water.

"It's like a bad dream," she said.

Powers said the power from her house was also cut, and the water ruined the furnace. She was able to return to her house on Saturday.

Noel Collins, who is in the process of purchasing the former Edison site, looked over his property as the water crested Thursday afternoon. "This is the worst I've seen it," he said. "It's almost breaching the railroad bed."

Mariner weather observer Bob Skilling said nearly 10 inches of rain has fallen this month — the third wettest March on record since 1953.



PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

This North Main Street home had water almost half-way up the garage doors during last's weeks driving rain storm.



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Rising waters flood the garage and basement of this home on North Main Street.



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The water rises near the old Edison plant on North Main Street.

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EDITORIAL

Planes, trains and automobiles

Regardless of what side of the transportation issues you fall on — we can all agree the South Shore is facing some major changes in the years ahead.

Massport is proposing a new Logan runway that would help ease congestion at the airport at the expense of towns like Hingham and Cohasset over which thousands of planes will approach.

Restoration of the Greenbush Line of the Old Colony Railroad seems to be inching closer to reality despite years of opposition. With the train project comes major infrastructure changes including grade crossings, stations and parking lots.

And now that the Mills Mall proposal for the former Weymouth Naval Air Station is no longer, we wait and wonder what the future holds for that sleeping giant.

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we do our best to keep you informed about all the multifaceted developments. But over the years, we continue to be impressed by local citizens who aren't afraid to get involved and delve into the complexities of the issues and try to make a difference.

Many of those have educated us at board meetings or shared their opinions and research with us through columns, letters and as sources for stories.

Still others are now lobbying for passage of the Community Preservation Act in an effort to protect open space and provide some money for historic preservation and affordable housing.

All the projects and issues comprise an amazing amount of information that is difficult to absorb because it's so vast and complicated.

We owe those citizens who help us sort through and make sense of hundreds of pages of environmental feasibility studies and the like, a debt of gratitude.

Warrant for your attention

If you haven't opened the Town Warrant that appeared in your mailbox last week, please do. It is chock full of information that is presented in an organized, informative way. There is a report from the Town Manager explaining the budget and some 34 articles — or items of business before Town Meeting that will have a direct effect on your pocket book and quality of life. The Annual Town Meeting gets underway at 10 a.m. Saturday in the high school gym. Make it a point to attend.

There will be lots of healthy debate on a range of issues. If you're not familiar with town meetings, they are not intimidating events. You can sit back and relax and take it all in, or stand up at a microphone and speak your mind. But whichever you chose to do — the important thing is that you're participating in the governing of a truly special place, your hometown.

— Mary Ford
Editor

Still time to comment on proposed water-rate hike

The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy is still soliciting public comment on the proposed rate increase filed by the Massachusetts-American Water Co.

Massachusetts-American, which provides water service in Hull, Hingham and North Cohasset, is seeking to raise rates by 16 percent, or nearly $100 per year for the average residential customer.

State regulators have delayed the effective date of any increase until Aug. 1, and DTE officials have said that public comments can be submitted at any time during the hearing process.

Ratepayers, residents, and other interested parties are encouraged to register their opinions by e-mail at dte.efiling@state.ma.us or to send written comments to: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary; DTE 00-105; Department of Telecommunications and Energy; One South Station; Boston, MA 02110.

Copies of the rate petition are available for inspection at Hingham Town Hall, the DTE's Boston office at One South Station, or the Massachusetts-American Norwell office, 200 Cordwainer Drive, Suite 200, (781) 982-7555.

Additional information on the water-rate filing can be obtained at the DTE's web site: http://www.state.ma.us/dpu/catalog/Water.htm

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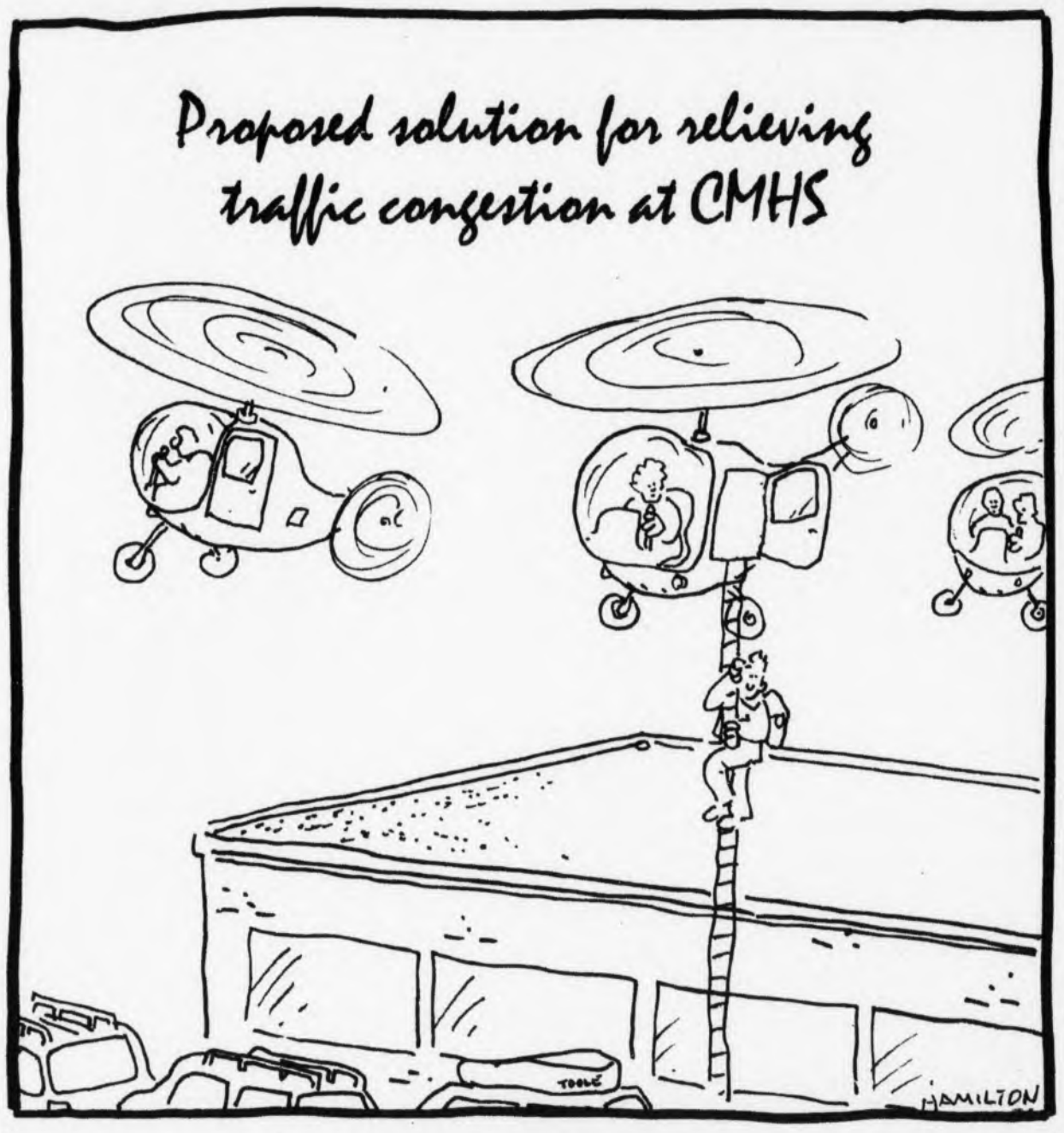
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Handgun violence

TO THE EDITOR:

Since the Million Mom March 2000, Stop Handgun Violence-South Shore has been working continuously toward helping create a comprehensive solution to the gun violence that has gripped our country for far too long. That is why we are asking for your support for three bills that will strengthen Massachusetts' sensible gun laws. Currently, our state leads the nation in gun control. But these bills will further insure the safety of our citizens.

Senate Bill #1193, An Act to Further Reduce Gun Violence will aid law enforcement through ballistic fingerprinting. Senate Bill #166, An Act to Prevent Illegal Trafficking limits gun purchases to one gun a month. This bill will cut into the illegal trafficking of firearms by straw purchasers and greatly reduce the ability of criminals and children to obtain guns on the street. The third bill, State Docket #1836 closes the assault weapons loophole. This bill can limit access to what is clearly a firearm suited for warfare, not home protection or hunting. On April 3, The Joint Public Safety committee is hosting a public hearing to review gun legislation. The hearing will be held in the Gardner Auditorium of the State House at 10 a.m.

Clearly, if we are going to succeed in our effort to end the school shootings and the gun violence that has begun to define our lives your commitment and help are crucial. We urge you to write letters to state Rep. Garrett Bradley and state Sen. Bob Hedlund, to attend the public hearing on April 3, and to join Stop Handgun Violence-South Shore.

For more information on the hearing or to arrange for transportation to State House, please contact Amyra O'Connell 383-1574, Connie Afshar 383-6006, Vickie Watkins 383-2652.

Amyra O'Connell
Cohasset

Lobster Lab

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to recent statements concerning the Lobster Lab, I would like to try to put some things into perspective.

The Selectmen's recent request that the Lab show funds of approximately $326,000 by the first of October is not an attempt to shut the lab down and demolish the house on the Hagerty property. When the property was leased to the lab, the proponents showed a fund raising schedule that anticipated raising $339,000 by August 2001. There have never been any hard figures provided by the lab to show how fund raising was proceeding. Vague statements of the amounts raised are all that have ever been offered. The Selectmen are merely trying to make sure there are sufficient funds available to make the improvements the lab claims will be started this fall. This is not unreasonable, if anything, this request is long overdue.

Claims that the work on the lab was held up by the plans for the Hagerty property are specious at best. When the lab made its proposal to lease the property some time ago, they claimed that by this date the renovations on the house would be about 50 percent completed. This was before the Towns plans for the property were even close to being finalized. To make the Hagerty Committee the scapegoat for the lab's inability to raise funds and keep to the schedule they offered is a laugh. If not for the support of the Hagerty committee before the Selectmen and at two Town Meetings, the lab would probably not have gotten the property to begin with, so in a twisted sense, I guess the committee is to blame for the property being in the state it is.

The claim that if the house were removed it would be replaced by parking is not necessarily true. While additional parking could be created, the committee has strongly supported creating green space where the house currently sits. The Hagerty committee has always tried to develop the site in a way that would hopefully benefit everyone in town, boaters and non-boaters alike. That is why the committee has requested the area be re-zoned from light industrial to open space. The motion is on the Town meeting agenda for this Saturday, and I hope is received favorably.

The Town tried hard to find a use for the building, and the lab was the only proposal that at the time seemed viable. The viability of the lab seems slight at this point in time. The work that was proposed by the lab should be able to me carried out in the labs that currently exist in the school system.

The lab was a good idea that unfortunately has proved difficult to achieve. This does not reflect poorly on anyone. To paraphrase Shakespeare: It is better to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all. But the time has come to face reality.

Russell Bonetti
20 Parker Ave.

Accessory dwellings

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week's Mariner published a letter concerning Article 21 of the Town Warrant. I would like to address that letter but first I want to play a little background music. Tom Brokaw in his book "The Greatest Generation" states "This is a story of a generation, American citizens, heroes and heroines who came to age during the Great Depression and the Second World War and went on to build America." When the War was over they came home to finish their education, get jobs and married in record numbers. Salaries were not very high in those days but they put together a few bucks and bought homes in a town like Cohasset. Through the years they struggled with mortgage payments, taxes and their children's education. They build schools and churches, they worked hard to make their town grow.

Now, the mortgages were nearly paid of children's education was almost complete when some of them started to die off. They left their widows with nice homes and not much income. Remember during this period income was a lot lower than now and there were no IRA's of 401ks. Widows did find themselves house rich and cash poor.

Several years ago the Cohasset Elder Affairs became aware of this. They formed a committee to study what could be done. As a result of this committee, the town authorized a Senior Housing Committee and approved funds to have University of Massachusetts to do a survey of elders in Cohasset. One of the striking answers to the survey was that many seniors thought their houses were too big and too expansive to maintain. They wanted to stay in Cohasset with their friends, churches etc. However, if they sold their house where could they find living quarters in town?

I strongly agree that being able to differ real estate taxes is a great help to some seniors but it does not work for everybody and does not address the expense and difficulty of maintaining the home. The first point of last week's letter states that the Article does nothing to help the seniors. The letter does not address the fact that the senior selling his or her home will have cash to pay rent and help maintain the home with the accessory apartment. Another problem is that seniors like their independence, but they are also lonely. Two seniors living in the same house, with separate living space could be company for each other.

The second of the three points of the article states the problems of the article far outweighs any potential benefit to the handful of seniors who might take advantage of the article. Well, if there is only going to be a few taking advantage of the article I do not feel it could cause that much harm. Besides there are restrictions built into the article.

The third point is really bothersome to me. The letter implies that the proponents are doing an end-around zoning laws to allow multi-unit housing. My father and family came to Cohasset in the late 40's and developed a large section of town. I believe most people would say that their development was a model for the town and it was done before there were any zoning as there is today. The only building codes were electrical inspection. The Senior Housing Committee for the most part is made up of citizens who have been interested in elder affairs for years. They are not interested in end around anything except helping those who, if not for their whole life, at least for 40 to 50 years helped in the growth of Cohasset. This committee has been meeting twice a month for over a year now. They are still exploring other alternatives. The problem is there is no land available. The article talks about being creative. Remember the old Osgood School was supposed to be for housing. Now accessory dwellings "have serious detrimental affect on our quality of life and property. " What about the quality of life of the people that helped raise your property values to what they are today?

Joe Buckley
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Senior Housing Committee Member

MORE LETTERS, SEE PAGE 8

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Selectman: What can selectmen do to improve relations between police and some members of the community who think the police are too tough on teens?

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

Improve communication. I've been told both that the police have spoken at the schools on some occasions, but that they have been turned away or not invited on others. There are too many second-hand anecdotes and accusations going around, with apparently little or no actual direct communication.

From "the opposing camps", I sense that on the one hand some police are considered to be overzealous, and on the other hand parents and teens are considered both to lack of an appreciation of the police's legal obligations and perhaps an appreciation of the role of personal and parental responsibility. It has become evident that in both perception and reality there is a wide gulf between the parties. This gulf should not continue.

I would therefore propose that the Selectmen, with the School Committee, Drug & Alcohol Committee, PSO and/or High School Council, set up some forums where the police, the teens, their parents and other interested citizens get together and (hopefully) honestly and openly express their points of view. The goal of these forums should be to bury the hatchets, real and imagined, and as an entire community reach consensus as to what our intervention and arrest policies regarding teens are and should be. Whether those policies are now or should be "zero tolerance," I believe the resulting policies need to be fully understood and accepted by the community as a whole.

SELECTMAN/Merle Brown

The chief of police, who in turn works for the town manager, runs the police department. As it should be. We the selectmen are limited to what we can and should do. The men and women who are police officers are trained professionals we are not. However, that being said, we have asked the town manager and police chief to put on educational seminars to try and have the public understand what the police department's job is and how it has changed over the years. We also asked if there could be a policy put in place as a standard that all the police officers could follow in dealing with the teens. With all that is going on these days it is not an easy job. Over all I think our department does a great job.

Planning board: Given your druthers, what would you envision for the former Webb-Norfolk site on Rte. 3A?

PLANNING BOARD/ Richard Brown

Regarding the question of what to do with the old Norfolk Conveyer site, I believe that whatever development occurs should come from the private sector and not be a town or government project.

It is important for Cohasset to have some land that can be commercially developed, and not all built out with expensive new homes.

Personally, I would love to see a sports complex built there with all types of facilities such as one that has recently been developed in Bridgewater.

In any event, there should be no rush to judgment. The land involved will be here long after we are all gone.

PLANNING BOARD/ Peter Pratt

I support maintaining the 62-acre Webb-Norfolk site on Route 3A as one of the few parcels in Cohasset designated within our single 'Technology Business' district. Ideally, this site could host a clean and well-planned corporate office campus to generate commercial tax revenues for the town without negative impacts on the community.

I was one of the citizen sponsors of last year's successful town meeting action that created the new Technology Business designation for this site and for several adjacent parcels along the west side of Route 3A. Formerly these parcels comprised the majority of the Light Industry district on Route 3A, a designation that could have allowed for permitted expansion of the adjacent Cohasset Heights Ltd. commercial landfill, or for significant residential construction under a special permit. Either landfill expansion or residential subdivision development on this large parcel would not be in the best interests of Cohasset. Our amendment to the zoning bylaws of last year should continue to prohibit such uses.

The fact that creation of the Technology Business district last year was accomplished by citizen petition rather than by initiative of the Planning Board is proof positive that the Board needs to be more proactive in updating our zoning bylaws to protect the character, natural resources, and revenue base of the Town. If elected to the Planning Board, I intend to move the Board forward with this type of proactive agenda within the context of a critically needed new master plan for Cohasset.

School committee: Although only the bottom line of the school budget is approved at Town Meeting, does the school department have a moral obligation to spend the budgeted line items as presented to voters and not move money around?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Mark DeGiacomo

There is nothing moral or immoral about the school department's ability to pay unanticipated expenses with funds the School Committee had originally designated to be spent in other ways.

The school department budget contains in over 1000 line items and is approved by the School Committee several months before it takes effect. In recognition of the fact that unanticipated expenses such as special education costs or spikes in utility bills can and do arise under a budget which is established months before it goes into effect, state law permits all school districts in the Commonwealth to shift money from one line item to another on an as needed basis. Although some see this power as inherently evil, it actually is a tool that saves the town money. Without the ability to make these transfers, the school department would be forced to go back to the town to obtain additional money in order to pay any unexpected bills. In fact, when the school department has requested additional funds from the town in the middle of a fiscal year, the first question always asked is whether the school department has done everything it can to cover the unexpected expenses by underspending some of the line items in its budget.

I believe that the school department should do everything it can to pay all of its expenses with the funds included in the annual budget that is approved by Town Meeting.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Adrienne MacCarthy

The school budget that is presented at Town Meeting, is the bottom line figure. It is the result of numerous meetings, forums and negotiations involving the school, town officials and the general public. During the budget process, all involved attempt to anticipate changes in enrollment, staffing levels, supplies and other related expenses. The resulting budget is then approved six to nine months prior to the time the actual expenses are realized. With this in mind, I do not see how it would be feasible to restrict the movement of funds from one line item to another in order to cover unforeseeable events. For example, the dramatic increase in fuel prices this year caught all of us off guard to some degree. This caused many organizations, businesses and households to revisit their budgets and make the necessary changes in order to pay their heating bills. The school budget is no different.

To place any restrictions on moving monies from one line item to another would be fiscally irresponsible; because such a restriction would then require a special town meeting, at a cost of approximately $7,000, to approve any such transfers.

The school department has a fiscal, not a moral obligation to the town for the budget it presents and how it manages that budget throughout the year. And while most of the discussion focuses on unforeseen expenses, the same level of fiscal responsibility should apply to how they handle unforeseen revenues.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

When the school budget for the new fiscal year is crafted and then finalized at the public hearing in late winter, (this year's date was Feb. 12), it is the intention of the school committee, superintendent and building principals to follow all line items as proposed and approved. Much, however, can happen over the next 18 months before that budget year comes to a close. New children can move into the district, utility and supply prices can rise, boilers can blow and teachers can get sick. It is for reasons such as these that the law provides for movement between school budget line items. Morally and legally, the law states that the obligation for the School Committee lies with providing the best educational experience we can to the people within our charge; students.

Each year, when the budget process begins, residents are invited and encouraged to attend our meetings to express their feelings regarding the budget, a particular line item or an entire program. It is at that time when we are obligated to listen to our public concerns and develop the budget which may include moving money around for the following year.

Profiles next week

This is the last week of Question of the Week. Watch for candidate profiles in next week's Mariner.

Trials of taking 2000 census

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Well, the census people have finished counting us now and they found 281,421,906 of us — give or take a few million here or there.

I say "give or take" because there appears to be a large portion of the public who didn't want to be counted in the first place.

Did anyone think to count Whitey Bulger or anyone else on the FBI's 10 most wanted list? Or the undocumented immigrants (a euphemism for illegal aliens) who inhabit the sculleries of our best restaurants.

This is called the undercount and some folks want to tack it onto the total count so that federal largesse (or "pork," as Howie Carr would say) can be more fairly distributed among those who need it the most.

My question is this: If the undercounted weren't counted, then how do they know how many there are?

The U. S. Census Bureau says the 2000 census may have missed between 2.7 million and 3.9 million people but Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies places the figure at nearly twice that.

Jeffrey Passel, a consultant for the Census Bureau, says the figure could be at least 9 million in illegal immigrants alone.

My question is this: Why should illegal aliens, most of them subject to deportation, be counted as residents at all when important things are decided like the number of congressmen allotted to a state and how much federal aid is doled out to them?

Things were much simpler during the first census in 1790 when 650 enumerators got paid $1 for every 300 people they counted in 13 states and four districts (Maine, Vermont, Kentucky and Tennessee). They found 3,929,214.

Those first census takers asked six questions:

The name of the head of the household and the number of persons in the household (1) who were free white males over 16, (2) free white males under 16, (3) white females, (4) all other free persons and (5) slaves.

Slaves, incidentally, were counted as only three-fifths of a person.

Even at that, resistance to the census as an intrusion on privacy was such that Secretary of State Tom Jefferson reported to President Washington that some hill folk from Kentucky were running the counters off at gunpoint like they was revenoors.

They hadn't seen nothing yet.

By 2000, the census enumerators had topped a half million, there were 53 questions on the long form and folks could choose from 63 racial categories, everything from "Black, African-American, or Negro" to "Guamanian or Chamorro."

"Let's all check Eskimo and see what happens," urged comedian Craig Kilborn.

And then, for the first time ever, there was the biracial category, or the Tiger Woods classification, so named for the golfer who is part black, part white, part Thai, part Chinese and part Native American.

He calls himself "Cablinasian," (Caucasian-Black-Indian-Asian) a category that undoubtedly appear on the 2010 long form.

And maybe by then they will have caught up with and counted Whitey Bulger, too.

Sprawl growth or smart growth?

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



The Cohasset Selectmen signed a document last fall titled "The New Mayflower Compact." This should be very good news for us and Earth. (I avoid using the term "the environment" because it reinforces the belief in humans being separate from Earth, a belief which is the root cause of the damage to Earth which threatens us all.)

The New Mayflower Compact recognizes we are unprepared for the sprawl growth Southeastern Massachusetts, including Cohasset, will experience in the next 20 years: 200,000 new residents. What is sprawl growth?

1. Growth outside existing centers which already have infrastructure (businesses, public buildings, homes, streets, sidewalks, parks, water, sewers, power, phone, public transit).
2. Low density, homogenous buildings, isolated from neighbors.
3. Built on farm or forest land, far from existing centers, requiring daily driving.
4. Growth that degrades, fragments and encroaches on natural resources.
5. Higher property taxes to pay for infrastructure and maintenance.

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs have both recognized the harmfulness of sprawl growth, and are working to discourage it. It's bad for the land, wildlife, the air we breathe, the economy, and for human community.

Sprawl growth is the greatest contributor to global warming. Because every daily trip requires driving, a typical Cohasset vehicle generates 13 tons of carbon dioxide (CO_2) per year. Two tons per vehicle can be sequestered by trees and other plants, leaving 11 tons added to global warming. Toyota and Honda now sell cars which produce 2 tons per year, under the same conditions. CO_2 from vehicles comprises about half the total produced in Cohasset. If you drive a vehicle, you can reduce this.

Heating sprawl homes produces the other half. A typical Cohasset house built to meet today's energy code produces 16 tons of CO_2 per year. One ton per home is sustainable, leaving 15 tons added to global warming.

We have inherited zoning and subdivision regulations from the years before we understood how harmful sprawl growth is to Earth and ourselves.

Upgrading the air tightness and insulation of a typical Cohasset house can reduce the CO_2 output to one ton, and reduce heating costs by 94percent. If you own your home, you can do this.

Admittedly it is more difficult to achieve these reductions with an existing house than when building new houses. All the more reason to stop building sprawl houses now. This is why The New Mayflower Compact should be such good news. Unfortunately it has no teeth yet. Not only is it unenforceable at present, but Cohasset's existing policies and regulations actually promote sprawl growth. We have inherited zoning and subdivision regulations from the years before we understood how harmful sprawl growth is to Earth and ourselves.

Is anything good about sprawl growth? It provides maximum privacy. In the Residential "C" zoning district of Cohasset, the minimum lot size is 60,000 sq. ft. or 1.4 acres. The average Cohasset household size is 2.78 persons, which works out to about half an acre per person. Pretty private. This also reduces the stress that can arise between neighbors, such as noise and other irritations. The flip side of maximum privacy is maximum isolation. Neighbors can live like this for many years and never meet.

It's a question of priorities. We can keep our sprawl houses unchanged and continue building more of them, maximizing privacy and the status quo, and face catastrophic climatic change and other degradations in the near future. Coming generations will face worse. Or we can begin finding ways to live sustainably and with more community. The Growth and Development Committee is now working to produce a master plan for Cohasset's future. It will either be sprawl or sustainability. You might wish to contact the Growth and Development Committee, the Town Planner, or the Selectmen and let them know your priorities.

At Town Meeting, Saturday, March 31, one or more articles will deal with a sprawl growth project currently proposed for the Wolf Pits property adjacent to the Town Reservoir. The Wolf Pits property is an ultimate sprawl for Cohasset, in that no point in town is more remote from Cohasset center, except parts of Wompatuck State Park and Trustees of Reservation lands. This project would maximize everything that is wrong with sprawl growth, including a threat to the Aaron River.

In the interest of Earth, wildlife, the air you breathe, the water you drink, and the character of Cohasset, please support articles at Town Meeting which would prevent growth in the Wolf Pits.

Jim Shipsky may be reached at shipsky@cs.com

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"There are limits to growth. There are no limits to development. The way we live can always be made more beautiful, more inventive, more creative, more efficient, more fulfilling." — Alan AtKisson

CANDIDATES CORNER

Richard Brown runs for Planning Board

Richard Brown, a lifelong resident and local business owner, has announced his candidacy for the open seat on the Planning Board. Raised by a single parent, he graduated from Cohasset High School in 1978 and opened his business on Route 3A immediately after graduation. From an initial investment of less that $1,000, he was able to operate a foreign auto repair business from what is now the Sunoco Station site. Later Brown purchased Bill Poland's Jenny station in central Cohasset. About 10 years ago, he moved his foreign auto operation back to Route 3A, where he operates Brown's Imports.



Richard Brown

Brown lives in Beechwood in a home he built on property he bought while still in high school. He is married and has two children ages 16 and 18. Brown has always been active in the community. Currently, he is president of the Cohasset Gridiron Club and a member of the Board of Directors of the Clark Chatterton Fund. His goal is simply to raise his family and for he and his wife to spend the rest of their lives in Cohasset.

According to Brown, or as his friends call him, Brownie, he has a strong interest in giving back to the community and making sure that the Planning Board keeps a "common sense" approach to their work, he believes that his business sense, and knowledge of building and construction and "hands on" skills will be an asset to the Planning Board.

"I'm a plain speaking person, easy to get along with, and would like to have your vote," said Brown in a recent interview.

Support for budget, override urged

EDUCATION MATTERS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

On Saturday, March 31 at Cohasset's Annual Town Meeting, residents will be asked by the Cohasset School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee to support the FY2002 operating budget in article three of the warrant. Within this overall town budget, the Cohasset School Committee will ask for the support of the school department's FY2002 budget.

This year's budget illustrates several things. First, what Mark Haddad, our Town Manager describes in his annual report as the "outstanding cooperation" between the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Town Manager. Before our budget process began, Dr. Malvey and our chairman sat down with Mark Haddad and Mike Buckley to discuss the needs of the schools and its budget impact on the entire town budget.

They presented the following scenario. If we could address our needs within an increase of $600,000 for FY 2002, it would allow the town to address its demands and relieve the need for a Proposition 2 1/2 override. We have. Voters will be presented with the request to support an town wide override, however, in the amount of $300,000. Health insurance rates for all employees have unexpectedly increased by 18 percent and money is needed to cover unanticipated budget 2001 shortfalls in such areas as police over time as well as legal expenses to contest the proposed rate increase by Mass American Water. We ask you to support this override at Town Meeting on March 31 and in the April 7 election.

Although the override is not related to the school budget, its passing is the only way to ensure no cuts would need to be made if the town were to suffer this shortfall in funding. Second, the Fy2002 budget supports the priority needs of our schools as presented by our principals, administrators and superintendent. This budget support reflects areas where we have been challenged with issues impacting our district. Most severely, the continuing increase of student enrollment.

Since 1996, we have had a total of 101 new students enter our schools and anticipate another 54 next year. Although in the past, this increase had mostly affected our populations in K-6, we saw a larger than expected seventh grade the middle school this year. We therefore needed to add 5 new teachers for next year; four at the middle school and one for the third grade. Within this budget, we have also been able to relieve the stresses increased enrollment has had on our specialists who offered art, music, and technology. We were able to devote more staff time and resources to these areas. Demand for greater participation in sports was also addressed by adding girls softball and reinstating our no-cut policy to the middle school sports program.

To relieve the current and further anticipated crunch on our administrators' time with the coming of several state mandates, such as the SPED audit, high school accreditation, new teacher recertification process, upcoming grade reconfiguration and the 3 year building renovation project, we added time to an existing part time administrative aide position thus making it a full time business manager. For the first time in three years, we were also able to commit new dollars to the much needed custodial and cleaning support in our buildings. Coupled with new management techniques, we are already seeing an improvement in this area.

Adopting land act will save money in long run

MY VIEW

ALIX WHITE

I am writing to urge you to vote yes on Question 2 on April 7.This question asks you whether you would like to keep land open, provide grants to the elderly and disabled for adapting their homes to overcome physical challenges, and help income-eligible, first-time home buyers with their down payment. This ballot question is called the Community Preservation Act and I think it's worth supporting. Why? Because I'm cheap. I'd rather pay a little bit now as an investment, than a lot later. I'd rather pay the 1.5 percetn surcharge on my property tax (this excludes the first $100,000 of my valuation and will cost me $66 per year) than lose the option to buy open land as it becomes available. The state will match my $66 and all this will be spent on the common good.

I'd like to speak to you about the value of open space in our town. In 1974 we had the opportunity to buy the American Legion land on Forest Ave for $64,000 . We decided not to buy it then. People said at Town Meeting that no one would want to buy it because it wouldn't perk. There are many large houses on that land now. We have 1,551 open acres that are privately held here in Cohasset. Any serious developer knows where they are. Much of that land might seem too rocky or too wet to you or me, but a developer can work miracles on marginal sites. What I learned as your board of health member for the past six years and as your organic grower for the last 15 years is that if the land isn't protected by conservation restriction, it will be developed. We need to be as serious as the developers about land use. The Community Preservation Act will do that.

We also need to be serious about housing needs. This act dedicates 10 percent every year to elderly/disabled and low income housing, 10 percent to historic housing and 10 percent to land acquisition. We decide at Town Meeting how the remaining 70 percent will be spent: housing needs, open space, or historic housing.

Won't you join me in being cheap? Vote yes on Question 2 on Apr 7 for the ultimate savings plan: the Community Preservation Act.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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CPA, an investment

TO THE EDITOR:

It was fascinating to hear the specifics on television last week about the valuable opportunity the town of Cohasset has to participate in the Preservation Act Program. Debbie Cook, who obviously has done her homework, clearly outlined for our edification, the benefits to be derived from participation in the Program. However, Elsa Miller, who apparently agreed that the Preservation Act was a "great" opportunity, surprisingly advised that it may be more prudent for Cohasset to "wait and see" how the other towns fare before entering into the program. As the old adage goes, "he who hesitates is lost". I believe the same holds true in this situation. It is clear that the financial resources of the State are finite, especially in light of the tax cuts voted in last November. As time marches on, there will be fewer and fewer public dollars available to the various communities. As Debbie pointed out, the per household cost would be approximately $66 per year! (based upon the he median home price of approximately $400,000).

If you worked for a company that offered a benefit whereby for every dollar you invested in a retirement fund, they would match it 30-100 percent, would it be more prudent for you to wait and see how your co-workers fared under the program or would you sign on without delay? What benefit would you derive, in either scenario by waiting? I remember when I was single and just starting out, every cent of my paycheck was eagerly anticipated and often times, already spoken for before payday even arrived. But even then, I knew I would be a fool if I didn't take advantage of my employer's "Thrift Plan" of matching funds. The same holds true in this situation. Although I recognize that everything is relative so that to some the cost of $66 per year may seem like a great deal of money, the fact is that investing that money in this way would be a win-win situation for all. This is true in light of the fact that this money would be utilized not only for the preservation of land, but also for senior and low income housing. In addition, in certain circumstances, you may be exempt from any cost.

Some important points to remember are that (1) it has been projected that Cohasset has the potential to grow by as much as 50 percent. (2) the cost of providing ongoing services to residential development outpaces the revenue derived from tax assessment of those properties, (3) it could be your own backyard that some developer wants to develop. Some of you may mistakenly believe that the Conservation Commission can protect all the land in Cohasset from being developed, this is not the case, the Commission's jurisdiction is limited. By voting for participation in the Preservation Act you can ensure that the Cohasset that we are lucky enough to live in and enjoy will remain a unique and beautiful place. Please, make the investment, today!

Virginia Brophy
16 Beechwood St.

Volunteers thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

The Treasurer-Collector's Office would like to thank the following seniors who came out in the pouring rain to once again assist in the preparation of the real estate tax bills for mailing:

Mary Andracchio, Betty Brooke, Joan Cameron, Shirley DeAngelis, Bette Edminster, George Haley, Phyllis Leighton, Steve Leighton, Tilly Nardo, Ronnie Napolitano, Betty Smith, Maria Perroncello, Olga Sawchuck.

We truly appreciate their tremendous effort!

Joe DiVito Jr.
Treasurer-Collector

CPA supported

TO THE EDITOR:

It is called the Community Preservation Act. Why is it called the Community Preservation Act?

This Act has three categories, preservation, creation and support of community housing. Preservation and acquisition of Historic structures and landscapes. Preservation, acquisition and creation of open space.

To help preserve the character of this town, which seems to be very important to many, we must consider voting yes on Question 2 on the Ballot on April 7th. It creates the opportunity to help "Preserve" our Town.

The State has created a 25 million Trust Fund to be shared by towns all across the state. It seems to make sense for us to get in as early in the game as possible.

If we vote for this Preservation Act, our Town must set up a Preservation Committee of at least five but no more than nine members to study and make recommendations to subsequent Town Meetings to acquire or rehabilitate in any of the categories designated by the Act. Each year the Town must designate at least 10 percent of the total fund for each of these three categories but not necessarily spent at one time in one year.

Funds can also be used as leverage to assist the town in borrowing to accomplish any one of the three defined goals of the Act. When these funds are available, we will not have to start at ground zero in raising money for any of the above, if and when we would like to accomplish them.

We have the choice of our surcharge being 1 1/2 percent, not as high as 3 percent which is the maximum.

Exemptions allowed are:

1. Property owned and occupied by a resident who qualifies for low income housing, or low or moderate income senior housing.

2. The first $100,000 of value on any residential real estate property.

3. Class 3 commercial or class 4 industrial property.

Can you see how rapidly our town is changing? Most of us can look back only last year and see how quickly change is happening.

Perhaps this will help us strike a balance between private development and the preservation of the character of our town that many seem to think is so important.

Open space and community housing will be at a premium in the future, if development continues. As an old timer has said "They don't make land any more!"

So let us try to preserve and restore as much as possible.

Look for this on the Ballot on April 7, and in the meantime look around, read all you can, ask questions and even visit www.tpl.org/CPA

Martha Hurtig
58 Gammons Road

100 signatures

TO THE EDITOR:

The proponents of Article 7 at the up-coming Town Meeting would like the Citizens of Cohasset to understand the reasoning behind the Article.

At present, only 10 signatures are required to insert a Citizen's Petition in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Ten friends or five couples two-tenths or 1 percent of the voter's. To insert a Citizen's Petition in the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting takes 100 signatures, or 2 percent of the Town's approximately 5,000 voters.

There may once have been a reason for the requirements to be different, but that no longer appears to be so. Special Town Meetings were for special things and came up rarely. Now, however, we have a Special Town Meeting every year and it is, in effect, the Semi-Annual Meeting with a fairly long warrant.

With 100 citizens supporting an Article, there will be much broader based community support for it, which should help its passage. The opponents call this un-democratic .

We feel that it is a very much more democratic way of governing.

The opponents also contend that we are depriving citizens of their rights in that it will be much harder to get the required number of signatures. Hogwash!

It is neither onerous nor difficult to collect 100 signatures. It only requires one to be a little more organized. If those 10 people willing to sign a petition currently can not each find 10 like-minded citizens to join them, then there is no broad-based support for the petition.

Lucia R. Woods

Malvey responds

TO THE EDITOR:

In last week's edition of another local newspaper it was alleged that I only work 2 days a week in my capacity as Superintendent of Schools.

To say the least, this is a very disturbing rumor that the author has spread before consulting with me or the School Committee. I would expect that any responsible journalist would first check with the target of such outlandish statements.

In point of fact, your Superintendent does work 5 days per week along with a multitude of evenings to fulfill the many responsibilities of a CEO for an excellent school district. I should add, that I am pleased to serve our educational community.

In the future, I would suggest that allegations should be explored with me for the truth rather than outlandish stories which may be mere schoolyard talk.

Are we not better than this in Cohasset?

Edward M. Malvey, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Cohasset Public Schools

Rumors disputed

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, the Cohasset School Committee was publicly challenged in (another) local publication to speak up and show some leadership regarding "rumors" that Dr. Edward Malvey only works two days a week in his current position as superintendent of schools. Our response; these rumors are blatant and outright falsehoods. It troubles us as to the motivations of a very small minority who wish to impune the reputation of a fine and hard-working professional who has served this town well in his capacity. We are extremely proud of the accomplishments Dr. Malvey has achieved in his short time with us and look forward to his serving our district for a very long time to come. We are confident that with his abilities, we will continue to move the Cohasset School District ahead on its path of statewide excellence.

The Cohasset School Committee
Pat Martin, chairman
Stephanie Noble
Mark DeGiacomo
Rick Flynn
Chartis Tebbetts

Support Article 21

TO THE EDITOR:

Let's get one thing straight ...the accessory dwelling zoning article has been developed over a period of nearly two years. Some think it is going to change the character of the town. On the contrary, it may be a vehicle to retain residents who have contributed to this town over a lifetime.

How so you may ask ? A survey completed in 2000 by U. Mass Boston regarding Cohasset Senior Housing issues noted that 75 percent of respondents indicated their residences were either too large or too expensive to maintain, for people on fixed incomes.

Accessory dwelling would allow a large home to be fitted with an independent unit perhaps for two seniors or perhaps for a family to have a grandparent close by but allowing him, or her, their own space. This zoning amendment has safeguards within the application process. I would be most disappointed if "scare" tactics are used to defeat this article

It really is painful to have some residents proclaim their wish to protect the town ...close the gate ...we have arrived! The Senior Housing Committee is examining many possibilities. This is not short-sighted and it is not simply about affordability.

I urge the voters to acknowledge the need of some citizens but most especially seniors for just one of many possible, sensible, housing alternatives.

Please vote for Article 21.

Margy Charles
86 Linden Dr.

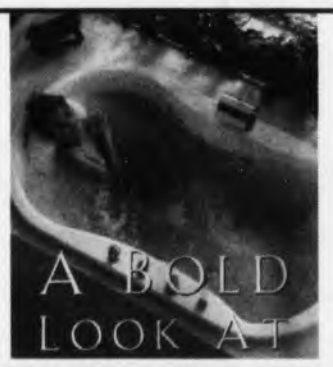
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New group rails against Greenbush

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weeks ago with what will be the first of a series of eight-page inserts — included in local papers in Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Weymouth. The insert warned of the harmful health effects of the train's diesel particulates and nitrous oxide emissions and even depicted a photograph of young girl in the arms of a nurse holding an inhaler over her nose and mouth. Subsequent inserts will tackle different quality-of-life and transportation issues.

The insert with its graphic photographs and dire warnings of increased respiratory diseases proved too much for Boston Globe columnist Brian McGrory of Weymouth. McGrory used it to launch another in his series of attacks against parochial Hingham, in an attempt to make the town the laughingstock of the South Shore.

"I urgently called friends in Wellesley, in Manchester-by-the-Sea, in Needham, because like virtually every other town around Boston, they have the train," McGrory wrote. "Are hospitals filled with children gasping for their last breath?"

But Bewick thinks Greenbush opponents will have the last laugh.

"My general principle as secretary was when a town was strongly opposed to a project — it didn't happen," he said.

Bewick moved to Hingham from the west Boston suburbs 18 months ago after marrying Hingham native and water transportation advocate Martha Reardon. Mrs. Bewick, also a member of AfTA, is principal of The Harbor Consultancy International that specializes in policy and systems planning for ferry studies.

"I've been amazed since I've been here how intensely people feel about the train," said Bewick, a former physics professor, who runs a software-consulting firm on Station Street in Hingham Square, just a stone's throw away from the long-abandoned rail bed. "The only comparable example I can think of is when I was secretary, Westford was proposed as a potential hazardous waste site.

"Within a week, 1,200 people met to oppose it and it was quickly killed."

But despite intense opposition over the past decade, Greenbush appears to be alive and well. Yet Bewick thinks the project is still vulnerable to grassroots opposition and legal challenges even as the five towns along the line hammer out multi-million dollar mitigation agreements with the MBTA. Hingham, which is the only town so far to have a finalized agreement, inked a $40 million contract including a tunnel under Hingham Square last spring.

Bewick says the MBTA grossly distorted the benefits of alternatives to the train, a violation of the MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act) process. MEPA is the state equivalent of the federal Environmental Protection Agency and requires major projects to meet certain environmental standards including a balanced look at alternatives.

"The whole point of MEPA is to get to a better project with less impact," he said. "Everyone realizes the train has the most impact.

"I feel the MEPA process has been violated and that deeply offends me as a former secretary." Impacts include pollution, noise, vibration and disruption during construction.

He charges that the MBTA studies on Greenbush were designed to confirm a predetermined outcome with the benefits and costs of train alternatives deeply distorted. For example, he says the MBTA claims a Scituate commuter boat would cost $80 million to implement when other studies say it would cost as little as $6 million.

But Martha Gjesteby of Cohasset, a regional representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee — appointed by the state Secretary of Environmental Affairs — studying the Greenbush EIR, says the train environmental studies are fine.

"We have spent years on this," said Gjesteby, who has sat on the advisory committee for about 17 years. "I feel the MBTA's response to our questions has been more than adequate. The T has been extraordinarily open to discussion.

"I've been involved in other EIRs, the Central Artery for example, and Greenbush is one of the most detailed."

Gjesteby, who supports the train, admits the issue is a divisive one. "It's unfortunate that people who either really want it or don't want it, have blinders on."

She says from a regional perspective, after looking at all the different alternatives, the train makes sense.

"Hingham has the commuter boat, MBTA bus and closer access to the Red Line," Gjesteby pointed out. "But from a regional point of view the Plymouth & Brockton bus service is not adequate, and boats have not been proven on the open ocean. The only way to move mass numbers of people effectively and improve air quality by taking cars off the road is the train."

Although AfTA — which is funded through private donations — is in the "embryonic stage," Bewick says a core group of about 20 with representatives from every affected Greenbush community meet at his office every other week to plan strategy. The first round of newspaper inserts, including extra copies, cost $2,600, according to Community Newspaper Company.

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, a Greenbush opponent, praised AfTA for educating the public about effects of the train.

"I think they are doing a service by bringing some of these issues to light," he said.

Bewick says local opposition to the train that subsided somewhat after Hingham withdrew its lawsuit last spring and signed an agreement with the MBTA is being regenerated. Bewick also thinks other towns are rising up against the train and points to the North Scituate rally last year that drew upwards of 1,000 people.

"All the other towns went to sleep while Hingham was leading the parade," he said. "Once Hingham signed the MBTA agreement, the other towns woke up."

Uncertainty worries businesses along right of way

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deal includes a $40 million tunnel under Hingham Square to eliminate grade crossings and the traffic nightmare they would cause in the quaint, but congested town center.

ABB Optical in Cohasset Village is one of the private properties with specific mitigation measures outlined in that town's proposed mitigation agreement with the MBTA.

The contact-lens maker has been located on Pleasant Street near the South Shore Art Center for nearly 25 years. The narrow, one-story structure is so close to the tracks that employees could easily reach out the building's window and touch a train going by.

"Our question is, how would the vibrations affect our contact lens manufacturing process," said ABB Optical co-owner Paul Lemieux. Part of the manufacturing process, he explained, is cutting the lens with a lathe to the exact dimensions of a customer's eye.

ABB Optical, which employs 64 people, is slated to receive anti-vibration padding under its lathes and under the tracks outside. But Lemieux said while the vibration mitigation is welcome, he worries whether it will enough once the train starts to roll. Noise is another concern.

"We take 1,500 calls a day from doctors calling in orders for contact lenses," Lemieux said. "Even though they've done sound-testing here, we still have the problem of when a train passes by, being able to hear the doctor on the phone.

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"The MBTA has done nothing to alleviate that concern."

Weymouth Landing is the latest hotspot of Greenbush controversy, in particular the Quincy Avenue grade crossing. At its busiest, the landing is a snarl of traffic as motorists look to go to Quincy, Rte. 3, Rte. 53 or Rte.18. Stopping traffic on Quincy Avenue for two minutes during rush hour while a train passes through is not a pretty picture. Current debate centers on whether to dig another tunnel or to build a viaduct over the grade crossing. It's one answer Dan Quirk would like to have.

Quirk, who owns Quick Chevrolet and Kia in Weymouth Landing, stands to lose not only parking spaces along the abandoned Greenbush right-of-way, but potentially a sizeable chunk of his lot.

"It all depends on the construction, and however they configure the tunnel or viaduct, and a lot of other different things," Quirk said. With plans not finalized, Quirk has no idea how much of his land will be taken, if any.

His dealership, which has been on the two-acre site since 1977, has four buildings including a 24,000 square foot main showroom, and the 9,000 square foot Kia showroom in the back corner, as well as 450 cars stored on the property. He leases the right-of-way from the state and stores cars on it.

Though he doesn't think his business will be drastically impacted, Quirk doesn't like being in limbo.

"I would rather know sooner than later," Quirk says. "As soon as they finalize their plans, I can decide on how it will impact my business."

When commuter rail service stopped, the old depot in Hingham Square was torn now and replaced by a building that includes The British Relief restaurant and Bowl & Board, a staple there since 1972. The store sells a variety of house wares, utensils, furniture and giftware. Though trains occasionally ran down the right-of-way behind the store until 1983, store manager Carl Achille said there is no comparison to what the Greenbush Line will do.

"The last few trains that went down that track, which is nine feet from the back of my building, would go two to four miles per hour, because none of the gates worked at that time," he recalls. "And even then the entire building vibrated," he said. "People could just use their imagination what a high-speed train would do whether it sat at-grade or below-grade."

The prospect of the tunnel provides little solace.

"With the construction of the tunnel, I've heard it will take everything from a year to two years of disruption to the downtown.," Achille said. " I don't know how some businesses will be able to ever continue during the construction period."

MBTA plans to use 'creative' financing

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forward-funding operating plan would have on the MBTA. The forward-funding plan requires the MBTA to set an operating budget, and live by it, instead of sending a bill to the Legislature at the end of the year. As of this year, when forward-funding went into effect, the MBTA's budget is created mainly through rider fares, assessments on user-towns, and 20 percent of the revenues collected from the state sales tax.

The study, chaired by former Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairman Patricia McGovern, concluded that under forward-funding, the MBTA would not be able to pay for Red Line station improvements, and construct Greenbush, as well as the proposed Fall River/ New Bedford expansion.

But, says Hedlund, the state has ignored the findings since it was released last April. "They've commissioned the report and now they've ignored it," he said. Bradley said the MBTA is using the contractor as the bank, because, Greenbush construction "can't be addressed in it's normal capital outline."

Sullivan spokesman John Carlisle said that's not the case at all. "The primary reason we chose the design/build method was to speed it up. We can break ground prior to the date we had though. It's a timing thing. But it doesn't hurt that once you negotiate the price it's locked in," he said. "You know what happens when transportation projects go up in costs, and what people think about that."

Hedlund said the creative financing plan is also an example of how determined the state is to see restoration become a reality. "They've demonstrated they're hell-bent on getting it done. Some people have staked their reputations on getting it done," Hedlund said, refusing to name names. "They've positioned themselves as champions of the project and consider it a test of their political and professional skills and future. And they want to see it done at all costs.

"This is why you're seeing the potential use of the design/build strategy," Hedlund continued. "This is a creative way — if you want to call it creative — an underhanded way to come up with money for it outside of forward funding."

Hedlund said already MBTA budget stuffing has begun to make sure the McGovern report's predictions don't come true. Last summer, on the last day of formal sessions, Hedlund said House Speaker Thomas Finneran submitted a $60 million supplemental budget for Red Line station improvements. Hedlund blasted the last-minute move, both on the floor that day, and again last week, as "a raid on the general fund" and said Finneran "trampled on the spirit of forward-funding." Despite Hedlund's objections, the bill passed.

"Supplemental budgets are supposed to be for salaries, not capital projects," Hedlund railed. "The irony is, Finneran had held up the state budget the year before for four months because he insisted that forward funding be part of the final budget that year.

"Not even one year into forward-funding, and the Legislature did a complete end around," he continued. "It led credence to what McGovern said...It shows the MBTA is having trouble staying within its budget."

A recent transportation bond bill gave the MBTA permission to construct one project through the design/build method, and Greenbush will be that project.

In a normal capital project, the state would put out to bid the project's design, have the project designed, then put out the construction of the project to bid. Under a design/build method, a contractor is hired to design, build and pay for the project, and the state will pay them back an agreed upon amount.

"What is normally done, is you come up with a complete design down to what type of lights there is going to be," Carlisle said. Design/build will allow the MBTA to design certain parts of the final project while building it. "Maybe we can decide on what kind of traffic lights there's going to be at a later date and focus on the here and now," he said. "We'll work on some portions as we go along."

Carlisle said work could start as early as next summer, and be completed in 2005.

But Hedlund and Bradley, both strongly anti-Greenbush, are nervous of the untested strategy.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Hedlund gave the go-ahead for Route 3 North to be a design/build project, the first time that had been allowed for a state project in Massachusetts. But he isn't as excited about using the same strategy for Greenbush. "I don't think [design/build] is necessarily a bad thing if used for the right type of project, but this isn't the right type," he said.

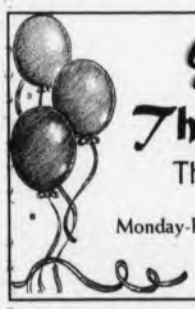
"We got to try something for the first time somewhere," Carlisle argued. "We had enough success with the groundbreaking of Route 3, we deemed it beneficial."

But Bradley disagrees. "Using this type of approach is risky," he said. "It's only been tried once and that project isn't done. It's very situational...To take a road project and apply it to a train is like comparing apples and oranges. It hasn't been tested in this market."

Bradley said design/build method has been used in only a few other states and while it was used successfully in California, it didn't in New Jersey.

Hedlund pointed out that Modern Continental, the contractor for the Route 3 widening project, recently said the $800 million appropriated for that project won't be enough, and is asking for more.

"They feel they can take on the added expense of a 20-year commitment to this project, and fit it in their operating budget, then so be it, it's legitimate for them to do that," Hedlund said. "But I feel they have ignored the issues raised in the McGovern report."


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Young people count rises

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Cohasset School Committee's contention that a rising student enrollment rate is the driving force behind its proposed 7.3 percent budget increase this year.

Cohasset's growth was far from the largest on the South Shore — that honor fell to Kingston which saw its population jump more than 30 percent — but it was also far from the lowest. Avon, Dedham, Holbrook and Braintree, all Norfolk County communities, saw with no growth or actually lost residents. Interestingly, no Plymouth County town or city saw negative growth. The lowest was Hingham, which experienced just 0.3 percent growth over the past 10 years.

District wide, the 10th Congressional District, represented by U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, D-Quincy, which includes most of the South Shore, reported the highest growth rate of any Congressional District in the state, punching in at 10.3 percent growth.

Population growth in Marinerland

TOWN	1990 Pop.	2000 Pop.	% change
Abington	13,817	14,605	5.7%
Braintree	33,836	33,828	0.0 %
Cohasset	7,075	7,261	2.6%
Hanover	11,912	13,164	10.5%
Hingham	19,821	19,882	0.3%
Holbrook	11,041	10,785	-2.3%
Kingston	9,045	11,780	30.2%
Marshfield	21,531	24,324	13.0%
Norwell	9,279	9,765	5.2%
Pembroke	14,544	16,927	16.4%
Rockland	16,123	17,670	9.6%
Scituate	16,786	17,863	6.4%
Weymouth	54,063	53,988	-0.1%

Cohasset population over the years

Year	Population
1930	3,083
1940	3,111
1950	3,731
1960	5,840
1970	6,954
1980	7,174
1990	7,075
2000	7,261

According to town building department records, new building permits for single-family homes skyrocketed in the latter half of the 90's. From 1990 to 1995, 39 permits were filed with the building department. But from 1996 to 2000, there were 84.

Perhaps the most interesting statistic is that Cohasset's minority population doubled, albeit from 0.9 percent to 1.8 percent. Asians make Cohasset's largest ethnic group, with 55 residents, or 0.76 percent. The black population in town actually dropped, from 20 residents in 1990 to 13 in 2000.

Part of the reason could be attributed to the new option of allowing residents to identify themselves as "multi-racial." Forty-two residents marked that selection on their form.

Cohasset Diversity Committee chairman Susan Etkind said it was "reassuring" to see the increase, though small, of the minority population in town. "Personally, as someone who embraces diversity, I think it adds a lot to this town," she said. "The best way to recruit people is to treat them with respect and to have an inclusive environment including a school system that addresses the different ethnicities."

She also said the census showings are further proof of the importance of a program like METCO in the school system. "It's important that even those in the majority in whatever way, reach out and support and foster our children's curiosity, so when they head off to college they're not totally shocked," she said.

Forum rejects one-way South Main Street

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Attendees at the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's public forum on Monday were unified about one aspect of the presented village improvement plan: don't make South Main Street one-way.

The proposal, which would send traffic through the village southward down South Main Street, and make Elm Street one-way towards the Common, was one of many presented by David O'Connor of The Cecil Group, CRC's engineers, and by far had the least support.

"If you have something that will improve the downtown, people would say great," said Spring Street resident Robert Martin. "But I haven't heard anyone complain about the traffic [on South Main Street]...This traffic pattern will not work."

The major concern residents at the forum had with the plan is the effect the one-way pattern would have on businesses that rely on north-bound morning commuters for their financial viability.

O'Connor argued that the businesses would have the evening commute traffic flow directed by their shops, instead of the morning commute.

But Parker Street resident Russ Bonetti said places like Tedeschi's, French Memories and Dependable Cleaners all depend on commuters stopping by in the morning.

"Cohasset Village in the morning is a lot different than Cohasset Village in the evening commute," said Bonetti. "No one's in the village after 6 p.m."

He also said the emphasis in the village shouldn't be on aesthetics, instead on encouraging commercial growth. "What attracts people to the downtown isn't brick sidewalks, it's the businesses," Bonetti said.

"Cohasset Village works the way it is," Martin said.

Texaco gas station owner George Roukounakis said he also would lose business to Route 3A if cars had to circle around the village in order to enter his station.

A proposal to keep South Main Street two-ways, but make Elm Street, from Brook Street to the South Main Street intersection, one-way, met with a warmer reception. The one-way Elm Street is being pushed because of pedestrian safety concerns, if the narrow street is kept as a two-way.

O'Connor said by making Elm Street a one-way, it would free up enough space to install four-foot sidewalks on both sides of the street, keep on-street parking, and have enough room to allow emergency vehicles past. He used photos to demonstrate the current condition where cars park up on the "sidewalk." O'Connor said the town could not keep the street two-way, without sacrificing one of the sidewalks

Peter Briere, a traffic engineer with the BSC Group, working on the plan, said he would not be willing to stamp a plan that did not include a sidewalk on both sides. "When people go downtown, they expect to have sidewalks," he said.

The plan was received favorably by a number of those in attendance.

"I like this plan," said Dick Avery. He said he didn't like the one-way South Main Street proposal, but thought it was "logical" to make the short stretch of Elm Street one-way.

Bonetti raised concern whether trailers hauling boats towards Cohasset Harbor in the spring would be able to make the right hand turn from Brook Street onto Elm Street.

Briere said they can, but would have to cross over the other side of the road to complete the turn.

The proposed sidewalk along St. Stephen's also received some debate. Some said the $170,000 sidewalk must be completed to make the walk from the Common to the village safer. Others said pedestrians just need to be trained to cross over to the other side and they will be safe.

"That white line does not designate a sidewalk," said Martin. "It's a traffic line."

Robert Davenport of Black Horse Lane said if crosswalks were constructed to prevent people from walking along the rocky edge, he was "very doubtful" anyone would use them. He said he was in favor of a plan that would chip away at the granite ledge between one and four feet, install a new sidewalk, and change the parking pattern across the street from angled to parallel.

A quick survey by CRC Executive Director Dean Rizzo showed the forum leaned "60/40" in favor of the sidewalk . He also reminded those in attendance that the St. Stephen's sidewalk was authorized by a Town Meeting vote a number of years ago, and has the grant money needed to do the $179,000 project sitting in a bank account.

"The sidewalk will remain on the plans," Rizzo said. "Until it is decided at a Town Meeting a sidewalk is no longer appropriate, we will continue to include it."

O'Connor also presented three redesign options for the Elm/Margin Street intersection. One called for the closure of Elm Street between the CRC headquarters, and the traffic island, and the other called for Margin Street to be closed adjacent to the traffic island. Neither received as much of a positive response as a stop sign at the traffic island.

Hingham Symphony presents Masterworks II

Hingham Symphony Orchestra will perform its Masterworks II concert Saturday, April 7, at 8 p.m., in Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall. Music director Jin Kim, known for his creative programming, will conduct three works for full orchestra, Ives Symphony No. 2, Smetana's "Die Moldau," and "The Chairman Dances," by contemporary composer John Adams.

Adams has composed works that are among the best known and most frequently performed of contemporary American music. In these works he has taken minimalism into a new and fresh terrain characterized by luminous sound and a powerful and dramatic approach to form. Charles Ives, a Connecticut native, completed his charming and spirited second symphony in 1902. Smetana's "Die Moldau," part of a symphonic poem written in 1879, takes us on a musical journey down the famous Czech river. These works will be explained in greater depth by Jin Kim in a free pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m. Audience members are invited to meet members of the orchestra at a reception following the concert.

This concert is the orchestra's second-to-last of the season — the Pops concerts May 5 and 6 will cap another year of growth.

Tickets ($20 adults, $18 seniors and $10 age 18 and under) are available in advance at Noble's, Hingham Square; Hingham Public Library; Cards & Shards, Cohasset; or call (781) 740-5694 to reserve.

Children's April vacation art

The Children's Creativity Workshop is offering several art activities for April vacation. The series meets April 16-20.

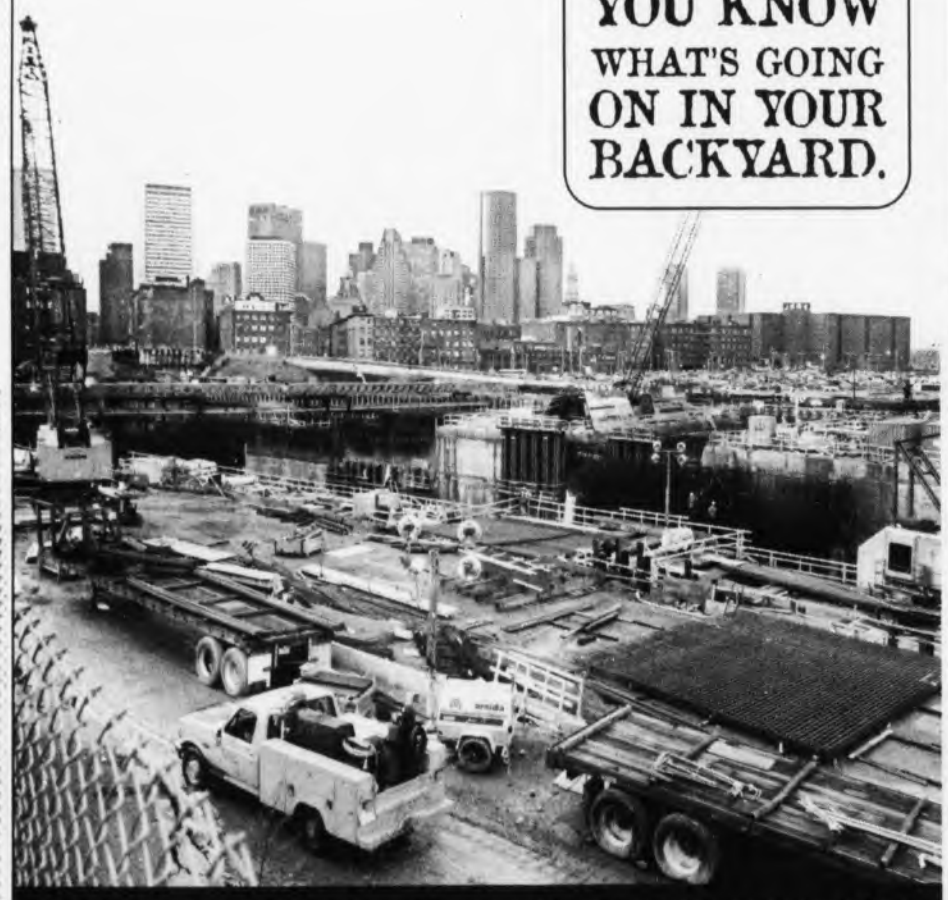
Colors of Spring is designed for ages children 5 to 8 years old and takes place 9 to 10:30 a.m. each day. Boys and girls will experience building a palette of colors using a variety of colored clays. Techniques for creating with this exciting media will be presented. Miniature scenes that reflect the season will be sculpted by each student.

Beginning Acrylic Painting, for ages 9 to 14, takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Students will learn the basics of acrylic painting. The emphasis of this series will be understanding the color wheel, translating values, light and shadow. Students will complete a painting with more of an understanding of the elementary concepts of color and design.

A supply list will be given prior to the class.

Painting Workshop is for students who have completed the beginners series and takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. each day. Students can further study the aspects of composition, color mixing and choosing a subject. Several paintings will be completed. A supply list will be given prior to the workshop.

Registration for this series and the summer program is now open. Call (781) 749-5923 and visit www.childrenscreativity.com for more detailed information.



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Environmental study gives runway a lift

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A massive environmental impact study of a proposal to build a new Logan Airport runway is bound to stir some controversy.

Project opponents vow to continue the fight as they examine its contents closely.

Despite the outcry of South Shore and other communities that would be most affected by the runway, the executive summary of the 12-volume supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement lists building Runway 14/32 and other improvements as the "preferred alternative."

Because Logan is expected to continue to function as the region's main long-haul and international gateway, the report says, regional transportation options will not eliminate the need for the proposed improvements at Logan.

Logan is currently sixth in the country on the list of delay-prone airports.

The study states a significant portion of Logan's delay problem can be remedied and safety enhanced by correcting a deficiency in the runway system and remedying "inefficiencies and bottlenecks" in the airfield's taxiway system.

"The preferred alternative virtually eliminates delays that can be controlled, particularly those occurring during northwest winds," according to the report.

The supplemental draft environmental study asserts that by mitigating the environmental impacts associated with the new runway proposal, the operational benefits of the proposed improvements can be accomplished without significant environmental consequences.

In fact, the study claims the new runway would reduce the environmental impact, increase over-water aircraft operations and result in better air quality than would the "no action" alternative.

Noise impacts over East Boston, Revere and Winthrop are expected to be reduced, according to the report, but Mary Ann Frye, a member of Hingham's jet noise task force, questions that assertion.

At a hearing about the proposed runway held Monday by Mayor Thomas Menino, who opposes the project, Frye made some observations of her own.

"I saw 100s of people from Boston communities, and they have no sense this project will bring them any relief," Frye said.

Locally, runway opponents are asking, What about the South Shore?

"The wild card in all of this is air quality," said Richard Goldhammer, a member of Hingham's Jet Noise Task Force. "No one knows what the effect will be on our health when close to 100,000 planes flying annually over our town emit known carcinogens like benzene and other volatile organic compounds into the air we breathe. A growing number of public health studies around the country suggest it will be a serious health concern."

On the other hand, Massport contends the new runway will reduce noise, pollution and congestion at Logan by moving as many as 75,000 flights a year over Boston Harbor.

Opponents balk at that assertion, because studies they've been involved with indicate the South Shore will be negatively impacted even if jets fly an "over water" route.

"The South Shore needs to replace the false image Massport has implanted about 'over the water operations' not going over homes," Frye said. "Boston Harbor is tiny in relation to the speed of jets, and they are on top of neighborhoods a minute from the airport, unless they go east."

According to Goldhammer, the model flight tracks for aircraft on all existing runways as shown in the supplemental draft environmental impact statement indicate Hingham will be "blanketed by jet operations that will virtually ensure most of the town will be adversely impacted."

Some Hingham and other South Shore neighborhoods are already experiencing high noise levels, even without the additional flights overhead.

Hingham resident Thomas Maloney and his family are already losing sleep at night because of the noise from jets.

"We wake up suddenly , startled out of our sleep but not always recognizing at first what woke us up," he said. "Interrupting sleep patterns is not healthy."

The runway is expected to increase air traffic over the South Shore by about 35 percent. That's inconceivable to many residents who are already bearing the burden of high noise levels during all hours of the day or night.

Not coincidentally, voters at the April 23 Hingham Town Meeting will be asked to support a warrant article authorizing an appropriation of $30,000 to the South Shore Aviation Fund to assess noise and pollution impacts associated with the runway plan.

The entire environmental impact study will be available for public review at Hingham Public Library this week as well as the Hull, Braintree and Quincy libraries.

The federal comment period for the supplemental DEIS will be open until May 7. Citizens on either side of the issue who would like their views aired about the supplemental DEIS should address their remarks to: John C. Silva, Manager, Environmental Programs, Airports Division, ANE-600, FAA New England Region, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803.

The office of Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, has copies of the executive summary of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. To obtain a copy, call (617) 722-1646. The summary may also be viewed at www.massport.com.

For further information about the supplemental DEIS, call Massport's Office of Government and Community Affairs at (617) 568-3711.

The state comment period for the final Environmental Impact Report, which is being released concurrently with the supplemental DEIS, ends May 11. Those wishing to make comments may address them to: Secretary of Environmental Affairs, ATTN: MEPA OFFICE, Mr. Arthur Pugsley – EOEA No. 10458, 251 Causeway St., Boston, MA 02114.

Public hearing

A joint federal/state public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, at 3 and 6 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Boston, Convention Center Rooms A&B, 6th Floor, 200 Stuart St., Boston, MA 02116. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on economic, social and environmental effects of the proposed runway and consistency with local planning. Residents of affected communities will also have a chance to comment about new flight patterns arriving and departing from Logan Airport associated with the proposal.

But one day to comment on a project of that magnitude isn't enough, Goldhammer said.

"People should not only be concerned about the runway impacts but taking action by demanding that more than the scheduled one day of public commentary in Boston be held so South Shore residents can make comments," he said. "Those will be the most impacted communities by far."

If the plan goes through, Runway 1432 could bring an additional 100,000 jet arrivals and departures annually to Logan Airport. The vast majority – 75,000 – are expected to fly over the South Shore.

If appropriated at Hingham Town Meeting, the $30,000 would be used in conjunction with funds allocated by other South Shore communities to pay for research concerning the air pollution impact and possible health hazards associated with jet emissions, noise monitors and potential legal proceedings if necessary.

Some time ago, Massport's application to the Federal Aviation Administration for clearance to construct the new runway resulted in a request for further study.

The Federal Aviation Administration developed the supplemental environmental study in consultation with an advisory panel consisting of three representatives appointed by Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and Gov. Paul Cellucci.

According to John Silva, manager of environmental projects for the Federal Aviation Administration, the document addresses the environmental aspects of Runway 1432, the expected effects of the 5,000-foot runway, an analysis of the area's regional airport system and responses to questions posed by Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand about the proposal.

The study also provides information about what types of aircraft are expected to use the runway — including smaller 50- to 60-seat turbo jets, which Silva claims incorporate the "quietest" technology possible. The report also includes enhanced flight track maps.

"These filings commence the final phase of an exhaustive public review process that began six years ago," wrote Massport CEO and executive director Virginia Buckingham in a letter to Hingham selectmen recently. "Runway 1432 provides significant cost savings and competitive gains for the economy."

Still, she added, Massport will continue to aggressively divert traffic away from Logan by further developing a strong regional transportation system.

Project opponents couldn't disagree more with Massport's assertions and remain focused on air quality and noise pollution issues.

"It's extremely important for us to realize what's happening with Massport," said Maloney. "Air traffic is and will continue to be a major problem area."

Opponents want runway grounded

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Amid rising opposition to a proposed new runway at Logan Airport, a recently released environmental impact study indicates the project should get the green light. *(See related story).*

Opponents cite noise and air pollution issues as key reasons why plans to build Runway 14/32 should be nixed.

"While the [Hingham] selectmen have taken this issue very seriously, it doesn't seem like residents really understand the magnitude and extent of the impact," said Richard Goldhammer, a member of the Hingham Jet Noise Task Force. "You cannot coax airplanes into narrow arrival and departure quarters without them sweeping out all over Hingham."

Gov. Paul Cellucci assured community activists opposed to the new runway recently that "we are still listening," according to a published report.

Still, he hopes final approval for the new runway will be attained by the end of the summer.

"Short of building a new runway, the state has done everything it can to ease congestion at Logan," Cellucci said recently.

The Bush Administration has indicated nationwide runway expansions are a critical component of addressing delay issues.

Project opponents aren't happy with that news and claim the environmental impact statement does not constitute an unbiased review of the project.

"Those of us investigating the air traffic issues for the town have learned several things," said Goldhammer. "The towns of Hingham, Cohasset, Hull and Weymouth are the communities targeted by Massport and the Federal Aviation Administration to receive the huge increase in jet traffic."

If the new runway does get the "go ahead" and obtains the necessary state and federal approvals, there's still a court battle to face over whether to lift a longstanding court injunction against further expanding Logan.

Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth), who is among those opposing the new runway proposal, favors a regional plan to meet the growing need for air transportation.

"Sometimes it seems like it's David against Goliath," he said. "I've been pleading with congressmen and senators to look at the issue. It's frustrating. The project isn't right, because it's not good transportation policy."

The Massport noise abatement line is open 24 hours a day. Hingham and other South Shore residents with concerns about noise from air traffic may call (617) 561-3333. Press "2" when the tape comes on.

State House News Service reporter Elisabeth J. Beardsley contributed to this article.

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IT'S HAPPENING

ASP yard sale benefit is April 7

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is holding its annual Yard Sale fund raiser on voting day, Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Second Congregational Church.

In this, ASP's 14th year, a record175 volunteers (120 teenagers, 55 adults) will travel to West Virginia and Virginia to work on 25 homes in the Appalachian mountains. ASP is in the midst of fund raising at this time (buy stock in ASP! - $20/share) and will start training and orientation in May. Then ASP volunteers leave for a week of home repair work in Appalachia on June 23.

Also watch for more information about our new Appalachian Festival to be held Saturday, April 28, with special Appalachian-style crafts, entertainment and food.

Visit ASP on the web at www.cohassetasp.org for updates and information.

Cohasset MS walk

On April 7, hundreds of people from Cohasset will walk the streets to cure multiple sclerosis as part of a nationwide fund raising tradition, The MS Walk. The 6.2 mile Cohasset Walk takes off from South Shore Community Center at 10 a.m. The annual benefit has been held by the Central New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for 12 years. Walkers commit to a $25 minimum contribution, but most bring in over $200. Individuals, groups, and corporate teams can register by calling 1-800-493-WALK, by visiting www.msnewengland.org, and the day of. Many volunteers are also needed to make the Walk successful; interested persons should contact the Chapter office at 1-800-493-9255.

Annual Egg hunt

Cohasset Recreation Commission annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 7 at the Deer Hill School at 12 noon sharp.

Ages 3 to 11. The Easter Bunny arrives via Cohasset fire truck.

Rain Date: Saturday, April 14, same time - same place.

Adams family focus

The Cohasset Historical Society's annual spring dinner meeting is Sunday, April 29, social hour at 5:30 p.m. dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Kimball's by-the-Sea.

The National Park Service Adams Historic Site in Quincy will bring a presentation about a little known aspect of Adams family history. Presented by John Stanwich, historian, and Karen Yourelle, park ranger, the discussion will be woven around letters between Abigail Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

By way of history, around 1804 after Adams' presidency, Jefferson and Adams were at odds with each other. Abigail's letters bring to light discussions about the two dynamic political leaders and their differences.

Reservations must be made before April 25, and sent to 14 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

Please make checks payable to the Cohasset Historical Society ($30 members, $35 non-members)

For information, call Martha Gjesteby at 383-1614 or the Society at 383-1434.

David Clapp to talk about salt marshes

David Clapp, director of the South Shore Sanctuary of the Massachusetts Audubon Society will talk on "Salt Marshes: What are they and why should we care" at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 1 at Saint Anthony's Parish Hall. The talk is sponsored by the Cohasset Garden Club.

Clapp, who has been with the Audubon Society for more than 20 years, is an ornithologist and general naturalist who has a strong interest in habitat conservation as well as land preservation and management. Clapp's lecture will be followed by a reception. The event is open to the public.

Palm Sunday organ recital

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 10th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting G. Fredrick Guzasky in an organ recital at 3 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 8. Guzasky is on the faculty of Bridgewater State College. The Boston Conservatory, and is director of music at St. Stephens. Guzasky is author of the "Gregorian Chant Handbook" and specializes in plain chant, early music and the Russian choral repertoire.

The Palm Sunday concert, featuring the 58 rank Aolian-Skinner organ, will include Bach's "Dorian Toccata and Fugue," Rheinberger's "Organ Sonata No. 12," several of Guzasky's own compositions and the Chorale Improvisation "Victimae Paschali" by Charles Tournemire.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and parking is available at the village car park near the church. Donations will be accepted and a reception will follow. Arrive early and hear a playing of the church's 58-bell carillon before the concert.

For further information, call 383-1083.

Other voices

Bijoy M. Misra, fifth speaker for The Glastonbury Series, "Listening to Other Voices: the Way of Prayer in Our Religious Traditions," will discuss "Prayer for the Hindus," Thursday, April 5, at 7:15 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey. The event is sponsored by The Benedictine community of Glastonbury Abbey. Call the monastery to reserve a place (781) 749-2155.

In this fifth of six lectures, writer, teacher and scholar Misra explores prayer as an integral part of Hindu worship. In the Hindu tradition, prayer is invocation or praise and may be spoken or silent. Sound holds a principle role in Hindu cosmology; the chant *Aum* simulates the primordial energy or vibration which Hindu theology conceives as the basis of the universe. Silent prayer is part of yoga and the ultimate state of the yogi — discipline, control and withdrawal of the senses so that eventually all activities become an offering to the Lord and work itself becomes a prayer.

Misra is associated with the New England Hindu Temple at Ashland, is on the faculty of computer science at Harvard Extension School and serves as a consultant at Harvard Medical School. He is the convener of the Outreach Committee of the Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies at Harvard University and teaches in the Indian Cultural School in Burlington.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Jill Tedeschi stands in the great room of her home at 38 Atlantic Ave., one of several spectacular homes featured on the kitchen tour.

Cohasset kitchens provide centerpiece of benefit tour

Though ticket sales for the South Shore Community Center's Kitchen Tour 2001 have been brisk, a limited number of tickets remain available for this designer tour of five distinctive and festively decorated Cohasset kitchens and dining rooms set for Friday, April 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As with past tours, each of this year's homes will spotlight formal and informal tablescapes by the homeowners or area design professionals, as well as tempting treats by some of the South Shore's finest caterers.

Starting at the Lightkeeper's Residence, which will serve as both a relaxing coffee spot and marketplace, the tour winds along Cohasset's coast and village. Tour highlights include a five-story Mediterranean-style villa, a casually elegant contemporary situated on the cliffs overlooking upper Little Harbor, a Town Common 1845 Greek Revival home, a new, center-entrance Colonial and a 200-year-old New England farmhouse.

Tickets may be purchased at the South Shore Community Center or by calling (781) 383-0088. Tickets are $25 each (while available) throughout the day of the tour.

Funds from Kitchen Tour 2001 will be used to support the programs of the South Shore Community Center.

Future in health

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be Cohasset High School seniors or Cohasset residents who intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work or allied health fields. Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2001-2002 academic year. Applications are available at the league's office, 16 Highland Ave., weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or in the Cohasset High School Guidance office. Applications must be received by April 20. For further information, call 383-0771 or e-mail sslcohasset@aol.com.

Inviting all rowers

The Cohasset Maritime Institute would like to invite all interested youth and adult rowers, experienced and novices alike to a gathering at the lighthouse keepers residence on March 29 from 7 – 9 p.m.

This evening is being held share with the rowing and maritime community CMI's mission and plans for the summer of 2001. Rowers and other CMI supporters who can't make the meeting but are interested in obtaining CMI's schedule of events, including rowing times, should contact either Jack Buckley at Johncbuckleyjr@msn.com or call Jack 383-8261. Mary Sease at seasefam@mediaone.net

Charter school auction Friday

On Friday, March 30, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, the South Shore Charter School will host its fifth annual auction and dinner at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham.

The school is striving to improve facilities, develop laboratory space and build a much-needed gymnasium. Support is important to the 27 communities from which the school draws, and to the students involved.

You do not need to have a child enrolled in the S.S. Charter School or be affiliated with the school in any way to make a donation or attend this event. No tickets will be sold at the door.

All donations are tax deductible. To donate items or services to the auction or to purchase tickets ($25 each), call Peter Kenney, auction chairman, at (617) 249-1991.

Gallery artists

Artists interested in becoming gallery artists at the South Shore Art Center are invited to submit for jury selection a portfolio of original work. Portfolios may be dropped off at the Art Center on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, April 8, from noon – 4 p.m. or Monday, April 9 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Gallery artists enjoy a special category of membership that benefits exhibiting artists by offering them exposure, referrals and sales. A gallery artist member must be a professional, consistently working in his or her field, with a body of work large enough to meet a frequent showing schedule. gallery artist exhibitions are open to all genres and media. Membership as a gallery artist affords an artist the opportunity to exhibit in group shows in the Center's Dillon Gallery, or in solo shows at satellite locations. Satellite locations include the Landmark Building in Boston, the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham, and the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset.

For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.









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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Taylor O'Brien gets ready to serve during practice in the snow on Monday.

Serving up a few winners

Both tennis programs look strong this year

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

With a surprisingly strong boys team and perennial sectional crown contenders on the girls side of things, the Cohasset tennis program will be turning some heads this year.

Headed up by tenth year coach Sarah "Gigi" Meehan for the girls and rookie Cohasset coach Pam Wilson for the boys, the teams both appear to be among the cream of the crop to beat in a wide open South Shore League.

"I think we are going to have a fantastic year," said Wilson, who has coached at the prominent tennis club Rye Racket in New York, a training ground for several prominent figures on the worlds tennis scene, Jennifer Capriatti among them.

The girls have made the post-season every year over the last decade with Meehan at the helm. And this year's team appears to be among the more impressive of her tenure.

"In 10 years, we have never not made [tournament]," reported Meehan, who had a four year regular season winning streak broken last year by league rival Norwell. "It is a really great thing, but there is a little bit of pressure."

The girls team will most likely have last year's undefeated second singles player, sophomore Lindsay Grossman, taking over the number one position opened up by the graduation of Kate Stone.

"She is showing some signs of promise of being the number one player," said Meehan. "She is so mentally strong, I think she can beat anyone."

2000's third singles player, sophomore Julie Shea, could be playing first or second singles. Of course, if she had her druthers, she'd prefer first doubles.

"Julie could give [Grossman] a great run for her money," asserted Meehan, smiling.

"Julie is leaning towards doubles, but she is so strong either way."

Senior captain Arianna Afshar and junior Kelly Stone, the only two upper classmen on the team, could very well team up to be a terrific doubles team.

Sophomores Molly Flanagan, Taylor O'Brien and Nicole Needle have been impressing Meehan by playing "fabulous tennis."

"They have some good experience," noted the coach.

Still, Meehan admits it is a bit too early in the season to have any lineup set in stone.

"I am just gonna let 'em duke it out," she laughed.

On the boys side, senior Erik Shea, who is in his first year playing for the Skippers, looks to be the top player on the boys team. Shea, one of the primary contributors this school year to the surprisingly successful Cohasset High soccer and basketball teams, brings great athleticism to the court. In previous springs, Shea played soccer for the elite Crusaders Club Team.

"I think he is going to do so well," offered Wilson, "because he has both discipline and skill."

Second singles will most likely be senior captain Chris Golden, who performed extremely well earlier this year on both the football field and the in the pool as a co-captain of the swim team.

At third singles, a budding sophomore looks to make up for some lost time as he missed all of last year

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Courtney Caron tries to stay warm while putting her all into this return at Monday's practice.

Smoothing things out on the diamond

Baseball team prepares for Tuesday's season opener

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Baseball season is underway, and the Cohasset squad looks to have quite a season ahead of them.

"We will be highly competitive," stated fourth year coach Robert Knurek, seldom one to make bold pre-season judgments.

Still, after making the tournament last year with a 11-9 regular season record, the Skippers will be looking to a core of four seniors to lead the team back to the playoffs. Cohasset was eliminated last year in the first round 4-2, losing to Westwood's number one starter, one of the premiere lefties in Div. 3.

Even with four non-league games coming against powerful baseball programs in Hingham, Scituate and two against Avon, playoff qualification seems very doable.

"I expect to make the tournament if we play up to our potential," said Knurek.

Leading the way will have be senior co-captains Doug O'Brien and TJ Bilodeau, two of the three captains that led the basketball Skippers to their 14-8 record this past winter.

O'Brien led the league in batting average last year, hitting over .400. Far from a one-side threat, the senior is also an extremely strong centerfielder.

Bilodeau, who was also named captain last year as a junior, will split time as a pitcher and a shortstop, but this knowledgeable senior can be put virtually anywhere on the field.

"TJ can play any position on the field, including catcher," said Knurek without a hint of sarcasm, impressed with how well Bilodeau knows the game.

While Bilodeau pitches, the responsibilities of shortstop will be taken by AAU standout Nick Bolster, who also is one of the top pitchers on the staff. Knurek mentioned Bolster's strength lies in his great arm speed, which was on show last season when he hurled a no-hit shutout.

Senior Tim Grassey, a workhouse of a pitcher with an impressive pitch selection, will see plenty of innings at the number three spot in the rotation.

"He has improved a lot," assessed Knurek. "He has great offspeed stuff, and he throws it for strikes."

Junior third basemen/leftfielder Robin Murphy will play at both positions this year. He has been a starter for the varsity since his freshman year.

Junior infielder Chris Caron has hit the ball solidly, and after being

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Two-Time champs- The Cohasset girls 7th grade team win its second straight Old Colony League championship on Saturday. Back Row: Ed Lappen (coach), Emily Savage, Jessica Wheelwright, Kaitlin James, Callie Ernst, Lisa Musto, Chelsea Grossman and Jeff Grossman (coach)
Front Row: Mia Lieb-Lappen, Aly Belz, Lisa Spirito and Katrina Reardon

7th grade hoopsters defend OCL crown

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset's seventh grade girls basketball team, by far the smallest in the Old Colony League, shocked all of the favorites on its way to a second straight OCL championship, which the team grabbed with an upset win over favored Bridgewater this weekend.

Before shocking second place Bridgewater in the final game with a 21-12 victory, the Cohasset girls took down Whitman/Hanson in the first round and the top ranked undefeated Duxbury in the semifinals by the same score of 21-12. Not bad for a team that finished fifth in the league with a regular season record of 5-3.

Bridgewater started off the championship game with a quick bucket, and managed to keep Cohasset scoreless for close to six minutes. But after power forward Caitlin James started the Skippers' scoring with a lay-up, Cohasset never trailed again.

"Caitlin James is very aggressive and very strong," said co-coach Jeff Grossman of his 'big man' who fouled out with seven minutes left in the game.

Grossman's daughter Chelsea, the starting point guard for the team, led Cohasset in the playoffs with 18 points, including eight in the opening round win over W-H.

Grossman also led the way on defense with three steals, tying her for team tops with small forward/shooting guard Mia Lieb-Lappen, who also had a team-high seven rebounds.

The defense has been key for this team all year, and that continued in the playoffs, as witnessed by the opponents' first half outputs of six, two and three points, respectively.

"We win with defense," asserted co-coach Ed Lappen, father of Mia. "People cannot score against us."

This team utilized an extended 2-3 zone all year, with guards Grossman, Lieb-Lappen and Aly Belz, who splits time at the point with Chelsea, trapping.

In fact, those three combined to draw eight of Bridgewater's 17 fouls while driving to the hoop.

But this win can by no means be considered the work of just a few players. While the opponents had only four of their players put the ball in the basket, Cohasset put eight of its 10 players in the scorebook.

"I was very impressed," effused Ed Lappen. "Everyone contributed; it was a total team effort."

Other standout performers in the finals were Belz, who combined with Grossman to repeatedly break full

court presses throughout the tourney, Cally Ernst, the center who led the offense against Bridgewater with six points and five boards, and Emily Savage, who came off the bench to be a presence inside with five rebounds.

Many of the top performers on the team— including Grossman, Lieb-Lappen, Belz, and center Lisa Musto— were members of the 9-3 girls Middle School team headed up by coach Tony Rolfe.

"They are a real good group of athletes," noted Jeff Grossman, who feels the 17 wins in one year cannot hurt as they head towards the HighSchool level. "Several of these girls will play on varsity."

Cohasset High's varsity girls coach Ellen Carr was in attendance for both the Duxbury and Bridgewater games, and is most assuredly pleased with what she has as a nucleus for the future.

Next year, the girls will attempt to make a clean sweep at the 8th grade level, the highest offered within the Old Colony League.

Statistics for this article were provided by assistant coach Ross Lieb-Lappen, a sophomore at Cohasset High School and a member of the JV basketball team.

All-Scholastic girls basketball team

Cohasset sophomores Grossman and Peraino named honorable mentions

The individuals you see honored here are the 12 we determined through research and personal observation to be the top female high school basketball players in *Marinerland* (i.e. Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland and Scituate).

As you might imagine, this was no easy task. Several of the girls recognized as High Honorable Mentions received serious consideration for All-Scholastic honors.

Likewise, a few of the Honorable Mentions received serious consideration for higher honor, with Cohasset High sophomores Lindsay Grossman and Heather Peraino being among these. Both underclassmen contributed better than 11 points per game for the up and coming Lady Skippers program season. We're already anticipating that both girls will receive strong consideration for the All-Scholastic team next year.

First team

Maureen Halloran - Guard
Junior (Capt.) - Hanover



Maureen Halloran

A three-year starter and three-point specialist, Halloran was Hanover's top point-getter despite missing six games this season ... A hyperextened knee suffered minutes into the Lady Indians' first meeting with Abington briefly sidelined the talented guard, but Halloran came back with a vengeance, scoring 37 points including six three-pointers, in her first game back from injury...The South Shore League All-star's return to the court helped the third-place Hanover team qualify for the Div. 3 tournament for the first time in three years...Halloran's average 16.3 points per game placed her in the top four in the SSL...She was also a midfielder on Hanover's Div. 3 State Champion soccer team in the fall and was an honorable mention to the Mariner All-Scholastic team. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "I don't know how she does it, but she always finds the basket. She's a premier three-point shooter and also has a lot of speed. She's a great captain and a very coachable kid."

Jessie Weber - Guard
Senior (Capt.) - Norwell



Jessie Weber

The slick and athletic guard scored 1,577 points during her high school career for the Lady Clippers...a team co-captain this season along with Maeve Barao... helped lead Norwell to a

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Strong field expected for Sunday's Race by the Sea

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

The calendar says spring officially kicked in on March 21 but Cohasset residents and members of the running community know differently. Spring, for the locals, won't start until the gun sounds at 1 p.m. this Sunday and a field of upwards of 1,000 runners surges forward from the town common at the 25th Annual Cohasset Road Race by-the-sea 10K.

Along with the Hingham 4th of July Road Race, Cohasset is one of the most popular on the South Shore and easily the most scenic. It has been voted one of the 50 most scenic races in New England Runner magazine, though hardly an easy course.

As has been the cases in past years, weather conditions on race day will determine how many runners toe the starting line on Cohasset Common for the challenging 6.2-mile course, the highlight of which is the winding section along Jerusalem Road.

Last year's race was another huge success as 804 runners crossed the finish line under a sun-drenched sky. Kingston's John Noland, one of the most prolific runners on the South Shore, won easily in 33 minutes, 12 seconds, a cool 5:22-per-mile pace. On the women's side, Katie Payson of Jamaica Plain ran away with first place with a time of 39:28. And one of the race's most recognizable faces, Robert Chasen of Weymouth, took the Master's division in 34:12. The race has averaged 753 finishers since 1996, making it one of the biggest races on the South Shore.

The race has long been used by runners as a final tuneup for the Boston Marathon and this year should be no different as several competitors in the Hopkinton-to-Boston classic will test just how their winter of training for the April 16 race panned out with a solid 10K (6.2 miles) effort.

And the effort will surely be there, particularly if conditions are less than ideal. If runners are greeted by cool, sunny conditions, history has shown there will be a bigger turnout. A raw, rainy day makes the race all the tougher, especially along Jerusalem Road where the winds off the Atlantic can make for some hard running.

The race's fabulous ocean view along Jerusalem Road is tempered somewhat by the rolling hills, culminated by the tough, uphill grind on Forest Ave. The final two miles of the race are the fastest as runners can gain momentum along the rolling hills on Forest Ave. and hit the flats again when they take the left-hand turn onto North Main Street for the final 1-1/2 miles to the finish in front of Cohasset Town Hall.

The day kicks off with the 10K walk, beginning at Sandy Beach at 10 a.m. The walk has grown in popularity in past years and this Sunday should be no different. If the weather is favorable, look for a large field of walkers.

Applications are available at www.roadracebythesea.com and in Cohasset at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop, and mail from the Cohasset Rotary, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MM 02025, or send email with your mailing address to tlg@dreamcom.net.

The registration fee for the race is $12 prior to March 25, and $15 after. The registration fee for the walk is $12.

On-site registration will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset on Saturday, March 31, at 9 a.m. until noon and Sunday, April 1, 9 a.m. until noon. For race questions call (781) 383-2811 or send email to tlg@dreamcom.net.

Competitors are urged to park in the Music Circus lot on Sohier Street, the Town Central lot across the street from the community center or the Osgood School lot.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Erik Shea, playing his first year of tennis for C.H.S, will look to carry over his success this year from the soccer fields and basketball court this spring, as he takes over the top singles spot on the team.

Both tennis programs look strong this year

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while recovering from surgery. However, he requested that his name not be used.

The first doubles team consists of senior Jeff Scribner and junior Joe Niessink, who may see some time playing singles also this year.

Competing for a spot on second doubles team are freshman Rob Carpenter and brothers Casey (senior) and Jessie (freshman) Brewer, both first year players.

"I was pleasantly surprised with how strong out boys team is," said Wilson of her line-up, as she has set up challenge matches to determine the latter. "All of them have great skill."

Between the two teams, there are 20 high school players, half of whom are playing their first year at the varsity level. But rather than being disappointed with the lack of experience, both coaches seem excited about the interest of the rookies.

"It is going to be fun," grinned Meehan, who had four new freshman and a sophomore join her team this year. "We have a lot of 'new blood', which is nice."

SPORTS NOTES

Kinch takes 3rd at State's

Cohasset's Ben Kinch, a student at Boston College High School and a High Honorable Mention for the Mariner All-Scholastic Wrestling team, took third place in the Div.1 State Championships in the 145 pound division earlier this month.

Little League Signup

Did you forget to register your child for Little League? It's not too late. Call Lynne of Mark DeGiacomo at 6413. All registrations need to be completed by March 31, 2001.

April Vacation Baseball Clinic

Cohasset Recreational Department and the South Shore Baseball Club will hold a baseball clinic during the April school vacation from Tuesday, April 17 through Friday, April 20, at Milliken Field from noon to 2:30 p.m. for children ages 8 to 12. The fee is $100. Applications are still being accepted.

Anyone interested can register at the Cohasset Recreation Office, on the first floor of Town Hall. Checks shoud be made payable to "Town of Cohasset".

Space is limited, so early registration is advised. For further information, call the office (383-4109).

The rainy day site will be Cohasset High School. To register, drop off or mail form to: Cohasset Recreation Department - Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset at 383-4109. Please make checks payable to Town of Cohasset.

Girls basketball skills development

Cohasset Recreation girls basketball skills development for grades 3 to 8 on Tuesday evenings April 10 to May 22 for six weeks. $36 per player at Sullivan Gym-Cohasset High School. Register prior to April 5.

The clinics will be directed by Mrs. Ellen Carr, the head girls basketball at Cohasset High School.

Grades 3 to 5 meet at 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Grades 6 to 8 meet at 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration forms available at recreation office, Town Hall.

Gymnastics camp

Join Ruthann Ellen, and other staff members of the Community Center for two fun-filled days of gymnastics, bowling, make-a-craft, sports and much more.

Mini April vacation gymnastics camp for girls meets on Wednesday, April 18 and Friday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring lunch and snack daily. Fee for both days is $60 members and $65 for non-members. Make checks payable to SSCC. Camp is open to all girls ages 5 to 12. Limited space available.

Cohasset High School spring sports schedule

GIRLS LACROSSE

April			
3	at Dover-Sherborn	4 p.m.	
5	Martha's Vnyd.	4:30 p.m.	
10	at New Bedford	4 p.m.	
12	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.	
24	Medfield	6 p.m.	
26	at Sandwich	4 p.m.	
May			
1	Scituate	4 p.m.	
3	Marshfield	3:30 p.m.	
10	at Hingham	3:30 p.m.	
11	Sharon	5 p.m.	
15	at Falmouth	4 p.m.	
17	Barnstable	3:30 p.m.	
29	Bourne	4 p.m.	
30	at Marshfield	3:30 p.m.	

Coach: Kathy Guadiano
Home field: Alumni Field

BOYS LACROSSE

April		
3	Scituate	3:30 p.m.
6	Norwell	4 p.m.
10	at Barnstable	4 p.m.
12	at Hanover	3:30 p.m.
20	at Bourne	1 p.m.
21	at Walpole	1 p.m.
24	Sandwich	4 p.m.
27	Falmouth	7 p.m.
May		
1	Hanover	6 p.m.
4	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
8	at Hingham	3:30 p.m.
11	Barnstable	7 p.m.
15	Duxbury	6 p.m.
18	at Marshfield	3:30 p.m.
21	at Catholic Mem.	4 p.m.
23	Ashland	7 p.m.

Coach: Kevin Orcutt
Home field: Alumni Field

BASEBALL

April		
3	at Hanover	3:30 p.m.
10	Norton	3:30 p.m.
12	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
17	at SSVT Doubleheader	10 a.m./1 p.m.
18	at Holbrook	11 a.m.
24	Carver	4 p.m.
25	Nantucket	4 p.m.
26	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
May		
1	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
3	Hanover	3:30 p.m.
4	at Hingham	3:30 p.m.
7	at Norton	4 p.m.
8	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
10	at Carver	4 p.m.
14	Hull	3:30 p.m.
17	Abington	3:30 p.m.
19	at Nantucket	10:30 p.m.
22	at Avon	3:30 p.m.
24	Avon	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Bob Knurek
Home field: Milliken Field

JV BASEBALL

April		
3	at Hanover	3:30 p.m.
10	Norton	3:30 p.m.
12	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
24	Carver	4 p.m.
25	Nantucket	4 p.m.
26	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
May		
1	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
3	Hanover	3:30 p.m.
4	Hingham	3:30 p.m.
7	at Norton	4 p.m.
8	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
10	at Carver	4 p.m.
14	Hull	3:30 p.m.
17	Abington	3:30 p.m.
19	Nantucket	1:30 p.m.
22	Avon	3:30 p.m.
24	at Avon	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Peter Lucido
Home field: Beechwood Field

BOYS TENNIS

April		
9	at Hanover	
10	Norton	
24	Carver	
May		
1	at Abington	
4	Hanover	
7	at Norton	
8	at Norwell	
10	at Carver	
17	Abington	

All matches at 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Pam Wilson
Home Court: Milliken Courts

GIRLS TENNIS

April		
9	Hanover	
10	at Norton	
12	at Norwell	
24	at Carver	
26	Scituate	
May		
1	Abington	
4	at Hanover	
7	Norton	
8	Norwell	
11	Carver	
17	at Abington	
23	at Dover/ Sherborn	4:30 p.m.

All matches at 3:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise.
Coach: Sarah Meehan
Home Court: Milliken Courts

TRACK AND FIELD BOYS AND GIRLS

April		
2	at Hanover	
5	at Norton	
9	at Norwell	
26	Hull	
28	Mass Relays at Mashpee	
May		
2	Abington	
5	at Weston-Invitational	5:30 p.m.
5	Fresh/Soph at Carver	
7	Girls SSL Meet at Norwell	
8	Boys SSL Meet at Carver	
10	Carver	
14	at Rockland	
19	S.S. Principals at Norwell	
26	Class D State at Norwell	
June		
2	All State Meet at Worcester State	

All meets at 3:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise.
Coaches: Al LaFountain, Mark Hall
Home Site: Alumni Field

GOLF

April		
12	at Hanover	
23	Carver	
24	at Abington	
May		
1	at Norton	
2	at Norwell	
4	at Abington (non-league)	
7	Hanover	
8	at Carver	
14	Abington	
15	Norwell	

All matches at 3:30 p.m.

Baseball teams prepare for opener

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called up from the junior varsity midway through last year, has proved he can compete at the varsity level.

Junior catcher Tim Straughan, who may also see some innings this year as a reliever, has a cannon of an arm, and is expected to be one of the main power threats in the Skippers' line-up.

Other possible relief pitchers for the squad this year include last year's JV ace Matt O'Grodnik and any number of talented freshmen and sophomores, currently being coached by JV Skipper Peter Lucido.

Knurek is quick to point out that the South Shore League contains some of the most experienced coaches and some of the most respected programs around.

In fact, three coaches in the SSL alone have over 300 career wins in their school.

"South Shore League baseball is phenomenal baseball," effused Knurek. "The baseball we play is real competitive."

The Skippers will open the season on the road Tuesday afternoon against South Shore League rival Hanover High (3:30 start).



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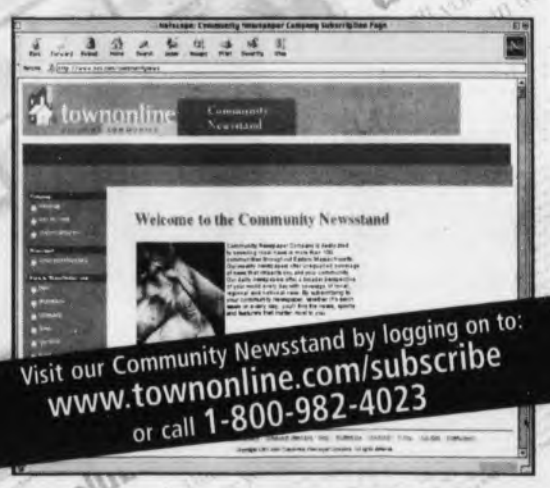
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Cohasset sophomores Grossman and Peraino named honorable mentions

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record breaking 23 win season, which ended in the Div. 3 South Sectional finals against eventual state champion Westwood... passed the 1,000 plateau in her junior year....led the South Shore League in scoring this season with 20.2 points per game...Has accepted a basketball scholarship from Bryant College, a partial for her freshman year that will become a full ride for her last three years...Also played soccer for Norwell High, serving as team captain this past fall...plays AAU basketball year round...Norwell Coach Bill Gerety: "Jessie is one of most intense players I've ever coached. She is just incredibly focussed and determined when she's on the floor. As valuable as she obviously was at the offensive end, she was probably just as valuable as a defender. She usually matched up against the toughest player and did a great job of creating turnovers that led to easy baskets at the other end."

Maeve Barao - Guard
Senior (Capt.) - Norwell


Maeve Barao

Ran the offense for the Lady Clippers this season, helping the team to a record breaking 23 win season, which ended in the South Sectional finals against eventual state champion Westwood... Assist totals aren't always kept, but Norwell coach Bill Gerety, a teacher and coach at Norwell High since it opened in 1966, said Maeve had "more assists than any girl I can remember coming through here."...Despite being primarily a facilitator, the point guard finished her career with close to 1,200 points, ...served as team captain this season, along with Jessie Weber....proved her mettle in one of biggest games of years, shaking off an abysmal shooting game to score eight of her 14 points in the final three minutes of the down-to-the-wire quarterfinal win over Abington on 4-of-5 shooting... Norwell coach Bill Gerety: "Maeve is one of the most unselfish players I've ever coached. She could have gone over 1,000 points a long time ago for us, but I've asked her to concentrate more on other facets of her game for the good of the team, and she did that."

Bridget Driscoll - Forward
Junior - Hingham


Bridget Driscoll

Was the team's top point-getter and rebounder for the second-place Patriot League Harborwomen, averaging 10 points per game and seven rebounds per game... A two-time Patriot League All-star, Driscoll was key on the inside for Hingham, often putting back second opportunities at the hoop and scoring breakaway layups...She was also a fixture on defense inside the paint...Out of Hingham's four all-stars, Driscoll was the only unanimous pick by the league's coaches... Driscoll is most proud of her performance in her team's second meeting with cross-town rival Notre Dame, in which she scored 14 points in the revenge win... Hingham coach Dave Hickey: "We have a lot of girls who score, but Bridget was the only one who was consistent. She was the only kid who stepped up every game. She was like having a coach on the floor. I always knew what I was going to get from her."

Brittany Cheney - Center
Junior - Abington


Brittany Cheney

Probably the most versatile player on the South Shore, Cheney's talent is almost unmatchable...Her ability to score from anywhere and her even more impressive rebounding abilities were key for the second-place South Shore League Abington team...A three-year starter, Cheney nabbed double-doubles in nearly all of her games, finishing with averages of 16 points and 12 rebounds per game... Standing at 5'10", Cheney shined in the Green Wave's opening round Div. 3 South Sectional match-up against East Bridgewater, in which she virtually shutdown the team's 6'3" center, Bridget Larkin...An excellent defensive player, Cheney was arguably the SSL's premier shot-blocker and also finished among the league leaders in steals...Three-time SSL All-Star, Cheney has already been named a tri-captain for next season...Cheney was also a Mariner All-Scholastic soccer goalie last fall...Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "Brittany is just a terrific athlete and basketball player, but her biggest strength is her competitiveness. She's at her best in big moments. All season long, when we needed a big hoop or rebound or defensive stop, she just found a way to get it done."

Stephanie Morrissey - Forward
Sophomore - Abington


Stephanie Morrissey

A two-time South Shore League All-star, Morrissey was the team's second high scorer averaging 15 points per game...Had a great eye for playmaking, leading the team in assists... Morrissey was a force on the inside for Abington with her impressive drives to the hoop, but she was also a long-range threat, as witnessed by her two clutch three-pointers in the Green Wave's nail-bitter loss to SSL rival Norwell in the Div. 3 South Sectional quarterfinals...Basketball is by far her first love, though she also runs track for Abington High...Plays AAU basketball year round, taking part in several national tournaments... Interestingly, her best friend on the AAU Under-15 team is Sarah Cox, a standout for SSL arch-rival Norwell...Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "Basketball is just Stephanie's thing. She really loves it and that shows whenever she's on the court. She's just a very good all around player: inside-outside, at the defensive end, on the boards, you name it. And she's also very knowledgeable."

Second Team

Sarah Cox - Forward/guard
Sophomore - Norwell


Sarah Cox

The sophomore is well on her way to a remarkable career at Norwell High, having scored well over 600 points in her first two years...The 5-foot-9 forward/guard does it all for the Lady Clippers: scoring, rebounding, defending, handling the ball and passing.... averaged 16.8 points per game this season, second to teammate Jessie Weber in the South Shore League...also averaged over 11 rebounds per game, and had two games in which she grabbed more than 20...A South Shore League All-Star both this year and as a freshman, when she averaged 13.1 points per game... although only a sophomore, she's already received recruitment overtures from colleges... Norwell Head coach Bill Gerety: "I knew we were going to have a good team, but Sarah made us a great team. I knew we had two very good players in Maeve (Barao) and Jessie (Weber), but Sarah really stepped up to make this a special season. She's just an unbelievably complete player for someone her age. It's scary to think how god she could be."

Melissa Murphy - Guard
Sophomore - Rockland


Melissa Murphy

A first-year Patriot League All-star, this speedy young guard was a force for Rockland... Her stellar defense and quick feet produced an average five steals per game, providing the most productive offense of defense for the Lady Bulldogs... Her average 15.6 points per game placed her among the PL's top three point-getters for third-place Rockland...A second-year varsity player and PL All-star, Murphy had a nice outside shot and led the team in assists with an average four per game...Standing at just 5'4", Murphy still wasn't afraid to drive to the hoop against larger defenders and provided some stellar offense as a result...Will be among the team's top returnees. Rockland coach Madeline Lannin-Cotton: "She's really fun to watch. She's small, but her speed makes up for her lack of size. She plays great defense and has a nice outside shot."

Jackie Gilman - Center
Senior (Capt.) - Marshfield


Jackie Gilman

Standing at 6'2", Gilman was coach Bruce Emerson's "go-to girl" on offense, averaging 16 points per game, and adding a dozen rebounds per game...Her efforts on defense also produced an average five blocked shots per game...An Atlantic Coast League All-star, Gilman scored 783 career points, including 320 this year...Gilman is considering continuing her basketball career at Salve Regina. Marshfield coach Bruce Emerson: "She's just a great person. As a basketball player, she just keeps getting better. If we can get the ball to Jackie, we can score. She has good hands, she can catch just about anything, and she has a soft shot that's very accurate."

Katie Alexander - Forward
Junior - Abington


Katie Alexander

Defense and hustle are the hallmarks of this junior's game... Abington coach Mike Mayhew builds his team's around defense, and this junior was perhaps the most vital player in that phase of the game this season, generally taking the top scorer man-to-man or playing the strong side on the zone...Also more than held her own on the boards despite her slender 5'5" frame, averaging just under 10 rebounds per game...A South Shore League All-Star, Alexander is also a top soccer player for Abington High...She has already been selected a tri-captain for next year's team... Abington coach Mike Mayhew: "Katie gets the absolute most out of her size and ability by playing with heart. Her contributions aren't the kind that show up on the stat sheet, but any coach would love to have her."

Brianne Henry - Center
Junior - Scituate


Brianne Henry

The six-footer wrapped up an excellent junior campaign averaging 16 points and 12.5 rebounds per game for the inexperienced Lady Sailors (5-14)... Brianne is a tireless worker inside, who often puts back her own misses...Patriot League All-Star...has already drawn college interest, with UNH, Mount Holyoke and Massachusetts College among the suitors...her best performance of the season was a 37 point explosion against Carver... METCO student who lives in Boston...plays basketball year round as a member of the elite AAU program...she will be travelling to New York and Florida with her under 15 team this summer....her late father, Paul Stewart, played Div. 1 NCAA basketball at Cleveland State...may transfer to a prep school next year... Scituate coach Joe Strazdes: "She's the best rebounder I've had in my 30 years of coaching. Basketball is just Brianne's thing. She's totally devoted to it. She's progressed tremendously since her freshman year, and she has her work ethic to thank for that."

Julia Porter – Forward
Senior (Capt.) – Silver Lake

"The heart and soul" of the Lady Lakers this season, according to head coach Dick Steele... averaged 9.8 points and 6.7 rebounds per game, but her contributions went well beyond numbers... renowned for her leadership and work ethic... Though just 5-foot-6, she proved a very tenacious inside player, compensating with hustle and scrappiness for what she lacks in size... named to the Old Colony League All-Star team for the second straight season...ranked second in her senior class... named to the Massachusetts All-Academic basketball team after being named an Academic All-American for soccer this past fall...is still considering her collegiate options...has been accepted to Harvard, Brown and BC...plans to major in environmental or biological science or engineering...Silver Lake coach Dick Steele: "As a coach, I couldn't have asked for a much better player to coach than Julia. She works extremely hard, and she's a great leader and extremely coachable. She's also very intelligent on the floor, just as she obviously is off it."


Julia Porter

High Honorable Mention
Hilary Gibson- Jr.- Hingham
Liz Martin- Jr.- Rockland
Shauna Eyster- Soph.- Norwell
Carolyn King- Soph.- Hanover
Becky Fredericks- Sr.- Marshfield
Deidre King- Soph.- Hingham

Honorable Mention
Lindsay Grossman- Soph.- Cohasset
Jill McLelland- Jr.- Silver Lake
Laura Goggin- Soph.- Rockland
Heather Peraino- Soph.- Cohasset
Meaghan Marshall- Jr.- Hingham
Natalie King- Jr.- Norwell



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Cohasset sophomore Lindsay Grossman (foreground), an Honorable Mention for this year's All-Scholastic team, averaged nearly 12 points per game for the Lady Skippers this season, and clearly has an inside track to making our premier 12 next season.

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Cantelmo calls it a day

Osgood principal to resign

By Mary Ford
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The school department is acting quickly to find a replacement for Osgood Principal Marilee Cantelmo, who is resigning at the end of the school year.

Edward Malvey, superintendent of schools, said the school department has already started to advertise the position that pays in the $70,000 range.

"Ideally we'd like to have someone on board this summer before the start of school."
Edward Malvey

"Ideally we'd like to have someone on board this summer before the start of school," Malvey said.

Malvey said Cantelmo notified him of her plans two weeks ago. And although she hasn't ruled out another principalship, she is exploring a number of options including curriculum and consulting positions, he said.

"She has a lot of talent and is looking to getting into another aspect of the business," Malvey said.

Cantelmo, who has served as principal of the K-3 elementary school for five years, could not be reached for comment.

Malvey said a committee made up of representatives from the school committee, parents, teachers and administrators would screen the semi-finalist candidates.

"I do the prescreening to make sure the applicants match up with the qualifications," said Malvey, who will make the final hiring decision.

Qualifications include a master's degree, and being well versed in curriculum, instruction, teaching strategies and a knowledge of early elementary education.

"Some background in administration would also be helpful," Malvey said.

He said Cantelmo hired more than 50 staff members including aides, secretaries and teachers during her tenure in Cohasset. She also did a nice job bringing in money through grants for a number of programs, including those for the gifted and talented, Malvey said.

He praised Cantelmo for the way she handled the move from the old to new Osgood schools nearly three years ago.

"I was a time-consuming activity to deal with all the logistics involving staff, students in coordinating the closing down of one school and the getting another up and running."

In a September 1998 interview in Max magazine, a supplement to the Cohasset Mariner,

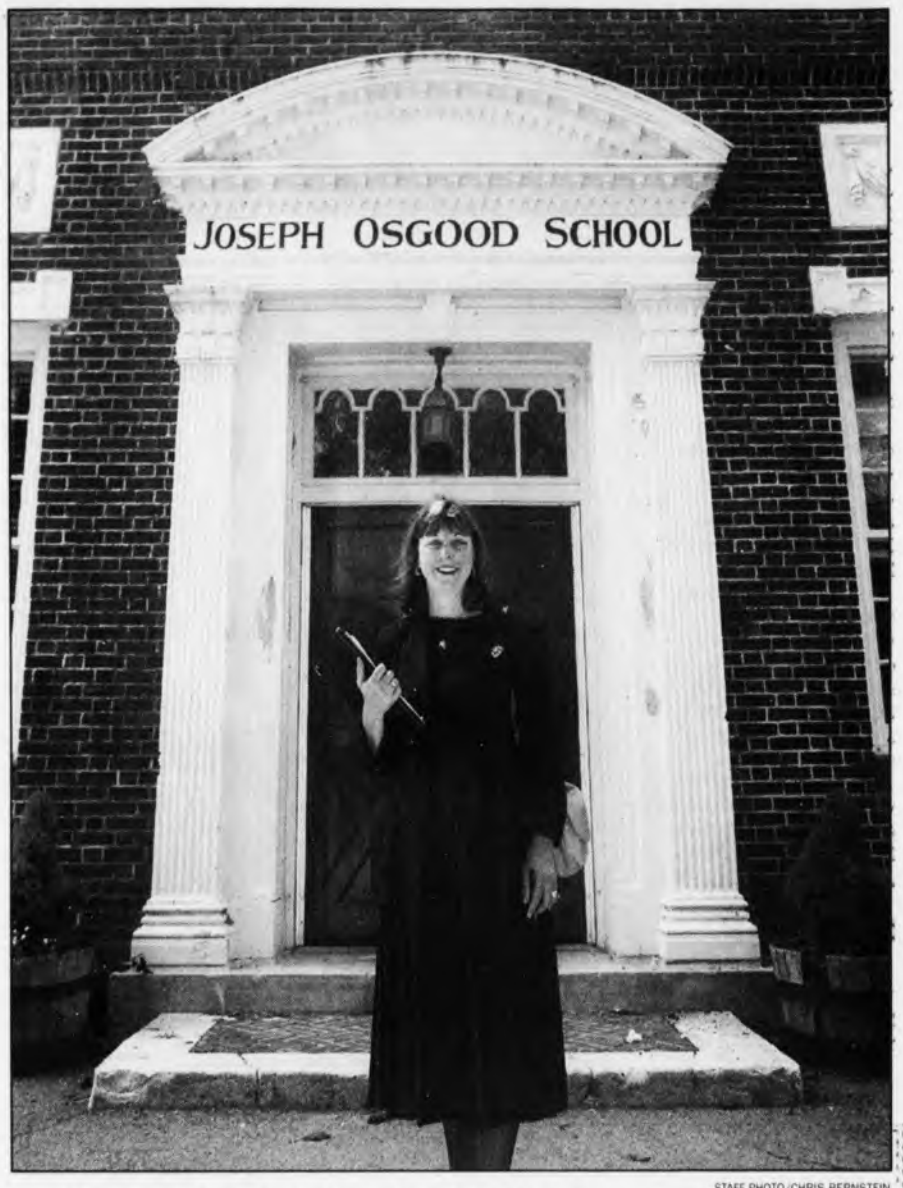
"I do the prescreening to make sure the applicants match up with the qualifications."
Edward Malvey

Cantelmo talked about the move.

"It's such a big task to move a house — imagine moving a 70-year-old school!" she said with a laugh.

Cantelmo also described the challenges a principal faces.

"The amount of paperwork is tenfold what it was a decade ago," she said. "That's the downside of the job. A 55- to 60-hour work week is average for principals today."



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Marilee Cantelmo stands outside the old Osgood School in this 1998 photo.

Spring

This April, we'll address what is on everyone's mind as the days grow longer and thoughts turn towards healthy gardens, new interiors, home repairs and improvements. **Spring Home & Garden** *brings you timely information on products, services and topics of interest in this useful guide.*



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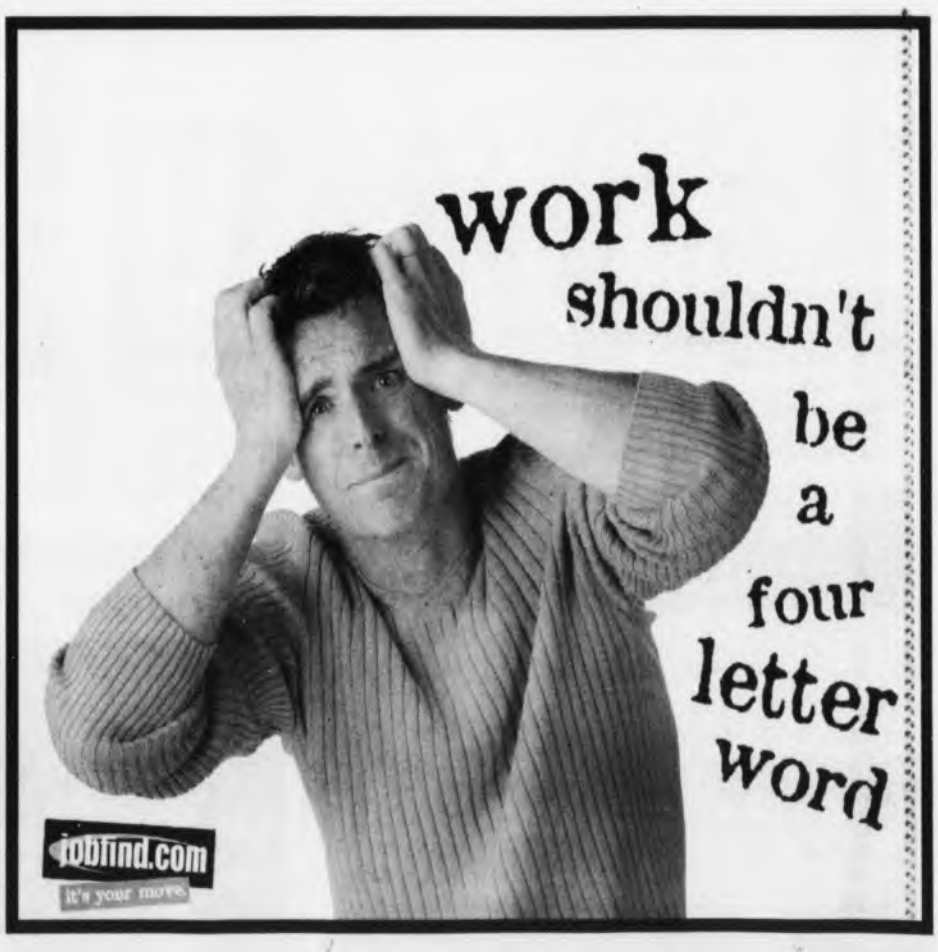
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

College tips

The Hingham Recreation Center is partnering with a college advisory company to provide a free workshop for local high school students and their parents on how to successfully get into the best possible college.

An admissions expert from College Coach will lead a workshop called Beating the Admissions Game at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, at the Hingham Recreation Center.

The workshop will provide students and their parents with tips and information covering such issues as how to market yourself, selecting the most appropriate college, applying for financial aid and writing the killer essay.

"Successfully plowing through the competitive and complicated college admissions process can be an ordeal for even the most talented student," said Lloyd Peterson, director of education at College Coach and a former senior admissions official at Yale University.

"Understanding how the system works can give a student a leg up in getting into college." Call 741-1464 for more information.

'Summer Arts at Derby 2001'

Registration is now open for "Summer Arts at Derby 2001" at Derby Academy in Hingham. Summer Arts is a comprehensive five-week arts program for ages 8 to 15. The program is staffed by professional artist/teachers and includes more than 90 courses in drama, visual arts, newspaper and creative writing, dance, sports, gymnastics, photography, music, animation, and martial arts. A newspaper is printed every day and a full-scale musical is produced. Students choose their own schedules and there is a daily free-choice period to try new things. The program culminates in an all-day arts festival that celebrates the talents of the students through performances and exhibits of their work.

The goal of the program is to allow students to explore a wide range of activities and to encourage their individual talents. Campers from more than 20 communities share a special summer through the arts.

The dates of the program are June 25 to July 27; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tuition for the five-week program is $1,500; enrollment is limited. For applications and more information, call Thalia McMillion, director, at (781) 740-4766.

School menu

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Meatball sub with chips or chicken Caesar salad, cookie and milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Chicken patty on a bun with fries or turkey sandwich, applesauce and milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll or tuna sandwich, tossed salad, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Cheeseburger or ham and cheese sub, corn, pudding and milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Pizza or fish sticks, baby carrots, fruit and milk.

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Middle School second quarter honor roll

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GRADE 7

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GRADE 8

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HONORS

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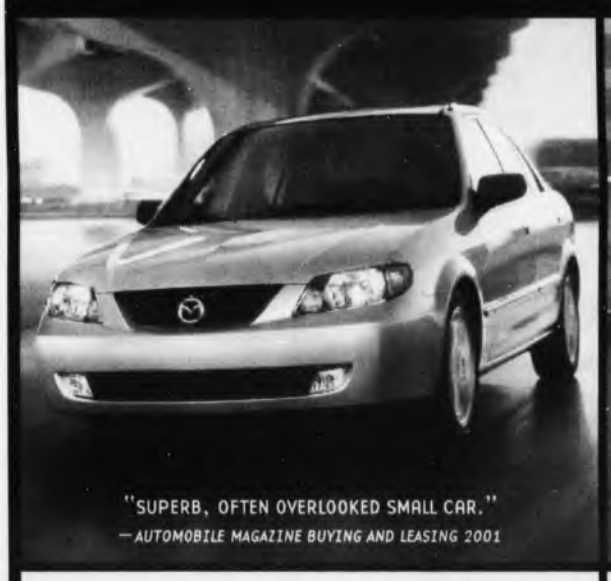


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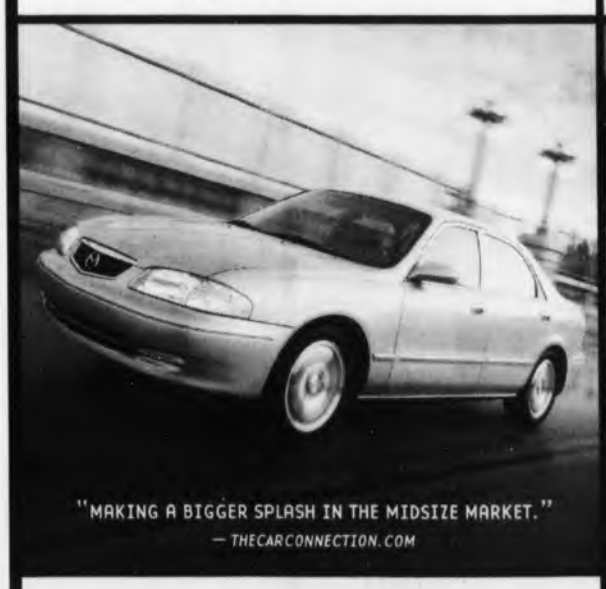
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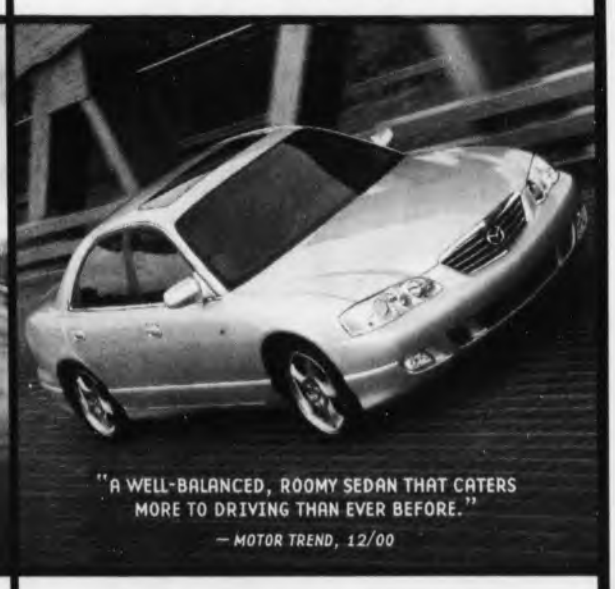
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MONDAY, MARCH 19

12:35 a.m. South Main St., parking violation.

5:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:15 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:18 a.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

6:45 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:01 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., soliciting, advised call police if repeated.

9:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:25 a.m. King St., fire investigation.

12:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., auto fire, extinguished.

1:48 p.m. South Main and Summer sts., wires down.

2:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

4:17 p.m. South Main St. and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:37 p.m. South Main St. and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:47 p.m. Stockbridge and Margin sts., fire investigation.

4:53 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:08 p.m. South Main St. and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:23 p.m. S. Main St. and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:23 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:24 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.

5:44 p.m. S. Main St. and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:58 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:09 p.m. King St., suspicious auto.

6:23 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:19 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:35 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:47 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:39 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

2:07 a.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

2:29 a.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

2:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:33 a.m. Forest Ave. and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:33 a.m. Forest Ave. and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:55 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist motorist.

11:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:56 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:10 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid, patient sign off.

1:13 p.m. Pond St. and Clay Spring Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:17 p.m. Border St., fire inspections.

5:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:54 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:27 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:42 p.m. Ripley Rd., traffic complaint.

8:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

12:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

7:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:51 a.m. King St., medical aid, patient signoff.

9:01 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., abandoned auto.

10:18 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:57 a.m. Rust Way, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:27 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, extinguished.

2:15 p.m. Pleasant St., parking violation.

3:15 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:24 p.m. Cohasset Plaza, parking violation, ticket issued.

7:10 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

8:44 a.m. North Main St., fire investigation.

9:14 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

10:13 a.m. Surry Dr., officer wanted, services rendered.

11:40 a.m. N. Main St. and Ripley Rd., notification.

12:31 p.m. Beechwood St., fire investigation.

2:05 p.m. King St., fire investigation.

2:23 p.m. Stevens Ln., fire investigation.

7:07 p.m. Beechwood St., MV accident.

8:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., abandoned 911 call.

8:23 p.m. North Main St., general services.

10:39 p.m. King St., general services.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

12:19 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

8:41 a.m. North Main St., fire.

9:57 a.m. Old Pasture Rd., fire inspections.

10:52 a.m. South Main St., fire inspections.

11:14 a.m. Border St., fire inspections.

2:46 p.m. Pleasant St., general disturbance.

3:05 p.m. Old Coach Rd., fire investigation.

3:15 p.m. Forest Ave., well-being check.

5:33 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, arrest: Sean R. Brith, 18, 7 Bradford Ave., Scituate. Chgs.: illegal possession of Cl. D substance.

6:09 p.m. Forest Ave., general services.

6:20 p.m. Pleasant St., assist citizen.

6:22 p.m. Pleasant St., assist citizen.

8:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:29 p.m. King St., assist citizen.

8:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., abandoned 911 call.

10:09 p.m. Summer St., noise complaint.

10:38 p.m. HQ, assist citizen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

12:32 a.m. S. Main St., parking violation.

12:49 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

1:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

7:28 a.m. South Main St., general information.

9:22 a.m. North Main St., animal control.

10:20 a.m. Pleasant St., officer wanted.

10:57 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:22 a.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint.

12:05 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:46 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

2:42 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:33 p.m. Summer St., officer wanted.

3:38 p.m.. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:56 p.m. Forest Ave., road rage.

5:04 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:02 p.m.. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:06 p.m. King and Pond sts., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

OBITUARIES

Verla M. Hill

Verla M. Hill, 74 of Cohasset, and Turnwater, Wash. died March 22, 2001, after a long battle with breast cancer.

Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., she graduated from nursing school in Chicago. A registered nurse, she worked for many years at Mass General and Lakeville Hospital. A 25 year resident of Hingham, she had recently relocated to Cohasset.

She leaves a daughter, Lenore E. Hill of Somerville; two sons, Sam Hill of Nantucket and David C. Hill of Cohasset; nine grandchildren and her life-long companion Irving Pennini of Rockland.

Services were private.

Donations can be made in name to Tippett Hospice House, 920 South Street, Needham, 02492.

Youth arrested on drug charge

After a routine traffic stop last Friday evening, police arrested Sean R. Brith, 18, of Bradford Avenue in Scituate and charged him with illegal possession of marijuana.

Police said Brith was traveling 49 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. After the traffic stop, police smelled burnt marijuana and said Brith admitted to having smoked it. Police found a partially smoked marijuana cigarette in the ashtray and an additional small amount on his person. He was arraigned on the charge Monday in Quincy District Court.

Anti-landfill group proposes 'SAFE environmental agenda'

The following press release was provided by Stop Any Further Expansion, a group of local environmental activists:

At the March31Town Meeting, Stop Any Further Expansion will ask Cohasset voters to support the "SAFE Environmental Agenda" of eight warrant Articles designed to protect Cohasset's environment and public health.

"The SAFE Environmental Agenda will help protect the right of Cohasset residents to clean air and water," said SAFE member John McNabb. "These articles will help prevent any further expansion of the Cohasset Heights Landfill and will also deal with other potential threats to our environment and public health."

THE SAFE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA:

ARTICLE 13. ACQUIRE WOLF PIT. This Water Commission Article will allow the Water Commission to acquire the "Wolf Pit" property located at the end of Beechwood Street near Doane Street. Preventing development of that property, which drains into Bound Brook and then into Lily Pond, will help to protect the water supply from potential contamination which could result from the discharge of septic systems and storm water runoff from development so close to the water supply.

ARTICLE 15. AMEND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BYLAW. This Water Commission Article will amend the Hazardous Materials Bylaw, adopted in 1986, to update the Bylaw to conform to the current recommendations of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. This update of the Haz. Materials Bylaw, which helps protect town water supplies from the hazardous materials, is required by DEP before the Water Commission can reactivate the Ellms Meadow and Sohier Street Wellfields (planned to be reactivated by next Summer).

ARTICLE 16. AMEND WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT BYLAW. This Water Commission article will amend the Water Resources District Bylaw, adopted in 1986, to conform to current recommendations of the DEP and the Water Commission's engineering consultants. This update of the Water Resources District Bylaw, which helps protect town water supplies by restricting adverse land uses in the Water Resource District, is required by DEP before the Water Commission reactivates the Ellms Meadow and Sohier Street Wellfields (planned to be completed by next Summer). This article also includes a revision of the Water Resource District boundaries to include the larger wellhead protection area for the Ellms Meadow Wellfield which was recently identified by Geosphere, an engineering firm hired for DEP to conduct these Zone II analysis for all wellfields across Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 28. BAN SALE OF MERCURY THERMOMETERS IN COHASSET. This citizen's article would prohibit the sale of mercury thermometers in Cohasset, except by prescription, by January 1, 2002. Mercury in thermometers, when disposed in a trash incinerator, is emitted into the air and then contaminates the fish we eat with unsafe amounts of mercury.

ARTICLE 29. REQUIRE ZONING APPROVAL BEFORE LANDFILL SITE ASSIGNMENT. This SAFE article would require an applicant for a Site Assignment for a solid waste facility to first provide to the Board of Health documentation from the Building Inspector or ZBA that the proposed facility complies with Zoning Bylaws, so the Town can avoid the time and expense of a Site Assignment hearing for a facility not allowed under zoning, such as the Cohasset Heights landfill.

ARTICLE 30. PROHIBIT USE VARIANCE FOR SOLID WASTE FACILITIES. This SAFE article would prohibit a use variance for a privately-owned solid waste facility in the Water Resource District or in any other Zoning District, except the Light Industrial District, where solid waste uses are allowed under state law.

ARTICLE 31. REGULATE LANDFILL GAS. This SAFE Article would give the Board of Health authority to protect the residents of Cohasset from the potential public health threat from landfill gas from CHL and the Town landfill. Landfill gas contains many hazardous air pollutants which may threaten public health, according to the EPA and DEP.

ARTICLE 32. GROUNDWATER CLEANUP. This SAFE Article, based on an existing Bylaw in Acton, Mass., would require that any hazardous waste site in the Water Resource District (there are some) meet cleanup standards stricter than the federal or state government, to ensure that our public drinking water, which we drink, is as clean as possible.

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Hooked on acrylics

Cohasset artist lands her own show

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She is a woman obsessed —obsessed with painting.

Judy St. Peter is passionate about her art work and it shows. She is currently being featured in her own exhibit at the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset running through April 25.

"When I was born, I started painting," St. Peter quipped. "I'm very eccentric when it comes to art. I sleep it. I eat it. I think it. I look at paintings as puzzles and I try to solve them."

St. Peter, a Cohasset resident, said the exhibit at the Pratt Library is her first "one-woman show," even though she has shown her work at other area exhibits. The South Shore Art Center member has 32 of her paintings, all of them done in acrylics on display and for sale. St. Peter said many of the works are landscapes, while others depict wildlife.

"I particularly love elephants," St. Peter said, noting some people in her life have even referred to her as the "elephant lady."

"I'm really just an animal nut," she added. "I own two dogs, two cats, two chinchillas, and a lizard."

St. Peter said she used to dabble in other mediums, particularly watercolor, but since she first tried acrylics, she has been hooked.

"I like the thickness of acrylics," she said. "When I first switch to acrylics from watercolor about three or four years ago, I knew they were my medium. To me, acrylics are also much more forgiving than watercolors."

St. Peter said she has always been serious about art, but she has not always had the time to keep herself involved in it. She said she began dedicating herself to her art about 10 years ago when she was home taking care of her small children.

St. Peter graduated from high school in 1974, and then went on to the Art Institute in Boston where she got her first tastes of serious painting.

When she left the Art Institute in 1977, St. Peter began working as a graphic designer. Her emphasis at that time was less on painting, and more on her day job. But eventually, that changed. In the early 1990s, she started reviving her artistic self.

"When I was born, I started painting."
-Cohasset artist Judy St. Peter

"I'm glad I got back into it," St. Peter said. "I didn't know at that time how important it would end up being to me. These days, painting is almost like a spiritual thing for me. I can't really explain it."

St. Peter said one of the unique aspects of her work is that she frames . All of them, and sometimes even paints around a given frame. "Frames can motivate me," she said. "I also feel that frames can make or break your paintings."

St. Peter describes her work as "interpretive." She said her methods include changing colors a lot, and staying away from "direct representations." She enjoys using her imagination, and putting her own stamp on the scenes of life she creates.

"I like paintings that are not labored," she said. "The loose ones are the ones I enjoy the most. I think one of the most satisfying things for me is solving the problems within paintings. If I'm struggling with something, and I can come up with the solution, it's one of the most gratifying things to me."

St. Peter said she is influenced by a number of artists. One local artist St. Peter said she admires is painter Rosalind Farbush.

"She's influenced me as much as anybody in terms of style, color, and palate," St. Peter said of Farbush. "Last summer, I spent some time painting outdoors with her."

Painting outside is only one of the ways St. Peter gets her ideas. She Also paints from books and from her own mind. "There's tons of scenery around here," she said. "Some of the best paintings are right outside your window. And for me, one painting just leads to the next. I always get new ideas while I'm working on a given painting, and there's a lot of times where I work on more than one at the same time."

St. Peter also has her own opinion on what constitutes a good piece of art work.

"A good painting needs to have a sense of organization, a good composition, and a balance in terms of style and color," she said. "There has to be a pulse, a feeling that emits through the painting."

St. Peter is enjoying her one-woman show, but notes she has another, showcasing her wildlife work, running from May 31-July 2 at Norwell's South Shore Natural Science Center.

For more information on St. Peter's current or upcoming shows, call her At (781) 383-1944. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is located at 106 South Main St., Cohasset.









Bustin bids farewell to South Shore Art Center

By Seth Jacobson
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After four years at the helm, South Shore Art Center Executive Director Dillon Bustin is saying goodbye. Bustin's decision was announced during a recent art exhibition at the Cohasset-art center.

Program director Sarah Hannan will now serve as acting executive director until a permanent replacement can be found.

Bustin said he is leaving to take a job as the director for the Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts in Concord. "I've enjoyed working with the broad age range at the art center," Bustin said, noting people of all ages take classes and show their work there.

"My memories are a torrent of vivid images: engaged and productive students the rapt and attentive faces of audience members in the galleries; strolling throngs of people enjoying the festival; the jovial crowds at opening receptions."

Bustin said although he thoroughly enjoyed his time at the South Shore Art Center, he is excited about many aspects of his new job.

"There are few places I would consider switching to," Bustin said, "but the town of Concord has a legacy in several areas I'm interested in. It used to be the intellectual capitol of the United States."



South Shore Art Center Executive Director Dillon Bustin

Bustin said there are so many positive things that have come out of Concord including certain methods of teaching, nature study, facets of environmentalism, human rights causes, religious freedom and multiculturalism. He said legendary writers have spent their shares of time in Concord, includingNathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott, Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"The Emerson Umbrella is involved in many of these areas," Bustin said.

"The center puts an emphasis on visual arts, but there is also an emphasis on creative writing, theater, and dance.

Although he is moving on, Bustin said he will be able to keep in touch with the many people he has met over the years at the South Shore Art Center.

"I'll still remain as a member," he said. "I want to stay involved here on some level."



Stephanie McHugh

Golden rule rules for Braintree teen

This continues our on-going campaign to recognize local teens who give back to their communities. Watch for a new Spirit of Community feature each month in Living. We welcome your nominations. Please see our ballot inside.

Spirit of Community

Stephanie McHugh is cheer leader, peer leader and much more

By Seth Jacobson
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Stephanie McHugh knows the meaning of hard work, but she is also very Aware of what it takes to be involved with her community.

McHugh, 17, of Braintree, is a senior at Blue Hills Regional Technical School in Canton. While school activities keep her busy, she still finds time to help other people around her.

"With her enthusiasm, spirit, and attitude, (McHugh) is going to do really well in life," said Deborah Lowrance, head of the guidance department at Blue Hills Regional. "She's a people person, and just an all-around terrific kid."

McHugh now serves as honorary junior president of an area organization called the American Legion Auxiliary, an organization made up of war veteran's wives and also women who served in the military.

"My grandmother signed me up as a member the day I was born," McHugh said.

She said for her, being a member of the organization calls for certain responsibilities.

"There's not many 17-year-old girls who would go out and do all these things to help people. She's a different kind of girl."
Kathy Radley,
Stephanie McHugh's aunt

"We go to hospitals and visit veterans," McHugh said, noting her most frequent stop is at the VA hospital in West Roxbury. "We do all kinds of fundraisers to try to raise money for them as well."

McHugh explained she marches in veteran's parades, and often initiates "can drives" for veterans at local supermarkets. McHugh credits one of her personal heroes, Princess Diana, as inspiring her own outreach work.

And helping support veterans isn't the only thing on McHugh's busy agenda. She's proud of the work she has done coaching Braintree's South Middle School cheerleading squad, something she did last year, and the year before that.

"This is the first year I haven't done that," McHugh said. "I've been pretty busy with getting ready for college."

She's also active at her school. This year, McHugh was captain of the varsity football cheerleading team for her school, as well as being captain of the varsity hockey cheerleading team. She also currently serves as vice president of the school's senior student council, is a member of the yearbook committee, and also serves as a "peer helper."

"The peer helpers are a group that helps assist us at certain school-based events," Lowrance said, noting McHugh has helped show people around the school during open houses and job fairs. Lowrance noted that McHugh has been a peer helper since her freshman year.

And McHugh's good works have not gone unrecognized.

"I've always been taught to help others and to treat people how I'd want to be treated."
Stephanie McHugh

She has received a number of awards over the years from her school, including recognition for having perfect attendance (freshman and sophomore years), an award for being a peer helper, and four varsity letters.

Despite her hectic schedule, McHugh still manages to hold down a job as a waitress/hostess at Jimbo's South in Braintree, where she has worked for the past four years.

When she is not doing community service, working, or taking part in school-based functions, McHugh is dancing, shopping, spending time with friends, or reading books. She also enjoys being with children, so she dedicates a good deal of her time to babysitting certain family members and neighbors.

"She talks to people," said McHugh's mother, Kim Hinthorne, "not down to them. She's proof that there are some amazing kids out there who do a lot of good. Not all of them are bad apples. She's always been very outgoing."

Kathy Radley, McHugh's aunt, also had good things to say about her niece.

She's not into where the party is, she's just really dedicated to everything she does and all the people she helps."

And McHugh has a lot to look forward to as her high school days wind down.

She was recently accepted to Johnson and Wales' campus in South Carolina where she wants to prepare for a career in sports management. But she also want to continue doing some sort of community service.

"I've always been taught to help others," McHugh said, "and to treat people how I'd want to be treated. Helping people out is just something I've been doing since I was little."

Living

The best grilled cheese sandwich



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

The perfect grilled cheese sandwich may not be the culinary equivalent of the ultimate blanquette de veau or the consummate Beef Wellington, but, next to pasta with butter and cheese, it may be America's favorite homemade fast food. Although simple in construct, the bread is often scorched, the cheese is either rubbery or half-melted, and the sandwich sticks to the pan. I was seeking an evenly browned sandwich with sturdy, but not tough, bread and cheese that is perfectly melted, tender, and full of flavor.

My first discovery was that low heat was the only way to go. The bread does not burn, it turns out crispy, and the cheese has time to melt properly. The next issue was the butter. Many recipes suggest adding the butter to the pan but this often results in disaster since the butter is apt to burn. It is best to butter the bread, not the pan. I preferred using 2 teaspoons of softened butter per sandwich although, if you do not have soft butter on hand, you can also melt one tablespoon of butter and brush it on. (I found that you need more butter if using the melted variety since it is harder to brush evenly over the bread. This will produce a slightly greasier sandwich) I also discovered that salted butter was better than unsalted since it adds flavor.

The bread itself is important. I am no fan of thick, sourdough slices for such a delicate purpose. I prefer a firm white bakery-style sandwich loaf. If you only have supermarket breads available, choose Pepperidge Farm Toasting White or Pepperidge Farm Original White. I also tried brioche, wheat, and multigrain breads with little success. This is one recipe where simplicity is a virtue.

The next issue was choosing and preparing the cheese. I tried cheddar, gruyere, Swiss, fontina, muenster, mozzarella and American. Gruyere was the winner since it melted smoothly and had good flavor without being overly sharp. Second best was the standby favorite, American cheese, which was creamy and flavorful. (Be sure to purchase the real thing, not those horrible individually packaged slices. American is the cheese of choice for kids; stick to the gruyere for adults.) Cheddar has good flavor but the texture was a bit grainy and therefore unpleasant, Swiss cheese was rubbery, fontina was lackluster in the flavor department, and muenster and mozzarella were also rubbery, much like Silly Putty.

I suspected that grating the cheese was going to be the best preparation method and, in fact, it was. It is very difficult to slice cheese evenly and thinly and slices need to be trimmed so that they do not extend beyond the bread. (It will stick to the pan.) A half cup of cheese (or about 1 1/2 ounces) per sandwich grated on the large holes of a box grater is optimal.

In terms of additional ingredients, a thin slice of ham or a slice of ripe, flavorful tomato both work well. A thin coating of mustard on one slice of bread is terrific, too.

THE BEST GRILLED CHEESE

Softened salted butter is best for this recipe as is grated gruyere. (If you do not have softened butter on hand, use 2 tablespoons melted salted butter for two sandwiches.) A firm bakery-style white sandwich loaf is superior to the Pepperidge Farm breads. You can increase this recipe if you have a skillet large enough to hold more than two sandwiches.

4 slices sturdy white bread (about 1/2 inch thick) either a bakery-style sandwich loaf or a supermarket variety such as Pepperidge Farm Toastin White or Original White

1 cup Gruyere or American chees grated on the large holes of a bo grater, about 3 ounces

2 thin slices of ham or ripe tomat (optional)

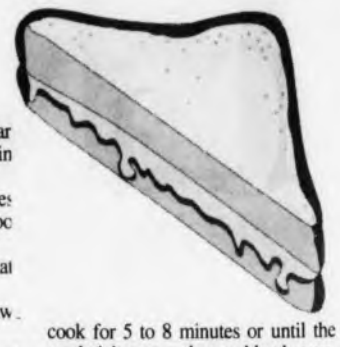
Dijon mustard to thinly coat tw slices of bread (optional)

4 teaspoons salted butter at room temperature

Heat a large heavy skillet over low heat. Meanwhile, evenly distribute the grated cheese onto two slices of bread being careful to avoid cheese from hanging over the sides. Top with the optional ham or tomato. Top with the remaining slices of bread either with or without the optional mustard. Press gently to compress the cheese.

Evenly spread one teaspoon of softened salted butter on each of the sandwich tops.

Flip the sandwiches over and repeat



cook for 5 to 8 minutes or until the sandwiches are a deep golden brown. Flip sandwiches and cook for an additional 5 to 8 minutes to brown second side. Remove and serve immediately.

Serves 2

Correction from Christopher Kimball: "In my recent recipe for Tomato Soup, peel the roasted red pepper strips and then chop them before adding to the soup. For a smoother soup, you may wish to purée some or all of the tomato pieces before serving."

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Planetary action rates high today. Take advantage of favorable influences and plan to get new projects off the ground. The moon enters Gemini at 4:01 a.m., setting a quick pace. It is best to launch important enterprises before 5:05 p.m., when the moon aligns with Jupiter. The evening is prime for fun and games. The sun and Venus conjoin, highlighting all social activities, romantic rendezvous.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Planetary influences turn around completely, making this a day to slow down. Move cautiously in business or romance. The Gemini moon opposes Pluto this morning, and in the afternoon the moon forms stressful contacts to Mercury and Mars. At 9:54 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. Renew your spirit through time spent in solitude, meditation, art or nature.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Gear up for a hectic morning. Stay calm no matter what is happening around you. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Mars may spark arguments, accidents. Fortunately, this influence passes over by midday, and the afternoon and evening rate high for resting and re-energizing. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 9:23 a.m. and aligns with Venus at 11:45 p.m. Venus and Neptune form a 60-degree contact at 8:30 p.m, setting the stage for a romantic evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2001

Take advantage of mild astrological weather this month and plan to get a lot accomplished. Today the first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 6:49 a.m. A full moon is building up and will culminate Saturday, April 7. The moon travels in Cancer and a harmonious alignment of Venus and Jupiter occurs. This is a wonderful day for a family get-together. Spend quality time with loved ones.

MONDAY, APRIL 2

This day rates high across the board. You can initiate new activities before 10:26 a.m. or after 1:54 p.m. The Cancer moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn at 10:26 a.m., when it becomes inactive. A fiery Leo moon takes over at 1:54 p.m., generating a playful mood. Lunar alignments to Venus, Jupiter and Neptune make this evening prime for social and romantic activities.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

A Leo moon all day continues to set a quick pace and upbeat mood. The green light is on for new starts in your business or personal life. Sign important contracts, make major decisions, launch ventures. Harmonious lunar alignments to the sun and Pluto hold high potential for productivity. Balance work with play, however. Be sure to take extra time out for favorite friends, hobbies.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Potentially stressful alignments of the moon to Uranus and Saturn can make for a difficult morning. Stay upbeat and go with the flow. At 12:46 p.m. the Leo moon becomes inactive. Planetary influences turn around completely at 3:46 p.m., when the moon enters Virgo. At this time the green light goes on for signing important documents, starting new enterprises. The sun and Pluto align at 6:03 p.m. In addition, applying alignments of Mercury/Saturn and Jupiter/Neptune are in effect. All communications are highlighted; send letters, packages, e-mails.

Spring cleaning your garden

Green thumbs up

Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Signs of spring are beginning to appear everywhere you go as several mild, sunny days helped to soothe the memories of our recent deluges which flooded homes and waterlogged our landscapes. Outside my back door, clusters of satiny white crocus blossoms glisten in the warm afternoon sunshine. Nearby, the dainty nodding blooms of snowdrops dance in the gentle breeze and throughout the garden, bulbs and perennials are coming to life now that the spring season has officially arrived.

A sure sign of spring for this avid birder is the molting of the goldfinches. Their cheerful songs fill the morning air as they perch at my feeders revealing patches of vibrant yellow feathers amidst their drab, gray-green, winter plumage. The males are becoming more recognizable as they don their jet black caps although they are rather an unsightly lot with their current, blotchy appearance.

Each March, my spring fever is ignited at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's New England Spring Flower Show as the welcome sights, sounds and smells of spring flourish in the glorious landscapes and floral displays to the delight of thousands of visitors each year. The exhibition of magnificent flowering trees and shrubs, elegant delphiniums, cheerful daffodils, tulips and crocuses, colorful primroses, spectacular annuals and perennials in containers, floral designs and gardens, and the peaceful sights and sounds of water in the garden combine to create an overwhelming sense that springtime is imminent. Fortunately, Mother Nature did not disappoint and the weekend weather offered an opportunity to search for signs of spring in our own backyards.

Spring cleaning the yard and gardens is always a first priority and despite large patches of crusty snow cover in the shadier areas of my property and expansive puddles in others, several gardens were exposed and relatively dry, allowing for the lengthy cleanup process to begin. Although it is best to avoid treading on soggy soils as this often leads to compaction which eliminates the air in the soil essential for healthy root systems, the removal of leaves, branches and debris from lawns and gardens should be undertaken as soon as time and conditions permit. The distinctive scents of bronze fennel, lavender and catnip drifted through the air as the herb garden was clipped and raked and looked quite tidy by day's end.

Spring pruning of trees and shrubs ranks high on my to-do list and a pruning shears, hedge shears and folding pruning saw are always nearby once my cleanup gets underway. Clippings from forsythia, dogwoods and crabapples will be brought indoors to force into bloom for an early glimpse of springtime splendor. Clumps of ornamental grasses should be sheared to a few inches from the ground early in the season to minimize damage to new growth as it emerges.

As the end of March approaches, winter mulches can be eased away from the crowns of plants to allow light and air to reach emerging leaves but these protective covers are best left in place over root systems for another week or two to minimize the erects of our alternating freeze-thaw cycles, typical of early spring weather.

It is never too early to begin the never-ending chore of pulling weeds. Experienced gardeners may be able to identify numerous varieties but even a novice should be able to recognize dandelions which are easier to extricate at this time of year while surrounding plants are just beginning to appear and the soil is loose and workable. As the season progresses, weed removal becomes more challenging as perennials grow and expand often hiding dandelions and their allies which soon flower and start spreading seeds and offspring all over the garden. The secret to a reasonably weed-free garden is to weed early and often before seeds are produced and then to spread a thin layer of mulch to reduce further germination.

Trees, shrubs and perennials will benefit from an application of fertilizer early in the season. Broadcast an organic fertilizer such as MNLA Plant-O-Ganic (8-8-8) or Espoma Plant-tone (5-3-3) around woody plants and over perennial borders or carefully distribute granular fertilizers in bands around the base of perennials and at the drip line of trees and shrubs. Lime can be applied to lawns and gardens once the ground thaws and the soil dries out.

Join the members of the Hanover and Walnut Hill Garden Clubs of Hanover for an evening lecture by garden writer and lecturer extraordinaire, Sydney Eddison of Newtown, Conn. Sydney is the author of several gardening books including "The Self-Taught Gardener" and a regular contributor to Fine Gardening magazine. Her topic, "A Perennial Border for All Seasons", will be presented at the Cushing Hall, Norwell Center, on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 and will benefit the clubs' beautification projects.

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AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JAN BRETT to participate in Country Fair at Thayer with Jan Brett 'n' Hedgie. Thayer Academy is located at 745 Washington Street, Braintree and the fair will be held on May 6 from 1 - 4:30 p.m. Advance tickets are $15 per person and ticket holders are entitled to a group reading and illustration session by Jan Brett, a book signing, all food, drinks, music and featured events. To buy tickets call (781) 380-0500 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY AND DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION at the Ellison Center for the Arts presents the 4th annual Ellison Center Classic on May 14 at the Duxbury Yacht Club. Individual and team participants are welcome tot he handicapped best ball tournament which begins with lunch and registration at 11:30 a.m., a shotgun start at 1 p.m., and a post tournament dinner reception and auction at 6 p.m. Musicians and artists will add to the ambiance of the day with performances and demonstrations both on the course and at the reception. Teams will compete for the Ellison Center Classic championship cup. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 14.

27TH ANNUAL 6.2 WALK on April 22 at 1 p.m. in Quincy is sponsored by Interfaith Social Services. This walk helps raise funds for the programs and services offered by the agency. All donations are appreciated. Located at 766 Hancock Street in Quincy. Tel. (617) 773-6203.

TEA TASTING at the Woodacre Farm Soap Studio, 46 Columbia Park (route 53) in Pembroke on April 22 at 2 p.m. Join in tasting fine teas from the various regions of China and learn customs and traditions of the Chinese tea experience. Reservations are required and seating is limited. For more information call (781) 826-9720.

JAZZ IN THE LIBRARY: The Ed Sorrentino Jazz Trio, featuring Jazz Vocalist Amanda Carr will present a diverse program at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree on April 7 at 3 p.m. in the library's Logan Auditorium. This is a free program and is open to the public. For more information call (781) 843-8519.

RAINFOREST REPTILE SHOW AT THE SCIENCE CENTER on April 8 for a return visit from professional herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky. There will be two shows, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 members and $6 non-members and can be purchased by phone with a credit card by calling the center at (781) 659-2559.

LES MISERABLES at the Colonial Theatre opening April 11 and running through May 20. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Midweek matinee on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices are $25 - $75. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787 or directly through The Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Street and the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street. For more information call the Colonial Theatre at (617) 426-9366.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners, plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781) 383-1980.



Joan Gatturna of Hingham, Scott Ketcham of Rockland, Dawn MacGarvey of Duxbury, Caroline Chapin of Hingham and Rich Jensen of Weymouth

BEST BET

The South Shore Art Center will host "The Roads Not Taken," a concert performance featuring local musicians on Saturday, March 31 at 8 p.m. The evening celebrates life's crossroads through songs from the American stage. Tickets are $10, $8 for art center members. For tickets and information call the art center at (781) 383-2787.

Thurs. 29

Special Olympics Offers Free Spring Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call (800) 590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center will hold a session offering factual information describing how DNA of a particular food is altered with a gene from an unrelated species. From 7 - 9 p.m. at 45 Pond Street in Norwell. For more information call (781) 982-1616.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Laurie Geltman with Cerebral Ink. Tickets are $12 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant at Braintree 5 Corners beginning at 8:30 p.m. featuring Tony V., a regular on the WZLX morning show. Your host is Stephanie Peters. Admission is $10 with half priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Please call (781) 848-0300. The next show will be held on April 19 with Kevin Know.

Participate in the Celebration of Spring and Hope and help further the fight against cancer with daffodils. South Shore residents can participate in the American Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days by purchasing a bouquet of ten fresh daffodils for only $6. While supplies last, daffodils can be purchased from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on March 29 - 30 at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South Street in Hingham or 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. on March 29 - April 1 at the Hanover Mall, Washington Street in Hanover. For more information please call your local American Cancer Society office at (508) 584-9600.

"Wood, Clay, Paper" a mixed media group exhibition held at the Gallery Art Advisory/Boston through April 27. Open house on April 1 from 2 - 5 p.m. Susan Hostetler - recent screens and paintings, Stephen Bures - recent ceramics - wall and tabletop, Leslie Kahl - recent and classic photographs. Public hours are Fridays, 12 noon - 5 p.m. and by appointment Mon. - Thurs. For more information call (617) 698-9700.

Fri. 30

"Music for the Heart and Soul" presents a Chant, Drum and Dance Circle! Led by Hingham singer/songwriter and song leader, Dawna Hammers. The last Friday of every month, March 30, April 27 and May 25 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main Street in Hingham. $7 for adults and $5 for children and seniors. Bring drums, rattles, cushion, water and dancing shoes and enjoy a magical evening.

Singles Executive Club Cocktail Party and Dance from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. at The Golden Rooster, 78 Border Street in North Scituate. (781) 283-0400. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 - 10 p.m. and door prizes. Ties and jackets are required for men. The cost is $15. For single professionals from 35 - 55 years old.

The North River Arts Society presents "Familiar Places and Open Spaces" with watercolors by Maureen K. Brookfield running through March 31. Held at the Ventress Library, Webster Street in Marshfield. Hours Mon. - Wed. 9:30 a.m. -9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Kris Delhmhorst with Lisa Houseman and Vanessa Trien. Tickets are $12 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

The Duxbury Art Association presents a Young Artist Celebration. Artwork registration for young artists age 18 and under will be held on March 30 from 1 -3 p.m. and March 31 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. All work must be ready to hang and will be displayed through April 29. Reception for artists, friends and families on April 8 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. There is a $3 per entry registration fee. One entry per artist. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents All Open mike Night to benefit First Parish. There will be 16 eighi-minute slots so sign up at the door. All tickets are $5. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Held at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Route 106 in Kingston. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

The Third Taber Concert Series performance will be held at 8 p.m. at the East Congregational Church of Milton, 610 Adams Street, Milton. A.k.a. Pelican Groove is made up of six vocal performers with a modern groove-based a cappella. Admission is $10, $8 for students (with $1 of each ticket to benefit Father Bill's Place, Quincy.) For more information call (617) 698-0270.

The Living Room Show of National Geographic Photographer Cary Wolinsky will be a display of a collection of his best magazine images at the Cushing Center in Norwell Center. In "Australia, Journey of a Continent", Wolinsky walks us through an astonishing collection of photographs across a hundred and twenty million years of geological history discover the origins of the land down under. Tickets are $10 at the door and we advise arriving early.

Sat. 31

The Roads Not Taken is a concert to be presented at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on March 31 at 8 p.m. Four singers with piano accompaniment will present the musical revue. Tickets are $10 and $8 for SSAC members and are available by calling the Art Center at 383-2787.

South Shore Chamber of Commerce job fair with more than 40 South Shore employers represented from 9 a.m. - noon at State Street Corporation, 1776 Heritage Drive, North Quincy. For more information call (617) 479-1111.

Chrissi Poland and Trio and The Snugtones in Concert presented by the North River Arts Society at the Sixth Annual Benefit Cabaret Concert at the Cushing Center, Route 123 in Norwell Center. Cocktail and hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m., concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $35 per person and can be reserved by calling Kate Norton at (781) 837-8091.

Boston Beanstalks Tall Club Spring Fever Dance will be held at the Concord Elks Lodge, Baker Avenue in West Concord from 8 p.m. - midnight. Cost is $10 ($12 for non-members).

Broadway Exchange in "The Lullaby of Broadway", a sassy, sizzling, sentimental trip to Broadway at the John Carver Inn, 25 Summer Street in Plymouth on March 31 and April 4. Dinner show price is $39. Call for reservations at (508) 746-7100. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

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SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL CENTER AND THE NORTH RIVER SANCTUARY located at 2000 Main Street in Marshfield offers the following: Preschool Nature Stories are read every third Friday from 9 - 10:15 for ages 3 - 5. There will be a short nature outing related. Come prepared $3/$5 non-member. For more information please call the Massachusetts Audubon Society at (781) 837-9400.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at (781) 834-7417.

'KIDS WORKOUT' a program offered by the South Shore YMCA for girls and boys ages 8 - 11. Classes consist of fun aerobics, fitness games, sports play, learned nutrition and weight training. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. For more information call Gayle Laing at 479-8500 ext. 135.

'DROP-IN STORYTIME' - Children ages 3-1/2 to five are invited to a half-hour of stories, songs and fingerplays at 2 p.m. each Monday in the Plymouth Public Library's Manomet Branch, Point Road and at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings at the Main Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. For more information or to register, call (508) 830-4250.

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American Baby's Boston Baby Fair the nation's largest baby and parenting exposition will be held on March 31 and April 1 at the Bayside Expo Center. For more information call (312) 642-2343.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club meets at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk with some hills for 3.5 miles. Tucker Hill Path to Headquarters Path to Buck Hill Path. Return via Massachuseuck Trail and Doe Hollow trail. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on the Hillside Street in Milton. There is no fee to join and Rangers recommend wearing hiking boots and bringing drinking water on all hikes. For more information call (617) 698-1802.

Patterns of Provence, the lovely interpretations by Marge Murphy, Lynn Rizzotto, Phyllis Bezanson, Betty Supple, Carole Thurlow, Rod Peterson, Mary Lizotte and Brigitte Marseille will be on display at the Norwell Public Library from March 31 - April 30.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Square, on the Common in Bridgewater, every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. On March 31 Elizabeth Thomas, UpWordsPoetry, and Literacy advocate will perform. For more information call (508) 279-9952.

Sun. 1

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Donald Heath, exhibiting his paintings at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781) 337-4513.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Trees Without Leaves" on April 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fee per person is $14 for non-members and $12 for members. Pre-registration is required. Located at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Ave., Milton. For more information call (617) 333-0690.

The Art Complex Museum presents "On Their Own" a series of one-person exhibitions running through April 1. Thomas Deininger balances on a very fine line by attempting to be playful yet prophetic in contrasting ideals of beauty, value, nature and culture. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, call (781) 934-6634.

Vocalist Donna Byrne and Quartet will be in concert in Duxbury at First Parish Church on April 1 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Pamela Campbell Smith, raising money for the American Liver Foundation is sponsoring the concert. Tickets are $25 for general seating and $35 for reserved seating. Tickets can be purchased at Westwind Books and The Studio in Duxbury or C and C Gallery in Norwell. For more information call (781) 934-6492.

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The Art Complex Museum presents Frederick Moyer in concert at 4 p.m. For his concert, Moyer has chosen the music of Franz Schubert, Johann Sebastian Bach, Frederic Chopin and Modeste Mussorsky. Located at 190 Alden Street in Duxbury. The concert is free





For its 6th Annual Benefit Cabaret Concert, the North River Arts Society will feature a twin bill on Saturday, March 31 featuring Marshfield native Chrissi Poland and her trio and the Snugtones. The concert will be held at the Cushing Center, Route 123 in Norwell Center. Cocktails and hor'douevres will be served at 7 p.m. the concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $35 per person and can be reserved by calling Kate Norton at the NRAS at (781) 837-8091.

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The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will present a performance by pianist Frederick Moyer on Sunday, April 1 at 4 p.m. The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden Street. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

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Mon. 2

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a monthly luncheon at Jimbo's Fish Shanty at Braintree Five Corners in Braintree. For directions call (781) 848-0300. Pre-registered members are $15 and non members are $25, At the door members are $20 and non-members are $30. For more information call (781) 749-8883.

Tues. 3

Lily's Apothecary proudly presents a special event with international beauty consultant and esthetician **Borlind of Germany** from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free gift with a $50 purchase. Reservations are required. Located at 6 Main Street Extension, Plymouth. Tel. 508-747-SKIN (7546).

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Discovering Nature Together" for six Tuesdays: April 3, 10, 24, May 1, 15, 22 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Fee per adult/child pair is $72 for non-members and $60 for members. For children ages 3 -5. Located at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Ave., Milton. For more information call (617) 333-0690.

Thurs. 5

"Other Lands, Other Shores: Watercolor Impressions of Italy, Iceland and Greenland" by Joanne Chittick will be on view at the James Library and the Center for the Art in Norwell Center through April 5. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (781) 659-7200.

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on April 5, June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

Prayer for the Hindus, a lecture with writer, teacher and scholar Bijoy Misra explores prayer. Held at the Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham and sponsored by the Benedictine community of Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-2155.

The Art Complex Museum will hold its first Thursday program during which the museum will extend its hours from 1

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until 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and the Duxbury High School Chamber Orchestra under the direction of James Vinci will provide music. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, all programs are free.

Tony Bennett will be coming to the **Music Circus** and ticket go on sale April 5 by phone at (781) 383-1400. They will also be available by phone through ticketmaster and ticketmast.com. On April 28, tickets go on sale at the Music Circus box office in Cohasset and at all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are $61.50. The concert will be held August 18. The Music Circus is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset.

Fri. 6

Spring Concert to be Presented by the Quincy Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Yoichi Udagawa at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School, corner of Hancock Street and East Squantum Street. Single tickets are available at the door the night of the concert for $12 for adults and $8 for students and seniors. Admission for a child under 12 is $5. For more information call (617)773-2544.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Sara Wheeler Band with Diane Taraz. Tickets are $12 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

James Library and Center for the Arts presents "It's a Beautiful Day! Paintings from life" a show of recent oil paintings by local artists Vivian Harlow and Ellen G. Whelan will be on view from April 6 - May 1. An opening reception for the public will be held April 9 from 7 - 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tel. (781) 659-7200.

Single Executive Club dance at the Dedham Hilton Hotel Ballroom, 25 Allied Drive in Dedham. Complimentary buffet and DJ music from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Suitable for singles and couples 35 - 50 years old. Admission is only $15. Ties and jackets required for men, business or party finery for women. For more information call (781) 446-0234.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Aine Minogue with open mike at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Route 106 in Kingston. Tickets are $13 for members and $15 for non-members. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Candlelight Singing Tours at the Captain Samuel Robbins House Museum. The tours are free and open to the public. Friday evening tours are 7:30 - 8 p.m. The Sunday tours are 2 - 4 p.m. Please visit the web site at www.blanchardstavern.com. Both the Tavern and Museum are run by Henry Lawton Blanchard Trust, a non profit organization.

Ongoing Events

Mothers and More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781) 544-4664.

Braintree Art Association will hold an exhibit at the Thayer Academy Gallery in Braintree through April 19. Located at 745 Washington Street in Braintree. The Gallery hours are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. when school is in session. The Braintree Art Association meeting will be held on April 19 at 7 p.m. Eleanor Mahoney will present a demonstration in watercolors. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call (781) 843-3590.

The Friends of the John Curtis Free Library note cards illustrated by local artists, depicting familiar scenes of Hanover are now available at the Salmond School, Broadway, Hanover and Elegant Entrances at 150 Broadway, Hanover Four Corners. Note cards are available in packages of 10 cards for $7. All proceeds will benefit the John Curtis Free Library. For more information call (781) 826-2972.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents the watercolor paintings of Duxbury artist Wendy Hale through April. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

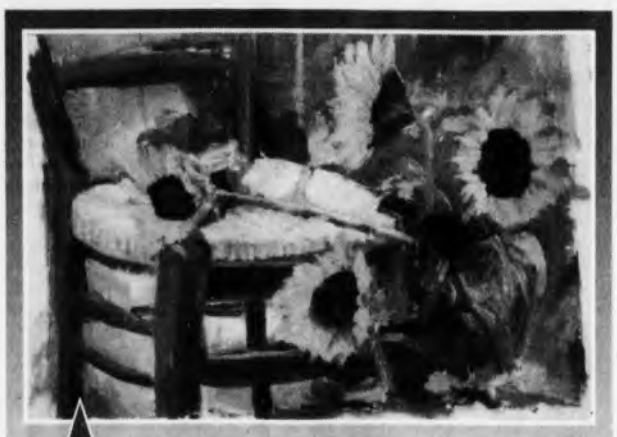
Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

"Trading Places" an award winning Irish photographer shoots New England and an award winning New England photographer shoots Ireland. Photographs of N.E. by Dermot Conlan of Marshfield, a native of Co. Kildare, Ireland and of Ireland by Judith Enright of Norwell, native to New England. Held at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. (781) 659-2559 through April 30. Mon. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

South Shore Art Center Artists donate their work to Rosie's Place. Gallery artists JoAnne Chittick, Susan DeMichele, Rose Farbush, Dorit Flowers, Michelle Meister, Donna Rossetti-Bailey and Diane Panarelli Miller donated paintings to the "Share Your Heart With Rosie's Place" silent auction. The work can be seen in the Dillon Gallery at the Art Center, The Paul Pratt Library, The Staircase Gallery at the South Shore Conservatory and the Landmark Bldg., 160 Federal Street in Boston. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

Local artists Displaying Work Around Town through March. In the Town Hall the Mayor's office Edwina Caci and Jeanne Mulligan are displaying their painting. In the Treasurer's office, Josephine Bottari is exhibiting her painting. In the Councilor's office, Rita Brace, Yvonne Gillis, Denise Graham and Peter Keith are exhibiting their work. Snyders Jewelers at 12 Columbian St. is displaying the work of Kay O'Brien, Lauren Denmore, Paul Liondstrom and Elizabeth Pohl. Jordan Insurance at 17 Front Street displays the paintings of Marie Cassani, Mary Jackson, Reva Gordon, Elva Procter, Thelma Swanson, Isabella Hoell and William Hallsen. Rizzo Insurance at 435 Columbian St. has the work of Mary Mainiero, Barbara and Charles Greland and Lauri Porter. Colonial Federal Savings Bank at 815 Washington St. has a painting of Ludlow Berkeley. Many of these paintings may be purchased.



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Patterns of Provence, an art show featuring eight South Shore artists is on display at the Norwell Public Library from April 2 -30. And opening reception will be held on April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. The library is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exciting Course Offered for Adults with Developmental Disabilities held at New England Village located on Route 27 in Pembroke. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Classes include Basic First Aide II, Clay Sculpture, Bicycle Safety, Restaurant Etiquette and an Acting Workshop. To register or for more information call Lisa Drennan at (781) 293-5461 ext. 119. Power Wheelchairs Available. The Senior Wheels USA Program makes power electric wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 years. old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost if you qualify. Available for those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair. If your need is for use in your home please call for more information at (800) 246-6010.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call for more information.

27th Annual Winter Juried Show is open to the public at no charge through April 29. Artists throughout New England vie for the opportunity to exhibit their work, which is selected by a distinguished panel of judges. The Duxbury Art Association located at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

Call to Artists for the Duxbury Art Association Winter Juried Show 2001. All mediums accepted. Show runs through April 29. Entry price is $10 per piece. Call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15 for prospectus and more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call (781) 545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call (617) 479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Reunions

HYDE PARK HIGH SCHOOL announces the Class of 1975 - 25th Reunion on April 27 from 7 p.m. - midnight at the Franklin Country Club. Tickets are $50 per person. Make checks payable to HPHS Class of 1975. Mail to Stephanie Damata, 7 Cross Street, Foxboro, MA 02035. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return mailing of tickets. Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 6. The reunion information line is (617) 632-6300.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL, BOSTON Attention all grads, there will be an all class reunion, especially class of 1951, at the Radisson Boston Hotel on October 13, 2001. Please contact Maryann at (978) 531-1857.

FORMER GRADS IN 'PAYBACK' FUND RAISER FOR SOUTHIE SCHOOL - A group of former classmates from a small parochial school in South Boston have been raising funds for their alma mater as a payback for the educational start they received as youngsters. Checks/new addresses can be sent to St. Brigid's Rectory, 98 N Street, South Boston, MA 02127.

Classes

FINDING INNER PEACE will hold an interactive workshop entitled "Cash Flow Game" with Anne Barry Jolles, personal coach on April 1 from 1 - 4:30 p.m. The cost is $50. Also, "Sacred Life" yoga philosophy with Maureen Spencer on May 20 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is $125 for a 5 part series. "How To Run A Workshop" with Maureen Spencer on May 15 from 7 - 9 p.m. Cost is $20 per session. Located at Queen Anne's Corner in Norwell, for more information or to sign up please call (781) 826-5363.

THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM has two exciting programs for the April vacation week. In Krazy Colors, for children 4 - 6, will use paints and different papers to create colorful mixed media. The class is scheduled for April 19 from 10 a.m. - noon. The cost will be $10. For children ages 7 and up, "Birds of a Feather" offers an opportunity to view an exceptional wall hanging and gather ideas. The program is scheduled for April 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. - noon. The cost is $25. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, the telephone number to call for more information is (781) 934-2886.

AWARD WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER TEACHES AT DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION. Lance Keimig will be instructing two photography classes, a book arts course and a one-day workshop on how to photograph beginning in April. For times, days and more specific information please call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15. The Duxbury Art Association is located at 64 St. George Street, Duxbury.

DREAMCHASERS EXCITING SPRING THEATRE CLASSES are now open to registration. Classes are offered for students ages 6 - 8, 9 - 12, acting for teens and Improvisation which is open for students ages 8 - adult. Classes begin the week of March 26 and is an eight-week term with no classes on school vacation (April 15 - 21). All classes are held at the Dreamchasers home, The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main Street in Norwell. For further information call (508) 224-4548.

JOYFUL LISTENING - A music Lover's Guide to Understanding Music with four sessions held on Mondays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. beginning April 2 at the James Library in Norwell with pianist teacher Alison Barr. $80 for the series. For more information call (781) 982-8920.

DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION and the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury is offering the following courses and classes: "Stamp Your Way into spring" on April 6 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Ages 4 - 6 welcome. $15/members, $20/non members. "Paint a Silk Egg Window Ornament" on March 30 from 1 - 3 p.m. $20/members, $25/non members. "Paint a Silk Tulip Ornament" on March 30 from 10 a.m. - noon. $25/members, $30/non members. "Gallery Talk/Slide Presentation with Artist, Anne Heywood" on April 22 at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Call to register at (781) 934-2731 ext. 15

RED CROSS COMMUNITY CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING will be offered at the Brockton Red Cross Office on April 7. The participants will learn Adult, Infant and Child CPR and First Aid. Held from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 281 Pleasant Street in Brockton. Registration is $55 per person. To register call (800) 232-8812.

HEALING FROM TRAUMA: a new support group starting April 5 at 2 Columbia Road, Suite 8 in Pembroke. Meetings will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month from 7 - 9 p.m. Some of these Trauma issues are: Child Abuse - Sexual Abuse - Alcoholism - PTSD - Workplace - Separation Trauma - Relationships. Program is free and donations are accepted. For more information call Beth and Donna Counseling Associates at (781) 871-6285.

THE ARTIST'S WAY a journey in self-discovery based on Julia Cameron's book by the same title on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. beginning March 28 at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. Each week participants examine a different core aspect of their way of living such as their sense of safety, identity and power. The cost of the twelve week program is $40 and meetings will be held at the Judah Alden House on the grounds of the museum. Class size is limited so please call (781) 934-6634 ext. 12 to register

YOGA CLASS at the New North Church in Hingham Harbor on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Please bring a mat. For more information or to register call Joanne Harrison at (781) 740-4412.

DOG TRAINING AT THE HINGHAM RECREATION CENTER, 210 Central Street in Hingham, sponsored by the New England Humane Association. Agil-O-Bedience is a funfilled, active class combining obedience, attention, trick and agility training. Class starts April 24 at 7 p.m. and the cost is $100 for a five-week session. Saturday morning classes are also available starting April 7. For more information call (781) 878-4343.

"HEALING THE DAOIST WAY" A workshop on the origin and overview of Traditional Chinese Medicine offered at the Whidden's School of Fitness, Inc. Held April 1 from 2- 5 p.m. The fee is $70 by March 21 or $80 after. To register call (781) 834-9161. Located at 822 Webster Street in Marshfield Center.

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Racial or Ethnic Issue, Honorable Mention

Cape Codder
Social Issues, Honorable Mention
Sports Photo, 2nd place

Chelmsford Independent
Editorial Writer, 2nd place
Photo Series, 3rd place
Social Issues Feature Story, Honorable Mention
Sports Story, 1st place

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*General Excellence, 1st place
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Social Issues Feature Story, 2nd place

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Sports Story, 3rd place

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History Reporting, 3rd place
Infographics, 3rd place
Sports Photo, 1st place

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Editorial Writer, Honorable Mention
Infographics, 2nd place

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Lincoln Journal
Front Page, 2nd place
General News Photo, 2nd place

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*General Excellence, 3rd place
Spot News Photo, 3rd place

Malden Observer
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, 3rd place
Sports Column, 2nd place

Marblehead Reporter
Design, 1st place
Editorial Writer, 2nd place

Marshfield Mariner
*General Excellence, 3rd place
Headline Writing, 2nd place

Medford Transcript
General News Story, 2nd place

Melrose Free Press
Health Reporting, 2nd place
Serious Columnist, 3rd place

Merrimack River Current
Photo Series, 3rd place

MetroWest Daily News
1st Amendment Reporting, 2nd place
Arts & Ent. Reporting, Honorable Mention
Design, 2nd place
Editorial, 2nd place
Front Page, 1st place
General News Photo, 2nd place
Health Reporting, 3rd place
Humor Columnist, 1st place
Living Page or Section, Honorable Mention
Photo Series, 3rd place
Reporting Religious Issues, Hon.Mention
Serious Columnist, 1st place
Serious Columnist, Honorable Mention
Social Issues Feature Story, 2nd place
Special Award, Honorable Mention
Sports Page or Section, 3rd place
Transp./Commuter Reporting, 2nd place

Milford Daily News
Environmental Reporting, 1st place
General News Photo, Honorable Mention

Natick TAB
General News Story, 3rd place

Needham TAB
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, 2nd place
Environmental Reporting, 2nd place
History Reporting, 3rd place
Investigative Reporting, 2nd place
Reporting on Religious Issues, 1st place
Serious Columnist, 1st place
Transp./Commuter Reporting, Hon. Mention

Neponset Valley Daily News
Editorial Writer, 1st place
Social Issues Feature Story, 1st place

Newton TAB
*General Excellence, 3rd place
Arts & Entertainment Section, 3rd place
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic issue, 3rd place
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Two races top ballot

Candidates confident as big day approaches

By Rick Collins
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In less than 48 hours Cohasset residents will head to the polls and help decide the path the town will take.

The Community Preservation Act, a $300,000 Proposition 2 1/2 override, a five-year seat on the Planning Board and two three-year seats on the School Committee are on the ballot. All should play a major role in the town for the next few years.

Polls open at 8 a.m. Saturday morning at Cohasset Town Hall, and will close at 6 p.m.

Despite the seemingly important ballot items, Town Clerk Marion Douglas is skeptical that the election will draw a big turnout. "We haven't had many absentee ballots turned in," Douglas said. "It seems kind of strange [considering what's on the ballot] but absentee ballots are usually our indication.

"Hopefully, I'm wrong."

Out of the 16 town seats up for grabs, only three are embattled in races; a seat on the planning board, and two seats on the school committee.

The five candidates for those three seats all say they have enjoyed campaigning this spring, and are fairly confident going into Saturday.

Polls are open from 8 a.m.-6p.m. at Town Hall.

"This is the first time ever doing any politicking, and I think it's gone great," said Planning Board candidate Richard Brown of Church Street. "I've had a lot of support, had a lot of people behind me."

His opponent, Ripley Road resident Peter Pratt, says he too has

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Cohasset resident Roy Fitzsimmons tells the runners to line up for the start of Sunday's 25th Annual Road Race By-the-Sea 10K. Temperatures hovering in the 40s and the stiff breeze the field of more than 600 runners faced, made for plenty of winter hats, gloves, turtlenecks and sweat pants at the starting line near Cohasset Common. For story and more photos, see sports pages 15-18.

$300K override passes muster at Town Meeting

Tax hike question is on Saturday's ballot

By Rick Collins
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By approving the town's operating budget at the annual Town Meeting — Cohasset citizens set the stage for a vote on a $300,000 override question at the polls Saturday.

The override is needed to balance the fiscal year 2002 budget, which found itself on the short side, thanks to an 18 percent increase in health insurance costs for town employees, and unexpected increases in legal expenses and police overtime this year.

"There was a significant challenge to balance the budget," Town Manager Mark Haddad told Town Meeting Saturday. Haddad said he hoped going into the budget process the town would be able to escape the year without needing to override Proposition 2 fi..

But in January, Haddad discovered the town faced a $200,000 increase in insurance costs. He said the town had expected to use $100,000 of free cash – or unencumbered funds — to offset any shortfalls in this year's budget. However that money disappeared through an increase in police overtime due to three injured officers, and an increase in legal expenses accumulated fighting Mass-American Water Company's proposed 16 percent rate increase. Mass-American provides water service to North Cohasset.

Selectmen chairman Thomas Callahan called the override "conservative" and necessary to maintain the same level of services.

Dick Avery, chairman of the town Advisory Committee, which was in favor of the budget, said Cohasset is a town that is "incompatible" with the restrictions set under Proposition 2 fi.

Under Proposition 2 fi, a state law, a town can not increase its tax levy by more than 2 fi percent in a year without an override. Passing an override is a two-step process and

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Finneran pays Murray a visit

Attends Citizen of Year reception at Kimball's

By Rick Collins
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Only Mary Jeanette Murray — the long-time Republican state representative of Cohasset — would ask for the state's top-ranking Democrat to attend a ceremony in her honor. So Speaker of the House Thomas Finneran obliged and was on hand Sunday to honor Murray as the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year at a reception at Kimball's By the Sea.

"She is in the Hall of Fame of legislators."
— Speaker Tom Finneran

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, state Rep. Garrett Bradley, Selectmen Thomas Callahan, Merle Brown and Fred Koed, Police Chief Brian Noonan and Town Manager Mark Haddad also turned out, along with her family and friends in a community, which she served for more than 30 years.

"I never thought of myself as being an outstanding person, I really didn't," Murray told the hometown crowd. "I think the only reason God put me on earth was to help people."

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Speaker Tom Finneran and former state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray reminisce about her days on Beacon Hill at the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year reception Sunday at Kimball's by the Sea.

Land act is up for vote

Would add surcharge to property taxes

By Rick Collins
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Town voters have a chance on Saturday to create a trust fund that can be used to preserve Cohasset's open space and historical buildings, and be eligible to receive state matching grants.

The Community Preservation Act — a hot issue on many of the South Shore's town ballots — would add a 1.5 percent surcharge to a Cohasset homeowner's tax bill, and could be used to purchase new park land, do capital improvements to historic properties, and help develop community housing.

"Without being too sappy, for those of us who love Cohasset, this is an opportunity to preserve what we love."
—Ronnie McMorris, selectman

Whatever the town raises through the surcharge could be matched by the state, using money in the Massachusetts Community Preservation Fund, which is collected from state-wide surcharges on recording fees.

Funds raised would be overseen by a town community preservation committee made up by a representative from the open space committee, conservation commission, recreation department, historical commission and housing authority, as well as up to four citizens-at-large. When money is spent, it must be broken up so 10 percent is spent on open space, 10 percent on historic preservation, and 10 percent on community housing. The remaining 70 percent can be spent in whatever percentage the commission chooses. All spending must be approved by a Town Meeting vote.

The town is able to levy a surcharge between 1/4 of a percent and 3 percent. A group of Cohasset citizens got together and petitioned to have a 1.5 percent surcharge placed on the ballot. If the surcharge passes, the town would raise approximately $200,000 annually for its fund. Town Manager Mark Haddad said it would add 15 cents to the town tax rate, and cost the owner of a home assessed at $400,000 approximately $70 a year extra. The first $100,000 of a property's value will be excluded from the surcharge.

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Town Meeting says no to Cohasset Plaza expansion

But yes to most everything else

By Rick Collins
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One of the few to leave Cohasset's Annual Town Meeting disappointed was Donald Staszko, who — for the second time in two years — saw his attempt to build a new 30,000 square foot building at Cohasset Plaza fail, this time by five votes.

"If it failed by one vote, it's one vote, but it tells you that a vast majority of the citizens were in favor of it," said Staszko, a Cohasset resident, who thanked the number of citizens who stood up and defended his article.

Out of 265 Cohasset residents that initially filed into the Sullivan Gymnasium, 170 voted in favor of Staszko's citizen's petition, that would have extended the highway business zoning district 200 feet to the rear of Cohasset Plaza. Unfortunately for Staszko, he needed 175 votes to meet the two-thirds requirement needed for a zoning change.

Arguments focused on whether the town should refuse to change the zoning, or approve it and add $87,000 a year to the tax base.

The only other articles on the 32-item warrant defeated was the citizen's petition concerning the signature requirement *(see related story)*, and an article that would have added a new bylaw about landfill emissions. An article allowing accessory dwellings was indefinitely postponed *(see related story)*. Approximately $1.2 million in spending was authorized at Town Meeting, outside of the town's $25 million operating budget, which also passed.

The Town Meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. and adjourned shortly before 6:30 p.m. Though the meeting started strong, the numbers drifted off as time wore on. One quorum call at 5 p.m. counted 102 residents. Another quorum call with two articles left on the agenda was withdrawn. Town meeting can continue without a quorum of 100 as long as it's not challenged.

The see-saw debate over rezoning part of the Route 3A property, which Staszko purchased in 1983, lasted nearly an hour. Arguments focused on whether the town should refuse to change the zoning, or approve it and add $87,000 a year to the tax base. A total of 14 people, not including town officials, spoke from the audience on the issue.

The Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, Capital Budget Committee and Board of Assessors each recommended the article. However, the Planning Board voted 3-0 not to support the change. (Board members Al Moore and Chris Ford were not at the planning board meeting when the vote was taken).

"If zoning laws are subject to change by a citizen's petition, there is no real sign of what would happen," said 15-year planning board member Robert Sturdy. "I don't feel the need to increase the amount of highway business zoning."

He also said whatever happens on Route 3A has an impact on the Cohasset Village merchants, and that the town would have no control over what store went into the new building. Staszko insisted that the new store would be a national retailer, which would have no impact on the downtown area.

Ash Street resident Gail Whitehouse reminded the town that Staszko was not a "struggling businessman" and "the bylaws had a purpose when put in place years ago."

Thomas Gruber of Pratt Court said approval would set a dangerous precedent and inch the commercial district closer to the residential one. "I'd hate to see it encroach closer to my home," he said.

But, speaking for his board, Selectman Michael Sullivan said "we feel the adverse impacts are not significant."

Beach Street resident Lincoln Bloomfield said the planning board should "find a way to encourage business growth along Route 3A, not fight them," and suggested an overall review of the town's zoning strategies.

Staszko built Stop & Shop in 1986, and the other building, which houses Dunkin' Donuts and Blockbuster Video in 1988. The plaza, if expanded, would also allow Stop & Shop to increase by 15,000 square feet. Staszko has already completed a land swap with Jane Cook, the only abutter to the property besides the town. He also owns the site of the former Chevrolet dealership farther south on Route 3A.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the additional revenue to the town could take six cents off the tax rate.

But the that argument wasn't able to sway an additional five people.

Afterwards, Staszko said he would be back in two years, and again try to rezone the property.

Staszko said although he was disappointed in the defeat, he was more disappointed in what the town won't get. "I'm more disappointed not giving tax relief to senior citizens and people on fixed incomes," he said. "In the 35 years I've been in Cohasset, the economic social structure has changed drastically... We're forcing people out of the community because taxes are so high, because there is such a limited commercial tax base."

Woodside Cemetery

Fifteen years after the town started looking for a new site, Cohasset residents approved $700,000 to expand Woodside Cemetery and ease the burial space crunch in town. There are currently no spaces left in Woodside, and sales have been slow at Beechwood, according to Cemetery Committee member Glenn Pratt. The expansion will give space for 814 full-casket burials and 1,000 cremation urns, and create a memorial to Cohasset's Gold Star mothers.

Pratt said the money will be paid back by plot sales. Normally, the town has have five years to pay the money back, but state Rep. Garrett Bradley has filed a bill on behalf of the town that would allow the town to pay it back over 10 years. So far, the bill does not have any opposition in the Legislature, according to Bradley.

Once the debt service is paid off, the town stands to collect upwards of $2 million in its perpetual care fund.

The article had the full support of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee. Capital Budget Committee Chairman Mark Brown said his board backed the plan because, "unless people stop dying, the cemetery will pay for itself."

Pratt had originally planned to spend just $600,000 but bids, which were opened last week, came in higher than expected.

The article was adopted unanimously, and with applause from the Town Meeting body.

Hagerty Property

Town Meeting also approved $80,000 for construction of the new town parking lot on the Hagerty property at the end of Parker Avenue. October's special Town Meeting had given the town $175,000 to remove the concrete slab from the former Cohasset Colonial Furniture site, re-grade the parking lot, and construct a pier and dock, a wooden walk-way from the site to Government Island, and new sea wall.

However, when bids were opened in January, the lowest bid was $225,000. Rather than knock off some of the project's details, such as the new pier, Hagerty Committee Chairman Russ Bonetti decided to ask Town Meeting for additional funds.

During discussion of the article, Jerusalem Road resident Lee Jenkins asked why the town's Department of Public Works couldn't be used for parts of the project, in an attempt to save money.

Bonetti said, "We felt it's better to go out and get people who do this for a living, with all the environmental concerns [surrounding the project.]" The permitting process for the project took nearly seven years to complete.

After the meeting, Bonetti said with the money in hand, it is now just a matter of signing a contract and work can begin.

100-signature proposal defeated

By Rick Collins
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A move to change the number of signatures required to place a citizen's petition on the warrant from 10 to 100 was soundly defeated at Saturday's Town Meeting.

The article – or item of business — was initiated by Jerusalem Road resident Lucia Woods, who said the Town Meeting warrant has become too cluttered with citizen's petitions. She said requiring 100 signatures would force proponents to demonstrate their article wider citizen backing.

"I remember Town Meeting starting at 1 p.m. and we could get through all of the town's business in one day," said Woods. "It's just better government."

The change would have made the number equal with the number of signatures needed for a citizen's petition article at a special town meeting. Woods argued that 10 signatures in a town of 5,000 registered voters which is 2/10 of 1 percent, is inconsequential and that 100 signatures or 2 percent is a better representation.

The change, if it has passed, would have required the approval of the state Legislature.

Unfortunately for Woods, the article didn't have the support of the town elected boards. "We need not create roadblocks," said Advisory Committee member Bill Foley.

Speaking for selectmen, Merle Brown said he wished more people would simply ask the board to propose articles for them, and save citizens petitions for a last resort.

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The article was adamantly opposed by John McNabb, no stranger to citizen's petitions himself. "We shouldn't be trying to make it harder for people, we should be making it more inviting," he said.

McNabb, himself, sponsored five citizen's petitions this year, four of which passed.

He said the 10-signature rule is a tradition – a remnant of colonial democracy that has remained unchanged for the last 300 years. McNabb also pointed out that some major recent Town Meeting decisions – the Town Manager Act in 1998, and last year's zoning change for the landfill – were made possible by citizen's petitions.

North Main Street resident Donald Evans backed Woods' proposal. "I think it makes good sense...A lot has changed since 1715," he said. "And if you can't convince 99 other people, then maybe Town Meeting isn't the place you bring it up."

Leonora Jenkins of Jerusalem Road, and another resident familiar with citizen's petitions, argued against the change, particularly since the deadline to file petitions comes right after the holidays.

Border Street resident Sam Knox said 100 signatures were "too excessive" and 10 signatures were "too low" and made a motion to change the requirement to 20 signatures. After limited debate, the amendment was defeated.

Martha Gjesteby of Old Pasture Road, warned of the potential embarrassment the town would face if the state legislature had to debate amending a state-wide law, just for Cohasset. "I think we ought to just keep it the way it is," she said.

"It worked a long time ago, and it might work a long time from now," argued Agnes McCann of Doane Street.

More than a half-hour of debate ended when Parker Avenue resident Russ Bonetti said he found it ironic the meeting was spending so much time on an article "that was supposed to speed up Town Meeting."

The article was defeated by a sizeable margin.

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Hello Cohasset! Well, Spring has sprung, I think. The Road Race this past weekend was a sure sign that spring is here and even though the weather wasn't exactly spring-like, I think all the amazing runners were happy with the temps on Sunday. Congratulations to all of you on a job well done. Also, a reminder to use area codes when dialing a phone number. This new, 10 digit dialing went into effect on Monday, April 2.

HATS OFF!

Melissa M. Bates, a member of the Sixth Form at Kent School, achieved High Honors for the winter term. Melissa is the daughter of **Jeffrey C. Bates** of Cambridge and **Elizabeth M. Bates** of Cohasset.

Kent is a private, co-educational boarding and day school in Kent, Conn. Keep up the good work, Melissa!

YARD SALE

The Cohasset Historical Society is asking for donated items for its yard sale. Items (no clothing, please) may be dropped off from noon-2 p.m., April 7 at the Lothrop House, 14 Summer St.

Proceeds from the May 19 yard sale and raffle will be used for maintenance and repair of the three buildings owned by the historical society. Please call **John or Pat Steel** at 383-2545 with questions.

RELAY TEAMS

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Cohasset is looking for teams! Come to the next team captains' meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 24th at Pier 44, 44 Jericho Road in Scituate. Anyone interested in starting a team or learning more about the Relay For Life in Cohasset is welcome to attend. This year's Relay For Life in Cohasset will take place from 3 p.m. Friday, May 18 through noon on Saturday, May 19 at Cohasset High School. Funds raised through the Relay For Life, benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and patient services. For more information, please contact **Lyn Previte** at 781-383-9723 or the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880.

GUEST APPEARANCE

Hey everyone, young and old! Pastimes on Rt. 3A is having a special guest appearance from the Easter Bunny this Saturday and Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m.. There will be gifts for the kids and please, make sure to bring your cameras. The Easter Bunny loved all the great pictures that were taken last year and is hoping to star in the family photos again.

EGG HUNT

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is holding its Annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 7 at the Deer Hill School at 12 p.m. SHARP! This great tradition is for children ages 3-11 and the Easter Bunny will arrive by a Cohasset Fire truck. The rain date will be Saturday, April 14, same time, same place! You can get a great picture here as well for $3 and this will help to support the YRC and the Teen Garage.

XAVERIAN HONORS

I had a note from the Xaverian Brothers High School that Cohasset student, **Brian F. Lewis** made second honors for the second marking period. Brian is a 2002 student and is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Lewis** of Cohasset. Super work, Brian.

BC HIGH TRIP

I also had some great news from Boston College High School about Cohasset student, **David F. Crowley-Buck** who is a sophomore at that school. David was one of the dozen members of the B.C. High Model United Nations Club, who traveled to the 36th Georgetown University Model High School United Nations Convention in Washington, D.C. The four day conference took place at the Washington Hilton Towers and had 3,000 students in attendance from all over the United States, Mexico, Philippines, Guam, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Canada. David's group toured the Saudi Arabian embassy, took a special detailed tour of the US Capitol arranged by an alumni member and the B.C. High group represented Guatemala and debated issues in the Legal, Economic and Social Council, Special Political committees. What a great trip for you David!

MEMORIAL WEEKEND

Everyone mark your calendars for a wonderful Memorial Day weekend celebration for the CHS! The school turns 50 this year and in honor of this, a special tribute is being planned. The Golden Anniversary weekend is going to be a 50-year class reunion with special events happening, memorabilia being displayed and several guest speakers. Also being held in conjunction with this weekend is a wonderful family concert being performed on Friday evening by the AC capella group, "Ball In The House!" This is a wonderful way for you and all the returning alumni to come and celebrate our wonderful schools, family and friends in a rousing and fun family geared event! More information will follow in the upcoming weeks but mark the date, make the calls and enjoy a great Cohasset weekend!



From left, Robert T. Schmadeke of North Andover, David Crowley-Buck of Cohasset and Matthew McCarthy of Senator Tom Daschle's office in Washington, DC.

ASP FESTIVAL

The Appalachian Festival is coming up on Saturday, April 28 and looks like it will be a really great time. It is being held at St. Anthony's Parish Center and is being sponsored by the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project. From 4-6 p.m., the Market Place will be open where you can listen to Storytelling, look and purchase Appalachia crafts, eat some snacks and view some wonderful slides. At 6:30, there will be a wonderful family style dinner and this will end with a 7:30 performance of Cloggers and a Blue Grass Band. The cost of the dinner and performance together is $20 per adult, $10 for children ages 18-13 and $5 for under 12. For the performance only, it is $10 for adults and teens and 12 and under is free. Tickets can be obtained by calling St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's, First Parish and the Second Congregational. For more information on this great program, go to www.CohassetASP.org.

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BENEFIT YARD SALE

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is having their Annual Yard Sale this Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church. After you all go out TO VOTE, make sure to go a take a peak. You never know what treasure may await you... Anyone who has any Silent Auction items or items for the yard sale to donate may drop them off at the church or call 383-0345 to arrange a pick up of the larger items. Another great way to support a most worthwhile cause.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

Cohasset resident **Martha Henderson**, class of 2003 was selected to participate in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program in Washington, DC from June 30-July 7, 2001. Martha, who attends the Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, will travel to Washington DC for a behind-the-scenes look at the federal government as a participant in the Presidential Classrooms Scholars Program, a leading civic education program. The program is designed to challenge the nations top high school juniors and seniors. The high school students from across the country will take part in seminars presented by leaders of each branch of government, the military, media and lobbying organizations. Additionally, the students are scheduled for a private tour of the White House, appointments with the Senators and Representatives Offices and a visit to a foreign embassy. Martha is the daughter of **David and Jane Henderson** whom, I am sure are very proud. We hope to hear about this trip Martha, when you return.

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April 8, 2001



"To Know Her is to Love Her"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Government watchdogs

Congratulations to the 265 citizens who took the time to attend at least part of Saturday's Annual Town Meeting. There are some 5,000 registered voters in town — the vast majority of whom decided to sit this one out. While we think it's a shame that more residents don't get involved in the old, venerable form of pure democracy — Town Meeting — that shouldn't diminish the efforts of those who do.

Year after year, we see many of the same faces in the Sullivan gymnasium at the middle-high school. With their town warrants in hand, the stalwart citizens listen to the debate and try to cast educated votes on issues that will affect all of us.

Yes, the chairs are hard. And this year in an effort to plow through the warrant in one session, our Town Moderator George Marlette didn't even allow a lunch break, although we were permitted to bring food into the gym. But we didn't hear too many complaints.

In fact the only complaints we did hear were that the Town Meeting went too fast and that some issues were given short shrift in the interest of time.

It is a delicate balancing act that Mr. Marlette faces each year. Concerns about maintaining a quorum if Town Meeting were to spill over to a second session, loom large when there are just a few articles — or items of business left — none of which might draw a crowd.

To those cynics out there that think Town Meeting is "stacked" and therefore, what is voted is a foregone conclusion, you are mistaken. We never cease to be amazed how opinions can be swayed after hearing article proponents or opponents explain their views. There's a dynamic to Town Meeting that makes it interesting and educational. We thank those who continue to support it and can only hope more of you will in the future.

Proposition 2-1/2

Proposition 2-1/2 continues to get a "bad wrap" from many who correctly state the town cannot live within the limits of the state tax cap that went into effect 20 years ago.

It is fair to say there is no way the town budget can absorb 3 percent salary raises, the rising costs of health insurance, legal bills and so on when it can only raise the tax levy by 2-1/2 percent without an override. But sometimes we forget that overrides are part of what Prop. 2-1/2 is all about. Overrides allow the town to exceed the limits of Prop. 2-1/2 with voter approval. In other words, overrides put the power of increasing real estate taxes in your hands and don't allow municipal government to pass those costs on without your OK.

Saturday, there are two ballot questions that, if approved, will raise your taxes.

One is a general override of $300,000 for the operating budget. It's a permanent tax increase and if it fails, town officials will have to cut the budget approved at Town Meeting.

The second is for the town to adopt the Community Preservation Act, which will add a 1-1/2 percent surcharge on your real estate tax bill for five years with the first $100,000 of valuation exempt. The taxes would be raised outside the limits of Prop. 2-1/2.

Both ballot questions deserve your careful consideration and an educated vote.

Prop.2-1/2 gives you both the power and responsibility to get involved in how your tax money is spent.

— Mary Ford
Editor

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APRIL 7, 2001

Marion L. Douglass
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMEN
(for Three Years) (Vote for TWO)
MERLE S. BROWN — 546 Beechwood St. (Candidate for re-election)
THOMAS J. CALLAHAN — 35 Hillside Drive (Candidate for re-election)
(Write-in)
(Write-in)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
(for Three Years) (Vote for TWO)
MARK G. DeGIACOMO — 59 Beach St. (Candidate for re-election)
PATRICIA C. MARTIN — 169 Linden Dr. (Candidate for re-election)
ADRIENNE M. MacCARTHY — 85 Doane St.
(Write-in)
(Write-in)

TRUSTEE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
(for Three Years) (Vote for THREE)
JUNE S. HUBBARD — 144 Beach St. (Candidate for re-election)
SARAH R. PEASE — 3 Sankey Road (Candidate for re-election)
BARBARA M. POWER — 74 Beach St. (Candidate for re-election)
(Write-in)
(Write-in)
(Write-in)

ASSESSOR
(for Three Years) (Vote for ONE)
ELSA J. MILLER — 60 Reservoir Rd. (Candidate for re-election)
(Write-in)

BOARD OF HEALTH
(for Three Years) (Vote for ONE)
STEPHEN N. BOBO — 292 Jerusalem Rd. (Candidate for re-election)
(Write-in)

COHASSET HOUSING AUTHORITY
(for Five Years) (Vote for ONE)
JOHN D. MUNCEY — 377 South Main St. (Candidate for re-election)
(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD
(for Five Years) (Vote for ONE)
RICHARD H. BROWN, JR. — 9A Church St.
PETER J. PRATT — 75 Ripley Rd.
(Write-in)

RECREATION COMMISSION
(for Five Years) (Vote for ONE)
FREDERICK H. GRASSIE, JR. — 10 Heather Drive
(Write-in)

SEWER COMMISSION
(for Three Years) (Vote for ONE)
SEAN C. CUNNING — 8 Stanton Rd.
(Write-in)

WATER COMMISSIONER
(for Three Years) (Vote for ONE)
ROBERT E. KASAMEYER — 103 North Main St. (Candidate for re-election)
(Write-in)

WATER COMMISSIONER
(for One Year to fill an unexpired term) (Vote for ONE)
GLENN A. PRATT — 482 King St.
(Write-in)

QUESTIONS

Question 1.

"Shall the Town of Cohasset be allowed to assess an additional $300,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of meeting the operational expenses of the Town Government and School System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, Two Thousand One?

YES ○
NO ○

Question 2.

"Shall the Town of Cohasset vote to accept General Laws. Chapter 44 §§3-7, known as the Community Preservation Act, which establishes a Special "Community Preservation Fund" that may be appropriated and spent for certain open space, historic resources and affordable housing purposes and to approve a property tax surcharge that shall be in the amount of one and one half (1 1/2%) percent of the taxes assessed annually on real property and shall be dedicated to the fund, such surcharge to be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2001, and to exempt from the surcharge the following:

(1) An exemption for property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the community; and

YES ○
NO ○

(2) An exemption for $100,000.00 of the assessed valuation of Class One, Residential, parcels.?

Cartoon back next week

Cohasset Mariner cartoonist Jim Hamilton is taking the week off. His cartoon will be back next week.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Yes for CPA'

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset should vote "Yes for CPA." CPA — The Community Preservation Act — is Question 2 on Saturday's ballet. CPA is a five-year program to provide state matching funds to help preserve the character of towns like Cohasset. By voting "yes" now, Cohasset will be in the first wave of towns to approve CPA and will maximize state funding. The state authorization runs out in five years, so to secure Year-1 funding we need to act fast!

Between town and state funds, CPA could raise up to $1.5 million over the five-year period. In accordance with the legislation this would provide $150,000 each for affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreational space acquisition, with the remaining $1.05 million invested in one or all of these purposes. All the expenditures must be approved by town meeting.

Cohasset needs all three — affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space — and CPA is a great way for us to kick-start progress in each area. And its not expensive. Town funds would be raised by a 1.5 percent surcharge on property taxes excluding the first $100,000 of valuation, which amounts to only $66 per year for an average house. Exemptions for veterans, elderly, and the blind would apply.

With its emphasis on affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space acquisition, CPA offers something for just about everyone in Cohasset.

We urge our fellow townspeople to get to the polls and vote Yes on 2 this Saturday!

Dick Avery
Woody Chittick
Mark DeGiacomo,
Polly Logan
Ronnie McMorris,
Barbara Power
Debbie Shadd,
Gary Vanderweil

Budget, taxes

TO THE EDITOR:

a. From Fiscal Year (FY)1999 through FY2004 the actual/projected Cohasset operating budget will increase from$18.3M to $28.511(55.7 percent or 9.3 percent per annum). During that six- year period, the average Cohasset home will see tax bill increase $2,528, or, an average of $421 per year.

b. During retirement 57 percent of Americans rely solely on social security. (I acknowledge that people are encouraged to develop other sources of retirement income, but the majority of Americans are unsuccessful). A generous estimate is that social security increases during the same six year period will be about $1,800, or, $300 per year. The social security check has to cover a lot more than local property tax increases. Also

a. Upon completion of the FY2002, 10 percent reevaluation, the Town Manager estimates that assessments will rise 20 to 30 percent although spread unevenly throughout the Cohasset. Property closer to the water or in prime subdivisions may rise more than the average.

b. Even taking into consideration regional variations and surging average selling prices, it is obvious to me that gross inequities exist throughout the Town. For example, two Atlantic Avenue properties recently sold for a combined total of $5.3M while their FY01 combined assessments were $2.2M, a 69 percent difference.

c. The inequitable distribution of assessments and the concomitant tax burden are not confined to ocean front properties, but exists throughout Cohasset. Most likely this occurs because the Assessor's Office is inadequately budgeted to do in-depth, 100 percent evaluations. I do not believe it is because of any intentional favoritism. Undoubtedly, they would have to pay a contractor much more to do a 100 percent inspection of all properties inside and outside, but that is what is needed.

d. I would like to see the Cohasset Mariner publish monthly actual sales prices versus selling year assessments as well as a listing of approve abatements (similar to way the Mariner publishes the police log).

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

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ELECTION GUIDE

SELECTMAN



Tom Callahan

Name: Tom Callahan
Age: 42
Address: 35 Hillside Drive
Family: Wife, Alison; children, Katie (11), Peter (8)
Years in town: 15-1/2
Education: BA, political science, Boston University, 1980
JD, Albany Law School of Union University, 1984
Occupation: Attorney, self-employed
Civic/municipal experience: Board of Selectmen, 3 years; Conservation Commission 9 years. Currently on Growth & Development Committee and serve as representative to South Shore Coalition and Suburban Coalition.
Reason for seeking office: I am running to: a)to see a master plan process through to completion; b) to see that the town continues to participate in both the active regional planning scene and lobbying efforts regarding ed reform funding; c) if the train comes, to hold the T's feet to the fire on whatever is the final agreement we make to insure that abutters are treated fairly.
I also believe that board continues to need a "devil's advocate" on budgetary issues to insure that each dollar spent is justified and that questionable spending items and priorities are scrutinized and openly debated.



Merle S. Brown

Name: Merle S. Brown
Age: 68
Address: 546 Beechwood St.
Family: Wife, Joan; two children Marcy and Jeffrey, and one grandchild, Christian
Years in Town: All my life
Education: Cohasset Schools, Northeastern University Degree in Engineering.
Occupation: Retired
Civic/Municipal Experience: Recycling Committee 1982 to present, Conservation Commission 11 years (five as chairman), Board of Selectmen 9 years (two as chairman). Boy Scouts 25 years, Cohasset Appalachia Service Project 4 years.
Reason for seeking office: I have been involved with the Town in one capacity or another for more than 20 years. I have enjoyed working with the people of the town and the many different boards and committees. I am looking forward in continuing this, as a selectman for the next threeyears.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Mark DeGiacomo

Name: Mark DeGiacomo
Age: 44
Address: 59 Beach St.
Family: Wife, Lynne; children, Jim (14), Sam (11)
Years in town: 44
Education: Boston College, Suffolk University Law School
Occupation: Attorney, partner at Murtna Cullina Roche Carens and DeGiacomo LLP
Civic/municipal experience: 14 years, member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (three as chairman); three years, School Committee (one as chairman); president of Cohasset Little League; member of Cohasset Heights Settlement Committee; member of Gravel Yard Reuse Committee; coach for seven years of Little League and recreation basketball teams
Reason for seeking office: I am running for reelection because I feel that I can make a positive contribution to the schools and the town over the next three years. During my first term on the School Committee we helped pass a $42 million override for the renovations at Deer Hill and the Middle High School, passed budgets which met the needs of the district, established good working relationships with Town Hall, hired a new superintendent and worked with the superintendent on the hiring of a Middle High School principal and Student Services director. Over the next three years, the School Committee will negotiate a new teachers' contract, work with the superintendent on the hiring of a new principal at Osgood, meet the challenges of running two schools during major renovations and work on annual budgets that meet the needs of our children. I believe that with the experience I have gained during my first term I can help the School Committee meet the challenges it will face over the next three years.



Pat Martin

Name: Pat Martin
Age: 41
Address:169 Linden Drive
Family: Husband Dan, sons Danny 10 and Harrison 4, daughter Carly 8
Years in town: 4
Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology University of Rhode Island; Masters Degree in Administration, Policy, Planning and Program Development, Rutgers University School of Social Work
Occupation: Domestic Violence Intervention Therapist, 15 hours per week, Wellspring MultiService Center in Hull
Civic/municipal experience: Three-year term on Cohasset School Committee, Vice Chairman and current Chairman, Liaison to Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, Special Education Parents Advisory Committee, former liaison to Drug and Alcohol Committee. Current Fundraising Chair to the Cohasset High School Golden Anniversary Committee, Member of the South Shore Community Center and Second Congregational Church and Sunday school teacher.
Reason for seeking office: I believe the Cohasset School Committee is currently moving in a very positive direction. We have established great working relationships with the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, PSO and many other organizations in town. As part of a solid team, I have accomplished many things. We received support for the upcoming building renovation project, hired fantastic new administrators and teachers, restored the funding base and moved the schools further ahead on the track of academic excellence. I'd like to use the skills and knowledge base I've acquired after three years to continue moving the district forward. In my second term, I won't require training in the complexities of the School Committee and can immediately keep working. I believe this experience is an important resource to offer and will be most useful as the district confronts the work ahead in the upcoming SPED audit, building renovation project, high school accreditation, teacher re-certification and grade reconfiguration.



Adrienne M. MacCarthy

Name: Adrienne M. MacCarthy
Age: 38
Address: 85 Doane Street
Family: Husband John, Sons: Eric , Sean and Ryan
Years in town: 7
Education: 1980 graduate Milton H.S. Milton, Mass.; Assoc. in Business from Aquinas Jr. College, Milton, Mass.; attended Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston for Mechanical Engineering
Occupation: At home mother
Civic/Municipal Experience: five years on School Facilities/Building Comm.; two years Deer Hill School P.S.O. Rep.; Organizer of the "Friends of the Cohasset Public School Playgrounds," which has installed two playgrounds in two years.
Reason Seeking Office: I feel confident that I can help the School Committee to establish funding priorities, explore full utilization of our schools, and listen and respond to the concerns of our parents. I will make the same commitment to the school committee, that I have made to every other project that I have undertaken. I am prepared to make a full time commitment to the work of the School Committee.

PLANNING BOARD



Richard Brown

Name: Richard Brown
Age: 41
Address: 9 Church St.
Family: Wife, Gina; son, Jason; daughter, Deanna
Years in town: 41
Education: Cohasset High School
Occupation: Owner, Brown's Imports
Civic/municipal experience: President, Cohasset Gridiron Club; Board of Directors, Clark Chatterton Fund
Reason for seeking office: I believe in giving something back to the community. Cohasset has been good to me and my family, and I would like to play a role in the town's future development.
The next five years will see a great deal of change coming our way in the form of the train, commercial development, and continued pressure on real estate prices.
I am a reasonable person, and I will make fair and informed decisions if elected. I would appreciate your vote.



Peter J. Pratt

Name: Peter J. Pratt
Age: 45
Address: 75 Ripley Road
Family: Married to Ms. Donna M. Pratt, with 2 children Ben (7), Jared (5)
Years in town: 35
Education: Cohasset High School Class of '73; BA in Government '79; Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY; Course work; Graduate School of Management, Boston University
Occupation: Fiber optic telecommunications carrier network developer
Civic/municipal experience: Town of Cohasset; Water Commissioner (1984–1987); City of Somerville; Director, Executive Office of Telecommunications (1984–1990); National League of Cities/National Assoc. of Telecom. Officers, Congressional Spokesman (1989); SAFE citizen organization; founding member (1991-present); Town of Cohasset; Selectman (1994-1997)
Reason for seeking office: I am seeking the open seat on the Planning Board in order to advance an agenda that I see as being critical to the future of Cohasset: 1. The Town must develop a new master plan in order to have our community decision-making about land use guided by a comprehensive approach. 2. The Town must update its zoning bylaws to better protect the natural resources and residential character of Cohasset. 3. Clean and low impact commercial development in designated business zones is necessary for our tax revenue base and the fiscal stability of the Town. 4. The Town needs to assert the public function of land use planning and development control, rather than have developers and specific business interests drive our growth or revitalization future.
This planning agenda for Cohasset is especially critical now, as developmental pressures are made more intense by Title V septic solutions, the central and North Cohasset sewer projects, and the probable arrival of MBTA commuter rail service.

Polls are open 8 a.m. - 6 p.m

The Red Sox back in 1918

I see by the papers that our Olde Towne Team will be back at Fenway Park this weekend, ready, willing but maybe not able to exorcise the jinx that has kept them from raising a world championship flag for 82 consecutive years.

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



And if their usual luck holds up — hi, there, Nomar, Carl and Manny — it will be 83 by October.
Eighty-two years, to coin a phrase, is a long time. Maybe you're not aware of just how long it really is.
The star of the 1918 Red Sox was 23-year-old George Herman "Babe" Ruth, who won 13 games as a pitcher, hit a league-leading 11 home runs as an outfielder and was paid a generous $7,000 salary for the season.
As a member of the winning team in the World Series (they beat the Chicago Cubs, 4 games to 2) he and his teammates each pocketed a cool $1,102.51. The players asked for a minimum of $1,800 but the owners turned them down flat.
Elsewhere in the world in 1918: The heavyweight boxing champ was Jess Willard, all 6-foot-7, 250 pounds of him. The fight with Jack Dempsey that cost him is crown was still a year away and Gene Tunney, the man who beat Dempsey was a U. S. Marine preparing to fight for the championship of the American Expeditionary Force in France.
Paul Robson was an All-American end at Rutgers; Knute Rockne was named the football coach at Notre Dame; the University of Pittsburgh ended Georgia Tech's 32-game undefeated streak. The Tech coach was John Heisman, who would have a trophy named for him 20 years later.
The Toronto Arenas won the Stanley Cup as a member of the newly formed NHL, which started the season with four teams and ended it with three after the Montreal Wanderers' rink burned down. The NFL was still two years away and basketball, well, it was still trying to get rid of the center jump after every basket.
This is what it was like in 1918, the last year the Red Sox won a World Series:
Woodrow Wilson was the president of the United States and Thomas ("What this country needs is a good 5-cent cigar") Marshall was vice president.
Calvin Coolidge was elected governor of Massachusetts; Oliver Wendell Holmes and Louis Brandeis were on the Supreme Court; and the 18th amendment (Prohibition) was not yet ratified.
Ted Williams was born in San Diego and Red Auerbach was a year old in Brooklyn. The Original Celtics were formed in New York City. The Russian Czar Nichols II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks and Sgt. Alvin York single-handedly captured 132 Germans.
Actress Mary Pickford stunned movie fans by signing a contract to make three films for $250,000 apiece. Elmo Lincoln proved such a success in the original "Tarzan of the Apes," that he was making a sequel, "The Romance of Tarzan." Fatty Arubuckle and Buster Keaton were starring in "The Cook."
Airplanes were only 15 years old but already they were reaching a top speed of 145 miles an hour, rising to 30,000 feet and carrying cargo up to 3,000 pounds. They were used for crop dusting for the first time in the States and the British converted a passenger liner into the world's first aircraft carrier.
The United States adopted daylight saving time. The first air mail route was established between New York, Philadelphia and Washington, carrying letters for 24 cents an ounce.
And the most popular song of the day asked the question: "Would You Rather Be a Colonel with an Eagle on Your Shoulder or a Private with a Chicken on Your Knee?"
All these things were happening in 1918, the last time the Red Sox won the World Series.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Matching grant

TO THE EDITOR:
The "Informational Summary" for Town Meeting Warrant Article 17 did not make clear - in fact did not even mention - that Community Preservation Act monies will come not only from a taxpayer surcharge but also from a State matching grant, a very substantial one. Unfortunately, the wording for Question 2 on our April 7 election Ballot also omits reference to this persuasive factor.
Voters need to know that the approximately $200,000 we will raise through our 1.5 percent tax surcharge will be matched from a dedicated State CPA fund, which is already accumulating at the rate of $25 million a year. In fact, because we are early in the game, if we pass Question 2, it is probable Cohasset will be among a relatively small number of other early-starting towns to share in the State's first matching round and our State grant could be fully 100 percent of what we raise ourselves - or another $200,000.
Thus, in addition to all the other good reasons you have reported for Cohasset's adopting the Community Preservation plan, we have the compelling one that there is plenty of State money out there just for the taking. All we have to do is vote "Yes" on Question 2.

John F. Hartshorne
115 Border St

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Save open space

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset now has a great opportunity to preserve its remaining open space. At the same time, the town can make affordable housing more available for its senior citizens and preserve historic buildings under the newly-passed Community Preservation Act (C.P.A.) which was signed into law last fall. C.P.A. will offer Cohasset's citizens real opportunities to retain our present quality of life. Under the new law, C.P.A. funds raised by a nominal surcharge of 1.5 percent on tax bills (excluding $100,000) together with state funds, will be used to create permanent funding for open land, historic resources and affordable housing. This assessment should amount to $66 per average ($400,000) Cohasset home. What can be done to assure the enactment of C.P.A.? Vote "yes" on Question 2 on the ballot at the town election on April 7.

Edward B. Long
31 Nichols Road

School criticism

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond in writing to the criticism leveled against the school district by Mrs. Lenora Jenkins at our annual town meeting. Although I was given the opportunity to respond to these comments on the town meeting floor, I feel that I let my peers on the school committee down as well as the citizens of our town by not giving a more concise and forceful rebuttal.

The decision to hire a full-time business manager to replace our part-time business assistant has been a controversial one. The school committee, the board of selectmen, and the advisory committee always carefully scrutinize any addition to the school budget in an attempt to reconcile the schools' needs with restraint in our town expenditures. This particular expenditure makes a great deal of sense. We are operating a $10.1 million school district or business. Through no fault of our own, we are dealing with a massive paper trail; filing reports for state mandated programs, a maze of regulations surrounding educational reform; all of this while addressing the very fundamental goal of educating our children.

Two years after first meeting Mrs. Lenora Jenkins, I remain alternately baffled and angered and even occasionally amused by her relentless and ever changing list of criticisms regarding the Cohasset schools. Obviously Mrs. Jenkins occasionally observes the day-to-day operations of our schools, as evidenced by her show and tell items retrieved from the trash for her exhibit at town meeting. I have also spent time in our schools observing, as a parent, as a school committee member and as a student observing classes to fulfill requirements for a course. We see two very different districts. I observe an eighth-grade history teacher, who leads a discussion on the Industrial Revolution with great energy and insight, while blue buckets catch slimy residue from an exposed drainpipe in the back of the room. Mrs. Jenkins vigorously opposes the school renovation project. I observe a third- grade class present oral presentations on their family's heritage, a culmination of many weeks of research and study. Mrs. Jenkins complains that our experienced teachers are overpaid. I witness a long discussion with the recycling committee and student representatives who share a commitment to renewing our efforts to recycle at the Cohasset schools; the recycling bins are visible from where I sit in the high school library and they are full. Mrs. Jenkins rails against waste disposal practices without offering any constructive solutions.

Anyone truly intent on impacting our school district in a positive way must do more than publicly lambaste those who are attempting to make a sincere and lasting contribution to our schools. Of course there will be vigorous debate, there should be; of course there will be strong disagreements, there should be. But at the end of the day we must do more than criticize. We must be part of the solution. We must contribute time and ideas to finding solutions with an optimism and community spirit that recognizes the messy imperfect nature of us all. And we must soldier on for what is a very worthy goal, the public education of the children of our fine school district.

Stephanie Noble
10 Joy Place

Seals resting

TO THE EDITOR:

We have had several seals on land in Little Harbor and some in view from the roads. To the viewer they sometimes appear to be in distress because of their actions on land. However, according to the New England Aquarium, this is typical behavior.

The important thing to remember is DO NOT GET CLOSE!!!! The closer you get the more stress you are putting on them. They are simply resting after a hardy meal.

Seals, although docile, can give a painful bite if bothered too much, so please do not let children get close.

If they stay for more than 24 hours, call the Aquarium and report their behavior to them.

June Hubbard
Beach Street.

Act benefits

TO THE EDITOR:

Your article on page one of the March 8 issue was an excellent summary of the Community Preservation Act's possible implementation in Cohasset. As a long-time preservationist, I was delighted to read it. In particular, I think it gave a fair estimate of the cost to taxpayers. However, on the matter of benefits to taxpayers, I would like to add the following, based on my reading of the Act:

1. Exemptions to the property tax increase would apply not only to the first $100,000 of residential property assessment, but also to property owned and occupied by qualifiers for low-income housing.

2. Also, no tax increase would be required of property owned and occupied by qualifiers for low or moderate-income senior housing.

3. The Act provides for building or renovating to create affordable housing including senior housing.

This last is especially important; in a well-run town, the town and school employees can afford to live there. The Community Preservation Act isn't just about open space, and on April 7, I'll vote for it.

John Hovorka
38 Lantern Lane

Road race support

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Rotary Club, I'd like to thank the Town of Cohasset, in particular Harold Litchfield, the Appalachian Service Project, and numerous local volunteers for their strong support at Sunday's 25th Cohasset Rotary Road Race By-the-Sea.

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Thanks very much to the runners, walkers and everyone who made this a wonderful event.

Tom Gruber
Cohasset Rotary

AfTA story

TO THE EDITOR:

Just wanted to let you know how impressed I was after reading your lead article on AfTA in last week's paper. I think you did an excellent job covering this breaking story. John Bewick certainly is an important person and his comments on Greenbush are worth knowing about.

I must let you know that the insert they used in your papers was a reprint of a big story in Rolling Stone magazine that came out a two months ago. The data in the article is legit. The scientific community has long known about the harmful effects of diesel particulates. Our own South Shore group TREQ was covered in your paper a few years ago. The front page of Saturday's Globe had a story about the growing asthma crisis in Boston. Note the areas most impacted and you will notice that that is where the diesel train lines converge (see TREQ report/chart).

The MBTA knows very well they have a crisis on their hands. It is becoming ever more clear that they have adopted the same strategy as the tobacco industry: delay, deny, delay. But the drums are beating louder (the T has been forced to scrap dirty diesel buses) and they will soon be required to convert its diesel trains to electric. Won't that be a great day in Massachusetts?

Peter B. Robb
13 Beechwood St.

For good public transportation

TO THE EDITOR:

As a member of AfTA, I want to compliment the Mariner on a well-written and thoughtful article on John Bewick and Advocates for Transportation Alternatives.

One of our most pressing goals has been to position the group as an advocate "for" good public transportation and not just another voice against Greenbush, and I thought the article fairly represented this important distinction.

Uppermost on AfTA's agenda is the quest for expanded commuter boat parking and a feeder bus service at the Hingham Shipyard. Last August we solicited comments from boat riders, which were subsequently submitted at a Hingham Planning Board meeting to discuss the merits of the Hingham Shipyard Development Plan. As a result of a complex juggling of space allotments, the development plan would have eliminated approximately 200 spaces used by boat riders. The Planning Board's most recent recommendation includes a decked parking facility with a capacity for 2,400 cars. Hopefully, the MBTA will fund the new parking facility, which is projected to cost $18 million dollars. This may seem like a lot of money, but in terms of cars removed from the roads during peak commuting hours (a goal for almost all public transportation projects) it's a bargain. The cost per car would be $7,500. By contrast, the cost per car during peak commuting hours for the $408 million Greenbush project, with a mere 1331 cars projected off the roads, would be $308,000 per car. AfTA is also looking into the possibility of federal funding for the project.

The group would also like the Shipyard plan to include operating space for a feeder bus system to enable boat riders to "commute" to the boats on buses powered by compressed natural gas (CNG). With such a system, the potential for the commuter boats to remove cars from the roads will be even greater. And we are also working on the other end, through Martha Bewick, to create a more viable commuter boat terminal as part of the Boston waterfront development.

AfTA continues to pressure state transportation authorities on commuter boat issues at every opportunity. Clearly, the Hingham and Quincy boats are one of the best public transportation buys around. All we have to do is get the state to wake up to this fact.

There are those who would argue that we can have both a train and the boat, but few of us believe the T will ever support water transportation on the South Shore if Greenbush is built. The need to boost Greenbush ridership, in order to justify what most certainly will be Big Dig-type cost over runs, will be so great that the T will never encourage the boat for fear it will draw riders from the train.

So, are we anti-Greenbush or are we for better alternatives? Hopefully South Shore commuters will conclude that we are the latter and that we are working responsibly on their behalf.

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Accessory dwellings permits put on hold

By Mary Ford
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There won't be a proliferation of "two-family" homes or in-law apartments in Cohasset in the near future.

An article —or item of business before town meeting —authorizing apartment conversions in single-family homes was deemed too complicated by a majority of those in attendance Saturday and was put on hold until potential glitches in the wording and questions about its implications could be worked out.

The issue will likely reappear in at the fall Special Town Meeting or the Annual Town Meeting a year from now.

If approved, the resulting zoning change — based on a similar ones in Scituate, Duxbury and Norwell — would have allowed up to ten building permits a year for homeowners to convert part of their houses into in-law type apartments.

As the result of an amendment adopted on Town Meeting floor, half of those permits would have been reserved for people 55 years of age and older.

But some at Town Meeting questioned if the town would get into a legal wrangle over age discrimination, while others argued to have all 10 permits reserved for senior citizens.

The impetus behind the article, which was backed by the Senior Housing Committee, was to provide a mechanism so that seniors could afford to remain in their homes by converting space into an apartment that they could either rent out or live in themselves and lease the rest of the house.

After considerable debate, Ted Guild of Jerusalem Road asked that the article be indefinitely postponed. He said he is in favor of the concept but thinks questions arising from the text of the lengthy article that included three sections and 23 subsections should be ironed out first.

"We want an appropriate and effective bylaw to provide housing for our senior citizens," said Guild, who said the article was flawed in several instances. "I feel we'd be better advised to come back in October."

Selectman Michael Sullivan stressed there needs to be a requirement for someone 55 or older living in either the main house or the apartment —or "otherwise we've gone for two-family zoning throughout town."

Others said there was nothing stated about "affordability" anywhere in the text of the article.

But Barbara Power of Beach Street, who serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals, encouraged voters to support the article.

"It's a good start, let's go for it instead of picking it to death," she said.

However, even Jim Laggrotteria, chairman of the Senior Housing Committee, said the wording was confusing.

"We offered nothing like the 'legalese' here," he said, about the final version of the article that appeared in the warrant and was changed as it wove its way through town boards earlier this year. "Our intent was to help the seniors."

Money for runway study

Town Meeting voted to appropriate $30,000 to help pay for a consultant to respond to the state environmental feasibility study on the proposed new Logan runway. The money will also be used to retain an attorney, familiar with environmental matters, to negotiate changing the traffic pattern to out over the ocean.

Article proponent Eric Oddleifson said the runway is not a delay reduction runway as touted by Massport, the state agency that governs Logan Airport. "This is a capacity enhancement runway," he said, "one that would add 100,000 flights over us."

But William White, 162 Sohier St., who is retired from the Federal Aviation Administration, disputed the noise impacts. He said over the past two decades, there has been movement toward quieter engines and smaller aircraft. He said the length of the new runway would restrict the type of aircraft landing there.

"I am not against looking at ways to maintain the environment of Cohasset," he said. "But at the same time, I don't think this is where to put $30,000 of the taxpayers' money."

White did not sway Town Meeting to oppose the appropriation, which passed easily.

Oddleifson said Hingham and Hull town meetings were expected also expected to participate equally in the effort.

Landfill emissions

Town Meeting soundly defeated a citizen petition to adopt strict regulations over gas emissions from landfill that would include the town landfill off Cedar Street. Article proponent John McNabb described the matter as a "public health issue." He said landfill gas contains many hazardous air pollutants.

But Bill Foley of the Advisory Committee said the by-law change would create over regulation and subject the town to stricter rules than those of the state.

"It would create something we may not have the manpower to enforce," he said.

Selectmen Chairman Tom Callahan described the potential bylaw as a "financial unknown" because the town did not have the in-house expertise and would have to hire outside experts.

Paul Barry, owner of Cohasset Heights Landfill, also spoke against the article. He said the Department of Environmental Protection monitors gas emissions at CHL. He explained that CHL closed almost three years ago and was close to being capped.

"Let's bring CHL to an end without creating more regulations at a financial cost to the town," Barry said.

EMPTY SEATS



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Town Moderator George Marlette presides over a sparsely attended Town Meeting on Saturday.

Town authorizes 'wolf pit' purchase

Exact cost of land taking questioned

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset Town Meeting authorized the town to take the 'wolf pit' property, but not before a lengthy debate on the real value of the property.

Environmentalists are concerned that development of the property, part of the Aaron Reservoir watershed, could pose a harm to the town's water supply. But some believe that if the property could actually be developed, its price would be much higher than the $150,000 figure on the warrant article.

Town boards were split on whether to recommend the purchase. Both the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee backed the purchase. Selectman Fred Koed said purchasing the property now could save the town money in the long run.

But the Capital Budget Committee said it was concerned "the wolf pit could become a money pit."

Pratt Court resident Thomas Gruber agreed with the committee and said an eminent domain taking could come with a number of unanticipated costs. "There's a potential the property value could way, way exceed the value we have for it," he said. Gruber contended that not only will the town incur legal fees if the property's owners fight the land-taking, but said if the developer's intent is to split it up into separate parcels with $200,000 homes on each, the price could take a quick turn upward. "This could end up costing the town an awful lot of money," he said.

Dan Evans, of Nichols Road, argued that although the town may authorize $150,000 to buy the land, the actual price will probably be set by a judge and could be nowhere near the town allocation for it. "Once the order of seizure of has been filed, the town must pay due compensation," he said. "We can't predict what the judge may say."

David Ingber, a lawyer, said he knew of a case where a developer purchased some land for $2 million, developed some "conceptual plans for it" and fought the town when it tried to take the land. Ingber said the town ended up paying the developer $20 million because "conceptual plans existed." He pointed out that owner Wayne Sawchuk already has filed plans with the town, and suggested the price could be as high as $2-3 million.

But Selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Thomas Callahan both dismissed these arguments as scare tactics.

"That's an unfortunate story to scare us," McMorris said of Ingber's comments. "Because a plan is filed, does not mean the houses will be built. If it was a multi-million dollar property, we probably would have seen houses there already."

Callahan, a real estate lawyer, said Ingber's argument was faulty for two reasons. "The [Sawchuk] purchase just occurred [from the Bates/Pratt Family Trust], and if the lawyers sold a multi-million dollar property for $150,000, they would have a major lawsuit on their hands," Callahan said.

He also added that what Ingber said was a "very typical" strategy by developers to scare a town into buying it at an inflated rate. "Don't let us be duped by these scare tactics," Callahan said to the applause of Town Meeting.

However, William Smith argued that if the town wants to take a piece of property by eminent domain, then it is presuming that the land is developable.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the town shouldn't "enter into an open-ended contract" and take the chance the property could be worth more than $150,000. "If it's only worth $150,000 and isn't developable, then we don't need to take it," he said.

Ripley Road resident Peter Pratt, one of the "heirs" of the Bates/ Pratt Family Trust said if the land was worth $2 - 3 million it would have received much more money than the $150,000 it got.

Board of Health member Peggy Chapman said her board will approve the project's septic system if the land is "perkable."

Sawchuk proposed avoiding a potential legal quagmire by conducting a land swap with the town. He said he'd give the town the wolf pit property if the town could give him another similar, developable parcel.

The name "wolf pits" came from a time when the wild animals roamed Cohasset, and were a major public safety threat. In several locations around town, pits were dug and covered over. A carcass would be either strung up over the pit or in the pit, causing the wolf to fall into it.

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Two races top ballot

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experienced a good show of support. "The support has been overwhelming to date. People are asking me for more signs that I've had printed up," he said.

Both candidates said they like their chances as Election Day approaches.

"I've been working in campaigns for more than 20 years and one never takes anything for granted," said Pratt, a former selectman. "I just look forward to working with folks, should the voters choose me to serve in public office again."

Brown, president of the Cohasset Gridiron Club, said the decision is now up to the people of Cohasset. "If It's meant to be, it's meant to be," he said. "People make the choice; they'll decide."

A close race is expected in the battle for the two spots on the school committee. This is the first time there has been a race for school committee seats since 1998, interestingly, involving the two of the three candidates running this time.

Incumbents Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo hope to fend off a strong challenge from longtime School Building Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy.

"The campaign has been a real education for me," MacCarthy said. "But I do think I've reached out, met a lot of people and fielded some of their concerns."

Martin, the current school committee chairman, said she has enjoyed hitting the campaign trail. "It's always a great opportunity to get out there and know the issues and talk about what you've done and what you'd like to do," she said. "The feeling I get is that people are feeling really good with the school committee and how far we've come in the past three years."

DeGiacomo has been perhaps the quietest of the candidates, choosing to forego yard signs. But he has made it to the various candidates' nights, and is "cautiously optimistic."

He said, "I hope people in general know who I am, and what I've done in town and on the school committee, and would like me to stay on for another three years."

Martin added she hopes voters will "reflect on the many accomplishments" she and DeGiacomo have experienced on the committee together.

MacCarthy thinks the race has been beneficial for the school department. "I think the apple cart has been shaken up a bit, and there's been good talking and communication because of it," she said. "I think the schools will be better for it."

TOWN MEETING



Don Evans of North Main Street takes the floor during Saturday's Town Meeting.

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$300K override passes muster at Town Meeting

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includes approval at town meeting followed by a simple majority win at the polls.

Avery took the 265 voters in attendance on a verbal "aerial tour" of the town and pointed out such things as the new Osgood School, "rust-free" fire trucks and ambulances, salt and sand on the road, well-groomed athletic fields, and an active Council on Elder Affairs.

"These things are not free," he reminded the crowd. "Proposition 2 fi does not fit the new life of Cohasset."

The biggest chunk of the $25 million is made up by the $10.1 million school budget. In fiscal year 2002, the school department hopes to hire five new teachers, and give a financial boost to the supply budgets of the town's three schools. School Committee Chairman Pat Martin pointed out that 81 percent of the budget pays for departmental salaries, and that 103 new students have entered the school system over the past three years.

The largest objection of the budget revolved around the school committee's insistence of hiring a business manager for the school department.

Jerusalem Road resident Leonora Jenkins made a motion to reduce the school budget by $37,000 – the amount allocated for the hiring of a business manager. She chastised the school committee for not being more willing to work with town Finance Director Michael Buckley. "They weren't amenable to that," she said to the 265 residents in attendance. "They have to have it their way."

She was also critical about the school department's decision to outsource many of its services. Jenkins said since an outside company was hired to supply the schools with lunches, the amount of trash has increased. That was an example of some of the "hidden costs to the town" that came along with outsourcing, she said.

School committee member Stephanie Noble called the hiring of a full-time business manager an "upgrade" from the current part-time business assistant. "We're not adding to the head count," she said. Noble also reminded Town Meeting that the school department used to have a business manager until a few years ago when he resigned and then-Superintendent Stephen Hart decided not to fill the position.

Jenkins' motion was defeated.

The town budget easily passed shortly afterwards.

Town voters now have the option of approving the override Saturday or the town will have to cut $300,000 from its operating budget.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said if the override fails, he will have to go through the departmental budgets and make some cuts, but wouldn't speculate exactly where those cuts would be.

The $300,000 override, will add an additional 22 cents per $1,000 onto the tax rate. For a house valued at $400,000, that would mean an additional $105 to the tax bill. Including the normal 2 fi increase as allowed under the levy limit, and the proposed override, the same house's tax bill will increase from $5,836 to $6,302 for FY-2002.

Interestingly, the tax rate is scheduled to drop from $14.59 per $1,000, to $13.13. Haddad credited this to a 20 percent increase in property values throughout the town.

Voters will also be asked to approve a 1.5 percent surcharge on their tax bill for the Community Preservation Act, as well as vote in annual town election (see related stories).

Polls open at Town Hall at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

Land act is up for vote

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is an opportunity to preserve what we love," said selectman Ronnie McMorris, who worked on getting the act on the ballot as a private citizen. "The open space, protection of natural resources, historical restoration, diversity...and we can do all of that, with help from the state. Over the first five years, the state will be matching us almost dollar for dollar."

McMorris added, "There's a lot of undeveloped land left out there."

But fellow selectman Merle Brown is against the ballot question. "We really don't have a plan for it. We don't have a growth and development plan, we don't know what we're going to do with the money," he said. "I guess we want to get the money and run with it."

Aside from the CPA, Cohasset residents will vote on a proposed $300,000 Proposition 2 1/2 override, and Brown said that it would add just too much to the tax rate.

Open Space Chairman Debbie Cook has been very vocal in her support for the CPA. "This gives the town a lot of flexibility to do a lot of projects that fall through the cracks," she said.

Cook also argued that "residential development costs more than the tax dollars it brings in."

She also said, though the amount the town receives in matching funds is contingent on how many communities enter into the program, the town can also take the money and get more matching grants from such groups as the Massachusetts Self-Help Program.

If Cohasset approves the CPA, it will be a five-year commitment. At the end of five years, the town could vote to get out of the program.

Finneran pays Murray a visit

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The former selectman, Girl Scout leader, den mother, basketball coach, Marine, was selected out of a field of 15 people nominated by 42 different individuals.

"She could always find time for someone in need," said Finneran, who displayed genuine affection for Murray, and was more than willing to engage in repartee with her. "She is in the Hall of Fame of legislators."

Kevin Convey, editor in chief of Community Newspaper Company, presented the Citizen of the Year Award. Murray also received citations from the House and Senate, and a resolution from the Cohasset Board of Selectmen celebrating her service and recognition as Citizen of the Year. The selectmen's resolution received a standing ovation from Cohasset Town Meeting the day before.

Despite years of attending awards ceremonies, including a number of her own since January 2000 when she announced her retirement plans, Murray said she had never been as nervous as she was Sunday.

"I was afraid no one would show up," she said. Murray then went on to thank those in attendance. "I want to thank everyone, you've always been very supportive of me.

"I'm truly grateful."

Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford said the award was a "vehicle to recognize those among us who go that extra mile to make the town we love, a better place."

Past winners are the late Gerard Keating, Joe Buckley, Dr. Robert Sceery, the Rev. Gary Ritts, Anna Abbruzzese, Katherine Stanton, and the late Clark Chatterton.

This year's selection committee was made up of Ford and residents, Molly Hochkeppel, Ozzie Ingram, and Henry Rattenbury.

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A new runway for Logan? Making your voice heard

The Massachusetts Port Authority and Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") have proposed the construction of a new runway, know as Runway 14/32, as part of a package of infrastructure projects for Logan Airport called the "Airside Improvements Planning Project." The runway and the other projects are explained and analyzed in a recently-released document known as an Environmental Impact Statement/Report ("EIS/R"). Now, interested members of the public can review and comment on the EIS/R and the proposed runway.

What's going on with Runway 14/32?

The proposal to build a new runway at Massport made headlines two years ago when it was proposed. Now, the two agencies which are proposing the runway— the Massachusetts Port Authority ("Massport") and the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA")— have released a second version of the document in which the runway was proposed, the EIS/R for the Logan Airside Improvements Project. The proposed runway must be studied under both state and federal environmental law before Massport and the FAA can build it. The state Secretary of Environmental Affairs will review the document as a final Environmental Impact Report to see whether it adequately complies with the requirements of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA"). At the same time, the FAA will review the document as a supplemental draft Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA").

What is in the EIS/R and how can I get a copy?

The EIS/R consists of two volumes of text and analysis, one volume of technical appendices and eight volumes of responses to comments filed on the first draft of the EIS/R. . In these documents, Massport and the FAA address issues that have been raised about the runway and its relationship to future operations at Logan Airport, such as:

Is there a need for a new runway and is its purpose only to address existing problems of delay or to increase airport capacity?

Are there alternatives to building a new runway at Logan, either changes to be made at Logan (for example, using pricing mechanisms to reduce airport congestion at peak travel times) or by diverting passengers from Logan to rail and other regional airports?

What causes delays at Logan Airport and how much of the delay problem will the runway solve?

What are the runway's environmental impacts, such as noise and air pollution?

What measures will Massport and the FAA take to reduce environmental impacts if the runway is built?

Copies are available for public review at libraries in Boston and other cities and towns. Massport is also planning to make a CD Rom or electronic version available. For more information or to get a copy of the EIS/R, contact Mr. Flavio Leo, Massport Manger of Aviation Planning and Development at (617) 568-3500 or fleo@Massport.com.

What is the purpose of the public comment period?

The public comment period allows individuals and organizations to voice their concerns and opinions to Massport and the FAA, as well as to state and federal environmental agencies. What you think about this project counts. Even if you have previously made comments about the runway, you should express your viewpoint during this important stage in the review process. Comments can address any issues or concern, such as:

- whether the technical analysis in the EIS/R is valid and whether additional analysis or studies are needed;
- whether Massport and the FAA have given enough consideration to alternatives to the proposed runway;
- whether the EIS/R has identified all of the adverse environmental consequences of the proposed runway; and
- whether you think the runway should be built and/or what measures the FAA and Massport should have to take to reduce its environmental impacts if it does get built.

To comply with certain federal and state laws, federal and state officials are specifically seeking public input on:

- the economic, social and environmental effects of the runway and its consistency with local planning; and
- how the proposed runway will affect flight patterns arriving and/or departing from Logan Airport.

How can I participate in the public review process?

You can make your comments at a public hearing, submit comments in writing or both. Currently only one joint state-federal public hearing has been scheduled, for ***April 25*** at the Radisson Hotel at 200 Stewart Street in Boston. The hearing is scheduled to start at 3pm and resume at 6pm for an evening session. If you think the timing or location of the hearing does not allow enough time to review and evaluate the EIS/R, you should ask the FAA and Massport to extend the public comment period and/or hold additional public hearings in other locations.

Comments at public meetings are important but they are not substitutes for filing written comments. Written comments are due in early May, with slightly different deadlines for the state and federal processes.

The same comments can be filed with the Federal and State agencies. Don't be intimidated by the process or the size of the document—just state your concerns as clearly and concisely as possible in your own words.

What happens after the public comment period?

Usually the state and federal environmental review processes are used to generate information on which to base permits, but in this case Massport can proceed to build the runway with few if any permits. Massport will, however, need to convince a state judge to lift an injunction which prohibits Massport from building the runway.

After the public comment period closes, the state and federal review processes are different. Under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, the Secretary of Environmental Affairs will issue a Certificate stating whether the final EIR complies with MEPA. If the Secretary finds it does not comply, Massport would have to prepare a supplemental final EIR and circulate it for public review. If the Secretary finds that it does comply, Massport must then make findings under Section 61 of MEPA specifying what it will do to ensure that "all feasible means and measures" have been taken " to avoid or minimize" adverse environmental impacts. A draft of Massport's Section 61 findings is contained in the final EIR so that the public can comment on them.

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This fact sheet was prepared by the Conservation Law Foundation to promote public participation in government decisionmaking processes that affect the environment and quality of life for people in Boston, in Massachusetts and throughout New England. CLF is a member-supported environmental advocacy organization that works to solve the environmental problems that threaten the people, natural resources and communities of New England. For more information see our website at www.clf.org.

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Creating a vision for Cohasset's future

TOWN PLANNING

MICHAEL WESTCOTT

As a new member of the Cohasset Growth and Development committee, I was surprised to find out that Cohasset has not had a comprehensive Town Plan in 40 years. Given all the new development, both residential and commercial, coupled with recent proposed village changes, I think many would agree that the time has come to gather input and together consider the future of Cohasset. The charter of this committee, chaired by Rick Swanborg, is to help build a town-wide consensus on a long-range plan for Cohasset.

We are now starting work to create a vision for the town that is sensitive to the values and issues of its citizens in the areas of environment, economic base and community character.

Over the coming months we will provide a constant flow of information to all Cohasset residents and inviting your opinions. This extensive process is designed to gather input from all corners of the town through a series of neighborhood meetings and a comprehensive survey so that together we can create a vision for the future of Cohasset and a plan to support it.

The first piece of information that may be of interest is the results of a small preliminary survey from the March 2000 town meeting. The survey was distributed to those in attendance and the 80 responses, while not a large sample, provided some insight into why respondents appreciate our town and what issues they see as important to its future.

The majority (65 percent) came here for the beauty Cohasset offers and 72 percent plan to stay forever or until they retire. This helps explain why people feel as strongly as they do about so many issues here and continually express the desire to keep it vital and affordable.

But the issues that were most important to those 80 respondents may surprise you. Eighty percent were interested in seeing the town pursue more communal solutions to wastewater treatment and 82 percent expressed a desire for the town to purchase more open space and properties. Rounding out the top five issues were concerns about transportation, education and the fiscal management of the town.

To see the complete results of this preliminary survey and related Growth & Development Committee information visit www.cohassetma.com or pick up a copy at the town offices. Your opinion counts and we are looking for volunteers to host neighborhood dialogs all over town this summer. If you are interested, please contact Liz Harrington, town planner at 383-3517.

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Michael Westcott has been a Cohasset resident for seven years and is a member of the Growth and Development Committee. He can be reached at: mwestcott@mediaone.net.

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Kitchen tour benefit is Friday

A limited number of tickets remain available for this Friday's (April 6) South Shore Community Center Kitchen Tour 2001.

The tour of five distinctive and festively decorated Cohasset kitchens and dining rooms will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Each of this year's homes will spotlight formal and informal tablescapes as well as tempting taste treats by some of the South Shore's finest caterers.

As individual as their owners, each of this year's Cohasset kitchens reflects the vast and varied options available to today's homeowner when planning or decorating a kitchen.

Tickets are $25 per person and may be purchased by stopping by the Center at 3 North Main Street.



Maryann and Phil Ayer of Cedar Street chat in their kitchen that is one of several featured in Kitchen Tour 2001.

LIBRARY CORNER

Poetry month

April is National Poetry Month. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library celebrates by displaying poems inspired by Dr. Seuss and written by Deer Hill students. Library patrons will be invited to write a short poem on a paper "leaf" in the Children's Room and attach it to the "poet-tree" on the wall.

Also celebrate National Poetry Month by nominating a poet for a U. S. postage stamp! Ballots are available at the library or online. To date, the United States Postal Service has issued 18 stamps honoring American poets. This is sponsored by the Academy of American Poets. For more information, contact the Suzanne Terry, Children's Librarian at 383-1348.

Postcards, available

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are continuing the sale of postcards designed by Cohasset artist Joanne Chittick. Five postcards can be purchased for $5 at the following businesses: The South Shore Art Center, Buttonwood Books & Toys, Cards 'n Shards, Flemings and Nobles. They are also available at the front desk of the library. All proceeds support a variety of programs at the library.

Museum passes

It's never too soon to think about April vacation plans. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library offers museum passes to all Cohasset residents.

The museum passes funded by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are: The Museum of Fine Arts; Boston Children's Museum; The Computer Museum; John F. Kennedy Library & Museum; The New England Aquarium; The Museum of Science, and The Isabella Stewart Garner Museum.

Other passes to Plimoth Plantation and to the USS Constitution are available and a gift of Lucille McLoughlin.

An information sheet about the museums, including addresses, hours and phone numbers is available at the front desk. Call the library at 383-1348 to secure available passes ahead of time.

COHASSET CARES

Ecotopia

By: Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The last thing I want is human suffering, pain, discord, anger, squabbling. I am theorizing that environmentalists are utopians. I know I've had a love affair with the earth for nearly 70 years and that I have a strong idealistic streak. Whether it's having parents who were teachers and religious/spiritual, growing up during WWII and attending YMCA summer camp for so many years, having lots of caring, hard-working, down-to-earth relatives, going through the Vietnam era as an English teacher and alternative school director, or what, I've always been drawn to the concept of utopian societies.

Well, it's been done. That is, for the last few days I've been listening to and thinking about Ernest Callenbach's Ecotopia. I couldn't locate the book so had to settle for the audiotapes. I only have enough space left to quote the back of the box for now:

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Ecotopia is one of the most important ecological novels ever written. This international bestseller - 11 printings translated into eight languages portrays a society which uses technology instead of being used by it. A society that could work. Ecotopia is a vision of promise and potential one that is not only possible, but that might actually enable the human race to survive.

To be continued. See you next time.

Allan Macdonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee

Hingham symphony pre-concert lecture

Adams, Smetana, Ives, the three composers featured in April 7's Hingham Symphony Orchestra Masterworks 2 concert, are not your well-known Beethoven, Mozart and Brahms. But HSO Music Director Jin Kim feels they are most deserving of their "Masterwork" status. Kim will explain what makes these works great, in a half-hour lecture before this Saturday's concert.

According to Kim, many people know more than they think about either these composers, or their major works. For example, John Adams composed "The Chairman Dances" (Foxtrot for Orchestra) in 1987, as an offshoot of his successful modern opera, "Nixon in China." Performed in the opera while the Nixons are dancing and reminiscing, it evokes the idea of a Hollywood foxtrot from 60 years ago. Smetana's "Die Moldau," with its vivid images of the majestic river, has become a beloved tune, and Smetana is recognized as the first Czech nationalist composer. And Charles Ives, a native of Connecticut, infused his Second Symphony with references to the many kinds of music that were played in New England when he was growing up in the late 19th century. Listeners hear bits of Beethoven and Brahms, as well as fragments of Stephen Foster, march tunes, and popular Gospel hymns. Although composed around 1900, the symphony was performed for the first time in 1951, by Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic.

Under Jin Kim's guidance, the professional Hingham Symphony has treated the South Shore to a wide range of music for orchestra. The pre-concert lectures, begun this season, are a fun, interesting way to learn more about the music and the stories behind it. The lecture begins at 7 p.m., the concert is at 8, April 7, in Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 120 Central St. Tickets are $20 for adults, $18 seniors, $10 youth, and are available at the door. Call (781) 740-5694 for more information.

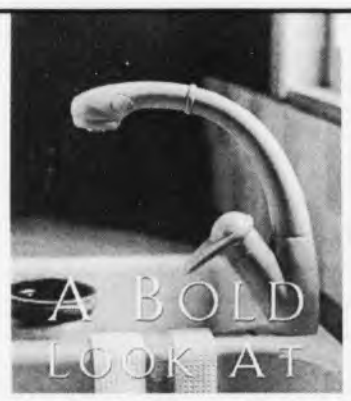
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A very special lady



Mary Jeanette Murray chats with friends Bob Gibbons and Ruth Delay at the reception at Kimball's by the Sea.



State Sen. Robert Hedlund shares a humorous anecdote about Mary Jeanette Murray's last day at the State House with Sunday's crowd. Murray served as state representative for 24 years.



Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tom Finneran, talks about life on Beacon Hill with Mary Jeanette Murray to the delight of the 75 family members and friends in attendance.



Kevin Convey, editor in chief of CNC – parent company of the Cohasset Mariner, presents Mary Jeanette Murray with the Citizen of the Year Award.

Murray is honored as Citizen of the Year at Kimball's



Staff photos Alan Chapman

At right, Mary Jeanette Murray gives her son, Phil, hug and kiss following his speech about life with his parents and growing up in Cohasset.

Below, Mary Jeanette Murray is surrounded by her family at the Citizen of the Year reception at Kimball's by the Sea. Back row from left are Jimmy Curley, Nate Murray, Vicki Murray, Chris Murray, Kathy Murray and Phil Murray. In the front row are Ben Curley, Max Murray and Jennie Curley.



Editor Mary Ford acted as emcee for the reception that featured local politicians, family and friends.





Selectmen Chairman Tom Callahan presented Mary Jeanette Murray with a proclamation from the town honoring her years of service.



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The following classes are offered at the South Shore Community Center:

Cooking, Science and Nature: for ages 3 to 5 plus, on Friday, Apr. 27, for five weeks, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Freeplay: for ages 14 months to 3 plus, will be offered on Friday, Apr. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Magic Show with Steve Brenner for all ages on Apr. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Admission is $5 at the door.

Vacation Camp is offered on Apr. 17, 18, 19, for ages 3 to 5 plus, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Puppet Show: on Friday, Apr. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Cost is $2.50 at the door.

Creative Dance with Disney: for ages 3 and 4, Tuesday, Apr. 10, for nine weeks. Cost is $77/member,$87/nonmember.

Intro to Ballet: for ages 4 to 6, Tuesday, May 8, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., for nine weeks.

Gymnastics camp offered for girls ages 5 to 12, Apr. 18 and Apr. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is $60/member, $65/nonmember. Bring lunch and snack.

Kitchen Tour held on April 6 from 10:30 to 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Center, 781-383-0088.

Intro to Marbling/Faux Finish will be offered on Sat., Apr. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $60/member, $65/nonmember.

Stretch and Flexibility will be offered on Wed. Apr. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for 10 weeks. Cost is $95/member, $100/nonmember.

Yoga: offered on Mon., Apr. 30 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., for four weeks, $40/member, $45/nonmember.

CPR held on Wed., Apr. 25 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., $40/member, $42/nonmember.

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Palm Sunday organ recital

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 10th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting G. Fredrick Guzasky in an organ recital at 3 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 8. Guzasky is on the faculty of Bridgewater State College, The Boston Conservatory, and is director of music at St. Stephens. Guzasky is author of the "Gregorian Chant Handbook" and specializes in plain chant, early music and the Russian choral repertoire.

The Palm Sunday concert, featuring the 58 rank Aolian-Skinner organ, will include Bach's "Dorian Toccata and Fugue," Rheinberger's "Organ Sonata No. 12," several of Guzasky's own compositions and the Chorale Improvisation "Victimae Paschali" by Charles Tournemire.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and parking is available at the village car park near the church. Donations will be accepted and a reception will follow. Arrive early and hear a playing of the church's 58-bell carillon before the concert.

For further information, call 383-1083.

Dance classes

Creative dance classes for Dance for Mom and Me will be held Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 4 to 6 and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. ages 1 to 3 at 55 Rear S. Main St., behind Red Lion Inn.

For further information, call Becky Ford at 545-0917 or Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-4109.

Annual Egg hunt

Cohasset Recreation Commission annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 7 at the Deer Hill School at 12 noon sharp.

Ages 3 to 11. The Easter Bunny arrives via Cohasset fire truck.

Rain Date: Saturday, April 14, same time - same place.

Eyeglasses wanted

Strecker Eye Center will have a used eyeglass collection during April and May to benefit the Lions Club.

Please drop off your old eyeglasses at out location at Shaw's Plaza in Cohasset. If you have any questions please call 781-383-2555.

Adams family focus

The Cohasset Historical Society's annual spring dinner meeting is Sunday, April 29, social hour at 5:30 p.m, dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Kimball's by-the-Sea.

The National Park Service Adams Historic Site in Quincy will bring a presentation about a little known aspect of Adams family history. Presented by John Stanwich, historian, and Karen Yourelle, park ranger, the discussion will be woven around letters between Abigail Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

By way of history, around 1804 after Adams' presidency, Jefferson and Adams were at odds with each other. Abigail's letters bring to light discussions about the two dynamic political leaders and their differences.

Reservations must be made before April 25, and sent to 14 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

Please make checks payable to the Cohasset Historical Society ($30 members, $35 non-members)

For information, call Martha Gjesteby at 383-1614 or the Society at 383-1434.

Retirement dinner

Friends of Mary Jeanette Murray will host a retirement roast on Thursday, April 26 at 6 p.m. at Lantana in Randolph to celebrate the former State Representative's 24 years of service. Tickets for the evening are $35 per person and are available by calling the following people: Nancy Roach, 383-0802, Carolyn and Chris Manning, 925-4375; Bill Herman 749-4894; John Cohan, 740-0098; Cindy Kelleher, 749-7860; Lillian Murray Curley, 383-0695.

Cohasset MS walk

On April 7, hundreds of people from Cohasset will walk the streets to cure multiple sclerosis as part of a nationwide fund raising tradition. The MS Walk. The 6.2 mile Cohasset Walk takes off from South Shore Community Center at 10 a.m. The annual benefit has been held by the Central New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for 12 years. Walkers commit to a $25 minimum contribution, but most bring in over $200. Individuals, groups, and corporate teams can register by calling 1-800-493-WALK, by visiting www.msnewengland.org, and the day of. Many volunteers are also needed to make the Walk successful; interested persons should contact the Chapter office at 1-800-493-9255.

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SPORTS

Star of the Week

Dyan Young. The Cohasset native was the first female finisher in Sunday's Cohasset by-the-sea Road Race with a time of 43:13.

Living

On the South Shore

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Track teams should be in the hunt

Boys build on last year's success, while girls rebuild on fly

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

By the looks of the first few weeks of practice, the boys and girls track teams should have another superb season, possibly topping the accomplishments of last year.

The boys team, who fell one meet short of the league title after a loss to SSL champions Carver, should again be in contention for a high finish in the league and some personal glory at the post-season state meets.

"They have been real productive," said third year coach Al LaFountain of his boys squad. "They boys can smell their bid for a State championship."

Of course, the Cohasset squad will have their hands full with the talent pool in the South Shore appearing to be as deep as ever. For starters, perennially powerful Carver looks to be loaded again.

"We have a couple of teams we have to watch out for," noted LaFountain.

Placing ninth in last year's States, the boys will be led by senior captain Brian Krupczak, who has never lost the 200 meter race for as long as any Skipper fan can remember.

Krupczak, Cohasset's outstanding running back this past fall, is so dominant in his events, opposing coaches will often take their top sprinters out of the 200, simply conceding the race to the senior.

The junior captains will be Tim Baird, the ninth place overall finisher in the Cohasset Road Race this past Sunday and third place finisher in the mile at state's last year, and Peter Maitland, who is expected by his coach to clear six feet in the high jump, qualify in the 800 meter run with a time close to two minutes, and finish in the top three in the state in the javelin.

In the distance events, Baird is shooting to get his mile time below 4:40, but will be in hot pursuit in both that event and the two mile by junior Dan Kinchla and sophomore Ross Lieb-Lappen, the second place youth finisher in the Road Race.

One of the Skippers' top events will be the men's 4x100 meter relay race. The explosive Krupczak starts the race, and is followed by junior sprinter Steve Laney, freshman Erik Belz. Junior Jason Brown, in his first year on the track team, will anchor the team.

Senior Craig Parker, an incredibly strong thrower for the team, could very well win the league in both the shot put and the discus. Junior Liam Martin, who can run both short and long distances extremely well, has his top event in the high jump, where his coach has "raised the bar" to for 6'2" this year for him.

Joining Martin in the 400 meter event will be sophomore Ian Kidder, who has both endurance and sprinting ability, as he has competed in both the mile event and the 100 meter event.

There are a few more question marks on the girls side of things, with the Lady Skippers having lost a good number of talented athletes to graduation and no-shows.

Though the main focus for this season will be rebuilding, LaFountain still feels this squad could be competitive in the SSL.

"We could be competitive in the next two years," predicted LaFountain, who is hoping to put in a strong bid for the league this year.

Senior captains Maureen Equi and Kathleen McCarthy, state qualifiers in the low and high hurdles, respectively, will lead the attack with great speed and athleticism.

Senior Kerry McCarthy could very well qualify for state's in a number of running events, while sprinter Catherine Flaherty has already proved herself as a state contending high jumper.

There is a lot of new interest in girls track this year, with 10 freshman coming aboard, including early standouts Shelly Carter, Gillian Weber and Jen Buckley.

"I can put them anywhere," said a smiling LaFountain, referring to the three versatile freshman.

LaFountain admits to running very intense practices, but justifies this as being vital to the drive towards a league title. He focuses two days a week on field events and weight training, the other three on running.

"If you are in shape, the practices are easy," he stated. "It all depends on the athlete."



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset captain Maureen Equi pulls away from Hanover's Kara Mossesso in season opening meet for the Skippers on Tuesday. Cohasset split the meet with its South Shore League rivals, the boys winning 88-48 and the girls falling, 103-41.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

John Burke of Bay State Race Service directs Cohasset's Bob Morgan (341) and Justin Tourigny (402), of Boston, at the finish line of the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea on Sunday. ***For more race photos and story, see pages 17 and 19.***

Cohasset High School weekly schedule

GIRLS LACROSSE

April

3	beat Dover-Sherborn,	10-4
5	Martha's Vnyd.	4:30 p.m.
10	at New Bedford	4 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

4	Scituate	3:30 p.m.
6	Norwell	4 p.m.
10	at Barnstable	4 p.m.

BASEBALL

3	at Hanover- postponed	
10	Norton	3:30 p.m.

JV BASEBALL

3	at Hanover-postponed	
10	Norton	3:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

9	at Hanover	
10	Norton	

All matches at 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

9	Hanover	
10	at Norton	

All matches at 3:30 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD
BOYS AND GIRLS

3	boys beat Hanover, girls lost to Hanover, 103-41	
5	at Norton	
9	at Norwell	

All meets at 3:30 p.m. unless noted

GOLF

12	at Hanover	

All matches at 3:30 p.m.

Promising start for Lady Skippers

Lacrosse team impresses with season opening 10-4 win over Dover-Sherborn

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

When compared to the long and proud histories of such Cohasset sports as basketball and wrestling, girls lacrosse is relatively small blip on the screen. But with a host of young talent and a core of experience, the Lady Skippers should find themselves in the thick of a South Shore League race.

"It is exciting since we are such a young team," reported coach Kathy Guadiano, who is in her second year as a varsity coach for Cohasset.

"The way we are looking at it, we will be together for two more years."

The girls got off to a great start in their season opener Tuesday afternoon, dominating Dover-Sherborn, 10-4. Sophomore Sera Genovese scored three of her four goals in the first half of the Pilgrim South tilt. Junior captain Kristen Sheerin scored three goals and sophomore Maura McKenney added a pair. Goalie Gia Petrakis made 11 saves to earn the win in net for the Lady Skippers.

Guadiano coached last year for the varsity, and was the Middle School coach two years ago.

The two captains of the team, Sheerin and fellow junior Carlie Carter, who both led the gymnastics team to a very successful season this past winter, will provide some much needed experience for the young squad.

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All-Scholastic boys basketball team

Cohasset's Bilodeau named among area's elite

First Team

TJ Bilodeau - Guard
Senior (Capt.) - Cohasset

The 12 individuals you see honored here are the ones we determined through research and personal observation to be the top male high school basketball players in *Marinerland* (i.e. Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland and Scituate).

As you might imagine, this was no easy task. In fact, we went from five to six players per team because it was just too difficult to limit ourselves to 10 overall. Not that choosing these final two from the remaining field was a walk in the park.

Several of the hoopsters you see recognized here as High Honorable Mentions received serious consideration for All-Scholastic honors. In fact, one of the most difficult omissions was Cohasset captain Erik Shea, whose heady floor game and long range shooting played a huge role in making the Skippers the surprise team of the South Shore League this season.

The big gun on the South Shore League's Cinderella team this winter... Bilodeau led the 14-8 Skippers with a team high 17 points per game with a lethal combination of outside shooting and penetration...was at his best when the game was on the line, as five times this season he was the central figure for Cohasset in last minute wins, including a runner at the buzzer that beat South Shore League champion Carver...also played hurt, shaking off a severely sprained ankle to toss down 15 points in the Skippers first round tourney win over Foxboro... although he played shooting guard, T.J. also averaged nearly five assists per game...a South Shore League All-Star and an All-



TJ Bilodeau

BASKETBALL, PAGE 16



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's T.J. Bilodeau (with ball).

All-Scholastic boys basketball team

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Scholastic selection by the Patriot Ledger…Would like to play Div. 3 college basketball with Bowdoin and Amherst among the possibilities… Also a standout on the baseball diamond for C.H.S, a starting middle infielder the last three seasons for the Skippers…10th year Cohasset Coach Ron Ford: "I've had some great captains, but I've never had anyone who worked harder than TJ day in and day out, in practice ands in games. He just left it all out there. He left it all on the floor, and that's why he's gotten the absolute most out of his ability."

Chris Conroy- Guard
Senior (Capt.) - Silver Lake

It seems safe to say that Conroy is one of the most complete and efficient players the South Shore has seen in many years…An excellent passer, shooter, slasher, ball-handler and defender who led the Lakers to a second straight Old Colony League crown this season. In fact, the team lost only one in-league game over the last two seasons…A three time OCL All-Star, and the league's MVP as a junior…finished his career as Silver Lake's all-time leading scorer for boys basketball with 1,289 points…led the OCL in scoring this season with 24.6 points per game… shot 54 percent from the field this season, a feat made all the more remarkable given how much damage he did from three-point land…The 6-foot-1-inch guard finished second for the Lakers in rebounding (136) and steals (33)…is being recruited by several colleges, but has narrowed his choice to Bentley or St. Anselm's…named to All-Scholastic teams by the Patriot Ledger, Boston Globe and Boston Herald……WATD Old Colony League Player of the Year…plays AAU basketball year round…Longtime Silver Lake Coach Dick Arieta: "Chris is simply the best all around player I've ever coached. He was great in all areas offensively, probably our best man-to-man defender and he was a great leader. On top of that, he's just a great kid. Players like that obviously don't come along too often."

James Smith - Guard
Junior - Abington

Was the leading scorer for the South Shore League runners up, averaging 14.8 points per game…A great shooter, Smith did some damage this season with his soft jump-shot…Also a great defender, Smith often guarded his opponent's best scorer…Was a force for Abington in the team's heartbreaking three-point loss to league and Div. 3 South Sectional champs Carver, scoring 23 points…Smith scored 22 points against league rival Cohasset in the first round of the South Sectional tourney…In the quarterfinal loss to Rockland, Smith was solid with 10 points…The SSL All-star and two-year starter was selected to the Patriot Ledger and Enterprise All-Scholastic teams, and was voted by his teammates as the Underclassmen Player of the Year…Will be a top returnee next year. Abington coach Don Byron: "James has a very well-rounded game. He's obviously great offensively, but he's he plays good defense as well. He just shut down other teams' high scorers."

Bob Murphy - Point guard
Senior - Rockland

Keying the offense and defense are this speedy guard's greatest strength…A natural athlete, Murphy was the player "everyone had to stop," according to coach Bob Fisher…A Patriot League All-star, Murphy was assist leader, averaging seven per game for Rockland, which tied Scituate for the PL title… Murphy's ability to steal and score on transition were a major component to the Bulldog offense, which landed them in the Div. 3 South Sectional semifinals…Though he didn't shoot a lot, Murphy—despite missing six games due to injury—still averaged 10 points per game, mostly in part to his average four steals per game…Murphy is, of course, more well-known for his football abilities as the top running back for Rockland, the 2000 Div. 3 Super Bowl champs…As a result, Murphy was selected to the Mariner All-Scholastic football team last fall. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "He's just a given. His ball pressure was good, his penetration was excellent, he's a great defender and handles the ball well. He was always put on the opponent's best scorer and was able to contain him. Teams couldn't press us because he's so fast."

Gerry Corcoran - Forward
Sophomore (Capt.) - Norwell

Arguably one of this region's most talented players…the 6-foot-5-inch super soph is already being recruited by Div. 1 colleges…led the South Shore League in scoring this season with 24.6 points per game to help lead the Clippers to a 14-8 season…also led the Clippers in rebounding with 10.1 caroms per game…Providing he stays healthy, he should be a lock to join the elite 2,000 career points club, having amassed 940 through his first two seasons… Plays AAU basketball year round… A two time South Shore League All-Star…Showed steady improvement in virtually all areas this season, a truly frightening prospect for South Shore League rivals. In particular, he was clearly more intent on driving to the basket, which resulted in nearly four times as many trips to the foul line than he had as a freshman… Norwell Head Coach John Willis: "There was a lot of pressure on Gerry this year. It's important to remember he's just 15 years old. All things considered, I like the way he responded. He knew there were areas he needed to improve on to become a more complete player, and he made progress in all of them."

Joel Racicot - Guard
Senior (Capt.) - Scituate

Joel averaged over 14.4 points per game to lead a Scituate team virtually no one considered a serious contender to a 14-6 (10-2 in league) record and a share of the Patriot League championship with Rockland… absolutely lethal off the dribble, particularly with pull-up jumper… named Patriot League co-Player of the year by WATD (along with East Bridgewater's Kevin McDermott)… A Patriot League All-Star…plays AAU basketball year round…Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…is leaning heavily towards attending Emerson College next year and playing basketball… Scituate coach Matt Poirier: "Joel is a self made player. He's a real gym rat who's never satisfied with his game. Joel is also a really hard nosed player who gets the most out of his talent. On top of that, he just really good kid who gets it done in the classroom too."

Second Team

Jon Platz- Center
Senior (Capt.) - Silver Lake

The 6'foot-4 center was the "inspirational leader" (according to Silver Lake Coach Dick Arieta) on a Lakers team that lost only one game in the Old Colony League the last two seasons, taking the league crown both times…Led the Lakers in rebounding (146), while averaging 10.1 points per game…Despite his slender frame, Platz regularly held his own against much bigger opposing pivotmen and proved an excellent finisher in close …Old Colony League All-Star... Silver Lake Coach Dick Arieta: "Jon is a very enthusiastic and emotional player. He was one of those players who didn't have to have the ball in his hands a lot to be a big factor in the game, not to say he didn't know what to do with it when he did have it. He was a great leader for us."

Nick French - Forward
Senior - Abington

This talented 6'3" senior was a major threat on the inside for the South Shore League's second place Green Wave, averaging 11.5 points and 7.6 rebounds per game…Also an excellent three-point shooter, French scored 16 points in Abington's hard loss to cross-town rival Rockland in the Div. 3 South Sectional tournament…A two-year starter, French was a SSL All-star…On April 8 at Merrimack College, French will be one of only 10 seniors from the South to participate in the Massachusetts State Basketball Coaches Association's top 80 game, which highlights the top senior talent in the state…A year-round player, French will take his basketball talents to Emerson College next year. Abington coach Don Byron: "He's got good size and though he played very well for us inside, he could also handle the ball like a guard if necessary. That was nice to have. He was probably the most consistent player on the team. He's a good senior leader and will be missed."

Greg Sowyrda - Forward
Junior - Hingham

Hailed by coach Dan Clune as the Harbormen's top defensive player, Sowyrda's impact on the defensive end caused headaches for opposing offenses…A great ball-handler, Sowyrda often had no problem breaking presses and scoring on transition…The kind of player who doesn't show up often in the stat books, doing most of his work behind the scenes…Although hailed for his defensive efforts, Sowyrda was also a great scorer for Hingham, averaging 10 points per game…A Patriot League All-star, Sowyrda will be one of the top returnees on next year's Harbormen team. Hingham coach Dan Clune: "He's the only player I had who hustled the whole time, every play, more than anyone else. We'd always put him on the toughest player on the opponent's team, working to contain and deny the ball. He's a great player."

Matt McDonald - Center
Junior - Rockland

Came alive this year for the Patriot League champion Bulldogs, who tied Scituate for the title…Was the only Rockland player to play in every game this year, according to coach Bob Fisher…Was a force on the inside for Rockland, compensating his 6'1" stature with his muscular frame…Was a great scorer, averaging 12 points per game, and was the team's leading rebounder with 10 per game and 200 this year…Was essential in two big wins against Scituate when seniors Bob Murphy and Ken Keefe were out…McDonald is also a fantastic football player on Rockland's 2000 Div. 3 Super Bowl championship team and was a Mariner All-Scholastic for football last fall…Will be one of the Bulldogs' top returnees in both sports. Rockland coach Bob Fisher: "He overachieved what I expected of him this year. He was the only stabilizing force when Murphy and Keefe were out and that says something about him. He's got great upper body strength and has good defense inside. He plays will extreme focus because he hates to lose. He takes it personally."

Bill Forte - Forward
Junior (Capt.) - Marshfield

Was the leading scorer on the Rams team this year, averaging 13 points per game…Forte was an excellent free-throw shooter, sinking 75 percent of his shots from the line…Was an Atlantic Coast League All-star for Marshfield, captained the team this year, and was already selected as a senior captain for next year…At 6'1", Forte was also an excellent three-point shooter, as witnessed in a game against ACL rival Whitman/Hanson, in which Marshfield was down one until he sank a three-pointer with two seconds left to win the game…A lefty, Forte had a nice drive to the hoop and also played great defense inside the paint and was put on the opponent's best scorer…Forte had two 20-plus points games, including 23 points against ACL rival Duxbury, and 22 points against Quincy. Marshfield coach Paul Wholey: "Billy has worked very hard this year. He was a great leader and an excellent shooter. He has some height but played even bigger than his size. He played hard and well."

Jesse McKinnell – Forward
Senior - Scituate

The two time Patriot League All-Star should be a dominant force for the Sailors next year… averaged 12.5 points and 11 rebounds per game this season to help lead Scituate to a Patriot League co-championship …The athletic 6-foot-5 forward possesses a nice array of inside moves and a soft touch…plays AAU basketball year round…Scituate coach Matt Poirier: "Jesse is a lot like Joel (Racicot). He's a gym rat who really works hard to improve. He's as good as he is because he works extremely hard. He plays with a lot of emotion, and think he'll only get better as he keeps learning to channel that."

High Honorable Mention

Ryan Dacey- Point Guard- Jr.- Silver Lake
Ken Keefe- Guard- Sr.- Rockland
Erik Shea- Guard- Sr.- Cohasset
Mike Marani- Guard- Sr. Capt.- Hanover
Mike Gilraine- forward- Sr. - Norwell
Matt Robbs- Guard- Sr.- Rockland

Honorable Mention

Mike Barry- Forward- Jr.- Scituate
Bobby Savoy- Guard- Soph.- Norwell
Doug O'Brien- Forward- Sr.- Cohasset
Paul Sullivan- Forward- Sr.- Silver Lake
Ian Duggan- Forward- Sr.- Silver Lake
Mike Mohan- Guard- Sr. Norwell
Matt Bilodeau- Guard-Jr. Cohasset
Greg Levin- Guard- Jr.- Scituate
Joe Esposito- Forward-Soph.- Rockland
Marc Sulmonte- Guard- Jr.- Abington

Coastal Stars Mite B's skate into playoffs

In an exciting, down-to-the wire contest, the Coastal Stars Mite B team lost to number-one ranked Plymouth Saturday in the South Shore Conference ice hockey semifinals. The final score was 5-3 with Plymouth's final goal dribbling into an empty net during the last seconds of play.

The team was made up of players from Cohasset and Marshfield and was the only representative from the Coastal Stars organization to make it into the South Shore Conference playoffs. Led by head coach Brian Dougherty and assistant coach Mike Maher, the Stars eked into the eighth and final playoff position with a regular season record of 11-13-2.

In the first round of the single elimination playoff game, the underdog Stars came out strong against top-rated Plymouth. The Plymouth team came into the game with only three losses all season and the best record of the entire 16 Mite B teams in the conference.

Undaunted by their opponent's winning record, the Stars scored first and spent the first two periods leading by a goal or tied, going into the final period up three goals to two. A power-play goal by Plymouth tied the game again late in the third and was followed up minutes later by what would prove to be the game-winning goal by the Plymouth offense. The Stars put the pressure on in the final minutes, pulling their goalie and adding a fourth forward; but a strong defensive clear from in front of the Plymouth crease made its way down the center of the ice into the empty net, sealing the victory for Plymouth.

The Stars' offense was led this year by the standout play of centers Sawyer Salvetti and Ian Quinlan, both of whom recorded hat tricks during the season. John Glynn, Mike Payne, Mike Maher, Kyle Anderson, Nick Harnish, Conner Donovan, Conner White and Danny Ahern also had strong offensive performances throughout the season.

The defense was anchored by goaltender Nick Commesso who had six regular season shutouts and defensemen Kevin Dougherty, Mike Kirsch, CJ Clapp, Sean Ahern and Mike Bird whose father Joe Bird was also an assistant coach.

SPORTS NOTES

Registration for youth football/cheerleading

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2001 fall season Sunday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Store-it storage facility next to the Driftway Tennis Center on old Driftway in Scituate. Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1. Any players not signed up on April 8 will not be guaranteed a position on a team. If unable to attend this signup, call: for football questions, Joe Obert at (781) 545-0854; cheerleading questions, Lorie Neil at (781) 545-4526.

Registration fees are: football $145*; cheerleading $95.*

*Maximum charge per family is $290.

Minimum age: Players must be 8 by Dec. 31, 2001.

Maximum age: Players cannot turn 15 in 2001.

First-year players and players who did not play last year must bring a copy of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

Asst. swim coaches wanted

The Cohasset Swim Team currently has two assistant swim coach positions available for the 2001 summer season. Positions are for morning hours Monday through Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Candidates should enjoy working with children and must be 16 years of age or older. Applications should be sent to P.O. Box 651, Cohasset, 02025 and will be accepted through April 16.

April Vacation Baseball Clinic

Cohasset Recreational Department and the South Shore Baseball Club will hold a baseball clinic during the April school vacation from Tuesday, April 17 through Friday, April 20, at Milliken Field from noon to 2:30 p.m. for children ages 8 to 12. The fee is $100. Applications are still being accepted.

Anyone interested can register at the Cohasset Recreation Office, on the first floor of Town Hall. Checks shoud be made payable to "Town of Cohasset".

Space is limited, so early registration is advised. For further information, call the office (383-4109).

The rainy day site will be Cohasset High School. To register, drop off or mail form to: Cohasset Recreation Department - Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset at 383-4109. Please make checks payable to Town of Cohasset.

Promising start for girls

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"They are outstanding leaders," said Guadiano. "They are leading by example. They're very fair and very dedicated."

Sheerin is expected to be one of the team's top scorers this season, while Carter will lead the charge on the other side as a defender once she has recovered from her torn ACL.

"Kristin will be the leader of our attack and [Carlie] will be the main leader on defense," said Guadiano. "It is nice to have two strong leaders on both ends of the field."

The only senior on the team—Maja Heldon, a foreign exchange student from Sweden— is in her first year of playing, and has looked sharp thus far in practices.

In addition to Heldon and Sheerin on offense, Genovese and junior Suzanne Lynner have shown great skills in attacking the goal.

McKenney, a sophomore, has looked sharp at miefield, as has freshman Nicole Turgiss. Guadiano has said that she will be crucial in allowing Cohasset to control the center of the field.

With Carter on defense will be sophomores Katherine Coyne and Julie Lordan, both of whom had great seasons last year.

Petrakis, a sophomore, returns for another season between the pipes after a very strong freshman campaign.

"Gia had an outstanding season as a freshman at the varsity level," praised Guadiano. "So we are expecting big things out of her."

Guadiano has been pleased with the first two weeks of practice she has had with her team. She likes to separate her practices into a four different sections: agility work, stick work, conditioning and scrimmages.

"We have had some very strong practices," said coach Guadiano. "It has been a nice surprise."

Of the four sections of practice, the coach feels that the scrimmage is the most fun and the most important. She feels that how well and how hard her players perform in practice will determine how they will do once the ball is rolled out for real.

"They have to be able to do it in game situations," said Guadiano. "Sloppy practice will lead to sloppy playing."

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Runners weather elements at annual race

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Kingston's John Noland crosses the finish line to take first place for the second year in a row.



Deer Hill School Principal Paul Callahan is a veritable blur as he races down the stretch.

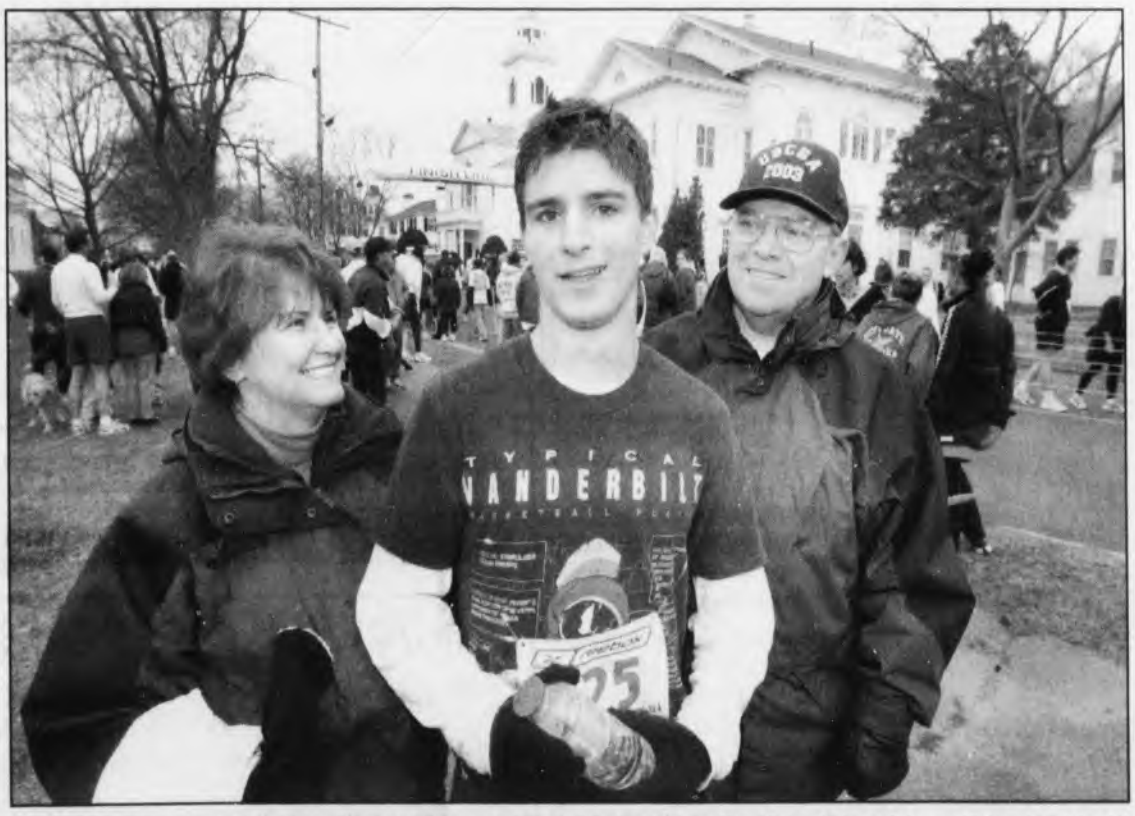


Jill Zimmerman waits with daughters, Emily and Kara, for their father/grandfather to come to the finish line.

Photos by Alan Chapman



Maureen Smith and Debbie Shad of Cohasset check their times as they cross the finish line ofthe Fun Walk at Sandy Beach.



The first finisher from Cohasset, Tim Baird, relaxes with his parents Pat and Bill after the race. Tim, 17, is a junior at Cohasset High and captain of the track team.



Cohasset's Dyan Young strains to say ahead of several male racers. Dyan captured first place among all female runners.

High expectations for C.H.S Boys' lacrosse

Three years have passed since the Cohasset High boys' varsity lacrosse team qualified for the state tournament, and new coach Kevin Orcutt believes the drought is about to end.

"If we play hard, intelligently and as a team, we should be successful," said Orcutt.

Returning starters at every position, the Skippers will be led by senior co-captains Ronan Buick, a Pilgrim Conference all-star midfielder and two-time Bay State Games medalist, midfielder Lane Forrer, and defenseman Geoff McWilliams. The three captains, said Orcutt, provide exceptional leadership both on the field and off.

On offense, 25-goal scorer Buick will get a lot of support from his veteran attackmen. Junior Paul Previte, a 20-goal scorer in 2000 and Bay State Games silver medalist, should be even more effective, as will be sophomore Curt Kahn, who tallied five goals against Sandwich and three versus Barnstable after taking over a starting spot halfway through the season. Junior Jason Moore, a two-year starter with outstanding one-on-one skills, and transfer student Eric Libby, who started for tournament qualifier Xaverian a year ago, give Cohasset a level of depth at the position that may be unmatched in the program's 12-year history.

At midfield, Orcutt and assistant coach Terry Kahn are still working out line combinations. Juniors David DeVito and Sean Chase, and sophomores Matt Davis and Robert Hickey — all returning lettermen — figure to see action on the first two lines, along with Forrer and Buick. A wild card is sophomore transfer Tom Anderson, who just last week was granted eligibility by the MIAA. He impressed the coaches with his play during the first week of practice, and will likely find a place on the first two lines. Sophomore Pat Riordan, a first-year player, adds depth to the midfield corps.

Defense is also a position of strength, anchored by senior McWilliams, a 6-foot-3-inch two-year starter with excellent stick skills and speed. He's joined by senior Justin Langham, a former starting midfielder who sat out all of the 2000 spring season rehabbing a knee injury, senior Greg Figureido and sophomore Nick Spirito, who started every game as a freshman.

"We've got a tough group of kids on defense," said Orcutt. "They're willing to get physical, and are relentless on ground balls."

In the goal is junior Kyle Weber, who took over the starting job midway through last season. Weber, a league all-star candidate, won a silver medal at last summer's Bay State Games.

"I'm very pleased with the number of freshmen we have out, and with their enthusiasm and commitment," said Orcutt.

The seven freshmen – defensemen Stephen Davis, Conor Buick and Dan Roth, midfielders Mark Davis and Mike Hajjar, attackman Mike Devine and goalie Nick Murphy – provide added depth for the 24-man squad. All should see playing time and gain valuable experience during the season.

Despite finishing 6-10 last season, the Skippers wound up being ranked seventh in Division Two by the national laxpower.com web site, due to a demanding schedule and extremely close games with division powers like Ashland, Sandwich and state champ Milton. A somewhat less demanding 2001 schedule, coupled with a veteran squad, suggest this could be the year the Skippers return to post-season play.

Cohasset took it to Westwood on Thursday in a scrimmage with a 12-2 win. Ronan Buick had four goals and an assist, Paul Previte three goals and an assist, and Curt Kahn three assists and a goal. Anderson had a goal and two assists. The defense was outstanding, and gave Westwood only five shots the entire game.

Orcutt was particularly impressed with his players in the fourth quarter, when they scored on all five of their shots.

Cohasset was scheduled to open the season at home with Scituate on Wednesday in a non-league battle

The team begins Pilgrim Conference play with Norwell on Friday, April 6 at 4 p.m.

The Skippers' schedule: Tuesday, April 3 – Scituate, 3:30 pm; Friday, April 6 – Norwell, 4 pm; Tuesday, April 10 – at Barnstable, 4 pm; Thursday, April 12 – at Hanover, 3:30 pm; Friday, April 20 (vacation) – at Bourne, 1 pm; Saturday, April 21(vacation) – at Walpole, 1 pm; Tuesday, April 24 – Sandwich, 4 pm; Friday, April 27 – Falmouth, 7 pm; Tuesday, May 1 – Hanover, 6 pm; Friday, May 4 – at Norwell, 3:30 pm; Tuesday, May 8 – at Hingham, 3:30 pm; Friday, May 11 – Barnstable, 7 pm; Tuesday, May 15 – Duxbury, 6 pm; Friday, May 18 – at Marshfield, 3:30 pm; Monday, May 21 – at Catholic Memorial, 4 pm; Wednesday, May 23 – Ashland, 7 pm; Tuesday, May 29 – EMASS Tournament Preliminary Round

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Cohasset Youth Lacrosse gobbles up Sandwich

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program, coming off its most successful season ever, opened the 2001 spring season by sweeping teams from Sandwich at all age levels on April 1.

The Cohasset Blue Under-12 team, got the season off on the right foot with a 14-4 victory over Sandwich 1. Michael Bunstein scored two of his five goals in the first quarter, and Mark Flibotte added two of his hat trick to get the Cohasset squad out to a 4-0 first quarter lead. Parker Beg opened the second quarter strong, scoring an unassisted goals and getting his second assist of the game on a feed to Peter Ernst to open the lead to 6-0 before Sandwich broke through. The teams then traded goals to get to 9-3 at halftime.

With the sloppy field conditions, play tightened up a bit in the second half, but Cohasset was able to extend its lead, and then close out the game by shutting Sandwich out in the fourth quarter.

Dan Trendowicz and Nick Zappolo each scored twice to close out the goal scoring, while Alexander Shipp and Eric MacCarthy added assists.

Sam Parker made three first-half saves in the net, while Oliver Brennan — seeing his first-ever action in the goal — came up with two saves in the second half.

With the Blue game over, Cohasset White took the field against Sandwich 2 in a game that was much more closely contested.

The two teams played through a scoreless first quarter before Chris Davis broke the ice early in the second quarter, flipping one past a Sandwich goalie who would stymie Cohasset for most of the day. After Sandwich tied the game, Peter Oswald scored twice, the second on an assist from Jeff Brown, to bring the score to 3-1 at half. Jared Dick's four first-half saves contributed to Sandwich's frustration.

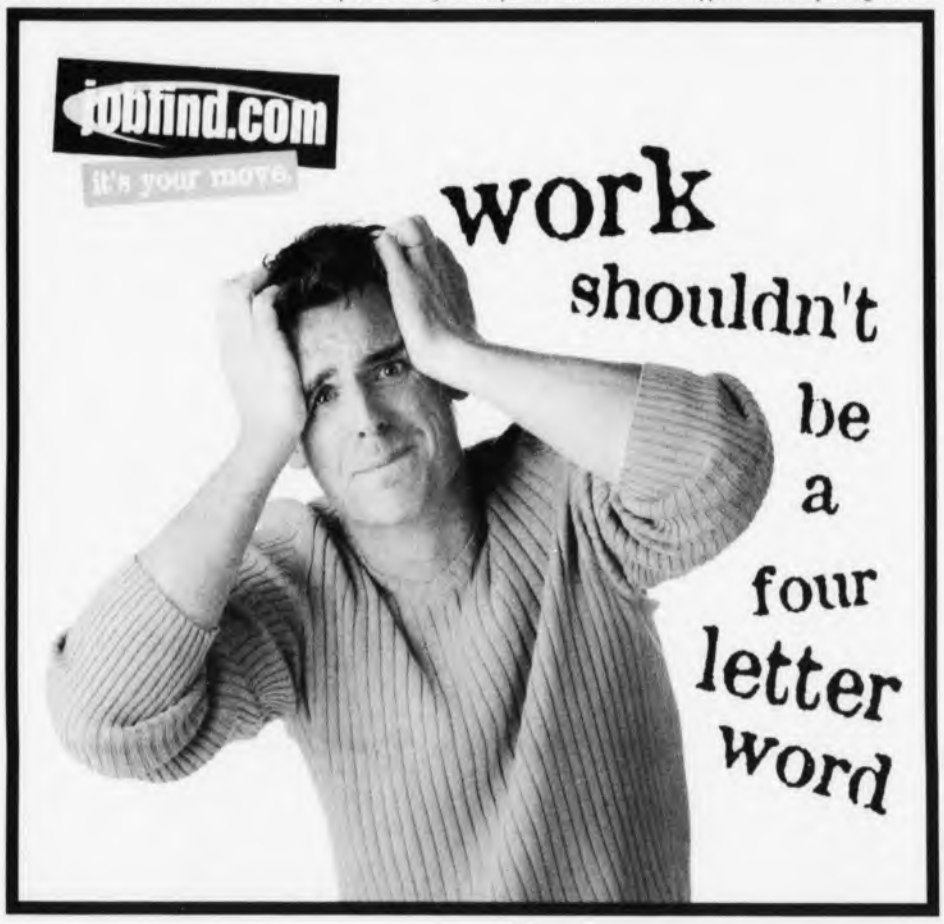
Cohasset dominated the ground ball battle in the third quarter, but couldn't score. Cohasset White's defense— led by Frank Wheelwright, Ryan Kucinski, Kyle Pinkus and Kurt Gritzan— was equal to the challenge, and kept Sandwich out of the scoring column too.

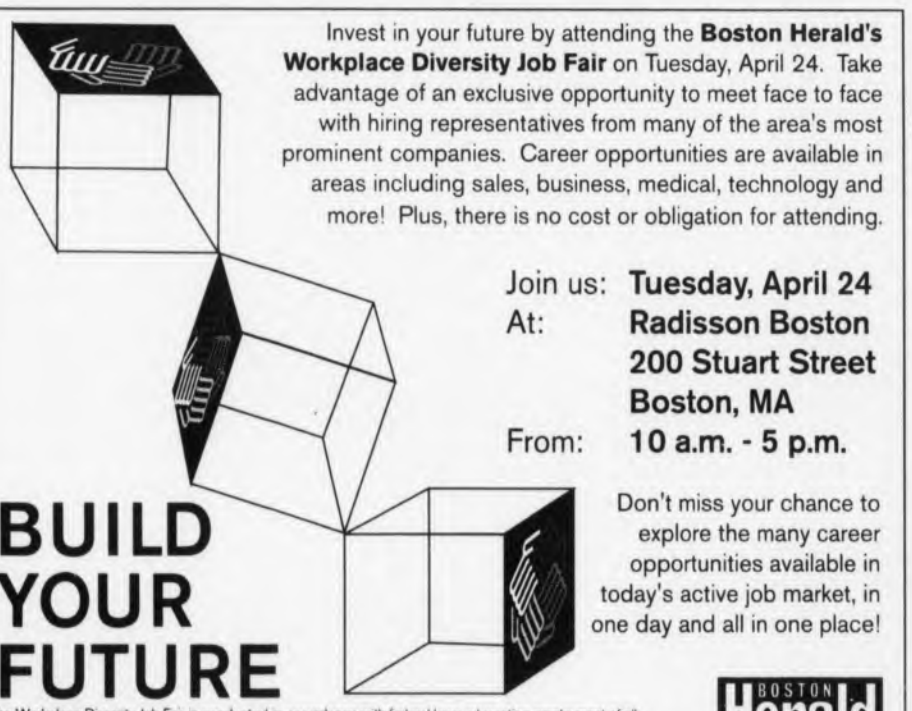
Cohasset broke the game open in the fourth quarter, with goals from Corey Chase, Austen Lanzillotti and another Oswald-from-Brown connection. Justin Hollis made six saves in the second half, with four of them coming during a late Sandwich flurry to help Cohasset close out a 6-2 win.

At the 14-and-Under level, Cohasset dominated a sloppy game against Sandwich, winning 12-6 in a contest that featured goals from a wide number of players. The two teams traded goals through much of the first half before Cohasset was able to take control of the game.

And Cohasset's youngest players, the 10-and-under squad, went to Sandwich for a morning game and also came up a winner, 7-4. Coach Bill Bell noted that while the offense was spread out with many different players picking up goals and assists, the real stars of the game were goaltenders Wes Ulmer and Logan Chase, who kept Sandwich at bay repeatedly and were the backbone of the win.

Cohasset resumes play on Sunday, April 8 at Milliken Field, with all four teams in action. The White team opens the day against Falmouth at noon, followed by the Blue team and the 14- Under team, which play Abington squads at 1:30 and 3 p.m. respectively. The day closes with the 10-year-old team facing Scituate at 4:40 p.m.





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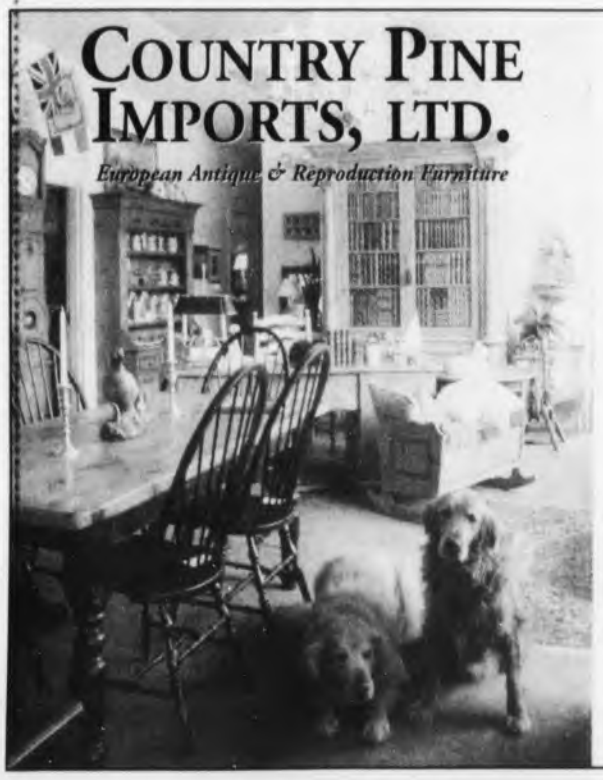
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Noland defends 'Cohasset Run' title

600 runners shake off inclement weather to finish 'Race By-the-Sea'

Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Kingston's John Noland knew that he'd be facing some harsh conditions during Sunday's 25th Annual Cohasset Road Race By-the-Sea 10K. But it wasn't until the defending champion drove the picturesque route that he realized just how tough the running would be along the most scenic section of the course on Jerusalem Road.

"I got here early and drove the course," said the personable Noland, "and it was windy."

It wasn't a warm zephyr by any means. With the temperatures hovering in the 40s, the stiff breeze that the swollen field of more than 600 runners was guaranteed to face, made for plenty of winter hats, gloves, turtlenecks and sweat pants at the starting line near Cohasset Common.

Noland, though, only felt better as the race went on as he pulled away from a tenacious Jamie Gallagher of Hull to finish ahead of the 610-runner field in 32 minutes, 47 seconds. Gallagher improved dramatically on his 12th-place, 37:41 finish of a year ago, crossing the finish line in front of the town hall in 33:17.

The race, which is sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club, is arguably the most scenic on the South Shore and has been recognized by New England Runner magazine as one of the 50 best in the six-state region.

Race director and founder Roy Fitzsimmons was on the course earlier in the day and said the wind along Jerusalem Road had let up at race time.

"I was putting the mile markers out and it was ice cold," said Fitzsimmons. "But it calmed down a bit for the runners."

Fitzsimmons was pleased with the turnout and predicted the field would have been close to 1,000 runners on a clear, warm day. As has been the case in past years, the local businesses stepped up to help sponsor the traditional event. In all, there were 30 businesses that contributed prizes.

"We like to keep the local businesses involved," Fitzsimmons said. "We try to make it the best race we can for the runners and local businesses play a big part in that."

Noland didn't have the luxury of taking in the brilliant view of the Atlantic Ocean as he bucked the cold, blustery wind on Jerusalem Ave., after taking the lead but not breaking clear of Gallagher near the mile mark.

"I was with Gallagher and (fourth-place finisher Richard) Peers for the first three-quarters of a mile and took the lead when the wind died down," said Noland.

After taking the lead on Atlantic Ave., Noland realized just how sluggish he felt. He passed through a slowish 5:21 opening mile "and it felt quick" Noland said later.

Noland may have felt slow but he never tired. As the race wore on, he ran more aggressively, attempting to shake Gallagher who was very much still in the picture. Noland, who finished 25 seconds faster than his 33:12 from last year, continued to pick up the pace, accelerating hard into the winding hills. By the time he reached the 3-mile mark, Noland was well in control with a 20-second lead on Gallagher. At four miles Noland had a 75-yard cushion and felt better than he had the entire race.

"I tried to push the hills and relax a little bit on the flats," he said.

Any hopes Gallagher held out in catching Noland were all but gone when the former Marshfield resident ran the fifth mile in 5:17 (26:25). He continued to pick up the pace, covering the final 1.2-miles of the 6.2-mile race in 6:22.

Whitman's Bob Ruel finished third in 34:30 and Peers, a Plymouth resident, was fourth in 34:46. Cambridge's Elliot Hicks rounded out the top five in 35:27. In all, 11 runners averaged better than a 6-minute-mile pace. Noland wound up running at a 5:18 clip.

Noland, the runner up in 1997 and '98, attributed his lack of zip with the 80-85 miles per week he has been averaging after March. He is currently training for the May 6 Lincoln Marathon in Lincoln, Nebraska. Noland is one of five runners representing the state in the National Guard championships that are being held in conjunction with the marathon. He was planning to run between 80 to 90 miles this week before starting to taper.

"I'll probably run one more race," Noland said, "but for really hard races, this is it."

Race results

MALE: UNDER 14
1 Tommy Chase 11 Coh 54:46
2 F. Smalzel 12 Coh 54:54
3 Devon Bell 10 Coh 56:48

MALE: 14-17
1 Tim Baird 17 Coh 36:39
2 R. Lieb-Lappen 16 Coh 43:20
3 David Duff 16 46:59 Westwood

MALE: 18-39
1 John Noland 38 King 32:47
2 Jamie Gallagher 21 Hull 33:17
3 Richard Peers 31 Ply 34:46
4 Elliot Hicks 25 35:27 Cambridge
5 N. Gosling 18 35:38 Meredith, N.H.

MALE: 40-49
1 Bob Chasen 45 Wey 36:30
2 Harvey Blonder 47 36:46 Canton
3 Bob Lewis 43 37:49 Revere

MALE: 50-59
1 Noel Robinson 53 Bos 41:01
2 Mark Costello 50 Qui 42:09
3 D. Karamanli 52 43:19 Saunderstown, R.I.

MALE: 60+
1 Don Bell 63 43:59 Bellingham
2 Tim Tobin 63 Hing 44:40
3 Shu Minami 62 48:47 Nashua, N.H.

FEMALE: UNDER 14
1 C. Grossman 13 Coh 55:04
2 B. Buckley 5 Coh 58:08
3 Meredith Frank 13 1:01:40 Westwood

FEMALE: 14-17
1 Linda Nyugen 17 Hull 44:28
2 Jenn Buckley 14 Coh 50:14
3 L. Grossman 15 Coh 52:49

FEMALE: 18-39
1 Dyan Young 34 Coh 43:13
2 Tara Stone 30 Scit 43:36
3 Heather Durant 25 Pem 43:43
4 C. Raynes 34 Hing 43:57
5 Christine Collins 31 43:58 Worcester

FEMALE: 40-49
1 R. Du Shanor 43 44:48 Milton
2 Mary Demello 41 47:41 Medfield
3 Linda Simms 43 Coh 47:56

FEMALE: 50-59
1 Jean Connolly-Cochr, Marshfield 50 49:25
2 Ellen Freda 53 Coh 53:55
3 Jean Bell 55 56:39 Bellingham

SPORTS NOTES

Girls basketball skills development

Cohasset Recreation girls basketball skills development for grades 3 to 8 on Tuesday evenings April 10 to May 22 for six weeks. $36 per player at Sullivan Gym-Cohasset High School. Register prior to April 5.

The clinics will be directed by Mrs. Ellen Carr, the head girls basketball at Cohasset High School.

Grades 3 to 5 meet at 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Grades 6 to 8 meet at 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration forms available at recreation office, Town Hall.

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Cohasset's Young takes women's race

Cohasset's Dyan Young found her hometown course to her liking as she averaged 6:59 pace to win the women's division in 43:13. North Scituate's Tara Stone was 23 ticks back in second with a time of 43:36, seven seconds ahead of third-place finisher Heather Durant of Bryantville (43:43).

In the Under-14 division, Cohasset swept first place as Tom Chase turned away the boys' field in 54:46 and Chelsea Grossman was the top girl with a 55:04. Tim Baird of Cohasset won the 14-17 category in 36:36 and Hull's Linda Nyugen was the girls' winner with a time of 44:28. Weymouth's Bob Chasen, a past overall winner, raced to first in the 40-49 division in 36:30 and Rachel-Du Shanor of Milton came out on top on the women's side with a 44:48. Noel Robinson of Boston (41:01) and Jean Connolly-Cochrane (49:25) won the men's and women's 50-59 division, respectively. Don Bell of Bellingham ran a very impressive 43:59 to win the men's 60-and-over category.

Summer sports programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 2001, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball — Milliken Field, Monday, June 25, to Friday, June 29; ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $150; ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $80. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club, Frank Niles.

North East Speed Training Camps — Milliken Field, Mondays and Wednesdays, June 25, to July 24; boys and girls ages 9 to 13, 6 to 8 p.m., price $85.

South Shore Basketball School — CHS Sullivan Gym, Tuesday, July 10, to Friday, July 13, ages 8 to 11, price $130; Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 20, ages 12 to 15; (Price includes a camp shirt.). Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

Lacrosse Girls Clinic — Milliken Field, Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 20; entering grades 5-7; 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., price $70. Directed by Chuck Jaffe.

Lacrosse Boys Clinic — Milliken Field, Monday, July 23, to Friday, July 27; entering grades 3 and 4, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., price $50; entering grades 5-8, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., price $70. Directed by Chuck Jaffe.

V.I.P. Soccer Camps — Milliken Field, Monday, July 23, to Friday, July 27; Soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8 to 9:30 a.m., price $50; 1/2 day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., price $80. (Price includes a camp shirt.)

South Shore Soccer Camp — Milliken Field, Monday, July 30, to Friday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 6, to Friday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; boys and girls, ages 8 to 18, price $225. ($20 discount for second child, $40 discount for third child and $395 for both weeks per child.) (Price includes a camp shirt.) Directed by SSSC, Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

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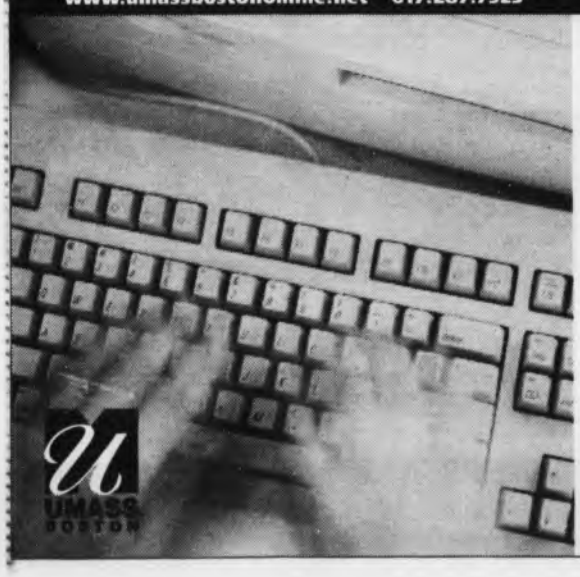
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Some new faces this year at the middle school

TEACHERS WITH CLASS

ELIZABETH OWENS RIGBY

Cohasset Middle School welcomed a new band director, computer teacher, and physical education teacher to the school community this year. Each teacher has brought to C.M.S. additional enthusiasm and experience, as well as a commitment to teaching and learning.

Gregory Lessard is the school's new band director. Lessard graduated with a degree in music education and music performance from the University of Massachusetts in Lowell. He has been a music instructor for many summers at the Joslin Camp for Boys with Diabetes in Charlton, Mass. At this camp he learned that teachers can have a positive influence in the lives of their students, and became inspired to make this kind of a difference for children. Most recently Lessard worked as a private music instructor in the Hingham and Milton Public Schools, where he specialized in the brass instruments, such as trumpet, French horn, trombone, and tuba.

Janet Burzk is the middle school's new computer teacher. Burzk earned a bachelor's degree in business education from Salem State College and a master's degree in education from Suffolk University. She cites her own high school business teacher as the person who inspired her to become a teacher, and maintains communication with her former teacher. Burzk is looking forward to writing a middle-school newspaper with her students and she hopes that it will be a useful tool for communication between the school and the community.

The middle school's physical education teacher is not new to Cohasset, but he is new to its middle school. Torin Sweeney, a six-year veteran staff member at Deer Hill, has moved his classes to Pond Street. Prior to teaching at Deer Hill, he taught physical education at Carver High School for two years. Sweeney has earned both a bachelor's and master's degree and currently he is working toward a certificate of advanced graduate studies in supervision and directorship.

Cohasset Middle School's newest faculty members are looking forward to the changes and opportunities that their new positions bring. The middle school community will benefit from the enthusiasm and experience of these new faculty members.

Elizabeth Owens-Rigby is a member of the Cohasset Teacher's Association.



Janet Burzk



Torin Sweeney



Gregory Lessard

Children celebrate reading and writing

Dr. Seuss' contribution to reading for children of all ages is celebrated each year in the "Read Across America" Project which was initiated by the National Education Association. Its purpose is to celebrate and promote the importance of literacy.

This year in Cohasset all the students of the Deer Hill School participated in creating their piece of literature modeled on Theodor S. Geisel's, well loved book, "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" Students worked to develop their poems reflecting the form and spirit of this well-known book.

Students of the Deer Hill School were led by the "Cat in the Hat," as portrayed by Tyler Brown, Tim Smith and Christopher Mills accompanied by the Deer Hill Band, playing "Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss. Upon their arrival at the Joseph Osgood School, the students will share their original works with the younger children in the Stephen Hart Library. The Cohasset Teacher Association kindly sponsored the purchase of the Cat in the Hat costume and bookmarks for each student to enrich the festivities.

Here are some selected student poems:

Oh, the Places Words Can Take You!

By: Kacy Litchfield and Colleen Richardson

Oh, the places words can take us,
Whether we ride in a train or a bus.
Where the Snozle-Bulloos and the Zonk-birds are,
And the Dally-Wonkles drive by in a car.
It doesn't matter at all where you're from,
Whether you sing, or just join us and hum.
A place where nutty Earaskers will come,
Along with the birds that go twid-dly-dum.
Where do you wish to visit today,
Shall it be France or near Buzzard's Bay!

Oh the Places Words Can Go

By: Siobhan Fludder

Oh the places words can go,
They can go fast or slow,
They can go high or low,
Or take you to a Broadway show.
With words you can do anything,
You can talk or you can sing,
Words are always imagination,
They have all kinds of creation.
Words can be yellow purple or pink,
Words can always make you thinly,
Ride a bus or take the train,
Words can sometimes be insane.
Words can sometimes even rhyme,
All you do is take a step at a time,
You can fly high in the sky,
Everyone likes words, even I,
So when you write a story or read a book,
Go inside and take a look,
Always remember what I said,
Let every word stick in your head.

Words

By: Brian Hill, Dave Snowdale, Chris Mercurio

Words can take you many places,
Maybe you will meet some famous faces.
Maybe you will start at military bases,
And win card games with all the aces.
Maybe to a magical land,
and you will join a Marching band.
You will play the drums,
and eat all the plums.
So many things to do today,
so go ahead and get on the way.
But wait there is more,
so walk through this door,
Or stay here and be a bore.
I choose to do more,
there is more to do,
then to stay here and snore.
I am going to the moon,
so come again I will see you soon.

Around the World With Words

By Steph Fewsmith

Words can take you across the land,
To places where life is grand,
You turn into a golden bird
And you're in China, with just one word,
Now to Poland, then to Russia,
Where an avalanche is bound to crush ya,
A tiger pounces, but you escape,
Then you end up in the Cape
In the Cape of Good Hope,
You lasso a rhino with a rope,
He flings you high into the air,
Into the arms of a grizzly bear,
Now you're in Yellowstone National Park,
But you'd better head home; it's getting dark,
A day of adventure, but now you're done,
Didn't you have lots of fun?

Words Can Take You Anywhere

By: Elizabeth Fegreus & EmilyRuney

I started at home reading in my room,
When all of a sudden, I heard a "Kaboom!"
I opened my eyes and what did I see?
I was floating down the Mississippi.
Still reading my book and it was almost dawn,
I was still climbing trees in the Amazon.
Next, I found myself running for my life,
From a pirate chasing me with a knife!
Then there I was safe and snug in my bed,
Asleep, at last, with a pillow under my head.

School menu

MONDAY, APRIL 9
Papa Gino's Day at Osgood; Brunch Day at Deer Hill and High/Middle School, milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10
Papa Gino's Day at Deer Hill and High/Middle School; Brunch Day at Joseph Osgood, milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11
Pasta with meatballs, garlic bread or bologna sandwich, tossed salad, Jello, milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12
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Cub Scouts from Pack 38 and their families watch as Pinewood Derby cars race by in the competition at the Deer Hill School. From right are, Billy Mack, Ryan King, Christian Quebec (in back) and Will Lynner.



Cubmaster Jeff Forsdick hands out trophies after the Pinewood Derby race at Deer Hill.

Pack 38 Pinewood Derby winners listed

Cohasset's Pack 38 Cub Scouts held its annual Pinewood Derby Race at the Deer Hill School.

The winners were:

Tiger Club: Dennis Rivera, first place; Alex Hurd, second place; John Collins, third place.

Wolf Club: Patrick Dunn, first place; Garrett Canney, second place; Sam Green, third place.

Bear Club: Todd Emanuello, first place; Christian Brady, second place; Christian Quebec, third place.

Web I: Jack Emanuello, first place; Andrew Liberty, second place; Graham Sinclair, third place.

Web II: Mike Kusak, first place; R.K. Quebec, second place; Whitney Durant, third place.

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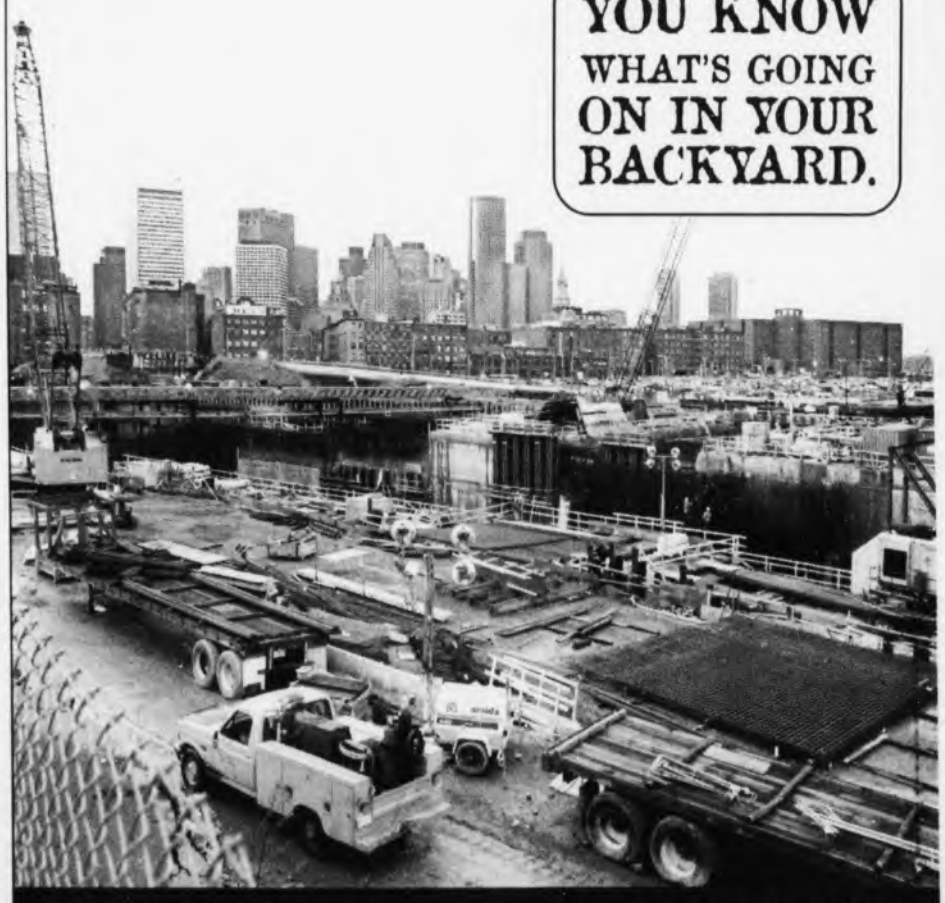
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New officer comes on board

By Rick Collins
RICOLLINS@CNC.COM

Cohasset's newest police officer may already may look familiar to some residents.

James McLean, 32, and a Norwood native, was hired by the town as part of its federal COPS grant and is filling the first new officer position created in 20 years. But he is already somewhat acquainted with Cohasset streets – he has been a part-time officer in town since 1995.

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan said McLean first came to Cohasset in 1995 as one of the two officers the town hires during the summer for beach and bike patrols. When McLean passed the civil service exam in 1996, the town hired him as a permanent intermittent officer.

Because he has already passed the civil service exam, and has been to the police academy, McLean will be able to start in town immediately, and save Cohasset $15,000 that would have been spent paying him to go to the academy. Also, because he is able to fill shifts right away, the town will save money in overtime costs.

Noonan had to ask the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council for an exemption because McLean went to the Florida police academy, but said he expects it to be granted.

In February, the town was notified it had received $75,000 in a federal grant, that will cover 75 percent of his salary next year, 50 percent the following year and 25 percent the year after that. Starting pay for police officers in town is $751 a week.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

James McLean has joined the Cohasset police force.

McLean graduated from Norwood High School in 1987, and has an associate's degree from Massasoit Community College. He has also served with the Boston Municipal Police, patrolling city-owned housing areas, for the past four years.

The hiring comes at a good time for the department, which finds itself shorthanded. Three officers are out on disability leave, and are not expected back anytime soon.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

10:35 p.m. James Ln., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

2:22 a.m. King St., medical aid.

2:25 a.m. Pleasant St., assist citizen.

8:25 a.m. Norman Todd Ln., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:21 a.m. Pleasant St., assist citizen.

12:05 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, vandalism, investigated.

12:15 p.m. Parker Ave., traffic complaint, area search negative.

5:03 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, assist citizen.

10:51 p.m. Red Fox Ln., general services.
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MONDAY, MARCH 26

6:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop.

9:03 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

9:15 a.m. Pleasant St., civil offenses.

9:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop.

10 a.m. Ash St., fire inspections.

10:21 a.m. Flintlock Ridge Rd., fire inspections.

11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. fire, inspections.

11:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop.

11:17 a.m. Forest Ave., parking violation.

1:01 p.m. Parking Way, parking violation.

2:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., suspicious person. Arrest: Joseph T. Dawson, 45, 65 First Parish Rd., South Weymouth. Chrg. WMS warrants.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

5:51 p.m. Cedar St., traffic control.

6:33 a.m. North Main St., animal control.

6:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop.

7:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop.

7:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle accident.

8:25 a.m. South Main St., parking violation.

9:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. annoying phone calls.

9:36 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

11:14 a.m. Parking Way, parking violation.

11:31 a.m. King St., fire, inspections.

11:34 a.m. Pleasant St., fire inspections.

1:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop.

1:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop.

1:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop.

2:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. annoying phone calls.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

12:10 a.m. Atlantic Ave., well being check.

8:09 a.m. King St., 911 call verification.

8:37 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

9:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop.

10:12 a.m. S. Main St., and West Gate Ln., motor vehicle stop.

10:59 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

1:23 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop.

1:30 p.m. Border St., wires down.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

10:59 p.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.

11:06 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.

11:41 a.m. Strawberry Ln., medical aid.

12:08 p.m. Pond St., and Lantern Ln., motor vehicle stop.

2 p.m. Ledge Way, medical aid.

3:32 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop.

4:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. disturbance gathering.

6:37 p.m. Elm St., disturbance.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

12:59 a.m. North Main St., and Rocky Ln., motor vehicle stop.

8:53 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

10:12 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

10:18 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

10:52 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

11:10 a.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

3:06 p.m. Hugh Strain Rd., traffic safety inspection.

3:17 p.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

3:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Rd., motor vehicle stop.

5 p.m. Howe Rd., fire investigation.

5:13 p.m. Cushing Rd., tree down.

7:37 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., and Jerusalem Road Dr., tree down.

8:06 p.m. Forest Ave., and Black Rock Rd., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Patrick J. Bowes Jr., 24, 24 Woodland Rd., Scituate. Chrgs. Illegal poss. Of Class D Substance, operating a motor vehicle negligently so as to endanger failure to stop for a police officer, speeding in violation of special regulations, failure to stay within marked lanes, expired inspection sticker.

8:45 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious person.

8:47 p.m. Pond St., disturbance gathering.

11:14 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

11:17 p.m. North Main St., fire investigation.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

7:44 a.m. Beechwood St., fire.

9:32 a.m. Sandpiper Inn, assist other agency.

12:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. parking violation.

1:09 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

1:31 p.m. Pleasant St., civil offenses.

2:19 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

3:29 p.m. Pond St., property lost.

3:30 p.m. Doane St., officer wanted.

7:31 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle accident. Arrest: Tammy Callahan, 39, 11 Harborview Rd., Hull. Chrgs. Operating under the influence of liquor, 3rd offense, failure to stay within marked lanes.

8:42 p.m. Sohier St., disturbance.

8:52 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

12:24 a.m. North Main St, suspicious auto.

12:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop.

12:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop.

12:55 a.m. Pond St., abandoned 911 call.

11:15 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

11:38 a.m. Pleasant St., disturbance.

11:40 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

12:32 p.m. Black Horse Ln., animal control.

2:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop.

3:38 p.m. Powers Ln., larceny.

5:15 p.m. Whitney Woods Ln., 911 call verification.

5:58 p.m. Lantern Ln., 911 call verification.

POLICE BRIEFS

Vandalism found

Police are investigating vandalism at Wheelwright Farm condominiums that caused about $250 in damage. Responding to a report from one of the residents of the condominium complex off Beechwood Street, police discovered several incidences of graffiti that included obscenities spray painted on the large stone at the entranceway, on a large rock and on the 20 mph speed limit sign along the driveway.

Marijuana arrest

A police cruiser had to swerve to avoid being hit by a pickup truck travelling in excess of 60 mph in the opposite direction on Forest Avenue at about 10 p.m. last Friday night, police said.

The cruiser reversed direction, activated its emergency lights and siren and pursued the suspect for about a mile, who was later identified as Patrick Bowes, Jr., 24 of 24 Woodland Road, Scituate, police said

According to the police report, Bowes allegedly accelerated and finally stopped after getting caught up in traffic. Further investigation revealed Bowes had a plastic bag of what is believed to be marijuana on his person.

Bowes was charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance (marijuana), operating a motor vehicle negligently as to endanger, failure to stop for a police officer, speeding, and failure to stay within marked lanes and was cited for an expired inspection sticker.

Bowes was arraigned on the charges Monday in Quincy District Court and was released on the promise to appear May 16 for a pretrial conference, Sgt., Robert Jackson said.

Arrest for OUI after accident

Police arrested Tammy Callahan, 40, of 11 Harborview Road, Hull for operating under the influence of alcohol following a single-car accident Saturday night.

At about 7:30 p.m., police were dispatched to Cedar Street near the Cohasset Golf Club, and saw a motor vehicle that had hit a tree head-on. Injured in the crash was the passenger, a 40-year-old man, who had a bloody face but refused to be taken to the hospital, police said. Firefighters treated him for cuts to his head and left hand at the scene. Callahan, who said she was wearing a seatbelt, said a dog ran out in front of the car and caused the crash.

Callahan was charged with operating under the influence of liquor (third or subsequent offense) and failure to stay within marked lane. The passenger was cited for not wearing a seat belt.

Callahan posted $500 cash bail after her arraignment Monday in Quincy District Court to ensure that she appear at a pretrial conference May 16, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P0805AD

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Date of Death July 6, 2000

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, March 30, 2001.

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Register of Probate

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, April 23, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Joseph R. & Joan Prescott Busk,** seek to replace/widen porch at 20 Joy Place, according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-03-22

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WORSHIP NOTES

Holy week at St. Stephen's Church

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. begins the celebration of Holy Week with the Blessing of Palms on Palm Sunday, April 8 at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services. Morning Prayer will be offered in the chapel at 6:30 a.m. every day during Holy Week.

Wednesday in Holy Week is marked by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. with Bible Study following. At the worship there will be a prayer for healing. Evening Prayer will be offered at 5:30 p.m. with prayers for peace in the world.

A 24 hour Prayer Watch begins on Maundy Thursday, April 12, at 3 p.m. Worshipers sign up for an hour throughout the day to be in church to read, pray, just to be quiet, or meditate. This time at prayer recalls Jesus' words at Gethsemane, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" and the words of Psalm 130: "my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." At 7:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated commemorating the Last Supper. Following the Eucharist worshipers will gather for a simple meal of foods typical of Jesus' place and time - breads, cheese, olives, nuts, fruits, and milk and honey. This shared meal accents the importance of community and fellowship for the church's life together in Christ.

Good Friday worship begins at noon on April 13, with an hour of quiet. The Service of the Word and Solemn Collects begins at 1 p.m. A special service for children takes place at 2:30 p.m. and ends the traditional three hours of worship while Jesus was on the cross.

Children will gather the next day on Saturday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the church courtyard for an Easter egg hunt, a playful way to enter into the joy of Christ's resurrection. The Great Vigil of Easter candlelight worship will begin Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The worship is dramatic beginning with the church in darkness. Candles are lit and at the moment when the resurrection is proclaimed the church is ablaze with light signifying that the resurrected Jesus is the light that leads the world out of darkness.

Easter morning, Sunday, April 15, the story is told of the women coming to the tomb where Jesus' body had been placed and finding it empty. The worship begins with the words "Christ is risen." Services are at 8 and 10 a.m. Music for 8 a.m. worship will be organ and brass with a vocal quartet. At 10 a.m. there will be full choir with organ and brass. Both services will be a celebration of Holy Eucharist with sermon.

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Jazzing it up

Donna Byrne delights at benefit concert

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

A modern jazz concert in the setting of a 19th century Unitarian country church seems like a collision of two American eras, if not two worlds.

Or it just may be a sign of the times.

But count on Donna Byrne and her quartet to rise to the occasion. Amid the echoing surroundings of Duxbury's First Parish Church Sunday, the Norwell jazz vocalist and her band of well-traveled players were able to deliver a swinging and well-finessed set as spirited as a festival spot at Newport.

The matinee concert was also a benefit for The American Liver Foundation, on behalf of Duxbury resident Pamela Campbell Smith, a South Shore architect who for the past four years has run in numerous marathon events, including Boston, New York and London, to raise money for the ALF. Smith was one of numerous friends and past clients of Byrne among the 60-odd listeners in the audience on Sunday, as the singer herself acknowledged, "I've probably written out checks in the past to eighty percent of the people here today."

Byrne is currently fresh off the release of her most recent CD, Don't Dream of Anybody But Me, a typically fine set of jazz-vocal standards of both the traditional and modern eras featuring solid, well-rooted playing from such supporters as the singer's original mentor, Boston pianist Dave McKenna, and Byrne's husband, bassist Marshall Wood, as well as the singer's own elegant and energetic vocals. The disc is Byrne's fifth as a solo artist, all of which are released on hers and Wood's homegrown Ol' Socks Records label.

But the singer's on-disc representation may soon change, as the day following the Duxbury concert Byrne flew off to New York to talk a possible contract deal with a national jazz label which she and Wood don't wish to reveal at the present time.



Donna Byrne just released her fifth CD on her own label Ol' Socks Records. But a trip this week to New York could give the Norwell Jazz vocalist a contract on a national jazz label.

Wood is also the regular bassist in Byrne's live-show band, and was in tow once again for Sunday's benefit date. Other band members included tenor saxophonist and clarinetist Mike Monaghan, pianist Paul Schmeling and drummer Jim Gwin. All of the players are veteran performers of the Boston and national jazz and music scenes who have graced the stage with acts from Rebecca Parris and area saxophonist Dick Johnson to the Boston Pops, Tony Bennett, Dizzy Gillespie, James Taylor and Mary Chapin Carpenter.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Norwell Jazz vocalist Donna Byrne gets around. Here, she performs with the Dick Johnson Big Band at an event held last April at the Abington Library.

Byrne and her combo demonstrated their versatility from the earliest moments of their set, opening with an up tempo, booming upright-bass arrangement of the standard "You and the Night and the Music," followed by the singer's gentle a cappella lead-in on Harold Arlen's "A Sleepin' Bee" and the rollicking swing of Irving Berlin's "Always." The group continued to shift musical moods with natural ease, moving from a serene, piano-led take on the Hoagy Carmicheal/Johnny Mercer ballad, "Skylark," to an exuberant rendition of Antonio Carlo Jobim's "Somewhere In the Hills," which was also a strong showcase for Byrne's bedazzling, register-jumping vocal skills.

Byrne was also her usual good-humored, personable self with the audience, previewing one song with the quip, "If men and women could truly get along and understand each other, we'd probably only have about four songs to sing."

She also recollected the pivotal past event that made her, at age 26, finally take the serious plunge into a music career — the death of her father, for whom she had only sung previously.

Other set highlights included a hot-and-cool trilogy of Duke Ellington tunes, "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)," "In a Sentimental Mood" and "Ain't Got Nothin' But the Blues." Also, a semi-homage to Ella Fitzgerald "Someone To Watch Over Me," a walking-bass reinvention of Johnny Mercer's "Fools Rush In," and the audience-request section climax "Green Dolphin Street."

In a fitting gesture to the show's sponsor, Byrne invited Smith on the bandstand to join in a duet on the set-closing number, the shuffling, mawkish but likable ode to friendship "Side By Side."



Jazz vocalist Donna Byrne is joined by her friend Pamela Campbell Smith in a rendition of "Side by Side" to wrap up a benefit concert for the American Liver Foundation Sunday. The concert performance was held at Duxbury's First Parish Church.

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What's an intimate show like 'Rent' doing in a theater like the Wang?

By Alexander Stevens
ARTS WRITER

When "Rent" first opened, it played at the 188-seat New York Theatre Workshop. After it became a hit, it moved over to the 1,200-seat Nederlander. When "Rent" later embarked on its first road tour, it played at the 1,600-seat Shubert Theatre in Boston.

But when the musical returns to Boston next week, it will play at the 3,600-seat Wang Theatre.

There's a trend here. And it's not a good one.

It's important to note that I like "Rent." It's one of my favorite musicals. But it's playing in the wrong theater. "Rent" belongs at the Shubert for a month, not the Wang for a week.

In order to understand how ill-advised it is to bring a show that was hatched at a 188-seat theater into one that's about *20 times* that size, consider the mood and story line of "Rent." The show follows a clutch of outcast New York City Bohemians, living hand-to-mouth, staving off hunger and disease. They heat their apartment with an illegal, makeshift stove, tap other electric sources with long extension cords, and live by candlelight when the power blows.

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But it's not just that the opulence of the Wang contradicts the tone of "Rent." The real problem is a matter of scale. "Rent" will get lost in the cavernous Wang.

This is not just mere speculation. I saw "Rent" from the nose-bleed seats when it played the 3,200-seat Performing Arts Center in Providence. It wasn't pretty. The musical was thwarted. The energy was lost. The actors were specks. Their plight was distant. The impact was blunted.

You can't feel "Rent" when you can barely see it. The assault of the show, which is built on walls of music, was dulled. And the rock score plays best when you're so close you can feel the thump of the bass against your chest.

That's what the poor souls lost in the balcony of the Wang Theatre are going to experience, or rather not experience, April 10-15.

It's all the more frustrating, because the keeper of the "Rent" flame is no longer with us. Writer-composer Jonathan Larson died the day before his show opened. At every step in the process, creative people involved with "Rent" have maintained that they've been looking out for the best interest of Larson. And, indeed, the producers are committed to selling $20 "rush" tickets (great seats) at every show. That's a nod to the roots of the show, to Larson's desire to make theater available to people of modest means. Too bad that kind of integrity isn't reflected in this choice of venue.

"Rent" perhaps, won't be saved until it can no longer draw a crowd. One day, it will close in New York and the road tours will dry up (currently only one road show remains). At a certain point, the rights will become available to other producers. And I'll respect the one who finds a ramshackle little theater some place that seats about 250 — a theater where there's a chance that when Roger hits the high notes in "Glory" or when the entire cast pounds out "Rent," a rafter might fall. The stage should creak, actors should be in the audience's lap, and the music should be so loud it hurts. Then "Rent" may recapture its zing, its relevance, its edgy energy.

Until then, producers must remember that presenting a show isn't just about finding the biggest payday. They have a responsibility to match the show with a theater that's right for it. Producers should be making artistic decisions as well as financial ones. It's about making venue choices that honor Jonathan Larson, honor the actors and honor the audience who buys the tickets.

"Rent" plays April 10-15 at the Wang Theatre, in Boston. Tickets are $35-$65. Call (800) 447-7400.



Scituate's Claire Cook next up for author series

Sctiuate author Claire Cook will be the next featured speaker for the Ventress Memorial Library's ongoing author series, Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the historical room. Cook will discuss her debut novel "Ready to Fall" and another she's working on about the life of a big Irish family living in the fictional seaside town of Marshbury. The Ventress Library author series is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Chris Woods at (781) 834-5535.

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Simplifying leg of lamb



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Leg of lamb is not America's favorite holiday roast. Many folks object to its assertive flavor and many cooks roast the leg bone-in, which makes for both tricky carving and meat that is unevenly cooked. My goal was to take a fresh look at lamb, seeing if I could resurrect its public image, making it both simpler to prepare and better in flavor.

The first issue was the type of lamb. You can buy lamb from New Zealand, Australia, Iceland, or the United States. (The country of origin is indicated on the outside of the package.) A tasting performed in the test kitchen at Cook's Illustrated found that the strongest lamb came from Australia followed by New Zealand, America, and then Iceland, the latter having such a delicate flavor that it was jokingly referred to by tasters as "lamb lite." Although many factors impact flavor, the age of the animal is the most important. The Australian lamb was clearly the oldest of the lot and the Icelandic product clearly came from a very young animal. (The leg was much smaller.) Since American lamb is the most common supermarket offering, you will most likely be serving a relatively mild roast lamb, but if you want almost no lamb flavor whatsoever, go for the Icelandic.

The next question was what portion of the leg is best. A whole leg of lamb will run 8 to 10 pounds, which is too much meat for most dinners and also takes a long time to cook. So I decided to use only a half leg. You have a choice: you can use either the sirloin half (the upper half) or the shank half (the lower half). I tested the recipe using both and found the sirloin half to have two benefits. First, the meat is more tender. Second, the sirloin half is more even in thickness (the shank narrows considerably towards the end), which makes for more even cooking and easier tying. (Be advised, however, that the sirloin end is harder to find than the shank.)

The next question was boning. Bone-in legs are almost impossible to carve so I went with a boneless leg. Having boned many legs before, I knew that this is beyond the patience level and skill of most home cooks, so just ask your butcher to do it for you. I would ask them to remove as much fat as possible from the leg since the fat contains much of the strong flavor which some of us find objectionable. I also tried boneless legs sold in the vacuum-sealed bags and I wasn't crazy about them – they seemed less than fresh and rather slimy to the touch. (For a half leg, the bone weighs about a pound, so order a 4 1/2 pound leg bone-in if you want 3 1/2 pounds boneless, the amount called for in the following recipe.) Finally, ask your butcher to butterfly the leg so that it is of an even thickness.

The next issue was seasonings since a leg roasted with only salt and pepper lacked flavor. Using a base of olive oil, salt, pepper, and some chopped garlic, I experimented with thyme, rosemary, parsley, sage, mint, and oregano. Oregano and sage were overpowering. Mint was tasty but develops a bitter taste if cooked too much, which easily happens at the exposed ends of the roast. Thyme and rosemary were winners for their complementary flavors and parsley added a fresh taste. I also tried toasted pine nuts, Parmesan cheese, and anchovies, but was not crazy about any of them with the herbs. Next, I tried Indian spices but they were a bit overpowering so I settled on thyme, parsley, rosemary, and garlic as my flavoring agents.

The herb mixture is spread on the inside of the roast and then the meat is rolled back into shape and tied with twine. Butchers use a variety of slipknots but you can use any knot you like. Just make sure to tie one loop around the ends of the roast lengthwise to keep things in shape as it cooks. I tried browning the roast on top of the stove before roasting but I found no major benefits. I then tested oven temperatures and settled on 375 degrees; lamb cannot be roasted in a low oven since it turns mushy, and higher heat simply overcooks the exterior before the interior is ready. If you need to serve a crowd, I would opt for two half legs, which will cook faster than a whole leg.

ROAST BONELESS LEG OF LAMB WITH HERB STUFFING

Preparing the leg before roasting is important. Ask the butcher to bone the half-leg (sirloin end preferred), trim off as much fat as possible, and butterfly the meat so that it is of an even thickness. When you get the roast home, untie it, and make sure that he or she has done their job, trimming fat if necessary. If the roast is not of an even thickness, place it between sheets of waxed paper and, using the bottom of a heavy saucepan or a meat pounder, whack the thicker parts until they thin out. You will also need 2 yards of twine for this recipe and an instant-read thermometer is quite helpful.

1 3 1/2 to 4 pound boneless half leg of lamb, sirloin half preferred
3 tablespoons best quality olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 medium clove garlic, finely minced
2 tablespoons fresh parsley leaves, minced
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, minced
1 tablespoon fresh thyme, minced

1. Heat the oven to 375 degrees and adjust a rack to the lower middle position. Have ready a roasting rack placed inside a roasting pan.

2 Unroll the lamb and lay it on a cutting board with the outside or fatty side facing up. Trim off any thick surface fat. Flip the roast so the rough or interior side is facing up. If the meat is not of an even thickness, "butterfly" the thickest part by cutting most of the way through this part horizontally and then opening it up like a flap. (Or, cover with waxed paper and pound it with a heavy saucepan.) Rub the exposed surface with 1 1/2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Season liberally with salt and pepper and the chopped garlic and herbs. Roll (start with a long side) the roast onto itself to re-assemble the leg. Starting at the thick end, tie the roast with the twine at 1 inch intervals. Tie one loop around the ends along the length of the roast. Rub the outside with the remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil and season liberally with salt and pepper.

3. Place the roast on the rack and into the heated oven. Cook for 45 to 60 minutes or until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part reads 135 degrees for a medium-rare roast. (For medium, roast to 140 to 145 degrees.) Let rest for 10 minutes on a cutting board, tented with foil. Slice and serve.

Serves 6

It's time to sow and grow seeds

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As our daylight hours gradually lengthen and temperatures moderate, our gardens and landscapes begin to awaken from their long winter's rest. Cheerful, brightly colored spring bulbs push their way up through the soft, moist earth, beckoned forth by the sun's warming rays and the spirited melodies of courting birds. The leaf and flower buds on many of our trees and shrubs have started to swell and dormant perennials are beginning to emerge, stretching and yawning as they greet each new day. Despite the prediction for more inclement weather and the promise of additional flooding in low areas, spring is in the air and a gardener's fancy turns to working the soil and nurturing plants. Should dreary weather and soggy soils hamper your spring cleaning efforts outside, sowing seeds indoors may offer a pleasant and rewarding substitute for yard work and may temporarily satisfy your irrepressible urge to cultivate the soil.

Once the essential supplies for starting seeds have been acquired, including containers, seed packets, liquid-soluble fertilizer and sterile growing medium, time should be taken to carefully read the instructions on the back of the seed packets. Reference books and catalogs may offer valuable information on how to treat seeds which may have been gathered from your own garden or provide supplemental information to that listed on the packet. Many seeds have special requirements which must be followed to ensure reliable germination.

Nature devises many clever ways to optimize the success and survival of plants. Methods and timing of seed dispersal and internal mechanisms which delay sprouting of those seeds until growing conditions are optimal, are magically orchestrated to ensure maximal rates of germination in the wild. Many perennials and woody plants which are native to cold and sometimes harsh environments like New England, produce seeds with protective seed coats, which require a period of external influences to ensure spring germination. Were these seeds to require only moisture, they might sprout prematurely and the tender seedlings would most likely succumb to winter chills. To sow and grow these seeds, special steps must be taken to hasten nature's winter-long process. Two commonly practiced methods of seed treatment are known as scarification and stratification.

Scarification is the act of penetrating a seed coat. In nature, a tough outer seed coat might be broken down by the digestive tract of birds or animals. In the soil, microorganisms or the elements of the soil would gradually wear away or soften this outer layer enabling seeds to sprout at an appropriate time. To artificially produce these environmental factors, it is necessary to nick and/or soak these seeds.

Larger seeds with hard outer coats can be nicked with a fingernail file, razor blade or pocket-knife taking care not to slice into the embryo underneath the covering. Gently rub smaller seeds between two pieces of sandpaper. Penetrating the seed coats will enable moisture to reach the embryo and initiate the germination process. Some types of seeds are best soaked in warm water for a minimum of 24 hours to soften the seed coat, including peas, beans, carrots, corn, beets and spinach. Scarify parsley, false indigo (Baptisia), primroses, and mallows (Hibiscus). Lupines, morning glories and sweet peas (Lathyrus) are best treated by both means of scarification.

In our northern gardens and the wild, seeds are dispersed throughout the growing season. During the fall and winter months, these tiny miracles are covered by leaf litter, debris or soil and subjected to periods of cold and dampness. Many of these seeds require chilling moisture in order to germinate, a process known as stratification. While all seeds should be stored in a cool, dark location, an additional period of moist chilling just prior to sowing may be necessary. Large seeds, like the shiny black beauties produced by daylilies, can be collected, dried and stored in plastic zipper bags in the refrigerator. Moist seed-growing medium or vermiculite can then be added to the bags for a period of five to six weeks prior to sowing them in flats. For smaller seeds, sow directly in flats, cover with plastic or glass and place in a refrigerator, unheated garage, cold frame or directly in the ground in a protected area. Other seeds which require stratification include bleeding heart, aster, bachelor buttons, bee balm, hellebore, columbine, lavender, ornamental cabbage, tall phlox, some primroses, violets, pansies, purple coneflower, delphinium, snapdragons, black-eyed Susan and cleome. Many of these only require two or three weeks of cold, so your entire refrigerator does not need to be transformed into a garden plot and successive sowings could be done. Woody plants tend to require longer chilling time intervals than annuals or perennials. Transfer the flats to a warm, sunny location following this period of stratification and watch the miracle unfold.

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SWING INTO SPRING with Scituate's Swing Dance Festival on April 20 from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. (for all ages) Starring the world famous Winiker Orchestra. Held at the Scituate Country Club. Tickets are $32 for adults, $12 for children and include dinner and dancing. For tickets call Vicki at (617) 877-7928

THE MUSIC CIRCUS ANNOUNCES TWO MORE SHOWS in the 50th anniversary season. Kevin James, star of the hit CBS Series "The King of Queens" will appear on July 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $29.50. Vince Gill, one of the most popular artists in country music will appear for two shows on Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets go on sale April 6 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased by calling (781) 383-1400 or on April 28 at noon tickets will be on sale at the Music Circus Box Office in Cohasset. For more information visit www.musiccircus.com.

AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JAN BRETT to participate in Country Fair at Thayer with Jan Brett 'n' Hedgie. Thayer Academy is located at 745 Washington Street, Braintree and the fair will be held on May 6 from 1 - 4:30 p.m. Advance tickets are $15 per person and ticket holders are entitled to a group reading and illustration session by Jan Brett, a book signing, all food, drinks, music and featured events. To buy tickets call (781) 380-0500 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY AND DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION at the Ellison Center for the Arts presents the 4th annual Ellison Center Classic on May 14 at the Duxbury Yacht Club. Individual and team participants are welcome tot he handicapped best ball tournament which begins with lunch and registration at 11:30 a.m., a shotgun start at 1 p.m., and a post tournament dinner reception and auction at 6 p.m. Musicians and artists will add to the ambiance of the day with performances and demonstrations both on the course and at the reception. Teams will compete for the Ellison Center Classic championship cup. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 14.

27TH ANNUAL 6.2 WALK on April 22 at 1 p.m. in Quincy is sponsored by Interfaith Social Services. This walk helps raise funds for the programs and services offered by the agency. All donations are appreciated. Located at 766 Hancock Street in Quincy. Tel. (617) 773-6203.

TEA TASTING at the Woodacre Farm Soap Studio, 46 Columbia Park (route 53) in Pembroke on April 22 at 2 p.m. Join in tasting fine teas from the various regions of China and learn customs and traditions of the Chinese tea experience. Reservations are required and seating is limited. For more information call (781) 826-9720.

LES MISERABLES at the Colonial Theatre opening April 11 and running through May 20. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Midweek matinee on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices are $25 - $75. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787 or directly through The Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Street and the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street. For more information call the Colonial Theatre at (617) 426-9366.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners, plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781) 383-1980.



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Recent work by Dorothy Simpson Krause is now on display a the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury in an exhibit titled "Sacred and Mundane." The show will run from April 4-19 with an opening reception on Sunday, April 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

Thurs. 5

"Other Lands, Other Shores: Watercolor Impressions of Italy, Iceland and Greenland" by Joanne Chittick will be on view at the James Library and the Center for the Art in Norwell Center through April 5. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (781) 659-7200.

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on April 5, June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

Prayer for the Hindus, a lecture with writer, teacher and scholar Bijoy Misra explores prayer. Held at the Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham and sponsored by the Benedictine community of Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-2155.

The Art Complex Museum will hold its first Thursday program during which the museum will extend its hours from 1 until 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and the Duxbury High School Chamber Orchestra under the direction of James Vinci will provide music. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, all programs are free.

Tony Bennett will be coming to the Music Circus and ticket go on sale April 5 by phone at (781) 383-1400. They will also be available by phone through ticketmaster and ticketmast.com. On April 28, tickets go on sale at the Music Circus box office in Cohasset and at all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are $61.50. The concert will be held August 18. The Music Circus is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset.

Spring Musical and Art Exhibition sponsored by the Fine Arts Department of Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood from April 5, 6 and 7 at 7 p.m., 8 p.m., and 8 p.m. "Li'l Abner" is a lively musical extravaganza featuring the entertaining characters of Al Capp's famous comic strip. An admission price is $8 includes the theatre production and the art exhibit. For more information call Mr. Matt Fitzgibbons at (781) 326-6392 ext. 6675.

Fri. 6

Spring Concert to be presented by the Quincy Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Yoichi Udagawa at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School, corner of Hancock Street and East Squantum Street. Single tickets are available at the door the night of the concert for $12 for adults and $8 for students and seniors. Admission for a child under 12 is $5. For more information call (617) 773-2544.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Sara Wheeler Band with Diane Taraz. Tickets are $12 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

James Library and Center for the Arts presents **"It's a Beautiful Day! Paintings from life"** a show of recent oil paintings by local artists Vivian Harlow and Ellen G. Whelan will be on view from April 6 - May 1. An opening reception for the public will be held April 9 from 7 - 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tel. (781) 659-7200.

Single Executive Club dance at the Dedham Hilton Hotel Ballroom, 25 Allied Drive in Dedham. Complimentary buffet and DJ music from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Suitable for singles and couples 35 - 50 years old. Admission is only $15. Ties and jackets required for men, business or party finery for women. For more information call (781) 446-0234.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Aine Minogue with open mike at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Route 106 in Kingston. Tickets are $13 for members and $15 for non-members. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Candlelight Singing Tours at the Captain Samuel Robbins House Museum. The tours are free and open to the public. Friday evening tours are 7:30 - 8 p.m. The Sunday tours are 2 - 4 p.m. Please visit the web site at www.blanchardstavern.com. Both the Tavern and Museum are run by Henry Lawton Blanchard Trust, a non profit organization.

FUSIONWORKS and Bridgewater State College Dance Company collaborate on Kaleidoscope on April 6 and 7 with dancers from both companies performing. Both performances state at 8 p.m. and tickets are $8 for the Bridgewater State College community and $10 for the general public. For more information call (508) 531-2141.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 for SSS members and $8 for non-members. Proper dress required. For more information call (781) 331-0021.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents the Fat City Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

Sat. 7

Apple Grafting Workshop, with J.E.Ingoldsby, ALSA Landscape Architect and Ecological Planner at his River Rise Farm in Marshfield for an apple pruning and grafting workshop. Held April 7th from 9:00am to 12 noon. $125 members/ $135 non-members. Space is limited/ Pre-registration is required. Located at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane Norwell. Tel. (781) 659-2559, www.ssnsc.org. The class will include a discussion of heritage apple trees- their history, utility and use in historic landscapes. The group will then prepare and graft apple whips from the River Rise Farm orchard, which includes old New England varieties such as Roxbury Russet, Baldwin and Westfield Seek No Further. Participants will receive a Victorinox grafting knife; Trowbridge grafting wax, rootstock and apple whips for grafting, farm loam and pots for potting. Hot Baldwin cider and apple treats will be served.

The Pilgrim Festival Chorus presents "Spirit of Spring" under the direction of Irina Shachneva at the Church of the Pilgrimage, Town Square, Plymouth at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door or on the evening of the performance. Donation of $6. For more information visit www.pilgrimfestival.org.

The Marshfield Historical Society will be sponsoring an Antiques Appraisal Event from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Marcia Thomas House, 65 Webster Street in Marshfield. Do not bring coins, jewelry or stamps. Your donation for each item is $10 or three items for $20.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Square, on the Common in Bridgewater, every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. On April 7 Erin Feeney. For more information call (508) 279-9952.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents the K.D. Bell Review. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

South Shore Conservatory Performathon 2001 will be held from 12 noon - 6 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts and April 8 from noon - 6 p.m. at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. An exciting marathon of student recitals. Proceeds benefit South Shore Conservatory's Scholarship fund. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 14.

Jazz In The Library: The Ed Sorrentino Jazz Trio, featuring Jazz Vocalist Amanda Carr will present a diverse program at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree on April 7 at 3 p.m. in the library's Logan Auditorium. This is a free program and is open to the public. For more information call (781) 843-8519.

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Sun. 8

The Duxbury Art Association presents a Young Artist Celebration at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. All work will be displayed through April 29. Reception for artists, friends and families on April 8 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. There is a $3 per entry registration fee. One entry per artist. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

South Shore Art Center Jury Selection for the New Gallery Artists is happening. Portfolios may be dropped off at the Art Center on April 7 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and April 8 from 12 - 4 p.m. or April 9 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

Music Around The World will be presented by The Children's Museum in Easton with the Brockton Symphony Orchestra at 3:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts center at Brockton High School. Featuring an "Instrument Petting Zoo" where children of all ages can feel, touch and play the instruments. Seating is general admission and tickets are $9. For more information call (508) 230-3789.

Greater Boston Antique and Collectible Toy Show will be held at the Holiday Inn, Dedham from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Admission is $4.50 in the morning and $3.50 in the after noon. For more information call Mrs. Devlin at (508) 379-9733.

Rainforest Reptile Show At The Science Center on April 8 for a return visit from professional herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky. There will be two shows, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 members and $6 non-members and can be purchased by phone with a credit card by calling the center at (781) 659-2559.

Mon. 9

Mothers and More provide a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. The topic is Women's Health Issues: Nutrition and Medication. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781) 544-4664.

Tues. 10

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a monthly luncheon at Siros on Main Street, 1217 Main Street in Hingham. For directions call (781) 749-4500. Pre-registered members are $15 and non-members are $25. At the door members are $20 and non-members are $30. For more information call (781) 749-8883.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Wildlife Art for Conservation" at 7 p.m. Fee per person is $8 for non-members and $6 for members. Pre-registration is required. Located at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Ave. in Milton. Tel. (617) 333-0690.

Surrogate Parents Needed to make educational decisions for students with special needs. The Educational Surrogate Parent Program at the Holbrook Public Library, 2 Plymouth Street in Holbrook, has scheduled a training from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. To register please call (508) 792-7679.

Wed. 11

Shakespeare's Hamlet will be at the Wilbur Theatre from April 11 - 22. Performance are Tues. - Fri. at 7:30 p.m. (April 12 at 7 p.m.) Sat. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. Prices are $75 - $25. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787 or directly at the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street in Boston. Tel. (617) 423-4008.

Thurs. 12

Tunes For Tots, a very special benefit for the children of the Carolina Hill Shelter. Held at the Ranch House at 9 p.m. Featuring: The Infractions, Sugarfoot, Big Whiskey, Joe Bargar and The Soul Providers. Hosted by WATD's Liz Raven and comedian Tommy Dunha, $10 admission.

Meetings

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A COURSE IN MIRACLES a journey to inner peace will meet on Thursdays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 112 Randolph Ave. in Milton. Call (617) 696-5685.

NEW BEGINNINGS - A support group for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Rte. 123), Norwell. For more information, call 781-653-2887.

THE MOMS (MOMS OFFERING MOMS SUPPORT) CLUB will be starting a chapter in the Marshfield area. Anyone interested in joining call (781) 837-2149.

WRITERS GROUP - Buttonwood Books has established the Buttonwood Writers Group to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing and meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. Call (781) 383-2665 for more information.

WEEKLY WRITERS MEETING - Adult writers group meets weekly with facilitator Susan Dominquez from 1-3 p.m. in the reference area of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Aspiring or published writers are encouraged to bring a sample of their work to share with the group. Call (508) 830-4250 for information.

SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY - Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging facility, 293 Pine St., Norwell. Call (781) 545-7067 for information.

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The Museum of Fine Arts presents "American Folk" a dazzling display of extraordinary objects by ordinary people from April 8 thorugh Aug. 5. The exhibition includes family portraits, painted furniture, narrative quilts, wooden decoys and provides an informative and entertaining look at everyday life in 19th-century America.

Fri. 13

Quincy 49th Christmas Parade Theme Contest deadline is set for April 13. All entries can be mailed to Mrs. Frances Flynn, 79 Freeman Street, North Quincy, MA 02171 and must be received by April 13. The winner will be chosen by the Quincy Festival Committee at the April 19 meeting.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents the James Montgomery Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

Ongoing Events

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Donald Heath, exhibiting his paintings at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781) 337-4513.

Patterns of Provence, the lovely interpretations by Marge Murphy, Lynn Rizzotto, Phyllis Bezanson, Betty Supple, Carole Thurlow, Rod Peterson, Mary Lizotte and Brigitte Marseille will be on display at the Norwell Public Library through April 30.

"Music for the Heart and Soul" presents a Chant, Drum and Dance Circle! Led by Hingham singer/songwriter and song leader, Dawna Hammers. The last Friday of every month, April 27 and May 25 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main Street in Hingham. $7 for adults and $5 for children and seniors. Bring drums, rattles, cushion, water and dancing shoes and enjoy a magical evening.

Special Olympics Offers Free Spring Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their

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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Celtic harpist, singer and songwriter Aine Minoque at the Beal House Friday, April 6 for an 8 p.m. performance. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The Beal House is located at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Route 106 in Kingston. Tickets are $13 for members, $15 for non-members. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

This day has its ups and downs. A positive attitude is your ace in the hole. Don't allow minor setbacks to throw you off course. The moon continues to travel in detail-oriented Virgo all day. Instead of starting new projects, finish old business, review and redo. A rough spot is in effect between 2:39-5:39 p.m., when the moon aligns with Pluto. Sidestep fear, doubts, worries. Get back on track with diets, exercise regimens. Take better care of yourself.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

The planet Mercury moves into Aries at 3:14 a.m., remaining there until April 21. A Virgo moon prompts you to stay busy with practical projects. Tackle jobs you have been putting off and get them out of the way. Clean out desk drawers and closets. Handle routine chores and errands. You can be most productive. At 2:18 p.m. the Virgo moon aligns with Saturn and becomes inactive. The final windup to the full moon begins at 4:57 p.m., when the moon enters Libra. People often have difficulty sleeping in full moon periods. It's okay to work or party late into the evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Gear up for a hectic day. The full moon continues to build until 11:22 p.m., when it culminates at 18 1/2-degrees of Libra. Enthusiasm and emotions run high. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can get them out of the way in short time. This is a wonderful day and evening for social activities, impromptu get-togethers, romantic adventures. Forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Intensive planetary action begins to wind down, and the stage is set for a pleasant morning. The Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to Mars and Uranus until 8:30 a.m., when it becomes inactive. Mercury and Venus conjoin at 11:25 a.m., 4-degrees Libra. This combination of influences may help you to express feelings you usually cannot. At 7:01 p.m. the moon enters Scorpio. Plan a quiet evening.

MONDAY, APRIL 9

A lunar alignment to Neptune can make for a slow start this morning. This influence passes over by 10:39 a.m., however, and the remainder of the day rates high for getting things done. Take on a full agenda. You can be extremely productive. The combination of a Scorpio moon and applying Mars/Uranus alignment urges you to channel energy constructively. Tackle jobs that require physical labor and exertion. You can also make gains with projects that need troubleshooting, problem-solving.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

This is a day that can go either way. Avoid rigid time schedules; don't take on more than you can handle. The Scorpio moon forms challenging alignments to Uranus at 12:44 p.m. and Saturn at 9:43 p.m., when it becomes inactive. On the other hand, Mars forms a harmonious contact to Uranus in the morning; Mercury aligns with Neptune in the evening. Creativity is highlighted; focus on jobs that need to be redone, repaired. Follow your intuition. At 11:47 p.m. the moon enters Sagittarius.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

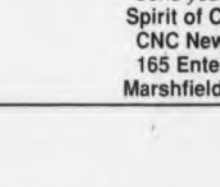
Get an early start to this day. Influences this morning are most favorable for new beginnings in your business and personal life. Go for the gold. Sign contracts, promote ideas, launch important ventures before 10:13 a.m., when Mercury forms a harmonious contact to Jupiter. The moon travels in exuberant Sagittarius, interacting with Venus, Neptune, Jupiter and Mercury. Be sure to take extra time out for fun and games.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Energy and enthusiasm continue to run high today. People are cheerful, talkative. New starts are recommended. The Sagittarius moon interacts with the sun and Uranus, prompting you to be more spontaneous, open-minded. Explore new ideas and set new goals. The moon becomes inactive at 9:56 p.m., when it aligns with Mars. Slow down in this period. Use common sense; don't take risks.

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Braintree Art Association will hold an exhibit at the Thayer Academy Gallery in Braintree through April 19. Located at 745 Washington Street in Braintree. The Gallery hours are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. when school is in session. The Braintree Art Association meeting will be held on April 19 at 7 p.m. Eleanor Mahoney will present a demonstration in watercolors. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call (781) 843-3590.

The Friends of the John Curtis Free Library note cards illustrated by local artists, depicting familiar scenes of Hanover are now available at the Salmond School, Broadway, Hanover and Elegant Entrances at 150 Broadway, Hanover Four Corners. Note cards are available in packages of 10 cards for $7. All proceeds will benefit the John Curtis Free Library. For more information call (781) 826-2972.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents the watercolor paintings of Duxbury artist Wendy Hale through April. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

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The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

South Shore Art Center Artists donate their work to Rosie's Place. Gallery artists JoAnne Chittick, Susan DeMichele, Rose Farbush, Dorit Flowers, Michelle Meister, Donna Rossetti-Bailey and Diane Panarelli Miller donated paintings to the "Share Your Heart With Rosie's Place" silent auction. The work can be seen in the Dillon Gallery at the Art Center, The Paul Pratt Library, The Staircase Gallery at the South Shore Conservatory and the Landmark Bldg., 160 Federal Street in Boston. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

Reunions

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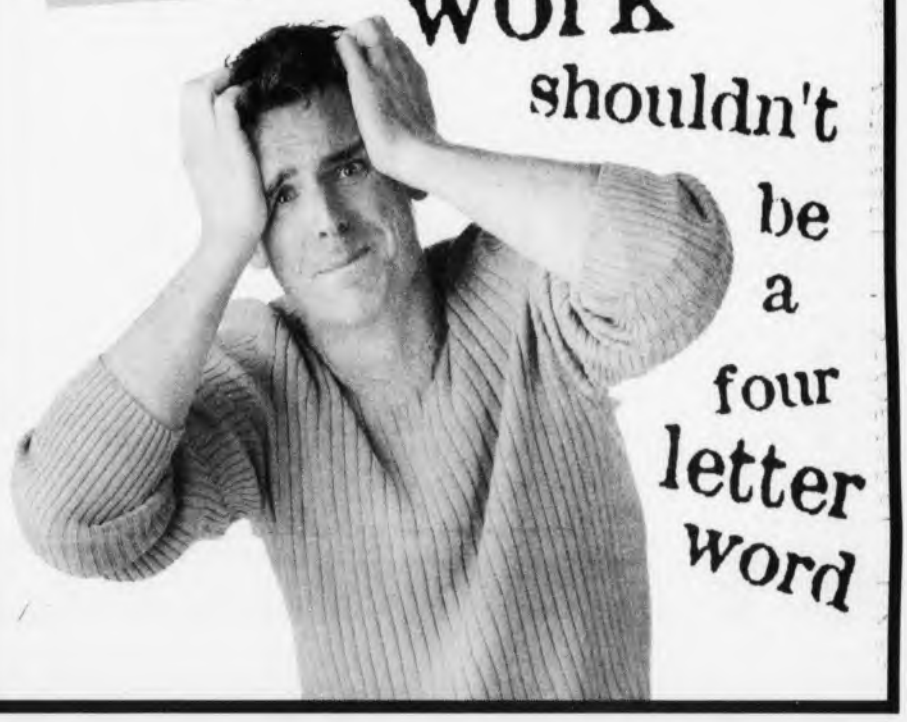
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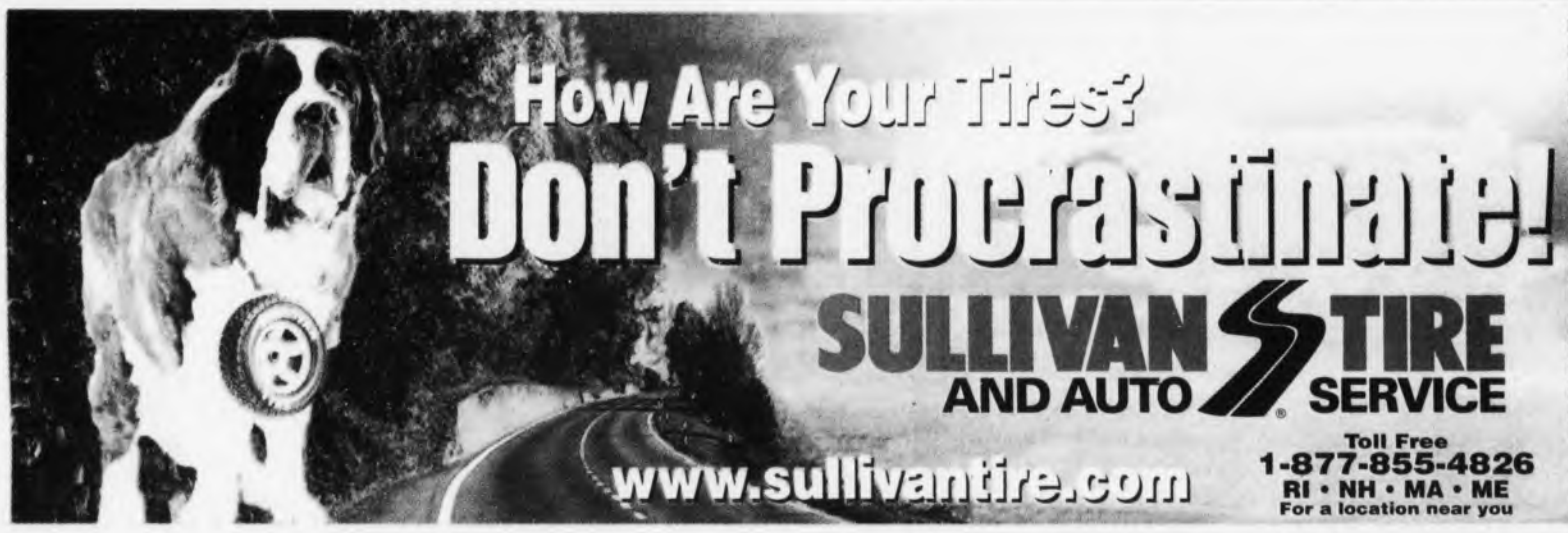
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Group 'AfTA' MBTA files

Seeks recent Greenbush records

By Mary Ford
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An anti-train group has launched the first of what it promises to be several lawsuits against the Greenbush project.

Tuesday in Suffolk Superior Court, Advocates for Transportation Alternatives — known as AfTA — filed suit against the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and two other state agencies for "repeated failure to comply with public records requests," according to AfTA president John Bewick, a Hingham resident.

Bewick, who served as state Secretary of Environmental Affairs in the early 1980s under Gov. Ed King, said AfTA has made a blanket request for all Greenbush documents since last summer and those relating to the public/private partnership for building the railroad line. (State

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Photo finish prompts recount request



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School board incumbents Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin campaign for reelection together outside the polls on Saturday.

Three votes give Martin victory over MacCarthy

By Rick Collins
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At the very least, Adrienne MacCarthy will be able to use her 2001 School Committee race as a civics lesson.

"I've had a number of people come up to me and say 'I'm sorry I forgot to vote.' We should have realized it from the presidential election, and now we'll realize it from our small town election, that we need to get out and vote," she said.

The Doane Street resident came up three votes shy in the initial ballot count at this past Saturday's Town Election.

"Your one vote does matter," MacCarthy said.

Out of the town's 5,358 registered voters, just 1, 816 came out to vote – a 34 percent turnout.

In the three-way race for the two school committee seats, MacCarthy was edged out by current committee chairman Pat Martin, 960 votes to 957 votes. Incumbent school committee member Mark DeGiacomo received 1,077 votes.

MacCarthy has taken out the papers needed to request a recount, and plans to file them by the April 17 deadline. Town Clerk Marion Douglas then has 10 days to set a date for the official recount. MacCarthy called the election results "exciting"

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Teaching old folks some new tricks

Teens host computer workshop for senior citizens

By Mary Ford
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Although Althea Stamp still uses the old-fashioned phrase "letter writing" — what she's really doing is sending e-mails to her daughter in Canada.

Communicating electronically may sound pretty routine to most of us — but to Stamp, 85, computers are still newfangled devices.

"So many seniors are scared stiff, they don't want to know about it," she says.

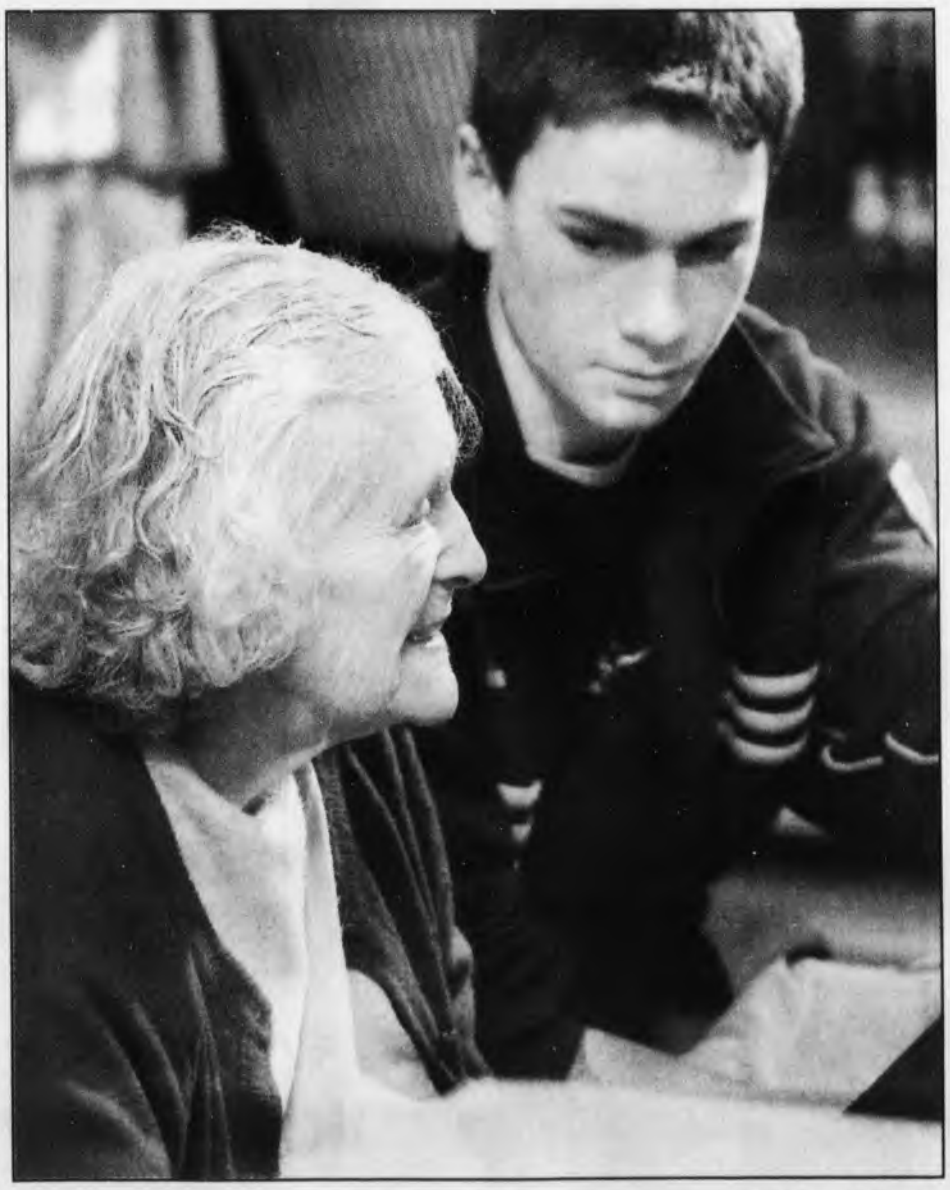
"I know it's a cliché — but it's a sight to behold."
—Paul Narkiewicz, honor society advisor

But thanks to members of the National Honor Society at the high school, local senior citizens are getting hands-on instruction every Wednesday afternoon on the computers in the school library.

The intergenerational project was the brainchild of society president Casey Brewer, who approached the Council on Elder Affairs about the idea and got an enthusiastic response.

"I know it's a cliché — but it's a sight to behold," says honor society advisor Paul Narkiewicz, about the classes. "The enthusi-

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Casey Brewer, right, helps Althea Stamp log on line in a special computer class for senior citizens at the high school.

Preservation act, override get nod

By Rick Collins
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Residents voted to put a little extra in town coffers by approving a $300,000 Proposition 2 fi override and adopting the Community Preservation Act at Saturday's election.

The override — needed, thanks to a $200,000 increase in health insurance costs for town employees, and unexpected overruns in the town's legal expense and police overtimes budgets — passed by a vote of 951 to 819.

The override will tack an extra 22 cents per $1,000 onto the tax rate. For a house valued at $400,000, that will mean an extra $105 on the tax bill.

The Community Preservation Act will add a 1 fi percent surcharge onto the property tax bill. for five years. The act passed with a 998 to 756 vote margin.

Money raised from the surcharge will be put into a trust fund for the town to pay for open space purchases, renovation work to historic properties and community housing. The money will also be eligible for a matching grant from the state.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the surcharge will add 15 more cents onto the tax rate, and cost the owner of $400,000 home an extra $70 a year. The first $100,000 of a property's value will be excluded. The town expects to raise $200,000 a year from the surcharge.

Because the town entered into the state land bank in its first year, it is guaranteed to receive a 100 percent state match of the funds the town raises as of June 30, 2002. The grant will be paid by the state, to the town, on Oct. 15. In the following years, Cohasset will received between a 5 and 100 percent matching grant, depending on how many Massachusetts communities enter into the land bank.

With both the override and surcharge figured in, the property taxes for a house valued at $400,000 is estimated to increase from $5,836 in fiscal year 2001 to $6,372 in fiscal year 2002.

Haddad said residents will see the increase starting on their July tax bill.

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Opposition to the questions had been lacking in weeks leading up to the election. The Mariner received no letters concerning the override at all, and received many letters backing the preservation act in the weeks leading up to Saturday's election.

Leonora Jenkins of Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers said her group had posted signs in different locations around town, but wasn't able to get people to stand outside Town Hall Saturday with anti-override signs.

She said "a lot of people are amazed that the override passed" and didn't think people, who voted in favor of the preservation act, "understood what they voted for."

"They argued that a new house will cost the town $1.16 in services for each $1 in tax revenue, and

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This week in COHASSET

Remove wreaths

Winter wreaths and baskets must be removed from all town-owned cemeteries by April 15.

Clarification

At the March 31 Town Meeting, a two-thirds majority vote gave the town Water Commission authorization to take the parcel of land known as the 'wolf pits' by eminent domain.

The Water Commission argued that any development on the property, which is in the Lily Pond watershed area, would adversely affect the town's drinking water supply.

Town Meeting authorized the Water Commission to offer $150,000 for the land, but once the land taking is issued, and the owners bring the matter to court, the town is on the hook for whatever price tag a judge may determine it is worth, officials said.

The property is owned by developer Wayne Sawchuk, of Beechwood Street, and Leland and Leonora Jenkins of Jerusalem Road.

RTF holiday hours

The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed, Sunday, April 15, in observance of the Easter Holiday. It will open, Tuesday, April 17.

Storm aid

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Tuesday night that the town will receive $15,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for costs incurred during the March 6 nor'easter.

Although the town didn't receive much snow, it did get nailed with a strong tidal surge that caused a stretch of Atlantic Avenue to be closed. It also spent thousands of dollars in overtime for police, fire, and department of public works employees, as well as for extra salt and sand.

This winter, the town went over its snow and ice removal budget by close to $60,000.

Library week

Selectmen declared the week of April 8 to 14 as National Library Week. Part of a nation-wide celebration, National Library Week honors "the vital role of libraries and librarians in this town."

As part of the week, free computer software is available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Liquor license

Selectmen granted a one-day liquor license to the South Shore Community Center for a function on May 16.

Trash grant

On Tuesday night, selectmen formally accepted a $91,000 grant from the Massachusetts Technology Waste Park. The money will be used to offset trash hauling costs as SEMASS.

Voters thanked

Three days after Town Election, Selectmen Thomas Callahan and Merle Brown thanked voters for putting them back on the board for the next three years.

Brown said the election showed the voters confidence in him for the next three years. Callahan also thanked the town for entering into the Community Preservation Act.

Temporary registrar

In case a recount is held within the next week, selectmen named Carol St. Pierre as a temporary registrar for Margaret Charles, a Democrat, who will be on vacation. St. Pierre is also a Democrat.

The vote by selectmen was only 3-0. Both Chairman Fred Koed and Merle Brown abstained from voting because their names appeared in an advertisement endorsing one of the school committee candidates.

Eyeglasses wanted

Strecker Eye Center will have a used eyeglass collection during April and May to benefit the Lions Club.

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Water-rate hike

The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy is still soliciting public comment on the proposed rate increase filed by the Massachusetts-American Water Co.

Massachusetts-American, which provides water service in Hull, Hingham and North Cohasset, is seeking to raise rates by 16 percent, or nearly $100 per year for the average residential customer.

State regulators have delayed the effective date of any increase until Aug. 1, and DTE officials have said that public comments can be submitted at any time during the hearing process.

Ratepayers, residents, and other interested parties are encouraged to register their opinions by e-mail at dte.efiling@state.ma.us or to send written comments to:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
DTE 00-105
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Copies of the rate petition are available for inspection at Hingham Town Hall, the DTE0s Boston office at One South Station, or the Massachusetts-American Norwell office, 200 Cordwainer Drive, Suite 200, (781) 982-7555.

Additional information on the water-rate filing can be obtained at the DTE0s Web site: http://www.state.ma.us/dpu/catalog/Water.htm

Office hours at CRC

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation announces the following office hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 am – 4 p.m.
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The CRC seeks community involvement in the effort to establish consensus driven visions and planning documents to improve the infrastructure of the village and harbor. For further information call 383-2449.

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Pat Martin, who was reelected to the school committee by three votes over challenger Adrienne MacCarthy, is sworn in for a second term at Town Hall on Monday.

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Mon. 16	6:23	9.0	12:06	7:11	8.2	12:50
Tues. 17	7:23	8.9	1:06	8:08	8.3	1:48
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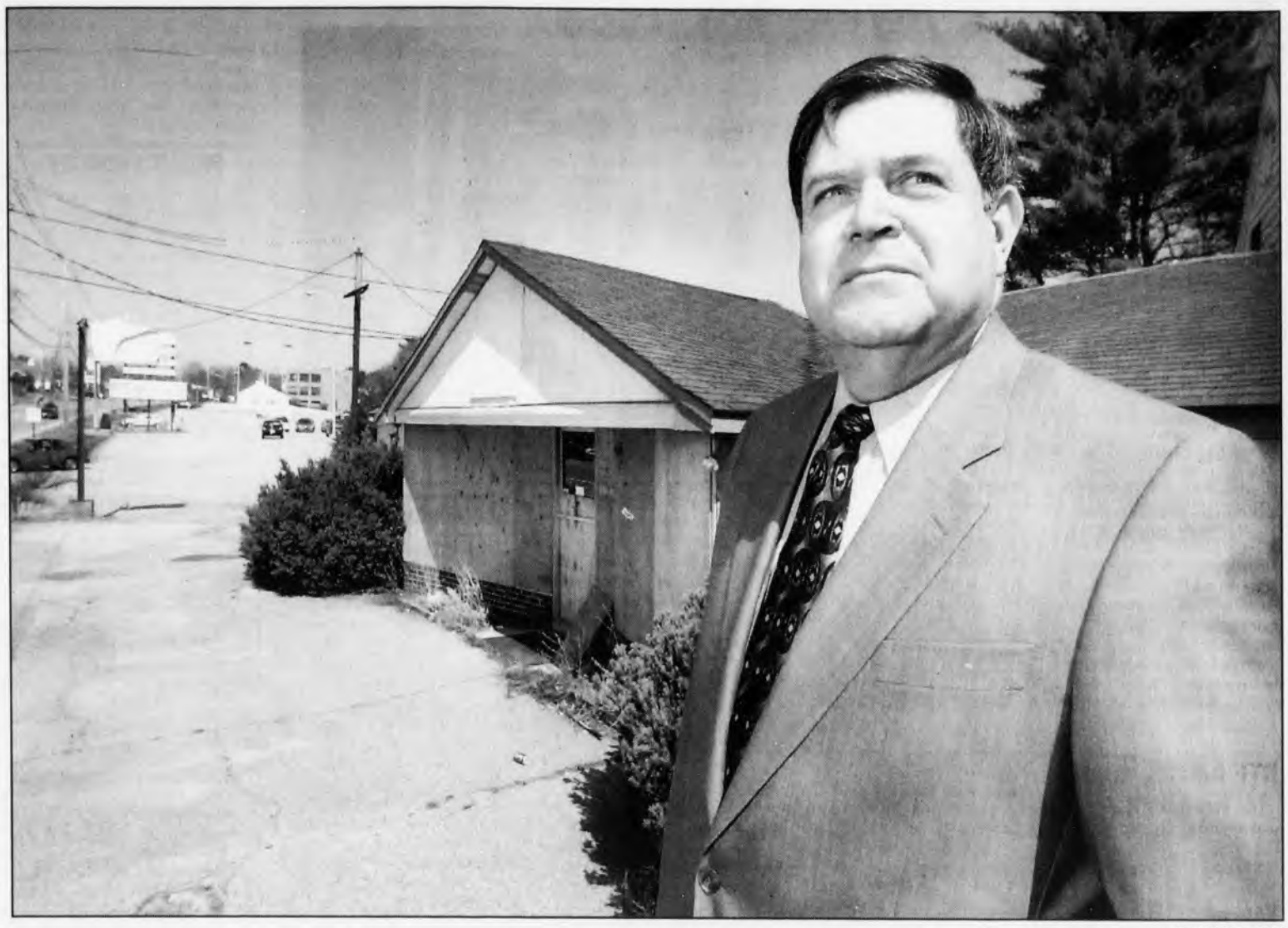
Will keep main office in village

By Rick Collins
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After more than 80 years as a Cohasset Village landmark, Pilgrim Co-operative Bank sees the need to expand. While a friendly smile and knowing customers by name remain staples of the institution, customer service will expand to include a drive-up ATM and tellers – something impossible to do in its downtown spot.

As a result, the bank plans to construct its first ever branch office —a 4,300 square foot building at the corner of Route 3A and Brewster Road, complete with two drive-up teller lanes, two ATMs, and safety deposit boxes.

"Our roots are in this community. Our assets come from the community. We are Cohasset's only locally-owned bank."
— Paul Gauthier



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Paul Gauthier, president of the Pilgrim Co-operative Bank, stands outside the site at Rte. 3A and Brewster Road where a new bank branch will be built.

"This is the key to the next 30 years," said bank president Paul Gauthier. "We have a level of services that our competitors can't provide. And now we'll have space to provide even more."

Gauthier said the South Main Street office will remain open. The only major difference is that the bank's mortgage department will call Route 3A home. He estimated mortgages make up approximately 80 percent of his institution's assets.

"Our roots are in this community. Our assets come from the community. We are Cohasset's only locally-owned bank," Gauthier said this week.

The new building, designed by Financial Concepts of Natick, a firm specializing in bank design, won early approval from the town planning board last week. It will replace the boarded-up, dilapidated building, which was at one time a liquor store and then art studio. Gauthier hopes to start demolition work this summer and have the branch open by the end of the year.

The plan calls for a main entrance off Brewster Road, as well as another access spot through the adjacent Tedeschi Plaza. The now-paved entrance off Route 3A will be closed and replaced with a green strip of plants and trees, running from the Tedeschi Plaza entrance, all the way around to the Brewster Road entrance.

Gauthier, who replaced 42-year bank president Ed Mulvey in 1997, says he plans to have space for five tellers, safety deposit boxes, an ATM both inside and outside of the gray, clapboard building, and the bank's new mortgage office.

The plan was well-received by both the planning board and at least one future neighbor.

"I'm grateful to [the bank] for cleaning up that eyesore," Ledge Way resident Cynthia Hurley said at the public hearing last week. "I'm thrilled it's going in."

Planning Board member Bill Good also gave his thumbs-up. "I like this project. I think it's terrific," he said.

Gauthier said the Route 3A space is "just right" and that his business shouldn't impact the residential neighborhood off Brewster Road past the bank entrance.

He especially liked the drive-through teller service the bank will provide.

"A mother that has kids in the car isn't going to get them out of the car, to go into a bank," he said, "it's not going to happen." Instead, mothers will be able to zip through the teller lane and stay in their cars.

The site will also open the bank up to a new market of customers. "We're a clear shot to North Scituate," he said.

During the recent trend of mega-bank mergers, Pilgrim Co-operative Bank, and its 6,000 deposit accounts, has remained intact and independent. Gauthier chalks that up to the different philosophies of mega-banks and a "retail thrift institution" such as Pilgrim Co-operative, which currently employs 15 people.

"We know our customers by name. We have a president that opens accounts. It's not unusual for the president to answer the phone," said Gauthier. "And we can work on a little smaller of a profit margin and still provide all the standard electronic services."

Gauthier told the planning board, and repeated it again this week, that the new branch will have no negative impact on the bank's main branch. "We've been on South Main Street since 1916 and we're not moving," he said. "This is the next step for the institution; a significant step for the bank."

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Two bouncing baby boys make their debut

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

SEND IN NEWS

Hello Cohasset! It is here, Spring is really here! Yeah! I have had so many wonderful items being dropped off, mailed or emailed to me about some great springtime events. Make sure to try and take advantage of some, they really sound like fun. I have had several children ask me when they are going to see their birthdays in the paper. I keep telling them the same thing, "if I don't get the information, I can't put it in!" Please try to get me all your news, birthdays, births, weddings, showers or anything that is happening with your family and friends.

BOUNCING BABY BOYS

I want to start this week's column by announcing two wonderful little guys. The first, **Matthew Peter Luscombe**, born on Dec. 15, 2001. Matthew's parents are **Lauren (Wood) and Shane Luscombe**, and together with baby Matthew are living on the North Shore. Matthew's very proud grandparents are **Mardi and Peter Wood** of Cohasset and **Alan and Tammy Luscombe** of Hempstead, N.H. I am sure this wonderful addition to the family is being loved and hugged each day.

The second little guy to announce is **Matthew Lucas Foote**, born on March 4, 2001 to **Wade and Carla (Lucas) Foote**. Matthew's late grandfather, **Tom Lucas**, would be so proud, I am sure. Matthew has a big sister, **Beth Morgan** who is six and is thrilled with her new little brother. Matthew's paternal grandparents are **Lawrence and Sally Foote** or Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Congratulations to all of you on the birth of baby Matthew!



Two members of the Community Garden Club show off the club's entry in the Large Bow Window category at the New England Flower Show.

APPALACHIA FESTIVAL

An enjoyable and worthwhile event coming up is the Appalachian Festival being held on Saturday, April 28 at the St. Anthony's Parish Center. Tickets are available at St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's, First Parish and The Second Congregational Church. This event includes a Market Place from 4-6 with storytelling, Appalachian crafts and snacks and a slide presentation. A family style dinner will be served at 6:30 and this will all end with a terrific Cloggers and Blue Grass Band performance at 7:30. For the dinner and performance, the cost is $20 per adult, $10 for 13-18 and 12 and under are $5. For the performance only, it is $10 for adults and teens and 12 and under are free. For more information on this and the ASP project, log onto www.CohassetASP.org

GARDEN CLUB PROJECT

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset entered the Large Show Bow Window category in this year's New England Spring Flower Show. Their focal point, keyed to the show's theme, "The Inspired Garden", was an artist's sculpture of a whimsical dog swimming through space-a symbol of freedom and magic and delight-a version of March Madness, where anything is possible. An excellent committee of five: **Sally Avery, Ellen Bertovich, Judy Dickstein, Barbara Dillon** and **Lee Drew** backed co-chairwomen **Phyllis Peck** and **Annette Sechen** in pursuit of "Horticultural Excellence" with plants purchased three months prior to the show as required. Not having greenhouse facilities, achieving bloom at the right time for a south-facing window in the middle of March proved to be extremely difficult. The camaraderie, dedication and high spirits of this committee made this a memorable project and lots of fun.

COVER ARTICLE

I had a great note about Cohasset native, **Michael Gurnis**. Michael, Cohasset educated whose parents still live on Reservoir Road, is now a professor at Cal. Tech and is the author of the lead (cover) article in the March issue of Scientific American! What a great accomplishment for you, Michael. Congratulations.

PHILLIPS HONORS

We had news of two students who were named to the Phillips Academy Honor Roll for the winter term. **Kara Gaughen**, class of 2002 and daughter of **Robert and Margaret Gaughen,** and former Cohasset resident, **Alanna Hughes**, class of 2004, daughter of **Lauren Souza** of Andover and **Bruce Hughes** of Beverly Farms, both made this great honor. Congratulations girls!

ART IN BLOOM

Eleanor Bleakie and **Joan Shockman** of the Cohasset Garden Club attended an orientation meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston to plan for Art in Bloom 2001, a festival of flowers and art which takes place at the Museum April 28 to 30. To celebrate flower design as an art form, arrangements by 72 New England garden clubs will interpret masterpieces throughout the Museum's world famous collections. Art in Bloom 2001 will celebrate the 25th anniversary of this springtime tradition founded in 1976.

This year's festival includes a black tie opening gala on April 27, a wine tasting, jazz brunch, lectures and demonstrations by professional floral designers, elegant luncheons and afternoon teas, fashion shows and the "Give the Arts a Chance" drawing with prizes ranging from original artwork to a dinner for 12 at the Ritz-Carlton in Boston. For information and reservations, call (617) 369-3392.

That is all the news for this week. With all the Spring time celebrations coming up, please make sure to send your news and pictures to me at: EMAIL: jenpiep@yahoo.com PHONE: 781-923-1057 MAIL: 622 CJC Highway FAX: 781-923-1035 (let me know it is coming) Have a great week!



Eleanor Bleakie and Joan Shockman of the Cohasset Garden Club attended an orientation meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston to plan for Art in Bloom 2001.



Tom Doggett of Hugh Strain Road shows his granddaughter, Hana, 12, his tools and ship models. Hana was visiting from Orem, Utah where she lives with her parents, Dana & Chris, and her four siblings.

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Local woman makes a marathon effort for diabetes

Runner raises awareness and money for research

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset native Dyan Young is busy readying for the run of her life these days. As the recent winner in the women's division of the Cohasset-By-The-Sea 10K road-race, Young is preparing for her first full-fledged marathon on June 24 in Kona, Hawaii. The 26.2-mile event — a race to help raise funds and boost awareness for teen diabetes worldwide — will also be undertaken locally by members of the New England chapter of the American Diabetes Association of which Young is a member.

The 34-year old Young — fresh off her 43:13 minute, first-place performance in the community 10K-competition two weeks ago — is both thrilled and eager to take part in her upcoming contest, and for many different reasons.

"I'm excited to be running my first marathon and being out there in Hawaii. I've looked it up (the marathon route) on the Internet, and they say it's a beautiful course. Not a bad place to be (Hawaii) for your first one," Young jokes.

"I'm also real happy to be going out there to Kona and doing this for a great cause. It's nice to be able to take something that you love, like I love running, and put it to a use and run for a purpose. If I can help in a small way to make a difference in fighting this disease, while at the same time getting to do something I really enjoy, that's a great feeling."

"It's nice to be able to take something that you love, like I love running, and put it to a use and run for a purpose."
— Dyan Young

What got her so interested in fighting diabetes? In addition to having family members such as her grandfather coping with the disease and friends who live with the illness, Young says nearly 15 million Americans suffer from the life-altering ailment, and according to researchers at the American Diabetes Association more than 2,000 new cases are confirmed each and every day.

It's a malady that affects a multitude of people either directly or indirectly, figures Young; she has seen it certainly within her own circle of life and, she just wants to assist in any way she can to make the dream of finding a cure become reality.

"I think everybody out there knows of someone, either in their own immediate family or through friends and neighbors, that is living with diabetes. It's just that big (of a disease)," Young says. "There are many people right here in our community that deal with diabetes on a daily basis." "The ultimate goal is obviously finding a cure, and that's really the main reason for this (Kona) run."

When she's not working — either at her job for a local child-care placement agency or bartending part-time for the Red Lion Inn — Young is still quite busy these days, training for the impending Kona Marathon. Along with running partner and fiancé Richard Kurtz (who will also be participating in the Kona run), Young is hard at work preparing for her Hawaiian "vacation." She is presently in the 11th week of a five-month regiment, which includes "dawn-break" early morning 14-mile sessions per day, and a more than 70-mile trek per week. In addition, Young trains every two-weeks or so with her fellow New England chapter A.D.A. members in Rhode Island. The Cohasset resident is slowly building herself up to the requisite 26.2-mile endurance for the race, and says that things are coming along pretty well.

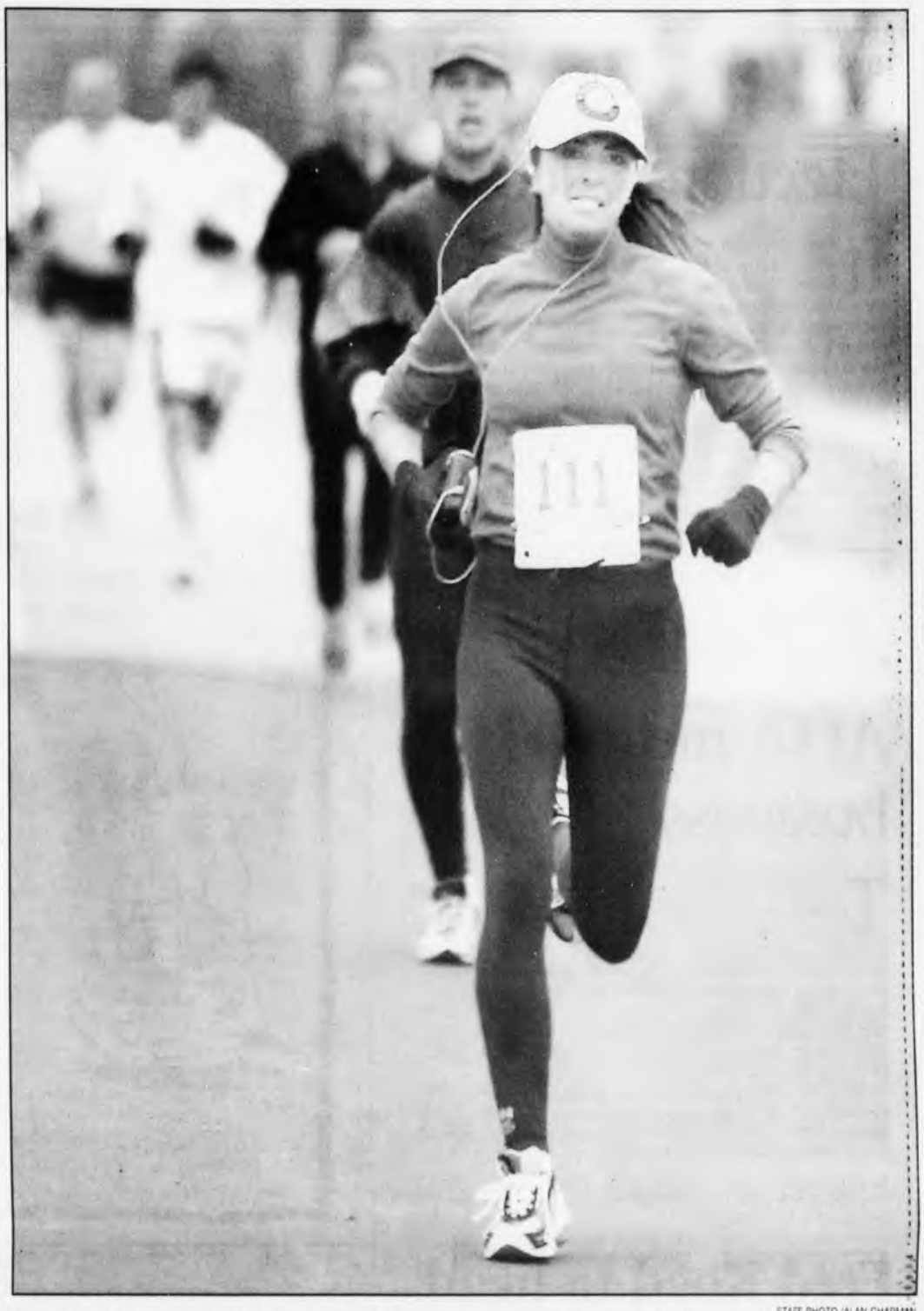
"I've run as many as sixteen-miles before, so I don't mind going on for long distances," Young says. "It's a lot of work, but I enjoy running so much, I guess that (feeling) kind of helps out dealing the physical demands of preparing for the marathon."

While many of us will more than likely be enjoying our first or second real "beach weather" week around here come the third week in June, Young will be soaking up the rays somewhere else — on a marathon course in the land of the grass skirts. And while we'll all be having fun in our own way, Young will be savoring a little extra on that June 24 afternoon.

She'll truly be mixing business in with pleasure. "It's going to be a lot of fun out there in Kona. It'll be a huge challenge for me personally to do well," Young says. "And, it's also going to feel nice running to help out such a worthy [charity]. I'm really looking forward to it."

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If you would like more information on the A.M.A. Kona marathon, or any information regarding diabetes and/or what you can do to help out, contact the New England chapter of the American Diabetes Association at (401) 738-6464. To sponsor Dyan Young, call her at 383-9438.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Dyan Young of Cohasset heads for victory in last week's Road Race by the Sea. She is training to run a marathon in Hawaii that will benefit diabetes research.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Election reflection

It didn't start out as being one of the more exciting Town Elections. Without a race for selectman and no organized opposition to the override or Community Preservation Act — the annual town ritual seemed pretty mundane.

But behind the scenes a hot contest was simmering for the school committee. Adrienne MacCarthy of Doane Street bucked tradition and challenged incumbents Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo in a three-way race for two seats. It's the first race against a school committee incumbent in recent memory — that's because there's been a fairly high burnout rate on the board with many opting to serve just one term.

The race went down to the wire between Mrs. MacCarthy and Mrs. Martin, who won by just three votes, prompting a recount.

For Richard Brown, a political newcomer, the planning board race was a long shot, once former selectman and water commissioner Peter Pratt threw his hat into the ring. Mr. Brown lost but came away with a new perspective and enthusiasm for town politics.

We thank both Mr. Brown and Mrs. MacCarthy giving us contests this year. They jumped into the fray with determination and enthusiasm and helped bring some differences over issues to the forefront.

We also congratulate all candidates, opposed and unopposed, for their continued service to the town.

AfTA means business

There's no doubt that the new anti-train group AfTA is out to get Greenbush. The apparently well-financed group is going to launch lawsuits to derail the project in addition to trying to gain more public support through newspaper inserts on a range of transportation issues. The shifting sands of the Greenbush saga never cease to amaze us. We've written literally hundreds of stories over the past decade — and have come close to declaring the train dead more than once. But clearly the momentum at the moment is on the side of the MBTA. Hingham has inked its mitigation deal with the state agency with Cohasset and Scituate expected to follow suit soon.

But even as the shovels ready to break ground — perhaps as early as next summer — changes at the statehouse and in the economy, could mean some dark clouds loom ahead for the project. We can only wait and see, and share with you the developments as they unfurl.

— Mary Ford
Editor



Fred Koed to head board of selectmen

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen unanimously voted to name third-year member Frederick Koed as its new chairman, in its annual board reorganization Tuesday night.

"I consider it an honor and will serve the position to the best of my abilities," Koed said.

Koed, who served as vice-chairman for the past year, was nominated to take the middle seat by fellow Selectman Merle Brown.

Brown also nominated Michael Sullivan as the board's vice-chairman, which was also approved unanimously.

Koed has previously served as chairman of both the Water Commission and Advisory Committee.

Koed has not been known as the most loquacious selectman, but said that's a trait he hopes to break in the upcoming year.

"I heard that from my wife this morning, I guess I have to work on that," Koed said the day after chairing his first meeting. "Though I don't feel obligated to talk if I don't have something to contribute at that moment."

He said he felt comfortable holding the gavel by the end of the meeting, despite it running a bit longer than scheduled. Koed said the biggest challenge is making sure everyone is treated fairly without allowing meetings to drag on.

"It's a tough balance to try and keep the meeting efficient, and try to let everybody's concerns be heard in order to make an intelligent decision," he said.

Koed added that he doesn't think a chairman should use his position to influence decisions but instead should make sure all sides have been heard.

With Koed's election, every member of the current board has now served as chairman at one point or another. Callahan served as chairman in 2000, Ronnie McMorris in 1999 and Brown in 1998. Sullivan was chairman in each of his two prior terms.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Silent weekend

TO THE EDITOR,

Did residents notice the odd silence this weekend? Especially Saturday and Saturday night? It was like the "old" days! There were planes off and on all day but never did they reach an unacceptable level the whole weekend! Did anyone experience otherwise? I contacted Massport officials to check on the flight tracks and sure enough, flight patterns which were seldom if ever used anymore were being used. I told the official how pleasant it was to be outside and to sleep again. I was told that maybe the tower chief was listening to us! We can only hope that this is true!

Another reason, (I hope this is not the case) could be the fact that Massport, had a copy of my letter from last week's local newspapers, which they had called me about to discuss. Could it be that Massport is more concerned about people finding out what they were doing to us and planning to do, rather than actual concern for our health and well being? Do they want the South Shore to know that every flight landing on the new runway will first pass over the South Shore?

Everyone should review the new runway documents available at Hingham ,Hull, and Cohasset libraries, which also contain maps of the area, if you do not want to read thousands of pages, and decide for yourself, which of the reasons above is true. The maps make it very clear what is planned for the South Shore. Contact your Representatives, Massport, and the FAA listed in the report, to voice your concerns before the deadline for public comment ends.

When you are bothered by the jet noise there is also a 24 hour complaint line to Massport. The # is (617) 561-3333, press 2 for direct connection, if you do not want to listen to the message. Make sure to have a copy of your complaint mailed to you for record.

Which ever reason is true above, the one thing it did show was that the constant noise experienced, does not need to be. It can be shared by all in the Greater Boston area. No area should bear the burden of Logan.

Tom Maloney
18 Parkview Drive

Heartfelt thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank all of the neighbors and municipal workers that helped us during the severe rainstorms. Contractors Fred Higgins and Hap Pompeo, the Hills, the Fire Department and the Highway Department, were all more than generous in their concern and efforts in preventing serious water damage to our home. In such terrible rain and cold these people helped remove large amounts of water from our garage and calmed or fears. We just wanted to thank them all from the bottom of our hearts.

The Nahills
16 Surry Drive

COHASSET CARES

Earth Day 2001

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Sunday April 22 is Earth Day. My batteries received an extra charge on Saturday, March 31, however, when Cape and Islands' Self Reliance group sponsored its all-day Earth Day 2001 conference at Chatham

Why am I so uplifted by the event? Was it the wind turbines? OK, down to earth, here, was it the presentation on organic land care? Moved by hybrid cars? Actually it was the enthusiastic overflow crowd, almost twice what was expected, and exhibiting the obvious bonding backlash created by Bush's anti-environmentalism. And secondly, it was the expertise of the speakers.

Starting off the day was Ross Gelbspan, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of "The Heat is On: The High Stakes Battle over Earth's Threatened Climate" [1997]. Gelbspan is an excellent speaker, extremely knowledgeable, and has spoken at government forums around the world. I need much more space to begin to do him justice, but some highlights are: Our present climate crisis is most ominous because the planet is heating faster than it has in 10,000 years [severe downpours are one result]; these disasters are precisely what computer models projected; high-ranking insurance officials admit that the insurance business could be bankrupted soon; by 2065 the entire economy could be bankrupted; ours is not the climate of economic prosperity; heat increases insects and pathologies; we see extraordinarily successful deception and misinformation by the oil and coal industries; facts, not theory, bespeak profound consequences; professional skeptics are heavily paid by oil and coal public relations; there are no debates in the rest of the world [as to the need for emissions reductions] - other countries have no issue with what the scientists are saying; the U.S. is gambling with its eyes closed, and we are facing economic warfare; the nuclear industry is non-sustainable because of the waste problem; the answer is political change; BP, Shell, Ford, and Chrysler are making positive moves, while Texaco and Exxon- Mobil are not; we are now for the first time as powerful as nature.

Other highlights from other speakers: Rep. Matthew Patrick urges us to support environmental Bill#360. He said, "If I receive three handwritten letters I begin to take notice. When I get a handwritten letter I read the whole thing. I skim the first paragraph of a form letter and then discard it. E-mails never make it to the legislators. Ten letters to a legislator is a big deal."

The scientist who spoke on wind power said that with regard to photovoltaics, the sun here is comparable to that in New Mexico.

The representative from the Cape Cod water commission said that 300 million people a year die from impure water problems. MTBE, a carcinogen extremely soluble in water, makes up 11 percent of our gasoline.

The organic expert began by reminding us that we all live downstream. The most important thing we can do to our soil is to add organic matter, not chemical fertilizers, which upset the original balance of the soil and cause detrimental insects to reproduce even faster. Don't mow too close. Leave your clippings on the lawn [compost only the excess].

Dr. Donald Aitken is Senior Consulting Scientist for renewable energy with the Union of Concerned Scientists. He spoke on "The Environmental and Economic Aspects of the Renewable Energy Transition." [He spoke to the Nevada legislature the day before.] Dr. Aitken patterned his presentation on replies to recent comments by Bush, beginning with the President's statement "First things first are the people who live in America." Dr.Aitken replied that bailing out of Kyoto is the worst thing we can do regarding job loss; the earth has never seen such a carbon dioxide rise; we are seeing signs of the end of agriculture in the U.S.; in Sacramento the cost of a solar roof is now the same as the cost of a regular roof.

The Director of Mass Alternative Fuels Program enlightened us with news of the hundreds of State vehicles now operating on natural gas. [I watched an attendee wipe his finger around the inside of one of their well-used vehicles' tailpipes and withdraw it spotless.]

Dr. John Todd of the University of Vermont concluded the conference with encouraging info about new methods of processing waste with plants, fish, and microscopic organisms whose natural ability to process waste far exceeds anything humans have been able to replicate.

Thirty environmental organizations and businesses had table exhibits. And that's all for now. See you next time.

Allan McDonald is Publicity Chairman, of the Cohasset Recycling Committee

Last recount was 1984

By Rick Collins
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If School Committee candidate Adrienne MacCarthy submits her request for a recount by the April 17 deadline, Town Clerk Marion Douglas will have to receive the petition and verify its signatures.

MacCarthy lost by three votes to current school committee chairman Pat Martin in Saturday's Town Election, 957 to 960. Fellow school committee member Mark DeGiacomo received 1,077 votes in a three-way race for the two school committee seats.

"Then the town Board of Registrars will meet and certify the petition," explained new Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed. Koed is no stranger to recounts — he was the head clerk in for the Palm Beach County Democratic Party during this past fall's presidential election recount.

The town Board of Registrars is made up of two Democrats, Town Clerk Marion Douglas and Margaret Charles, and two Republicans, Judith Volungis and Edythe Ford.

Once certified, an agreeable date to hold the recount will be set. He said MacCarthy can request either a hand recount or machine recount. If a ballot is rejected by a machine, it is set aside in a separate pile. The Board of Registrars then go through the rejected ballots and count them by hand. "The Board of Registrars are like election commissioners. They oversee everything," Koed said. "The registrars make a ruling on any disputed calls. Both sides can still object to a ruling."

If a ballot remains disputed, Koed said, it could ultimately end up before a judge.

Koed said state rule of thumb is each candidate is allowed one observer for every town worker.

The recount would be the first recount in a town race since the 1984 Selectman's race between Mary Jane McArthur and Doris Golden.

The three-vote difference in school committee seat would have been considered a landslide in 1984, when both McArthur and Golden received 1,000 votes a piece. The subsequent recount of the punch-card ballots yielded only one extra vote to McArthur's total, said Koed. A judge eventually ordered a new election, and in June, McArthur won a bit more easily, 1,623 votes to 867 votes.

Town election results listed

Candidates	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
SELECTMEN (Two - For three years)			
Merle S. Brown	617	642	1259
Thomas J. Callahan	624	605	1229
Write-ins	27	24	51
Blanks	526	567	1093
Total	1794	1838	3632
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Two-For three years)			
Mark G. DeGiacomo	545	532	1077
Patricia C. Martin	510	450	960
Adrienne M. MacCarthy	438	519	957
Write-ins	7	2	9
Blanks	294	335	629
Total	2691	1838	3632
TRUSTEE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Three-For three years)			
June S. Hubbard	665	606	1271
Sarah R. Pease	658	607	1265
Barbara M. Power	653	611	1264
Write-ins	10	1	11
Blanks	705	932	1637
Total	2691	2757	5448
ASSESSOR (One-For three years)			
Elsa J. Miller	611	603	1214
Write-ins	4	3	7
Blanks	282	313	595
Total	897	919	1816
BOARD OF HEALTH (One-For three years)			
Stephen N. Bobo	633	633	1266
Write-ins	2	2	4
Blanks	262	284	546
Total	897	919	1816
COHASSET HOUSING AUTHORITY (One-For five years)			
John D. Muncey	610	621	1231
Write-ins	2	1	3
Blanks	285	297	582
Total	897	919	1816
PLANNING BOARD (One-For five years)			
Richard H. Brown Jr.	257	353	610
Peter J. Pratt	568	478	1046
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	72	88	160
Total	897	919	1816
RECREATION COMMISSION (One-For five years)			
Frederick H. Grassie Jr.	658	676	1334
Write-ins	2	2	4
Blanks	237	241	478
Total	897	919	1816
SEWER COMMISSION (One-For three years)			
Sean C. Cunning	619	603	1222
Write-ins	2	3	5
Blanks	276	313	589
Total	897	919	1816
WATER COMMISSIONER (One-For three years)			
Robert E. Kasameyer	639	622	1261
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	257	297	554
Total	897	919	1816
WATER COMMISSIONER (One-For one year to fill unexpired term)			
Glenn A. Pratt	650	660	1310
Write-ins	1	3	4
Blanks	246	256	502
Total	897	919	1816
QUESTION 1			
Yes	483	468	951
No	389	430	819
Blanks	25	21	46
Total	897	919	1816
QUESTION 2			
Yes	514	484	998
No	354	402	756
Blanks	29	33	62
Total	897	919	1816



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Adrienne MacCarthy holds one of her campaign signs outside the polls on Saturday. MacCarthy, who lost to Pat Martin by three votes, is asking for a recount.

Confessions of a meat eater

I wasn't feeling too well last week.

Oh, it was nothing serious. Just a few aching joints. Hot breath. Loss of appetite. And a burning desire to use the little room with a sink, a bathtub and a more personal utility with considerable frequency.

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TOM HENSHAW



It was the kind of ailment that was usually handled quite well by two aspirin, copious quantities of golden dry ginger ale, my grandmother's secret "get well" formula and a day or so under the covers with the radio tuned to the ball game after first making sure the path of the bathroom was cleared for the dash.

Nothing special. It's happened dozens of times. This time, however, there was a difference. I had just completed my umpteenth dash to the bathroom — in the nick of time, you'll be glad to note — when I heard a member of my immediate family explaining my plight to a friend over the telephone.

"He's been eating meat," he said. "That'll do it every time."

Of course I'd been eating meat. I've been eating meat ever since my mother cracked open the first jar of Gerber's strained veal and spinach for me during the administration of Calvin Coolidge and, believe me, if you can eat that you'll be hooked on meat for life. I'm not talking about spinach.

In the ensuing years, I figure I've eaten a whole herd of cows off the Old Chisholm Trail, including spaghetti and meat balls with Ted Kennedy in Blackie Burke's backyard in Brockton during the '62 campaign and enough hot dogs, garnished with mustard, relish and sand, at Nantasket Beach to feed a starving African village.

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There was Judy, that girl in New York City who was a member of the Ethical Culture Society, which she described as an organization for Jewish atheists, whatever that means. Every now and then, she would slip into a mode that I would call "defiantly Jewish."

After a hot date drinking white zinfandel at a midtown art show, we'd repair for a late supper at Thau's, a dairy restaurant in the lower East Side. Have you ever had vegetarian meat loaf? Try not to. Not even an art show by Jackson Pollock himself could rescue a relationship after too much of that.

Then there was the woman in North Quincy, a self-confessed vegetarian but otherwise normal, who once cooked me spaghetti and meat balls. "Meat balls?" I asked with a quizzical stare. "It's okay," she said. "You start with some ground up walnuts . . . " I have to admit, they were better than meatless meat loaf.

So far, the family member —who shall remain nameless because he's big enough to yell at me now — has shown no signs of a desire to join PETA, the outfit that paints white mustaches on pictures of cancer patients to remind one and all that an animal product called "milk" can give you horrible diseases.

PETA stands for People for Ethical Treatment of Animals.

I'm looking for an organization called PETRME — People for the Ethical Treatment of Retired Meat Eaters.

Photo finish prompts election recount request

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and said she was in part requesting a recount for everyone that supported her.

"I feel I owe it to my supporters. So many have said I've got to do it," she said.

Martin, who wasn't at Town Hall when the vote results were announced Saturday evening, was notified by DeGiacomo of her razor-thin win.

"I thought he was teasing me," she said. "Then I was happy."

She also said she doesn't blame MacCarthy for requesting a recount. Martin said her challenger called Saturday night to tell her of her intentions. "She feels she owes it to her supporters and I can understand," Martin said.

Even on Saturday afternoon Martin recognized the possibility of the race coming down to the wire. In between holding signs and waving to cars on the corner of North Main Street and Robert E. Jason Road, Martin called up supporters on a cell phone urging them to come down and vote.

"Our worry was after talking to so many of our supporters, so many in our camp felt 'What's the worry?' and that they'd take the election for granted, and we found out they did," Martin explained. "So we reminded them to come out and vote and I'm glad they did."

DeGiacomo, who kept a low-profile during the race, not raising any money or distributing lawn signs, thanked everyone who supported him. "I'm pleased with the amount of support I received from the town…I had hoped that people would know me and knew I was doing a good job," he said. "I'm gratified that this appears to be the case."

MacCarthy was encouraged by the results, even if she did come up three votes shy.

"I think it validates what I was trying to do," said MacCarthy who ran a campaign that emphasized creating a priority spending list for the school department. "Not everything is rosy, and there are concerns that people have, and people do want to see some change. Hopefully the school committee will open themselves up to some of my ideas."

Interestingly, more than 600 blank votes were cast in the school committee race, the most of any town race.

Martin thought that could be chalked up to a voting strategy called "bullet balloting." Bullet balloting happens when voters can vote for more than one candidate. Despite being able to vote for more, the voter will vote just for his or her candidate in an attempt to mathematically improve that candidate's chances of being elected.

Martin said she urged her supporters not to do that, in fear that it could hurt DeGiacomo. "It certainly proved true. Although he didn't eke it out by three votes, he didn't have a big landslide either," she said.

Planning board

In the other town race, Ripley Road resident Peter Pratt fended off Richard Brown of Church Street, 1,046 votes to 610 votes.

Pratt said his win, coupled by the town's approval of the Community Preservation Act made it a doubly-good day.

"I was particularly heartened not only by the fact voters did seek to elect me to the planning board but also that the CPA passed as well," he said. "Together I take it as a sign the community is potentially turning to look more seriously at strategies to protect the natural resources and character of our town."

Pratt said he considered the vote a strong indication that people support his town-planning positions.

"I've talked extensively with folks and think my vote is a reflection of the fact that many residents in Cohasset do not feel we are working to control development well enough, in the harbor, in Cohasset Village and abutting commercial districts on Route 3A."

Brown, who was running in his first-ever political race, said he knew his chances of winning were slim, but was pleased with his showing.

"When I started running, I ran unopposed, but as soon as I saw that Peter had taken papers out, I knew I wasn't going to beat him. But I wasn't going to pull out of the race either," Brown said. "I think I got a good number of votes for someone who has never run before, so it was OK — I'm not disappointed with anything I did."

Brown called Pratt "brilliant" and was confident he would "do a great job" on the planning board. He also didn't rule out another run in the future. "If I decide to run again, maybe he'll be on my side," Brown joked.

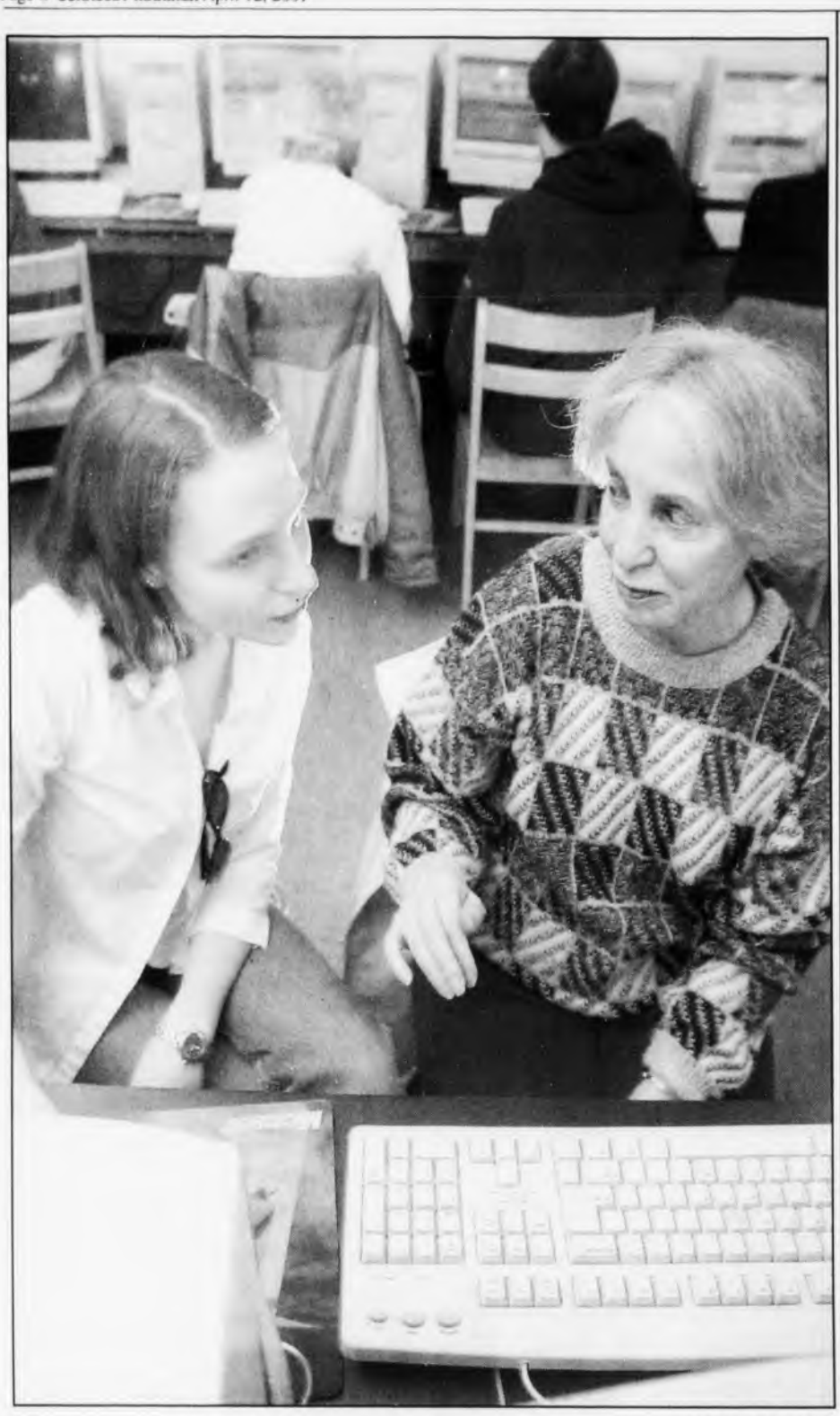
Preservation act, override get nod

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there's the possibility of 1,300 more houses in town," Jenkins said. "I asked them if they were going to buy lots around town, and they said they weren't…Nothing's going to stop the development."

The override is the third in three years.

In 1999, the town approved a $380,000 override. Last year, town residents said yes to a $41 million debt exclusion override for the Deer Hill and middle/high school renovation projects.



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CHS junior Amanda Watts teaches Rosalie Kowalski how to use a computer in a special intergenerational class sponsored by the National Honor Society chapter at the high school.

North Scituate station still on Greenbush track

By Michael Marotta
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Scituate won't take the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority up on its offer to cut the North Scituate station from its Greenbush rail restoration plans after all.

In an hour-long meeting with 30 local residents and merchants last Thursday, Scituate selectmen voted 4-1 not to scrap the station and 400-space commuter parking lot planned for the village. Selectman Joseph Norton, who has suggested eliminating the station in the past, cast the lone dissenting vote.

By eliminating the station, roughly 80-170 parking spaces would be added to the 1100 space Greenbush station proposed off the Driftway, and the rest of the spaces originally planned for North Scituate would be added to station lots further up the 17.7-mile rail line, including Cohasset.

"It's unrealistic that people will drive backwards to park their cars in Greenbush."

— Selectman Tom Callahan

The station cut was offered to Scituate at a meeting between state Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan and local legislators who brought a list of Scituate's mitigation requests and rail concerns to the meeting. According to Scituate Selectman Susan Phippen, the station elimination was the only proposal brought forward at that meeting that the MBTA has addressed to date.

Norton made a motion at the meeting to put off making a decision on the North Scituate station until a committee to study the impact of a station in other areas of town was formed. While some residents voiced their approval by shouting "Thanks, Joe," Norton received no support for that plan from his fellow board members.

Phippen said that by delaying the decision the board simply was "delaying the inevitable."

But Norton disagreed.

"The suggestion is not a way to delay (a decision)," Norton told the board. "If there is no station the train will go through 15 times a day… (with) no other effect other than the tracks. But the station itself will be there seven days a week. It's something we must give an awful lot of thought to."

Phippen maintained "without the station, I see North Scituate getting all the negatives."

Concern about adding congestion to the Greenbush station and village area was one of the factors in board member's decision to keep the station in North Scituate.

"Greenbush is already taking their fair share with 1,000 spaces," Phippen said.

Scituate residents and merchants weren't the only ones concerned about the station decision.

Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Tom Callahan was on hand for the meeting to voice opposition to cutting the North Scituate station.

"The Cohasset Board of Selectmen opposes the closing of the North Scituate station," he told Scituate Selectmen. Callahan said town officials in Cohasset fear there will be increased traffic congestion at the planned Cohasset station if North Scituate is cut. "It's unrealistic that people will drive backwards to park their cars in Greenbush."

Another concern raised was that by cutting the station, business in the village would suffer.

Norton dismissed that notion.

"North Scituate is not an area that's on its way out, it's on the way up. The train not being in North Scituate is not going to kill North Scituate."

Susan Maheras, owner of Clipper Travel on Country Way agreed. She warned that it was too early to gauge if the station would provide a boom to the area, and worries the town will realize its made a mistake after the station is built.

"I do not want to be one of those put out of business because of a mistake," Maheras said.

Kathy Donahue of Cushing Landing said that the station would have no positive effect on the area. "It's documented that a station doesn't bring commerce to an area," she said. "Kingston will attest to that." Donahue said that most people will get off the train and directly into their cars without spending time in the area. "This is strictly cars and trains," she said.

"I do not want to be one of those put out of business because of a mistake."

— Susan Maheras, owner of Clipper Travel

Wood Island Road Chick Gates said that the MBTA does not need stations in Cohasset, Greenbush and North Scituate. He also stressed a concern on the parking situation.

"The merchants that are there struggle for space as it is," he said.

Maheras said that even now, she often has to park on the street or a good distance from her store, and noted that she couldn't imagine how congested the area would become with a train station and parking lot in the village. Other residents commented that commuters parking in North Scituate will fill up not only the spots in the T parking lot, but in the business lots as well.

Planning Board member Jonathan Warner asked that the town possibly allot roughly 50 spaces to be used strictly by residents.

At Tuesday's selectman's meeting, Callahan thanked his counterparts in Scituate board for their vote and for their consideration about the impact elimination of the North Scituate station would have on Cohasset..

Teaching old folks new tricks at CHS

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asm they're exuding is just beautiful for both."

He explained that every year the honor society comes up with a community service project. Last year, the group volunteered at Rosie's Place, a homeless shelter. To be admitted to the honor society, students must have at least a B+ average and are judged on character, service and leadership by a faculty council.

The honor society has about 55 members, so students will take turns working with the dozen or so senior citizens in the computer classes.

Casey, who says he's not a computer whiz, admits to being a little uneasy about providing lessons at first.

"I was a little worried, but this is really beginner stuff," he said.

Fellow honor society member Julia Lovallo said some of the seniors come with a list of things they want to learn.

"They're excited to learn the very simple things," she says.

And Robin Cunningham, honor society treasurer, said one student wrote everything down on a note card.

"I've never seen anyone so excited over every little thing," he said. Robin said many of the seniors are interested in checking out their stocks on line.

The honor society students have also helped the seniors set up their own free e-mail accounts.

Carol Barrett of the Council on Elder Affairs said the classes are a hit.

"The individual attention that's given to each senior so that they're really learning at the level they are is just wonderful," she says. "The seniors are very grateful to the students and they have been very gracious to us."

Stamp, who was reached by telephone at home just as she was trying to log onto the search engine Yahoo, has become a fan of the students and computers.

"What a lovely idea — these kids trying to teach old people how to use computers," she said. "They have such patience.

"It does take time."

Stamp said she purchased a 99-cent dictionary at the store that had a page in the back explaining computer terms.

"The kids were saying put your cursor here and I didn't know what a cursor meant," she said. "I'm going to photocopy the page for the others in the class."

Group seeks MBTA files

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Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan has said Greenbush will be built under "design-build" plan which means, rather than taking out bonds to pay for the project, the MBTA will borrow the money from the contractor and pay it back over 20 years.)

Greenbush, which has been mired in controversy over environmental issues for more than a decade, is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project. The Middleboro and Plymouth lines resumed service in September 1997.

Also named in the lawsuit are the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction and the Massachusetts Highway Department.

AfTA hired Douglas Wilkins of the Cambridge law firm Anderson and Kreiger to make the records request.

Bewick said AfTA's ultimate goal is to get better transportation for the South Shore without "tremendous disruption to the communities."

He said the purpose of this particular lawsuit is not to stop Greenbush but to get the information that was requested.

Joe Pesaturo, MBTA spokesman, said the lawsuit took state officials by surprise.

"First of all we were shocked to receive notice of the lawsuit because we've been busy compiling the information requested," he said. "Also, it is our strong belief that this could have been resolved informally."

But the MBTA denied in writing there have been any documents produced about Greenbush since August 2000, Bewick said..

"Regrettably, the public agencies we are suing have stonewalled may of AfTA's requests for information," he said, adding that their motives in doing so "are a mystery." He said state agencies are required by law to produce documents within 10 days of requests and those named in the lawsuit have failed to comply.

Bewick said this is the first of several lawsuits AfTA will pursue relating to Greenbush. He declined to elaborate.

He said AfTA's motive with the public records lawsuit is to obtain full disclosure of information to allow full a and fair debate so better decisions are made with regard to transportation alternatives for the South Shore.

"AfTA's suit will force the state to reveal the truth so that the public can properly compare the proposed Greenbush project and alternatives," he said.

Pesaturo, the MBTA spokesman, said the Greenbush project will move forward despite the lawsuit.

"AfTA points to the fact that we live in a democratic society," he said. "But we're going to continue to work with citizens in the Greenbush corridor to make this project a reality."

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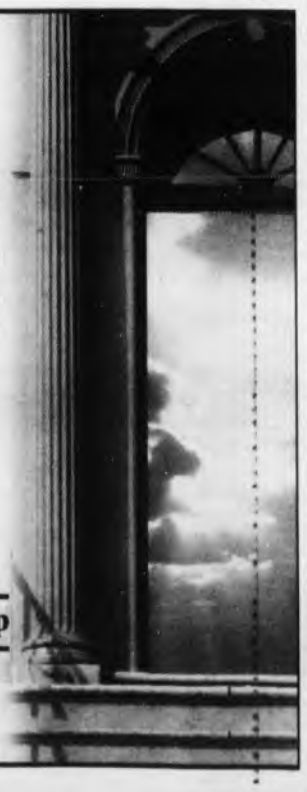
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Town to hold hearing on water rate settlement

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Selectmen will hold a hearing later this month to discuss a proposed settlement in its fight against the proposed water rate increase by Mass-American Water Company.

In November, the water company filed with the federal Department of Telecommunications and Energy for a 16 percent increase in its rates. The Mass-American Water Company provides water service for Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset.

But at a settlement conference late last month between the water company, DTE, and attorney's for the three towns, Mass-American proposed settling the dispute by reducing the increase to 10.5 percent.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told Selectmen Tuesday night that this was a "great deal for the town" and urged the board to accept the proposal.

The rate increase will affect approximately 500 customers in North Cohasset.

Haddad said if the dispute went to a hearing, the best the town could do was estimated between 12 and 14 percent.

Selectmen Merle Brown and Thomas Callahan initially supported authorizing the agreement that night, but Selectman Ronnie McMorris argued that the board should hold a hearing first, in case any affected residents objected.

"I think this board should get people's thoughts on it," she said.

Fellow selectman Michael Sullivan agreed, saying, "I'd hate to have a discussion on this after the issue has basically been resolved."

New board chairman Fred Koed sided with Sullivan and McMorris. "It is nice, especially sitting in these chairs [as the board of selectmen], to have public input," he said.

Despite Mass-American wanting to have the deal signed by May 1, the board scheduled the hearing for its April 24 meeting. Hingham and Hull are expected to have made a decision by then.

The rate increase will affect approximately 500 customers in North Cohasset, already home to some of the highest water rates in the country. In 1996 after Mass-American built a new $40 million treatment plant, water bills jumped up to an average of $639 a year.

Mass-American said the new rate increase is needed because of an increase in capital improvements and depreciation costs to the system, and new rate changes rewarding water conservation.

Water main flushing to begin April 16

Starting Monday, April 16, the Water Department will begin flushing of all water mains throughout Cohasset.

"This flushing program, while it may cause some short-term discoloration of water, will improve water quality, taste and odor, for all of our customers," said Water Commission Chairman John McNabb. "The flushing should take only 2-3 weeks to complete," he said.

In the week starting April 16, the following areas will be flushed in this approximate order: (1) Pond Street, (2) Clay Spring Road, Old Pasture Rd, Reservoir Road area; (3) Hill Street area, Norfolk Road, Bancroft Road, (4) Sohier Street, Fairoaks Lane, King St. (Pond St – Sohier), Ripley Road, Pleasant Street, (5) Route 3A, King St. – Scituate, Brewster Road area.

"Flushing of water mains on a regular basis is necessary to remove accumulated sediment from the water pipes," McNabb said. "However, the town has not been flushed for many years because of the accumulated sediment in the Bear Hill tank, which would have been drawn into the system during flushing. With the new Scituate Hill Water Tank, that problem has been avoided and we can now begin a much needed town-wide flushing program.

Before flushing of an area takes place, the residents of the affected area will be notified by a leaflet which will be dropped at their door.

"Flushing of an area will begin about 9 p.m. each night. Before flushing of an area takes place, the residents of the affected area will be notified by a leaflet which will be dropped at their door. Also, a sign will be posted at the area to provide additional notification. Please call the Water Department at 383-0057 if you have any questions."

Residents will be advised that the flushing may cause temporary discoloration of the water, and to avoid doing washes during the flushing. The discolored water, however, is safe to drink and will not last long. If water becomes discolored, it can be cleared by running an outside faucet until the water runs clear — this will not take long and will not use too much water.

If a wash becomes discolored because of discolored water, residents are advised to pick up a bottle of "Iron Out" for free from the Water Department.

South Shore Hospital doesn't get cardiac surgery license

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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Turned down by the state in the first wave of licensing to perform open heart surgery, South Shore Hospital has set its sites on acceptance in the second round, three years from now.

Hospital administrators received the word from the state Department of Public Health late Tuesday afternoon.

"While we are disappointed by the news, we also are confident that the South Shore Hospital will be approved for a cardiac surgery license in the future. The community and patients served by South Shore Hospital deserve to have open heart surgery available to them locally," Richard Pozniak, the hospital's director of public affairs, said.

In a letter to South Shore Hospital, the DPH said it was not going to grant the hospital a cardiac license because a state analysis showed that the hospital would not attract the required minimum of 300 open heart surgery procedures a year from its service area.

"We strongly disagree with the state's analysis. Our cardiac procedures would greatly exceed the state's threshold. Our data is sound and credible," Pozniak said.

This data had been included in South Shore's application to the DPH, according to Pozniak.

Six hospitals had applied to the DPH for a cardiac license. Up to three were to be approved by the DPH. The two other hospitals whose applications were rejected were declined for the same reason given to South Shore, according to Pozniak.

South Shore Hospital had received a ground swell of public support while awaiting the decision of the DPH.

More than 800 area residents had spontaneously written to Gov. Paul Cellucci asking for his help in bringing cardiac surgery to the hospital.

South Shore Hospital administrators will not challenge the action by the DPH.

"We accept the decision of the Department of Public Health. We are not taking any action whatever," Pozniak said.

On Monday, Brockton Hospital, one of the other six community hospital applicants for a cardiac license, challenged the application of contender Cape Cod Hospital, located in Hyannis, saying the application had "potential irregularities."

Brockton Hospital was turned down in its bid for a license, and Cape Cod Hospital's application has been approved.

Pozniak said that South Shore Hospital had no comment on the application of Cape Cod Hospital.

Robert Hughes, a Brockton Hospital vice president, also disagreed with the state's analysis, saying the data did not reflect the reality of its market area.

Hughes said that the number of cardiac procedures that would have been performed at Brockton Hospital would have exceeded the state's requirement, even though the number of diagnostic heart catheterizations at the facility has dropped 40 percent from 1998 to 2000.

The number of diagnostic catheterizations at South Shore Hospital met the state criteria.

The other three hospitals applying were North Shore Medical Center in Salem, Metrowest Medical Center in Framingham, and Southcoast Hospital Group's Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River.

North Shore Medical Center and Southcoast were the other two hospitals receiving licenses.

The three new cardiac licenses brings the number of hospitals in the state able to perform open heart surgery to 15. Most community hospitals in Massachusetts do not have a cardiac license, although community hospitals in 49 states do the procedure. Until now, the DPH had restricted this type of surgery to teaching hospitals. All but two of the hospitals previously licensed are teaching hospitals in Boston, Worcester, and Springfield.

The number of open heart surgeries in the state has dropped from 7,603 in 1997 to 7,436 in 1999, a 3.4 percent drop.

If South Shore Hospital's application had been approved, the first open heart surgery could have been performed at South Shore in January, 2002. Southcoast will be offering the procedure early next year and expects to invest up to $9 million in equipment and staffing, according to hospital officials.

South Shore Hospital's state-of-the-art catheterization lab has been up and running since 1994.

On March 27, South Shore Hospital received long-awaited state approval to perform primary angioplasty, an artery-clearing procedure. The program was launched on April 10 and is expected to benefit at least 100 patients a year. Until now, doctors at South Shore Hospital have had to send heart patients needing the procedure to a Boston hospital.

South Shore Hospital is adding a new wing to accommodate a heart surgery unit. The hospital also stands ready to make the $3.6 million investment in medical equipment needed for the facility, according to Pozniak.

LIBRARY CORNER

Coming in April

Starting Saturday, April 14, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will offer a weekly drop-in story time at 4 p.m. in the Children's Room. The 30-minute sessions are designed for young children, ages 3 and up, accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration will not be necessary. This short, low-key, social and educational experience might be a nice way to end your family's Saturday afternoon. Plan to stop by beginning April 14.

Poetry month

April is National Poetry Month. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library celebrates by displaying poems inspired by Dr. Seuss and written by Deer Hill students. Library patrons will be invited to write a short poem on a paper "leaf" in the Children's Room and attach it to the "poet-tree" on the wall.

Also celebrate National Poetry Month by nominating a poet for a U.S. postage stamp! Ballots are available at the library or online. To date, the United States Postal Service has issued 18 stamps honoring American poets. This is sponsored by the Academy of American Poets. For more information, call Suzanne Terry, Children's Librarian at 383-1348.

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A remembrance voyage

Lost lightkeepers honored through Minot cruise

By Alice Coyle
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April weather can be fierce.

Rather than gentle showers promising May flowers, the same northeast storms that wreak havoc along the New England coastline during the winter months, can visit their destructive winds, heavy rains and storm-tossed seas upon Cohasset and Scituate on any spring day.

Assistant lightkeepers Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine felt the full fury of a such an April storm 150 years ago this week. From their precarious perch atop the old Minot's Ledge Lighthouse, the two could only watch and wait with growing horror, as the storm that would claim both the lighthouse and their lives raged out of control for nearly five days.

"This was the storm of that century," noted Scituate Historical Society project coordinator John Galluzzo. Before the Portland Gale blew up the coast in 1898, the storm of April 16, 1851, known as the Minot's Light Gale, was the one people recalled as the big one, he said.

Lightkeeper John Bennett had left the station for Boston the day before the storm began. It would prove lucky timing for his trip to the city. Antoine and Wilson kept the light until it finally toppled into the frenzied Atlantic. A note discovered in a bottle tossed into the ocean recounts their fears and final resignation to their fate.

"The lighthouse won't stand over to-nite. She shakes two feet each way now."

The note was signed with just their initials "JW & JA."

A century and a half later a monument stands on Cohasset's Government Island for the two men who lost their lives keeping the light, but through the loss helped bring about improved lighthouse construction.

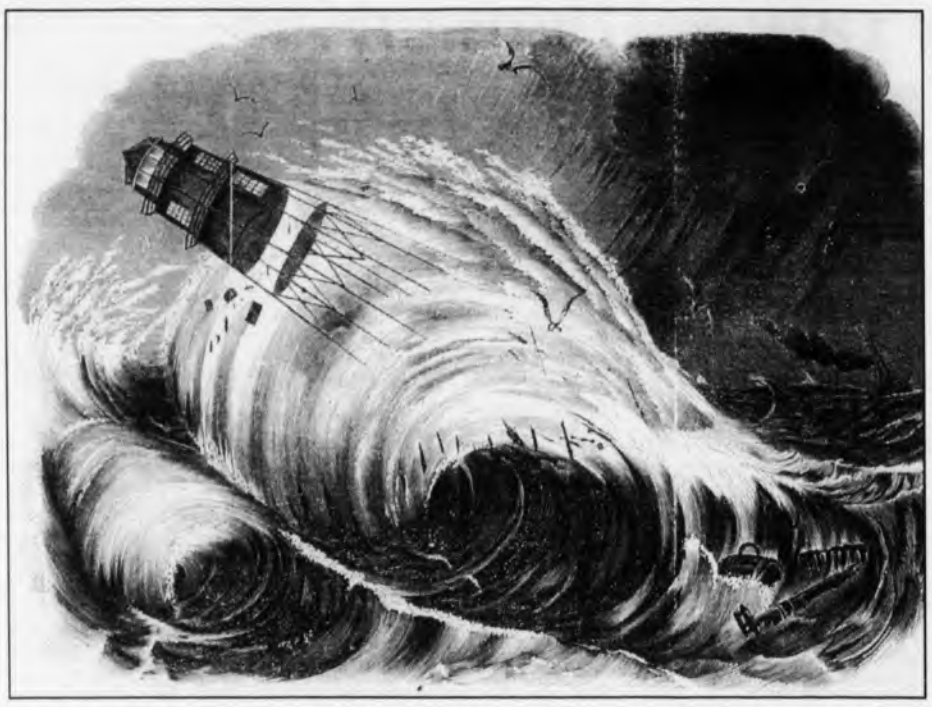
"The lighthouse won't stand over to-nite. She shakes two feet each way now."
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"The time to mourn their loss is past," said Galluzzo. "They gave their lives so future lightkeepers wouldn't go through what they went through."

Following the Minot Gale and the destruction of the lighthouse the American Lighthouse Board began building sturdier, safer lighthouses. The current lighthouse at Minot's Ledge is constructed of granite and is no longer manned.

To honor the men, Galluzzo and fellow society fundraising committee chairman Susan Phippen have organized a sunset cruise and remembrance ceremony Monday night (April 16). The cruise aboard the Massachusetts Bay Lines catamaran "Freedom" will set sail from the town pier at 6 p.m. for the three-hour voyage back to Minot's Ledge Light where a wreath laying ceremony is planned.

Galluzzo and American Lighthouse Foundation founder Doug Bingham will provide the commentary during the cruise, which will include a buffet dinner and raffled prizes from the lighthouse foundation and the Lighthouse Depot of Wells, Maine.



This sketch depicts the destruction of the first Minot's Ledge Lighthouse destroyed 150 years ago this week in a fierce spring gale. The storm also claimed the lives of assistant lightkeepers Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine.

Galluzzo said the spacious catamaran accommodates up to 300 passengers. Already 150 tickets have been sold for the event. He said people from all over New England plan to be aboard for the trip.

"We've drawn people from New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York and Maine," he said. All proceeds from the cruise will go to benefit future historical society restoration projects at Scituate Lighthouse.

But raising funds wasn't foremost in Galluzzo and Phippen's minds when they planned the memorial cruise.

"We didn't set out to do this to make money for the society," Galluzzo said. "It was to remember these men. If we break even on this we'll be happy," he added. While a candlelight vigil was the first idea considered, Galluzzo said "'Why not go back out there, where they were that night?'"

"The time to mourn their loss is past. They gave their lives so future lightkeepers wouldn't go through what they went through."
— project coordinator John Galluzzo

And while Galluzzo is looking to remember the tragic events of that night 150 years ago, he hopes there won't be a reenactment meteorologically.

There appear to be no major nor'easters forecast in the days ahead, but with New England weather you never can tell.

"I hope we're not tempting fate," Galluzzo joked.

Tickets for the April 16 sunset cruise to Minot's Ledge Lighthouse are $40 for Scituate Historical Society members and $43 for non-members. For more information or for tickets, call the society at (781) 545-1083.

Unicorn singers

The Hingham-based Unicorn Singers, under the direction of Margo Euler, will perform John Rutter's Requiem at their upcoming spring concerts on Saturday April 28 at 8 p.m. at Hingham's House of Prayer Lutheran Church, and on Sunday April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset village.

Rutter's Requiem is an elegant small scale composition well suited to the 22 voice chamber chorus, which will be joined in the performance by Sally Tucker on flute; Turner Bledsoe, oboe; Jane Hallet, cello; Lenae Badger, organ; Marcia Babcock on keyboard; and percussionist Tim Maynard. The soprano solo will be sung by Dawn MacGarvey.

The concert will also feature an exploration of well-known sacred texts such as the Ave Maria and Ave Maris Stella in various motet settings alternating with well-loved hymns and anthems in which the audience is invited to participate.

To that end, all singers who plan to attend the concert are invited to arrive 20 minutes prior to the performance for a brief rehearsal. Music will be provided.

Tickets for the concert are $10 and are available at Noble's in Hingham Square, from chorus members, by phone (781.749.6561), and at the door.

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Barn opening

The Adirondack-style barn, "Lion's Hall," in the village of Cohasset, will open its doors, April 28 for a party dedicated to great dining, non-stop dancing and the visual arts on the South Shore. A country western rock and roll dinner dance will inaugurate the new addition to the historic Red Lion Inn on Main Street in Cohasset. The festivities will benefit the visual arts program at the South Shore Art Center.

Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide promises the evening will be memorable, the food extraordinary and the band a sure-fire guarantee for a good time. To enhance the country western theme, Ordelheide is donating a weekend at the Red Lion Inn as the prize for the most creative country western attire.

The Fat City Band, a "bluesy, roots-rockin sextet from Boston" has played all over the country and is known as a group that is as fun to watch as they are to dance to. The Fat City Band has shared the stage with music greats including Ray Charles, B. B. King, Clarence Clemens and James Brown and recorded with notables such as guitarist Elliot Randall from Steely Dan.

The festivities will begin at 7 p.m., April 28, "Lion's Hall" at the Red Lion, Main Street, Cohasset. To reserve tickets call (781) 383-ARTS (2787) or visit www.ssac.org

Classes offered

The following classes are offered at the South Shore Community Center:

Cooking, Science and Nature: for ages 3 to 5 plus, on Friday, Apr. 27, for five weeks, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Freeplay: for ages 14 months to 3 plus, will be offered on Friday, Apr. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Magic Show with Steve Brenner for all ages on Apr. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Admission is $5 at the door.

Vacation Camp is offered on Apr. 17, 18, 19, for ages 3 to 5 plus, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Puppet Show: on Friday, Apr. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Cost is $2.50 at the door.

Intro to Ballet: for ages 4 to 6, Tuesday, May 8, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., for nine weeks.

Gymnastics camp offered for girls ages 5 to 12, Apr. 18 and Apr. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is $60/member, $65/nonmember. Bring lunch and snack.

Intro to Marbling/Faux Finish will be offered on Sat., Apr. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $60/member, $65/nonmember.

Yoga: offered on Mon., Apr. 30 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., for four weeks, $40/member, $45/nonmember.

CPR held on Wed., Apr. 25 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., $40/member, $42/nonmember.

Dog obedience

The Cohasset Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for dog obedience classes, under the direction of Happy-Dog Training School.

Good Manners for Beginners classes will start Monday, May 7, at 6 p.m.; Obedience with Distractions classes, Monday, June 25, at 7 p.m.; and another session of Good Manners for Beginners classes, Monday, June 25, at 6 p.m. All classes are held on the Cohasset Town Common. Classes are five weeks in duration and the cost is $90 for the once-a-week, one-hour class.

Dog owners are required to have their dogs up to date with shots/immunizations.

To register, call the Recreation Department office at (781) 383-4109.

Adams family focus

The Cohasset Historical Society's annual spring dinner meeting is Sunday, April 29, social hour at 5:30 p.m. dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Kimball's by-the-Sea.

The National Park Service Adams Historic Site in Quincy will bring a presentation about a little known aspect of Adams family history. Presented by John Stanwich, historian, and Karen Yourelle, park ranger, the discussion will be woven around letters between Abigail Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

By way of history, around 1804 after Adams' presidency, Jefferson and Adams were at odds with each other. Abigail's letters bring to light discussions about the two dynamic political leaders and their differences.

Reservations must be made before April 25, and sent to 14 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

Please make checks payable to the Cohasset Historical Society ($30 members, $35 non-members)

For information, call Martha Gjesteby at 383-1614 or the Society at 383-1434.

Retirement dinner

Friends of Mary Jeanette Murray will host a retirement roast on Thursday, April 26 at 6 p.m. at Lantana in Randolph to celebrate the former State Representative's 24 years of service. Tickets for the evening are $35 per person and are available by calling the following people: Nancy Roach, 383-0802; Carolyn and Chris Manning, 925-4375; Bill Herman 749-4894; John Cohan, 740-0098; Cindy Kelleher, 749-7860; Lillian Murray Curley, 383-0695.

Relay captains meet

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is looking for teams! Come to the next team captain's meeting at 7pm Tuesday, April 24 at Pier 44, 44 Jericho Road in Scituate. Anyone interested in starting a team or learning more about the Relay For Life in Cohasset is welcome to attend.

This year's Relay For Life in Cohasset will take place from 3pm Friday, May 18 through noon on Saturday May 19 at Cohasset High School. Funds raised through the Relay For Life benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and patient services. For more information, please contact Bob Clifford at 781-749-4737, Lindsey Blampied at 781-749-4618 or the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880.

Dance classes

Creative dance classes for Dance for Mom and Me will be held Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 4 to 6 and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. ages 1 to 3 at 55 Rear S. Main St., behind Red Lion Inn.

For further information, call Becky Ford at 545-0917 or Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-4109.

Carousel opens

The Carousel will open for the season on Saturday, April 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Opening day, the Easter bunny will greet guests and be available for photo sittings.

Easter Sunday, April 10, the Carousel will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free rides will be offered at 1 p.m. to all who wear their Easter finery.

The Carousel will be open weekends thereafter, weather permitting until summer hours begin at the end of June. "Members Only", morning will be held from 10 a.m. to noon every Wednesday after Easter and Fridays in the Spring from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Carousel will be open to all for Birthday parties - book them early.

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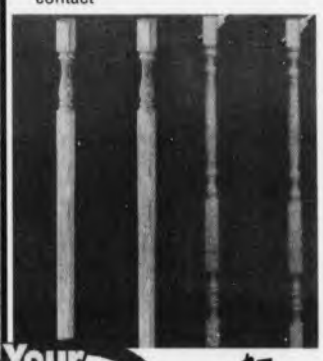
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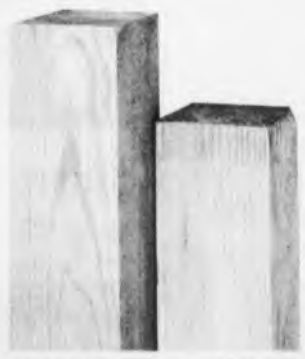
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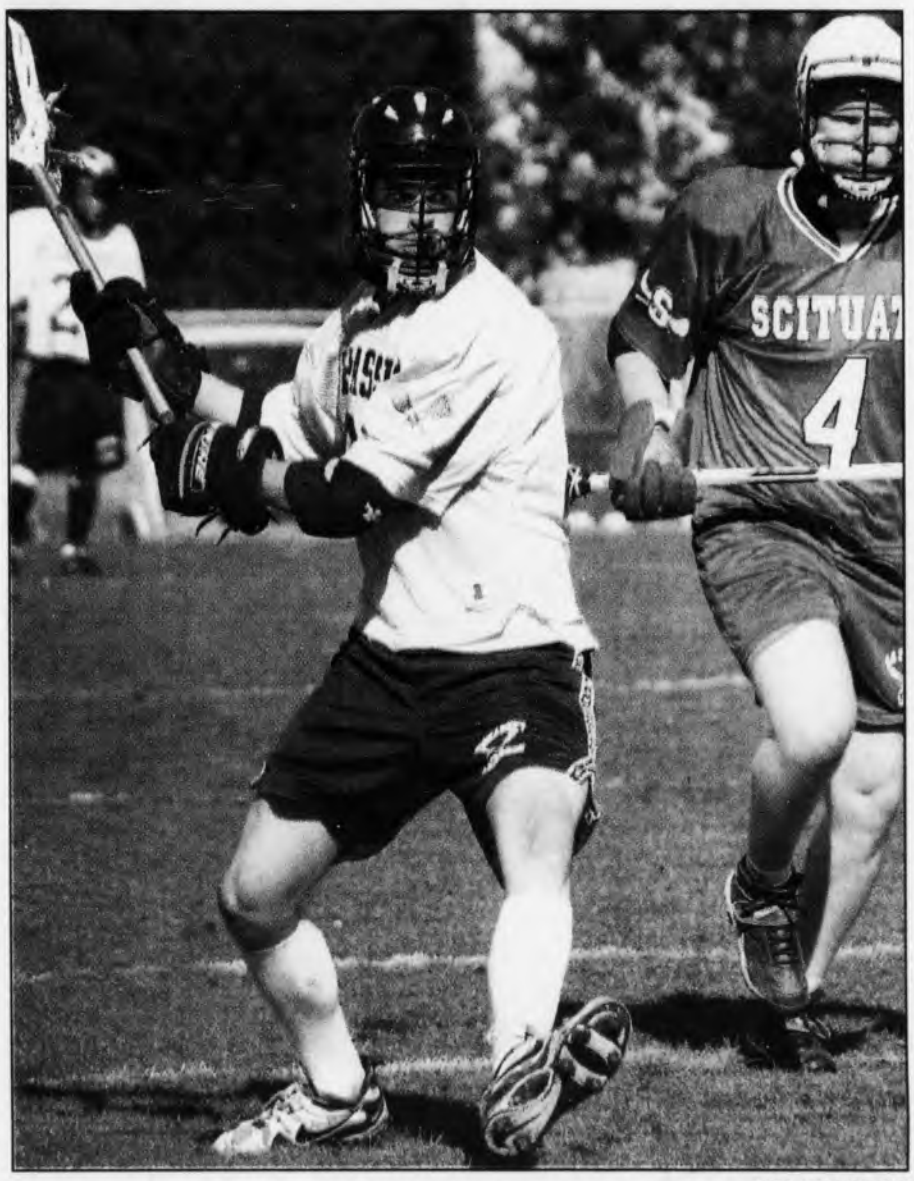
SPORTS

Star of the Week

Ronan Bulck. The senior captain and returning league All-Star for the Cohasset boys lacrosse team had a hand in 26 of the team's 47 goals (12 goals, 14 assists) in the first week of play, playing a huge role in the Skippers 3-0 start.

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Team captain Ronan Buick, seen here firing off a shot, has had a hand in 26 of the Cohasset lacrosse team's 47 goals (12 goals, 14 assists) so far this season, leading the Skippers to a 3-0 start.

Boys net one win, one loss

Tennis team overcomes absences to take big league win over Norton

By James Olson
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset boys' tennis team evened their record at 1-1 this past Tuesday with a 4-1 thrashing of Norton.

The only loss of the match for the Skippers was the forfeited third singles spot due to the absence of several key team members.

"I think it is great to take all those matches the way we did today," said rookie coach Pam Wilson. "It was better than I would have expected."

Senior Erik Shea, playing at first singles, jumped on the Lancers' ace early, and never let up to come away with the win 6-1, 6-0. Ben Guigas, a short but very tough player, was unable to stop the six foot Shea at the net.

Sophomore David Ingber, in his second match as a varsity player, defeated Joe Cummings 6-3, 6-3, as both players battled one another in a consistent ground stroke battle. Ingber admitted to staying too far back in the match, forcing him to make adjustments later in the match.

"He was hitting some great drop shots," explained Ingber. "So I started to use some serve-and-volley. I usually don't rush the net as often as I did today."

Andy Cohen of Norton won third singles by default.

Senior captain Jeff Scribner and junior Joe Niessink toppled Nick Faiella and Tim Burke 6-0, 6-0, finishing their match before the first sets were even concluded in a few of the other matches. Freshmen Robert Carpenter and Jessie Brewer started their match with a 6-1 first set win, and hung on for a come-from-behind second set 7-5 victory.

"So far, the doubles teams have been very strong," said coach Wilson. The Cohasset boys have won three of their four doubles matches so far in the year.

"Jessie and Robbie had an incredible win today."

Cohasset's first match of the year, held this past Monday in Hanover, ended with Cohasset on the losing end, 3-2. Hanover is one of the top rated teams in the South Shore League, one of the few who looks primed to give six time defending champion Norwell a run for its money.

At first singles, Shea was unable to capitalize at the net against hard hitter Volam Souza. But the two will square off again when the two teams meet on May 4 in Cohasset. At second singles, senior captain Chris Golden, a missing link in the win over Norton, took down Greg Hughes, 6-4, 6-1 to give Cohasset one of its two wins.

Niessink started the match well with a 6-2 victory in the first set, but was unable to hang on against one of the top number threes in the area, Pat McCafferty. Niessink, a hard hitter, could not rediscover the stroke that had served him so well in the first set, and he lost the final two sets by identical 6-3 scores.

At first doubles, Hanover put the tall, athletic net guarders Matt Edwards and Pavri Pandian against Cohasset's combo of Scribner and Ingber.

Though neither of Cohasset's players could consistently lob over their opponents, they won all the big games, en route to a 7-6 (7-0), 3-6, 6-2 win.

Carpenter and Brewer played as good a match as they were able, but could not get past the upperclassmen tandem of Pat Hart and John Riley. The Indians took this one with twin sets of 6-3.

Girls start 2-0

The girls opened on Monday with a decisive 4-1 win over Hanover.

First and second singles players Lindsay Grossman and Julie Shea both dominated their counterparts with 6-0, 6-1 victories.

The Lady Skippers also took third singles and second doubles.

Grossman and Shea were even stronger on Tuesday at home against Norton, combining to lose just one game.

This set the tone for the Lady Skippers, who took a 5-0 decision.

Emily Sullivan and Corey Evans also had their way with their competition in first doubles, winning 6-2, 6-2.

Swinging for smaller and better things

With full team back on links this season, optimism abounds for C.H.S. duffers

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

A team of 10 will hit the links this spring for Cohasset, and, though there are still many questions, it appears there could well be a run at a South Shore League Golf Crown.

The Skippers will be led by junior Will Prendergast, the top player on the squad, and one of the best golfers in the area. Prendergast, a captain, has shot two over in both of his practice rounds to prepare for the first match-up of the season on April 23, against Carver.

"He adds nice leadership to the team," said first year coach Torin Sweeney, who has succeeded the late Clark Chatterton as head coach of the golf team. "He is kind of like a second coach."

With Prendergast matching up against the number one from the opposing towns, the rest of the line-up is uncertain. Due to the rainy conditions of late, practice time has been limited, leaving the top six far from determined.

"Will is going to be our number one, but after that, it is pretty open," said Sweeney, who has only had two practices with his team so far.

As it stands right now, designations two through number five will be taken by (in no particular order) senior Ted Gledhill and juniors Will Moody, Jay Bertovich and David Bouchard.

"They are going to be pretty tight," said Sweeney of the closeness in skill among these four. "We need to play a few more practice rounds to see."

Vying for the number six spot, as well as the two alternate roster spots will be sophomores Gregory Griffin-O'Brien, Rob Lehr, Chris McKenna, Terry Hurley and Mike Calorio. It is still too early to tell, however, who will be playing where.

"They are all pretty close," affirmed the coach.

Unfortunately, there were no freshman recruits this year, but there was a tremendous response at the Middle School, with 20 seventh and eight graders turning out.

Sweeney, also an assistant football coach in the fall and the varsity wrestling coach in the winter, covers a wide range of sports. But he is quick to point out that the knowledge he brings to the golf course is surprisingly similar to what he brings to the field and the mat.

"Golf is just as intense," he asserted. "It isn't a contact sport, but it is a real mental game. I think I can bring that to the kids."

Though last year was not a suc-

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS LACROSSE
April
3 beat Dover-Sherborn, 10-4
5 lost to Martha's Vnyd, 19-8
10 beat New Bedford, 6-5

BOYS LACROSSE
4 beat Scituate, 22-3
6 beat Norwell, 11-5
10 beat Barnstable, 14-3

BASEBALL
10 Norton- *postponed*

BOYS TENNIS
9 lost to Hanover, 3-2
10 beat Norton, 4-1

GIRLS TENNIS
9 beat Hanover, 4-1
10 beat Norton, 5-0

TRACK AND FIELD
BOYS AND GIRLS
5 Norton- boys won
girls lost
9 Norwell- boys won, 94-40
girls lost, 80-38

GOLF
12 at Hanover

All-Scholastic hockey team

Scituate's O'Connell named High Honorable mention

The 18 individuals you see honored here are the ones we determined through research and personal observation to be the top high school hockey players in *Marinerland* (i.e. Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland and Scituate).

As you might imagine, this was no easy task. Several of the players you see recognized here as High Honorable Mentions received serious consideration for All-Scholastic honors. Cohasset's talented sophomore Greg O'Connell, the Skippers' leading scorer this season and a Pilgrim Conference All-Star, was among the more difficult omissions.

Likewise, Honorable Mentions Matt Davis and Dan Kinchla, a forward and goalie for C.H.S., were strong candidates to receive High Honorable Mention status.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Greg O'Connell, seen here ripping off a slapper, was named a High Honorable Mention to our team.

First team

Marc Smith - Defenseman
Senior - Hanover

Few will argue the point that the Div. 3 state champion Indians' were led first and foremost this season by their stellar defensive unit…Fewer still would refute the assertion that Smith was widely regarded as the most valuable player on this invaluable backline…Is heavily regarded by Hanover coach Jim Sylvia as being one of the "best defensemen on the South Shore"… Along with blueliners Joe Jackson, Ryan Carr, Nick Bolger, and fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Greg DiTullio, the 5'10", 165-pound Smith helped lead the team to a 9-0 shutout against North Middlesex in the Div. 3 state final…Also a great playmaker as evidenced by his 21 assists, seven goals for 28 points this year… has played hockey year round, including summer league play with the Bay State Breakers…Has been accepted to Westfield State, which has a strong hockey program. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "He was a real leader out there. He's a great player, very physical. He's like a wall out there. He'll be tough to lose."



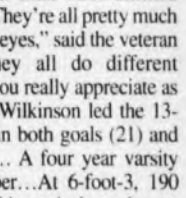
Marc Smith

Anthony Forgione - Forward
Senior (Capt.) - Hingham

Has been the Harbormen's top scorer for the last three years, leading Hingham to a first-ever Div. 1 state championship this year…The 5'11", 193-pound forward racked up 49 points on 23 goals, 26 assists…Scored a crucial goal in the Div. 1 final to tie the game when Hingham was down 3-2…Career stats find the senior with 113 points on 55 goals, 58 assists…Was on Hingham's penalty kill and power play units…Forgione won his team's Most Valuable Player and Seventh Player Awards this year…Had a four-goal regular season game against Norwood, who Hingham later defeated in the Div. 1 sectional final. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "In all our key situations, he's it. At the end of the game, he's our go-to guy. He's a target for other teams, but he's still able to play well and stay out of the box, and that's a pretty good combination."

Dave Wilkinson - Forward
Senior (Capt.) - Silver Lake

Wilkinson is representing not only his school with this selection, but also his linemates, Matt Troup and Jason Rogers… This trio combined for an eye-popping 96 points this season, and coach Bill Donovan simply could not or would not discern between these three talented seniors… "They're all pretty much equal in my eyes," said the veteran coach. "They all do different things that you really appreciate as a coach."…Wilkinson led the 13-6-1 Lakers in both goals (21) and points (35)… A four year varsity team member…At 6-foot-3, 190 pounds, Wilkinson is the archetypal power forward, but also possesses excellent skating and stick handling skills…was equally dangerous in the open ice as he was clogging up the front of the net…netted three hat tricks this season…his numbers would've no doubt been ever better if he hadn't been forced to play the final few weeks of the season with a cast on his right hand protecting a broken bone… Wilkinson would like to play college hockey, and will do just that if he accepts an offer from Suffolk University…is still considering playing junior hockey next year rather than attending college…he has an upcoming tryout with the Boston Harborwolves…Old Colony League All-Star…Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic…Silver Lake coach Bill Donovan: "Dave just has all the skills you want from a big forward. And he's tough too.



Dave Wilkinson

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All-Scholastic hockey team

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He showed that playing with the broken bone. He did whatever he had to get on the ice."

Mike McNulty - Center
Junior (Capt.) - Hanover



Mike McNulty

A lethal combination of size, strength, speed, and hockey talent, McNulty was the leading scorer for the Div. 3 state champion Indians, racking up 43 points on 24 goals, 25 assists…The 6'3", 180-pound first-liner scored two goals in Hanover's 9-0 shutout of North Middlesex in the Div. 3 final, capping an undefeated 24-0-2 season…Was the team's top penalty killer and was on the top power play unit…Combined with first-liners Dan Breda and Jesse Ferraro for one of the most productive offenses in the state…Will be among the top returnees next year. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "He's a great strong forward. He's got strong hands and a good shot. He's difficult to knock off the puck because he's so strong. When you say McNulty, you say Dan Breda and Jesse Ferraro in the same breath. They did an excellent job together. I'm glad we'll have them all back next year."

Mike Cavanaugh - Defenseman
Senior (Capt.) - Hingham



Mike Cavanaugh

The two-year captain was a spark plug on defense for the Div. 1 state champion Harbormen… At 6', 200-pounds, Cavanaugh was Hingham's biggest defenseman on the ice…Tallied 18 points on three goals, 15 assists this year, adding to his 50 career points…A favorite among his teammates, Cavanaugh earned the Most Valuable Player and Best Defenseman awards…The All-star is currently undecided about his future plans, however he is considering attending prep school and would like to play hockey at a Div. 1 college. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He was our leader on defense. He's an extremely hard worker, moves the puck well and is a top-flank defenseman. He's a great player."

John Lynch - Goalie
Junior - Hingham



John Lynch

Had a stellar 2001 campaign in the net for the Div. 1 state champs, boasting a 2.14 goals against average…The 6'1", 152-pounder posted a number of shutouts during the season against powerhouses like Springfield Cathedral and Arlington Catholic (30 saves) in the Falmouth Tourney, and a 3-0 shutout against Norwood in the Div. 1 South Sectional final, and a 5-0 shutout against Weymouth in the sectional semifinals…Also kept Hingham in the running early in the tourney with stellar performances in two close overtime wins over Framingham and Dedham…As his stats prove, Lynch more than adequately filled the void left by three-year Harbormen starter Kevin McGowan, who graduated last year. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "As the year went on John really improved. He had some big shoes to fill with Kevin gone, and he worked hard all year. He had some great games in the tourney with some overtime wins and shutouts, and in the state final. It was a heck of a way to finish the year."

Second team

Tim Duggan – Defense
Senior (Capt.) - Scituate

The one player coach Mike Breen called "absolutely irreplaceable" this season…the two time Pilgrim Conference All-Star was a crucial steadying influence for the predominantly younger Sailors that shocked virtually all close observers with their second place finish in the Pilgrim Conference (behind Div. 3 state champion Hanover) with a 12-6-2 record…voted the Sailors Most Valuable Player…finished his four year career with 66 points (10 goals and 56 assists)…Point totals had relatively little to do with his value to the team, however; defense was the name of his game, as his astounding plus 28 rating through 20 games clearly indicates…Though there is no count kept for this statistic, it seems safe to say that no player in *Marinerland* blocked more shots this season than Duggan, who constantly dove in front of shots with little or no regard for his own well being (of course, the fact that he had his little brother Joe behind him in net much of the time might have had something to do with that)… also the captain of the baseball team, for which he pitches and plays the outfield… plans to play either baseball or hockey in college… still weighing his college options, with Bryant being among the possibilities…Scituate coach Mike Breen: "You take Tim off of our team, and I don't know if we'd have even made the tourney. He was just as valuable off the ice with his leadership as he was on it."



Tim Duggan

Kevin Olson - Center
Junior (Capt.) - Hingham

Was the Div. 1 state champion Harbormen's leading playmaker this year, boasting 22 assists, 10 goals for 32 points…The 5'9", 165-pounder netted a goal and had an assist in the 5-4 victory over St. John's in the Div. 1 state final…Has scored 66 points in three years for Hingham…Was on Hingham's power play and penalty kill units…Teammates think very highly of Olson, awarding him the Team Contribution award. Hingham coach Garrett Reagan: "He and (Anthony) Forgione were our key guys on offense. He was a great captain and he did a good job for us this year. He always hustles. He's a very smart player and also plays good defense."

Adam Keeler - Forward
Junior - Marshfield



Adam Keeler

Silver Lake coach Bill Donovan said Keeler will be the top skater in the Old Colony League when Marshfield makes the jump next year… A highly-speedy right wing, Keeler was the Rams leading scorer this year with 38 points on 23 goals, 15 assists…Was third in the Atlantic Coast League in scoring…Helped lead Marshfield to the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 state tourney, where the Rams suffered a tough 4-3 loss to ACL rival Whitman/Hanson…The 5'10", 170-pounder was Marshfield's top penalty killer and was on the top power play unit…Keeler had a great game against Sandwich, in which he scored two shorthanded goals on the same shift…Was recently selected to Team Massachusetts, which takes the top hockey talent to represent the state in a national tourney in Chicago…Was also a member of Marshfield's Div. 1 Eastern Mass. champion soccer team and plays baseball. Marshfield coach Dan Connolly: "Adam is the fastest skater around. He was certainly the fastest forward in the ACL and always plays at top speed. He plays all out, every game. He plays every shift just as hard. He also has a great vision of the ice. He knows what to do and where to be."

Jason Ferris - Forward
Senior (Capt.) - Hanover



Jason Ferris

Was the second leading scorer on the Div. 3 state champion Indians squad, racking up 43 points on 18 goals, 25 assists…The 5'9", 170-pound forward scored four goals in Hanover's 9-0 win over North Middlesex in the Div. 3 final…All in all in the tourney this year, Ferris scored 11 points on six goals and five assists…Along with fellow second-liners Rich MacAllister and Mike Colombus, Ferris was a huge offensive threat in the tourney, combining for 36 points between the three…Ferris would like to continue his hockey career in college. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "Jason was just a leader all the way. His leadership led us to the state championship. He really brought his line along nicely. When you talk about him, you talk about (Rich) MacAllister and (Mike) Colombus. Those guys were like having two first lines."

Ben Spitz- Defense
Junior (Capt.) - Norwell



Ben Spitz

An amazingly powerful and fluid skater, Spitz tallied 23 points (12 goals, 11 assists) in 19 games this season for the Clippers… Though his primary responsibilities were at the defensive end, Spitz picked up his offense in the post-season, scoring five times in the final three tourney games…had a hand in all four of the Clippers goals (three goals, one assist) in the quarterfinal win over Bishop Stang and semifinal loss to eventual state champion Hanover… Ben's electrifying end-to-end rushes have drawn comparisons to Bobby Orr from more than a few longtime local hockey fans…not bad, considering hockey is Ben's second favorite sporting activity…one of New England's most accomplished high school golfers, Ben is being recruited by several major collegiate Div. 1 golf programs…missed five hockey games this season in order to participate in golf tournaments… Norwell coach Paul Hurley: "As far as I'm concerned, Ben is the best skater and stickhandler in this league. When he makes up his mind to get somewhere, he's really tough to stop. He's also just a really smart player."

Marisa Hourihan - Goalie
Senior - Hanover



Marisa Hourihan

Finished a stellar 2001 campaign in her first year as Hanover's starting keeper…Fronted by a stellar defense, Hourihan posted 12 shutouts this season…The 5'5", 128-pounder allowed just 26 goals in 26 games…Hourihan has participated in Hockey Night in Boston, capturing the MVP goalie award…A star midfielder on Hanover's field hockey team, Hourihan was a Mariner All-Scholastic last fall…She also is the starting catcher on the softball squad…Hourihan is currently considering a number of colleges, at which she would like to play Div. 1 women's hockey, most-likely at Northeastern University. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "It takes a very special person to step into a situation like this, and she is just that. She really got better as the season went on and in those last four games, she really stepped up. Once she got some confidence, she was playing the type of hockey we expected from her. She just sparkled."

Third Team

Matt Hall- Forward
Sophomore – Scituate



Matt Hall

An absolutely stunning non-selection to the Pilgrim Conference All-Star team…Hall was not only the leading scorer on the 12-6-2 Sailors this season with 27 points, but he was in the eyes of some their MVP… The only explanation for the snubbing is that he came out of virtually no where in his sophomore year… After playing on a third line as a freshman and scoring single digit points, Matt worked hard in the off-season to improve his game playing in the New England College Development League… At 6-feet, 170 pounds, Hall blends size and strength with a well rounded game, good skating skills and a blistering shot… His point total undoubtedly would have been higher if he'd not been forced to play extensively on defense after a knee injury put blueliner Will Falaro on the shelf for three weeks…While this move may have cut into his numbers production, it clearly illustrated his considerable value to the team…Plays hockey year round…is presently trying out for the elite Bay State Sharks program… also plays baseball at Scituate High…Scituate coach Mike Breen: "Matt has everything you'd want in a hockey player—size, smarts, hustle, a great attitude—and he's a great kid too. His ability to go back and play defense really bailed us out this year. Hopefully, we should be able to leave him alone at forward next year, where I'm sure he'll have a huge year."

Rob Himberg – Forward
Junior - Norwell



Rob Himberg

A brilliant skater and playmaker with great hockey instincts who often seemed a half step ahead of everyone else on the ice…led Norwell in scoring with 40 points (15 goals, 25 assists)...voted team's Most Valuable Player…became the fastest player in the eight year history Of Norwell High hockey to reach 100 points… a Pilgrim Conference All-Star… 5'10"- 155 pounds…adopted a more physical style in the post-season during the Clippers run to the South Sectional semi-finals…of particular note were bone jarring hits in the quarterfinals to Bishop Stang's two best players…plays hockey year round as a member of the Bay State Breakers and South Shore Dynamos…also plays on the Norwell High golf team… Norwell coach Paul Hurley: "Rob can carry the puck with anyone, and he's got real good playmaking instincts. When he added that physical play in the tourney, he really helped make us a different team."

Matt Morrissey - Forward
Senior- Abington/E. Bridgewater



Matt Morrissey

Flashy playmaker and scorer who helped lead the Green Wave back into the tourney after a five year absence… transferred from B.C. High after his sophomore year…finished his two year career at Abington High with 72 points (49 goals, 23 assists), including 31 this season (22 goals, nine assists)… will either go to prep school or play junior hockey next year…he's talked to the Walpole Stars and Junior Bruins…May go to college after that, where he'd also like to play hockey…Also plays football and baseball at Abington High, though her says hockey is "by far" his first love… Unfortunately, he tore ligaments in his ankle in a collision at first base in the second baseball game this spring and will be lost for the remainder of the season...insists he should be ready for next hockey season, however, wherever that may be….Abington coach Anthony Sulmonte: "Matt has the full package of offensive skills. He's a very talented skater with excellent hands and instincts, and has a very strong shot whether it's a slapper or a wrist shot. He's also a tough kid. With the skills he has, he was a marked man out there a lot of times, but he never backed down and he handled it well."

Brian Libby - Defense
Senior (Capt.) - Silver Lake



Brian Libby

The most amazing aspect of Libby's story this season is that he even made it on to the ice…After leading the Lakers in scoring as a sophomore, Brian missed most of his junior season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee that required reconstructive surgery last spring… started this season slowly, and was used at forward rather than at his customary defenseman position in order to protect the repaired knee from heavy contact and pivoting…Lakers coach Bill Donovan said "The turning point" in this season was moving Libby back to defense four games into the season… finished fifth on the Lakers in scoring this season with 20 points (four goals, 16 assists)… OCL All-Star…plays hockey year round…used to play soccer and baseball, but his knee injury prohibits him from activities in which running is required…Silver Lake coach Bill Donovan: "Brian was a horse for us this season. Even though his mobility never got back to where it was before the surgery this season, he was still just about impossible to get around. He did a great job with positioning and his stick. He's just a great instinctive hockey player at both ends of the ice. He has a great knack for knowing when to rush the puck, when to dish off and when to lay back."

Greg DiTullio - Defenseman
Senior - Hanover



Greg DiTullio

At 6'2", 180 pounds, DiTullo was one of the biggest men on the ice for Hanover… The hard-hitting defenseman scored 26 points this season on 10 goals, 16 assists…Played a stellar game against North Middlesex in the Div. 3 state finals, aiding in the team's impressive 9-0 shutout…Along with defensemen Nick Bolger, Ryan Carr, Joe Jackson, and fellow All-Scholastic Marc Smith, DiTullio was part of one of the most dominant bluelines the state…DiTullio is planning to attend Mass. Maritime Academy, where he will study Marine Transport. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "He's part of the best defensive core I've ever coached. He's a very physical player, who's difficult to get around."

Buddy Johnson - Goalie
Senior - Silver Lake

Consistency is the name of the game for Johnson, who backstopped the Lakers to a 13-6-1 record this season… Johnson had an Old Colony League best goals against average of 1.9 as a junior…followed that up with a solid 2.5 g.a.a. this season…the higher average this season had to do with a tougher schedule, more shots and the fact that he played on a sprained ankle down the stretch…A true "stand up" goalie with a great glove hand…plays hockey year round… took part in the Hockey Night in Boston league this summer… is presently leaning towards offers to play junior hockey next season…Toronto, of the World Junior Hockey League, has offered him a tryout… Silver Lake coach Bill Donovan: Buddy has a great glove hand, and keeps his feet under him, which I always like in a goalie. But what really impresses me about him is that he's a great goalie to play in front of. He's never one of those goalies who gets on his teammates when they blow an assignment or make a mistake that causes a goal. He's real supportive of his teammates."

High Honorable Mention

Matt Troup- Forward- Sr.- Silver Lake

Jason Rogers - Center- Sr.- Silver Lake

Greg O'Connell- Center - Soph.- Cohasset

Garrett Daigler - Forward- Soph.- Hingham

Andrew Genovese- Forward- Jr.- Hingham

Mike Carey- Forward – Sr.- Marshfield

Steve McDevitt- Forward- Jr.- Scituate

Greg Gianetti - Forward - Sr. - Rockland

Nick Bolger- Defense- Sr.- Hanover

Jed McDonald - Defense- Soph. - Hingham

Pat Bowen - Defense- Fresh. - Marshfield

Ken O'Sullivan- Goalie- Soph.- Abington/EB

Honorable Mention

Craig Simpson - Defense - Sr.- Scituate

Casey Marini - Forward- Sr.- Scituate

Mike Murphy - Forward- Sr.- Abington/EB

Matt Davis - Forward- Soph.- Cohasset

Dan Breda - Forward- Jr.- Hanover

Andy Ferraro- Forward - Jr. - Hanover

Mike McAteer- Forward- Soph.- Norwell

Jesse Adams- Forward- Sr. Norwell

Sean McElaney- Defense - Sr. - Rockland

Bill Stewart- Defense- Sr. Capt.- Rockland

Dan Kinchla- Goalie- Jr.- Cohasset

Cohasset High sports shorts

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Boys Track

The Cohasset boys track team took its third straight lopsided victory over a South Shore League rival on Monday, a 94-40 drubbing of Norton.

Senior Brian Krupczak was the horse, taking first place in the 200-meter, triple jump and long jump. He also ran the second leg in the winning 4x100 meter relay effort.

Junior Liam Martin took top finishes in the high jump and 300-meter hurdles.

Boys Lacrosse

Team captain Ronan Buick has had a hand in 26 Skippers goals to date (12 goals, 14 assists) to help lead them to a perfect 3-0 start.

So far, the Cohasset squad has outscored its three opponents by a totla of by a total of 47-11: Scituate, 22-3, Norwell, 11-5) and Barnstable, 14-3.

In Tuesday's win over much bigger Barnstable, the Skippers received a three goal-six assist effort from Buick. The senior was just one of four who notched a hat trick, with juniors Paul Previtte (2 assists), Eric Libby (2 assists) and sophomore Matt Davis also netting the scoring trifecta.

Girls Lacrosse

Like the boys, the girls are off the a flying 3-0 start.

Junior team captain Kristin Sheerin led the way this week with nine goals in Lady Skippers' wins over Martha's Vineyard (19-8) and New Bedford (5-4). Among her four goals in the New Bedford nailbiter on Tuesday was the game winner.

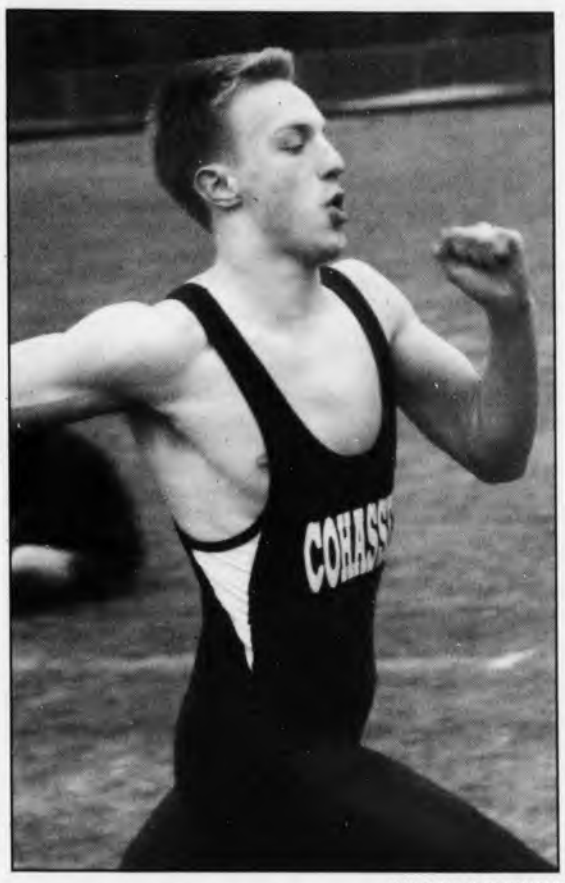
Maura McKenney and Nicole Turgis also scored for Cohasset, while goalie Gia Petrakis came up with 16 saves in net, giving her a two game total this week of 45.

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SPORTS NOTES

Safe boating course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 1208, and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a spring, six session, Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The course will be offered to both youth and adults, however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any craft. U.S.C.G.A., Flotilla 1208 instructors will teach the six session course, scheduled to begin on Tuesday evening, May 15, at the Cohasset High School. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. May 15, through May 31. To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department Office at 383-4109, as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size, and participants will be enrolled on first call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, that covers the cost of the text book and class materials. Checks for payment must be made out to: U S C G A Flotilla 1208. While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children aged 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft. Certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset tri-captain Brian Krupczak captured three solo first place finishes in Monday's 94-40 win over SSL rival Norton, taking the 200-meter, triple jump and long jump. He also ran the second leg in the winning 4x100 meter relay effort.

Speed and agility training

The Cohasset Recreation Department is pleased to announce a speed and agility training program for youngsters ages 9 to 14 and 14 to19 years.

The five-week program will meet twice weekly, on Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Miliken Field, starting Monday, June 25, through Wednesday, July 25..

The cost for this unique, all-sports speed and agility training program is $85 for the 10 session program.

Early registration is advised as the clinics must be size restricted and further information is available, along with registration, at the Cohasset Recreation Department, 1st floor, Town Hall, or at 383-4109.

Asst. swim coaches wanted

The Cohasset Swim Team currently has two assistant swim coach positions available for the 2001 summer season. Positions are for morning hours Monday through Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Candidates should enjoy working with children and must be 16 years of age or older. Applications should be sent to P.O. Box 651, Cohasset, 02025 and will be accepted through April 16.

April Vacation Baseball Clinic

Cohasset Recreational Department and the South Shore Baseball Club will hold a baseball clinic during the April school vacation from Tuesday, April 17 through Friday, April 20, at Milliken Field from noon to 2:30 p.m. for children ages 8 to 12. The fee is $100. Applications are still being accepted.

Anyone interested can register at the Cohasset Recreation Office, on the first floor of Town Hall. Checks shoud be made payable to "Town of Cohasset".

Space is limited, so early registration is advised. For further information, call the office (383-4109).

The rainy day site will be Cohasset High School. To register, drop off or mail form to: Cohasset Recreation Department - Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset at 383-4109. Please make checks payable to Town of Cohasset.

Girls basketball skills development

Cohasset Recreation girls basketball skills development for grades 3 to 8 on Tuesday evenings April 10 to May 22 for six weeks. $36 per player at Sullivan Gym-Cohasset High School. Register prior to April 5.

The clinics will be directed by Mrs. Ellen Carr, the head girls basketball at Cohasset High School.

Grades 3 to 5 meet at 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Grades 6 to 8 meet at 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration forms available at recreation office, Town Hall.

Girls gymnastics camp

Join Ruthann Ellen, and other staff members of the Community Center for two fun-filled days of gymnastics, bowling, make-a-craft, sports and much more.

Mini April vacation gymnastics camp for girls meets on Wednesday, April 18 and Friday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring lunch and snack daily. Fee for both days is $60 members and $65 for non-members. Make checks payable to SSCC. Camp is open to all girls ages 5 to 12. Limited space available.

Golf tourney to support N.H.S hockey team

The Friends of Norwell High School Hockey and The Norwell Boosters Club are once again sponsoring their annual Golf Tournament on **Thursday, May 17, 2001** at the **Widow's Walk** golf course in Scituate. It will be a 1:00 shotgun start with dinner, prizes, raffle, and auction to immediately follow at the **Scituate Country Club.**

The varsity hockey team is totally funded by The Friends of Norwell High School Hockey and this tournament is a major fundraiser for the program.

The cost for a **single golfer** in the tournament is **$100** or **$400** for a **foursome**. This includes golf, cart, dinner, and prizes. We are responsible for providing 40 golfers and last year the places went fast. For those people who don't want to golf but would like to attend the dinner and festivities, the cost is $25.00.

There are other ways to support the team. **Tee sponsorships** are $100.00 and benefit the team directly. We need **raffle** and **auction items** donated for use at the dinner. We also have a limited number of **Major Sponsorships** available. These are just some of the ways that you can participate.

The hockey players make the athletic and academic commitment to succeed by practicing at 5 o'clock in the morning and putting in a full day at school. Give the kids an opportunity to keep the dream alive and play varsity hockey. If you are interested in participating in any way, please contact either **Bob Himberg (826-3029) or Rick Adams (878-6731).** From the Boosters Club, Please contact **Chip Ennis (659-4898)** or **Kevin Finneran (659-2572).**

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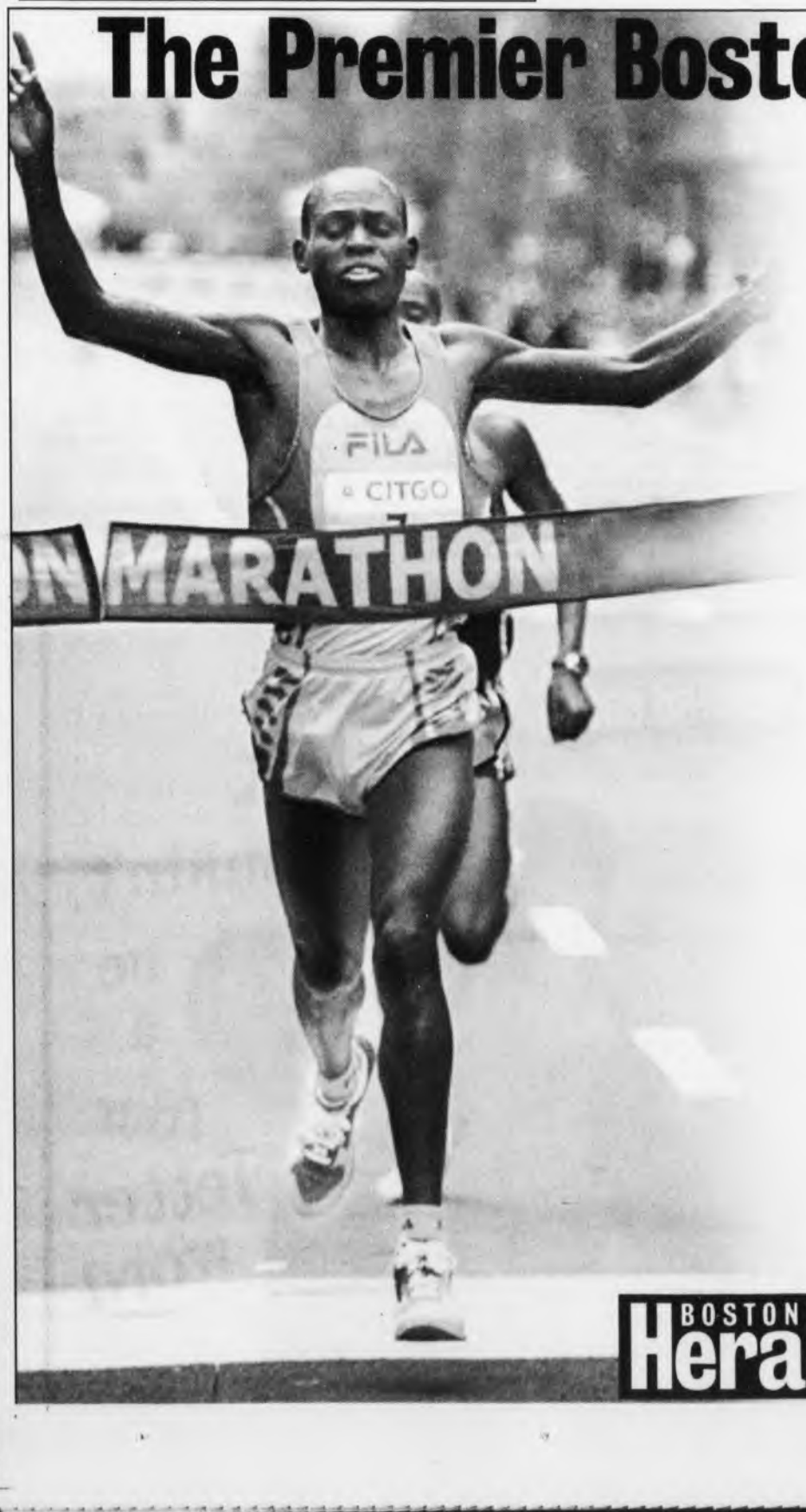
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Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

GIRLS LACROSSE

April

12 at Norwell 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Kathy Guadiano

Home field: Alumni Field

BOYS LACROSSE

April

12 at Hanover 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Kevin Orcutt

Home field: Alumni Field

BASEBALL

April

12 Norwell 3:30 p.m.

17 at SSVT 10 a.m./1 p.m. Doubleheader

18 at Holbrook 11 a.m.

Coach: Bob Knurek

Home field: Milliken Field

JV BASEBALL

April

10 Norton 3:30 p.m.

12 Norwell 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Peter Lucido

Home field: Beechwood Field

GIRLS TENNIS

April

12 at Norwell

All matches at 3:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

Coach: Sarah Meehan

Home Court: Milliken Courts

GOLF

April

12 at Hanover

Coach: Torin Sweeney

All matches at 3:30 p.m.

Most high school teams will not play during the April Vacation.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset High goalie Dan Kinchla (pictured here in net) was named an Honorable Mention this week for the Mariner's All-Scholastic Hockey team, as were Skippers' sophomore forwards Matt Davis and Greg O'Connell.

Youth Lacrosse teams on a roll

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program continued its strong start to the season on Sunday, April 8, with three of four teams winning during the second weekend of Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League play.

The day started with the Cohasset White Under-12 team jumping out to a fast start against a Falmouth team that was short on substitutes but long on effort.

Michael Grimm scored two quick unassisted goals to give Cohasset a lead, then assisted on one of Austen Lanzillotti's two first-period goals as Cohasset jumped out to a 4-0 lead. Falmouth narrowed the count with two goals before Grimm finished his hat trick and closed the first quarter at 5-2.

Falmouth cut the lead to 6-4 before Lanzillotti completed his hat trick on an assist from Grimm to give Cohasset a two-goal halftime lead. Justin Hollis made four first-half saves in the Cohasset goal.

The two teams traded goals to start the third period, with Jeff Brown — who had assisted on one of Lanzillotti's earlier goals — scoring for Cohasset. Falmouth, however, narrowed the gap just before the buzzer and the quarter ended at 7-6.

With Falmouth seeming to snatch the momentum and energy, Cohasset's defensive core of Patrick Flynn, Kyle Pinkus, Kurt Gritzan and an assortment of middies, kept Falmouth at bay, while the attack combination of Peter Oswald and Chris Rose took over. Oswald scored two unassisted goals before Rose made a great individual effort, racing from behind the cage and unloading a shot right before a Falmouth player unloaded on him. Moments later, Rose scooped a ball at the midfield, headed for the net and flipped a pass to Oswald, whose third goal of the game put the contest out of reach.

Falmouth scored one late goal, but Jared Dick, who made six saves in the second half, shut the door and sent the visitors home on the short end of an 11-7 final.

The Cohasset Blue U-12 team took the field next, against a stubborn and physical Abington squad.

Abington jumped out to a 1-0 lead and kept Cohasset off the board in the first quarter. That changed in the second period, when Michael Bunstein broke free for two unassisted tallies to give Cohasset a 2-1 lead that stood up through halftime.

Cohasset broke the game open in the third period, with Bunstein scoring his third goal on an assit from Nick Zappolo, right before Zappolo scored one on his own. Matt Burgess and Peter Ernst scored unassisted goals, and Charlie Czerkawski got credit for his first goal of the season after pressuring Abington into mistakenly putting the ball into its own net. Czerkawski got credit for the score as the Cohasset player closest to the cage when the ball went in.

Ahead 7-1, Cohasset seemed to relax in the fourth quarter, and Abington popped in three quick goals. Bunstein, however, scored two and Robert Silvia — seeing his first-ever action at attack — scored one to close out the game at 10-4. Sam Parker had six first-half saves for the Blue squad, with Oliver Brennan making three stops in the second half.

Cohasset's U-14 team took the field next, beating Abington 11-5 in a sloppy, wet game that was marred by far too many penalties on both sides of the ball.

Jake Previte pulled double duty and played the first half in goal and the second half at attack. Jake was the consummate team player, making several nice stops in goal in the first half and scoring twice in the second half.

Sam Steele had several strong feeds, including a laser beam through three Abington players to Aidan Buick for the score. The scoring parade was led be Chris Barber's three goals. Billy Carbone, John Grimm, Sam Steele and Buick all had at least one tally.

Mike Pecca was dominant on ground balls from the defensive end and led several fast breaks with his scooping and passing. Kirby Bukowski, Casey Coleman, and Leo Clougherty shut down the Abington attack, along with goalie Chris Simms in the second half.

Midfielders Mark Donovan, Colin Regan, Mike Martone, Joey Durkin, Zach Etkind, and Trevor Brady helped control play with strong defense and dominated the ground balls. Jonathan Littauer, playing for the first time this year, showed great hustle and determination.

That led to the day's finale and only loss, with Scituate dominating the Cohasset U-10 team, 15-8. Scituate jumped out to an early 5-1 lead, leaving Cohasset to play from behind all afternoon.

Chris Brown and Owen Landon scored twice apiece as Cohasset struggled to get back into the game. Dean Driscoll, John Kearney, Max Shipp and Geoff Evans also scored for Cohasset.

With the team's regular netminders missing, Brown and Ian Quinlan shared the goaltending duties, standing up all day to a relentless Scituate offense.

Another highlight for the Cohasset squad was some fine team midfield play from Eamon Davis, Gabriella Flibotte and Andrew Bell. The Cohasset youth program takes the field next on April 22, when all four teams will be on the road at arch-rival Hingham.

Swinging for smaller and better things

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cessful one, the team return its full squad, which Sweeney sees as a real plus.

"They have all played before, and they all have the potential to shoot in the low 40's," reported Sweeney.

(Not to worry, the golf team does not have superhuman golfing abilities; the players shoot nine hole matches, not the full 18.)

"I think we will be good," offered Sweeney. "We shoot low enough to be in every match." The Skippers will have their work cut out for them, though, with some stiff competition in the SSL this year. The toughest appears to be defending Div. 2 EMass champion Norwell, led by two time Div. 2 Massachusetts golfer of the year Ben Spitz.

"They are probably the team to beat," conceded Sweeney.

Cohasset will have to hang tough in every match this year, especially since there will be no non-league contests. Part of the reason for this is that a majority of Massachusetts high schools play golf in the fall. In fact, Cohasset, and the entire South Shore League will be switching to fall play next school year.

This move may prove to be a negative one for the Skippers, as it was for many area teams this past fall, with five of the returning members being forced to choose between golf and their previous fall athletics. Of course, it does mean that the athletes who were tied up in the spring will be free to join the team.

In either season, the team will have its home matches at the Cohasset Country Club, widely acknowledged as one of the nicest on the South Shore.

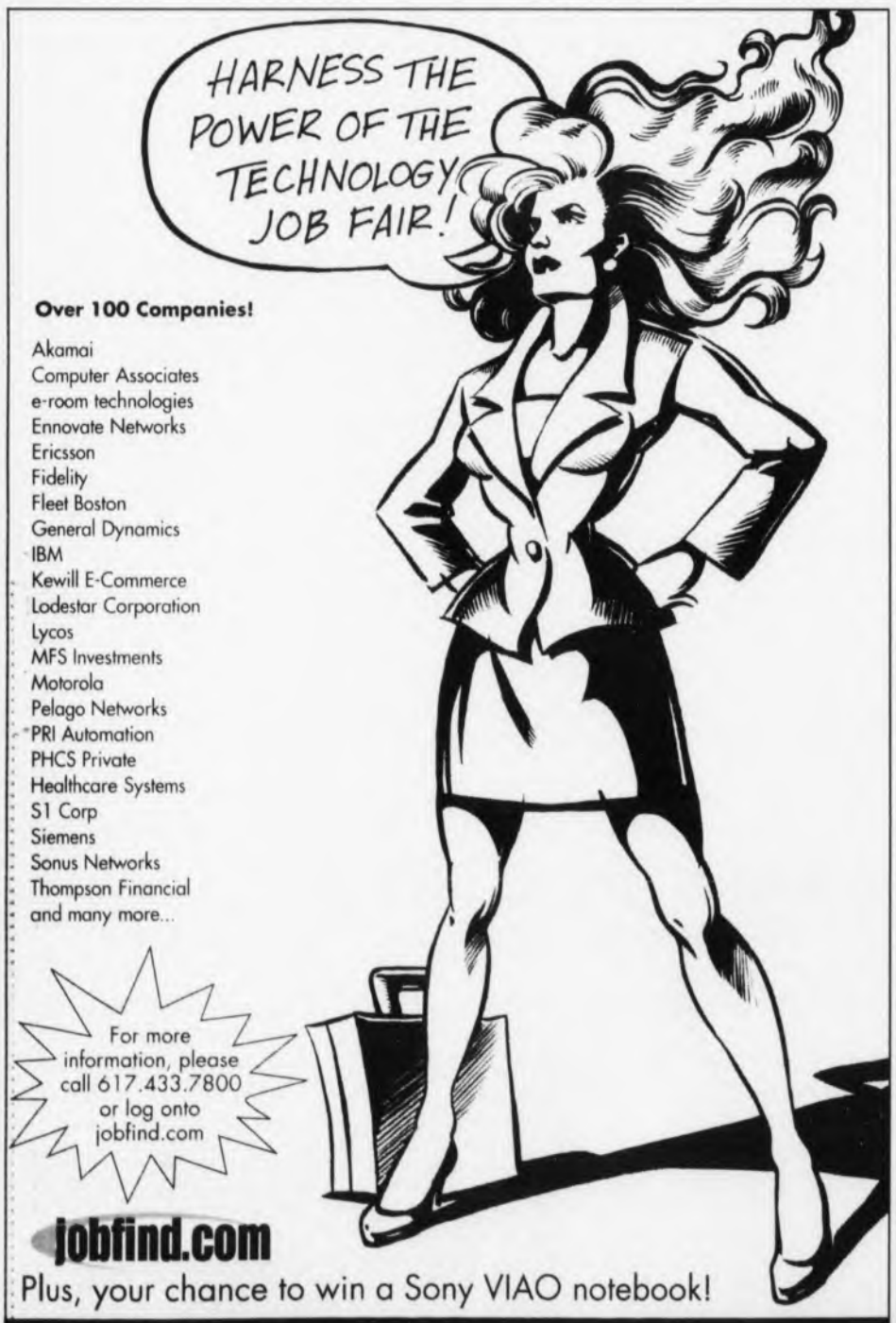
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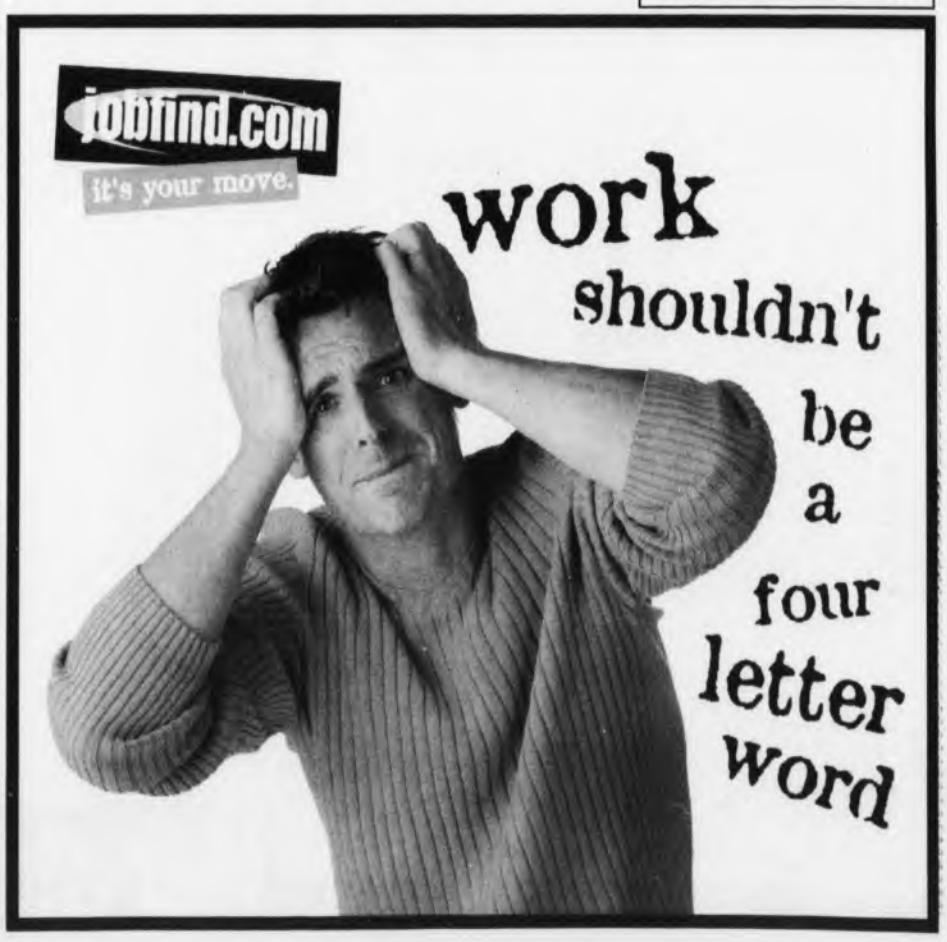
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Jeff Cavanaro completes road race

SCHOOL'S IN

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Here we are finally into the beginning of Spring with a lot of fun and excitement throughout the schools. In want to send a special congratulations to all of the students and staff who ran in the recent road race. A special congratulations goes out to a second-grader, **Jeff Cavanaro,** who ran the entire race with his dad. What a great accomplishment for such a young little guy.

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It is not too early to start planning for Memorial Day Weekend and this year, Cohasset is making the plans easy. On Friday, May 25, a great family concert is being held at the Sullivan Gym at CHS to start off the weekend. This concert is being performed by the a cappella group, "Ball in the House." Six guys, six very talented voices and no instruments! This awesome event is being sponsored by the Deer Hill fifth grade and is bound to be the start of a yearly family event.

This wonderful and amazing group has toured with 98 Degrees, N'Sync, Paula Cole, just to name a few. Make sure to buy your tickets early from any fifth grader in town, it is going to be great!

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Now, after that wonderful night of entertainment is over, what do you think about a "50 year class reunion" with teachers, alumni, friends and family all held at CHS/Middle School in honor of the 50th birthday of the school? That's right, on Saturday, May 26, come reminisce at CHS before it becomes history.

There will be memorabilia, entertainment for all, tours and refreshments and is going to be just a wonderful way to celebrate the school and town pride! Anyone who has memorabilia to donate or any questions can call: **Jeanne Quigley** at 383-1573 or **Karen Golden Oronte** at 383-6737. Sunday is a great day to plan a cook-out or clambake with the many friends and alumni from your year. Start the plans now and before you know it, a mini-reunion is made. On Monday of course, everyone will be watching our wonderful parade and then all can follow it to a cookout being held at the Lightkeepers on Cohasset Harbor. See you there!

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All students and parents, don't forget,(not likely!) that tomorrow(Good Friday) there is no school and that next week is VACATION!!! Have a great one.

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All parents of incoming Kindergartners make sure to go to the Joseph Osgood School and register your child. Any information can be obtained by calling 781-383-6117.

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We wanted to send out a special congratulations to the Sixth Grade Girls basketball team. The team played a great season, right down to the very last game where the last in the final few minutes. A team celebration was held on Thursday evening, March 29th at the Atlantica from 7-8:30. The entire team, along with coaches, parents and siblings were on hand for a wonderful meal and togetherness. Last November, this team started as a nice group of individual kids who had never played together as a team. My March, they thought as a team, played as a team with the attitude of "what can I do to help my team win?" Each girl received a well-deserved trophy for their hard work, wonderful progress and a very strong finish. They came a very long way for their first season together! Congratulations!

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There is a Professional Day coming up on Monday, May 7 with no school! Make sure to mark it on your calendars.

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Have any of you often thought about The Cohasset PSO and what it is and/or what its function is? The Parent School Organization was founded in the 1980's in an effort to represent the parents of the Cohasset School System and to bring forward issues pertaining to all schools in the district. All parents with children in the Cohasset School System are part of the PSO. Over the years, the PSO has evolved into a very active organization with representatives covering all of the schools, as well as special functions covering such areas as METCO, special needs, community relations, curriculum enrichment and fund raising. This April, the PSO is announcing a major restructuring of the organization. Instead of one centralized PSO directing the activities at all schools, we are preparing to develop at each school and individual PSO. This is a model that is followed by many other school systems. Our hope is that this new structure will provide both a greater opportunity for parents to participate in the schools as well as an avenue to address issues that are of particular interest to them.

There will be the opportunity for all of you, moms and dads alike to take full part in this organization and help at any of the schools. The Deer Hill will host a PSO Job Fair on Wednesday, April 25 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and again that evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m.. The Osgood will also hold a PSO Job Fair with the date and time to be announced.

Please make sure to read all notices and letters that will be coming home with all children in the schools. The opportunities are definitely there for all of you to take part in this exciting and interesting organization and is the best way to stay involved with the schools.

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The METCO program would like to let everyone know that the seventh- and eighth-grade students have found some wonderful families to host them. Thank you to everyone involved.

That is all for this week's column. Please send any news, upcoming dates of meetings or events or any other related school item to me in one of the following ways: mail: 622 CJC Highway; email: jenpiep@yahoo.com; phone: 781-923-1057; fax: 781-923-1035 (call me first).

Have a great week! The next column of Schools In is scheduled for April 26. Please have all your information to me no later than Friday, April 20.

PUPPY LOVE



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Isabelle Franklin cuddles with Comet, her Italian greyhound, and her sister Olivia at Saturday's Easter egg hunt at Deer Hill School. The event was sponsored by the recreation department.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

CHS students in Washington, DC

Ben Bixby and Erik Shea students at Cohasset High School in Cohasset recently took part in Presidential Classroom's Future World Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C. from March 24 to 31. Ben and Erik joined almost 400 high school juniors and seniors representing 35 nations from Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America, Russia and Asia. The students spent a week exploring issues in international relations, diplomacy and the changing world economy. Several officials among Washington's diplomatic corps and international community addressed the student leaders at seminars held throughout the capital area. These included His Excellency Sir Nagora Bogan, KBE, Ambassador of Papua New Guinea; representatives from the Organization of American States (OAS); Mr. Bruno Mauprivez, International Monetary Fund Public Affairs head; and Holocaust survivor Ms. Erika K. Eckstut.

A nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education organization in its 33rd year, Presidential Classroom offers five distinct programs in the remaining 2001 schedule. These include the Presidential Classroom Scholars Programs, the Science, Technology & Public Policy Program, the Future World Leaders Summit, the Global Business, e-Commerce and Public Policy Program and the Media & Democracy Program.

For more information, contact Presidential Classroom at 119 Oronoco Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2015, 1-800-441-6533 or visit www.PresidentialClassroom.org.

Henderson heads to presidential classroom June 30

Martha Henderson, a sophomore at Notre Dame Academy has been selected to travel to our nation's capital for a behind-the-scenes look at federal government as a participant in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program, a leading civic education program. Martha will be attending the program in Washington, DC, from June 30 through July 7.

Joining hundreds of high school students from across the country and abroad, Martha will take part in seminars presented by leaders representing each branch of government, the military, media and business. Additionally, students are scheduled for a private tour of the White House, appointments with their Senators' and Representatives' offices and a visit to a foreign embassy.

Martha is an honor student and secretary of the sophomore class at NDA. She is an active member of the NDA Drama Club, Key Club, Varsity Sailing Team and plays Goalie for the Sporting Crystals Soccer Team. Martha is a third year team captain for "Relay for Life" , an American Cancer Society fundraiser held at Cohasset High School each Spring. Her parents are Jane and David Henderson of Cohasset.

Presidential Classroom calls for outstanding student leaders to become active citizens. To participate, students must be recommended by their high school principals, juniors or seniors in high school, hold a B average or higher or rank in the top 25 percent of their class, and be involved in community or school co-curricular activities.

Summer Arts

Registration is now open for "Summer Arts at Derby 2001" at Derby Academy in Hingham. Summer Arts is a comprehensive five-week arts program for ages 8 to 15. The program is staffed by professional artist/teachers and includes more than 90 courses in drama, visual arts, newspaper and creative writing, dance, sports, gymnastics, photography, music, animation, and martial arts. A newspaper is printed every day and a full-scale musical is produced. Students choose their own schedules and there is a daily free-choice period to try new things. The program culminates in an all-day arts festival that celebrates the talents of the students through performances and exhibits of their work. The goal of the program is to allow students to explore a wide range of activities and to encourage their individual talents. Campers from more than 20 communities share a special summer through the arts. The dates of the program are June 25 to July 27; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tuition for the five-week program is $1,500; enrollment is limited. For applications and more information, call Thalia McMillion, director, at (781) 740-4766.

Future in health

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be Cohasset High School seniors or Cohasset residents who intend to begin or further their studies in nursing, social work or allied health fields. Two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 will be awarded for the 2001-2002 academic year. Applications are available at the league's office, 16 Highland Ave., weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or in the Cohasset High School Guidance office. Applications must be received by April 20. For further information, call 383-0771 or e-mail sslcohasset@aol.com.

Send us your news

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ELECTION DAY



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Peter Pratt campaigns along Highland Avenue for the open seat on the planning board. Pratt, a former water commissioner and selectman, beat challenger Richard Brown for the five-year term.

POLICE BRIEFS

Police arrested 13 in March

March was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department, Police Chief Brain Noonan said. There were 13 arrests, four for Possession of Class D Substance, three for Minor Transporting, two for Disorderly Conduct, two for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, one for Operating after License had been Suspended, and finally one for Warrants. In addition four Criminal Complaints were applied for.

There were no Breaking & Enterings reported during the month of March, Noonan said..

In the month of March the police department investigated 12 motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in injuries. There were 184 Motor Vehicles Citations issued totaling $6,035.04 in fines. Additionally, there were 64 parking tickets issued for $2,125 in fines.

Also in the month of March the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 804 calls for police services, of those 117 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls.

Sergeant John Conte completed an intensive two week Basic Sergeants Training School sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Council on March 30, Patrolman Christy J. Tarantino was appointed as Safety Officer for the department. Finally in the month of March Officer James Mclean was hired under the COPS MORE 2000 grant. This Federal Grant provides $75,000 dollars over three years to fund this position.

Arrest for OUI

Police arrested a 49-year-old Marshfield man and put his wife in protective custody just after midnight Saturday morning.

Sgt. Robert Jackson said an officer witnessed John Morris, 49, of 109 Gotham Hill Drive, travelling well below the speed limit southbound on Route 3A. The officer said the car was being driven erratically and was swerving back and forth across the yellow line. The officer followed the vehicle and activated the cruiser siren, lights and finally the loud speaker but Morris apparently continued to travel southbound. Finally the vehicle was boxed in by three cruisers.

Morris was arraigned Monday in Quincy District Court on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; operating recklessly as to endanger; failure to stop for a police officer; failure to stay within marked lanes; operating a motor vehicle without a license in his possession; operating without headlights; and having alcohol in an open container.

A pre-trial hearing is slated for May 25, Jackson said.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, APRIL 2

1:34 a.m. Pond St., open door/window.

6:52 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

6:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, vehicle impounded.

9:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., disabled auto.

10:11 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

10:50 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

12:54 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. threats.

1:02 p.m. Deep Run, traffic complaint.

2:22 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:40 p.m. King St., medical aid.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

6:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, warning.

6:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, warning.

7:26 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

8:11 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., missing person.

8:29 a.m. Forest Ave., burglary.

10:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway fire inspections.

11:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, warning.

2:10 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

2:24 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:27 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, warning.

3:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, investigation.

4:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police dept.

5 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

6:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, vehicle impounded.

6:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, transport.

7:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway , motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

7:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, warning.

9:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

9:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, warning.

10:37 a.m. Ripley Rd., and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

11:26 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:30 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:41 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop warning

11:52 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, motor vehicle stop, warning.

1:40 p.m. Pleasant St. and James Ln., fire investigation.

1:47 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

2:16 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

3:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway assist other police dept.

5:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person.

9:18 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., disabled auto.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5.

6:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

6:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and motor vehicle stop, warning.

7:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

10:05 a.m. Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

11:12 a.m. Spring St., medical aid.

12:07 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

12:36 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:41 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.

1:58 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

2:20 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

4:23 p.m. Sports detail, fire.

8:46 p.m. Red Fox Ln., suspicious auto.

9:13 p.m. South Main St., animal control.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

6:59 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop., warning.

7:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:46 a.m. King St., medical aid.

9:26 a.m. Stockbridge St. and Margin St., parking violation.

9:37 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, warning.

9:51 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, warning.

9:57 a.m. Ledgewood Dr., motor vehicle stop., verbal warning.

10:08 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, warning.

10:12 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:19 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

11:06 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

11:26 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop., verbal warning.

11:33 a.m. Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop., warning.

11:46 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., road rage.

noon Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, warning.

12:06 a.m. Cedar St., parking violation.

2:43 p.m. Border St., traffic complaint.

2:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident.

3:56 p.m. Milligan, fire.

4:07 p.m. Norton, MA, property lost.

6:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

11:24 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop., verbal warning.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

12:30 a.m. Doane St., assist other police department.

12:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: John Morris, 49, 109 Gotham Hill Dr., Marshfield. Chrgs. operating under the influence of liquor, operating recklessly so as to endanger, failure to stop for a police officer, failure to stay within marked lanes, operating a motor vehicle without license in possession, operating without headlights, alcohol from open container in motor vehicle. Protective custody: 45-year-old Marshfield woman.

1:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. departmental action.

1:59 a.m. King St., suspicious auto.

3:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.

4:08 a.m. Hull St., medical aid.

10:34 a.m. Smith Pl., medical aid.

10:49 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle violations.

11:08 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

12:09 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

5:01 p.m. Cedar St., trespassing, verbal warning.

5:09 p.m. Brewster Rd., suspicious auto.

5:46 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop. warning.

6:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:47 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

9:48 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop.

10:07 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

11:26 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

12:01 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.

12:36 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.

12:59 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Windy Hill Rd., officer wanted.

10:53 a.m. Gannet Rd., assist other agency.

5:12 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Forest Ave., property recovered.

5:30 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., investigation.

5:38 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., investigation.

OBITUARIES

Andrew A. Mantineo

Andrew A. Mantineo, 71, died unexpectedly April 6, 2001, at his home in Scituate. He was born in Boston. Son of the late Antonio and Emma (Sheehan) Mantineo.

Mr. Mantineo was educated in the Boston schools and received his bachelor's degree in business at Brown University. Mr. Mantineo had made his home in Scituate for the past 26 years, moving from Cohasset.

For over 30 years Mr. Mantineo had been employed as a stockbroker in the greater Boston area including, Smith, Barney, Harris, Uppam, as well as Merrill Lynch. He was a U. S Navy veteran.

He loved fishing, boating and being with his family.

He was a member of St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate.

Husband of the late Helene G. (Player) Mantineo. Mr. Mantineo leaves two daughters, Andrea A. Mantineo of Hingham and Nicole A. Mantineo of Florida; a granddaughter, Helene Mantineo of Hingham and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated in Saint Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate. Interment of Mr. Mantineo's ashes will be at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.

Gospel choir at Old Ship

Make a joyful noise with the Boston Community Choir. The Racial Justice Working Group of First Parish, Hingham (Old Ship Church) invites the public to a concert by the choir, Sunday, April 29, at 4 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall at 107 Main St. Contributions are welcome although admission is free. The audience is invited to greet choral members at a reception after the concert. For more information, call Betsy Clifford at (781) 749-5663.

Also known as the Boston Pops Gospel Choir, the Boston Community Choir is a multi-cultural group which includes singers and musicians from church, community and university choirs in the greater Boston area. Originally brought together to perform in the first "Gospel Night at Pops" in 1993, the group has been featured at that event each year since then, performing with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra at both Symphony Hall and the Esplanade.

This concert is part of an annual program of events by Old Ship's Racial Justice Working Group, which seeks practical ways to help the congregation affirm one of the most important of Unitarian-Universalist principles—the inherent worth and dignity of every person. For information about First Parish, call the church office at (781) 749-1679 or the Rev. Kenneth Read-Brown at (781) 740-4979.

LEGAL NOTICES

PRUDDEN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P0791EP

In the Estate of RUTH B. PRUDDEN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death February 22, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JOHN PRUDDEN JR of ESSEX in the County of ESSEX and DAVID PRUDDEN of STOUGHTON in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 9, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, March 30, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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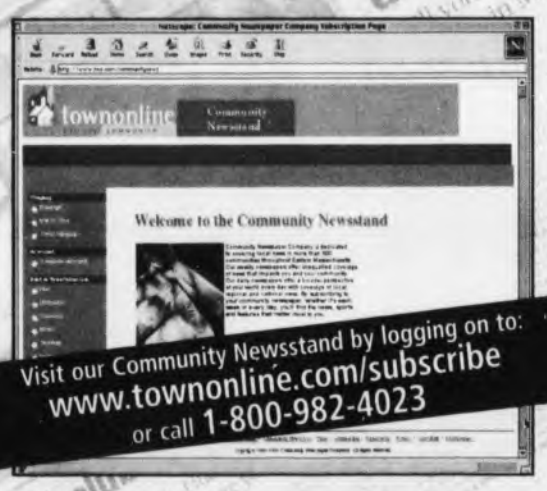
A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, April 23, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Joseph R. & Joan Prescott Busk,** seek to replace/widen porch at 20 Joy Place, according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-03-22

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Letters in the attic

Memories of mom inspire Hingham author's first novel

By Seth Jacobson
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When Hingham resident Daniel Harris retired from Proctor and Gamble in October, 1998, he and his wife Joy were both concerned he would turn into a "couch potato."

But things didn't quite work out as that way. Having just published his first novel "Goodbye, Dearie," Harris isn't resting on his laurels or anything else — he has two more books on the horizon and an idea brewing for a fourth.

"I don't think I could've ever written a book if I wasn't retired," Harris said. "I admire those people who can hold down a job and write at the same time. I didn't realize how much time I'd have on my hands—when you retire, your world shrinks a little. It's so much different than the business world."



Harris said in a way, he backed himself into writing "Goodbye, Dearie."

"When I retired, all my friends kept asking me, 'What are you going to do?' I heard myself saying back to them, 'I'm going to write a book.' After that, I said to myself, 'Geez, I better do this.'"

And he did.

Harris said "Goodbye Dearie" is an autobiographical tale of his life in the 1950s and 1960s which takes place on the South Shore, in Boston, and on Cape Cod.

"It focuses on a lot of things," Harris said. "I'd label it as a family saga spanning two generations. It not only talks about the first 26 years of my life, but it also addresses aspects of my mom's life. Really, the central idea of the story is about a family in New England, and like any family, they have their share of hard times."

Harris said another aspect of the book are the various Red Sox seasons from 1950-1967.

"The book really isn't about the Red Sox—but the Red Sox exist in vignettes throughout it," he said.

"Goodbye Dearie" begins with the death of Harris' mother, and in fact, her recent death was the event which inspired the writing of the story in the first place.

"Before I had any idea what kind of story I wanted to write, my brother and I were cleaning out the attic at my mom's house at the Cape after she died," he said. "When we were doing that, I came across a box of her old letters, to and from various people. I ended up reading all the letters instead of cleaning out the attic."

Harris said the letters all very humorous. He described his mother as a joyful person who was "quite a character" — a character good enough on which to base a story.

"Those letters were so hilarious," he said. "When I was looking through all that stuff, I also came across one of her yearbooks. I started getting the idea that I would write some sort of family history for my kids."

But when he sat down and started writing, the words which flowed didn't turn into a historical narrative. They turned into a story. Eventually, while he was writing it, Harris blended some of the autobiographical material from his life with some other elements.

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> Author Daniel Harris



Hingham author Daniel Harris hasn't taken much of a break since retiring. The prolific writer has penned and published his first book "Goodbye, Dearie" and has two others on the way.

"There's a lot of fiction in this book," he said. "A lot of the material in it is based on funny stories I've heard over the years."

But the title of the book comes from a non-fictional incident. Harris said many years ago, his mother was "speeding down old Route 28" on the Cape, and when she came around a corner, there was a cop sitting there on the side of the road.

"The cop had two people pulled over already," Harris said. He said when the police officer saw his mother speeding around the corner, he yelled at her, telling her to pull over as well. But as Harris' mother passed, she simply waved to the officer and said "Hello Dearie!"

Harris said the book was named "Goodbye Dearie" as a tribute to his mom.

"It isn't Hemingway," Harris said of the novel, "but I think it's a good yarn, which is what I was trying to write in the first place. I wanted to write something where people reading it would laugh out loud, but at the same time, I wanted to write a book people couldn't put down.

"It's only one person's story," Harris said. "But it's kind of a reflection of us all."

Harris said in addition to writing "Goodbye Dearie," he has a detective novel coming out in the near future called "Capital Crimes." He also finished a third book called "Diary of a Madhouse Husband," and he says he has "a wonderful idea for a fourth book."

Which is not bad for someone worried about becoming a couch potato.

"At least I'm not suffering from writer's block," Harris quipped.

A Boston native, Harris lived grew up in several suburban towns including Newton and Sudbury, but also lived in New Jersey and Ohio for a time. After graduating from the University of Virginia in 1964, Harris served as a military police lieutenent in Vietnam. After the war he began work with Proctor and Gamble all over the country and eventually about a decade ago returned to the area to Proctor and Gamble's Braintree headquarters and his cozy home in Hingham.

With his first work published and others on the way, Harris said his writing success has given him a new confidence since his retirement.

"There's hope out there for all writers," he said. "You have to be ready to deal with publishers sending you rejection letter after rejection letter. But if I could write something and get it published with no agent and no connections, anyone can."

A hoe down for the arts

Red Lion hall to host South Shore Art Center benefit

By Seth Jacobson
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Dust off your boots and that 10 gallon hat, and dig up those books about line-dancing you never read. The South Shore Art Center is having a "hoe down" April 28 and you're invited.

The annual fundraiser for the Cohasset-based art center is being held this year at Lion's Hall, the newly refurbished barn behind the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset Village. Attire for the $125 per person event is country-western and so too, is the menu.

"We'll be the first group to use the new building," said art center publicity and development director Monica McKenney. The building has been under construction for the past year.

McKenney said the evening promises to be a rootin'-tootin' good time. The large buffet planned includes a roasted suckling pig, quesadillas, chilled bean salad, fennel and carrot slaw and marinated chicken.

Entertainment for the night will come from the legendary Fat City Band booked to play throughout the night.

To encourage party-goers to get into the spirit of the evening the Red Lion Inn is giving away a weekend at the inn for the best, most original western wear.

Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide is looking forward to opening his elegant new hall to a crowd.



"We're considering this party to be the official opening of Lion's Hall," said Ordelheide. "We're expecting about 400 people."

Ordelheide described the new building as a "three-story" barn with various facilities within. The function hall of the building is located on the first floor.

"There's some beautiful chandeliers in there," he said, "and the bar is actually an old ship which has been built into a bar. This should be one of the greatest parties of the year in Cohasset."

Ordelheide said he decided to hold the upcoming fundraiser at Lion's Hall because he wants to give back to the Town of Cohasset. He said he plans on holding fundraisers for other organizations in the future. He noted he is an art enthusiast, and he wants to have a hand in supporting art-oriented programs at the art center.

"Our goal for the country-western party is to raise $30,000," he said. "The reason for the country western theme is because the place is a barn…an elegant barn."

McKenney said $30,000 would be a welcome contribution to the art center.

"One-third of our budget depends on donations," she said. "We get a certain amount of money through tuition fees, but that doesn't cover all of our costs. We really rely on this kind of funding. We also have a special events committee at the art center which helps coordinate these kinds of functions."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Elegant is the only way to describe the new Lion's Hall at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset. The newly renovated facility will open to a crowd of 400 expected to attend the upcoming South Shore Art Center benefit party.

McKenney credits committee co-chairmen Eleanor Bleakie, Jennifer Dean and Stephanie Middleton who worked very hard to "round up" the country-western bash.

"This will help with many aspects of the art center's programming," McKenney added. "It will help to bring more wonderful exhibitions to the art center, because mounting them is very expensive." She noted that the fundraiser will also assist in maintaining the art center's two major outreach programs, "Arts To Go," and "Looking at Art."

McKenney said Lion's Hall is the perfect location for the event.

"It's a building that was just made to have big parties in," she said, "and I do think this is going to be a wonderful party. The Fat City Band is a guarantee for a rocking evening. They're as much fun to watch as they are to dance to. There will also be a lot of great food there. It'll be a fabulous evening to benefit an excellent cause."

Tickets for the benefit party are $125 each and are available at the South Shore Art Center on Main Street in Cohasset, or by calling (781) 383-ARTS to reserve tickets. Tickets are also available through the art center's website at www.ssac.org.

Living

Food & dining

Lemonade



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Store-bought lemonade is, well, undrinkable yet almost nobody makes lemonade from scratch. The reason? My guess is that few of us have taste memories of what lemonade should taste like when properly made — subtle, refreshing; neither too sweet nor bitter. Having had the real thing on a few occasions, I knew that time spent searching for the perfect recipe was worth the effort.

The problem with lemonade is one of balance. It is often bitter, but more often it is too sweet. The perfect lemonade, however, balances fresh lemon flavor with just enough sugar to allow the flavor to blossom without becoming saccharine. In addition, extracting lemon flavor from lemons is easier than it sounds so this is where I began my investigation.

First I tried the simplest method, combining simple syrup (a mixture of sugar and water) with fresh lemon juice and water. This was an acceptable drink but ordinary and a bit flat tasting. Next, I tried boiling lemon slices in simple syrup and then combining this mixture with lemon juice and water. The result was once again ordinary but also bitter. I also tried using lemon zest instead of slices which was only a small improvement. I then made lemonade using granulated sugar, instead of simple syrup, and found this method the best approach yet but still unremarkable. Finally, I tried boiling lemon halves in water after the juice had been extracted and the result was bitter.

I then turned to Cook's Illustrated which ran a recipe for lemonade back in 1998. After slicing lemons, they are added to a bowl with with sugar and then mashed until the sugar is dissolved and the juice extracted. The mixture is strained and then water is added. This was by far the best lemonade of the bunch with a fresh flavor offset by the rich flavor of lemon oil. As an added bonus, the lemon and sugar flavors were nicely melded together instead of coexisting. The only problem with this method is that it does require a bit more work due to the manual mashing. I enlisted the help of my electric mixer and food processor but if this mixture is even slightly overworked, it quickly turns bitter. The hand method was the winner.

The ratio of sugar to lemons is as important as the method itself. The Cook's article uses 10 to 12 lemons, 1 1/4 cups sugar, and 5 cups water whereas I preferred only 10 lemons — 12 was simply too tart. I also found that a large, deep mixing bowl is best, one that holds about 8 quarts. Although the Cook's recipe suggests a pinch of salt, I preferred the drink without it since the lemonade tasted brighter unsalted. The variation which I liked the most substitutes 6 limes for 3 lemons. I also tried substituting club soda for the water which produced a slightly sweeter but very refreshing drink.

THE BEST LEMONADE

This recipe is best made the day you plan to drink it since it does not maintain its fresh taste even one day later. I suggest combining the two variations below for the best-tasting lemonade.

10 medium lemons, scrubbed well, halved pole to pole and cut into about 1/8th inch slices, the pithy ends discarded
1 1/4 cups sugar
5 cups cold water

Place the lemon slices and sugar into a large mixing bowl or saucepan. Mash with a potato masher until the lemons have given up their juice, the sugar is dissolved, and the juice is thickened to about 2 cups of pulpy syrup, about 4 minutes over a bowl, drain in two batches pressing on the solids to release as much liquid as possible.Discard the solids and transfer the syrup to a serving pitcher. Stir in the water and blend well. Serve immediately over ice. Serves 6-8

LIME VARIATION
Substitute 6 limes for 3 lemons.

SPARKLING VARIATION
Substitute club soda for water in either of the above recipes.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Energy and enthusiasm continue to run high today. People are cheerful, talkative. New starts are recommended. The Sagittarius moon interacts with the sun and Uranus, prompting you to be more spontaneous, open-minded. Explore new ideas and set new goals. The moon becomes inactive at 9:56 p.m., when it aligns with Mars. Slow down in this period. Use common sense; don't take risks.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Influences continue to rate high for starting new activities, making decisions, getting things done. The moon enters ambitious Capricorn at 8:21 a.m. In addition, alignments of the sun/Uranus and Mercury/Pluto affect the day. Review your priorities and readjust your sights. You can break new ground at home or work.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Mercury forms a harmonious contact to Pluto at 7:38 a.m. Take extra quiet time out for yourself this morning. Meditate, reflect, contemplate. You can cut through obstacles and find new meanings in life. The moon travels in Capricorn, promising another productive day. A flowing 120-degree alignment of the sun and Mars adds energy, ambition, excitement.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

The last quarter phase of the moon begins at 11:31 a.m. This month's new moon culminates in the sign Taurus on April 23. The Capricorn moon generates a quiet, contemplative mood. It forms one major alignment, a harmonious contact to its planetary ruler, Saturn, at 7:00 p.m. Influences turn around completely at 8:11 p.m., when the moon enters social Aquarius and aligns with Venus.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

The moon continues its travel in Aquarius today and tomorrow. In addition, Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius, prepares to align with Mercury. Open your mind to new possibilities. You can achieve breakthroughs and gain important insights. Influences are prime for making long-range plans and setting new goals. The most favorable time for launching important ventures occurs between 2:41-5:41 p.m., when the moon interacts with expansive Jupiter.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The Aquarius moon aligns with Pluto, Mercury and Uranus. New is in; old is out. Step out of your usual routine and try something different. Be more spontaneous and willing to experiment with new ideas.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Wake up in a good mood. The Aquarius moon forms a challenging 90-degree contact to Saturn at 8:26 a.m. and becomes inactive. Storm clouds move out, and sunny astrological weather arrives at 9:00 a.m., when the moon enters Pisces. Follow your intuition; your instincts are on target. Mercury forms a flowing 60-degree alignment to inventive Uranus. All communications are highlighted. Sales and promotion campaigns also get the green light.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

The combination of a Pisces moon and Venus station places the focus on creativity and artistic sensitivity. Do something that brings beauty into your life or the life of another today. The rough spot in the day occurs between 12:56-3:56 p.m., when the moon aligns with Pluto. Avoid emotional thunderstorms. Keep it light. The big news is that the sun enters earthy Taurus at 8:36 p.m., remaining there until May 20. A harmonious alignment of Mercury to Mars adds an energy boost this evening, making it prime for all social interaction, mental work, communications.

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QUINCY DINNER THEATER PRESENTS 'YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN' with performances on April 28, 29; May 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20. Fridays and Saturdays, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sundays, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Cost is $35 with discounts available for groups, kids and seniors. For reservation call (781) 843-5862.

MAY BREAKFAST AND PLANT SALE sponsored by Old Ship Church, 107 Main Street in Hingham, on May 5 from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Parish House auditorium. A full breakfast menu cooked to order and plants featuring items from historic Hingham gardens. Tickets are available at the door; $5 for adults and $3 for children. For more information call (781)749-0095.

PEDALING HOME FOR HABITAT with the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth. The first Annual Bike-a-thon will be held on April 28, rain or shine. The 20 mile ride will begin at 10 a.m. at Plymouth Rock on Water Street. The ride will make a wide circle of Plymouth and end back at the Rock. Registration is $10 and is open to anyone aged 12 years or older. Registration forms are available by calling (508)866-4188.

THE MUSIC CIRCUS ANNOUNCES TWO MORE SHOWS in the 50th anniversary season. Kevin James, star of the hit CBS Series "The King of Queens" will appear on July 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $29.50. Vince Gill, one of the most popular artists in country music will appear for two shows on Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets go on sale April 6 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased by calling (781) 383-1400 or on April 28 at noon tickets will be on sale at the Music Circus Box Office in Cohasset. For more information visit www.musiccircus.com.

AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JAN BRETT to participate in Country Fair at Thayer with Jan Brett 'n' Hedgie. Thayer Academy is located at 745 Washington Street, Braintree and the fair will be held on May 6 from 1 - 4:30 p.m. Advance tickets are $15 per person and ticket holders are entitled to a group reading and illustration session by Jan Brett, a book signing, all food, drinks, music and featured events. To buy tickets call (781) 380-0500 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY AND DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION at the Ellison Center for the Arts presents the 4th annual Ellison Center Classic on May 14 at the Duxbury Yacht Club. Individual and team participants are welcome tot he handicapped best ball tournament which begins with lunch and registration at 11:30 a.m., a shotgun start at 1 p.m., and a post tournament dinner reception and auction at 6 p.m. Musicians and artists will add to the ambiance of the day with performances and demonstrations both on the course and at the reception. Teams will compete for the Ellison Center Classic championship cup. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 14.

27TH ANNUAL 6.2 WALK on April 22 at 1 p.m. in Quincy is sponsored by Interfaith Social Services. This walk helps raise funds for the programs and services offered by the agency. All donations are appreciated. Located at 766 Hancock Street in Quincy. Tel. (617) 773-6203.

TEA TASTING at the Woodacre Farm Soap Studio, 46 Columbia Park (route 53) in Pembroke on April 22 at 2 p.m. Join in tasting fine teas from the various regions of China and learn customs and traditions of the Chinese tea experience. Reservations are required and seating is limited. For more information call (781) 826-9720.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners, plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781) 383-1980.



Les Miserables opens Wednesday, April 11 at Boston's Colonial Theatre. The legendary musical, winner of eight Tony Awards will run through May 6. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Midweek matinee Thursday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced from $25 to $75. For ticket information call Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787.

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Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "Protecting the Nature of Massachusetts, a Grassland for Wildlife and People". On April 12 there will be a 7:30 p.m. slide show presented by Sanctuary Director David Clapp at the South Shore Regional Office and on April 14 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., an evening walk at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary. $5/$7 non-member. Come dressed for cool damp weather or muddy conditions. For more information call (781) 837-9400.

"Recent Charcoal Drawing" by Mary Felton of Marshfield will be on display at the Pembroke Library during the month of April. A strong sense of design is at the heart of the artist's approach, but there is emotional appeal as well.

Shakespeare's Hamlet will be at the Wilbur Theatre through April 22. Performance are Tues. - Fri. at 7:30 p.m. (April 12 at 7 p.m.) Sat. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. Prices are $75 - $25. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787 or directly at the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street in Boston. Tel. (617) 423-4008.

Tunes For Tots, a very special benefit for the children of the Carolina Hill Shelter. Held at the Ranch House at 9 p.m. featuring The Infractions, Sugarfoot, Big Whiskey, Joe Bargar and The Soul Providers. Hosted by WATD's Liz Raven and comedian Tommy Dunha, $10 admission.

Les Miserables at the Colonial Theatre running through May 20. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Midweek matinee on April 12 at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices are $25 - $75. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787 or directly through The Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Street and the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street. For more information call the Colonial Theatre at (617) 426-9366.

Children's Theatre Workshop offered by the Priscilla Beach Theatre in Plymouth presenting "Shaggy and the Dinosaurs". The workshop will be presented at the Theatre's LeStudio Theatre, off Route 3 on Rocky Hill Road in Manomet, through May 20 from 12 - 4:30 p.m. Parents can register children ages 4 - 12 by calling (508) 224-4888.

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town at several locations in Weymouth through the months of April and May. Work by members of the Weymouth Art Association will be displayed in the Town Hall the Mayor's office, the Treasurer's office and the Councilor's office. At Snyders Jewelers at 12 Columbian Street, Jordan Insurance at 17 Front Street, Rizzo Insurance at 435 Columbian Street and Colonial Federal Savings Bank at 815 Washington Street. Many of these painting s may be purchased.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will host a visit from Simone Auster, Executive Director of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy on Thursday, April 12 from 1 - 3 p.m. Part of the Thursday Tea series, the program will consist of a slide presentation followed by tea and delicious treats. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. The cost of the program is $7 for SSNSC members and $10 for non-members. To register call the center at (781) 659-2559.

I Spy the Young Artist Celebration at the Art Complex Museum presented by the Duxbury Art Association and The Art Complex Museum through April 29. A colorful exhibition by young artists ages 18 and under. Open to the public and free of charge, the exhibition can be viewed during museum hours, Wed. - Sun. from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum on Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

Fri. 13

Quincy 49th Christmas Parade Theme Contest deadline is set for April 13. All entries can be mailed to Mrs. Frances Flynn, 79 Freeman Street, North Quincy, MA 02171 and must be received by April 13. The winner will be chosen by the Quincy Festival Committee at the April 19 meeting.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents the James Montgomery Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-3 Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Station Point Allerton, Hull, MA. All members are encouraged to attend.

Sat. 14

Monotype Guild of New England Prints on Exhibit through April 13. Presented by the Duxbury Art Association and sponsored by Deloitte Consulting in the Bengzt and Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts. Most of the artwork is for sale ranging from $250 - $1800. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

The Weymouth Art Association Spring Art Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth from April 14 - 28. For more information call (781) 337-4513.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Love Dogs. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "Reading the Forested Landscape". On April 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. meet Tom Wessels, ecologist at Antioch New England and author of "Reading the Forested Landscape: A Natural History of New England." Learn to read the stories of the past land use and interpret a forest's history while wandering through it. Introductory slide show, program is held rain or shine. Signed copies of Tom's book will be for sale for $24/$30 non-member. For more information call (781) 837-9400.

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Just for kids

THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM HAS PROGRAMS FOR APRIL VACATION WEEK. For children ages 4 - 6, use of paints and different papers to create a colorful mixed media work of art in "Krazy Colors." The class is on April 19 from 10 a.m. - noon and the cost is $10. "Birds of a Feather" offers an opportunity for those ages seven and up to view an exceptional wall hanging and gather ideas. The using different fabrics for a fabric art painting, participants will draw with thread. This program is on April 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. - noon and the cost is $25. For more information call (781) 934-2886.

MASSACHUSETTS AUDUBON SOCIETY presents "April School Vacation Week Activities with Wild Wetlands" on April 16 - 20 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Children will explore a variety of wetlands, a vernal pool, a kettle hole bog and much more. $40/$45 non-member per day. Registration deadline is April 12. For more information call (781) 837-9400.

THE KENDALL WHALING MUSEUM offers vacation family film series: Journey to Baja on April 16 at 11 a.m. Around Cape Horn on April 17 at 11 a.m. The Blue Frontier: Gigi on April 18 at 11 a.m. Gift of the Whales on April 19 at 11 a.m. On Board the Morgan on April 20 at 11 a.m. All films are shown in the Brewington Gallery and are free with museum admission ($4 adult, $3 senior/student, $2.50 child, $10 family rate, children under 6 are free) Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon. For more information call (781) 784-5642.

CURTAIN CALL YOUTH THEATRE in Braintree announces a Summer Workshop for 12 - 15 students ages 11 - 14, meeting three times a week. Classes are designed to expose young people to drama and theatrical arts. Classes begin July 3 and end Aug. 2 and are held on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cost is $200 per student for the 5 week session and shorter enrollment is possible for $50 a week. There is a $15 registration fee. For more information cal Meg young at (781) 848-0058.

GIRLS AND SCIENCE SUMMER PROGRAM at the Children's Museum in Easton is accepting registrations for this innovative summer program. Sessions start July 5 - 31st and Aug. 2 - 28th. The program meets on Tues. and Thurs. at Borderland State Park, Easton/Sharon for two hours. Morning sessions for children entering grades 4 and 5 and afternoon session for children entering grades 6, 7 or 8. Program fee is $60 per four-week session and registration fees cover all program fees, T-shirts, family night and field trip. For more details call (508) 230-3789.

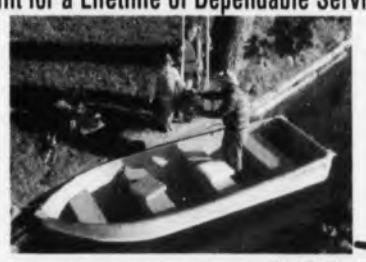


Assumption College will present 37th Annual Student Art Exhibition from April 17 - May 4. Reception will be on April 24 from 4 - 7 p.m. The work of graduating seniors will be rehung from May 7 - 19. Located at the Wallace Anderson Gallery, The Art Building, Bridgewater State College.

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Gallery AA/B in Milton Lower Mills presents "Wood, Clay, Paper" a mixed media group exhibition on display through April 27. The show features recent screens and paintings by Susan Hostetler, recent ceramics, wall and tabletop by Stephen Bures and recent and classic photographs by Leslie Kahl. Public hours are Fridays from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment Monday through Thursday. For more information call (617) 698-9700.



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Fantasy and Childrens book Illustrator Margaret Organ-Kean will be at Borders Books in Braintree at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 17 to sign copies of the latest book she illustrated "Petronella," by Jay Williams. For more information call (781) 356-5111.

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Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Walking in the Spring" on April 17, 28, May 12, 26 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Fee per person is $28 non-member and $23 for members. Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum and pre registration is required.

Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "Connecting With Our Open Space". In collaboration with the Kingston Open Space Committee, free walks are being offered on town conservation land for children and adults on April 14 from 1 - 3 p.m. at cranberry Watershed Preserve and May 19 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Hathaway Preserve. Call For Directions at (781) 837-9400.

Mon. 16

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "April Vacation Week at Trailside Museum with "Wonderful Water" on April 16 - 20 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fee per person is $3 non-member and $2 for members, $1.50 for non member child. Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum and pre registration is not required.

Cruise to Minot's Light on April 16 leaving from the Scituate Town Pier from 6 - 9 p.m. The events evening will include dinner and a raffle as well as a wreath-laying at Minot's Light in honor of the two young lightkeepers who lost their lives during the 1851 Minot's Light Gale, Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine. Tickets are $43 ($40 for members of the Scituate Historical Society) and can be obtained by visiting the Kathleen Laidlaw Historical Center, 43 Cudworth Road in Scituate. For more information call John J. Galluzzo at (781) 545-1083.

Massachusetts Audubon Society presents "April School Vacation Week Activities with Wild Wetlands" on April 16 - 20 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Children will explore a variety of wetlands, a vernal pool, a kettle hole bog and much more. $40/$45 non-member per day. Registration deadline is April 12. For more information call (781) 837-9400.

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is offering an alternative to fighting the crowds at the Boston Marathon on Patriot's Day this year. There will be a family outing to Myles Standish State Forest in Plymouth. The cost is $12 for members and $16 for non-members per a family of four. This hike is geared towards children ages seven and up. To register call the center at (781) 659-2559.

Tues. 17

Fantasy and Children's Illustrator Organ-Kean will appear at Borders Books, 255 Grossman Drive at 11-a.m. Tel. (781) 356-5111. Review copies of "Petronella" are available and the in-store demonstrations will provide excellent opportunity for visual content.

Massachusetts Office on Disability Training Seminar on architectural accessibility and on the requirements of the Americans with disabilities Act will be held on April 17 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and April 18 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Bourne Middle School. For more information call (800) 322-2020.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a monthly luncheon Nick's Place Restaurant, 399 Neponset Street in Canton. For directions call (781) 828-7878. Pre-registered members are $15 and non-members are $25, At the door members are $20 and non-members are $30. For more information call (781) 749-8883.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Spring Adventures Day Camp" on April 17 - 20 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fee per child is $190 non-member and $165 for members. Meet at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center and pre registration is required.

Buttonwood Books Presents the Sea Glass Poets who will read from their won work at the Cohasset store at 7 p.m. Admission is free and reservations are not necessary. For more information call (781) 383-2665.

Bridgewater State College will present 37th Annual Student Art Exhibition from April 17 - May 4. Reception will be on April 24 from 4 - 7 p.m. The work of graduating seniors will be rehung from May 7 - 19. Located at the Wallace Anderson Gallery, The Art Building, Bridgewater State College. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tel. (508) 531-1359.

The North River Arts Society proudly sponsors "Focus on Figures 2001", a members show of figurative art in any medium. Members may submit up to three pieces and the work must be based on the human figure and not previously exhibited at the North River Arts Society. The show will be open for viewing April 21 - 28 from 1 -3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. There will be a preview on April 20 at 7 p.m. For more information call (781) 837-8091.

Easter Seals North River Stroke Support Group will meet at the Norwell Council on Aging, 293 Pine Street in Norwell at 1 p.m. A Weymouth Eye Care Specialist will discuss the importance of eye care and how we can keep our eyes healthy. For more information call Pauline Donovan at (781) 826-7348 or Stroke Support Coordinator, Sandra Smith-Robbins at (800) 244-2756 ext. 1684.

Wed. 18

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore presents Attorney Donald N. Freedman speaking on the legal and financial issues in facing Alzheimer's on April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street in Hingham. Reservations for respite care must be made in advance by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House, (781) 749-4774 ext. 843 by 3 p.m. on April 18. For more information call Ruth Scully at (781) 740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell at (781) 749-5417.

Thurs. 19

Braintree Art Association will hold an exhibit at the Thayer Academy Gallery in Braintree through April 19. Located at 745 Washington Street in Braintree. The Gallery hours are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. when school is in session. The Braintree Art Association meeting will be held on April 19 at 7 p.m. Eleanor Mahoney will present a demonstration in watercolors. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call (781) 843-3590.

Watercolor Master Class presented by the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. Tel. (781) 383-2787. A two day workshop taught by international award-winning painter Barbara Donnelly on April 19 and 20 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. $165 ($145 members of the SSAC) Call to register.

"Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Other Identities" by Anna Deavere Smith will be presented by the Massasoit Theatre Co., a college - supported community theatre. Located in the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, off Route 27 in Brockton. Shows are April 19, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 for the general public and $10 with Massasoit ID, senior citizens. For tickets call (508) 427-1234.

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Isabella Stewart Gardner makes a return visit to Plympton. At 7:30 p.m., actress Jessa Piaia will return to the Plympton Historical Society to present her portrayal of Boston philanthropist and eccentric Isabella Stewart Gardner. Admission is free and children are welcome. Presented at the Society's headquarters, 189 Main Street, just off Route 58 in Plympton. For more information call Ms. Edwina Wood, Tel. (781) 585-9648.

Artist Mark Dion to speak at the Fuller Museum of Art on April 19 at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $10 and includes lunch. The discussion will focus on his current "mock-archaeological dig" taking place in Brockton during the week of the 19th. For reservations or more information call (508) 588-6000 ext. 100.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree 5 Corners features The Wild Man of Comedy: Kevin Know at 8:30 p.m. Also, Annette Pollack, Paul Keenan, Jesse Gersten and Kim Kates. Admission is $10 and reservations are recommended (781) 848-0300.

Fri. 20

NSRWA's Benefit Auction will be held on April 20 at the Cushing Center in Norwell. The Silent auction and preview begins at 5 p.m. and the Live auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 each and include a box dinner and program ($10 without dinner) Tables for eight are available for $120. Please call (781) 659-8168 for more information.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Ruth Wyand and Erik Liebleir with open mike at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Route 106 in Kingston. Tickets are $4 for members and $5 for non-members. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Swing Into Spring with Scituate's Swing Dance Festival on April 20 from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. (for all ages) Starring the world famous Winiker Orchestra. Held at the Scituate Country Club. Tickets are $32 for adults, $12 for children and include dinner and dancing. For tickets call Vicki at (617) 877-7928

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Troy Gonyea Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

South Shore Singles sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members and $8 non-members. Proper dress required. For more information call (781) 331-0021.

Classes

DOG TRAINING CLASSES are now being held at the Norwell Recreation Center, 345 Main Street, Town Office Building in Norwell. Sponsored by the New England Humane Association. "Good Manners for Beginners" on April 28 at 3 p.m. (5 weeks/$90), "Obedience with Distractions" on April 28 at 4 p.m. (5 weeks/$90) For more information call (781) 878-4343.

FINDING INNER PEACE will hold an interactive workshop entitled "Sacred Life" yoga philosophy with Maureen Spencer on May 20 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is $125 for a 5 part series. "How To Run A Workshop" with Maureen Spencer on May 15 from 7 - 9 p.m. Cost is $20 per session. Located at Queen Anne's Corner in Norwell, for more information or to sign up please call (781) 826-5363.

THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM has two exciting programs for the April vacation week. In Krazy Colors, for children 4 - 6, will use paints and different papers to create colorful mixed media. The class is scheduled for April 19 from 10 a.m. - noon. The cost will be $10. For children ages 7 and up, "Birds of a Feather" offers an opportunity to view an exceptional wall hanging and gather ideas. The program is scheduled for April 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. - noon. The cost is $25. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, the telephone number to call for more information is (781) 934-2886.

AWARD WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER TEACHES AT DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION. Lance Keimig will be instructing two photography classes, a book arts course and a one-day workshop on how to photograph beginning in April. For times, days and more specific information please call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15. The Duxbury Art Association is located at 64 St. George Street, Duxbury.

DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION and the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury is offering the following courses and classes: "Gallery Talk/Slide Presentation with Artist, Anne Heywood" on April 22 at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Call to register at (781) 934-2731 ext. 15

YOGA CLASS at the New North Church in Hingham Harbor on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Please bring a mat. For more information or to register call Joanne Harrison at (781) 740-4412.

DOG TRAINING AT THE HINGHAM RECREATION CENTER, 210 Central Street in Hingham, sponsored by the New England Humane Association. Agil-O-Bedience is a funfilled, active class combining obedience, attention, trick and agility training. Class starts April 24 at 7 p.m. and the cost is $100 for a five-week session. Saturday morning classes are also available starting April 7. For more information call (781) 878-4343.

Single Executives Cocktail Party and Dance from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. at the Golden Rooster Ballroom, 78 Border Street in north Scituate. DJ music and complimentary hors d'oeuvres for singles 35+. Cost is $15 and ties and jackets are required for men; party finery for women. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club of the South Shore.

Ongoing Events

James Library and Center for the Arts presents "It's a Beautiful Day! Paintings from life" a show of recent oil paintings by local artists Vivian Harlow and Ellen G. Whelan will be on view from through May 1. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tel. (781) 659-7200.

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Donald Heath, exhibiting his paintings at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call (781) 337-4513.

Patterns of Provence, the lovely interpretations by Marge Murphy, Lynn Rizzotto, Phyllis Bezanson, Betty Supple, Carole Thurlow, Rod Peterson, Mary Lizotte and Brigitte Marseille will be on display at the Norwell Public Library through April 30.

"Music for the Heart and Soul" presents a Chant, Drum and Dance Circle! Led by Hingham singer/songwriter and song leader, Dawna Hammers. The last Friday of every month, April 27 and May 25 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main Street in Hingham. $7 for adults and $5 for children and seniors. Bring drums, rattles, cushion, water and dancing shoes and enjoy a magical evening.

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Mothers and More provide a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781) 544-4664.

It's time to sow and grow seeds

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Patches of snow still linger in the shadiest corners of my landscape, but in gardens where the warmth of the afternoon sun has softened the frozen earth, emerging bulbs have burst into bloom, announcing the arrival of a new spring season. Drifts of cheerful crocuses create a colorful tapestry in shades of yellow, white, purple and lavender. In a sunny nook alongside my back stairway, clusters of dwarf bulbous irises (Iris reticulata) fill the air with their sweet perfume. Set against a backdrop of dazzling, yellow daffodils, the heavenly, violet-blue blossoms of these miniature irises paint a stunning picture. A new growing season is underway.

Despite my overwhelming desire to work in the garden, most of my property remains cold and soggy. As the majority of my soil tends to be clay-based and on the heavy side, treading on my lawns and gardens will only compact the earth, reducing the availability of air to expanding root systems which could potentially lead to suffocation. Patience must prevail until warmth and dry weather offer more suitable conditions to proceed with my spring cleanup. In the meantime, I will be satisfied with preparing a prioritized list of spring projects as I continue to sow and grow seeds for perennials, annuals and vegetables to fill my gardens with flowers and produce this summer.

Prepare a timetable for starting your seeds once the essential supplies and seed packets have been acquired. Consult the seed packets, catalogs and books for instructions. Do not start seeds earlier than recommended. Perennials tend to grow more slowly and can be started up to 12 week before the last frost. Most annuals and vegetables should wait until six to eight weeks prior to Memorial Day to be sown. Seedlings are best transplanted to their final location before they are budded or flowering. Very little is gained and much can be lost by sowing seeds too early or rushing to transfer seedlings into the ground.



The light-weight, soilless growing mediums are best moistened thoroughly before sowing the seeds, preferably by placing the filled containers in a sink or dishpan of warm water and allowing the water to be drawn up from below. Containers should be filled to approximately 1/2 inch from the top once the medium is moist and gently tamped which may require that additional medium be added. Allow the medium to drain for an hour or two before sowing as it should be moist but not water-logged.

Seedlings are easiest to transplant when sown in rows. Use a pencil or label to press a row into the growing medium. Sow about twice the number of seeds as the number of seedlings desired. Tap seeds from the packet as evenly as possible, leaving ample space between or transfer seeds to a creased piece of paper and gently tap them into rows. Use the tip of a pencil to separate seeds which are too close together. Very fine seeds may have to be broadcast over the medium and gently pressed into the surface or lightly misted. Use the same process for seeds which require light for germination. Cover larger seeds with dry medium 1 to 2 times the thickness of the seed. Moisten with a gentle mist. Be sure to label each container with the date and type of seed planted.

Once the seeds have been sown, place the container into a clear plastic bag and tightly secure. This will prevent the medium from drying out. The bag should not rest on the medium. Use extra labels or Popsicle sticks around the perimeter of the container to raise the plastic off the growing surface. Many seed starting kits come with a clear plastic dome which fits securely over the growing cells. Place the container in good light or under a fluorescent fixture but avoid placing it in direct sunlight unless high temperatures are required for germination. Check regularly and remove the plastic bag as soon as a number of the seeds sprout. Gradually move to stronger light, preferably a south-facing window. Turn your container regularly if you are growing your seedlings in a sunny window for symmetrical, stronger plants. Low light will produce tall, spindly, weak seedlings.

Keep the growing medium evenly moist. Bottom watering is preferred. Start fertilizing with one-quarter strength liquid fertilizer once the first set of true leaves appears (not the original two seed leaves) and gradually increase to half-strength as the plants mature. Thin overcrowded seedlings by snipping or pinching weaker seedlings off at the base once the seedlings have four true leaves. It is usually best to transplant seedlings once before transferring the plants to the garden. Be sure to "harden off" tender seedlings for several days by gradually introducing them to the outdoors after all danger of frost is past. Place seedlings initially into a partly shaded location and then expose them for short periods of sunlight early and late in the day before transplanting them into a sunny location.

There is a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment when you successfully grow plants from seed. Discover the magic of watching a tiny seed germinate and grow to produce a clump of exquisite flowers or a vine covered with delicious, plump tomatoes at a fraction of the cost of buying flats or individual plants.



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Town resident looks heavenly for photos

By Rick Collins
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It was a June afternoon, and Lee Cisneros was taking a break from doing some yard work at his King Street home.

"I looked up [at the sky] and there was this image," he recalled. "I yelled to my wife to get my camera, and I started taking some pictures...I was stunned."

The photos — four of them — are of two cloud banks, lined up horizontally and vertically so that one might think the horizontal cloud looks like someone's outstretched arms, and the vertical clouds, like a torso and legs.

Exactly what he took pictures of that summer day, he is leaving up to viewers of the photos. But most have come to the same conclusion. "Some explain it looks like Christ on a cross or something," he said. "Others wonder what it is for a while, but eventually come to the same conclusion."

Cisneros, a photographer by hobby, and a consultant in the distribution/transportation industry by trade, said his celestial images, which have been shown mostly to family members, usually receive an "interesting response."

He said, "My feeling is that everyone has to look at it on their own. Perception is in the eyes of the beholder I guess."

One of the people outside of his family that has seen the pictures is the Rev. Gary Ritts of Second Congregational Church.

"It was such an astonishing experience to hear Lee's story around this picture... It's just so amazing that we all have, inside us the innate ability to see miracles and messages in the natural world all around," Ritts said. "It's simply that Easter Spirit that lives beyond what our five basic senses tell us, into deeper and more profound realities."



Photos/Lee Cisneros



Cisneros said although he attends church regularly, he doesn't consider himself an "overt, zealous religion nut," and doesn't call his photo a religious miracle.

"Whatever reaction a person has, whether it has a religious connotation, that's OK, or if it has just an unusual connotation, that's OK too as far as I'm concerned," Cisneros said. "I wouldn't call it a mystery, but it is very, very unusual."

Deer Hill School librarian Marjorie Murphy has also seen the photo and calls its "impressive."

"When I first saw it, and I wouldn't say it to [my students] but I saw a picture of crucifix," she said. "I was quite impressed...very impressed."

Murphy said she plans on using the photo in a cloud formation session when Deer Hill students return from next week's spring break. "They did a study of the weather in fifth grade and about cloud formations, so I want to get their impressions," she said. "The children will be very impressed that an adult did something like this, and appreciated nature and the formations of clouds."

Cisneros, a Cohasset resident since 1984, has a number of Cohasset landscape photos spread around Town Hall and town schools, and said he has come limited copies of the cloud formation available for people interested. His telephone number is 781-383-1604.

HOLY WEEK

St. Stephen's Church events

A 24 hour Prayer Watch begins on Maundy Thursday, April 12, at 3 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church. Worshipers sign up for an hour throughout the day to be in church to read, pray, just to be quiet, or meditate. This time at prayer recalls Jesus' words at Gethsemane, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" and the words of Psalm 130: "my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." At 7:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated commemorating the Last Supper. Following the Eucharist worshipers will gather for a simple meal of foods typical of Jesus' place and time - breads, cheese, olives, nuts, fruits, and milk and honey. This shared meal accents the importance of community and fellowship for the church's life together in Christ.

Good Friday worship begins at noon on April 13, with an hour of quiet. The Service of the Word and Solemn Collects begins at 1 p.m. A special service for children takes place at 2:30 p.m. and ends the traditional three hours of worship while Jesus was on the cross.

Children will gather the next day on Saturday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the church courtyard for an Easter egg hunt, a playful way to enter into the joy of Christ's resurrection. The Great Vigil of Easter candlelight worship will begin Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The worship is dramatic beginning with the church in darkness. Candles are lit and at the moment when the resurrection is proclaimed the church is ablaze with light signifying that the resurrected Jesus is the light that leads the world out of darkness.

Easter morning, Sunday, April 15, the story is told of the women coming to the tomb where Jesus' body had been placed and finding it empty. The worship begins with the words "Christ is risen." Services are at 8 and 10 a.m. Music for 8 a.m. worship will be organ and brass with a vocal quartet. At 10 a.m. there will be full choir with organ and brass. Both services will be a celebration of Holy Eucharist with sermon.

Holy week at Greek Church

Holy Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m. Divine Liturgy, Washing of the Feet of the Disciples by Our Lord, The Last Supper Wherein We Received the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Prayer to His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, Our Lord's Betrayal by Judas.

Holy Friday, April 13, 9 a.m. Service of the Royal Hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Children's Retreat 2 p.m., The Taking Down From the Cross, Passions of Our Lord, Outdoor Procession of Christ's Epitaphios (Holy Shroud) in flower Decorated Tomb confirming for the faithful that Christ has defeated the power of death and gives life to all that love and believe in Him.

Holy Saturday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Preparation Service 11 p.m., midnight - Proclamation of the Resurrection of our Lord, 12:30 to 1:30 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy Distribution of wrapped red eggs at end.

Easter Sunday - Great and Holy Pascha, 11 a.m. Agape Service, The Gospel of St. John 20:19 - 25, Read in many different languages, Signifying Proclamation of Good News to all the World, Easter Egg Hunt on Lawn.

Following Holy Week and Pascha/Easter, year round, Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. Fellowship coffee hour follows. Children's Church School immediately following communion, 11:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

St. Anthony's holy week

The Holy Week schedule for St. Anthony Parish is as follows:

Holy Thursday: Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3 to 4 p.m.; Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

Good Friday: Morning prayer service, 7 a.m.; Respect Life Rosary, 9 a.m.; Stations of the Cross for children, noon; Stations of the Cross for all parishioners, 3 p.m.; Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Morning prayer service, 8 a.m.; Sacrament of Reconciliation, 4 to 5 p.m.; Easter vigil, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Masses at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.


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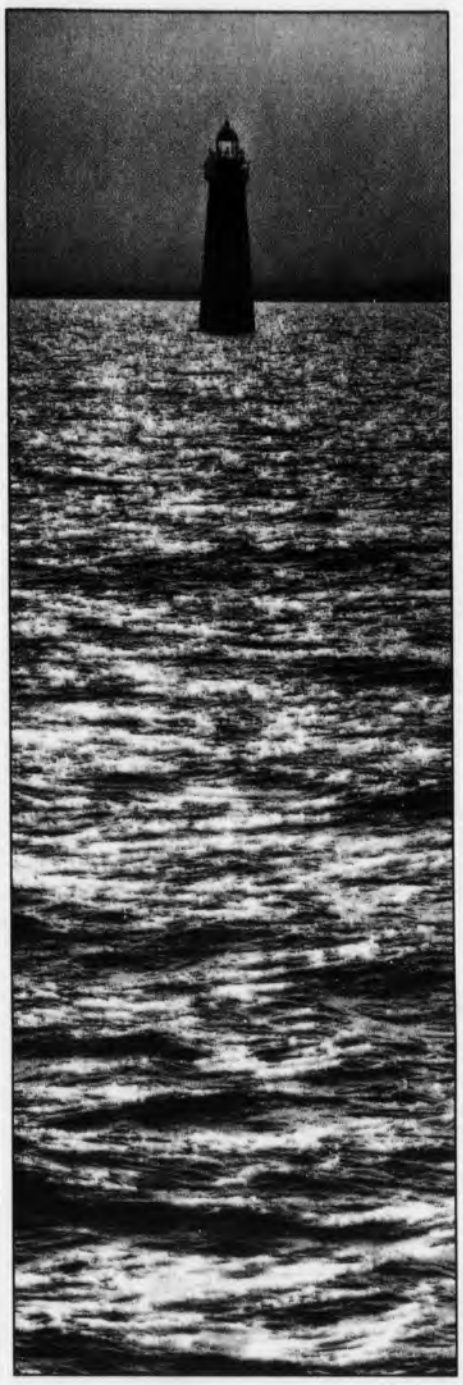
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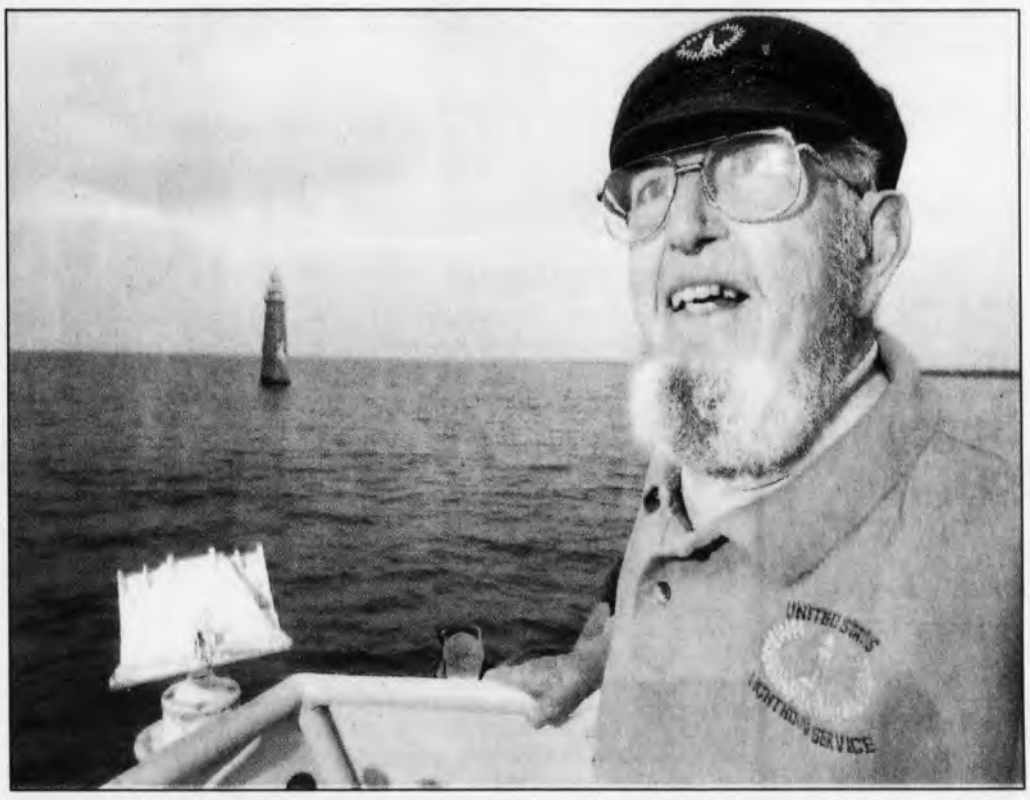
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Fallen lightkeepers remembered





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Above left, Minot Ledge Lighthouse rises out of the water as the sun sets Monday. The Scituate Historical Society hosted a cruise to the lighthouse to mark the 150th anniversary of the Minot Gale of April 16, 1851. Assistant lightkeepers, Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine of Cohasset, perished in the storm that also claimed the first Minot light. Some of their descendents, including Cohasset's Herb Jason (top photo), were aboard for the three-hour voyage this week to pay tribute to the men with a wreath-laying ceremony. Above, the Boston skyline provides the perfect backdrop for Minot light on the spring evening.

Housing density subject of talk

ZBA to review comprehensive permit process

By Rick Collins
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It's a term that can strike fear into the hearts of town officials and preservationists.

Mention the term "comprehensive permit" around a town and watch as people recoil in terror.

The off-shoot of the 1969 "Anti-Snob Zoning Act" could be coming to an undeveloped parcel near you.

With a comprehensive permit, and a promise to make 25 percent of the units "affordable," a developer is able to sidestep the normal permitting process.

"I think it's inevitable we're going to get one or two or three filed in the next 12 to 18 months."
—Woody Chittick, ZBA chairman

"It streamlines the process," said Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Woody Chittick. "It's a way to encourage developers to put up mixed income housing in a town without much, and bypass some, but not all, of the local regulations and boards."

A strong housing market that allows developers to still make a sizeable profit off comprehensive permits, though only able to sell 75

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Strengthening seatbelt law before legislature

Local police back tougher bill

By Seth Jacobson and Mary Ford
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Some local legislators believe primary enforcement of the seatbelt law in Massachusetts could lead to some bumpy roads if it were to become law because certain civil liberties are at stake.

But local police departments say the trade-off between civil liberties and protection of the public is worth it.

"I'm for any law out there that assists police officers in saving lives."
—Police Chief Brian Noonan

"Something has to be done," says Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan, who estimates less than 50 percent of those stopped for traffic violations or involved in accidents are buckled up. "I'm for any law out there that assists police officers in saving lives."

Seatbelts have been required under state law since 1994. Not buckling up is subject to secondary enforcement, meaning the officer can cite a motorist for not using a seatbelt only if he or she is stopped for something else. The fine for not using a seatbelt is $25. Under existing state law, a police officer can only use primary enforcement to stop a vehicle for a seatbelt infraction if a child, age 12 or under, is not wearing a seatbelt.

Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who has mixed feelings about the proposal, said beefing up the seatbelt law was briefly debated on the Senate floor last week.

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In the nuts and bolts business

Historical society faces major building upkeep

By Mary Ford
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Anyone who knows Martha Gjesteby knows she's quick to speak her mind.

During her many years of service as a selectman, school committee and planning board member, and representative on regional boards – Gjesteby hasn't been shy about expressing what she thinks is best for the town.

Therefore, the 300 members of the Cohasset Historical Society are no doubt pleased to have Gjesteby, 72, on their side. So much so that the private group elected her president in November.

"It's a wonderful resource," says the Old Pasture Road resident about the organization founded in 1928. "It's important to preserve the past for the future."

The society owns three historic buildings in town that also serve as

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Martha Gjesteby, president of the Cohasset Historical Society, holds a copy of the "Narrative History of Cohasset" inside the Lothrop House, which along with other society buildings is in need of repairs.

Recount set for Saturday

By Rick Collins
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On Saturday, town election officials will recount by hand the 1,816 votes cast in the annual April 7 Town Election to determine if school committee candidate Adrienne MacCarthy missed a spot on the board by three votes.

In a three-way race for two seats, incumbent school committee member Pat Martin edged out MacCarthy by 960-957 votes. Fellow incumbent Mark DeGiacomo won the other seat with 1,077 votes.

The recount, which will begin at 10 a.m. in the Town Hall auditorium, will be conducted by town poll workers. The town Board of Registrars will decide any questioned ballots.

The public is welcome to attend, but will be restricted from the recount table.

Each candidate can have one representative per election worker at the recount.

The last recount was in a 1984 selectman's race between Mary Jane McArthur and Doris Golden. McArthur eventually won after a run-off election was called by a judge.

The board of registrars is made up by two Democrats and two Republicans. Democrats are Town Clerk Marion Douglas and Carol St. Pierre. The Republicans are Judith Volungis and Edythe Ford. St. Pierre was appointed by selectmen to replace Margaret Charles who is on vacation this week.

Flushing of water mains continues week of April 23

The Water Department will flushing of all water mains throughout Cohasset will continue through the week of April 23.

"This flushing program, while it may cause some short-term discoloration of water, will improve water quality, taste and odor, for all of our customers," said Water Commission Chairman John McNabb. "The flushing should take only two-to-three weeks to complete."

Residents will be advised that the flushing may cause temporary discoloration of the water, and to avoid doing washes during the flushing.

In the week starting April 23, the following areas will be flushed in this approximate order: (1) Route 3A, King Street – Scituate, Brewster Road area.

"Flushing of an area will begin about 9 p.m. each night. Before flushing of an area takes place," said McNabb, "the residents of the affected area will be notified by a leaflet which will be dropped at their door. Also, a sign will be posted at the area to provide additional notification. Please call the Water Department at 383-0057 if you have any questions."

"Flushing of water mains on a regular basis is necessary to remove accumulated sediment from the water pipes," he said. "However, the town has not been flushed for many years because of the accumulated sediment in the Bear Hill tank, which would have been drawn into the system during flushing. With the new Scituate Hill Water Tank, that problem has been avoided and we can now begin a much needed town-wide flushing program."

Residents will be advised that the flushing may cause temporary discoloration of the water, and to avoid doing washes during the flushing. The discolored water, however, is safe to drink and will not last long. If water becomes discolored, it can be cleared by running an outside faucet until the water runs clear — this will not take long and will not use too much water.

If a wash becomes discolored because of discolored water, residents are advised to pick up a bottle of "Iron Out" for free from the Water Department.



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TO THE LIGHTHOUSE

Descendants of the two lightkeepers, who lost their lives at the old Minot light 150 years ago, toss a wreath into the sea during a cruise on Monday sponsored by the Scituate Historical Society. Left, is A. J. Antoine and at right, is John Small, both of Cohasset.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Astronomy Day

The South Shore Astronomical Society in cooperation with The Trustees of the Reservation will host a range of activities for children and adults centered around the theme of astronomy on Friday evening, April 27, (rain date April 28) at dusk. Telescopes will be available for viewing, activities for children, a slide presentation, and more.

The South Shore Astronomical Society has been in existence since 1958, comprises members who donate their time, energy, and equipment to foster, awareness of the ancient science of astronomy.

Please try to attend this family oriented free event. For further information, call Louis A. Gentile (781) 545-7067 or http://ssastros.org

Volunteers farmers!

Volunteer work day at Weir River Farm in Hingham is Saturday, April 28, at 9:30 a.m.

This event is a great way for the whole family to get involved with the Trustees of Reservations. Whether it be gardening, animal grooming, painting or woodland maintenance, there will be a job for everyone. Work will be followed by a picnic lunch atop scenic Turkey Hill. You bring lunch; drinks and desserts will be provided. Please sign up by calling Marge Balzotti at (781) 821-2977.

Access to the Weir River Farm is off Turkey Hill Lane.

Send us e-mail

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Sun. 22	11:26	9.8	5:13	11:42	10.2	5:30
Mon. 23	——	——	5:54	12:06	9.9	6:08
Tues. 24	12:19	10.6	6:34	12:45	10.0	6:47
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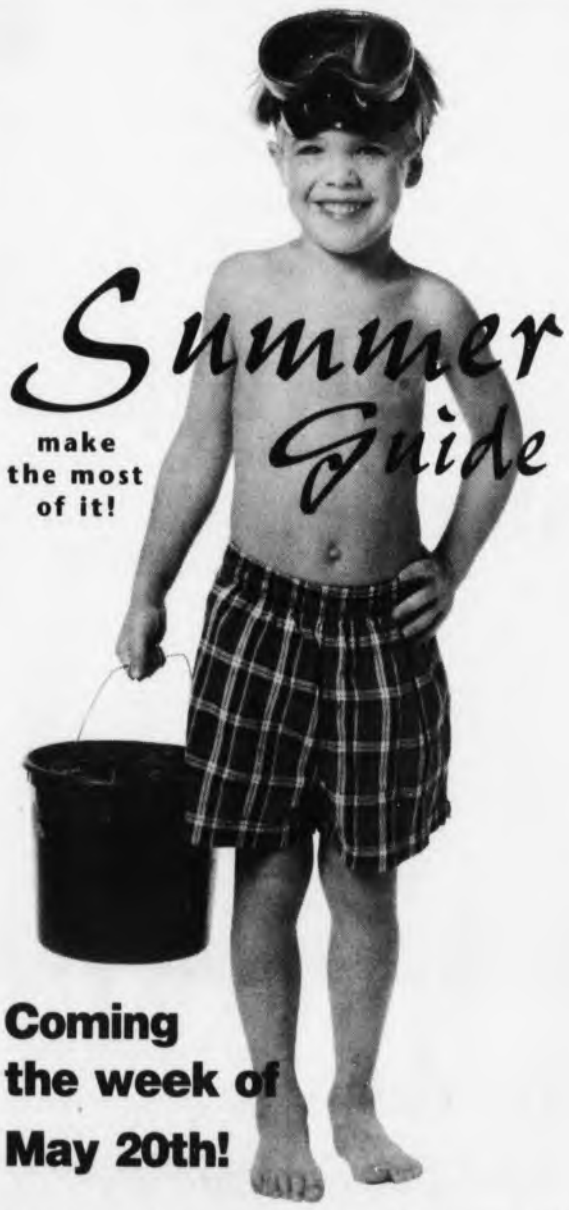
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Beechwood Street culvert crumbling

By Rick Collins
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Town officials are scurrying to replace a Beechwood Street culvert that partially collapsed last week, years after it was originally damaged during a water main project.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the culvert, which near the Beechwood Cemetery, was originally damaged in 1996, and had been deteriorating since. However, thanks to one of the wettest springs in recent memory, the deterioration accelerated to the point where a portion of the road has collapsed.

The sinkhole, located on the side of the road, directly over a running body water, currently has a steel plate and orange traffic barrel over it to divert traffic.

The culvert had been on the town's list of things to fix, but the recent crumbling has moved it quickly up to the top.

"It's got to be ripped out and a new one placed in."
— Department of Public Works Superintendent Harold Litchfield

"It's got to be ripped out and a new one placed in," said Department of Public Works Superintendent Harold Litchfield. He said the new pre-cast culvert has been ordered and should arrive in the next couple of weeks.

He said the work will take about a week to finish and one lane of traffic will be kept open during the work.

Because the culvert is in a wetland, the town has to file with the Conservation Commission. However, Haddad said Conservation Commission agent Paul Shea gave them the go-ahead to do the work and file for a permit after the work is completed.

Replacing the culvert is expected to cost $17,600. Haddad said he will ask the Advisory Board for permission to take the money out of the town's reserve fund.

As for now, Haddad said the culvert will remain open unless its condition worsens. "We've checked it out and it's not getting worse," he said. "If it gets to the point where we have to do something, we will."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

A car whizzes over the dilapidated culvert on Beechwood Street. The wet spring accelerated deterioration of the structure, officials say.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Officer James McLean, left, and Officer Christy Tarantino lead Joseph Rosano out of the police station Wednesday afternoon to a waiting cruiser that took him to Quincy District Court where he was arraigned on drug charges.

Howe Road man arrested on drug charges

By Mary Ford
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Working in conjunction with the Norfolk County District Attorney's Drug Task Force, Cohasset police executed a search warrant for 48 Howe Road yesterday morning (Wednesday) that led to drug charges against a Cohasset man.

Police arrested Joseph "Joel" A. Rosano, 54, on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute after finding an undetermined quantity of marijuana, related drug paraphernalia, cash and records at Rosano's house.

"It's been a lengthy investigation and right now, we're happy with the conclusion," Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

Cohasset Det. Greg Lennon initiated the investigation, Noonan said.

Rosano was arraigned on the charges late Wednesday afternoon in Quincy District Court. Details were not available as the Mariner went to press.

Police believe that Rosano, a local businessman, has been a supplier of marijuana in the Cohasset area for many years.

Local reps announce lottery aid money

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) and Sen. Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) announced that a $60,000,000 of lottery assistance will be sent to local communities. The two supported this addition to the supplemental budget. The assistance will give $28,414 to Cohasset, $98,590 to Hingham, and $85,159 to Hull. These monies will be used to fund various local projects in to the communities.

"I felt that these additional revenues gained by the lottery should be sent back to our communities. I was pleased to see the amendment added to the supplemental budget, and was glad to help push it through," said Bradley.

"These additional funds are critical to the operational budgets of towns in my district," Hedlund said. "I am very pleased to see that this extra assistance, especially during the budget season that promises to be challenging, will be forthcoming."

Bradley optimistic on cemetery bill

State Rep.Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said this week the home-rule petition allowing Cohasset to pay off the Woodside Cemetery expansion money over 10 years has had no objectors and could be on the floor for debate as early as next week.

The town hopes the state will allow it to repay the $700,000 it borrows to expand the cemetery over 10 years, rather than five years, as is the norm. The town plans to pay back the money from cemetery plot sales.

"The legislation was up before the House Local Affairs Committee April 10, and was reported out favorably," said Bradley. "Since (the home rule petition) doesn't involve any state money, it was sent to the House Steering and Policy Committee, and probably will go out to the House floor next week." He added that so far he has not heard any opposition to the bill.

Once passed in the House, the bill will move on to the Senate for approval.

The expanded cemetery will create an additional 1,800 spaces for town residents. Town Meeting gave the project the thumbs-up last month.

If the bill is defeated for some reason, the extra money needed to pay off the money in five years will have to be made up by the town.

— By Rick Collins

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Doyle Calhoun takes home top art honors

AROUND TOWN



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MARATHON CHEERS

Hello Cohasset. I hope that all of you had a wonderful Easter and that the Easter Bunny was good to all. I also hope that some of you were able to watch or go into town to see the Boston Marathon. It is always amazing to me to hear the stories and be able to watch such amazing people, from the man who finishes first to the last person across, a big congratulations to you all from all of us here in Cohasset!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I have to start this column by sending out a big happy birthday to our daughter, **Callie**! Callie is turning seven on Monday, April 23. Happy Birthday sweetie, we love you!

Also, a happy birthday goes out to **Jaime Litchfield** who turned 15 on April 15! Hope you had a great day Jaime!

FIRST PLACE

Derby Academy first-grader **Doyle Calhoun**, son of **David and Kelli Calhoun** of Sheldon Road, has won a First Place award for his entry in the annual, state-wide Junior Duck Stamp Contest. His artwork was recognized at an awards ceremony and reception in the Great Hall of the Statehouse on April 17. This yearly competition is sponsored by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Congratulations Doyle on this amazing accomplishment.

SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Arthur Rasmussen, III, son of **Archie Rasmussen** of Scituate and **Ann Rasmussen** of Cohasset was one of 134 high school seniors who competed in Roanoke College's recent tri-annual Scholars Program. Arthur attends Cohasset High. The program is designed to recognize and support students of superior academic and leadership ability and will result in the awarding of scholarships at the college. Selection is based on the candidate's completed admission and Scholars Program applications; academic records; and performance in the scholarship competition, which consists of written and oral communication as well as faculty interviews.

USED EYEGLASSES

Do any of you reading this have any old, used eyeglasses looking for a new home? Strecker Eye Center will have take them during April and May to benefit the Lions Club. Please drop off any that you may have at their location at Shaw's Plaza. If you have any questions, call 383-2555.

APPALACHIAN FESTIVAL

I hope that many of you are planning to take part in the great Appalachian Festival that is coming on Saturday, April 28 at the St. Anthony's Parish Center. This will be a wonderful event starting at 4 p.m. with a marketplace featuring storytelling, Appalachian crafts and snacks and a slide presentation. A family-style dinner will be served at 6:30 and this will end with a Blue Grass and Cloggers performance starting at 7:30. The ticket prices are as follows: For the dinner and performance, the cost is $20 per adult, $10 for ages 13-18 and $5 for ages 12 and under. For just the performance, the cost is $10 for adults and teens and under 12 are free. For more information on this and the ASP project, log onto www.cohassetasp.org.

CONCERT KICK-OFF

It is definitely not too early to start your plans for Memorial Day Weekend and this year, it is easier than ever. On Friday, May 25, a great family concert is being held at the Sullivan Gym at CHS to start off the weekend. This is definitely a show for young and old alike and is a surefire way to kick off the weekend. This concert is being performed by the amazing a capella group, "Ball in the House." Six guys, six voices and no instruments! This group has toured with 98 Degrees, N Sync and Paula Cole just to name a few. This awesome event is being sponsored by the Deer Hill fifth graders in conjunction with the "Golden Anniversary" celebration of the CHS! Make sure to look for the fifth-graders to buy your tickets early. The cost to this show is $10 and there will be special seating available for senior citizens. It is really going to be an amazing event!



Derby Academy first-grader Doyle Calhoun won a first-place award for his entry in the state-wide Junior Duck Stamp Contest. He is pictured here with his art teacher, Cathy Gruetzke.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Now, when that great night is over, what would you think about a "50 year class reunion" with teachers, alumni, friends and family all held at the CHS/Middle School in honor of the 50th Birthday of the school? This is being held on Saturday, May 26 and is a great time to come and reminisce at CHS before the school is history as we know it. There will be memorabilia, entertainment for all, yearbooks, tours and refreshments and is a fantastic way for us all to join and celebrate the school and town pride. Anyone who has any memorabilia to donate or knows of someone who might like to speak of their accomplishments since graduation can call **Jeanne Quigley** at 781-383-1573 or **Karen Golden Oronte** at 781-383-6737. On Sunday, you can plan a "mini-reunion" with friends from your year, a great excuse for a cook-out or clambake and gear up to remember and observe our wonderful Veterans in the great Memorial Day Parade. I am sure that this will be an unbelievable weekend and hope to see all of you there!

DIVERSITY DAY

On Sunday, April 29 at the St. Anthony Parish Hall will be "Diversity Day 2001" being sponsored by many local organizations here in town. This great program is to share and encourage people to support the them of "Cohasset is....No Place For Hate!" This family event is being held from 2-4 p.m. and will have music, artwork and poetry by the children in our town to share some of their thoughts on diversity. A keynote speaker, **Carole Copeland Thomas,** will speak on a theme of increasing awareness of and respect for diversity in our town and a renowned storyteller, **Derek Burrows,** will delight children of all ages. What a great lesson for all of us to be teaching and learning no matter what age we are, please try to attend!

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The South Shore Art Center announces the 2001 art scholarship contest. High School seniors attending public, private or parochial schools are eligible to apply. The awards will be given to those students who have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning which includes a fine arts curriculum. The Art Center's goal in awarding these scholarships is to encourage South Shore students to further their art education. Four scholarships will be presented: Two Fred E. Bergfors Scholarships, The South Shore Art Center Tom Lucas Award and the MacIvor Reddie Award. Awards range from $1,000-$2,000 and winning artwork and awards will be presented at the 46th annual Festival on the Common, June 15. Portfolios and applications must be submitted on April 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; April 22, 12-4p.m. or April 23, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.. Under no circumstances will portfolios be accepted after 9:00 p.m. on April 23. A panel of artists/educators will review the portfolios and applicants will be notified promptly by mail. Award money will be paid directly to the winners schools at the beginning of the first semester to be applied toward tuition costs. For more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

That is all for this week. Please send in all of your news to me in one of the following ways: PHONE: 781-923-1057 EMAIL: jenpiep@yahoo.com FAX: 7810923-1035(let me know first) MAIL: 622 CJC Highway Have a great week.

SPECIAL EVENING

Cohasset residents Jane and Martin Corry attend a recent benefit and auction for Franciscan Children's Hospital. The event raised $175,000 for the Burton Family Center for Oral and Facial Abnormalities which is a clinic at The Franciscan Children's Hospital in Brighton. The Center helps young patients from around the world through surgical and therapy services.



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Wine tasting fund-raiser

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine Tasting Brunch," the 11th annual fund-raising event for the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore Inc., will take place at Saporito's Florence Club Café in Hull Sunday, April 29, at 1 p.m. The event includes a five-course gourmet menu. Each course is accompanied by a wine selected by Mark Lewis of M.S. Walker Company who will explain the fine art of blending foods and wines. A jazz trio will provide accompaniment to the food and wines.

Lucky winners will be chosen for baskets of gourmet foods and wines gathered for the occasion. All proceeds from this event underwrite Alzheimer Support Group activities, the monthly newsletter, outreach brochure, postage, family information packets and the help-line phone.

Reservations must be made in advance by calling JoAnn Mitchell at (781) 749-5417 (evenings). Tables may be arranged for four, five or eight at $65 per person.

Unicorn singers

The Hingham-based Unicorn Singers, under the direction of Margo Euler, will perform John Rutter's Requiem at their upcoming spring concerts on Saturday April 28 at 8 p.m. at Hingham's House of Prayer Lutheran Church, and on Sunday April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset village.

Rutter's Requiem is an elegant small scale composition well suited to the 22 voice chamber chorus, which will be joined in the performance by Sally Tucker on flute; Turner Bledsoe, oboe; Jane Hallet, cello; Lenae Badger, organ; Marcia Babcock on keyboard; and percussionist Tim Maynard. The soprano solo will be sung by Dawn MacGarvey.

The concert will also feature an exploration of well-known sacred texts such as the Ave Maria and Ave Maris Stella in various motet settings alternating with well-loved hymns and anthems in which the audience is invited to participate.

To that end, all singers who plan to attend the concert are invited to arrive 20 minutes prior to the performance for a brief rehearsal. Music will be provided.

Tickets for the concert are $10 and are available at Noble's in Hingham Square, from chorus members, by phone (781.749.6561), and at the door.

Violinist featured

The Boston Conservatory satellite school in Cohasset welcomes Sargis Karapetyan to its teaching facility in Cohasset at St. Stephen's Church. Mr. Karapetyan is now accepting string students for spring and summer. Private lessons and ensemble work are being offered. Karapetyan is a native of Armenia and holds a masters degree and artist diploma from the Komitas State Conservatory in Yerevan.

Karapetyan is the director of pedagogy courses and a lecturer of the String Instrument Department of The Boston Conservatory. He is also artistic director of the Ancient Music Ensemble and the concertmaster of the Children's Opera Theater. He is also a lecturer at Clark University in Worcester and teaches in The Boston Conservatory Special Program sites in Marshfield and Lynnfield.

For information and registration, contact director Dr. Fredrick Guzasky (781) 397-0963, or Marietta Azumanyan at The Boston Conservatory (671) 536-6340 x 9119.

Hull comedy

Hull Performing Arts, Inc. presents Paul Rudnick's comedy "I Hate Hamlet," April 27 and 28 at 8 p.m., April 29 at 2 p.m. and May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave. Tickets are $12 at the door, $10 in advance, and $9 for seniors and students. Call (781) 925-2406 for directions and other information.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Stephanie Middleton, center, gets a kick out of John Margotta, left, and Eleanor Bleakie, far right, as they peek through cowboy forms at the barn at the Red Lion.

Barn opening with country-western beat

The Adirondack-style barn, "Lion's Hall," in the village of Cohasset, will open its doors, April 28 for a party dedicated to great dining, non-stop dancing and the visual arts on the South Shore. A country western rock and roll dinner dance will inaugurate the new addition to the historic Red Lion Inn on Main Street in Cohasset. The festivities will benefit the visual arts program at the South Shore Art Center.

Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide promises the evening will be memorable, the food extraordinary and the band a sure-fire guarantee for a good time. To enhance the country western theme, Ordelheide is donating a weekend at the Red Lion Inn as the prize for the most creative country western attire.

The Fat City Band, a "bluesy, roots-rockin sextet from Boston" has played all over the country and is known as a group that is as fun to watch as they are to dance to. The Fat City Band has shared the stage with music greats including Ray Charles, B. B. King, Clarence Clemens and James Brown and recorded with notables such as guitarist Elliot Randall from Steely Dan.

The festivities will begin at 7 p.m., April 28. "Lion's Hall" at the Red Lion, Main Street, Cohasset. To reserve tickets call (781) 383-ARTS (2787) or visit www.ssac.org

Dog obedience

The Cohasset Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for dog obedience classes, under the direction of Happy-Dog Training School.

Good Manners for Beginners classes will start Monday, May 7, at 6 p.m.; Obedience with Distractions classes, Monday, June 25, at 7 p.m.; and another session of Good Manners for Beginners classes, Monday, June 25, at 6 p.m. All classes are held on the Cohasset Town Common. Classes are five weeks in duration and the cost is $90 for the once-a-week, one-hour class.

Dog owners are required to have their dogs up to date with shots/immunizations.

To register, call the Recreation Department office at (781) 383-4109.

Mitzvah Day

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, invites the public to celebrate its fifth annual Social Action Day, Sunday, May 6, beginning with bagels, pastry and drinks at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with a community-wide barbecue from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m.

The event is more familiarly known as Mitzvah Day. Helping others is among the most fundamental of all Jewish virtues. By being involved in the varied activities available that day, everyone gets an opportunity to express Judaism's most profound belief that actions are greater than words.

You can also sign up for the Walk for Hunger. Walkers will meet in the temple parking lot, travel to Boston by bus, walk for about 2.2 miles, and be back in time for the barbecue at 12:30. If you want to stay closer to home, you can clean up at a Scituate beach, help create a blooming garden right at the temple or walk over to the Mary Martha Learning Center and help the folks there spruce up for spring.

Families can make personal Mezuzot to put up on their children's bedroom doorways; also, children can learn and illustrate a bit of Hebrew. Families can also donate food, litter, blankets and other items to benefit All Paws Rescue. Adults can donate old cell phones (with chargers and batteries if possible) to battered women and women in danger. Adults can sign up to give blood to the Red Cross. Families can help make meals for Father Bill's Place in Quincy, visit several senior citizens' homes to help them with house repairs, or create get-well cards for area hospitalized children.

All activities originate at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham.

President's tea

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its yearly Presidents' Tea at the Second Congregational Church's "Bates Hall" on Tuesday, April. 24. The guests are the garden club presidents from the South Shore district. The meeting will begin at noon, follow by a presentation given by Paul Split, well known teacher, lecturer and horticultural consultant. Split will explain the principles of water garden design and layout. It will also include a demonstration of patio water gardens and hanging moss baskets.

Garage hours

The Teen Garage, grades 6 and above, will be open for use as follows: Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; first and third Saturdays, 6 to 10 p.m.

Cooking classes at St. Stephen's

Join Warren Kramer, Tuesday, April 24, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. for a Vegetarian Feast - Macrobiotic Spring Cooking Class, recipes and full dinner at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

Registration required by April 18, $30/$35 after April 18, space permitting.

Send check to Warren Kramer, 100 Paul Gore St., #2, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. For information call (617) 524-0717.

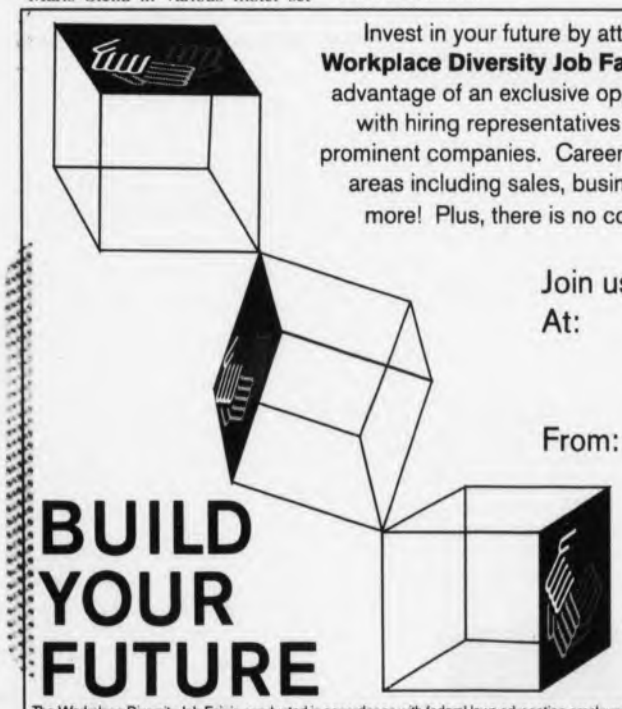
Kramer is an internationally recognized macrobiotic counselor, lecturer and cooking instructor.

Newcomers Club

The Newcomers book club will meet at the home of Pat Hoffman, 47 Wompatuck Ave. in Scituate on Monday April 23 at 8 p.m.. This month's meeting will discuss Michael C. MacDonald's book "All Souls."

Join club members for a Ladies Night Out on Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m.. This month, the venue will be Mt. Blue Restaurant in Norwell. Please RSVP to Mary McMeekin at (781) 383-9988.

Come celebrate Mexican-style at the home of Peter and Heidi Condon, 724C Jerusalem Road on Saturday, May 5 at 7 p.m.. Sign up early since the event will be limited to 24 people. RSVP to Mary McMeekin at (781) 383-9988.



Invest in your future by attending the **Boston Herald's Workplace Diversity Job Fair** on Tuesday, April 24. Take advantage of an exclusive opportunity to meet face to face with hiring representatives from many of the area's most prominent companies. Career opportunities are available in areas including sales, business, medical, technology and more! Plus, there is no cost or obligation for attending.

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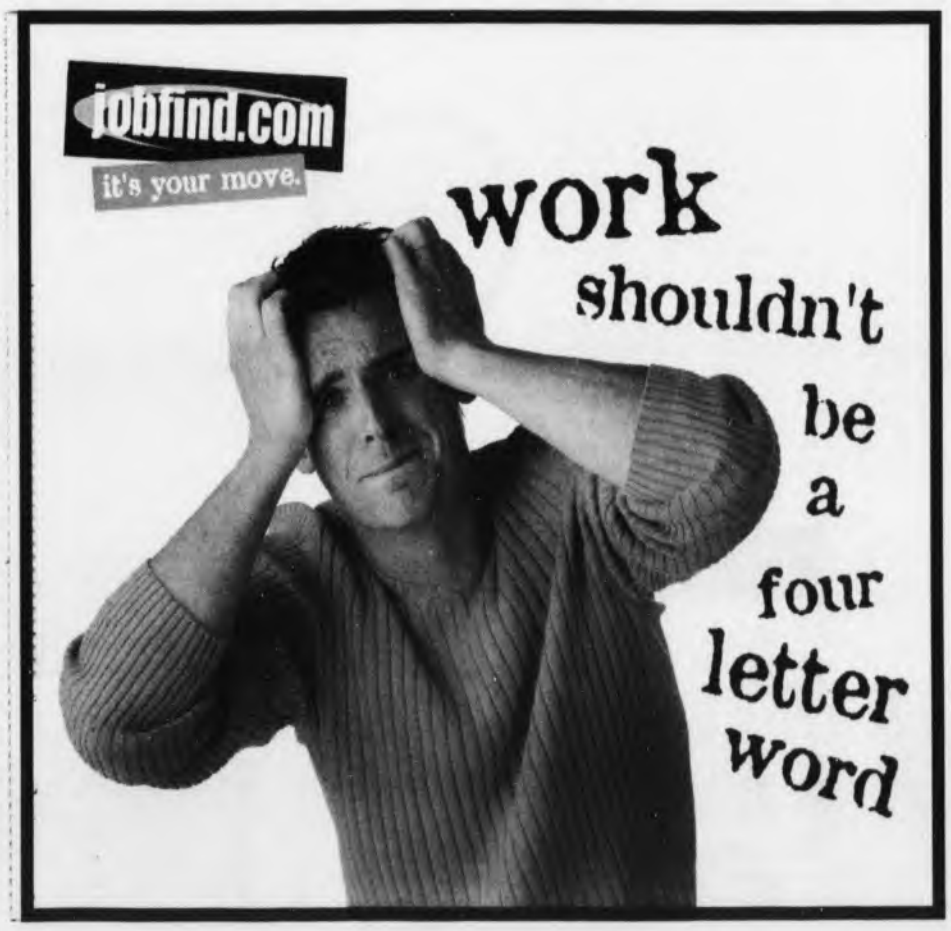
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- DATE: Tuesday, April 24, 2001
- TIME: 7:15 P.M.
- PLACE: Cohasset Town Hall Room 2B

The plan is available for review at the Board of Health Office, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Thursday and 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Friday. It is also available at the Town Clerk's Office.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Tribute at sea

Monday night's sunset cruise hosted by the Scituate Historical Society was perfect for lighthouse lovers.

As Massachusetts Bay Lines' Freedom pulled away from the town pier, those on board were treated to a postcard picture view of Scituate Lighthouse standing tall in the late-day sun.

And while photographers — professional and amateurs alike — were busy snapping away, they were saving some of their film to capture another lighthouse — the Minot Ledge Light.

The three-hour cruise was a remembrance voyage to mark the anniversary of the devastating 1851 Minot Gale, which raged for five days before claiming the first Minot Ledge Lighthouse along with its young keepers, Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine.

There could not have been a more fitting way to honor the light keepers.

The seas this April 16 were calm as if in solemn tribute to the men that gave their lives a century and a half ago. As the sun made a hazy descent over the harbor and the city line in the distance, more than 200 on board gazed out windows and over the catamaran's decks toward our lighthouse destination.

Along with society members aboard for the three-hour tour was Cohasset lobsterman Herb Jason, who along with his brother Ken, worked for years to build the Government Island monument dedicated last year to Wilson and Antoine.

Descendents of the keepers made the journey, too. They tossed a flower wreath over board while the quiet prayers of the Rev. Matthew Bradley could be heard over the waves.

Inside the boat, society member and cruise organizer John Galluzzo and American Lighthouse Foundation founder Doug Bingham provided the narrative on the fateful storm and a history of both Minot Ledge lighthouses during the trip.

Never had most aboard been so close to the lighthouse. A cormorant perched atop the tower turned its head toward the boat in disdain as it inched nearer to the tower than most captains would dare to go. As night fell, a Coast Guard cutter joined us on the harbor shooting off flares to illuminate the night sky and the lighthouse before Freedom headed home for Scituate Harbor.

This remembrance voyage was one no one aboard will forget.

—Alice Coyle

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner.

Primary enforcement

Here in the newspaper business, we are usually the first to champion civil liberties. But when it comes to primary vs. second enforcement of the seatbelt law we plead no contest.

A bill to beef up the seatbelt law to allow police to stop a motorist for failure to buckle up is winding its way through the Legislature once again. Massachusetts has an abysmal record when it comes to adhering to the seatbelt law. But research shows that primary enforcement — meaning you could be stopped for not buckling up even if you were doing nothing else wrong — would increase seatbelt usage by 15-20 percent right way. That translates directly into fewer severe injuries and saved lives.

We don't seem to complain when we're told to buckle up on an airplane when the chances of injury at traveling at 700 mph at 39,000 feet are statistically far less than what can happen without a seatbelt going 25 mph in a car on terra firma.

It's no surprise our local police support primary enforcement. In little Cohasset, there have already been 69 traffic accidents this year. And estimates are in accidents and traffic stops about 50 percent are wearing seatbelts.

As Hingham's Capt. Taylor Mills points out the cost in dollars can be measured — but the cost in tears cannot.

Let's give police the tool to help educate us that buckling up is serious business. Call state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley and let them know you support primary enforcement.

— Mary Ford
Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My special day

TO THE EDITOR:

Two weeks ago was a very special day for me when the Cohasset Mariner hosted their Cohasset Citizen of The Year day! I was truly overwhelmed by the nominations submitted in my name that made this award possible, and I appreciate all of those who attended the reception at Kimball's By The Sea on April 1st!

It is heart warming to know after a lifetime of living in this community, raising our children, volunteering with my husband, Phil, and serving you as a Selectman and in the Legislature, that you truly care about me in such a special way.

Everyone I have seen since the Mariner reception have asked me where my daughter, Lillian Murray Curley was on that day! Unfortunately, Lillian had to work that day, as Function Manager at the Barker Tavern. I missed her presence very much as did many people attending.

A big thank you to all of you who attended the presentation. I am honored to join the wonderful alumnae of "Citizen of the Year" recipients.

Mary Jeanette Murray
Margin Street

Hunt draws 450

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Recreation Commission's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, April 7, with approximately 450 people attending.

The Commission wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the following organizations, Town Departments, and individuals for their support of this event: Financial sponsors - Cohasset Police Association, George H. Mealy American Legion Post #118, Rotary Club of Cohasset and VFW Post #9146 Cohasset. Thanks also goes for the following Town Departments of Cohasset: Fire, Police, School, Dept. of Public Works and Wire Departments. Special thanks to Shaws Supermarket for loan of their helium tank.

For their donated time, interest, and effort we acknowledge our gratitude to: Jody Butman, Meribeth Butman, Shawna Sullivan, Jeff Scribner, Ted Carroll, Dickie Barrow, Steve Wigmore, Bobby Pipenbrink, and Paul Callahan.

A very special thanks for their vital roles go to Jean Salvador, Tom Anderson, and Chris Caron.

It is because of individuals and organizations such as these that Cohasset remains a fine community in which we live and work - we are truly grateful to all.

Jack Worley
Recreation director

COHASSET CARES

Earth Day, 'Ecotopia' — and Bush!

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It happens that Earth Day 2001 is occurring when I'm ready to tell you more about "Ecotopia," and the other big news item is Bush's environmental budget, which, with its self-serving thoughtlessness, only feeds the other two subjects.

We know what Earth Day is about, and the book "Ecotopia," which I started to review a while back, is Ernest Callenbach's ecological utopia, so the news that Bush has cut back on all environmental fronts stands out with remarkable regression. The whole point of the March 31 Earth Day conference at Chatham, which I covered in my last column, was a global warming alert, an appeal for us to further develop renewable energy resources as soon as possible, an alert presented so ably by Pulitzer-winning journalist and Union of Concerned Scientists spokesperson, Ross Gelbspan.

It's easy enough to envision the construction of Callenbach's Ecotopia, especially after our last national election: he simply has Washington, Oregon, and northern California secede from the U.S. Industry is de-emphasized here and handcrafts are encouraged; cars are replaced by trains, mini-buses, bicycles, or walking; cities are decompressed into villages; people work only 20 hours a week, enjoyably, due to the lessened need for material goods, and the populace have a chance to really talk, really emote, really relate, because the pace is slower; hospitals are smaller, with more midwives and less emphasis on prolonging life; oil and coal have been phased out and replaced by solar, wind, geothermal and tidal energy; ritual battle replaces war; women have fully come into their own; dare I say, all the sensible improvements you would expect!

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I feel it is important to inject, at this point, what eminent environmental journalist Bill McKibben advises: political action and church involvement. Have a thoughtful Earth Day. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee

LIBRARY CORNER

Drama Club Tea

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will present a preview of their upcoming musical production, "Bye, Bye Birdie," Tuesday, April 24, at 4 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Cast members will perform and light refreshments will be served. Call the library for information at (781) 383-1348.

Future commuters

CARAVAN for Commuters invites young people to think about commuting to work in the year 2020. The Art/Writing Contest is open to all students in Massachusetts who are between the ages of 6 and 15. An exhibit of all contest winners will be held June 4 through June 22, 2001, in the Atrium of the State Transportation Building in Boston.



Draw a picture, write an essay, poem or description, or create a diagram or design which shows how commuting to work will change in the next 20 years. Be creative. You can use crayons, markers, collage, pencil, pen or computer, and 3-D entries are allowed.

For information, call CARAVAN for Commuters at 1-888-4-COMMUTE or call the Paul Pratt Memorial Library for an entry form with details at (781) 383-1348. All entries must be received by May 4, 2001. Winners will receive tickets to a number of Massachusetts's historical attractions or museums. Come in and check it out in the children's room this week.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cancer survivors walk a lap at the middle-high school track during last year's Relay For Life. This year's event is set for May 18-19.

For Rotarians, the Relay For Life is personal

American Cancer Society event is May 18-19

By Rick Collins
RICOLLINS@CNC.COM

Most people either know someone that has cancer or has died from it.

Perhaps that's one of the reasons the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life has become so successful.

Last year, 15 years after it first started with Dr. Gordon Klatt walking around a track in Tacoma, Washington to raise money for cancer research, the event raised $168 million. More than two million people participated in 2,700 events across the country.

Cohasset was one of those town that hosted an event. Over 21 hours, 600 Cohasset participants raised $109,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Peter Pearce is one of those people that knows someone with cancer. His father, who is currently battling prostate cancer, will surely be on his mind when Pearce and the rest of the 21-members of the Cohasset Rotary Club take to the high school track for the Cohasset Relay For Life, May 18-19.

"Most of the Rotarians have some relative or close friend that has been touched by cancer," said Pearce.

For the third year the Cohasset public service group will participate in the walk. Last year the group was among the top money raisers for the Cohasset event, now in its fifth year.

Walkers again can take a step towards finding a cure for cancer from 3 p.m. Friday, May 18 until noon Saturday, May 19. The event starts with a special lap around the track – the Survivors' Lap – featuring cancer survivors or those currently battling the disease.

Event co-organizer Craig Bleicken said he has set a goal of 54 teams and $125,000 for the event. There are already 42 teams committed to the relay with weeks to go before the May 4 registration deadline. He also hopes for a repeat of last year's balmy weather for the event.

This is the third year Bleicken has volunteered to organize the event. He said he normally volunteers for something every year, but the relay has taken on a more significant meaning for him this year.

"Most of the Rotarians have some relative or close friend that has been touched by cancer."
— Peter Pearce, Cohasset Rotary Club

"My main reason this year is a very good friend of mine's one-year old son has contracted cancer. It hits home," said Bleicken whose has a son just a month older than his friend's. "It's something we've got to fight, and do whatever we can do. We all have stories like that. It would be nice to put an end to it with all the technology we have. That's what my main drive this year."

Last year, 70 cancer survivors took part in the Survivors' Lap. This year Bleicken hopes 100 will participate.

Aside from raising money, the group also will sponsor the DJ for the day of the walk-a-thon, as well as participating in the Taste for Life event.

Participating in the event is only natural for Rotarians, said Pearce.

"The main purpose of the event is to raise funds and donate time to worthy causes. There is a history of the Rotary Club being involved in health and humanitarian related causes," he explained. "Internationally, the rotary club is responsible for starting the effort to eradicate polio from the world, and we've raised $300 million towards that goal. The western hemisphere is now polio-free."

But the group also works locally. "We like to act on a local level," Pearce said. "Think globally and act locally."

Now just a few weeks since its annual Road Race By the Sea event in Cohasset, the Rotary Club is now switching their attention to the next event.

Pearce said the group will participate as a whole for the opening ceremony, and Survivors' Lap, and hopefully be able to keep someone on the track for the entire 21-hour event.

"Those wee hours of the morning of tough to fill," Pearce said.

American Cancer Society spokesperson Kate Langstone said anyone is welcome to participate in the Survivors' Lap, even if they don't have a team for the entire event.

People are also able to buy a candle for $5 in memoriam of a loved one that has died of cancer or are currently fighting the disease. The candles will then be lined around the track and lit at 9 p.m.

In 2000, 36,000 people took part in 34 events across Massachusetts, and raised a total of $5 million for the American Cancer Society.

The money is used for research, education, advocacy, and local services for patients and families.

For more information call the American Cancer Society office, 1-888-648-4880.

Relay teams and captains

So far, 12 teams have fully registered for next month's Relay for Life event.

Those teams, and their captains, are:

"Beach Bums," Cindy Whelan and Ed Whelan; "Boo-yah!" Tim Ante and Jenn Buckley; "Cancer Killers," Ross Lieb-Lappen and Ian Kidder; "Clark's Energizers," Ann Marie Goff and Diane O'Brien; "Cohasset Rotary," Peter Pearce; "G-Force V," John Chapman; "Green Roadrunners," Shelly and Jeff Donze, Laura Lee McQuade, and Heidi Salerno; "High Spirits," Jody Doyle and Ann Selig;

"Hingham Middle School," Sandra DeGiaconco; "Hopeful Steps," Sherry Sturino and Kelly Gaumer; "Karen's Team," Bob Clifford and Karen Burns; "Team USA," Molly Brady and Michael Emond.

Because they registered before the early deadline of April 13, the team members names will be put in a drawing for either a one night stay at Kimball's By The Sea plus a $75 gift certificate to Atlantica Restaurant, or a $50 gift certificate to Dependable Cleaners.

The drawing will take place at the closing ceremony on Saturday, May 19.

Also, anyone who has been involved in a past Relay and recruits a new team to the event, will have their name put into a drawing to win one of two prizes: a weekend in Boston with theatre tickets courtesy of Cohasset Travel, or a $200 gift certificate to the South Shore Plaza. Team must have eight members.

RELAY CAPTAINS MEET

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset is looking for teams! Come to the next team captain's meeting at 7pm Tuesday, April 24 at Pier 44, 44 Jericho Road in Scituate. Anyone interested in starting a team or learning more about the Relay For Life in Cohasset is welcome to attend.

This year's Relay For Life in Cohasset will take place from 3pm Friday, May 18 through noon on Saturday May 19 at Cohasset High School. Funds raised through the Relay For Life benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and patient services. For more information, please contact Bob Clifford at 781-749-4737, Lindsey Blampied at 781-749-4618 or the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880.

The facts on the Relay For Life

What: Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's version of relay with a new twist. Teams of eight -15 walking and running enthusiasts from local companies, organizations, and neighborhoods raise money to support the fight against cancer. One member of each team should be on the track for the entire overnight event. Others, not on the track can participate in fun activities happening throughout the 18 to 24-hour period.

When: Events take place across Massachusetts during the months of May and June. Now is the time to begin forming and registering your team!

Where: Cohasset: Friday, May 18 through Saturday, May 19, Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St.

Why: An estimated 31,300 Massachusetts residents will develop cancer in the year 2001. Funds raised from this event will support the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education and local services for cancer patients and their families.

How: To register a team, contact the American Cancer Society office at 1-888-648-4880. In addition, local residents can purchase a luminaria (candle) in honor or in memory of someone who has had cancer. These bags light the track for walkers during the night. Or, local cancer survivors are invited to attend a Relay near them and participate in the special Survivor ceremonies. Call the office for more information.

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Making your voice heard on runway

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

Hingham and other South Shore voices need to be heard during the current Public Comment Period on Massport's proposal to build a runway that will severely impact the South Shore. Here's how. The following is part of a fact sheet prepared by the Conservation Law Foundation:

What is in the EIS/R and how can I get a copy? The EIS/R consists of two volumes of text and analysis, one volume of technical appendices and eight volumes of responses to comments filed on the first draft of the EIS/R. Copies are available for public review at libraries in Boston and other cities and towns. Massport is also planning to make a CD Rom or electronic version available. For more information or to get a copy of the EIS/R, contact Mr. Flavio Leo, Massport Manger of Aviation Planning and Development at (617) 568-3500 or fleo@Massport.com.

What is the purpose of the public comment period? The public comment period allows individuals and organizations to voice their concerns and opinions to Massport and the FAA, as well as to state and federal environmental agencies. What you think about this project counts. Even if you have previously made comments about the runway, you should express your viewpoint during this important stage in the review process. Comments can address any issues or concern, such as:

- whether the technical analysis in the EIS/R is valid and whether additional analysis or studies are needed;
- whether Massport and the FAA have given enough consideration to alternatives to the proposed runway;
- whether the EIS/R has identified all of the adverse environmental consequences of the proposed runway; and
- whether you think the runway should be built and/or what measures the FAA and Massport should have to take to reduce its environmental impacts if it does get built.

To comply with certain federal and state laws, federal and state officials are specifically seeking public input on:

- the economic, social and environmental effects of the runway and its consistency with local planning; and
- how the proposed runway will affect flight patterns arriving and/or departing from Logan Airport.

How can I participate in the public review process? You can make your comments at a public hearing, submit comments in writing or both. Currently only one joint state-federal public hearing has been scheduled, for April 25 at the Radisson Hotel at 200 Stewart Street in Boston. The hearing is scheduled to start at 3pm and resume at 6pm for an evening session. If you think the timing or location of the hearing does not allow enough time to review and evaluate the EIS/R, you should ask the FAA and Massport to extend the public comment period and/or hold additional public hearings in other locations.

Comments at public meetings are important but they are not substitutes for filing written comments. Written comments are due in early May, with slightly different deadlines for the state and federal processes.

Comments should be sent by May 7 to: John C. Silva; Manager, Environmental Programs; Airports Division, ANE-600; FAA New England Region; 12 New England Executive Park; Burlington, MA 01803

Comments should be sent by May 11 to: Secretary of Environmental Affairs; Attention: MEPA Office; Mr. Arthur Pugsley – EOEA NO. 10458; 251 Causeway St., Boston, MA 02114.

The same comments can be filed with the Federal and State agencies. Don't be intimidated by the process or the size of the document—just state your concerns as clearly and concisely as possible in your own words.

This fact sheet was prepared by the Conservation Law Foundation, 62 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110-1016 Phone: 617-350-0990 Fax: 617-350-4030 www.clf.org."

Please send copies of your comments to Congressman Delahunt, 1495 Hancock St., Quincy, MA 02169, and to Senator Kennedy, 2400 JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203, and Senator Kerry, 1 Bowdoin Square, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02114.

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Surrounded by Kennedys

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where a promising young fella by the name of Mark Shriver is planning to run for the U. S. Congress in the Eighth District of Maryland in 2002. I can hardly wait.

Mark, as you may have guessed by now, is the son of the former Eunice Kennedy, who is the granddaughter of a Boston mayor and congressman, the sister of a president and two senators, aunt (it seems) to a good chunk of the Congress, and wife of Sargent Shriver, who once ran for vice president of the United States.

I don't think I've picked up a newspaper in the last 50 or so years without reading of a Kennedy...

He is also the cousin of Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the lieutenant governor of Maryland, who stands ready to do a Jane Swift in the unlikely event the governor, Parris Glendenning, can be lured away by an appointment as ambassador to Luxembourg or some other critical capital of the Free World.

He is the brother of Maria Shriver, the network newshound, who is married to Arnold Schwarzenegger, who parlayed weight-lifting into a movie career and once gave serious consideration to running for governor of California. He was even mentioned as a possible presidential candidate until someone recalled he was born in Austria. Not even a Kennedy-in-law could beat that rap.

And, of course, Mark is a cousin to Max Kennedy, who is currently house-hunting in the Ninth Congressional District of Massachusetts with an eye to succeeding Joe Moakley in that seat, which is next to the district that was once represented by Joe Kennedy and not far from the First Congressional District of Rhode Island, represented by another Kennedy, his cousin Patrick, son of Senator Ted.

Do you ever get the feeling that you're surrounded by Kennedys; that the next session of Congress will be held in Hyannisport; that if you trace back the ancestry of all 435 members of the House of Representatives, including maybe even Jesse Jackson Jr. of Illinois, far enough, you'll find a Kennedy?

I don't think I've picked up a newspaper in the last 50 or so years without reading of a Kennedy being elected (Jack, Bobby, Ted, et al), in an auto accident (Ted, Joe), charged with rape (William Kennedy Smith) or murder (Michael Skakel), hitting on the baby sitter (Michael), trashing a yacht (Patrick), shoving an airline employee (Patrick again), and getting reelected (Jack, Ted, Joe, et al)

Enough already!

Since no Kennedy has ever lost an election — except for old Honey Fitz, a Kennedy ancestor, in the days of Jim Curley — Mark has a good chance of beating the incumbent, a moderate Republican named Constance Morella, in the Washington suburban district she represents. He's off to a typical Kennedy start.

He's been a member of the Maryland House of Delegates for seven years, working closely with an organization called CHOICE in developing child care and early childhood education.

"Now," says Mark, "those critical investments are under attack in Washington by a Republican administration and congressional leadership that has dropped all pretense of compassion from their conservatism."

Sound like any Kennedy we know?

Retirement 'roast' for Rep. Murray

Constituents of former state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray have an opportunity to hear her "roasted" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 at the Lantana in Randolph. Tickets are $35 per person.

Special guests include Speaker Tom Finneran, Republican leader Francis Marini and state Rep. Marty Walsh.

Chairman Lillian Murray Curley can be reached at 781-383-0695 to purchase tickets for the event. Others on the committee are: Nancy Roach 781-383-0802; Karen Oronte 781-383-6737; Nancy O'Toole 781-383-1547; Polly Logan 781-383-0031; and Leo Kurtz 781-383-6881in Cohasset. In Hull, Chris and Carolyn Manning 781-925-4375 and Jean Robinson 781-925-2615. In Hingham, Bill Herman 781-749-4894; John Cohan 781-740-0098; Cindy Kelleher 781-749-7860, Mary Anne McKenna, 781-749-5004.

Murray served the towns of Cohasset and Scituate for one term and Cohasset, Hingham and Hull for 22 years. She did not seek re-election in 2000.

Housing density subject of ZBA talk Monday at Town Hall

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percent of the units built at market price, has resulted in an increase in comprehensive permit applications across the region.

Hingham faces the possibility of more than 600 new units of affordable housing if current proposals go through in the next couple of years.

Although Cohasset hasn't seen a comprehensive permit application in more than a decade, when two were filed between 1988 and 1989, that doesn't mean developers have forgotten about the town.

"The whole comprehensive permit, affordable housing movement has really picked up steam across the state, and I think it's inevitable we're going to get one or two or three filed in the next 12 to 18 months," Chittick said.

As a result, the ZBA is holding a workshop Monday night at 8 p.m. in Town Hall to go over the town's role in comprehensive permit applications. Chittick said a copy of the rules and regulations was sent to every town board – about 50 people in total – and hopes people will be curious and turn out for the meeting.

"Hopefully they will come asking questions. 'How does this work?' 'Do we have a voice?'" he said.. "This is on how the permit application works, what's everyone's role is.

"It's a heads-up for everybody."

There currently aren't any comprehensive permits before the town, but rumors have been flying about the possible use of it at the "Wolf Pit" property in Beechwood, and a possible 200-unit development on top of the granite ledge off Beach Street.

Chittick said the town has limited ability to reject projects being built under the comprehensive permit banner. "The ZBA does have a right to take a look at any and all conditions, and reference its bylaws, but it can't unreasonably withhold approval. It must be some really valid reason such as safety, or hazardous to public health," Chittick said.

He said the density of the development isn't a valid reason. Chittick added that courts tend to sympathize with developers, not towns with less than 3 percent of its housing units affordable, such is the case in Cohasset.

Kent Village, located off the Driftway in Scituate, was built in the early 1980's under a comprehensive permit. Developers fought town objection all the way to the United States Supreme Court.

In order to qualify for affordable housing, a family of four can make as much as $47,800, or 80 percent of the area's median income of $62,700.

Chittick said since Cohasset has no choice but to allow comprehensive housing – at least until the number of affordable housing units reaches 10 percent of all units in town – the best strategy for the town is to work with the developer.

"The process is not to throw up roadblocks, and stonewall, but to guide the project so the town gets the best possible development," he said. The application process calls for comments from the town conservation commission and board of health, and welcomes the thoughts of other town boards.

"The whole process here is to have the best set of conditions that are both reasonable for the developer and reasonable for the town," Chittick said. "They're not going to just shove low-cost affordable housing down the town's throats. There's going to be some mixed income quality character to these developments."

As far as Cohasset goes, Chittick said "there are still developable lots, probably more than people would like to acknowledge." Although Cohasset will probably never face a monstrous 500-unit proposal, such as the one being proposed off Whiting Street in Hingham, he said it still could be a "very lucrative, profitable endeavor" in town.

One of a comprehensive permit's appeal is that the project is eligible for financing from the state. Instead of normal market interest rates, developers are able to build their project, market-price housing units and all, with low-cost financing.

Despite having his hands semi-tied when it comes to dealing with the permits, Chittick sees the use of a comprehensive permit as possibly being good for the town.

"What the town gets out of this is some affordable housing units for people who work in town, to purchase a house, whereas they might not otherwise be able to afford to do so," he said. "I think Cohasset could frankly benefit from a little bit more mixed housing."

Chittick said he can understand where people may have reservations about comprehensive permits, but asked them to read between the lines a bit. "The chances are it's probably more emotional for people, and once they go back and think about it, it may not seem as sinister and big-brotherish as it did at first."

The Chapter 40B rules and regulations review will be held Monday, April 23, at 8 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall.

Thermal imaging camera comes into focus

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset call firefighters took another step toward the purchase of a new thermal imaging camera for the town fire department, thanks to a camera demonstration outside the annual Town Election.

"We had some real nice donations," said Bruce Pratt, president of the Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association, about the April 7 display. "This will put us around $17,000."

Industrial Protection Services provided a demonstration camera at Town Hall, and hooked it up to a television for passersby to watch.

"They were sort of fascinated," said Pratt.

The display camera showed heat from the Town Hall auditorium escaping through the windows and body heat from people in cars. The cameras can also "see" a person through a room full of black smoke. "They were very intrigued," Pratt said, about those who stopped by.

The association has worked for two and a half years to raise money for the camera, which could cost as much as $35,000. The town was recently awarded a $10,000 state grant that will help. Cohasset Boy Scout Troop 28 will also present a check to the firefighters. The troop is donating the profits it made from running the snack bar at last month's Town Meeting. The check presentation will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. at the fire station on Elm Street.

Kathleen McGuire, a call firefighter, is chairman of the thermal imaging camera fund.

The cameras are already in use in area towns such as Hingham, Hull, Hanover, and Duxbury.

"Most towns either have them or are getting them," Pratt said.

Contributions can be made to Thermal Imaging Camera Fund, c/o Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association, P.O. Box 251 Cohasset, MA 02025

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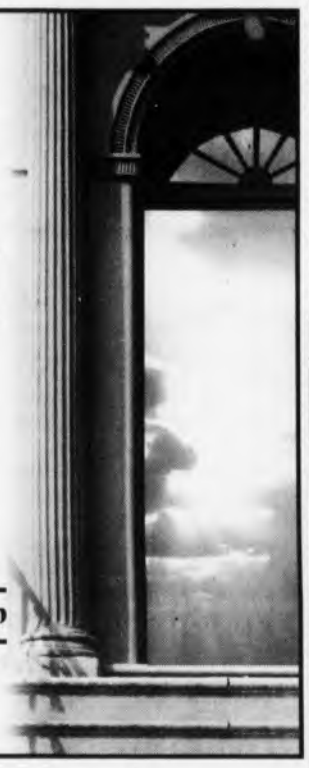
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Strengthening seatbelt law before legislature

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"I want to see enhanced seatbelt use," Hedlund said. "We have the safest roads in the country, but yet we have the highest rate of fatality from lack of seatbelt use. However, I'm not too sure about primary enforcement. That means Big Brother becomes a major part of the issue. I think what would help more people buckle up would be enhanced education on it, especially for kids just learning how to drive."

Using secondary enforcement of the seatbelt law has not made an impact in this state. According to the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, Massachusetts has dropped to the 49th worst in the nation for seatbelt use.

"We see firsthand how seatbelts work," says Hingham Police Capt. Taylor Mills. "I don't see it as a tool to punish people but to educate – to get the point across."

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, testified in favor of primary enforcement.

"It doesn't make any sense," Bradley says about the current law. "A police officer can stop someone for having a tail light out but not for a seatbelt.

"I talk to a lot of police officers and they suffer severely when they go to a difficult accident and see a lot of harm to people."

Bradley said primary enforcement would increase usage and help prevent more serious injuries. Also, there is significant cost savings in reducing injuries because when the uninsured are in an accident, the taxpayer picks up the tab.

But Sen. Michael Morrissey, D-Quincy, who is chairman of the Government Regulations Committee, says education is preferable to adding another traffic violation to the books.

"When you're talking about something like this, you have to be mindful of people's individual rights and freedoms," he said. "Currently, there are already 1,300 different kinds of traffic violations people can be stopped for. Wearing a seatbelt is the law, but I think more aggressive educational programs on the issue would raise the level of awareness."

Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, said secondary enforcement of the seatbelt law was the result of a hard-won compromise.

"I'm not supportive of primary enforcement when it comes to seatbelts," said Hynes. "Present law requires a person to buckle up, and when that law was debated in the late 1980s, there was tumultuous opposition to it, but we came to a compromise. That compromise (entailed that) a law would be passed requiring the use of seatbelts but it wouldn't be primarily enforced. It was a good compromise then, and it's a good compromise now."

Police agree that education is important. To that end, Hingham started an initiative of installing signs reminding motorists to buckle up. The signs are going up in school parking lots and other locations around town.

Noonan, the Cohasset chief, says while the seatbelt law is a good tool for police, education is also key.

"The onus shouldn't just be on police but on everybody," he says. "While it's a good tool for police, education on the importance of buckling up needs to start at home."

Hingham's Capt. Mills said the civil liberties argument is the same one used against the motorcycle helmet law.

"The figures are staggering, the number of deaths related to head injuries involving motorcycles," he says. "We all pay to a certain extent for someone else's lack of concern – whether that's through higher insurance rates or the cost in tears."

Mills said 75 percent of the traffic citations issued in Hingham are warnings.

"That really establishes our mission as educators in traffic enforcement," he says.

Hedlund said the Senate gave the bill initial approval, and it has now been sent to the House.

"They will debate it, and if the House approves it, which is unlikely, it will come back to the Senate for final approval," he said.

Under the current law, under secondary enforcement the driver is fined for anyone in the car who is not buckled up and is under 16 years old. Individual violators age 16 and over are fined.

Share your feelings on the seatbelt law with your legislators. Rep. Bradley can be reached at 671-722-2120 and Sen. Hedlund can be reached at 671-722-1646.

Seatbelt statistics

- Massachusetts is 49th out of 50 states in seatbelt usage
- Massachusetts has a 50 percent seatbelt usage rate, the national average is 71 percent
- Studies show, having primary enforcement for seatbelts would increase usage by 15-20 percent
- Increasing the usage rate by 15 percent would prevent 3,000 injuries and save $154 million a year
- The number one drain in the uncompensated hospital care fund that is shared between hospitals and the state is car crashes
- The average cost of an injury when the victim wasn't wearing a seatbelt is $7,000
- The average cost of an injury for a seatbelt user is $1,000

From the National Highway Safety Bureau

Historical Society is in the nuts and bolts business

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museums — the society's headquarters, the Caleb Lothrop House, 14 Summer St.; and the Maritime Museum and John Wilson House on Elm Street in the village that attracted 1,000 visitors last summer.

"It's important to preserve the past for the future."

— Martha Gjesteby, Cohasset Historical Society

What some may not realize, however, is that while the society collects and preserves documents and artifacts, it is also faced with maintaining its buildings. That's a formidable task for a privately funded group.

Replacing roofs, repainting and even major structural repairs — such as replacing the "under-pinnings" to the Wilson house foundation — face the society that is funded through memberships, donations, bequests and some grants. While the society is fiscally solvent, the projects will tax its resources.

"We need $100,000," Gjesteby says about the work that lies ahead. She also points out that maintaining historic treasures, such as the extensive gown collection, genealogical records, and the Helen Howes Vosoff collection of theatrical artifacts, also requires both care and money.

Gjesteby, an active grandmother of eight, can often been seen around town with a stack of manila folders full of the latest society goings-on, which are numerous.

For example, the club is in the throes of planning its April 29 spring dinner and lecture at Kimballs' that features a presentation on the Adams family. Then on four Thursday evenings in May, the society hosts lectures on the following subjects: mossing, Portuguese heritage, the Cohasset Common Historic District and the history of the Beechwood part of town. A yard sale benefit is also slated for May 19 and 20.

"We have a lot of stuff going on," Gjesteby says. But with nearly 20 years of committee work behind her, Gjesteby is proud she can run a meeting with a firm hand and mete out the work needed to be done.

"My husband laughs that I'm good at delegating at home," she says. "I believe in delegating."

But Gjesteby, who interestingly studied physics and chemistry in college, is quick to point out the 16-member board of directors at the society is an enthusiastic, hard-working group that shares her vision of a vital, active organization.

Gjesteby, who laughs at how her grandchildren got her started in researching family genealogy, hopes more citizens will support the society through memberships and donations.

"When I came here 41 years ago, the town had a population of 3,500," she recalls. "It's grown by leaps and bounds. So should the membership of the society.

"Some people get us confused with the historical commission, which is a town board," says Gjesteby, who points out the society gets no money from the town. Individual memberships are $20 annually; junior memberships (for those under 18) are $5 and families are $30. Sustaining memberships are $50. Donations and memberships are tax deductible.

One of Gjesteby's goals is to attract younger people to the society that works with teenagers, who serve as docents at the Wilson house in the summer. Last month's workshop on genealogy attracted Girl Scouts who were working on a badge.

"Anyone can belong," she says. "The society is a repository of a lot of history of the town – there's an awful lot to see in our museums and buildings."

For more about the Cohasset Historical Society, call 781-383-1434.

Archive hours

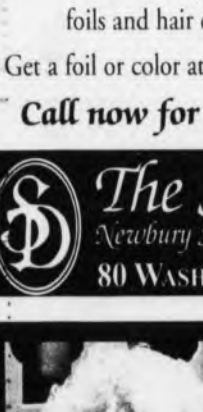
New at the Lothrop House, 14 Summer St., is archive hours from 1-4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Historical society curator David Wadsworth is on hand during those hours for visitors who wish to research their family history, their historic home or any other subject.

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Water commission, Scituate spar over watershed protection legislation

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An attempt to protect the town's water supply was led to some bad blood between the Cohasset Water Commission and Town of Scituate.

At the heart of the matter is a piece of legislation that would give the water commission the ability to buy or take by eminent domain land in Hingham, Norwell and Scituate, in order to protect the town's water supply.

"Sixty percent of the Lily Pond and Aaron Reservoir watersheds lies outside Cohasset," explained Water Commission Chairman John McNabb. "This bill would allow us to buy land outside the town to protect our water supply."

But Scituate is upset that McNabb never told them he was filing the bill.

"I think if one town was filing legislation that affected another town, it would at least have the courtesy to call, and at least tell us its being filed," said selectman Susan Phippen, who wrote a formal letter to McNabb on behalf of Scituate selectmen late last month, complaining about the lack of communication. "We've not been contacted even after the letter was sent. No one has contacted us."

The current bill is similar to one filed last year, with the approval of a Town Meeting vote, that authorized the water commission to obtain land outside of the town's borders. But the new version has amendments. One amendment requires the town Cohasset is taking land from, to sign off on the taking. Another prevents the water commission from taking land that has building permits. The bill was partly in response to the Arrowood development in Scituate, a development that will add more than a dozen new homes near the Lily Pond watershed. However, the new bill focuses on all land within the Lily Pond watershed area, not just that which is in Scituate.

In a letter to the House Committee on Local Affairs Chairman Marie Parente, state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, who represents Scituate, asked the committee to vote against the bill.

"It seems to me that a community should extend the courtesy of a discussion with a neighboring community when they seek land from that community," he said in the March 30 letter. He also said because it was approved at Town Meeting, McNabb shouldn't be allowed to add amendments without Town Meeting approval.

"The proponents should have approached and met with authorities in Scituate, and explained to them the concerns of the matters involved," Hynes added this week.

Hynes and Phippen also argued that Cohasset had plenty of opportunities to comment on the Arrowood development but chose not too until it was too late.

However McNabb contends that Scituate is "over-reacting" and the fact he never told them isn't a big deal.

"I suppose the proper thing would be to tell them we were going to file it...but I don't think I'm under any obligation," he said. "Cohasset is only taking the proper steps needed to protect our resource, so no one should be surprised."

"This bill would allow us to buy land outside the town to protect our water supply."
— John McNabb, Water Commission

However, one of the group's surprised is the Cohasset Board of Selectmen. Town Manager Mark Haddad said in a letter to Parente, as well as other local officials, that "The Cohasset Board of Selectmen and the Cohasset Town Meeting have not had the opportunity to review these proposed amendments and therefore do not recommend adoption at this time."

Haddad added, "The board does not believe that there has not been enough dialogue with the surrounding communities that would be impacted by this proposed legislation."

McNabb disagrees that the legislation needs to go back before Town Meeting, because it affects more than one town, and therefore isn't a home-rule petition.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, the sponsor of the bill, said he has asked for an advisory opinion as to whether the bill does need to go back to Town Meeting for approval.

He also said more communication is needed between the towns involved.

"Simply getting together would clear up a lot of this," he said.

McNabb said the changes he made to the legislation should have removed some of the bitter taste, and was surprised Scituate is still protesting.

"I don't see any validity to their objections at all," he said. "We have an agreement with Scituate going back decades that if they have a temporary problem with their water supply, we'll supply them with water...So I'm perplexed why they won't allow us to take land.

"What is Scituate going to do to help us protect the water supply that we both share to a certain extent?"

SENIOR SCENE

Senior center trips, activities

What's new to do at the Cohasset Elder Affairs:

Wednesday, April 25, M.F.A. (American folk art) visit.

Saturday, May 1, Boston Duck Tour.

Wednesday, May 2, Pancake breakfast (Cohasset Knoll).

Saturday, May 2, "Les Miserables."

Wednesday, May 9, Lunch at Marriott Maple Ridge Assisted Living, Plymouth.

Thursday, May 17, Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill.

Saturday, June 9, Martha's Vineyard Cruise.

Tuesday, June 19, Balloon festival in Vermont.

Sunday, June 24, Fiddler on the Roof.

TUESDAY LUNCHEONS

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Mary McElroy has just started a mini Quicken class at the center. The next class will be the Internet, starting May 2. Come and join the group.

Volunteer at senior center

The Cohasset Senior Center needs volunteers.

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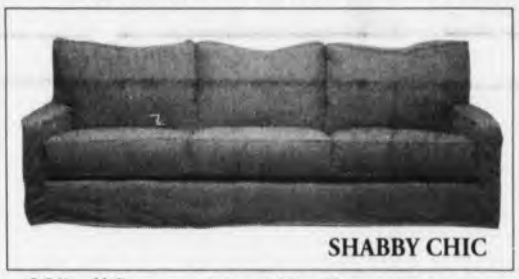
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SPORTS

Star of the Week

Tim Grassey

The Cohasset High senior hurled a complete game one-hitter in the Skippers 9-1 win over South Shore Voc tech on Monday in his first start of the season. He also struck out 11 in the impressive season debut.

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On the South Shore
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Boys pull off twin killing

Cohasset baseball team sweeps doubleheader over South Shore Tech

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

After a season opening loss, the Cohasset baseball Skippers pulled their record above .500 with two wins in a double header over South Shore Voc Tech.

In the opener, senior Tim Grassey hurled a complete game one-hitter, as Cohasset jumped out and stayed on top for the 9-1 win. Grassey also tallied 11 strikeouts in the seven innings, his first start of the year.

Senior captain shortstop TJ Bilodeau pounded out three doubles in three at bats, while junior catcher Tim Straughn went 4-for-4 with a double and a triple.

In the second game, junior starter Matt O'Grodnik was roughed up early, as the host Vikings took a 3-0 first inning lead.

In relief, sophomore Mike Snowdale pitched five very strong innings, as the Cohasset bats lifted the Skippers to an 18-4 victory. Snowdale, making his first appearance as a varsity player, picked up the win in relief.

"I am pleased with Snowdale and Tim Grassey," said Knurek. "[Snowdale's] speed has improved tremendously. I am also pleased with how well prepared they both are to pitch."

It was Straughn leading the offense again in the second tilt, going 3-for-4 with four runs batted in.

"He did exactly what the cleanup hitter is supposed to do," said Knurek, in his fourth year as Cohasset's head coach, of his sweet -swinging catcher.

Senior rightfielder Andrei Skorupa also came up big at the plate, with a 3-for-3, three RBI effort out of the seventh spot in the order.

"I am just pleased our bats came alive," said a smiling Knurek, who did not see very much offense in the season opener in Norton.

Knurek attributes the impressive offensive show to aggressive hitting, something he preaches constantly.

"There is nothing we are horrible at," said Knurek. "But we need to improve our bunting."

Outside of sophomore third baseman Terry Baroudi's sacrifice bunt against Voc Tech, and freshman Mike Dooley's bunt single for his first varsity hit, the Skippers were unable to utilize the bunt for either sacrifices or hits.

In the game against Norton, the Skippers were out-hit 11-5, as the host Lancers prevailing, 7-1. Knurek was quick to point out, though, that some sloppy defensive play did contribute to the

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's T.J. Bilodeau connects for one of his three doubles on the day in Monday's 9-1 win over South Shore Voc tech.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset pitcher Tim Grassey hurled a complete game one-hitter against South Shore Voc Tech on Monday in his first start of the season. The Skippers won the game, 9-1, as well as the second game of the doubleheader.

Systems go for Evan's Run

THE EXTRA MILE

WITH JOE REARDON

Systems are all go for the inaugural Evan's Run, this coming Sunday at Norwell High. Race director Chuck Martin is expecting a large showing of runners and walkers for the 10K, 5K, 5K walk and kids races, the first three of which will be held on the town's scenic, rural thoroughfares.

The event is named after 11-year-old Evan Henry. Evan who was autistic accidentally drowned in the family pool last July. Proceeds raised by the event will go towards the Evan Henry Foundation, which will provided continued research into autism and awareness of the condition.

Martin has been busy the last few weeks, handing out entry blanks at road races throughout the state and working to handle the last-minute details that ensure a successful race.

The race features a huge raffle of memorabilia items, gift certificates and other impressive prizes. A football autographed by Doug Flutie, a parent of an autistic child will be raffled off, as well as a vacation packages at the South Seas Plantation Resort off Southwest Florida, Newport, Rhode Island and Vermont.

T-shirts will be given to the first 300 entrants in the race. The entry fee is $15 and $8 for the kids races. Awards will be presented to the top-three finishers in several age groups, both male and female. A post-race party is scheduled for Joe's American Bar and Grille.

For more information or to register for the race, you can log onto the website at evanhenry.org or call (781) 659-4033.

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The 25th Annual Cohasset By-The-Sea Road Race was another huge success for local runners as hometown runners shined in the age-group divisions. Beyond Dyan Young's first-place finish in the women's division, locals swept the top three in the boys under-14 division (Tommy Chase, Fletcher Smakel and Devon Bell) took the top two in the 14-17 group (Tom Baird and Ross Lieb-Lappen), 2-3 in the girls 14-17 category (Jenn Buckley and Lindsay Buckley), third in the women's 40-49 division (Linda Simms) and second at 50-59 (Ellen Freida).

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Congrats go out to Hingham's Leila Walden of Hingham and

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS LACROSSE
April
11 tied Norwell, 1-1

BOYS LACROSSE
12 at Hanover- postponed

BASEBALL
12 Norwell- postponed
17 beat SSVT, 9-1 and 18-4
18 at Holbrook

BOYS TENNIS
10 beat Norton, 4-1
12 at Norwell- postoned

GIRLS TENNIS
10 beat Norton, 5-0
12 at Norwell- postoned

GOLF
12 at Hanover- postponed



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Ross Lappen (left) fends off the challenge of Hanover's Alex Cook to take third place in the one-mile race.

Boys stay on winning track

C.H.S track team improves to 3-0

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Considered to be the best the school has had to offer in a good number of years, the Cohasset boy's track team has opened its season with three consecutive wins over Norton, Norwell and Hanover.

"We are right where we need to be," said third year coach Al LaFountain, who with 16 athletes is hoping to make a serious run at the South Shore League title. "Our bid for the top three in the state looks even better now."

The only close one of the three meets was Cohasset's seven point victory over Norton. Because the Lancers had over 50 members on their track team, they were all but guaranteed points in every event. Also, Cohasset was missing five of its 16, a severe drop-off when it came to filling events.

"We needed to win first in virtually every event to win," explained LaFountain.

With five points going to a winner, three to second place and one to third, even a win would only net Cohasset one point for the lead, as they were behind by 12 after the running events.

In the field events, Cohasset had everyone on the team competing in the maximum two events per athlete.

Plenty of Skippers saw their first action of the season in events, including four triple jumpers who had never before competed in that event.

"All those guys just said, 'I am just going to try it for the team,'" said LaFountain.

Sandwiched between two laughers over the rebuilding Hanover and Norwell teams, in which Cohasset nearly doubled their opponents scores, Norton really gave Cohasset its only scare of the young season.

"It was a little reality check that we are beatable," offered LaFountain. "It was almost a blessing in disguise."

This proved to be true for all SSL squads, as previously unbeaten Carver lost to Abington earlier this year for its first regular season loss in four years.

"Anyone can go down on any day," asserted the coach, a former decathlete himself.

As for the post-season, Cohasset already has a large portion of its team that has or is very close to qualifying for the State competition.

Senior captain Brian Krupczak, who will most likely move on to All-State's or even the New England's in his events, has qualified in the triple jump, the long jump, the 100 meter and his money event, the 200 meter race.

Junior captain Tim Baird qualified in the mile with a time in the low 4:40's. Needing a 4:50 to qualify, junior Dan Kinchla is close behind, only three seconds off in his last

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Cohasset's Boston Marathon finishers

Women

Barbara M. Buckley, 39—3:53:52
Jane S. Lanzilotti, 48—4:21:58
Colleen J. Fitzsimmons, 25—4:27:50

Men

Rob Simms, 46— 3:17:34
Richard P. Kennedy, 41— 3:32:26
Mark H. McGrath, 33— 4:00:34
Mark F. Chace, 51— 5:29:52

This weather is for the birds

By Mike Spellman
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Rain rain, go away…

Don't think there haven't been a few area high school coaches who haven't called on this ancient childhood incantation. It seems safe to say that a lot of these desperate souls have tried just about everything by this point.

Local baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis and track teams have been driven repeatedly to gymnasiums and other indoor facilities for practice sessions this spring season. And, nearly three weeks into the various seasons, there have been almost as many postponements in the area as there have been games played.

"This has been as bad a spring as I can ever recall for rain and field damage," said Norwell High Athletic Director Bill Gerety, a coach and teacher for 35 years at the high school last week. "There are a lot of teams around here who were only able to get on their fields for practice two or three times before their season openers."

Gerety deemed his school's softball and baseball fields "unusable" for nearly a week after the two-day deluge in the first week of April, and on the day he finally determined them fit for play, the skies opened up once again. As a result, several scheduled games and matches at Norwell High have been postponed or moved to alternative sites.

The softball team, coached by Gerety, was supposed to open the season on April 3 in Holbrook. That game was postponed, as have two subsequent make-up attempts.

At Silver Lake Regional High School, first-year boys tennis coach Craig Brown was only able to hold four practices (including one in the snow) before the team's April 3rd season opener with Duxbury, a team that had access to an indoor facility. Not surprisingly, the Lakers fell, 4-1.

"This has been as bad a spring as I can ever recall for rain and field damage."
Norwell High Athletic Director
and 35 year coach
Bill Gerety

"This really creates an unbalanced situation," said Brown. "We weren't able to prepare the same way as other teams. The boys worked real hard on their games, but our rust was pretty apparent in the early going. And when it comes to double pairings, the need for practice time together is even more important."

Silver Lake girls' golf coach Kathleen Drane only got to practice once with her team in a 10-day span before a recent match with Dennis-Yarmouth, a team that has access to several golf courses with excellent drainage. This situation was the result of the weather and somewhat limited availability of the team's home Halifax Country Club course. The Lady Lakers fell to D-Y, 5-1.

You'll hear similar tales of woe from virtually every coach you talk to nowadays.

And the lost practices and postponed games are only the tip of the proverbial problematic ice berg. With a pre-existing shortfall of game officials — referees, umpires, judges, et al. — scheduling makeup games has been a logistical nightmare for area athletic directors.

"First, we have to find the days when we can get the referees, then the two schools try to figure out what day they can make up their games," Norwell's Gerety said.

And, still, certain concessions must be made. Gerety says that most, if not all, of the remaining junior varsity softball games at Norwell High will be done by just one umpire, rather than the customary two. He figures that's the case with most schools at this point.

"We could really use like two weeks of steady sunshine right now," said Gerety. "But I know better than to expect we're going to see anything close to that."



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE SPELLMAN

At least there are a few creatures in these parts who can enjoy the fields around here these days. A couple of Canadian Geese frolic in a puddle near second base at the Marshfield High baseball field, on yet another afternoon last week when practices and games were cancelled.



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE SPELLMAN

Tennis courts have also gone unused for much of the spring due to all the rain.



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The late Evan Henry, of Norwell, who drowned accidentally in his family's pool last July. Evan's Run is being held this Sunday in Norwell, with proceeds going towards continued research into autism and awareness of the condition.

THE EXTRA MILE

WITH JOE REARDON

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Abington's Wayne Smith. Walden was the runner-up in the 50-59 division of the popular Doyle's 5-mile Road Race in West Roxbury with a time of 37:22 and Smith took fourth in the Thomas Ginta Memorial Road Race's 60-69 group. Smith was clocked in 24:26 over the 5K route.

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The under-14 division of the Cohasset Road Race By-The-Sea 10K simply must be done away with. No 13-year-old runner should be concerning him or herself with running 6.2 miles. Race officials should look to add a 2-1/2 mile or 5K kids race.

Just take a look at the ages of the top-three finishers of the under-14 division, 11, 12 and 10. What are these parents thinking? Their kids have a chance to limp home with a medal? Please. These youngsters should be concentrating on playing several sports. I think it's great that they want to run road races. It's a great sport with huge physical and social benefits. But why 10K races where they risk injury?

There are plenty of shorter races in the area, along with several age-group track meets where they can work on improving their mile times. I've raised this subject in the past and parents have argued with me that their kids are prepared for the 10K because they have "trained" for the distance. Terrific! Nothing like getting a 13-year-old kid acclimated to racing 6.2 miles.

I'm not singling out the Cohasset race, just using it as an example. There are plenty of races that have age groups that are simply too young for the event's distance.

Lest you think this is an off-the-cuff opinion it's not. I ran my first 10K when I was 13 years old and woke with a sore knee the following day that kept me out a month. There was the chance to do well in my age group, and I did, with a third-place finish in the 14-and-under division. Prior to that, the furthest I had ever raced was 2-1/2 miles. It was a distance I would have been much better off sticking with.

Boys stay on winning track

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attempt.

Junior captain Peter Maitland, one of the best javelin throwers on the South Shore, needed to throw 140 feet to qualify, and his personal best made it at 179 feet.. Maitland also qualified in the high jump, as did junior Liam Martin, clearing six feet in his last meet.

On the verge of qualifying are senior Craig Davis and junior Steve Laney in the discus, sophomore Ian Kidder, who missed qualifying in the 400 by three tenths of a second, and junior Jason Brown in the 100.

The 4x100 relay team has qualified, and the 4x400 is very close right now, despite not using Baird or Maitland.

LaFountain is sure the success of all these athletes is due to the hellish work schedule he inflicts on them.

"Practice isn't fun," LaFountain is quick to point out. "We get a lot of work done, and they are starting to see the reward of that."



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset tri-Captain Tim Baird has already qualified for the post-season State Meet qualified in the mile with times in the low 4:40's. A 4:50 is the minimum requirement.

Summer sports programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 2001, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball — Milliken Field, Monday, June 25, to Friday, June 29; ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $150; ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $80. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club, Frank Niles.

North East Speed Training Camps — Milliken Field, Mondays and Wednesdays, June 25, to July 24; boys and girls ages 9 to 13, 6 to 8 p.m., price $85.

South Shore Basketball School — CHS Sullivan Gym, Tuesday, July 10, to Friday, July 13, ages 8 to 11, price $130; Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 20, ages 12 to 15; (Price includes a camp shirt.). Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

Lacrosse Girls Clinic — Milliken Field, Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 20; entering grades 5-7; 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., price $70. Directed by Chuck Jaffe.

Lacrosse Boys Clinic — Milliken Field, Monday, July 23, to Friday, July 27; entering grades 3 and 4, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., price $50; entering grades 5-8, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., price $70. Directed by Chuck Jaffe.

V.I.P. Soccer Camps — Milliken Field, Monday, July 23, to Friday, July 27; Soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8 to 9:30 a.m., price $50; 1/2 day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., price $80. (Price includes a camp shirt.)

Cohasset's Valentine ran for a cause

On April 16, Christopher Valentine of Cohasset laced up his running sneakers to participate in the 12th annual Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFM.C). The DFMC team ran in the 105th Boston Marathon.

Valentine, along with runners from 20 states, ran Massachusetts' historic 26.2 miles from Hopkinton to Boston to raise $2.3 million for cancer research.

By raising a minimum of $1,500 each to be a team member, DFMC runners are funding the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Dana-Farber is a world-renowned leader in cancer research and treatment.

Since the DFMC's inception in 1989, the runners have raised more than $10 million for the Barr Program, which was founded in 1987 by Jacksonville Jaguars owners Wayne and Delores Weaver to honor Mrs. Weaver's mother who lost her battle with cancer 30 years earlier.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be given official marathon numbers by the Boston Athletic Association (BAA). This year, 15 charities benefit from the BAA's charity program. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge features training guidance from Jack Fultz — 1976 Boston Marathon men's champion, team training runs, extensive fund-raising support and volunteer opportunities for non-runners.

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topsided final.

"We had five hits," reported the coach, contending that the game was really closer than the final tally indicated. "They just didn't come at the right time."

Bilodeau was tagged with the loss in this one, despite giving up only four earned runs in his complete game effort.

Fortunately, in Tuesday's twin bill with the Vikings, the defense was significantly better.

"Defensively, the best thing I can see is fundamentals" said Knurek. "They are playing good solid baseball."

Overall, Knurek was pleased to come away with two wins in the three consecutive road games.

He is further encouraged by the expected return of junior Nick Bolster, and All-Star caliber shortstop and pitcher.

With a rotation consisting of Bolster, Bilodeau and Grassey, each starter would have a week's rest all season with three games scheduled per week. However, things might change as two games, cancelled due to the recent rain, still have to be made up.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Matt Ogrodnick slides safely into third base with the steal in action Monday against South Shore Voc Tech.

SPORTS NOTES

Safe boating course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 1208, and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a spring, six session, Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The course will be offered to both youth and adults, however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any craft. U.S.C.G.A., Flotilla 1208 instructors will teach the six session course, scheduled to begin on Tuesday evening, May 15, at the Cohasset High School. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. May 15, through May 31. To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department Office at 383-4109, as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size, and participants will be enrolled on first call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, that covers the cost of the text book and class materials. Checks for payment must be made out to: U S C G A Flotilla 1208. While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children aged 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft. Certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Speed and agility training

The Cohasset Recreation Department is pleased to announce a speed and agility training program for youngsters ages 9 to 14 and 14 to19 years.

The five-week program will meet twice weekly, on Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Miliken Field, starting Monday, June 25, through Wednesday, July 25..

The cost for this unique, all-sports speed and agility training program is $85 for the 10 session program.

Early registration is advised as the clinics must be size restricted and further information is available, along with registration, at the Cohasset Recreation Department, 1st floor, Town Hall, or at 383-4109.

Asst. swim coaches wanted

The Cohasset Swim Team currently has two assistant swim coach positions available for the 2001 summer season. Positions are for morning hours Monday through Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Candidates should enjoy working with children and must be 16 years of age or older. Applications should be sent to P.O. Box 651, Cohasset, 02025 and will be accepted through April 16.

Girls basketball skills development

Cohasset Recreation girls basketball skills development for grades 3 to 8 on Tuesday evenings April 10 to May 22 for six weeks. $36 per player at Sullivan Gym-Cohasset High School. Register prior to April 5.

The clinics will be directed by Mrs. Ellen Carr, the head girls basketball at Cohasset High School.

Grades 3 to 5 meet at 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Grades 6 to 8 meet at 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration forms available at recreation office, Town Hall.

Senior men's softball

The Senior Men's Softball League, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging has started its second season. all South Shore men, age 55 and over are welcome to play.

The schedule is as follows: Sundays 10 a.m. to noon at the Gates School (First Parish Rd.) and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's Field (corner of First Parish Road and Kent St., adjacent to St. Mary's Church). Fee is $20, payable on the first day of play.

Soccer clinic

All-Star Soccer Clinic at Scituate High varsity soccer field July 8-12 for ages 14-19. Applications are available at the town library and at the Recreation Department office.

For information, call George Cabozzi (545-0840).

Cohasset boys participate in AAU basketball tournament

Sean Connolly and Ben Lynner of Cohasset participated recently in an AAU basketball tournament held on the north shore of Massachusetts. The Mass AAU team is coached by R. J. Migliaccio and competes in the 16-year-old category of AAU basketball competition. The team played in four games over two days of the weekend in the towns of Gloucester, Middleton, and Ipswich. It was a successful weekend for Mass AAU; they won three of their four of the games.

The one game the team lost was to a 17-year-old team from Long island, NY, and by a mere 7 points. That New York team was last year's bronze medal winner on Long Island and placed sixth in the New York State Tournament. The Mass AAU team of 16-year-olds played an excellent game against this older, talented team.

The 11 boys on Mass AAU are from the eastern Massachusetts towns of Franklin, Cohasset, Wrentham, Norfolk, Milton and East Sandwich, and attend Franklin High School, Milton Academy, Cohasset High School, Bishop Feehan High School, Xaverian Brothers High School and Cape Cod Academy. Playing on this AAU basketball team requires strong dedication that involves two practices per week plus commitment on weekends for tournaments.

The team has several more tournaments to play here in New England, including the Massachusetts State Tournament that will be held over the second and third weekends of May, in southeastern Massachusetts. Mass AAU is also planning to participate in a national tournament in July. With this goal in mind, the boys will be conducting fund raising efforts during the next two months.. Sean (383-1248) and Ben (383-2477) will be selling raffle tickets for a color TV, a VCR and tickets to three Red Sox games. If you would like to support our local basketball players please call them.



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Cohasset High's Ben Lynner and Jason Connolly (back row, first and second from left, respectively) with their AAU teammates.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, APRIL 9

9:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

10:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:30 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

11:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:57 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

12:19 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:13 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:56 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:44 p.m. Smith Pl., animal control.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

6:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

9:31 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire inspections.

10:58 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

11:31 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, arrest: James V. Nardo Jr., 51, 14C Park Ave., Hull. Chgs.: warrant.

12:30 p.m. Elm St., disturbance.

2:12 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:34 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:40 p.m. Nichols Rd., fire investigation, fire extinguished.

4:45 p.m. Hull St., animal control.

5:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., missing person, returned to home or family.

5:32 p.m. Hull and Cedar sts., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

6:58 p.m. Hill St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:29 p.m. Nichols Rd., annoying phone calls.

8:11 p.m. Border St., medical aid, patient sign off.

11:24 p.m. Elm Ct., medical aid, unfounded.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

1:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

1:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:12 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:54 a.m. Shaw's Plaza, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:17 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire inspections.

10:25 a.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:17 a.m. Parking Way, motor vehicle violations, vehicle stored/impounded.

11:40 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:36 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:52 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

9:17 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

10:05 a.m. Spring St., medical aid, patient sign off.

10:32 a.m. Spring St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:56 a.m. Stagecoach Way, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:46 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:37 p.m. Pond St., threats to do bodily harm.

1:40 p.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violations, vehicle stored/impounded.

3:45 p.m. Parking Way, MVA, removed to hospital.

5:10 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.

9:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

10:24 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

12:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. general services.

12:48 a.m. Pond St., open door/window, secured building.

1:58 a.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

6:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:10 a.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

10:21 a.m. Sankey Rd., noise complaint.

10:30 a.m. Ledgewood Farms Dr., fire inspections.

10:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation, false/accidental fire alarm.

1:02 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:12 p.m. Boulder Ln., fire investigation, services rendered.

2:34 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:44 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:05 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

4:38 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle violations.

7:14 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:28 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, patient sign off.

7:56 p.m. Border St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

8:21 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, medical aid, removed to hospital.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

12:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., road rage.

1:50 p.m. Stockbridge and Margin sts., MVA, removed to hospital.

Freak accident totals five vehicles

At 3:45 p.m. last Thursday, police responded to an accident in the town parking lot involving five vehicles. Apparently a gray Toyota driven by Richard Strahley, 62, of Hull, entered Parking Way diagonally across from the South Shore Art Center on the wrong side of the road, striking a parked sport utility vehicle and setting off a chain reaction involving four SUVs parked side by side.



Four SUV's were damaged, at right, in an accident last week in the town parking lot.

Police cited Strahley, who was transported to South Shore Hospital, with driving as to endanger, speeding and one-way traffic violation. An off-duty Scituate police officer witnessed the crash. He reported the Toyota was traveling at a high rate of speed southbound on Ripley Road when it entered the intersection of Parking Way on the wrong side of the road. The witness said the Toyota never attempted to slow down as it struck a parked vehicle, which in turn struck another parked vehicle and so on, all in front of the Rudolph Adamo Salon.

Strahley's Toyota struck the parked 1995 Mitsubishi SUV owned by Marianne Smith of Scituate. Smith's SUV was pushed sideways into a 1996 Land Rover owned by Ronald H. Goldenson of Cohasset. Goldenson's SUV then struck the 1989 Isuzu Trooper owned by Kathleen Hansen of Cohasset. Hansen's SUV then struck a 1996 Isuzu, owned by Francis Taylor of Duxbury. None of the SUVs were occupied.



Firefighters assist Richard Strahley who was injured when the Toyota he was driving struck a parked SUV.

Police said the Toyota had heavy front-end damage, and four of the five SUVs suffered heavy driver and passenger side damage. Four of the five vehicles involved were totaled in the accident.

Alcohol was not involved police said. According to the police report, Strahley, who was wearing a seatbelt, said he did not know what had happened when questioned at the scene. Strahley was transferred to Brigham & Women's and was still hospitalized at press time. His condition was not immediately available.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Minors arrested

Police charged five teenagers from Hull with being minors in possession of alcohol at about 9:11 p.m., Monday night, at Sandy Beach.

According to the police report, as the officer approached the car in the Sandy Beach parking lot, the operator attempted to back out of the parking space with the trunk wide open. As the cruiser pulled passed the motor vehicle, police observed an open 30-pack of Busch beer in plain view. Further investigation revealed nine cans of beer in the passenger compartment along with a bottle of Courvoisier liqueur.

Charged were Matthew Woodworth, 17, Mark Collins, 18, Robert Scully, 18, Steven Belmarsh, 18 and Timothy Gearty, 18, all of Hull. The teens were arraigned on the charges Tuesday in Quincy District Court.

OBITUARIES

Laurence S. James

Laurence S. James, 53, of Cohasset, owner of Larry's Automatic Transmission, died April 9, 2001, at South Shore hospital in Weymouth after a long illness.

Mr. James owned shops in Hanover, Plympton and East Bridgewater.

He was a past master of the Konohasset Masonic Lodge and a member of the Rotary Club in Plympton.

He was a lifelong Cohasset resident. He graduated from Cohasset High School in 1966.

He leaves two daughters, Melissa James and Alyson Roane; a brother, Brian L. James of Cohasset; and three grandchildren.

His funeral service and interment were private.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

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BENNETT, JR. GUARDIANSHIP

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P0850GI

In the Matter Of WILLIAM A. BENNETT JR.
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP

To WILLIAM A. BENNETT, JR of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, his spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said WILLIAM A. BENNETT, JR. of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that JEAN M. CARSON of SCITUATE in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve with personal surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 15, 2001.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, April 9, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#566077
Cohasset Mariner 4/19/01

ZBA PUBLIC HEARING 4/23/01

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing of the **Zoning Board of Appeals** will be held in the **Selectmen's Office** at the **Cohasset Town Hall** on **Monday, April 23, 2001 at 8:00 PM** to hear and accept Cohasset's Rules and Procedures regarding the Public Hearing and Deliberation Process for comprehensive permit applications submitted under M.G.L. 40B (Affordable Housing). Draft copies may be viewed the Office of the Town Clerk or the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This hearing will be shown on local cable television.

AD#565716
Cohasset Mariner 4/19/01

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10 BLACK HORSE LANE

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 7, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Paul D. & Kimberly G. Canney,** seek additions to dwelling at **10 Black Horse Lane,** according to the application in Clerk's Office.

File #01-04-02

AD#568055
Cohasset Mariner 4/19, 4/26/01

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481 JERUSALEM RD.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 7, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Andrew & Eileen J. Muir,** seek additions to dwelling at **481 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office.

File #01-03-30

AD#568051
Cohasset Mariner 4/19, 4/26/01

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4 BATES LANE

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 7, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to **5.3** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Frederic R. Sieger & Alison Treger,** seek additions to dwelling at **4 Bates Lane,** according to the application in Clerk's Office.

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She's off to see the wizard

Marshfield girl has lead role in Boston Children's Theatre production

By Seth Jacobson
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"The Wizard of Oz" has always been a favorite of Sophie Shrand's.

So when the 12-year-old Marshfield resident got a chance to play Dorothy in a stage production of the classic story, she jumped at the chance.

Shrand has a leading role through April 29 in the Boston Children's Theatre production of the "Wizard of Oz" on stage at the Media Arts Center at Roxbury Community College.

"It's tons of fun," Shrand said of her starring role. "I feel like a good role model for kids, because when they see me on stage, they see me as Dorothy. I met a 3-year-old after one of the shows, and he told me his name. When I said to him, 'My name is Sophie,' he said 'No it's not—it's Dorothy.'"

But Shrand said just being part of the production is a great time, because it is a play which is so familiar and beloved by everyone.

"Everybody knows the show," Shrand said. "But at the same time, all the cast members try to make it a little bit different. That's what makes this show exciting. It's unique." Shrand added there are a couple of moments in the play which do not exist in the famous movie.

Shrand said the Boston Children's Theatre decided to put on "The Wizard of Oz" for two reasons — the theater group needed a spectacular production to celebrate its 50th anniversary and because the book "The Wizard of Oz" was published a century ago this year.

When she auditioned for a role in the show, Shrand had no idea she'd land the lead. But after several call backs the part was hers.

Shrand learned about her big part via an e-mail from her dad, who got word from the show's director Patricia Gleason.

"My Dad sent me an e-greeting," Shrand said. "It was a picture of Dorothy sleeping in poppies. He later told me that (Gleeson) had called him, and told him I'd be playing Toto…on the nights that I wasn't playing Dorothy. I was really excited when I heard that."

Shrand knew she was ready for the challenge of taking on one of the most famous roles in movie history. She had already been in other shows the Boston Children's Theatre had put on. Shrand played Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol," Luigi from "Pinocchio," she played an orphan in "Annie," and most recently, she had the lead role of Mary in the theatre's production of "The Secret Garden."

In addition to performing in plays, Shrand is also a member of the Boston Children's Opera, and she has taken part in nine of that company's productions such as "Treasure Island," "Sleeping Beauty," "King Arthur," "Dracula," and "Aunt Betty."

"I just love acting in general," Shrand said. "I've been doing it since I was 3-years-old. I used to use a futon I had as a stage, and I used to put on little shows for my friends. It went on from there."

But talent runs in the family. Shrand said her father was a primary player in the original cast of the children's show called "Zoom."

Shrand said she loves working with The Boston Children's Theatre, and that is why she keeps herself involved with the people there.

"One of the things I love about this group of people is that they're so accepting of everyone," Shrand said.



In her lead role as Dorothy, Sophie Shrand gives the Wicked Witch of the West the old water-in-the-bucket treatment.



Acting is more than just a passing fancy for pre-teen thespian Sophie Shrand. Shrand has starred in several Boston Children's Theatre productions including her most recent role as Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz."

Although her love of acting runs deep, Shrand is not so sure she wants to make a career out of it.

"Acting will probably always be something I do on the side," she said. "Show business is really iffy. You don't really have the chance to succeed in show business unless you get really lucky."

But no matter what, Shrand said she wants to keep acting as part of her life, because she enjoys doing it. She even had some advice for other actors and actresses her age.

"You have to be persistent," she said. "Don't ever give up when a certain role or a certain audition gives you a tough time. And you can't let yourself be intimidated by tough directors."

Gleeson is a director who really enjoys Shrand's presence on stage.

"She's a great kid, and for a 12-year-old, she's got great acting instincts," Gleeson said. "She works very hard. She's been developing as an actress since she got here two years ago."

When Shrand is not acting, she is working hard in her classes at Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield. But she also enjoys drawing, spending time with friends, and playing with animals.



Sophie Shrand

"Acting has actually helped me with school because I've learned a lot about time management," Shrand said.

More than anything, Shrand said acting is a great release for her, a way to express herself.

"I just love being onstage," Shrand said. "I can be whoever I want, and I can act however I want. When I'm in the spotlight, I sometimes forget people are actually watching."

The Boston Children's Theatre production has been running since the beginning of the month, but Shrand said there are still several opportunities to catch her in her ruby slippers. There is an alternate Dorothy who performs some shows. When Shrand isn't playing the Kansas girl, she plays the off stage role of Dorothy's beloved canine companion Toto. Shrand said she will be in her Dorothy role on April 19, 22, and 28.

For more information on the Boston Children's Theatre and the current production of "The Wizard of Oz," call (617) 424-6634 or go to the website at www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org. Tickets for the show are priced from $10-$16.

It *is* RocketScience

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

RocketScience (sic) is the proverbial melting pot of rock 'n' roll influences, with regular comparisons from fans and the local music press to everything from the classic rock of the Beatles and Led Zeppelin to the alternative-era frontline of Nirvana, Lenny Kravitz, the Foo Fighters, Weezer and Teenage Fanclub.

These days, the South Shore quartet is also the band poised on the brink of a national breakthrough, following two well-praised independent EP discs, an impressive second place showing in the 2000 WBCN Rock 'n' Roll Rumble and local press going as far as to call the band "the undeniable kings of the Boston pop music scene." But unlike countless other bands with similar claims, RocketScience seems more than capable of making good.

The band has arrived at this point simply by taking their work one gig at a time and having as much fun as possible each time out. Two important Boston area club dates this month should be no exceptions — last weekend they played the Sky Bar in Somerville and next Friday (April 20) they'll be at T.T. the Bear's in Cambridge. The latter is part of Boston's annual NEMO event, a three-night citywide music showcase and conference spotlighting 25 clubs and some 250 artists with hundreds of international industry professionals descending upon the city.

"We're hoping to see lots of loving, adoring fans at the NEMO showcase," said RocketScience lead singer, guitarist and sometime keyboardist Andrew Galdins Jr., with an obvious ironic humor. But seriously... "We always take every show as it is, a regular club date where people come out to hear us do as good a show as possible, no matter who's watching. We try to play as well and have as much fun as we can onstage so that everyone, including us, goes away happy."

"Our music is high-energy, adventurous and, I think, unique to us, and we play it in a free-spirited style. This is what we're good at. What we're not good at is the sort of schmoozing and glad handing that's supposed to go with trade show events, because we just never care about that half as much as the music."

The other RocketScientists include guitarist/singer Jon Towne, bassist Aaron Stein and drummer John Barber. Galdins, Towne and Barber all grew up in Weymouth and currently reside in Hingham and Scituate while Stein is from Randolph and now lives in Weymouth.

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Musically, RocketScience's sound lives up to all those comparisons, and the band is especially appreciative of the Beatles comparisons

"We try to take their approach to songwriting and the way they arranged songs and put it into our style," Galdins said.

But one other name that doesn't seem to come up enough in citing influences is that of British New Wave-era power 'popsters' The Jam. One reason perhaps is that band's profoundly "Anglo-centric" sound back in the day made them hugely successful and now legendary back in the U.K., but only vaguely remembered here in the States.

But the members of RocketScience count themselves among the Jam's few but ardent Stateside fans. The British band's influence also reveals itself on RS's two currently available EPs — titled _____ (A Girl's Name Here) and Sandbox —from the very Jam-like polished, hard-hitting and melodically textured guitar sound to the lyrics of bittersweet reflection on love and romance, physical and emotional.

"The Brit-pop influences are also a major part of our sound, not just from the Jam but also Oasis, the Kinks and Radiohead to name a few." said Stein, who also handles with Galdins much of the thoughtful lyric writing. "Andy (Galdins) and I write sometimes from our own experiences, but more often by way of separating ourselves from the song's characters, like from another point of view. It's hard to write about just random things."

Galdins added this insight to the creative process. "I like to approach songwriting from what I call the Kurt Cobain theory, that is, to write one serious line, then one line of complete bull, then another serious line, and so on from there. That way, you never have to hold yourself too accountable for what you write," Galdins said.

In addition to the two local April club dates, RocketScience is spending time in the studio this month at work on its first full-length CD, which the band hopes to have recorded, pressed and ready to tour on nationally by early summer. The band members said it will also likely be their first disc produced entirely by themselves.

Art on the block

Hingham synagogue to hosts auction

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If you think you haven't got a prayer of a chance collecting beautiful art you might want to head to Temple Sha'aray Shalom synagogue next week.

Regency Fine Art Group will be putting all kinds of art on the block April 28 as the Temple hosts its fundraising auction for the first time in 15 years, said temple member and auction organizer Ben Weintraub.

The Georgia based Regency group gets around with its auctions, Weintraub said.



"They basically travel to different organizations and focus on doing art auctions."

Regency provides all the pieces of art to be auctioned off, a majority of which are paintings, Weintraub noted.

"There will be well-known pieces, and unknown pieces," Weintraub said. "Prices will range from the $50 level into the thousands."

In addition to art being auctioned off at the event, local businesses have donated various "goods and services" to be put up on the auction block.

Weintraub said an "auction preview" will take place at the temple at 6:30 p.m. before the actual auction gets underway at 7:30 p.m..

Weintraub said based on the success of past auctions it made sense to bring the event back. . It's something we wanted to do again. We wanted to offer something to all South Shore communities… the auction is open to the public."

The temple benefits by earning a percentage of what the Regency group auctions off and Weintraub said organizers are hoping the event will raise about $6,000 which he said "goes straight to the temple's bottom line." Weintraub said the temple depends on donations and other sorts of fundraisers to put on programs and to support membership at the temple.

"We usually have two or three fundraisers like this a year," Weintraub said, noting that this year's "Barn Sale" is coming up Memorial Day.

But the auction should prove to be a lively night. Weintraub there will be hors'doerves and desserts served, and there will be "a cash wine and beer bar."

For those who don't take home art the night before there will be "next day sale" after the auction from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. April 29.

"It should be a really good time," Weintraub said. "We hope a lot of people decide to take part in it."

For more information on the auction, call Congregation Sha'aray Shalom at (781) 749-8103.

Living

Ricotta cheesecake



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



For some cookbook authors, ricotta cheesecake is nothing more than a New York style cheesecake with the addition of ricotta along with a few standard flavorings such as pine nuts, orange zest, and rum-soaked raisins. In my opinion, however, a really good ricotta cheesecake allows the unique texture of the ricotta to shine through by not drowning it in a cream-laden, custardy bath.

I started with a few guidelines. I wanted to use an 8-inch spring form pan (some recipes use odd sizes such as 6-inch pans) and I wanted to keep the recipe as simple as possible. I made four recipes to start, one each from Lidia Bastianich, Nick Malgieri, Carol Field, and one from the "New Joy of Cooking." The differences were remarkable. Carl Field uses heavy cream and sour cream in addition to the ricotta, Joy uses almost double the sugar plus chocolate chips, and there was no consensus about the number of eggs and whether or not the whites should be beaten separately.

The first issue to resolve was that of the eggs. Using 1 1/2 pounds of ricotta, I found that 5 eggs produced a custardy cake, 3 eggs produced something akin to a cannoli filling, but 4 eggs was just right. I tried separating them and whipping the whites but the resulting texture was on the dry side. However, when I separated only two of the eggs, I found the texture preferable. It was slightly drier and less "wet," an unpleasant feature of many ricotta cheesecakes.

Next, I tried adding 1/4 pound cream cheese to the mixture and I found that the cake was pleasantly creamy. (The cream cheese has to be beaten with the sugar, not just added to the egg mixture, to properly blend it with the batter.) However, the addition of sour cream was unwelcome due to the added tang and both sour cream and heavy cream resulted in a texture which was too wet.

I then sorted through all of the flavoring ingredients. Chocolate chips were revolting, cinnamon was equally odd and overpowering, and pine nuts and raisins simply complicated the recipe without improving it. Orange zest, lemon zest, dark rum, and vanilla were a nice combination – simple and flavorful.

For baking times, I started with 375 degrees which was a disaster – the center was puffy and cracked. At 350 degrees, the cheesecake was good but a bit on the wet side. I then tried a water bath which took forever and also produced a damp slice of cake. Finally, taking a cue from one of the test recipes, I started the oven at 375 degrees and then finished at 325 degrees. I did find, however, that an extra 10 minutes or so in the oven produced a drier texture which I preferred. For those who are seeking a truly moist, almost wet interior, simply bake this cake 55 to 60 minutes instead of the 65 minutes recommended by the recipe below.

RICOTTA CHEESECAKE

I like a relatively dry ricotta cheesecake and that is why I suggest a relatively long baking time. If you prefer a moister, wetter slice of cheesecake, bake the cake a total of 55 to 60 minutes instead of the 65 minutes suggested below. With the longer baking time, the top of the cake will crack which I do not find objectionable.

4 large eggs at room temperature
4 ounces cream cheese at roor temperature
11 tablespoons sugar
Finely grated zest of one lemon
Finely grated zest of one orange
1 tablespoon dark rum
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
Pinch of salt
1 1/2 pounds whole milk ricotta

1. Adjust rack to middle position and heat oven to 375 degrees. Butter and flour the bottom and sides of an 8-inch spring form pan. Separate two of the eggs. Beat the cream cheese in the bowl of an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Gradually add 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar utes more. Add the two whole eggs and the two yolks one at a time and beat until each is just incorporated, scraping the sides of the pan after each addition to avoid lumps. Add the zest, rum, vanilla and salt and beat until incorporated. Add the ricotta and beat on low until fully mixed into a homogenous batter.

2. Beat the two reserved egg whites on high speed for 15 seconds. Gradually add 2 tablespoons sugar and beat until whites just hold a 2-inch peak. Fold the beaten whites into the mixture.

3. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 25 minutes. Lower

Planting and growing the regal rhododendrons

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Part I

A momentary flash of brilliant blue swoops across my garden path on a glorious, sunlit Easter day. The bluebirds have returned and hopefully, during the next few weeks, they will take up residence for another season in one of the nesting boxes which line my meadow. Every sighting of these handsome feathered creatures is a memorable event as their heavenly blue, white and rust plumage glows in the afternoon sunlight.

Happiness is spending an entire day working in the garden enjoying the sights, sounds and fragrances of springtime. At long last, a stretch of reasonably moderate, dry weather has allowed the spring clean up to proceed in earnest. Muscles ache from clipping, raking and hauling for hours, but the fatigue is accompanied by a sense of well-being as many of the borders regain their crisp, tidy appearance.

If you purchased or received an Easter lily as a gift, continue to water the container, keeping the soil evenly moist. Remove the anthers that have powdery pollen on them, to extend each flower's bloom period and remove the blossoms as they fade. Apply a dilute, liquid soluble fertilizer every other week.

Once the Easter lily has completed its bloom, it does not have to be discarded. These bulbs will readily adapt to outdoor gardens, but they should be "hardened off" before setting them into the ground. Gradually acclimate the plant by moving it to a location in dappled shade and slowly introduce it to morning and late afternoon sun. If there is a frost in the forecast, bring the pot into an unheated garage or porch for the night. Increase the plant's exposure to sun each day and in a few weeks, the bulb can be transplanted into the garden. Remember to keep watering the pot until the transfer is made. Grow in sun or partial shade in a well-drained soil. Add bulb booster or superphosphate to the planting hole to promote flowers for the following season. It is essential that the lily's stems and leaves be permitted to cure and turn brown before cutting them to the ground, for this is how the plant manufactures food and flowers for the subsequent year.

Be sure to monitor your lilies for lily leaf beetle, a Chinese lacquer red, elongated beetle which feeds on lily foliage. Adult beetles are presently hibernating in the soil, often around clumps of lily bulbs. With air and soil temperatures still relatively cool, these destructive pests can be easily gathered and disposed of before they emerge and begin decimating all parts of the lily as they multiply at an alarming rate. The application of a grub control containing Merit around lily bulbs, which will be absorbed by the plant and then ingested by the grotesque larva, has shown some success in reducing the devastating effects of this recent scourge. This pest effects primarily lilies which grow from bulbs, not daylilies which are fibrous-rooted perennials.

The rosy-purple buds of the Korean rhododendron (R. mucronulatum) have started to swell and should burst into bloom later this week. This deciduous, erect member of the Rhododendron family is always the first to bloom in my garden and although the delicate blossoms may be singed by frost before they have completed their display, its early appearance is always a welcome splash of color beside my back walkway. A selected variety of this deciduous shrub, "Cornell Pink," exhibits bright pink blossoms.



The flowering of the Korean rhododendron marks the beginning of a long progression of bloom offered by this diverse family of attractive, showy, flowering shrubs which derive their name from Greek words meaning "rose tree." There are more than 1,000 species and thousands of hybrids of these ornamental plants and by selecting different varieties, colorful blossoms are possible from April through July.

This large family of plants is typically divided into four garden groups, the classic large-leaf rhododendrons (elepidotes), small-leaf rhododendrons (lepidotes), evergreen azaleas and deciduous azaleas. Once considered a separate genus, all azaleas have been classified as members of the Rhododendron genus since the mid-1800's, although the common name of azalea is still most often used by the general public.

A visit to your local nursery will reveal a large selection of tantalizing shrubs. As you browse through the fresh, healthy nursery stock, be sure to consider the ultimate size of your choice, the exposure and soil conditions they require and your willingness to prune those which prefer to grow as "rose trees." Although rhododendrons are magnificent specimen plants, some varieties can quickly overcome the lower windows on one's home until the entire house often becomes engulfed in a sea of rhododendron leaves. Many of the large-leaf varieties are best used as background plants rather than as part of a foundation planting.

Rhododendrons prefer to be sheltered from strong, desiccating winds, and shaded from continuous hot sun in both summer and winter, which makes them ideally suited for a location beneath the high shade of deep-rooted trees and shrubs. Because they are extremely shallow-rooted, they resent competition from other aggressive shallow-rooted trees such as hemlocks, maples and beeches. If given suitable conditions, they are easy, carefree and long-lived shrubs.

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EIGHT-YEAR OLD CHILD PRODIGY TAKES THE STAGE AT HINGHAM SYMPHONY POPS CONCERT at the Cushing Center in Norwell on May 5 at 8 p.m. and May 6 at 4 p.m. with Victoria Kasznica. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and $10 for students under age 19 and may be purchased in advance at Noble's, Hingham Square, Cards and Shards, Cohasset, Hingham Public Library, the South Shore Conservatory or by calling (781) 740-5694.

WALK FOR ANIMALS at the Borderland State Park in Sharon Massachusetts on May 20 (rain or shine). This 3-mile walk is well marked and water and rest stations will be set up along the way. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and festivities are from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Neponset Valley Humane Society. For sponsor information call (508) 261-9924.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ANNOUNCES RELAY FOR LIFE in which local residents are invited to walk or run around the clock in the battle against cancer during this American Cancer Society event. Meet at Cohasset High School for a 21-hour relay against cancer from 3 p.m. on Jun 8 until noon on June 9. There will be a luminaria ceremony held at 9 p.m. to honor cancer survivors and to remember those we have lost to cancer. For more information call (800) 648-4880.

OPENING NIGHT OF THE BARN - "LION'S HALL" AT THE RED LION to benefit the visual arts programs at the South Shore Art Center. Music by the Fat City Band and the best barbecue in town. Prize for the most creative country western attire... a free weekend at the luxurious Red Lion Inn. Happening April 28 at 7 p.m., Lion's Hall at the Red Lion, Cohasset. $125 per person. For more information call (781) 383-ARTS.

QUINCY DINNER THEATER PRESENTS 'YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN' with performances on April 28, 29; May 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20. Fridays and Saturdays, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sundays, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Cost is $35 with discounts available for groups, kids and seniors. For reservation call (781) 843-5862.

MAY BREAKFAST AND PLANT SALE sponsored by Old Ship Church, 107 Main Street in Hingham, on May 5 from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Parish House auditorium. A full breakfast menu cooked to order and plants featuring items from historic Hingham gardens. Tickets are available at the door; $5 for adults and $3 for children. For more information call (781)749-0095.

PEDALING HOME FOR HABITAT with the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth. The first Annual Bike-a-thon will be held on April 28, rain or shine. The 20 mile ride will begin at 10 a.m. at Plymouth Rock on Water Street. The ride will make a wide circle of Plymouth and end back at the Rock. Registration is $10 and is open to anyone aged 12 years or older. Registration forms are available by calling (508)866-4188.

THE MUSIC CIRCUS ANNOUNCES TWO MORE SHOWS in the 50th anniversary season. Kevin James, star of the hit CBS Series "The King of Queens" will appear on July 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $29.50. Vince Gill, one of the most popular artists in country music will appear for two shows on Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets go on sale April 6 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased by calling (781) 383-1400 or on April 28 at noon tickets will be on sale at the Music Circus Box Office in Cohasset. For more information visit www.musiccircus.com.

AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JAN BRETT to participate in Country Fair at Thayer with Jan Brett 'n' Hedgie. Thayer Academy is located at 745 Washington Street, Braintree and the fair will be held on May 6 from 1 - 4:30 p.m. Advance tickets are $15 per person and ticket holders are entitled to a group reading and illustration session by Jan Brett, a book signing, all food, drinks, music and featured events. To buy tickets call (781) 380-0500 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY AND DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION at the Ellison Center for the Arts presents the 4th annual Ellison Center Classic on May 14 at the Duxbury Yacht Club. Individual and team participants are welcome tot he handicapped best ball tournament which begins with lunch and registration at 11:30 a.m., a shotgun start at 1 p.m., and a post tournament dinner reception and auction at 6 p.m. Musicians and artists will add to the ambiance of the day with performances and demonstrations both on the course and at the reception. Teams will compete for the Ellison Center Classic championship cup. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 14.

27TH ANNUAL 6.2 WALK on April 22 at 1 p.m. in Quincy is sponsored by Interfaith Social Services. This walk helps raise funds for the programs and services offered by the agency. All donations are appreciated. Located at 766 Hancock Street in Quincy. Tel. (617) 773-6203.

TEA TASTING at the Woodacre Farm Soap Studio, 46 Columbia Park (route 53) in Pembroke on April 22 at 2 p.m. Join in tasting fine teas from the various regions of China and learn customs and traditions of the Chinese tea experience. Reservations are required and seating is limited. For more information call (781) 826-9720.

BUCKLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights Brooklyn and Other Identities on April 19, 20 & 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners, plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781) 383-1980.



BEST BET

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation center presents the teen/adult company in the musical "Footloose" April 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and April 22 and 29 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill#1 lower level. Admission is $8 for adults, $5 for children. For more information call (508) 747-1234.



BEST BET

"Rape, Revenge and the Renaissance" comes to Randolph. Boston Actress Robin Lane will portray Aretmisia Gentileschi April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Turner Library in Randolph. The performance is free and open to the public. For more information call (781) 961-0932.

Thurs. 19

North River Arts Society presents 'Class', an exhibition of the most recent works from students of NRAS in conjunction with the 25th Annual Festival of the Arts. Held at the Ventress Library through June 2. Gallery hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 837-8091.

Shakespeare's Hamlet will be at the Wilbur Theatre through April 22. Performance are Tues. - Fri. at 7:30 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. Prices are $75 - $25. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2787 or directly at the Wilbur Theatre Box Office, 246 Tremont Street in Boston. Tel. (617) 423-4008.

The Weymouth Art Association Spring Art Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth through April 28. The Artist of the month is Marilyn Reisberg. For more information call (781) 337-4513.

Braintree Art Association will hold an exhibit at the Thayer Academy Gallery in Braintree through April 19. Located at 745 Washington Street in Braintree. The Gallery hours are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. when school is in session. The Braintree Art Association meeting will be held on April 19 at 7 p.m. Eleanor Mahoney will present a demonstration in watercolors. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call (781) 843-3590.

Watercolor Master Class presented by the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. Tel. (781) 383-2787. A two day workshop taught by international award-winning painter Barbara Donnelly on April 19 and 20 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. $165 ($145 members of the SSAC) Call to register.

"Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Other Identities" by Anna Deavere Smith will be presented by the Massasoit Theatre Co., a college - supported community theatre. Located in the Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, off Route 27 in Brockton. Shows are April 19, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 for the general public and $10 with Massasoit ID, senior citizens. For tickets call (508) 427-1234.

Isabella Stewart Gardner makes a return visit to Plympton. At 7:30 p.m., actress Jessa Piaia will return to the Plympton Historical Society to present her portrayal of Boston philanthropist and eccentric Isabella Stewart Gardner. Admission is free and children are welcome. Presented at the Society's headquarters, 189 Main Street, just off Route 58 in Plympton. For more information call Ms. Edwina Wood, Tel. (781) 585-9648.

Artist Mark Dion to speak at the Fuller Museum of Art on April 19 at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $10 and includes lunch. The discussion will focus on his current "mock-archaeological dig" taking place in Brockton during the week of the 19th. For reservations or more information call (508) 588-6000 ext. 100.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree 5 Corners features The Wild Man of Comedy: Kevin Know at 8:30 p.m. Also, Annette Pollack, Paul Keenan, Jesse Gersten and Kim Kates. Admission is $10 and reservations are recommended (781) 848-0300.

Fri. 20

The North River Arts Society proudly sponsors "Focus on Figures 2001", a members show of figurative art in any medium. Members may submit up to three pieces and the work must be based on the human figure and not previously exhibited at the North River Arts Society. The show will be open for through April 28 from 1 -3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. There will be a preview on April 20 at 7 p.m. For more information call (781) 837-8091.

NSRWA's Benefit Auction will be held on April 20 at the Cushing Center in Norwell. The Silent auction and preview begins at 5 p.m. and the Live auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 each and include a box dinner and program ($10 without dinner) Tables for eight are available for $120. Please call (781) 659-8168 for more information.

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Ruth Wyand and Erik Liebleir with open mike at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) at the Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Route 106 in Kingston. Tickets are $4 for members and $5 for non-members. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Swing Into Spring with Scituate's Swing Dance Festival on April 20 from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. (for all ages) Starring the world famous Winiker Orchestra. Held at the Scituate Country Club. Tickets are $32 for adults, $12 for children and include dinner and dancing. For tickets call Vicki at (617) 877-7928

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Troy Gonyea Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

South Shore Singles sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members and $8 non-members. Proper dress required. For more information call (781) 331-0021.

Single Executives Cocktail Party and Dance from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. at the Golden Rooster Ballroom, 78 Border Street in north Scituate. DJ music and complimentary hors d'oeuvres for singles 35+. Cost is $15 and ties and jackets are required for men; party finery for women. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club of the South Shore.

Sat. 21

Earth Day Festival 2001 is happening where you can learn more about how you can help the environment and have fun at the same time. Earth Day 2001, to be held Saturday, April 21, 12:00-4:00 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. A fun-filled day for the entire family is planned. We'll have displays and representatives from various environmental organizations on hand to educate us about environmental concerns. We'll also have games, face painting, farm animals, wildlife presentations, nature walks and eco-crafts. The whole family will enjoy live musical entertainment featuring folksinger Dawna Hammers and staff naturalist Steve Barker. This event will be held rain or shine, and is open to the public for $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for children. Scout Leaders and all scouts in uniform will receive a $1.00 discount on admission. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

Adult CPR is offered by the American Red Cross with Automated External Defibrillator. Class will be held at the Duxbury Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury on April 21 from 6 - 10:30 p.m. Registration is $50 per person. To register call (800) 232-8812.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset, is offering college scholarships. High school seniors in public, private or parochial schools are eligible to apply. Awards range from $1000 - $200 and winning artwork and awards will be presented at the 46th annual Festival on the Common on June 15. Portfolios and applications must be submitted on April 21 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and April 22 between 12 - 4 p.m. or April 23 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

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The Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the square presents Aoife Clancy, an enchanting young Irish performer. All events at 8 p.m. and tickets are $10. Located at 107 Main Street in Hingham.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Square, on the Common in Bridgewater, every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, pass the hat for feature. On April 21 Joe Langone. For more information call (508) 279-9952.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Sugar Ray and the Blue Tones. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

Sun. 22

Massachusetts Audubon Society will hold a Discovery Day Camp Open House on April 22 from 12 - 4 p.m. Story and song time from 2 - 3 p.m., scavenger hunt, nature crafts, games, face painting and an insect extravaganza. All ages are welcome and there is no fee. Come learn more about River Adventure Camp for children entering grades 7 - 10. For more information call (781) 837-9400.

MDA Blues Showcase presented by 'The Rock', 95.9, WATD-FM and Nightlife Music Co. 10 acts, 8 hours for 15 dollars. Held at Handlebar Harry's, Route 3A, Cordage Park Marketplace, North Plymouth. Prizes, raffles and giveaways from 3 - 11 p.m. $15 donation at the door - all to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For more information call (508) 747-7727.

Mon. 23

Mothers and More provide a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. On this day there will be a Chiropractor presentation. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781) 544-4664.

Tues. 24

Bridgewater State College will present 37th Annual Student Art Exhibition through May 4. Reception will be on April 24 from 4 - 7 p.m. The work of graduating seniors will be rehung from May 7 - 19. Located at the Wallace Anderson Gallery, The Art Building, Bridgewater State College. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tel. (508) 531-1359.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a monthly breakfast meeting at Jamies Grille and Pub, 804 Plain Street in Marshfield from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Speaking will be Cheryl Peppers, Principal, Peppers and Associates. "Bringing Your Soul to Work: An Everyday Practice". For directions call (781) 834-7877. Pre-registered members are $15 and non-members are $25, At the door members are $20 and non-members are $30. For more information call (781) 749-8883.

Wed. 25

Buttonwood Books and the James Library present an evening of Poetry at the James Library in Norwell at 7 p.m. Featured will be James Hildebidle with "Defining Absence", Thomas O'Grady with "What Really Matter" and "Aidan Rooney-Cespedes" with Day Release. Reservations are requested, admission is free. For more information call Buttonwood Books at (781) 383-2665.

Thurs. 26

The Robbins Museum of Archaeology and the Massachusetts Archaeological Society will be hosting an open house and reception on April 26 from 5 - 7 p.m. to launch its Website: http://WEBHOST.BRIDGEW.EDU/MAS . It is free and open to the public. The museum is dedicated to the Native Cultures of New England. Regular visiting hours are Wed., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thurs., 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Admission is free, however, donations are welcome. For more information call (508) 947-9005 or email us at MAS@BRIDGEW.EDU.

The Fuller Museum of Art located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton will hold a gallery talk on April 26 at 11:30 a.m. with Lois Tarlow regarding her exhibition "from the Ashes: Work by Lois Tarlow, 1996 - 2001. Cost is $10 and includes lunch in the FMA café. Call (508) 588-6000 ext. 100 for more information.

"Preserving Pembroke's Past" a public forum will be held at the Pembroke Library on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. The library has received a grant of $4,700. From the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Mass. Historical Records Board and the Mass. Historical Publications and Records Commission. The grant is to encourage local residents to identify areas of local history that need to be documented and to call attention to any documents that individuals may want to share with the community. To register for the forum, please call the library at (781) 293-6771.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA will begin its season. This season is open to 8 - 12 teams. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call (617) 479-8500 ext. 135-1.



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North River Arts Society presents 'Class', an exhibition of the most recent works from students of NRAS in conjunction with the 25th Annual Festival of the Arts. Held at the Ventress Library through June 2. Gallery hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 837-8091.

Fri. 27

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Walking in the Spring" on April 28, May 12, 26 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Fee per person is $28 non-member and $23 for members. Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum and pre registration is required.

"Music for the Heart and Soul" presents a Chant, Drum and Dance Circle! Led by Hingham singer/songwriter and song leader, Dawna Hammers. The last Friday of every month, April 27 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main Street in Hingham. $7 for adults and $5 for children and seniors. Bring drums, rattles, cushion, water and dancing shoes and enjoy a magical evening.

Nantucket 2001 Events include the 27th Annual Daffodil Festival from April 27 - 29. Over three million daffodils will bloom and turn the countryside into a vivid yellow tapestry. Events include the Annual Antique and Classic Car Parade, Annual Tailgate Picnic and activities such as hiking, fishing, bird watching and seal cruises. For more information call (508) 228-1700.

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Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Blues Food. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Barbara Kessler and special guests. Tickets are $14 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

'I Hate Hamlet' will be presented by the Hull Performing Arts. Inc. on April 27 and 28 at 8 p.m., April 29 at 2 p.m., and May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Avenue, Hull. Tickets are $12 at the door /$10 in advance, $9 for students and seniors. For directions or more information call (781) 925-2406.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

The combination of a Pisces moon and Venus station places the focus on creativity and artistic sensitivity. Do something that brings beauty into your life or the life of another today. The rough spot in the day occurs between 12:56-3:56 p.m., when the moon aligns with Pluto. Avoid emotional thunderstorms. Keep it light. The big news is that the sun enters earthy Taurus at 8:36 p.m., remaining there until May 20. A harmonious alignment of Mercury to Mars adds an energy boost this evening, making it prime for all social interaction, mental work, communications.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

This is a day to follow through on projects already begun, handle routine chores and errands. Don't take on big work projects or begin important enterprises. At 12:34 a.m. Venus, standing at 1 1/2-degrees of Aries, begins direct travel. The Pisces moon aligns with Mars at 1:40 p.m. and becomes inactive. Saturn moves into Gemini at 5:59 p.m., remaining there until June 2003. Saturn's advice is to consolidate what you have rather than spending what you don't, especially for people born under the sun sign Gemini. A fiery Aries moon arrives at 8:18 p.m., forming easy contacts to Saturn and Venus. Put on your party hat and go for the good times this evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

An Aries moon sets a quick pace this weekend. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days. Plan to finish projects already begun, clean and reorganize. The planet Mercury moves into Taurus at 4:08 p.m., remaining there until May 6. A lunar contact to Jupiter generates an upbeat mood this evening. Let fun and games to your agenda.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Take time out for yourself this morning; to contemplate, meditate, unwind. New starts are off limits. The end of a lunar cycle is a time for looking back, letting go and clearing the way for new activities. Because the sign Aries is ruled by the action planet Mars, sports and physical exercise are a good way to let off steam today. The Aries moon continues active travel until 11:34 p.m., when it aligns with Mars.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

The dark side of the new moon makes for a slow-starting morning. Stay upbeat; don't allow minor setbacks to alter your mood. The moon enters Taurus at 4:56 a.m., and the new moon culminates at 11:26 a.m., 3 1/2-degrees of Taurus. The communication planet Mercury interacts with the sun at 5:25 a.m. and the moon at 12:04 p.m. Chat, surf, network. A lunar alignment to Neptune makes this an evening to kick back and mellow out completely.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

The light side of a new moon is generally a prime time for initiating new projects. However, a 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Neptune affects today and tomorrow. Its influence makes it difficult to separate the facts from the wishful thinking. This is not a favorable time for signing contracts or making important decisions. Romance is in the air this evening. Plan a candlelight dinner for two.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

This is a great day for vacationing. The Taurus moon becomes inactive at 1:08 a.m. until 11:11 a.m., when a Gemini moon takes over. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, forms a 90-degree contact to Neptune at 6:23 p.m. Postpone working on detail-oriented matters, financial decisions, business negotiations. On the other hand, you can make gains developing photography, art, music projects.



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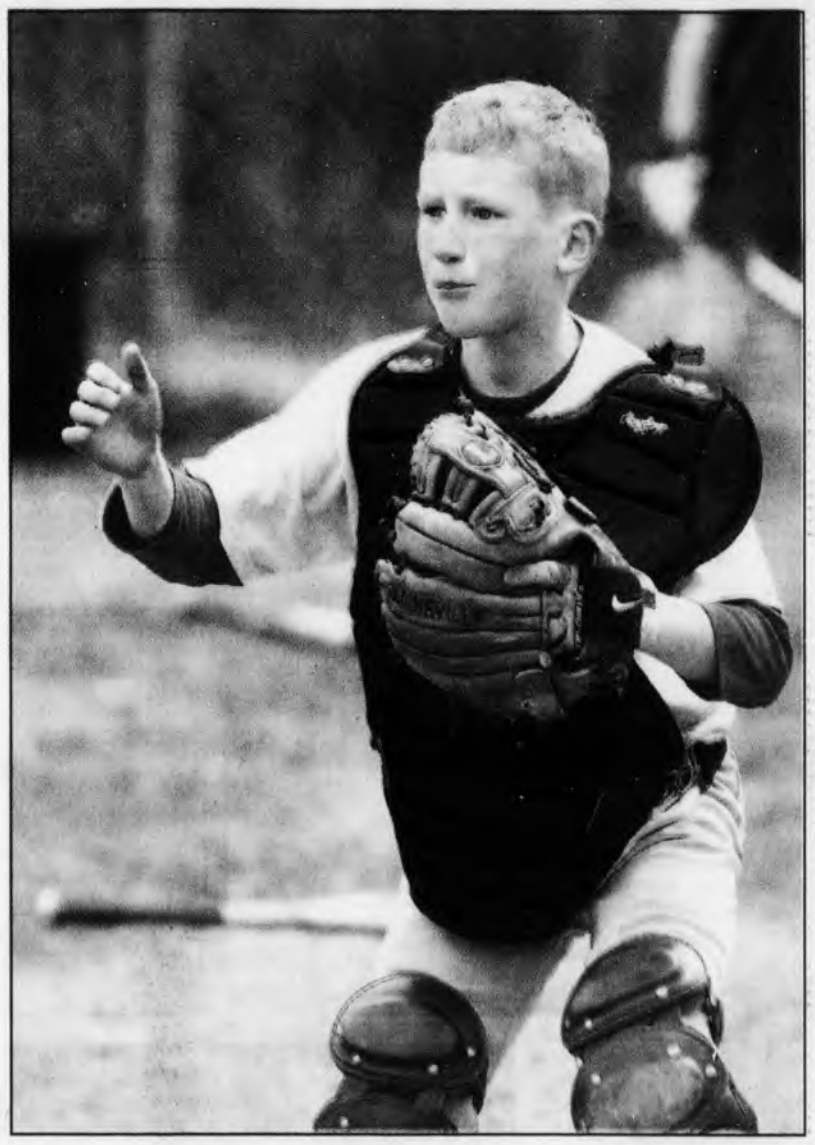
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Season tune-up

Camp gets kids ready for baseball





On left, Fletcher Smalzel watches his ball fly to the right during the South Shore Baseball Club camp at Milliken Field. Above, Joe Guiducci doffs his mask to cover home plate at the camp for players 8-12 years of age.



Clockwise beginning on right, Andrew Aizenstadt takes a swing at the South Shore Baseball Camp at Milliken Field this week. Billy Stanton tries to beat out his bunt. Dan Doherty heads for home. Nick Garafolo waits for his turn at bat.







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Village task force backs CRC plans

One-way traffic, parking patterns recommended

By Rick Collins
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Village improvements took a step closer to reality last week when the town Village Revitalization Task Force voted to recommend a number of proposals made by The Cecil Group, consultants hired by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, including a trial period of a one-way traffic pattern down South Main Street and Elm Street.

"We finally kind of nailed down some decisions," said task force chairman Tim O'Brien.

The town-appointed task force is the first level of approval needed for any proposed changes to the village. Once given the green light by the task force, the proposal is then presented before town selectmen, and eventually Town Meeting. The CRC is a private corporation founded to develop plans to improve the village and harbor areas.

The task force voted unanimously to recommend 15 proposals to the town, including a trial period of one-way traffic pattern on Elm Street and South Main Street [see related story]. It also recommended a new parking plan along Depot Court. Cars currently park diagonally along the south side of the court and parallel next to the South Shore Community Center. The new plan would reverse that, so cars would park diagonally next to the community center.

"This was a no-brainer," said O'Brien. "Lots of people liked this, especially with all the kids getting out of cars by the community center." The change could also add an

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Green light for one-way trial

Selectmen to vote on new traffic plan May 8

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen gave initial approval to a one-month trial period for the proposed one-way traffic pattern in Cohasset Village.

The circular pattern would make South Main Street, from the Elm Street intersection, down to Brook Street, one-way going south. Elm Street would become one-way, from Brook Street to South Main Street, heading towards the common.

The pattern is the brainchild of The Cecil Group and BSC Engineering, the engineering consultants, hired by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation to look at improvements to the downtown area. It initially met with resistance when first presented to selectmen a month ago, and later to residents at a public forum.

The town Village Revitalization Task Force voted last week to recommend a two-week trial period of just a one-way Elm Street, and two-way South Main Street, instead of the entire one-way traffic pattern at once.

But on Tuesday, selectmen, led by Michael Sullivan and Merle Brown, went against the task force's recommendation, and decided to try the complete one-way traffic pattern first.

"I think we should try the whole

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Wind gusts push a brush fire toward the beach in Sandy Cove on Sunday afternoon. Firefighters brought the fire under control before it threatened any houses along Atlantic Avenue.

Sandy Cove fire burns one acre

By Mary Ford
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Firefighters successfully brought a marsh fire off Atlantic Avenue in Sandy Cove under control Sunday afternoon before it threatened any nearby houses.

"It burned about one acre and the wind pushed it all the way," said Fire Chief Roger Lincoln. He said a homeowner, who had a burning permit, was burning lawn brush and leaves when the wind picked up.

Firefighters went in the driveways of numbers 99 and 85 Atlantic Ave. to attack the fire from both sides.

"We were able to surround the fire and stop it before it got to two houses," Lincoln said. A nearby hydrant provided a continuous flow of water.

"The houses weren't in any immediate danger, but had the fire continued to burn, they would have been," he said.

The fire took off right in front of Peter Dewey's house at 91 Atlantic Ave. Dewey said a lot of people in the vicinity were home on the warm spring afternoon.

"The wind picked up and the fire took off quickly," he said. "The spark got into the front field of dried sea grass – luckily the wind was blowing toward the water.

"In about 10 minutes it was at the end of the beach."

Michael Scery, 95 Atlantic Ave., said burning brush this time of year is a common occurrence. Although a neighbor obtained the permit and was doing the burning, it very easily could have been him, Sceery said.

"The houses weren't in any immediate danger, but had the fire continued to burn, they would have been."
— Fire Chief Roger Lincoln

"We get a lot of debris that washes up with storms in the winter," he said.

Sceery said he left for the dump at 1:30 p.m. and when he got back at 2 p.m., "there was all kinds of excitement here." He praised the firefighters for being both quick and thorough.

"The fire department was so diligent they spent three hours hosing the field down. They were also nice and cordial and didn't scold anyone," he said.

Cohasset responded with two engines and the four-wheel drive squad truck. Because of days off and vacation only four men, including the two EMTs manning the ambulance, were on duty when the 9-1-1 call came in, Lincoln said. "That put the ambulance out of service," he said. Once the fire was under control, the EMTs were released to go to medical calls. Three Cohasset call firefighters and an off-duty firefighter also responded.

The 9-1-1 call came in at 1:37 p.m. and by 5 p.m., firefighters had left the scene and all apparatus was back in service to respond to other calls, Lincoln said.

Durng the Sandy Cove fire, there was a woods fire off Pleasant Street. At that time, Scituate firefighters were helping on Atlantic Avenue and Hull was covering Cohasset headquarters. Hull and Scituate responded to the Pleasant Street fire and Norwell was called to cover headquarters, Lincoln said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said there is no mandatory minimum manning for the fire department. He explained that six firefighters are assigned to each shift but in a senior department, there are often less than that due to vacations.

"For safety reasons, we never go below four although there is no contractual minimum manning," Haddad said.

Haddad said the town relies on mutual aid.

"Thank God for mutual aid, we've been there for other towns and they've been there

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Local woman in the Barbie business

Agency provides thousands of lookalikes

By Lauryn Mittleman
CORRESPONDENT

The call comes in the middle of an already frenetic day: "The Toys R Us retail chain needs 705 models to appear on the same day at every store location nationwide and they all must be Barbie Doll lookalikes."

Yes, you heard right, and while many out there might have thought the call a prank, for Cohasset resident Candy Ford — president of the Ford Management Group modeling agency — it's just another "day in the life." You see, for the past 22 years, Ford has made a career out of fielding all sorts of off-the-wall requests.

Believe it or not, the "call for

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From left, Curt and Colby Smalzel of Cohasset visit with Barbie model, Margaret Plummer, who was signing autographs in the Boston area as part of a national Barbie doll promotion organized by Colby's mom and Curt's wife, Candy Ford of Cohasset.

Martin is still winner after election recount

Legal objection doesn't halt process

By Rick Collins
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Pat Martin's narrow victory in a three-way race for two seats on the school committee was upheld in a recount Saturday, but not before her lawyer argued that challenger Adrienne MacCarthy's petition seeking the recount was incomplete.

The recount, which was held after the Board of Registrars decided the petition was filled out sufficiently, gave incumbent Mark DeGiacomo, of Beach Street, 1081 votes, Linden Drive resident Martin 961 votes and Doane Street resident MacCarthy 959 votes. The original count had given a Martin a 960-957 margin of victory over MacCarthy. Seven extra votes were found during the recount. Four of those votes went to DeGiacomo.

"I'm very happy," said Martin, who was unable to attend the recount. She said she could have contested one ballot, but decided against it. "We could have left it open and it could have gone on, and on, and on. But it's over. It's time to get onto the important stuff."

"I would've loved to have won but to come this close is just as sweet."
— Adrienne MacCarthy, Doane Street

MacCarthy said despite the razor-thin loss, she wasn't at all disappointed in the outcome. "I was happy to pick up one more vote. I still feel very happy with the outcome of our campaign, Our message got out there and 50 percent of the people agreed with it and agreed with me," she said. "For the

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Fundraiser puts focus on thermal imaging camera



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Top photo, call firefighter Kathy McGuire accepts a $400 check toward the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera for the fire department from Boy Scout Will McArthur. Also at the check passing are Bruce Pratt, Chief Roger Lincoln and Selectman Merle Brown.
At right, fire union president Jay Fiori accepts a donation of $20 from Eliza Kinnealey, William Foote, Morgan Foote and Alex Kinnealey. The kids sold lemonade to raise the money for the Thermal Imaging Camera.

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Pay-as-you-throw

The Recycling Committee will hold the first in a series of information meeting on the upcoming pay-as-you-throw trash program, on May 1, at 7: 30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office.

Committee member Merle Brown said he hopes to televise the meetings. Residents will be able to call into the office during the meeting.

Also, Brown said the following stores have agreed to sell the $1 bags: Joseph's Hardware, Leo's Exxon and Cohasset Hardware. Stop & Shop has tentatively said it is willing, but is not definite yet. The bags will be dark blue, with white lettering, the town colors.

The bags will be available at the Recycling Transfer Facility, but not Town Hall.

"Can't you just keep a few bags on your desk?" Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed jokingly asked Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Meeting schedule

The following is a list of upcoming town committee meetings, posted as of Tuesday, April 25. All meetings are at Town Hall unless noted.

- Conservation Commission, April 26, 7:30 p.m.
- School Committee, April 26, 7:30 p.m., Cohasset Middle/High School
- Water Commission, April 26, 7:30 p.m.. King Street treatment plant
- Advisory Committee, April 26, 8 p.m.
- Open Space Committee, May 2, 7:30 p.m.
- Growth & Development Committee, May 3, 7 p.m.
- Osgood PSO, May 4, 3:30 p.m. at the Osgood Conference Room

Brush accepted

Brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area until Sunday, April 29. No trees over 12 inches in diameter. No contractors.

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Sun. 29	3:59	10.6	10:30	4:45	9.3	10:47
Mon. 30	4:58	10.4	11:29	5:46	9.2	11:49
Tues. 1	6:01	10.2	——	6:50	9.3	12:31
Wed. 2	7:08	10.2	12:54	7:54	9.6	1:34
Thurs. 3	8:14	10.2	1:59	8:53	10.1	2:34

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BA adopts comprehensive rmit rules and regulations

By Rick Collins
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n none have been filed, the oning Board of Appeals its rules and regulations for with comprehensive permit ons this week.

ehensive permits, an off- f the 1969 "Anti-Snob Act," have long been a o Cohasset. However, ZBA n Woody Chittick thinks ong housing market and the unt of affordable housing in town is ripe for an applica-

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sult, said Chittick, a town e its act together when one does come down the path, so it can take advantage of whatever control it does have.

"There is little opportunity to delay or drag our feet," he told the board and the dozen people in attendance. "We need to clarify our rules."

Chittick argued that the town's best strategy was to cooperate with a developer, in order to get a deal that protects the town, and still makes the project economically feasible. Only the town conservation commission and board of health are able to file

"There is little opportunity to delay or drag our feet. We need to clarify our rules."
— ZBA chairman Woody Chittick

comments on the project, though other boards can comment informally.

Committee member Benjamin Lacey urged other boards in town, such as the planning board and growth and development committee to start discussing the process.

Merle Brown, on the urging of the ZBA, asked selectmen Tuesday to establish a town housing partnership to deal with the town's lack of affordable housing. Although the number is not known for certain, ZBA member Lisa Dick estimated only 2.8 percent of all housing units in Cohasset would be classified as "affordable housing."

In order for a town to deny a comprehensive permit, it has to have at least 10 percent of its units affordable, and even then the town has to entertain the applications. But Chittick said but the state housing board is more willing to side with the town, rather than the developer, in those situations.

Town rules require a letter from the state saying the project will be funded, before it will hold a hearing on a comprehensive permit. It also calls for the developer to list all of the zoning codes it is seeking relief from. Chittick said this isn't to be used as a "gotcha," but instead for the board to know exactly what will take place. The town also calls for engineer and architect approved preliminary plans during the hearing.

Comprehensive permit hearings also require the use of a stenographer, to be provided by the applicant.

The zoning board debated whether it could require a full site plan for the application process. The board argued that it would help them understand the full scope and all the details of the project. However, town counsel Richard Hucksam said that requirement could be considered as the board overstepping its regulatory bounds, and would check its legality.

A copy of the rules and regulations

gerty work to begin June 1

By Rick Collins
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n the new town parking lot at the Hagerty property site o start June 1, and take two complete.

ork, to be done by RAD Hingham, will remove the oncrete slab left over from asset Colonial Furniture , add rip-rap, and construct walkway from the parking overnment Island. The lot 27 parking spaces.

Meeting allocated an addi- 5,000 to do the work, after on bids came in higher budgeted amount of

Unfortunately for residents trying to launch their boats, the property will be closed from Monday to Friday during the course of the work. The parking lot will be open for trailers to turn around in on the weekends, but at their meeting Tuesday, selectmen asked residents to try and launch their boats prior to the June 1 starting date.

The starting date itself was of some controversy among selectmen. The original projected starting date was in May, but RAD Corp., had to push the date back.

That didn't sit well with Selectman Michael Sullivan. He said the town should insist it starts the work in May, as was written in the project bid, instead of in the middle of boating season.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the construction company had done the town a favor by holding onto the bid price for 60 days, while the town went to Town Meeting for more money, and should be allowed to start on June 1. But on Sullivan's insistence, Haddad said he'd ask RAD Corp., to try and move-up the starting date.

The town bought the property from Mary Hagerty in 1993. It has taken seven years to complete the permitting process.

Beach St. residents fret about future of ledge

By Rick Collins
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Though sitting somewhat unnoticed off Beach Street, an eons-old granite cliff has been ground zero in a seven-year battle between developers, and the town conservation commission and local conservationists.

The land used to be part of Great Brewster Woods, but was sold years ago. Now three undeveloped lots, and one house sit atop the cliff, overlooking Little Harbor and Beach Street houses below.

One of the lots, owned by developer Steve Glover, has been the source of increased controversy since he purchased it two years ago and subsequently filed a plan to develop it.

Local residents argue that any further development will exacerbate the current flooding problem on the street. Residents documented the extensive flooding caused by water coming off the shaved ledge, particularly in one resident's yard and also across Beach Street itself, at a January conservation commission hearing where neighbors shared photos of sheets of ice hanging off the cliff.

"The one house built on that site has created some serious drainage problems for one of the residents and to Beach Street. At points during the winter, the entire street freezes over," said Beach Street resident Mark DeGiacomo. "It's caused as a result from blasting of the ledge. We feel if there was any further blasting, it would result in more drainage."

Barbara Power is one of the Beach Street residents affected by the water run-off. "It comes down the ledge and over my property," she said. "My concern is, as they continue to clear and cut down trees, my property is going under water."

But Glover insists his proposal to build a single-family house would actually alleviate some of the flooding issues.

"The runoff would be diverted by the driveway up to the property, into a retention basin, and then under the culvert and into Little Harbor," he said.

Glover said he has been "frustrated" in his attempt to build on Beach Street. "When I purchased the property, the County Registry of Deeds said it was a buildable lot, with an approved septic plan," he explained.

"My concern is, as they continue to clear and cut down trees, my property is going under water."
— Barbara Power, 74 Beach St.

Since the purchase, he has been embroiled in battles with the conservation commission and zoning board of appeals so long that now the septic plan has expired.

But the argument against the plan isn't strictly about flooding issues; it also involves open space preservation.

"I think as residents we've come to appreciate the unique beauty of the ledge and the entire Brewster Woods area," said DeGiacomo. "I feel that the open space, which is basically downtown, should be preserved for all citizens." Brewster Woods, purchased by the Cohasset Conservation Trust in 1985, is located in the wooded area behind Town Hall.

Powers agreed, saying she'd like to see the undeveloped parcels be returned to Brewster Woods. The two other undeveloped parcels are owned by Ellen Morrissey.

Cohasset Conservation Trust President John Hartshorne said the group is aware of the issues surrounding the property. "We're committing ourselves to do what we can to save the land," he said, adding, "but we're in no position to now go out and buy it."

Beach Street resident Lincoln Bloomfield argued in a letter to the conservation commission that the board is able to conserve not only wetlands areas but also "other areas which public necessity requires to be retained for conservation and other passive recreation use. I can think of no more appropriate area meeting that criterion than the remaining undeveloped high hilltop land lying above Beach Street."

However, rumors have circulated around town within the past week that the three lots spread over 13 acres might have been sold to developer David Walsh.

Both Walsh and Glover would only say that there is interest, and talks are ongoing. The Mariner was unable to contact Morrissey.

Beach Street residents are concerned that if Walsh has bought the land, he could file a comprehensive permit and build a large 100-plus unit complex on the site.

Walsh called the rumors about a comprehensive permit "just talk."

Providing there is no sale, Glover is scheduled to meet with the conservation commission about his proposal on May 24.

Water main flushing continues

The Water Department will conclude the flushing of all water mains throughout Cohasset during the week of April 30 to May 4.

In the week starting April 30, the following areas will be flushed in this approximate order: (1) Beach Street & Jerusalem Road (No. Main - Atlantic Ave), (2) Jerusalem Road from Forest Ave to Atlantic Ave, (3) Atlantic Ave, (4) Nichols Road, (5) side streets off Summer Street and Pond Street, (6) Fernway, (7) side streets off Beechwood Street & Brewster Road, (8) White Head Road and Lothrop Lane, (9) side streets off Jerusalem Road, Little Harbor Road, Gammons Road

Residents will be advised that the flushing may cause temporary discoloration of the water, and to avoid doing washes during the flushing. The discolored water, however, is safe to drink and will not last long. If water becomes discolored, it can be cleared by running an outside faucet until the water runs clear - this will not take long and will not use too much water.

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Holly Dinsmore on stage in 'Bye Bye Birdie'

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SHARE NEWS

Hello Cohasset. Well, I am enjoying this "summer" weather but am really looking forward to having some Springtime weather first. It seems like our seasons are definitely a little mixed up. I hope that everyone had a great school vacation week, please share some of the fun things that you did with your families.

ON STAGE

We have some wonderful upcoming performances for everyone to enjoy here in town. The first, is the production of "Bye Bye Birdie" coming to you by the Cohasset Drama Club. Cohasset's own **Holly Dinsmore** is ready to take the stage for the upcoming production opening May 4 at the Cohasset Town Hall. This is a wonderful show and is definitely going to be fantastic. For more information about show hours, tickets and times, please contact **Cinda Donovan** at 781-545-9717.

The second great performance is the upcoming Cohasset Drama Workshops rendition of "Godspell," directed by **Ron Emmons**, being held May 11-13. The performances will be held at the Second Congregational Church and seating is limited. If anyone would like to purchase tickets in advance, they are $10 and can be purchased at the Cohasset High School/Middle School. Please keep reading for more information.

COHASSET VOICES

The Broad Cove Chorale of Hingham, under the direction of **Margo Euler**, is once again preparing for its Spring Concerts. This spring's musical motif offers a journey through the season's. The group will present Vaughan Williams' Folk Songs of the Four Seasons on Saturday, May 5 at 8 p.m. at the First Parish Church in Norwell Center. The program perfectly compliments the 20-voice women's chorale and is one not to be missed for all those looking forward to spring finally being here. There are several wonderful women from Cohasset involved in this group. They are: **Susan Cameron, Jo-Anne Heileman, Trish Morse, Betts Murray, Lisa Pratt** and **DeeDee Rousseau.** Tickets for the concert are $10 and are available at Nobles Hingham Square, from chorus members, by phone at (781)749-6561.



Troop 4787 Brownies represent Kansas in the special scouts Mother/daughter event. The girls are from bottom left: Anna Sereikas, Gabriella Nigro, Amber Silvia and Whitney Jaffe. Second Row: Melinda Dignam, Alison Whelan, Sage Stebbins, Third Row: Aniko Haber, Molly Riley, Callie Piepenbrink, Erika Botts Top: Diane Silvia(leader) Jen Piepenbrink(leader) and Natalie Dignam

WELL WISHES

We have some get well wishes to send out to a very well known and special man. **Dick Straley** is still at Brigham and Women's Hospital undergoing a battery of serious tests following a car accident in town last week. All of us here in town know Dick and his wife **Sue Straley**, owners of Cards & Shards and they have been such a mainstay of our town for the last 25 years. We hope that Dick is up and around soon and gets back to his job working for the Red Cross. If you have a minute to send Dick a card we know that he would love to hear from his many friends. Cards may be sent to Dick Straley, c/o Cards & Shards, 45 S. Main St. We are all thinking about you, get well real soon.

MARATHON RUNNER

I had a great call about a young lady from our town. **Priscilla (Cilla) Goff** CHS '94', BC '98', daughter of **Ed and Jane Goff** of Cohasset recently ran and completed her first Boston Marathon in 3 hours, 53 minutes! Cilla ran for the Ron Burton (former Patriot player) Training Village and raised over $2000 for the Summer Camp program which hosts inner city kids each summer. What a great accomplishment for you Cilla and I am sure that each child whose summer you helped to make better are very grateful. Congratulations!

SCOUTS EVENT

The Cohasset Girl Scouts recently held their annual Mother/Daughter Event. This year they had a fun-filled and educational evening which more than 140 couples attended. The theme of the evening was national pride. Each of Cohasset's 15 Girl Scout troops chose a state to represent with interesting facts, costumes and foods. Each state was also represented with a state flag which was very kindly donated by the St. John family business, Eagle Flag. After touring and eating snacks from each troops display, everybody was treated to learning traditional folk dances from many of the different states represented.



Holly Dinsmore of Cohasset is a member of the cast of "Bye Bye Birdie," which premiers May 4 at Cohasset Town Hall.

Marcy Van Cleave taught us some great dances, including everything from the "Boston Tea Party" to the "Hula"! At the end of the evening, every family went home with an "All American Apple Pie" which was partially sponsored by Shaw's Supermarket. Their help with the extremely large order of pies was very much appreciated. An extra special thank you goes to the Joseph Osgood School for allowing the Scouts to use the property for the evening. Also, sincere thanks go out to Atlantica Restaurant, The Red Lion Inn, Bernards, P.J.'s Country House and Chili's Restaurant, for all of their very generous gift certificates which were donated as door prizes. And lastly, a big thank you to all of the Girl Scouts, the leaders and parent volunteers who put many hours of work in to make the evening a huge success!

RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society will hold its fourth annual Relay For Life in Cohasset from 3 p.m. on Friday, May 18 through noon on Saturday, May 19 at Cohasset High.Teams of eight or more people raise money in advance and agree to keep one member strolling, walking or running around the school track at all times. To register a team or for more information about this year's Relay For Life in Cohasset, please contact **Lyn Previte** at 781-383-9723, **Justine Vanderlugt** at 781-383-2956.

WEEKEND FESTIVAL

Just a reminder to everyone about the great weekend of events coming up on this Saturday and Sunday. Saturday, April 28 at St. Anthony's Parish Center is the wonderful Appalachian Festival being held by the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project. It starts at 4 with a Market Place filled with crafts, snacks and some Storytelling, then a wonderful Family Style Dinner followed by a 7:30 performance of Cloggers and Blue Grass Band. For more information on tickets or questions you may have, contact St. Anthony's, St. Stephens, First Parish or the Second Congregational or check out www.CohassetASP.org.

DIVERSITY DAY

On Sunday, also at St. Anthony's Parish Center will be a great program on Diversity. Diversity Day 2001 will feature music, art work from local students, poetry, storytelling, refreshments and a Keynote Speaker, Carole Copeland Thomas. Come join the festivities with the family and help spread the word on Diversity and its importance in everyday life!

SAILING CLUB

Last but not least in this week's column is some Sailing Club news. The Sailing Club is now online at www.CohassetSailingClub.com. On May 5, the docks will be put in the water and anyone who is interested in volunteering on this day should call **Brian Conners** at 781-383-1916. The deadline for sign-ups for all children's programs is May 15 with a first come, first served basis. Make sure to check out the website for more information.

That is all for this week. Keep all your great news coming to me by mail at622 CJC Highway; email at jenpiep@yahoo.com by phone at 781-923-1057or by fax at 781-923-1035(make sure to call ahead) Have a great week!

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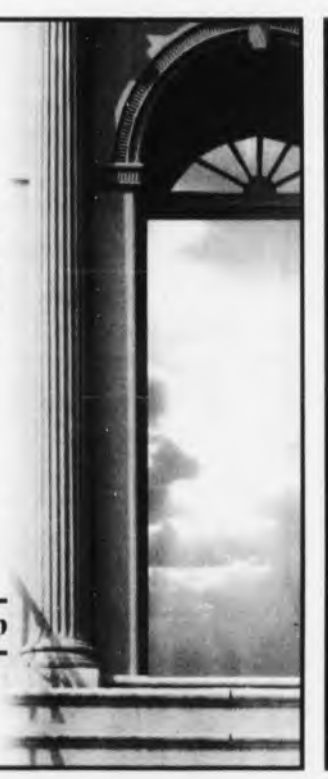
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Appalachian Festival is April 28

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project will sponsor its first Appalachian Festival Saturday, April 28, at St. Anthony's Parish Center (corner Summer and So. Main streets, Cohasset). A unique blend of Appalachian traditions will be presented to help awaken more folks to the culture that all of the ASP volunteers have come to appreciate so much.

From 4 to 6 p.m. there will be an Appalachian Mountain Marketplace with authentic Appalachian crafts for sale, a storyteller, ASP slide shows, funnel cakes, hush puppies, fritters and other traditional snack foods.

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a family-style, sit-down dinner featuring Appalachian cuisine (limited seating).

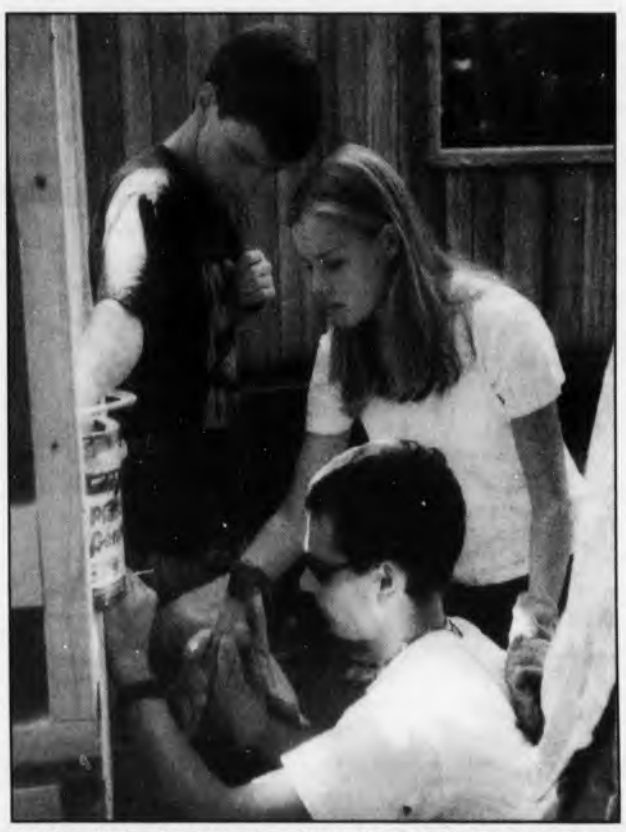
Finally, at 7:30 p.m. there will be entertainment provided by two Appalachian stomp-dance groups, the "Misty Mountain Cloggers" and the "Chair City Cloggers," who will also teach the audience some steps, and a bluegrass band, Dave Foley and the Stand Up Boys.

Tickets, available at local churches, will be as follows, for dinner and performance: adults, $20; teens, $10; children, $5; family maximum, $45; for performance only: adults and teens, $10; children, free; ASP volunteers, $5.

Proceeds to benefit the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project's 14th trip, this year to West Virginia and Virginia with 120 teenage and 55 adult volunteers to do repair and improvement on 25 homes. Call (781) 383-0345 or visit the web site at www.CohassetASP.org for more information about the project.



Keely Dwyer takes a break from work to hold a puppy during last year's ASP project.



L-R, Doug O'Brien, Kate Bosworth and Ted Lubitz are hard at work improving a home as part of the Appalachia Service Project.

Cohasset Diversity Day to focus on differences

By Rick Collins
RICOLLINS@CNC.COM

"There is no such thing as an innocent bystander."

This quote is the reason behind the upcoming "Diversity Day 2001; Cohasset is No Place For Hate."

The event, sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee, will be held on April 29, from 2-4 p.m., at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

The event is designed to help Cohasset residents recognize and respect cultural differences in society, and make Cohasset "no place for hate."

"It may not be happening to us, but it is happening to someone else," said Cohasset Diversity Committee Chairman Susan Etkind. "This is to prepare us to speak up in support of anyone being disenfranchised or discriminated against."

The event's main speaker will be Carole Copeland Thomas, a nation-wide diversity trainer and leadership consultant.

"She's going to talk about awareness and respect for diversity," said Etkind.

Also, storyteller Derek Burrows will spin multicultural tales for school-age children during the main presentation.

The event is supported by the Cohasset Police Department, which will speak on hate crimes, the town churches, Cohasset METCO program, Stop Handgun Violence, and Cohasset Parent School Organization. Etkind also hopes town selectmen will name the day of the event as "Diversity Day" in Cohasset.

She said the committee started six years ago, in response to concern that Cohasset wasn't as welcoming as originally thought. "It started in part because of the growing awareness that there was an issue behind some comments being made in town, and not wanting to wait until it became a huge issues, or a huge incident," Etkind explained. "We wanted to be proactive, and prepare our children and all of us, for living in an increasing diverse society."

The 2000 U.S. Census showed Cohasset's minority population has doubled over the past 10 years, from 0.9 percent to 1.8 percent. Those numbers are expected to climb higher over the next 10 years.

"The event isn't just for school parents or school children, it's for the whole community," Etkind said. "We want to create more awareness that though they may live in a predominately white town, there is diversity, and we want to make sure all people feel welcome."

Allison Moskow, a PSO METCO coordinator, said the diversity program is an opportunity to at people's misperceptions and differences. "People are really quick to judge, when there's a difference, and it's often to validate what choices they're making," she said. "It's OK to judge and find differences, as long as we accept those differences and learn from one another."

The program is free to the community, and all ages are welcome.

Stopping hate crimes starts with awareness

If you are wondering why the small town of Cohasset needs to be concerned about hate crimes because "it doesn't happen here" — you are wrong. The Cohasset Diversity Committee found in collaborating with the Police Department that hate crimes do happen in Cohasset. Of course citizens only know about the ones that are reported. Many people are afraid to report a hate crime particularly if they are a minority and a victim, but many people just do not know what a hate crime is. Sometimes even the perpetrator is unaware that they are committing a crime.

The Diversity Committee, formed in 1995, serves as a resource of information, facilitating education and promoting collaboration within the community. The committee is presently funding a Native American speaker, Hawke Henrie, at the Deer Hill School and is also sponsoring a sixth-grade field trip to a multicultural play. Last spring the METCO Committee and the Diversity Committee sent nine teachers and staff to a METCO Directors' Conference where they attended workshops such as "Kids Can Talk About Race: Facilitating The Conversation." — a workshop for learning to create an anti-racist classroom environment. The Cohasset METCO Committee and the Cohasset PSO joined forces in sponsoring a program with Miriam Jefferson from the National Coalition Building Institute. Twenty-five teachers attended an after-school workshop free to Cohasset faculty, and at the event 25 community members were taught basic bridge-building skills to combat prejudice. As a result of the efforts of the committee, the Cohasset Middle/High School has worked hard to ensure major school or sports events do not conflict with religious holidays of all cultures and religions.

The Diversity Committee is presently funded by the PSO, cookbook sales and community donations. Call Susan Etkind at 383-6602 or Leila Altholtz 383-2263 for more information.

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EDITORIAL

Mutual aid

About 10 years ago in an effort to save costs and provide more efficiency, there was a move afoot to create a seaside fire protection district that would include our area towns. The consultant, who was hired for the study, determined how best to set up the district and where to build the new fire stations. As we recall, the consultant hailed from some faraway land like Oregon where regionalizing is natural and workable.

But anyone who has been in New England longer than five minutes knows how parochial we are. Here on the South Shore — travel from Hingham to Weymouth, for example — and you immediately know which town you're in because each has its own unique character.

Suffice it to say, the expensive regional fire study is somewhere on a shelf gathering dust now.

But interestingly, for as long as we can remember we've had our own regionalized fire/medical service here through mutual aid.

Take Sunday for instance. Cohasset fire responded to an out-of-control brush fire on Atlantic Avenue. Scituate came to help while Hull covered the Cohasset station. Then a woods fire started on Pleasant Street. So Scituate and Hull responded to that fire and Norwell came in to cover the station.

As Town Manager Mark Haddad said, "Thank God for mutual aid. They're there for us and we're there for them."

We don't even want to know the blood pressure reading of an emergency dispatcher when all hell breaks loose. As the old adage says, this is "no way to run a railroad." But like it or not, it's the best system we've got.

We should all be grateful that the patchwork, safety quilt provided by dedicated fire service personnel in our area towns works because chiefs, firefighters and emergency dispatchers make it happen.

— Mary Ford
Editor

Land act meeting tonight

Senator Robert L. Hedlund will host an informational meeting on the Community Preservation Act on Thursday, April 26 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Several speakers from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the Department of Environmental Management and the Department of Revenue will be on hand to discuss the various components of the program.

Members of the general public are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion. For more information please contact the Senator's state house office at (617) 722-1646.



HEALTH NOTES

Health risks of lawn pesticides are a concern

By Steve Bobo
FOR THE COHASSET BOARD OF HEALTH

First in a series

With the advent of the growing season, it's time to remind those with lawns and gardens of some of the benefits of good lawn care practices and the risks to which they are exposed from lawn chemicals. This article is one of a series which describes things you can do to protect your health and environment from the real dangers of pollution from our increasingly complicated environmental problems. The articles will begin with a description of some of the real threats from lawn chemicals. Next, we'll deal with natural landscaping and lawn care and describe what you can do to have a yard which provides both a healthy and attractive environment for you, your guests, and your pets. The article will cover do-it-yourself care as well as providing information about natural lawn care and landscaping specialists. We will also give a listing of local specialists which use natural methods. Finally, in another article, we'll talk about some of the health concerns within your home and what you can do about them. This article will also tell what you can do create a healthy home environment, and how to select and advise those who may do your housework.

Pesticides

First, according to the EPA, all pesticides are associated with some risk to human health and the environment.

It is illegal to claim that a pesticide is "safe" even when used as directed.

• Scientific findings link exposure to common lawn care pesticides with an increased risk of several types of cancer, neurological and respiratory diseases and birth defects.

• Lawn care pesticides present special risks for children who spend much of their time playing outdoors. The National Cancer Institute reported that children are at risk for brain and other childhood cancers and six times more likely to develop leukemia when lawn pesticides are used.

Here are some of the risks to you & your children from pesticides.

• In a review- of case-control studies & case report. childhood cancers linked to pesticides include: leukemia, brain cancer, Wilm's tumor, sott-tissue sarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, &, cancers of the colorectum & testes (Environmental Health Perspectives 106 (Suppl. 3):893—908)

• Non-Hodgkin's Type Lymphoma (the second fastest growing cancer in the U.S.) has repeatedly been associated with use of the weedkiller 2,4-D in studies in the U.S., Canada & Sweden.(Rachel's Environmental Health Weekly #250

• Many lawn care pesticides are classified as endocrine disruptors which can cause irreversible damage to endocrine and reproductive systems in both males and females.

• Organophosphate insecticides (Malathion, Dursban Diazinon, Orthene) act by damaging the nervous system. A 1997 EPA Review of Dursban Poisoning Information revealed 9 published studies documenting 1,432 organophosphate pesticide poisoning victims who still suffered nerve & brain damage one to ten years after exposure.

• Many lawn care pesticides remain toxic long after the "24 hour" re-entry recommendations. Breakdown products (metabolites) of pesticides may be even more toxic than the original active ingredients. "Inerts" (undisclosed ingredients) can also be highly toxic and can comprise up to 97% of the pesticide product.

Here are some risks to our environment from pesticides.

• Pesticide runoff pollutes ground and surface water which threatens the safety of our drinking water supply. In addition, many lawn pesticides are toxic to aquatic and marine organisms.

• Regular pesticide use kills microorganisms in the soil and weakens plants so that they are vulnerable to pest infestation and disease. Pesticides can also sicken or kill non-target organisms, such as beneficial insects, fish, birds, and even family pets.

• Excess fertilizer & pesticides run off into our ponds, streams, rivers, lakes and bays.

• Synthetic pesticides, such as weedkillers, insecticides, rodenticides & fungicides are used to kill living organisms, including many that are beneficial to the soil, such as earthworms.

• Routine or unnecessary spraying can cause organisms to become resistant to pesticides.,

Pesticides and pets

Dogs whose owners used the common weed killer 2, 4-D on their lawns were twice as likely to die of cancer. (J Nat Cancer Inst., Vol. 83: 1 226- 3 I)

Safe alternatives to Pesticides are widely available and effective.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library Friends

TO THE EDITOR:

The Friends of the Cohasset Library look forward to an exciting year. The year 2000 was a productive year of service to Cohasset starting with our annual fund drive. The results of this drive allowed the Friends to provide numerous goods and services to the library and to continue to sponsor enrichment programs for our patrons.

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Library was founded in 1968 as an organization composed of volunteers who gave many hours of help to the library. The Friends now deliver books to nursing homes and shut-ins, sponsor programs at the library, organize book sales, purchase books and furnishings and the ever-expanding technology.

Since its beginning the Friends has expanded its role in the community and has provided passes to numerous museums including the Children's Museum, the Science Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Kennedy Library, the New England Aquarium, and thanks to a special friend, Lucille McLoughlin, Plimouth Plantation.

Last year the Children's Room was outfitted with a new computer and printer. Support continued for the children of Cohasset with parties in conjunction with the Cohasset Drama Club's children's productions. The summer program, "reading/puzzles" led by Deer Hill librarian, Marge Murphy, as well as several performers for the children from opera to magic continued with Friends' support.

Art exhibits, through the joint efforts of the Friends and the South Shore Art Center, continue to enrich the library on a monthly basis. It is a wonderful opportunity for all to view the artist at leisure and for the young and old to have exposure to a "gallery" setting each month.

The goal of the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library remains to support and enhance library services. With the prospect of an exciting new library, we look to new membership and welcome both new and longtime Cohasset residents who would like to become part of the Friends. The library is looking for new volunteers to help with various tasks at the library. If you are interested in a volunteer position at the library please call Linda Wakeman, (781) 383-6641, president of the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library, or Paul Pratt Memorial Library (781) 383-1348.

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Special cruise

TO THE EDITOR:

The trustees of the Scituate Historical Society would like to thank the following Cohasset residents for their participation in the society's Minot's Light Remembrance Cruise of April 16: artist David Alexander for his donation of a painting of Minot's Light for the onboard silent auction; and A.J. Antoine, Herb and Ken Jason, John Small and Rich Silvia, all descendants of Keeper Joseph Antoine, for casting a wreath upon the water in front of the lighthouse in memory of their ancestor lost 150 years ago that night. Thank you all for making the event so memorable.

John J. Galluzzo
Special Projects Coordinator
Scituate Historical Society

— COMMENTARY —

Where the new Paul Pratt Library stands

By Patience Towle and Sheila Evans
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

At the March, 2000, Town Meeting, a new Cohasset library at the old Joseph Osgood School was given the go-ahead by voters, provided that

- the Library Trustees raise $700,000
- Cohasset receives a Massachusetts Library Construction Grant, and
- the current Paul Pratt Library building is sold when it becomes vacant.

During the past year, much progress has been made. The Cohasset Library Building Fund, Inc. was formed as a 501(c)(3) corporation to enable donors to make gifts to the new library that would be tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Its officers are Patience G. Towle, President, Barbara M. Power, Vice-President, Sheila S. Evans, Secretary, and Sarah R. Pease, Treasurer. They are all Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.



An architect's rendering from Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates of the exterior of the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Next week, every Cohasset household will receive a mailing that asks for a gift to the Cohasset Library Building Fund.

Next a Cohasset Building Fund Committee was formed to solicit personally more than 150 potential donors. The Committee members are Elizabeth B. Baker, S. Woodworth Chittick, Ralph S. Dormitzer, Mark W. Dunne, Bernadette Faulkner, Jane O. Goedecke, June S. Hubbard, William E. Kelley, Beverly J. Koswick, Polly Logan, Roger L. Lowe, Laurens MacLure, Agnes McCann, Monica Y. McKenney, Doris R. McNulty, F. Wisner Murray, Diarmuid O'Connell, Kathleen A. Ofsthun, Sallyann Kakas Quebec, John P. Reardon, Jr., Suzan Redgate, Carol A. Riley, Margaret D. Schroeder, Kathleen L. Sherbrooke, Linda R.Wakeman, and Roger S. Whitley.

The Committee worked very hard through the summer and fall and completed their assignments by the end of 2000. Combined with gifts pledged to the Building Fund before the Committee started its work, more than $800,000 has been pledged to make Cohasset's new library a reality!

The good news is that the more than $800,000 pledged to date is $100,000 more than the Trustees promised to raise. The bad news is that, due to delay by the State in inviting applications for Construction Grants, the project is now estimated to cost $3.3 million, rather than the $2.9 million estimated in the original schedule presented to Town Meeting last year.

Of the $3.3 million now needed for the project, a Massachusetts Library Construction Grant, if awarded on June 7th, will provide $1.5 million, and sale of the current library building will yield an expected $700,000 (its appraised value in 1998). The remainder needed is $1.1 million, of which more than $800,000 has been pledged.

But $300,000 is still needed! Next week, every Cohasset household will receive a mailing that asks for a gift to the Cohasset Library Building Fund. The Library Trustees are confident that more than $300,000 will be raised from this appeal.

The long history of Cohasset's public library has been one of combined public and private support. The generous response to the Building Fund to date indicates great enthusiasm for the wonderful plans for a 15,000 square foot library all on one floor — with ample parking and a community room for public use that will seat up to 60 persons. The names of all persons making gifts of $1,000 or more to the Building Fund will be permanently listed on a Donor Wall in the new library. The names of all donors to the Building Fund will be listed in a final campaign report.

Next week, more details about the new library…

Library trustees Patience Towle and Sheila Evans are also chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Cohasset Library Building Fund.

We're second in sex poll!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Shades of Hester Prynne, the fictional adulteress of old Salem towne!

A survey by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta has designated the old Puritan stronghold of Massachusetts as the second most sexually promiscuous state in the union.

And not a Clinton in sight!

The survey, known as the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System — the name will be changed when it comes out in paperback, I hope — measured the sexually active Bay State adults, ages 18-49, who admitted having two or more sex partners in the past year.

There were 13.6 per cent of them.

If Hester Prynne were alive today, she would simply fade away into the crowd and lose her position as the heroine of the novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne or the movie starring Demi Moore.

"We live in a very sexual city," Larry Kessler, director of Boston's AIDS Action Committee told the Herald. "This is a city with 66 colleges.

I'm not surprised at all. The Puritan ethic died 200 years ago. Boston is a trendy, young city with a huge single base. There's a lot of sexual activity. To pretend otherwise is absurd."

As a matter of fact, I was surprised and a little envious. At my age, I feel a little like a 75-year-old priest would feel when the Pope releases the clergy from their vows of eternal chastity.

If Hester Prynne were alive today, she would simply fade away into the crowd…

The only state to top Massachusetts in promiscuity in the CDC survey was Nevada, the "anything goes" state with 17.6 per cent. Nevada is the state where it is legal for promiscuous wannabes to line up at the box office of the Ride 'Em Cowboy Ranch with Visa or American Express cards clutched in their hot little hands waiting to be introduced to their next partner.

The survey was taken by the Center for Disease Control because they are concerned with the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted ailments that can be prevented through the use of condoms.

About 66 per cent of sexually active Massachusetts residents told the CDC surveyors that they used a condom the last time they had sex, which thrilled Jean McGuire, the director of the State Health Department's AIDS Bureau.

"We're pleased about the increasing impact we're having," she said.

That seems to echo the words of those who have given up the good fight against promiscuity — "They're going to do it anyway, so let's teach them the right and safe way to do it."

But all is not lost!

All the respondents in the CDC survey were asked the question: "During the last 12 months, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?" and 13 per cent of those from Massachusetts refused to answer.

Which leads me to believe that, in spite of their promiscuity, many Bay State residents still hold to the chivalrous ethic:

"A lady is never asked, and a gentleman never tells."

A day for outdoor birds and indoor cats

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON



Cats and birds are not usually considered to be compatible playmates. May 12, however, is a day dedicated to celebrating and conserving both.

International Migratory Bird Day is an annual event held the second Saturday in May. IMBD is the creation of Partners in Flight, an organization of cooperative effort between multiple groups, including government agencies at all levels, philanthropic foundations, professional organizations, conservation organizations, industry, the academic community, and private individuals. PIF was founded in 1990 in response to growing concerns regarding declines in populations of landbird species. It focuses on efforts to conserve birds and their habitat, trying not to duplicate work done by other conservation organizations. Species that breed in the Nearctic (North America) and winter in the Neotropics (Central and South America) were the first concern. The focus has since expanded to include most landbirds.

This year the Fish and Wildlife Service, a PIF member, is the sponsor of IMBD. Each year there is a theme related to conservation. This year the theme is shade-grown coffee. Last year it was the recovery of the Peregrine Falcon. I have written about shade-grown coffee in a previous article, but for more information, visit http://americanbirding.org/programs/conssbcof3.htm on the web.



www.americanbirding.org

May 12 is also "National Keep Your Cat Indoors Day", an event sponsored by the American Bird Conservancy in conjunction with The Humane Society of the United States and the American Humane Society. Cats were first domesticated around 2000 BC in Egypt where they were worshipped as goddesses. Gradually they were exported around the world, and today are the most favored pets in North America.

Cats are soft and furry. They are cute and cuddly. Cats are also hunters by instinct. Studies show they kill hundreds of millions of birds and small mammals each year, including endangered species. Thus, predation by cats is a significant threat to birds along with habitat destruction, natural disasters, and food shortages.

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People can put bells on their cats and keep their cats well fed, but these efforts have been shown to be ineffective. One study by the Mammal Society in England showed that cats wearing bells killed about the same number of birds as did cats not wearing bells, but the bell wearers killed 33 percent more mammals.

Keeping cats indoors is not just about protecting birds. Indoor cats tend to live three to four times as long, on average, as outdoor cats. The hazards of automobiles, predators, disease, poison, and encounters with other cats or dogs are real and dangerous. Unfortunately, too many people abandon their cats after a summer vacation. This practice leads to an increase in the number of stray cats, the offspring of which become feral or wild cats. Spaying and neutering your cats is a good way to help keep down the population of feral cats.



www.abcbirds.org

There are at least five IMBD events taking place in Massachusetts on May 12. These will be located at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Concord, at Federated Church, Davis Hall in Bolton, at the New England Aquarium and the Museum of Science in Boston, and at Autumn Hills Orchard in Groton. To find out more, visit http://birds.fws.gov/imbd/events.html and click on "Search the events registry". Perhaps you can participate in one of these events, or work on solutions for keeping your cat indoors, or just get out and look for spring migrants. This is a time to enjoy and celebrate spring migration with a commitment to trying to insure it will continue.

Joanne Norton is a licensed bird-bander, avid birder, and a member of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force.

Hedlund, Bradley willing to give Swift a chance

By Rick Collins
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Like it or not, Jane Swift is the Governor of Massachusetts.

Despite having "acting" before her title, she wields the constitutional power of the office.

Although her reputation precedes her — including a controversial ride on a State Police helicopter to her Western Massachusetts home and use of staff members to baby-sit her daughter — local legislators are greeting the new governor with an open mind.

"It is important to give her a chance," says freshman state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. "I know as a resident of this state I want to see my governor succeed. It doesn't do us any good to hope she doesn't."

Despite not seeing eye to eye on many issues, Bradley said he would to give her the "benefit of the doubt." He said part of that willingness stems from the decade she has spent walking the marbled halls of the State House.

"She's been in this building for 10 or 11 years now, she knows her way around," Bradley said.

Swift first came to the State House as an elected official in 1991, when she was 25, and was a freshman senator with a tall, lanky 29-year old Weymouth Republican named Robert Hedlund.

"She was one of the quickest studies in the Republican caucus, if not the entire Senate," Hedlund said. "You could drop a 50-page brief on her desk and she'd be the first to come back with a complete dissertation and top to bottom review and analysis. I have no hesitations about her intelligence."

Hedlund was also encouraged about the possibility of Swift helping the state Republican party out of its recent doldrums. He thought former Gov. William Weld was a "little bit detached" from the legislative caucus, and was disappointed when things got worse under former Gov. Paul Cellucci.

Hedlund said in her first two weeks in office, Swift has already demonstrated a desire to work with her party. He also praised the people she has surrounded herself with, calling it a more "altruistic" group than Cellucci's.

"I know as a resident of this state I want to see my governor succeed. It doesn't do us any good to hope she doesn't."
— State Rep. Garrett Bradley

One of those people is former Plymouth County Sheriff Peter Forman, now Swift's chief of staff.

"He's got a good grasp on the issues affecting the South Shore," Hedlund said.

Neither Hedlund nor Bradley think Swift's ascension will result in any major policy shifts, whether the issue is the state budget or restoration of the Greenbush Line of the Old Colony Railroad.

"She's not going to come out and make a huge policy change," Hedlund said, but did leave the door open for the slight possibility of a change in the status of the train project. He said if current Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan left, and others came into positions of power, there was a "remote possibility" they could send different recommendations to Swift.

Bradley said he considered Swift and Cellucci to be "lockstep" when it came to most issues.

"She can't change the budget [which was filed months ago by Cellucci]," he said "Where she can have an effect is in the veto area when that time comes."

State dems oppose runway

The Massachusetts Democratic Party, at a meeting in West Dennis on April 21, adopted a resolution opposing proposed expansion plans at Logan Airport. The resolution took issue with the rationale behind the expansion, criticized its environmental impacts on nearby communities, and called for more coherent regional transportation planning.

The full text of the resolution reads as follows:

" The Cellucci/Swift Logan Runway Expansion Proposal is bad for the environment, bad for the economy and bad for average citizens who want a safe and dependable flight in and out of Logan Airport. Air travel delay is a serious problem of national proportions. In seven years of Weld/Cellucci/Swift control, Massport has done nothing to solve the air travel delay problem other than turn to this shortsighted and ineffective runway idea. Massachusetts needs creative and courageous leadership that will understand the importance of alternatives such as demand and gate management techniques, to reduce over-scheduling and invest in a truly multi-modal transportation network.

"We, the Massachusetts Democratic Party, resolve to support the efforts of Communities Against Runway Expansion, and all of those who believe that Massport's runway expansion proposal is generationally irresponsible and that it will not resolve air travel delay in the region. We further resolve to oppose the Cellucci/Swift administration's decisions to degrade the quality of life in communities surrounding Logan Airport by building Runway 14/32."

NDA sophomore captains Relay team

Recruits fellow students to join

By Rick Collins
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This year will be Martha Henderson's third year participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, to be held May 18-19, at Cohasset High School.

And it will be the second time the 16-year-old sophomore at Notre Dame Academy has captained her own team.

Martha first participated in the 21-hour fundraiser in 1999 and enjoyed the event so much, she recruited a bunch of her friends for last year's relay.

"I told them how much fun I had," she said. Last year she sent out emails and along with 11 of her friends, raised $1,400 for the fight against cancer — and had some fun in the process.

"We brought a Frisbee and taught everyone how to play," she said. "We had a site back in the corner of the field, and played soccer and volleyball. We had a lot of athletic people on our team, and we taught everyone how to play."

Martha, a Cohasset resident who attended public schools in town until she went to Notre Dame, also knew a number of other young participants at the event.

"I was the only one from Cohasset on my team, and because I went to public school, I knew a lot of kids our age," she said. "We talked to them and our teams kind of meshed together."

"My friends came up to me afterwards and in September and kept asking if I was doing it. There's a lot of interest."
— Martha Henderson, 16

Martha said she and one of her friends spent five hours walking around the track in the wee hours of the morning, just so her team could keep someone on the track for the entire event.

The fun the team had made its way back to the Hingham private school, which has a strong history of volunteerism, thanks to its campus ministry program.

"They're big into community service and helping out," Martha said. "The principals told me it would be great work, and that it was exactly something they were trying to put it together."

Last year's coverage in the Mariner, which featured Martha and her team walking around the track, was pinned up in the Notre Dame halls. She said her friends have been anxious for a while to get back out on the track.

"My friends came up to me afterwards and in September and kept asking if I was doing it," she said. "There's a lot of interest."

This year Martha expects to have 14 people on her team, and hopes to raise $1,900. She isn't dedicating the relay to anyone in particular, but said she will light a luminaria in memory of her uncle, who passed away from cancer.

The event starts Friday at 3 p.m. with cancer survivors taking a Survivor's Lap around the track. The event ends at noon the following day.

Last year 36,000 people took part in 34 events across Massachusetts, and raised a total of $5 million for the American Cancer Society. Money raised is used for research, education and local services for cancer patients and their families.



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Cohasset's Martha Henderson, back row center, is captain of the NDA Relay For Life team. She is surrounded by some of her teammates on the NDA track.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Legion service

A memorial service for the 15 deceased members of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 118 will be conducted at 1 p.m., Saturday at Woodside Cemetery. The public is invited.

Polly Logan Fund

On Friday, May 11, the Polly Logan Fund will sponsor its first annual Spring Symposium at the Fairmont Copley Plaza beginning at noon. The luncheon will feature Dr. Catherine Allgor, author of the recent book, "Parlor Politics: in Which the Ladies of Washington Help Build a City and a Government."

The honorary co-chairs of the event are Gov. Jane Swift; William M. Bulger, president of the University of Massachusetts; Andrew H. and the Rev. Kathleen B. Card; Anne Lewis; Liz Carpenter, special consultant to the LBJ Library and Museum; Paul G. Kirk, chairman, John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Lawrence S. DiCara; Susan Roosevelt Weld; Evelyn Murphy, Former Lieutenant Governor; William S. Saltonstall, former state senator; and William D. Weeks, former state senator.

Tickets to the fundraiser are $125. Advance reservations are required by calling (617) 287-5541 or sending a check to: The Polly Logan Fund, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02125-3393.

The Polly Logan Fund was established through the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy with the McCormack Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston to give talented and committed women the tools to help them effectively lead.

The Fund is named for Polly Logan of Cohasset, a lifelong community leader.

Disco dancing

Don't miss the South Shore Community Center fund-raiser, "Saturday Night Fever," May 12, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Cost is $50 per person or $75 per couple.

Dress is casual. There will be disco dancing and bowling. Open bar is from 7 to 8 p.m. Raffle prizes include front row seats to Red Sox, Spa basket and James Taylor tickets.

Tickets can be purchased ahead at the community center, (781) 383-0088. M.C., Visa or Discover are accepted.

Unicorn singers

The Hingham-based Unicorn Singers, under the direction of Margo Euler, will perform John Rutter's Requiem at their upcoming spring concerts on Saturday April 28 at 8 p.m. at Hingham's House of Prayer Lutheran Church, and on Sunday April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset village.

Tickets for the concert are $10 and are available at Noble's in Hingham Square, from chorus members, by phone (781.749.6561), and at the door.

Village task force backs CRC plans

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additional four parking spaces to the area because of the longer curb cut along the community center side.

The task force also recommended:

Σ new sidewalks and crosswalks be constructed along Ripley Road, Depot Court and Pleasant Street, down to the Post Office, as well as a redesign of the intersection outside the town parking lot. "We want to narrow things down and define the curbs a little better," he said.

• The Cecil Group's re-design plan for the town parking lot that would also define the location of the buried train roundhouse under the parking lot.

• the creation of a rolling sidewalk along the north side of Brook Street between Dependable Cleaners and the Hingham Institute for Savings, and installation of a new sidewalk and curb cut in front of Cohasset News.

• three expanded sidewalk areas along the east side of South Main Street for street trees and benches. O'Brien said the trees would probably be located at the corners of South Main and Elm Streets, and South Main and Brook Streets, as well as a tree in front of Shipcove Park.

• a new sidewalk along the base of St. Stephen's Church, while maintaining the current parking layout along South Main Street. Town Meeting originally voted in 1998 to create a sidewalk there and O'Brien said the task force vote "reiterated what should be done."

• a park be designed at Reardon Square, at the end of Brook Street.

• making the crosswalks of a different material than the asphalt road. They suggested stamped asphalt, granite pavers, or another interlocking paving system.

The task force also wants the town to look into expanding the town parking lot on town-owned land next to the Teen Center, adding a sidewalk along the Red Lion Inn side of James Way, and a redesign of the island in front of Kimball's By the Sea.

"It's great to see it's finally getting there."

— Tim O'Brien, task force chairman

It also wants The Cecil Group to look into the possibility of creating a green median strip from the fire/police station down to Kimball's By the Sea. The barrier would have room for trees and plants, as well as curb cuts for Elm Street residents.

Present at the meeting were O'Brien, Joe Coggins, Noel Ripley and Town Planner Liz Harrington.

CRC Executive Director, and former task force chairman, Dean Rizzo was also at the meeting, but not able to vote. "Dean does all the legwork, and it gets decided by all of us," O'Brien said about the difference between Rizzo's and the task force's roles. "Not everyone understands that."

O'Brien said once the Cecil Group knows what the circulation pattern of the village is going to be, it can create a set of final design plans which will be presented and voted on at a future Town Meeting.

But O'Brien said after years of talk, he's happy to see the project move forward. "It's great to see it's finally getting there," he said.

Rizzo is also happy with the progress.

"Its great to see the task force start to make choices and narrow down the options because it is such a large, encompassing process," he said. "As you saw from the votes, they made a lot of decisions which really will make it easier to move forward. It brings more focus to the overall effort, and better defines the objectives and goals in a presentable way to community."

Rizzo is also confident that funding for the improvements will be available. He said a large chunk of work could be paid for through the $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development grant the town has applied for with MBTA backing.

"That's what these grants are for, for the downtown area," he said. "It's for economic development and downtown improvements."

Also, the town has a $169,000 MassHighway grant for the St. Stephen's sidewalk work, waiting for the town to file plans and claim the grant.

State to visit Cohasset schools

Supt. Edward M. Malvey, of the Cohasset Public Schools recently was informed by the Commissioner of Education of an upcoming department of Education Coordinated Program Review visit. The department's onsite visit will occur during the week of May 7. Such visits are routinely conducted by the department to satisfy federal and state education requirements to review periodically specific education programs and services in local school districts throughout the Commonwealth. The department is conducting the review of several programs during a single visit in order to be more efficient in the time spent on this mandated activity by both department and school system staff, and also to make strong connections with the programs under Education Reform.

Malvey said that the Department's Coordinated Program Review process will address the program areas of Student Support Services/Special Education and include a review of school district program procedures, a study of individual student records, and an onsite visit by a Department of Education Team. The Department Team will conduct interviews of district administrators, teachers and parents, conduct observations of instructional sites and prepare a report for the Superintendent and School Committee.

A written response by the school district. to any identified issues noted in the Department's Coordinated Program Review Final Report will be developed by school officials. The school district may request technical assistance from the State Department of Education in responding to this report. Both the department's report and the school district's response will be available to the public upon request.

Malvey said that he is confident that the Department's Program Review process will be a useful and positive experience for all staff in the district, and that the report will be a useful planning document for continued development of educational services for all students.

Department of Education Program Review procedures provide that any member of the public may request to be interviewed by telephone by a member of the department's visiting team. Persons wishing to be interviewed should call the Student Support Services Office at (781) 383-6104 no later than May 1, to leave their name and phone number, or they may call the Department of Education at (781) 338-3723 to speak with LeRoy Wong. A member of the visiting team will then contact each person desiring an interview within two weeks after the completion of the onsite portion of the review. If an individual does not write or speak English, is not comfortable communicating in English, or requires some other accommodation, the Department will make arrangements to communicate appropriately with the individual.



RECOUNT

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Patrick Waters, an attorney, shows observers for candidate Adrienne MacCarthy the proper procedure for making a protest during the school committee election recount on Saturday.

Martin is still winner after election recount

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first time out there, I'm very happy. I would've loved to have won but to come this close is just as sweet."

However, she said she was disappointed in Martin's attempt to delay the recount.

"I'm very disappointed, I don't feel that extra step needed to have been taken," MacCarthy said. "I felt it was an unnecessary move."

MacCarthy, who had to obtain the signatures of ten registered voters in each of the town's two precincts, filed her petition requesting a recount on April 12, easily beating the 5 p.m., April 17 deadline. Once the signatures were validated, the Saturday recount date was set.

Martin's lawyer filed their protest with Town Clerk Marion Douglas on Thursday, less than 48 hours before the recount's scheduled starting time.

"It came out of the blue," MacCarthy said. "I didn't anticipate it or expect it."

Martin said since MacCarthy had until Tuesday at 5 p.m. to make any changes to the request, her lawyer didn't receive a copy of it until Wednesday, and notified Douglas the following day. Martin said her lawyer argued it wasn't valid because it lacked the section explaining why MacCarthy was requesting a recount.

"We argued it was not completed, therefore it was not valid," Martin said. "It wasn't a delay, it was just that was how the sequence of events worked out."

MacCarthy was notified of the protest Friday afternoon at 1 p.m., and received a request for a response by Town Counsel at 8 p.m., the night before the recount.

"The Board of Registrars accepted my petition, I worked with them filing it…They felt my paperwork was fine," MacCarthy said. She said she was a little upset to find out at "the 11th hour that lawyers had been called in."

She credited Pat Waters, an Aaron River Road resident and lawyer, with helping her prepare her response in time. "I'm not sure without his counsel and knowledge of the process, and knowledge of doing the right thing, what we'd be discussing right now."

Waters said he argued that a lack of a reason for the recount was not enough to prevent a recount, particularly after the petition had been accepted by the Board of Registrars.

Douglas said the Board of Registrars agreed with MacCarthy, and allowed the recount to go forward. She said the hand recount of the 1,816 ballots cast April 7 took 2-1/2 hours to complete.

MacCarthy said with the outcome of the election now certain, she plans on staying involved in the town PSO. "That's what I'm here to do, it's what I do best," she said. "I take our school system very seriously. I think it's a great system, and I'll help it anyway I can. I won't stop doing that because of a loss."

The next school committee meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset Middle/High School.

Green light for one-way trial

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thing at once," Sullivan said, drawing similar responses from Brown and task force Chairman Timothy O'Brien. "I didn't like it at first, but I went down to the village and walked around, and I think it might work."

The main argument against a one-way South Main Street was that certain businesses that rely on morning commuter traffic, such as French Memories, Tedeschi's and the gas station, would be adversely impacted by the change. However, Sullivan said he doesn't think the change would have that much of an affect.

"It might take some effort to change some habits," he said, "but it doesn't take much too much longer to loop around."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said he had spoken to a village store owner and said the owner had no problem with the change.

Brown said he thinks the current two-way traffic pattern "causes more problems," especially from drivers that illegally cross over to access South Main Street's angled parking.

"I think it would make the whole area safer," said Sullivan.

Selectman Thomas Callahan, one of the more vocal objectors to the one-way pattern when first presented in March, also voted to give initial approval to the trial period.

"I went down to the village and walked around, and I think it might work."

— Selectman Michael Sullivan

He said he goes back and forth on whether or not the change would work. "I have no major problem with it," he said. "My sole concern is the businesses that depend on morning traffic.

Callahan said the only way to find out what the impact will be is to implement the change and see what happens.

Selectmen Ronnie McMorris was not present at the meeting, but Town Manager Mark Haddad said she was comfortable with the trial period, as long as it had the backing of Fire Chief Roger Lincoln.

CRC Executive Director Dean Rizzo said both Lincoln and Police Chief Brian Noonan were willing to try the one-way traffic pattern.

The initial go-ahead now means Rizzo has to meet with Lincoln, Noonan, Haddad and Department of Public Works Superintendent Harold Litchfield to create an implementation plan, and establish how much the trial period will cost the town.

Rizzo gave a ballpark figure of between $3,000 to $4,000. He said the angled parking stripes could be taped over, and replaced by stripes going the other way.

Haddad reminded Rizzo that "there is no money in the budget for this."

Selectmen will vote on final approval for the trial period at their May 8 meeting. They said they will entertain comments from village business owners and residents before the vote.

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A year-round venture at Strawberry Parfait

New owners keep popular menu

By Mary Ford
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Some might say Jim Alibrandi has it all wrong.

He gave up what was essentially a 9-5 job with weekends off — to work all kinds of crazy hours, seven days a week.

But a quick conversation with the Hull resident reveals his is doing what he loves, even if that means slaving over a hot grille for hours on end.

Alibrandi is the new owner of the Strawberry Parfait tucked in at the rear of the town parking lot near the abandoned railroad tracks off Pleasant Street.

"I checked the newspaper every day," he recalls. "I'd been looking for a place like this for a year or longer."

The diner/take-out shop has been a summer landmark for decades. Hungry customers call or come in for not only ice cream but also a range of sandwiches and meals — most of which are not for the weight-watchers among us including fried clam and seafood plates and barbecued dinners. Although fresh fruit cups with yogurt or sherbet on top are lighter offerings.

Alibrandi and his wife, Dottie, who works at Filenes but helps out at the restaurant in her time off, are careful to point out that all the Strawberry Parfait favorites including the ever-popular chicken sandwich the "Clucker", hot spicy buffalo wings and clam chowder are still available.

The couple plans to add "new things" to the menu slowly, but wants the public to know "everything is the same" that was offered under the long-time, prior owner Carmine Carlucci, who bought the store in 1978.

Carlucci says the shop started out selling only ice cream.

"I bought it as an ice cream shop. There were chairs and seats where the kitchen is. There was strawberry wallpaper, a green floor and parfait glasses," he recalled. Carlucci said he put the kitchen in expanded the menu. The building has an interesting history. It served as the coal shed for the railroad and years later Hassan woodcarving was housed there. In fact the fisherman statue outside Kimball's was carved in the building, Carlucci said.

The shop, which opened March 24, won't close at summer's end as it has in years past. The Alibrandis plan to stay open year-round. It didn't take them long to discover they bought a town treasure.

"Even a little kid came in and said, ' you know this is a landmark don't you?'" Dottie says with a smile.

They are impressed with how friendly everyone is. About 50 percent of the business is take-out, ordered over the phone, but on a typical afternoon or evening the line still goes out the door. On weekends, an army of youngsters on bikes, scooters and skateboards make the Strawberry Parfait with its picnic tables the place to meet and eat.

Jim has worked in the food industry in one way or another since he was a teenager. He gave up a job in food services and setting up kitchens in nursing homes to get back to his roots, so to speak. He got his start at the Snack Shack at Hull's Paragon Park years ago and later owned sub-shops.

"At 51, I felt like doing it all over again," he says. "It's like another home here. I love the business."



PHOTO/MARY FORD

Dottie and Jim Alibrandi stand in front of the Strawberry Parfait, a business they bought from former long-time owner Carmine Carlucci in March.

Local woman in the Barbie business

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Barbie" phone call that came into her Newbury Street office several months ago actually wasn't the first. Ford and her agency have spearheaded similar campaigns before, as last October the Ford Management Group was commissioned by the Mattel toy company to provide a whopping 2600 "live Barbies" for every Wal-Mart location nationwide. So just why exactly? Ford thankfully explains for those a bit confused.

"The thrust of these programs — known in the industry as 'meet and greets'— is to get Moms, Dads and children into the stores," Ford says. "They have their photo taken with the model, and hopefully walk away having bought something."

Events like these operate with the sponsoring company providing Barbie her famous pink gown, while Ford's agency supplies the models themselves. And just where do these hordes of Barbies come from? Good question. It's not as if Ford Management Group is out plucking lookalikes from off the street (although in a rare instance one actually was "found" on the MBTA), but instead the company pulls from its own ten offices across the country —occasionally utilizing the Internet to recruit additional help.

In truth, in comparison to the 2000-plus Wal-Mart event, the Toys R Us event which went off with hardly a hitch a few weeks ago almost felt like kids' stuff. Today, Ford appears to handle everything with ease, perhaps because she's been "doing it" since she was a kid. A former model herself having worked her way through school, Ford founded her agency (not affiliated with "that other" Ford company for those wondering) at the ripe young age of 23.

And now, several decades later, the former jet-setting fashion model finds herself leading — well, not exactly a quiet life — but a more consistent one with her family here in Cohasset. For the past 16 years Ford (a native of Braintree) has resided here in town on Hobart Lane with husband Curt, son Fletcher Smalzel (age 12), and daughter Colby Smalzel (age 8).



Candy Ford, founder and president of Ford Management Group, relaxes in her home on Atlantic Avenue. The company was commissioned by the Toys R Us retail chain to provide hundreds of Barbie lookalikes for its 705 stores.

Leading agency

Meanwhile, life at The Ford Management Group has been anything but predictable. Ford's agency is among the leading agencies supplying men, women and child models for print campaigns, fashion shows and promotional events. Over the years Ford's agency has supplied countless costume characters to events like trade shows, as well as providing promotional models for concerts like The Backstreet Boys. To the company's credit, The Ford Management Group even gathered the "Bud Girls" for the recent Bush vs. Gore debate at UMASS (Did you know the event even had Bud Girls?) And on the whole, "What our company does is very diverse," sums up Ford. "Really it's an awful lot of fun."

However, with all the requests coming in, it's fair to say that for the past year Ford and her agency have been living and breathing Barbie. "It's true we've sort of been living in Barbie World for a while now," laughs Ford. "All of the staff has been looking everywhere to find them. It's been sort of a big Barbie hunt!" In actuality, the "breathing Barbies" have been portrayed by everyone from school teachers, to college students, to lawyers and investment analysts — and have even represented a surprising spectrum of cultural backgrounds. "Some stores actually requested more ethnic looking models," explains Ford. "Particularly areas where, say, the African American or Hispanic population was higher. Those stores wanted their Barbies to represent their community."

And finally, just in case you have any left over questions, Ford patiently fills in the gaps. Aside from the requisite blonde locks, such events' Barbies need to stand at least 5 ft. 6 ins. in height (including heels), and range in age from 18 to 25 so as to do properly do justice to the doll's youthful image. No tattoos, body piercings are allowed, while earrings are limited to one in each ear. But no, in case you're curious, participants are not expected to meet the "real Barbie"'s impossible proportions, as even Ford herself admits, "no real person has a body like that."

On the other hand, Ford's models are expected to duplicate the real doll's demeanor. While on stage at the promotion location, the sponsoring companies ask lookalikes to "maintain the Barbie personality," and "strive to physically portray a little girl's fantasy of Barbie's persona." Ford elaborates. "The Barbie had to be smiling, happy, polite, and so on. . . . It's all about role playing, and the models all get into it. They sort of become little actresses for the day."

Ford goes on to report that while she certainly hasn't spoken to every Barbie that's taken part individually, "on the whole 98 percent of them say they had a blast." And while she admits she has gotten a couple of negative comments from the public at large, by and large the response has been positive. "In the end it's all about little girls playing with dolls," she says.

Fits the times

Besides, the doll's image has adapted to fit the times, reminds the former model. No longer "all about fashion," the millennium Barbie has received a personality makeover. "Barbie used to be seen as kind of ditzy," offers Ford, "but today she's all about careers." It's true today's toy stores offer the dolls dressed up as everything from police women to basketball players, and in general Ford believes the doll's popularity has reached an all-time high. Today, accompanying her own daughter Colby down the toy aisles, Ford says she can't believe just how much there is out there, in comparison to the days when she had her own collection. "It's funny," says Ford thinking back, "I didn't have the Barbie Dream House as a child, but rather the Fashion Boutique. I guess I always had an interest in fashion and beauty."

So is daughter Colby similarly mad for Miss Barbie? A resounding, "YES," answers Mom. "We're big into Barbie at our house," adds Ford, "We've got just about everything." A dedicated follower, Colby even traveled to the Cambridge Toys R Us store to have her own photo taken — accompanied by her Dad as Mom had to field phone calls at the office that Saturday.

But Barbie isn't the sole interest mother and daughter hold in common. Colby occasionally comes into Mom's office to help out answering phones, and has herself expressed an interest in "the biz." When not practicing diving or gymnastics, Colby occasionally steps up on the runway, having recently modeled for an area Reebok fashion show.

As for mom, it looks like Ford hasn't seen the last of our lady Barbie. "Given the success we will probably do it again," reports Ford. But in truth she really doesn't mind. At heart, Ford says she's still a fan . . . and while the super-successful Ford won't go so far as to say Barbie inspired her own career in fashion, the fair-haired, five foot nine Ford admits she did indeed adore dressing up her favorite doll. After all, asks Ford honestly, "Really, what little girl didn't?"

BUSINESS NOTES

Leaders' club

Robert Ralston of Cohasset has been named a 2001 Guardian Leader's Club member. This achievement recognizes Ralston as one of the Guardian's most exceptional financial representatives. Ralston is an agent of The Bulfinch Group, a Guardian Life Insurance Company General Agency, headquartered in Needham.

Ralston has more than 30 years experience in the insurance and investment industry; including owning his own investment management firm and consistently being a top agent for 12 years at Phoenix Home Life Insurance. Ralston is also a member of the Million Dollar Round Table, an achievement that ranks him among the top 6 percent of insurance agents nationally.

Ralston holds a Chartered Life Underwriter designation from the American College as well as a master's in business administration from Suffolk University Graduate School of Business. He served in the military as an Army captain and company commander in Vietnam.

Ralston specializes in corporate and executive benefit strategies for private and public corporations and assists clients with advanced estate planning needs as well as retirement planning. He lives in Cohasset with his wife, Jackie, and his two children, Colton and Skylar.

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SPORTS

Star of the Week

Lindsay Grossman

The Cohasset High sophomore extended her perfect stretch of 14 varsity matches without even losing a set on Tuesday, beating Carver's number one singles player, 6-0, 6-2.

Living

On the South Shore

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From floor to field

Cohasset's Sheerin manages to standout in vastly different athletic forums

By Mike Spellman
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Gymnastics and lacrosse. I don't see the parallels. Gymnastics is a consummate individual sport. Lacrosse is a consummate team game.

Success in gymnastics is based largely on finesse, grace and style. Success in lacrosse is based largely on speed, guile and toughness.

Kristin Sheerin, likewise, does not see many carryover skills. Indeed, she seems as just as much of a loss as most in explaining what makes her a standout in both sports.

"I guess there aren't a lot of similarities," conceded the Cohasset High junior with a grin. "Maybe conditioning and mental toughness, and I think the strength gymnastics build up would help in just about any sport. Other than that, I guess there aren't too many things they have in common. But I really do love both of them."

Make no mistake about it, though: gymnastics is Kristin's first love, and it shows. She was the overall gymnastics champion for the Pilgrim Conference 2 this winter, and holds the Cohasset High records in all four events (beam, bars, vault and floor exercise), as well as in the All-Around. Several colleges no doubt have their eye on her already, many of which will descend once NCAA guidelines permit recruiting to begin.

Knowing gymnastics is her ticket into a good college, and a means for saving her parents a considerable amount of cash, Kristin practices three to four times per week year round. She's already qualified to

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Kristin Sheerin has found the way to dominate both in the gym...



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE SPELLMAN

...and on the lacrosse field.

Laxers continue to roll

Buick leads the way in 18-1 lambasting of Bourne to keep boys perfect

Spurred by senior tri-captain Ronan Buick's six goals and three assists, the Cohasset High boys' lacrosse team overpowered Bourne on Friday, and remained undefeated after four games.

The Skippers, ranked among the top three Div. 2 teams in Massachusetts, had little trouble with the Cape Codders, taking a 7-1 halftime lead, and then going on to outscore their hosts 11-0 in the third and fourth quarters.

The senior defensive unit of tri-captain Geoff McWilliams, Justin Langham and Greg Figureido held Bourne to only 10 shots for the entire game. Cohasset goalies Kyle Weber and Nick Murphy were called upon to make only four saves between them.

"Our defense is proving to be our strength," said coach Kevin Orcutt. "Bourne was difficult to play, because of the field conditions, the wind, and their inexperience. We were missing three key offensive players, which meant we had to step up the defensive intensity. And we did."

The senior defenders were

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's top scorer Ronan Buick (foreground) takes a pass in recent action against Scituate. Buick scored six times in last week's 18-1 win over Bourne.

Tennis teams on a crusade

Boys and girls squads take down Carver

By James Olson
CORRESPONDENT

Both the boys and the girls tennis teams continued their strong starts with big wins over the Crusaders of Carver.

The girls team improved to 3-0 on the year with a clean sweep in Carver.

Through their first three matches, the Ladies have won 5-0, 4-1 and 5-0 over Hanover, Norton and Carver, respectively.

The line-up of this match up featured first and second singles players, sophomores Lindsay Grossman and Julie Shea winning their matches handily.

Grossman took her match 6-0, 6-2. This extended her perfect stretch of 14 varsity matches without even losing a set.

Shea took her match into the third set, but still won, continuing her own unbeaten streak.

Freshman Holly Graham played third singles for the first time, but inexperience did not stop her, as she racked up another point for her team.

Junior captain Kelly Stone, one of the most experienced players on the squad, paired up with the extremely hard-hitting freshman Courtney Caron to take the win at first doubles.

At second doubles, sophomores Molly Flanagan and Taylor O'Brien ousted their opponents in just two sets.

At 3-0, the girls team can clinch a playoff berth as early as next week, where they have matches at the Green Wave in Abington and at home against fierce neighboring rival Scituate.

"In ten years, we have never not made it," said tenth year girls coach Sarah Meehan. "It is really a great thing, but there is a little bit of pressure."

The Lady Crusaders knew this would be a tough year, after losing six of last year's top seven to graduation.

On the boys side, the Skippers

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Evan's Memory well served

THE EXTRA MILE

WITH JOE REARDON

You could see the young, handsome face everywhere you turned at Sunday's inaugural Evan's Run in Norwell. The image of Evan Henry was on the T-shirt of the 250-plus volunteers and another couple hundred or so of the 686 runners and walkers who competed in the 10- and 5K races over the rural, sun-drenched streets after a morning's worth of races for the kids.

Evan left this world last summer after accidentally drowning in the family pool. A bright, good-natured 11 year old, Evan was autistic and this day of events was held to raise money for the Evan Henry Foundation which will help autistic children and their families.

Evan wasn't there in person, but he was certainly there in spirit. Just ask any one of the faculty members of the Cole Elementary School who competed.

"It's a great turnout with lots of people who knew Evan," said pre-kindergarten teacher Sue Barrett, who had Evan in her class when he was 3-years old.

Principal Jack Shea said the 15-member "Team Cole" would assure "A piece of Evan's early years would be represented."

The number of runners and walkers from the Cole school will undoubtedly be even larger for next year's race. "We'll get more people together for it," said Barrett.

Race director Chuck Martin said from the start that he wasn't going to skimp on anything in staging the event. The race committee members, several of whom have autistic children of their own,

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Evan's Run

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5k

13 Michael Ernst, 15— 19:01
66 Devon Bell, 10—24:12
106 Mary Ernst, 43— 26:07
184 Paul Canney, 40—28:42
187 Catherine Ernst, 13—28:44
248 Coleman Nee, 32—30:18
305 Ryan Kane, 26— 32:07
365 Edward Taylor, 24— 35:28

10k

20 Joanne Hill, 36— 43:38
49 Linda Simms, 43— 47:39
59 Jeffrey Grossman— 47:51
80 Erik Golz, 40— 49:46
96 Denise Brisbane, 32— 51:22
104 Lorraine Tarpey, 38— 52:14

From floor to field

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compete in a few national tournaments this summer, one in Virginia, the other in Florida, venues where she hopes to entice a few more potential college suitors.

Lacrosse is her release from this world.

"It's easy to see how some gymnasts can burn out," offered the 16-year-old, who took up lacrosse for the first time as a freshman, tagging along with a few friends who'd played the sport in youth programs. "Gymnastics is extremely intense, and there's a lot of pressure. Sometimes it's hard not to get caught up in that. Lacrosse helps me avoid that. I have a ball out there."

If there's anyone happier about Kristin's happening upon lacrosse than Kristin, it's Cohasset coach Kathy Guadiano.

"She's really something to watch out there," said Guadiano, of her top scoring midfielder. "She does it all for us. When we need a big play or a big goal, she's the one we look to."

After leading the team in scoring as a sophomore with 42 goals last season, Kristin was chosen to captain the team this season as a junior along with friend and fellow gymnast Carlie Carter. She's picked up where she left off this season with a team leading 19 goals in five games to help lead the Lady Skippers to a 3-1-1 start.

As a midfielder, Kristin is forced to play both ends of the field, so no one runs more than her. Yet, she is one of the few players on this young team who has not come off the field yet this season.

"I just can't afford to take her out," explains Guadiano. "Fortunately, this is where her conditioning from gymnastics really comes in to play. She never seems to wear down."

What makes her endurance even more impressive is the fact that Kristin, all 5-feet-100-pounds of her, is out there against girls who, for the most part, tower over her.

One would figure the physical pounding alone would take its toll, particularly considering that she does not shy away from it, as witnessed by her clear team-leading total in ground ball pickups, a play on which most collisions seem to occur.

"She's a lot stronger than she looks, and she's definitely a lot tougher than most people who look at her would think," lauds Guadiano.

In fact, surprise in general is probably the leading attribute of Kristin's game.

"I don't think people expect her to be as fast as she is," said the coach. "She just comes down at her casual speed and then she just all of a sudden turns on the jets to kick it into another gear to blow past defenders before they know what happened."

And then there's the powerful and accurate shot that Guadiano surmises must be the result of wrists conditioned by work on the uneven bars.

"Nobody expects such a big shot to come from such a small girl, but she just flicks it off from anywhere hard and accurate," appraised Guadiano. "It's just deadly."

And then there's the leadership aspect Kristin offers.

"Being the captain of a team as young as ours isn't easy, but Kristin has been a great leader," praised coach G. "She can be vocal at times, but most of the time she leads by example. She has a great work ethic, and the other girls work hard to emulate that. She's also had 100 percent attendance even with her busy schedule, so her teammates respect that."

So if gymnastics doesn't work out, would Kristin consider concentrating more on lacrosse in the hopes of a scholarship?

"No," she replied quickly. "Lacrosse is just fun for me. That's all I want out of it."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset Lacrosse player Kara Flint looks for an opneing in Tuesday night's 11-4 win over Medfield.

Evan's Memory well served

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agreed. Martin never has been one to go less than all out when putting on event and Sunday may have been his finest hour.

There was a huge tent with tables loaded with hot dogs, soft drinks, fruit, spring water, bagels, you name it. The "Rocky" theme blasted from the sound system as the bulging field surged forward down the high school's access road at 10:30 a.m. on the nose. Donations from dozens of sponsors were raffled off, ranging from gift certificates to local restaurants to weekend getaways to Newport, RI and Burlington, VT.

Geoff Hennessy, founder of the Quincy Track Club and North Quincy track coach, said the race was the best organized first-year event he has ever attended, and he has been to a few in his 20 years as a coach.

The day did tug on the emotions of Evan's mother, Carol Henry. She spent more than 10 hours the previous day making last-minute preparations and was up at 6 a.m. on Sunday, ready for another long, bittersweet day. In all, she made more than 200 signs for the race, with the help of her children.

"It's good for my kids to see something good come out of it," she said.

Henry was admittedly taken aback by the sheer numbers of people who flocked to the event.

"I was absolutely thrilled with the amount of people who turned out," she said. "The sponsors were very generous and it was wonderful seeing everyone with Evan's little face (on their T-shirts)."

It was a day that Evan wouldn't have missed if he was still with us today.

"He would have liked the music and loved running along with everyone," said Henry, who was greeted with a roar of applause when she neared the finish of the 10K race.

But it was the framed, matted photograph of a smiling Evan that tugged at the heartstring more than anything all day. Right below the photo was a race number, No. 1.

Carol Henry plans to hang the photograph on the wall in Evan's room.

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Hull's Jamie Gallagher found the 10K course very much to his liking as he ran away from the 270-runner field for a 33-minute, 16-second victory. Gallagher was followed across the finish line by Whitman's Bob Ruel in second (35:01), John Kessinger of Duxbury (37:01) and Brockton residents Michael Burke (37:30) and Frank Nelson (38:10).

Falmouth's Nancy Correia finished more than a minute in front of Brighton's Kirsten Tilney to take the women's title in 42:18. Tilney followed in 43:33. Joanne Hill of Cohasset was just five seconds behind Tilney with her 43:38.

Terry McNutt of Needham had a 13-second cushion on Pembroke's Matt Vercollone when he crossed the finish line in 16:24 to take the 5K race. Vercollone, a standout runner at Silver Lake High School, was timed in 16:37. Somerville's Oleg Shpyrko was third (17:21), followed by Boston's John Bradley (17:32) and Brian McCarthy of Norwell (17:38), who took fourth and fifth, respectively.

Sisters Kayla and Lydia Halloran of Norwell went 1-2 in 20:49 and 21:38, respectively. Duxbury's Fran Haney took third in a time of 22:20.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY CAROL HENRY

Evan Henry, who loved to run, was most certainly there in spirit at Sunday's race named in his honor.

Laxers continue to roll

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ably supported by sophomore longstick midfielder Nick Spirito, who had a goal, and freshmen Conor Buick and Stephen Davis.

On offense, Buick proved too much for Bourne's defenders, going over, under and through the coverage almost at will. Buick got help from sophomore attackman Curt Kahn, who scored the first two goals of the game and three overall, as well as from Weber, who played the fourth quarter on attack and also scored three, and senior tri-captain Lane Forrer (two goals and an assist). Junior attackman Jason Moore pitched in with two goals and an assist, while junior midfielder Sean Chase had a goal and an assist. Sophomore middie Pat Reardon scored the first goal of his career, while fellow soph middies Robert Hickey and Matt Davis each had a pair of assists.

The only negative, said coach Orcutt, was a hand injury suffered by Figureido in pre-game warmups. After getting it iced and taped, the senior defender played the entire second half.

"What was good about this game was that we improved our play in the second half," said Orcutt. "But we can't fool ourselves into thinking we don't have to get much better for the opposition we face next week."

The Skippers will host another Pilgrim Conference foe, Falmouth, at Alumni Field on Friday in the season's first night game. The face-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Boys lacrosse notes

Despite the trepidation expressed by coach Orcutt, the Skippers did go on to handle Sandwich with relative ease on Tuesday, taking a 14-5 decision.

Jason Moore paced the offensive attack with four goals and an assist. Paul Previtte and Tom Anderson each added a pair of goals. Goalie Kyle Weber made 23 saves to backstop the win.

Boys and girls squads take down Carver

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outlasted their Carver counterparts with a 3-2 victory at home to improve to 2-1.

The team was able to rebound from an early loss by number one singles player, senior Erik Shea. He fell 6-0, 6-1 to standout senior Russell Crooks.

Carver also took second doubles, needing three sets to beat senior Casey Brewer and freshman Robert Carpenter.

Cohasset did take second singles for the third consecutive match, with senior captain Christopher Golden disposing of sophomore DJ Lenahan in straight sets.

At first doubles, also a rank Cohasset has yet to lose this year, senior captain Jeffry Scribner and sophomore David Ingber won out 6-1, 6-1.

With the team match tied at 2-2, all eyes were on the third singles match, with Cohasset junior Joe Niessink down in the second set 5-3 after winning the first. But Niessink battled the hot conditions to rally for a 6-3, 7-5 victory.

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS LACROSSE
April
24 beat Medfield, 11-4

BOYS LACROSSE
April
20 beat Bourne, 18-1
21 beat Walpole
24 beat Sandwich, 14-4

BASEBALL
24 lost to Carver, 4-3
25 Nantucket

BOYS TENNIS
24 beat Carver, 3-2

GIRLS TENNIS
24 beat Carver, 5-0

GOLF
24 tied Abington, 4-5-4.5

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Local DAR good citizens honored

On Sunday, April 22, the Colonel Thomas Lothrop/Old Colony Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored recipients of the DAR Good Citizen Award. Sponsored through the chapter, the winners recognized were Daniel Duffy of Cohasset High School, Jamie Lee Watts of Weymouth High School, and Carly Muise of Whitman-Hanson High School.

The DAR Good Citizen Award is given annually to members of the senior class of accredited high schools. The students are selected by the faculty and voted on by members of the senior class. They must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The program is recognized by the National Association Secondary School Principals.

Daniel Duffy of Cohasset High School is the daughter of Dan and Rosemary Duffy. He is secretary of the National Honor Society and captain of the wrestling team. He has also participated in football and track. He works year round with the South Shore Collaborative at Cohasset High School, as a teaching assistant for the special needs students. He will attend McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and plans to major in international business.

At the reception held in their honor in Cohasset, each recipient was presented with a pin and certificate from the National Society of the DAR. They received a gift from the local chapter. They were also given citations from their state representatives arranged through State Rep Garrett Bradley. State Sen. Robert Hedlund also presented citations from the State Senate.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, at left, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, far right, present DAR Good Citizen Award recipients Daniel Duffy of Cohasset and Jamie Watts of Weymouth with proclamations from the legislature.

School lunch menu

TUESDAY, MAY 1
Chicken nuggets with fries or turkey sandwich, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
Pasta with meatballs, dinner roll or ham and cheese sub, tossed salad, pudding and milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 3
Taco Day with rice or tuna pocket, green beans, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 4
Pizza or fishamajig sandwich, sweet peas, Jello and milk.

CHS celebrates golden anniversary

SCHOOL'S IN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



Hello everyone. This week is bringing some interesting weather for all of our students and staff members in the schools to work with. I remember how tough it is in the spring to stay focused, hang in there kids and make sure to work hard for your teachers.

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I am so excited about this column this week as we have many great things happening in May and June. As you may have heard, a great concert family event is being held on Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the Sullivan Gym at the CHS! Who is it you ask? Well, it is none other than "Ball in the House", a group of six guys, six voices, that's all! They are phenomenal and the kids in this town as well as all their grownups are in for a real treat! This group has toured with groups like N Sync, 98 Degrees and Paula Cole to name a few. The event is being sponsored by the Deer Hill fifth graders and is something that all are very excited about. Tickets for this event are $10 and can be purchased through any fifth grader or by calling the Deer Hill School at 781-383-6115.

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Also happening that same weekend is the "Golden Anniversary" celebration of the Cohasset High School in honor of its 50th Birthday. On Friday, there will be an open house with several guest speakers from the last 50 years. On Saturday, a great family day is planned with music, memorabilia and reminiscing happening all day long. The full schedule will be coming in the next few weeks.

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The Deer Hill School is hosting a super art show called "Favorites 2001"! This wonderful show runs from May 8-28. This Art Show represents the artwork of all Deer Hill students. Each student has chosen his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit. There will be refreshments and music. All are invited to attend and trust me, the work that has gone into this is something that none of you will want to miss. In addition to this year's annual Art Show, Deer Hill will be celebrating the grand unveiling of a permanent clay installation created by Deer Hill sixth grade students. For any additional information on this event, please contact the Deer Hill School art teacher, Ann Berman at 781-383-6115.

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The PAC is holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in the Osgood Music Room. This month's meeting will be a workshop on understanding the new IEP forms.

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Calling all dirty cars in town! The fifth-grade students are having a car wash on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Deer Hill School. Tickets for this are available from any fifth grader for only $5 and all proceeds go towards the students cost for the sixth-grade Camp Bournedale trip in September. So get your dirty cars in line and expect to see some hard working, wet and soapy kids transform the cars into shiny, clean machines!

Please send school news to Jennifer at: EMAIL: jenpiep@yahoo.com; MAIL: 622 CJC Highway; PHONE: 781-923-1057; FAX: 781-923-1035 (make sure to call first)

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Sandy Cove fire burns one acre

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for us," he said.

The chief explained that during burning season, residents call each day for a permit. Permits are not issued if the wind is 20 m.p.h., either sustained or in gusts.

Once the permit is issued, it is the responsibility of the resident to keep the fire under control. Fires must not be within 75 feet of the nearest building and there must be a hose nearby, Lincoln said. No burning is allowed before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

However, even with precautions, fires can get out of hand.

"Unfortunately, it happens," Lincoln said.



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An aerial view of the brush fire in Sandy Cove on Sunday that burned about an acre of marsh grass.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, APRIL 16

2:50 a.m. Border St., vandalism.

6:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:17 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:38 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:05 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted, returned to home or family.

3:13 p.m. Nichols Rd., animal control.

4:50 p.m. S. Main St., fire investigation.

5:58 p.m. Elm St., animal control.

5:58 p.m. Nichols Rd., animal control, advised civil action.

8:13 p.m. Parker Ave., suspicious activity.

8:35 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

8:43 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

9 p.m. King St., suspicious auto.

9:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person, no such person can be found. Five arrests: Matthew D. Woodworth, 17, 119 Beach Ave., Hull. Chgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage. Mark A. Collins, 18, 16 Quanset St., Hull. Chgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage. Robert Paul Scully, 18, 35 Andrew Ave., Hull. Chgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage. Steven M. Belmarsh, 18, 38 Point Allerton Ave., Hull. Chgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage. Timothy Robert Gearty, 18, 159 Samoset Ave., Hull. Chgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

9:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto, no such person could be found.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

6:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:02 a.m. Lamberts Ln., vandalism.

7:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:41 a.m. Brook St., officer wanted.

8:39 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:52 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:40 a.m. Beach St., outside fire.

9:52 a.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

10:41 a.m. Elm Ct., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:58 a.m. Summer St., wires down.

12:05 p.m. Hull St.., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:14 p.m. Lamberts Ln., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:25 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:46 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:51 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:22 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:34 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:56 p.m. Brook St., suspicious person.

3:06 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

4:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

5:59 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Forest Ave., animal control, area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

4:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Crocker Ln., motor vehicle accident.

10:30 a.m. Howe Rd., drug/narcotic violations, arrest: Joseph A. Rosano, 54, 48 Howe Rd., Cohasset. Chgs.: illegal possession of Cl. D substance, possession Cl. D with intent to distribute/mfg/cultivate.

2:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., road rage.

2:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA.

5:44 p.m. Cedar and Hull sts., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:29 p.m. Parker Ave., suspicious activity, area search negative.

9:18 p.m. Spring St., officer wanted.

10:08 p.m. Pond St., disturbance, area search negative.

10:36 p.m. Tad Ln., suspicious activity.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

12:12 a.m. Highland Ave., open door/window, secured building.

2:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:50 a.m. Border St., property damage.

8:23 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle accident.

9:06 a.m. Hull St., motor vehicle accident.

9:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:34 a.m. South Main St., serve restraining order.

11:47 a.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

1:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:20 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

2:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:07 p.m. Pleasant St., vandalism.

5:43 p.m. Ash St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

5:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation, extinguished.

6:13 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:52 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

12:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., road rage.

1:08 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., found property, brought to station.

1:41 p.m. Bayberry Ln., fire inspections.

1:59 p.m. King St., larceny.

2:44 p.m. Old Oaken Bucket Rd., motor vehicle violations, area search negative.

4:45 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:11 p.m. North Main and Cedar sts., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

9:13 p.m. King St., fire investigation.

9:27 p.m. Ripley Rd., disturbance, gathering, area search negative.

9:44 p.m. South Main St., vandalism.

10 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., disturbance, gathering, area search negative.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

12:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

1:11 a.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:23 a.m. Atlantic Ave. and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:45 a.m. Animal control.

10:12 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:04 p.m. South Main St., vandalism.

1:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., lost property.

1:45 p.m. North Main St., trespassing, perpetrator gone.

1:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., abandoned 911 call.

2:32 p.m. North Main St., parking violation.

5:04 p.m. Spring St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.

5:40 p.m. Summer St., officer down, area search negative.

8:19 p.m. Square, parking violation, parking ticket issued.

10:11 p.m. Border St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

1:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop.

1:33 a.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

5:27 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:57 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:35 p.m. Riverview Dr., fire investigation.

1:37 p.m. Atlantic Ave., outside fire, extinguished.

2:30 p.m. Pleasant St., outside fire, extinguished.

4:58 p.m. Cedar Acres Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:03 p.m. Sandy Beach, animal control.

5:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Rose Hill Ln., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

6:02 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:21 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:38 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, arrest: John M. Foley, 40, 225 Independence Ave., Quincy. Chgs.: operating MV with license suspended, second or subsequent offense; speeding in violation of special regulations.

6:40 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Ln., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:52 p.m. Doane St., fire investigation.

9 p.m. Beechwood St., well-being check.

9:23 p.m. King St., suspicious auto.

9:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:13 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., noise complaint.

11:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

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Local artists shine at Boston Music Awards

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The 2001 Boston Music Awards, held last Thursday at Boston's Orpheum Theatre, should go down as Revenge of the Rockers, Act II.

Last year's BMA ceremony marked the initial coming of age for the Boston area hard rock/heavy metal alternative club scene, after many years of being slighted or overlooked from the local awards game in favor of other musical genres such as pop, R&B and rap/hip-hop. North Shore-based thrash-metal rockers Godsmack made their momentous breakthrough with four major award wins, while other high-energy guitar-band scenemakers Sheila Devine and Powerman 5K also enjoyed multiple award honors.

This year's presentation, the 14th annual for the BMA, continued the trend. Godsmack was in the major spotlight once again, taking home the awards for Act of the Year, Album of the Year for "Awake," Outstanding Rock Band and Male Vocalist of the Year for front man Sully Erna. Sheila Devine was also back in the winner's circle, this time with a single honor for Rock Band (Indie Label), while edgy power-popsters American Hi-Fi, led by ex-Letters To Cleo drummer-turned-singer/guitarist Stacy Jones, snapped up the prize for Rising Star (and delivered one of the evening's most riveting live performances with their hook-heavy alternative radio-hit "Flavor of the Weak" (sic)).

South Shore nominees have never been without their share of award wins or attention at the BMA events, and this year's was no exception. Most notable of the winners from our area was red-hot R&B/funk/rock band Superhoney, fronted by Hingham's own powerhouse vocalist Joan Pimental, who grabbed the prize for Outstanding Funk Band, beating out a very formidable field of six other nominees of bands with names from Boston Horns and Soulwork to Lovewhip and Who's the Fat Guy.

"There were so many worthy nominees, we didn't expect to win," Pimental told the press corps in the medio room at Orpheum following the award win. "We're very excited and floored, really, to win against so many talented bands." The singer went on to let the reporters know that Superhoney has just finished recording a new album and will be having CD release parties May 10, 11 and 12 in the Boston area.

Also representing the South Shore, Norwell's Susan Tedeschi once again scored the Outstanding Blues Act award, despite having not released a new CD or performed much locally within the past year. But the blues-rockin' singer/guitarist is apparently still hot from the momentum of her critically acclaimed 1998 Just Won't Burn CD, which she promises to follow up with a new disc in late 2001 or early 2002. Duxbury native alterna-pop songbird Juliana Hatfield also won for Outstanding Female Vocalist (Indie Label).

Other BMA winners from the hard-rocking ranks included multiple honorees C60, who took the awards for Single (Indie Label) for "Crazy," New Rock Band (Indie Label) and Club Band, Staind — fronted by Springfield singer/guitarist Aaron Lewis — for Video of the Year with "Home," and boisterous Celtic-rockers the Dropkick Murphys for Hard-Rock Band. In another fitting sign, sponsorship for the BMA even shifted this year from Kahlua to WAAF-FM, the longtime champion of hard-and-heavy-rock-only on Boston area radio.

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Besides honoring the current Boston music scene, the BMA has always been about remembering the city's music history. The Hall of Fame award presentation, of which Aerosmith, the J. Geils Band, James Taylor and Carly Simon have been past recipients, this year took on a somber note honoring a non-musician for the first time in popular local scene DJ, promoter and friend Mikey Dee, who is still recovering from a debilitating brain-stem stroke suffered early last year.

Also, Carly Simon was on hand to present the Ertegun Impact Award to famed Atlantic Records producer Arif Mardin, who has been at the helm on classic albums for the label by Aretha Franklin, the Young Rascals and the Modern Jazz Quartet to name a few. The Ertegun Impact Award is honored at the BMA for outstanding national or global contributions to music, debuting at last year's event when it was received by its own founder, Mardin's friend and Atlantic Records co-founder Ahmet Ertegun.

Super flashback

Hingham vocalist keeping it fresh for successful funk band

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Superhoney is the kind of band that Boston area club goers haven't heard in a long, long time.

Or, given the thirtysomething-and-younger clientele frequenting the clubs these days — maybe never.

Back in the late 60s and early 70s bands playing old-school funk rock and soul/R&B were everywhere — from clubs to concert halls. Today, Superhoney's leading its revival with a new flair.

The sound, urban, earthy, energized and sweaty, and characterized by a full live band of real singers and musicians playing real instruments, was typified most visibly by classic-era Aretha Franklin, Janis Joplin, The Ike and Tina Turner Revue, Delaney & Bonnie with Eric Clapton and even, to a point, early Chicago and Blood Sweat & Tears.

Flash-forward some three decades and we find Superhoney, a Brighton-based sextet led by a Hingham native and vocal dynamo named Joan Pimental, who is ready to take this soul/R&B from an important but now overlooked or fuzzily remembered era and carry it into the new millenium. The band's musical ambition paid one of its biggest dividends yet last week when Superhoney won the prize for Outstanding Funk Band at the 14th annual Boston Music Awards event in Boston.



PHOTO/URSULA BROWN



Superhoney, lead by Hingham's Joan Pimental recently earned Best Funk Band honors at Boston Music Awards. The band's new CD release is expected soon.

"Our sound is pretty much an old-school mix of rock, funk and soul with a new school flavor. The kind with a solid sense of musical roots from the 60s and early 70s but updated to fit in with today's club scene," said Pimental, 29, from her home in Hingham last weekend where she was savoring her band's BMA triumph. "It's actually kind of hard to describe our music sometimes, except that everyone in the band has always been a big fan of late 60s/early 70s rock/soul/R&B and it's definitely the main thing that influences and motivates us as a band."

Along with Pimental, Superhoney includes guitarist Doug Sherman, keyboardist Paul Schultheis, bassist Scott Watson, percussionist Sean Nelson and drummer Dean Johnston. Together, this ensemble offers enough funk groove, wah-wah and reverb powered guitar, jazz-inspired, vibrato-laden electric piano and atmospheric, Hammond B3-programmed organ to make its old-school influences unmistakable. In its live club shows, the band and its sound are often augmented by guest player spots on alto, tenor or baritone sax, adding that much more genuine and tasteful soul flavor to the proceedings.

"What we play is definitely a live sound, made for playing onstage in the clubs for loud, high-energy fans," Pimental said. "The ideal situation for us is when we're headlining our own club bill and have two hours or more to play our sets. That is when we can really pump up the intensity and stretch out with the jamming impulses, and not have to worry about pacing ourselves like we have when we're limited to maybe a half-hour at some shows."

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Superhoney lead singer
Joan Pimental

As for the soulful, brazen Pimental's vocal influences, she's noted the many references and comparisons in the local music press. "I've listened to and picked up from the major vocalists of all the eras of gospel, blues, jazz, rock and soul/R&B, everyone from Mahalia Jackson to Billie Holiday, Etta James and Janis Joplin. But my single biggest influence and my favorite singer for all-time is Aretha Franklin. One of my goals in life, in fact, is to meet her."

Pimental's, and her band's, distinct influences can be heard to full, exhilarating effect on their 1999 breakthrough CD, No Standing, released on the band's own Moxxy Records label. Several live tracks on the disc recorded before wildly enthusiastic crowds at Boston's Bill's Bar and Berklee Performance Center show the band more than capable of living up to those onstage ambitions.

Superhoney's soon-to-be-released next CD is promised to have a different flavor than its first disc, in an attempt to appeal to a broader audience. CD release parties for the new disc will be held on May 10 at the House of Blues in Cambridge, May 11 at Lilli's in Somerville, and May 12 at Harper's Ferry in Allston.

"You have to do new things with your music to keep it fresh and regenerated, and to keep fans interested and give them a reason to keep coming out to the shows," Pimental said.

Illusions of grandeur

Young magician uses slight of hand to lend helping hand

By Seth Jacobson
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This continues our on-going campaign to recognize local teens who give back to their communities. Watch for a new Spirit of Community feature each month in Living. We welcome your nominations. .

Spirit of Community

Although he is a master of illusions, it takes more than magic to have the kind of heart and compassion that Dane Grigas has.

Grigas, 17, a Pembroke resident and a student at Silver Lake High School, enjoys being part of the community and giving back to it and others.

Having hands that are both quicker than the eye ready to reach out to help others came together recently for Grigas. In November, his mother a Braintree teacher told him about a young girl suffering from a serious medical condition

"One day, she brought home this flyer about this sick girl who had this rare heart problem."

Grigas who has been learning new tricks since age 3, decided to combine his own love of magic and desire to lend a helping hand by hosting a magic show fundraiser for the girl to raise money to cover the cost of her medical bills. The event was a big success for everyone involved, Grigas said.

"We raised $1,000, and then an anonymous donor matched that amount, so we ended up with $2,000. I really feel for this girl, and I figured this would be a good thing to do for her. I love performing so it was a win-win situation."

Grigas performed many tricks of the trade including cutting his assistant into thirds.

Due to her illness, the little girl could not attend the show and still cannot return to school.

"I never did get a chance to actually meet her," Grigas added. "But hopefully, I will someday soon."

In the meantime, the young magician enjoys putting on shows whenever possible and currently serves as the president of the Society of Young Magicians of Boston. Grigas has been a member of the organization since he was eight, and has had an opportunity to meet celebrity magicians including David Copperfield through the experience.

Grigas likes the idea of making magic for a good cause.

"I haven't done a lot of other fundraisers," Grigas said, "but for the past three years, I've put on an annual free magic show at my church, St. Thecla's Parish in Pembroke."

And magic isn't his only method of giving back.

For the past two summers, Grigas has taken part in the Appalachia Service Project, an outreach program which provides home-improvement services to low-income areas of states luck Kentucky and Virginia.

"The first year I went to Kentucky, and the second year I went to Virginia," Grigas said. "It's kind of like a Habitat For Humanity thing where the bottom line is helping other people in need."

Grigas said he and other Silver Lake High School students performed tasks like building and fixing up homes' walls and replacing gutters. He said he has plans of participating in the program again this summer.



April Spirit of Community winner Dane Grigas shares a magic moment with master illusionist David Copperfield.

"I started participating in the program because I just thought it would be cool to travel outside the state and see other parts of the country," he said. "It has made me really appreciate what I have."

Even though his schedule is tight, Grigas still found time the past two summers to be a counselor at DARE summer camps sponsored by the Pembroke Police Department.

"Mostly six-graders took part in it," Grigas said. "We focused on coming up with different team-building activities, and we took field trips like whale watches and even a trip to the Plymouth house of correction."

GRIGAS, see next page

Living

Margaritas

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

My wife, Adrienne, and I recently stopped into a local Boston bar just before a movie to kill 15 minutes and $10. A sign outside the southwest-themed bar advertised the "Best Margarita in Boston" so, like sheep to the slaughter, we anted up the $4.50 hoping that a sunny drink might lift us out of the late winter doldrums. Well, you know the rest of the story. The drinks were huge, tasted like a lemon-lime can of Powerade, and contained enough sugar to pay for my dentist's recent trip to St. Maarten.

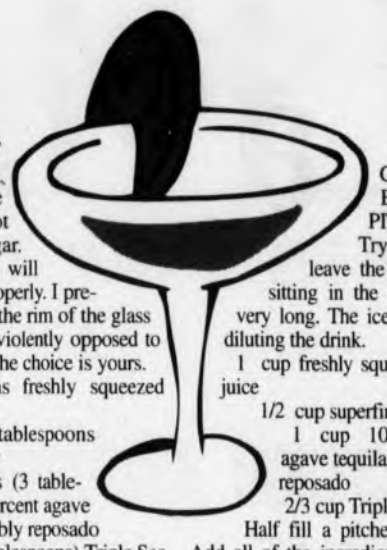
A good margarita is about subtlety and balance, a sophisticated mix of lime juice, tequila, sugar, and an orange-flavored liqueur. Some folks use lemon juice while others, like my own test kitchen at Cook's Illustrated, make the process so complicated that one is loathe to invest the time and trouble. I was searching for a last minute recipe, but one that hit all the right chords without any false notes.

The first, most important issue was the choice of tequila. For my tests, I used only 100 percent blue agave. (Tequila is made from the agave plant – some producers add cane or corn syrup to produce "mixed" tequilas.) There are three basic types of tequila: gold (or silver), aged, and reposado. The gold and silver tequilas are not aged and are therefore harsh and difficult to blend successfully with other ingredients. The aged, which is placed in oak barrels for up to six years, is smooth and tannic, so much so that the flavor is overpowering. My first choice was the reposado tequila. It is "rested" for up to 12 months and is therefore less harsh than gold yet less dominant than the aged variety.

The next issue was the orange-flavored liqueur. I tested Cointreau, Grand Marnier, and Triple Sec and preferred the latter. Both of the more expensive orange liqueurs were overpowering compared to the Triple Sec. As with the rested tequila, the Triple Sec was less aggressive while the Cointreau and Grand Marnier were too headstrong to be team players. I settled on 2 tablespoons Triple Sec to 3 tablespoons tequila.

Finally, I had to decide how to deal with the juice. Although some recipes include lemon juice, I prefer the flavor of just limes. Although the Cook's Illustrated recipe suggests steeping the juice, sugar, and zest for several hours (the results are excellent), I am incapable of planning ahead when it comes to a mixed drink. I found that simple freshly-squeezed lime juice sweetened with superfine sugar was just fine especially since the juice is being mixed with both tequila and Triple Sec. In terms of sweetness, I found that half as much sugar as lime juice was about right.

In terms of balancing flavors, equal amounts of tequila and lime juice mixed with a smaller helping of Triple Sec was ideal. (Many recipes use equal amounts of all three ingredients.) I have provided two recipes below – I suggest that you make these by the pitcher since margaritas don't last.



THE BEST MARGARITA

Be sure to use superfine, not regular, sugar. Otherwise, it will not dissolve properly. I prefer salt around the rim of the glass but others are violently opposed to this tradition. The choice is yours.

3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
1 1/2 tablespoons superfine sugar
1 1/2 ounces (3 tablespoons) 100 percent agave tequila, preferably reposado
1 ounce (2 tablespoons) Triple Sec

Half fill a shaker glass with ice. Add all of the ingredients and shake together well. Strain into a cocktail glass (salted rim optional) or serve over ice in a double old-fashioned glass. Serve immediately Serves 1

MARGARITAS BY THE PITCHER

Try not to leave the margaritas sitting in the pitcher for very long. The ice will melt, diluting the drink.

1 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
1/2 cup superfine sugar
1 cup 100 percent agave tequila, preferably reposado
2/3 cup Triple Sec

Half fill a pitcher with ice. Add all of the ingredients and stir until thoroughly combined and chilled. Strain into cocktail glasses (salted rim optional) or over ice in double old fashioned glasses. Serve immediately. Serves 6

Planting and growing the regal rhododendrons

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Green thumbs up

A touch of summer-like weather has catapulted our gardens into bloom as flowering shrubs, trees and bulbs paint the landscape with dazzling color. The early-blooming Japanese andromedas (Pieris japonica) grace the landscape with clusters of cascading, tiny, fragrant bells in shades of white, pink or red, set against a background of glossy, green foliage. Colorful clumps of daffodils dot lawns and gardens, lifting their trumpets to the warm sunshine to herald the long-awaited arrival of springtime. The large, silky, silver-colored buds of magnolias have started to unfold revealing the satiny, white, multi-petaled blossoms of star magnolias (M. stellata) and the spectacular pink and white flowers of saucer magnolias (M. soulangeana). Clouds of cheerful, sunny-yellow blooms embellish nearly every property, as forsythia bushes burst into bloom while in our wetlands, the fluffy, rusty-red flowers of the swamp maples are electrified when backlit by the setting sun, serenaded by the distinctive, resonating tones of the spring peepers as evening approaches. Spring fever is in full swing.

The rosy-lavender blossoms of the popular "PJM" rhododendron appear to be on the verge of erupting into bloom as another member of this expansive family of woody plants joins the parade of glorious color. Developed locally at Weston Nurseries in Hopkinton, the "PJM" rhody, and its bright-pink relative, R. "Olga Mezzitt," offer homeowners hardy, early-flowering, drought-tolerant shrubs which reach a maximum size of 3 to 6 feet and display elegant, mahogany-colored foliage during the fall and winter months if grown in full sun. These small-leaf rhododendrons, like their cousins, the deciduous azaleas, can tolerate sunnier, more-exposed environments than the large-leaf rhododendrons and evergreen azaleas which tend to prefer sheltered sites in partial shade.

All rhododendrons require a moist, but well-drained, fertile soil, rich in organic matter. Our typically acid soils are usually ideal, but heavy, wet, clay soils should be avoided. Bright light is essential for optimum growth and blooming. The procedure for planting these ornamental shrubs follows the recommended techniques set forth for planting most woody plants in recent years. Prepare a hole no deeper than the root ball of your plant but two to three times wider in diameter. For sandy or poor soils, amend the planting medium with organic material in the form of peat moss, leaf mold or compost. Be sure to loosen pot-bound roots in container grown plants. One of the most common mistakes made when planting rhododendrons or other woody plants is to place the root ball too deeply which often leads to the plant's demise.

Soak the root system and the soil around your newly set plant to settle the soil and remove air pockets, following with a 2- to 3-inch layer of pine bark mulch or similar covering to help conserve moisture and to maintain cool soil temperatures. Cover the spreading root system but avoid letting the mulch come in contact with the woody trunk or branches as this may encourage disease or insect infestations.

The removal of spent flowers soon after blooming may help to bolster bud-set for the subsequent season but care must be taken not to inadvertently remove new shoots which emerge around the base of the seed heads about the same time. Deadheading may be impractical on especially large specimens.

To prune a large-leaf rhododendron, cuts are best made at a joint in the branch to allow for growth at that point. Small-leaf rhodies and azaleas may be pruned at any point on their branches as they will sprout new growth from anywhere. Pruning is ideally performed immediately after the completion of the bloom season.

With so many varieties from which to choose at our local nurseries, gardeners may find the selection process overwhelming. Be sure to do your homework, and take into consideration your own particular site's exposure, soil, and allotted space. Look for some of my personal favorites including the hardy, deciduous, Royal azalea (R. schlippenbachii) with smooth, pink flower trusses, and the flame azaleas (R. calendulaceum) with brilliant orange or yellow flowers. Among the large-leaf rhododendrons, I am particularly fond of R. "Scintillation" and the Yakushimanum rhododendrons (often referred to as "Yaks") which demonstrate compact, dense growth, and a unique coating of soft, fuzzy, suede-like material known as indumentum on the underside of the leaf which is also present on the upper surface of new, emerging foliage. Yaku "Prince," "Ken Janeck," "Crete," and "Mist Maiden" are representatives of this handsome group of small-scale shrubs.

The Massachusetts Chapter of the Rhododendron Society publishes a list of "proven performers" for our area as not all rhododendrons are locally hardy. On Sunday, May 27, they will host their annual plant sale and auction at the Waltham Field Station, 240 Beaver St. Contact Dorry (phone: (508) 583-3977; E-mail: DorryToo@aol.com) for more information. Heritage Plantation in Sandwich offers a spectacular display of mature plants which bloom in late May and early June. Visit the American Rhododendron Society's web site at: http://www.rhododendron.org.

Illusions of grandeur

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Grigas keeps on top of his school work, too. He was recently inducted into the National Honor Society for his school-oriented enthusiasm. Grigas is also a member of the Silver Lake High School debate team, which demands a lot of his time—including several consecutive Saturdays during the school year.

And while he's only a junior, Grigas is already looking ahead to higher education and beyond.

"I don't have any particular college picked out or anything yet," he said. "But I know that I want to be an actor, and that's really my main career choice. Doing the magic shows helped me with performing on stage, and I think I will be able to interweave the magic with acting."

Grigas' mother Deborah says she is very proud of her son for doing all he does for the community, and keeping sharp in school at the same time.

"I sometimes marvel at how he's able to do it," she said. "But what fascinates me most is how he's able to use his performing ability for the benefit of others. It's remarkable. He's a relatively quiet kid, but when he gets up on stage, his personality comes alive."

Silver Lake Regional High School Principal Richard Kelley said he is also impressed by Grigas and his good works.

"He's an outstanding young man," Kelley said. "He's a good student, and he displays a great deal of kindness and consideration for other people. But he doesn't do the things he does in his community for notoriety. He does it because he feels what he's doing is right."

But Grigas said it's no big deal, after all, community service is just something in which he loves to take part.

"What I do for the community is not boring, and it's not hard labor," he said. "A lot of people usually think of community service as being that way. But what I think more people should be doing is getting out there, finding what they're interested in, and using those interests to help people. It's not a hard thing to do."

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EIGHT-YEAR OLD CHILD PRODIGY TAKES THE STAGE AT HINGHAM SYMPHONY POPS CONCERT at the Cushing Center in Norwell on May 5 at 8 p.m. and May 6 at 4 p.m. with Victoria Kasznica. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and $10 for students under age 19 and may be purchased in advance at Noble's, Hingham Square, Cards and Shards, Cohasset, Hingham Public Library, the South Shore Conservatory or by calling (781) 740-5694.

WALK FOR ANIMALS at the Borderland State Park in Sharon Massachusetts on May 20 (rain or shine). This 3-mile walk is well marked and water and rest stations will be set up along the way. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and festivities are from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Neponset Valley Humane Society. For sponsor information call (508) 261-9924.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ANNOUNCES RELAY FOR LIFE in which local residents are invited to walk or run around the clock in the battle against cancer during this American Cancer Society event. Meet at Cohasset High School for a 21-hour relay against cancer from 3 p.m. on Jun 8 until noon on June 9. There will be a luminaria ceremony held at 9 p.m. to honor cancer survivors and to remember those we have lost to cancer. For more information call (800) 648-4880.

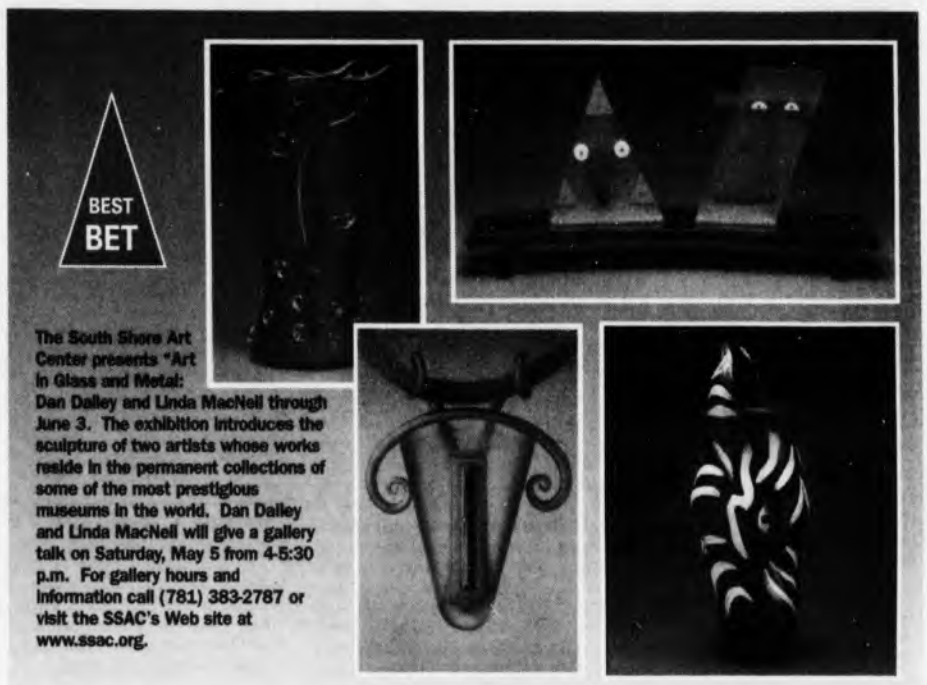
MAY BREAKFAST AND PLANT SALE sponsored by Old Ship Church, 107 Main Street in Hingham, on May 5 from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Parish House auditorium. A full breakfast menu cooked to order and plants featuring items from historic Hingham gardens. Tickets are available at the door; $5 for adults and $3 for children. For more information call (781)749-0095.

THE MUSIC CIRCUS ANNOUNCES TWO MORE SHOWS in the 50th anniversary season. Kevin James, star of the hit CBS Series "The King of Queens" will appear on July 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $29.50. Vince Gill, one of the most popular artists in country music will appear for two shows on Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling (781) 383-1400 or on April 28 at noon tickets will be on sale at the Music Circus Box Office in Cohasset. For more information visit www.musiccircus.com.

AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JAN BRETT to participate in Country Fair at Thayer with Jan Brett 'n' Hedgie. Thayer Academy is located at 745 Washington Street, Braintree and the fair will be held on May 6 from 1 - 4:30 p.m. Advance tickets are $15 per person and ticket holders are entitled to a group reading and illustration session by Jan Brett, a book signing, all food, drinks, music and featured events. To buy tickets call (781) 380-0500 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY AND DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION at the Ellison Center for the Arts presents the 4th annual Ellison Center Classic on May 14 at the Duxbury Yacht Club. Individual and team participants are welcome tot he handicapped best ball tournament which begins with lunch and registration at 11:30 a.m., a shotgun start at 1 p.m., and a post tournament dinner reception and auction at 6 p.m. Musicians and artists will add to the ambiance of the day with performances and demonstrations both on the course and at the reception. Teams will compete for the Ellison Center Classic championship cup. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 14.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners, plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781) 383-1980.



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The South Shore Art Center presents "Art in Glass and Metal: Dan Dailey and Linda MacNeil through June 3. The exhibition introduces the sculpture of two artists whose works reside in the permanent collections of some of the most prestigious museums in the world. Dan Dailey and Linda MacNeil will give a gallery talk on Saturday, May 5 from 4-5:30 p.m. For gallery hours and information call (781) 383-2787 or visit the SSAC's Web site at www.ssac.org.

Thurs. 26

The Robbins Museum of Archaeology and the Massachusetts Archaeological Society will be hosting an open house and reception on April 26 from 5 - 7 p.m. to launch its Website: http://WEBHOST.BRIDGEW.EDU/MAS . It is free and open to the public. The museum is dedicated to the Native Cultures of New England. Regular visiting hours are Wed., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thurs., 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Admission is free, however, donations are welcome. For more information call (508) 947-9005 or email us at MAS@BRIDGEW.EDU.

The Fuller Museum of Art located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton will hold a gallery talk on April 26 at 11:30 a.m. with Lois Tarlow regarding her exhibition "from the Ashes: Work by Lois Tarlow, 1996 - 2001. Cost is $10 and includes lunch in the FMA café. Call (508) 588-6000 ext. 100 for more information.

"Preserving Pembroke's Past" a public forum will be held at the Pembroke Library on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. The library has received a grant of $4,700. From the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Mass. Historical Records Board and the Mass. Historical Publications and Records Commission. The grant is to encourage local residents to identify areas of local history that need to be documented and to call attention to any documents that individuals may want to share with the community. To register for the forum, please call the library at (781) 293-6771.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA will begin its season. This season is open to 8 - 12 teams. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call (617) 479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Duxbury Art Association presents **"All in the Family"** open at the Bengzt and Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts through June 29. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

South Shore Art Center in Cohasset presents **"Art in Glass and Metal: Dan Dailey and Linda MacNeil."** Opening reception on May 4 from 6 - 8 p.m. Gallery talk by Dan Dailey and Linda MacNeil on May 5 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Located at 119 Ripley Road, for more information call (781) 383-2787.

Fri. 27

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents **"Walking in the Spring"** on April 28, May 12, 26 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Fee per person is $28 non-member and $23 for members. Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum and pre registration is required.

"Music for the Heart and Soul" presents a Chant, Drum and Dance Circle! Led by Hingham singer/songwriter and song leader, Dawna Hammers. The last Friday of every month, April 27 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main Street in Hingham. $7 for adults and $5 for children and seniors. Bring drums, rattles, cushion, water and dancing shoes and enjoy a magical evening.

Nantucket 2001 Events include the 27th Annual Daffodil Festival from April 27 - 29. Over three million daffodils will bloom and turn the countryside into a vivid yellow tapestry. Events include the Annual Antique and Classic Car Parade, Annual Tailgate Picnic and activities such as hiking, fishing, bird watching and seal cruises. For more information call (508) 228-1700.

Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale at the United Church of Christ, Bedford Street in Abington from 4 - 8 p.m. on April 27 and 9 a.m. - noon on April 28. Saturday is "Bag Day" - buy one bag, get one free.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Blues Food. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Barbara Kessler and special guests. Tickets are $14 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

'I Hate Hamlet' will be presented by the Hull Performing Arts. Inc. on April 27 and 28 at 8 p.m., April 29 at 2 p.m., and May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Avenue, Hull. Tickets are $12 at the door and $10 in advance, $9 for students and seniors. For directions or more information call (781) 925-2406.

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The Quincy Dinner Theater will present "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," April 28 & 29, May 5,6,11,12, 13, 19 and 20. Friday and Saturdays dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30; Sundays dinner at 2 p.m. and show at 3:30 p.m. Cost is $35 with discounts available for groups, kids and seniors. For reservations call (781) 843-5862.



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Book Explorations 2001, a juried artists' books exhibit is open to the public on weekends from 1 to 4 p.m. through April 29 at the Yankee Barn, 228 Main Street in Kingston. Seventy unique, handmade books have been sent in for jurying from all over the USA, England and Canada. For more information on the exhibit call (781) 585-5622.



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***"Bluefish at Sunset" by Bettina Lesieur and "Floral Enchantment" by Robert Lesieur are some of the works in the DAA's "All in the Family" exhibit now on display at the Ellison Center for the Arts.* The Duxbury Art Association presents "All in the Family" at the Ellison Center for the Arts through June 29. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2731**

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'Playful Princess Stories' on stage at the Duxbury Middle School. Performances on April 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and April 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door prior to the performances in the school auditorium.

'National Astronomy Day' at Turkey Hill in Hingham presented by the South shore Astronomical Society in cooperation with the Trustees of the Reservation. There will be a range of activities for children and adults centered around the theme of astronomy beginning at dusk. This is a family oriented, free event. (Rain date - April 28)

Kendall Whaling Museum offers spring programs. On April 27 - 28, the museum will host a "Sea Chanteys and Sailors' Songs" workshop led by musician-historian team Mary Malloy and Stuart Frank. The workshop is designed for educators and performers and is open to anyone by pre-registration and a $35 fee. The museum is located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon. Call the museum at (781) 784-5642.

Harbour Choral Arts Society presents Passages: Songs of Life featuring music by Sweet Honey and the Rock, Lady Smith Black Mumbaska, Favorite Opera Choruses and the Gospel Rock. Held at the Old South Union Church in South Weymouth at 8 p.m. on April 27 and at 8 p.m. on April 28 at United Congregational Church in Norwell. Directed by Chad Weirick. Tickets are $10. For more information or to order tickets please call (781) 871-0539.

A Spring Fling - dancing to live music of J.J. Reigns with music from the 50's to the 90's at the Bay Pointe Country Club, Onset. Held from 8 p.m. - midnight. $5 for members and $8 for non-members. All single adults are welcome. For more information call (877) 626-4900.

Sat. 28

The Unicorn Singers perform the Rutter Requiem and other sacred music at 8 p.m. at Hingham's House of Prayer Lutheran Church and 7:30 p.m. on April 29 at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset Village. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased in advance at Noble's in Hingham at (781) 749-6561 or at the door.

'The Bread is Rising' Poetry Collective will be at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Square in Bridgewater at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (508) 279-9952.

First Parish Church in Norwell is sponsoring its annual Flea Market and Yard Sale from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., rain or shine. Located at 24 River Street (off Route 123 in Norwell Center). Church and private table, complimentary coffee, snack bar. For more information call (781) 659-7122.

The Weymouth Art Association Spring Art Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth through April 28. The Artist of the month is Marilyn Reisberg. For more information call (781) 337-4513.

The North River Arts Society proudly sponsors **"Focus on Figures 2001"**, a members show of figurative art in any medium. Members may submit up to three pieces and the work must be based on the human figure and not previously exhibited at the North River Arts Society. The show will be open for through April 28 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. For more information call (781) 837-8091.

The Fuller Museum of Art located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. there will be a workshop on 'Professional Development for Teachers.' Cost is $90/non-members and $80/ members/teachers. Learn about Native American music with instructor Ron Perry, who has been teaching flute making in the Native American tradition for nearly ten years. Call (508) 588-6000 ext. 100 for more information.

Opening Night of The Barn - "Lion's Hall" At The Red Lion to benefit the visual arts programs at the South Shore Art Center. Music by the Fat City Band and the best barbecue in town. Prize for the most creative country western attire... a free weekend at the luxurious Red Lion Inn. Happening April 28 at 7 p.m., Lion's Hall at the Red Lion, Cohasset. $125 per person. For more information call (781) 383-ARTS.

Quincy Dinner Theater Presents 'You're A Good Man Charlie Brown' with performances on April 28, 29; May 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20. Fridays and Saturdays, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sundays, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Cost is $35 with discounts available for groups, kids and seniors. For reservation call (781) 843-5862.

Pedaling Home For Habitat with the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth. The first Annual Bike-a-thon will be held on April 28, rain or shine. The 20-mile ride will begin at 10 a.m. at Plymouth Rock on Water Street. The ride will make a wide circle of Plymouth and end back at the Rock. Registration is $10 and is open to anyone aged 12 years or older. Registration forms are available by calling (508) 866-4188.

Braintree Art Association Spring Art Sale with original paintings at affordable prices by Braintree Art Association members will be held from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Avenue, Braintree. For more information call (781) 335-4675.

A Cruise Aboard the Big Cat for Lighthouse Lovers with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands. The Spring Lights Extravaganza will use Boston Harbor Cruises' high-speed catamaran to venture up to southern Maine to view Boon Island, Nubble and the Isle of Shoals lighthouses. Other lighthouses that will be passed will include Deer Island, Long Island, Boston, Graves, Hospital Point, Ft. Pickering, Ten Pound Island, Marblehead, Gloucester Breakwater, Eastern Point, Baker's Island and Thatcher's Island. The trip departs at 10:30 a.m. at Long Wharf, Boston and returning at 6 p.m., rain or shine. Prices are $35 for adults, $32 for seniors, $30 for FBHI members, $17 for children ages 3 - 12. To order tickets or for more information call (781) 740-4290.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will be in concert at Carver High School on April 28 at 8 p.m. and April 29 at 3 p.m. Featured will be Zarina Irkaeva of Pembroke as a member of the orchestra cello section. Carver High School auditorium at 60 South Meadow Road is handicapped accessible. Tickets range from $13 - $25. Students $5 rush tickets are sold at the door one hour before performance. For more information call (508) 746-8008.

Metropolitan Wind Symphony will hold a spring band concert at Natick High School, 15 West Street in Natick at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call (617) 983-1370.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "By Land or By Sea: The Oprey/Herring Connection" from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Great Esker Park in Weymouth. Fee per person is $14 for non-member and $12 for MAS. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call (617) 333-0690.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Paul Rishell and Annie Raines Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

Art Auction sponsored by the Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey Street in Brockton. The auction will be supervised by Brinkley's Fine Art of Port Jefferson Station, NY. The auction is free and open to the public and doors will open at 7:45 p.m. for preview, auctions starts at 8:15 p.m. For more information call (508) 583-5810.

Festival of Music with the Salvation Army and Quincy Temple Corps. Brass Band, vocalists and soloists. Held at the Quincy Temple Corps at 6 Baxter Street in Quincy at 7 p.m. Tickets are $4. For more information call (617) 472-2345.

Sun. 29

March of Dimes WalkAmerica, the nation's first walking event will take place in Plymouth North High School. This large fundraising event will raise funds to support the March of Dimes mission to save babies. More than 200 walkers are expected to participate. For more information see the website at www.modimes.org or call 1-800-BIG-WALK.

I Spy the Young Artist Celebration at the Art Complex Museum presented by the Duxbury Art Association and The Art Complex Museum through April 29. A colorful exhibition by young artists ages 18 and under. Open to the public and free of charge, the exhibition can be viewed during museum hours, Wed. - Sun. from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Art Complex Museum on Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

27th Annual Winter Juried Show is open to the public at no charge through April 29. Artists throughout New England vie for the opportunity to exhibit their work, which is selected by a distinguished panel of judges. The Duxbury Art Association located at The Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

Make a Joyful Noise with the Boston Community Choir. The Justice Working Group of First Parish, Hingham is pleased to invite the public at 4 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall at 107 Main Street in Hingham. Admission is free. For more information call (781) 749-5663.

The North River Arts Society invites you to attend 'An Afternoon of Readings' at 4 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. Members of the South Shore Writers Club in Rockland and Ottone Riccio's Poetry Workshop in Boston will read selections from their prose and poetry. $5 for members/$7 non-members. For more information call (781) 837-8091.

"A Taste of Spring: A Wine Tasting Brunch" is the 11th annual fund raising event for the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. Taking place at Saporito's Florence Club Café in Hull at 1 p.m. The event includes a five-course gourmet menu and each course is accompanied by a wine selected by Mark Lewis of M.S. Walker Co. who will explain the fine art of blending foods and wines. A jazz trio will provide music to the food and wine. Reservations must be made in advance by calling JoAnn Mitchell at (781) 749-5417. Tables may be arranged for four, five or eight at $65 per person.

The fine Arts Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Libor Dudas, will perform its spring concert at Old south Union church in South Weymouth at 3 p.m. The concert will feature Haydn's Te Deum and Lord Nelson Mass as well as Mozart's Coronation Mass. Immediately following the concert their will be a dinner reception at Lombardo's in Randolph to commemorate its 35th Anniversary. Please call (800) 230-7555 for dinner reservations, seating is $35 per person. Tickets for the concert are $12.50 general admission and $10 for students and seniors.

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery is now showing "Close-ups in Watercolor by Andrew Kusmin, president of the New England Watercolor Society now through May 31. A reception and discussion with the artist will be held May 3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Merry Meeting Room of the Duxbury Free Library. For more information call the library at (781) 934-2721.

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The South Shore Conservatory staircase gallery will present the works of Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick from May 1-June 30. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information call (781) 749-7576 ext. 16.

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The Art of Music Chambers under the direction of Timothy Roberts will present Concerts in the Country" at Duxbury's Ellison Center for the Arts on Friday, April 27 at 8 p.m. The concert will feature the works of Beethoven, Bartok and Schumann. Tickets are $12 at the door and $10 in advance and are available by calling (781) 837-2705.



BEST BET

Dawna Hammers returns to the Old Ship Fellowship Hall in Hingham with "Music for the Heart and Soul on Friday, April 27 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for children and seniors. For information call (781) 740-2753.

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Mon. 30

Patterns of Provence, the lovely interpretations by Marge Murphy, Lynn Rizzotto, Phyllis Bezanson, Betty Supple, Carole Thurlow, Rod Peterson, Mary Lizotte and Brigitte Marseille will be on display at the Norwell Public Library through April 30.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery presents the watercolor paintings of Duxbury artist Wendy Hale through April. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

"Trading Places" an award winning Irish photographer shoots New England and an award winning New England photographer shoots Ireland. Photographs of N.E. by Dermot Conlan of Marshfield, a native of Co. Kildare, Ireland and of Ireland by Judith Enright of Norwell, native to New England. Held at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. (781) 659-2559 through April 30. Mon. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

'Poetry Open Mic' at the Blackthorne Tavern, Route 138 in Easton. Tel. (508) 238-9017. April 30 features Richard Cambridge. Sign up is at 8:30, open mike at 9 p.m. and feature at 9:30 p.m.

Tues. 1

James Library and Center for the Arts presents "It's a Beautiful Day! Paintings from life" a show of recent oil paintings by local artists Vivian Harlow and Ellen G. Whelan will be on view from through May 1. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tel. (781) 659-7200.

Alumni artists return to Second Parish Art Show for the 45th year, on May 1, the doors of the Second Parish Church in Hingham, an old meeting house on Main Street, will again open to an exhibit and sale of art and crafts. This year there will also be an alumni exhibit and sale of work by artists who were a part of the show in years past and are returning for this 45th anniversary celebration. There will be artists and craftspeople from all over the South Shore and greater Boston area and even from as far away as the Berkshires. There is also an exhibit of about 300 pieces of children's artwork. The show hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday May 2-4, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday May 5, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Second Parish Church is located at 685 Main St. There is no admission charge. Interested artists should call 781-749-6724 or 781-749-1671.

Thurs. 3

Curtain Call Theatre announces the production of 'The Dining Room' with performances on May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. The CCT Clubhouse is located on the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree. For more information call (781) 356-5113.

Kendall Whaling Museum presents "Samson - Titanic's Mystery Ship." Eric Ruff's illustrated lecture on May 3 at 8 p.m. Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for students and seniors and $2.50 for 6-16 with a family rate of $10. For more information call (781) 784-5642.

Surrogate Parents Needed to Make Educational Decisions for Students with Special Needs. A training had been scheduled by the educational surrogate parent program at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South Street in Plymouth from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. To register call (508) 792-7679.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners at 8:30 p.m. Featuring Tommy Dunham. Admission is $10 with half priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Tel. (781) 848-0300.

Fri. 4

May Friendship Day, sponsored by the South Shore Unit of Church Women United will be held at the United Methodist Church, 29 Carver Road in Plymouth at 10 a.m. May Friendship Theme is "For Such a Time as This: A Call to End Racism." Childcare will be available and a soup and salad luncheon will be served.

Bridgewater State College will present 37th Annual Student Art Exhibition through May 4. The work of graduating seniors will be rehung from May 7 - 19. Located at the Wallace Anderson Gallery, The Art Building, Bridgewater State College. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tel. (508) 531-1359.

Buckley Performing Arts Center announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

"Got Paint?" A show of recent oil paintings by local artist Nancy Colella will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center from May 4 - 31. An opening reception will be held on May 4 from 7 - 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 -5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment by calling (781) 659-7337.

'May Flowers' Opening Gala will highlight the Pilgrim Hall Museum Collection from 7 - 9 p.m. on May 4. The floral designs will be on view until May 7. Highlighted will be floral designs created by local and regional garden clubs based on objects in the collection. Tickets are $25 for members and $30 for non-members. Located at 75 Court Street in Plymouth. For more information call (508) 746-1620 ext. 7.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Chris Fitz Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

Plymouth Guild's Annual Spring Members & Invitational 3 Dimensional Show will take place in the Fehlow Room of the Plymouth Public Library. The public is invited to attend with free admission. The show will be open on May 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and on May 6 from 12:30 - 4 p.m. with a reception with the artists from 2 - 4 p.m. For more information call co-chairman Brenda Cobb at (508) 746-6279.

"Broadway Exchange" presents the "Lullaby of Broadway", a sassy, sizzling and sentimental trip to Broadway at the John Carver Inn, 25 Sumner Street in Plymouth. Dinner show is $39. For reservations call (508) 746-7100 or 1-800-274-1620.

South Shore Folk Music Club located at the Beal House; Route 106 in Kingston presents Bill Staines in concert. Tickets are $13 for members and $15 for non-members. All events begin at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Single Executives Club First Friday Cocktail Party and Dance at the Dedham Hilton Hotel, 25 Allied Drive in Dedham. Exit 14, East Street, off Route 128. DJ music from 8:30 - 12:30 a.m. Admission is $15. Ties and jackets are required for men and party finery for women. Suitable for all singles and couples 35 - 55 years old. Call (781) 446-0234.

Ongoing Events

North River Arts Society presents 'Class', an exhibition of the most recent works from students of NRAS in conjunction with the 25th Annual Festival of the Arts. Held at the Ventress Library through June 2. Gallery hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 837-8091.

Astral week By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Get an early start to this day. The green light for new starts is on until 9:22 a.m., when the Gemini moon aligns with Jupiter. This is the first favorable period for launching new enterprises since the new moon occurred. There is a rough spot in effect between 11:26 a.m.-2:26 p.m., when the Gemini moon opposes Pluto. Choose your words carefully. Think before you say or do something you will later regret. This potentially difficult influence passes over quickly, and the remainder of the afternoon and evening rates high across the board.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Gear up for a hectic morning. The Gemini moon opposes Mars at 12:12 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Stay alert and use common sense. Influences turn around at 3:49 p.m., when the moon enters domestic Cancer. A lunar alignment to Venus makes this an evening to share a special dinner with friends and loved ones. Get extra rest tonight. Pay attention to your dreams.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

The combination of a Cancer moon and sun/Neptune alignment makes this day ideal for catching up on rest and relaxation. Pursue favorite leisure activities; meditate, listen to music, take a long walk. Get in touch with what is important and meaningful in your life. Be more nurturing; give extra time and attention to children and pets. The Cancer moon becomes inactive at 5:53 p.m. The sun forms a 90-degree contact to Neptune at 7:50 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

An inactive Cancer moon sets the stage for a laidback day. Renew your spirit through time spent in solitude, meditation, art or nature. Fun and games are back in the picture at 7:25 p.m., when the moon enters playful Leo. Visit or entertain friends. Forget your troubles and enjoy life to the fullest.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

It may take a while for the morning fog to burn off. A lunar opposition to Neptune occurs at 10:19 a.m. Others may be distracted, careless, forgetful. Things may not go as planned. The good news is that the green light for new starts is on between 11:20 a.m-6:20 p.m. This period is prime for new beginnings of all kinds, in your business or personal life. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 1:08 p.m. A full moon is building and will culminate May 7.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

May promises to be an action-packed month. The planet Mars travels in retrograde motion May 11 to July 19. If you are planning to get new projects off the ground this spring, now is the time. Take advantage of favorable planetary aspects that are in effect today. The best period occurs between 2:00-7:43 p.m., when the Leo moon aligns with Mars and becomes inactive. At 10:16 p.m. the moon enters Virgo and aligns with Saturn in the early morning hours. Sidestep worries, fears, irritability. Meditate for inner peace.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

The moon travels in Virgo. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, prepares to align with unpredictable Uranus. Stay busy with practical projects. Handle routine chores and errands; go on a cleanup campaign. The evening may be particularly challenging, when the moon aligns with Pluto. Let go of situations that are out of your control. Pray, meditate, contemplate. Strive for greater spiritual vision.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Mercury forms a 90-degree contact to Uranus at 6:42 a.m., making for a hectic start to this day. Allow extra time. There are likely to be unexpected delays, obstacles, distractions. The Virgo moon prompts you to stay busy with projects that need redoing, cleaning up, reorganization. Zero in on physical fitness, diets, self-improvement programs. The Virgo moon aligns with Mars at 10:39 p.m. and becomes inactive. This may be a stressful period. Slow down.

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OBITUARY

Helen Raymond

Helen (Morse) Raymond, 68, of Quincy, formerly of Scituate died suddenly April 18, 2001, at South Shore Hospital in South Weymouth.

Born, raised and educated in Cohasset, she was the daughter of the late Herbert E. Morse and the late Dorothy C. (Cooper) Morse. She moved to Scituate to raise her family of seven prior to living in Quincy. Mrs. Raymond loved gardening, travel and cooking.

While living in Scituate, she was a communicant of St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate Harbor.

Wife the late Edmond V. Raymond, she leaves one son, Francis C. Shyne, Jr. of Nev.; six daughters, Jeanne M. Pratt of Va., Catherine C. Wendel of S.C., Joanne Shyne of Vt., Marianne Jarvis, Linda S. Hooker and Maureen T. Shyne all of Mass.; eight grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary of the Nativity Church. Interment was in Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Arrangements by Richardson-Caffey Funeral Home in Scituate.

WORSHIP NOTES

Glastonbury series

The event is Thursday, May 3, at 7:15 p.m., at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, and is sponsored by The Benedictine community of Glastonbury Abbey.

In this sixth and final presentation of The Glastonbury Series, 2000-2001, "Listening to Other Voices: the Way of Prayer in Our Religious Traditions," Dr. Michael McFadden focuses on the impact upon individuals, families and communities of the spirituality of the 12-step approach to addiction recovery.

Parents to meet

Parents of children in St. Anthony's Parish grade-one religious education program should attend a meeting Sunday, April 29, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This registration/information meeting is for parents of children presently in grade one. The meeting will be held in the church and at least one parent or responsible adult must attend.

Also, grade-two children will meet for class Sunday, April 29, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process continues on with the Mystagogia Period Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 in the parish center. The Mystagogia is a period immediately following Easter during which the newly baptized, those adults who entered the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil, come through study and prayer to a deeper understanding of their faith.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 7, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Paul D. & Kimberly G. Canney,** seek additions to dwelling at **10 Black Horse Lane,** according to the application in Clerk's Office.

File #01-04-02

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 7, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Andrew & Eileen J. Muir,** seek additions to dwelling at **481 Jerusalem Rd.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office.

File #01-03-30

AD#568052
Cohasset Mariner 4/19, 4/26/01

4 BATES LANE
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TOWN OF COHASSET ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, May 7, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to **5.3** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Fredric R. Sieger & Alison Treger,** seek additions to dwelling at **4 Bates Lane,** according to the application in Clerk's Office.

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Former state senator to lead runway fight

Cohasset native to take on Massport

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset native and former state senator William Golden has taken up the gauntlet in the fight to stop the proposed new Logan International Airport runway.

According to Golden — a Braintree attorney who sued to force the cleanup of Boston Harbor — Massport estimates that flights over Hingham, Hull and Cohasset will leap from 28,000 per year to about 100,000 by 2010 with the new landing strip.

"This project is a hoax and I use that absolutely meaning lie," said Golden, 53. "It does not deliver what it says it will deliver. There will be no reduction in flight delays."

Golden explained that at 5,000 feet, the proposed runway, designed 27 years ago when it was first proposed, is too short for nearly all of today's aircraft. The turbo props being considered for the runway are rapidly being replaced by regional jets that can't land there because of its length, he said. The only class of aircraft that could use the runway is small planes and private jets.

"This project is a hoax and I use that absolutely meaning lie."
— William Golden, attorney

"Massport is pushing a $300 million project so corporate executives can land in peak hours," he said.

Due to sensitivity to turbulence, smaller planes take up more space on runways, because more space has to be to allowed between taxiing planes. By diverting those small planes to the new runway, Massport could fit more planes on other runways – increasing Logan's capacity and sending more flights over the South Shore.

Golden claims that with more capacity – Logan travelers will experience increased delays due to increased congestion.

Hingham, Hull and Cohasset joined forces this spring with each appropriating $30,000 at their respective town meetings to pay consulting and legal costs in the runway battle — because they fear increased jet noise and emissions from the Logan expansion.

Golden called the new runway part of a "turf war" between Massport and the regional airports, saying Logan officials are fearful of losing passengers. Massport estimates that eight of every 10 new passengers uses regional airports.

RUNWAY, PAGE 22



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The camera crew filming a new Disney movie makes its way along Highland Avenue as young extras romp on the common. Along N. Main Street is a line of 70s-vintage cars in a funeral procession.

Disney comes to Cohasset

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset Common was sent back in time yesterday when Disney came to town to film a scene for its upcoming movie, "Baby's in Black."

Scores of extras battled 90-degree heat and their heavy, 70s-vintage wardrobe, as filmmakers shot a funeral procession slowly moving up North Main Street, past the common and First Parish Church.

The movie, which stars Academy Award winning actors Dustin Hoffman and Susan Sarandon, has been shot mainly in Gloucester and Marblehead, but came down to Cohasset for a one-day shoot. Neither Hoffman or Sarandon made the trip down.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he was told the movie's director, Brad Silberling (who directed "Casper"), insisted on using the Cohasset scene in the movie. "The director loves Cohasset," he said. "And can you blame him?...I've never seen the common looking better. The church is newly painted, the new flagpole is up, and the grass is bright green."

Film Publicist Eileen Peterson said the movie wanted to capture the changing of the seasons, and that's one of the reasons Disney picked New England in April.

"It's really cool. I'm kind of glued to the window."
— Joyce Davis, spectator

Of course, the New England weather failed to cooperate. Because of the movie's early-spring setting, part of the film crew spent more than half an hour shoveling snow off a flatbed truck and spread it along the edge of the common, as extras, dressed in woolen clothes, sweated out the wait.

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Merchants want to curb one-way trial

By Rick Collins
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George Roukounakis has gazed out from his gas station onto South Main Street for 29 years.

"All we wanted was some was some new sidewalks, lights and trees."
— Anne Gabanelle, French Memories

"I know how the traffic works better than anyone else," he said. "If they want to make it better, they should leave it alone."

Roukounakis is talking about the selectmen's potential decision to try a one-way traffic loop pattern through the village. The town Village Revitalization Task Force recommended the plan, derived as part of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's ongoing village improvement effort, to selectmen at their meeting last week.. Tuesday, the board will take a final vote on whether to give the go-ahead for a trial period.

"This could bring a lot of potential benefits to the area," said Dean Rizzo, executive director of the CRC, which sponsored the village traffic study and analysis. "It's only a tryout to see if it works or it does-

ONE-WAY TRIAL, PAGE 22

Town has number of historic notables

By Rick Collins
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Though lacking the national recognition of Plymouth Rock or the sheer density of historic buildings in Hingham Square — Cohasset does boast a number of nationally recognized historic landmarks.

Four properties within the town's borders have a place on the National Register of Historic Places and are protected by the U.S. Department of the Interior – Cohasset Common Historic District, Government Island, the Caleb Lothrop House on Summer Street, and the Walter Gropius House on Atlantic Avenue.

The most recognizable of the sites is Cohasset Common, made famous through photographs, paintings, and two Hollywood movies, not including Walt Disney's "Baby's in Black," which filmed a scene there yesterday.

"It's a classic New England town common," said Town Archivist David Wadsworth, who is also the curator for the Cohasset Historical Society. Standing in the middle of the common is the First Parish Church, the old town meeting house. The current structure was erected in 1747, just north of the original building.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Charlie McCarthy of McCarthy Flagpole helps assemble the pole joint on Tuesday when the new fiberglass pole went up.

Flagpole is back on the green

By Mary Ford
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A new 80-foot fiberglass flagpole was installed Tuesday afternoon on the Town Common.

Its predecessor that was put up about four years ago broke off about four feet about the base during a blizzard in March.

That pole, which was covered under a 10-year warranty, replaced a wooden one that was taken down because it was rotting and had stood there for decades.

Building inspector Bob Egan said the new pole is reinforced at the "weak spot" near where the door to the halyard is located.

"I could see what happened," Egan said. There is a reinforcing sleeve or shim inside that is smaller in diameter than the pole near the "weak spot" that wasn't firmly attached, he said.

"Over the years due to the vibration, it broke loose and slipped down leaving the weak spot exposed," he said.

Nancy St. John of Eagle Flag Company in North Weymouth that obtained both poles for the town said the manufacturer used a new epoxy and bolts in the new pole to secure the shim that lends support to that area.

Eagle Flag also "golf-leafed" the ball at the top of the new pole at no charge, St. John said.

PLP Composite Technologies of New Hampshire manufactured the poles.

The fiberglass pole should be able to sustain winds of up to 120 mph, according to the company brochure, far more than the 45 mph gusts in the March nor'easter. The pole broke off, struck some wires on the way down sending an electrical surge that flickered lights in the village, and broke again. No one was injured in the mishap.

Egan said it wasn't anticipating any problems with the new pole.

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This week in COHASSET

Contracts inked for restoration of tank

The Water Department recently signed contracts for restoration of the Bear Hill water storage tank.

"Restoration of the Bear Hill tank will begin very soon," said Water Commission chairman John McNabb.

The contract for reconstruction of the access road to the Bear Hill tank was recently awarded to Gioiso Construction, which has been working on a number of Water Department projects recently. This work has already begin, said McNabb.

Amstar of West Seneca, New York, was awarded the contract, for $309,000, to clean, inspect, and paint the Bear Hill tank. This work should start in a few weeks and be completed about 60 days later.

"We expect to repaint the Bear Hill tank with the same color paint as the new Scituate Hill tank, said McNabb, "which will make the tank less obtrusive. The cleaning of the Bear Hill tank, to remove seven feet of accumulated alum sludge, will help improve water quality."

Correction

A story about lots off Beach Street that appeared in last week's Cohasset Mariner warrants some clarification. The Mariner reported public access to Brewster Woods was through the path in the back of the Town Hall parking lot. That land is actually private property belonging to Ellen Morrissey. She said at one time an agreement existed with the Cohasset Conservation Trust, which owns Brewster Woods, to provide access to the land. However, that agreement has since been dropped.

Also, Morrissey says that no blasting of the granite ledge off Beach Street occurred when she built the house on top of the ledge a number of years ago.

Kimball's manager

Selectmen approved a change of manager on the Kimball's By the Sea's liquor license. Joseph Campbell, also the manager of Atlantica Restaurant, recently replaced long-time Kimball's manager Jane McCombs.

LEST WE FORGET



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Fred Pipenbrink, an ex-prisoner of war, stands next to a chair draped with the POW flag during Saturday's observances at Woodside Cemetery honoring deceased members of the Sons of the American Legion.

Redistricting

Town Clerk Marion Douglas told selectmen this week that the town will not have to draw new precinct lines, as a result of the 2000 Census.

If the town's population had changed more than 5 percent, the town would have been required to change the precinct lines. The town's two precinct's are currently divided down the middle of North and South Main streets.

County marker

The town will hire a surveyor to reset a Norfolk County property marker on Ripley Road that was buried two years ago during James Brook flood control work.

The town was notified at the April 10 meeting by Carousel Antiques owner Amanda Burgoon that the marker at the edge of her property had been buried and never restored.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the work will cost about $300.

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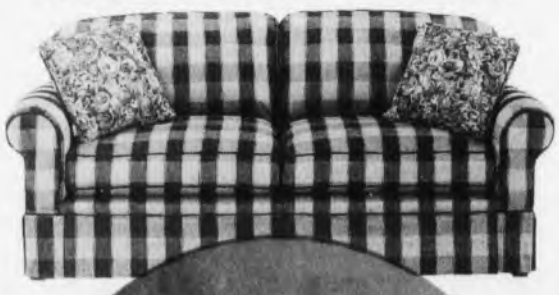
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Sun. 6	11:08	10.6	4:53	11:27	11.3	5:11
Mon. 7	11:58	10.5	5:43	——	——	5:58
Tues. 8	12:12	11.3	6:30	12:45	10.3	6:43
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House budget scraps $44K in town school aid money

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset stands to lose $44,000 in Chapter 70 money if the House version of the budget passes in the Legislature.

Overall, the House budget calls for $35 million more in state aid to communities and school districts than what is included in the governor's budget. However, 160 communities fare better in the budget submitted by former Governor Paul Cellucci, including most South Shore towns.

But state Rep. Garrett Bradley has signed onto two bills; one that would increase the House state aid numbers to match the governor's numbers, and another to revamp the funding formula.

Cellucci's budget would send $1,434,077 in Chapter 70 money to the town to offset education expenses, but the House plan allocates just $1,389,245 — a difference of $44,832. Cohasset received $1,327,934 in Chapter 70 money this year.

. Although the difference makes up less than 1 percent of the town's expected revenue, it still throws a wrench in the town's balanced budget. Cohasset's fiscal year 2002 budget was prepared using the governor's budget numbers, traditionally the lowest of the state aid numbers. If the House's version of the budget passes, the town budget would be off by the reduced amount.

"I'm really annoyed by this," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "How can we be expected to plan a budget when they play these games?"

He said if he knew the House numbers were going to be lower, he probably would've recommended a slightly larger override than the $300,000 the town approved last month. "Now it's too late and it will be out of balance," he said.

Hingham is another town that would fare better under the governor's plan. That town would receive $3,948,107 in Chapter 70 money under Cellucci's budget, and just $3,779,059 under the House budget.

Haddad said the House's complex distribution formula favored cities and less-affluent areas this year such as Brockton, Lowell, and Worcester. Besides Cohasset and Hingham — Duxbury, Norwell, Kingston, Abington, Scituate, Holbrook and Pembroke would also see reductions in state aid in the House budget. South Shore towns such as Hanover, Braintree, Marshfield and Rockland would fare better under the House budget.

Haddad said since the town isn't overly dependent on state aid — it makes up less than 8 percent of the town's total revenue — it wouldn't have to do anything drastic if the House version passes, such as lay off teachers.

Schools Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey was optimistic the House numbers would change. "Not only do the state school superintendents favor the higher level, but so do the state school committees," he said. "Recently, the state school committees had a lobbying day on Beacon Hill and brought that message forward. Hopefully it will not only be brought to the higher level, but increased."

Malvey said Cohasset is, and has been, the victim of an assumption that it doesn't need state aid. "We don't want to be left out of the loop. We may appear to have the resources, but it's still a tremendous draw on the tax base, because there is not a lot of industry in town," he said.

The school budget takes up nearly half of the town's $25 million operating budget. Chapter 70 money doesn't go directly to the schools. It is instead sent into the town's general fund, and is used to offset school expenses and help keep the tax rate down.

State Rep. David Linsky, D-Natick, filed a budget amendment last week that would "correct small inequities in the Chapter 70 distributions." Bradley has signed on as a co-sponsor for the amendment, which would bump up the House numbers to at least match the governor's. He said recent changes to the current distribution formula has made a "bad formula worse."

"It hurts towns like Hingham and Cohasset, and puts the burden on them," he said. "It's not an equitable split."

Bradley is co-sponsoring another bill with Linsky that would reform the distribution formula so that each town or school district could count on receiving $125 in Chapter 70 money per student. The Legislature would then have the option to appropriate that number, or some other higher number recommended by the governor or House Ways and Means Committee.

"It's a floor so that when communities set their budget figures, they will not have to adjust them," he explained.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said if history is a precedent, "the Senate formula has been more advantageous" than either the House or governor's formulas in the past few years. However, Hedlund said the Senate's budget is still a work in progress and probably won't be released until after Memorial Day.

Every year, the governor's office submits a budget to the House for approval. The House Ways and Means Committee than creates its own budget. The Senate later files another budget. Later this spring, after the House and Senate have passed their respective budgets, a budget conference committee will meet to hammer out the differences. In theory, this is supposed to be done by the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Lately, however, it has become common for budget discussions to drag on long past the start of the new fiscal year. In 1999, the state budget finally passed in November.

Wolf Pits taking vote possible

Water commission meets Monday

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset Water Commission will hold a special meeting Monday night at 8 p.m. to consider taking the Beechwood Street property known as the "Wolf Pits" by eminent domain.

Town voters authorized the commission to take the land at the annual Town Meeting, March 31.

Commission Chairman John McNabb said because he had to give the property's owners 30 days notice, "May 7 is the earliest date for us to consider taking the property."

The property is owned by developer Wayne Sawchuk and Leland and Leonora Jenkins of Jerusalem Road under the name Wolf Woods Nominee Trust.

Town boards are concerned that any development on the land, which is located near the Aaron Reservoir and in the Lily Pond watershed, would harm the town's water supply.

The Town Meeting article authorized the commission to take the property for $150,000. However some were worried the price would become inflated if Sawchuk and the trust received approval to build upon the property. When land is taken by eminent domain, the town is locked in to paying fair market value for that land, as determined by a land court judge.

However, the Planning Board recently denied a preliminary subdivision plan for the site.

A preliminary subdivision plan is a rough sketch of a proposed development that has the board identify to the applicant any problems with the project, before he spends the time and money coming up with detailed final design plans.

Sawchuk's plan called for 11 single family lots, a common drainage plan, and a common septic system.

Although the plan met all zoning requirements, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said the plan "was like putting 20 pounds of potatoes in a 10 pound sack. It seemed like an overwhelming project for the land it was being asked to support."

"May 7 is the earliest date for us to consider taking the property."
— John McNabb, Water Commission chairman

Town bylaws require 4.54 acres for a subdivision of that size. Sawchuk's plan had 6.72 acres.

On March 12, the Board of Health voted to disapprove the shared septic system because of its potential location within the flood plain.

Town Planner Liz Harrington also said there were concerns about access to the property, especially in the case of an emergency. "There were general concerns with access in an emergency situations, or flooding in the area and getting people in and out," she said.

Moore added, "We felt in every case the information provided was inadequate to make a decision."

The formal decision cites 11 problems with the preliminary plan, ranging from unclear delineation of the floodplain lines and water protection district, to the disturbance of wetlands for the utility easement.

It also said Sawchuk hadn't provided enough information in response to allegations made by the water commission that the project would cause increased nitrate and other chemical levels in the town water supply.

The vote against the plan was unanimous, 4-0. New board member Peter Pratt abstained from voting on the recommendation of town counsel because he had not been part of the board when the hearing had started.

Until the commission votes to seize the land, Sawchuk can resubmit a building plan before the board.

Property abutter Agnes McCann of Doane Street, said she has recently seen heavy equipment clearing land out on the property. "He's clearing it, even though the town voted that it wants to take it," she said. "I'm dumb with amazement because he's ruining it...I don't know the benefit of what he's trying to do."

The Mariner was unable to get in touch with Sawchuk for comment.

Noble is new school board chief

Plans to keep meetings to the point

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset School Committee named Stephanie Noble its new chairman, during its annual board reorganization last week.

Noble, who is entering the final year of her first-term on the board, said she doesn't expect much to change from the way the meetings have been run in the past.

"I don't believe you'll see a big difference between the way Mark DeGiacomo, and Pat Martin ran their meetings, and how I do," she said.

Noble said the committee is in the process of putting together a brochure for town residents to get more familiar with the board. "It will be how to get their concerns across, how to get in touch with us, and how to become a part of the school committee work, when they feel the need to do so."

Outgoing chairman Martin praised the new chairman. "She's committed, experienced, extremely bright, and hard working. She'll make an excellent chairman."

The one aspect Noble hopes to work on is the pace of school committee meetings.

"There used to be a sign in Talbot's that was a quote from an old Hollywood producer that said, 'If you can't fit your idea on the back of a calling card, you don't have an idea.' We certainly do want people to get their points across but in a clear, succinct manner," Noble said.

Although she doesn't mind spending the time if there's a lot of material to cover and wants to give everyone a chance to express their concerns — "meetings can get a bit too long sometimes," she said.

Noble said she ran in 1999 with no experience on a school board, and so far her time on the committee "has been a learning experience."

She said the school committee will prepare its goals and objectives for the year at a meeting later this month.

Noble, a Joy Place resident, has three daughters; one in the ninth grade, one in third grade and one in kindergarten.

Also, the committee named Rick Flynn vice-chairman, and Chartis Tebbetts secretary.

Both Martin and DeGiacomo were re-elected to the committee in this spring's Town Election. Martin defeated challenger Adrienne MacCarthy, who called for a recount that narrowed Martin's margin of victory from three votes to two.

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Cohasset's Lauren Albanese on stage in 'The Sleeping Beauty'

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

ENJOYING SPRING

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone enjoying the weather?

I am seeing more and more of the beautiful flowers around town, you all do such a great job with them. As we are all getting into this hectic and busy season of spring between soccer, baseball, lacrosse, Graduations, first communion etc, it is very important for all to take a breath here and there and make sure to "smell the roses" as they say. I cannot believe that the school year is coming to an end one more time so quickly. It seems like we were just getting ready for the holidays and now, I am putting all of that stuff away and looking for the summer clothes. Where does time go?

SPECIAL DAY

On April 22, 2001, a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party was given for **Barbara and Carmelo Conte** by their daughter **Linda**, her husband **Al**, their son **John** and his wife **Joni**. It was held at John and Joni Conte's home, where **Jenna** and **Jack**, their grandchildren and many guests attended. A wonderful time was had by everyone. Family arrived from New Hampshire, Cape Cod and as far away as England. What a great tribute to a wonderful couple. Congratulations.

MANY GENERATIONS

Christine M. Curley of 60 Elm St., who will celebrate her 96th birthday on May 4, (Happy Birthday!), recently attended her great-, great-granddaughter's christening at St. Thecla's Church in Pembroke. The baby, **Madison Nicole Razzaboni,** is the daughter of **John and Michelle Eaton Razzaboni**, granddaughter of **Stephen and Donna Eaton** and great-granddaughter of **Edward and Peg Curley Eaton**. Madison is also the great-grandniece of **Ben Curley** of Cohasset. Congratulations to all on both these wonderful events.

BABY GIRL

Another new baby to talk about is **Charlotte Carr Purdy**. Charlotte was born on April 13, 2001and is the new daughter of **Edward and Amy Purdy** of Pleasant Street. Charlotte weighed in at 8 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long. She joins her big brother **Nathaniel** at home and is receiving all kinds of love and attention, I am sure. Charlottes grandparents are of Newton and **Diane Purdy** of Cranford, N.J. Congratulations on that wonderful baby girl.

TRIP TO ITALY

Boy oh boy, do the staff at **Roger Pompeo's** Cohasset office know how to travel. Recently, the staff were treated to a Roman Holiday hosted by Dr. Pompeo and his wife **Ann** for a week's holiday in Italy. I hope that all of you had a great time on this amazing trip.



Dr. Roger Pompeo, center, and his wife Ann, far left, enjoy a Roman holiday with the doctor's office staff.

BALLERINA ON STAGE

Lauren Albanese of Cohasset is performing in Boston Ballet's acclaimed production of "The Sleeping Beauty," running May 3-20, 2001 at the Wang Theater. Lauren is playing the role of the Garland Girl. Lauren has been a student in the Intensive Division at Boston Ballet School for eight years. This young performer was chosen with 80 other young dancers from Eastern Massachusetts and adjoining states. Lauren will also be attending the Young Dancers Summer Workshop for her fourth summer. This talented young lady is a fifth-grade student at the Deer Hill School where she also plays flute in the school band and sings in the chorus. Lauren is the daughter of a very proud set of parents, **Thomas and Lori Albanese**. I am sure we will hear more of the wonderful things to come from this young lady. Congratulations, Lauren!

CHS TURNS 50!

The "Golden Anniversary" Weekend is happening Memorial Day Weekend as well and it is going to be a blast. Just imagine, 50 years of alumni, staff and friends, memorabilia, reminiscing and entertainment to boot. This great event is spanning Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26 at the CHS/Middle School. Let all your friends and classmates now, plan that cook-out for Sunday and get ready to celebrate the 50th birthday of the school in style.

GODSPELL ON STAGE

I want to remind everyone of some upcoming dates to put in your calendar books. The Cohasset Drama Workshop is presenting "Godspell" on May 11-13 at the Second Congregational Church. This is going to be a fantastic performance that the whole family can attend. Seating is limited so make sure to get your tickets now. Go to the Cohasset High School and get your tickets for $10. This is a show you won't want to miss.

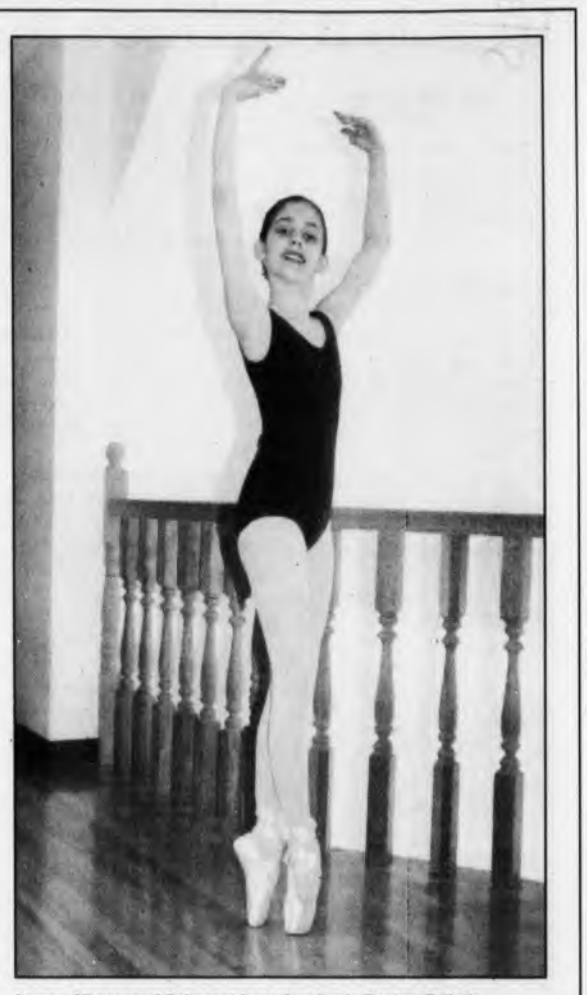
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BROAD COVE CHORALE

The Broad Cove Chorale is having its performance this weekend, Sat May 5 at 8 p.m. at the Broad Cove House, Lincoln Street in Hingham and on Sunday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at the First Parish Church in Norwell. It will be a wonderful evening of music of "The Four Seasons" by Vaughn Williams. Definitely a wonderful springtime event you won't want to miss. I would like to send my apologies to this group as I reversed the locations in last weeks column.

That is all for this week. Please get all of your news and information to me in one of the following ways: EMAIL: jenpiep@yahoo.com; PHONE: 781-923-105; MAIL: 622 CJC Highway Have a great week!



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Hoe-down at the Red Lion

Barn party benefits art center



The Fat City band rocks the crowd at the barn during Saturday night's grand opening that benefited the South Shore Art Center.



Paul Forrer brought his lasso to the benefit party and dance.

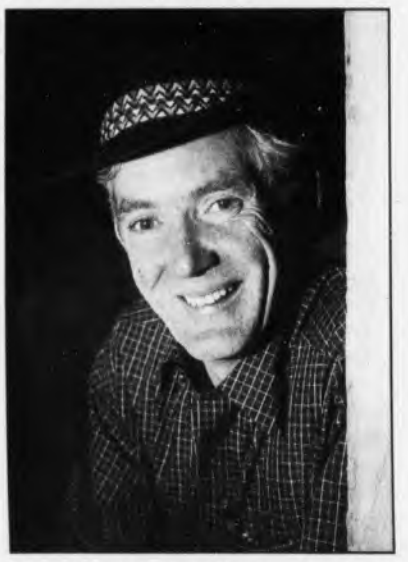


Connie Gellhely makes her way down the stairs for the grand opening of the Barn at the Red Lion on Saturday night. Revelers dressed in country-western garb.

Photos by Fred Robertson



Nancy Garrison came dressed in an outfit that paid homage to the Kenny Rogers' hit "The Gambler."



Gerard Meehan enjoys the party. Meehan built the Barn which provided the centerpiece for the country-western hoe-down.



Marilyn and Mindy Winn of Cohasset came dressed as cowgirls for the popular event.



Artist Judy St. Peter presents Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn complex, with her painting of a red lion. Ordelheide came decked out as Geronimo.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A trek through history

Signs of spring are everywhere. Tulips stretch their stems to capture the radiant sunshine, beach-goers are trekking to their favorite South Shore waterfront and the sounds of lawn mowers and leaf blowers break the silence along our main streets and back roads.

People are beginning their traditional rituals to usher in yet another spring and summer on the South Shore. Residents are busting out of their winter doldrums to experience all that make this a wonderful place to live and work.

This year we encourage residents to enjoy all that the South Shore has to offer — especially savoring the historic landmarks and locations linking us to our past. When compiling your to-do list of day trips you should definitely add one or two stops at the many unique historic sites on the South Shore.

In this area, a worthwhile trip can be planned in the blink of an eye; there are many educational and entertaining historic structures rich in heritage and preserved thanks to the foresight of many individuals.

This week's issue of the paper focuses on historical landmarks and districts for two reasons — to get people who live in the area to further appreciate what is in their collective backyards, and also to highlight a few reasons why some of these places are so special.

Of course, it was not easy to pick which structures and places to highlight, because the South Shore has hundreds of them, from Plymouth all the way to Quincy and beyond. Sure, the area offers a number of exciting museums to take in lessons of history, but if you really think about it, the South Shore *is* a museum in itself.

Historic sites bring us all back to a simpler time when horse and carriages served as the main form of transportation, when people knew how to reap the most off their plots of land, and when a sporting event meant hosting a vegetable-growing competition.

Having a better understanding of history helps to comprehend the lives of the people who set up this great nation, and like the saying goes, those who don't understand past mistakes and failures are doomed to repeat them.

But enriching oneself on the past also gives a person the opportunity to say "I live here, and I understand where I come from."

Shouldn't that be everyone's responsibility to themselves?

One-way trial

In the face of rising opposition, we hope selectmen will have the courage at their meeting Tuesday to give the go-ahead to a one-way traffic pattern trial in the village. That doesn't mean they are endorsing the plan. The fact is, we may never know if a one-way village loop would work if we don't give it a test run. It might wreak havoc and negatively impact village businesses. We don't think selectmen want to see anything but a positive impact on the business climate in town.

But a one-way solution to some of the traffic and parking problems has been bandied about for at least a decade. Let's approach it with an open mind and give it a test run. And then if the plan flops, the issue can come off the table once and for all.

— Mary Ford
Editor



POLITICAL NOTES

Bradley on clean elections

Rep. Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) co-sponsored an amendment that would finance the Clean Election Law. The House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means budget being debated this week did not include the appropriations to the Clean Elections Fund. The advocates of the law have stated that $10 million is needed in this budget to implement the law next year.

The Clean Elections Law was approved by a two-thirds majority of the voters in 1998. It is a voluntary program that provides public money to those candidates that agree to spending limits.

"I made a commitment in my campaign last year to vote against attempts to gut this law. Certainly not funding it is an attempt to kill this law and I believe that is wrong," Bradley said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No one-way trial

TO THE EDITOR:

We've been betrayed. Yes, we the people, and especially the merchants of South Main Street. At every meeting of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation (CRC) we were assured that nothing would happen unless it met with Town Meeting approval. But now CRC has gone to the selectmen, instead of the people, for approval of trial one-way streets.

(Yes, at a small meeting of representatives from non-profit organizations I did vote in favor of such a trial; but I was voting as an individual and was not representing the town. In so voting I assumed the issue would be brought before Town Meeting. It wasn't.)

The people of this town, and especially the affected merchants, were not informed that the selectmen would be considering this trial. The selectmen should rescind their vote on this issue. Trials have a way of becoming permanent.

Robert M. Davenport
Black Horse Lane

Traffic flow

TO THE EDITOR:

How dare the selectmen and the Village Revitalization Task Force make such a big decision on such an important subject without talking to the merchants and people of this town. Since these businesses are our lives, it amounts to playing with our lives without consulting us.

At the last public meeting of CRC, the vast majority in attendance were not in favor of one-way streets in the village. Apparently CRC did not take into account this expressed, public opinion.

Why are we allowing CRC and its consultants, who have no businesses here and don't live here, to tell us what sort of traffic pattern we should have. It doesn't make sense. After 29 years here, in the same location, I know more about the traffic flow here than any outside consultant.

On Tuesday, April 24, Dean Rizzo was down in the village talking to the merchants about his traffic survey conducted earlier. He never mentioned that a one-way street trial was being submitted to a vote of the selectmen that evening. Thus none of us were present at the meeting to raise our voices on this subject.

George Roukounakis
Olympic Citgo

Road race thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

As the founder and co-director of the Cohasset RoadRace By-The-Sea I would like to say thank you to the many organizations, individuals, and businesses who worked on and supported the 25th running of the race this year. It is hard to imagine that this race was first run in 1977. The sponsor of the race is the Cohasset Rotary Club. This organization is a wonder in itself. It is a rather small group of men and women, around 20, who work quietly and do so much good. Your support of the race helps this wonderful organization spread good deeds throughout the world. Rotarians worked hard on the race this year and we had a wonderful day because of their efforts.

I would also like to thank Sharpless Jones and Frannie Coffee for their efforts with the race. These two gentlemen have come out year after year and supported and promoted the Cohasset Road Race. We have many other people like Rick Curtis who works on getting prizes for the race. He has done this for years. Ronnie Goodwin who does the shirts that so many of you have. When I first started giving out T-shirts I was at Ronnie's garage early, very early, on the morning of the race getting shirts. A special thanks to the Town of Cohasset departments who help prepare the roadways for the race. In 1978 the Highway Department made sure that the runners would be able to get over the washed out causeway on Atlantic Avenue. We have had voluntary medical professionals on hand every year. Dr. Pompeo, Dr. Golden my wife Judith, our Town Nurse, who have been there every year. Many others have come out to help and some we don't even know about who live along the race route and every year they are there to support the runners.

The race has become a Town event not only are many of the participants from the Town but the businesses, individuals and Town Departments who support the race give it a feeling of doing something good. I must say a special thank you to the runners who have come out year after year and supported this race. Jack Bowen said to me at this year's registration that he was just a little kid when he started running and he thought that I was old then (nice guy). We all laughed at that comment. We pay special attention to the runners in the race and they have come back to support this event every year.

Thank You to all the participants, helpers and supporters of the race and the fans of the race who stand by the sides of the road and cheer on the runners. You have really made this event a dream come true.

F. Roy Fitzsimmons
116 Doane St.

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Don't make a Swift judgment

MY VIEW

RICK COLLINS

It's been three weeks since Paul Cellucci left the State House in the hands of Jane Swift, and things continue on as they always have.

There hasn't been a mass exodus of scared and frightened residents fleeing to one of the lesser 49 states. England has not tried to re-capture Boston Harbor. And the U.S.-Canadian hockey puck and beaver pelt trade has never been stronger. And now a Boston Herald popularity poll says her disapproval rating has dropped 29 points over the past two months.

So what's going on? Wasn't the Jane Swift Era supposed to be a joke to start, a folly in the middle and a disaster in the end? After all, it was about six months ago that Swift's approval ratings were so low that even Jack E. Robinson was sending her sympathy cards.

Now as Acting-Governor, Jane Swift has not put the state in a tailspin and the Herald has been forced to call off the attack dogs, and give her some legitimate coverage.

Comments made last week by the area's elected officials, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, and state Rep Garrett Bradley provide insight into this "turnaround." Both called attention to Swift's intelligence. And Bradley who, as a Democrat, wouldn't have much to lose by taking a couple of cheap shots like calling her Air Swift.

Intelligence and ethics are not the same creatures. Sure she screwed up by using a State Police helicopter to fly over Thanksgiving weekend traffic on the Mass. Turnpike, and using staffers to baby-sit her daughter. But that doesn't mean she isn't smart and can't be effective.

I had the privilege of talking to House Speaker Thomas Finneran at a recent Mariner-sponsored event honoring Mary Jeanette Murray, and I think his caveat speaks volumes: Don't underestimate her.

Mistah Speakah said the worst thing his party could do would be to allow Swift to take advantage of low expectations, a la George W. Bush. He said all it would take is for Swift to hit homeruns on a couple of issues, surprise a few people, and — voila —become a successful governor.

And know what? She's got her batting gloves on and is taking some big swings.

Two weeks ago Swift announced she'd fight to restore state funding of the widely-supported Clean Elections Law, which Finneran cut as part of the House budget. And guess whose side Senate President Thomas Birmingham is on?

Last week, she announced new carbon dioxide emission guidelines for the five coal and oil burning power plants in Massachusetts. Whose going to come out and argue the guidelines are unnecessary and that carbon dioxide emissions are OK??

And this past week she broke with her predecessor and said mothers on welfare would be able to count hours spent in job training or the classroom would count towards their required work hours.

Those may not be homeruns, but they're at least long drives to the warning track — perhaps a couple to The Wall.

I certainly don't mean to make a strong case for Swift – in fact, I can't wait to cast my vote for Warren Tolman, or Marty Meehan or some other Democrat next fall. So this is more of a warning – make her earn any success. Remember, if Swift wins reelection, the corner office will be held by a Republican for 16 years when the term expires in 2006.

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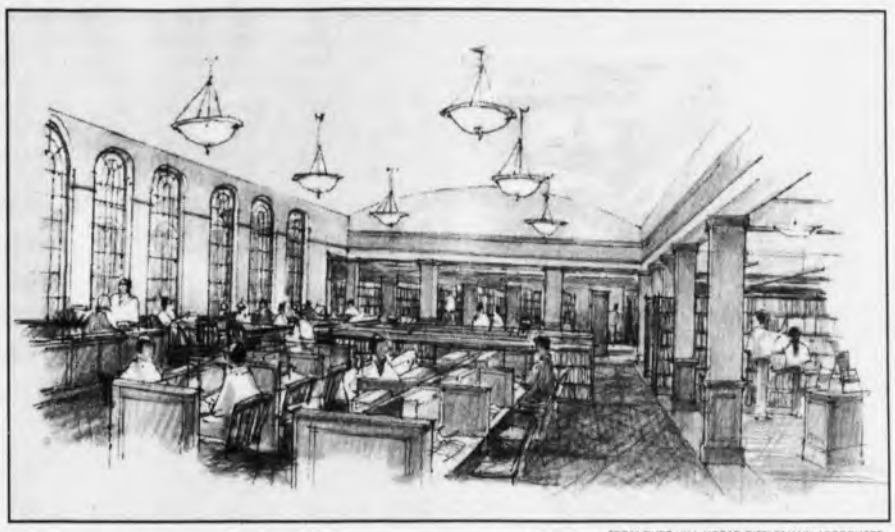
A library that will sing!

By Patience Towle and Sheila Evans
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This week or next, every Cohasset household will be receiving a mail solicitation for a gift to the Cohasset Library Building Fund. The goal for this Campaign is at least $300,000! This amount, when combined with the $800,000 that has already been pledged, a Massachusetts Library Construction Grant, and sale of the existing library building when it becomes vacant, will meet the entire cost of a new Cohasset library. What will Cohasset be getting for all this money?

In sum, a beautiful, warm and welcoming new library on one floor, with almost double the space the library now has, and ample parking. It will be incorporating as well some of the best of our well-loved old library:

- the name, Paul Pratt Memorial Library
- the wonderful and helpful library staff
- the excellent book collection
- the handsome mackerel weathervane that notes Cohasset's importance as a mackerel fishing center in the 19th century and
- reproductions of the MacIvor Reddie murals now in the Rotunda, given Cohasset by Charlotte Tower, its longtime Librarian. The Friends of the Cohasset Library have undertaken this important project.



FROM BURT HILL KOSAR RITTLEMANN ASSOCIATES

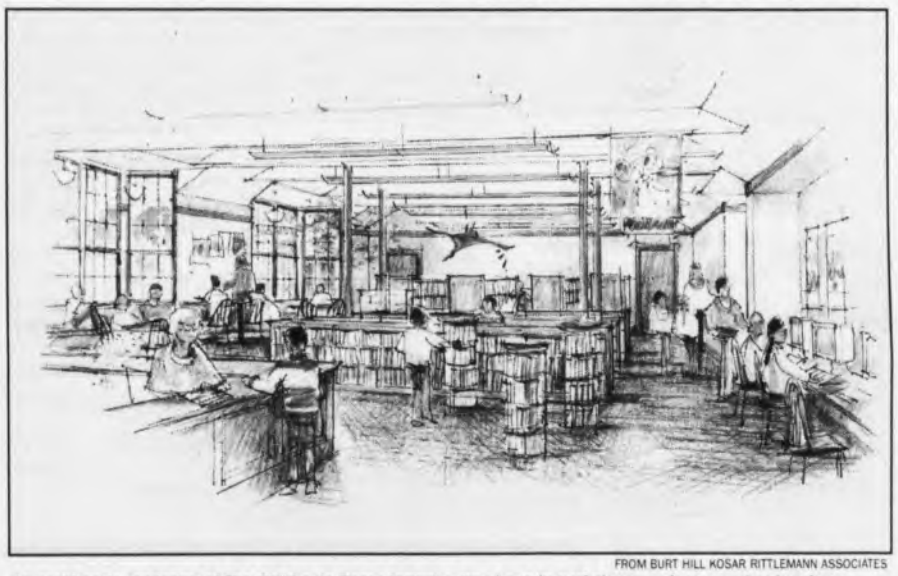
The Reading Room was the former gym and auditorium of the original school, with a very high, vaulted ceiling and tall palladium windows.

This new library is going to sing! Let's take a little tour … As you enter the main door from the parking lot, you pass through an entrance hall with the Meeting Room on your right. Once you enter the library proper, you will immediately see and understand the layout of the library. (Probably at least half of you will say or think, "Wow!") Looking straight ahead, you will see the Circulation Desk and a large open area under a handsome Rotunda in which New Books and Audio-Visual materials will be displayed.

—COMMENTARY—

The Children's Room will be on your left, with two large bay windows, and a separate story hour room, with a sink, that will permit more extensive children's programs. Moving clockwise, a Young Adults Room is next. This room will be geared to fifth to ninth graders and their taste in books, audiovisual materials and décor.

Beyond the open area under the Rotunda and a little to the left will be the dramatic Reading Room. This was the former gym and auditorium of the original school, with a very high, vaulted ceiling and tall palladium windows. Some older Cohasset residents will remember attending Town Meetings in this space, and a few former students now in their 30s will remember a huge open space classroom for four first grades there. The palladium windows are beautiful features of the room that will house the reference collection, 12 computer carrels for public access to the internet, and many study tables with outlets for laptops. Floor to ceiling columns will define this area which on the north and east side will be flanked by the adult book collection. In the far left corner of the library, beycnd the Reading Room will be the Newspaper and Periodical Room. With comfortable seating and many windows, this area will feel like a nice living-room, and will undoubtedly be a popular, quiet retreat for many.



FROM BURT HILL KOSAR RITTLEMANN ASSOCIATES

An architect's rendering of The Children's Room featuring two large bay windows, and a separate story hour room, with a sink, that will permit more extensive children's programs.

There will be two small study rooms, available on a sign-up basis, for four to six persons, with a table and chairs, outlets for laptops and a chalkboard. Both students doing group projects and adults having meetings will appreciate these spaces. Further, there will be a larger room with a conference table for meetings of up to 14 people, also available by sign-up, which the Library Trustees, the Board of the Friends, and others will find useful. This room will also store and display the library's small collection of Cohasset historical and genealogical materials.

There will be a waiting room near the Ripley Road entrance with a free local telephone in which children may call for a ride home and a bench upon which to wait. An external book drop will also be near this entrance for the convenience of patrons returning books at any time.

Finally, behind the scenes at the new Paul Pratt Memorial Library will be carefully designed, efficient and pleasant work areas for the staff and the Library Director, as well as a Staff Lounge — all of which will insure the optimal running of this new Cohasset gem.

The Library Trustees and the Cohasset Library Building Fund Committee invite everyone in Cohasset to become a part of this exciting project by responding to the mail solicitation for gifts to the Building Fund. The appeal has been mailed and should be received this week or next. The names of donors of $1,000 or more will be permanently listed on a Donor Wall in the new library, and all names will be listed in a final Campaign Report. Gifts may be pledged and paid in three payments over three years.

Library trustees Patience Towle and Sheila Evans are also chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Cohasset Library Building Fund.

It's called government

Did you ever get the feeling that things are closing in on you? A shrink would say it is not so and call it "paranoia." I say it is so and growing and I call it "government."

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The Randolph Town Meeting last week voted a new bylaw that, once it is approved by the Attorney General, would forbid homeowners from paving over their lawns for parking like they do in other communities.

"That is not what the town of Randolph is," said Selectmen Chairman James Burgess. In other words, if you want to live in Randolph, by golly, you'll conform just like the rest of us.

Attitudes like that have cost office-holders the next election.

"There is nothing more demoralizing to someone who keeps his property up than to have someone move in next door and start parking on the lawn," said Town Meeting Member Michael Cronin.

Furthermore, the bylaw requires that "all grass areas be mowed on a regular basis." Presumably, the next step will be the appointment of a Commissioner of Lawns to tour the town on a regular basis with a slide rule to measure the length of the grass.

Meanwhile, the Virginia State Senate kept the paranoia alive by approving a bill that would allow Fairfax County, where three-bedroom apartments go for $1,181 a month, to prohibit residents from sleeping in rooms other than a bedroom in their own homes.

"Jamming 20 people into a two-bedroom house diminishes property values, takes up parking spaces, and robs neighbors of peace and quiet," said Sen. Leslie Byrne, sponsor of the bill.

"What they do in their actual bedrooms, I don't care," Byrne added graciously.

Not even Fairfax County, which is an "affluent suburb" of Washington, as the Globe would say, was quite ready for that one.

"I have a lot of problems with government telling people where they can and cannot sleep," said County Supervisor Gerald Connolly.

Watch it, Gerry! Attitudes like that have cost office-holders the next election.

Have you ever noticed that the smaller the crime (i. e. parking on the lawn and sleeping in the kitchen) tends to encourage lawmakers to place the most draconian laws on the books, all for the public good?

Like Maine State Rep. Joe Brooks' remedy for the cigarette butts that litter the state's pristine landscape.

Joe wants to charge an extra nickel for every filter-tipped cigarette sold in Maine, the charge to be refunded when the used cigarette butt is returned to redemption centers, just like cans and bottles are now.

The last I heard, Joe's bill was on its way out of committee and due to be taken up by the full House, where Joe was looking forward to passage.

There's more and more support for the bill," he reported. "If people will stop giggling long enough, I think it will pass."

And the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, has banned all perfume from indoor public places like municipal offices, libraries, hospitals, courtrooms, and mass transit buses in the interests of public health.

"We've even got scent-free doughnut shops," gloated Karen Robinson, an anti-scent campaigner.

Cohasset undergoing triennial revaluation

ASSESSMENTS

ELSA MILLER



It is the responsibility of an assessor to value all taxable property within the community by means of "mass appraisal" Mass appraisal is the use of standardized procedures for collecting and appraising property so as to ensure that all properties with the town are valued uniformly and equitable. Assessors may perform this work with their own staff (know as in-house) or they may hire professional appraisal firms. Cohasset will be conducting the residential entire in-house and the commercial with an outside firm and in-house.

Assessments are based on "full and fair cash value". This revaluation will utilize the sales from fiscal year 2000. Assessors analyze what the "willing buyers" and "willing seller" are doing in the real estate market. Supply and demand is the primary driver of values. The Deputy Assessor Cheryl Pooler along with the Assistant Assessor Debbie Krupczak, have been busy collecting, recording and analyzing a great deal of information about property and the market characteristic in order to estimate "fair market value". Some of the influences include mortgage rates, unemployment rates, stock and bond markets. Other external influences are the convenience to shopping, public transportation and new growth within the town. Administrative Assistant Devon Veyo handles the inputting the data and the daily office functions.

Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandates the triennial revaluation. It also reviews and certifies the values. The value estimates generated by this analysis are state mandated to be within 10 percent of 100 percent of fair-market value. The Board has completed a map of the town by marking the sales. We used different colored pins, indicating price ranges, placed on a street map. This helps the Board and Cheryl to identify specific market areas. For instance waterfront and water view, the downtown area, and certain subdivisions are just a few of the areas indicating demand and increased sales prices. Along with print outs of the sales and sales data, patterns start to evolve that indicated change in the values.

The Board comprised of chairman Elsa Miller, Mickey Patrolio, the longest member, and Will Smith, are putting together a public forum meeting. It will be held on May 17 in the Selectman's' office from 7-9 p.m.. It will be on cable in order to reach as many taxpayers as possible. The phone lines will be open for questions. We feel the homeowner should be able to understand their assessment and the process that goes into creating the value. This will be the first of several articles proving information about the process.

Elsa Miller is chairman of the Board of Assessors.

HEALTH NOTES

Some spring tips for using organic lawn care

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO MARINER

Second in a series

If you do your own lawn, the suggestions below should give a healthy lawn without risk to individuals, pets, or naturally occurring beneficial organisms. An organic or natural landscaping program avoids, the use of chemicals and pesticides which are known to harm people, pets, or the environment, replacing them with natural substances which have fewer harmful effects. Natural lawn care also necessitates a different method of turf management.

Mowing: Cut grass at 3 inches using mulching mower. Keep the mower operating properly and the blades sharp. Only remove 1/3 of the grass blade at a time. Leaving grass clippings on your lawn will provide it with 40 percent of the nutrients it needs. Rotate mowing patterns. Cut grass shorter in the late fall for easier cleanup.

Seeding: Plant only as much lawn as you need and only where it will grow well. A diversity of other plants can be used to replace lawn where it is not needed for recreation or view. Such plantings can improve the overall beauty and quality of your property.

When seeding a lawn, use a certified first class grass seed. Carefully choose a grass seed blend that is compatible with the growing conditions.

Seed in early fall with mixture of fescues and ryes, including some entophytic-enhanced grasses (naturally toxic to pests). Caution! Entophytic fungi are toxic to some livestock should not be used where the grasses can be foraged.

Clover provides free nitrogen for your lawn and establishes quickly. Rake soil before seeding to improve germination.

Fertilizing/Soil Building: Apply an organic fertilizer with low nitrogen content in fall and spring.

If available, clean compost should be spread on lawn in the fall after aerating. In hot, dry summer weather, lawns can be sprayed with a liquid seaweed/fish fertilizer to prevent summer brown-out.

Dolomitic limestone can be applied every few years in the fall. Apply lime only based upon soil test recommendations. The ideal pH (acidity) of a lawn is between 6.8 and 7.0. Use no more than 125 lb. of lime per 1000 sq. ft. every 6 months.

Thatch is a mat of dead roots and stems that accumulates at the surface. Excessive thatch is caused by quick-release nitrogen fertilizer, poor mowing and watering habits, and low microbial activity.

Excessive thatch blocks the growth of healthy grass and provides a medium for insect pests to live. If the, layer is thicker than 1/2 inch, it's probably appropriate to renovate in the fall. A liquid de-thatch product may be applied fall and spring to turn thatch into soil building organic matter.

Note: Healthy soil is the key to a beautiful lawn. A simple soil test should be done every few years.

Weed Control: Apply a corn gluten product (organic pre-emergent) early in fall and spring to control crabgrass and other broadleaf weeds.

Insect Control: For grubs, chinch bugs and sod webworms, apply beneficial nematodes. Milky Spore Powder (a species-specific bacteria) can be applied in a grid pattern on the lawn for effective and long-lasting grub control. Both of these biological controls are completely safe for people, pets and beneficial insects.

Watering: Depending on amount of rainfall, water one time weekly for 3-4 hours in each area. Early a.m. is the best time to water. Daily watering is expensive and not helpful for your lawn.

Pesticides kill the beneficial organisms in your soil, and landscapes can become addicted to routine application of synthetic chemicals and may show withdrawal symptoms. It will take some time to re-establish a balance. Stop! 'go cold turkey'. The quickest way for a "junk," lawn to recover is with 2 applications (1/4 inch each) of good quality organic compost. This will naturally control thatch by increasing the number of beneficial organisms in the soil. The sooner you start an organic program, the sooner you will see results. Be patient.

Pesticides: If you must use pesticides for a particularly vexing problem here are some tips taken from an EPA advisory: Read the Label Don't guess! and don't assume that if a little is good; more is better. Buy the right amount for your needs. Remember it's illegal to dispose of excess pesticides in the normal trash collection or landfills. Pay attention to warnings. Use protective clothing. Understand when and how to apply the .product and when it is safe for people or pets to re areas.

Remember, your property is your most important environmental concern; pay attention to it and care for it. For more information contact the Board of Health or the Conservation Commission

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Martin says thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

With the election and recount now both officially over, I would like to thank the community for one again electing me to the Cohasset school committee for another three years. It is my privilege and deep honor to serve on your behalf and I am grateful for the opportunity. I am looking forward to meeting the challenges that lie before us and continuing to provide the town of Cohasset with one of the finest school districts in the commonwealth.

I wish to also thank the many fine people who worked so hard on my behalf throughout my campaign. Headed up by my campaign chairperson Catherine Davis, these people include Karen Oronte, Melissa Grasz, Janyce Brown, Andrea Kinneally, Bill and Susan Bell, Rich and Kathy Ofsthun, Joan Busk, Joan Allen, Jeff and Lisa Pratt, Jim and Derry Schwantner and Caren Wheelwright. I owe each and everyone of these people plus everyone who voted for me a debt of gratitude. Thank you.

Pat Martin
169 Linden Drive

Straits Pond

TO THE EDITOR:
Merle Brown, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

On behalf of the Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) I extend my thanks to the Cohasset Board of Selectmen and to Mr. Haddad for the support and funding of the Straits Pond Management Plan. Working together with officials from the Towns of Cohasset and Hull the SPWA membership feels solutions to the ongoing problems, which have plagued Straits Pond for many years, can be found and implemented. We realize these problems did not happen overnight, and it will take time and money to solve them. We appreciate the towns' hiring of Environmental Science Services (ESS), who we hope will further guide our efforts to improve the water quality and the beauty of the Straits Pond area.

We wanted to express to the board that its assistance has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. We hope we can continue to rely on your support, but for the moment just wanted to say thank you.

Lawry Reid
President SPWA

Editor's note: This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

News from public hearing on runway

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

The sole Public Hearing on Massport's runway 14/32 proposal was last Wednesday in Boston. Robert Durand, for whose decision-making the Hearing was assembled, didn't show up. He went to a photo exhibit opening at the MFA, instead.

Virginia Buckingham, Massport's executive director, left the Hearing before the evening session, essentially walking out on the presentations by opponents. The FAA alternated opponents and proponents on the speaker list. Apparently there were so many more opponents that nearly all the evening was theirs. Massport representative Jose Juves was quoted as saying Buckingham considered the opponents repetitive!

Not repetitive, I found, but cumulatively decisive. I listened for six hours and concluded something new to me, which Sec. Durand and Ms. Buckingham missed. The reason for delays and pollution at Logan is poor management. No one person convinced me. It was dozens of Greater Boston residents, dozens of elected officials from US Congressman Capuano to former Governor Dukakis arrived direct from an Amtrak Board meeting in DC, veteran dragon-slayer Bernice Mader from the Quincy Mayor's office, and Marilyn Fenalosa, National Trust for Historic Preservation. Each let a little air out of Massport's puffed up claims, until they deflated entirely. One political insider said to me, "This is by far the most diverse group I have ever seen working together on a single issue in Greater Boston!"

Of the proponents, Boston Chamber of Commerce President Paul Guzzi seemed most sensible: an effort to decrease delays is good; it is important to continue economic growth. He favored a more comprehensive approach to transportation. He supported high speed rail. The South Shore Jet Pollution Council agrees with all of that. What emerged from everyone's combined testimony is that another runway is not a sane path to those good goals.

Sen. Bob Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley stood at the podium in solidarity with numerous Boston colleagues. Hingham Selectman Mat MacIver and SSJPC attorney Bill Golden made concise, hard-hitting points. Many South Shore residents spoke to the meeting.

The reason for delays and pollution at Logan is poor management.

Michael Dukakis announced there will be a total of eighteen Acela train runs daily — much easier on the traveler than the air shuttle/cab rides ordeal. A big percentage of the Logan & NY airports' clogging is those air shuttles. He was tired of an obsolete runway scheme kicked around for more than 20 years. They told us it would ruin the economy if we didn't build it last time!, he said. He and other speakers reminded the crowd that peak period pricing had been an instant fix for delays when it was tried in the 80s. After all of Massport's gotta-have-a-runway PR, it was a delightful clearing of the air to hear him describe scenarios that will work much better than any airport expansion.

Congressman Capuano announced that the very short Public Comment Period has been extended 30 days. The federal/FAA deadline is now June 6, 2001. The state deadline is June 8, 2001. See last week's Hingham Journal or the elected official list at http://jet_noise.tripod.com/southshorejet/ for the addresses.

Mary Ann Frye is an alternate member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council.

COHASSET CARES

Two months to PAYT!

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On July 1 Cohasset starts Pay-as-you-throw ["buck-a-bag"]. If you haven't been doing so already, *now* is the time to sharpen your recycling skills, because for the good of our planet [for personal peace of mind and for economic benefit to the town], starting in July we pay for what we don't recycle. Our more intensive sorting will certainly start us thinking about unnecessary wrappings, excessive packaging. Our lifestyles will eventually become more streamlined, more meaningful, more thoughtful.

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Our more intensive sorting requires some kind of system, some organization, containers somewhere in or near the kitchen, receptacles handy. The sorting should encourage composting, if we haven't already been composting. Nothing could be simpler than composting; it returns organic matter to the soil where it's needed, helps to alleviate typically acid Cohasset soil.

Remember waxed dairy cartons go in the junk mail [hopefully flattened]. Brown paper bags go in the cardboard, as do cereal boxes, tp rolls, other regular cardboard items. Three types of plastics. Flattened tin cans take up much less space [less cost for the town] than those that aren't flattened.

What's left we pay for, a dollar per large [30 gal.] bag, 50 cents per small [15 gal.] bag. I know someone who's aiming for one bag per year. The thing is, start now. Get ready now. Practice. We'll be living lighter on the earth. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

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Town has number of historic notables

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Wadsworth said the common looks much like it did when first created in 1670. "It was part of the undivided common land, like Boston Common" he explained. "This was originally part of Hingham, and when they surveyed and divided up the land of Conahasset, the original name of the town, they left a strip through the middle."

"It's a classic New England town common."

— Town Archivist David Wadsworth,

The Cohasset Common Historic District includes the houses and buildings that surround the common, as well as the houses along North Main Street down to Sohier Street. It also includes St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, which sits high atop the granite ledge at the south end of the common.

Wadsworth said the only changes that occurred on the common since its creation was the formal delineation of the "Duck Pond" — formally known as the Meeting House Pond — and the removal of businesses at the south end of the common where the World War I Veteran's Memorial is now located.

The pond was originally a sinkhole left from the last glacial age. Wadsworth said the common's flatness is natural, and more than likely, a piece of ice was trapped under some earth and eventually melted leaving a depression. A similar sinkhole can he seen at the corner of North Main Street and Joy Place.

Wadsworth said in the early 1900's the town created a formal pond and pathway.

The oldest building in the district, the Joseph Bates House located at 67 North Main St., was built in 1713.

The common is the only area in town to have a historic district commission.

"It's almost a zoning type of regulatory agency," Wadsworth explained. The commission was created in 1978 as a town bylaw, and is made up of district residents, architects and realtors. Under the bylaw, "no building or structure within the district shall be altered or constructed in any way that affects exterior architectural features" without prior approval from the commission.

The Caleb Lothrop house, on Summer Street, and home to the Cohasset Historical Society, was the first Cohasset location that made it onto the national register. Wadsworth said the house, was placed on the register in 1976, is a "good example of an 1820's Federal-style house."

In 1994, Government Island, formerly the Shore Station for Minot Ledge Lighthouse, was awarded with a place on the register. Government Island was owned by the federal Lighthouse Establishment until 1947 when the light became automated. It was then declared surplus land and sold to the town.

The Gropius House, also known as the Josephine Hagerty house, is notable mainly because of who designed it. Wadsworth said the house was the second one Gropius, a world-renowned architect who pioneered the "modern" look, designed after coming to the United States in the late 1930's.

But when asked if it was unusual to have so many in such a small town, Wadsworth said "It's unusual because there are so few."

According to Wadsworth, a town like Cohasset, rich in architecture and history, could have several more locations, but the nominations take a while to compile. He said the historical society is in the process of getting the group's two museums, the Captain John Wilson House and the Maritime Museum — both located in the village — on the register, as well as the Central Cemetery.

Buildings of the Cohasset Common Historic District

3 North Main St. 1750. Style: Georgian. Stutson-Nichols-Doane House: Built by James Stutson, sold to Micah Nichols who sold to entrepreneur Elisha Doane in about 1792. Doane added the third story in about 1795. Later owned by Thomas Smith, innkeeper, then by Dr. Herbert Fernald. Became the community center about 1947.

11 North Main St. Style: Greek Revival. Thomas Smith Arcade Hall: Known as Arcade Hall it was moved from Smith Place in the mid-1800s by Thomas Smith, innkeeper. Later owned and resided in by Dr. Gustavus Pratt, then by Dr. Oliver Howe and his son Dr. Henry Howe.

13-15 North Main St. 1793. Style: Federal. Capt. Adam Stowell House: Capt. Stowell built the house. Later Orcutt lived here. This has been a two-family house since early days, having had several additions.

19 North Main St. 1722. Style: Georgian. Rev. Nehemiah Hobart House. One of the earliest extant houses in Cohasset. Built by the Rev. Hobart, lived in later by the Rev. John Browne, and in the mid- to latter-1800s by the Rev. Joseph Osgood. In about 1915 it became the Parish House of Cohasset's First Parish Church. Unique for its simulated stone block facade. The carriage house is original, the parish hall behind the house was built in the mid-1900s.

25 North Main St. c. 1830. Style: Federal. Samuel Hall House. Bought in the latter-19th century by the Rev. Joseph Osgood and moved from Highland Avenue. George Washington Collier resided here. By the mid-20th century this was the Parsonage of the First Parish Church.

31 North Main St. c. 1850. Style: Greek Revival. Thomas Pratt House. Built by Thomas Pratt. Later owned by David Tower, then by Edgar Pratt. Near the site of former "Tower's Store" removed in early 1900s.

35 North Main St. c. 1860. Style: Italianate. Capt. Joseph H. Smith House. Built by Capt. Smith. He removed an earlier house, that of Richard Tower, to Elm St. Capt. Smith was one of Cohasset's foremost "Deep Sea Captains." In the mid- to latter-1900s lived in by Gilbert S. Tower, Capt. Smith's grandson, a naval architect and town historian.

41 North Main St. 1845. Style: Greek Revival. Deacon Job Pratt House. Deacon Job Pratt was a prominent Cohasset resident. Later owned by Dean James.

45 North Main St. 1802. Style: Federal. Capt. Abraham Tower House. A member of the Boston Tea Party, Capt. Tower founded Abraham Tower Company (later Tower Bros. Co.), fishing business at Tower's Wharf, Border St. and Cohasset Harbor. Abraham Tower Jr. resided here later and owned the family fishing business.

55 North Main St. Early 1800s. Style: Greek Revival. Dr. Fordyce Foster House. Dr. Foster built the house, later lived in by Henry Clay Tower who moved it across the Common from Highland Ave. by the latter-1800s. Later owned by Charles Chapin Wheelwright. Much added to in the 19th and 20th centuries.

67 North Main St. 1713. Style: Georgian. Joseph Bates House. His son, Joseph Bates Jr. lived here. The oldest house in the Common Historic District. Later was summer home of David Stoddard Greenough, then in the mid-1800s, William Davies Sohier. The barn was built by William D. Sohier.

72 North Main St. 1789. Style: Colonial Revival. Maj. Jonathan Bates House. Originally a Cape Cod Cottage, enlarged in the early 20th century into Georgian style. Bates descendants lived here.

On Cohasset Common. 1747. Style: Georgian Meetinghouse. First Parish Meeting House. Originally the Second Parish in Hingham, became First Parish in Cohasset 1770. Bell tower and steeple added 1791. This was the first meeting house for parish, precinct and then town government. Became privately owned in 1824. Bell tower houses the town clock. A fine example of an early Georgian meetinghouse.

3 Highland Ave. Mid-1800s. Style: 11/2 story front gable. Allen Collier Bates House. Home of Allen C. Bates, who owned the Samuel Bates' "Tin Shop" at Cohasset Center and expanded it into a full hardware store in the latter-1800s (now Cohasset Hardware Co.).

7-9 Highland Ave. 1756. Style: Cape Cod Cottage. Adam Beale-George Hall House. Built by Adam Beale, later lived in by George Hall. George Hall was a Master Mariner and member of the Order of Cincinnati. This has been a two-family house at times.

11 Highland Ave. c. 1890. Style: Shingle. Darius Weed Gilbert House. Dr. Gilbert was a veterinarian, served as selectman for numerous years in the early 20th century. Only shingle style Victorian house in the Common Historic District.

16 Highland Ave. 1900-1905. Style: Gothic. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Architects: Cram & Ferguson, builder: Lyman D. Willcutt. Bell tower holds the 56-bell Jessie M. Barron memorial carillon. Parish hall, Rogers-Walton Hall, built in mid-1900s. 19th-century site of former Centre District Schoolhouse.

17 Highland Ave. c. 1920. Style: Colonial Revival. Bloomfield House. Until recently the only 20th-century house built within the Common Historic District. This is a three-bay revival design; a modern adaptation of the earlier "Colonial" style house.

23-25 Highland Ave. 1792. Style: Federal. The Rev. Josiah Crocker Shaw House. Built by the minister of the town's First Parish, the house was lived in by Henry Job Turner, then for many years by the Souther family, notably Laban Souther, who was a merchant and also was Customs Collector for the Port of Cohasset.

27 Highland Ave. c. 1797. Style: Colonial. Nina Lincoln House. Originally a stable and outbuilding associated with an adjacent house, this was converted into a dwelling early, and carries the name of the widow of Zenas Lincoln, who once owned this and the house next door at 31 Highland Ave.

29 Highland Ave. 19th century. Frank Browne Barn - St. Stephen's Rectory. Formerly a barn located on the adjacent Town Hall lot, this was moved and made into a dwelling. Amos Otis owned the barn before Frank Browne. Now owned by St. Stephen's Church.

31 Highland Ave. 1750. Style: 3/4 Georgian. Capt. James Hall House. Capt. Hall served in the Revolution under Gen. Henry Knox, then on Gen. Washington's staff. Member of the Order of Cincinnati. Later lived in by Zenas Lincoln. A rare variation of the Colonial Style.

41 Highland Ave. 1859. Style: Italianate. Cohasset Town Hall. Built as a Town House and high school this was renovated in the 1920s to have a high-ceilinged auditorium for community activities. The building holds the town offices. A wing was added in 1990.

49 Highland Ave. 1824. Style: Federal. Second Congregational Church. Several times enlarged, this church was the result of a division in the original First Parish. For years it presented a Gothic facade, but was restyled following a fire in the 1920s.

53 Highland Ave. c. 1830. Style: Hip-roof Federal. Congregational Church Parsonage. Built as a parsonage this later was lived in by the Tower family, then the Everett Gammons family. It is a good example of the hip-roofed variant in Federal architecture.

59 Highland Ave. 1816 and 1901. Style: 2nd Empire mansard roofed. Owned by Edward Everett Tower, this house was rebuilt in Victorian style; then it was destroyed by fire, and once again rebuilt, from the plans of the previous design. Lived in later by Charles W. Gammons.

61 Highland Ave. 1852. Style: Greek Revival. Capt. James Collier Jr. House. Built by one of Cohasset's best known "Deep Sea Captains" from the prominent Collier family.

63 Highland Ave. 1793. Style: Federal. Capt. Samuel Bates Jr. House. Capt. Bates Jr. died in 1803 when his schooner was wrecked on Brush Island, Cohasset. He owned the Bates family fishing business and Bates Wharf, built by his father, at Border St., Cohasset Harbor. Later the house was lived in by the Willcutt and Merriam families.

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HISTORIC TREASURES

'Gifts' worthy of protecting, preserving

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History is everywhere on the South Shore, from the centuries of secrets lying on the sandy shores of Plymouth all the way up to Boston, where much of the country's political history began.

Tourists frequently visit the area, looking for signs and remembrances of the first settlers who came here in the 17th century searching for a new way of life. And quite often, visitors are astounded by what they find tucked away on the side roads and main streets well beyond the typical attractions of Plymouth.

"It is vital that people recognize what makes all these historic communities in Massachusetts unique," said Betsy Friedberg of the Massachusetts Historical Commission. "I didn't grow up here, but I grew up with so many stories about this state. There's so many places around here that reflect the past."

And there are many.

"When I was a little girl, I was growing up in Marblehead," said Elsa Fitzgerald, assistant director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission. "It was a tremendously historically rich environment. I thought every other town would be like that, but what a shock it was when I found out that many of them were not. It's a gift to live in a community like the South Shore that is so rich in tradition, architecture, and history. It's important to keep those values alive."

For those visiting or living on the South Shore, there are a plethora of historically significant stops to inform, educate and entertain — whether it be the birthplace of Abigail Adams in Weymouth, the obscure Parting Ways cemetery in Kingston, or the Marshfield home of renowned statesman Daniel Webster.

It is important to remember that different historical places and structures on the South Shore and in the rest of the Commonwealth hold various degrees of significance, or "designations," as they are called by officials at the state historical commission.

Designations not only classify certain properties, but also, they aid in the preservation of those areas by serving as a means of protection for them through state and national guidelines, and through the financial assistance of various grants.

There are different kinds of designations with different rules and regulations surrounding them — to understand those guidelines is to have a more firm grasp of history.

The National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places is a listing of major cultural and historic resources in the United States.

According to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the National Register is "the official list of the American cultural resources worthy of preservation...it is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archaeological resources."

"It is a federal program that got started in 1966," Friedberg explained, noting the program is monitored by the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service. However, the program is administered locally by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

"Properties can be listed on the register individually, or part of a group," she added. Any area that has a number of National Register properties existing in a group is known as a "National Register District."

Citizens or organizations in Massachusetts that want to have a place or structure put on the National Register are required to go through an application process.

Friedberg said there are no strict guidelines which protect places on the National Register, as she said being on the list is merely something that is "largely honorary."

She added there is also something called the State Register of Historic Places, which is not done through an application process, but rather, on a selective basis. Properties on that list tend to have more local significance than national.

Local Historic Districts

A local historic district is much different than a National Register District, according to Chris Skelly, director of local government programs at the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

"They're completely different," Skelly said, but added that like a National Register District, a local historic district is a "grouping" of historically significant structures in one area.

He explained that the process of getting a place designated as a local historic district is more in the hands of the citizens — with a National Historic District, the process is mainly in the hands of the federal government.

"First, a local historic district commission would have to be formed in a given town," Skelly said, noting that the group is appointed by a board of selectmen. "That local committee prepares a report (detailing why a place should be a local historic district), then we review it. After that, it goes to town meeting, and it's up to the public to decide. It takes a two-thirds majority to get it passed."

Skelly said the real difference is in how National Register Districts and local historic districts are protected. While those on a national level are merely of honorary status, local historic districts can be protected as leniently or as strictly as a given town commission sees fit. Local guidelines for historic districts are often much more strict than national rules.

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Sometimes, local district committees decide to regulate the way people living in a local historic district paint their homes, what signs they put up, the building of structures such as fences and ramps, and even what kind of roofing material people use. Some towns do not even have historic districts or historic district committees for that matter.

"We encourage towns to establish local historic districts," Skelly said. "It's one of the most effective means of historic preservation."

National Historic Landmarks

These are the most prestigious forms of historic designations. There is also a state list of local landmarks, but there are not a lot of local ones in the South Shore area.

The state list of local landmarks include places or buildings of national importance, however, they are monitored by local government.

"You find those local landmarks mostly in Boston," Skelly said.

A national historic landmark is a building, a district, or a structure that has been deemed by the Secretary of the Interior to be nationally significant. Some national landmarks include places like Mt. Vernon, Martin Luther King's birth place, and Pearl Harbor. Some national landmarks in the area include the Gen. Benjamin Lincoln home in Hingham, the Abigail Adams home, and of course, Plymouth rock.

The process of selecting what is or what is not a landmark is initiated through studies of the National Park Service. Final decisions on landmark designations come directly from the Secretary of the Interior. In addition, when something is deemed as a landmark, it is automatically put on the National Register of Historic Places.

Getting a national landmark designation for a place or structure does not happen too often—of the 65,000 entries in the National Register, only 2,100 of them are national landmarks.

Rebuilding a piece of history

Effort helped restore home of Abigail Adams

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Apart from the tiny shoes by the parlor hearth and a wooden baby's cradle standing empty in a kitchen corner, there is little left of the original Weymouth home in which Abigail Adams played as a small child.

The birthplace of America's First Lady to live in the White House stood abandoned, broken and merely a shadow of the majestic mansion it was built to be for more than 100 years.

Originally built in 1685, the home did not reach the height of its beauty and elegance until 1738 when Adams' parents purchased and added onto the existing structure, according to "Weymouth History," a book chronicling the town through the years. But by the middle of the 1800s, after the children were grown and parents long buried, the property was sold and slowly crumbled into disrepair.

Unrecognizable to the common eye by 1947, the remains were scheduled to be demolished to make way for a new housing development. A few short weeks before the wrecking balls slammed into its walls, a small historical society rediscovered the home's significance and saved it from ruin.

It was from there that the Abigail Adams house became the restored historic landmark that it is today. By carefully splitting the house in two parts, it was moved from Bridge Street to the corner of North and Norton streets. Original materials were taken from colonial structures all over the South Shore to create the exact atmosphere Abigail experienced as a child.

"With most of the original architecture lost over the years," local historical author Janette Holt said, "floor boards were brought in from South Weymouth, kitchen beams and panels were brought in from a period Hingham tavern and much of the decorative paneling in the front receiving rooms was brought in from a distinguished colonial home in Braintree."

"With most of the original architecture lost over the years, floor boards were brought in from South Weymouth, kitchen beams and panels were brought in from a period Hingham tavern and much of the decorative paneling in the front receiving rooms was brought in from a distinguished colonial home in Braintree."

Weymouth historical author Janette Holt

Since the historical mansion was rebuilt for touring purposes, everything from the original artifacts to the interior decorating to the cookware date back to the 18th century. The only remnant of 20th century technology is the installation of electricity. Collections such as the copper pots and pans hanging by the open hearth in the kitchen to the rocking chair in the parlor speak to the history and elegance of the house, Holt said.

As visitors travel the steep stairs up into the first bedroom, they are greeted by an old fireplace adorned with four bricks taken from the original White House during its renovation in the early 1900s.



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The birthplace of Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, the second president of the United States. People come from all over the country to view this national landmark.



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Tour guide Mary Follansbee guides curious visitors through the living room of the Abigail Adams home. In the foreground sits Abigail's desk.

Even the outside gardens replicate the needs of the 1700s. From vegetables to herbs, the garden would feed any big family as well as serve as a remedy for aches and pains.

The colonial style and simple design of the Abigail Adams home is still copied in many New England homes today. Some homeowners even strive to build exact replicas of the home, but equipped with modern conveniences.

Pamela Petro, a Cape Cod resident bought exactly that. Architect Gertrude Vaughn modeled Petro's home after the Adams' mansion, but added slight differences to enhance light and convenience.

"Her goal was to maintain a 20th century standard of comfort within the 300-year-old design, while retaining an atmosphere of the past," Petro said. "The differences between the two completed homes balance on degrees of personal tolerance to such things as cold, darkness, crowding and lack of running water."

Apart from the widening of steps and the addition of more windows, Petro said there is little difference in the structure of the two homes. She said the main differences lie in things such as space, modern appliances and a greater amount of light.

The original Abigail Adams home is visited so many times a year not only because of its historical value, but also for the strides Adams was able to make for women even as far back as the 1700s, Holt said. With little education and a mother to six children, Adams was known for speaking her mind and portraying modern ideas for women's rights. Other than Barbara Bush, she is the only woman to be the wife of a president, and the mother of a president.

For all who come to view the home and also the Adams site in Quincy they are taken back into a time when the country was newborn and their ancestors helped shape the future of the land.

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The Daniel Webster Estate, located on Webster Street in Marshfield, has changed hands as well as appearances over the years.

Webster estate serves as a link to the past

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He was a legend in his own time, but his name and his home will live forever in Marshfield.

Daniel Webster was a highly respected Massachusetts senator, United States congressman, lawyer, orator, statesman, and intellectual of the 19th century. Although he was a native of New Hampshire, it is Marshfield that he eventually called his permanent residence.

His home, known these days as the Daniel Webster Estate, still exists in Marshfield as a major tourist attraction, and because of its historical importance, it was placed as a listing in the National Register of Historic Places in 1993.

"It took us a while to get it on the register," said Marshfield Historical Commission member Betty Magoun Bates. "We got the initial process going in 1987."

"The Webster estate represents a connection with our past," added commission member Anne Philbrick Hall. "Not only for Marshfield, but also for Massachusetts and the entire country."

Since the time the Webster estate was deemed as a nationally significant place, the historical commission has received four different grants from the Commonwealth in order to keep the estate in good shape. Private funds from an anonymous Daniel Webster admirer in Marshfield have also contributed to the estate's upkeep, Bates said.

Bates added the grants have made it possible to initiate the planned restoration project of the Webster estate, which will include "six phases" of work and will begin this spring. Bates said the landscaping plans for the estate were based on the extensive writings of Webster, as among many other things, he was a renowned and respected farmer.

"This was his place of places," said historical commission member Joan Scolponeti, "and I don't think people appreciate it enough. The main thing we're trying to do with the restoration is have a museum located there, and we also want to be able to make it available for various kinds of functions like weddings."

Part of the mystique of the Webster estate emanates from the legend of the man himself.

"There have been many books written about Webster," said Cynthia Krusell, also member of the historical commission. "The only people who've had more books written about them are people like Abraham Lincoln and George Washington…Webster was voted by American historians as one of the five greatest senators in the history of the United States."

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Marshfield Historical Society member Joan Scolponeti

"Webster was mostly known as a great statesman, but he was so many other things," Bates added. "Even though he was born in New Hampshire, we like to claim him. Webster fell in love with Marshfield when he was passing through it on his way to his home in Boston. He saw a place then known as the Thomas Farm, and he purchased it in 1832. That was the place that eventually became the Webster estate."

The history of the Webster property traces all the way back to 1640, two decades after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. At that time, the land was granted to a man named William Thomas by a group of early settlers called the Plymouth Proprietors. The property was at that time comprised of about two square miles — today, the estate's land is made up of only 14 acres.

In 1643, the first town meeting occurred in a house built on some of Thomas' land that he decided to donate to the town. In 1645, a school was founded in that meeting house, but today, the site is better known as the Winslow Cemetery.

During the Revolutionary War, Nathaniel Thomas, a descendant of William Thomas, built his own home on the (Webster) property and allowed British troops to take shelter there, as he was faithful to the King of England. Eventually, Nathaniel was pushed out of town by the local branches of the military existing at the time because of his support of the British forces.

However, John Thomas, son of Nathaniel, eventually took over the estate, remaining faithful not to the British, but to the Patriot cause. John lived there until 1832, when he decided to sell the place to Webster.

"John Thomas probably sold the place to Webster for financial reasons," said Bates, noting an economic depression was taking place during the early 1830s. "I don't think the Thomas family ever recovered financially from the effects of the Revolutionary War."

When Webster bought the estate, he turned it into a remarkable place by farming, breeding cattle and llamas, planting orchards and 100,000 trees, and building an observatory. By the time he built his property up to the maximum degree, Webster owned about 1,800 acres.

He was a true farmer and participated in many agriculturally based local competitions. Bates said Webster was one of the first people to start building the foundations of the now annual Marshfield Fair.

Webster spent his last days at his home, and died in 1852. He was buried at the Winslow Cemetery. In 1878, tragedy struck the estate and it burned to the ground. But soon after the incident, the place was rebuilt by Webster's daughter-in-law, Caroline White Webster. Webster's only son, Caroline's husband, was killed in action at the second battle of Bull Run in 1864.

"That is really a tragic part of the Webster story," Bates said, "the fact that after his son was killed, there was no living male heir to the family."

Since the late 19th century, the Webster estate has been handled by different people. Caroline sold the place to a Marshfield Hills resident named Walton Hall. In 1950, the Hall family sold the estate to Vincent Cohee. In 1995, it was the Town of Marshfield which bought the remaining 14 acres of the estate for preservation purposes.

"First, we want to get the place back in good condition," Scolponeti said. "Then we want to see about getting a person in residence to stay there in order to take care of it. Webster's home needs to be tended to, because it was a part of him, and it played such an important role in his life. He was very relaxed when he was there. Even today, the place serves as a marvelous benefit to school kids in terms of learning about government, zoology, and botany. It's a piece of history right here for everyone to see."

Other sources used for this story include a Marshfield Historical Commission pamphlet called "The Daniel Webster Estate," and also the book "Marshfield: A Town of Villages 1640-1990" by Cynthia Krusell and Betty Magoun Bates.



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The presidential party of 1882 depicted at the Daniel Webster mansion.

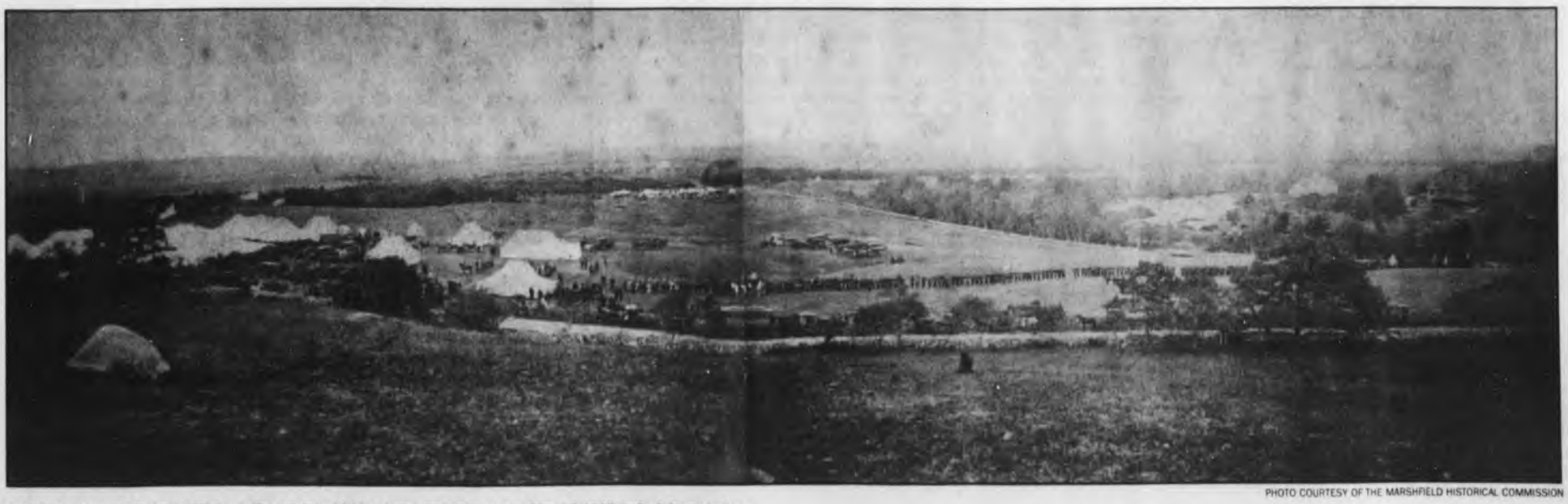


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A historic view of the Daniel Webster Estate, late 1800s. Photo courtesy of the Marshfield Historical Commission.

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History buried in remote site

Landmark was home to first free black settlers

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Hundreds drive by this tiny fenced in plot every day, but most are not even aware it exists. Though humble in appearance and hidden from view, one grassy sector whispers of long ago forgotten heroes, slave emancipation and a country fighting for its independence.

"The story is that these slaves at the time of the Revolutionary War belonged to two men in Kingston. As a reward for their services (in the military) they were given their freedom after the war and a 94-acre tract of land was allotted to them. These men lived on this property and died there."

Joseph Ryan in a letter to Kingston selectmen



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Parting Ways Cemetery is virtually hidden in the town of Kingston, but its historical significance holds strong even today, and reminds people of a time when a nation was struggling to get on its feet.



A large slab of stone serves as a memorial for the slaves who fought and died in the Revolutionary War.

Parting Ways Cemetery, once part a 94-acre farm, is now reduced to a 12-by-24-foot tract off of Plympton Road in Kingston. The spot was never intended to be a burial ground, it was simply a common practice in the days of the Revolutionary War to lay land owners to rest on a small section of where they once worked their fields.

And so was the case for four Kingston men who distinguished themselves as soldiers, land owners and as some of the first United States citizens, according to local historian and author Doris Melville. But in the year of 1777, what set the lives of Cato Howe, Prince Williams, Plato Turner and Quamony Quash apart from the many other veterans was the color of their skin. The four black men left Kingston as slaves willing to die for a colony that dragged more than 1 million people from the shores of Africa to work without rights, respect or even pay. They were the only four in Kingston who asked their masters to allow their enlistment and each one returned home from the war.

Not long after their arrival, Massachusetts inducted their own state constitution, outlawing slavery state-wide in 1780, Willam T. Davis said in his book "Memories of an Octogenarian." Because of their voluntary military service and even exemplary performance as soldiers, the new United States government gifted 94 acres of land to the four men, along with their freedom. The land was sectioned off, with each man given approximately 20-plus acres to make their home. Davis said it was a way to give each somewhere to go after leaving their master's land, a way to begin a new life.

"The story is that these slaves at the time of the Revolutionary War," stated Joseph Ryan of the Veterans' Graves Registration board in a letter to the Kingston library, "belonged to two men in Kingston. As a reward for their services (in the military) they were given their freedom after the war and a 94-acre tract of land was allotted to them. These men lived on this property and died there."

The land, later nicknamed "New Guinea," fell mostly in the town of Plymouth, but continued for 15 acres in Kingston. Though currently owned by Plymouth, the site is relatively unknown to Kingston town officials, even today.

"I don't know anything about it," Walter Hoeg of the Kingston historical commission said, "I can't even really tell you where it is."

And seemingly no one else at the Kingston town hall had any knowledge of the cemetery. Only the town librarians in the small local history room could pinpoint the location and remember the historical significance.

Before 1976, the four graves were unmarked and only visible to hikers who ventured through the brush off of Plympton Road and Bishops Highway. After Marjorie Anderson of Plymouth headed up the Plymouth Bicentennial Advisory Committee on Black History and Culture, the graves were set aside as a historical landmark, with the remaining acreage as an archeological site.

In conjunction with Dr. James Deetz, a professor at Brown University, not only were the graves identified and sectioned off, but two foundations, believed to be the remains of Howe and Quash's homes, were discovered and preserved. The rest of the acreage was set aside for a cemetery in Plymouth.

The details of how Williams, Howe, Turner and Quash lived out their lives on this land is not clear, except through scattered scenarios captured in Davis' 1906 publication. Davis' recalls a conversation between Quash and Turner during a funeral procession where they were hired as pallbearers. Davis said Quash asked Turner if he was given gloves, as was customary for pallbearers to wear. Turner answered, "no, we no bear widout glubs. Let the man in the box carry hisself."

Letters written during the war, by an unknown source, also depict a story of Quash during the war participating in the capture of a British general. As written in the letters, Quash allegedly banged in the door with his head, clearing the way for the others to restrain the general.

Today, though the location of Parting Ways Cemetery masks its historical importance as one of the earliest free black settlements in the United States from the common person, it will remain untouched and preserved as a reminder and a national landmark.



Former Herring Brook superintendent Tommy Reading. He made it his priority to rid the brook of devious beavers.

Herring Brook has long-running significance

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Although it is not a landmark, historic district, or a listing on the National Register of Historic Places, it very well could be one day due to its longstanding history and meaning on the South Shore.

Herring Brook, also known as "Thomas A. Reading Park" in Pembroke, is filled with tradition, a place the natives of the town hold dear to their hearts. It is a tranquil place where people can sit and relax, but Herring Brook also serves as entertainment for people in the form of watching the herring run upstream every spring and every fall.

"Over the past 15 years, the herring population has dwindled," said Herring Brook superintendent Burton Sherman. "Nobody ever really paid attention enough to keep it maintained. It's important to keep the (herring) cycle going."

Sherman also serves as chairman on the Herring Fisheries Commission in town, an organization responsible "for maintaining (Herring Brook), cleaning out debris from the waters, and allowing for safe passage of herring."

One of Pembroke's biggest events takes place at Herring Brook every year — the annual fish fry, a tradition which began back in 1977. It was actually written about in a recent issue of Yankee Magazine.

"A lot of people turn out for the fish fry, and it's good to see that kind of public support," Sherman said. "I think a large majority of people in the town have a lot of respect for the place."

But Herring Brook's history started way before the fish fry, and in fact, long before the 20th century.

"As far as I know, the history of the place goes back to the mid 1600s," Sherman said. "The first settlers used the herring not only for food, but for fertilizer as well. The Indians who were here also used the brook for fishing. They were really the first fishermen around here."

In a town history book by Ed Quill called "Pembroke 2000, a Century of Change," it states, "In the 1640s, when the first settler, Robert Barker, canoed up the North River with his friend Delor Davis, they paddled up a smaller side stream now known as Herring Brook. After building a small cabin, they held on through the winter. In the spring, they caught much herring and survived."

Sherman added in the early days, herring served as a contribution to the economy, and by the 18th century, Herring Brook became synonymous with early forms of industry.

"The first machine-made iron nails manufactured in the country were turned out in the 1720s at a mill on Herring Brook," Quill stated in his book. "The mills got their power by the push of Pembroke's streams." There were an abundance of other mills along many of the streams in Pembroke during that era.

Quill went on to state the "mill dams" existing at the time eventually started threatening the local herring population, and legislation was immediately passed to protect the species. It was also at that time locals started gathering at the brook every year to marvel at the herring making their way upstream.

In his book, Quill also notes a passage from a book by Alan D. Dunphy called "Pembroke Revisited" which states "In 1772, greedy for added revenue, the town (of Pembroke) assumed a monopoly of the herring industry, allotting five barrels to the remnant of the Massachusetts tribe of Indians and prohibiting them to fish the stream further." Incidentally, Dunphy was the man who proposed holding the first Pembroke Fish Fry in 1977.

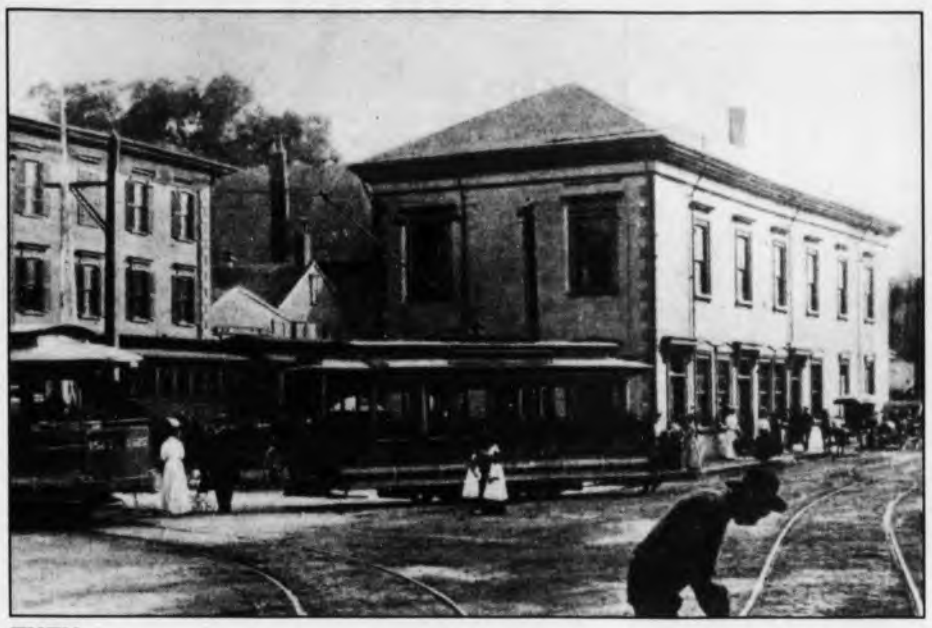
Sherman said by the mid-19th century, the herring population was still relatively full, and people were still fishing the waters.

"There was a tradition in the 1850s which said every widow in town would get a portion of the annual herring catch," Sherman said.

Quill wrote that by the 1950s, the herring population in town was threatened by the arrival of beavers, who would block streams with dams making it very hard for the herring to run. Under a local organization called the Herring Run Restoration Committee, the first herring superintendent,

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A view of Hingham Square from 1900.



AGAIN . . .
Although it is more commercially developed, this same view in 2001 maintains Hingham's charm.

Square showcases Hingham's heritage

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Hingham Square is not only an area of great beauty — it is also a window into the town's rich past.

But it is not only Hingham Square which holds significance; one could consider the whole town to be a historical gold mine.

Town historian and former Hingham Historical Society president Alexander Macmillan said there are seven different local historic districts within the town, two existing National Register districts, and hundreds of homes and buildings which are listed on the National Register.

Within Hingham Square, also existing are two of the three prestigious national landmarks in the town — The home of General Benjamin Lincoln and the legendary (First Parish) Old Ship Church, also known as the Old Meeting House. The square as a whole is considered one of the town's most well-known local historic districts.

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Alexander Macmillan

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Macmillan said when he thinks of Hingham Square, he thinks of the area "running the length of North and South streets down to Hingham Harbor," but he said people around the area have different interpretations of what constitutes the boundaries of the square.

"That was actually the area of original settlement by the first arrivals to the town in 1635," Macmillan added, referring to the square. "Many people who live in the town now are direct descendents of the first settlers who came here."

Macmillan described both the Benjamin Lincoln homestead and the Old Ship Church as "national treasures." The Lincoln home was established back in 1667, but it was his name and his actions in the military and in politics during the 18th century which made the home famous.

Lincoln was a prominent figure in Hingham before, during, and after the Revolutionary War according to a Hingham history book called "Not All Is Changed: A Life History of Hingham," by Francis and Lorena Hart.

Lincoln was born in 1733, and by the time he was 24, he was serving as the town clerk of Hingham. At the age of 32, he became a selectman for the town.

By 1773, Lincoln represented Hingham by serving in the General Court and also the Provincial Congress.

When the Revolutionary War broke out, Lincoln began his military service by taking charge of a division in New York, and he was wounded at a battle in Saratoga. After he recovered, Gen. George Washington made him commander of the Southern Continental Army. He was eventually promoted to the position of Secretary of War by Washington.

After the war, Lincoln went back to Hingham and remained active in local politics, even though his injuries from the war were getting the best of him. He died in 1810, but his name remains a frequent topic of conversation in town, and his home remains as a reminder to everyone of his triumphs.



Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, one of the most famous residents of Hingham Square.

Macmillan said the other prominent national landmark located within Hingham Square is the Old Ship Church (the Old Meeting House), which was first constructed in 1681.

In their book, the Harts state, "The most impressive monument of (that) era was a new meeting house. In the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 30 meeting houses were built between 1677 and 1683, most of them to replace aging, more primitive buildings. Only one of them, Hingham's, survives…What did it signify to those who saw it first? We can only guess. It may well have signaled a new time of peace and prosperity with new cultural priorities."

According to an article called "Ecclesiastical History of Hingham" by Francis H. Lincoln, "No house for public worship exists within the original limits of the United States, which continues to be used for the purpose for which it was erected, and remaining on the same site where it was built, which is so old as the meeting house of the First Parish in Hingham."

Lincoln stated in his article that the meeting house went through many changes after it was initially built — it was enlarged in 1755, and it was improved again in 1780. In 1822, stoves for heating were put into the building when they were introduced, and in 1869, the present pews which exist on the floor of the building were installed. In 1870, a new organ was purchased — it is still the one in use there today.

Macmillan said historians in Hingham are always looking to protect the historical resources in town through grants, and he believes the town is doing a good job in preserving its heritage, whether it has to do with the national register, historic districts, or protecting landmarks.

"Those efforts are very worthwhile," Macmillan said, "because these kinds of resources are very educational. Although a lot of people take the history of the town for granted, I believe a large part of the population recognizes what they have and are pretty conscientious in terms of cultural awareness."

In addition to the other sources listed in this story, a book called "When I Think of Hingham" by Michael J. Shilhan was used as a reference.



A picture taken around 1912; Pembroke residents netting fish at Herring Brook. Photo taken from "Pembroke 2000" book by Ed Quill.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

The Herring Run now serves as a scenic area for passersby, but it once was a focal point for economic survival in Pembroke. Although it is not acknowledged as a landmark or a National Register property, many people feel it will someday get the recognition it deserves.

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Bud Tuells, was elected. Tuells soon passed away and was replaced by Tom Reading in 1972.

Since the mid 20th century, the herring population has not been as stocked as it was in its early days, but Sherman said that may be changing soon enough.

"Our efforts have really been on bringing the herring back," Sherman said. "I think we're going to see a really good spring run this year. Herring is a great resource, and what's more, the general population is fascinated with them and their cycle. It's a big part of the town's history, and that's another reason I think people enjoy it so much, because people around here are especially fascinated with two things—nature and history."



A view of the Old Ship Church taken in 1889. Photo taken from book called "When I Think of Hingham" by Michael J. Shilhan.

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'Godspell' makes a tuneful return

On May 11-13 Ron Emmons will end his teaching and directing career of 39 years with a production of his Cohasset Drama Workshop's most successful show of all time, the rock-musical "Godspell." This will mark the ninth time that Emmons has directed the show in Cohasset. The production will incorporate cast members from CHS productions of the musical over the last three decades with current Cohasset High School students. Returning from past productions of Godspell are Stewart Replogle (1970s), Jenna Emmons (1980s), and Morgan Hurley, Julia Lovallo, and Ashley Ulmer (1990s). Joining them for their first Godspell are Dan Duffy, Lydia Guild, David Ingber, Elizabeth Ingber, Marisa Mello, Brenna O'Donnell, Jessica Stevermer, and Kim Ulmer. Serving as choreographer is Margaret Barlow, who appeared in Cohasset's first performance of Godspell in the fall of 1976. Barlow studied dance both here in the US and in England and has choreographed a number of stagings of Godspell including the most recent ones in Cohasset.

Godspell is one of the most often produced shows in theater history. The rock musical is based on the gospel according to Saint Matthew and has a score by Stephen Schwartz that embraces more than a dozen songs—including one in particular, "Day by Day," that became an international hit soon after the show premiered Off-Broadway some 30 years ago. Perhaps the greatest tribute to the show's popularity is the fact that its subject matter hasn't prevented it from receiving countless stagings in every conceivable venue. This Cohasset production will be performed at Second Congregational Church because the renovations about to begin at the high school have prevented use of the auditorium. "I think we've found an intriguing venue," says Emmons. "Over the years we have performed Godspell in a variety of settings — the Cohasset Town Hall (We kept selling out and adding performances. Jim Vivian was playing Jesus and his family had moved, so he slept on the sofa at Perry and Judy Collins' house for a few weeks.), and Walton Rogers Hall at St. Stephen's Church (on a humid, 98 degree Fourth of July). When I found out that the auditorium couldn't be used after we had paid rental and royalty fees for the show, I called Gary Ritts at the church; within an hour we had a home. The site feels great, and there's certainly going to be no problem for the audience feeling close to the performers. Margaret's had to be very creative with dance routines and we're going to have our usual seating cut in half, but I think the audience will be pleased. Alicia Laas is designing and constructing costumes that will brighten the stage."

"The site feels great, and there's certainly going to be no problem for the audience feeling close to the performers."
— Ron Emmons, director

In staging well-known sayings and stories of the Bible, John-Michael Tebelak's script calls on many theatrical devices — pantomime, children's games, charades, puppetry, vaudeville antics, the question-answer technique of minstrel shows, tap and soft shoe dancing, as well as songs and music of many styles — folk, ballad, pop, rock, light musical comedy, and dramatic. Commenting on the script in 1999, composer Stephen Schwartz pointed out that "the emphasis [in the original production] was on simplicity and on theatrical magic created by the actors without 'production values.' If the production looks too polished, the essence of the show has been lost." To this Emmons says, "Well, we've certainly had to minimize production values, but I agree that the spirit of the show is lost if it's too big or made into the typical bigger-than-life Broadway musical. The most recent production in Boston by a national touring company was an example of how not to do the show. The simplicity of Godspell was lost in a plethora of television monitors and computers. There were no tears at the end, and if there are no tears, the show has failed."

To provide back-up for this production a special group of musicians has been lined up: Gary Ritts, minister of Second Congregational Church, on keyboards; Joe Musolino, electric guitarist at the Paulist Center in Boston, on lead guitar; Linda French, Wheelock College astronomy professor and wife of the director, on electric bass; Dan Morse, Cohasset High School senior, on rhythm guitar; and Barry Tufts, Xaverian High School sophomore, on drums. Doing additional back-up vocals are Cohasset students Emily Dean and Betsy Anderson.

Emmons recalls the various people who have played Jesus in his presentations of Godspell, "Three of them have been women: Lisa Taylor (in the first), Kelly Tufts (in the most recent), and Jen Plante (somewhere in the middle). Jim Vivian; Linton Young; Kevin O'Donnell, who's studying acting at Julliard in New York; and Stew Replogle, who's playing Jesus for the third time. A number of cast members from the past have gone on to careers as professional performers: Jen Plante (acting in New York), Nancy Walls (on television's Daily Show), Sandy Dillon (rock musician in London), Lance Norris (on the radio's Big Mattress), and John Kuntz (writing and acting everywhere in Boston). I just saw Ali Kinchla, who was our last Judas, do a wonderful job in a BU production of Godspell a month ago." Emmons adds, "I would love to have some of the many people who have shared this show with me over the years join us. They can contact me at GodspellCHS@aol.com on the internet. They and this show have meant so much to me over the past 25 years."

Because seating for Godspell is far more limited than it would be at the high school (200 seats rather than 450), tickets should be purchased in advance from the main office at the high school or from cast members. Ticket information is also available by writing to GodspellCHS@aol.com. All tickets are $10 with one-third of the profits going to assist the Appalachia Service Project.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Lindsay Grossman

The number one singles player for the girls tennis team continued to dominate her opposition this week with a 6-0, 6-1 shellacking of Abington's top player. The sophomore is now 4-0 on the season, and has won 48 of her 53 games, losing more than one game in a set only once.

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On the South Shore
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Tracksters continue to surprise

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Oh yes, they are for real.

Last Saturday at Mashpee High School, 26 different schools met to compete in the annual State Relays Competition. Though such division one powerhouses as Seekonk and East Bridgewater were there to show off their talent, the undermanned Cohasset team held their own with a seventh place finish.

"With 16 kids, we did outstanding," said third year coach Al LaFountain.

"You really have to strategically pair the younger kids with the older kids."

The girls team, also badly undermanned, finished toward the bottom of the pack, but coach Al LaFountain was pleased with the performances of both of his squads.

"We are handicapped with (low) numbers," noted LaFountain, who has a team of 14 girls, ten of them freshmen. "The young girls are all All-Stars once they get their confidence up."

Cohasset's best placing of the day was in the distance medley, as the Cohasset boys took second all around. Junior captain Pete Maitland got the team started with a strong 800, then sophomore Ian Kidder ran the shortest leg of the race with a 400. He was followed by junior Dan Kinchla with a 1200, and anchorman Tim Baird, a junior captain, in the mile.

The strong finish by the team was even more impressive, as both Kinchla and Baird had already run a mile race that day in a relay.

The closest Cohasset had to a first was in the boys 4x100 relay, as the Skippers were leading after three competitors, but a hiccup in the timing caused the team to be disqualified.

"We were in first, but they missed the final handoff," explained LaFountain. "It is a precision event. We will definitely have to work on that."

Another impressive teaming for Cohasset was the 4x1mile squad, who took fifth in a very strong field.

Baird, the best miler on the team, and arguably on the South Shore, ran the first leg to give Cohasset a terrific start. This was a strategic move of LaFountain, one he used and continues to use in many of his running relays.

"I would rather be chased than have to chase," said the coach of having his top athlete run the starting leg.

The other three runners in the 4x1mile were Kinchla, sophomore distance specialist Ross Lieb-Lappen, and newcomer freshman Andrew O'Keefe.

The girls team, though they did not place, turned in a respectable performance against very strong competition.

"The girls did a great job," lauded LaFountain. "They didn't back down."

Sophomore Maura O'Brien leads a core of very talented underclassmen, having already qualified for the state competition in the high jump. She is also on the verge of qualifying in the hurdles.

Freshman Jill Weber has already qualified in the 800 with a 2:34, and is also on the 4x100 qualifying team with fellow freshman Shelley Carter, Elise Jerome and Jen Buckley.

Individually, Buckley is very close in the one mile with a competitive time of 6:02, and is also nearing qualification in the javelin.

The girls had their first dual meet win of the season last Thursday over Hull, with every one of the team members, rookies and veterans alike, stepping up. Included on that list were the venerable seniors, captains Maureen Equi, Catherine Flaherty and Kerry-Ann McCarthy, as well as the fast freshman Ali Earon, Sarah and Leah McMorris and Tess Foley.

The only male to have qualified since the last time we spoke was senior Robin Cunningham in the 110-meter high hurdles.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Kelly Hurley prepares to kick as she goes over bar in long jump competition at recent track meet.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Terry Baroudi scores for Cohasset baseball team. Unfortunately, the Skippers haven't been doing quite enough of this recently. They were no hit by Hull last Thursday, falling 5-1, and then lost a 6-5 heartbreaker to Abington on Tuesday.

Full-court press

Cohasset High tennis star Grossman continues to rip through competition

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

In only her second year as a varsity player, sophomore Lindsay Grossman is turning many a curious head with her All-Star type play early in the season for the girl's tennis team.

Grossman began the season with four laughers over Hanover, Norton, Abington and Cahvah, not exactly slouches for opponents. Playing the number one singles position for the Lady Skippers, Grossman has won 48 of her 53 games so far, losing two games in only one match. She has also yet to have her serve broken.

Playing last year as a freshman behind number one single, Kate Stone, Grossman did not even go to a third set in her undefeated year at second singles.

With Stone at the helm, Grossman learned a great deal, and tried to slip into some large yet fillable shoes by succeeding her.

"She is the one who made me stick with it," said Grossman, referring to last year's outstanding captain. "She really influenced me."

But Stone was not Grossman's only success assistant. Her father, Jeff, has also been a tremendous motivator to his daughters, including current seventh grader Chelsea.

"If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be where I am now," admitted Grossman.

Jeff Grossman, a four year captain of the Colgate tennis team when he was in college, has helped develop Lindsay's game from the time she started as a young child.

"He has been pushing me since forever," laughed Grossman, who began playing when she was eight years old. "He is really determined to make me great."

Grossman's mother, Kathy Prevett, also a tremendous tennis player, has helped her daughter prepare herself since she started playing.

"My mom has helped me throughout the years I have been playing tennis," she said, "to think positively even when I have lost patience and

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Lindsay Grossman has a lot to smile about these days when there's a tennis racquet in her hands.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS LACROSSE
April
26 lost to Sandwich, 15-3
May
1 lost to Scituate, 11-7
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BOYS LACROSSE
27 lost to Falmouth, 10-6
1 beat Hanover, 21-9
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BASEBALL
26 lost to Hull, 5-1
1 lost to Abington, 6-5
for report, see page 16

BOYS TENNIS
1 beat Abington, 4-1
for report, see page 16

GIRLS TENNIS
26 beat Scituate, 4-1
1 beat Abington, 4-1
for report, see page 16

TRACK AND FIELD BOYS AND GIRLS
26 Hull- boys won, 101-33
girls won, 91-36

GOLF
24 beat Carver, 5-5-3.5
25 tied Abington, 4.5-4.5
2 at Norwell
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Cohasset's Kelsey Bell, shown here performing a good looking inward double-flip, has been increasingly competitive in her Cohasset Town Pool born diving career. She placed second (Silver Medal) in both 1& 3 meter springboard events at the New England Junior Olympic Championships at Holy Cross, Worcester.

Local tracksters shine at state relays

THE EXTRA MILE

WITH JOE REARDON

Some teams aren't waiting around for the weather to stay warm on a consistent basis. When it comes to high school track in New England, the days of prime competition conditions don't arrive to stay until the season is nearly over anyway. If a meet happens to fall on a cold, windy day, well, so be it.

That was the case in Saturday's Class D relay meet at Mashpee, and the Scituate and Norwell girls track teams were up for the challenge, as was the Cohasset High boys team. The Scituate girls finished sixth overall with 28 points which started with a fourth-place finish in the 4 x 1,600-meter relay in the morning cold.

Sarah Kuendig, Lily Desmond, Lisa McEachern and anchor runner Emily Tansey posted a time of 23 minutes, 42.8 seconds— excellent, given it was the first event of the day on the track.

Jane Thies's 5-1-3/4 leap in the high jump was the best of the day. Aquila Judge cleared 5 feet and Kate Struzziero was solid and the Sailors had themselves a second-place, 14-4 finish to add to their team total. Norwell's Lydia Shute, Felecia Hawthorne and Christy Mayfield took third with a combined 14' total.

To no one's surprise, Judge turned in the best jump of the day with her 17-1 long jump, spurring Scituate to a second-place, 45-11-3/4 total along with Thies and Struzziero. The 42-5-1/2 total by Norwell's Margaret Shute, Jenna Zarick and Healy Zanengo was good for fourth. Margaret and Lydia Shute, and Carolyn Vaughn were third in the triple jump with an 88-9-1/2 performance.

Zarick hit a 62-second 400 to open the Clippers sprint medley. Allison Zarick and Margaret Shute took care of the middle 200 legs and Kayla Halloran ran a strong 800 anchor to give Norwell third in 4:29.9.

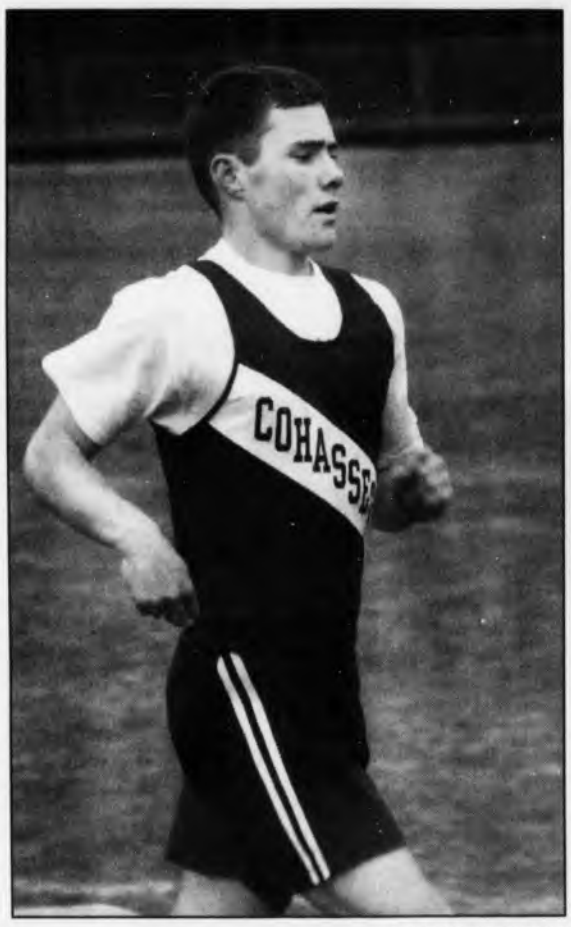
For Scituate, Hillary Birch launched a 105-8 toss, her best of the season, in the javelin. Lisa McEachern and Delia Teahan were on their proverbial game as well, giving the Sailors sixth with a 246-2 total. Birch, Kiely Cuddihy and Kelly Vose were sixth in the discus and the 4 x 800 team of Kuendig, Lily Desmond, McEachern and Tansey clocked a 10:34.2 for second. Teahan, Struzziero, Thies and Judge ran 54.6 for fifth in the 400-meter relay.

Norwell was particularly tough in the longer races, taking third in the distance medley. Lydia Halloran, Jenna Zarick, Vaughn and Kayla Halloran ran a solid 13:42.7, which head coach Chuck Martin believes could be lowered to 13:10 on a clear, warm day.

The Cohasset High boys team placed in the top six in four separate events and seventh overall with 22 points. Prepping for a defense of his Class D 200-meter title, Brian Krupczak teamed up with his brother Jared, freshman Erik Belz and Steve Laney to take fifth in the 4 x 200.

The discus team of Craig Davis, Laney and Cosimo Cambi combined for a 302-10 toss to take third. Distance ace Tim Baird anchored the distance medley team to second in 11:44.9 with his 1,600-meter leg. Peter Maitland opened with the 800 leg, followed by Ian Kidder at 400 and Dan Kinchla at 1,200. The foursome of Baird, Kinchla, Andrew O'Keefe and Ross Lieb-Lappen raced to fourth in the 4 x 1,600-meter race.

The Cohasset boys have just 16 athletes, but make up in quality what they lack in quantity. That bodes out well for a team in the invitational meets where points in the top-three positions weigh far more heavily than the 4-5-6 finishes.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset High tri- captain Pete Maitland got the Skippers going in the distance medley at Saturday's state relays with a strong 800-meter opening leg. The Cohasset foursome took second place in this event, the school's best finish on the day.

Full-court press

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belief in myself."

Lindsay Grossman actually was ranked as an under-12 player in New England, but has since concentrated on the high school team, and not so much on outside tournaments.

"It is impressive," said Jeff Grossman. "I give her a lot of credit."

Part of Grossman's game development has included, among other strengths, a tremendous backhand. Believe me when I say this. I have been up at the net many a time to see Grossman lining up for one of her backhands, and it is not a pleasant situation.

Although her baseline game, including the backhand, is one of the strongest of any of her competitors, her net game and serves are equally difficult to combat.

"I have been working really hard since last year," said Grossman, coming as close to a boastful remark as you'll probably ever hear. "My forehand has improved a lot."

"She is an offensive player," appraised Jeff Grossman on the subject of his daughter's mid-range to net game. "She doesn't ever retreat from the baseline, and she has got quick hands at the net. She can end points quickly."

An intelligent three sport standout, basketball and field hockey being the other two, Grossman is a terrific All-Around athlete equipped with the mental game necessary to be successful.

"She is so mentally strong, I think she can beat anyone," effused tenth year coach Sarah "Gigi" Meehan.

With Grossman leading the way, the Cohasset girls team, which has made tournament in all 10 of their seasons under current coach Meehan, seems to be on the warpath again with three very decisive team wins to open the season.

The Lady Skippers did enter this season with hopes of dethroning the six-time defending South Shore League champions Norwell.

Grossman's Clipper counterpart, Sarah Bitetti, a junior and one of the premiere players in the area, should have two intense dogfights with Grossman when the two go head-to-head.

So, the Skippers should secure a successful season, with a sensational sophomore swinger surprising several senior skeptics on the South Shore.

Golf team gets first win in recent memory

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset golf team earned its first win in recent memory last week, taking a 5.5-3.5 victory over league rival Carver.

The Skippers top two golfers, Wil Prendergast and Jay Bertovich, each split the three available points, taking 1.5 apiece.

Number four golfer Ted Gledhill earned a half point, and the five-six combo of Rob Lehr and Greg O'Brien swept the three points to give the Skippers the victory.

"We haven't had the numbers in previous years to compete realistically, but these guys who are here now have a lot to be proud of."
Cohasset High golf coach
Torin Sweeney

The squad followed a similar script when it earned a tie with Abington, 4.5 -4.5. The Green Wave held a 4-2 lead with Lehr and O'Brien still on the course with their counterparts. However, the Cohasset pair took 2.5 of the possible three points to earn the tie for Skippers.

It was not known at the time of this writing how long it has been between Cohasset High wins on the links, but first year coach Torin Sweeney has been told it's probably been at least five years.

"We haven't had the numbers in previous years to compete realistically, but these guys who are here now have a lot to be proud of," said Sweeney, who also serves as the school's assistant athletic director, assistant football coach and head wrestling coach. "They've worked hard, and I'm sure there's more good days ahead."

Sweeney figures that the Skippers should remain competitive in all of their remaining matches, pointing to their balance one through six.

"Our depth is going to keep us in a lot of matches," said Sweeney. "We saw that the last two. Our top six golfers are so close. A lot of teams might have an edge on us in the top two or three spots, but I definitely think we have the edge at the bottom of the order."

This depth is expected to be bolstered soon with the return of Will Moody, who has been out of action due to illness the last few weeks. He should compete for one of six scoring spots with team.

It's a busy week for Cohasset, with matches scheduled every day, Tuesday through Friday.

"We lost a lot of time because of rain and vacation, but we should more than make up for that now," said Sweeney. "I'm still trying to get a feel for where we stand overall, but we should have a pretty good handle on that by the end of this week."

Tennis teams continue to roll

By James Olson
CORRESPONDENT

A combined 8-1 on the year, the boys and girls tennis teams have been making serious strides toward top contention in the playoffs.

Both squads defeated Abington 4-1 last Tuesday, the boys in Abington, and the girls at home.

Also recently, the girls knocked off Scituate 4-1 in their first non-league bout of the year, marking their first win over the Lady Sailors in over a decade. The win was even more impressive, given that it was pulled off without the help of the ailing sophomore first singles player Lindsay Grossman.

In that boys match, first singles player Erik Shea, a first year senior, recorded his second win of the year with a 5-7, 6-0, 6-4 victory over the Green Wave's ace, sophomore Eric Goldman. Goldman's looping shots threw off the tempo of the hard hitting Shea in the first set, but he was able to recover, adjust, and beat out his counterpart for the win.

At second singles, senior captain Christopher Golden remained undefeated, blanking junior David Bognanno 6-0, 6-0. Golden's height proved to be extremely effective against the shorter Bognanno, as his skillful rushes to the net were consistently successful.

Senior Casey Brewer, also a first year player, played his first ever singles match, losing 6-0, 6-1 for Cohasset's only loss of the day.

Skipper first doubles maintained their season long unbeaten streak, as senior captain Jeff Scribner and sophomore David Ingber handled Abington's senior-sophomore tandem of Bryan Serino and Josh DeSieno, 6-0, 6-3.

Junior Joe Niessink paired up with freshman Robbie Carpenter at second doubles, as his strength complimented Carpenter's consistency very well for a 6-3, 6-4 victory.

The win ran the boys record to 3-1, and a three match winning streak after the season opening 3-2 loss in Hanover.

The Skippers will get another crack at the Indians this Friday, at home at 3:30.

Girls tennis report

Meanwhile, back in Cohasset, the girls team improved to 5-0 with their win over the Green Wave, and this one was never in doubt.

First singles player sophomore Lindsay Grossman continued her domination of her opponents with a 6-0, 6-1 shellacking. Grossman effectively combined power with grace. She has yet to have her serve broken this year.

Sophomore second singles player Julie Shea beat up on her opposition as well, with a 6-1, 6-2, nothing new for the fantastic underclassmen.

Third singles did not go as smoothly, but ended with the same result, a Cohasset win, this time by senior captain Aryanna Afshar. Similar to Erik Shea, Afshar's style of play was disrupted in the first set, with Abington winning 6-2. But Afshar battled back with a 6-1 second set win, and finished her off with a 6-2 clincher.

First doubles, the new team of junior captain Kelly Stone and freshman Courtney Caron combined the experience of Stone with the shocking power of Caron. The Cohasset tandem needed only two quick sets to get a point for their team.

Second doubles did get the two set loss, with sophomores Nicole Needle and Kelly Holway in action. Holway is still recovering from a shoulder injury she sustained earlier this year, and it is believed she re-injured it in the match.

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SPORTS NOTES

American Legion baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Scituate/Cohasset Legion baseball team will be held for the second two Sundays in May—the 13th and 20th—at the Scituate High baseball field at 4 p.m..

Attendance is mandatory at these two tryouts.

A tryout originally scheduled for this coming Sunday, May 6, has been cancelled.

All questions should be directed to head coach Scott Arnold (545-1896)

Swim Center

Watch your mail this week (4/30) for the Cohasset Swim Center Newsletter! The C.S.C. will open starting June 9th. Weekends only! Then open full-timeJune 25th - September 3rd.

Red Cross Swim Lessons

The mail-in swim lesson registration form can be found in the C.S.C. Newsletter and will need to be return to the C.S.C. postmarked by May 21st!!

Session I: June 25 - July 13.
Session II: July 16 - August 3.
Session III: August 6 - August 24.

This year swimming lessons sessions are being offered at the C.S.C. Monday thru friday, We are eliminating our traditional wednesday beach day. Extra forms will be available at the Paul Pratt Library and the Town Hall.

Safe boating course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 1208, and the Cohasset Recreation Department will sponsor a spring, six session, Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The course will be offered to both youth and adults, however, certification in this course is mandatory for 16-year-olds and under, who wish to operate any craft. U.S.C.G.A., Flotilla 1208 instructors will teach the six session course, scheduled to begin on Tuesday evening, May 15, at the Cohasset High School. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. May 15, through May 31. To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department Office at 383-4109, as soon as possible, as class will be limited in size, and participants will be enrolled on first call basis. There will be a $35 per person fee for this program, that covers the cost of the text book and class materials. Checks for payment must be made out to: U S C G A Flotilla 1208. While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children aged 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult. A segment of the class will be devoted to the new laws regulating personal water craft. Certification cards will be issued and most insurance companies will offer insurance rate discounts to those completing this course.

Asst. swim coaches wanted

The Cohasset Swim Team currently has two assistant swim coach positions available for the 2001 summer season. Positions are for morning hours Monday through Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Candidates should enjoy working with children and must be 16 years of age or older. Applications should be sent to P.O. Box 651, Cohasset, 02025 and will be accepted through April 16.

Senior men's softball

The Senior Men's Softball League, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging has started its second season. all South Shore men, age 55 and over are welcome to play.

The schedule is as follows: Sundays 10 a.m. to noon at the Gates School (First Parish Rd.) and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's Field (corner of First Parish Road and Kent St., adjacent to St. Mary's Church), Fee is $20, payable on the first day of play.

Soccer clinic

All-Star Soccer Clinic at Scituate High varsity soccer field July 8-12 for ages 14-19.

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Laxers bounce back

After first loss of season, boys lacrosse team gets past Hanover despite spotty effort

The Cohasset boys' varsity lacrosse team improved its record to 6-1, and 4-1 in the Pilgrim League, stomping Hanover 21-9 at Alumni Field on Tuesday evening. The Skippers were led by senior co-captain Ronan Buick's six goals and seven assists, and by junior attackman Paul Previte's four goals and an assist.

Cohasset scored three goals in the first two minutes of the game, then struggled for the rest of the first quarter, leading only 4-2 at its end. But an eight-goal second period and six-goal third quarter blew the contest open, allowing Coach Kevin Orcutt to empty his bench in the final stanza.

"We won, but we can't feel good about this victory," said Orcutt. "Hanover lacks the skills and the approach to the game to be competitive in this league, yet we allowed them to score nine goals. It was our worst defensive performance of the season, and almost beyond the coaching staff's comprehension. We'll have to be better for Norwell."

Other Cohasset scorers included junior attackman Eric Libby with three goals and an assist, sophomore attackman Curt Kahn with a goal and three assists, junior attackman Jason Moore with a pair of goals, and soph midfielder Matt Davis and freshman attackman Mike Devine with a goal apiece. Devine's score was his first as a varsity player. Senior co-captain Lane Forrer chipped in with an assist, and an excellent effort at both ends of the field.

Junior goalie Kyle Weber played the first three quarters, making five saves while allowing seven goals. Freshman Nick Murphy took over in the final period, stopping five shots while allowing a pair of scores.

Orcutt's disappointment in this game carried over from the Skippers previous performance, a 10-6 setback to Falmouth on Friday night at home, the team's first and only loss of the season.

Previte's hat trick wasn't enough to prevent the boys from falling from the ranks of the unbeaten before a large, vocal crowd at Alumni Stadium.

In a match-up of two teams ranked in the state's top 10 by the national laxpower.com ranking service, the Div. 1 Clippers were a little stronger and a lot more consistent than the Div. 2 Skippers, outscoring Cohasset 4-1 over the final six and a half minutes of the game.

"Falmouth's the best team we've played to date," said Coach Kevin Orcutt. "This was a good reality check for us. We can see what we need to do to beat a team like this, because Falmouth did that to us. They controlled the pace of the game, came at us with a level of defensive intensity that we hadn't seen before, and played with great heart when we made our run in the third and the start of the fourth quarter."

With just over a minute gone in the last period, Cohasset closed to 6-5 behind Davis' goal on a feed from Moore. The Skippers then squandered a two-man advantage, and Falmouth ran off four unanswered goals in three-and-a-half minutes to nail down the win. Previte scored Cohasset's final goal with a minute and a half to play.

Besides Davis and Previte, who had an assist to go with his three goals, Cohasset got a pair of scores from Buick. Falmouth coach Greg Gilbert, after the game, credited his defenders with holding Buick to five points below his scoring average as one of the keys to the Cape Codders' victory.

Goalie Kyle Weber had 10 saves for the home team. His counterpart, sophomore Scott Truax, had 20.

"Individually, we had some exceptional efforts," said Orcutt. "Nick Spirito (Sophomore longstick midfielder) was outstanding, and Previte certainly came to play. Matt Davis had a strong second half and an important goal. Freshman Conor Buick did well in the second half on defense. But we'll only beat good opponents with better team play."

The Skippers travel to Norwell on Friday for a 3:30 rematch with their Pilgrim rivals. Cohasset then plays a non-league contest at Walpole on Saturday, with the faceoff now set for 4 pm. On Tuesday, May 8, the Skippers travel to Hingham for a much anticipated league match-up of the two teams currently ranked at the top of Division Two in the state.

Speed and agility training

The Cohasset Recreation Department is pleased to announce a speed and agility training program for youngsters ages 9 to 14 and 14 to19 years.

The five-week program will meet twice weekly, on Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Miliken Field, starting Monday, June 25, through Wednesday, July 25..

The cost for this unique, all-sports speed and agility training program is $85 for the 10 session program.

Early registration is advised as the clinics must be size restricted and further information is available, along with registration, at the Cohasset Recreation Department, 1st floor, Town Hall, or at 383-4109.

Lady Skippers fall to .500

With back-to-back losses, laxers stand at 3-3-1

The Cohasset girls varsity lacrosse team split two games last week after their return from spring vacation, but fell in their first game this week to drop to .500 (3-3-1) on the season.

Cohasset 11, Medfield 4

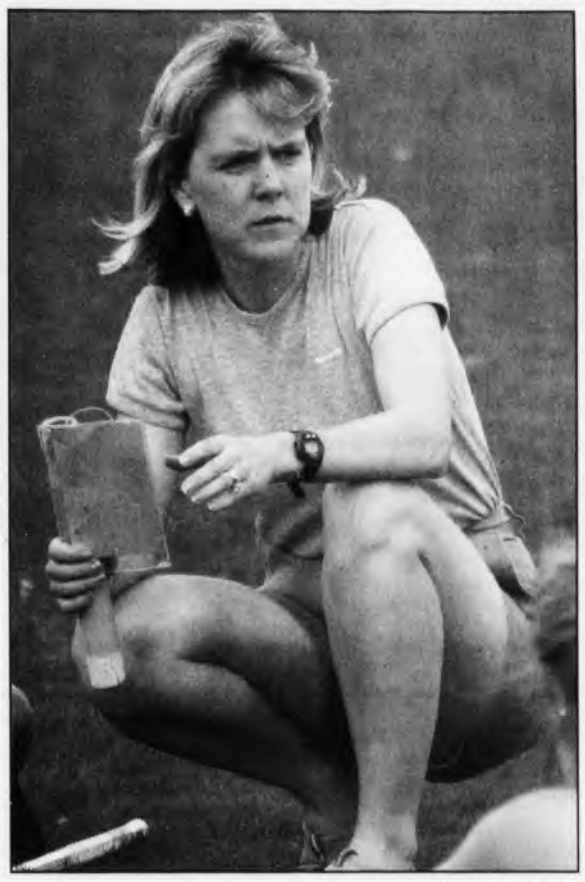
Buoyed by the return from injuries of junior co-captain Carlie Carter, Cohasset played a solid game against Medfield in their first 2001 action on Alumni Field on April 24th. Junior second home Kristin Sheerin opened up the scoring with two quick goals on dodges from behind to give Cohasset an early 2-0 lead. Emma Gardner increased the Cohasset lead with a beautiful quick stick goal on an assist from Kate Grimm.

After their quick start, the Lady Skippers never looked back. Once again Sheerin (3 goals) and sophomore first home Sera Genovese (3 goals) led the Cohasset scoring charge. Sophomore center Maura McKenney had an outstanding game, winning numerous draws and chipping in two goals. Emma Gardner (2 goals), Kate Grimm (1 goal, 1 assist) and Rachel Smith (2 assists) all contributed to a balanced Cohasset attack.

The Cohasset defense was rock solid throughout the game, never letting Medfield gain any momentum. Time and time again, Julie Lordan thwarted Medfield's fast breaks with good, aggressive positioning. Coach Kathy Guadiano credited the defense with setting the tone for the game.

"We beat Medfield to nearly every ground ball and used our overall team speed to great advantage," said the coach.

Gia Petrakis was again outstanding in goal, recording 13 saves.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset lacrosse coach Kathy Guadiano takes in action at recent match.

Sandwich 15, Cohasset 3

The long bus ride to the Cape was not kind to the Lady Skippers last Thursday. Perennial tournament favorite Sandwich proved too much for the young Cohasset squad and dominated the game from start to finish. Kristin Sheerin again led Cohasset in scoring with two goals. Maura McKenney had a goal and Kate Grimm an assist in the losing effort.

Scituate 11, Cohasset 7

Despite another strong effort from Sheerin (5 goals), the lady Skippers fell on Tuesday to Scituate. Sera Genovese and Nicole Turgiss each scored once for Cohasset.

Cohasset next plays Marshfield at home on Thursday (3:30 start).

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Meet the Cohasset Sailing Club vice commodores

As the Cohasset Community Sailing Club gears up for the 2001 summer season, residents are invited to participate in the programs offered at the club. This year the club decided to shift the organizational structure to include more vice commodores in order to better respond to the needs of the community. All of the vice commodores have served the program in various capacities. There are five vice commodores who head up the operation of the club, they are Ann Musto of Lantern Lane, Sandy Crough of Forest Street, Bob Cunningham of Norfolk Road, Brian Connors of South Main Street and Peter Pescatore of Lantern Lane.

Although Musto, vice commodore for children's programs, grew up on the water and sailed as a kid, what she likes about the sailing club is you don't have to be a hotshot sailor to join.

"It is a great activity to bring the family together. Your children can take you sailing which will help build self-confidence and independence," she says.

• Ann Musto — Served for 10 years as clerk. Served as vice commodore for the children's program for last two years. She elevated the safety requirements for instructors where they are required to be "US Level 1 Sailors," a requirement many sailing clubs do not have. She also instituted a sailing director position (Torin Sweeney) to provide direction to the club activities on a daily basis. Musto brings tremendous creativity to the club. She has great organizational experience and strong leadership qualities.

• Peter Pescatore — Served five years as treasurer. He is responsible for all tax filings, processing of membership and training applications, payroll for staff and making budget recommendations. Pescatore puts in more work than any other volunteer and his busiest time is now when all of the applications start flooding in.

• Brian Connors — Responsible for one of the most physically challenging jobs of the vice commodores — all upkeep and physical operations. Connors is responsible for putting in the docks, painting the boats and the general aesthetics of the club.

• Sandy Crough — In charge of social activities for the sailing club. She will oversee the children's fun day, opening and closing ceremonies, and other events. She also will coordinate things such as trophies and staff shirts and is planning a series of child/adult races, followed by barbecues. This is the second year she has held this position. Crough, a mother of three, has been a member "on and off" for 20 years.

• Bob Cunningham — Primarily responsible for the junior racing program. He likes the junior racing program because it doesn't matter how big, how strong or how much money you have spent on your equipment, everyone has a fair chance of winning. "It is one of the only sports in which girls can compete successfully against boys in any class of boats or age group. Many of the top junior sailors in the country are girls and that can be quite a lesson for both sexes," he says.



Ann Musto



Sandy Crough

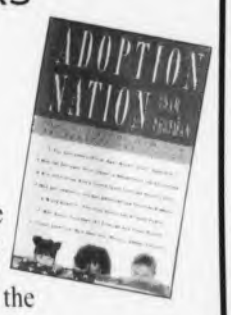


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Peter Pescatore, left, Emily Malone (trustee) and Bob Cunningham

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The honorary co-chairs of the event are Gov. Jane Swift; William M. Bulger, president of the University of Massachusetts; Andrew H. and the Rev. Kathleen B. Card; Anne Lewis; Liz Carpenter, special consultant to the LBJ Library and Museum; Paul G. Kirk, chairman, John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Lawrence S. DiCara; Susan Roosevelt Weld; Evelyn Murphy, former Lieutenant Governor; William S. Saltonstall, former state senator; and William D. Weeks, former state senator.

Tickets to the fundraiser are $125. Advance reservations are required by calling (617) 287-5541 or sending a check to: The Polly Logan Fund, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02125-3393.

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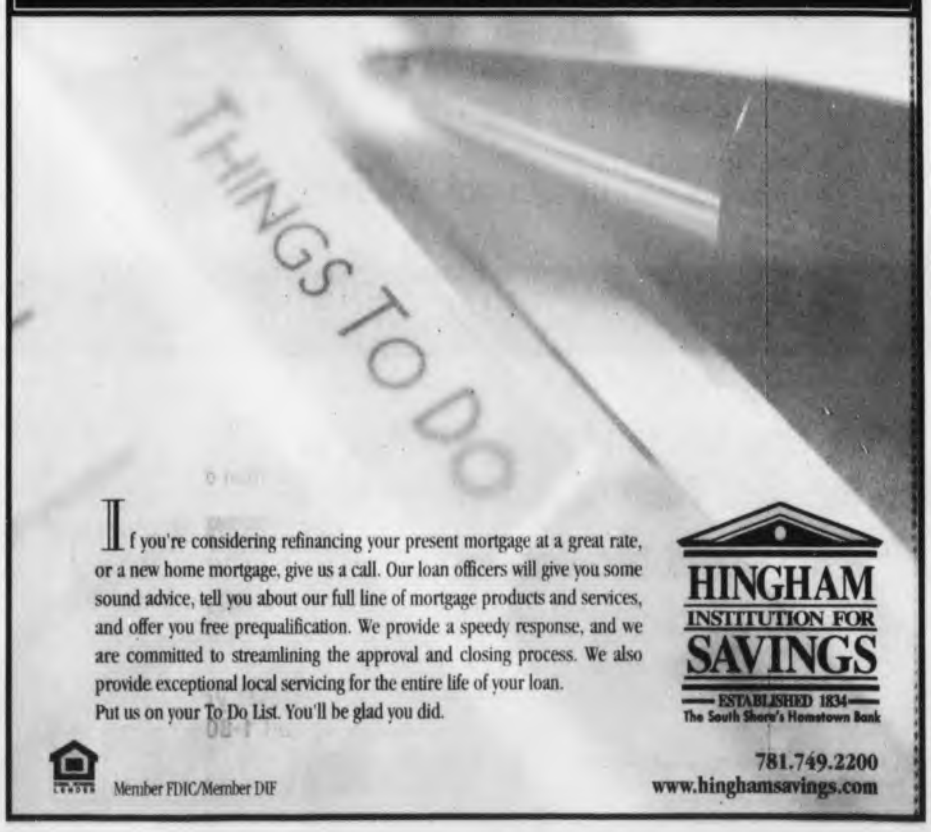
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The Cohasset Deer Hill fifth-graders are sponsoring a family concert to be held on Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the Sullivan Gym at CHS. The group, Ball in the House, is an a capella group that has opened for artists such as N'Sync, 98 Degrees, Cher and Paula Cole. Ball in the House has performed at schools, colleges and concerts all around the country, more locally for Scituate, Norwell, Hanover and Hingham.

To get your tickets, look for a fifth-grader in your neighborhood, call or go to the Deer Hill School office or call Karen Hurd 781-383-1827, Jen Piepenbrink 781-383-0143 or Karen Oronte 781-383-6737. Tickets are $10 each and there will be preferential seating for senior citizens.



Ball in the House has opened for N'Sync, 98 Degrees and others.

Benefit performance

The Cohasset Youth Resources Committee is selling tickets for the Cohasset Dramatic Club's performance of "Bye-Bye Birdie" for the 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, matinee.

Tickets are $10 each. Call the Cohasset Recreation Dept. at 781-383-4109. Ticket sales will benefit the Youth Resources Committee and Cohasset teens.

Drama workshop

The Devaney sisters will return once again to produce Disney's The Little Mermaid. Directed and produced by Elizabeth Devaney, The Little Mermaid will be the 13th annual production of the Children's Drama Workshop (CDW). Past smash hits include: Cinderella Smith (2000), The Lion King (1999), and Anastasia (1998). Because of the renovations at Cohasset High School, CDW rehearsals and performances will take place at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. This sic-week program will begin Tuesday, June 26, at 1 p.m. Designed for children between the ages of 5 and 12, the Children's Drama Workshop meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. There will be several dress rehearsals from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the final two weeks of the program. Tentative performance dates are as follows: Wednesday, Aug. 1, Thursday, Aug. 2, and Friday, Aug. 3.

Registration will begin on Monday, June 11. Limited enrollment. Early registration is advised. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109.

Teen program

In addition to producing The Little Mermaid, the Devaney sisters will also produce an original work called "A Night at the Markle" to be performed by young adults aged between 13 and 18. Because of the renovations at Cohasset High School, rehearsals and performances will take place at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. This six-week program will begin Tuesday, June 26, at 7 p.m. Designed for young adults between the ages of 13 and 18, this program will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Tentative performance dates are as follows: Friday, Aug. 3, and Saturday, Aug. 4.

Registration will begin on Monday, June 11. Limited enrollment. Early registration is advised. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109. Directed and produced by Elizabeth Devaney, "A Night at the Markle" will be her second original work, and first straight play. Last summer, she wrote and produced the musical comedy, Cinderella Smith.

Abbey plant sale

Saturday May 12, 8 a.m. to noon, a large selection of plants will be available for sale on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. (Rte. 228) in Hingham. Perennials, ground cover, Bushes, herbs and garden soaps made by Brother Jonah will be on sale. Plants are all being donated from local private gardens in the Hingham/Cohasset area, many will be divisions of specimens plants grown in the Abbey gardens. Young plants to mature plant divisions will be available to tempt local gardeners. Proceeds will be donated to the Benedictine monks of Glastonbury Abbey who use the funds to beautify the Abbey grounds

Yard sale

The Cohasset Historical Society is asking for donated items. Drop-off dates are Saturday, May 5, and Sunday, May 6, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Lothrop House, 14 Summer St.

All donations (no clothing please) are appreciated. The proceeds from the May 19 yard sale and raffle will be used for maintenance and repair of the society's three historical buildings.

Call John or Pat Steel at 781-383-2545 with any questions.

Lecture series

The following lectures are sponsored by the Cohasset Historical Society:

- Thursday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., "Irish Moss — Scituate," Eugene "Paul" MacDonald, Lightkeepers, refreshments.
- Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., "Reflections of a Portuguese Descendant," Cathy Oliver Lyons, Lightkeepers, refreshments.
- Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m., "Mini Walking Tour of Cohasset Common Historic District," conducted by curator David Wadsworth and board of directors. Meet outside community center. Refreshments. (In case of rain, slide show version.)

Thursday, May 31, 7:30 p.m., "Beechwood Then and Now," Rebecca Bates-McArthur. Lightkeepers, refreshments.

For information, call 781-383-1434, 383-1614 or 383-9042.

Self defense

The Social Service League and the Cohasset Board of Health present "Life Skills," an introduction to self-defense through martial arts, with Sifu John C. Loupos of Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi/Internal Arts, Monday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Anthony's Parish Center, Summer Street.

This program is open to the public and is free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the Social Service League at 781-383-0771.

Night at the Pops

You don't need to travel into Boston to have a night at the Pops. Cohasset High School music students will perform cabaret style in the cafeteria the evening of Wednesday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.

This annual fund-raising event is sponsored by the CHS Arts Boosters. There will be a $5 admission charge at the door. For further information, call 781-383-6113.

Dog training

Dog training at the Cohasset Recreation Center on the Common is sponsored by the New England Humane Association. "Good Manners for Beginners" teaches dogs beginner level commands such as sit, stay, come, down, heel, drop it, don't touch, and it helps with problems such as jumping, mouthing and chewing. The cost is $90 for a five-week class and starts Monday, May 7, at 6 p.m.

Look for "Obedience with Distractions" and other classes coming in June. For more information or to register, call 781-878-4343.

Chaperones needed

Be a part of a special evening and chaperone the post prom party at Cohasset High School, June 1. There are two shifts, midnight to 2:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 5 a.m. If interested call Mary Sullivan at 781-383-6666, or Jody Caron, 781-383-9705.



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Clark Chatterton to be remembered at Relay

By Rick Collins
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Irony waved its unfair hand at the Relay for Life last year.

Clark Chatterton was unable to attend last year's events due to complications with cancer. It was the first time he had missed the event he helped bring to Cohasset.

"It was one of his priorities from day one when the idea for the relay first came up," said Clark's wife, Sallyann. "He supported it wholeheartedly."

The Relay for Life is a nationwide event that features teams of walkers which raise money for cancer research, education and services for patients and families. Last year the event raised $168 million from 2,700 events across the country. In New England, 89 relay events raised more than $9 million.

This year's event will be held from Friday, May 18 at 3 p.m. until Saturday May 19, at noon, at Alumni Field.

Clark brought the relay to Cohasset in 1998, and Sallyann said at the end of the event's first year, her husband looked at a picture taken at the event and remarked how he was the only one cancer-free. Clark was diagnosed shortly after, and despite chemotherapy treatments, was always able to get the event together and participate in the Survivor's Lap – until last year.

"I can't say enough about how strongly he felt about this event," said Sallyann.

Last year Clark got a new cancer survivor, Ann Marie Goff, to form a team and participate.

"He said, 'Ann Marie you've got to come out to the meetings and get involved.' And we'd meet up and go together." Goff remembered.

Goff thought it only right that she form a team in Clark's honor. "This year someone asked who's having a team for Clark, and nobody was, so I said I'd do it," she said. "I just think it's important to have a team for him."

She said she expects 'Clark's Energizers' to be 40 people strong, one of the largest teams at the event, and easily raise more than last year's total of $5,400.

"I think a lot of people that are on the team wants to raise money because they're doing it for Clark," she said.

On the team will be Sallyann, her two children and two grandchildren.



PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

Ann Marie Goff will lead 'Clark's Energizers' expected to to be 40 people strong at this year's Relay.

"It's going to be very hard thing, but we feel as though we have to be there," Sallyann said.

She said the entire family will also be present at 9 p.m. during the luminaria lighting ceremony, which they will lead. Participants can buy a luminary in memory of someone who has died of cancer. The candles are placed around the track, which is part of the athletic complex that bears Clark'sname. The Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex was unveiled at this past year's Thanksgiving Day football game.

"It absolutely will be emotional," said Goff.

Last year Goff said she wasn't able to stay for all 21 hours of the event, but hopes to accomplish that this year. "I'm really looking forward to this year," she said. "I'm well, and can stay up all night. I'm psyched about it."

Clark Chatterton was named the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year, months before he succumbed to cancer. He was the middle/high school athletic director for decades and ran the concession stand at the South Shore Music Circus, as well as guiding the first few years of the relay in Cohasset.

"He was a great fundraiser,"Sallyann said. "His goal was to see the totals up and people having more fun, and making great strides towards fighting cancer."



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Clark Chatterton in May 1999 on the high school track where he helped organize the annual Relay For Life.

Luminaria offered

A special luminaria ceremony held during the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset remembers those who have lost the fight to cancer and honors those who have survived. Luminaria candles will be lit at Cohasset High School, May 18 at 9 p.m. to represent those individuals. All members of the local community are invited to the ceremony, regardless of whether or not they are participating in the actual relay event. Anyone desiring to purchase a luminaria candle may do so by calling the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880. A minimum donation of $5 is asked for each luminaria candle.

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Big Ryan, storyteller, leads off the pre-school program Friday, May 4, at 10 a.m. and again Thursday, May 10, at 2 p.m.

The Music Lady joins the library Saturday, May 12, at 4 p.m. and once again Saturday, June 9, at 10:30 a.m. All programs are sponsored by South Shore Community Action and "Helping Children Have Success Now."

Sound Box books

These new editions, by Jane Belk Moncure, continue the Sound Box tradition by building young readers' confidence, expanding their vocabularies and inspiring a love of reading. Paul Pratt Memorial Library now offers these books, set up in a special book area near the children's librarian's desk.

All books are updated to reflect current educational standards and continue beginning readers to cheer, "I can read them all by myself."

Call the children's library at 781-383-1348.

WORSHIP NOTES

First Eucharist

First Eucharist will be celebrated at St. Anthony Parish Saturday, May 12, at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Preparation for First Eucharist is a two-year process that ordinarily begins in grade one. Each child is requested to bring a medium-size plant to the final practice, and one parent must attend that practice. Practices are: Teams 1-4, Friday, May 4, Tuesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 10, 3:45 to 5 p.m.; Teams 5-7, Monday, May 7, Wednesday, May 9 and Friday, May 11, 3:45 to 5 p.m.

Also, the Archdiocesan Cardinal's Appeal will be held this weekend, May 5 and 6. This is an annual fundraiser that serves more than two million people in 144 cities and 368 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. Programs supported by the appeal help people in all phases of life. More than 80 agencies, programs and ministries provide food and shelter, educate children and adults, meet spiritual needs and support the clergy. Parishioners are asked to mail in an appeal pledge card, which can be picked up at the church.

This Sunday is also Food Pantry Sunday. Contributions of non-perishable goods can be dropped off at the church after all Masses.

Honoring teachers

The young men/young women of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, ages 12 to 18, have invited some of their favorite, some 35 (public school) teachers, to honor with a dinner and program Tuesday, May 8, at the church meeting house, 379 Gardner St., Hingham, at 6:30 p.m. The youth come from all over the South Shore area.

Rebecca Lambert of Norwell is president of the group.

Mitzvah Day

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham invites the public to celebrate its fifth annual Social Action Day, Sunday, May 6, beginning with bagels, pastry and drinks at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with a community-wide barbecue from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m.

The event is more familiarly known as Mitzvah Day. Helping others is among the most fundamental of all Jewish virtues.

You can also sign up for the Walk for Hunger. Walkers will meet in the temple parking lot, travel to Boston by bus, walk for about 2.2 miles, and be back in time for the barbecue at 12:30. If you want to stay closer to home, you can clean up at a Scituate beach, help create a blooming garden right at the temple or walk over to the Mary Martha Learning Center and help the folks there spruce up for spring. All activities originate at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom.

Glastonbury series

The event is Thursday, May 3, at 7:15 p.m., at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, and is sponsored by The Benedictine community of Glastonbury Abbey.

In this sixth and final presentation of The Glastonbury Series, 2000-2001, "Listening to Other Voices: the Way of Prayer in Our Religious Traditions," Dr. Michael McFadden focuses on the impact upon individuals, families and communities of the spirituality of the 12-step approach to addiction recovery. McFadden has been working with families for more than 40 years. In addition to being a Certified Addictions specialist, McFadden is also a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist. He also trains those who serve on Marriage Preparation Teams. He is president of Family Focus Associates Inc., Hull, a counseling and education center which seeks to strengthen family life by imparting skills which are not necessarily taught in schools. McFadden graduated from Villanova University and holds a Doctorate in Ministry to Marriage and Family from Eastern Baptist Theological in Philadelphia.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, APRIL 23

6:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.
7:07 a.m. Spring St. and Cushing Rd., motor vehicle stop.
7:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.
8:55 a.m. Elm St., violation of restraining order.
9:12 a.m. King St. and Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop.
11:10 a.m. Little Harbor Rd., alarm burglar.
11:10 a.m. Elm St., violation of restraining order. Arrest: Pamela L. Brebbia, 47, 589 Jerusalem Rd. Cohasset. Chrgs. violation of restraining order, criminal harassment.
12:52 p.m. Lamberts Lane, suspicious auto.
2:16 p.m. Pleasant St., disturbance.
3:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.
6:29 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person.
11:13 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

1:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.
2:28 a.m. Border St., medical aid.
8:04 a.m. Smith Pl., assist citizen.
9:04 a.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Dr., motor vehicle stop.
10:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.
12:59 p.m. Buttonwood Ln., officer wanted.
1:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
1:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.
1:26 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
1:43 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
1:50 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
2:15 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle stop.
2:25 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle stop.
2:46 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle stop.
4 p.m. Pond St., fire.
4:33 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.
4:41 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, motor vehicle stop.
5:39 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.
7:28 p.m. South Main St., general services.
9:13 p.m. James Ln., animal control.
9:50 p.m. Cedar Acres Ln., fire investigation.
9:54 p.m. Forest Ave., brush fire.
10:25 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop.
10:54 p.m. North Main St., annoying phone calls.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

6:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.
6:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
7:43 a.m. King St., medical aid.
8:40 a.m. King St., larceny.
11:03 a.m. Doane St., traffic complaint.
12:12 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.
1:08 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
1:15 p.m. Stockbridge St., parking violation.
1:22 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
1:44 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
2:33 p.m. Lamberts Ln., parking violation.
9:08 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

7:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Ridge Top Rd., motor vehicle stop.
7:10 a.m. Arrowwood Rd., and Pond St., general info.
8:21 a.m. Ripley Rd., wires down.
9:56 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious activity.
10 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious auto.
10:59 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.
12:22 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.
1:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
1:16 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop.
1:16 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop.
1:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
1:33 p.m. Brook St., disturbance.
3:03 p.m. North Main St., parking violation.
3:21 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious.
4:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny.
6:28 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle accident.
7:46 p.m. North Main St., parking violation.
8:50 p.m. Nichols Rd., fire investigation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

6:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
8:48 a.m. Sandy Beach, officer wanted.
9:20 a.m. N. Main St., disturbance.
9:40 a.m. N. Main St., and Red Gate Ln., motor vehicle stop.
11:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.
2:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop.
6:57 p.m. N. Main St., noise complaint.
7:12 p.m. Pond St., fire.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

12:34 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop.
9:16 a.m. Jerusalem Rd, general services.
11:43 a.m. King St., medical aid.
12:09 a.m. Border St., parking violation.
1 p.m. Border St., parking violation.
1:33 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop.
2:09 p.m. Forest Ave., traffic complaint.
2:12 p.m. N. Main St., annoying phone calls.
2:16 p.m. Forest Ave., and Heather Dr., motor vehicle stop.
2:21 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
2:39 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
4:45 p.m. Brook St., motor vehicle accident.
5:31 p.m. Surry Dr., officer wanted.
10:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway disabled auto.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

12:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop.
1:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.
1:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop.
2:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., disturbance. Arrest: juvenile. Chrg. minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.
3:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious activity.
7:41 a.m. Doane St., civil offenses.
10:50 a.m. Atlantic Ave., civil offenses.
11:46 a.m. Sohier Ave., motor vehicle stop.
11:55 a.m. Sohier Ave., motor vehicle stop.
12:15 p.m. Elm St., general services.
12:40 p.m. King St., animal control.
2:02 p.m. Bancroft Rd., parking violation.
4:45 p.m. Spring St., outside fire.
5:25 p.m. Doane St., structure fire.
6:06 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle violations.
6:33 p.m. Linden Dr., structure fire.
6:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway shoplifting.
7:37 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., family disturbance.

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Disney comes to Cohasset

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The 10-second scene at the beginning of the movie shows a funeral procession driving past a bake sale with children playing on the grass.

By 10 a.m., the extras were in costume, waiting for the shoot to start, in the cool shadow of First Parish Church. The film crew set up the bake-sale table, complete with period ice chests and coolers. A half-dozen black, brown and green Cadillac's practiced their slow procession around the common.

A little after 11 a.m., the cars, camera truck and extras were cued up and practiced their synchronized movements. After three practice takes, the snow was brought in, bake-sale table moved around, and the extras — not to mention their parents watching along Highland Avenue — waited for actual filming to begin.

Just beyond the time-warped scene on the common, waited SUVs, land rovers, prop trucks, Teamsters and other spectators.

Joyce Davis of Weymouth was working in one of the houses along North Main Street while filming was going on. She said the cast and crew were on site getting people ready when she arrived at 8:30 in the morning.

"It's really cool," she said, as another parade of cars drove by. "I'm kind of glued to the window."

Cohasset Police Sgt. Robert Jackson said while filming was going on, officers blocked off access to Highland Avenue from Beach Street, and detoured traffic up Depot Court and down Ripley Road.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Movie extras run along the town common as a line of 70s-vintage cars forms a funeral procession along North Main Street during Tuesday's movie filming.

The movie is the third major motion picture to be filmed, at least partly, in Cohasset. The first was 1987's "Witches of Eastwick," starring Sarandon, Jack Nicholson, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Cher. In 1992, "Housesitter" starring Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn, came to town for a few weeks to film some scenes around the downtown and common areas. Cohasset has also provided the setting for several TV commercials and smaller films.

Disney originally was interested in filming at the Central Cemetery, but chose to shoot the scene in Gloucester.

Set in a fictional New England town named "Cape Anne" in the early 1970s, the unlikely love story revolves around a young man (Jake Gyllenhaal, "October Sky") who finds himself lingering in the family home of his fiancee after her accidental death. While grieving along with her parents (Hoffman and Sarandon) and drawn into the legal issues presented by a district attorney, played by Holly Hunter, seeking justice for the family, Joe finds himself falling in love with another woman (newcomer Ellen Pompeo), against his own best intentions. Once filming on the North Shore wraps up, the crew will head back to Los Angeles for additional scenes.

The film's title, "Baby's in Black," is also the name of a song written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney (recorded by the Beatles in 1964) which echoes the theme of a new love haunted by the memory of an old love.

Material from the Marblehead Reporter was used in this article.

Former state senator to lead runway fight

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such as T.F. Greene in Providence, Hanscom Field in Bedford and the newly refurbished Worcester Airport.

But Massport Executive Director Virginia Buckingham, speaking before the Legislature last week, touted the airport's new $500,000 ad campaign encouraging passengers to use regional airports.

"We have stepped up to the plate and done more than any other airport in the United States to promote regionalization," Buckingham said.

She called the proposed runway "the only solution" to meeting Logan's growth demands and said it will eliminate, not increase, pollution by clearing circling planes from the sky and idling aircraft from the tarmac.

Buckingham also expressed hope the agency can focus on completing the project rather than battling legal challenges.

"I'd rather spend Massport's money on mitigating the growth at Logan than on lawyers," she said.

But Golden, who served as state senator from the Plymouth-Norfolk District from 1985-1991, said the towns are on the right side of this issue.

"It's fundamental to the future quality of life in the towns and it's fundamental to the democratic process that we insist on having a public process in which the average citizen and elected official have an opportunity for meaningful input."



FILE PHOTO

Bill Golden

The proposed runway is embroiled in federal and state environmental studies, dubbed the MEPA and NEPA process. Golden hopes that's where it will stop.

"We're hopeful that state Sec. (Robert) Durand and FAA administrator Jane Garvey will look at this closely and see that any fair-minded person would realize this is a hoax and act accordingly."

Golden says the solution to delays at Logan is to institute "peak pricing" that was tried successfully during the Dukakis administration. With peak pricing, airlines pay extra to land and take off at peak times.

"Up to 35 planes are scheduled leave at exactly the same minute, several times a day. With peak pricing, if you want to leave with everyone else you have to pay a fee," he explained "The effect is the flights are spread out and there would be a reduction in delay overnight." (A flight is considered to have "left" once the passengers are on board and the doors closed). Logan is currently sixth in the country on the list of delay-prone airports.

Massport should also allow people to use its express shuttle to other regional airports such as Providence, Golden said.

Mary Ann Frye, an alternate member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, said Golden is just the right person to lead the Logan fight.

"The current Massport staff depends on getting the public to take its PR spin on the runway as fact," she said. "Bill cuts right through it. He changes the terms of the argument. He has a lucid picture of the real agenda at Logan which he lays out for all to see."

Boston Herald writers Dave Wedge and Robin Washington also contributed to this story.

Village merchants want to curb one-way traffic trial

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n't. We're not changing it permanently. We just want to give it a try."

The CRC is a private, non-profit group, funded mainly by wealthy businessman Peter Roy, with an eye on making improvements to the village and harbor areas. Roy lives on Margin Street and owns both Atlantica and Kimball's by the Sea. CRC hired The Cecil Group and BSC Engineering to analyze the village area, and make recommendations on how to improve it. Any decision must first be approved by the task fore, then selectmen, and finally, a Town Meeting vote.

The one-way traffic plan calls for all southbound traffic (towards Scituate) to be diverted down South Main Street. Northbound traffic (towards the common) will be detoured down Brook Street, and then back north along Elm Street.

But Roukounakis doesn't see any point in giving it a try.

"All these businesses are going to get hurt," he said. "I don't want to try it at all. It's useless. It's going to make it worse for us."

Rizzo said in a recent letter sent to village businesses that the change would ease traffic congestion through the village, and provide more room for passing cars and deliveries, wider sidewalks, plantings and other streetscape amenities. Rizzo also said "businesses along South Main, Elm and Brook Streets may see a resulting increase in exposure in the long run."

However, many village businesses can't see any positives from the change. They say forcing cars to turn down Brook Street, followed by a left onto Elm Street and a sharp left back onto South Main Street will drive away business.

"I'm going to lose people coming from the harbor and Scituate. They're going to have to loop around, and they're not going to do that," said Roukounakis.

"We're very unhappy with it," said French Memories owner Anne Gabanelle. "We've been here 10 years and know how the business works. The change is not good."

Gabanelle said her store does a good morning business thanks to commuters stopping in for coffee or an early snack. "In order to come here people will have to go twice around the block both coming and leaving…One month of business is a lot."

Cohasset News owner John Scott was blunt. "I don't like it," he said. "There's no need for it. There's no benefits."

Scott, who has owned the store for 10 years, said he thinks everyone will park in his lot and then just walk over to whatever store they are going to. "I don't think it's worth it," he said about the change. "I don't think they should do it."

Also at issue with the village merchants was how the decision was made. Selectmen gave initial approval to the trial period at their April 24 meeting, with no testimony from village business owners.

"There was no opposition at the meeting," said Roukounakis. "They didn't make an announcement, like it was a secret. It's kind of fishy."

Gabanelle said the village merchants are usually told about all meeting involving the CRC and any of their proposals, and was disappointed in both the town and the CRC for not notifying them. She also was upset that the town would consider something so drastic, especially when it has been so fiercely opposed by the businesses it would affect. "All we wanted was some was some new sidewalks, lights and trees."

Roukounakis said not only will merchants be at the May 8 selectmen's meeting, where the board is expected to take a final vote on whether to try the one-way pattern, but they will come ready to battle. "We are going to argue about it," he said. "It's our last chance to say something."

Selectmen chairman Fred Koed said the board will take any concerns village merchants may have seriously before making a final decision.

"I think most of the selectmen would look at downtown businesses as fairly fragile in some sense, and be concerned about how any changes would impact them," he said. " It will be a big meeting in the sense that we want people to come down and talk and tell us their concerns."

Koed said the trial period is just to see if a one-way traffic plan could improve safety and traffic circulation around the village, without driving businesses away.

"Right now the village task force has recommended a trial and the selectmen have tentatively asked them to come up with a plan and describe how the change would be implemented and then put back. Then we have to figure out how to analyze what happened," he said. "If the merchants' concerns are real, then we'll have to look at leaving things the way they are."

Legal Notices

105 BORDER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Cohasset Town Hall on Mon., May 21, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7b., 9.11, 8.7.b of the Zoning Bylaw and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Philip & Joan Shockman, seek to replace house at **105 Border Street** according to the application on file in the Clerk's Office.

File #01-04-19

AD#574603
Cohasset Mariner 5/3, 5/10/01

170 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., May 21, 2001 **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 12.4, 9.6 & 9.11 and Variance 5.3.1, 9.6 & 9.11 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Edward E. & Sharon T. Chase** seek addition and garage at 170 South Main St., according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-04-26.

AD#577027
Cohasset Mariner 5/3, 5/10/01

380 BEECHWOOD ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., **May 21, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **James P. & Susan G. Cope** seek to construct addition at **380 Beechwood St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-04-30

AD#582192
Cohasset Mariner 5/3, 5/10/01

792A JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **May 21, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **appeal of decision** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cifrino,** seek to **appeal the Building Inspector's decision dated April 25, 2001** at **792A Jerusalem Road,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-05-01

AD#582380
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97 BORDER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
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A public hearing will be held at the **Cohasset Town Hall on Mon., May 21, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **9.7.8, 8.7.b** of the Zoning Bylaw and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant **Lynn Palmiter** seeks to build an addition, at **97 Border Street** according to the application on file in the Clerk's Office.

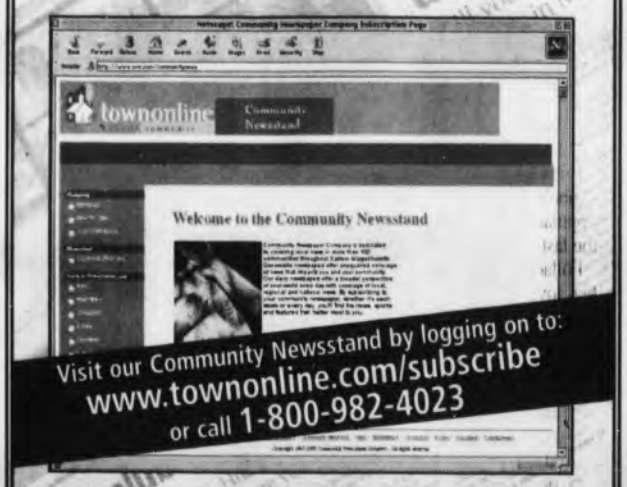
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The duck stops here

Admiral Duck musters for kids parties

By Seth Jacobson
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Mickey Mouse. Big Bird. Bugs Bunny.

Paul Madden doesn't give a quack about any of those guys. He's invented his own lively, humorous character who goes by the name of Admiral Duck.

Madden, of Weymouth, said Admiral Duck was a character which essentially came out of all of his life experiences, but he cannot say for sure. All Madden knows is that donning his Admiral Duck costume and entertaining kids is the way he makes his living now that he is retired—and he's loving every minute of it.

"I never planned this or anything," Madden said. "But in the last couple of years since I retired, I've been giving this my best."

The Admiral Duck costume is extravagant, consisting of a dark-blue Navy jacket lined with nautically-based decor and adorned with silver and gold trim. The Admiral's hat is almost colonial, topped with a large tuft of feathers. But the Admiral is only part of the act, Madden said. He also uses two puppets —humorous cohorts—the devious and trouble-making Mickey the monkey, and also, No-Name, a shy woodland creature who doesn't talk.

"I called him No-Name because I really don't know what he is," Madden said of the mute puppet.

"I can't tell you where all these personalities come from," he said, "but I'm having a blast. This is something I want to get very good at, because I'm planning on doing this for as long as I can. There are other people out there who do other characters, most of them more famous than Admiral Duck. But those people will usually stay at a birthday party or other function for five minutes and it'll cost you $75. With me, you get 20 minutes and it'll only cost $50."

Madden said he's getting the routine down pat. At a given party, he'll come into a room full of kids, and start getting them involved in reading one of his personally-scripted maritime adventure stories. In short, he dazzles children with an amazing literary trip and then makes them laugh with the puppets, who indeed provide a great deal of the comic relief. After he goes through his act, he leaves immediately.

"I try to have that 'Who was that masked man?' effect happen," Madden said of the Admiral Duck act. "One thing I've learned is that it's important not to break out of character. That just ends up breaking the mystique. You get in there, you entertain, and you get out. That makes a much better impression."

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Madden said what he is doing today is the result of a life of many different experiences, good and bad. It all started when he joined the Quincy Police Department in 1969.

"During that time, I was playing a lot of drums," Madden said, adding he played gigs in a lot of local clubs with many different bands. But one night, Madden said he was asked to sing given the absence of a vocalist, but he had no idea what song to do.

"A lady in the club had brought in a Sesame Street album that night, and there was a song on it called 'Rubber Duckie.' What else could I do? The band started playing it, and I started playing drums and singing it. For the next few weeks, all people in the club could say was 'Where is that Rubber Duckie drummer? That's how I got labeled."

Even his colleagues on the police force eventually heard of Madden's crooning. When a sergeant addressed him as "Rubber Duckie" during a roll call, he knew the word was out. For the next 25 years, he never got away from the nickname.

During the 1970s, Madden was also doing some stand-up comedy in local clubs, but the material he was offering up was not for children's ears. In 1975, he bought some puppets, including Mickey the Monkey and No-Name, and he started learning how to use them, because he wanted to work them into his routine.

By 1985, the burden of police work, playing music in clubs, and doing stand-up comedy were "getting out of hand," Madden said. By the mid-1990s, Madden decided to quit the music and the stand-up, and he dedicated himself to learning more about puppet techniques, ventriloquism, and how to clean up some of his racier comedic stylings.

"When I was nearing retirement, I started getting really serious about coming up with some sort of routine," Madden said. "Now, it's my life." Madden said he retired in 1996, and stressed since then, he has been working to make his routine the best it can be.

"Like I said, I couldn't tell you where these personalities came from," he said. "I think a lot of my act is based on all the time I spent being a cop. I've seen a lot of highs and lows in my life, and I drew out of those experiences. I think my act has a lot to do with balancing good and bad, and also overcoming conflict."

He said his act may also be based on one of the characters in one of his many poems named Andrew the Duck. He added that his colleagues on the police force also used to call him by the nickname of "Admiral."

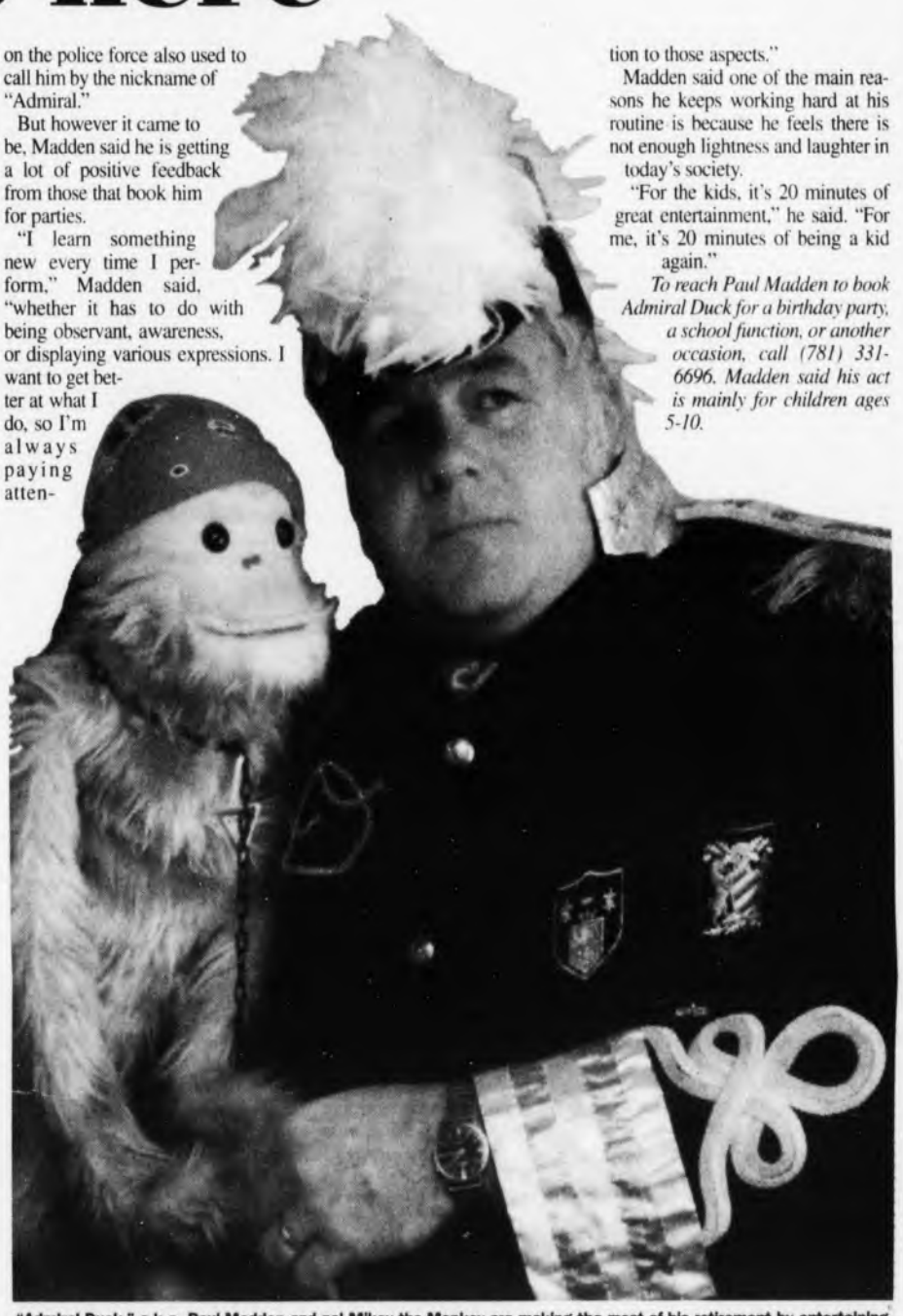
But however it came to be, Madden said he is getting a lot of positive feedback from those that book him for parties.

"I learn something new every time I perform," Madden said, "whether it has to do with being observant, awareness, or displaying various expressions. I want to get better at what I do, so I'm always paying attention to those aspects."

Madden said one of the main reasons he keeps working hard at his routine is because he feels there is not enough lightness and laughter in today's society.

"For the kids, it's 20 minutes of great entertainment," he said. "For me, it's 20 minutes of being a kid again."

To reach Paul Madden to book Admiral Duck for a birthday party, a school function, or another occasion, call (781) 331-6696. Madden said his act is mainly for children ages 5-10.



"Admiral Duck," a.k.a. Paul Madden and pal Mikey the Monkey are making the most of his retirement by entertaining at children's parties.

Swing 'yer partner!



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Bruce and Lois Cameron take a turn on the dance floor at the opening night party at the Barn adjacent to the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset Village. The $125 per ticket country western bash was a fundraiser for the South Shore Art Center. The Camerons took home the prize for best attire at the hoe down — a stay at the recently renovated and expanded inn.

She leaves 'em laughing

Braintree CPA has the comic touch

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Annette Pollack

By day, Annette Pollack works as a CPA at a company in Braintree, but by night, she enjoys making people fall of their chairs with laughter.

Pollack has been a stand-up comedian for the past nine years. She hosts her own comedy show at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree on the third Thursday of every month where locally-based and even renowned comics take the stage.

Pollack often performs there as well, but said her main duties include finding the talent and putting the show together. But Pollack still finds time to offer up her own brand of stand-up comedy at local clubs around the area. So far, she hasn't gotten sick of the routine.

"I still love doing comedy," Pollack said. "I haven't gotten bitter, and I haven't gotten jaded."

But why would she? Her show at Jimbo's has become an extremely popular event on the South Shore — the last two shows were sellouts.

Pollack, a Braintree resident, said her love of comedy began in the early 1980s. She said she frequently traveled to different clubs in the Boston area to catch area comedians like Steven Wright. But Pollack did not find herself involved in the comedy scene until 1992, after her father passed away.

"I don't know what it was, but something inside me clicked," Pollack said. "After my Dad died, a friend of mine who was a comedian said I should take this comedy-writing course, and I did."

The eight-week course was held at the Boston Center for Adult Education, and after she completed it, Pollack was offered a five-minute spot at Nick's Comedy Stop in Boston. At first, people didn't find Pollack so funny.

"I bombed so bad," she said of the Nick's gig, "I said I'd never do it again after that."

But she changed her mind. Pollack started getting onstage more and more at different Boston-based clubs like the Comedy Connection and the Comedy Vault. She also began working for Dick Doherty Comedy Productions in Woburn.

Soon, she found herself with a polished stand-up act and a knack for being naturally funny. In 1993, Pollack founded the Jimbo's show, but she also kept herself busy with other gigs over the years. She has played benefit shows, colleges, and in clubs all around New England.

In 1995, she found herself with one of the lead roles in the famous play Joey and Maria's Italian Comedy Wedding, and began broadening her range with behind-the -scenes work on movies like "Celtic Pride."

But her first love is comedy and making people laugh. Pollack has worked with and been influenced by great comedians like Steve Sweeney, John Pinnette, Kevin Knox, Paul Nardizzi, Jim Lauletta and even Marshfield-based funny man Tommy Dunham.

"My routine today focuses on life, growing up in my family, and other kinds of perceptual stuff," she said. "My act is really about getting the audience involved in what I'm doing because you need to have a response. Without the audience, there is no show."

Pollack said her act is also composed of a lot of improvisation, a talent which she said she was born with. But she also gets her material by just paying attention to the world around her.

"I'm always looking for material," she said. "I get a lot of what I talk about by reading the paper. When you're trying to think of a joke, you want to come up with the premise first, not the punchline."

Pollack said she tackles all sorts of subjects in addition to her family life, from other personal matters to more worldly matters like trips into space.

"Remember a while back, NASA sent a billion-dollar spaceship to go photograph Mars?," she quipped. "Remember? And they lost the f@#&ing thing? *How* do you lose a spaceship? Well, they eventually found it in Brockton…stripped for parts."

It is not too often that Pollack finds herself at a loss for material, or words for that matter.

Pollack said even though balancing her career at Harley-O'Neill & Company in Braintree and maintaining her comedy act is tough, she never gets tired of providing people with some good old-fashioned humor.

"For me, it's about having a good show and making people crack up," she said. "When I get off stage, and I know people were laughing and having a good time, I get a high off that. Laughter really is the best medicine, and in this day and age, people have got to get out and loosen up."

The next four shows at Jimbo's Restaurant will be held on May 3 (with Tommy Dunham), May 24, June 14, and June 28. All shows begin at 8:30 p.m.. For more information call Jimbo's at (781) 848-0300 or log onto www.Jimbossouth.com.

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Braintree comedian Annette Pollack

Living

Ricotta cheesecake



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Back by popular demand. The ricotta cheesecake recipe below was cut off the first time it was run April 18. After fielding a dozen calls from readers we are re-running the recipe in full.

For some cookbook authors, ricotta cheesecake is nothing more than a New York style cheesecake with the addition of ricotta along with a few standard flavorings such as pine nuts, orange zest, and rum-soaked raisins. In my opinion, however, a really good ricotta cheesecake allows the unique texture of the ricotta to shine through by not drowning it in a cream-laden, custardy bath.

I started with a few guidelines. I wanted to use an 8-inch spring form pan (some recipes use odd sizes such as 6-inch pans) and I wanted to keep the recipe as simple as possible. I made four recipes to start, one each from Lidia Bastianich, Nick Malgieri, Carol Field, and one from the "New Joy of Cooking." The differences were remarkable. Carl Field uses heavy cream and sour cream in addition to the ricotta, Joy uses almost double the sugar plus chocolate chips, and there was no consensus about the number of eggs and whether or not the whites should be beaten separately.

The first issue to resolve was that of the eggs. Using 1 1/2 pounds of ricotta, I found that 5 eggs produced a custardy cake, 3 eggs produced something akin to a cannoli filling, but 4 eggs was just right. I tried separating them and whipping the whites but the resulting texture was on the dry side. However, when I separated only two of the eggs, I found the texture preferable. It was slightly drier and less "wet," an unpleasant feature of many ricotta cheesecakes.

Next, I tried adding 1/4 pound cream cheese to the mixture and I found that the cake was pleasantly creamy. (The cream cheese has to be beaten with the sugar, not just added to the egg mixture, to properly blend it with the batter.) However, the addition of sour cream was unwelcome due to the added tang and both sour cream and heavy cream resulted in a texture which was too wet.

I then sorted through all of the flavoring ingredients. Chocolate chips were revolting, cinnamon was equally odd and overpowering, and pine nuts and raisins simply complicated the recipe without improving it. Orange zest, lemon zest, dark rum, and vanilla were a nice combination – simple and flavorful.

For baking times, I started with 375 degrees which was a disaster – the center was puffy and cracked. At 350 degrees, the cheesecake was good but a bit on the wet side. I then tried a water bath which took forever and also produced a damp slice of cake. Finally, taking a cue from one of the test recipes, I started the oven at 375 degrees and then finished at 325 degrees. I did find, however, that an extra 10 minutes or so in the oven produced a drier texture which I preferred. For those who are seeking a truly moist, almost wet interior, simply bake this cake 55 to 60 minutes instead of the 65 minutes recommended by the recipe below.

RICOTTA CHEESECAKE

I like a relatively dry ricotta cheesecake and that is why I suggest a relatively long baking time. If you prefer a moister, wetter slice of cheesecake, bake the cake a total of 55 to 60 minutes instead of the 65 minutes suggested below. With the longer baking time, the top of the cake will crack which I do not find objectionable.

4 large eggs at room temperature
4 ounces cream cheese at room temperature
11 tablespoons sugar
Finely grated zest of one lemon
Finely grated zest of one orange
1 tablespoon dark rum
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
Pinch of salt
1 1/2 pounds whole milk ricotta

1. Adjust rack to middle position and heat oven to 375 degrees. Butter and flour the bottom and sides of an 8-inch spring form pan. Separate two of the eggs. Beat the cream cheese in the bowl of an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Gradually add 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar and beat on medium for 2 minutes more. Add the two whole eggs and the two yolks one at a time and beat until each is just incorporated, scraping the sides of the pan after each addition to avoid lumps.



Add the zest, rum, vanilla and salt and beat until incorporated. Add the ricotta and beat on low until fully mixed into a homogenous batter.

2. Beat the two reserved egg whites on high speed for 15 seconds. Gradually add 2 tablespoons sugar and beat until whites just hold a 2-inch peak. Fold the beaten whites into the mixture.

3. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 25 minutes. Lower the oven to 325 and bake for 35 to 40 minutes more or until the cake is lightly brown on top and just set in the middle. (See head note above for more information.) Remove from the oven and set on a rack to cool to room temperature. Cover and refrigerate for about 4 hours or until chilled and firm.

Serves 6-8

Plant and enjoy the glorious blooms of springtime

Green thumbs up

PART 1

Springtime in New England is truly a magical time of year as our dormant landscapes gradually awaken from their long winter naps. Lawns and gardens seem to yawn and stretch as subtle hints of color appear here and there. The silvery silken catkins of pussy willows slowly erupt to become fluffy, pale yellow flowers, while tender young leaves and shoots emerge in soft tones of yellow-green and russet. Early bulbs poke through the soil creating a welcome, yet fleeting, colorful tapestry and then, suddenly, it seems as if every tree, shrub and garden plant has exploded into bloom.

During these early weeks of spring, gardeners seem to welcome each and every color in the landscape, regardless of their usual color preferences. Having endured nearly six months of stark silhouettes, prolonged snowcover and the drab browns and grays of winter, even the most outrageous color combinations seem acceptable. These vibrant hues tend to be especially noticeable due to the minimal quantity of foliage present. Once leaves fully develop, green foliage will dominate our landscapes, helping to blend and neutralize intensely colored blooms in future months. A vivid portrait of breathtaking grandeur greets gardeners each passing day as flowering trees, shrubs, bulbs and perennials color the landscape with cheerful abandon. Although many of these blossoms are fleeting, their combined splendor quickly extinguishes lingering memories of a miserable winter season as our passion for gardening is rekindled.

Lemon chiffon clouds of sunny yellow forsythia bushes sparkle in the afternoon sunlight. Effective as a hedge or a specimen plant, flower color ranges from icy lemon to electrifying golden yellow. These rapidly growing shrubs are extremely adaptable to a wide variety of conditions but thrive in moisture-retentive soils in full sun, sending up suckering shoots to quickly produce multi-stemmed bushes up to 10 feet high and wide. Forsythia can be moved while flowering, but is best relocated before leaves appear. As flowers fade, a severe pruning of this vigorous shrub will promote compact growth. Old, thick, woody canes should be cut to the ground and removed entirely. Buds will be formed later in the season and an early pruning will maximize flower production on new growth.

Gorgeous displays of bright pink or white blossoms are provided by the diverse family of decorative spring bloomers which includes the cherries, plums, prunes, peaches and almonds, all members of the genus Prunus. Adaptable to most well-drained soils, they require full sun for optimal flowering, which tends to be extremely fleeting. Some may be short-lived but they are truly glorious in their prime. Weeping cherries are particularly popular despite their brief bloom period and are often used in foundation plantings, their pendulous form providing beauty in all seasons. The pale-pink to white flowers appear in profusion prior to the appearance of their leaves in early spring. The cultivar "Snow Fountain" has become increasingly popular due to its compact habit and colorful fall foliage, making it an ideal specimen for smaller properties or foundation plantings. Prunus "Hally Jolivette," which produces pale pink blossoms, is more shrub-like in habit. Purple-leafed plums display white- to pink-tinted flowers with contrasting burgundy foliage for a long season of colorful foliage. Members of this family are rather prone to insects and diseases and should be monitored regularly to maintain healthy specimens.

Few trees rival the beauty of the early-blooming ornamental pears. Rapidly gaining in popularity in recent years for use as street trees in both urban and residential areas, these perfectly-formed trees produce magnificent clouds of pure white blossoms followed by deep green, glossy leaves which persist well into the fall, turning a rich, deep bronze. These handsome specimens are tolerant of drought, poor soils and pollution and seldom require pruning. Grow in full sun for optimum flowering and leaf color. Mature specimens may reach a height of 30 feet, depending on the cultivar, making them rather large for many foundation plantings but handsome additions to the general landscape as a focal point or to line driveways or roadways. The "Bradford" pear (Pyrus calleryana) is one of the more popular cultivars but mature specimens are prone to damage during storms. More recent selections, such as P. calleryana "Red Spire" and P. "Aristocrat," are less susceptible to breakage and smaller in stature. Few species of trees offer as many positive attributes and low maintenance as the ornamental pears.

With the planting season in full swing, plant sales take center stage as garden clubs and plant societies share their bounty with avid gardeners. Check with your local clubs for dates and locations. On Saturday May 12, The New England Herb Society will host its sale at the Elm Bank Reservation in Dover (new home of the Mass. Horticultural Society) from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Also on May 12, the Cohasset Community Garden Club will present a sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 478 Jerusalem Rd. in Cohasset. Plant sales offer a wonderful blend of both old-fashioned favorites and new varieties of plants with the added bonus of member expertise on how to nurture your newly purchased treasures.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Mercury forms a 90-degree contact to Uranus at 6:42 a.m., making for a hectic start to this day. Allow extra time. There are likely to be unexpected delays, obstacles, distractions. The Virgo moon prompts you to stay busy with projects that need redoing, cleaning up, reorganization. Zero in on physical fitness, diets, self-improvement programs. The Virgo moon aligns with Mars at 10:39 p.m. and becomes inactive. This may be a stressful period. Slow down.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

The moon enters Libra at 12:50 a.m., bringing a break in this stormy astrological period. The moon will travel in Libra today and tomorrow, offering a last chance opportunity for launching important ventures this spring. The green light is on for new starts in your professional or personal life. This is also an excellent period for developing projects that need moral or financial support from others. The Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to Saturn, Venus and Neptune today. A lunar alignment to Jupiter makes this evening prime for partying.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Yesterday's planetary patterns continue to affect today. Pull out all the stops. Make important purchases, commitments, start new activities. People will be sociable, upbeat, cooperative. This is a wonderful time for meeting people and beginning important relationships. A lunar alignment to Uranus sets the stage for an exciting, romantic evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Potent planetary energies affect the next few days. Take it slow and easy. Don't make waves. The planet Mercury moves into Gemini at 2:03 a.m. Mercury will begin retrograde travel when it reaches the twenty-ninth degree of Gemini on June 4. Therefore, it remains in the sign Gemini until July 12. The final windup to this month's full moon begins at 4:00 a.m., when the moon enters Scorpio. In addition, Jupiter opposes Pluto, the planetary ruler of Scorpio, at 6:40 a.m. Mercury aligns with Saturn in the early morning hours. Avoid late-night bickering; keep your rhetoric down.

MONDAY, MAY 7

Wake up in a good mood. Stay calm no matter what is happening around you. The full moon culminates at 9:53 a.m., 17-degrees of Scorpio/Taurus. The best way to channel today's high energy is to work. You can be extremely productive. Tackle jobs you've been putting off and get them out of the way. Make repairs, renovate, clean and reorganize The moon becomes inactive at 11:25 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus. Look within for answers, and you will find what you need to get back on track.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Resolve to start this day with a peaceful, positive attitude. Allow extra time to get where you are going. The Scorpio moon is inactive until 9:05 a.m., when a Sagittarius moon takes over. The moon opposes Saturn at 1:05 p.m. and Mercury at 6:17 p.m. Follow through on your commitments; fulfill promises and repay debts. Keep your nose to the grindstone. Hard work will pay off. Influences lighten up this evening, when the moon interacts with Venus. Social and romantic activities get the green light.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

A lunar alignment to Pluto can make for another difficult morning. Sidestep hassles or the blues. Stay busy with practical projects; jobs that need a finishing touch or repair, redoing. A lunar opposition to Jupiter at 1:25 p.m. warns against going overboard. Conserve your physical and emotional energy. Don't take on more than you can handle. Influences this evening bring a break in the astrological stormy weather we've been experiencing. Kick back, relax and unwind.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

The planet Neptune begins retrograde travel at 9:13 p.m., 9-degrees of Aquarius. Its influence enhances artistic sensitivity, intuitive ability. You can make great progress developing creative projects, hobbies, arts and crafts. On the other hand, this is not a time for making practical decisions. It may be difficult to separate the facts from the wishful thinking. The Sagittarius moon aligns with Mars at 3:19 p.m. and becomes inactive until 5:10 p.m., when a Capricorn moon takes over. Mercury aligns with Venus at 7:47 p.m.; Mercury and Venus align with Neptune in the late evening.

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THE 25TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS presented by the North River Arts Society on May 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is a "call for entries" for the Juried Art and Sculpture and Juried Photography Exhibits. Drop-off for these exhibits are as follows: May 9, 6 - 8 p.m. and May 12 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For a prospectus please call (781) 837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com.

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'SWING' comes to the Shubert Theater for 12 performances from May 29 through June 10. Tickets are on sale now at The Shubert Theatre Box Office, online at www.telecharge.com, ling Telecharge at (800) 447-7400.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER PLYMOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held on May 19 at Squirrel Run Golf Club, Carver Road, Plymouth. Shotgun start at noon. Scramble format is limited to the first hundred paid. Fee is $65 before May 1: $75 after May 1 and includes green's fee, dinner and prizes. Call Habitat to register at (508) 866-4188.

WALK FOR ANIMALS at the Borderland State Park in Sharon Massachusetts on May 20 (rain or shine). This 3-mile walk is well marked and water and rest stations will be set up along the way. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and festivities are from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Neponset Valley Humane Society. For sponsor information call (508) 261-9924.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ANNOUNCES RELAY FOR LIFE in which local residents are invited to walk or run around the clock in the battle against cancer during this American Cancer Society event. Meet at Cohasset High School for a 21-hour relay against cancer from 3 p.m. on May 18 until noon on May 19. There will be a luminaria ceremony held at 9 p.m. to honor cancer survivors and to remember those we have lost to cancer. For more information call (800) 648-4880.

THE MUSIC CIRCUS ANNOUNCES TWO MORE SHOWS in the 50th anniversary season. Kevin James, star of the hit CBS Series "The King of Queens" will appear on July 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $29.50. Vince Gill, one of the most popular artists in country music will appear for two shows on Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling (781) 383-1400 or on April 28 at noon tickets will be on sale at the Music Circus Box Office in Cohasset. For more information visit www.musiccircus.com.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY AND DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION at the Ellison Center for the Arts presents the 4th annual Ellison Center Classic on May 14 at the Duxbury Yacht Club. Individual and team participants are welcome tot he handicapped best ball tournament which begins with lunch and registration at 11:30 a.m., a shotgun start at 1 p.m., and a post tournament dinner reception and auction at 6 p.m. Musicians and artists will add to the ambiance of the day with performances and demonstrations both on the course and at the reception. Teams will compete for the Ellison Center Classic championship cup. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 14.

ART OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners, plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at



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Thurs. 3

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the watercolors of Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick from May 1 through the end of June. Chittick's subjects are varied from coastal landscapes of New England, architectural details of Boston buildings, to impressive scenes from Italy, Iceland and Greenland. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

Kingston Public Library will host an exhibit by two Kingston artists, Harry Salter and Laurel Culley, who call themselves "Side by Side" artists. These two artists have painted individually for years but say that joining forces has made them all the more intent on their art. The exhibit of various media will be on display in the library gallery throughout May. The library is open from 1 - 8 p.m. on Mon., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Wed., Fri., and Sat.

Curtain Call Theatre announces the production of 'The Dining Room' with performances on May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. The CCT Clubhouse is located on the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree. For more information call (781) 356-5113.

Kendall Whaling Museum presents "Samson - Titanic's Mystery Ship." Eric Ruff's illustrated lecture on May 3 at 8 p.m. located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for students and seniors and $2.50 for 6-16 with a family rate of $10. For more information call (781) 784-5642.

Surrogate Parents Needed to Make Educational Decisions for Students with Special Needs. The educational surrogate parent program at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South Street in Plymouth from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. had scheduled training. To register call (508) 792-7679.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners at 8:30 p.m. Featuring Tommy Dunham. Admission is $10 with half priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Tel. (781) 848-0300.

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South Shore Folk Music Club located at the Beal House; Route 106 in Kingston presents Bill Staines in concert on Friday, May 4. Tickets are $13 for members and $15 for non-members. All events begin at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 871-1052.



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Eight-Year Old Child Prodigy Victoria Kasznica takes the stage at the Hingham Symphony Pops Concert at the Cushing Center in Norwell on May 5 at 8 p.m. and May 6 at 4 p.m. with. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and $10 for students under age 19 and may be purchased in advance at Noble's, Hingham Square, Cards and Shards, Cohasset, Hingham Public Library, the South Shore Conservatory or by calling (781) 740-5694.

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All In The Family

The Duxbury Art Association presents "All in the Family" at the Ellison Center for the Arts through June 29. The gallery is open to the publidc Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

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Fri. 4

South Shore Art Center in Cohasset presents "Art in Glass and Metal: Dan Dailey and Linda MacNeil." Opening reception on May 4 from 6 - 8 p.m. Gallery talk by Dan Dailey and Linda MacNeil on May 5 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Located at 119 Ripley Road, for more information call (781) 383-2787.

'I Hate Hamlet' will be presented by the Hull Performing Arts, Inc. on May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Avenue, Hull. Tickets are $12 at the door and $10 in advance, $9 for students and seniors. For directions or more information call (781) 925-2406.

May Friendship Day, sponsored by the South Shore Unit of Church Women United will be held at the United Methodist Church, 29 Carver Road in Plymouth at 10 a.m. May Friendship Theme is "For Such a Time as This: A Call to End Racism." Childcare will be available and a soup and salad luncheon will be served.

Bridgewater State College will present 37th Annual Student Art Exhibition through May 4. The work of graduating seniors will be rehung from May 7 - 19. Located at the Wallace Anderson Gallery, The Art Building, Bridgewater State College. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tel. (508) 531-1359.

Buckley Performing Arts Center announces the Massasoit Community College 2000 - 2001 season of shows on the Brockton campus. Radio Classic Live on May 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16. For tickets or more information call (508) 427-1234.

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'May Flowers' Opening Gala will highlight the Pilgrim Hall Museum Collection from 7 - 9 p.m. on May 4. The floral designs will be on view until May 7. Highlighted will be floral designs created by local and regional garden clubs based on objects in the collection. Tickets are $25 for members and $30 for non-members. Located at 75 Court Street in Plymouth. For more information call (508) 746-1620 ext. 7.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Chris Fitz Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

Plymouth Guild's Annual Spring Members & Invitational 3 Dimensional Show will take place in the Fehlow Room of the Plymouth Public Library. The public is invited to attend with free admission. The show will be open on May 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and on May 6 from 12:30 - 4 p.m. with a reception with the artists from 2 - 4 p.m. For more information call Co-chairman Brenda Cobb at (508) 746-6279.

"Broadway Exchange" presents the "Lullaby of Broadway", a sassy, sizzling and sentimental trip to Broadway at the John Carver Inn, 25 Sumner Street in Plymouth. Dinner show is $39. For reservations call (508) 746-7100 or 1-800-274-1620.

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Single Executives Club First Friday Cocktail Party and Dance at the Dedham Hilton Hotel, 25 Allied Drive in Dedham. Exit 14, East Street, off Route 128. DJ music from 8:30 - 12:30 a.m. Admission is $15. Ties and jackets are required for men and party finery for women. Suitable for all singles and couples 35 - 55 years old. Call (781) 446-0234.

Sat. 5

The Senior choir of Pilgrim church in Duxbury invites you to a performance of "The Creation" by Franz Joseph Haydn at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Church, Washington Street in Duxbury. Tickets are $20 for general admission and $15 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at Pilgrim Church at The Studio in Duxbury Crossroads or by calling (781) 582-2114.

Grand Annual Yard Sale sponsored by the South Shore Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the front parking lot of Cardinal Cushing School, Route 53 in Hanover (rain date in May 12). Donations of usable, saleable items (excluding clothing) are requested and may be brought to the site the morning of the sale. For more information please call (781) 837-1455.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, Routes 18, 28, 104 Rotary, 23 Central Square on Bridgewater Common at 7:30 p.m. On May 5, Aaron Yamaguchi, Videographer, Slam America Tour '00. Free admission, pass the hat for feature. For more information call Valerie at (508) 833-3100 or the Daily Grind at (508) 279-9952.

Eight-Year Old Child Prodigy Takes The Stage At Hingham Symphony Pops Concert at the Cushing Center in Norwell on May 5 at 8 p.m. and May 6 at 4 p.m. with Victoria Kasznica. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and $10 for students under age 19 and may be purchased in advance at Noble's, Hingham Square, Cards and Shards, Cohasset, Hingham Public Library, the South Shore Conservatory or by calling (781) 740-5694.

Quincy Dinner Theater Presents 'You're A Good Man Charlie Brown' with performances on May 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20. Fridays and Saturdays, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sundays, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Cost is $35 with discounts available for groups, kids and seniors. For reservation call (781) 843-5862.

The Hungry U Coffeehouse at the First Parish Church in Norwell presents "A Roman Holiday" featuring "The Two Irish Washerwomen", Beverly Reilly and Alison Barr performing light and classical, popular and traditional Italian music on flute, piano and accordion. Fine cheeses, good wine and Italian pastries will complement this delightful evening. Held at 7:30 p.m., 24 River Street in Norwell. Tickets are $10 at the door. For more information call (781) 659-7122.

Off the Common Coffeehouse will host a performance with local performer Barbara Phaneuf with opening performer Art Tibbetts. Admission is $8 at the doors, which will open at 7:30; show begins at 8 p.m. The Off the Common Coffeehouse is located in the Bridgewater Unitarian Church, 50 School Street in Bridgewater.

The Junior League of Boston 2001 Decorator's Show House is their largest fundraiser and anticipates 20,000 visitors on May 5. Located at 181 Adams Street in Quincy.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Duke Robillard. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

Pet Adopt-A-Thon hosted by Petsmart in Braintree held the weekend of May 5 and 6 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on both days. Located in the K-Mart Plaza on Grossman Drive. Many local animal rescue organizations will be on hand to spotlight their dogs and cats that are available for adoption. For more information call (781) 356-5980.

May Breakfast and Plant Sale sponsored by Old Ship Church, 107 Main Street in Hingham, on May 5 from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Parish House auditorium. A full breakfast menu cooked to order and plants featuring items from historic Hingham gardens. Tickets are available at the door; $5 for adults and $3 for children. For more information call (781) 749-0095.

Silhouette Artist comes to the South Shore: Joy Anne MacConnell , one of 35 practicing silhouette artists in the U.S. will create a special gift with tiny surgical scissors, black coated paper and precise hand-eye coordination. Joy Anne will be creating her magical portraits at the John Curtis Library (at the Salmond school) located at 188 Broadway in Hanover on May 5 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The silhouettes are $38 per person for two copies, a right and left side. For more information call (781) 826-9004.

Norwell Fishing Derby for all ages on Jacobs Pond, Route 123 in Norwell. Hours are 6:30 a.m. - noon. There is a $3 entry fee. Bring your poles: bait, bobbers and hooks will be supplied. There will be prizes to winners, and motors are not allowed on boats. For more information call (781) 659-8046.

Sun. 6

Choral Art Society to perform "Carmina Burana" at the spring concert in St. Luke's Church, Route 3A in Scituate with music director Richard Bunbury. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and seniors and are available by calling (781) 837-5547.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main Street in Hingham invites you to celebrate its 5th Annual Social Day on May 6 beginning with bagels, pastry and drinks at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with a community-wide barbecue from 12:30 -2 p.m. Sign up for the Walk for Hunger, travel to Boston by bus, walk for 2.2 miles and be back in time for the barbecue if you choose. For more information call (781) 749-8103.

A Wildflower Walk with Winnie Lou Rounds will be offered by the North and South River Watershed Association at 9 a.m. Meet at Norris Reservation parking area, Dover Street in Norwell. Limited to 15 participants, pre-register and sign up early by calling (781) 659-8168.

'Stroll for Mental Illness Awareness' entitled 'Stepping into the Light' is sponsored by Vinfen and the Metro-Suburban Department of Mental Health Site Board. Held on May 6 at 1 p.m. in the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater, Merrymount Avenue. There will be entertainment, speakers and refreshments. For more information call Michelle LaPierre-Donovan at (781) 331-9824.

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Award-Winning Children's Author Jan Brett to participate in Country Fair at Thayer with Jan Brett 'n' Hedgie. Thayer Academy is located at 745 Washington Street, Braintree and the fair will be held on May 6 from 1 - 4:30 p.m. Advance tickets are $15 per person and ticket holders are entitled to a group reading and illustration session by Jan Brett, a book signing, all food, drinks, music and featured events. To buy tickets call (781) 380-0500 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Kendall Whaling Museum presents "Sea Songs Concert" featuring Mary Malloy, Stuart Frank and others bringing the highlights of the Sailor's Songs workshop to the public. The concert is free with museum admission. Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for students and seniors and $2.50 for 6-16 with a family rate of $10. For more information call (781) 784-5642.

Artica Gallery presents "Watercolor and Oil Impressions", an exhibit by Duxbury artist Lilly Cleveland. The exhibit will run from May 6 through June 30 with an opening reception on May 6 from 2 - 5 p.m. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street, just off Hall's Corner in Duxbury. Tel. (781) 934-0640. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth is proud to host a performance of South Shore Men of Harmony at Carver High School auditorium on May 6 at 3 p.m. Advance tickets are $10 and can be obtained at the Lucky Leprechaun, Independence Mall: Kingston, Coldwell Banker Hunneman, 20 North Park Ave., Plymouth and Century 21, 96 Main Street in No. Carver. Tickets are $12 at the door. For more information call (508) 866-4188.

The Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra will have their concert on May 6 from 2:30 - 5 p.m. Mr. Robert Babb will conduct the concert in his 22 year. A donation of $8 with reservations made to (781) 963-3895. Light refreshments will be served.

Car Wash, Yard Sale and Antique Appraisal held by Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center on May 6 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main Street in Norwell. (Rain date in May 20). For more information see the website at http://www.southshorearts.net/dreamchasers/index.htm.

A "Walk Together," New Millennium Walk will take place in Dedham. The walk consists of two five-kilometer (3.1-mile) routes, which explore residential and downtown sections of Dedham. Both trails are rated easy, suitable for strollers but may be too difficult for wheelchairs. The start point is the Patriots Trail Girl Scout Council and the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. For more information call Chris or Pauline Mellen at (978) 649-7633 (evenings).

Tues. 8

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting on May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. This month's meeting will be Charity Knitting and a Group Knit. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Barbara at (781) 834-8560.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Fabulous Frogs" on May 8 from 7 - 9 p.m. Fee per person is $8 non-member and $6 MAS. Pre-registration is required. Located at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton. Tel. (617) 333-0690. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

Wed. 9

Buttonwood Books is pleased to host Adam Pertman, a Boston Globe staff reporter who will speak and sign his book "Adoption Nation" at the Cohasset store on May 9 at 7 p.m. Call (781) 383-2665 for more information or to order your signed copy.

Thurs. 10

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Slaid Cleaves at 7:30 p.m. with the Splendid Nobodies opening. Tickets are $14. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Birding for Beginners" on May 10 from 7 - 9 p.m. and May 12 from 7 - 10 a.m. Fee per person is $22 non-member and $18 MAS. Pre-registration is required. Located at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton. Tel. (617) 333-0690. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

Fri. 11

Quincy Symphony Orchestra in the 47th season with Yoichi Udagawa, music director in 'Pops 2001'. Held at Freeport Hall, 256 Freeport Street in Dorchester. Tickets are $17 or $150 for a table of ten. Children 12 and under accompanied by an adult are $15. For more information call (781) 925-4319.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Moonlighters. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Janet Feld and Esther Friedman. Tickets are $10 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

The North River Theater, 523 River Street in Norwell will present the Victorian thriller, "Angel Street" on May 11 and12, 18 and 19, and 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. This Victorian drama full of suspense and intrigue features an unscrupulous husband, his beleaguered wife and the tenacious police officer who is out to save her and solve a long-standing mystery. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call (617) 476-8947.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a monthly smoke-free dance on May 11 with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members and $8 non-members. Proper dress is required, for more information call (781) 331-0021.

Ongoing Events

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Walking in the Spring" on May 12, 26 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Fee per person is $28 non-member and $23 for members. Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum and pre registration is required.



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The Kingston Public Library will host an exhibit by two Kingston artists, Harry Salter and Laurel Culley, who call themselves "Side by Side" artists. These two artists have painted individually for years but say that joining forces

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Town agrees to Greenbush deal

Public hearing on agreement Tuesday

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen announced Tuesday they have reached a tentative Greenbush mitigation agreement with the MBTA and state Executive Office of Transportation and Construction.

After three months of uncertainty, Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said mitigation talks got back on track over the past week, and the town feels it is time to sign a deal.

"In the last week we've come quite a distance," Koed said. "This has been a divisive issue in town. There comes a time when we really have to get this behind us."

"I think we have done the best job we can do for the town."
— Selectman Chairman Fred Koed

Koed, fellow selectmen Michael Sullivan, Merle Brown and Ronnie McMorris, state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley met with Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan and other MBTA officials Monday for more than an hour.

"There was a lot of back and forth," Koed said. "Speaking for myself, I think both sides came to

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More money, tunnels are in the train pact

By Rick Collins
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The tentative Greenbush mitigation agreement the town has reached with the MBTA and state Executive Office of Transportation and Construction will bring more money and more mitigation items to Cohasset than the previous agreement reached in January.

The town is guaranteed to receive at least $1 million for the right-of-way, and potentially as much as $2.5 million.

The agreement contains much of the same details as the deal announced in January. Cohasset will receive $1.2 million to complete the James Brook Flood Control project; $250,000 to relocate the Sohier Street wells; and support of a state Public Works Economic Development grant.

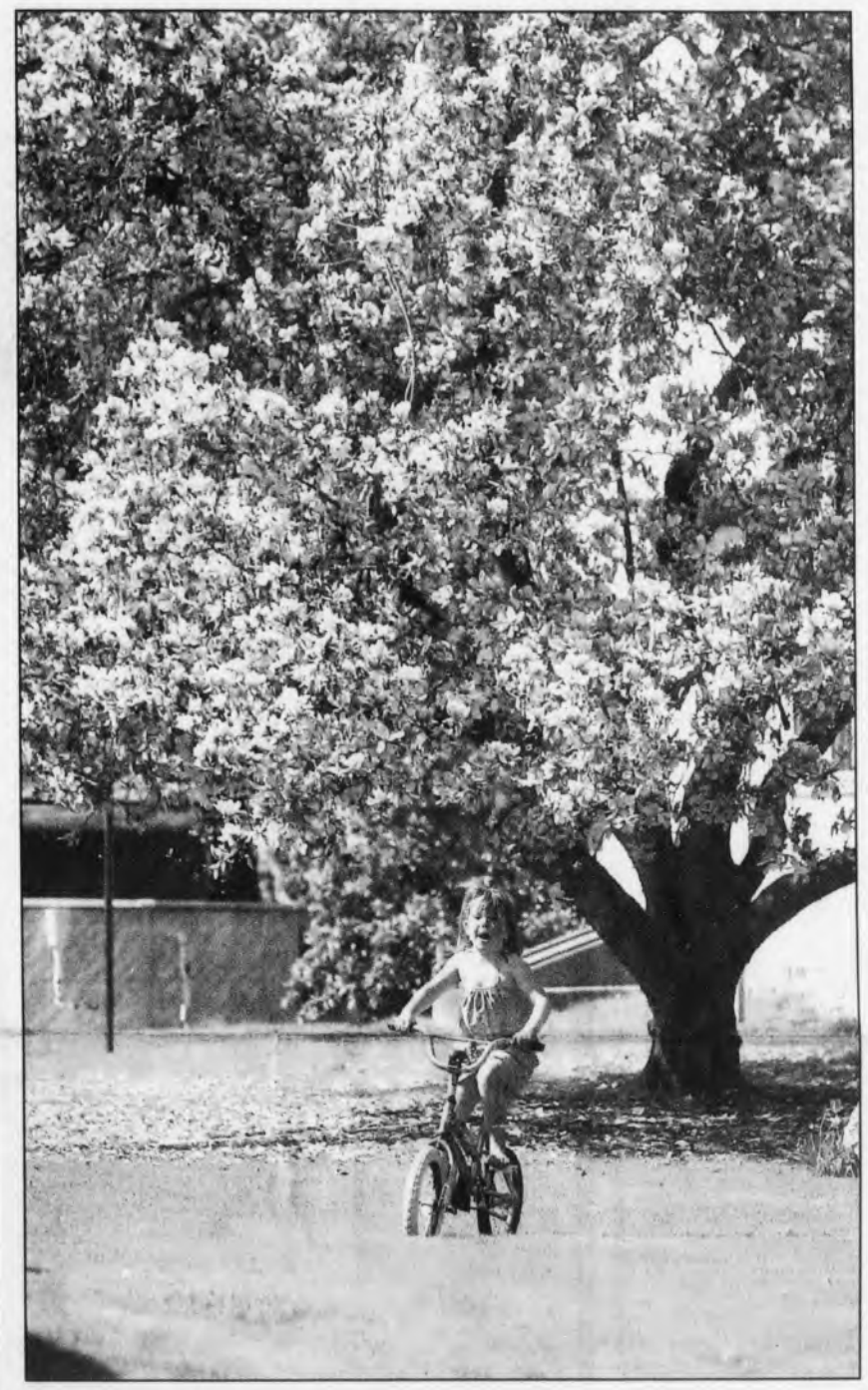
However, the MBTA has agreed to support a $1.5 million PWED grant, instead of the previously announced $1 million. Also, the MBTA will reconstruct the town parking lot to the town's specifications. This frees the PWED grant up to be used towards any village improvement project the town undertakes.

Perhaps the biggest new inclusion is an agreement to reimburse the town up to $500,000 for any open space and conservation land purchases to replace the land lost to the train.

Other details of the agreement are:

- the understanding that the MBTA-constructed 182-space parking lot will compensate for any parking spaces lost along the right-of-way
- no horns, except in an emer-

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SPRING COLOR

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Tricia Litchfield rides by a magnificent magnolia tree in full bloom on Beechwood Street.

One way test run vetoed

Pressure nixes pilot traffic plan

By Rick Collins
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A lack of community support, as well as the fierce objections of village merchants forced selectmen to renege their April 30 vote authorizing a month-long trial period of a one-way traffic pattern throughout the village.

In the two weeks since the vote, the trial period, which was recommended by the Village Revitalization Task Force, lost the support of Police Chief Brian Noonan, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, and the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation – the group that came up with the idea in the first place.

"It's very hard to retro-fit something 200 years old."
— Selectman Tom Callahan

As reported in last week's Mariner, the traffic plan lacked the support of a number of key village merchants, such as Anne Gabanelle, owner of French Memories and long-time Citgo gas station proprietor George Roukounakis. Last week, Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide also announced he was against the one-way pattern.

CRC Executive Director Dean Rizzo sent a letter to the village business community and selectmen this week announcing his group had withdrew its support of the trial.

"Since it has become increasingly evident that the trial period would be implemented without the endorsement from many village

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Everybody loves Nick

Is part of school 'inclusion' program

By Mary Ford
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Having 100 friends show up at your birthday party isn't unusual when you're one of the most popular boys in school.

So on Sunday evening Nicholas Sida's parents rented the teen center, dubbed The Garage, to accommodate throngs of sixth-graders who came to help Nick celebrate his special day and upcoming graduation from the Deer Hill School.

"I don't know one person in the whole school who doesn't like Nick," said classmate Robbie St. John.

Graham and Christine Sida and their daughter Charlotte, 13, decided to go all out for Nick's party this year as a way of saying thanks for the friendship and support from so many.

Nick, who turned 14 on Tuesday, has Down's Syndrome but has spent some of the day in regular education classes since kindergarten as part of the school system's "inclusion program."

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Nicholas Sida gives a big hug to his friends and tutors Antione Miller, left, and Ted Gledhill.

Longtime CHS English teacher and drama coach bids adieu

By Rick Collins
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Room 250 in Cohasset High School looks like a typical English classroom. Shelves of books crowd one side of the room. The central table, half surrounded with a semi-circle of desks, is covered a foot high with books and papers.

And sitting in the back, is a graying older man with glasses, finishing up his day's work.

"In terms of learning yourself, and being questioned by your students, this is the best place to be."
— Ron Emmons

Although it's just 2:30 in the afternoon, Emmons is patiently waiting around for rehearsal at 7:30. The wait is nothing new to Emmons; he's been doing it for 25 years as the head of the high school's drama department. He used to kill the time between the end of class and start of rehearsal by coaching track, but a knee injury forced him to give that up a few years ago. Or he used go to his home in Cohasset, but he recently moved with his new wife to Wellesley.

But he doesn't seem to mind the wait. It's a small price to pay to

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CHS teacher Ron Emmons, who is directing Godspell on stage this weekend at the Second Congregational Church, is retiring at the end of the school year.

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Boosters to ante up for JV hockey team

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset Hockey Boosters has received permission to fund a new junior varsity hockey team, starting next winter.

Boosters president Joann Pilczak, along with Athletic Director Ron Ford told the Cohasset School Committee Thursday that if a JV team isn't created, more than 30 players would try out for the hockey team's 24 spots, and cuts would have to be made.

"If you can't keep them playing, they get discouraged," Pilczak said. "This is a way to keep them skating."

Ford said he expects eight players to move up from the middle school to the high school next year, and nine players the year after that.

Instead of either being on the varsity team — but not receiving any playing time or not being able to play at all — the underclassmen will skate against other underclassmen in a growing JV league out of Rockland.

Ford said interestingly, there aren't many winter hockey leagues for high school-aged players because they are all playing for their high schools. So if someone isn't able to play for their high school, they can't play hockey in the winter at all.

The JV league will cost $1,950 dollars, or $150 per player, and will be picked up by the boosters. Ford said he has extra uniforms for the team.

The JV team will practice in the mornings with the varsity team at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham, and be driven to the games by their parents. Pilczak said a volunteer has offered to coach the team.

Ford said funding for the new team wouldn't be built in to the general athletic budget until the program has the numbers and has been strong for a couple of years.

School committee member Mark DeGiacomo worried that since the town isn't funding the program, it would have no control over the hiring and firing of the coach. Ford assured DeGiacomo that if there was a problem with a coach, it would be dealt with.

"If you can't keep them playing, they get discouraged. This is a way to keep them skating."
— Joann Pilczak, hockey booster

New department head

The school committee gave permission for middle/high school Principal Dr. Michael Jones to hire a new math department head.

Jones said the position is necessary or the current math and science department head would face overseeing 17 faculty members when the new math and science middle school teachers are hired this fall.

The new math department head will instead oversee eight faculty members.

Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey said he had hoped to include money for the new position in next year's budget, but wasn't able to. Fortunately, because of salary adjustments, enough money was made available to make the hiring.

"Because some teachers are leaving, we were able to make salary adjustments and free up some money," he said. A salary adjustment, Malvey explained, occurs when a teacher making $50,000 leaves, for example, and the department hires someone for $45,000.

Jones said how much the department head would make depends on his or her base salary. According to the collective bargaining agreement the teachers have with the school department, a department head is paid 1.08 percent above his or her base salary. That amount increases to 1.10 percent the second year and 1.15 the third year.

Jones said he is looking both internally and outside the school system for the new department head. He said the department head will play a crucial role in organizing the department during the upcoming school accreditation process.

50-year anniversary

2001 marks the 50th anniversary of the current Cohasset Middle/High School building, and an anniversary committee has been formed to figure how to best celebrate it.

Selectman Merle Brown, a member of the Class of 1952, said the committee, headed by Jean Quigley, believes that a time capsule was buried behind the building's cornerstone and asked for permission to look. Brown told the school committee the anniversary committee would open it up, archive what's in there, and then place the plans for the upcoming school renovation in the time capsule and put it back. The school committee said yes, but not before some ribbing.

"If your picture going to be in there?" School Committee member Rick Flynn asked Brown.

"No, he wasn't elected selectman until the following year," fellow committee member Chartis Tebbetts responded jokingly.

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Starting July 1, the Pay-As-You-throw Program will start. An "all facilities" sticker will be $50 and an additional second sticker for $20. This sticker will allow access to the RTF, as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

Residents who do not utilize the RTF can purchase a beach sticker for $7 and the cost for a senior over 60 is $3. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town.

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Sun. 13	3:57	9.7	10:22	4:41	8.7	10:36
Mon. 14	4:48	9.4	11:13	5:34	8.5	11:30
Tues. 15	5:43	9.1	——	6:28	8.5	12:06
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School committee OK's athletic trainer

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset School Committee gave Athletic Director Ron Ford the go-ahead to hire a trainer for the school department's athletic program.

"The athletic program we run is incredibly large for such a small school," Ford told the committee Thursday. He said with the reinstitution of a "no-cut" policy at the middle school, the program needs a full-time trainer. "We see the need to have someone here full-time working with our athletes."

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) rules require either an Emergency Medical Technician, an athletic trainer or licensed physician at all football and ice hockey games. South Shore League rules require coverage for soccer and field hockey games. For hockey games, the rinks provide an EMT as part of the ice charge, and for football, Cohasset doctor Steven Golden volunteers.

Ford said he hires EMTs to fulfill the soccer and field hockey requirements, and also tries to have EMTs on hand for lacrosse, gymnastics, basketball and wrestling. Ford said although EMTs are great for treating severe traumatic injuries, athletes would benefit more from a licensed athletic trainer.

"EMTs can't provide as many services as an athletic trainer could provide," he said.

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— Athletic Director Ron Ford

Ford has worked with Hingham High School trainer Al Blaisdell to create a proposal for an athletic trainer. Ford estimates it will cost the town approximately $18,000 to hire someone to be at the school every day from 2 p.m. until the last game or practice is over. He currently has $5,900 budgeted for EMTs. But he said he and football coach Tony Rolf have pledged to raise $6,000 for the position. The remainder will come from the athletic department's revolving fund which is funded through user fees and gate receipts.

The trainer would also be associated with Blaisdell's new physical therapy office on Route 3A.

Ford said Cohasset athletes will have access to the office, as well as receive "immediate treatment and evaluation of injuries" from the trainer on-duty.

He told the committee that an athletic trainer can also create a proper rehabilitation plan for an athlete.

"Right now I'll get a letter from a doctor saying John Smith can gradually return to practice," Ford said. "Then it's up to me and the coach to decide what is gradually."

Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said a recent injury to a visiting athlete gave him some perspective. He said during a middle school baseball game, a catcher from Mashpee was injured in a collision at the plate. Luckily, there was a varsity lacrosse game at the same time, and an EMT was on site. The injury turned out to be a sprained knee, but if the EMT hadn't been there, which usually isn't the case for middle school games, an ambulance would have been called, and the player brought to South Shore Hospital.

"For the type of liability we could have, we are doing much more of a service for the kids," Ford said about having a trainer.

The one concern the committee had was fitting the athletic trainer into the department budget after the first year. "That's my concern," said Chairman Stephanie Noble.

DeGiacomo said the first year will be a trial run, and would be evaluated and discussed before being included in the budget.

Water board takes 'Wolf Pits'

Ex-owners lament loss of senior housing development

By Rick Collins
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With a Town Meeting mandate in hand, the Cohasset water commissioners acted swiftly Monday and voted to take the 'Wolf Pit' property by eminent domain.

The vote was taken less than 15 minutes into the sparsely attended meeting at the King Street treatment plant.

In March, the annual Town Meeting gave the board permission to take the seven-acre parcel, located between Beechwood Street, Doane Street and the Aaron Reservoir, in order to protect the town's water supply. Water commission engineers said development on the property and the resulting extra run-off and septic leachate could pose a danger to the water supply.

The board voted to compensate the owners Leland and Leonora Jenkins of Jerusalem Road, and Wayne Sawchuk of Beechwood Street $150,000 for the land taking.

The Jenkinses and Sawchuk do have the option to appeal the awarded damages, if they feel the price is not fair market value. Neither said they were sure what their next step would be.

Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said he was "very confident the price would hold up."

The Jenkinses and Sawchuk bought the property from the Bates/Pratt Trust this past December with the hopes of constructing senior housing. They feel the town has gained some beautiful conservation land, but lost much-needed housing units for seniors.

"The main reason I got involved was the senior citizen housing," said Leland Jenkins. "I could make a profit and do something constructive."

Earlier this month, the Planning Board turned down a preliminary site plan for the property. The Board of Health also denied the proposed septic system.

Sawchuk said the property is a "nice addition" to the town's open space, but disagreed with any contention that the property is not developable.

"The main reason I got involved was the senior citizen housing."
— Leland Jenkins

"It really is a beautiful piece of land," he said. "But for the town to say it's not developable, they're kidding themselves...They clearly bough the land to prevent development. They wouldn't have bought it if it wasn't developable."

He said he wasn't surprised the planning board rejected the preliminary plan. "How could a board do anything but what they did?" he said. "You have a hearing after a Town Meeting vote which authorized the taking; doesn't it behoove the board to do that?

"I would have been surprised if anything but that happened."

An approved site plan could have resulted in a higher taking price than the $150,000 allocated by Town Meeting.

"We did 10 successful perc tests [for the septic system]," Sawchuk said. "How many properties in town would support that. I guess the engineers' argument is that the land is too percable."

Leland Jenkins and Sawchuk said they proposed a land swap, where the town could take the Wolf Pit property, and in return give them a comparable, developable piece of town-owned land. Sawchuk said a land swap would have been a "fairer" solution.

"The town wouldn't have had to give me $1," he said. "And it would get some senior housing."

Jenkins said he will look for some other parcel in town to build some senior housing units.

Sawchuk responded to concerns that he had brought heavy equipment onto the site, and begun clearing the property, despite the imminent land-taking. He said he was trying to leave the property in a "nice, neat condition" by clearing briars and sumac away from the boundary stakes, with his rubber-tired backhoe.

McNabb asked the water department to check the site Tuesday for any damage.

Town counsel Valerie Swett submitted the land taking order Tuesday to the Registry of Deeds. McNabb said the water commission has no immediate plans for the land, but that residents are able to use it to access the reservoir.

The land taking vote was 2-0 with McNabb and fellow commissioner Robert Kassameyer voting in the affirmative. Commissioner Glenn Pratt, an heir of the Bates/Pratt Trust, abstained from voting.

The name "wolf pits" came from a time when the wild animals roamed Cohasset, and were a major public safety threat. In several locations around town, pits were dug and covered over. A carcass would be either strung up over the pit or in the pit, causing the wolf to fall into it.

Postal workers to help stamp out hunger

Cohasset Post Office workers will again work for the Cohasset Food Pantry Saturday, May 12, when residents are asked to leave food and household supplies by their mailboxes to be picked up by mail carriers for eventual delivery to the pantry.

"This is a wonderful public service by the postal workers," Marjorie Steele, head of the Food Pantry operations says. "In one day it virtually stocks our shelves for the summer, making sure we're able to meet the needs of a number of Cohasset families for non-perishable food and household items. We hope townspeople will respond generously again to this effort as they have in the past."

Last year the postal workers collected more than two tons of food and staples. This year's drive has been organized by Dennis Reardon with the encouragement and support of Postmaster Stephen Cabezas.

Steele and her associate, Bob Thompson, say this year the pantry has an ample supply of pasta, rice and rice products, but is especially in need of such food items as juice boxes, salad dressings, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, white sugar, coffee and tea, cereals and baked beans. Equally needed are staples such as dishwashing liquid, laundry detergents and paper products. Only taboos are outdated items, corroded cans or unsealed packages.

The carriers pick up the donations as they deliver the mail, then bring them to the post office where they are weighed. Other volunteers sort the items and help bring them to the pantry in the basement of the Congregational church on Highland Avenue beside the Town Hall, where they are shelved and stored.

The pantry is open from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays. Any Cohasset resident with limited income or special needs is eligible to receive food at two-week intervals.

Summer jobs

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting applications for various summer positions pursuant to the operation of the Summer Playground Program for children 31/2-12 years of age.

Positions include arts and crafts coordinator; program coordinator for pre-school, half-day groups; and counselors for 5- to 7- and 8- to 12-year-old groups.

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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

HELLO COHASSET

This week's column has a lot of news and information for you to read but first, I wanted to talk about some things. I wanted to send some prayers and thoughts to the families who were involved in the tragic bus accident of a few weeks ago involving families from the town of Newton. This was such a horrible thing to watch, hear and think about for us, I cannot imagine what they are all going through. You know, it did make me stop and think as on the day of the Memorial service that was being held in Newton, it was 90-plus degrees outside and everywhere I went or everyone I talked to had something to complain about, "It is way too hot outside, what happened to having Spring?" etc, never mind the constant little complaints that all of us have on a daily basis. What I stopped and realized on that day is how a single second can change what we have on any given day and that if we keep griping, complaining and being miserable over little tiny things, it is sure making our days not so nice. It really makes you stop and take a good look at yourself and what each day brings for us, I have said it before and will continue to say and think it, "stop, smell the flowers, enjoy life's small pleasures and get rid of the complaints" because I cannot imagine what it is like on the other side, never having a chance to enjoy those moments again with the ones you love. Sure, we all have ups and downs and in betweens but boy, we are so lucky to have it in any way, shape or form. Don't you think?

CHURCH AUCTION

Let's start off this column with some news about a Time and Talent Auction being held by the Second Congregational Church. The Church is having another auction to benefit various projects this year. The docket is full of many wonderful items that will be put to bid on Saturday, May 26.. The list includes trips, week and weekend getaways, dinners from local restaurants, baby sitting services and even Christmas Tree decorating. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and bidding starts promptly at 7:30. Light refreshments will be served. It should be a very fun evening for all who attend.

OFF TO LONDON

Syracuse University sent a note about a Cohasset student is spending the spring, 2001 semester studying in London, England. He is **Jason McCaffrey**, a junior majoring in policy studies at George Washington University. This sounds like a great experience for you Jason.



PLANT SALE

A plant sale sponsored by the Community Garden Club will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 12, in the garden of one of the club members, at 478 Jerusalem Road. Rain or shine. There will be a wonderful blend of both old fashioned favorites and new varieties. Most of the plants are ones that the members have successfully grown in the South Shore environment. Here, members Lee Drew and Judy Dickstein get ready for the plant sale.



DIVERSITY DAY

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Sgt. Robert Jackson addresses the Diversity Day gathering last week at St. Anthony's parish hall. Cohasset is a "No Place For Hate" community and police are involved in educating the public about hate crimes.

DEAN'S LIST

Also from Syracuse University, a note about **Devin Buick**, a Cohasset resident who is a sophomore majoring in Geology. Devin was named to the dean's list for the 2000 Fall semester. Great work Devin.

THANKS, GEORGE

How does the Cohasset High School Varsity/JV Baseball Team get a badly needed pitching machine? They start by washing a couple hundred cars! **George Roukounakis** allowed the team to wash cars to raise money towards the machine at his Texaco Station in downtown Cohasset last Saturday. The team would like to thank **Mrs. Bolster** for organizing the fundraiser and Mr. Roukounakis for providing the great location and water.

If you would like to help the team buy the pitching machine this season, please send your donation to Cohasset Baseball Boosters, C/O Cohasset H.S Athletic Department, Cohasset High School, 02025.

RELAY VOLUNTEERS

A call for help is coming from the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Assistance is needed with day-of-event activities on May 18 and May 19 at Cohasset High School. Responsibilities include set-up, registration, the placement of luminaria bags and clean-up. To volunteer or for more information, contact **Mary Shepard** of the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880.

MEMORABLE WEEKEND

Don't forget Memorial Weekend this year here in Cohasset is going to be wonderful! Starting on Friday Night, May 25th will be a great Family Night starring the band, "Ball in the House." The evening starts at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m. Grab some family, friends and neighbors and have a cookout or pizza party beforehand and come on down. Saturday, May 26 from 1-4 p.m. is the Golden Anniversary celebration of CHS. Come join alumni, staff and friends from the last 50 years and enjoy some entertainment and great reminiscing to boot. Sunday is a great day for relaxing, cookouts and clam bakes with all your friends, classmates and family. Then, the weekend ends on Monday with a wonderful tribute to all of our Veterans with the Memorial Day Parade.

DISCO NIGHT

The Community Center is having their Disco Night Fundraiser this Saturday Night. This fantastic evening of bowling, disco dancing and being with great people starts at 7 p.m. with an open bar until 8. You can dress in your favorite "Disco Duds" or come casual. The tickets are $75 per couple and $50 per person. If you would like to purchase tickets, call the Community Center at 781-383-0088 or purchase them at the door.

That is all for this week. Please get all information to me in one of the following ways: EMAIL: jenpiep@yahoo.com PHONE: 781-923-1057 MAIL: 622 CJC Highway FAX: 781-923-1035 (let me know it is coming.) For all readers of the Schools In column, it will be run in next week's edition.



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Webelos see news in the making

By Paul Pozniak, Andrew Liberty and Jack Emmanuello

The Cohasset Pack 38 Webelos 1 den toured the WHDH (Channel 7) news and editing rooms over February vacation. This was a trip to downtown Boston by commuter boat and car on a bitterly cold winter day. The Webelos learned about how WHDH gets, edits and presents the news. They interviewed reporter Sean Hennessy about his and other jobs in the news broadcasting business.

The Scouts enjoyed these parts of the trip best: the editing room because they got to see breaking news; the weather reporting green screen; and the vast wall of TVs showing news from every possible station. The Webelos made the trip to achieve requirements for the Webelo Communicator badge (as is the writing of this article).

It was a great tour and was followed by a delicious lunch at McDonald's. The Webelos will continue to do fun activities while learning all year.



EMT supervisor Brendan McNiff shows Webelos first aid in another recent scout activity.

Mystery night at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset will host its Spring Mystery Night on Wednesday May 23, from 7-9 p.m. Featured will be Cynthia Peale, Katherine Hall Page and Hallie Ephron and Don Davidoff writing as G.H. Ephron. Peale is the author of the Beacon Hill Mysteries. In "Murder at Bertram's Bower," two residents of a home for "fallen women" are brutally murdered, and matron Agatha Montgomery must seek help quickly to save the home from scandal. Agatha award-winner Katherine Hall Page presents her most challenging plot yet in "The Body in the Moonlight," when caterer and amateur sleuth Faith Fairchild must solve a murder that appears to be tied to her own catering efforts and that presents a threat not only to Faith's career but to her marriage. Hallie Ephron and Don Davidoff have co-authored "Amnesia," the first in a series starring Dr. Peter Zak, forensic psychologist. When a witness to a murder is shot in the head and spends six weeks in a coma, Zak must decide just how reliable are the memories which begin to surface, memories which point to the culpability of an ex-husband. All three of these mysteries are set in the Boston area. Free. Call 781-383-2665 to reserve your place.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Corrina Grace Minnar and Christopher Kerr Lee

Minnar — Lee

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Minnar of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter Corrina Grace Minnar to Christopher Kerr Lee, the son of Mrs. Karol McCarthy of Troy, Ohio and Mr. James T. Lee of Sidney, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Boston College. She is employed as an oncology nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Boston College. He is employed as a state investigator in the Professional Licensure Division in Boston and is a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves.

A June wedding is planned.



Lee Meredith Hagopian and Eric William Cosentino

Hagopian — Cosentino

Carl and Patricia Hagopian of Hingham announce the engagement of their daughter, Lee Meredith Hagopian, to Eric William Cosentino, of Cohasset, son of Kenneth and Irene Cosentino of Newton.

Ms. Hagopian is a graduate of Hingham High School and Trinity College, and will receive an MBA degree from Bentley College in August. She is employed as a research analyst at Spaulding & Slye Colliers in Boston.

Mr. Cosentino is a graduate of Newton North High School and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He is employed as a business services analyst for State Street Global Advisors in Boston.

An April 27, 2002, wedding is planned.

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EDITORIAL

Polite pooches

Spring is here and the flowers are blooming. We can't recall a time when Cohasset looked more beautiful. Along with warmer days, sunnier skies and longer evenings come pedestrians of all sorts, including joggers, moms with babies in strollers, and friends and couples enjoying some conversation while they take a leisurely stroll.

There are a couple of dog-related activities, however, that can ruin what otherwise is an enjoyable run or walk around town.

The first is stepping in — for want of a better word — dog-do. It's not fun to scrape unmentionables from the bottom of a sneaker. That's compounded nowadays with the serrated and studded soles on most brands. Nor is it pleasant to find a deposit under your shrub, along your walkway or sidewalk, or in your yard.

Our town has a pooper-scooper law which means dog owners are required to clean up after their pets. The law, however, is nearly impossible to enforce because the animal control officer would have to catch the canine in the act. So it is our responsibility, as pet owners, to make sure Fido or Spot doesn't do his duty anywhere but on our own property and if he does, we should clean it up immediately. Pet stores sell pooper-scooper devices that can accomplish the job with minimal effort.

Secondly, under the so-called "leash law" our dogs must be under our care and control at all times. That means if your dog is not on a leash you should be in close enough proximity to have your dog under your control. But we think it's better and a lot safer to have the dog on a leash when you are walking or jogging along.

It is frightening and dangerous for pedestrians to be barked or growled at or worse attacked by a stray dog.

As reporters, we've had the opportunity to sit in on a number of "dog hearings" over the years before boards of selectmen. The scenarios presented are remarkably similar. Owners of the offending dog or dogs describe their pets as loving, meek and mild and incapable of biting or putting anyone in fear. They paint a Norman Rockwell-like picture of their beloved pooch sitting at their feet while they read or knit.

But the reality is all animals are capable of biting. And no one has any idea what mischief their dog gets up to when they're not around. Even a dog following walkers who stroll by its house — as we've personally experienced — presents a danger. The dog deciding to tag along walks back and forth across the road at will in front of cars that must screech to a halt putting the dog, vehicle occupants and pedestrians in danger. Other dogs are very territorial and go into attack mode when someone passes by their house on foot or bicycle. We've always been a little bewildered when the dog owner yells, "not to worry" because his saliva-dripping, teeth-gnashing pooch is completely harmless.

Just about everyone loves his or her own dog or dogs, including us. But it's our duty to ensure our canines are well behaved so our neighbors and passersby will love them too.

— Mary Ford
Editor



POLITICAL NOTES

Hedlund, Bradley on runway

Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) and Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) attended the public hearing regarding the proposed runway expansion at Logan Airport. Both Bradley and Hedlund spoke in strong opposition to the proposal, citing many reasons why this runway is detrimental to their districts.

In written testimony, the Bradley, Hedlund and as other members of the Legislative Caucus on Air Transportation, called attention to the fact that the proposed expansion of Logan Airport could not be justified. The testimony pointed to the fact that Massport has refused to suspend the process of expansion until a Massachusetts Department of Public Health study on the health affects of Logan Airport on neighboring communities is complete. That study will likely be completed within a few years and will provide the first data on health detriments associated with Logan over a wide geographical area.

Bradley and Hedlund cited data indicating that of delayed flights, which constitute only 3 percent of total operations, 2 percent were due to severe weather conditions that the proposed "Runway 14/32" could not solve. Moreover, the 1 percent reduction in delays touted by expansion would only be realized for approximately five years, after which time delays would rebound to current levels and beyond.

They both argued that the proposal violated principles of environmental justice and derided Massport for not fully exploring alternative, non-expansion related solutions to air traffic congestion. Although Worcester Airport and Hanscom Field have received increased attention of late, Bradley and Hedlund contend that more must be done.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opening Day

TO THE EDITOR:

Some of the best times for Phil and I were spent on Harold Barnes Little League Field. My father, the late "Nate" Hurwitz, and the Rev. Frank Chatterton (father of Ann Pompeo and the late Clark Chatterton), George McLaughlin and Harold Barnes spearheaded the formation of the Cohasset Little League, as well as the community center, for the youth of Cohasset.

The purpose of this letter is twofold. First, to let the boys and girls know about the wonderful people, who work so hard to give those same boys and girls an opportunity to learn good sportsmanship and the finer points of playing ball.

Secondly, it has been one of my most favorite privileges to throw out the first ball of the Little League and softball season.

To Mark DeGiacomo and all who are involved in the league's, my sincere apologies for missing opening day. My granddaughter, Jennie Curley, had her first communion on Saturday.

Please accept my appreciation for the lovely gift which was presented to me from the league.

Please forgive my absence and I hope the league will allow me to throw out the first ball next year.

A great big thank you for all your time and caring for the kids (little and big) of Cohasset.

Mary Jeanette Murray
Margin Street

Kitchen tour

TO THE EDITOR:

The South Shore Community Center's Fifth Annual Kitchen Tour was a huge success with more than 600 in attendance this year! The five fantastic kitchens plus samplings from each of the caterers were out of this world. A "Special Thanks" to the Ayer, Donahue, Lanzillotti, Nesbitt and Tedeschi families for opening their wonderful homes for us. We would like to thank the following caterers who contributed this year:

Laura Atherton, Atlantica Restaurant, Flow Zone Café, Stop & Shop, Z-Chef, Seasons Café & Deli, Gimme The Skinny, The Silent Chef, Fireking Baking Co., Maggie's Corner, Coca Cola, Dunkin' Donuts, Shaw's, T.F. Kinnealey & Co., French Memories, Morning Glories, Atlantic Bagel & Deli, Bernard's, Curtis Liquors, Mary Ernst Desserts and Mary Brennock.

We would also like to thank the following for their assistance on the homes' designs:

Exotic Flowers, Reed's Country Way of Hingham, Hingham Square Flowers, Flowers and Festivities, Design In Bloom, Cohasset Greenery, Country House Antiques & Interiors, Mary Anne Ayer, Barbara Donahue, Antiques & Interiors, Jill Tedeschi, Pamela Marshman, Arlene Ferreira and Kim Jalewsky and Phyllis Ketter.

The center would like to thank all of the many people who helped to make this event possible including:

Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, Botanical Illustration Prints & Notecards, Peter Tolman, Marianne Smith, Christin DiModica, Helene Devlin, Rudolph Adamo Salon, Gatherings, A Matter of Taste, Puopolo Candies, Lightkeeper's, Springbrook Kids, Barefoot Rugs & Country Furnishings and Mary Brennock.

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And all our many volunteers who help at the homes.

Stephanie Church
Program Director

Contact senators on Logan runway

TO THE EDITOR:

U.S. Senators Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry are expected to issue statements within the next few weeks regarding their positions on Logan Airport's proposal to build Runway 14/32 and the centerfield taxiway.

It is imperative that citizens of the South Shore (who stand to be greatly impacted by the new runway at Logan) call the senators' offices to ask them to join us in opposing airport expansion that would continue to erode our quality of life.

Massport plans a tripling of flights low over our towns. The noise and air quality impacts of such an increase will be severe and will likely end the quality of life on the South Shore many of us now enjoy. Moreover, building the runway, contrary to Massport's assertions, will not reduce delays at Logan for even one day, according to public FAA testimony.

There are solutions to ending delays at Logan as well as the noise and public health impacts on the South Shore and surrounding communities. But these do not involve building another runway in an already overcrowded airport that lies within densely populated communities. You can't put 60 pounds of flour into a 40 lb. bag.

Senator Kennedy in particular is especially interested in hearing comments pertaining to how Logan expansion would affect health and the environment. Senator Kennedy's office phone numbers are: Washington, D.C.: 202/224-4543; Boston: 617/565-3170 (ask for Christie Martin). You may also go to the senator's web site and fill out a comments form at: www.senate.gov/~kennedy/contact.html]

Contact Senator Kerry at: Boston Phone: 617-565-8519; Boston FAX: 617 248 3870. Washington Phone: 202-224-2742; Washington Fax: 202-224-8525. Because the senators' opinions on this matter could prove decisive in the outcome of this battle with Massport, we urge South Shore citizens who may have already contacted either senator's office to do so again. Contact our website for more information at southshorejetpollution.org.

Richard Goldhammer
Hingham resident
Trustee, South Shore Jet Pollution Council

Support equal choice for elders

TO THE EDITOR:

There is an important bill currently before the Massachusetts Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee. The name of the bill is Equal Choice (S676); sponsored by Senator Brian Joyce. Equal choice offers Medicaid eligible elders 60 or over, the option of either receiving long-term health care in their own home or in an institution (nursing home). The vast majority of elders, state they would like to age in place, among family, friends and familiar surroundings. Elders who opt for home health care retain their independence, pride and access to community services.

Over the next 25 years the population aged 65 and over in Massachusetts is expected to increase by 48.5 percent from 843,000 to 1,252,000 people. This dramatic growth in the elderly populations raises significant challenges for the Commonwealth in how we pay for and provide long-term care services.

As the largest source of payment for long-term care, the Commonwealth has a major stake in controlling cost, along with developing other payment sources. It also has an opportunity to restructure the delivery system to make it responsive to both the needs and preferences of consumers.

The Governor's Budget calls for $100 million dollars for health care, of which $68 million is earmarked for nursing home care. Surely, some of this money can be re-allocated to home health care.

Currently, Medicaid eligible elders in need of long-term health care have no option but to enter a nursing home. The passing of this S676 bill would affect them positively in that it would give these elders a choice. Many of us fortunate enough to live a long life, will be facing these same problems in the future. You can make a difference now by supporting this legislation. Please write, call or e-mail your representative and senator and ask them to support Equal Choice (S676).

Audrey Oliveira
for classmates in the Elder Law Class,
Gerontology Department at U-Mass, Boston

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Join effort for tougher gun laws

By Amyra O'Connell
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

COMMENTARY

Last Mother's Day as many as 750,000 people, including a group of us from the South Shore, attended a rally in Washington D.C. in support of gun control. During the Million Mom March, women, many with their children and husbands, waved signs and held banners proclaiming "Enough is enough." We had all witnessed the tragedy of Columbine and we had all become part of an era in America where mass shootings, and even more chilling, children killing children were a commonplace headline in our media. We went to Washington as part of a majority of Americans to tell Congress to reject the power of the gun lobby and to enact legislation to end this obscene violence.

Yet despite the public outcry of the Million Mom March we continue to watch our neighbors and children be shot down across America. In fact, 13 children still die from gun violence every day in this country. And while the laws in some states, such as Massachusetts, have become stricter, the killing has not stopped because it is still easy for kids, criminals and the mentally impaired to obtain guns through unregulated private sales and the illegal market.

Gregory Gibbons, whose son Galen was murdered in 1998 when a fellow student at Simon's Rock College in Great Barrington opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle, has become an outspoken advocate for gun control. Gibson also places the blame for gun violence on easy access to firearms.

"Every time it happens we ask why, why, why and search for answers. But the one factor that correlates 100 percent with every shooting is access to firearms. Without guns the deaths wouldn't happen. You are never going to see a headline, 'Enraged student kills six with shoe.' For all the wailing and speeches in Congress promising gun legislation when there is a major incident, we have yet to tighten loopholes on firearm sales at gun shows. You have to wonder how serious we are about doing something. I guess we like it this way, because if we didn't, we would change it," he says.

Clearly the fight to convince Congress is a tough endeavor.

Clearly the fight to convince Congress is a tough endeavor. But there are measures we can take to assure Mr. Gibson and other parents who have lost their children to gun violence that we do care.

On Mother's Day, May 13, the Million Moms will host a rally on the Boston Common from 1 to 3 p.m. Along with supporting the rally we urge you to come with letters addressed to your local congressman and state senator supporting three bills that will strengthen Massachusetts' sensible gun laws.

Senate Bill #1193, An Act to Further Reduce Gun Violence, will aid law enforcements through ballistic fingerprinting. Senate Bill #166, An Act to Prevent Illegal Trafficking, limits gun purchases to one gun a month. This bill will cut into the illegal trafficking of firearms and greatly reduce the ability of criminals and children to obtain guns on the street. The third bill, state Docket #1836 closes the assault weapons loophole. This bill will outlaw assault weapons which clearly are weapons of war, not firearms for hunting or home protection.

There is ample proof that gun laws work and are effective in reducing gun violence. By supporting these bills and by being visible on Mother's Day we will put Congress on notice that we are a majority.

For more information on the Million Mom Rally or the above legislation please contact Amyra O'Connell through e-mail at stophandgunviolence@mmcre.com. Or call O'Connell at 383-1574, Connie Afshar at 383-6006, or Vickie Watkins at 383-2652.

The biggest FBI scandal since...

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



If you came of age around Boston before 1970, it's hard to realize that we'd still be picking up at this late date the pieces left behind by Joe Barboza, the Mob hitman-turned-informer who was shot to death by his former pals in the streets of San Francisco, where the feds had stashed him away in their witness protection program.

Joe, who his underworld associates called "The Animal," was the man whose testimony sent Joe Salvati and Peter Limone to prison for 30 years before they were finally found to be innocent of the gangland slaying of Teddy Deegan, touching off what promises to be the FBI's biggest scandal since J. Edgar showed up in a dress.

In the days between his defection from "the Office," as the New England Mob was known, and his execution, Barboza managed to write a book, with the help of Hank Messick, in which he described the slaying of Deegan, a small-time hood who angered somebody in the Office by robbing the home of one of its bookies.

Teresa and Brenner were writing in 1973, 28 years ago and only five years after Salvati was sent away for life.

"The night of the hit we were in the Ebbtide," Joe/Hank wrote. "Ronnie, Romeo, Joe 'the Horse' Salvati and Chico. Outside, waiting down the street in his car, was Louie Grieco. We were all waiting for Deegan to call Roy and tell him he was coming to pick up Roy for the finance company job.

"The call finally came. Ronnie, Joe 'the Horse,' and I went to the back door to Romeo's car. I put on a bullet-proof vest, false mustache and plain glass glasses . . . The Horse put on a bald-headed wig. Chico took the car he had drove to the street where the alley went down behind the finance company."

Salvati's role in the murder of Ted Deegan, according to Barboza, was to unzip the rear window of the convertible to allow Ronnie Casesso a clear field to cover their escape. Romeo Martin and Louie Grieco, again according to Barboza's book, did the actual shooting.

"The next day," wrote Joe/Hank, "I went to see Peter Limone. He said: 'That's one less Irish ———,' and gave me the $7,500. Ronnie and I got credit for the hit."

Another member of the Mob, Vincent Teresa, also recalled the Deegan hit in his book, "My Life in the Mafia," written with Thomas Renner. They were a literary bunch, these '60s Mafiosi, but he saw it a little bit differently.

"There was one bad thing about that hit," wrote Teresa. "Two guys went to jail for murder that had nothing to do with setting it up: (Henry) Tamaleo and Joe the Horse Salvucci (sic), a — wiseguy. Tamaleo didn't authorize the hit. Barboza said Tamaleo did, but it wasn't true, according to Tamaleo. "The guy I really feel sorry for is Joe the Horse. He wasn't a bad guy, and just a flunky. What Barboza did wasn't right."

Teresa and Brenner were writing in 1973, 28 years ago and only five years after Salvati was sent away for life.

Barboza was eager to have his book written and a number of Boston newspapermen were eager to help him out. Harold Banks of the old Record-American was one. Jimmy Southwood of the old Herald was another.

He actually started interviewing The Animal but eventually backed out.

I was told that Barboza used to visit Jimmy's house on a back road in Sandwich with his friend, Herbie DeJesus. While Joe and Jimmy were busy upstairs, Herbie would be hiding out in the woods, guarding the house.

And Jimmy's wife, Ann, would be seated in the kitchen with a shotgun in her lap.

Hank Messick finally did the job and left us all with this note among his introductory remarks:

"In addition I should mention those several potential authors who for personal reasons left the writing of this book to me. Thanks, fellows, and keep watching for things that go bump in the night."

HEALTH NOTES

Landscaping and lawn care for brown thumbs

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Third of a series.

Even if you don't do your own lawn care, it's still possible for your property to provide the benefits of safe lawn-care practices. A fine lawn can use natural materials, but, generally, good landscaping practice reduces the area of turf on a plot to that which is necessary for scenic emphasis or specific purposes such as some forms of recreation. The balance of the property may be utilized for attractive plantings or other features which provide a more natural environment. To arrive at a good natural solution for a property may take time and one should not expect that natural landscaping will be initially less expensive to implement, although it should require considerably less maintenance when fully established.

Lawn Care Services: Use competent professionals for your landscaping and lawn care needs. Almost all lawn care and landscaping contractors use pesticides. The Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA) has strict laws governing pesticide use, including notification, posting and licensing. Not all landscape/lawn services have licensed personnel. Trained personnel are required to carry their DFA licenses. Ask yours if anyone has a DFA license, and ask to see it. For your own and your neighbor's safety, you should use competent, licensed professionals.

You could be liable for problems attributed to pesticides on your property. Contact the Board of Health for more information on landscaping/lawn care, and pesticides.

Ask yours if anyone has a Dept. of Food and Agriculture license, and ask to see it.

Also, check the following web sites: www.massdfa.org/pesticide or www.umassgreeninfo.org. These two web sites represent excellent resources for landscapers and lawn care specialists. Most reliable landscape specialists have personnel who are trained at the UMASS Green School and have certificates to prove it. The state doesn't license organizations, but it does license personnel, and encourage periodic updates in their training. Accordingly UMASS issues certificates in Green School technology such as Integrated Pest Management discussed below, and Turf Management.

Also, notice in your yellow pages that landscape architects are listed separately and registered with the Division of Registration. Registered landscape architects are required to meet minimum standards of education and competence to receive their certificates.

The Board of Health is beginning a listing of organizations which have licensed and certified professionals on its staff. Call for a copy today.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM): IPM is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common sense practices. IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interactions with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means, and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. IPM programs take advantage of all pest management options possibly including, but not limited to, the judicious use of pesticides. Qualified lawn care specialists use IPM and have been trained and licensed in the procedures of IPM.

Your property represents a major investment; provide for it in a safe and responsible manner.

The next article will cover newly enacted rules for the use of pesticides in schools and how your children could be affected.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Method used to determine your assessment

ASSESSMENTS

ELSA MILLER



The method to determine the assessment is the method used by fee appraisers. Although is it not done on an individual house per house basis, it is done en mass. Therefore the terminology Mass Appraisal. The three methods are the "Sales Comparison," the "Cost Approach," and the "Income Approach"."

Single-family homes are most often purchased by people, who intend to occupy them as a residence, and therefore the Sales Comparison Approach is the best method to value the bulk of the properties in Cohasset. The key impact is location. By mapping the sales, the delineation of certain neighborhood starts to appear. Other influences that come to play in the analysis of the sales is the gross living area (GLA), the style (cape, colonial, ranch), condition, modernization, view, garages, pool etc.

All houses do not go up or down by the same percentage.

After the data is gathered and analyzed from the fiscal year 2000 sales, a ratio study is completed. This process indicates the percent of change between the existing assessments and the sales. This percentage is applied to arrive at the potential assessment for the revaluation year. The percent of change can vary from neighborhood to neighborhood, as the sales indicate the demands of the buyer. It can even vary from street to street. For instance with the varying degree of view form one house to another, or proximity to amenities. All houses do not go up or down by the same percentage.

The bottom line is: What are the buyers demanding? What are they paying for and how much are they paying? Is it important to have a view, how much of a view? Does the buyer want to be able to have easy access to the downtown area and the schools. Is new construction in demand; is a particular street or a subdivision important? These demands change or shift depending on the supply and what on has to pay for certain amentias. Therefore we have constantly changing values. This results in the need for the triennial revaluation. The process helps to realign the assessments to indicate these changes.

Have more questions? Please attend our open forum meeting, Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the selectmen's office. Or visit us with your question on cable TV.

Elsa Miller is chairman of the Board of Assessors.

COHASSET CARES

Environmental concerns about Bush and Company

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I almost missed it, despite its being a front-page article— sandwiched between the piece about our sudden deluge of bees brought on by the heat wave [global warming?], the article about Cuba giving 8 Americans free medical educations provided they "promise to practice in under-served communities when they return home [wow!], and the article about state Clean Elections supporters having their programs cut in retribution—"U.S. loses seat on UN rights panel."

The rest of the world's countries realize this and are making it clear that the US chooses not to.

For the first time in 54 years, the U.S. was voted off the UN Human Rights Commission, the Boston Globe reported on Friday, May 4, "a considerable embarrassment that reflected mounting resentment among foreign nations over US policy on human rights and other global issues...." The article continues, "the unprecedented defeat suggested that the US has lost support among its allies....Specialists noted the effect of...tough stances by President Bush opposing the Kyoto Protocol on global warming and favoring a national missile defense system...would send a signal to US leaders about growing unease around the world. 'It's very important symbolically, and it may serve as a wakeup call....' "



The byline for this column is Cohasset Cares — cares about the earth, cares about people, in a common-sense, down-to-earth way. People I talk with and listen to lately are very, very concerned about what Bush and Company are doing — and not doing. What is more basic than the environment? Caring about the earth nowadays means taking giant steps to preserve what is left and stopping current degeneration so we can eat, drink, and breathe. The rest of the world's countries realize this and are making it clear that the US chooses not to. Unbelievable expense to protect ourselves unnecessarily, Texas-style, is not working for human rights. The simple decision not to join the rest of the world in cutting greenhouse gas emissions is obviously selfish and belligerent. Why shouldn't the rest of the world object? Being voted out of the UN Human Rights Commission is a clear sign that our Washington administration no longer cares about common-sense things. What are we going to do about it? Have a thoughtful week and see you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Straits Pond cleanup

The Straits Pond Spring Cleanup is Saturday, May 19 (rain date is June 2). Meet from 10 a.m.-noon at Gun Rock Playground, Atlantic Avenue, Hull. Please wear gloves, long sleeves and boots. The event is hosted by the Straits Pond Watershed Association, which provides community input to governmental committees and agencies about Straits Pond and facilitates efforts to maintain and improve the environmental quality and beauty of the pond.

There will also be a cookout from noon to 2 p.m. at the playground. The picnic is compliments of Jade Forest Kung Fu Performance Group. The picnic will be followed by a beach geology field trip from 2-3 p.m. at Gun Rock & Forest Avenue Extension with Declan DePaor Ph.D. The event is free. For more information contact: Lawry Reid Tel: 781-925-8659, email: viaspeech@mediaone.net

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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One-way test

TO THE EDITOR:

It may be that the one-way traffic plan will be proven unsatisfactory, but a test should settle the argument without significant harm to anyone. It may even turn out to be highly satisfactory (but of course won't silence those who resist change on principle).

It seems ridiculous to ask Town Meeting to decide whether to do the test. Why have a Board of Selectmen if we don't use it to make a few decisions for us?

What should be realized is that the Village, like our private property and like our bodies, is always changing. If we do nothing, the change is gradually downhill. If we act, we might arrest the decline or even improve it.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Beach Street

TO THE EDITOR:

To: Members of the Cohasset Conservation Commission

I know the members of the Conservation Commission are keenly aware of the growing official and public sentiment for proactive conservation of remaining open spaces in communities such as Cohasset. It is in that spirit that I am writing this memo to expand on the statement I made at your meeting on Jan. 11 during discussion of the proposals for building houses in the rock-bound hill area lying above Beach Street.

My request was that, in making its judgments in this matter, the Commission explicitly consider its fundamental mandate as set forth in its enabling legislation. That mandate is described in Chapter 40, Section 8C, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Part I, Title VII (I was unable to find this document in your office, so I downloaded it from the state website, and attach it hereto.) I have underlined the particular legislative language that describes the basic responsibilities of the Commission, specifically the functions in addition to the wetlands regulations. Without for a moment minimizing the crucial nature of the wetlands protection function, nor the valiant efforts of the Commission to carry them out, I did want to remind the Commission that the Commonwealth also established it and similar commissions to carry out other, broader functions within the meaning of "conservation".

The legislation establishing the conservation commissions states these dual purposes as "the promotion and development of the natural resources" along with "the protection of watershed resources." It authorizes preparation of a "conservation and passive outdoor recreation plan". Such plan should identify wetland areas, but in addition should identify " other areas which public necessity requires to be retained for conservation and passive recreation use."

I can think of no more appropriate area meeting that criterion than the remaining undeveloped high hilltop land lying above Beach street. The tatter's unique siting, its historic natural formations, and the intolerable prospects of further flooding of the neighborhood lying below, suggests the high desirability of conserving this remaining natural resource for multiple public use. The Cohasset Conservation Trust has already reached that conclusion in its preemptive acquisition of land abutting the properties under discussion.

My request is that your broader mandate be kept in explicit focus in your discussion of the extraordinarily sensitive area in question. It seems to me that the Commission is in a unique position to exercise leadership in applying the broad definition of "conservation" which is set forth in its enabling legislation.

Lincoln P. Bloomfield
37 Beach Street

Editor's note: Mr. Bloomfield provides the Mariner with a copy of his letter publication.

CRC changes one-way stance

MR. FRED KOED, CHAIRMAN
COHASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN

After further discussion with village business owners, town officials and local residents the CRC has decided to withdraw its support for the one-way circulation trial period in the village center. Though the one-way pattern could instill many potential benefits to the village environment from a safety, circulation, and aesthetic standpoint, there appear to be a significant number of community concerns, which will make it difficult to effectively and constructively undertake the trial. In addition, it has become more evident that a 30-day trial period may not be an adequate amount of time to complete a thorough study of the circulation and business activity impacts, nor may it give the community enough time to adapt to the change.

Though the CRC had not taken a formal position in support of a permanent one-way circulation pattern, the organization did feel that it warranted a trial period to better understand the potential impacts. The role of the CRC is to provide the community with a variety of design options to improve the village environment, so that the community itself can chose the improvements to implement. The role of the Town's Village Revitalization Task Force (VRTF)is to narrow the choices from the pallet of available options for presentation to the community. This was the process followed regarding the one-way trial period. The one-way pattern evolved after several public meetings, which the VRTF ultimately recommended to the Board of Selectmen for a trial period, who in turn agreed to consider after further analysis.

As the reality of a trial period became more evident to many of the village merchants additional concern emerged, ultimately creating a high level of opposition. Though there was always a certain degree of skepticism by the merchants regarding the benefits of the one-way, it has increased substantially. As you know, the goal of the CRC is to help the community work in unison to improve the village and harbor environments. Since it has become increasingly evident that the trial period would be implemented without the endorsement from many of the village merchants, the CRC cannot in good conscience support the implementation of the one-month trial at this time.

If the Town wishes to proceed with the trial period, the CRC will help ensure that it is undertaken safely, and in the least disruptive manner to the community. However, the actual level of assistance and resources the CRC would allocate to this effort will have to be reviewed.

I would like to thank you for expressing a willingness to undertake the one-way trial period. The CRC will continue to work with the VRTF to narrow the pallet of design options on the many additional I village improvement ideas for you and the community to review. Through further community input and consensus building, the CRC is confident that needed restoration of the village environment will soon become a reality.

Dean Rizzo
Executive Director

Mr. Rizzo provided The Mariner with a copy of his letter.

No-way one way

DEAR BOARD MEMBERS:

I don't like to be "conned" — I don't like to see you all be "conned."

When I use the word "conned" here I'm using the meaning "manipulated" — and you were just that "manipulated," at the April 24 Board of Selectmen meeting by the CRC. You had a chance to think but you didn't.

I think the residents of Cohasset deserve better treatment. I mean just this — be informed of the fact that the CRC was going to come to this meeting to get your OK on their plan. The residents were not informed so naturally no one showed up to voice their opinion. I think you all owe your constituents better treatment than you gave.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury
81 Elm St.

BOARD OF SELECTMAN:

The proposal of a "one way trial" is not in the interest of the Red Lion. We do not have traffic jams, we are not in Boston. There is no need for it.

The fire trucks would have to go in a loop to get to the Red Lion. Let's not go overboard. Let's beautify the village but [let's] leave what works alone.

Gerd Ordelheide
Red Lion Inn

Editor's note: These letters were in selectmen's correspondence.

Trustees embark on management plan for World's End Reservation

Almost 35 years have passed since World's End was added to the statewide system of properties held and managed by The Trustees of Reservations, a Massachusetts non-profit conservation organization. The organization announced that a team of 13 staff and volunteers, including ecologists, historians, and members of the local community, has started the process of updating the original management plan for World's End. Scheduled for completion in October, 2001, the plan will help guide future resource protection and visitor services at the property.

"We have a wonderful group of staff and volunteers working on this project."

— Cohasset's Nick Noon, chairman of the Planning Team.

On Saturday, April 28, from 9 to 11 a.m., members of the Planning Team will lead a walk at World's End to hear from members and visitors what they most appreciate about the property. The walk will leave from the World's End gatehouse. The walk will be canceled if there is heavy rain. For more information, call Lisa Vernegaard at (978) 524-1865 or e-mail her at lvernegaard @ttor.org.

"We have a wonderful group of staff and volunteers working on this project," said Cohasset's Nick Noon, chairman of the Planning Team. "All are committed to conserving what is best about World's End and ensuring that future management supports those ideals. We very much look forward to input from members and visitors."

In the first phase, the World's End Planning Team will gather information about and assess the scenic, historic and ecological resources at World's End. At the same time, data from a visitor survey that was conducted at the property last summer will help identify the key issues and opportunities associated with visitor use at the property. In the second phase, the Planning Team will outline a set of management objectives that supports overarching guiding principles for resource protection and visitor use. Based upon this framework, findings and recommendations will be incorporated into an updated management plan.

According to Lisa Vernegaard, director of planning and ecology at The Trustees of Reservations, "The Trustees does not expect dramatic changes in the way World's End will be managed. Rather, the planning process will likely reaffirm what is special about World's End and allow us to apply newly understood ecological principles to ensure the continued protection and preservation of these special qualities." For example, World's End is a grassland oasis in the midst of an otherwise urban and suburban landscape surrounded by water. "We now know that the fields at World's End support populations of ground-nesting birds, such as bobolinks and meadowlarks," said Vernegaard. "These birds are rapidly disappearing from Massachusetts as a result of development and reclamation of grasslands by forests. The Trustees will consider habitat requirements for these and other wildlife in its management program so that World's End can continue to provide critical habitat for wildlife."

Located 14 miles from Boston, the 251-acre World's End peninsula consists of four coastal drumlins, Pine Hill, Planter's Hill, and the twin drumlins of World's End. These rolling hills offer open grassy fields traversed by miles of tree-lined roads and dotted with woodland groves. The landscape also features rocky shores, freshwater and saltwater marshes and upland granite outcrops, ledges and cliffs covered with red cedar and blueberry thickets.

The World's End Planning Team is comprised of volunteers Nick Noon (chairman) of Cohasset, Jay Hall of Hingham, Bob Hidell of Hingham, Maggie Merrill of Hingham, Katherine Morrison of Hingham, Steve Oliver of Hingham, Oliver Rodman of Hingham, and Sam Wakeman of Cohasset. Trustees staff includes Lisa Vernegaard, director of planning and ecology; Al Yalcnezian, superintendent, World's End; Michelle LoConte, visitor services coordinator, World's End; Russ Hopping, ecologist; and Electa Tritsch, cultural resource specialist.

A public forum to gather input for and to share preliminary ideas about the management plan is planned for June 14, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall.

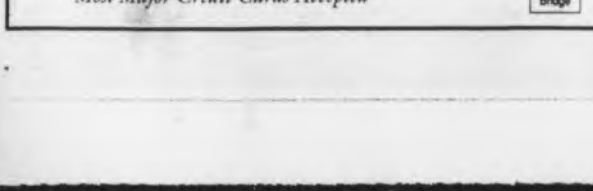
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Chaperones needed

Be a part of a special evening and chaperone the post prom party at Cohasset High School, June 1. There are two shifts, midnight to 2:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 5 a.m. If interested call Mary Sullivan at 781-383-6666, or Jody Caron, 781-383-9705.

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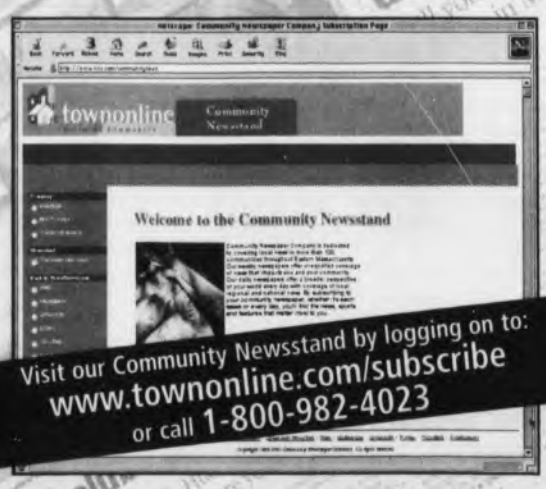
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Town agrees to Greenbush deal

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the understanding that we've given as much as we're going to give."

He also suggested that though Sec. Sullivan has been very cooperative with the town up to this point, that could change if the town again backs away from signing a deal.

"I think we're in the best position we've been in, and if we try to go back and get six or seven more yards out of it, it might fall apart," Koed said.

The town announced a tentative agreement in January, however a public hearing on the deal highlighted a number of issues residents felt were missing, particularly a way to resolve any problems during construction, and more compensation for the loss of open space along the right-of-way.

Selectmen were able to include an "Informal Dispute Resolution" process for both residents and the town into the current agreement, which includes a binding arbitration procedure.

"This really protects the residents," Koed said.

The MBTA agreed to conduct an additional appraisal of the 26-acre right-of-way. If the town's appraisers and the MBTA's appraisers can't agree on a value, the MBTA will hire a third appraiser. The town is guaranteed at least $1 million in compensation for the "friendly" taking of the right-of-way. An appraisal conducted by the town earlier this year put the value between $2 million and $2.5 million.

The MBTA also agreed to reimburse the town up to $500,000 for any open space or conservation land purchases to replace the land lost to train restoration. This proposal was suggested by Hedlund in a prior meeting he had with the MBTA in April. "It's been a lengthy process for selectmen and town officials and I'm happy some of my input has resulted in some positive elements of the agreement," Hedlund said.

The agreement also includes $1.2 million for the final stage of the James Brook Flood Control project, MBTA support for a $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development grant, up to $250,000 to replace the Sohier Street wells, and the inclusion of money to construct a sidewalk on North Main Street from King Street to the station entrance in the next transportation bond bill.

"I think we have done the best job we can do for the town," Koed said. "Of course there will be some critics who think we asked too much or not enough, but I think we're right down the middle of the road."

A copy of the tentative agreement is available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Haddad said MBTA and town lawyers are hammering out the final language, and Sec. Sullivan is expected to attend Tuesday's meeting to finalize the deal.

At the insistence of Selectmen Sullivan, the board will hold a public hearing Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. before it takes up a vote on the agreement.

Brown said the agreement is the same as it was in January, except with the mentioned additions.

"We've added to it. We've taken nothing away," he said.

Hedlund was very diplomatic and said, "I think it's fair if the folks of Cohasset thinks it's fair."

He added, "It's certainly a much better package than the one that was on the table a couple of months back. It's much more generous of a package and it affords the town more protection."

Greenbush is the third branch of the Old Colony Railroad restoration project. Lines traveling to Middleboro and Plymouth have already been restored. Along Greenbush, only Hingham has signed a mitigation agreement. Scituate, Weymouth and Braintree are all in the middle of negotiations.

One way test run vetoed

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merchants, the CRC cannot in good conscience support the implementation of the one-month trial at this time," the letter said.

At Tuesday's meeting, Rizzo told the board he had received several phone calls from village merchants and asked the board to reconsider its vote. Many of those merchants, as well as a handful of residents, opposed to the plan, packed the Selectmen's Office for the discussion.

Selectman Merle Brown, who quickly moved to reconsider, said why try something none of the merchants want. "They're the people that have to live with it," he said. "If they're happy with the way it is, we should be happy."

Selectmen Thomas Callahan, who had wavered back and forth on the one-way pattern, found himself again opposing the change. "I agree with almost all the ideas for aesthetic improvements, but I can't quite understand how changing the traffic pattern fits into preserving the downtown," he said. "It's very hard to retro-fit something 200 years old."

Selectmen Ronnie McMorris argued if it isn't broke, don't fix it. "I don't think it makes sense, because we don't have a problem," she said. "We're going to go through a major discombobulation of the whole downtown area to solve a problem that doesn't exist."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed thought the April 30 vote was an example of the board jumping at an idea without having the proper information needed to make a decision. He credited South Main Street resident Ralph Dormitzer for pointing out the lack of a plan to analyze the results, and providing the board with a study that said gas stations rely on drive-by traffic for 86 percent of their business.

Brown argued that the only problem with village traffic was delivery trucks parked in the village. His contention was backed by Police Sgt. Robert Jackson, Lincoln, Roukounakis, and Beach Street resident Priscilla Daniels.

Selectman Michael Sullivan suggested that a monitor be hired to stand in the village for a week and track delivery trucks in the village. Callahan suggested eliminating parking on the western side of Elm Street, next to Cohasset Hardware, and designating that a loading area for village delivery trucks.

Roukounakis said in 1979 the delivery trucks were required to park in the town parking lot and wheel their deliveries into the village. He said it worked well for a few weeks and then the town stopped enforcing it.

Robert Martinof Spring Street, said the town's focus is on the wrong area. "Get the sidewalks done, get the streets done," he said. "There's lots of good stuff in those plans, but that can come later."

South Main Street resident Herb Towle doesn't see the need to even fix the sidewalks. "I don't have any trouble on any of the sidewalks in town, and I've been here since 1918."

"That was the last time the sidewalks were fixed," Martin joked.

"And they did a good job, because I can still walk on them," Towle shot back.

Selectmen closed the hearing by voting to keep the traffic plan as is. Brown said the Chamber of Commerce needs to work with the Village Revitalization Task Force and the CRC and develop a new plan for dealing with parking and delivery issues.

More money, tunnels are in the train pact

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gency or temporary situation

- consideration of four-quadrant gates at the King, Sohier, Pleasant, Spring/Pond, and Beechwood Street grade crossings, provided they meet all state and federal safety requirements and regulations at that particular crossing
- median barriers will be the minimum length permitted by the Federal Railroad Administration, except at the North Main Street crossing, which will be "as long as necessary."
- the MBTA will design the King Street grade crossing so that trucks leaving the Recycling Transfer Facility will be able to make the turn onto King Street
- a new traffic signal at the King Street, North Main Street, Forest Avenue intersection, that will be coordinated with the King Street grade crossing, and be either a flashing or solid light, depending on the town's preference
- a bridge connecting Rocky Lane and North Main Street. The MBTA will work with the town at the 60 percent completion stage to develop a mutually acceptable design
- a new sidewalk along Sohier Street, from the South Shore Music Circus to Ripley Road
- one-way track crossings at the Sohier Street and King street grade crossings
- a mutually acceptable design for the Spring/Pond Street intersection
- new fire hydrants and water main extensions where any public or private grade crossing is closed, so that there is no increase between any property and the nearest fire hydrant
- an advance warning sign on Pond Street to warn eastbound motorists of an oncoming train
- provide pipe sleeves under the railroad bed for future underground utility lines
- warning bells at all grade crossings
- a one-way entrance off North Main Street into the station, and room for possible future expansion to a two way entrance. There will be no space provided for a vehicular drop-off point
- a traffic signal and left-turn only lane on Route 3A, outside of the 410-space station
- evergreen screening between the station and the existing portions of Woodside Cemetery
- specific fencing measures for different locations along the right-of-way, as well as an on-site, hi-rail vehicle review prior to the start of service
- MBTA will replace the drainage culverts within the James Brook drainage basin, and new culverts near Sanctuary Pond
- no use of the gravel pits for wetland mitigation purposes, except with permission by the town
- all tunnels along the Greenbush line will be built with enough vertical clearance for possible future electrification of the line. The town also keeps its right to advocate for electrification of the line

The MBTA will also provide design plans at the 60 and 90 percent completion stages for public comment and review, and meet with each abutter individually to discuss specific mitigation measures.

And Cohasset will also get its own tunnels.

No, these won't be engineering marvels that span hundreds of feet underneath Cohasset Village. They won't even be accessible to humans.

The MBTA has agreed to construct "salamander tunnels" under the railroad bed to allow the amphibians and other wildlife to "maintain habitat access," and "minimize potential impacts to vernal pools along the right-of-way."

Even though it was the MBTA that suggested the "tunnels," it soon become a joke the rest of the board used to needle former Conservation Commission Chairman Thomas Callahan.

The full text of the agreement is available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

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Second-graders write why Moms are special

The following essays were written by Lauren Cook's second grade students at the Joseph Osgood School, in honor of their mothers.



Lauren Cook's second-grade class at the Osgood School, shown here, wrote essays in honor of Mother's Day.

My Mommy has black hair and green eyes and she is very kind and pretty and helpful. She is very smart. My Mommy is going to graduate school to be a social worker. My Mommy helps me with my homework and my cursive. My Mommy and me like to watch movies together and read together. My Mommy makes me feel loved when she takes me on a vacation alone with her. My Mommy loves me a lot and I love my Mommy.
— Cally Altholtz

My Mom has black hair and she is very pretty. She is smart, kind and use to be a math whiz. She works at home taking care of me and the house. She also gets me to school, camp, piano, art class, soccer and basketball on time. She helps me with the math on our homework. I like to do stuff with my Mom all the time. My Mom makes me feel loved when she tucks me in and kisses me goodnight.
— Andrew Burnett

My Mom has black hair and she is very beautiful. She is very kind hearted and loving. She is very giving and generous. She has brown eyes. My Mom works for the Massachusetts Department of Health. She works in a cubical. She helps me by reading with me and helps me with my homework. I like to go shopping and play with my Gameboy with her. She makes me feel loved by putting her arms around me and saying, " I love you, Kiki."
— Khiana Clemons

My Mom is very pretty. She has light brown hair and green eyes. My Mom has a very kind heart. She's wonderful with animals. She's great at spelling and math. She works at home.
She takes care of the family and pets. I am very glad she stays home. She helps me with my homework and my cursive. She helps me with problems. She helps me bake chocolate chip cookies. I love to bike ride with my Mom. I love to garden, go out to lunch with her, and I love to play together. I feel loved when she calls me, "honey."
— Caroline Collins

My Mom has long brown hair and she has green eyes. She is funny, fun and playful. My Mom works as a nurse at Mass. General. She helps me with my homework. My Mom is a great cook and she can cook anything. I like to go skiing, biking and blading with her. My Mom makes me feel loved by hugging me, reading to me and kissing me.
— Prescott Coughlin

My Mom is beautiful. She has blue eyes and brown hair. It is long and straight. She stays home and that makes me feel lucky. She takes care of me. I feel good and safe. She helps me do my homework and makes me understand it. I like skiing with her and gardening with her and cooking and shopping with her. She makes me feel loved by hugging me and kissing me and calling me "Paigy" and tucking me in and kissing me good night.
— Paige DeSisto

My Mom has blond hair and blue eyes. She is very pretty and smart and funny. She works around the house and is a room mother in my class. She helps me with my homework. I like to watch T.V. with her and I like to ride bikes with her. My Mom makes me feel loved when she cuddles with me and kisses me good night. I love my Mom.
— Alexander Everett

My Mom has brown hair and brown eyes. She is very pretty and helpful. My Mama use to be a nurse and took care of the mommies that were having babies. But now she works around the house. She helps me with my homework and my spelling. I like to play checkers with her and I like taking walks with her. My Mom makes me feel loved when she kisses me and when she calls me "sweetie."
— Mia Furtado

My Mom has dark brown hair and brown eyes. She is kind and helpful. My Mom is a house mom. She use to work but she had 4 kids so now she stays home and takes care of all of us. My Mom helps me with my homework and helps me read books. My Mom is very fun to play with. She rides bikes and takes me to the grocery store. My Mom makes me feel loved when she takes me to the toy store and buys me something special. I love my Mom!
— Alex Harper

My Mom is pretty and has dirty blond hair. She has hazel eyes and she is nice. My Mom use to work. When I was born she worked at home. So she could talk care of my family. My Mom helps me do my homework, takes me places, takes me to activities, kisses me good night, and plays with me. I like to go skiing with her, play games with her, and ride bikes with her. She makes me feel loved by kissing me, getting me clothes and letting me do things. I love my Mom!
— Lauren Hayes

My Mom is pretty and smart and nice. I think she's funny too. My Mom use to work in an office but now she stays home. My Mom helps me with my homework. She even helps me build. She helps me with different things like math, art and computers. I like to go for walks together and I like to go swimming together. I just like talking together and we have fun. When I'm sick she's extra nice. My Mom is so, so nice to me. I don't know how to thank her. I love my Mom.
— Robbie Hill

My Mom has goldish blondish hair. She has bright blue eyes. She looks exactly like me. She is very pretty and kind. My Mom works very hard to sell houses so we can go on vacations. My Mom also works very hard to take care of the house and the pets and my brother and I. I like it when my Mom helps me with hard math facts on my homework. I also like when she helps me put my clothes away and when she helps me make my bed. She also helps me when I have a high fever and when I am sick. I like to bake cookies with my Mom and make a pizza with her. I also like to go to a grocery store with her. My Mom makes me feel loved by calling me "Lizzy" and kissing me goodnight. I love my Mom!
— Eliza Kinnealey

My Ma has brown curly hair and she has brown eyes just like me. My Ma is smart and creative and funny and fun and cheerful. My Ma is very, very kind hearted and my Ma is very pretty. My Ma works outside and inside. For outside work she works in her garden and cleans the yard. For the inside work she cooks, cleans, washes the dishes and helps me with my homework and helps me clean my room, and helps with everything. My Ma helps me with my math and helps me sound out words and helps me make stuff and helps me with things I can't reach. Me and my Ma like to play basketball, catch and play mancala and tag and jump on the trampoline. I feel loved when she calls me "BooBoo," and when she hugs me and kisses me. I love my Mom!
— Samantha Liberty

My Mom is pretty, nice, funny, kind, good at lots of art, and really good at math. My Mom works in Boston in an office. She works on computers and works all day. My Mommy helps me by helping me with my homework and helps me at math. She helps me buy my clothes and she helps me by making my dinner. I like it when we draw together and go for bike rides and I love it when we have picnics together. My Mom makes me feel loved when she cuddles up in bed with me and reads me a story. I love my Mom!
— Kerry McCabe

My Mom has blue eyes and brown hair. She is pretty and my Mom has flat hair. My Mom stays home. She helps me learn cursive and helps me with my homework. I like to go places with her. My Mom makes me feel loved when she reads to me. I love my Mom!
— Jack Nelson

My Mom has blond hair and blue eyes and she is very pretty. My Mom works at Talbots. My Mom helps me with my homework and she helps me when I get hurt. I like to go to the movies and I like to go shopping with her. I like to go outside with her and I like to go to the zoo with her and go to the aquarium with her. She makes me feel loved when she calls me "Britt" and when she takes care of me when I'm sick. I love my Mom!
— Brittany Pinkus

My Mom has brown hair and brown eyes and she is very pretty and creative. My Mom use to work at Children's Hospital and she took two years off but she is going to work at Beth Israel Hospital. My Mom helps me with my homework and projects. I like to bike ride with her, play games and color with her. My Mom makes me feel loved when she kisses me and hugs me.
I love my Mom!
— Alexandria Lee Psota

My Mom has blue eyes and dark hair. She is very kind and friendly to everyone. My Mom helps people find new jobs. My Mom helps me with my homework and cooks my dinner. I like to watch movies with her and go on vacations with her. My Mom makes me feel loved when she kisses me goodnight. I love my Mom!
— Christian Quebec

My Mom has lots of freckles, dirty blond hair, blue eyes and she's pretty. She takes care of my little sister a lot. She helps me by helping me with my homework and takes care of our pets. I like to go to the movies with her and go to Bermuda and go to the beach with her. My Mom makes me feel loved by taking very good care of me and reading stories to me.
— Colin Quinlan

My Mommy has brown hair and brown eyes. She is beautiful and very kind. She sells clothes. She helps me by helping with my homework. She takes me out to lunch. My Mom makes me feel loved by hugging me.
— Francesca Sadler

My Mama has brown hair and green eyes. She is very smart and funny. My Mama works at Talbots. My Mama helps me by helping me do my homework. I like to ride bikes with my Mama. I like it when my Mama kisses me. It makes me feel loved.
— Meghann Salerno

My Mom looks pretty and she has brownish and whitish hair and she has blue eyes. My Mom is a doctor and my Mom works in her office. My Mom helps our family by working hard to make money. I like to go skiing with my Mom and snowboard with her. When my mom gives me a hug that makes me feel loved.
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My Mom has brown eyes and hair and she is very pretty. My Mom does day care. She takes care of 10 or 12 kids. My Mom helps me by helping me with my homework. I like to ride bikes with my Mom. My Mom makes me feel loved by hugging me and kissing me too.
— Brian Scott

My Mom is very pretty and she has brown hair and a nice smile and she's smart. She sells houses for Coldwell Banker and she is also a coach of a boys' tennis team. She also does things at our house. She is a really busy Mom! My Mom does my homework with me and she helps me practice basketball and math and writing. I like it when we go skiing together. I feel loved when she hugs me. I love my Mom!
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Everybody loves Nick

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"This is our way of saying 'thanks' to all the kids who have been so great over the six years," said Graham Sida, who was dressed as Austin Powers, the popular character from the movie of the same name.

On hand were Nick's two tutors from the high school, Ted Gledhill and Antione Miller. Nick started out as their community service project, an effort that grew into so much more.

The seniors work with Nick, who is speech impaired, four times a week on average and taught him some words and phrases in American Sign Language to help him communicate. The experience has been so profound that both Ted and Antione wrote their college essays about their relationship with Nick.

His special education teacher, Judy Ritts, said Nick connected immediately with Ted and Antione.

"He needed to communicate and interact more," she said. "He just lights up when they walk in."

The rest of the sixth-grade is also learning some phrases in sign language and will sing and sign "That's What Friends are For" as part of the class graduation ceremonies.

"Nick has been such a gift to us all," Ritts said.

Fellow sixth-grader Tom Fletcher, 12, serves as Nick's buddy on the school bus and helped him adapt to riding on the regular bus this year. In prior years, Nick rode in a separate van to school.

"It was a great opportunity for Nick," Tom said. "I couldn't turn it down. He's a great kid."

Most mothers would have a car full of gifts to take back home from a party that size. But Nick's mother, Christine, asked everyone to bring some dog or cat food instead. Nick donated the pet food, treats and kitty litter – two SUVs full – to the animal shelter in Scituate on Tuesday, his actual birthday.

The family has two dogs and three cats, Christine Sida said, adding that Nick loves animals. Christine got the idea from her 50th birthday held at the Lightkeepers last March where instead of personal gifts, she asked for donations to the Special Olympics and raised $1,000.

The party and upcoming graduation are bittersweet for the family. The Sidas haven't decided if Nick will attend the middle school next year or go to a special school.

"He's grown up with these kids and we're reluctant to send him to a special- ed. school," she said, explaining that she is meeting with school special education director Stephen Kaplan to see what the options are.

Larry Shultz, Nick's homeroom teacher, was one of several faculty members who came to the party Sunday.

He said Nick's popularity was evident when the class had to pick a T-shirt color for the sixth-grade Olympic day. The class chose orange.

"I said 'why orange'?" Shultz recalled. "They said it was Nick's favorite color and they wouldn't have anything but orange."



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CHS senior Ted Gledhill, right, helps sixth-grader Nicholas Sida communicate through American Sign Language.

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STUDENT ART

Deer Hill helpers, sixth-graders, Heather Sestito and Flossie Clougherty, pose with the permanent clay tile mosaic display unveiled at Tuesday's art show, "Favorites 2001," that represented the artwork of all Deer Hill students.

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Longtime CHS English teacher and drama coach bids adieu

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spend some time with his friends, as he calls his students in the Cohasset Drama Workshop.

"In most schools, kids either do athletics, or drama, or band," he said. "Here they do all three. That's why I rehearse at night. I can't make them choose between one of them."

It also gives him more time in a room that he will soon become a stranger to. Emmons has decided to bring the curtain down, on a 39-year career as a high school English and drama teacher.

"My life has changed," said the 62-year old, who began his teaching career in 1961. "I got married a year ago for the second time. I'm now living in Wellesley, and commuting down Route 128 and Route 3 is such a pain." He's also very critical of how the 1993 Education reform Act has changed teaching for the worse.

But there is one factor that didn't play into his decision to call it a career this June.

"It's certainly not the kids."

Early inspiration

Emmons had wanted to be a teacher since he was an eighth grader in Long Branch, N.J. He said while his father was away fighting in Korea, his teachers, particularly his social studies teachers played a major role in his development. He graduated from Monmouth College in 1961 with a degree in education and English and promptly got a job teaching in Neptune, N.J. He was recruited to teach at a new regional school in Shore, N.J. where he stayed for five years until a visit to Cohasset convinced him to move.

"I'd been up to visit once and fell in love with the area," he said. "And I wanted to escape the New York metro area."

He came for the area but stayed for the students.

"In terms of your clientele, you don't leave," he said about his longevity. "In terms of learning yourself, and being questioned by your students, this is the best place to be."

He started as a part-time social studies, part-time English teacher, "with an emphasis on English," and eventually became the English teacher whose class everyone has to take their senior year.

"I've taught every senior that has graduated from Cohasset High School for the past three years, and before that every junior and senior," he said. As a result, Emmons has been allowed to get to know his students perhaps more than most teachers.

"It means writing a lot of college recommendations, and reading a lot of college essays," he said. "I get to learn what's exciting to them. It helps me to know them better."

Drama director

Emmons had started acting while in high school and continued it in college. He began directing while at Monmouth and continued at his stops in New Jersey. However, by the time he left for Cohasset, he needed a break. "After my six years in New Jersey, I had already burned out," he said. "They had wanted me to do three plays a year."

After starting in Cohasset in 1967, he didn't direct his first production for nine years, and instead worked towards earning a master's degree from Bridgewater State College in 1975. In the fall of 1976 he staged the first performance of "Godspell," and it has become a favorite amongst his students and himself.

This weekend Emmons will have come full circle. Starting Friday night, the Cohasset Drama Workshop will present Godspell for the ninth, and final time, under Emmons direction.

"They [the seniors] did it as freshmen and wanted to do it one more time," he said. "And they thought it seemed appropriate to make it my last show."

Emmons is receiving some help from friends. His daughter Jenna, Class of 1987 and Stewart Replogle, Class of 1977, have roles in the production. Margaret Barlow, who was in the very first production in 1976, is the choreographer. His wife, Linda French, an astronomy professor at Wheelock College, is in the band playing bass guitar, and the Rev. Gary Ritts will be on keyboards.

Cohasset has been a regular visitor to the state Drama Festival finals during Emmons' years. The production "Story Theatre" took first place in 1979.

"But I've never done a production I haven't been proud of," he said.

Emmons has had a few success stories over the years. Nancy Walls appeared on Saturday Night Live for a while and is now a regular on the Comedy Channel's The Daily Show. John Kuntz won the Elliot Norton Award — the Boston version of the Tony Awards — for writing and performing a couple of years ago. Karen Anglin and Peter Reardon have also become professional actors.

"And at least three of my students have their doctorates in English and are teaching at the college level," he said. "I'm as equally proud of them."

Creativity in learning

Emmons didn't mince words when discussing the recent changes in teaching thanks to the onset of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test.

"It's just not Cohasset," he said.

Emmons, the high school's AP English teacher, pulled out a copy of an essay question on the AP English exam that asked students to discuss a piece of literature's main character in terms of his or her madness.

"Now this is a thinking question," he said.

He said MCAS forced teaches to teach in a strict just-the-facts type of way that takes the fun and creativity out of learning.

"If you learn simply just to get through an exam, then that's good for just a year," he said. "But you need to develop an interest in lifelong learning. They should leave here with questions. If they don't they're not going to keep searching. They'll leave thinking they know everything."

He was also critical of teachers having to pass a standardized test before becoming certified.

"Teaching is an art," said Emmons. "It's absurd to think that you can give a test to find a teacher. It's like saying you can give a test and find an artist.

"Remember those ads where it said 'Draw me and win an art scholarship'? It's like that. 'Match this test and you can go in a room and teach.'"

Future plans

Emmons isn't entirely sure what the future will hold. He said he would like to pick up class at a local college, and spend time with his wife during her upcoming sabbatical.

But mostly he said he'll try to get used to a Cohasset-less life.

"I love this town. It's been home. It was very hard to move away," he said. "My life was this high school for 26 years."

He said he'd miss all his "friends" and all his colleagues that supported him over the years. "You don't do something like this as long or as successfully without the help of other people."



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CHS student David Ingber as Judas in "Godspell," the final show being directed by retiring teacher and drama coach Ron Emmons. Because seating for Godspell is far more limited than it would be at the high school (200 seats rather than 450), tickets should be purchased in advance from the main office at the high school or from cast members. Ticket information is also available by writing to GodspellCHS@aol.com. All tickets are $10 with one-third of the profits going to assist the Appalachia Service Project.



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Attorney: allegations against clerk a sham

Troopers' lawsuit claims Ligotti part of OT scam

By Mary Ford
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Joseph Ligotti of Cohasset, clerk magistrate at Hingham District Court, is at the center of a whirlwind of controversy over an alleged overtime scam operated out of the Norwell State Police barracks.

Trooper Kevin E. Roberts of Hanover, who is facing a court-martial, claims he was retaliated against after blowing the whistle on fellow troopers who allegedly colluded to get overtime through an elaborate scheme, involving Ligotti, to send Rte. 3A speeders to Hingham District Court.

But Robert Jubinville of Milton, attorney for Ligotti, said the allegations against his client that include his berating ticketed motorists when they appeared before him in court are "absolutely ridiculous, it never happened."

"This part of the suit is going nowhere, it's made up."

— Robert Jubinville, attorney for Joseph Ligotti

"No one has ever made a complaint, not one motorist," he said.

Jubinville speculated that Roberts brought the issue forward because he felt he was being gypped out of overtime.

"This (alleged overtime irregularities) was raised by Mr. Roberts in April of 2000," he said. "It was reported to Judge Lombardo and an investigation took place that determined there was no wrongdoing."

The issue has its roots in January of 2000, when Roberts complained to Sgt. Charles E. Cosgrove of Hingham , one of his supervisors, that certain troopers were grabbing the lion's share of the federal grant money awarded to pay for overtime for increased traffic enforcement, said Gerard Nissenbaum, attorney for Roberts and Cosgrove. Contractually, overtime is supposed to be allocated fairly.

Cosgrove and Roberts, who say they were transferred out of the Norwell barracks for disclosing the alleged conspiracy to their superiors, claim they have been harassed and have filed a civil suit in Superior Court under the state's whistleblower law.

"The problem should have been taken care of and instead they (state police) came after us," said Cosgrove, who has been a state trooper for 16 years. Cosgrove said other troopers besides Roberts also complained but Roberts was the one who pushed the issue.

Nissenbaum also hopes the governor will ask the US Attorney's office to look into the matter because federal funds were involved and that the state police shouldn't be investigating themselves.

The four troopers identified in the civil suit are Sgt. Robert Blazuk, Sgt. Michael Valair, Sgt. Matthew Palmero and Trooper Timothy Reardon.

But state police spokesman, Capt. Robert Bird, said the department's initial investigation vindicated the people involved.

"Because of the allegations, the department brought charges of untruthfulness and abuse of process against Roberts," Bird said. However, he said an internal investigation is continuing because of the increased scope of Roberts' allegations. Bird explained that state police routinely investigate themselves.

"We do this every day of the week," he said. "It's our duty as a department to investigate complaints against our people."

According to Nissenbaum, here's how the alleged scam worked. Vehicles traveling northbound on Rte. 3, for example, were clocked by a trooper with a radar gun from the Rte. 139 overpass in Marshfield and subsequently stopped once they crossed the Norwell town line. That way the speeding motorists would be sent to Hingham District Court where the troopers would have a better chance to log some overtime. Marshfield falls under the jurisdiction of Plymouth District Court.

The suit alleges Ligotti, the clerk magistrate in Hingham, who is also bail bondsman, was friendly to certain officers who generated bail money for him. He would give motorists, who were written up by the "favored" officers, short shrift. So, the motorists — facing fines and the likelihood of insurance surcharges — would appeal their cases to a judge necessitating the trooper also appear. Troopers get a minimum of four hours of overtime when they make a court appearance.

As bail bondsman, Ligotti gets about $25 of the bail money for arrests on weekends or evenings when the court is closed.

But Jubinville, Ligotti's attorney, said there are too many "ifs" in the allegations to make them credible.

"So many things have to happen here for the scheme to work," Jubinville said. For example, the four accused troopers and clerk would all have to be in cahoots and hope those ticketed would appeal. And then they'd hope Ligotti would berate the motorists, as is alleged, causing them to appeal to a judge.

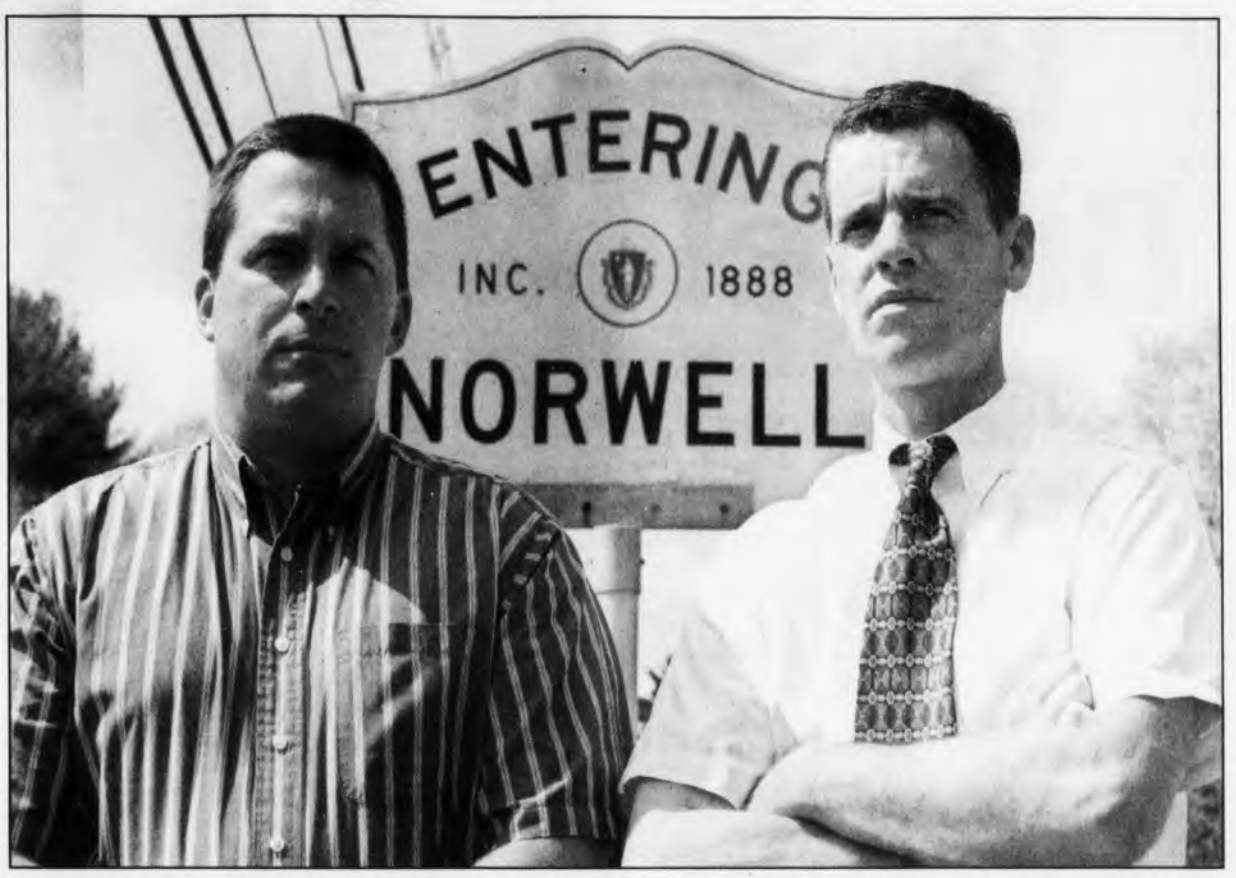
"Also, there is no shortage of speeders on Rte. 3," Jubinville said, adding there would be no reason why the troopers would have to set up an elaborate scheme of clocking speeding motorists in Marshfield and stopping them in Norwell. And Hingham isn't a high bail area, he said. "There isn't a lot of crime," he said. "On a good weekend (a bail bondsman) might make $200 and that's with all six (police departments) in the district including the state police."

"This part of the suit is going nowhere," Jubinville said about allegations against Ligotti. "It's made up.

"If they can produce one shred of evidence that a conspiracy existed, then I will publicly apologize," he said. "If not, they should apologize to the officers and Mr. Ligotti." Ligotti is still on the job at the courthouse although he is not conducting any hearings for speeders until this matter is resolved, Jubinville said.

According to the lawsuit, in January 2000 Roberts approached Cosgrove, one of his immediate supervisors, with his observations about Hingham District Court irregularities. In his capacity as sergeant in the Norwell barracks, Cosgrove informed his supervisors. What followed is a complicated series of events that resulted a cover up by higher ups and retaliation, the troopers allege. Cosgrove, who was transferred to Middleboro, claims he was retaliated against because he pursued Roberts' allegations with his superiors. Roberts, who was transferred to Bourne, claims he has been subject to a series of retaliatory actions including court-martial proceedings.

Both men are seeking reinstatement to the Norwell barracks, monetary damages for emotional distress. Nissenbaum said his clients have the backing of the state police union.



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Chuck Cosgrove of Hingham , left, and Kevin Roberts of Hanover, right, shown here on Rte. 3 at the Norwell line, claim the state police retaliated against them when they blew the whistle on an alleged ticket scam.

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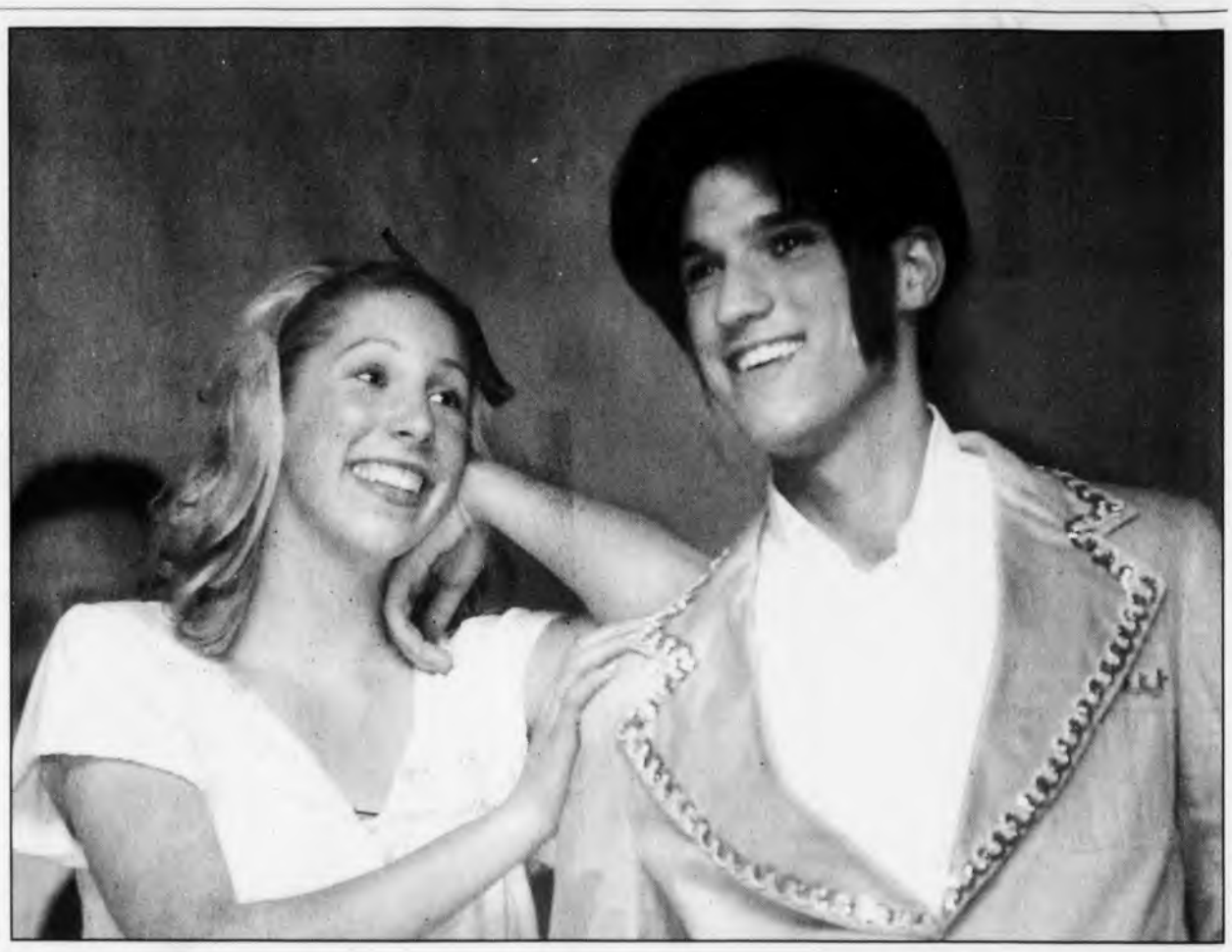
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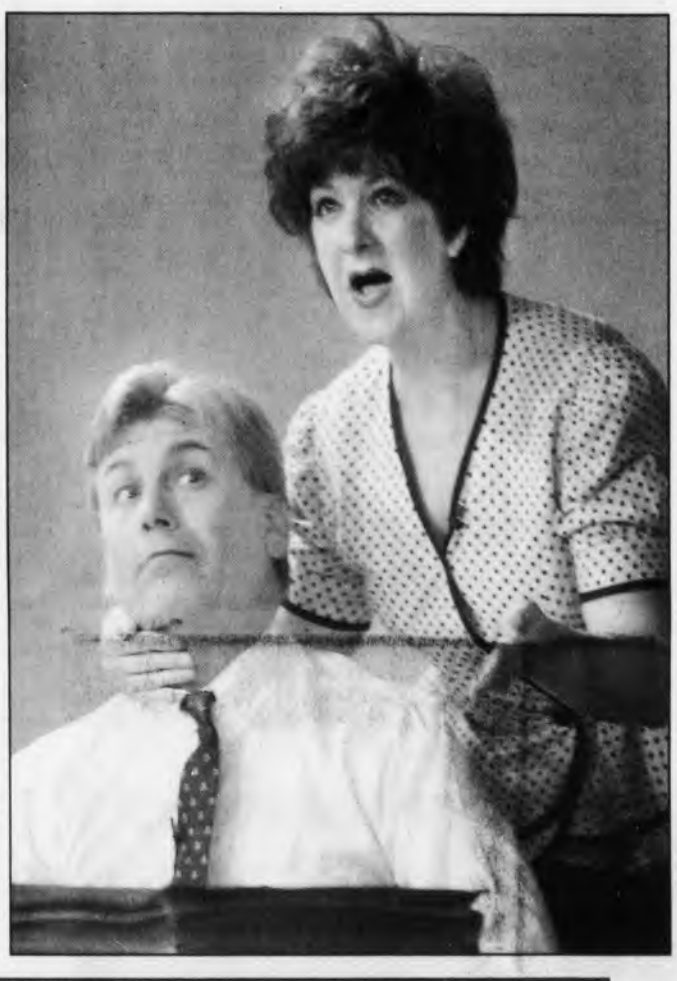
Conrad comes to Cohasset

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



On right, David Bernardinelli as rock 'n roll idol Conrad Birdie is adored by Dale Gustafson in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "Bye, Bye Birdie" on stage at Town Hall.





The Teen Chorus in "Bye, Bye Birdie" pines for Conrad Birdie, an Elvis-like figure who comes to town and sweeps all the girls off their feet. When Birdie arrives in Sweet Apple, Ohio, the population goes crazy. At right, Rose (Marin Cronin) exhorts Albert (Jim Garrett) to get out of the music business.



Corie Bulman tells Kim what a Dreamboat Conrad, who has been drafted into the Army, is in the popular musical on stage at Town Hall through May 20. Call 781-545-9717 for tickets. In the story, Kim is the lucky Birdie fan, whom the rock 'n roll idol will sing a farewell to on the Ed Sullivan Show.





Above, Mr. and Mrs. MaCafee (Bill White and Cinda Donovan) complain about all the fuss over Conrad Birdie. At left, the mayor of Sweet Apple (Bruce Wilson) and his wife (Jean DiGiacomandrea) sing what to do about "Kids" today in the musical on stage at Town Hall.

Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

Stars of the Week

The Cohasset High boys track team kept its perfect record intact on Thursday to claim at least a share of the South Shore League crown, something it hasn't done in 25 years.

Liam Martin won the 300 hurdles and set a new league best in the high jump at 6-3. Other big first place finishes were taken by **Robin Cunningham Brian Krupczak, Tim Baird,Dan Kinchla Craig Davis, Peter Maitland** and **Steve Laney.**

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On the South Shore
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Skippers struggle to put it all together

A pair of frustrating losses drop C.H.S. baseball team to 4-7

By Mike Spellman
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As Roseanne Roseannadana used to say, "if it's not one thing, it's another."

More times than not this season, the Skippers have received solid pitching, hitting and fielding. Unfortunately, these vital baseball elements have seldom come together at the same time. The result is a 4-7 record.

"We've been in every game we've played this year, but too often we've found a way to shoot ourselves in the foot," said Cohasset coach Bob Knurek. "It's been a costly error here or a baserunning mistake there, or a lack of timely hitting."

The Skippers' skipper added that the latter failing has been a particularly vexing nemesis for his boys in blue.

The team is hitting a solid.260-plus collectively, and three of the top four in the order are batting well over .300. Cleanup man Tim Straughn, who drilled his second home run of the season Monday, is currently fourth in the South Shore League in hitting with a .417 average. One-two hitters Doug O'Brien and T.J. Bilodeau are each over .370.

"When I think of all the runners we've left on this season, I just shake my head," said Knurek.

Back-to-back losses on the road to South Shore League rivals Norton and Norwell this week punctuated the coach's contentions. This dropped Cohasset's record in-league to 0-7.

On Monday, the Skippers fell 7-3 to Norton, wasting a solid five inning relief stint from Matt Ogrodnick. A couple of early errors put Cohasset in a hole out of which they could never dig. The team also stranded five runners in scoring position in the game.

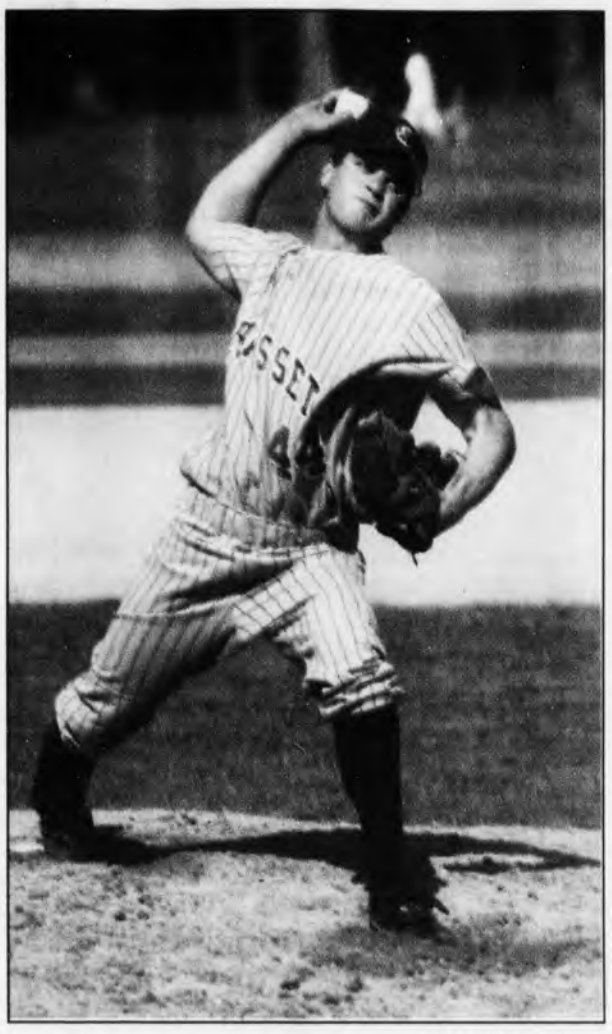
The following afternoon, the Skippers went five innings without a hit, but then exploded for five base knocks and four runs in the sixth. However, that was two runs short of the Clippers total for the afternoon, and it's all the Skippers would get.

Bilodeau and Matt Snowdale combined for a solid one-two punch on the mound, but, once again, it wasn't quite enough.

"I just keep trying to convince the kids that sooner or later they're going to start getting those breaks that have been going against them," said Knurek. "Coming up just short so often has to be extremely frustrating for them, but to their credit they're hanging in there."

Knurek's aim is to turn this source of frustration for his team— the fact that they've been so close so often— into a source of hope and

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset hurler Nick Bolster brings the heat. The Skipper ace suffered a detached retina last week, and may well be lost for the remainder of the season, making the 4-7 team's push for a post-season berth all the more daunting.

Our great American pastime

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN



Ah, springtime: when a young sports fanatic's fancy turns to baseball.

And what could be better. It's finally starting to actually feel like spring and the Sox are looking strong. When Nomar returns, who knows....

It gets a father of young baseball fans to thinking how great it'd be to take in a game at Fenway.

I'll do it just like I did last year. Let's see now...B-o-s-t-o-n-R-e-d-s-o-x-.-c-o-m.... "ticket sales" (click) ... "bleachers" (click).....SCREECH!

"THEY WANT HOW MUCH FOR A TICKET THIS YEAR??!?!"

Well, there's always television.

Of course, there's nothing like spending the day at the ballpark, the smell of the freshly cut grass intermingling with boiling hot dogs and melting candy, the excitement and, most of all, this wonderful game being played by finely honed and committed athletes. Could anything possibly be better than enjoying all of this with your kids?

Unfortunately, the Sox have priced out this father of four.

FORTUNATELY, high school baseball season is now in full swing, and several of our area teams are shaping up into pretty compelling stories. And best of all, it's all free: parking AND (in most cases) admission. Second best of all, the drives are a lot shorter. Of course, with gas

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS LACROSSE
3 beat Marshfield, 15-2

BOYS LACROSSE
4 beat Norwell, 8-4
5 beat Walpole, 16-4
8 lost to Hingham, 9-7
** For report, see page 17*

BASEBALL
3 lost to Hanover, 5-0
4 beat Hingham, 9-3
7 lost to Norton, 7-3
8 lost to Norwell, 6-4

BOYS TENNIS
4 lost to Hanover, 4-1
7 beat Norton, 5-0
8 lost to Norwell, 5-0

GIRLS TENNIS
4 beat Hanover, 4-1
7 beat Norton, 5-0
8 lost to Norwell, 3-2

TRACK AND FIELD
2 Abington- boys won, 73-63
girls lost, 79-57
** For report, see page 17*

GOLF
2 lost to at Norwell, 8.5-0.5
4 beat Abington, 5-4
7 lost to Hanover



STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Whether it's on the courts, the court or the soccer field, Erik Shea has given his all to Cohasset High athletics.

Be true to your school

Cohasset's Shea is a young man of all seasons

By Mike Spellman
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There seems a better than fair likelihood that Erik Shea has never heard the above song, which is more than twice as old as he is.

Indeed, it seems something of a long shot that this 1963 Beach Boys classic receives much play on the stations preferred by the Cohasset High senior.

But that's OK; it's not like he requires any additional motivation. He is already extremely "true to his school."

The first thing you should know about Erik: he is an exceptional soccer talent. He has played the sport year-round with the Crusaders of the Massachusetts Elite Premier League since the age of 11, traveling all over the nation several times a year, and even twice to Europe, to compete in tourneys against the cream of the cream of the soccer-playing crop.

For several of his Crusaders teammates — such as Rutgers-bound Brian Johnson and Virginia-bound Chris Corcoran of Marshfield High, both of whom were honored as high school All-Americans this fall — soccer is the extent of their athletic life, playing high school in the fall and club the rest of the year.

Erik couldn't do that. For starters, he enjoys playing several sports. Then there is the issue of how much Cohasset High means to him.

"I've made a lot of friends at Cohasset High and gotten a great education, " said Erik. "Playing sports here means a lot to me."

And that is why he participates in high school athletics year-round as a Skipper, playing basketball in the winter, and this spring, for the first time, playing on the tennis team...actually, playing doesn't quite say it. In fact, he shines.

This season marked his third as a member of the CHS varsity hoops squad. He was one of the tri-captains who helped direct the Skippers to a 14-8 season and a trip into the second round of the state tourney. He finished second in the team in scoring (12.5 ppg) and was deservedly named a South Shore League All-Star.

Cohasset basketball coach and Athletic Director Ron Ford said Erik could have easily scored 20 points per game if he'd been the focus of the offense, a role Ford said he could have easily shouldered. However, with one of the smallest teams in the area, the Skippers were best served going with a motion offense and constant ball movement, and Erik was right in the middle of that, ranking high on the team's assist board as well.

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Clippers reign all over SSL

By James Olson
CORRESPONDENT

On Tuesday, the Norwell boys tennis team once again solidified its position in the South Shore League as the team to beat with a resounding win over the up-and-coming Cohasset squad.

Though the Clippers took the win, 5-0, Cohasset managed to stay competitive in a few of the matches.

Norwell's sophomore sensation Sam Bitetti, possibly the top singles talent in the state, had no trouble getting past Cohasset's ace senior Erik Shea, 6-2, 6-0.

Throughout the entire match, Bitetti was able to capitalize on even the most minor mistakes made by Shea with hard ground strokes and a punishing overhead slam.

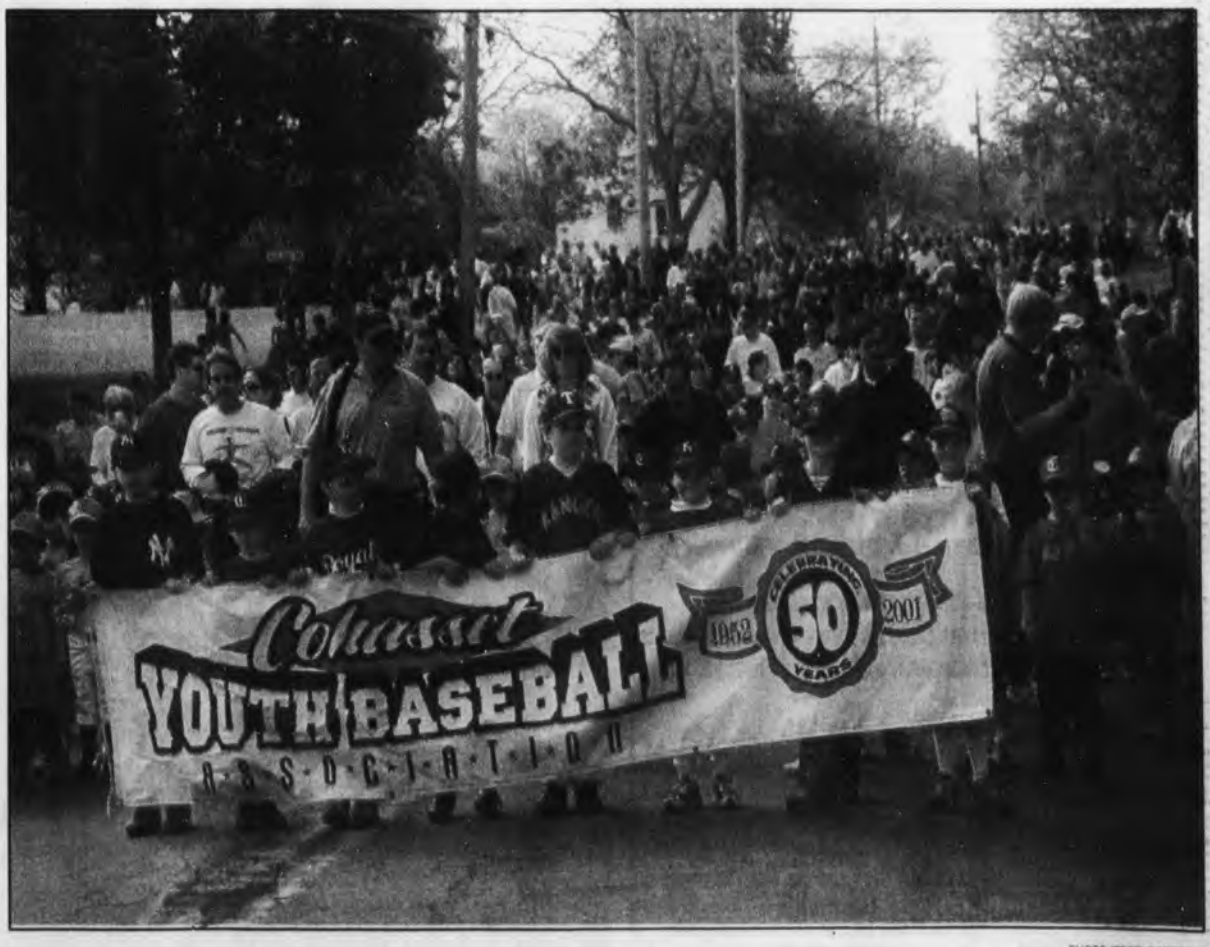
At second singles, Skipper senior captain Chris Golden was unable to maintain his season long unbeaten streak, falling to Mike Wiltshire, 6-3, 6-2.

Golden had won his previous six matches, including two over his counterpart on the extremely strong Hanover team, before dropping this one.

Undefeated senior captain Sebastian Colella of Norwell ousted first year sophomore David Ingber at third singles, 6-3, 6-4. Both sets were won by one break, as Colella

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PLAY BALL!



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset Youth Baseball held its annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday to kick off the 2001 season. ***More Opening Day photos and coverage, see page 16.***

Opening Day





Clockwise starting above: Alex Gilman and Patrick Doonan with teammates from the defending champion Athletics team. The A's won their season opener on Saturday in thrilling fashion *(see story on this page).* Terrance Doonan couldn't help but smile after the defending championships. Stefi Belz (L) and Paige Strecker had on their game faces. To the victors got the spoils. The championship softball team, Astros, and baseball team, Athletics, got to ride in style Saturday. Lorraine Tarpey and son Brendan Tarpey were all smiles (and half smiles) at the Opening Day festivities.

Photos By Fred Robertson



Kennedy powers Athletics back to their winning ways!

Sunday nights "Game of the Week" at Barnes Field featured the high flying Rangers, fresh off a big win over the Pirates, against the defending champion Athletics.

Neither team disappointed. This back and forth battle kept the fans in their seats for the entire game. John Harrington's towering home run over the center field fence and a great relief pitching performance by Kenny Muir looked as though it would be enough to keep the Rangers win streak alive, but those hustling Athletics showed what champions are made of.

Getting his first start of the season on the mound, Pat Doonan was able to overcome a shaky first inning by striking out four Rangers in a row to give notice to the rest of the league that he's for real. 10-year old rookie sensation Mike Froio pitched very strong in middle relief. Veteran Austen Lanzillotti closed out the game for the Athletics on the mound, showing great command of all his pitches.

The Athletics experienced a "power outage" with Alex Gilman unable to play because of a sore elbow. The Athletics knew his bat would be sorely missed, but the rookies filled the void on this night, with Emerson Oronte making great plays in the field and rookies David Toomey and Eric MacCarthy showing the fans "the art of two strike hitting" by both working two strike walks in the bottom of the sixth. The importance of their contribution cannot be overlooked, for they scored the tying and winning runs of the game. Earlier, Evan Deutsch delivered a two out base hit that produced two RBI. This hit seemed to get the Athletics relaxed and ready to defend their title.

Tri-Captain TJ Kennedy took over the game with two outs in the bottom of the sixth with the A's still trailing by a run, delivering a bases clearing two strike double over the center fielders head to propel the Athletics to their first win of the season.





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Laxers fall to powerhouse Hingham

Moore's hat trick not enough to prevent frustrating 9-7 loss

Despite a career-best game by junior attackman Jason Moore, the Cohasset boys' varsity fell to Hingham 9-7 in a match-up of two of the state's top Division 2 squads.

Hingham, which already boasts a victory over Division 1 defending state champion Winchester, grabbed the lead four minutes into the first quarter and held it throughout. The Skippers closed to within one, 6-5, at the end of the third, but the Harbormen pushed it back to three in the first two-and-a-half minutes of the final period.

Ronan Buick's and Paul Previte's late goals weren't enough as Cohasset fell to 5-2 in the Pilgrim Conference and 8-2 overall. For Buick, one of the leading scorers in the state

The Skippers were led by Moore's three goals and two assists, and strong inside moves against a tough Hingham defense. What hurt Cohasset the most were technical fouls and blown possessions.

"In the first half alone, we had six possessions where we lost the ball without taking a shot due to mental errors like moving picks," noted coach Kevin Orcut. "Three of those turnovers directly led to goals. Our effort and our hearts were there, but our heads weren't ready to beat a team of this quality."

Cohasset was also hurt in the first half by its failure to control faceoffs. The insertion of sophomore midfielder Robert Hickey in the second half made a huge difference. Hickey, who had sat out nearly two weeks with a hand injury, teamed with Buick and soph middie Matt Davis to trigger a run of six out of seven faceoff wins.

"Hickey had a good game," said Orcutt, "and our defense played pretty well. But every time we'd gain some momentum, we made poor decisions that stopped us in our tracks."

In goal, junior Kyle Weber had another solid performance, clearing well and making 12 saves.

Besides Moore, Cohasset scorers were Previte and Buick with a goal and an assist apiece, Davis and Eric Libby, each with a goal, and Hickey with an assist.

Buick, one of the state's leading scorers, now has 67 points in just 11 games.

Prior to this tough loss, the boys notched a pair of wins, over Norwell and Walpole, to wrap up their first tournament invitation in four years.

Cohasset 8, Norwell 4

Led by their veteran defense, the Cohasset boys' varsity fought off brutal heat, injuries and a tremendous Norwell effort to upend their Pilgrim Conference rivals, 8-4.

In what coach Kevin Orcutt termed "our best defensive effort of the season," the Skippers shut out Norwell in the first half, never trailed, killed off the final minutes of the game without losing possession, and scored as time expired. Defensive captains Geoff McWilliams and Justin Langham played what were perhaps their finest games in a Cohasset uniform, holding the 25th-ranked Clippers at bay. Junior goalie Kyle Weber dominated, making 10 saves without allowing a score in the first half, and finishing with 17 for the day.

"I'm very proud of what this team accomplished today," said Coach Orcutt. "We lost one of our best midfielders, Sean Chase, with a separated shoulder, and faced an opponent committed to beating us. We got an early lead on tremendous play by our attack, weathered a second-half comeback by a courageous Norwell team, and controlled the pace of the game at the end better than any time this season."

After a scoreless first quarter, Cohasset got on the board first on an isolation play by junior attackman Paul Previte. Working from the center of the field about two minutes into the second quarter, Previte shook off his defender, and threw in a low shot by Norwell goalie Brendan McDonald. A minute later, sophomore attackman Curt Kahn caught a Previte pass and quicksticked the ball into the upper corner for a 2-0 lead. Junior attackman Jason Moore extended the lead to 3-0, whipping in a feed from senior Ronan Buick.

Norwell opened the third quarter with a pair of goals, but Cohasset responded with goals by sophomore midfielder Tom Anderson and senior captain Lane Forrer, slowed by bruised ribs, who scored on a rocket into the upper corner.

"In pain, Lane played an amazing game," said Coach Orcutt. "His effort mirrored that of all the seniors. They simply refused to lose. Ronan Buick had the greatest two-point game (one goal, one assist) I've ever seen. McWilliams and Langham had an answer for everything their offense attempted. They demonstrated what leadership is all about."

In the fourth quarter, Buick and Moore bumped the lead back to four, scoring 13 seconds apart. Norwell answered with one, but the Skippers controlled play for the final eight minutes. Kahn ended the scoring at the buzzer, on a pass from junior attackman Eric Libby.

Previte led the scoring with a goal and two assists, while Kahn and Moore each had a pair of goals. Buick had a goal and an assist, Libby had a pair of assists, Anderson and Forrer a goal apiece, and sophomore Matt Davis had an assist.

"Beside the seniors," said Orcutt, "I have to acknowledge sophomore Nick Spirito, and our two freshmen defenders, Steve Davis and Conor Buick. They really stepped up to the challenge today."

Cohasset 16, Walpole 4

Playing the second half of back-to-back road games, the Skippers came out sluggish against their opponents, and led only 6-2 at the half.

"I challenged the boys at that point," said Orcutt, "and they responded."

Buick took over on offense, and finished the game with six goals and a pair of assists.

"Ronan added 15 miles per hour to his shot against Walpole," said Orcutt. "He was scoring from outside the restraining line against a pretty decent goalie."

A key moment came between the third and fourth quarters, when the referees whistled two dead-ball penalties against the Skippers, one for an illegal stick, the other a bench penalty. Down two men, Cohasset went on a scoring tear, finding the back of the net six times in a three-minute spurt.

"Our offense and defense continued to mesh well," said Orcutt. "Sophomore middie Tom Anderson had one of his best games, Curt Kahn surprised everyone by showing great defensive skills on a stint at midfield, and seniors Geoff McWilliams and Justin Langham continued to excel."

In the goal, junior Kyle Weber had eight saves while allowing three scores, before giving way to freshman Nick Murphy, who registered six saves while allowing one tally. Playing attack for the last quarter, Weber picked up a pair of assists.

Besides Buick and Weber, Cohasset scorers were Paul Previte (two goals, two assists), Eric Libby (two goals, one assist), Kahn (one goal, three assists), Anderson (two goals), and sophomores Nick Spirito (two goals) and Matt Davis (one goal).

Cohasset faces Pilgrim rival Barnstable in a rematch on Friday night at Alumni Field, starting at 7 pm. On Tuesday, May 15, the Skippers host Pilgrim member Duxbury, the number-one ranked team in Massachusetts, at Alumni in a 6 p.m. start. And the following afternoon, Cohasset travels to Hanover for a rematch that begins at 4 p.m.

Boys track team clinches SSL crown

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High track team kept its perfect record intact on Thursday to claim at least a share of the South Shore League crown, something it hasn't done in 25 years, with a 73-63 win over Abington in a battle of unbeatens.

A victory this Thursday over Carver would give them the title outright.

Liam Martin won the 300 hurdles and set a new league best in the high jump at 6-3. Robin Cunningham captured both the triple jump and 110- meter hurdles for the victorious Skippers

Other Cohasset winners included Brian Krupczak in the 200, Tim Baird in the mile and Dan Kinchla in the 2-mile.

The Skippers also cleaned up in the throwing events, with top places going to Craig Davis (shot put), Peter Maitland (javelin) and Steve Laney (discus).

Girls track

Hurt by a lack of numbers, the girls squad continued to struggle, as they fell to Abington, 79-57, to drop to 1-4 on the season. Maura O'Brien (high jump), Jen Buckley (mile), Catherine Flaherty (400), Maureen Equi (both hurdle events), and Gelian Weber (800) all posted first place finishes for the Lady Skippers.

SPORTS NOTES

American Legion baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Scituate/Cohasset Legion baseball team will be held the next two Sundays, May 13th and 20th, at the Scituate High baseball field at 4 p.m..

Attendance is mandatory at these two tryouts.

All questions should be directed to head coach Scott Arnold (545-1896).

Correction

The pictures that appeared of Cohasset's Kelsey Bell diving last week were actually from the J.O East National Championships in Bloomington, Indiana, and not from the New Englands, as reported.

Summer programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 2001, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball — Milliken Field, Monday, June 25, to Friday, June 29; ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $150; ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $80. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club, Frank Niles.

North East Speed Training Camps — Milliken Field, Mondays and Wednesdays, June 25, to July 24; boys and girls ages 9 to 13, 6 to 8 p.m., price $85.

South Shore Basketball School — CHS Sullivan Gym, Tuesday, July 10, to Friday, July 13, ages 8 to 11, price $130; Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 20, ages 12 to 15; (Price includes a camp shirt.). Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff. The trime for both camps will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m..

Lacrosse Girls Clinic — Milliken Field, Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 20; entering grades 5-7; 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., price $70. Directed by Chuck Jaffe.

This summer lacrosse clinic is a prelude to a spring, 2002 lacrosse program for girls.

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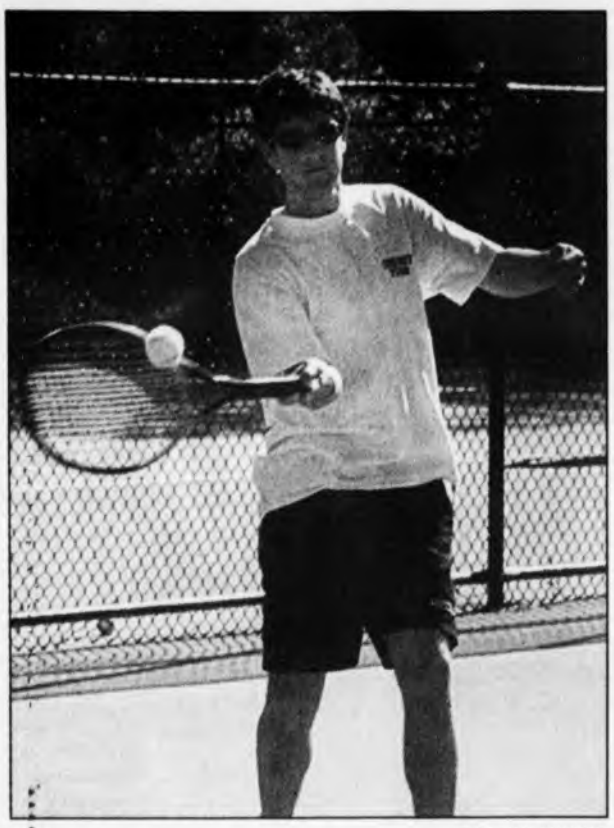
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Cohasset's David Ingber fell just short of an upset over Norwell's Sebastian Colella in third singles Tuesday.

Clippers reign all over SSL

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managed to stave off a late comeback by Ingber. After falling behind 5-1 in the second set, the Cohasset sophomore rallied to take the next three games before Colella held serve in the 10th game of the deciding set.

Rory O'Connor and Justin Meddaugh, fresh off their recent three set victory over Matt Edwards and Pouri Pandian of Hanover, fought off the senior-junior tandem of Jeff Scribner and Joe Niessink, 6-3, 6-4. Scribner and Niessink did not even lose a game the only other time they played together, a laugher over Norton earlier this week.

Mike Allan and Kyle Swartz continued their season long success with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Casey Brewer and rookie freshman Robbie Carpenter.

Girls tennis report

Norwell also prevailed I nth much anticipated showdown on the girls side, taking the Lady Skippers I na 3-2 nailbiter.

Cohasset, either sole holders or co-holders of the league championship the last six years, dropped a duel match to the Lady Clippers for the second straight year.

The match did feature a battle between far and away the two best female players in the SSL, sophomores Lindsay Grossman, and Sam Bitetti's sororal counterpart Sarah.

Grossman served notice that she's the one to beat on the SSL tennis circuit for the next few years, as she dismissed Bitetti is resounding fashion— 6-2, 6-2.

At second singles, sophomore Julie Shea found her career long unbeaten streak in jeopardy when she dropped the first set 6-3, but she recovered en route to her three set victory.

Norwell's three wins came from the remaining three spots in the line-up. All three were intense three set matches, but all went to the visiting Lady Clippers.

Both Norwell teams stayed unbeaten on the year, while the Cohasset boys dropped to 4-3, and the girls to 7-1.

Our great American pastime

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prices these days, some might say it's a pretty close second.

Let's start with the **Scituate** baseball team that has exploded into prominence this season. After going two seasons without qualifying for the post-season, the Sailors became the first team in Eastern Mass to secure its berth in 2001, taking win number 10 of the campaign on April 28. The team is now 11-1, the lone blemish coming at the hands of perennial Patriot League powerhouse Middleboro (6-1 in league, 11-2 overall). These two squads are slated to for their second go-round next Wednesday at Scituate High (3:30) in a contest that will likely determine the Patriot League champion.

The Sailors have outscored their 12 opponents this season by a mind-numbing total of 111-27. The offense has been powered by Jesse Cole (.564), Jason Connelly (.455), Greg Levin (.417), as well as by the dynamic leadoff-cleanup brother duo of Bryan and David Butterworth. It's pitching that has been at the heart of this team's success, though, with Cole (5-1, 1.57 ERA), Connelly and senior captain Tim Duggan sharing the starting duties. All three have been consistently very good to spectacular thus far. Scituate has surrendered no more than five runs in any game this season, and just over two per game on average. All three of these hurlers have taken no-hit bids into the late innings in the last two weeks.

And, as good as this team is this season, they should be even better next season, with eight regulars returning, including juniors Cole, Connelly, Levin and David Butterworth. So this could be at least a two season investment for your baseball passions.

The rest of *Marinerland* features a bunch of teams currently in the thick of the post-season hunt, the minimum requirement for which is a .500 record.

Marshfield (5-5), **Hanover** (5-5), **Silver Lake** (6-6) and **Hingham** (5-5) all entered this week of play right at .500, while **Rockland** (5-7), **Norwell** (5-7) and **Abington** (4-8) still had a tourney berth very much in their sights.

Then there's the "Little High School that could," **Cohasset**. Drawing from a student population that just barely climbed above 300 this year, the CHS squads have somehow found a way to remain competitive in virtually every sport in the ultra-competitive South Shore League, where the second smallest school (Hull) has more than 80 students, and the rest have anywhere from 100 to 250 more. Tim Straughn is "the man" for the Skippers (4-7). He is currently second in the SSL in hitting (.488) and on Friday went the route on the mound to help Cohasset to a 9-3 win over Hingham, a perennial powerhouse in the bigger Patriot League. Senior captains Doug O'Brien and TJ Bilodeau play huge roles in keeping this young team focussed and playing together.

After starting the season 0-5, the young and banged up **Norwell** nine have managed to win three of their last five contests. The Clippers will probably need a big showing over the next week, though (with four games on the slate), if they're going to keep their playoff hopes alive. Staff ace Bobby Savoy, who missed much of the early going with arm pain, is now back close to 100 percent and should get one or two of the starts on the mound. The team has all the motivation it needs, this being the final season on the bench for head coach Al Kasalty, who has taught and coached year round at Norwell High since it opened in 1966. Indeed, it seems a long shot that anyone who's seen more than a handful of Norwell High sporting events over the last 3.5 decades hasn't noticed the "friendly giant" on Norwell sidelines. "Big Al" is an institution at the school, in the town and, really, in the entire South Shore sporting community. And this baseball season will be your last chance to see him (unless, of course, football coach Jim Sullivan is successful in his attempts to lure him to return for a 36th season as an assistant coach next fall).

There is a mirror image of this story in **Abington**, where the rebuilding Green Wave is doing its best to send extremely popular 33rd year head coach Tom Graham into retirement on a high note.

Rockland has been something of a Jeckyl and Hyde team. Wins over Hingham and South Shore leading Hull earlier this season were high points, but, as the 4-7 record indicates, there have been plenty of low points too.

Still, this is Baseball.

A football game is a great event; clearly, there's nothing in sports that compares to it in scale. For non-stop intensity, basketball is the best. Hockey is my favorite game to watch live. My pet response to anyone who tells me they don't like hockey is "Oh, then I guess you've never been to a game."

That said, there's nothing in the sports spectatorship forum that compares with being at a baseball game.

I don't know if it's the way the game has been so widely romanticized by our culture. Or if it's the fact that there are no time limits and a relaxed pacing, or simply that it's just an excuse to get outdoors to enjoy the weather after a rough winter. But there is clearly just *something* special about being at the ballpark, and that holds equally true for Fenway Park, your local high school or the little league field down the street.

Call the schools. Check out the papers. If your hometown team isn't playing today, it shouldn't be hard to find another game. In a neighboring or nearby town. Believe me, it's a great way to spend a free afternoon.

Be true to your school

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"Erik really bought into our system and made it go this year," said Ford, who's coached the CHS varsity squad for 10 years. "He's just an extremely unselfish athlete who always puts the team ahead of his own glory or goals. And what he did on the court was only half the story; he was also just a phenomenal leader."

This leadership and unselfishness was in full evidence this past Christmas vacation when Erik opted to stay home to play in Cohasset High's annual holiday basketball tourney rather than accompany his Crusaders teammates to a showcase tourney in Florida, an event attended by several hundred collegiate soccer coaches who were in town for their annual convention. Crusaders teammate Jarrod Anderson missed Norwell High's holiday basketball tourney in order to travel to Tampa. Not that anyone can fault him; indeed, this trip seemed like a no brainer, especially to someone like Jarrod and Erik, who hadn't committed to a college at that time.

Fortunately, Erik has since been accepted at Bowdoin College, where he will play soccer next fall.

"How much more evidence do you need that this kid is totally committed to his school," posed Ford rhetorically, pointing to these kinds of sacrifices, which he says were commonplace during Shea's high school athletics career.

In the spring, Shea has in the past concentrated primarily on soccer, with the outdoor season resuming. This year, however, his last at Cohasset High, he decided that he wanted to participate in one last season, so he tried out for tennis.

"I guess I just didn't want my high school sports career to end yet" said Shea with a chuckle. "I thought a little bit about baseball, but tennis is my stronger sport."

Though he'd never before played in high school, Erik had knocked the ball around pretty regularly as a member of the Cohasset Tennis Club over the years, so he figured he'd have a pretty good shot at making the CHS squad. However, he says he never expected he'd be named the team's number 1 singles player. In fact, he sounds almost embarrassed over the fact that he splits that duty with four-year varsity player and team captain Chris Golden.

"Chris would probably beat me more times than I'd beat him," said Erik, humbly, who helped the Skippers improve to 5-2 with a win over Norton on Monday, and has them on track to qualify for the state tourney for the first time in a few years.

"But this is good for match-ups (against other teams)," Erik added, "because Chris is better than most number ones and probably just about all number twos."

Ron Ford, on the other hand, was not the least bit surprised by Erik's rapid ascension through the C.H.S. tennis ranks.

"Nothing Erik does as an athlete is that surprising to me," offered Ford, whose known Shea since he participated as a grade schooler in his summer basketball camps. "He's obviously a gifted athlete, but more than that he totally commits to anything he's doing. Soccer is clearly his first love, but it never seemed to me that he let that take priority over basketball. He worked as hard at practice as anyone else, and I'm sure it's the same in tennis."

The Crusaders have gone to the Massachusetts Premier League (MAPLE) State Finals each of the last three years — winning the title to advance to the finals in their region (Virginia to Maine) in 1999, making them one of the top eight teams in the nation.

When asked about his greatest sports thrill, however, Erik starts with Cohasset High's upset win over top-seeded Westwood in the state high school soccer tourney in the fall of 1999 and advancing to the semi-finals of the tourney this past season before falling to top-seeded and unbeaten Norwell in a game many felt the better team lost.

"I know that might sound crazy, but that's just the way it feels for me," said Erik. "Obviously, there's a higher caliber of play in (MAPLE), but there's just something special about playing with the kids you grew up with and who you see every day in school."

Actually, it doesn't sound crazy at all.

Skippers struggle to put it all together

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motivation

"I think they've seen that no team in this league is unbeatable," noted Knurek. "On any given day, any team can beat another. So far we've only been on the wrong side of that, but we've got to believe that's going to change."

The Skippers must make that belief a reality six times in their remaining nine games if they're to finish with a .500 record and qualify for the state tourney.

That task became a little more daunting last week when the team lost staff ace and number three hitter Nick Bolster to a partially detached retina. The malady was not the result of anything the junior did (at least so far as he knows); rather he just woke up with it one morning last week. He's had problems with the eye before, so surgery was deemed the best course. The procedure was performed Tuesday morning.

The likelihood of Bolster's return to baseball this season was unknown at the time of this writing. Knurek, to his credit, insists that he's not even thinking about the situation in those terms right now.

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Youth laxers continue to roll

Contributed by Chuck Jaffe

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program played seven games last weekend, winning six and continuing an outstanding season.

The weekend's action started Friday, May 4 when the Cohasset Blue12-and-Under team hosted an unbeaten squad from Scituate.

In a pitched battle, Cohasset jumped out to a lead, only to have Scituate battle back twice. Cohasset opened the scoring with goals from Charlie Czerkawski, Parker Berg and Chris Mills. Scituate then gained the momentum and outscored Cohasset 4-2 for the rest of the period, closing the gap to 5-4 despite goals from Berg and Nick Zappolo. Cohasset then extended its lead to 8-4, shutting Scituate out during the second quarter, only to have the opponents bounce back in the third stanza so that the contest went into the final quarter at 9-8 Blue.

Scituate tied the score early in the fourth quarter, and appeared to have the momentum, when Dan Trendowicz finished a spectacular play by shooting while on the seat of his pants and connecting for his second goal of the game. Adam Smith and Justin Connors contributed their first goals of the season, and Chris Davis scored his second of the game as Cohasset pulled away to close the game at 13-9.

Mark Flibotte also scored twice for Cohasset, with Berg, Mills and Michael Bunstein picking up assists on the day.

Meanwhile, in Norwell, the Cohasset 14-and-Under squad jumped out to a 6-0 lead that it never relinquished. While Norwell cut the deficit to two at one point, it could never get back into the game.

Scoring was spread evenly with multiple goal games from Sam Steele, Jake Previte, and John Grimm. Zack Etkind scored his first goal of the year off a nice feed from Previte and Billy Carbone closed the scoring out to make the final score 11-6. Chris Simms was strong again in the goal with several excellent saves to help the team build its big early lead.

The day ended in Cohasset, where the 10-and-Under squad hosted an unbeaten team from Charlestown in a seesaw battle that lasted nearly until dark.

Cohasset jumped out to a first quarter lead of 3-0, with goals coming from Jack Murphy, Andrew Bell and James Reichardt. Charlestown responded in the second quarter, cutting the lead and then trading goals so that the game was 6-5 at the half. Cohasset's second quarter goals came from Chris Walsh, Danny Brady, Owen Landon and Chris Brown.

The second half continued to be highly competitive, with both squads making fine offensive plays and coming up with key defensive stops.

Cohasset's defensive was lead by quality goaltending from Wes Ulmer and Logan Chase. When the final whistle blew, Cohasset was on top 11-9. Cohasset's second half goals came from Andrew Bell, Justin Yeager, Will Wise, Eamon

Davis and Reichardt, with Paul Guinee adding an assist.

The little guys then started the action on Sunday, May 6, as Cohasset hosted three teams from Martha's Vineyard and one from Norwell.

Fresh from Friday night's challenge, the Cohasset 10-and-Under squad was ready from the opening whistle, displaying fine play at all areas of the field. Cohasset seemed to be getting all the ground balls and jumped out to a 5-1 halftime lead on the strength of two goals from Ivan Sceery, one each from Eamon Davis and Will Wise and a goal and assist from Chris Brown. Wes Ulmer was strong in the goal during the first half.

Cohasset continued its strong play in the second half, adding five more goals to close out a 10- 3 win. Second half goals game from John Kearney, Chris Brown, Jack Murphy, Gabriella Flibotte and Ian Quinlan, with Murphy adding an assist.

Next, Cohasset Blue took the field and played an impressive game, jumping out to an 8-1 lead before coasting to a 18-10 victory. Michael Bunstein led the way, scoring 5 goals and three assists. Peter Ernst and Nick Zappolo each added a hat trick. Mark Flibotte, Charlie Czerkawski, Dan Trendowicz, Chris Davis, Matt Burgess and Adam Smith scored single goals. Parker Berg picked up two assists, with Ernst and Flibotte getting one each.

The last game against the Vineyard was the lone loss of the weekend, a 12-7 setback in a game where Cohasset fell behind and simply could not battle back. It was a complete reversal for the 14-and-Under team compared to Friday's Norwell game; the team got off to a slow start and fell behind 6-0 in the first quarter.

Cohasset cut the lead to 8-3 by half-time and got as close as three goals at 9-6 and 10-7 in the fourth quarter, but ran out of steam and lost 11-7.

John Grimm, Jake Previte, and Sam Steele all scored during the furious comeback attempt. Chris Simms made several outstanding stops over the last three quarters to keep Cohasset in the game. Trevor Brady played strong defense from his midfield position and Aidan Buick had several excellent assists from his attack position.

The weekend closed with the Cohasset White 12-and-Under team playing its way to a sloppy but-successful 11-8 win over Norwell.

Jared Kinch, fully recovered from an injury that forced him to miss the early-season games, fed Chris Mills for the only scoring by either team in the first quarter. Corey Chase accounted for all Cohasset's second-period scoring, netting the ball twice, to equal Norwell's total for the entire first half.

Cohasset extended its lead in the third quarter, with Kinch scoring three times. Hunter Sease's first goal of the season and a Dan Trendowicz-from-Michael Bunstein connection gave the local team a three-goal lead it would never relinquish. The two teams traded goals in the fourth quarter, with Michael Grimm scoring twice for Cohasset and feeding Corey Chase, who finished his hat trick on the day.

Jared Dick, who volunteered for extra goaltending duty — having both played for the Blue team and in a soccer game — had his best game of the season, coming up with 14 saves.

Cohasset Blue is now 4-2 on the season, while Cohasset White is 5-0. The 10-and-Under program is 4-3 and the 14-and-Under program is 4-2.

For more information on Cohasset Youth Lacrosse — including up-to-date statistics on the 12- and-Under teams — go to www.cohasset-lacrosse.com.

Flaherty leads strong Cohasset contingent at Weston Invitational

THE EXTRA MILE

With Joe Reardon

Aquila Judge gave the Weston Twilight Invitational spectators a glimpse of the talent that garnered her the state indoor heptathlon championship. The Scituate junior, who has pretty much proven she is the best all-around female track & field athlete in the state, won the 100-meter hurdles with a meet record of 14.8 seconds and dominated the jumping events. Judge took the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 3-1/4 inches and landed in the pit 35-11-3/4 from the take-off board for her third first-place finish.

Judge's hurdle time eclipsed the 15-flat turned in last spring by Somerville's fine hurdler, Whittly Jourdan. To no one's surprise, Judge's trifecta earned her the meet's Outstanding Athlete Award.

The meet is used as a tuneup for several coaches for this week's league meets and the Coaches Invitational, set for this coming Saturday. The boys' meet will be held in Danvers and the girls will head to Plymouth South to compete.

Judge was one of several individual winners from the South Shore. Cohasset's Catherine Flaherty blitzed the 400-meter field to the tune of 62.5 and Notre Dame's Kourtney Trainor bolted to a win the 300 low hurdles with a time of 47.6. On the boys' side, Cohasset's Peter Maitland's javelin throw of 167-8 was more than far enough to take first place.

Notre Dame's Suzanne Timmons sprinted to a second-place finish in 12.6 in the 100 and Scituate's Kiely Cuddihy was second in the shot put with a heave of 34-11-1/4, one of two personal bests on the day. Cohasset's Liam Martin soared to an impressive 6-2 in the high jump, also good enough for second.

Emily Tansey of Scituate went for the win in the mile in a gutsy race. Tansey was passed for second place in the final 150 yards by Brookline's Vannessa Mazandi. Tansey's time of 5:22.1 was a season best and put her in front of Norwell's Kayla Halloran, who was clocked in 5:24.9.

Scituate High head coach Bill Smith was thoroughly impressed with Tansey's aggressive racing tactics in what has grown to be a very popular and competitive outdoor meet.

"I have to say that it is the best way to compete," he said. "Go for first place. If it doesn't work, the 100-percent effort is the mark of a champion in the making."

In the high jump, Lydia Shute of Norwell and Scituate's Jane Thies were third and fourth, respectively, with identical leaps of 4-10. Thies also placed fifth in the long jump with her 15-7 measurement. George Thibeault of Norwell was in the running in the javelin and finished a strong third with a throw of 162-1.

Alisa Cotter of Norwell was fourth in the 800, bolting across the finish line in 2:28.Notre Dame came up with a pair of fourth-place finishes as Cunningham hurled the shot 34-3-1/4 and Cara McDonough hit 108-3 in the javelin.

Cohasset's Brian Krupczak and Tim Baird ran well in their respective events. Krupczak was fourth in a tough 200 field with a time of 22.8 and Baird ran 4:44 in the mile to finish sixth overall. Norwell's James Galvin's toss of 42-5 in the shot put earned him a fourth-place medal and Steve Laney of Cohasset took sixth in the discus with his 118-9.

Jenna Zarick's 64-flat in the 400 was good for fifth for the Norwell runner and teammate Healy Zarago burned a 28.7 200 for fifth.

On The Roads

Abington swept the top-two places on the women's side at the 2nd Annual Whitman Firefighters Association 5K on April 22. Nicole Cashman crossed the finish line in 22:49 to take home first place, 24 seconds in front of Pam Doherty (23:13). Hanover's Cassandra Clancy finished third overall and won the 40-49 division in 23:20 and Pembroke's Elizabeth Donovan was fourth in the same division with a time of 27:14. Scituate's Paul Brigham ran 24:32 to clinch second in the 60-and-over category and George Anderson, also of Scituate, pushed to a fifth-place showing of 22-39 in the 40-49 group

A pair of Scituate runners won their respective age groups in the Lions Club Run For Sight 5K in Quincy. Ted Coyle was first in the 30-39 group at 18:38 and Scott Newkirk ran away with the 40-49 championship in 18:55. Sharon Iarih of Hingham ran well to take fourth with a time of 25:14 in the 30-39 division.

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Cancer survivor pitches in for Relay For Life

By Rick Collins
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Even though she was diagnosed with breast cancer in October of 1997, Shelly Donze considers herself lucky.

"I'm fortunate to have had the support of my husband, Jeff, and my two children," she said.

Donze is a volunteer with the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program which organizes free rides for cancer patients to doctor appointments and radiation treatments.

"I drive people who haven't been as fortunate as I am," she said.

She also feels lucky to still be around for her children. "I lost my mother when I was nine, and I was diagnosed when my daughter was five and son eight," she said. Her children, are now nine and 12, and she is in remission.

"I feel very lucky."
— Shelly Donze

"I feel very lucky," Donze said. Starting next year, Donze, will be coordinator of the program on the South Shore. "It gives me a chance to feel like I'm contributing," she said.

While undergoing treatments in 1998, Donze participated in her first Relay for Life event in Cohasset, as part of the First Parish Church team 'High Spirits.'

Three years later, not only is Donze captaining a team for the second year, but she is also on the event's planning committee. "I was so impressed by it, I decided I had to volunteer for the event and got on the committee," she said.

Donze's job this year has been organizing corporate sponsorship. "I've been going around to local businesses in Cohasset and surrounding towns, asking for gift certificates for a special balloon pop," she said. In exchange for a donation, people will be able to choose a balloon containing a gift certificate worth more than their donation. "They'll get a little bit more for their money," she said.

The Relay for Life is now in its fourth year in Cohasset. Last year in Cohasset, 300 participants raised $109,000. Across the state, 36,000 people took part in 34 events, and raised a total of $5 million for the American Cancer Society. Money raised is used for research, education and local services for cancer patients and their families.

This year, the event will start at Cohasset Middle/High School on May 18 at 3 p.m. and conclude May 19 at noon.

Donze's team last year raised slightly more than $6,000 for the fight against cancer — the second highest total of all the teams. This year, Donze, and her 40-member team, have their goals set on the top spot.

"We're aiming for $8,000 this year," she said. "We're definitely growing and I'm very excited to see that."

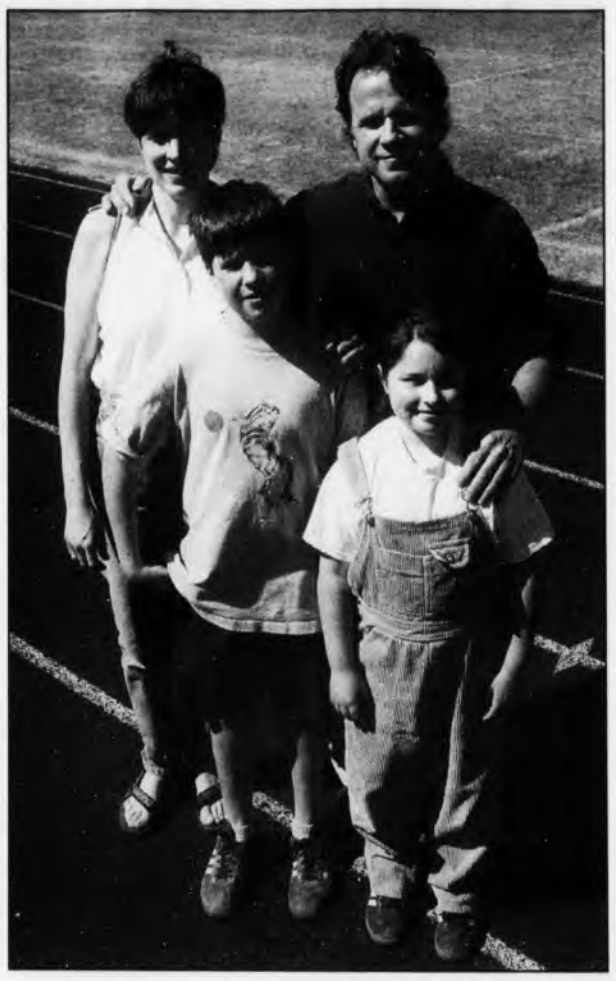
She also hopes to spend the night on Alumni Field as she did last year for the first time.

The relay is a special time for her, particularly the opening Survivor's Lap, where cancer survivors take a ceremonial lap around the track. Last year, 70 cancer survivors took part in the Survivors' Lap. This year, organizers hope 100 will participate.

"It's like group therapy," Donze said. "Only those people know what you've gone through and what you're feeling."

Luminaria offered

A special luminaria ceremony held during the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset remembers those who have lost the fight to cancer and honors those who have survived. Luminaria candles will be lit at Cohasset High School, May 18 at 9 p.m. to represent those individuals. All members of the local community are invited to the ceremony, regardless of whether or not they are participating in the actual relay event. Anyone desiring to purchase a luminaria candle may do so by calling the American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880. A minimum donation of $5 is asked for each luminaria candle.



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Shelly, left, with her husband, Jeff, and children, Chris and Margo, stand on the high school track where the annual Relay for Life will be held May18-19.

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Self defense

The Social Service League and the Cohasset Board of Health present "Life Skills," an introduction to self-defense through martial arts, with Sifu John C. Loupos of Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi/Internal Arts, Monday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Anthony's Parish Center, Summer Street.

This program is open to the public and is free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the Social Service League at 781-383-0771.

Night at the Pops

You don't need to travel into Boston to have a night at the Pops. Cohasset High School music students will perform cabaret style in the cafeteria the evening of Wednesday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.

This annual fund-raising event is sponsored by the CHS Arts Boosters. There will be a $5 admission charge at the door. For further information, call 781-383-6113.

Abbey plant sale

Saturday May 12, 8 a.m. to noon, a large selection of plants will be available for sale on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. (Rte. 228) in Hingham. Perennials, ground cover, Bushes, herbs and garden soaps made by Brother Jonah will be on sale. Plants are all being donated from local private gardens in the Hingham/Cohasset area, many will be divisions of specimens plants grown in the Abbey gardens. Young plants to mature plant divisions will be available to tempt local gardeners. Proceeds will be donated to the Benedictine monks of Glastonbury Abbey who use the funds to beautify the Abbey grounds

Lecture series

The following lectures are sponsored by the Cohasset Historical Society:

• Thursday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., "Irish Moss — Scituate," Eugene "Paul" MacDonald, Lightkeepers, refreshments.

• Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., "Reflections of a Portuguese Descendant," Cathy Oliver Lyons, Lightkeepers, refreshments.

• Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m., "Mini Walking Tour of Cohasset Common Historic District," conducted by curator David Wadsworth and board of directors. Meet outside community center. Refreshments. (In case of rain, slide show version.)

Thursday, May 31, 7:30 p.m., "Beechwood Then and Now," Rebecca Bates-McArthur, Lightkeepers, refreshments.

For information, call 781-383-1434, 383-1614 or 383-9042.

Fab Four on ice

The Skating Club of Hingham and Pilgrim Blades present their annual ice skating show Saturday, May 19. This year's show is "A Tribute to the Fab Four;" featuring music by the Beatles, with performances at 2 and 6 p.m. The show will be held at Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive. Tickets cost $5, with children under 12 admitted free.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Skating Club of Hingham office at the Pilgrim Skating Arena. For further information, call the club office at 781-749-6660.

Family night at Turkey Hill

Family night at Turkey Hill will take place at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 11.

The Trustees of Reservations welcomes the public to enjoy the sunset along with a snack, campfire and nature activities atop the scenic Turkey Hill. Free of charge.

Consignment shop closed Mother's Day

Cohasset Consignment Shop manager, Andi Merrill, announced that the shop is staffed by volunteers and as a courtesy to their families, the shop will be closed on Sunday, Mother's Day, May 13.

Regular hours Monday through Saturday the hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. after May 13, Sunday hours will be noon to 4 p.m. The shop is located at Tedeschi Plaza, Rt. 3A.

Merrill said there are unusual pieces of antique English china, Holland plates, Waterford picture frame, vintage sterling jewelry, as well as an assortment of men and women along with children summer dresses, blouses, shorts, jackets and slacks.

All proceeds benefit health workshops, school scholarship and a Myriad of programs sponsored by the social service league in the towns of Norwell, Scituate, Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset.

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IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 13, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, May 2, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#587979
Cohasset Mariner 5/10/01

105 BORDER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Cohasset Town Hall on Mon., May 21, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.7b., 9.11, 8.7.b of the Zoning Bylaw and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Philip & Joan Shockman, seek to replace house at **105 Border Street** according to the application on file in the Clerk's Office.

File #01-04-19

AD#574605
Cohasset Mariner 5/3, 5/10/01

170 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., May 21, 2001 **at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 12.4, 9.6 & 9.11 and Variance 5.3.1, 9.6 & 9.11 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Edward E. & Sharon T. Chase** seek addition and garage at 170 South Main St., according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-04-26.

AD#577028
Cohasset Mariner 5/3, 5/10/01

380 BEECHWOOD ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Mon., **May 21, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **James P. & Susan G. Cope** seek to construct addition at **380 Beechwood St.,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-04-30

AD#582193
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792A JERUSALEM RD.
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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Monday, **May 21, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **appeal of decision** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cifrino,** seek to **appeal the Building Inspector's decision dated April 25, 2001** at **792A Jerusalem Road,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-05-01

AD#582381
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A public hearing will be held at the **Cohasset Town Hall on Mon., May 21, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **9.7.8, 8.7.b** of the Zoning Bylaw and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant **Lynn Palmiter** seeks to build an addition, at **97 Border Street** according to the application on file in the Clerk's Office.

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WORSHIP NEWS

May procession at St. Anthony's

A May procession will be held during the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony Parish on Sunday May 13. Children who will have received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 12, are asked to participate in this annual procession. The First Holy Communion services on Saturday will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The parents of children currently registered in St. Anthony's religious education program will receive registration forms for next year in the mail. Parents are requested to return these forms by June 1. New .registrations are being accepted and parents are asked to call the religious education office at 383-0630 to obtain a form. Children who will be entering grade one in the fall will begin a two-year preparation for First Eucharist.

This past Lent, children in the religious education program contributed more than $600 to Catholic Relief Services' annual "Operation Rice Bowl" program.

A celebration in honor of St. Anthony of Padua, the parish's patron saint, is being planned for June 12. Volunteers are asked to call either the religious education office or the rectory at 383-0219 to help in planning.

The parish's youth ministry's Relay for Life Team will sell luminary bags for the upcoming Relay for Life following the Masses at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. this Sunday; May 13. A $5 donation is asked to purchase a luminary that can be dedicated in honor of or in memory of a loved one who has suffered with cancer. Anyone wishing to help sponsor any member of the teams may call Bill Coleman at 383-0219, extension 19.

Mormon conference

Sessions of the Spring LDS General Conference may be viewed on Cable Ch. 10 each Friday for one hour from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

General Authorities, leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including church president, Gordon B. Hinckley, will speak on relevant issues including traditional values, family unity, and changing lifestyles. Music will be by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The programs originate from the newly constructed Conference Center in Salt Lake City.

Churches talk on tolerance

As part of the Anti-defamation League's statewide "No Place for Hate" program, clergy from the Hingham-Hull Religious Leaders Association will speak from their respective pulpits about the escalation of prejudice and bigotry in our country in recent years on May 11-13.

Hingham and Hull, as well as several other South Shore communities, have scheduled a number of programs throughout the year that promote tolerance and teach people to respect each other's differences.

A number of Hingham and Hull Congregations will share in next weekend's "No Place for Hate" campaign. To date, participants include:

Congregational Church Congregation, Sha 'aray Shalom, First Baptist Church, First Parish Old Ship Church (Unitarian Universalist), Glastonbury Abbey(addressed the theme on Sunday, April 1), House of Prayer Lutheran Church, New North Church, Second Parish(Unitarian Universalist), The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints,The Christian Science Church (will address the theme as part of its regular Wednesday meeting on May 16).

For more information please contact: Barbara and Mitch Marcus at 781-749-7426, or send an email to noplaceforhate-Hingham@juno.com.

Thoreau at Old Ship

A three-week class on "Thoreau as a Spiritual Guide" begins on Wednesday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St. The class will be led by Old Ship's minister, the Rev. Ken Read-Brown, and is open to the public. Using Henry David Thoreau's classic Walden as the text, the class will explore the relevance of Thoreau's experience and ideas for our lives today, personally, socially, and ecologically. Walden, originally published in 1854, is an account of Thoreau's two years living in a small cabin next to Walden Pond in Concord

OBITUARIES

Maryadelle Burke Coville



Maryadelle Burke Coville

The funeral of Maryadele Burke Colville a dedicated New England Baptist Hospital graduate nurse, mother and wife will be held May 14, at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Mae died after a valiant 12 year struggle with brain cancer which was diagnosed shortly after earning a Business degree at U of California Berkeley. She was 49 years of age. Mae lived in Portola Valley, Calif. and was the wife of Dr. James M. Colville, an Orthopedic Surgeon, and mother of two daughters, Kayley (9 1/2) and Alana,(5 1/2) years old.

Mae was one of the four daughters of Thomas E. and M. Rita Burke, sister of Joanna M. Burke of Malibu, Calif., the late Patricia E. Burke and Andrea M. Burke, Thomas W. Burke of Charlotte, N.C., Christopher J. Burke of Lake Bluff, Ill., and John A. Burke Houston, Texas.

Mae and her brothers and sisters were all born and raised in Cohasset, From Mae's earliest years, nursing was to be her career. Her work as a Pediatric Intensive Care Nurse at Mass General Hospital, and being the Killington, N.H. Mountain Ski Patrol nurse, she found most challenging. C.P.R. certified, Mae received a Red Cross certificate of merit signed by President Ronald Reagan for saving the life of a pedestrian from a fatal coronary on June 25,1985, Growing up Mae had many interests which included being a member of Marsha Breen's first Silver Blades precision skating team at the new Cohasset Skating Rink, Girl's Golf at Hatherly Country Club and getting her Sailing Masters at the newly formed Cohasset Sailing Club. As a member of the class of 1970 at Cohasset High School Mae was a unique cheerleader for she taught her six year old sister, Andrea, all the cheers and moves such that Andrea became a most happy squad mascot. Mae never lost her love of the game of hockey having had three brothers that played Pee Wee through college hockey. She and her husband were season ticket holders of the California Sharks hockey team.

Mae's husband was the Olympic Water Polo team's doctor and Mae often traveled the world-over with him. She was an active member of her Portola Valley community mainly volunteering every week in the schools and chairing the pre school's major fund raiser two years in a row. She was a communicant at St. Dennis Catholic Church Menlo Park and enjoyed being part of the Renew group.

Mae had a golden quality, matching her hair, of selflessness along with an optimistic personality. She seemed always to be happy, a joy to be around, She will be sorely missed by her family and many friends. May she rest in the peace she surely deserves.

Visiting hours will be Sunday, May 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony Church at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 14. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Anthony Church Bldg. Fund 129 South Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025

Alzheimer's support group to meet

Judith Karpinski, a Clinical Social Worker with a private practice in gerontology, will speak to "Caring for an Alzheimer Patient: Emotional dilemmas" on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. before the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore Meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham.

Karpinski is a gerontology specialist working in the Quincy South Shore office of Family Service of Greater Boston for individual and family interventions with adult mental health and issues of aging. Her focus is providing support services for caregivers who are striving to keep older relatives at home. A question-and-answer session will follow her presentation.

For information call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell 781-749-5417. This meeting is free and open to anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's respite care for an Alzheimer's patient so that the family may attend this lecture is available at Harbor House.

Reservations for respite care must be made in advance by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House at 781-749-4774 x843 by 3 p.m. on May 23.

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Glass with class

Unique exhibit runs through June 3 at South Shore Art Center

By Seth Jacobson
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The New Hampshire-based husband and wife team of Dan Dailey and Linda MacNeil have something in common within the confines of their art work—glass.

Now, the two artists have brought examples of their innovative pieces to Cohasset's South Shore Art Center in a show called "Art in Glass and Metal." The exhibit opened April 20 and will run through June 3.

Both artists' pride themselves on creating unique fine art pieces with rare kinds of glass, but they both have different ways of going about that task. Dailey's technique is glass-blowing, while MacNeil concentrates on making extravagant pieces of jewelry by cutting and shaping large pieces of glass. Both artists interweave the use of various metals in their art.

"It's an extraordinary opportunity to have this caliber of a show," said Chris Rifkin of the South Shore Art Center. "We're lucky to have it. Both of them have their work displayed in collections around the world."

Dailey has his art work on display overseas at The Louvre, the Kestner Museum in West Germany, the Yokohama Museum in Japan. Here in the states, Dailey displays at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts

MacNeil also has international appeal. Her artwork can be seen at Les Archives de la Cristallerie Daum in France, the Victoria & Albert museum in England, and at Waterford Crystal in Ireland. MacNeil also has pieces at the Smithsonian Institute

The South Shore show is a collection of work completed over two decades.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

South Shore Art Center Board of Directors member Chris Rifkin stands amid the "Art in Glass and Metal" exhibit now on display at the Cohasset gallery. New Hampshire artists Dan Dailey and Linda MacNeil are showing 50 of their unique pieces of art through June 3.

"It's a show that we put together from our own collected archive," Dailey said. "There are about 50 pieces all together, all made between 1982 and 1998."

Dailey his glass pieces all have one constant theme—they are all based on the foundation of the shape of a simple vase. Dailey added his work is also heavily influenced by historic time periods like ancient Egypt, and ancient China.

"There's just something about the artistic challenges those people set for themselves when they were working on a certain structure," Dailey said. "I don't feel contemporary art is as engaging."

Dailey said all his pieces are meticulously crafted through a "labor intensive" process. He said the pieces he is displaying at the show are nice examples of the variety of the work he does. He added most of his vases are decorative, not "functional."

Dailey said MacNeil is mainly featuring her "neck pieces" in the show, most of which can be worn.

"There's some geometric influence on her work," Dailey said of his wife, "but there's an interest in organic form as well."

Rifkin said looking at the couple's creations is a magical experience.

"When people see this exhibit, they're not going to believe the pieces are actually made out of glass. Most people have no idea what can be done artistically with glass, but this show is a real eye-opener."

Chris Rifkin, member of the South Shore Art Center Board of Directors

"When people see this exhibit, they're not going to believe the pieces are actually made out of glass," she said. "Most people have no idea what can be done artistically with glass, but this show is a real eye-opener."

Dailey graduated from the Philadelphia College of Art in 1969, and went on to get his masters degree in fine arts from the Rhode Island School of Design, where he took a teaching job. By 1974, Dailey was teaching at the Massachusetts College of Art where he founded the school's glass program. He still teaches there today.

In his first year of teaching at the Rhode Island School of Design, Dailey met MacNeil. By 1977, they were married. They both had different talents, so they were able to draw from each other in terms of different artistic techniques.

"She was really good at working with metal, and I was good with glass," Dailey said. "So we both helped each other out, and our collaboration went on."

The couple also started collecting special kinds of glass for the pieces they were designing.

"We have a supply of rare glass that was only made up until about 1920," Dailey said. "It's an exotic kind of glass that you cannot find anymore. It just isn't. sold these days."

Over the years, both Dailey and MacNeil had to do a lot of traveling as well. About four years ago, their collaborative show "Art in Glass and Metal" was born.

Dailey said the show was formed in the couple's New Hampshire town when the art director of their daughter's high school gallery asked them if they could put on an exhibit. So they did.

"The show has changed slightly since then, but not much," Dailey said. "We enjoyed doing the show at the school, and at the same time, it kept us involved there." The couple did a few shows at different schools around the area, and when Rifkin heard about the quality of work they were putting out, she traveled to one of the exhibits.

"When I first saw the show, I said to myself, 'Wow, I'd love to have that at the art center,'" Rifkin said. "The pieces they made were just so alive. It was just wonderful."

"It's a real treat to have the show here," she said. "It's not painting, and it's not sculpture, but the works come from a fine-craft sensibility."

Dailey said he and MacNeil hope the public can judge the work for themselves.

"I would hope that there's something at the show that engages people, and makes them look long enough to wonder why a given piece exists," Dailey said. "I want people to see past the superficial level, because behind each of the pieces, there is a story."

For more information on "Art in Glass and Metal," call the South Shore Art Center at (781) 383-2787 or check out the website at www.ssac.org.

Will you still need me, will you still read me, when I'm 74...

South Shore native celebrates success of her first novel

By Seth Jacobson
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At 74, most folks are enjoying leisure time and retirement.

Agnes Abrahamson is too busy celebrating the release of her first novel "Maggie's Hope."

The former 32-year resident of Scituate raised a family of six children on the South Shore and after traveling around the country with her husband George — they've lived in Florida, New Hampshire and currently Hyde Park — Abrahamson found time to pen her first book.

Many people have told her they find it remarkable she managed to find the patience to write a book at her age.

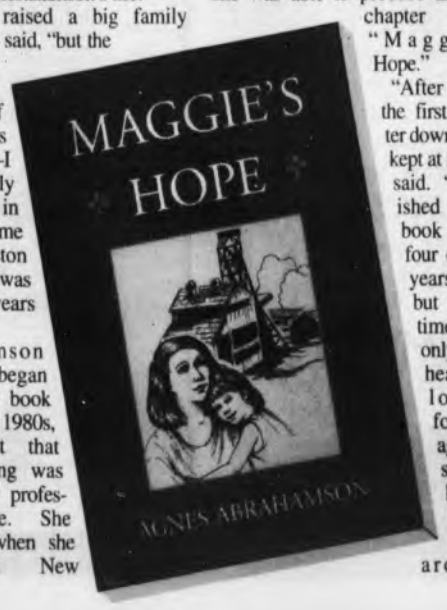
"I don't think much of my age," she said. "I may be older now, but I'm the same person as I always was. What I find remarkable is that I actually stuck with it."

"Maggie's Hope" is a book about a mother living in a Nova Scotia mining town during the 1920s who is looking for a better life for her family.

"It's about certain hardships that people have to endure," Abrahamson said. "It's about a family's struggle to better itself. I think it's a pretty good story."

Although the novel is a work of fiction, some of its elements were born out of Abrahamson's life.

"Well, I raised a big family myself," she said, "but the other autobiographical aspect of the book is the setting—I was actually born in Canada. I came to the Boston area when I was just two years old."



Abrahamson said she began writing the book during the 1980s, because at that time, writing was part of her professional life. She explained when she lived in New Hampshire, she was a writer at a magazine, and when she moved to Florida, she worked as a reporter for the Tampa Tribune.

"I always had the book in the back of my mind," Abrahamson said. But what brought the first chapter out of her mind was a creative writing class she took. After she finished the class, she was able to produce the first chapter of "Maggie's Hope."

"After I got the first chapter down, I just kept at it," she said. "I finished the book about four or five years ago, but at that time, I only half-heartedly looked for an agent. I sort of let the book just sit around, but then one of my daughters encouraged me to do something with it."

Now, Abrahamson is looking forward to book signings, enjoying the fruits of her labor, and even writing a sequel to "Maggie's Hope." She added she is not at a shortage for literary ideas.

"That's one of the funny things about writing," Abrahamson said, "you really don't know where your ideas come from—it just happens. The idea's come, you sharpen them up, and you put them down on paper. Then, you sort of lose yourself in all of it. I get really involved in my writing. Sometimes I almost feel like the characters I create are real people. They start leaping out at me."

Abrahamson said her writing is inspired by her own life, but it is also influenced by her sense of spirituality.

"I like to get lost in my work and I'm quite a spiritual person, so when I'm writing, I think of the whole universe, God, and just the overall beauty of the world. I also think of my grandchildren."

Abrahamson has 15 of them, and four great-grandchildren as well.

Abrahamson said she will keep writing as long as she can, and she said it is a pastime she would recommend to anyone. But she added she thinks great writers are simply destined to be discovered.

"If you were born to be a writer, it's going to come out," she said. "With me, it didn't happen until I was in my 50s, but the point is that it did happen, and I'm very content with that. I have a good life, and love keeping my mind busy."



PHOTO BY PATRICIA GOLDEN

Author and long-time Scituate resident Agnes Abrahamson has found success as a novelist at 74.

Abrahamson's book "Maggie's Hope" can be ordered online at www.Barnesandnoble.com.

Living

Simple steamed potatoes

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



The simplest recipes are often the best, especially when it comes to a vegetable side dish which should display the essence of the main ingredient without unnecessary folderol. In the case of potatoes, it's best not to bury the scented, loamy taste of freshly dug potatoes with an excess of butter, cream, or cheese. Small red potatoes, if treated with respect, also do a very nice job of showing off the main dish, playing an important but purely secondary role. Loyal subjects know it's dangerous to dress better than the king.

The first test, of course, was which type of potatoes is best for steaming. I tried russet, Yukon gold and red potatoes, the russets being too dry and crumbly for this preparation. The Yukon gold potatoes were also on the dry side but the red potatoes held their shape nicely and were moist and creamy to boot. Be warned that there is more than one type of red potato in the market. For this recipe, I preferred golf ball or smaller-sized potatoes often referred to as red creamers which can be halved and then steamed in just 12 minutes. If you can find only larger specimens, cut them into one-inch dice before cooking. I tested steaming versus boiling and preferred the former since the potatoes were more likely to maintain their shape.

The next question was how to dress steamed potatoes. I wanted to be able to serve this dish hot, warm, or at room temperature and therefore, butter was out since it would solidify as it cooled. Olive oil, therefore, was the lubricant of choice. For herbs, I experimented with rosemary, oregano, thyme, parsley, chive, marjoram, cilantro, tarragon, basil, and arugula. Many of these herbs proved to be too powerful for simple steamed potatoes so I ended up with a combination of chives and parsley. As for other additions, I tried mustard seed, celery seed, prepared mustard, garlic, anchovies, chopped olives, and pesto but they were all either too strong or a bit too flamboyant. I didn't want a dressy salad – I wanted a simple dish of steamed potatoes. Shallots, however, were a nice addition as was salt and pepper. This is one recipe were simplicity is paramount.

STEAMED POTATOES WITH CHIVES, SHALLOTS, AND PARSLEY

Although this dish can be served hours after cooking, I found that dressing the spuds while hot and then serving them immediately was ideal since hot potatoes absorb the flavors of the herbs and oil.

2 pounds red potatoes, golf-ball sized or smaller, washed and halved (if using larger red potatoes simply cut them into a one-inch dice)
4 tablespoons best quality olive oil
4 tablespoons finely chopped chives



3 tablespoons finely chopped flat leaf parsley
1 medium shallot, finely chopped, about 2 tablespoons
1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
Freshly ground black pepper

Place the potatoes on a steamer above boiling water, cover, and steam for about 10 to 12 minutes or until fork tender. Transfer the potatoes to a large mixing bowl and add the remaining ingredients. Toss well and serve immediately or allow to cool to room temperature.

Serves 6 as a side dish.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, MAY 10

The planet Neptune begins retrograde travel at 9:13 p.m., 9-degrees of Aquarius. Its influence enhances artistic sensitivity, intuitive ability. You can make great progress developing creative projects, hobbies, arts and crafts. On the other hand, this is not a time for making practical decisions. It may be difficult to separate the facts from the wishful thinking. The Sagittarius moon aligns with Mars at 3:19 p.m. and becomes inactive until 5:10 p.m., when a Capricorn moon takes over. Mercury aligns with Venus at 7:47 p.m.; Mercury and Venus align with Neptune in the late evening.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Every two years the planet Mars travels in retrograde motion for approximately ten weeks. It often generates much upheaval in the world. Mars represents struggles within and with others. It brings a time to slow down, back up, reconsider, think things through. Mars turns retrograde at 29-degrees of Sagittarius, 12:08 p.m. Mars remains in retrograde motion until July 19. The moon continues to travel in pragmatic Capricorn. Zero in on responsibilities you have take on, commitments you have made and follow through.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

This is a day to get things done. You can be most productive, if you have a clear plan of action and stick to it. Initiate new activities before 12:17 p.m., when the Capricorn moon aligns with the sun and becomes inactive. Plan a quiet evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

The moon enters Aquarius at 4:20 a.m., interacting with Saturn in the morning and Neptune this evening. In addition, the sun prepares to form a 90-degree alignment to Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius. Avoid rigid time schedules. Most likely things won't go as planned. Take a break from routine and responsibility today. Do something different. Be more adventurous and spontaneous.

MONDAY, MAY 14

A 180-degree alignment of Mercury and Pluto can put a damper on today's mood. Try not to concern yourself with situations you can't change. Let go of past traumas and hurts. Forgive and forget. Signing contracts or making major decisions are definitely off limits. It is better to finish old projects rather than starting anything new. The moon continues its travel in Aquarius, and the applying sun/Uranus alignment warns you to expect the unexpected. Go with the flow.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Gear up for a hectic morning. There are likely to be unexpected delays, setbacks, surprises. The last quarter phase of the moon begins at 6:11 a.m. However, the planet Uranus takes center stage. The moon and Uranus conjoin at 6:25 a.m. The sun forms a 90-degree alignment to Uranus at 9:06 a.m. The Aquarius moon becomes inactive at 2:53 p.m. until 5:01 p.m., when a Pisces moon takes over. An applying alignment of Mercury/Jupiter prompts you to catch up on correspondence or phone calls this evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

After the barrage of planetary activity in the past ten days, influences now offer a chance to rest and recharge your batteries. Mercury and Jupiter come together at 7:15 a.m., 16-degrees of Gemini, generating an upbeat, talkative mood. In addition, the moon travels in laidback Pisces. It may be difficult to focus on facts and figures. Postpone working on projects that require mental concentration and attention to detail. Instead, be more creative; music and art get the green light. Kick back and mellow out completely this evening.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Fair and sunny astrological weather continues today. The moon travels in adaptable Pisces, interacting with Jupiter and Mercury in the morning and the sun this evening. This is a great day for vacationing. If you are working, be creative. Enjoy a romantic evening with the love in your life.

Plant and Enjoy the Glorious Blooms of Springtime

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Part 2

The welcome greening of our lawns, gardens and landscapes, highlighted by the appearance of colorful spring-flowering trees and shrubs, has set another planting and growing season in motion. Garden centers are bustling with activity as homeowners eagerly search for new plants to beautify their properties and new products to simplify their yard work. Truckloads of healthy, robust nursery stock can barely be unloaded quickly enough to satisfy enthusiastic customers desperate to work the soil and perform their annual spring planting ritual.

Before making your selections, particularly of larger, more permanent woody plants, be sure to analyze your site and determine a suitable location for your acquisitions based on their soil and light requirements and their ultimate size. Small scale, ornamental trees are usually preferred for foundation plantings, gardens, or smaller properties. Larger trees tend to be better for open spaces where they can provide shade or screening.

Look for trees and shrubs which offer multiple seasons of interest. While the appearance of flowers seems to be the primary concern of most homeowners, most flowering trees and shrubs bloom for a very brief period, perhaps a week or two at most. Consider other attributes, as well, including attractive forms during the winter months, mottled or exfoliating bark, colorful fruit, handsome foliage throughout the season or fantastic fall color.

There are so many magnificent, blooming trees this spring, including cherries, magnolias and pears, but few rival the grace and year-round beauty of our American dogwoods (Cornus Florida). Their unique flowers, elegant fall foliage, colorful fruit and attractive winter silhouettes make them an invaluable asset to any landscape. They are truly a tree for all seasons. Native to the eastern half of the U.S., dogwoods are clothed in spectacular flower clusters of white, pink or red just as the foliage begins to break. The showiest parts of these flowers are actually four, brightly-colored, notched bracts, not petals, with the true, tiny yellow flowers to be found in the center of the cluster. In autumn, small, shiny, brilliant red fruits are borne but are often quickly devoured by wildlife. When the handsome, deep scarlet to bronze foliage drops, the horizontal branching presents a lovely, distinctive form throughout the dormant months.

The American dogwood's natural habitat as an understory plant in forests, shaded by larger, hardwood trees, makes it ideally suited to the partially shaded landscape. Well-drained, organic soils are preferred as heavy, poorly drained soils usually lead to their demise. Dogwoods are shallow-rooted trees and the application of a 4-inch layer of mulch is recommended, especially if the specimen is to be grown in full sun, to help maintain cooler soil temperatures and assist with water retention. Supplemental water should be provided during periods of drought, preferably by means of a soaker hose as wetting the foliage may lead to leaf diseases.

Proper planting and regular maintenance of dogwoods is critical to produce healthy specimens. Stressed trees may be weakened and are subsequently more susceptible to a variety of pests and diseases. Dogwood anthracnose, in particular, has become a problem in recent years and is characterized by large, purple-bordered leaf spots and brown patches beginning on the tips of the foliage. Prune and destroy the diseased branches and monitor the tree throughout the season, providing a deep soaking once a week during periods of drought. This disease should not be confused with spot anthracnose which appears as tiny spots the size of a pinhead all over the foliage and is promoted by damp weather, particularly in spring as the flowers open. While unsightly, this latter disease does not cause serious damage to the trees.

The fiery orange-red blossoms of flowering quince bushes (Chaenomeles spp.) provide a stunning contrast to the sunny yellow blooms of forsythia and daffodils and white flowering dogwoods. These vigorous, usually thorny shrubs display stunning early spring flowers which seem to be favorites with the returning orioles and hummingbirds. Available in a wide variety of flower colors including shades of pink, salmon, white, orange and red, the flowering quince is adaptable to most well-drained soils given full sun or light shade. Glossy deep green leaves provide an elegant backdrop for the clusters of blossoms. Aromatic, apple-like fruits, in shades of green and yellow, follow later in the season and are popular with some gardeners who value the fruits for making jellies. There are both upright and slightly more sprawling cultivars from which to choose.

Join the Hanover Garden Club in Hanover Center at the Congregational Church Hall on Saturday, May 19, for their annual plant sale. Doors open at 9:30. The small shrubs and perennials sell out quickly, so come early for best selection. Nearby, in the town hall parking lot, the Walnut Hill Garden Club of Hanover will be hosting its annual geranium sale. Both clubs' proceeds are used toward town beautification projects.

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THE 25TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS presented by the North River Arts Society on May 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is a "call for entries" for the Juried Art and Sculpture and Juried Photography Exhibits. Drop-off for these exhibits are as follows: May 12 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For a prospectus please call (781) 837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call (617) 931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.

'SWING' comes to the Shubert Theater for 12 performances from May 29 through June 10. Tickets are on sale now at The Shubert Theatre Box Office, online at www.telecharge.com, ling Telecharge at (800) 447-7400.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER PLYMOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held on May 19 at Squirrel Run Golf Club, Carver Road, Plymouth. Shotgun start at noon. Scramble format is limited to the first hundred paid. Fee is $65 before May 1: $75 after May 1 and includes green's fee, dinner and prizes. Call Habitat to register at (508) 866-4188.

WALK FOR ANIMALS at the Borderland State Park in Sharon Massachusetts on May 20 (rain or shine). This 3-mile walk is well marked and water and rest stations will be set up along the way. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and festivities are from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Neponset Valley Humane Society. For sponsor information call (508) 261-9924.

THE MUSIC CIRCUS ANNOUNCES TWO MORE SHOWS in the 50th anniversary season. Kevin James, star of the hit CBS Series "The King of Queens" will appear on July 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $29.50. Vince Gill, one of the most popular artists in country music will appear for two shows on Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling (781) 383-1400 or on April 28 at noon tickets will be on sale at the Music Circus Box Office in Cohasset. For more information visit www.music-circus.com.

Thurs. 10

Curtain Call Theatre announces the production of 'The Dining Room' with performances on May 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. The CCT Clubhouse is located on the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree. For more information call (781) 356-5113.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Slaid Cleaves at 7:30 p.m. with the Splendid Nobodies opening. Tickets are $14. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Birding for Beginners" on May 10 from 7 - 9 p.m. and May 12 from 7 - 10 a.m. Fee per person is $22 non-member and $18 MAS. Pre-registration is required. Located at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton. Tel. 617-333-0690. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host Watercolors by Nancy Sargent Howell, Oils by Gloria Dufrense and Watercolors by John White for the month of May. The Gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor.

South Shore Art Center in Cohasset has recently accepted Apo to be an affiliated Gallery Artist. Apo will be showing his "Bread Series" at the South Shore Art Center this spring. Located on Dillon Gallery located on 199 Ripley Road through June 3. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Fri. 11

Quincy Symphony Orchestra in the 47th season with Yoichi Udagawa, music director in 'Pops 2001'. Held at Freeport Hall, 256 Freeport Street in Dorchester. Tickets are $17 or $150 for a table of ten. Children 12 and under accompanied by an adult are $15. For more information call (781) 925-4319.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Moonlighters. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Janet Feld and Esther Friedman. Tickets are $10 and show begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

The North River Theater, 523 River Street in Norwell will present the Victorian thriller, "Angel Street" on May 11 and12, 18 and 19, and 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. This Victorian drama full of suspense and intrigue features an unscrupulous husband, his beleaguered wife and the tenacious police officer who is out to save her and solve a long-standing mystery. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call (617) 476-8947.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a monthly smoke-free dance on May 11 with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members and $8 non-members. Proper dress is required, for more information call (781) 331-0021.

Mass and Healing Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 856 Washington Street in South Braintree. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information please call 781-848-1249.

Sandy Martin's Tribute to Patsy Cline will be presented at the Company theatre in Norwell for two shows on May 11 and May 12. Both shows start at 8p.m. Tickets are $22 in advance and $25 the day of the performance. Call the box office at 781-871-2787. The Company Theatre is located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell.

Sat. 12

The "Jazz Brothers", a unique five piece group of musicians who have appeared at Scullers, Ryles and the Boston Globe Jazz Festival will perform at the Thayer Public Library in Braintree on May 12 at 3 p.m. The program features bossa nova and tunes by Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis and Dizzie Gillespie. Free and open to the public held in Logan auditorium at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

A May Plant Sale sponsored by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Mary Eisenhaure's garden, 478 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset, rain or shine.

The South Shore Genealogy Society invites the public to their meeting on May 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Norwell Public Library, 64 South Street in Norwell. Marcia Melnyk of the New England Historic Society will present "The Good - The Bad - And the Ugly on the Internet." For more information call 781-826-3952.

The Hanson Garden Club will be having its annual plant sale at the Thomas Mill across from Hanson Town Hall at 9 a.m. Annuals, perennials, shrubs and small trees from members' gardens are sold.

North River Gardeners Annual Plant Sale will start at 9 a.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church, 24 River Street in Norwell Center. Perennials and herbs from private gardens will be offered for sale as well as beautiful flower arrangements, perfect for Mother's Day. Come early for the best selection.

Quincy Dinner Theater Presents 'You're A Good Man Charlie Brown' with performances on May 12, 13, 19 and 20. Fridays and Saturdays, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sundays, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Cost is $35 with discounts available for groups, kids and seniors. For reservation call (781) 843-5862.

The South Shore Perennial Gardener's Club will be holding an annual plant sale from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at 78 Main Street in Norwell. The items for sale include many choice as well as usual garden favorites.

Glastonbury Abbey will hold the 9th annual plant sale from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street in Hingham. Perennials, ground cover, bushes, herbs and garden soaps made by Brother Jonah will be on sale. Proceeds will be donated to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey who use the funds to beautify the grounds.

The Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Square, on the Common in Bridgewater presents "Poetry Reading and Reception" at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Valerie at 508-833-3100 or the Daily Grind Coffeehouse at 508-279-9952.

Walk To Support People With Disabilities presented by the Road to Responsibility. Walk, run, rollerblade or wheelchair for individuals with disabilities on May 12 at the Duxbury Beach Park, starting at 9 a.m. Registration fees range from $15 per person - $25 per couple or $40 per family. Prizes will also be awarded and include a canvas bag with a $10 gift certificate to Ocean Village Bookstore for collecting $100 in pledges: a choice between a thermal cooler or a nylon jacket for $500 in pledges. For more information, directions or to request a registration/pledge form call the RTR at (781) 834-1300 ext. 44 or 37. Forms are also available at Jan's Ocean Village Ice Cream in Marshfield's Library Plaza or any Ocean Village Bookstore.

Second Annual South Shore Pride Festival will be held at All Soul's Church, 196 Elm Street in Braintree from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The festival includes 20 plus networking tables for GBLT. Live music, children's activities and healthy snacks. For more information log onto www.southshorepride.org.

Annual Spring Lawn Sale at the First Baptist Church will happen from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located on the corners of Routes 58 & 139, 219 Adams Street in Abington. White elephant and yard sale items, clothing, jewelry and a snack bar. No admission charge. For more information call 781-878-2447.

Jazz Live presented by Highland Jazz featuring The Henrietta Robinson Quintet. Held at the Christ Episcopal Church, 1132 Highland Ave., Needham at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15 for general admission and $13 for seniors and students. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information call 617-965-4424.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Slippery Sneakers. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

Children's Dance Ensemble will sponsor "A Celebration of Dance" on May 12, 4 p.m. at the Hanover High School. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door for $5 for children and seniors and $7 for adults. Please call 781-878-9852.

NSRWA's Fourteenth Annual River Clean Up Day from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Volunteers can head out by foot, truck or boat to remove trash and debris from the rivers, streams, marshes and ponds that make up the watershed. The following are the official clean up stations. North River: 1. Driftway Conservation Area in Scituate. 2. Union St. Canoe Launch, Marshfield. 3. Hanover Canoe Launch on Riverside Drive off Elm St. in Hanover. South River: 4. Rexhame Beach Parking Lot and Dunes. 4. Marshfield Town Landing on Ferry Street. For more information contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168.



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Mon. 14

Poetry Open Mic at the Blackthorne Tavern, Route 138 in Easton presents Jack McCarthy. Sign-up at 8:30 p.m., Open mike at 9 p.m. and feature at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 508-238-9017.

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South Shore Conservatory and Duxbury Art Association at the Ellison Center for the Arts presents the 4th annual Ellison Center Classic on May 14 at the Duxbury Yacht Club. Individual and team participants are welcome tot he handicapped best ball tournament which begins with lunch and registration at 11:30 a.m., a shotgun start at 1 p.m., and a post tournament dinner reception and auction at 6 p.m. Musicians and artists will add to the ambiance of the day with performances and demonstrations both on the course and at the reception. Teams will compete for the Ellison Center Classic championship cup. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 14.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the First Unitarian Church Hall, Route 3A in Duxbury. Donor hours will be conducted from 3 - 8 p.m. Come in and pull up a sleeve and give the lasting gift of life.

Mothers and More provide a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. This month's topic of discussion will be a decorating presentation. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781) 544-4664.

Tues. 15

South shore Women's Business Network will hold a monthly luncheon at Siros on Main Street, 1217 Main Street in Hingham. Entrée choice: B.B.Q. boneless breast served with cold potato cucumber salad or haddock brushed with pesto Parmesan crumbs served with garlic-mashed potato and vegetable. If you need directions call 781-749-4500. All luncheons are scheduled from 12 - 1:40 p.m. Pre-registration: members $20, non-members $30. At the door: members $25, non-members $35. For more information call 781-749-3130.

A Hands-On Workshop sponsored by PR Works addresses the challenge. "Public relations penetrates public conscience" will be held on May 15 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Norwell Executive Center, Route 53, 167 Washington Street in Norwell. All proceeds will be donated directly to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless, Kingston, MA. A light dinner is included and the cost of the seminar is $20 per person. For reservations please contact PR Works at 781-878-9533.

Buttonwood Books is pleased to host David Gessner, naturalist and author at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Jacob's Lane in Norwell at 7 p.m. Mr. Gessner will conduct a slide presentation followed by a discussion period about his current book, "Return of the Osprey: A Season of Flight and Wonder. This is a passionate story about a bird that was on the verge of extinction. Reservations are requested by calling 781-383-2665.

Art of The English Garden Tour is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset on May 15 - 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners, plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at (781) 383-1980.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Secretive Salamanders" on May 15 from 7 - 9 p.m. Fee per person is $8 non-member and $6 MAS. Pre-registration is required. Located at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton. Tel. 617-333-0690.

Wed. 16

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset to Host Acclaimed Author Patricia Polacco at 4 p.m. for a presentation and signing. Her new book "Betty Doll" and her classic "The Keeping Quilt" will be on hand. Located in Shaw's Plaza in Cohasset. Reservations are requested by calling 781-383-2665.

'Brushed Calligraphy by the Master', a lecture with Kaji Aso will be held on May 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000. Kaji Aso is a well-respected artist in Japan and the United States. Reservations are required by May 16.

Personal Watercraft Safety Class at Armand's Powersports, 888 Plymouth Street (route 106) in Halifax. Held from 6:30 - 9 p.m., this event is co-sponsored by the Environmental Police and Armand's Powersports. Pre-registration is required at the boat & RV Safety Bureau at 508-790-9360.

Science Center Offers Day Trip to Logee's Greenhouses on a day trip to the famed location in Danielson Connecticut from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Travel in luxury coach and have a guided tour of the seven enchanting greenhouses and stop in nearby Brooklyn at The Golden Lamb for lunch. The program cost is $55 for members, $57 for garden club members and $60 for non-members and is limited to 30 participants. To register call the center at 781-659-2559.

Thurs. 17

Art in the Loft will take place on the top floor of the former Romm Jewelry Building at the Protentis Plaza Bldg., 156 - 162 Main Street in Brockton. Works of fifty prize-winning artists will exhibit oil painting, watercolor, sculpture, monotype and mixed media. The display will run from May 17 through May 20 from 1 - 4 p.m. with a reception on May 20.

Westgate Lanes Hosts the Metro South Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Located next to the Westgate Mall in Brockton. To register call the Chamber at 508-586-0500 ext. 221.

The Nantucket Wine Festival, sponsored by the Nantucket 2001 Island events will take place on May 17 - 20. A multi-faceted exploration of food and wine emphasizing Nantucket's historic celebration of all things gastronomic. For last minute accommodations call the visitor services at 508-228-1700. For more information on this program call 508-228-1700.

The Braintree Art Association will meet at 7:45 at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave. in Braintree. Members, guests and the public are invited to attend.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Lui Collins. Tickets are $12 in advance and $14 the day of the show, which begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

Fri. 18

2 Painters, A dynamic exhibition of recent paintings by two New England artists, Jo Ann Rothschild and Matthew Kolodziej will take place from May 18 through June 29 at Gallery AA/B in Milton Village, MA. For more information call 617-698-9700 or log onto www.artadvisoryboston.com.

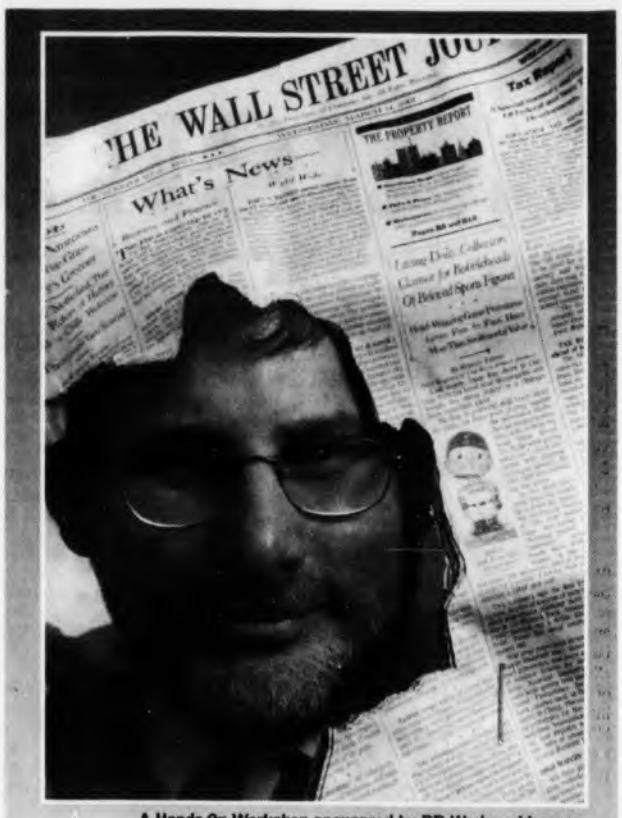
Bird-A-Thon 2001 sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon Sanctuaries on May 18 at 6 p.m. through May 19 at 6 p.m. Teams of birders from each sanctuary will spend 24 hours scouring the state of Massachusetts to count as many species of birds they can find. The sanctuary that identifies the most species win the Brewster Cup and more importantly all pledges benefit bird conservation. For more information call Erin Talmage at 617-333-0690 ext. 233.

American Cancer Society Announces Relay For Life in which local residents are invited to walk or run around the clock in the battle against cancer during this American Cancer Society event. Meet at Cohasset High School for a 21-hour relay against cancer from 3 p.m. on May 18 until noon on May 19. There will be a luminaria ceremony held at 9 p.m. to honor cancer survivors and to remember those we have lost to cancer. For more information call (800) 648-4880.

Hull Garden Club Annual Plant Sale behind Horizons at the Town Sign on George Washington Boulevard. Held on May 18 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and May 19 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sponsored by Hull Garden Club; proceeds to benefit the beautification of Hull/Nantasket Beach. Pre-orders will be taken and order forms may be picked up at the public library, various local businesses, the Senior Center or from Garden Club members. For more information call 781-925-1079.

Androcles and the Lion will be presented by The Communication Arts Department of Eastern Nazarene College. Performance dates are May 18 at 7 p.m. and May 19 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are $7. One child under 12 free with every adult. Tickets can be ordered by calling the box office at 617-745-3715. The college is located at 23 East Elm Street, Quincy. For more information all 617-745-3000.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Urban Renewal. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call (781) 925-4300.



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The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Bob Franke. Tickets are $12 in advance and $14 the day of the show, which begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

Ongoing Events

Artica Gallery presents "Watercolor and Oil Impressions", an exhibit by Duxbury artist Lilly Cleveland. The exhibit will run through June 30. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street, just off Hall's Corner in Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-0640. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free.

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Ongoing Events

"Got Paint?" A show of recent oil paintings by local artist Nancy Colella will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center through May 31. The exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 -5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment by calling (781) 659-7337.

Kingston Public Library will host an exhibit by two Kingston artists, Harry Salter and Laurel Culley, who call themselves "Side by Side" artists. These two artists have painted individually for years but say that joining forces has made them all the more intent on their art. The exhibit of various media will be on display in the library gallery throughout May. The library is open from 1 - 8 p.m. on Mon., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Wed., Fri., and Sat.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the watercolors of Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick through the end of June. Chittick's subjects are varied from coastal landscapes of New England, architectural details of Boston buildings, to impressive scenes from Italy, Iceland and Greenland. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Walking in the Spring" on May 12, 26 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Fee per person is $28 non-member and $23 for members. Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum and pre registration is required.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA will begin its season. This season is open to 8 - 12 teams. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call (617) 479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Duxbury Art Association presents "All in the Family" open at the Bengzt and Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts through June 29. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.

North River Arts Society presents 'Class', an exhibition of the most recent works from students of NRAS in conjunction with the 25th Annual Festival of the Arts. Held at the Ventress Library through June 2. Gallery hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 837-8091.

Walk America's Hometown-Plymouth. Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer walk in historic Plymouth. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court Street. The walk box is located next to the service desk. The walk is sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. For more information call Jean Jackman at (508) 824-5906.

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town at several locations in Weymouth through the month of May. Work by members of the Weymouth Art Association will be displayed in the Town Hall the Mayor's office, the Treasurer's office and the Councilor's office. At Snyders Jewelers at 12 Columbian Street, Jordan Insurance at 17 Front Street, Rizzo Insurance at 435 Columbian Street and Colonial Federal Savings Bank at 815 Washington Street. Many of these painting s may be purchased.

Children's Theatre Workshop offered by the Priscilla Beach Theatre in Plymouth presenting "Shaggy and the Dinosaurs". The workshop will be presented at the Theatre's LeStudio Theatre, off Route 3 on Rocky Hill Road in Manomet, through May 20 from 12 - 4:30 p.m. Parents can register children ages 4 - 12 by calling (508) 224-4888.

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

"Music for the Heart and Soul" presents a Chant, Drum and Dance Circle! Led by Hingham singer/songwriter and song leader, Dawna Hammers. The last Friday of every month, May 25 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main Street in Hingham. $7 for adults and $5 for children and seniors. Bring drums, rattles, cushion, water and dancing shoes and enjoy a magical evening.

Special Olympics Offers Free Spring Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call (800) 590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

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SENIORNET INSTRUCTORS NEEDED at Massasoit Community College to teach introductory computer classes for seniors 55 and over. Instructors are provided a curriculum and training by qualified staff. Classes are scheduled around the availability of the volunteer instructors. Instructors receive a complimentary membership to SeniorNet and free classes in new computer software. Interested volunteers can receive more information by calling (508) 588-9100 ext. 1695. All classes are held on the Brockton Campus in Room L557.

THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION of Greater Boston is currently looking for volunteers from the South Shore area. For more information call (617) 451-WISH.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MARSHFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING to assist in the prep work for our Seniors lunch programs. Drivers needed to deliver meals to our homebound seniors as well as volunteers interested in the Council of Aging's services. To become a volunteer please call Cathy Nickerson at (781) 834-5581.

KIND HEARTED WOMAN CONSIGNMENT SHOP in Scituate raises funds for The Yellow Brick Road Project, a non profit program which assists survivors of domestic violence to learn job skills and gain self-esteem. Volunteers of varied interests are needed to work flexible schedules. For more information call Jodi Beldotti at (781) 545-7775.

Mothers and More provide a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781) 544-4664.

The Friends of the John Curtis Free Library note cards illustrated by local artists, depicting familiar scenes of Hanover are now available at the Salmond School, Broadway, Hanover and Elegant Entrances at 150 Broadway, Hanover Four Corners. Note cards are available in packages of 10 cards for $7. All proceeds will benefit the John Curtis Free Library. For more information call (781) 826-2972.

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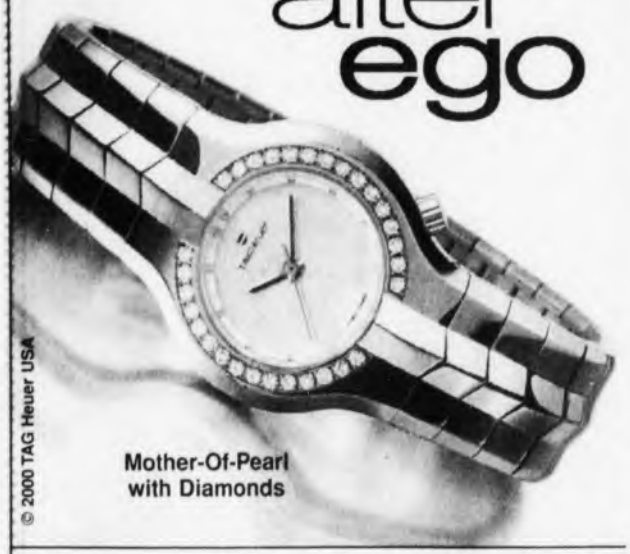
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, APRIL 30

12:11 a.m. Oak St., assist citizen.

6:15 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

6:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.

9:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, warning.

11:10 a.m. Surry Dr, investigation.

11:44 a.m. Highland Ave., traffic control

12:51 a.m. Elm St., property lost.

1:04 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

1:17 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

1:33 p.m. Hull St., and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued

2:09 p.m. Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, warning.

2:22 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

2:51 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

5 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious person.

5:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

6:45 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle violations.

11:36 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

TUESDAY, APRIL 31

1:33 a.m. S. Main St., open door/window

5:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, warning.

10:16 a.m. Oak St., fire investigation.

10:31 a.m. Forest Ave., and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, warning.

11:01 a.m. Brook St., parking violation.

1:36 p.m. Crocker Ln., officer wanted.

2:09 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:22 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

2:38 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:36 p.m. S. Main St., parking violation.

5:35 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.

6:15 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.

6:34 p.m. Beechwood St., fire investigation.

6:44 p.m. Surry Dr., investigation.

7:06 p.m. N. Main St., and Red Gate Ln., parking violation.

7:22 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

8:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance gathering.

8:35 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle accident. Arrest: Clinton F. Harrington III. 48, 12 Caldwell St., North Weymouth, Chrgs.. leaving the scene, property damage, driving under the influence, operating to endanger/reckless.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

5:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:04 a.m. South Main St., and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, warning.

7:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

11:49 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire inspections.

12:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.

12:52 p.m. Cedar Acres Ln., outside fire.

1:11 p.m. Cedar St., fire.

1:49 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation.

2:35 p.m. Atlantic Ave., civil offense.

3:09 p.m. Lighthouse Ln, disturbance.

5:06 p.m. Sandy Beach Parking lot, animal control.

6:03 p.m. Hull St., officer wanted.

6:54 p.m. King St, structure fire.

7:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

8:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

8:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person.

9:25 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

9:49 p.m. Cedar St, open door/window.

9:58 p.m. N. Main St., annoying phone calls.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

4:20 a.m. S. Main St., fire investigation.

4:50 a.m. Nichols Rd., fire investigation.

7:02 a.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

7:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

8:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

9:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10 a.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

12:40 a.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, parking ticket issued.

1:06 p.m. Sohier St., fire.

1:18 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

1:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, station coverage.

1:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:58 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

2:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway vehicle stored/impounded.

2:53 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

3:02 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

3:14 p.m. Pond St., fire.

3:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:45 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance.

7:49 p.m. South Main St., assist other agency.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

1:18 a.m. Brook St., assist motorist.

6:50 a.m. Beechwood St., 911 call verification.

6:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

7:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:28 a.m. Church St., animal control.

8:48 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:06 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop., vehicle stored/impounded.

10:20 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:21 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

10:34 a.m. Pleasant St., transport.

10:43 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop., vehicle stored/impounded.

12:18 p.m. Rockland St., assist other police dept.

1:24 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed gathering.

2:56 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.

5:32 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:[illegible] p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:08 p.m. S. Main St., and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, warning.

6:15 p.m. Elm St., suspicibus activity.

7:55 p.m. Howard Gleason Rd., officer wanted.

8:19 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general services.

8:29 p.m. N. Main St., loitering.

8:53 p.m. Summer St., and Sankey Rd., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

9:25 p.m. Hull St., barking dog.

10:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic complaint.

10:44 p.m. Beach St., animal control.

11:16 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:54 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious auto.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

12:38 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle accident.

12:47 a.m. Windy Hill Rd. and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle accident.

2:48 a.m. G St., assist other police dept.

3:34 a.m. Forest Ave., and Cedar Acres Dr., disturbance.

6:34 a.m. Summer St., general services.

7:12 a.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.

7:18 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Jerusalem Rd. Dr., general services.

7:36 a.m. Hull St., assist citizen.

8:31 a.m. Border St., animal control.

9:37 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.

11:43 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

12:10 p.m. S. Main St., traffic complaint.

3:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person.

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The Police Department investigated nine motor vehicle accidents, two of which resulted in injuries. There were 176 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $6,570 in fines. There were 45 parking tickets issued for $1,575 in fines.

The Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 660 calls for police services, 124 of those were Emergency 911 calls.

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Reeds don't sway state

Grant effort is denied

By Rick Collins
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The state has denied Cohasset's application for a $50,000 grant to cut down unwelcome tall reeds growing around Jacobs Meadow, and spread rock salt around the area.

The news is a setback for the town, which is in the process of creating a salt marsh restoration plan for Jacob's Meadow, with the help of Tutela Enginnering

"We have found tidal flows will control the growth and eventually kill off phragmites."
— State wetlands program

Tutela and the town, applied for the grant last month through the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs' Wetlands Restoration Program. Approximately $9,000 of the grant money would have been used to cut down and dispose of 0.8 acres of the reeds, called "phragmites." Another $17,000 was earmarked for two applications of rock salt to prevent the reeds from growing back.

Tutela engineer Thomas Keefe said salt rock application has been

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TUNE-UP

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's James Clark tunes up along Beechwood Street for the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, a 192-mile bike ride to benefit the Jimmy Fund, which takes place in August. For story see page 5.

It's a deal!

Selectmen sign Greenbush pact

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset selectmen made history Tuesday when they unanimously voted to enter into a Greenbush mitigation agreement with the MBTA.

By signing the deal, the board ended years of wrangling and debate over proper mitigation measures and reparations for restoration of the long-dormant Greenbush commuter rail line.

"I think we have a very good agreement," said Selectman Michael Sullivan. "We have come a long way and have a significantly better agreement than the one in January.

"It's time we sign the document and move forward."

"We have come a long way and have a significantly better agreement than the one in January."
— Selectman Michael Sullivan

The deal could be a veritable windfall for Cohasset, with the potential of bringing more than $5 million into the town. The MBTA has committed $1.2 million for the completion of the James Brook Flood Control project, $250,000 to relocate the Sohier Street well, support of a $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development grant from MassHighway and to reconstruct the town parking lot to town specifications.

The town had initially announced a deal in January, but public outcry forced the town back to the negoti-

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Relay benefit on track tomorrow

By Rick Collins
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The fourth annual Cohasset Relay for Life, which kicks off tomorrow at 3 p.m., will include all the emotion possible in dealing with the ongoing battle against cancer. Cancer survivors, patients and their families will come together during the 21-hour event and help raise money for cancer research, education, and patient and family services.

"We're ready to go," said Craig Bleicken, one of the event's co-coordinators.

He expects 40 teams to come together on Cohasset Middle/High School's Alumni Field starting Friday afternoon, and remain there until Saturday at noon.

On Friday, state Rep. Garrett Bradley will provide the opening remarks at 3 p.m.. The relay will feature a gymnastics demonstration, face painting, kite flying, massage therapy by Conlon Family Chiropractors, a sing-a-long, radar gun baseball throw and African drum sing-a-long.

At 6 p.m. state Rep. Frank Hynes will give a brief talk, followed by a Survivor's Lap of cancer survivors around the track. At 6:30 p.m. the Taste of the Relay will feature food by the Red Parrot, Red Lion Inn, Atlantica, The Borrowed Butler, Truemans Catering, The Silver Spoon Café, Windsor Tea Shop, French Memories, X&O European Trattoria, Schooners, Dagwoods, and Sunrise Assisted Living.

At 9 p.m. all the luminaria, bought in memorium of someone who has died of cancer, will be lit and placed around the track.

On Saturday, participants can lis-

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Major changes are proposed for common historic district

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission will hold public hearings on May 29 to discuss a number of proposed additions to buildings within the district.

The proposals include a major addition to the side of the First Parish Church parish house; a 16-foot by 20-foot wing addition to the South Shore Community Center; and an expanded roof and side porch on the Capt. Samuel Bates Jr. House at 63 Highland Ave.

More than 30 people jammed into the first-floor meeting room in Cohasset Town Hall Monday to discuss the proposed expansion of the parish house, located at 19 North Main St.

Josiah Stevenson, the church's building committee chairman, called the existing parish hall, which was built in the 1960's, "ugly and not well constructed." The new wing would more than double the footprint of the existing hall, while remaining within the necessary setbacks from the property line. The church also proposed building a nearly eight-foot deep, glass-enclosed vestibule onto the front of the carriage house, which houses the church's day care center.

Stevenson and the church appeared before the commission last year, and said the new plans reflected the suggestions made by the commission at that meeting.

However, the majority in attendance quickly nixed the idea of building anything onto the front of the carriage house. David Wadsworth, the curator for the Cohasset Historical Society, said the carriage house remains nearly identical to how it looked when built nearly 200 years ago.

He hinted that major changes to the building, particularly changing the front of the carriage house, could possibly result in the parish house being dropped by the National Register from the historic district.

Town Historical Commission Chairman Noel Ripley worried about the possible "loss of integrity" the parish house would suffer as a result of a "mud porch."

Children currently walk through the house to reach the day-care center. Stevenson said the purpose of putting a vestibule on the front of the carriage house was so the church could "separate" the day care center from the rest of the house.

The commission recommended creating a walkway around the side of the carriage house and creating

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PHOTO BY RICK COLLINS

The First Parish Church parish house is one of three Cohasset Common Historic District buildings looking to expand.

When CHS was brand-new

Alumnus recalls 'the good old days'

By Rick Collins
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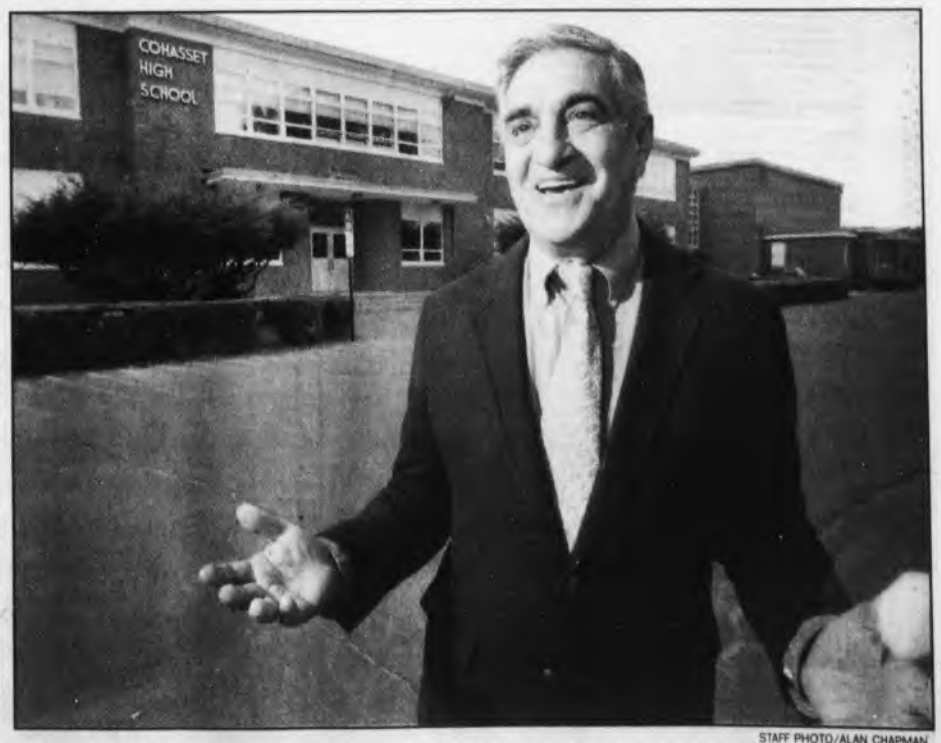
Back in his day, Cohasset High School athletes had to walk home after games and practices, even in the middle of winter.

Jim Lagrotteria was a student at Cohasset High School in the early 1950's, when it was still a three-story wooden building on Elm Street.

"Football and baseball players had to walk to Milliken Field, and then walk back," he remembers. "There were no showers and then we had to walk home. Not only did we have to play the game, we had to find our way home. For those of us that lived on the north side of town or Beechwood, that was a hell of a walk."

Up until the 11th grade, Lagrotteria attended the Osgood School — the original name for the

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Jim Lagrotteria, who served as the senior class president for the first graduating class out of the new high school, said students were enthra[illegible] with the new building back in 1951.

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Water commission signs contract

Will improve distribution system

The Water Commission, at its meeting May 10, signed a contract for $594,246 with the Biszco Company for the latest phase, Phase A-1, of the Water Commissions distribution system improvement program.

In this contract, which will start in a few weeks, the Water Commission will: clean & line Beechwood Street (Rt. 3A - Riverview Drive), Elm Street, and Summer Street, replace 900 ins. of undersized 6-in. pipe on Border Street with 8-in. ductile iron pipe, replacing undersized 6-in. pipe on Rustic Drive with 8" ductile iron pipe.

"Since 1995, the Water Commission has improved a total of about 9 miles of the 36 miles of the water distribution system."
— John K. McNabb, Jr., chairman

"This project will improve water quality and pressure to many areas of Cohasset," said Water Commission Chairman John McNabb. "These areas have substandard fire flows that will be brought up to proper standards by this work, to improve public safety.

"Since 1995, the Water Commission has improved a total of about 47,000 feet, or 9 miles of the 36 miles of the water distribution system. While we have made many improvements, there is still much work to be done."

The Water Department is also making progress on other water system improvements, said McNabb, including:

Starting Tuesday, May 15, the Bear Hill tank was drained, and then cleaned, inspected, repaired (if necessary), sandblasted, and repainted. This project will take about 60 days.

A total of 20 fire hydrants are being replaced in a project that began in January. On May 11, one of the oldest fire hyrants, on Highland Ave., was replaced.

Undersized pipes on Howard Gleason Road and Hugh Strain Road have recently been replaced.

This week in COHASSET

Beach RTF stickers

The Board of Selectmen has extended the expiration date of the beach and RTF permits until June 30. Beach and RTF permits will be on sale starting June 4, during normal business hours at the Town Hall and at the DPW garage for the next fiscal year.

Starting July 1, the Pay-As-You-throw Program will start. An "all facilities" sticker will be $50 and an additional second sticker for $20. This sticker will allow access to the RTF, as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

Residents who do not utilize the RTF can purchase a beach sticker for $7 and the cost for a senior over 60 is $3. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town.

You may purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

Street resurfacing

Street resurfacing for the following streets has been tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, May 21, weather permitting.

Jerusalem Rd., from Linden Drive to Atlantic Ave.

South Main St., from #391 to #429.

Atlantic Ave., from #391 to Nichols Rd.

North Main St., from Sohier St. to Jason Rd.

Highland Ave., from North Main St. to Long Rd.

Flintlocke Ridge Rd.

Aaron River Rd.

Little Harbor Rd.

3A trash monitoring

Town Manager Mark Haddad has asked Route 3A businesses to be more vigilant abut trash coming from their stores.

In a letter sent to the businesses, Haddad said the town has received "many complaints" about the amount of trash strewn along Route 3A, and asked them to "monitor loose debris" from their business.

Meeting schedule

The following is a list of town meetings posted as of Monday, May 14. All meetings are at Cohasset Town Hall, unless noted.

- Zoning Board of Appeals, May 21, 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen, May 22, 7:30 p.m.
- Recreation Commission, May 23, 6 p.m.
- School Building Committee, May 23, 6 p.m.
- Cohasset Conservation Commission, May 24, 7:30 p.m.
- Water Commission, May 24, 7:30 p.m., June 6, 7:30 p.m. at the King Street water treatment plant
- Board of Health, May 30, 7 p.m.

Board reorganization

The town Recreation Commission announced Dick Barrow as its new chairman. Serving as Vice-Chairman will be Tony Carbone, and Rick Grassie has been named Secretary.

The town Advisory Committee named Maureen Jerz its chairman for the upcoming year. Debbie Shadd will serve as Vice-Chairman, and Susan Kent as Secretary.

Time for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. , Tuesdays. The next meeting is May 22.



FOOD DRIVE

STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Postmaster Steve Cabezas and letter carrier Richard Hartwell stand on the loading dock at the post office with a cart full of food donated during Saturday's "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive.

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Sun. 20	10:06	9.3	3:55	10:23	10.2	4:09
Mon. 21	10:51	9.5	4:39	11:04	10.6	4:52
Tues. 22	11:35	9.7	5:23	11:44	11.0	5:34
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Food pantry volunteers at the Second Congregational Church, from left, Madeline Hargadon, Margie Steele, and Jean and Bob Thompson, sort out the food collected by the post office on Saturday during the national Stamp Out Hunger effort.

Red Lion eyes mid-June completion

Could face ZBA hearing for signs

By Rick Collins
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Renovation work at the Red Lion Inn is expected to be finished by mid-June, says owner Gerd Ordelheide.

The inn, originally built in 1704, has been undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation and expansion for nearly two years. The work has included a complete renovation of the building's interior, renovation of the adjoining Lilac House, a walkway joining the two buildings on the second floor, and the creation of an expansive barn function hall.

"Everything is moving along great," Ordelheide said of the work.

Although the project is in the home stretch, town Building Inspector Robert Egan sent Ordelheide a letter last week reminding him of several construction issues that need to be addressed before a permanent occupancy permit is issued.

"It was kind of a little wrap-up of things," Egan said. "They haven't been resolved yet, and I just want to get something in writing at this stage.

"It's nothing that can't be resolved quickly."

Among the unresolved issues are the six-foot fence separating the inn from its abutters, promised brick sidewalks along South Main Street, the screening of a dumpster near the barn entrance, the installation of an elevator in the barn, and a compliance affidavit signed by a registered architect for the barn.

Ordelheide said the leftover items were "minor things," and would be taken care of quickly, including finishing the landscaping around the waterfall and pool areas. The elevator is scheduled to be delivered within the next two weeks, he said.

The one possible hang-up concerns the number of Red Lion Inn signs on the property. Egan said in his letter that "there is no provision in town bylaws to 'split-up' signs," and that because the signs were not included in the building permit, "any deviation from the bylaw is at the discretion of the board of appeals."

However, Egan also said it shouldn't be a problem because the total area of all the signs combined doesn't exceed the allowed area in the bylaws.

"The bylaw may not have envisioned something like this," said Egan. "If he had put them all on one sign he would be fine. But there's no provision to split them up."

Ordelheide doesn't think the town will have a problem with the multiple signs.

"They look great," he said. "They're hand carved and look nice for the town."

Helping seniors to stay safe at home

By Rick Collins
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To many seniors, the notion of falling down and being unable to get back up is not a joke, nor is it to their families.

Many seniors live alone, or with family members who go away to work every morning. If something was to happen to them — a slip, a fall, a dizzy spell — they may not be discovered for hours, or possibly days.

As a result, the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is introducing the "Are You OK?" automated telephone system to towns around the county as a way to help seniors remain safe in their homes.

The Cohasset Elder Affairs office will sponsor an informational meeting with Norfolk County Sheriff Michael Bellotti at the South Shore Community Center on Wednesday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the program.

"It's really a very good program," said Carol Barrett, the outreach worker for the elder affairs office. "Police have gone out to homes and found someone who has fallen, and not been able to get back up. If it's in the kitchen or in the basement they could be there for two or three days."

Seniors who enroll in the program, which is run out of the sheriff's office, will receive a phone call every day between 6 a.m. and noon. An automated voice will ask the senior if he or she is 'OK?' If the answer is 'No,' a dispatcher will pick up the phone, find out what's wrong, and notify the local police department. Or, if a senior doesn't answer the phone at all, it will try again a few minutes later. If there still is no answer, the local police department will be dispatched to the house.

According to Dave Falcone, a spokesperson for the sheriff's office, in its first month of operation, the program has already helped save three seniors in Stoughton and Braintree.

"They have the same program in Plymouth County and it's been very successful there, so Sheriff Bellotti wanted to bring the program here," Falcone said. "And we've seen results right away."

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan thinks the program is great for the town's seniors.

"All they have to do is notify us, and we can shoot over there," he said. "Hopefully it will never be anything more than someone out watering their garden or on call-waiting."

Noonan said the police department does conduct well-being checks on seniors, if requested, but the "Are You Ok?" program will be able to help the department track the calls.

Falcone said if a senior is going to be away for a day, he or she is able to call the sheriff's office and ask not to be called. He hopes to bring Cohasset and every other community in Norfolk County online "very soon."

Barrett said the program can be very helpful for homebound residents. Even though the elder affairs office has a friendly visitor reassurance call program, it's only available a couple of days a week. The "Are You OK?" program is available 365 days a year.

"This is more that we can do to help an elder stay in their environment," she said. "That is really our goal."

For more information, or a ride to the meeting, seniors can call the Cohasset Elder Affairs office at 781-383-9112.

Major changes are proposed for common historic district

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the entrance in the back. Stevenson said the building committee would discuss it.

The board also shot down the design for a set of full-length windows on the exterior of the new hall.

Nicholas Noon, of 11 North Main St., said the windows were "jarring" and "out of character with the common."

Elizabeth Stevenson, of 13 North Main St., was concerned about the amount of light that would emit from the new parish hall at night.

Stevenson said he would ask the architects to redesign the hall windows, and bring the two changes back to the board's May 29 meeting.

The hearing was delayed at the start of the meeting because the majority of the commission, including chairman Jacqueline Clark, recused themselves from the discussion because they are members of First Parish Church. The remaining members did not constitute a quorum. Commission member Mary Larson had to track down fellow member David Buick in order to hold the hearing.

South Shore Community Center – 3 North Main Street

Ed Salerno of the South Shore Community Center said the group is looking to build a small, four-room addition off the south end of the building, similar to one that was there decades ago.

The community center had received permission to construct the wing 10 years ago, when it built the existing north wing, but was never constructed because of a lack of funds.

"I always thought the building looked a bit off-balance," Noon said.

Salerno said the wing would consist of four offices including one for the center's director.

However, the commission said the sketch Salerno brought to the meeting wasn't the one approved 10 years ago, and asked him to the May 29 meeting with more detailed plans.

David Wadsworth, the curator for the historical society, said the carriage house remains nearly identical to how it looked 200 years ago.

Captain Samuel Bates Jr. House – 63 Highland Avenue

House owner Charles Furtado proposed a number of changes to the house, including enlarging the roof over the rear of the house, expanding the three-season room on the north end of the house, and other small aesthetic changes to the structure's exterior.

The commission expressed its most concern regarding the expanded roof. Furtado said he hoped to expand the master bedroom over the rear of the house. However, neighbor Carolyn Horn said an expanded roof could cut down on the amount of sunlight hitting her property. Furtado showed a turn-of-the century photograph of the house which shows a much larger roof than the existing one.

He also hopes to expand the three-season porch, which overlooks Little Harbor, make it a year-round room, and also make a walk-out balcony from the second floor. The commission asked Furtado to redesign the balcony's railing, and to also stake out the expansion's footprint.

The commission welcomed the proposed changes to the exterior of the garage, saying it would look like an old carriage house.

The work will be further analyzed at the May 29 meeting.

Furtado, who bought the house in 1999, had come under fire by some neighbors for the installation of two attic windows on the house's north side. Furtado has since received permission from the commission for the window installation, and also got a green light to re-side the house, which is ongoing.

Furtado said the current gray color is from the factory-primed clapboards, and will be again painted white once the work is finished.

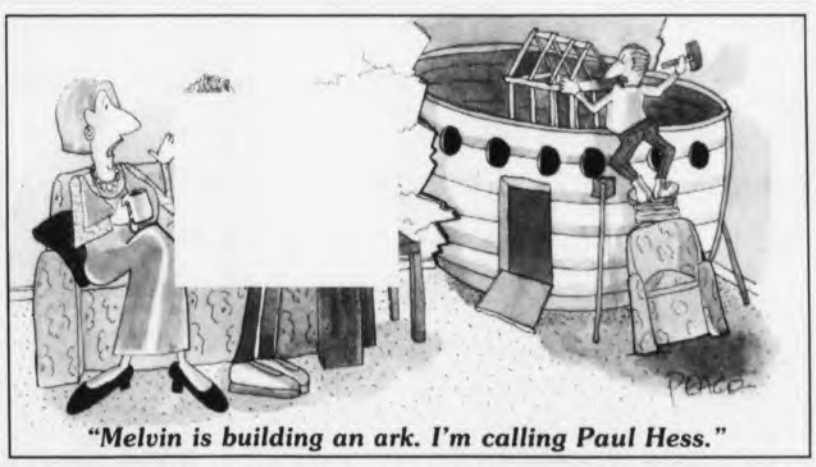
The Cohasset Common Historic District includes the houses and buildings that surround the common, as well as the houses along North Main Street down to Sohier Street. It also includes St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, which sits high atop the granite ledge at the south end of the common.

The commission was created in 1978 as a town bylaw, and is made up of district residents, architects and realtors. Under the bylaw, "no building or structure within the district shall be altered or constructed in any way that affects exterior architectural features" without prior approval from the commission.

Free community workshop Saturday

The Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Program will host a free workshop from noon-4 p.m., May 19 at Marshfield Town Hall to provide South Shore community leaders with new planning tools that will foster creative solutions to regional land use challenges. This workshop will provide a forum for open discussion and information sharing within and between towns that will lead to improved natural resource protection and planning in this rapidly developing region. Registration is required. Call 617-626-1229 or email alison.demong@state.ma.us. Lunch is provided.

The day will begin with a discussion of how South Shore towns faired with passing the Community Preservation Act and then the Metropolitan Area Planning Council will then unveil a South Shore Growth Impacts Study.



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CHS alumni to speak at anniversary celebration

AROUND TOWN



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MR. EMMONS WILL BE MISSED

Hello Cohasset. I hope that all of you mothers had a wonderful Mothers Day. We as a family, were able to attend the performance of "Godspell" which was fantastic. Mr. **Ron Emmons** did a great job in directing this talented cast and the end result was superb. Hats off to all of you and the best of luck to Mr. Emmons in his upcoming retirement from the Cohasset Schools. You will certainly be missed by all.

LETTERING IN SPORTS

Some news from the St. Sebastian's School in Needham about some Cohasset students. **John Cotter** and **Paul Digan** have earned varsity letters in lacrosse and **Thomas Digan** was awarded a letter in golf for the 2000-2001 season. John, a junior is the son of **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter**. Paul, a freshman, and Thomas Digan, a sophomore, are the sons of **Thomas and Mary Ann Digan**, all of Cohasset. Great work, gentlemen.

SWIM CENTER UPDATE

As all of you may know, the Cohasset Swim Center is getting ready to open its doors in June. There were many updates on the safety and improvement projects that were completed over the 2000-2001 season, including painting, fencing, mechanical, six new picnic tables and a food service pilot program. Along with some very talented people on the staff, the Swim Center Board of Managers encourages all residents to get in the registrations for the pool and lessons as well as send in any donations to help keep the pool running in the professional way that it has always done. All registration forms are due by May 21 for the lessons. Get ready to swim, splash and enjoy the summer at the Cohasset Swim Center.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

A special invitation was given to me from the Cohasset Elder Affairs. A Happy Birthday Luncheon is being held to honor all nonagenarians, (anyone who is 90 or almost 90 years young)! This special celebration is being held for you and your families on Wednesday, May 30 at the St. Anthony's Parish Center. From 12:30-1 p.m. will be crackers and cheese and lunch will be served from 1-2 p.m.. Please RSVP by Friday, May 25 to the Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

ARE YOU OK?

Also being held by the Cohasset Elder Affairs is a very important workshop titled, "Are you O.K?" This workshop is being held with Norfolk County Sheriff **Michael G. Bellotti** and is all about learning the new way of keeping safe while you are at home. It is on Wed., May 23 at 10:30 am at the South Shore Community Center. For more information call 781-383-9112.

CHS CELEBRATION

I have some exciting news to continue to share with all of you for Memorial Day Weekend. As you may or may not know, CHS/Middle School is turning 50 years old this year and a "Golden Anniversary" Celebration is being held on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26 at the High School. The celebration begins on Friday morning with an assembly for all students and any residents from town who wish to attend. There will be several guest speakers from years past including **Jerry White, Jim Lagrotteria** and **Nina Steele Wallingford**. This will be followed by a groundbreaking ceremony and an all school cook-out.

Friday night, get ready for some great and exciting entertainment. Radio Disney Boston will be at the High School from 6-7 with Games, music and prizes for everyone and then we move right into the spectacular "Ball in the House" concert from 7-8 This a capella group are a group of young men who sing and perform using no instruments at all and they are awesome! They have performed with N'Sync, 98 Degrees, Cher and more. The show is selling out very fast so if you want tickets, make sure to contact a fifth-grade student in your neighborhood, go to the Deer Hill Office or call **Karen Hurd**, 383-1827, **Jen Piepenbrink** 383-0143 or **Karen Oronte** at 383-6737. The tickets are $10 per person and you don't want to miss this great evening of fun, family entertainment good for all ages. This is a great night to get all of your alumni friends and family together to start the holiday weekend.

The fun and excitement continues on into Saturday, May 26 at the High School. From 1-3 there will be tours, memorabilia from years past, refreshments, music and reminiscing with staff, family and friends. At 3 p.m. a cornerstone will be opened and the Time Capsule revealed. What will be in it? Then, at 4 p.m. citation awards to CHS will be given from the Senate with Senator **Robert Hedlund** and House of Representatives, state Rep. **Garrett Bradley**. This is definitely a day you do not want to miss. Make sure to look in next week's edition for the full schedule of all activities. WATD will be on hand on both days to make sure that Cohasset gets the coverage that it deserves on such a special weekend.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Relay for Life is being held this weekend at the Alumni Track by the American Cancer Society. It will be held on Friday, through the night and on into Saturday. Try to make some time to go and attend this worthwhile cause!

PSO TO MEET

The Cohasset PSO PAC is having its monthly meeting on June 6 in the Osgood Music Room at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting, the Special Education Teachers award will be announced. Also, **Steve Kaplan**, the director of Student Services, will make his end-of-the-year report on Special Education.

That is all for this week. Make sure to get all your news to me no later than Monday mornings in order for it to appear in that weeks edition. You may do so in the following ways: EMAIL: jenpiep@yahoo.com. MAIL: 622 CJC Highway. PHONE: 781-923-105. Have a great week! That is all the news for this week!

Local man is captain of Boston Harbor

US Coast Guard Capt. Brian M. Salerno is back in town thanks to his new position as Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Division in Boston.

Capt. Salerno, 47, grew up here in Cohasset. His parents Gertrude "Trudy" and Nicolas Salerno live on Ledge Way.

Brian and his wife Alice have two sons, Brendan, 17, and Michael, 10. They've been house hunting and want to live on the South Shore.

They have lived all over the place!

Just to name a few — in the early 1990s, Brian served in Portland, Maine. Then the Salernos moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where Brian managed the federal responses to several large vessel groundings, and port safety and environmental responses to several hurricanes.

For the past year, he served as the Marine Safety Advisor to the Panama Canal Authority, as a member of the U.S. Embassy in Panama City.

Brian was officially sworn in for his new duties in Boston Harbor on May 11.

The commanding officer of the Marine Safety Office – who is also referred to as Captain of the Port – exercises broad jurisdiction and is tasked with the responsibility of carrying out a wide variety of Coast Guard missions.

Capt. Salerno, who will be at his new post for three years, is a 1999 graduate of the US Army War College and holds a master's degree from John Hopkins University.



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Logan charms crowd at benefit in her honor

Hosts first-annual symposium

By Mary Ford
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Move over Dolley Madison – here comes Cohasset's Polly Logan.

Madison, who is featured in a new book titled "Parlor Politics" by Catherine Allgor, was one of the First Ladies in the early 1800s who "used the unofficial social sphere to cement the relationships that politics need to work."

Although nearly two centuries have passed since Mrs. James Madison charmed Washington, Logan — known as the first lady of South Shore political circles — knows all too well that social settings can yield big political rewards.

Friday, the formal Victorian ballroom at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston provided the perfect example. Looking radiant in a Louis Feraud suit in tropical, citrus colors that would have made Madison envious — Logan, whose charisma is only matched by her ability to engage anyone in conversation — took center stage at the First Annual Polly Logan Fund Symposium.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

Polly Logan with her long-time friend Peter Forman, who is Gov. Jane Swift's chief of staff.

"You could fill a stadium with all the people she has mentored in some way and brought into politics."
— Peter Forman, Gov. Swift's chief of staff

Allgor, who is assistant history professor at Simmons College, was the featured speaker at the $125-a-head luncheon last Friday. And thanks to the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts at Boston – beneficiary of the Polly Logan Fund – fewer women will have to rely on their social skills to achieve power.

However, as Allgor pointed out, the First Ladies of the early 19th century knew how to work a room. Although they no doubt, were a tad more conservative than Logan, who is a thoroughly modern woman.

A smiling Logan greeted the 200-plus guests with nary missing a name or a short biographical sketch about each person she met or introduced to someone else.

With her ever-present laugh and sense of humor, Logan delivered part of her remarks in the form of a jingle.

"We won't rebuild roads where they currently exist,
We will erect road signs, expand reach, create a new twist.
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Shaping attitudes, and nurturing public careerism.."

On a more serious note, Logan, a former Hingham resident, said increased participation of women in the political process is good for all.

"It ensures women will have an equal say in the critical issues that affect everyone like the economy, defense, health care and the environment," she said.

There were plenty of men at the bipartisan event that unabashedly promoted women's involvement in government..

Among them was former state representative and Plymouth County Sheriff Peter Forman, who is now Gov. Jane Swift's chief of staff.

Logan began serving as a mentor to Forman when he was a teenager in Plymouth who was interested in politics.

"She has radar for this," he said. "You could fill a stadium with all the people she has mentored in some way and brought into politics."

Although Logan, a Cohasset resident and vice chairman of the state Republican Party, backs the GOP – her many friends at the symposium came for both sides of the political aisle.

Logan said she was proud to be affiliated with an effort that can help women through scholarships and internships.

"Your thoughtful, committed support of the Polly Logan Fund and the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, we will change the world," she said.

For more information about The Polly Logan Fund or Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, call 617-287-5324.

Cohasset bicyclist to ride for cancer

By Rick Collins
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There's nothing like taking your bike out on a warm, summer's evening, strapping on a helmet and taking a "quick" bike ride to Cape Cod and back.

That's what Pleasant Street resident James Clark does. Usually at least three times a week, Clark will hop on his bike, join up with some friends and make the long journey down and back.

And Clark hopes to use his love of bike-riding to raise money for the Jimmy Fund when he participates in the 192-mile Pan-Mass Challenge this August.

"I'm looking very forward to it," said Clark, owner of his own electric company, and six-year town resident, along with his wife, Leanne. "I'm in really good shape now."

The ride will feature more than 3,500 bicyclists pedaling from Sturbridge to Provincetown over two days. The Pan-Mass Challenge was started in 1980 by 36 riders, and has now grown to the single largest weekend fundraising event in the country. In its first year, the ride raised $10,000 for The Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. This year, organizers hope to raise $13 million.

"The great thing about it is that there is only 7 percent overhead, meaning 93 percent of the money raised goes to the Dana-Farber Institute," Clark said. "That's one of the reasons I'm doing it."

Clark, a Hingham native and 1987 graduate of Hingham High School, said he has only been biking for two years. His weekly biking schedule involves 150 miles of training sometimes with friends, sometimes alone, at a pace of 20 miles per hour.

"It does help to have a couple other riders with you," he said.

Clark, 32, also participates in the Wednesday night bicycle races in Wompatuck State Park in Hingham.

This will be the first time he has participated in the Pan-Mass Challenge, and just his second fund-raiser — his first will be a 50-mile ride this weekend in Lexington for brain tumor research.

The Pan-Mass ride will start Saturday morning, August 4, in Sturbridge and end for the day, 100 miles later, on the Mass Maritime Academy campus. The participants will then bike the remaining 92 miles on Sunday. Clark said all he has to bring is lots of water, and "maybe a bit of extra clothes."

He said he has so far raised $3,000 and hopes to raise $6,000 by the time the ride starts.

Even though he hasn't been affected directly by cancer, he sees the Pan-Mass Challenge as a way help others who have.

"I just see it so much around me that I feel it's a good thing to do."

Interested donors can reach Clark at 781-383-0393. The Pan-Mass Challenge is from August 4 to 5.



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James Clark of Pleasant Street is training for the Pan-Mass Challenge to benefit cancer.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Crackdown on seatbelt violations

Every day, tens of thousands of drivers break the law in Massachusetts — and by doing so — put themselves and their child passengers at deadly risk. In the split second that an adult fails to buckle up or buckle up kids, a decision has been made that could result in the death of one or all passengers in the vehicle.

That is why the Cohasset Police Department is joining the largest-ever crackdown on drivers who don't buckle up and don't buckle up children. From May 21 through Memorial Day, our officers will sharply intensify enforcement of adult seatbelt and child passenger laws throughout the state as part of the Operation ABC Mobilization.

During this enforcement blitz, the Cohasset Police department will increase patrols to look for and ticket drivers in Hingham who knowingly violate seat belt laws. There will be no warnings. No excuses.

We join this enforcement effort because it works. Since the Mobilizations began in 1997, child fatalities have dropped 17 percent. We are proud to be a part of this lifesaving effort, but more must be done.

During 1999, 5 children and 173 adults in Massachusetts died unrestrained in crashes. And traffic crashes continue to be the No. 1 killer of kids, killing more than 2,000 each year. If you ignore the law and put innocent lives at risk, look for us in your rearview mirror this Memorial Day holiday.

Remember, seatbelts save lives. Please buckle-up.

— Police Chief Brian Noonan

The high cost of not buckling up

The following information was provided by the coalition, Seatbelts Are For Everyone.

MEDICAL SERVICES

- In Massachusetts, the average hospital charge for an unbelted patient is $7,000 compared to $1,000 for a belted patient (Harvard School of Public Health).
- Care for each car crash-injured individual with severe brain injury costs Massachusetts more than $100,000 a year. (SHIP)
- A 15-percent increase in seat belt use, like that experienced by others states after they have passed a primary enforcement seatbelt law, would prevent 3,000-4,000 injuries and save Massachusetts an estimated $80 million in healthcare, taxes and insurance costs. (NHTSA)

MONETARY COSTS

- Each driver who buckles up is paying an additional auto insurance premium to cover the costs of the drivers who don't buckle up.
- In 1999, Massachusetts car owners had to cover the bill for an estimated 149,696 injury claims — an estimated loss of $910,486,396 (Auto Insurance Bureau).

COSTS

- Higher taxes to fund emergency and other medical services.
- Increased health insurance costs.
- Higher worker compensation costs.
- Lost work time and productivity.
- In fact, motor vehicle crash injuries on and off the job cost U.S. employers almost $55 billion in 1999.

SAFE Coalition c/o Craven & Ober Policy Strategists, LLC, 11 Beacon St., Suite 1120, Boston, 02108. Gloria Craven, 617-523-6501; Jennifer Szoke at Rasky/Baerlein, 617-443-9933, Ext. 357; or Inta Hall 781-749-4058.

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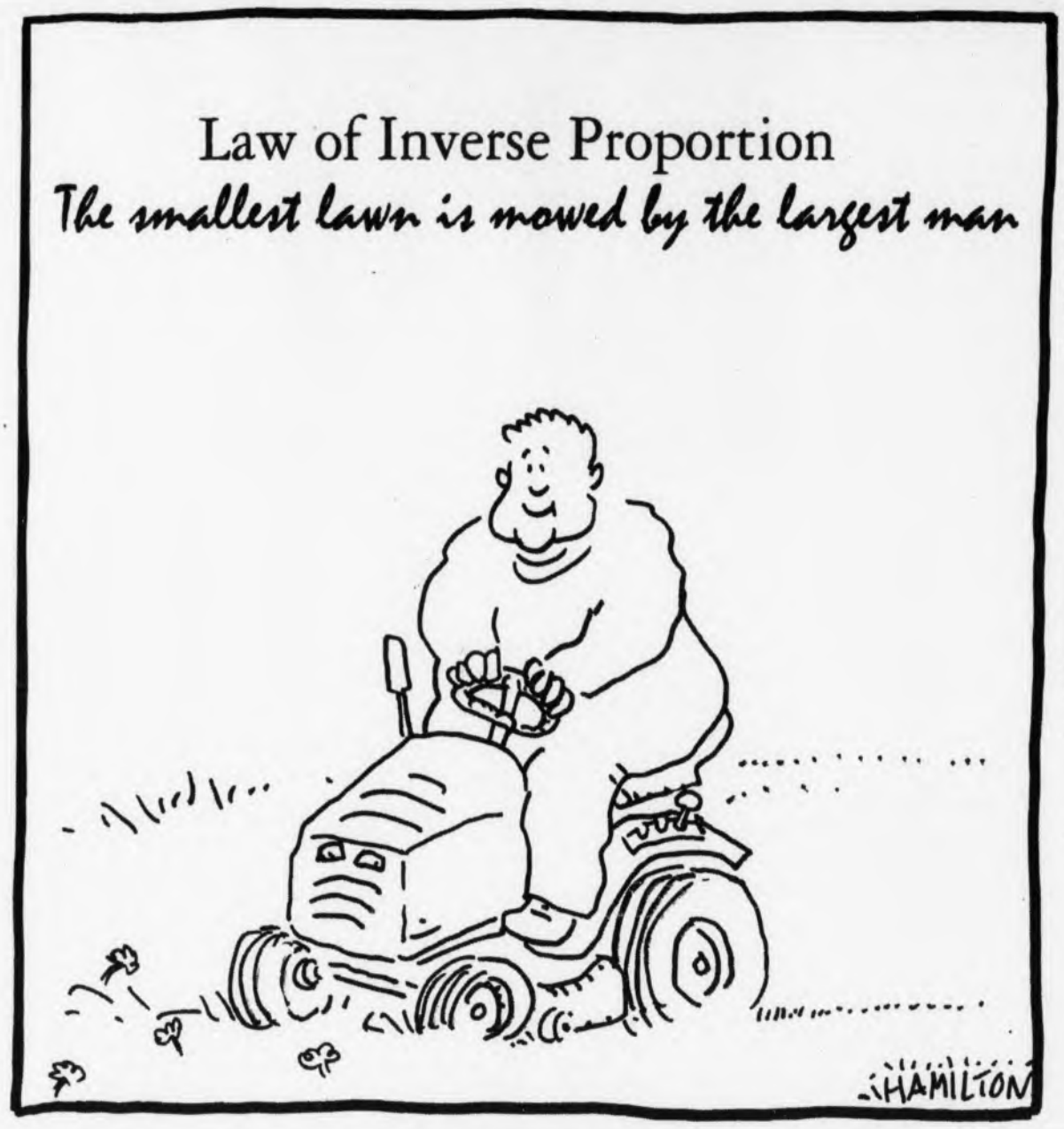
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Village plans

TO THE EDITOR:

To the Board of Selectman:

Although Cohasset Revitalization Corporation (CRC) and by extension, the Village Revitalization Task Force (VRTF),under the banner called Village Infrastructure Improvement Program (VIIP), has withdrawn its "support for the one-way circulation trial period in the village center", please do not assume the "village improvements" that CRC advances will likewise be withdrawn. And do not assume either that the one-way concept is no longer on the table.

From a letter in the Mariner (Aug. 17, 2000) written by a village center merchant, Bob Martin, it appears that the CRC's compulsion for "village improvements" stems from the obvious need to repair the sidewalks downtown. How it grew to encompass not only the center of town, but Elm St., Brook St., South Main St., the harbor (or better known as the Harbor Infrastructure Improvement Program (HIIP), is anyone's guess. The old give-an-inch, take-a-mile syndrome, or is it the tale of the camel in the tent.

This one-way proposal was given the green light based somewhat on a selectman who "walked around" downtown and a survey by the CRC director with a manual counter in his hand overseeing the morning traffic on five days in April. This approach just might lack validity.

We were told that Town Meeting would have the final say. But instead we see the town officials, whether it is the VRTF or the Selectmen, accepting, way more than that, rubber-stamping, CRC's VIIP designs. While the initiative doesn't appear to be resting with our town officials; neither should it repose with CRC. Have the town officials considered that just because they have not heard much from the populace in opposition to CRC's proposals, it doesn't mean the citizenry is in favor of these proposals. It is just as likely, the community can not believe such recommendations are being put forth or that they are being/should even be considered. The town doesn't need one-way streets, creation of a sidewalk along the Red Lion side of James Lane, medium island/strip along the center of Elm St., newly designed park/island at the Kimballs Motel, streetscapes, peninsulas with trees and benches on Elm St. or South Main St., uneven, balance-threatening bricks, cobblestones, or pavers.

What the town would no doubt rather see is good schools, library, recreational facilities, community center, streetlights turned back on, support for our firemen and policemen, detection camera-only to name a few areas that should be funded, if we as a town have money to burn on streetscapes and the like.

As Bob Martin succinctly stated in his letter: KISS, aka "Keep it simple, stupid."

Valerie A. Lipsett
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Editor's note: Mrs. Lipsett provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter for publication.

Diversity Day

TO THE EDITOR:

My family lived in Cohasset for the year during 1996-97 before moving to Concord, N.H. We return often to visit family and friends. [It was] our good luck to participate in the Cohasset Diversity Day, April 29 at St. Anthony's Parish. My 8 and 6-year olds adored the storytelling hour with talented Derek Burrows who shared the importance of truly listening to people's stories and to hear about life's differences. I learned so much from the diversity speaker, Carol Copeland Thomas who challenged each adult to move beyond what is familiar and comfortable to broaden your experience and enrich your life.

I understand the event was part of the ADL's "No Place for Hate" to which Cohasset has pledged its commitment as a whole community. How wonderful to see the First Parish Unitarian, Congregation Sha'ary Shalom, Second Congregational, St. Stephen's, The Vedanta Center, the Cohasset Police Department, the Cohasset Parent School Organization, METCO and the Cohasset selectmen join in support of this community event. Shaw's Supermarket and Blue Cross Blue Shield provided much recognized and appreciated corporate support. My family thanks the diversity committee for providing a thoughtful and provocative community event.

Although we appreciate many aspects of living in New Hampshire, we know our community would benefit from such events. Consider this: New Hampshire only recently voted a state holiday to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. At Cohasset's Diversity Day, your second graders read school-initiated poems called Dreams on [King's] "I Have a Dream" [speech]. A high school junior movingly recited her poem, "Slaves." You must feel proud to hear these messages from the mouths of your babes.

Lindley Shutz
Concord, N.H.

'Real' cost of runway battle

TO THE EDITOR:

Let me see if I got this correct. A former state senator to lead runway fight? A 300 million-dollar Massport project and he's going to brawl-it-out with, among others, a $35,000 donation from The Town of Hingham [and matching amounts from Hull and Cohasset]? I don't think so!

Let us not forget last years, $100.000 turned $1 million — Cost of the Greenbush Battle! Extrapolating yesterday's spending, that means The Honorable Board of Selectman can spend $300,000 on this year's newest town funded, intergovernmental fight. That's the normal, standard and precedent-set, ten times what they were allocated, budget-interpretation.

The issue is not the outcome, that will eventually come to pass, but how much will this most recent mêlée cost? Will our honorable elected officials adhere to our legislative body's, Town Meeting, allocation? Year after year The Honorable Board of Selectman seem to get involved in conflicts that cost a lot of money. Some may suggest esoteric at best.

Maybe we should vote in a new town department? It could not be called The Police Department it already exists. Not, the Sewer Department — got one. We can call it The Defense Department!

The Honorable Board of Selectman's DOD or better yet HDOD could then issue full and complete annual reports. The HDOD could then have meetings in town facilities, could have open and funded budget discussions; we could even vote a small tax on all town households to allow the HDOD to wage combat on whomever, whenever or whatever they choose.

Next up: Why this is all happening.

Russell C. Reeves
4 Edgar Walker Court
Hingham

COHASSET CARES

Pay-As-You-Throw simplified

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Here's an attempt to present what we need to know about PAYT in short form. Expect a mailing about PAYT soon.

1. The bags, sold in packs of 10 [30-gal. size $1, 15-gal. size 50 cents, buy some of each, see #7 below], in school colors, blue background with TOWN OF COHASSET in white, should be available starting June 4 at: Town Hall June 4-30 only, while we pick up our $50 all-facilities sticker [additional second sticker for $20.]. Thereafter at: DPW, RTF, Cohasset Food Mart, Cohasset Hardware, Fiori Exxon and Joseph's Hardware.

2. Every item of trash thrown away represents a direct cost to all of us residents [presently $97/ton].

3. Our new $50 all-facilities sticker plus the cost of each bag will be paying for half of our trash, the other half coming from our property tax.

4. The more trash we throw out, the more we pay.

Bags will be for sale at: DPW, RTF, Cohasset Food Mart, Cohasset Hardware, Fiori Exxon and Joseph's Hardware.

5. It will pay to recycle and to buy less packaging material.

6. Those of us who do so will no longer be subsidizing the non-recyclers, who then will be paying more.

7 Only TOWN OF COHASSET bags — and large items that don't fit in bags with a 50-cent bag attached to them — will be allowed in the trash bin at the RTF. Household garbage goes in either official bag or small plastic bread bag.

8. All other non-recyclables will be put in the construction/demolition bin for a separate charge.

9. Newspapers loose, please, not bagged.

10. Brown bags in with cardboard.

11.Waxed cartons [i.e., milk, OJ] flattened and in with junkmail.

12.Tin cans flattened.

Thank you very much! It will work out! See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Good response to library mailing

By Patience G. Towle and Sheila S. Evans
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

—commentary—

Three cheers for the early birds! The Cohasset Library Building Fund appeal, mailed to every Cohasset household, has produced wonderful results! Two persons have expressed interest in making a $10,000 gift or more. In addition, more than 50 donors have sent in their reply forms and have pledged a total of more than $35,000 to the Building Fund. These are early results. The following is a list of additional donors to the Building Fund as of May 10:

Greg and Kimberly Albanese, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Anderson, Barbara and Tom Astley, Marion and Tom Atkinson, Isabel and Christopher Blackburn, Charles and Barbara Bliss, Ken and Debra Brewer, Daniel S. and Anna B. Campbell, Mary H. Campbell, R. Murray Campbell, Moses Carr, Margaret White Casey, John and Marcia Coe, Josephine Coleman, Paulina A. Cowen, Bernadette and David Crawford, Grace S. De Wald, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Doggett, Barbara Donahue, Deborah M. Duffee, Deborah and John Flanagan, Jo Ann and Charles Ford, Barry and Carla Getto;

Goodwin Graphics, Inc., Phyllis and John Grayken, John and Mary Hartshorne, Jane Hoffman, William E. Kelley, Helen and Cal King, Peter and Linda Klier, Rusty Krupa, Edwin and Katherine Lincoln, Jennifer and Edward C. Maher, Jr., Anne and Eli Manchester, Maureen;

John, Isabel and Kate McCarthy, George and Mary McGoldrick, Deborah Meehan, Francis and Ruth Mitchell, Max and Patricia Munro, Nicholas S. Newman, Rusty Park, Brenda Regan, Dr. and Mrs. Mrs. Robert T. Sceery, Lynne B. Schmidt, John and Alicia Seavey, Thomas and Diane Shipp, Jean Simonds, Russell and Susan Smith;

South Shore Rebar, Inc., Robert and Susan Spofford, Mrs. and Mrs. Peter L. Stone, Caroline and Robert Thomas, Herbert Towle, Joseph Walsh, Jack and Ginny Wieland.

The Cohasset Library Building Fund appeal has produced wonderful results.

Gifts of $1,000 or more will be permanently displayed on the Donor Wall of the library. Names will be listed in broad "giving categories" by size of gift. All gifts will be listed in a final Campaign Report. The Library Building Fund plans to publish a list of new donors to the Building Fund on a regular basis. If you did not receive a Library Building Fund appeal, please call Patience Towle at (781) 383-1954.

Library Trustees Patience Towle and Sheila Evans are also chairman and secretary respectively of the Cohasset Library Building Fund.

A cable night with assessors

ASSESSMENTS

ELSA MILLER



The Cohasset Board of Assessors will hold an Open Forum on Thursday May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Selectmen's office in Town Hall. The program will be televised live on Cable-TV channel 10. From 7-9 p.m., citizens can view the "Sales Map" which indicates the location and price range of the sales that will be utilized in the current revaluation. Other sales data information will also be available. The assessors will discuss the revaluation process and answer questions. The public will also be able to call in questions. The phone number will be advertised during the program.

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As we all know, the last few years have been quite brisk economically. Properties have appreciated at a remarkable pace. The Boston Globe recently indicated that Cohasset's median price range was $350,000 to $449,999 for the year 2000. This is a substantial increase. Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandates that the assessments be within 10 percent of a 100 percent of "full and fair cash value." The State does regular reviews of the analysis that will indicate the new assessments. They will not certify a tax rate unless we meet the criteria.

We hope to see you or hear from you with your questions. We will also try to give an overview of State Exemptions available for property tax assistance. So, tuned tonight at 7p.m. and get your questions answered.

Elsa Miller is Chairman of the Board of Assessors.

Search for Osgood principal continues

SCHOOL TALK

JANE PESCATORE

The Superintendent's Communication Forum met on Tuesday, May 8. The group covered a number of important topics, and I wanted to share them with you.

A question came from one of the members regarding whether we publicize Superintendent Ted Malvey's email address so that people could contact him directly. Unfortunately, because of potential legal liabilities, Ted is prohibited from using this as a means of communication with the public at large. Instead, he suggested that anyone who would like to speak to him, just pick up the phone.

Ted gave us a run down of all the current job openings in the school system. Some teaching spots have been filled. Some others are proving harder to fill because of the caliber of people the district seeks. The opening for the principal at Osgood is not attracting as many qualified applicants as Ted had hoped. He is therefore advertising again for this position. He noted that this isn't a surprise because there are fewer and fewer people willing to step into administrative positions. When he gets candidates that he thinks should go forward, there will be a screening committee consisting of two school committee members, two parents, two administrators, and two teachers. If any parents are interested in serving on this committee, please contact School Committee Chairman Stephanie Noble.

We then covered the status of the construction projects at the Middle/High School as well as Deer Hill. Contracts have been awarded for both projects, and preliminary site preparations are getting under way. The contractor for the Middle/High School project has decided that he can wait until after school is out to start demolition. This produced a sigh of relief at the High School complex as you can well imagine! The biggest project to begin in the summer at both schools is asbestos removal. Because of the nature of this effort, constant monitoring will occur, and no such work will be done while students are in attendance.

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Because of space constraints, two of the Collaborative classrooms at Osgood must find new homes during the period of construction at Deer Hill. The mini-school, which is also housed at Osgood, will be able to stay there. Ted is working with the director of the collaborative to find space for the displaced classes.

As part of the kickoff for the construction projects, Ted is suggesting "groundbreaking" ceremonies at both schools. These will be held so that the students at each school can participate. The initial thought for the Middle/High School is to have the groundbreaking as part of the 50th anniversary celebration, which starts on May 25th. As plans are firmed up for these events, you'll receive more information.

Nancy Herlin, who is school council representative at Deer Hill, suggested that the schools somehow incorporate the entire design/construction process into a learning experience for students. Needless to say, we all felt this was a great idea, and Ted is going to pursue implementation with the administrators at each school.

Ken Cisneros, school dept. technology director, is going to create a web site for the construction projects that can be accessed by all interested citizens. While he can get the site up and running, the maintenance of it needs to be undertaken by another person. He is still looking for that person; it could be a student or a teacher or even an interested person outside the schools. This will be a great informational resource for everyone.

As you can tell, it's a very busy and a very exciting time at the schools. I encourage everyone to stay in touch via the PSO, the School Councils and the members of this forum. Communication is always the key to success; it is even more important with so many different efforts being undertaken at once.

Jane Pescatore is president of the Cohasset PSO.

HEALTH NOTES

Threats to health in the home environment

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Fourth in a series

The first article of this series was a litany of "sky-is-falling" pronouncements about toxic substances. This article seeks to provide a semblance of balance to the issue.

A recent news release reported that a town was going to outlaw the use of playground equipment using wood treated with arsenic as a preservative. At the same time, a four-year-old fell from a swing set which contained no pressure treated material and consequently rotted in several places. Apple orchards typically contain enormous amounts of arsenic, because lead arsenate has been the preferred treatment for apple worms in this country for 200 years.

Warfarin is rat poison. Many brands exist; Decon is one brand. Another brand name for Warfarin is Coumadin® which is a prescription drug (blood thinner) for heart patients. The same dose which helps a heart patient might be lethal for a rat. There is only one simple answer to the problems of toxic substances in modern society, and that is education and information.

Increasingly the number and variety of chemicals found in the home can pose a risk to its inhabitants. The reasons for this are many, but primarily, the human immune system finds it increasingly difficult to stimulate an appropriate reaction in the body to the various chemicals ingested, either from breathing, ingestion or contact with eyes. or (as in the case of babies and lead paint) contact with eyes or mouth. Many household chemicals are considered pesticides. And pesticides are everywhere; for example, Clorox is considered a pesticide, as is bottom paint for boats.

Fortunately, Massachusetts has an active program of information and education about common pesticides which, because of their ubiquitous nature, represent a threat to high-density populations such as found in New England. The state divides pesticides into two major classes; those which require a notification process for anyone likely to enter a site where pesticides are to be applied, and those for which no notification procedures are required. (The law mandates stiff penalties for application of pesticides without following notification and reporting procedures.) Notification of use is not required if the pesticide consists of ready-to-use dusts, powders, liquids or gel formulations when used as directed by the manufacturer in tamper-resistant bait stations placed in areas inaccessible to children, and termiticides under certain conditions.

The simple answer to the problems of toxic substances in modern society is education and information.

If you are uncertain about the use or toxicity of a substance you wish to use as a pesticide; call the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA) 617 727-3000 or the EPA 617 565-3932. Both of these agencies have excellent pamphlets and other guidance about the use and dangers of pesticides. Other Chemicals Household chemicals take many forms and serve a host of useful purposes. Nevertheless, one should take care since many have damaging side effects.

Here are a few tips:

- As a rule, never mix different cleaning agents. There are cases where chlorine containing chemicals were mixed with toilet cleaners, resulting in the creation of a cloud of highly toxic gases similar to phosgene (WW1 poison gas) with lethal results. Even household bleach and ammonia combine to give off a toxic gas. Bleach is classed as a pesticide by the Mass Department of Food and Agriculture.
- Ventilate at least once a week allow for a change of air in those rooms for which regular ventilation is limited such as closed bedrooms; rooms with peculiar smells. Allow air changes in closed rooms such as bedrooms or where odors persist. In New England where houses are built tight to conserve fuel, gases such as radon from granite can be trapped inside. New home furnishings and rugs frequently out-gas for months after installation, sometimes emitting dangerous substances such as vinyl chloride.
- Recycle for safety and health. Get rid of harmful materials in the house. Make use of the toxic chemical household hazardous waste collection days drives put on by the DPW at the Recycling Transfer Station (RTF) and in nearby towns. Take used oil to the RTF for disposal. Mercury is an emerging threat and promises to become the major environmental problem of the next decade. We'll talk about the special problems of mercury in another article.
- And above all: Read and follow the instructions on the label. It's a complex and dangerous world out there, and it's necessary to keep yourself informed.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

The mighty have fallen

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



How the mighty have fallen — to coin a phrase.

When I was young, and ice covered most of the earth, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the sainted FBI, the vaunted G-Men, stood valiantly between us and the hordes of bank robbers, highwaymen and other miscreants who threatened life, liberty and our American way of life.

We were thrilled when a G-Man named Melvin Purvis and his agents gunned down the bank robber John Dillinger in a Chicago alley, so thrilled that we didn't notice that Purvis was soon rusticated because he was drawing more attention from the newspapers and radio (no television then) than his boss, J. Edgar Hoover.

We were positively ecstatic when J. Edgar himself went to New Orleans to personally slap the cuffs on Alvin "Creepy" Karpis, the last of the big time gangsters of the 30s. What we didn't know was that he did it to impress the Senate Appropriations Committee and get more money for his FBI.

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We sat up late to listen to "Gangbusters" and "The FBI in Peace and War" on the radio (there was no TV, remember?) and heard the valiant and incorruptible agents of the FBI shoot it out with the bad men and round the live ones up by the dozens so they could get a fair trial and be sent away where they couldn't harm us.

For me, personally, the height of FBI worship came in December, 1956, in the Federal Courthouse in Boston when they were choosing a jury to try the Brink's robbers. One prospective juror was asked if he had formed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused robbers.

"Yes, I have," he said. "I think they're guilty."

"Why do you say that?" he was asked.

"The FBI wouldn't have arrested them if they weren't," he replied.

How the mighty have fallen — or have I already coined that phrase?

Last week, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, a senior member of the Senate Judiciary Committee — and a Republican, no less — was calling for an investigation and radical reform of the once-sacrosanct FBI in the wake of a series of mistakes.

In rapid succession, agents were found snuggling up to gangsters in Boston, sending an innocent man (Joe Salvati) to jail for 30 years, wrongly identifying Richard Jewell as the man who placed the bomb at the Atlanta Olympics, spying for the Russians, and failing to produce 3,135 documents for the defense in the trial of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

"We must change the FBI culture that has caused these colossal mistakes," said Grassley, whose committee will have considerable say in who succeeds the retiring Louis Freeh as the next FBI director. "I want to know that the next FBI director is committed to sweeping changes."

If a Republican senator from Iowa had said that about the FBI a half century ago, he couldn't have been reelected dogcatcher in Des Moines.

Or Boston, Massachusetts, either.

POLITICAL NOTES

Bradley speaks on home health care

Representative Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) delivered his maiden speech during the recent House budget debate to advocate on behalf of home health care for seniors. Bradley spoke in favor of a budget amendment which proposed earmarking $10 million in the Medicaid long-term care line item for expansion of home health care services. This amendment would help fund a new concept known as "Equal Choice", which allows seniors to choose between institutional care and home care.

"Passage of this amendment says to seniors that Medicaid will spend as much to keep you at home as it would to keep you in a nursing home," Bradley said. "In Massachusetts, 80 percent of all Medicaid long-term care spending is directed towards institutional care, rather than home care. We must start to reverse this."

The legislature referred the matter to a study to determine its feasibility. "It is my belief that allowing "Equal Choice" for seniors is what we need in Massachusetts. We have the eleventh largest senior population in the country, as they age we must provide them, and their families, with choices."

Two new faculty members join Deer Hill staff

TEACHERS WITH CLASS

ELLEN OWENS-RIGBY

The Deer Hill School welcomes new faculty members to its community this year, Karin Taylor and Michael Weydt. Both experienced teachers, who were looking for a new challenge and wanted to benefit the Cohasset community, chose Deer Hill School.

Ms. Taylor joined Deer Hill's fifth-grade team as a special needs teacher. After earning her B.A. in elementary and special education from Providence College, she spent the last five years as a kindergarten and first-grade special needs teacher in Abington. In addition to learning and teaching new curriculum, Ms. Taylor is completing the last of her courses for her master's degree in special education from the University of Massachusetts at Boston. She stated that she is happy to bring her teaching experience to Cohasset's schools and looks forward to the challenges her new role brings.

Mr. Weydt is a familiar figure in Cohasset since he taught physical education at the Osgood School for the last 12 years. He noted that he misses his friends on the Osgood staff and working with younger children, but was ready to try something new in his professional life. At Deer Hill School, Mr. Weydt is working with older children who have more highly-developed gross motor skills, so he is able to teach more complex movement skills and concepts. In addition, he will enjoy the distinction of working with the current fourth grade class for all seven of their elementary physical education years, giving him an unusual but exciting perspective on the growth and development of children over these years of their lives. In the area of personal challenges, Mr. Weydt accomplished a major goal when he ran in the Ocean State Marathon last November. Although he was disappointed with his course completion time of four hours, 47 minutes, it reminded him that sometimes people have no control over things that happen—especially leg cramps.

Both Ms. Taylor and Mr. Weydt look forward to the challenges and opportunities they will have in their new teaching positions. The Deer Hill School community will benefit from these teachers' experience and commitment to teaching and learning.

Ellen Owens-Rigby is a member of the Cohasset Teachers' Association.



Michael Weydt, physical education teacher



Karin Taylor, special needs teacher

Music Circus reaches half century mark

REFLECTIONS

ROGER LEONARD

Anyone familiar with Cohasset town history knows of Hanlon Studio's and their beginnings of musical comedy and set design. An outgrowth from all that was a theatrical organization calling themselves the South Shore Players. They staged performances at the Cohasset Town Hall during the Depression Years and beyond. Later, this emerged as the South Shore Music Circus in 1951. The massive tent placed on open land space at Sohier Street was home of where the Cohasset Horse Shows once performed. The wooded area surrounding the canvas structure made a perfect rural setting.

The personnel for summer stock in its truest sense consisted of theatrical students, lesser-known names from motion pictures and Off-Broadway, plus young hopefuls from apprentice programs. As always, in communities across the nation, old barns, some with additions, or theatre-in-the-round circus tent configurations was the physical aspect against a verdant, small town background. The creation of a logical and, a sometimes believable setting for a particular performance could be a challenge, despite some poor production values.

Fifty years ago, the world was different. The extent of changes being fewer human beings inhabiting this planet and consuming a lesser amount of resources. Bear in mind World War II had ended. Our fighting men were home for good. America was filled with hope and promise.

In those days there were no special parking privileges for the disabled and no wheelchair accessible ramps mandated by the federal government. Also, no children's theatre workshops, no speed bumps, and no liquor licenses. The lack of frills and precautionary measures seem light-years ago in comparison with the social services we all expect today. Each show stayed one week. The performances were limited to musicals and operettas.

The concept of rock n' roll revivals and Las Vegas style headliners such as Steve & Edie, Wayne Newton, or Englebert Humperdinck simply didn't exist. Operetta's and musicals from the teams of Rodgers & Hart, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Gilbert & Sullivan, Lerner & Lowe, and those of Sigmund Romberg, Franz Lahar, Rudolph Friml, Jerome Kern, and Victor Herbert became the popular trends in summer theatre for those times.

Here is a "roll call" of once popular works, some not necessarily performed at the Music Circus, but are attributed to the grand composers previously mentioned:

"May Time," "Rosalinda," "Northwest Outpost," "Bloomer Girl," "The Firefly," "Naughty Marietta," "Rose Marie," "Blossom Time," "The Vagabond King," "Desert Song," "The Mikado," "Floradora Girl," "Merry Widow," "Kismet Kiss Me Kate," "Sweethearts," "Showboat," "Girl of the Golden West," "The Red Mill," "Student Prince," "Love Me Tonight," "New Moon," "Rosalie," "H.M.S. Pinafore."

Bear in mind World War II had ended. Our fighting men were home for good. America was filled with hope and promise.

A preferred seating ticket could be purchased for a "couple o' bucks". The director type chairs had that familiar wide and stretched piece of cloth material for back support. To those unable to afford this, the rear of the circus tent offered wooden folding chairs for a lesser sum of money. The floor plan was a graduated and circular combination of wooden levels and steps for the stability of the seating compartments layered in soft gravel as a foot support. It is not unreasonable to assume that a lady oblivious to others could slip off her footwear and dangle her feet, swirl her toes or press her heels into the soft cool substance while enjoying the performance on stage. Of course, these chairs were not permanent placements, but had to be stored away after each season.

Understudies and members of the chorus arrived here in June, mostly by train or bus. Few owned automobiles. For the theatrical types, their comings and goings became a revolving door activity of financial attachment with the ever-changing plays at the South Shore Music Circus. One might say they became our counter culture during the long hot days of summer. The young women wore capri pants, halter tops and other more revealing articles of apparel. It should be remembered as a time in fashion when ladies wore either skirts or dresses in public. Some smoked. Others applied exotic eye make-up. Peroxide blondes became those who were perceived with a high degree of visibility. They seemed to draw attention to themselves. All of this was curious behavior for the onlooker in those days, and it obviously set theatrical people apart from the conservative Cohasset citizenry of the 1950's. They could be observed as steady customers in popular dining places at The Cove. The many eating establishments included Grassie's Market, The SeaHorse, Hugo's-Kimball's, Hugo's Lighthouse and in later years, The Shack. What transportation difficulties existed in a small town? The answer to that question was "none". Those employed at the Music Circus could rent "English Bikes". The Jenny Filling Station at Depot Court displayed a collection of different Raleigh models. Among them was a bicycle-built-for-two. Rentals were priced at about $1.50 per week.

Many roomed in private homes throughout the town. Mary Finch, an elderly Norfolk Road resident, was remembered as one who rented out available space to Music Circus performers. It was unthinkable in those times to accommodate one's living arrangement in far away Boston and then commute to Cohasset. Rehearsal tryouts occurred not in some fancy convention hall in the city, but from bare and simple surroundings of McElwain Hall at our own community center. With windows opened, the rustle of costumes, the commotion of dancing feet, and joyous singing could be heard throughout the village.

The past record of events in the existence of a building or, in this case, a circus tent probably reveals at least one misfortune. A storm of cyclonic proportions was sweeping up the coast, but following the normal course of going out to sea. Its path took an unexpected northerly twist for Long Island, and ravaged the southern New England coastline. During the Labor Day weekend of 1954, hurricane Carol left 68 mortalities in its wake of death and destruction. With the season drawing to its conclusion, management at the Music Circus decided to collapse the tent, lest it be torn to shreds. This smart judgment spared any weaknesses in the structural integrity of the entire support beam system.

My parents attended many, many performances in those early years. They held season tickets. Mother kept a stack of old playbills in her bedroom closet, long after the association discontinued booking that type of entertainment. Where are those booklets today? One just can't hold onto everything.

Roger Leonard lives in North Quincy.

Massport's qualifications are questioned

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

Logan Airport is badly managed. I learned it at the Public Hearing for Logan expansion, listening to a varied chorus from 30 towns. The chorus is in my mind while I write comments for the Public Comment Period* against Massport's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

If Logan's delay record is as catastrophic as Massport says, their management has made it so.

Massport is not qualified to manage a project with gigantic negative impacts on public health. Massport apparently cannot find the South Shore on a map. It proposes to bring the noise and emissions more deeply into the residential bowl around the Massachusetts Bay and put three to four times more pollution onto neighborhoods. Massport falsely claims environmental benefits from75,000 new flights "out over the water", which appear on their EIS maps at low altitudes over South Shore homes. Without any pollution and public health studies at all for the South Shore, Massport is spinning a residential pollution gain as an environmental gain!

If Logan's delay record is as catastrophic as Massport says, their management has made it so. They say they are powerless, because the airlines are allowed to schedule as many flights as they want. If you follow this logic out, the added capacity claimed for proposed runway 14/32 will again be overrun, and more airport expansion must follow, in a permanent and uncontrollable spiral. The size of Logan's impact must be scaled to the urban location of the airport. If Greater Boston is not a permanent helpless sacrifice to the appetite of the airlines — and it is possible to control the haphazard growth of Logan at some point — then it is possible to control it now. (E.g., air freight flights all night over residential neighborhoods are haphazard management, at best.)

Massport Director Virginia Buckingham was previously a press secretary, a spinmeister. Apparently, Massport is satisfied those are qualifications to run an airport. Buckingham has certainly been quick to cover every hazard to the 14/32 juggernaut with spin control. If the runway were built, spin could not fix its damage to public health and the civic fabric. The experts on those impacts are the communities already affected and their elected officials. It is shamefully bad management to repel their first-hand, site-specific, time-tested knowledge instead of learning from it. And the knowledge of aviation and health experts not on the Massport payroll, who are free to look at emerging data on the downsides of aviation sprawl. Deciding if major polluter Logan should pollute more, weighing the expansion Massport craves against public health costs, managing noise so life on the ground is still good – these require experts Massport did not hire. The process badly needs the residential victims of Logan to tip the balance toward a livable world class region, or just a livable one, if we can't have both.

Mary Ann Frye is an alternate member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council.

**See http://southshorejetpollution.org/index.html for deadlines (first week of June!) and addresses.*

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Town to mark 50th anniversary of middle/high school

By Rick Collins
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Like most 50-year-olds, Cohasset Middle/High School is starting to suffer from decades of wear and tear. But unlike most 50-year-olds, the building will soon undergo a major renovation and expansion that will result in a practically brand-new structure.

Before it goes under the sledgehammer, the middle/high school will get its own 50th birthday party on Memorial Day weekend, with a celebration that will feature alumni guest speakers, photo displays, tours of the building and the groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation project.

The idea for a celebration was the brain-child of middle/high school principal Dr. Michael Jones.

"I saw the cornerstone of the building and it said 1950, and amid all the talk about the renovations, the building is now 50 years old," he said. "I think its important for a school to have a sense of tradition. Values are derived from tradition."

Over the next two years, the middle/high school will essentially be gutted and rebuilt, with a new athletic complex in the back, and new science and technology labs. The face-lift is part of a $41 million school renovation project, that will also see similar changes made to the 47-year old Deer Hill School.

Jones said he mentioned the idea of "celebrating the changeover" to some people and soon a committee was formed and the idea was off and running.

"Once the committee got together, we realized we had more of an opportunity than just a celebration," said committee chairman Jeanne (Stoughton) Quigley, Class of 1972. "We don't have archives, we don't have memorabilia. We want to develop an ongoing archive that would remain at the school to preserve for future classes."

"I think its important for a school to have a sense of tradition. Values are derived from tradition."

— Dr. Michael Jones, DMHS principal

Not only will the celebration be a remembrance of the building's past 50 years, but also the formal kickoff of a Cohasset High School alumni association.

"Having this committee and having that come out of that has been really exciting," she said.

Quigley said she tagged along to the first meeting with a friend and ended up chairing the whole committee. She said fellow committee members Joan Busk, Marilyn Morrison, Pat Martin, Karen Oronte, Ira and Peg Stoughton, Helen Pratt and Merle Brown have helped tremendously and volunteered many hours to the effort.

Festivities kick off Friday, May 25 with an all-school assembly in the Sullivan Gymnasium, where alumni will give talks about their experiences in and after Cohasset High School. Scheduled to speak are Dr. David Keefe, Nina Steele Welford, Matt Trask, and Jerry White. Jim Lagrotteria, class president of the first graduating class from the new high school in 1952, will introduce the speakers.

Afterwards, students and faculty will file outside for the renovation project's groundbreaking ceremony, followed by a cook-out.

On Saturday, May 26, from 1-5 p.m., the Sullivan Gymnasium will host a large photo gallery of students, athletics and activities at the middle/high school over the past 50 years.

"We're sending out invitations to old retired teachers and administration and staff," said Quigley. "It'll be a chance for old friends to visit."

She said celebrants will be able to take a guided tour of the current building and "walk down memory lane before things change."

The exhibit will also feature old radio and video broadcasts of football games, the 1950 cornerstone, plans for the renovation project and the presentation of citations by state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley.

A DJ will spin a collection of music from the five decades. Alumnae Lily (Carbone) Sestito will also sing.

"Our hope is that we get a huge response for the alumni association, so we can keep our archives and be able to keep a connection with the school, and hopefully make a big enough contribution in some way," said Quigley.

She said the committee has a list of alumni who have recently attended reunions, but still need help getting the word out.

Quigley said credit should be given to Dr. Jones who proposed the idea.

"Without his foresight, we would've missed this opportunity."

When CHS was brand-new

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high school — located where the town police and fire station is now.

Lagrotteria said the old high school didn't have a library, and its shop was a separate 15-foot by 15-foot building next door. Science students had to share Bunsen burners in the laboratory. "You were lucky if you got to use a burner once a week," he said.

But in 1951, his senior year, Lagrotteria and the rest of the 240-student high school moved out of their wooden schoolhouse and its condemned third floor, and into the new state-of-the-art high school on Pond Street. The new high school not only had a library, but lockers, a shop, gymnasium and cafeteria.

"We went from a little, tiny home-style kitchen in the basement to a luxury cafeteria," he recalled. "There were just so many differences. It was like going from a little red school house to a megaplex. There was just absolutely no comparison."

The old Osgood School – not to be confused for the new Osgood School or the former Osgood School (on Ripley Road), which took the moniker after the building of the current high school – seemed to be a problem from the start.

Town historian David Wadsworth, who's grandfather, Edward Nichols, designed the building, said it was constructed over budget and behind schedule in 1891. He said in the mid-1940's, the state fire marshal condemned the third-floor auditorium and gymnasium as a fire hazard.

Selectman Merle Brown said the town began discussing a new high school in the 1920's, but took until 1949 until it was passed.

"It's Cohasset, it takes a long time to do anything," Brown said of the delay.

The town settled on the town poor farm, where families who couldn't afford houses during the Depression could live and work, as the new site for the school. Town Meeting authorized $921,000 for the project, and fortunately was able to contract Volpe Construction to do the work for $585,978.

The cornerstone was laid in 1950, and the school opened its doors in September of 1951. Unfortunately for Brown, he had graduated the previous June.

"I remember riding my bike over there and seeing what was going on," he said. "It was something this town hadn't seen before."

Brown said the town loved the new 50's style design of schools. "It was very well accepted," he said.

The new building looks much the same now as it did then, except with the additions of the Sullivan Gymnasium, the middle school wing and back wing of classrooms.

"It was like going from a 1930's automobile to a 2001 Cadillac."

— Jim Lagrotteria, president of the CHS Class of 1952

The school committee said in the 1952 Town Report, "The school has proven to be everything that we had anticipated. Its affect on students and teachers alike has been noticeable. Better lighting, proper ventilation in the classrooms and modern athletic facilities make both teaching and learning a pleasure."

Lagrotteria, who served as the senior class president for the first graduating class out of the new high school, said students were enthralled with the new building.

"Nobody skipped school," he said with a laugh. "It was like going from a 1930's automobile to a 2001 Cadillac."

The town is about to upgrade to the 2002 version. For the next two years the middle/high school will be completely renovated and expanded. Over Memorial Day, the town will hold a special celebration to remember the building's first 50 years, and look into its next 50.

On Friday, May 25, Lagrotteria will introduce a number of guest alumni speakers at a school-wide assembly, followed by the $41 million project's ground-breaking ceremony. On Saturday, the Sullivan Gymnasium will be filled with pictures, alumni and retired faculty and staff to relive the building's history. Tours of the current building will be available, as will plans for the new building. The Deer Hill School will also undergo a major renovation and expansion as part of the project.



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The old Osgood Schoolhouse on Elm Street was built in 1891 and served as the high school before the "new" high school on Pond Street was opened in 1951.

Relay benefit on track

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ten to Ray Papile on acoustic guitar, browse through the Cancer Smart Shop, or get another massage by Conlon Family Chiropractors. At 11 a.m., the Rusty Skippers Band will perform and then lead all participants in a closing lap around the track.

The Relay started 15 years ago with Dr. Gordon Klatt walking around a track in Tacoma, Washington to raise money for cancer research. Last year, more than two million people participated in 2,700 events across the country and raised $168 million.

In Cohasset, last year, 600 walkers collected $109,000 for the American Cancer Society.

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Fore! Golfers worry about train's effect on their game

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When it comes negative effects of to the train – most of the issues have focused on the homeowner and traffic.

But what about the golfer?

Officials at the Cohasset Golf Club are worried that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is ignoring their concerns that include vibration from passing trains affecting play on the greens of holes 6 and 7 which are about 50 and 70 feet from the rail bed, respectively.

In a letter to Tom Gruber, head of the Cohasset Greenbush Mitigation Committee, and Alexander Macmillan, Hingham's Greenbush coordinator, the president of the golf club pointed out the course abuts the rail line for about 1,950 feet in Hingham and 450 feet in Cohasset, for a total of some 2,400 feet.

"The golf club remains concerned with respect to issues of noise, vibration, increased water flow, tree removals and related impact to adjacent wetlands, fairways and greens," wrote Francis J. Gaul, Jr.

According to Gaul, communication was going well a year ago when MBTA point-man Kevin Dasey and an engineer from the consulting firm Sverdrup met at the golf club to review Greenbush plans. But Dasey, who was popular with towns for his direct approach, left the agency post in February.

Now the golf club seems to be getting the "silent treatment," Gaul said.

"To date, no specific response or follow-up information has been provided," Gaul wrote.

But in telephone interviews both Gruber and Macmillan said the letter was the first they'd heard from the golf club.

Macmillan, who also sits on the Citizens Advisory Committee — a regional group reviewing the Greenbush environmental feasibility study — said he discussed the letter with Sverdrup at the group's last meeting. He thinks the Cohasset club will get the same eight-foot high, black chain-link fencing that the South Shore Country Club in Hingham will.

"But the effect on golf of the train rattling by – I'm not sure what their concerns are," he said.

Gruber, who called the golf club after receiving the letter, said it was the first time he knew of any concerns.

"We've done so much to try and raise awareness," he said. "I was flabbergasted when I got the letter."

Specific club concerns include:

- Additional inflow of water, specially potentially contaminated runoff from the new parking lot that could pass through the Hingham Skating Club pond into Turkey Run Creek and onto the course;
- Excessive vibration and noise affecting play on the greens of holes 6 and 7, and possible damage to the subsoil structure, drainage and irrigation systems of the greens from the vibration. Also, noise levels could affect golfers.
- The club wants assurances that no trees or vegetation on club property would be destroyed;
- Club officials were also advised that a six-foot chain link fence would be installed along the right-of-way that abuts the course.

William E. Beauregard, chairman of the grounds committee of the club, said the effect of the train on the greens and subsoil structure is an unknown. He understood the Cohasset station plans are still in the early design phase, so there may still be an opportunity for input there. Beauregard could not comment on why the club didn't get involved in the Greenbush mitigation process sooner.

Reeds don't sway state

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a successful method to kill off phragmites in other locations. "We did some research on various methods used on the Internet, and cutting down the phragmites is only the first step. You do have to have some salinity there do prevent regrowth of vegetation," Keefe explained. "Primarily, the means of preventing regrowth is through the reintroduction of tidal water, which we're doing. The application of salt was only an insurance measure."

Jacob's Meadow was originally a salt marsh, with its water level rising and falling along with the tide in Cohasset Harbor. However, when the town originally installed the outfall pipes from the meadow under Elm Street, the new tide gates closed at high tide, and prevented saltwater from flowing back into the marsh. As a result, phragmites took hold as the meadow became a freshwater floodplain.

Unfortunately, the reed causes more problems than anything. As it dies and falls over, it can act as a dam, impeding the flow of water out of the meadow. The reed also ignites easily and can be a fire hazard during heat waves.

When Tutela Engineering replaced the drainage pipes under Elm Street in 1999 as part of the town's ongoing James Brook flood control project, it added a third outfall pipe, and reinstalled the tide gates. However, an Environmental Protection Agency official, in town on a different site visit, noticed the newly-installed tide gates and asked about them. The Army Corps of Engineers subsequently said that the town and Tutela had mistakenly not received Army Corps approval to do the work. Tutela Engineering president, Domenic Tutela, said the state failed to tell him he needed Army Corps approval for the project.

For the past year, Tutela, the town, and the Army Corps have been trying to figure out how to restore the salt marsh through the reintroduction of tidal water, while ensuring the properties surrounding the marsh aren't flooded. Tutela and the town have installed special "neoprene" wedges which allow some water to flow in, and as much water as possible to flow out. But the Army Corps has been pushing for the use of self-regulated tide gates; a system that would allow a certain amount of water into the meadow, and then shut automatically.

Last week, the town was told by the state Wetlands Restoration Program that the grant proposal was both too expensive and not a recommended solution to dealing with phragmites.

"The Massachusetts Wetlands Restoration Program does not practice phragmites control with rock salt, nor do we encourage others to do so," the EOEA said in a letter sent to the town. "It is our goal that our wetland restorations be self-sustaining with little or no maintenance. We have found that, in most cases, restoring tidal flows...will control the growth and eventually kill off phragmites in the marsh."

The EOEA added that if increased tidal flow doesn't kill off the reeds, then the area would require the periodic application of rock salt, and would therefore not qualify as a "self-sustaining wetland restoration."

The EOEA also said the normal cost of a restoration project is $10,000 per acre, considerably less than the $50,000 for 0.8 acres proposed by the town.

Even though the EOEA letter also endorsed the use of self-regulated tide gates, Tutela and Town Manager Mark Haddad both insist that the introduction of any more water into the meadow would result in flooding along the abutting properties.

Late last month Tutela increased the height of water in the meadow from the average 3.3 feet to 3.6 feet. He said one property owner saw water come onto her property.

"For flood water similar to what we had in March [when five inches of rain fell on Cohasset in 12 hours] to come down and flood the meadow on top of the high tide water level would probably increase the height of water in the meadow another foot," he said. "And in this particular area that would be disastrous."

Tutela said for every foot higher water in the meadow gets, it spreads 30 feet horizontally.

"The way the gradient is, 3.6 feet is a dangerous number to be at all the time," he said.

Keefe said raising the water level was a "one-time experiment," that the results are still being evaluated and no decisions have been made as to what the next step will be.

Tutela said one recommendation he is certain of, at this point, is to not recommend the use of self-regulating tide gates.

"The level of saltwater in the meadow will be much higher with the neoprene wedges than prior to the project," he said. "The James Brook work was a flood control project, not a restoration project, not that we're against that. We're going to do everything we can to promote restoration short of putting in that type of tide gate which might jeopardize the entire project."

Haddad said selectmen are waiting for a final recommendation from the Army Corps before making a plotting a course of action.

Train deal inked

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ating table. One of the biggest holdups over that agreement was proper compensation for the taking of the 27-acre right-of-way. A town assessment of the property put the right-of-way's value between $2 and $2.5 million.

The MBTA originally contended that it didn't have to compensate the town for any land taking, but were willing to give the town $1 million in exchange for a "friendly taking." Outraged residents packed a Jan. 30 meeting and urged selectmen to demand more. Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan said in February the state would pay full market value for the land, but disagreed with the $2 million price tag.

The new deal says the MBTA will reassess the land and then haggle with the town's assessors over the value. If an agreement can not be reached, the MBTA will hire a third assessor to settle the disagreement. However, the state has agreed to pay the town at least $1million for the taking. It also said it will give the town $500,000 for any open space and recreation land purchases to replace the lost land.

"There's basically a $1.5 million floor," said Selectman Thomas Callahan.

However, Ripley Road resident Peter Pratt, one of those that led the fight for more money for the land taking, again argued that the town should go back and seek more in compensation.

Pratt said that state law requires the MBTA to provide equitable replacement for any public land it takes. He urged the board to go back and seek more for the taking.

"You don't have to sign this tonight," he said.

Selectman Sullivan and Selectman Chairman Fred Koed disagreed with Pratt.

Sullivan said the town has done a lot of work to come up with a proper value for right-of-way. "I don't think we'll ever come up with something that will satisfy everybody," he said. "I think it's a reasonable, acceptable decision in the best interest of the community."

Koed said he thinks the town has received the best possible deal it can. "I think if you stopped a reasonable person in the street, that had no background on the discussions, that they would say this is a reasonable price."

He also disagreed with resident's contentions that the right-of-way was a popular piece of open space. "Personally, I don't remember the last time I've walked down the right-of-way," he said. "It's not a destination."

Selectman Thomas Callahan said he walked the right-of-way during his time as conservation commission chairman, and remembered that a lot of it was under water, and also choked with illegal dumping.

Koed feared that any attempt to reopen negotiations would result in Cohasset losing parts of its deal. "Everything is part of a package, and I think we could start losing $500,000 chunks," he said.

The agreement also sets up a binding informal dispute resolution process that private property owners can enter into if they wish to dispute the amount of mitigation allocated to them by the MBTA.

Both Selectman Merle Brown and Selectman Ronnie McMorris considered the deal the best the town could get.

Callahan said he would reluctantly sign the deal. Callahan has been a vocal opponent of the plan to bring diesel-train service back to town, but said he felt obligated to protect the town.

"I have to do what's best for the town, despite my personal feelings," he said. "I think I'd be doing a disservice to the town if I didn't sign this. This is as good of a deal as we're going to get."

Jim Watson of Border Street slammed the deal and urged the board to not sign.

"This project is as much about providing Modern Continental with its next project, as it is providing diesel rail service to the area," he said. Modern Continental has the construction contracts for the Big Dig and Route 3 expansion project.

He compared restoring a diesel rail line to equipping a house with kerosene lamps the day before electricity comes to town.

At the meeting, the deal was supported by former mitigation committee chairman Dean Rizzo and North Main Street resident Sheila Evans. Jacqueline Whipple, also of North Main Street, extended her thanks to the board, as well as that of her husband David, and Beach Street resident Lincoln Bloomfield, neither of whom could make the meeting.

Cohasset is the second Greenbush corridor town to sign an agreement with the MBTA. Hingham has also signed. Weymouth and Scituate are in the midst of negotiations. The Greenbush line is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project. The restored Plymouth and Middleboro lines were opened in Sept., 1997.

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North Cohasset residents to pay 10 percent more for water

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Water company customers in Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset are in for another increase.

The good news is that Massachusetts-American Water Company's November 2000 request for a 16 percent rate hike was scaled back to 10.5 percent.

The increase went into effect May 1.

The downside is that the average ratepayer with a 5/8-inch meter, who uses 2,400 cubic feet of water per quarter, will pay about $40 more per year for the precious resource. The average family uses 72,000 gallons of water per year.

In April, representatives from Mass-American, officials from Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Oxford — which is also served by the water company — and the Department of Telecommunications and Energy recommended a settlement which included the new rate hike. The DTE recently approved the recommendation. The increase represents additional annual revenues of $1.2 million for the water company.

"I think we did a good job in limiting the amount of the increase, cutting it by 30 percent, especially since in the past the DTE has been industry-friendly right down the line," said Hingham Town Administrator Charles Cristello.

The rate hike is the first sought by Mass-American in five years, but customers were hit with a 153 percent increase in 1996 to pay for the water company's new $37.7 million water treatment plant which was built in conformance with federal purification standards.

Hingham and Hull challenged the "excessive" rate hike in court, but the state Supreme Judicial Court recently ruled in favor of the water company.

Mass-American spokesperson Keith Bossung notes the amount of the latest increase will vary, depending on the customer, because the new settlement includes conservation measures.

The average residential user will see an increase of about 6.6 percent, while customers with higher consumption will experience about a 13.5 percent hike. The overall average for all customers, including commercial and industrial ratepayers, will be 10.5 percent.

In other words, customers who use more water will no longer pay less per gallon as they have in the past. All users will now pay the same rate, regardless of how much or little water they use.

Bossung called that change the "first step towards conservation" in response to a Department of Environmental Protection administrative order issued two years ago calling for the elimination of the declining rate structure and institution of conservation-based rates.

If that doesn't work, stricter measures could be taken.

"That could mean the eventual implementation of a penalty for customers who use more water beyond a certain threshold," Bossung said. "In other words, they would pay more per gallon once they reach that point. But we want to give the other measure a chance to work first."

Still, time is of the essence, some say. A recent study revealed the Weir River Watershed is overtaxed, which raised a warning flag in town.

More conservation

Cristello thinks the water company should spend more time and energy on issues related to conservation and finding new water sources — sooner rather than later.

"Right now Mass-American is looking to others to solve the problem," he said. "The town needs to be more vigilant, because there's clearly a need for more water in town, even without considering new developments in the future. The need for more water must be approached in the most cost-effective way possible. Water is a difficult resource to replace, and there's a very limited supply of it."

With regard to the recent settlement, Bossung said all those involved in the negotiations worked hard in a joint effort to come up with a "reasonable settlement for both parties."

Mass-American was willing to settle for a lower rate increase in exchange for an effective date three months earlier than originally requested.

Water company officials applied for the 16 percent increase late last year. They said the request is in line with the current inflation rate and is needed to cover operation, capital improvement and other expenses.

"We need to replace the aging infrastructure and utilize new technology in order to maintain a potable, safe and sufficient water supply in the future," said Bossung.

In November, officials and residents from the three towns packed the Town Hall auditorium to express their staunch opposition to the request at a public hearing held by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy. The water company already charges rates that are among the highest in the nation.

In recent months, ratepayers have experienced some relief thanks to a state program calling for an average $100 savings per customer annually through 2008. During 1999, the first year of the program, ratepayers saw an average decrease of $190.

"The towns can't appeal this most recent increase because it's an arbitration-like process," noted Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who was instrumental in helping the state rate relief program become a reality.

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy instituted the settlement intervention process to reduce administrative costs incurred by water companies and their ratepayers in adjudicating rate cases.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and Hedlund also participated in the settlement talks.

"This is not a compromise from the towns' perspective. I think they approached the discussions with the realization that the Department of Telecommunications and Energy has seemed to lean towards the filer of rate increase requests in the past and saw this as the best possible deal," Hedlund said. "If they didn't accept it, Hingham, Hull and Cohasset water customers could have ended up with a larger rate increase. It had to do with a sense of reality working within the context of this particular process, which has been unfair in the past."

Since the 1996 rate hike, Hedlund has advocated that the towns of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull look into the possibility of taking the water company by eminent domain.

"There are a lot of citizens with different kinds of expertise in the three communities who could at the very least put together an ad hoc group to perform an investigation of the benefits and drawbacks of doing so," he said. "That would be taking the first small steps in that direction. Ultimately, the final decision would rest with the townsfolk and selectmen, but there may be some benefit in garnering that type of information."

MAWC serves approximately 17,400 customers in Hingham, Hull, Millbury, Oxford, north Cohasset and a portion of Norwell.

Local woman lobbies for tougher seatbelt law

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Inta Hall's eyes give her away. They possess a steely determination that belies her otherwise grandmotherly demeanor.

Hall is, after all, a proud grandmother — but she is first and foremost a mother, one who has a story to tell.

Twenty years ago, she suffered the worst nightmare imaginable. In two separate car crashes over two years, she lost one son and another suffered severe brain injury. Neither boy was wearing a seatbelt, which in each accident could have made all the difference.

So the Hingham resident is on a mission, one she's fought before and will again, if need be.

"I decided a long time ago, I could either sit in a corner and feel sorry for myself the rest of my life or do something," she says.

Seatbelts have been required under state law since 1994. Not buckling up is subject to secondary enforcement, meaning the officer can cite a motorist for not using a seatbelt only if he or she is stopped for something else. The fine for not using a seatbelt is $25. Under existing state law, a police officer can only use primary enforcement to stop a vehicle for a seatbelt infraction if a child, age 12 or under, is not wearing a seatbelt.

Secondary seatbelt enforcement is simply not enough, says Hall, a member of the Brain Injury Association. She is a familiar face on Beacon Hill where she is lobbying for primary seatbelt enforcement — meaning a police officer could pull you over for not buckling up. For secondary enforcement, the traffic stop must be tied to another violation.

Primary enforcement of seatbelt violations is back before the state Legislature. It's passed the Senate and is before the House, where she thinks it stands a fighting chance this year.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, who supports the bill, said last year the effort failed by about 14 votes.

"We have 17 new members," he said. "Anytime you bring in a new crop — more than the number it was defeated by — there is hope."

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who has mixed feelings about the proposal, said beefing up the seatbelt law was briefly debated on the Senate floor several weeks ago. "I want to see enhanced seatbelt use," Hedlund said. "We have the safest roads in the country, but yet we have the highest rate of fatality from lack of seatbelt use. However, I'm not too sure about primary enforcement. That means Big Brother becomes a major part of the issue. I think what would help more people buckle up would be enhanced education on it, especially for kids just learning how to drive."

Hall believes the "civil rights" argument against beefing up the seven-year-old law is ludicrous.

"Driving is not a right," she says. "It is a highly regulated activity."

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan said the public often views any additional law as a violation of their rights.

"But seatbelts save lives, there's no doubt about it," he said. Cohasset police are participating in Operation ABC Mobilization May 21-Memorial Day during which they will intensify seatbelt law enforcement.

The direct and indirect costs — most of which are passed on to all of us through higher insurance rates — for people injured in car crashes are astronomical. Those crashes are more likely to occur to males aged 16-34, Hall says. And many don't think of the cost of the fire department and EMTs "when they pick you up off the road," she says.

One of Hall's sons, who got into the car with a drunk driver and crashed a block from their home, spent months in a coma and 6-1/2 years in rehabilitation. He was just 17. She knows what it's like to hold a bedside vigil. The other son, 21, was killed after being thrown from the car that skidded on an icy patch. He was on his way home from college.

Despite her personal experience, she said chances of your drying in a car crash are slim. She said there are 28,000 brain injuries annually in Massachusetts alone and almost half are due to car crashes with the main cause — lack of wearing a seatbelt.

"It does affect others," she says. "Emotionally and financially, not only families but the whole of society and it is preventable."

There are 17 states and the District of Columbia that have primary seatbelt enforcement.

Hall said statistics show that seatbelt usage shoots up immediately when there is primary enforcement. California adopted the law in 1992 and seatbelt usage there skyrocketed from 20 percent to 90 percent.

"We know it's working," she said about primary enforcement. "We're trying to change people's behavior and changing behavior needs a sanction. Simply telling people is not enough."

Hall fought to get the state to adopt a seatbelt law through the mid '80s and early '90s. She organized the first seatbelt coalition in '84-'85. The first state seatbelt law was passed in '85 and went into effect in 1986, only to be repealed by referendum. Hall and other supporters didn't give up. They continues their effort to educate legislators, businesses and the general public about the importance of seatbelts and seatbelt enforcement.

The seatbelt law passed the Legislature in the early '90s and again, opponents tried to repeal it, but this time they failed.

"Now we're back again," she said.

She said there are about 1600 reasons why you can be stopped by a police officer including having a dirty license plate. It's time for seatbelts to join that list she says.

The freedom or civil rights issue just doesn't stand up, Hall says.

"It's not really a rights or freedom issue," she says. "Because if you're in a wheelchair, you don't have much freedom."

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Elder's birthday lunch May 30

Cohasset Elder Affairs is hosting and inviting "Nonagenarians" and their families to a "Happy Birthday Luncheon" to honor anyone and everyone who is 90 (or almost) years young.

The event is Wednesday, May 30, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. starting with crackers and cheese and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Parish Center.

R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 25, to Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

Yard sale benefit

The Cohasset Historical Society yard sale and raffle is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lothrop House, 14 Summer St. The raffle drawing is at the end of the sale.

For information, call Pat and John Steele at 781-383-2545.

Straits Pond cleanup

The Straits Pond Spring Cleanup is Saturday, May 19 (rain date is June 2). Meet from 10 a.m.-noon at Gun Rock Playground, Atlantic Avenue, Hull. Please wear gloves, long sleeves and boots. The event is hosted by the Straits Pond Watershed Association, which provides community input to governmental committees and agencies about Straits Pond and facilitates efforts to maintain and improve the environmental quality and beauty of the pond.

There will also be a cookout from noon to 2 p.m. at the playground. The picnic is compliments of Jade Forest Kung Fu Performance Group. The picnic will be followed by a beach geology field trip from 2-3 p.m. at Gun Rock & Forest Avenue Extension with Declan DePaor Ph.D. The event is free. For more information contact: Lawry Reid Tel: 781-925-8659, email: viaspeech@mediaone.net

Mystery night at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset will host its Spring Mystery Night on Wednesday May 23, from 7-9 p.m. Featured will be Cynthia Peale, Katherine Hall Page and Hallie Ephron and Don Davidoff writing as G.H. Ephron. Peale is the author of the Beacon Hill Mysteries. In "Murder at Bertram's Bower," two residents of a home for "fallen women" are brutally murdered, and matron Agatha Montgomery must seek help quickly to save the home from scandal. Agatha award-winner Katherine Hall Page presents her most challenging plot yet in "The Body in the Moonlight," when caterer and amateur sleuth Faith Fairchild must solve a murder that appears to be tied to her own catering efforts and that presents a threat not only to Faith's career but to her marriage. Hallie Ephron and Don Davidoff have co-authored "Amnesia," the first in a series starring Dr. Peter Zak, forensic psychologist. When a witness to a murder is shot in the head and spends six weeks in a coma, Zak must decide just how reliable are the memories which begin to surface, memories which point to the culpability of an ex-husband. All three of these mysteries are set in the Boston area. Free. Call 781-383-2665 to reserve your place.



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Alzheimer's support

Judith Karpinski, a Clinical Social Worker with a private practice in gerontology, will speak to "Caring for an Alzheimer Patient: Emotional dilemmas" on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. before the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore Meetings are held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham.

Karpinski is a gerontology specialist working in the Quincy South Shore office of Family Service of Greater Boston for individual and family interventions with adult mental health and issues of aging. Her focus is providing support services for caregivers who are striving to keep older relatives at home. A question-and-answer session will follow her presentation.

For information call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell t 781-749-5417. This meeting is free and open to anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's respite care for an Alzheimer's patient so that the family may attend this lecture is available at Harbor House.

Reservations for respite care must be made in advance by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House at 781-749-4774 x843 by 3 p.m. on May 23.

Garden tour

The Garden Club of Hingham's "Bouquet of Hingham Gardens" Tour is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, and tickets are on sale at the following locations on the South Shore: Noble's, Bookport and Round Hill, Hingham Square; Corson's Glass House, Whiting Street, South Hingham; Buttonwood Books, Cohasset; and The Studio, Duxbury.

There are ten Hingham gardens featured on the tour. Tickets are $18 before the tour and $22 the day of the tour. Tickets may also be purchased by sending a check with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Mrs. Wallace Meigs, 10 Howland Lane, Hingham, MA 02043.

Children's room

A free series of programs for pre-schoolers, ages three to five, began this spring at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This is a combination of entertaining performances sponsored by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The program began May 4 and continues through Saturday, June 9.

Big Ryan, storyteller, led the pre-school program on Friday, May 4 at 10 a.m. and again on Thursday, May 10 at 2 p.m.

The Music Lady joined May 12 and will return Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. Big Ryan may return at a later date. All programs are sponsored by South Shore Community Action and "Helping Children Have Success Now."

Children's programs

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will sponsor the "Score Big With Books" reading program which will include a selection of posters and prizes for children of all ages.

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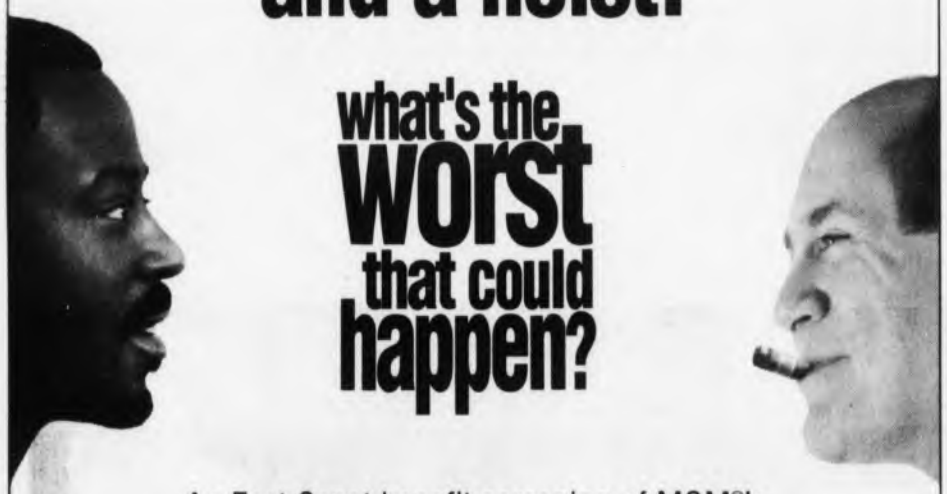
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Stars of the Week

Tim Straughn

The Cohasset High junior improved his pitching record to 2-0 on Thursday, going the distance in a 5-3 win over Carver. Tim has regularly helped his own cause, as well as that of his teammates on the mound, as his team leading .410 batting average and 11 RBI attests.

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On the South Shore

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The implausible dream

Cohasset track team takes first league crown in a quarter century

By Mike Spellman
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To say it's been a special season for the Cohasset boys spring track team doesn't even come close to summing it up.

Indeed, just winning their first league title in 25 years would be special enough.

However, when you throw in the fact that they did it with a roster that was literally 25 percent the size of some of their top competition, it becomes something quite a bit bigger.

"I can't say enough about the hard work and the dedication of these 16 boys," effused head coach Al Lafountain. "Obviously, we have some talented kids, but it was the hard work that set them apart."

With several team members forced to compete in as many as four events in some meets this season, that observation kind of goes without saying.

The boys wrapped up their perfect 6-0 season with a 79-58 win on Thursday over Carver, a team that carries three times as many athletes as Cohasset.

As usual, there were several multiple top finishes by Cohasset tracksters, the most notable being dual first-place performances by senior tri-Captain Brian Krupczak (triple jump and 200 meter) and junior Liam Martin (high jump and 300 hurdles).

Top places were also taken by senior Robin Cunningham in the 110 hurdles, junior Jason Brown in the 100, sophomore Ian Kidder in the 400, junior Dan Kinchla in the two-mile, Steve Laney in the discus and junior captain Pete Maitland in javelin.

LaFontain, in his third season as head track coach and fourth year at Cohasset High, credits assistant coach Mark Hall with much of the success his team has had, particularly on the short track.

"The one area I felt a little deficient in as a coach was with the sprinters, but Mark has come in and done a phenomenal job working with kids like Brian (Krupczak) and Jason Brown."

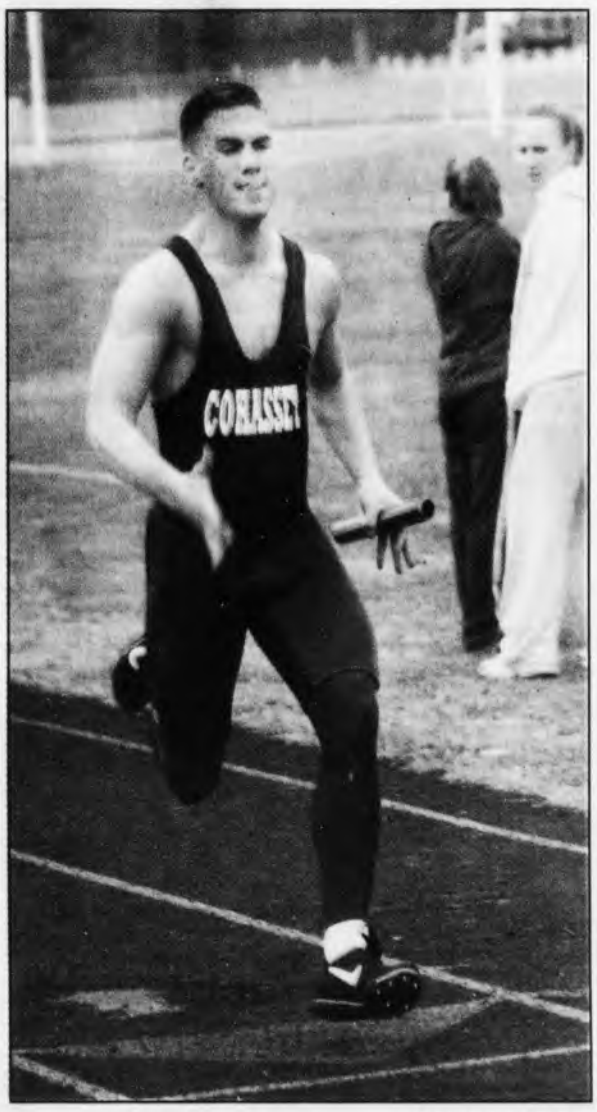
With the regular season done, LaFountain and Hall are now turning their attention to the Class D State Championships on May 26 at Norwell High, where the Cohasset boys finished ninth a year ago.

With most of his top athletes back this season, LaFountain feels the Skippers have a legitimate shot at taking first or second place against the statewide field of smaller schools.

His rationale is that Krupczak, Maitland, Kinchla, Martin and tri-Captain Tim Baird all have a legitimate shot at taking first place in their respective events, and several others have a good chance at placing top three. With 10 points going for first-place finishes and five for second, 50 points is generally enough for teams to compete for the crown.

"Obviously, it would take a little luck, but not that much," the coach asserted. "We have athletes who are capable of pulling this off. If things fall right…."

It's understandable that the coach would have trouble completing this thought. After all, it's difficult to imagine something more special than what's already taken place.



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Cohasset High junior Jason Brown, seen here finishing first in the 4x100 earlier this season, took first in the 100 in Cohasset's league championship clinching win over Carver last week.

Rude awakening

C.H.S tennis players struggle at state individual tourney

By James Olson
CORRESPONDENT

Last Saturday, some of the top competitors from both the boys and girls tennis teams for Cohasset got the opportunity to see how they stacked up against some of the rest of the Massachusetts' elite. The result: pretty darn competitive.

Senior captain Chris Golden, who has only one loss on the year as the boys team's second singles player, was the only member from either team to win his or her first match of the day. Golden beat his opponent in two sets, and stayed competitive in the second against one of the seeded tournament players

Sophomore Lindsay Grossman, who has yet to lose a set in team match play as the first singles player for the girls team, received a bye in the first round, in deference to her outstanding record this year. In the second round though, Lindsay's winning streak was snapped by the female ace from Wellesley, a 7-5, 6-1 win for her.

"It was 95 degrees out there," said tenth year coach Sarah Meehan. "The girl knew that if it went three sets that Lindsay was gonna beat her."

Sophomore Julie Shea, who has shown the same type of dominance as Grossman at the number two spot, ended up losing 6-1, 6-0 in her opening round bout. Though Shea was off her game, according to Meehan, the two were more evenly matched than the score would indicate.

Senior captain Ary Afshar, at third singles, rose to the occasion against Canton's undefeated number three, although she was tagged with the loss, 6-2, 6-3.

"Ary played out her mind," said Meehan with a laugh. "She played the best tennis I had seen her play in six years of coaching her."

The first doubles tandem of junior captain Kelly Stone and freshman Courtney Caron also played their best games of the year to date, but lost 6-3, 6-4.

"They played like I dreamed they could play," said Meehan, who had very high hopes for the this pair, when she matched them together a few weeks ago.

"They were every bit in that match."

Second doubles was the underclassmen duo of Molly Flanagan and Emily Sullivan, and their coach admitted they might have been "in over their heads" against Brookline's unbeaten twosome. Nonetheless, the young Cohasset pair handed in a good showing.

On the boys side, only Golden advanced, but senior captain Jeff Scribner, who entered the tourney with a 6-2 record between first doubles and second singles, lost his in a heartbreaking three-set match, 5-7, 6-3, 3-6.

Scribner's opponent made great use of an impressive drop shot, but Scribner admitted on a different day, the outcome might very well have been different.

Freshman Rob Carpenter, this being his only tournament as a varsity player so far, was beaten in the first round by one of the higher seeded lottery players.

Cohasset had another qualifier for the tournament in sophomore David Ingber, who would have brought a 6-2 record to the tourney in Newton, but he could not attend.

The boys tennis team resumes its league play on Thursday at home against the 1-8 Abington Green Wave, with a chance to clinch their first playoff appearance in over a decade. The Skippers beat Abington last time they played, 4-1.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS LACROSSE
10 lost to Hingham, 17-3
11 beat Sharon, 17-6
15 at Falmouth
17 Barnstable 3:30 p.m.
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BOYS LACROSSE
11 beat Barnstable, 20-0
15 lost to Duxbury, 18-6

BASEBALL
10 beat Carver, 5-3
14 lost to Hull, 11-2
17 Abington

BOYS TENNIS
10 beat Carver, 3-2
17 Abington
end of season

GIRLS TENNIS
11 beat Carver, 5-0
17 at Abington

TRACK AND FIELD BOYS AND GIRLS
10 Carver- boys won , 79-58
girls lost, 95-32
17 at Rockland

GOLF
14 beat Abington, 5.5-3.5
15 lost to Norwell, 9-0
*** for report, see page 14**

Green Dragons swamp Skippers

The Duxbury boys lacrosse team showed why they're ranked number-one in Massachusetts and 16th in the nation, jumping on Cohasset early and rolling to an 18-6 victory at Alumni Field.

Cohasset trailed the Green Dragons 3-0 by the time the first quarter was five minutes old. They regained some control at that point, closing the gap to 3-2. The visitors quickly snatched back the momentum, however, and never again relinquished it, as they bumped the lead to 5-2 at the end of one period, and 10-2 at the half.

"If there's a better team in the state, I'm glad they're not on our schedule," said Coach Kevin Orcutt after the contest,. Duxbury was athletic, and they had outstanding passing, shooting and ground ball skills. They sensed we were a little awed, and

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Norwell's John Coleman tries to slow down Cohasset superstar Ronan Buick in recent league action.

One step forward, another back

With loss to Hull, baseball team now stands at brink of post-season disqualification

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The boys baseball team for Cohassete took a big step at qualifying for the playoffs last Thursday with a 5-3 win over Carver, but lost serious ground with a divisional 11-2 loss to the Hull Pirates this week.

In the win in Carver, the Skippers received a complete game from junior starter Tim Straughan, a converted catcher/reliever. Straughan gave up a few scratch runs early, but settled down and seemed to get stronger as the game in the later innings.

"He gets better as the he goes on," reported third year coach Robert Knurek. "When you go into the fourth, fifth and sixth, eighty percent of his pitches are strikes."

Straughan improved his record to 2-0, and has been exactly what Cohasset's rotation needed as their ace, junior Nick Bolster, will be out for at least a few more weeks with a detached retina. Straughan has also been helping his own cause, leading the team in the offensive categories of average and RBIs, with .410 and 11 respectively.

Senior third baseman Tim Grassie tied the game in the fourth with a two run double, and junior first baseman Matt O'Grodnik followed in the fifth with a two out two-run single that ended up being the game winner.

The offense got started in the game by sophomore rookie second baseman Mike Snowdale, who hit an RBI single in the fourth, prior to Grassie's knock.

Snowdale, who slugged a one-hopper into the bleachers at Milliken Field against Norton, has been a pleasant surprise this season with his bat, as well as with his very steady fielding.

The 11-2 loss to Hull, on the other hand, sadly, was not the worst loss to the close SSL rivals. The Skippers were no-hit in the first go round this season by their All-Star ace Ken Sault. Nonetheless, this one stung, leaving Cohasset on the brink

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Boyhood Buddies reunite on opposite sides

Adam Leahy (left), captain of the lacrosse team at Williston Northampton School in Easthampton, and Mickey Palone, lacrosse captain at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, both wear number 6 and played against each other in a recent lacrosse match between their two schools. The Cohasset seniors are long time friends who grew up together.

Post-season a win away for golf team

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset golf team is just one win away from its first tourney qualification in recent memory.

With a 5.5- 3.5 decision over league rival Abington on Monday, the Skippers notched their fourth win of the season. The team currently stands at 4-5-1 heading into today's season finale at Cohasset Country Club with Norton, a team the Skippers beat on the road last Thursday, 7-2.

"It's great that we have our fate in our hands like this," said coach Torin Sweeney, who took over the floundering program this spring. "I'm really proud of the way the kids have competed all season, and now they're in a position to do something that hasn't been done at this school in a lot of years."

Sweeney, Cohasset High's assistant athletic director, wrestling coach and assistant football coach, admits he's not much of a golfer and really didn't know what to expect from this team when practices began back in March outside of the fact that he returned a couple of the team's top duffers.

Consequently, he can't really say he's surprised by his team's success. It has become clear, however, that others are surprised.

"A lot of coaches have told me that we weren't really that highly thought of going into the year," reported Sweeney. "It's always nice being considered an over-achiever.

"Of course, I don't know how much I had to do with that," the rookie coach added with a chuckle. He admits up front that his limited expertise in golf has relegated him primarily to a role of helping his players "make good decisions."

Our guess is the coach, who's worked wonders over the years keeping tiny Cohasset High among the elite wrestling programs, is selling himself a little short. To a grappler, virtually everyone you talk to will tell you what a great motivator and tactician Sweeney is.

In Monday's huge win over Abington at Cohasset Country Club, Wil Prendergast was the medalist for the Skippers, shooting a 38. Dave Bouchard and Ted Gledhill took all three of their available points, and Will Moody chipped in with a vital point.

The Skippers nearly sewed up its post-season berth last Friday, but came up just short with a 5-4 loss to Hanover. Prendergast and Jay Bertovich got all three of their possible three points atop the order, but some short putts down the stretch wound up costing Cohasset.

Golf Notes

On May 24th, Sweeney will take his top three golfers — Prendergast, Bertovich and Gledhill — to Squirrel Run in Plymouth (Carver's home course) for the South Shore League Meet.

Lacrosse is here to stay

EXTRA POINTS



MIKE SPELLMAN

I'll be honest: I really didn't know what to think of lacrosse heading into this spring season.

Like a lot of people of my generation, along with a pretty fair portion of the remaining population, this is a sport for which I hadn't quite gained an appreciation.

I'd watched it on TV a few times, primarily for curiosity's sake, but the closest I'd come to observing it first hand before this spring was the occasional fleeting glance from a couple of hundred yards away while sitting at a baseball or softball game.

I'll be honest again: I was more than a little surprised, as well as aghast, when I heard reports earlier this spring of more local student athletes going out for lacrosse than baseball and softball. I mean, we're talking about America's favorite pastime here…aren't we?

Sure, I'd seen all the kids walking the street with their lacrosse sticks — particularly in Cohasset where there seems to be an alarmingly (at least in my mind) high ratio of sticks to bats and mitts — but to hear that there were more laxers than batters in a towns like Norwell and Scituate was, I confess, somewhat distressing.

OK, so this news served as something of a wakeup call for yours truly.

A little research revealed that the popularity of lacrosse was indeed growing at an alarming…er rapid rate. Clearly, this is more than a trendy sport of the moment; it's here to stay for a while.

Several high schools have added lacrosse to their spring sports offerings in the last few years. It just became a varsity sport for the first time this year in Braintree and Scituate, and for the Norwell girls, but already interest appears extremely high.

In Scituate and Norwell, the programs remain privately funded by boosters programs, but in both cases there is a strong push from within town and school government to add funding to the athletic budgets for these programs.

So, daunted with this knowledge, I figured it was time to swallow my old ideals and check out lacrosse for myself.

You can probably imagine my surprise when I actually found myself following the action, and, what is more, enjoying it. And this is despite the fact that I'm lost on most of the strategy, nuances and rules. For example, can anyone explain to me why it is legal to repeatedly whale away on an opponent's shoulder pads but illegal to nudge him slightly from the backside? But I digress.

Lacrosse, I soon discovered, possesses many of the qualities I find so appealing in hockey and football. Speed, athleticism and strength are all essential to success, as are guile and hand-eye coordination. There's also more of a team concept at work than I suspected. In addition, it's a lot more physical than I thought it was. I guess it says a lot about me that I consider this a drawing card….but again, I digress.

An additional parallel I can now draw to hockey is that lacrosse is a game that becomes infinitely more enjoyable when witnessed in person. My favorite comeback to anyone who declares to me that they're not a hockey fan is "Oh, then I guess you've never been to a hockey game."

Whereas the excitement of football, baseball and even basketball (though to a lesser extent) translate pretty well to the tube, hockey is, in my opinion, diminished greatly by broadcasting. The main culprits: the puck is too small to continuously follow and much of the best action takes place off camera/away from the puck. I can now offer the same opinion about lacrosse.

Another big factor in favor of lacrosse: clearly, spring is The Season. Not only is this the preferred time in these parts for outdoor activity, but there was an opening for another sport. Unlike the fall, which features football and soccer (another sport I was originally slow to accept) splitting the interest and athletes pretty much down the middle, and winter, with hockey and basketball, the spring has had only baseball.

Baseball, as much as it still pains me on some level to admit, is not for everyone. High school athletes who prefer team sports to essentially solo endeavors such as track, golf and tennis, should have another option. And, as I can now attest, lacrosse isn't a half bad option.



Norwell midfielder Pete Donovan (25) fires off a shot against a Cohasset defender in recent Pilgrim Conference action.

PHOTO/ FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse has mixed week

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program continued a very strong season despite some setbacks in winning four games and losing three during the week ended May 13.

The Cohasset Blue 12-and-Under (12-U) team opened a Wednesday doubleheader at Hanover against Hanover 2, and quickly fell behind 2-1 before settling into a groove and taking charge of the game.

Cohasset closed the first quarter with a 5-4 lead, which it extended to 8-5 at the half. Jared Dick made nine first-half saves, keeping the game much closer than it could have bene. Mark Flibotte and Michael Bunstein each scored twice, with Nick Zappolo, Chris Davis, Parker Berg and Charlie Czerkawski scoring once each.

The two teams traded goals in the third quarter, with Czerkawski scoring early in the quarter and Peter Ernst scoring late, to close the third stanza at 10-7.

From there, however, it was all Cohasset, as Ernst scored two quick goals to open the fourth quarter, followed by tallies from Dan Trendowicz, Berg, Bunstein and Matt Burgess to close the game at 16-9.

Justin Hollis closed the door with five second-half saves in the net. Teddy Galligan, Nathan Porter, Trendowicz and Zappolo tallied assists on the day.

Next, the Cohasset White 12-U team faced off against Hanover 1, and also fell behind 2-1 just a few minutes into the contest. From there out, the two teams traded goals until half-time, where the score was knotted at 5-5.

Corey Chase scored two goals and an assist, Jared Kinch had one goal and an assist and Peter Oswald and Mike Grimm scored once each in the first half. Ryan Kucinski also picked up an assist.

The third quarter belonged to Hanover, which scored two goals and held Cohasset to one late score from Jeff Brown, off a nice feed from T.J. Kennedy. Hanover's goaltender dominated third-quarter play, and the unbeaten White team entered the fourth quarter trailing for the first time all year.

From there, however, Cohasset dominated. Hanover could get the ball over the midfield stripe just three times in the final period. Meanwhile, Cohasset kept shooting, and taking the ball away from Hanover whenever the home team was able to come up with it.

Chris Mills tied the game off a feed from Oswald, and Grimm got the game-winner on a feed from Austen Lanzillotti. Lanzillottti then scored an insurance goal all on his own. Jared Dick made two of his 14 saves on the day to snuff Hanover's last bid at a comeback, and Cohasset came home 9-7 winners.

On Sunday, the Cohasset program was split between two locations, and wound up winning at home against Scituate and losing on the road in Plymouth.

Cohasset's 10-and-Under team had a tough morning and early afternoon, playing both of Plymouth's 10-U teams and losing first 9-4 and then 4-3.

The locals played hard, but had a tough time keeping possession of the ball. Plymouth carried the day with respect to ground balls and offensive pressure. Wes Ulmer had a strong performance in the goal for Cohasset, which looked good early in Game 1, jumping out to a 3-1 first quarter lead on goals by Gabriella Flibotte, Owen Landon and Chris Brown.

Plymouth battled back in the second quarter to tie the game 3-3 at the half, then pulled away to a 7-3 lead in the third quarter. Justin Yeager scored for Cohasset in the fourth quarter, but Plymouth added two more to make the final 9-4.

After a brief respite, the Cohasset 10-U team lined up for its second contest of the day. This time, Plymouth jumped out to a quick two-goal lead, before Justin Yeager netted a goal on a fine passing play from Andrew Bell and Danny Brady to pull Cohasset within one at the end of the 1st quarter.

Plymouth controlled the second quarter and led 4-1 at the half. The second half was back and forth, with Cohasset pulling to within one with a minute to play. However, Plymouth was able to run out the clock to secure the win. Geoff Evans and Danny Brady were Cohasset's second- half goal scorers.

Next up, Cohasset Blue played its worst game of the season, dropping a 9-5 decision to a Plymouth team.

Jared Dick, with six saves, and Sam Parker, with four, kept Cohasset in the game, as Plymouth jumped to a lead it never relinquished.

Cohasset's few highlights were of the unassisted variety, part of the proof that the team had trouble completing passes and moving the ball all day against a bigger, stronger Plymouth team. Michael Bunstein scored twice to lead Cohasset, with Dan Trendowicz, Nick Zappolo and Matt Burgess each scoring once.

With the loss, Cohasset Blue fell to 5-3 on the season.

Meanwhile, back at home, the Cohasset White 12-U team kept its record unblemished in a close game versus a Scituate 2 team whose only previous loss of the year was against the Cohasset Blue squad. After Scituate jumped out to a 1-0 lead 10 seconds into the game, Cohasset took control for the rest of the half, going into the break with a 5-3 lead.

Jared Kinch scored twice, with Corey Chase, Jeff Brown and Michael Grimm picking up single goals. Grimm added two assists and Brown one.

Cohasset extended its lead to 7-3 early in the third period on goals from Kinch and a beautiful Jeff Brown-to-Chris Mills connection before Scituate roared back to tie the score.

But for the second consecutive game, Cohasset White dominated the fourth and deciding quarter. Mills finished off a beautiful feed from Corey Chase to give Cohasset the lead, and Michael Grimm scored the eventual game-winner on a cross-crease pass from Jared Kinch. Austen Lanzillotti converted a feed from Grimm and Ramsey Davis scored his first of the year to ice it. Justin Hollis, who made seven saves in the game, shut the door on any Scituate comeback hopes as the Cohasset White squad moved to 7-0 on the season.

The Cohasset 14-U team concluded the day by dominating the second half and downing Scituate 12-5.

The first quarter saw Cohasset jump out to a 4-1 lead on goals by Aidan Buick, Jon Grimm, and Jake Previte. Scituate pulled even in the second quarter, so that the game went to the half knotted at 4-all.

Cohasset exploded in the third quarter with six goals to put the game away. Chris Barber started a textbook fast break with a great feed to Grimm, who found Previte on the crease for the finish. Continuing the strong open-field play, Mark Donovan won the face off, sped between two Scituate defenders, and passed to Grimm for another goal. The third quarter also saw Mike Martone and Jonathan Littauer score their first goals of the season on feeds from Grimm and Buick respectively. Sam Steele had an excellent quick-stick in traffic to round out the third-period scoring.

Along with the scoring barrage in the second half, the defense was strong, with Casey Coleman, Matt Baroudi, Mike Pecca, and goalie Chris Simms holding Scituate to only one goal.

Jon Grimm finished a very strong day with the final score in the fourth quarter on a hard bounce shot. With the game well in hand, Cohasset gave some defensemen a chance to play midfield and middies to play attack.

The Cohasset program takes to the field again on Friday, with a trip to South Boston for night games, followed by road games for all but the youngest team on Sunday.

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Lady Skippers eyes state tourney berth

Win over Sharon lifts laxers to 5-4-1

The Cohasset girls varsity lacrosse team bounced back quickly from Thursday's loss to Hingham. During Lacrosse Spirit Day on Friday at Alumni Field, the girls won convincingly against Sharon.

Cohasset dominated from the outset, eventually winning 17-6. Junior second home Kristin Sheerin once again led the way for the Lady Skippers with three goals and one assist.

Sheerin now has 36 goals and four assists for the season. Both sophomore center Maura McKenney and junior attack wing Emma Gardner also registered hat tricks. The Lady Skippers also got goals from starters Kate Grimm, Suzanne Lynner and Nicole Turgiss.

Sophomore reserve Sarah Brady scored her first varsity goal. The defense again excelled behind Julie Lordan, Katherine Coyne and goalie Gia Petrakis.

Coach Cathy Gaudiano was able to give substantial playing time to a number of the freshmen players on this young squad, and first year high schoolers made the most of their opportunity. Ashley Faber, Cara Flint, Jessie Guild and Meghan Marr all contributed goals. Freshman Libby Meikleham played well on defense.

Coach Gaudiano was pleased with the effort: "This Sharon game was my first real opportunity to give significant playing time to some of our younger players. They have been dedicated and practiced hard all year. Today they showed they are ready to compete at the varsity level."

The Cohasset girls now stand at 5-4-1 and have their eyes firmly fixed on a state tournament berth. This week Cohasset plays at Falmouth (Wednesday) and at home against Barnstable (Thursday at 7 p.m.). Coach Gaudiano believes that this squad has an excellent chance to make the post-season, particularly if it plays well this pivotal week.

Summer sports programs are offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 2001, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball — Milliken Field, Monday, June 25, to Friday, June 29; ages 5 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $150; ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $80. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club, Frank Niles.

North East Speed Training Camps — Milliken Field, Mondays and Wednesdays, June 25, to July 24; boys and girls ages 9 to 13, 6 to 8 p.m., price $85.

Green Dragons swamp Skippers

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they took advantage. But I'm proud we played them to 3-3 in the third quarter, and forced them to never let up."

Cohasset's scoring was led by soph midfielder Tom Anderson, with a pair of goals, and senior Ronan Buick, with a goal and an assist. Paul Previte, Curt Kahn and Matt Davis had scores, and Lane Forrer and Eric Libby each picked up an assist.

Junior goalie Kyle Weber made 22 saves in a courageous performance.

The loss was further marred by a third-quarter injury to Buick, Cohasset's leading scorer with 75 points. Buick suffered a yet-to-be-diagnosed shoulder injury, and never returned to the game. At the time, he was the third-leading scorer in eastern Massachusetts.

"Losing Ronan for any time will be tough, but we'll fight through it," said Orcutt. "We anticipate getting Greg Figureido back in time for Marshfield, and his physical presence will help us. We just have to keep our heads up, win a couple of games in the tournament, and make sure that this won't be Ronan's final game in a blue and white jersey."

After the game, athletic director Ron Ford announced to the team that Hanover, who the Skippers were scheduled to play on Wednesday, had forfeited the game. The decision, said Ford, had been made by the school principal, as a result of a team rules violation. With the forfeit, Cohasset will go into its next contest on Friday against Pilgrim rival Marshfield with a 10-3 overall record, and a 7-3 slate in the Pilgrim. The Skippers close out the regular season by travelling to Catholic Memorial on Monday, and hosting Ashland on Wednesday, May 23 in a night game starting at 7.

Skippers Dominate Barnstable

On Friday, before a raucous Alumni Field crowd on Spirit Night, the boys topped league rival Barnstable, 20-0, behind senior midfielder Ronan Buick's six goals and two assists. The shutout was Cohasset's first ever in Pilgrim Conference play.

The Skippers, who had beaten the Red Raiders 14-3 earlier in the season, featured a balanced attack in this one. Cohasset's four veteran attackmen – Paul Previte, Jason Moore, Curt Kahn and Eric Libby – each had a pair of goals and two assists. Soph middie Tom Anderson also had two goals. Other scorers included middie Matt Davis (one goal), goalie Kyle Weber (one goal, playing attack), freshman attackman Mike Devine (one goal), senior middie and co-captain Lane Forrer (a goal and an assist), and soph middie Nick Spirito (one assist).

"We meshed as a team tonight," said Coach Orcutt. "The senior defensive captains, Justin Langham and Geoff McWilliams, played extremely well, as did freshmen Steve Davis and Conor Buick. And Lane Forrer and Ronan Buick set the tone on offense, fighting for every ground ball and finding the open man with their passes."

Cohasset opened the scoring three minutes into the game, with Buick taking a feed from Moore. Leading 4-0 at the end of one period, and 10-0 at the half, Cohasset controlled the ball more than 80 percent of the game, never giving the Cape Codders a chance to mount a sustained offense.

Kyle Weber had seven saves in the first half, before giving way to freshman Nick Murphy, who preserved the shutout with a pair of second-half stops.

One step forward, another back

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of playoff elimination.

Second year captain TJ Bilodeau was tagged with the loss in this one, giving up four unearned runs before giving way to O'Grodnik.

Freshman reliever Mike Dooley pitched a scoreless seventh to close out the game.

The loss left the Skippers in need of winning five of their last six to get into states, as their record now stands at 5-9. There still is a chance though, with very winnable games coming up against Hanover, Norwell, Abington, and two against Avon.

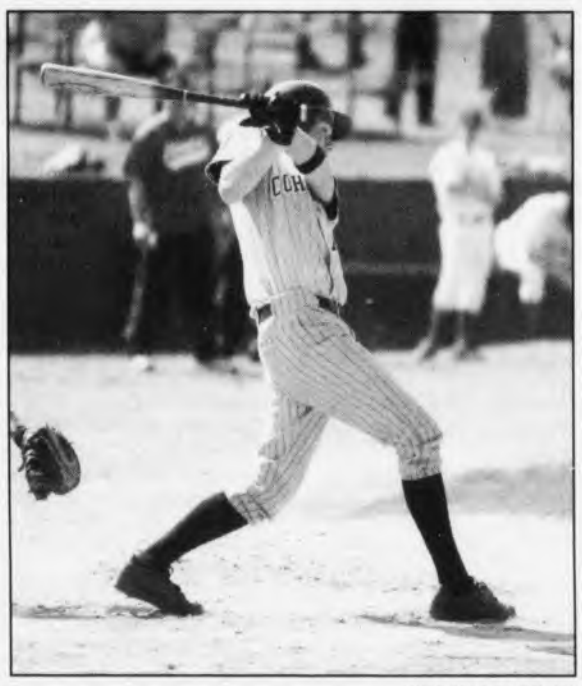
"We just have to play clean baseball," said third year varsity coach Robert Knurek.

However, clean baseball is what Knurek has admitted to being his club's biggest problem. Costly errors late in games led to one run losses to league opponents Abington and Norwell earlier this year.

Knurek estimated his team had given up 30 unearned runs already this year. The only error-free everyday player is third year starter Robin Murphy (sorry if I am jinxin' you, Murph... if you get an error in your next game, I take full responsibility).

"He is a rock in left field," said Knurek of Murphy's steady play.

Knurek's already reeling pitching staff has felt the effects of the defensive miscues, as senior starters TJ Bilodeau and Grassie have combined for a 2-8 record, despite the staff's earned run average standing at a very impressive 3.33.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Tim Straughn has been a force for the Skippers both on the mound and at the plate.

Youth tennis summer schedule

Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 25, and continue for seven weeks through August 10. Registration is Monday, June 11 and continues throughout the week: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to Noon and again at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday evening, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The program is offered for children ages seven through 18 and is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week session of instruction of 2 days a week, is $75. A $10 discount is available for additional children in a family. Lessons for beginners, intermediate and advanced players are also offered.

If it rains before 9 a.m. all tennis classes may have to be canceled for that day. Call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109 for weather status reports. Fridays are reserved for or rain make-up days, special clinics and tournaments.

Coach Bostwick offers field hockey clinic

Debbie Bostwick, the Cohasset High head field hockey coach for 13 years, is holding a field hockey clinic for girls, grades six through nine, from Aug. 15-17 at the Deer Hill Elementary School (9 a.m. to 12 noon).

The clinic offers basic skill development for both beginners and young players. There will be an introduction to rules, game play, teamwork, team play and sportsmanship.

Players should bring shin-guards, a field hockey stick, snack and drinks.

The cost is $75 per player. This will include T-Shirt, game ball and mouth guard.

Applications can be obtained at the Cohasset Recreation Department in town hall, from the Cohasset High Athletic Department or by calling Deb Bostwick at 781-826-5165.

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Senior class parents plan post-prom party

By Cynthia Dedes
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Parents of seniors, Cohasset High School Class of 2001, we need you! Planning is done and work is ready to begin. Come find out what's happening. Come lend a hand. Starting Sunday, May 20, at 11 a.m. in the small gym at the high school, we will begin to create our surprise theme going-away party. Many hands are needed to pull this off successfully.

This will be the fourth year that parents have hosted a party after the prom. Decorations and entertainment will be planned around the theme selected for this year. The theme is always a surprise but we can share, that over the years, casinos, live bands and caricature artists have been part of the fun.

Support for this activity has come from local businesses, civic organizations and others. Donations of gifts for prizes and raffle items, also monetary donations made past senior class celebrations great going-away parties. The class of 2001 is a class made up of great young people. They have excelled academically — remember the MCAS scores. They have been outstanding athletes in all sports — remember how proud we were when they won the 2000 banner for soccer. They have been active in community service projects as well, helping in activities such as the Appalachian Service Project.

If you have some time to give and want to volunteer, call Kay Langham at 781-383-2748 or Allison Ulmer at 781-383-2672 or Rick Shea at 781-383-2384.

If you would like to help with a monetary donation, please send your donation to Cohasset High School, Post Prom Party, c/o Steve Langham, 100 Pond St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Please contact Connie Afshar at 781-383-6087 if you would like to donate a prize or raffle item.

This is a worthwhile event that helps keep the prom-goers safe in a drug-and-alcohol-free, all-night party.



IN LINE

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Rennie Wescott, Kristin Timothy, Tommy Saide, Caroline Evans and Haley Ardizzoni wait their turn to get on the gym apparatus during the recent school vacation week camp at the South Shore Community Center.

Schools to make extra effort to recycle more

By Rick Collins
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It's not just town residents that are being asked to increase their recycling efforts; now it's the Cohasset Public School system.

"They do recycling now, we're just asking them to put more emphasis on it," said Selectman Merle Brown, a member of the town's Recycling Committee.

Blue recycling bins are familiar sights throughout the town's classrooms and hallways, but recycling isn't just putting paper into a big pile anymore.

In a letter recently sent to Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey and the School Committee, the Recycling Committee urged the schools not only to recycle more, but also consider additional waste-saving measures, as well as a "motivated cadre of students" to oversee efforts in the three town schools.

"Right now they take all the office paper and throw that and newspapers all into one bin," said Brown. "We're asking them to separate office paper from junk mail and boxes and corrugated cardboard."

Brown explained that while it costs the town $15 a ton to dispose of newspaper and other junk paper, Cohasset can actually collect between $80 and $125 a ton for office paper. "Newspaper recycling will never give you as much as office paper," Brown said.

"We're also going to talk to the cafeteria about their recycling," Brown continued. "The company that does the food uses a lot of Styrofoam, and we're going to see what we can do to get them to use different materials."

The committee also recommended double-sided copying, and more use of recyclable paper. "It closes up the circle," Brown said about using recycled paper.

Not only does the committee recommend these recycling strategies, it practices them too. An informational packet given to the Mariner containing letters sent to various town officials was printed on both sides. Brown has chided Town Manager Mark Haddad during Selectmen's meetings for his liberal use of paper in preparing the board's informational packets.

"We've talked to the school committee before, and they do recycling, we just want them to do more," Brown said. "We'd like them to set up a program on posters and put them around school on recycling, how to do it, what it's about."

Curriculum Coordinator Ruth Fennessey will oversee the new recycling effort in the schools.

She said the first step is a critical look at the department's current recycling habits.

"We have to look at how recycling is part of our curriculum, and what we all are doing in our practices to conserve," she said.

She said the Osgood School has a basic program, and bins are spread throughout classrooms in the Deer Hill and middle/high school.

Fennessey said she plans on looking at other programs in the area to implement within her own district.

"We're starting to look at what needs to be done," she said.

The push comes right before the town's new Pay-As-You-Throw trash program goes into effect. Starting July 1, Cohasset residents will have to pay $1 for every bag of trash they throw away at the Recycling Transfer Station. The program is an effort to boost recycling within the town's homes. Cohasset pays $100 a ton to haul away regular trash, but can get $25 a ton for plastic, $30 a ton for corrugated cardboard, and is able to dispose of glass at no charge.

Some facts about recycling

The following environmental fun facts are courtesy of the Cohasset Recycling Committee:

- The United States is the most wasteful country on the planet
- Each American produces approximately five pounds of waste per day
- Every day U.S. businesses generate enough paper to circle the earth 20 times
- Every ton of recycled paper saves approximately 17 trees
- Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour
- Each year Americans throw away 25 billion styrofoam cups
- 500 years from now the styrofoam coffee cup you used this morning will be sitting in a landfill
- About 40 percent of all waste in U.S. landfills is paper products
- It costs Cohasset $100 a ton to dispose of regular trash
- It costs Cohasset $15 a ton to get rid of paper
- It costs Cohasset nothing to get rid of glass
- Cohasset gets paid $25 a ton for plastic
- Cohasset gets paid $30 a ton for corrugated cardboard
- Cohasset gets paid between $80 and $125 for office paper

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Honor society inducts 32 new members

On Sunday, April 8, the Joseph Osgood Chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual induction dinner. After an excellent meal, State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, gave a speech in which he talked about the four qualities required for membership in the society, scholarship, character, leadership and service. He praised the society members for having made few mistakes and having outstanding grades. He then added that if they were to make a mistake they should consider it a learning experience and profit from a newly learned lesson.

The high school principal, Dr. Michael Jones, inducted the following new members: seniors, Timothy V. Grassey and Julia Lovallo; juniors, Charles Anderson, Connor Avery, Timothy Baird, Matthew Bilodeau, Nicolas Bolster, Caroline Carter, Kevin Chang, Cara Foley, Jeffrey Garber, Emma Gardner, Jacqueline Goines, Katharine Grimm, Kathryn Hines, John Hussey, Stephen Laney, Daniel Littauer, Suzanne Lynner, Liam Martin, Megan McCain, Samantha Mortland, Robinson Murphy, Matthew Ogrodnik, Mary Parker, Paul Previte, Robert Protulis, Jr., Jessica Stevermer, Kelly Stone, Corey Sullivan, Amanda Watts and Kyle Weber.

N.H.S. President Casey Brewer described this year's service project that consists of society members teaching computer skills to Cohasset elders. He then named last year's inductees. They were Timothy Bilodeau Jr., Benjamin Bixby, Catherine Bosworth, Casey Brewer, Robin Cunningham, Susan Dane, Kelly Devine, Daniel Duffy, Christopher Golden, Lydia Guild, John Hertig, Victoria Hurley, Elizabeth Ingber, Sarah Kidder, Brian Krupczak, Justin Langham, Alicia Lesniewski-Laas, Kelly Lordan, Karen McMorris, Douglas O'Brien, Clara Sceery, Eric Shea and Ashley Ulmer.

N.H.S. faculty advisor, Paul Narkiewicz, gave pin guards to the outgoing officers: President Casey Brewer, Vice President Sarah Kidder, Secretary Daniel Duffy and Treasurer Robin Cunningham. He introduced the newly elected Junior officers: President Kyle Weber, Vice President Tim Baird, Secretary Jeffrey Garber and Treasurer Robin Murphy. He also thanked the following parents: Mary Sullivan, Linda Gardener, Mary Folley and Debbie Shadd for making the arrangements for the evening's program.

School lunch menu

MONDAY, MAY 21
Chicken patty on a bun or wrappable sandwich, sweet peas, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 22
Calzone or roast beef sandwich, veggie slices, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23
Pasta with meatballs, garlic bread or egg salad roll, carrots, Jello and milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 24
Cheeseburger with chips or ham sandwich, corn, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 25
Pizza with fries or Greek salad with pita, pudding and milk.

Chaperones needed

Be a part of a special evening and chaperone the post prom party at Cohasset High School, June 1. There are two shifts, midnight to 2:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 5 a.m. If interested call Mary Sullivan at 781-383-6666, or Jody Caron, 781-383-9705.

Summer jobs

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting applications for various summer positions pursuant to the operation of the Summer Playground Program for children 31/2-12 years of age.

Positions include arts and crafts coordinator; program coordinator for pre-school, half-day groups; and counselors for 5- to 7- and 8- to 12-year-old groups.

The Cohasset Recreation Commission conducts a seven-week day camp-type program which will begin Monday, June 25, through Friday, Aug. 10.

To apply, call the Cohasset Recreation office at (781) 383-4109.

Garage hours

The Teen Garage, grades 6 and above, will be open for use as follows: Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; first and third Saturdays, 6 to 10 p.m.

Community Center camps are offered

The Teddy Bear Review, for children three to six, is scheduled for August 28 to 30, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Cost is $80 for members and $85 for non-members.

The Camp for Boys and Girls, for children four to 11 (and grouped by age), is scheduled in four sessions. Cost is $140. Families with more than one child attending is $110 per child. Each session runs from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Session I, July 30 to August 3.
Session II, August 6 to 10.
Session II, August 13 to 17.
Session IV, August 20 to 24.

Voyager Camp, for children eight to 11, is scheduled for July 16 to 27, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is $255.

For more information, call the community center at 781-383-0088.

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When teaching dance is a labor of love

Successful studio holds annual recital

By Mary M. Donius
CORRESPONDENT

What do a roasting pan, a bubble machine and a dozen bejeweled beige bandanas have in common? Somehow, Janet LeClair Campbell, director and choreographer of Dance Steps dance studio used them, and dozens of other unexpected items, as props during Seasonal Sensations, her seventh annual dance recital.

Campbell's springtime extravaganza has become a cause celebre for her students, their families and the scores of friends, former pupils and, well, fans, who pack the performance each year. The more than 500 people filled the Hingham High School auditorium to capacity on the evening of May 5 were not disappointed.

"It's my husband's favorite day of the year," said Susan Johnson, whose daughter Holly received her sixth consecutive perfect attendance trophy during the evening's events. "Better than Christmas. Better than anything."

This year's theme, Seasonal Sensations, celebrated holidays with musical selections as diverse as "The Addams Family Theme," "Happy Holidays" by N'SYNC, "Riverdance" and "Daddy's Little Girl." Past themes included Passport Please featuring songs about different countries, and Give My Regards to Broadway, a survey of show tunes.

The driving force behind all of the excitement is Janet LeClair Campbell, a second-generation dance teacher and former professional dancer who performed in commercials and movies during her eight years in New York City. Anyone who's seen her Tuesday and Thursday classes — at which she teaches 85 children, ages three and up– or at her recitals knows that, for Campbell, teaching dance is a labor of love.

Campbell decided to open her dancing school when she was afraid her daughter, Alyssa, then 5, would give up ballet because of the seriousness and formality of the school she attended.

"All I could think about was how much fun we used to have at my mother's school," said Campbell. "I wanted to use my professional experience and teach the kids good habits, but still have fun. So I started talking about it with friends and neighbors at the beach and by the end of the summer I had 45 girls signed up." Today she teaches pre-ballet, kinderdance and jazz.

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— Janet LeClair Campbell

For Campbell, whose grandmother costumed the dancers at her mother's school, dancing and performance is still a family affair. Her husband, Joe, emcees the recital while her son Ben, 8, manages the props. Her daughter Alyssa, now 11, is always in the show and her mother, Joyce LeClair, uses her 40 years of experience to serve as stage manager. Longtime friends volunteer to entertain the kids backstage, take tickets and do whatever else needs to be done before, during and after the performance.

Campbell started dancing when she was two-and-a-half and spent countless hours dancing and teaching at her mother's Saco, Maine school. By age 12 she was a member of the Maine State Ballet Company and later trained with Balanchine dancers in Maine and New York. She also studied Jazz and Tap. Before she opened Dance Steps, Campbell did a lot of volunteer choreography for school and church groups.

But what really attract parents, and kids, to Campbell is not her impressive resume, but her philosophy about teaching, dancing and performance. "She really lets the kids express themselves," says Johnson, "they all look very different and have different skills. She doesn't make the better ones shine. Instead, she develops their love for being on stage. They feel secure with Janet and it's great for their self-esteem."

Campbell believes that success at dance — especially for children — isn't about body type or certain looks. Instead it's about being comfortable with your body. "Talent is making the best of what you have," she says.

One thing Campbell does believe in is attendance. Kids today, she believes, have a lot of distractions. But dancing is an individual art that requires a lot of attention and practice.

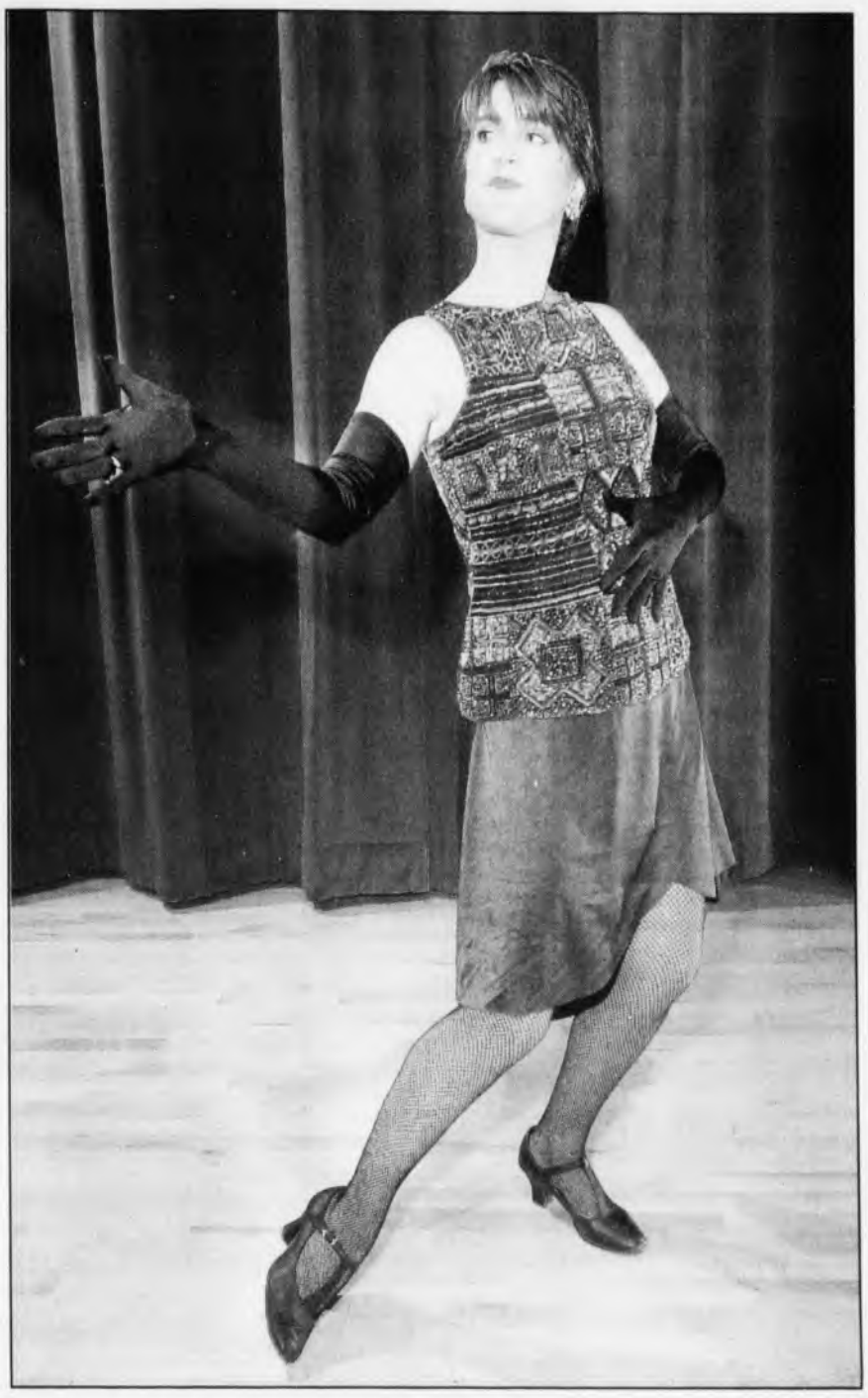
"My motto in life is show up and pay attention," she says. "If the kids show up and pay attention, I can teach them to dance."

To that end, Campbell, who never missed a day of school until she was a senior in high school, gives perfect attendance awards and 5-year participation trophies at the end of every year. This year she awarded 21 trophies for perfect attendance and seven for five years of dancing.

"Knowing they were going to be rewarded for perfect attendance really motivated my girls," said Martha Doggett, whose daughters Irene, 8 and Christina, 5, both received perfect attendance trophies.

Campbell loves going to dancing school as much as the kids do. "No matter what I'm doing, no matter what kind of day I'm having, I'm always happier after teaching dance."

For more information on Dance Steps and enrollment for the 2001 – 2002 session call Janet LeClair Campbell at 781-383-0665.



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Janet LeClair Campbell of Cohasset is choreographer and director of Dance Steps dance studio.

Violinist featured

The Boston Conservatory satellite school in Cohasset welcomes Sargis Karapetyan to its teaching facility in Cohasset at St. Stephen's Church. Mr. Karapetyan is now accepting string students for spring and summer. Private lessons and ensemble work are being offered. Karapetyan is a native of Armenia and holds a masters degree and artist diploma from the Komitas State Conservatory in Yerevan.

Karapetyan is the director of pedagogy courses and a lecturer of the String Instrument Department of The Boston Conservatory. He is also artistic director of the Ancient Music Ensemble and the concertmaster of the Children's Opera Theater. He is also a lecturer at Clark University in Worcester and teaches in The Boston Conservatory Special Program sites in Marshfield and Lynnfield.

For information and registration, contact director Dr. Fredrick Guzasky (781) 397-0963, or Marietta Azumanyan at The Boston Conservatory (671) 536-6340 x 9119.

Fab Four on ice

The Skating Club of Hingham and Pilgrim Blades present their annual ice skating show Saturday, May 19. This year's show is "A Tribute to the Fab Four;" featuring music by the Beatles, with performances at 2 and 6 p.m. The show will be held at Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive. Tickets cost $5, with children under 12 admitted free.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Skating Club of Hingham office at the Pilgrim Skating Arena. For further information, call the club office at 781-749-6660.

Yoga classes

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Scituate women injured in Mother's Day crash

A two-vehicle crash sent two Scituate women to the hospital on Mother's Day morning.

Cohasset police said Tracy Barrow, 36, of 109 Booth Hill Road, failed to yield to on-coming traffic when she tried to make a left turn onto Beechwood Street from the southbound lane of Route. 3A at about 7:30 a.m., Sunday.

"It was Sunday and there was not a lot of traffic. If this had happened during the week, we would have been in a real mess out there."

Cohasset Police Officer
William Quigley



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Emergency workers help extricate Laura DiMatteo from her Pathfinder after it crashed into a pole at Beechwood Street and Rte. 3A on Mothers Day morning. DiMatteo was transported to South Shore Hospital where she was treated and released.



Detail officers had to divert truck traffic from Rte. 3A following the accident due to the low hanging wires.



The Nissan Pathfinder careened across the intersection and into a telephone pole, cutting it in half.

Cohasset Officer William Quigley said an eyewitness reported the GMC sport utility vehicle that Barrow was driving cut in front of a Nissan Pathfinder, which was traveling northbound. The two vehicles collided nearly head-on.

When police arrived, the Pathfinder had careened across the intersection head-on into a telephone pole that had been snapped in half and was hanging by the guy wires. The GMC SUV was still in the middle of the intersection with heavy front-end damage, Quigley said.

Investigation at the scene revealed about 30 feet of skid marks from the Pathfinder, driven by Laura DiMatteo, 23, of Hatchet Rock Road in Scituate. Police estimate the Pathfinder was traveling about 40 mph.

Quigley said customers and employees of Fiori's Exxon at the corner helped keep people away from the downed wires. Both women were transported by ambulance to South Shore Hospital where they were treated and released.

The Pathfinder could not be moved right away because police were worried the pole would collapse into the intersection. The vehicle was towed at 12:10 p.m. under the direction of Mass. Electric and the Cohasset Fire Department.

The crash caused a power outage so detail officers were called in to direct traffic at the intersection until power was restored. Trucks were diverted through the Shaw's parking lot because of drooping electrical wires across 3A, Quigley said.

"It was Sunday and there was not a lot of traffic," he said. "If this had happened during the week, we would have been in a real mess out there."

Police cited Barrow, who was not wearing a seatbelt, for failure to yield to oncoming traffic and seatbelt violation.

OUI arrest

Cohasset police arrested Michael W. King, 36, of Country Way in Scituate for operating under the influence of liquor (third offense) after witnessing him allegedly driving erratically at about 1 a.m. Saturday.

While on patrol on Route 3A near Pond Street, police saw a red Ford Escort, which was weaving back and forth, following another vehicle too closely. Police stopped the vehicle when it tried to pass the other car at the 3A and Beechwood Street intersection. The driver of the other car also stopped to complain about King's driving, police said. In addition to OUI, King was charged with following too closely and marked lanes violation.

King was arraigned on the charges Monday in Quincy District Court and a pretrial conference was set, Cohasset Sgt. Robert Jackson said. Jackson said if King, who is charged with a third OUI offense, is convicted of driving drunk, he will face a mandatory jail sentence.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, MAY 5

4 p.m. King St., medical aid.
5:02 p.m. Hull St., and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
5:06 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
5:17 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.
5:20 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
5:25 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
5:41 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
5:43 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop. citation issued
6:09 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, warning.
6:14 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
6:34 p.m. Cedar St., brush fire.
8:42 p.m. Hull St., and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop citation issued.
8:53 p.m. Hull St., and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
9 p.m. Hull St., and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop., citation issued.
9:03 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop., citation issued.
9:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, warning.
9:25 p.m. Hull St., and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:27 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:34 p.m. Hull St., Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
9:46 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
9:46 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
9:47 p.m. Hull St., and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop.
9:58 p.m. Gammons Rd. and Jerusalem Rd., disturbance.
10:37 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
10:54 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious auto.
10:55 p.m. Beechwood St,. motor vehicle stop.
11:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
11:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

12:30 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:33 a.m. N. Main St., assist citizen.
7:25 a.m. S. Main St., and Summer St., motor vehicle accident.
11:38 a.m. Elm St., property lost.
12:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, medical aid.
2:21 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
2:32 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
3:09 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:10 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop.
7:06 p.m. N. Main St., parking violation.
9:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., assist motorist.

MONDAY, MAY 7

5:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, warning/traffic citation issued.
6:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:12 a.m. Nichols Rd., animal control, referred to other agency.
11:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:07 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:19 p.m. Forest Ave. and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:32 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:43 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
3:10 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
3:20 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:24 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violations.
8:10 p.m. Forest Ave., assist motorist,.
8:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. , motor vehicle stopn.
8:43 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.
9:02 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

6:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:45 a.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.
11:26 a.m. Rust Way, fire inspections.
11:32 a.m. Forest Notch, animal control.
1:30 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
4:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., shoplifting, investigate/report taken.
4:34 p.m. Hill St., vandalism.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

7:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:45 a.m. Elm St., animal control.
8:22 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
11:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Shoplifting. Arrest of Paul E. Ridge, Jr., 45, of 455 Monponsett St., Halifax. Chgs: shoplifting $100 + by asportation.
1:07 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, outside, extinguished.
2:11 p.m. King St., suspicious activity, returned to home or family.
4:19 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:48 p.m. Bow St., medical aid, no fire service necessary.
6:23 p.m. Beechwood St., assist other Police Department, services rendered.
6:38 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:15 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle accident.
8:43 p.m. Aaron River Rd., animal control.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

12:11 a.m. Cushing Rd. and Pleasant St., noise complaint, area search negative.
12:20 a.m. King St., suspicious auto.
12:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6:47 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6:57 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:14 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic safety inspection,.
9:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted, services rendered.
10:26 a.m. Sohier St., fire (misc.)
10:58 a.m. Sankey Rd., fire, inspections.
11:30 a.m., Stevens Lane, fire investigation, fire extinguished.
2:28 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:54 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:59 p.m. Sohier St., fire, inspections,.
3:08 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
3:14 p.m. Haystack Lane, animal control, area search negative.
7:27 p.m. Lamberts Lane (Cohasset Golf), suspicious auto, investigated/report taken.
8:55 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:13 p.m. Forest Ave. motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Mary J. Stanton, 50, of 49 Massasoit Ave., Hull. Chgs: operating motor vehicle after license or right to operate suspended; operating a motor vehicle with defective equipment.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

12:54 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious auto.
2:43 a.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.
7:34 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:50 a.m. King St., assist other Police Department, area search negative.
10:44 a.m. Sohier St., fire (misc.)
10:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., accident, motor vehicle, investigated, report taken.
11:12 a.m. Sohier St., fire (misc.)
11:49 a.m. Sohier St., fire (misc.)
12:30 p.m. Sohier St., fire (misc.)
1:13 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:56 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:04 p.m. Border St., suspicious person.
2:31 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2: 59 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
3:10 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.
3:27 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:26 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted, services rendered.
8:33 p.m. Pond St., fire investigation, investigated, report taken.
9:10 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:12 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:40 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:42 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:59 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity, investigated, report taken.
10:06 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Jeffrey E. Webb, 46, of 4 Rocky Hill Circle, Scituate. Chgs: operating a motor vehicle without a license, speeding in violation of special regulations, operating a motor vehicle without license in possession.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

12:15 a.m. South Main St., suspicious auto, verbal warning.
12:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Michael W. King, 35, of 712 Country Way, Scituate. Chgs: operating under the influence of liquor, 3rd+off, state highway, following too close and marked lanes violation.
7:26 a.m. Parking Way, parking violation.
7:36 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient sign-off.
10:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
10:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
11:13 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, services rendered.
11:41 a.m. Sohier St., tree down, area search negative.
12:21 p.m., Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle accident.
1:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, investigated, report taken.
1:55 p.m. South Main St. and Spring St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:12 p.m. Border St., disturbance/gathering, dispersed gathering.
5:41 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:51 p.m. Ripley Rd., animal control.
6 p.m. Beach St., lost property.
6:21 p.m. Church St., family disturbance. Arrest of Anthony J. Carbone, 47, of 72 Church St. Chges: assault and battery, threatening to commit a crime.
6:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle accident.
7:35 p.m. Church St., investigation, brought to station.
8:44 p.m. Fire Headquarters, medical aid, services rendered.
9:34 p.m. Pond St., well-being check, services rendered.
10:37 p.m. Ledgewood Dr., medical aid, removed to hospital.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

12:22 a.m. Stop & Shop Plaza, assist citizen, referred to other agency.
1:11 a.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., general services.
7:15 a.m., Elm St., assist citizen, services rendered.
7:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident, removed to hospital.
1:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., threats (other), investigated, report taken.
1:32 p.m. Beechwood St., vandalism.
5:26 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, vandalism, investigated, report taken.
5:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WORSHIP NOTES

Youth ministry

Two fun and faith-filled programs are offered to high school students and recent graduates this summer through St. Anthony Parish Youth Ministry.

One event is a trip, July 20 to 22, to attend the Steubenville East Youth Conference at the LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro. These popular youth conferences are held throughout the country each summer by Franciscan University, a dynamic Catholic university in Steubenville, Ohio that actively cultivates and encourages Christian discipleship. The conference features powerful speakers, song, worship, fellowship and faith formation.

Another program being offered is participation in C.A.M.P.S. (Christ As My Personal Savior), a one-week high school retreat held at Lake Ossipee, N.H. for Catholic youth from throughout New England. A C.A.M.P.S. information night and "make your own sundae" event will be held June 6 at the St. Anthony Parish Center.

Both programs are open to students who will have graduated grades eight through 12 as of this June. For more information, call Bill Coleman at 781-383-0219, Ext. 19.

Also, students who will enter grades nine or 10 this fall must register for the two-year Confirmation preparation program. Registration forms will be sent out next week for students currently enrolled in the religious education program. Parents of students wishing to enroll should call Bill Coleman at the parish office.

Students who wish to be confirmed in grade 10 must attend the two-year preparation program. Volunteer teachers are needed.

St. Stephen's presents musical biblical story

On Saturday, June 7 at 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Players will present "Rescue in the Night." Written by Tom S. Long and Allen Pote, this musical about Daniel is a lighthearted but faithful rendition of the Biblical story of courage and obedience.

Under the musical direction of Fred Guzasky and Linda DeRosa-Coakley, the cast tells the story with songs, such as the "Wisdom Contest" and the "Plotting Song." The soulful "What Will Become of Daniel?" prepares the audience for the menacing lions in "Step into Our Den." Daniel's triumph is celebrated with "Here I Am, Lord" and the exuberance of the entire cast is heard in the rousing finale, "The One True King."

Sometimes laughter has a way of opening people to experience the presence of God. So please come and enjoy the experience for yourself. " Rescue in the Night" will be performed in Walton Rodgers Hall at the church. There is no admission charge; however, a free-will offering will be accepted.

St. Stephen's is located at 16 Highland Ave. and there is plenty of parking in the village lot. For more information, please call the church office at 781-383-1083.

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Tamara Orlowsky's work "Unfinished Symphony" stands on her easel.

Blooming through the darkness

By Seth Jacobson
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Tamara Orlowsky has a way of conveying genuine feelings her oil paintings, and at the age of 78, she is producing some of the most innovative art work on South Shore.

Her dark and stirring floral works are a novelty in a medium which is often associated with bright color.

The public is welcome to come view Orlowsky's work at an upcoming show at Artist Alley in Scituate from June 1-30. An opening reception will be held June 10.

Orlowsky, a Norwell resident, has been through a lot in her life, and she sends that message through many of her paintings.

"I work from life and it is my intent to present the essence of the subject, not a reproduction of it," she stated.

Orlowsky said she began painting about 30 years ago when one of her artist friends persuaded her to try her hand at it, and she hasn't stopped since.

But through the years, Orlowsky's paintings have focused on one particular concept—flowers.

"Flowers for me are very important," she said. "If you're in love, you give someone flowers. If someone dies, you send flowers. I think those are two very important things…love and life."



Norwell artist Tamara Orlowsky will show more than 30 of her floral paintings at Artist Alley in Scituate from June 1-30.



The artists' brushes present a colorful character of their own standing before one of Tamara Orlowsky's brilliant watercolors.

Orlowsky's paintings seem to focus more on darker aspects, and in order to get that feeling across in her work, Orlowsky draws from her own life.

"I think artists and poets have created wonderful work by being sad," she said.

In addition to painting on canvas, she also enjoys painting on old pieces of wood and even silk. Orlowsky sometimes mixes her paint with other materials such as flower petals and glue, giving a certain painting a more three-dimensional feel and rougher texture.

Orlowsky said she is generally a happy person, but there have been traumatic and tragic times in her life which still affect her work today.

She was born in the Ukraine, and as she grew up, Orlowsky was forced to witness the horrors of the Holocaust.

"I witnessed so many horrible things," she said. "I'll never forget it."

Orlowsky met her husband at this time and the two escaped the horrors of the Holocaust and were later married in Vienna. They eventually came to America and settled in Ohio. In the late 1970s, they moved to Norwell.

When Orlowsky first began painting, she incorporated her own reflections of the Holocaust into her dark flower paintings. But the feeling of sadness in her paintings became even deeper in 1985 when her husband passed away, and she was left to raise her daughters by herself.

Today, Orlowsky has finished about 200 paintings, 30 or 40 of which will be displayed in her Scituate show. Orlowsky is no stranger to the art world, as she has been involved in a number of individual and group shows. She has also been a member of the South Shore Art Center for about 25 years.

"Flowers for me are very important. If you're in love, you give someone flowers. If someone dies, you send flowers. I think those are two very important things…love and life."
Norwell artist Tamara Orlowsky

"My paintings are very unusual," she said, "and they are all done by feeling and intuition. I think my paintings give people the feeling that they are looking through the window on a rainy day."

Artist Alley is located at 95 Front Street, Scituate.

Hold the nuts

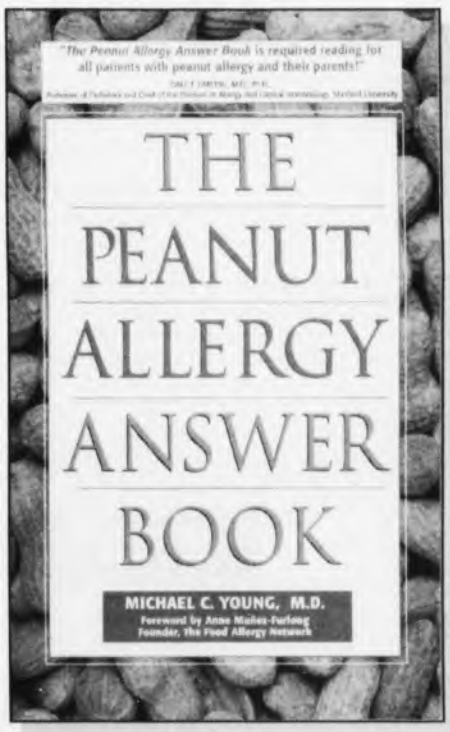
Weymouth doc pens book on deadly allergy

By Seth Jacobson
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Dr. Michael Young wants people to know that cases of being allergic to peanut are not only on the rise, but more importantly, they are deadly.

Young, an allergist and asthma specialist with his own practice in South Weymouth, is so dedicated to the issue, that he recently published "The Peanut Allergy Answer Book."

"Peanut allergy is a legitimate issue these days," Young said, "and it's becoming more of a problem in very young children. I wrote the book because I saw a thirst for information on the topic. Besides that, more and more of my regular patients were asking me 'Where can I read more about peanut allergy?'"



But Young never had an answer for that question because he didn't know of any book which covered the topic of peanut allergy in a thorough manner. He wanted to change that.

In his pursuit of a publisher, Young explained that he got lucky. A patient pointed him Fair Winds Press in Gloucester — a firm delighted with the idea of putting out a book about peanut allergies, because it was a subject never fully addressed in a text.

"This is the first book ever written on it," Young added.

Young said the book is in an easy-to-read, question and answer format, which he said focuses on the subject of peanut allergy in a concise, straightforward manner.

"It's a very short book which summarizes all the common questions about peanut allergy," he said. "It also addresses the practical aspects of how to deal with it."

Young said peanut allergy is so dangerous because "peanut protein" can be hidden in many foods. He added it is possible to diagnose a person with the allergy, but even if a person knows they are allergic to peanut protein, they still might not be able to tell if it is contained in a given snack or entree.

"That's one of the biggest problems," Young said. "And unfortunately, peanut can be potentially fatal. Every year, about 150 people die from food allergy, and most of those deaths are caused by peanut. It's a very scary thing to live with."

Young said there are currently about 1.6 million people in the world suffering from peanut allergy.

Young reiterated that more and more small children seem to have the allergy, but he noted anyone of any age can be affected by it. He added he sees three to four patients a day who suffer from peanut allergy.

"Many allergies can be outgrown," Young said, "but once someone acquires peanut allergy, it is seldom outgrown. Only 20 percent of children outgrow it. The others are stuck with it for life."

Young was approached by Fair Winds Press in the summer of 1999 and began writing in the fall

"I knew it was a book that had to be written," Young said.

"I had a lot of fun writing it, but it was a bit of a task making it user-friendly because I was used to writing for medical journals," Young said. He said the process of writing the book helped him adjust his overall writing style.

"Doing this book taught me how to be a more personable writer," he said.

Young said he is now getting some great feedback on the book from all avenues of the public.

"It's been fantastic having my patients come in and say they picked up the book, and that they liked it," Young said. "And what's also very gratifying is the fact that my colleagues like it."

"It's a resource people can reference again and again, and hopefully, it will provide some solid answers to a problem that only seems to be getting bigger."
Dr. Michael Young

Young, who is a faculty member at Harvard Medical School, and also practices at Children' Hospital in Boston, and at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth said he would like to write another book, but he said he wants to pick a topic which has the same obscurity as the issue of peanut allergy.

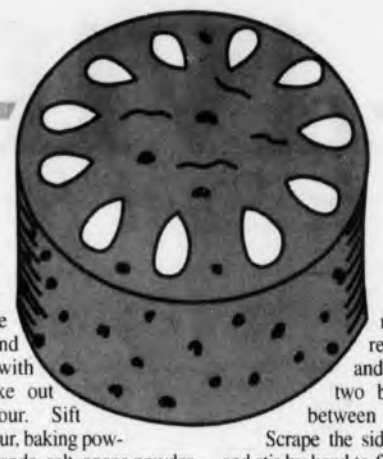
For now, he will stick to the path of promoting "The Peanut Allergy Answer Book."

"It's a resource people can reference again and again, and hopefully, it will provide some solid answers to a problem that only seems to be getting bigger."

Dr. Michael Young's book can be purchased at stores like Border's Books and Barnes & Noble stores around the are. The book can also be ordered from major online vendors like Amazon.com.

Food & dining

Poppy seed cake



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

There are hundreds of recipes for poppy seed Bundt cakes, and I quickly discovered that these desserts have but one thing in common— poppy seeds! The cake itself is usually made from a variation on a basic yellow cake, although pound, coffee, and buttermilk cakes are also pressed into service. I was in search of a rich, tender cake, one would allow the bright crunch of poppy seeds to shine against a background of subtle flavors.

For starters, I baked a pound cake, a tea cake, a coffee cake, a basic yellow cake, and a buttermilk cake to determine which would be best as a base. Pound cake was a bit too heavy, the tea cake was too delicate, the coffee cake was a bit tough, the yellow cake was quite good, and the buttermilk cake was the clear winner, with a light texture - neither too heavy nor too airy-and a pleasant tang. This recipe included cake flour, a stick and a half of butter, sugar, 5 eggs, buttermilk, vanilla, salt, baking powder, and baking soda.

First I tested the flour. I made buttermilk cakes using cake flour, all-purpose flour, and half cake/half all-propose flour. The cake flour variation was light without being too delicate, the all-purpose flour cake was relatively tough, and the cake made with half cake flour and half all-purpose flour was still on the chewy side. Cake flour was best.

Because this cake would be served on its own, without a frosting, I wanted to make it a bit richer. An extra 4 tablespoons of butter gave the cake more moisture and richness without becoming heavy. Any more than two sticks simply produced a greasy cake. For the poppy seeds, 1/4 cup was the best amount. I wanted crunch and flavor from the seeds, but larger quantities turned a pleasant dessert into a health food nightmare.

Finally, I wanted to build a foundation of flavor as a base for the poppy seeds. I added cocoa powder and cinnamon and soon found that only small amounts were welcome, so I settled on a mere tablespoon of cocoa powder and 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon.

POPPY SEED BUTTERMILK BUNDT CAKE

This simple cake needs no icing or frosting. Make sure that you do not use self-rising cake flour - that product already contains baking powder.

Butter and flour for preparing cake pan
2 1/2 cups less 1 tablespoon cake flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon unsweetened Dutch-processed cocoa powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
16 tablespoons (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 1/2 cups sugar
5 large eggs, at room temperature
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup buttermilk, at room temperature
4 tablespoons poppy seeds

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees and adjust rack to center position. Butter a 9- to 10-inch Bundt or fluted tube pan and sprinkle with flour. Shake out excess flour. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cocoa powder, and cinnamon into a medium bowl and set aside.

2. Beat cool but not cold butter in a large bowl with an electric mixer at medium speed for 30 seconds. Continue beating, gradually adding the sugar. Beat until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes more. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl when necessary. Add the vanilla and beat just to combine.

3. Add about 1/3 of the flour mixture and 1/3 of the buttermilk and beat on low speed until just incorporated. Add the remaining flour and buttermilk in two batches beating between additions. Scrape the sides of the bowl and stir by hand to finish.

4. Place the batter in the prepared pan and smooth the surface with a rubber spatula. Bake 15 minutes and rotate 180 degrees. Bake about 15 to 20 minutes more or until golden brown- the top of the cake will spring back when lightly pressed and a cake tester will come out clean. Remove to a rack and cool for 10 minutes. Place cooling rack on top of cake and invert to unmold cake. Serve barely warm or at room temperature with a sprinkling of confectioners? sugar if desired.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Fair and sunny astrological weather continues today. The moon travels in adaptable Pisces, interacting with Jupiter and Mercury in the morning and the sun this evening. This is a great day for vacationing. If you are working, be creative. Enjoy a romantic evening with the love in your life.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full agenda. Influences today and tomorrow hold high potential for productivity. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 2:18 a.m. until 4:41 a.m., when an Aries moon takes over. This Aries moon forms a harmonious alignment to Saturn in the morning and Neptune this evening. Because Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, travels in retrograde, this is not a favorable period for launching large-scale enterprises. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Pluto may spark romantic fireworks this evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The Aries moon sets a quick pace. If you carefully organize your time, you can be most productive. Sidestep irritability, arguments, impatience. Channel high energy constructively. Focus on projects that require physical labor and exertion. Get back on track with exercise programs.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

This is a wonderful morning to take a walk, jog, bicycle. The Aries moon aligns with retrograde Mars, its planetary ruler, at 10:48 a.m. and becomes inactive. Count your blessings; don't get caught up in negative thinking. Influences turn around completely at 1:29 p.m., when the moon enters Taurus. The remainder of the day rates high for relaxing and sharing quality time with friends and family. The sun enters Gemini at 7:44 p.m., remaining there until June 21.

MONDAY, MAY 21

This is a slow-starting, quiet day. The moon travels in Taurus, and the dark side of a new moon begins to take effect. Postpone starting new projects until Wednesday, when favorable influences occur. Instead, plan to get old business out of the way, clean out, prepare for new starts. Take extra time out for yourself. Reassess your values; set new goals. Open your heart to higher visions.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

Start this day with a flexible schedule and upbeat attitude. The Taurus moon aligns with Uranus at 10:06 a.m. and becomes inactive. Make up a list of things to do; stay busy with practical projects. Clean out desk drawers and closets; get your life in order. The moon enters Gemini at 7:12 p.m., and the new moon occurs at 10:46 p.m., 2-degrees of Gemini.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

The combination of a Gemini new moon and harmonious Mercury/Uranus alignment prompts you to get new projects off the ground today. Influences are especially favorable before 10:56 a.m., when Mercury forms a harmonious alignment to Uranus. There is one rough spot, however, in effect between 5:50-8:50 p.m., when a polarity of the moon and Pluto occurs. Slow down; think before you speak.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Astrological sunshine and blue skies prevail today. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Jupiter sets the stage for social activities. Influences are prime for vacationing. If you are working, plan a lunch date with friends and colleagues. Chat, surf, network. This is an especially favorable period for meeting people, establishing new relationships, business or personal. The Gemini moon becomes inactive at 7:12 p.m., when it opposes Mars. Take it slow and easy in this period. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 10:42 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

The sun and Saturn conjoin at 4-degrees Gemini, 8:33 a.m., prompting you to focus on practical matters. Fulfill commitments and promises you have made to others. Zero in on work projects you have been putting off and get them out of the way. The moon continues to travel in emotional Cancer all day. Choose your words carefully. Others may be temperamental, hypersensitive, moody. Spend quality time with family and close friends this evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

The Cancer moon aligns with Venus at 8:44 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. That means that new starts are off limits. If you are working, finish projects already begun, handle routine chores and errands. An applying alignment of Mercury and Mars may spark arguments, irritability, fast driving. Stop, look and listen. Don't take chances or do anything risky.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

At 1:12 a.m. the moon enters Leo, generating a party mood for the remainder of this holiday weekend. Put personal or business concerns on the back burner; go with your playful side. The Leo moon forms harmonious contacts to Saturn and the sun in the morning. A lunar opposition to dreamy Neptune in the afternoon prompts you to kick back and enjoy.

Dividing and transplanting perennials

Green thumbs up

Mother Nature appears determined to put our landscapes and gardens to the ultimate test this year. A harsh winter season of cold temperatures and prolonged snow cover was succeeded by torrential downpours and flooding. In recent weeks, unusually dry conditions for early spring have sparked brush fires and caused many lawns and plantings to become drought-stressed while summertime heat has dramatically accelerated the progression of foliage growth. The latest trauma was a series of heavy frosts when temperatures plummeted, severely damaging tender foliage and flowers.

This roller-coaster ride of temperature and moisture extremes has taken its toll on our emerging trees, shrubs and perennials. Many plants succumbed during the winter months or drowned during the March monsoons. A stroll through the landscape in early May revealed multiple fatalities including a large number of plants which had endured numerous seasons of adverse conditions.

Perhaps the saddest sight of all, however, was the limp, translucent or blackened foliage and the soggy brown blossoms of early azaleas and rhododendrons that resulted from last week's killing frost. Magnolias, katsura, hydrangeas, wisteria and Japanese maples were just a few of the woody plants whose leaves were seriously affected by this sudden cold.

Despite the apparent severity of the damaged tissue, most of these established plants should recover, with new leaves gradually replacing blackened foliage which will eventually fall off. Tender stems and new growth, which became limp and collapsed, may require pruning back to the older, woodier tissue, creating denser, sturdier growth. In order to push forth new leaves, water is essential, and since a soaking rainfall seems unlikely for the time-being, supplemental watering accompanied by the application of a dilute liquid soluble fertilizer should be considered to boost new foliage production.

In the perennial borders, ferns, astilbes and hostas were ravaged by the cold but the majority of these hardy plants will produce new leaves as the season progresses. If time permits, the removal of damaged leaves, particularly those of large-leafed hostas, will produce a more attractive plant.

Gardeners who tried to get a jump start on the growing season by purchasing tender annuals and vegetables may have learned a hard and perhaps expensive lesson. There is usually little to be gained and much to be lost by planting these delicate plants prior to Memorial Day. When warm weather sparks gardening fever, focus your efforts on tidying the landscape, applying lime and fertilizer, soil preparation and planting trees, shrubs and perennials. Early May is also an ideal time for dividing and transplanting perennials. Cooler, more seasonable temperatures have returned and there is still time to rejuvenate and propagate overgrown clumps of hostas, daylilies, Siberian iris and other exuberant plants.

As a rule of thumb, early spring-bloomers are best divided and transplanted in autumn, and fall-bloomers in spring with those falling in between in either season. If an entire plant merely needs to be transferred to a new location, this can usually be accomplished at any time if the root system is left wholly intact and the plant is protected from hot, direct sunlight until it recovers. When possible, transplant on calm, overcast days, during periods of damp weather, or in the evening, to give the plants time to recover before they are subjected to sun and heat. During this period of dry conditions, a thorough soaking of the root system a day or two prior to the proposed division or transplanting will lessen the shock of disturbing the plant's roots. Due to the premature summer-like warmth this May, some plants may have developed too far to tolerate severe division and may have to wait until autumn.

Overgrown clumps of perennials such as hosta, daylilies and Siberian iris, are usually best lifted in their entirety which can be a major undertaking. Once out of the ground, large, unwieldy clumps can be tackled by inserting two pitchforks, back-to-back, into the clump and pushing against one another to initiate the splitting process. I have sacrificed several older kitchen knives to my garden tool box to assist in the division of dense, tightly knit perennials. A knife should be used only to cut through the crown of the plant (about 1-inch deep, where the leaves meet the roots) and then divisions eased apart to minimize severing roots. Old, woody sections from the center of clumps of Siberian iris, sedum, chrysanthemums, astilbes and tall phlox, to name only a few, are often best cut out and discarded and the outer, younger, healthier divisions replanted. Be sure to replenish depleted soils with organic matter before replanting and water transplants thoroughly and often until reestablished.

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THE 25TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS presented by the North River Arts Society on May 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is a "call for entries" for the Juried Art and Sculpture and Juried Photography Exhibits. Drop-off for these exhibits are as follows: May 12 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For a prospectus please call 781-837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com.

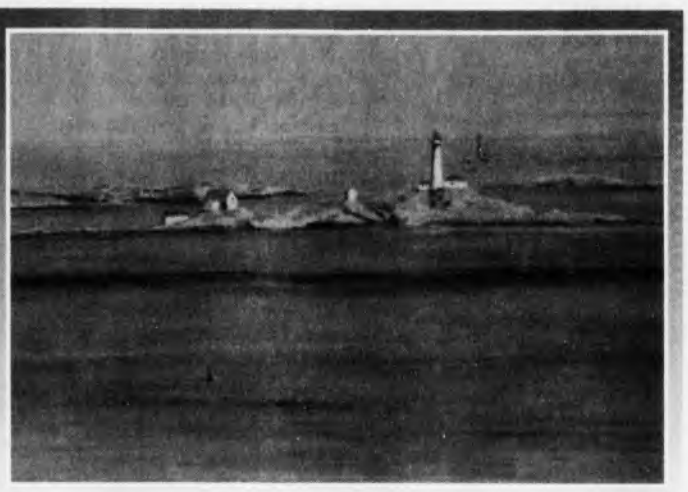
4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.

'SWING' comes to the Shubert Theater for 12 performances from May 29 through June 10. Tickets are on sale now at The Shubert Theatre Box Office, online at www.telecharge.com, ling Telecharge at 800-447-7400.

THE MUSIC CIRCUS ANNOUNCES TWO MORE SHOWS in the 50th anniversary season. Kevin James, star of the hit CBS Series "The King of Queens" will appear on July 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $29.50. Vince Gill, one of the most popular artists in country music will appear for two shows on Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling (781) 383-1400. For more information visit www.musiccircus.com.

BEST BET

Local Color, 58 Nantasket Ave. will be showcasing the works of artist Marianne F. Buckley Curren — an array of watercolor and acrylic paintings through the end of the month at Brewed Awakenings in Hingham Center. For more information call 781-925-1920.



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Thurs. 17

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Westgate Lanes Hosts the Metro South Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Located next to the Westgate Mall in Brockton. To register call the Chamber at 508-586-0500 ext. 221.

The Nantucket Wine Festival, sponsored by the Nantucket 2001 Island events will take place on May 17 - 20. A multifaceted exploration of food and wine emphasizing Nantucket's historic celebration of all things gastronomic. For last minute accommodations call the visitor services at 508-228-1700. For more information on this program call 508-228-1700.

The Braintree Art Association will meet at 7:45 at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave. in Braintree. Members, guests and the public are invited to attend.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Lui Collins. Tickets are $12 in advance and $14 the day of the show, which begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249.

Duxbury's Artica Gallery showcases award winning local artist Lily Cleveland. "Watercolor and Oil Impressions" will be exhibited through June 20. Artica Gallery hours of operation are Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Located at 22 Depot Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-659-1563.

Fri. 18

The North River Theater, 523 River Street in Norwell will present the Victorian thriller, "Angel Street" on May 18 and 19, and 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. This Victorian drama full of suspense and intrigue features an unscrupulous husband, his beleaguered wife and the tenacious police officer who is out to save her and solve a long-standing mystery. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call 617-476-8947.

Bird-A-Thon 2001 sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon Sanctuaries on May 18 at 6 p.m. through May 19 at 6 p.m. Teams of birders from each sanctuary will spend 24 hours scouring the state of Massachusetts to count as many species of birds they can find. The sanctuary that identifies the most species win the Brewster Cup and more importantly all pledges benefit bird conservation. For more information call Erin Talmage at 617-333-0690 ext. 233.

American Cancer Society Announces Relay For Life in which local residents are invited to walk or run around the clock in the battle against cancer during this American Cancer Society event. Meet at Cohasset High School for a 21-hour relay against cancer from 3 p.m. on May 18 until noon on May 19. There will be a luminaria ceremony held at 9 p.m. to honor cancer survivors and to remember those we have lost to cancer. For more information call 800-648-4880.

Hull Garden Club Annual Plant Sale behind Horizons at the Town Sign on George Washington Boulevard. Held on May 18 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and May 19 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sponsored by Hull Garden Club: proceeds to benefit the beautification of Hull/Nantasket Beach. Preorders will be taken and order forms may be picked up at the public library, various local businesses, the Senior Center or from Garden Club members. For more information call 781-925-1079.

Androcles and the Lion will be presented by The Communication Arts Department of Eastern Nazarene College. Performance dates are May 18 at 7 p.m. and May 19 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are $7. One child under 12 free with every adult. Tickets can be ordered by calling the box office at 617-745-3715. The college is located at 23 East Elm Street, Quincy. For more information all 617-745-3000.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Urban Renewal. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Bob Franke. Tickets are $12 in advance and $14 the day of the show, which begins at 8 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

South Shore Folk Music Club located at the Beal House; Route 106 in Kingston presents Janet Feld, Late Bloomers and Open Mike in concert. Tickets are $4 for members and $5 for non-members. All events begin at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Sat. 19

The Hanson Pembroke Women's Club is sponsoring a Giant Yard Sale from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Indian Head School "Front Lawn" on Route 58 in Hanson. Spaces are available for $10 and bring your own table. Anyone interested in renting space please call Kerry Allen at 781-826-2401.

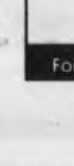
Quincy Dinner Theater Presents 'You're A Good Man Charlie Brown' with performances on May 19 and 20. Fridays and Saturdays, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sundays, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Cost is $35 with discounts available for groups, kids and seniors. For reservation call 781-843-5862.

Habitat For Humanity Of Greater Plymouth Golf Tournament will be held on May 19 at Squirrel Run Golf Club, Carver Road, Plymouth. Shotgun start at noon. Scramble format is limited to the first hundred paid. Fee is $65 before May 1; $75 after May 1 and includes green's fee, dinner and prizes. Call Habitat to register at 508-866-4188.

Singles Dance sponsored by the South Shore Chapter 33, Parents Without Partners on May 19 at 8:30 p.m. at the Club 29, DAV, Liberty Street in Braintree. Cost is $5 for members and $8 for non-members. Food will be available. For more information call 781-337-6766.

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Portrait artist Lisa Johnson will display an exhibit of original oil paintings at the Minot Lightkeepers Residence on Sunday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Lightkeepers residence is located at 15 Lighthouse Lane on Government Island in Cohasset. For more information call (781) 383-1433.

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Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, Routes 18, 28, 104 Rotary, 23 Central Square on Bridgewater Common at 7:30 p.m. On May 19, Toni Asante Lightfoot. Free admission; pass the hat for feature. For more information call Valerie at (508) 833-3100 or the Daily Grind at (508) 279-9952.

Native American Arts Festival at the Fuller Museum of Art from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost is $5 - adults, $3 - seniors, students and members and $2 for children. Visitors to the museum will have the opportunity to experience that art and culture of Native American tribes of the Northeast featuring dancers, storytellers, musicians, artists and food vendors. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000.

Clift Rodgers Free Library presents Martha Martin inviting early readers to join her in a creative adventure with some well-loved stories and characters. Held from 9 - 9:45 a.m. at the library, 540 Pleasant Street, Marshfield, 781-834-4597.

The Hanover Garden Club will hold it's Annual Plant Sale at 9:30 a.m. at the Congregational Church Hall, Route 139 in Hanover. For more information call Barbara Reincke at 781-982-9551.

First Annual South Shore Women's Expo - "A Day of Discovery" will be hosted by two Scituate businesswomen, Lisa Liveringhouse and Robin Elliott. This event will be held at the Methodist Church Function Hall at 55 First Parish Road from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come and see the latest products and services of the businesses that will be represented at the Expo. Admission is $5 and includes a raffle ticket plus there will be on-site babysitting and complimentary refreshments served. If you would like more information call 781-545-3725.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Bellevue Cadillac. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet from 2 -4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. Ewina Caci will demonstrate portrait painting. The meeting is open to the public and free. For more information call 781-337-1402.

Sun. 20

Walk For Animals at the Borderland State Park in Sharon Massachusetts on May 20 (rain or shine). This 3-mile walk is well marked and water and rest stations will be set up along the way. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and festivities are from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Neponset Valley Humane Society. For sponsor information call (508) 261-9924.

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Buttonwood Books Will Host Author Jane Ward on May 20 from 2 - 4 p.m. in Cohasset. "Hunger" is a witty book that draws on Jane's experience as a pastry chef. Located in Shaw's Plaza on route 3A in Cohasset, for more information call 781-383-2665.

Just for kids

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON ANNOUNCES REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER MINI CAMPS. Available for two age groups: "Great Explorations" for 3 - 5 year olds and "Camp Discovery" for 6 - 7 year olds. Camps are held three mornings per week and each week offers fun-filled activities like art, music, drama, cooking and science. Summer mini camps are $60 per week ($54 for museum members) and run from Mon. - Wed. except the week of July 2. To register or for more information call 508-3230-3789.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST FOR CHILDREN'S SUMMER HISTORY CAMP ANNOUNCED. The Plymouth Antiquarian Society is currently accepting applications for free scholarships to attend a week-long children's summer educational program at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House, an historic Pilgrim era homestead located at 119 Sandwich Street in Plymouth. Successful applicants will attend a week's session of the Colonial Life Program at the Harlow House, held Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. through July and August. Deadline for submissions is June 11. Seven scholarships will be awarded and winning submissions announced mid June. For more information or to receive application materials call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@ici.net.

DREAMCHASERS, INC. announces the opening registration for the Summer 2001 Theatre Program. The program includes classes in acting, dance and stage movement, playwriting, technical theatre, choreography, musical theatre and improvisation. The program begins July 9 and classes are held every Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Dreamchasers home, The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main Street in Norwell. The programs concludes on August 4 with a performance by all students in which they share what they've learned with the audience. For more information call 508-224-4548.

RIVER ADVENTURES DAY CAMP sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon and the North and South Rivers Watershed Association. This new program is for children entering grades 7 - 9. Held for one week only, August 6 - 10, Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and limited to 16 campers. Camp fee is $250 for members and $300 for non-members. Registration deadline is July 9. To register call 781-837-9400.

CURTAIN CALL YOUTH THEATRE in Braintree announces a Summer Workshop for 12 - 15 students ages 11 - 14, meeting three times a week. Classes are designed to expose young people to drama and theatrical arts. Classes begin July 3 and end Aug. 2 and are held on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cost is $200 per student for the 5 week session and shorter enrollment is possible for $50 a week. There is a $15 registration fee. For more information call Meg young at 781-848-0058.

GIRLS AND SCIENCE SUMMER PROGRAM at the Children's Museum in Easton is accepting registrations for this innovative summer program. Sessions start July 5 - 31st and Aug. 2 - 28th. The program meets on Tues. and Thurs. at Borderland State Park, Easton/Sharon for two hours. Morning sessions for children entering grades 4 and 5 and afternoon session for children entering grades 6, 7 or 8. Program fee is $60 per four-week session and registration fees cover all program fees, T-shirts, family night and field trip. For more details call 508-230-3789.

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL CENTER AND THE NORTH RIVER SANCTUARY located at 2000 Main Street in Marshfield offers the following: Preschool Nature Stories are read every third Friday from 9 - 10:15 for ages 3 - 5. There will be a short nature outing related. Come prepared $3/$5 non-member. For more information please call the Massachusetts Audubon Society at 781-837-9400.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at 781-834-7417.

Monster Trucks Family Fun Day at Anderson's Restaurant, Route 106 in West Bridgewater at 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit Autistic Children and Muscular Dystrophy. Door prizes, bake sale, face painting, hay rides and much more.

'Birding the North River' will be offered by the North and South River Watershed Association at 9 a.m. Meet at Hanover Canoe Launch. Bring your own boat or if you need to borrow a canoe call us in advance. All participants must wear a PFD. Pre-register and sign up early by calling (781) 659-8168.

The Singing Sisters will present a concert at the Whitfield House, 26 North Street in Plymouth at 3 p.m. These beautiful soprano voices have been heard throughout the world in concert as guest with the symphony orchestra, on television, over the radio and on recordings. Admission is $10 at the doors, which open at 2:30 p.m. For more information call 508-746-5289.

Fourth Annual Antiques on the Common sponsored by the Hockomock Association of Antique Dealers from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. One hundred antique dealers from throughout New England selling their wares on the historic East Bridgewater Town Common, intersection of Central and Plymouth Streets. $3 per person and children under 12 are free. For more information call Sue Hartman at 508-378-7388.

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Also at the Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, Lui Collins, Thursday, May 17. Tickets are $12 in advance and $14 the day of the show, which begins at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 335-0249

Tues. 22

Buttonwood Books Hosts South Shore Writers Club on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. The members of the South Shore Writers club will read excerpts of their short fiction and poetry from their 2001 anthology, Shore Voices. Located in Shaw's Plaza on route 3A in Cohasset, for more information call 781-383-2665.

Wed. 23

'Brushed Calligraphy by the Master', a lecture with Kaji Aso will be held on May 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000. Kaji Aso is a well-respected artist in Japan and the United States. Reservations are required by May 16.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore presents Judith Karpinski, a clinical social worker with a private practice in gerontology will speak to "Caring for an Alzheimer Patient: Emotional Dilemmas" at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street in Hingham. For more information call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426.

Buttonwood Books Hosts Mystery Night from 7 - 9 p.m. Featured will be Cynthia Peal, - "Beacon Hill Mysteries", Katherine Hall Page - "The Body in the Moonlight" and Hallie Ephron and Don Davidoff writing as G.H. Ephron, co-authored "Amnesia." Located in Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A in Cohasset. 781-383-2903.

The Hanson Garden Club will be holding its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 739 High Street. Anyone interested in gardening is welcome to come to the meeting. There is a nominal $3 fee for non-members to cover refreshments.

Thurs. 24

Wine Tasting Dinner to Benefit Talking Information Center for the visually handicapped is being held at the Scituate Country Club on May 24. This elegant meal, featuring a wine expert from United Distilleries who will provide the wine is open to the public. Tickets are $50 and must be purchased in advance from the talking Information Center in Marshfield by calling 781-834-4400. The TIC wine tastings always sell out so call soon.

The James Library and Center for the Arts (24 West Street, Norwell) will conclude its 2001 season with a special inaugural recital by renowned pianist Jonathan Bass at 8 p.m. Following the concert there will be a champagne reception to meet the artist. Tickets are $25, for more information call 781-659-7100.

Fri. 25

Art of The English Garden Tour is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset through May 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners, plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at 781-383-1980.

Lainie Senechal and Harris Gardner, authors of 'Chalice of Eros' will be featured at Borders Books, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree. Poetry reading and open mike will start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, for more information call 781-380-3851.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a dance on May 25 with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 for SSS members, $8 non-members. Proper dress required. For more information call 781-331-0021.

"Music for the Heart and Soul" presents a Chant, Drum and Dance Circle! Led by Hingham singer/songwriter and song leader, Dawna Hammers. The last Friday of every month, May 25 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main Street in Hingham. $7 for adults and $5 for children and seniors. Bring drums, rattles, cushion, water and dancing shoes and enjoy a magical evening.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents a benefit concert with numerous acts. Tickets are $8 reserved and $10 the day of the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

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Ongoing Events

2 Painters, A dynamic exhibition of recent paintings by two New England artists, Jo Ann Rothschild and Matthew Kolodziej will take place from through June 29 at Gallery AA/B in Milton Village, MA. For more information call 617-698-9700 or log onto www.artadvisory-boston.com.

Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host Watercolors by Nancy Sargent Howell, Oils by Gloria Dufrense and Watercolors by John White for the month of May. The Gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor.

South Shore Art Center in Cohasset has recently accepted Apo to be an affiliated Gallery Artist. Apo will be showing his "Bread Series" at the South Shore Art Center this spring. Located on Dillon Gallery located on 199 Ripley Road through June 3. For more information call 781-383-2787.

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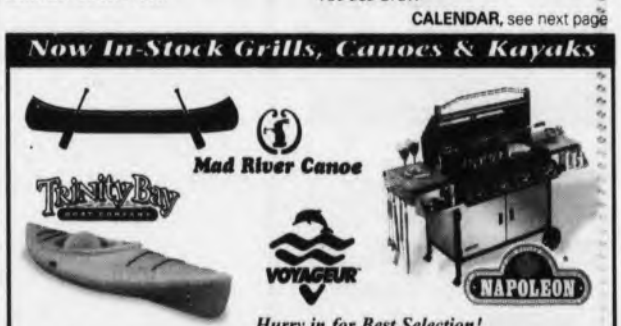
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Artica Gallery presents "Watercolor and Oil Impressions", an exhibit by Duxbury artist Lilly Cleveland. The exhibit will run through June 30. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street, just off Hall's Corner in Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-0640. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free.

"Got Paint?" A show of recent oil paintings by local artist Nancy Colella will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center through May 31. The exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 -5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment by calling 781-659-7337.

Kingston Public Library will host an exhibit by two Kingston artists, Harry Salter and Laurel Culley, who call themselves "Side by Side" artists. These two artists have painted individually for years but say that joining forces has made them all the more intent on their art. The exhibit of various media will be on display in the library gallery throughout May. The library is open from 1 - 8 p.m. on Mon., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Wed., Fri., and Sat.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the watercolors of Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick through the end of June. Chittick's subjects are varied from coastal landscapes of New England, architectural details of Boston buildings, to impressive scenes from Italy, Iceland and Greenland. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Walking in the Spring" on May 12, 26 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Fee per person is $28 non-member and $23 for members. Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum and pre registration is required.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA will begin its season. This season is open to 8 - 12 teams. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call 617-479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Duxbury Art Association presents "All in the Family" open at the Bengzt and Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts through June 29. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

North River Arts Society presents 'Class', an exhibition of the most recent works from students of NRAS in conjunction with the 25th Annual Festival of the Arts. Held at the Ventress Library through June 2. Gallery hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

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Duxbury's Artica Gallery showcases award winning local artist Lily Cleveland. "Watercolor and Oil Impressions" will be exhibited through June 20. Artica Gallery hours of operation are Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Located at 22 Depot Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-659-1563.



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Boston actress Robin Lane will dramatize the lives of Georgia O'Keeffe, Frida Kahlo and Mary Cassatt May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Rockland Memorial Library. This performance of "Artful Lives: Portraits of Women Artists" is funded by the Rockland Cultural Council and is free to the public. For more information call (781) 878-1236.

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Citizens' group won't support Greenbush report

CAC wants to send T back to drawing board

By Rick Collins
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The citizens group charged with reviewing the MBTA's final Greenbush environmental impact report has ruled the document to be inadequate, and urged state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand to order more studies and analysis of the plan to restore the long-dormant commuter rail line.

"It just has some things missing from it," said CAC member Thomas Gruber, of Cohasset. "It has some holes in it as well as some information we feel needs to be reviewed."

Of the 14 members present at the CAC's last scheduled meeting last Wednesday, 10 voted to rule the document inadequate. Four others signed a minority report saying the document was adequate, and two members — Susan Phippen of Scituate, and James Clarke of Weymouth — sent letters saying they were not prepared to take a position on the impact report. Both are currently embroiled in mitigation agreement negotiations with their respective towns and the MBTA.

Those names on the majority opinion were Joseph Norton, the committee chairman, Michael Lang, William Reed, Edward Fegreus, Gruber, Richard Cook, Alexander Macmillan, Brian Noble, Katherine Reardon, Jonathan Warner, and Janet Murray.

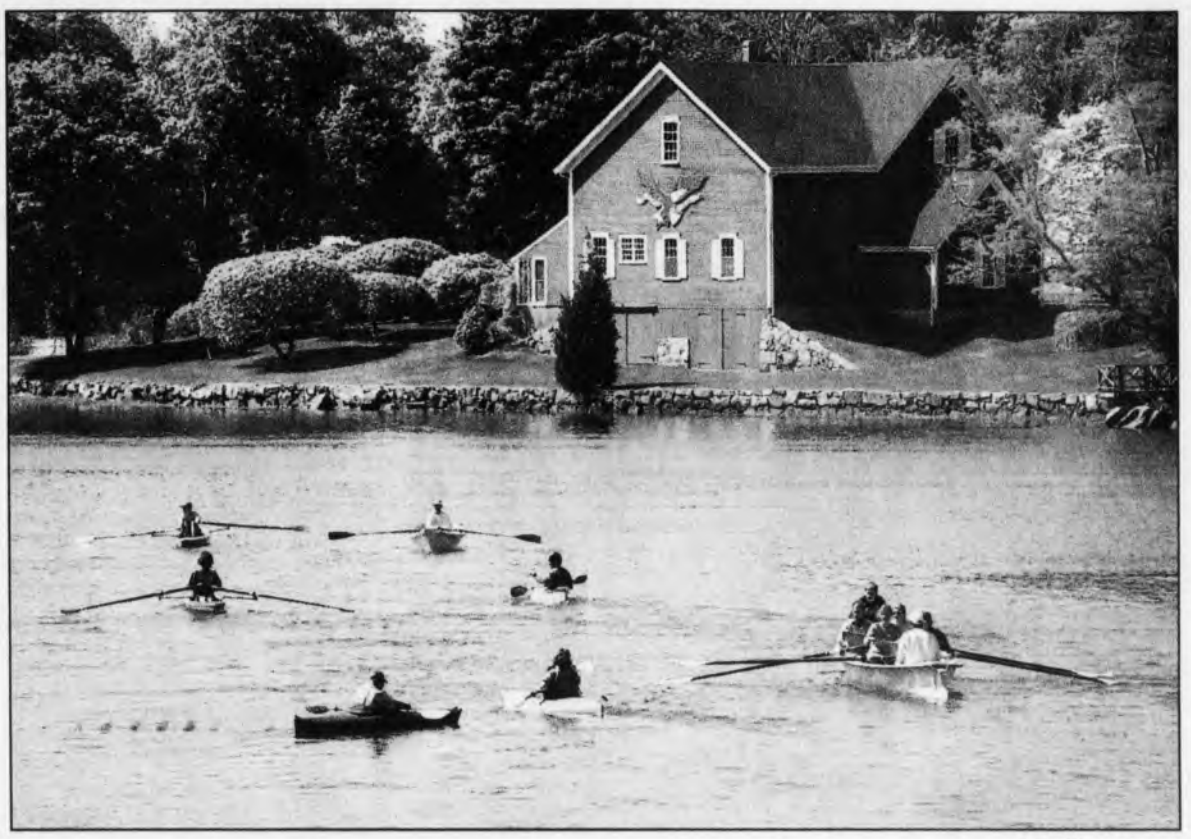
Richard Prone, Terry Fancher, Martha Gjesteby, Gregory Guimond and William Grimes signed the minority opinion.

But even though the CAC was formed by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Norton said it's unclear how much weight their opinion will carry.

Doug Pizzi, spokesman for Durand, said how much weight the CAC opinion, or any opinion, carries depends on how good of an

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ROWING THE RIVER



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The Gulf River Watershed Association held an awareness and stewardship education day last Saturday. Canoeists, kayakers and other boaters were invited to learn about and explore the watershed. Here, boaters make their way down the Gulf River, enjoying spectacular weather.

Town eyes two spots for senior housing complex

By Rick Collins
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The town Senior Housing Committee received permission to seek interest in the building of affordable senior housing units on sites off Route 3A and Pleasant Street.

"The purpose of this committee is to develop senior housing units in town for Cohasset residents," said committee chairman Jim Lagrotteria. "Because of the way the market is, we can't go out and spend $1 million on a parcel of land. We have to look at town-owned property."

Lagrotteria, along with fellow committee members Dorothy Keville and Margy Charles, presented selectmen with four possible town-owned sites that could be developed with senior housing: a corner of land behind the Little League field off North Main Street, land at the rear of the old Osgood School, a 10-acre parcel off Route 3A next to Stop & Shop, and a 14-acre parcel of former school-owned land off Pleasant Street.

Selectmen were concerned the Little League development would hinder access to the Cohasset Swim Club located behind it, and narrowed the choices down to the Route 3A site and Pleasant Street site.

Lagroterria called the Route 3A site, which was looked at a few years ago as a possible site for a new town cemetery, "high and dry" and able to hold "a combination of one and two story buildings."

He said there were wetlands towards the front of the property, but that it wasn't a big issue.

Selectman Thomas Callahan disagreed.

"It is an issue. It was a major issue for the cemetery," he said.

"Because of the way the market is, we can't go out and spend $1 million on a parcel of land. We have to look at town-owned property."
Committee Chairman Jim Lagrotteria.

The Pleasant Street site could hold up to 36 units in one building, and is more centrally located, the committee said.

However the main question selectmen had was how the town could finance the development while making sure it doesn't lose control over who buys the units. Generally, if a town used federal money to construct affordable housing units the town isn't able to restrict those units to just town residents.

Some towns have given town-owned land to private developers to build affordable housing units for town residents.

"My biggest concern is that we don't give up a piece of property, build a building and accomplish nothing because we can't control who lives in it," said Selectman Michael Sullivan. "We need to make sure we are helping Cohasset people."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town could sell the piece of land for $1, and in exchange place deed restrictions saying a certain amount of units have to be reserved for Cohasset seniors.

Lagroterria said the project's success depends on finding a private developer in Cohasset. He said the committee was contacted by a town church which said they are interested in organizing a coalition of churches to help finance the project. He declined to say which church was interested.

He pointed out that the Lincoln School in Hingham was converted to senior housing units by selling it to the Glastonbury Abbey for development. Although just 20 percent of the development's residents were from Hingham originally, that number is now 55 percent.

Keville said the demand for senior housing units in Cohasset is there. She said the committee recently conducted a survey and 46 percent of residents wanted more affordable rental units in town. Another 17 percent wanted clustered homes to own, and 15 percent were interested in townhouses as part of a retirement village.

"We've now done two surveys that say there is not enough senior housing in town," she said.

The committee asked the board for $3,000 to "go out and make the pitch" to interested parties about developing the sites.

"We want to sell them the idea, and then have them come back to the zoning board and planning board and Town Meeting," said Lagroterria.

Selectman Merle Brown supported the proposal.

"They're worked very hard and met constantly. I think we should support them and go out and look at the sites."

Haddad said he will ask the Advisory Committee for the money.

Relay for Life hits the mark

Hundreds turn out for event

By Rick Collins
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The American Cancer Society came more than $120,000 closer to finding a cure for cancer thanks to efforts of more than 800 participants in last weekend's Relay for Life.

"It went awesome," said Craig Bleicken, one of the event's co-organizers. As of Monday, the American Cancer Society had received $123,000 in donations, with more still coming in.

Bleicken said he thinks the final total will be near $130,000.

Even though gray rain clouds hovered over Alumni Field Friday afternoon, the relay kicked off promptly at 3 p.m. after some brief words by state Rep. Garrett Bradley and the Rev. John R. Mulvehill of St. Anthony's Church.

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Justinne Vanderlugt creates bubbles at the Relay for Life held at Cohasset High School. See more photos on page 12.

Veterans honored on Memorial Day

This year's Memorial Day festivities will be highlighted by former Marine Corps and Vietnam War veteran John Morgan who will give remarks at Veterans Memorial Park in a ceremony at noon on Monday.

The program will include a visit to the North Cohasset, Woodside, Beechwood and Central Cemeteries for a 21-gun salute and taps.

The color guard and soldiers will gather at the George H. Mealy American Legion Post at 8 a.m., and travel to the North Cohasset ceremony at 8:45 a.m.

They will stop at the Woodside Cemetery at 9:30 a.m., and Beechwood Cemetery at 9:45 a.m. before meeting up with the rest of the parade at the South Shore Music Circus at 10:30.

The parade will include various school bands, the Rusty Skippers Marching Band, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and town veterans. It will travel to the Central Cemetery at 11 a.m.

There will be a brief wreath laying ceremony at the POW-MIA memorial at Depot Court, and World War I Memorial on the Town Common. The parade will then complete the march down Elm Street to Veterans Memorial Park, where Morgan, a Bow Street resident, will speak and the American flag raised.

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation invites everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately following the Memorial Day parade, at Bancroft Hall on Government Island.

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Meeting schedule

The following is a list of meetings as of May 22: All meetings will be held at Town Hall, unless further noted.

- Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, May 29, 8 p.m.
- Conservation Commission, May 24, 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Health, May 30, 7 p.m.
- Senior Housing Committee, June 6, 9 a.m.
- MBTA Wetlands Working Group, June 21, 8:30 a.m.
- Planning Board, June 6, 8 p.m.
- Water Commission, May 24, 7:30 p.m. King Street Treatment Plant.
- Sewer Commission, June 5, 6 p.m.

AT&T cable

Selectmen met with AT&T Cable representative Lou Russo Tuesday and worked out a deal to permanently move the cable TV hub into the Doerr Gymnasium, thereby saving the town thousands of dollars.

The current cable TV hub, which provides transmission of Town Meetings at the Sullivan Gymnasium and school committee meetings in the middle/high school library, has to be moved due to the looming renovation and construction project at the school. The original plan was to temporarily move the hub to one location during construction, and then again after construction, at a cost of $13,000 to the town.

Russo said the move to the Doerr Gymnasium will be a one time move, and cost the town $4,500.

Mealy Post liquor license

Selectmen authorized a one-day liquor license to the George H. Mealy Post #118 American Legion for their annual Christine Burke Scholarship Fund Clambake.

The fundraiser will be held at Sandy Beach on Saturday, Sept. 8 from noon until sunset. The liquor will be delivered at 11 a.m. and be removed at 7 p.m.

Bradley announces low-cost prescriptions for veterans

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, announced this week that Tom Kelley, Commissioner of Veterans' Services for Massachusetts has informed him that veterans who, with a discharge other than dishonorable, are eligible for prescriptions at $2 per prescription for a 30-day supply.

Veterans need not have a service-connected disability, nor is there an economic test to qualify. Veterans who are eligible must enroll in the V.A. Health Care system and see a V.A. doctor to verify the need for current prescription. There is a minimal charge for the visit to the V.A. doctor usually covered by the veterans' own health insurance.

To find out more about V.A. health care benefits, veterans are advised to call or visit the veterans' service office at Town Hall. The V.A. can be called toll free at 1-800-222-8387.

SIGNING ON THE DOTTED LINE



PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

Cohasset selectmen last week signed an historic Greenbush mitigation agreement with the MBTA. Shown left to right are selectmen Fred Koed (chairman), Roseanne McMorris, and Merle Brown.

Elder's birthday lunch

Cohasset Elder Affairs is hosting and inviting "Nonagenarians" and their families to a "Happy Birthday Luncheon" to honor anyone and everyone who is 90 (or almost) years young.

The event is Wednesday, May 30, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. starting with crackers and cheese and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Parish Center.

R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 25, to Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

Beach RTF stickers available

The Board of Selectmen has extended the expiration date of the beach and RTF permits until June 30. Beach and RTF permits will be on sale starting June 4, during normal business hours at the Town Hall and at the DPW garage for the next fiscal year.

Starting July 1, the Pay-As-You-throw Program will start. An "all facilities" sticker will be $50 and an additional second sticker for $20. This sticker will allow access to the RTF, as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

Residents who do not utilize the RTF can purchase a beach sticker for $7 and the cost for a senior over 60 is $3. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town.

You may purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

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Fri. 25	1:11	11.4	7:39	1:52	10.0	7:51
Sat. 26	1:59	11.4	8:28	2:42	9.9	8:41
Sun. 27	2:51	11.3	9:20	3:36	9.8	9:35
Mon. 28	3:46	11.0	10:15	4:33	9.7	10:34
Tues. 29	4:46	10.7	11:13	5:33	9.7	11:36
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Making her mark around the world

Radio show host wraps up global lecture tour

By Michael Marotta
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When Scituate resident Ilana Marks started her radio show in June of 1997, she hoped for success similar to that of her cable-access program "On the Mark."

Stirring the political pot with guest forums, candidate debates, and candid discussions about town policies was Marks' focus on her television show, but when she made the switch to radio, she wanted to reach a broader demographic over the airwaves.

Her holistic and metaphysical live call-in radio show which airs on Marshfield radio station WATD Sunday nights from 7:30 to 9 p.m. quickly drew a large audience from all over the South Shore. But Marks could not have known that her radio program would one day take her far beyond the region and country on a global lecturing tour.

Buoyed by invitations via the Internet to take her show on the road, Marks decided to accept some of the many offers she's received last fall and began a three-month journey bringing her metaphysical message to groups all over the world.

To keep her family with her, Marks took her two children out of school knowing the education they would receive on the trip could not be duplicated in a classroom.

"I was getting invitations from people in Australia and Hawaii asking if I was interested in coming to lecture there," Marks said. "People had heard the show through the Internet, or simply had spoken to someone who had been on the show before."

Marks made stops in Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom giving lectures on metaphysical ideologies consistent with her New Age themed radio show.

"It just took on a life of its own," Marks said.

Because she only gave about a dozen lectures during the three-month trip, Marks said she was able to make a vacation of it, taking in some sights in between working.

After giving a lecture in Honolulu, Marks, her husband and their two kids then flew to Sydney to partake in a week-long mind, body and spirit conference. After the conference ended, the Marks' flew across the country to Perth for another lecture.

From Perth, Marks' then flew to Singapore en route to India, a stop where no lectures were on the docket but a spiritual healing and valuation was sought. Indulging in Indian customs in Bombay and spending almost a fortnight in Ashram, Marks's then eased the transition to Western civilization by giving talks in London.

But when she arrived back at home, Marks remained so inspired by the tour she decided she had to try to recapture it on paper.

"Three days after I came home, I just totally got inspired to start writing," Marks said. "I never thought I'd write a book about anything, but I was inspired and in three weeks, I wrote a book. It just came flowing out of me, so fast that I didn't even type with punctuation or anything."

Currently in the process of being edited, Marks has spoken to myriad publishers about bringing her as-of-yet untitled book to the mainstream.

"I'm very excited about this book because its a whole other realm that is going to open up for me," she said.

But Marks realizes that it was the scope of her radio show that enabled her to experience what she did, and is intrigued by the seemingly endless possibilities in radio.

"There are a million political shows, a million sports shows," Marks lamented, adding that once her show hit the airwaves, it was an instant success. "People started calling in right away. Then we started going out on the Web and I was getting all these offers from people around the world who wanted to be on my show."

The "offers" were from a who's who of the holistic and metaphysical world, certainly adding a dynamic boost to not only her shows popularity but its credibility as well.

The highlight was when she introduced Dr. Deepak Chopra as a guest, a world renowned spiritual advisor.

"Deepak was wonderful, his mind is very sharp; it was very exciting," Marks said, adding that other guests include Kenny Loggins, Greg Braden and Prema Baba Swamiji.

Marks is hoping the next step for her radio show will be syndication. And while she has become an international player over the Internet, Marks said she likes the traditional ideology of basic radio. She hasn't ruled out a return to television either, because she said giving demonstrations in holistic healing would be much easier done with the visual elements possible on TV.

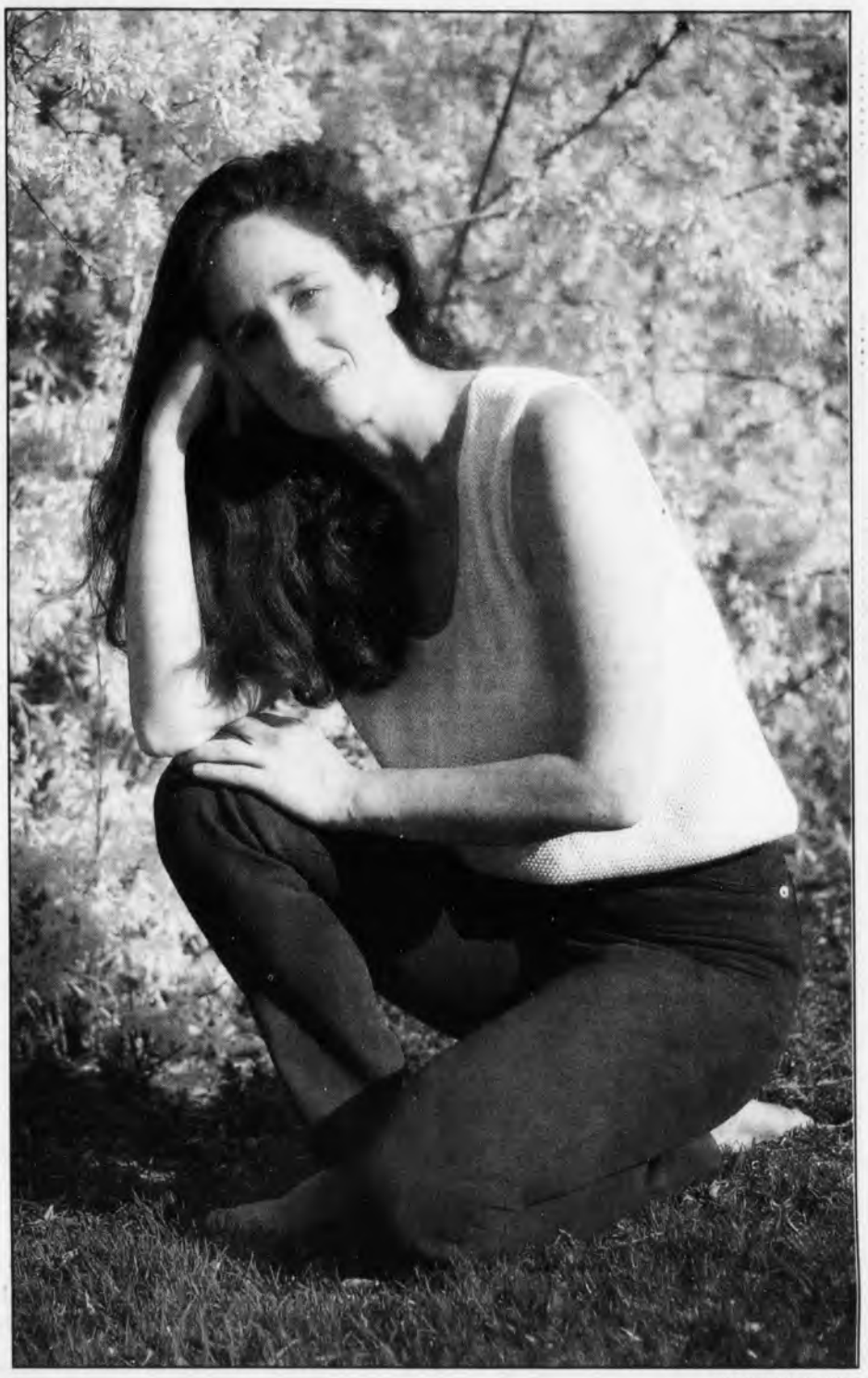
Marks, who in 1996 ran for Selectman in Scituate, and was once a vocal member of the anti-Greenbush group the Coastal Coalition, has ruled out returning to television with her old political talk show format.

"One of the things that has happened to me from getting all this work and from expanding internationally with the work I'm doing is that it's given me a different perspective," Marks said. "When I see an issue that people are getting really upset about and focusing all their energy on, I see that that is just a really small piece of a very large puzzle, and there's no reason to get so upset at everything.

"What I'm doing now is on a much more global, universal level, and I think that this is truly the wave of the future. And my book is about that; it's set against India, but includes (the message from) the whole trip, (how) each thing leads to the next. Now I feel I'm really doing what I want to be doing."

Marks said that she will focus on the message of her show, and take the next step when it comes to her. But for now, it's the mind, body and spirit connection of her radio show that gives her a driving force in her life, and Marks is excited about it's potential.

"I really didn't realize that it was going to grow this big," Marks continued, "but now I do know that what I'm doing is just the tip of the iceberg and it's really going to grow exponentially now because I've opened up to a larger audience."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Ilana Marks, just back from a global lecturing tour has set her sights on publishing a book about the experience.

Garden tour planned

The Garden Club of Hingham's "Bouquet of Hingham Gardens" Tour is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, and tickets are on sale at the following locations on the South Shore: Noble's, Bookport and Round Hill, Hingham Square; Corson's Glass House, Whiting Street, South Hingham; Buttonwood Books, Cohasset; and The Studio, Duxbury.

There are ten Hingham gardens featured on the tour. Tickets are $18 before the tour and $22 the day of the tour. Tickets may also be purchased by sending a check with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Mrs. Wallace Meigs, 10 Howland Lane, Hingham, MA 02043.

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Hello, Cohasset. It is finally raining a little, hopefully we will get enough to reduce some of the pollen a little and give the ground and flowers some much needed rain. I am hoping however, for it to clear a little by this weekend as so many wonderful events are taking place. I hope that no matter what your plans are, you allow some time to stop and honor our wonderful veterans. Have a festive and fun-filled weekend wherever you may be going and keep your fingers crossed for just a little sun!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Well, I have to send some Happy Birthday wishes out to a couple of cool guys. The first, my little guy Cody who is turning six on Thursday, May 24. Cody, we know that this week is really crazy and just a little hectic but we all know that it is your Birthday. We are sure that you will have a great day celebrating and wanted to wish you a very special day. We love you!

Sharing this special day is another young man, **Adam Smith** who is turning 12! Happy Birthday Adam! Twelve just does not seem possible!

CLASS CLOWN

I had an email from a man by the name of **Reinhold (Rennie) F. Bergstrom**. Rennie, according to him was a class clown from the class of 1951. Mr. Bergstrom is looking to get in touch with any members of his class for his upcoming visit. If any of you have any information, please email him at rennie@olypen.com or P.O. Box 1187, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

As many of you already know, this weekend has many great things in store. The CMHS is celebrating its wonderful Golden Anniversary in many exciting ways and wants all of you to attend! The events start on Friday morning, May 25 at 9 a.m. There is going to be an all-school assembly held in the Sullivan Gym at CMHS featuring guest speakers from the last 50 years. Some names you may be familiar with are Jerry White, Matthew Trask, Carol (Conway) Bulman, Nina Steele Welford and several others. This assembly will be followed at 10:15 a.m. with a ground breaking ceremony at the Alumni Field. Both of these events are for the public as well and we encourage all of you to attend if possible. An all-school cookout for the staff and students will follow. On Saturday, from 1-5 p.m., you can come to CMHS for an afternoon of reminiscing, tours, wonderful memorabilia, refreshments and music. Staff, friends and family will be on hand from the last 50 years and it will be a time to remember and get ready for the changes in store for the high school. Lilly (Carbone) Sestito will be singing and proclamations will be given by Senator Hedlund and Representative Garret Bradley. It will be a wonderful time for all.

SOLD OUT PERFORMANCE

On Friday evening, also at the Sullivan Gym is the awesome, sold-out performance of "Ball in the House", an acapella group of young men who rock with music, enthusiasm and talent! This show is being sponsored by the Deer Hill fifth grade students and is going to be a night filled with fun. Radio Disney Boston will also be on hand with free ice cream, games and prizes, and a lot of music!

This whole weekend winds to a close on Monday with perhaps the most important part of the weekend. Our Memorial Day Parade is starting at 10 a.m. and will wind its way down through town and end up at the harbor. This is the time to come out and honor all our veterans and clap, wave and a great time with your friends, family and neighbors.

PRE-PROM PARTY

It is Prom time for our seniors and so many things are taking place around town to celebrate this time. One of those great things is the Pre-Prom party being held on June 1 from 5-7 p.m. Because there will be no photographer at the Prom itself, this is a great way to get all those beautiful pictures taken in a beautiful setting. Parents, make sure to bring your checkbooks and come to see how great everyone looks for this exciting night. A photographer will be on hand and pictures can be taken and ordered on this night. Also, for all in town who want to come and see our seniors, this is the time to do so.

TIME AND TALENT AUCTION

This Saturday night, May 26 at the Second Congregational Church, **The Time and Talent Auction** is being held and believe me, you don't want to miss it. The list of available items includes; trips, full meals, cruises and sails, gift baskets, art and so much more. It is a wonderful way to spend an evening and walk away with some fantastic items. It starts at 7:30 p.m. and make sure to come with your checkbook in hand. Another great event to fill this holiday weekend.

NEWS FROM TEXAS

Well, here is a blast from the past and a wonderful one at that. Many of you will remember **Ilene and Bill Colwell** along with their twins, Loni and Jodi. Ilene was our devoted and beloved secretary at the Joseph Osgood School for many years. She and her family moved to North Texas and she recently sent me some news of the girls. Loni graduated from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management with a minor in Human Resources. She will be working for Fluor Daniel Corporation in Sugar Land, Texas as an International Relocation specialist. Fluor Daniel is one of the countries top construction/architectural consulting firms with offices in 25 countries. What a surprise for all when she wound up in Texas of all places! Jodi graduated from Radford University and was the recipient and inductee to the National Honor Society. Jodi was Dean's List for five semesters and will be working at the main headquarters for the United Way. Jodi graduated with a Bachelor's in Communication with a concentration in Public Relations. The entire Colwill family misses everyone back home and wants to be remembered to all! This is certainly some worthwhile news to hear and it is so good to hear from such wonderful people.

ART CENTER AWARDS

On Friday, June 15 at the opening of the **South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common**, the five scholarships given annually by the Art Center will be awarded. Four of the scholarships are made to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning. The winner of one of the two Fred E. Bergfors and Margaret Sandberg Award is: Kelsey Henderson, a resident of Cohasset who attends the Cambridge School of Weston. Kelsey's extraordinary artwork impressed the jurors. She will pursue her art studies at the Rhode Island School of Design next fall. The Art Center congratulates Ms. Henderson for the outstanding quality and creativity of her portfolio. Her work will be on display at the Art Center's festival on the Common, June 15-17. Please call the South Shore Art Center at 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org for information on the Festival and the many opportunities for education and exhibition throughout the year.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

I would like to offer a heartfelt apology to the families of the remarkable children in this next piece. **Cara Foley** and **Corey Sullivan**, both Juniors and **Ashley Ulmer** and **Elizabeth Ingber**, both seniors traveled to Washington this past February to participate in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program, a leading civic education program. They were able to gain a behind-the-scenes look at federal government and come away with a greater knowledge and appreciation for it all. While there, they joined hundreds of high school students from across the country and abroad and took part in seminars representing each branch of government, the military, media and business. Additionally, the students were able to go on a private tour of the White House, have appointments with their Senators' and Representatives offices and have a visit to a foreign embassy. The Presidential Classroom calls for outstanding student leaders and in order to participate in this wonderful experience, juniors and seniors must hold a B average or higher OR rank in the top 25 percent of their class. What a great adventure for all of you to have had!

That is all news for this week. Make sure to send all that you have to me no later than Monday at noon for it to be published in that week's edition.

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Have a wonderful week and make sure to take the time to enjoy this weekend and remember the true meaning of it.

FAB FOUR



Local skaters took part recently in the Fab Four Tribute skating show held at the Pilgrim Skating Arena. Clockwise from bottom left: Alexandra Smith of Norwell, Alexis Demetriades of Scituate, Tanya Bibby of Hingham, and Sinclair Dean of Cohasset. The girls skated to the song, "All My Loving."

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From Stars and Stripes to Beanie Babies and baseball cards

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

He's known throughout the South Shore as the affable owner of Cohasset's Pastimes collectibles. But long before Elliot Goldberg opened the popular sports cards and Beanie Baby haven, he was a military journalist in Germany whose articles were oftentimes published in the prestigious armed forces newspaper Stars and Stripes.

After his basic training in Fort Dix, N.J., Goldberg, who served in the U.S. Army from 1969-72, was off to Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis and the Department of Defense Information School for 14 weeks of intensive classroom study dealing with the ins and outs of military journalism.

"It was really basic, concise writing, along with military protocol," said the personable Goldberg. He paused and added with a laugh, "There's the right way, the wrong way and the army's way."

Goldberg graduated from the school in Dec. 1969 and was stationed in Furth, Germany, just outside Nuremberg, at the 4th Armored Division Public Information Office. The Fourth disbanded just under two years later and the 1st Armored Division out of Texas moved in.

Goldberg covered a wide-range of stories for the Rolling Review, an army newspaper published bimonthly by the 1st Armored Division. He advanced from the rank of Specialist E-4 to Specialist E-5, the equivalent of a sergeant, while banging out articles on the typewriter.

One of Goldberg's front-page stories chronicled six weeks of training of soldiers from C Trp (Troop), 2nd Sqdn (Squadron) and 4th Cav (Cavalry) at Tennenlohe, Germany. The exhausting training included simulated drills and operation of the Sheridan Tank.

In the June 26, 1971 issue of Rolling Review, Goldberg wrote: "While here, each crew went down Range Six on a wet and dry run. Main gun fire was simulated with the coaxial machine gun, and the .50 caliber machine gun was also fired."

In Goldberg's interview with Lieutenant Colonel Calvin R. Bean, the commanding officer of the 2nd Squadron and 4th Cavalry, Lieutenant Colonel Bean hailed the fighting power of the Sheridan and its ability to disable enemy tanks.

"The Sheridan is more than a tank. It is one of the finest pieces of anti-tank equipment today. To be professional in its operation, the entire crew must know everything about it."

Goldberg's contributions to Rolling Review included a quirky, music column entitled "For The Record." The column reviews the latest releases, musician profiles and soon-to-be-released music.

In the Hot 45s section of the Sept. 5, 1970 issue, Goldberg noted that The Carpenter's single "Close to You" was an "exceptional seller" having held the number-one position for four weeks.

Goldberg also predicted the recently released Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Cosmo's Factory," the newest Eric Clapton album, a double-release live Doors album and Santana's latest work would be viewed favorably by the public.

"Some new releases that have recently hit the scene will make a huge dent in the charts in the coming weeks," Goldberg wrote.

Goldberg also became an accomplished photographer while working as a staff reporter for Rolling Review. Two week's worth of the schooling at Fort Benjamin Harrison delved into photojournalism, but it wasn't until Goldberg was snapping photos for his writing assignments that his talents with the camera became apparent.


Elliot Goldberg

His most dramatic photos were those taken at a scene of a horrific helicopter crash he covered. As his photography flourished, more and more of Goldberg's work wound up on single-page photo spreads.

During his four years in the service, Goldberg was able to see much of Germany and Italy. Although most of the German people spoke in "broken English" Goldberg would converse with them in their native tongue.

"It's just out of courtesy to learn someone's language if you're in their country," said Goldberg. "They were much more receptive to it. The people would be more patient with you when asking for directions if you were attempting to speak their language, no matter how much you struggled through it."

Goldberg enjoyed taking long rides through the German countryside and likened the landscape to northern New England. "Germany was beautiful country," he said. "It reminded me a lot of the hills in New Hampshire and Vermont."

In his travels, Goldberg saw the construction of the Olympic Village in Munich, which only a year later became the tragic setting for 11 Israeli athletes. Goldberg also visited picturesque Florence, Italy, an experience he said, he didn't fully appreciate as a soldier in his 20s.

"It was a shame," he said. "At the time, I didn't find an appreciation for the arts the way I do today." Goldberg remembers Lake Lucerne in Switzerland as "one of the beautiful parts of the world."

When Goldberg was discharged from the army in 1972, he never considered pursuing journalism as a career and downplayed his writing talents. "I never really thought I had much talent at it," he said. "I never had that burning desire to write."

Instead of a writing career, Goldberg eventually became a salesman and spent the better part of 21 years on the road as a salesman. Goldberg admits the lifestyle finally caught up with him and after the death of his mother and two major back surgeries in the course of year, he walked away from road sales for good.

"I just had it with a life on the road all the time," he said.

Goldberg, though, had always dreamed of opening his own store, but never felt the time was right to pull out all stops and move ahead with his own establishment. It wasn't until he married Claudia Darling in 1986 that his dream was rekindled.

Goldberg started to dabble in sports cards, buying a pack now and again, to the point where he had an extensive collection. He never had a complete set until Darling bought him the 1986 Topps Baseball set while on a trip to New Hampshire, shortly after their wedding.

From there, the seed had been planted and Goldberg decided to hit the sports card show circuit in Massachusetts. His first show was at White's Restaurant in Feb. 1991. He eventually took over as the show's promoter and began to hold sports shows of his own in Randolph and Rockland.

Along with his wife, Goldberg opened Pastimes in 1994, a decision he has never regretted.

"I told him that life was too short," Darling said. "It was a true leap of faith."

At first, the store dealt strictly in sports cards and memorabilia, much of which Goldberg and Darling obtained at various shows throughout New England.

Still, the store had room for expansion to bring in a more varied assortment of customers. "Little girls would come in and say there was noting for them," said Darling.

Goldberg has always had a good "ear" for what the hot product was and made it a priority to provide a generous stock of Pogs, Magic and Pokeman cards. The breakthrough, though, came when the Beanie Baby phenomenon took the country by storm. Goldberg started slowly with the Beanies, but it was apparent that product was white hot and it was the route to take.

Now, along with cards, sports memorabilia and Beanie Babies, the store also sells plush, stuffed animals and a more varied assortment of products. "That made the whole family happy," Darling said.

Both Goldberg and Darling have found the experience of owning a store to be exhilarating. The business side, they said, is only a part of the satisfaction Pastimes has given them.

"The best thing, besides the obvious that it's self-sufficient, is the great people we've met and the friends we've made," Goldberg said.

Darling agreed wholeheartedly. "People are very loyal," she said. "It helps that Cohasset is a small town. You get to know a lot of people."

Along with Cohasset regulars, there are also a large number of regulars from Scituate. Goldberg and Darling enjoy the kids the most.

"We're seeing kids growing up right before our eyes. We hear when they get their drivers license, and we see them graduate from high school. It's really cool. It's fun just watching them grow up."

This weekend marks the seventh anniversary of Pastimes' opening and the store is doing better than ever. It was a dream that Goldberg, with a little push from Darling, carried out.

But there are other things he also wants to do in the coming years. Goldberg said he'd like to show his wife the European sites he first laid eyes on 30 years ago.

"There's a lot of Europe I would love to share with my wife," he said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

As the nation prepares to celebrate Memorial Day, it seems appropriate to recall the words of Abraham Lincoln who paid homage to Union soldiers who gave their lives in the Civil War at the battle of Gettysburg.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

(Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address on Nov. 19, 1863. President Lincoln was invited to make a few remarks at a dedication ceremony for a national cemetery to honor Union soldiers who died at the battle of Gettysburg July 1-3 of that year.)

A safe summer and holiday weekend

Summer is the most dangerous time of year for kids, according to a recent study by the National SAFE KIDS campaign. With Memorial Day and the arrival of warmer weather which brings them outdoors, children are at greater risk.

In a first-ever national report on season trends of fatal and non-fatal, unintentional injury among children, the National SAFE KIDS study found that May through August account for nearly half of all injury related childhood deaths. July is the most deadly month for children.

Accidental injury remains the leading killer of children age 14 and under. According to SAFE KIDS, this summer children will be rushed to emergency departments nearly three million times for serious injuries and an estimated 2,550 children will lose their lives due to an unintentional injury. Public health and medical professionals have long assumed that childhood accidental injuries follow a seasonal pattern. During the summer months when children are out of school, lack adequate supervision, and spend more time outdoors, the risks to children are heightened, according to SAFE KIDS.

By looking at data compiled from 1991-96, SAFE KIDS found that nearly half of all accidental, injury-related deaths occur during the summer months. Some 12 percent of all deaths occur in July. Approximately 45 percent of deaths among children 10-14 years of age occur during the summer. Other interesting findings are that 47 percent of all deaths in the mountain states occur during the summer months, and drowning is the greatest summer risk for children ages 14 and under.

Dr. C. Everett Koop, former U. S. Surgeon General and chairman of the SAFE KIDS campaign, urges parents to stress safety with their children. "While we encourage children to be active and spend time outdoors, they need to understand the consequences of not taking safety precautions and should remember to wear a bike helmet and ride restrained in the car." He added, "Parents need to know that regardless of their children's age, it is ultimately their responsibility to provide their children with the proper safety devices and adequate supervision."

SAFE KIDS also commissioned polls looking at the safety attitudes and behaviors of adults and children, ages 7 to 12. The survey found that while a majority of parents, 61 percent, understand that summer is the most dangerous time of year, most kids, 56 percent, underestimate the dangers of the season.

According to one poll, 70 percent of children said that their parents worry too much about them being hurt in an accident, while only 38 percent knew that "accidents" — not violence (selected by 51 percent) — were the main cause of injury and death.

According to a second poll, many parents are putting their kids at risk knowingly. For example, the poll found that 33 percent of parents said they would allow their children under the age of eight to ride a bike without adult supervision.

Memorial Day ushers in a season of outdoor activity. Take the time to review bicycle and swimming safety precautions in particular with your children before the busy summer season gets under way.

(The National SAFE KIDS Campaign is the first and only national organization dedicated to childhood safety. Supporters include Johnson & Johnson and Nickelodeon. For more information on preventing childhood injuries visit the website www.safekids.org or call 202-662-0600.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Food Pantry says thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Food Pantry wishes to express our gratitude to the Cohasset Post Office and all its carriers for their recent Postal Food Drive benefiting our Pantry and clients.

We received an abundance of non-perishable foods thanks to the generosity of the households of Cohasset who donated food and household products. The quality and quantity of these donations was overwhelming.

We wish to also thank Dennis Reardon at the Post Office for coordinating this drive along with Postmaster Stephen Cabezas. Finally, we are grateful to the hardworking volunteers who spent many hours moving and sorting the large quantity of food.

Our shelves are now full, and we are deeply grateful to the community for its generosity.

Margie Steele
Bob Thompson
Cohasset Food Pantry

Money is wise investment

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Russell C. Reeves' letter, 'Real' Cost of Runway Battle. I am in sympathy with his general position, even though I was a sponsor of Cohasset's article to invest $30,000 in a response to the runway environmental impact statement. Why should the towns of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset be spending anything, if the review process works as it is supposed to?

In fact, our research has discovered an attempt by Massport to blatantly discriminate against our towns. Our projections indicate a possible decline in property values in the range of 7–10 percent if the runway gets built, not to mention the impact from toxic jet fuel emissions.

We will have a lot to say in our joint response to the EIS, thanks to Bill Golden, our lawyer leading the response, as well as Paul Schomer, the world's leading aviation noise expert, and Paul Flaherty from Environs, worldwide experts on air quality.

The towns were wise to vote the money. There are ways to reduce existing noise. Preventing over $100 million in property value declines is worth the investment.

Eric Oddleifson
Cohasset

Family appreciates memorial tribute

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to express our thanks for a truly memorable tribute to Clark during the relay for life held last weekend.

To Ann Marie Goff, the energizer and organizer of his team, our utmost praise and respect for her abilities to organize, promote and excel as captain (she raised over $6,000); to Larry Souza, a heartfelt thanks for his kind words spoken and the hats that he procured for the team; to Ron Goodwin for the work he did to make the hats so special; to Hap Pompeio for letting the team use his tent, and for setting it up; to Ron Ford for his efforts to make sure the field was "just right" and for attending to all of the details that made the Relay what is was; to Ed Mulvey, who walked the track twice (on crutches) in Clark's honor. Finally, to Lynn Craig, Victor and Gordon for giving us the honor of leading the luminary parade...many tears were shed by us but out hearts were full of love and thanks.

Clark dearly loved his town, his field and his friends. He was proud of his role in the Relay for Life, and was certain the monies raised would help to find the cure for cancer. We all are.

Sallyann Chatterton
Cohasset

Committee members thanked for Greenbush work

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and congratulate you on all of your hard work in assisting the Board of Selectmen in developing a mitigation package and agreement with the MBTA for the restoration of the Greenbush Line.

This has been a long and difficult process to ensure that the town of Cohasset and its residents are protected during this restoration project. As you are aware, the Board of Selectmen has signed a mitigation agreement with the MBTA this past Tuesday, May 15. This would not have been possible without your hard work and dedication in protecting the town of Cohasset. The board strongly feels that the mitigation agreement that it was able to enter into with the MBTA is one that, not only protects the town, but also assists the town in addressing other issues that affect Cohasset.

Once again, the Board of Selectmen feels fortunate to have such hard working and dedicated residents who are willing to give their time and energy to protect and preserve the town of Cohasset. The board appreciates all of your efforts and looks forward to working with you again in the future on this and other projects. Once again, thank you and congratulations.

Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

This letter was in selectmen's correspondence, and was sent to all past and present mitigation committee members.

Summer theater days recalled

TO THE EDITOR:

Reading Roger Leonard's reminiscences about the early Music Circus brought back recollections of the season of 1954 when I worked at the summer tent theater as an apprentice. That was in the days of the "musicals," before rock concerts and professional wrestling became part of the local entertainment scene. In that year there was a resident company consisting of men's and women's singing choruses, the male and female corps de ballet and orchestra, as well as production people. The women's chorus featured a number of graduate students from the University of Indiana School of Music, and the music director was the eminent Hans Busch of the musical German family of that name. He was a member of the Indiana University faculty. The resident company was here for the summer and the leading actors and actresses changed each week; some "commuting" between Cohasset and the Melody Tent theater in Hyannis; that is, performing in one show while rehearsing for the next week's show at the other theater. Those here for the season often resided in private homes in or near the village center. In that year the orchestra's conductor was Arthur Norris, a distinguished English musical conductor. Staples in the repertory of the summer tent theaters were such older musicals as "Desert Song," "Carousel," "Anything Goes" and "Show Boat" (that had been the first Cohasset production), as well as more recent shows as "Paint Your Wagon," "The King and I" and "South Pacific." Later on newer musicals such as "West Side Story" tended to replace the older and now increasingly outdated musicals such as Romburg's "Desert Song," as both musical tastes and social concepts began to change in America.

The hurricanes of 1954 took down the canvas "big top" at the Cohasset theater. In late summer Hurricane "Carol" devastated coastal New England on a scale not seen since the 1938 hurricane, and the Cohasset tent finally victim to winds of well more than 100 miles per hour. The big tent didn't give way without a fight, however, as those of us in the company struggled to keep its edges taut and firmly attached to the ground. It was only after the supply of small wooden perimeter poles had been used up, and many broken in the process, that the vast canvas top began the uncontrollable shaking that tore its heavy canvas and laid waste to chairs near the tall "quarter poles." Those wooden poles, part way between the perimeter and the center, were picked up by the flapping canvas and their bottom ends flailed around, splintering most wooden chairs in their vicinity. The battle to save the tent against the ravages of nature finally was lost, but at almost the last minute, as the orchestra pit began to flood, an intrepid member of the company rushed in beneath the flailing canvas to gather up, and save, the orchestra's valuable musical instruments.

There was a "canvas man" at each tent theater, and Cohasset's canvas man was an elder veteran of Ringling Bros. Circus days. Several years earlier he had been working at the Hartford circus tent at the time of the tragic fire that claimed so many lives, but had been on his day off when that fire occurred. But there was no way the shredded canvas of the Cohasset tent could be repaired after "Carol's" 1954 visit. The show being performed on the week of the hurricane was the western "Paint Your Wagon" and its fine production run ended prematurely. Whatever damage hadn't been done by hurricane "Carol" was completed by hurricane "Edna" a week later, and the summer season was over for the Cohasset theater.

By the 1960s social change was in the air in America; the traditional musicals and operettas no longer were able to hold the attention of audiences in summer theaters. Within a few years a number of tent theaters across the country were not able to remain financially viable and disappeared . Cohasset's Music Circus, and its close relative in Hyannis, however, were able to make the transition to a more popular type of entertainment and have survived and flourished into the new century.

David H. Wadsworth
Cohasset

COHASSET CARES

Ready, get set, sort, recycle!

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

While walking over to Robbins Garage the other day to get my car (I'll give those fantastic guys, Cohasset's own Clicks and Clacks, a free pitch any day), I met a friend who asked me for advice about getting ready for Pay-As-You-Throw.

First, start now! Don't wait until July 1!

In your sorting, make careful note of how much non-recyclable stuff you generate in a week. Hopefully it shouldn't be too much if you've been conscientious all along. Items that are not recyclable that will end up in our $1 or $.50 bags we purchase are things like potato chip bags, celluloid packaging, cereal box liners, foam coffee cups.

We'll find we're going to be very conscious of packaging, and that's good, very good! One of our worst enemies will be styro foam, which is extremely bulky as well as non-recyclable.

Remember styro foam peanut-packing goes to Thompson's Business Services, 92 Front St., Scituate Harbor, across from Rockland Trust. No need for these things to fill up our precious bags (or to blow around the South Shore).

Crush the cardboard egg boxes (foam ones are not recyclable and will take up precious space) and put in our cardboard collection along with flattened tp cores.

Waxed containers (i.e. milk or oj) should be flattened and put in junk mail. Please sort the recyclables at home so as not to congest the works at the RTF.

PAYT will make us think twice about our lifestyles—about, for example, our use of foam coffee cups (non-recyclable and bulky) — and the other non-recyclable things. We will find we'll want to lobby for all recyclable containers, the way they operate in many other countries. Manufacturers need to be pressured! These are intense times for environmental concerns! And that's good!

See you next time.

Allan MacDonald
Publicity Chairman
Cohasset Recycling Committee

Nesting season — time to study our breeding birds

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON



May is coming to an end. June will soon begin. Migration is winding down. The breeding activities of building nests, laying eggs and raising young are beginning. Color codes on field guide maps usually refer to resident birds, winter visitors, and summer visitors. Summer visitors and resident birds are the ones to concentrate on now.

Breeding birds need a safe place to lay their eggs. Nests are receptacles for eggs and nestlings. Just as people choose different styles of homes to live in, birds build different types of nests to suit their needs. Large birds, such as hawks or herons, use **platform nests** built with large sticks. Herons nest in colonies, and in spite of being so large, put their nests in the tops of trees. Many herons nest on Sarah Island in Hingham Harbor. Grebes build a floating platform nest attached to underwater vegetation. Osprey may use actual platforms constructed to encourage more nesting, or navigational buoys or transformer towers near water, so they can easily find fish for food. Two good spots to view Osprey nests are on Fort Hill Street just before the Weymouth line, looking out over the Back River, and looking south from the bridge over the Weir River on Justice Cushing Highway.

Cup nests are the most common style of nests, used especially by songbirds. The basic shape is that of a cup or a bowl. Robins, catbirds, and cardinals all attach their nests firmly in the upright position on the crotch of a tree or on top of branches in thick vegetation. Orioles and vireos build a pendant-type cup, which they suspend from tree branches or twigs. The Eastern Phoebe and the Barn Swallow build their cup nests on building ledges or rafters. If a flat surface is used, the cup is round. If a vertical surface is used, mud attaches a semi-circular cup. Chimney Swifts use saliva to attach their nests to the inside wall of chimneys. Ovenbirds and Cliff Swallows create a dome-shaped cup with the hole on the side. The outside diameter of a hummingbird's nest is less than two inches.

Cavity nests are placed inside trees, birdhouses, burrows or anything with a hole for an entrance. Woodpeckers, titmice, chickadees, bluebirds, starlings and House Sparrows are all cavity nesters. As natural cavities become scarcer, birds find other types of cavities in man-made structures. Bank Swallows and Belted Kingfishers dig burrows in banks for their nests. Cornell Lab of Ornithology has been doing studies to discover which direction bluebird houses should face for the best success. There is some evidence that more young fledge from boxes facing eastward, at least in the northeast. Perhaps east-facing boxes warm up faster in the morning after cool nights and keep cooler in the afternoon. Orientation is not the only factor in nesting success, and more research needs to be done on this question.

The simplest type of nest is called a **scrape** and consists of nothing more than a very shallow depression. Some pelagic birds lay their eggs directly on a rocky ledge with no nesting material at all. Piping Plovers nest right on the sand and rely on camouflage to keep them safe. Killdeer use open fields, but as this habitat disappears will use flat roofs instead. They have been known to nest on top of Hingham High School.

Cup nests are the most common style of nests, used especially by songbirds.

The most widely used nesting materials are plant materials, including sticks, twigs, leaves, bark, moss, rootlets and grasses. Birds will also make use of animal and human hair, feathers and snakeskins. Hummingbirds use lichens and spider webs for waterproofing. Some birds have found that certain aromatic leaves help repel parasites. An amazing variety of man-made materials have been found in nests. These include cellophane, strips of clear plastic, paper clips, cigarette butts, colored yarn, and even paper money.

Finding bird nests is difficult, because birds are expert at hiding and camouflaging, a necessity for guarding against predators. If you hear a bird singing regularly from the same perch, this is a good clue that nest building is going on nearby. If you see a bird carrying nesting material, this is another good clue. Eventually you may see birds carrying food to their young or fecal sacs away from the nest. Even with all these clues, it is surprisingly difficult to locate the actual nest.

Have you ever wondered what goes on inside a nesting box or up high in an eagle's nest? There are a number of web sites featuring live pictures from nests via on-site cameras. Here are three URLs showing Peregrine Falcons, Bald Eagles and Eastern Bluebirds:

http://www.greenworks.tv/falcon/index.htm
http://home.gci.net/~bluffcam/

http://birds.cornell.edu/birdhouse/nestboxcam/index.html

For more information about the nests of particular species, see the Peterson Field Guide, "Birds' Nests", by Hal H. Harrison, or "A Field Guide to the Nests, Eggs and Nestlings" by Colin Harrison. This last may be out of print, but there is a copy in the Old Colony Library System.



PHOTO/DICK NORTON

Bluebirds on World's End.

This time of year, there are always questions about what to do if you find a baby bird on the ground. The instinct is to pick it up and try to save it. Picking it up is not the problem. The old wives' tale that birds will reject any young that have been touched by humans is not true. The problem is that it is very difficult for humans to raise birds successfully. The best thing to do if you find a baby bird is to leave it there, or put it under a bush out of the way of children or cats or dogs. Most times the parents are actually nearby listening for the call of their offspring, which go through an awkward stage between getting out of the nest and being able to fly. If you are thoroughly convinced that the parents have been killed or incapacitated in some way, please call the New England Wildlife Center at 781-749-5387.

Joanne Norton is a licensed bird-bander, avid birder, and a member of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force.

HEALTH NOTES

Threats to health from the home environment: Mercury

By S. N. Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

How many of us as kids covered a dime with the mercury from a broken thermometer? The shiny metal was a fascinating toy, and we innocently played with a highly dangerous pollutant which has now become a major problem.

Mercury is everywhere. There are a few ounces of mercury in practically every room in your house. We know it's in thermometers , but most major appliances including computers and TV sets contain mercury, as well as fluorescent lights, mercury switches in furnace and air conditioning controls, cars, and a majority of batteries of all types. The problem is that mercury from these products ends up in landfills and incinerators allowing it to re-enter and contaminate the food chain, and pollute our drinking water.

Mercury is a particular problem of modern high consumption society where conservation receives insufficient emphasis. The situation is similar to ancient Rome when lead was used as a wine preservative. There is evidence that lead poisoning widely affected affluent citizens in roman society because of the vast amounts of lead tainted wine consumed.

Increasing coverage by the press emphasizes the need to reduce the amount of mercury entering the environment. This is because mercury is a persistent and toxic heavy metal that can move quickly through the food chain. It attacks the nervous system, and is particularly dangerous to pregnant women because it causes damage to the central nervous system of the fetus. Our place at the top of the food chain increases the likelihood that we may become the ultimate collection and storage point for mercury released to the environment. State and federal sampling efforts have already determined that much of the freshwater fish in New England contain potentially harmful levels of mercury. These findings are consistent with similar findings noted throughout the nation. In fact, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, noting their results from their sampling program, has issued advisories that fish in virtually every body of fresh water in the Commonwealth contain sufficient mercury to be harmful to fetuses of pregnant women and should not be eaten. Subsistence fishermen and those who eat large amounts of freshwater fish are also susceptible to mercury poisoning. Exposure to harmful concentrations of mercury can also result in brain and kidney damage or birth defects. There is also considerable evidence of a link between mercury poisoning and autism, since the symptoms are similar.

Mercury promises to become a major environmental problem of the next decade. The National Academy of Sciences, in a report released last year estimated that 60,000 children are born annually with dangerous levels of mercury. Experts agree this figure will rise.

What can be done? At the last town meeting, John McNabb submitted, and the town passed, a bylaw, based on a Boston statute, banning sale of mercury thermometers. This beginning has been followed up by the creation of a mercury shed at the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF), where mercury containing products can be turned in. The Board of Health is planning a thermometer exchange, and has a listing of mercury containing items in the home. You can help by recognizing the danger from mercury and if you have a spill, contact the Board of Health. Spill containment is important and there are procedures for cleanup after a mercury spill. It is most important to get rid of all the mercury, since it gives off a toxic vapor as long as a few micrograms exist. The Board of Health has a spill kit and instructions for cleanup. To learn more about what you can do, contact the Board of Health. To learn more about symptoms of mercury or lead poisoning, contact Judy Fitzsimmons, the Town Nurse at the Town Hall.

What's Next? The Town of Burlington, Mass. has become the focus for a program involving local efforts to inform the public, initiate a program of reduction of the use of mercury and promote its effective disposal. The next step will be proposal for a regulation governing the inspection and disposal of construction wastes for mercury containing substances, required as a condition for a building permit. Mercury is a useful metal, but we must be very careful in using it.

(Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health)

Get that bigamist!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see that Tom Green, an unreconstructed Mormon who lives in a trailer compound in the Utah desert with his five wives and 25 children, has been convicted of bigamy and could get up to 25 years in the slam and $25,000 in fines.

Good Lord! Five wives and 25 children! Hasn't the man suffered enough?

In the course of following Tom's trial in the newspapers, I was surprised to learn that there are some 20,000 people living in what some people call a "polygamous relationship" in the state of Utah. The old fuddy duddies amongst us still call it "living in sin."

The difference between Tom and the 19,999 others is that he went before the television cameras to tell Jerry Springer all about his illegal ménage a six, which is a little like Whitey Bulger putting his address on the Internet and telling the FBI to "come and get me."

This forced the usually tolerant Utah officials to take judicial notice of Tom since Salt Lake City is fixing to host the 2002 Winter Olympics and we wouldn't want the Arabs, the Russians and the Chinese to think we have a hole in our moral defenses, now, would we?

One would think that Tom's five wives (a "head" wife and four "sister" wives) would be pleased to be rid of their male oppressor. But, no! The wives I saw on TV wept openly over the loss of their breadwinner, who supported them by selling magazine subscriptions and collecting welfare.

Plural marriage, or polygamy, was part of the Mormon religion almost since its founding in the mid-19th century. One of its early leaders, the charismatic Brigham Young, was said to have had somewhere between 19 and 27 wives and enough children to have a university named for him.

(He's the tired-looking one with the bags under his eyes in the yearbook picture.)

Incidentally, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, the record for bigamous marriages is held by one Giovanni Vigliotto who tied the knot 104 times before he was caught and sentenced to 28 years for fraud and bigamy in 1983. He died in 1991, presumably with a smile on his face.

But I digress . . .

It may have been God's law in Utah in 1850 but it was people who vetoed it in 1890 when it became apparent that those old spoilsports in Washington were not going to listen to their pleadings and admit Utah as a state unless Mormon men limited themselves to one woman at a time.

Now, with the 2002 Winter Olympics staring them in the pocketbook, Utahans (or whatever they call them) appear ready to go after those who have been happily defying the 1890 law for lo these many years.

In the words of Douglas White, an attorney for an anti-polygamy group: "The precedent has been set, and I'm here to tell you this thing is not going to go away. There are a lot of prosecutors in this state who have watched this. Now they've been shown how it's done."

Surviving spring allergy season

Sneezing, itchy eyes, mouth and throat, and irritated swelling skin are just some of the many symptoms more than 40 million people suffer from every year due to allergies. Although pinpointing the source of allergies may be difficult, the symptoms are common. Many over-the-counter and prescription drugs are available to prevent the onset or treat the symptoms of allergies (check with your doctor before taking any new medication). Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts' (BCBSMA) Prevention and Wellness Program provides tips to assist you with allergy management.

An allergy is an abnormal sensitivity to substances called allergens. Some people are born with allergies, while others may develop allergies through daily contact with the allergen.

Some allergens are:

•Tree pollen, weeds, and grass.
•Dust mites.
•Animal dander. Dander is the protein in an animal's saliva, and it contains dead skin flakes. For many years, people believed they were allergic to an animal's hair or fur, but the saliva stimulates the allergic reaction.
•Stinging insects such as bees, wasps, yellow jackets, hornets, and fire ants.
•Ingredients in cosmetics, latex, food, dairy product, medication, etc.

Call your doctor if you experience any of the symptoms listed below:

Rapidly developing skin welts (They give the appearance of swollen lines on the skin.) accompanied by redness of the skin, severe itching, and irritated skin.

Severe stomach cramps, bloating, vomiting, or diarrhea. This could be food poisoning or an allergic reaction.

Sneezing, constant runny nose, coughing, itchy, watery eyes, mouth and throat.

Stiffness, pain, and swelling of the joints.

There are several ways you can reduce exposure to allergens:

•Use a HEPA (high efficiency,particulate air filter) to clean the air.
•Keep windows closed and use an air-conditioner instead of a fan.
•Wash curtains often to eliminate dust.
•Wash bed linen in hot water every week.
•Vacuum your carpet every week.
•Minimize clutter, as they are dust catchers.

These suggestions were adapted from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA). For more information, please call AAFA at 1 (800) 727-8462 or visit their web site at http://www.aafa.org

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts' Prevention and Wellness Program started in 1995 with a series of initiatives designed to promote preventive health care to more than 2.4 million members. To learn more about the program, please call 1 (800) 262-BLUE.

Citizens' group won't support Greenbush report

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argument it makes.

"The secretary takes public comments very seriously. These people have given a lot of time, a number of years in many cases to look at this project," he said. "There are literally thousands of public comments on a project of this size, and all will be considered."

The current CAC was formed in December, as called for under the regulations of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act to review the impact report. Durand had originally given the CAC a deadline of early this spring to finish the review, but granted a deadline extension of May 21.

The state filed the initial impact report on Greenbush in 1990, and then a supplemental report in 1994 after it was separated out from the Middleboro and Plymouth branches of the Old Colony line, of which Greenbush is the third and final leg.

In 1995, then-Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe ruled the impact report to be adequate, but listed a number of issues on which "analysis needs to be developed to a higher level of detail in the final EIR," such as project costs, alternatives, ridership projections, impact on air quality, wetlands and waterways, historic resources and grade-crossing safety.

These issues were the ones committee members have looked over in particular the past few months. After reviewing a draft of the final impact report, the majority opinion's report said "we would be derelict in our duty under the law if we were to find the draft environmental impact report adequate at the present time."

The 20-page opinion questioned the validity of the MBTA's ridership projections, analysis of alternatives, air quality studies, safety claims, noise and vibration mitigation plans, and local traffic impact.

It also criticized the MBTA's claim that the project is necessary to "help insure that an even larger workforce is capable of reaching Downtown Boston, in order to insure the health of the inner core business district."

The opinion said "the MBTA's apparent assumption is that the interests of Downtown Boston are paramount," to those of South Shore residents, and that the MBTA "makes this argument at a time when South Shore cities like Quincy and Brockton are having a difficult time keeping their downtown business areas alive."

It also criticized the MBTA for failing to conduct additional studies on the dangers of diesel exhaust on local communities, especially abutters. "This omission is unacceptable in an environmental impact report in light of the fact that several independent bodies have found in the last several years that such diesel exhausts are carcinogens or potential carcinogens."

The opinion also said the MBTA needs to reassess the noise impact the train has on abutting properties, the benefits of wooden railroad ties and rubber vibration mats, traffic impact on local roads, and property values along the line.

But the minority opinion said the impact report is adequate and suggested that some who signed the majority report would never declare it "adequate."

"We believe that the debate has been strong in questioning and probing for answers," the minority report says. "There will be some people who do not believe the answers have been sufficient. There will be some people who will never accept the answers, even if they have been given to the best of the ability of the MBTA and their consultant."

It continued, "Some might say the MBTA has not adequately addressed any of the environmental issues it must solve in order to construct this project. We do not believe this."

The report said the MBTA has worked "above and beyond" what is required in the mandated areas. It said no problem raised can't be solved, and urged Durand to approve the impact report.

Gruber, who was instrumental in Cohasset recently signing a multi-million dollar mitigation deal, denied the contention that the inadequacy ruling is another attempt to stall the $408 million project.

"It's not just an attempt to stop the train. I believe there needs to be more work done," he said. "If there is anyone trying to obstruct the train, it's a minority of people. I don't believe anyone that signed either report had a strong agenda."

The MBTA formally filed its final environmental impact report Tuesday. The public has until Aug. 10 to submit comments.

Pizzi said it would be inappropriate to comment on the CAC opinion at this time.

He said anyone interested in submitting a comment can address it to Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand, MEPA Office, EOEA 5840, Janet Hutchins, 251 Causeway Street Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.

Relay for Life hits the mark

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By 4 p.m., little tent cities were sprouting up across the field, and scores of people walked the first of many laps around the track.

The event started off on a high note. According to event co-chair Gordon Behrer, the relay opened with $50,000 in donations already turned in, thousands of dollars higher than last year at the same time. He called it "a good sign" of things to come.

Laurie Greenip captained "Leanne's Team" in support of a friend battling breast cancer. Greenip had recruited 48 people to join the team, and raised $8,000 to help her friend since nursery school.

"I've called a lot of people, my friends, her friends, family," said Greenip, 33. "It seemed like something I had to do to support her."

She said 90 percent of her team was made up by young mothers, like herself, who were moved by their friend's fight. "It really makes you go, 'wow.'"

Ann Marie Goff, a cancer survivor, organized a team in memory of Clark Chatterton, the person responsible for bringing the relay to Cohasset four years ago.

Chatterton lost his two-year battle with cancer weeks after last year's event. "Clark's Energizers" were 40-people strong this year and met Goff's goal of $6,000, pleasing Chatterton's widow, Sallyanne.

"She's worked so, so hard," Chatterton said about Goff's efforts. "Organizing a team is hard work."

Clark Chatterton was remembered on a larger scale later Friday evening during the lighting of the luminaria. Participants bought enough of the memorial candles to line the entire circumference of the track, and parts of the other side as well.

A member of Chatterton's family, as well as the family of Paul Kelly, who captained the Hingham Middle School team until he too lost his fight with cancer last year, led every participant in a solemn, tolling-bell accompanied lap around the track.

"It was a very emotional ceremony," Bleicken said.

"It was pretty quiet the entire way around," added Victor Vanderlugt, another co-chairman of the event.

Bleicken said the event raised another $1,400 from the Taste of the Relay, where participants could try samplings from a dozen local restaurants set up in the Sullivan Gymnasium.

"The taste was a huge hit," said Bleicken, who gave credit to Jeff Mushin for coordinating the restaurants. "There was shrimp, lobster, everything. I can't say how much we thank the restaurants."

The rain held off overnight, and bright sunshine ruled Saturday's portion of the event. The relay came to a close 21-hours after it started with a final lap around the track led by the Rusty Skippers Marching Band.

Vanderlugt remarked how close everyone at the event seemed. "I think there was a lot of camaraderie between the people. Everyone became one big group."

Special team awards were presented including Best Decorated Campsite which was awarded to "The Beach Bums," led by Cindy Whelan, of Hull, and Most Team Spirit was awarded to "Karen's Team," led by Bob Clifford, of Hingham.



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Kathy Grossman runs with daughter Lindsay in the Relay for Life.

Cohasset honored in No Place for Hate event

The New England office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) announced that it will officially certify 15 cities and towns as the first ever No Place for Hate (NPFH) communities, in a ceremony May 30, at 4 p.m., at the headquarters of Blue Cross Blue Shield in Boston.

This prestigious designation will be bestowed upon communities that have made the commitment to building understanding and respect for diversity in their communities, while engaging residents in at least three new programs created to facilitate inter-group dialogue and inhibit tensions and hate crimes.

The 15 cities and towns to reach certification are among the 53 Massachusetts communities currently participating in this statewide campaign.

Attorney General Tom Reilly will join the ADL at a ceremony hosted by NPFH program sponsor, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA). Communities that will be honored include Cohasset, Duxbury, Franklin, Hull, Lexington, Melrose, Monson, Natick, Needham, New Bedford, Newburyport, Northampton, Peabody, Sharon, Somerville and Swampscott.

Also joining in the certification ceremony are program underwriter, The Maxwell V. Blum Family; supporter, Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc; and partner, Massachusetts Municipal Association. Municipal representatives will be awarded a sign for the "entrance" to the city/town, stating that "This is a No Place for Hate community in the year 200 1."

New England ADL Executive Director, Robert Leikind said, "By taking part in this program, communities are setting a standard for how to go about establishing respectful communities that are dedicated to democratic values." Leikind added, "We are thrilled to certify the first 15 communities, and look forward to working with each of them as they advance the goals of the No Place for Hate campaign."

No Place for Hate co-chairs, Beth and Gerry Tishler, look forward to the May 30 certification ceremony, and commented "The enthusiasm over the success of this campaign has been tremendous. We are delighted to have the opportunity to publicly recognize these communities, who have committed themselves to creating inclusive environments that can truly be designated as No Place for Hate."

In addition to the communities being certified, 11 participating communities will be awarded No Place for Hate matching grant funding, through the support of BCBSMA. Grant recipients include Natick, New Bedford, Newburyport, Lexington, Bedford, Cohasset, Duxbury, Quincy, Amherst, Malden and Sudbury.

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Who is George Mealy?

By Rick Collins
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George H. Mealy

The Cohasset American Legion post was named after the first Cohasset man killed in World War I, George H. Mealy of Beechwood Street.

Sergeant George Henry Mealy, of Company K, 101st Infantry, Yankee Division, was mortally wounded on July 17, 1918 in Fismes, France during the battle of Chateau-Thierry. He was buried at a grave site in Belleau Wood in France.

He was born Nov. 10, 1889 in Cohasset to George W. Mealy and Charlotte Otis (Snow) Mealy, according to "Cohasset Genealogies and Town History."

His family had a successful ice business, which delivered giant blocks of ice to the residents of Cohasset.

Mealy joined the Army and fought in the successful Mexican Border campaign of 1916.

In September of 1931, Legion Commander Nathaniel Hurwitz, Joseph Barrow, Frank Migliaccio and the Pond Plain Band of Weymouth journeyed over to France to visit the grave sit of Mealy and Corporal Lawrence B. Williams, who was also killed in action. The group placed wreaths as well as Cohasset earth over the graves.

Three other Cohasset natives were killed in World War I: Private Herman E. Daley, Private John W. Sidney, and Private Joseph A Gonsalves.

House puts money back into Chapter 70 aid

By Rick Collins
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The state House of Representatives voted to add $18 million to their Chapter 70 school aid budget last week, after coming under heavy fire for sacrificing suburban money to increase aid to urban school districts.

The increase, said state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, brings Chapter 70 money up to at least what is proposed in the governor's budget.

Cohasset was one of 160 Massachusetts communities which would have received more money under the governor's proposed budget, rather than the original House budget.

Although Cohasset was slated to see a $62,000 increase in Chapter 70 aid in the House budget, the amount was $44,000 less than what was earmarked in the governor's budget for the town.

It's the governor's numbers that Town Manager Mark Haddad and Finance Director Michael Buckley base the town budget on, as do most other communities, because they are the first numbers to be released, and traditionally are the lowest.

The town budget was passed at the annual Town Meeting in March. Haddad had said that if the House numbers passed, and Cohasset saw a deficit in state aid revenues, the town would have to revisit and rebalance the town budget.

"It was not fair of the House to do that without any warning," Bradley said of the House's original low aid numbers. "The towns have already had their Town Meetings, using the governor's figures, and for them to come back [with lower numbers] wasn't fair."

— State Rep. Garrett Bradley

But Bradley, and a number of other legislators sponsored an amendment to increase the amount of funding that guaranteed Cohasset will receive at least $1,434,077 in state aid for Cohasset schools.

"It was not fair of the House to do that without any warning," Bradley said of the House's original low aid numbers. "The towns have already had their Town Meetings, using the governor's figures, and for them to come back [with lower numbers] wasn't fair."

Haddad said he was "very happy" at the legislature's new vote. "I think that's great they're going to do it at the governor's level. That's what we expected, that's what the department of revenue had sent out [to base state aid revenue projections on], and I'm glad the legislature did the right thing."

Bradley said the legislature was also able to secure $7.5 million for raises for school nurses. The House originally was going to take the money out of the state's tobacco settlement money to pay for the raises, but Bradley and others fought to use the $7.5 million for tobacco education programs and fund the school nurses through the general fund.

He also managed to secure $280,000 for a state police holding room on Nantasket Beach, despite going against the House leadership in his vote to include funding for the Clean Elections Law in the budget.

Before being consolidated into the state police, the Metropolitan District Commission police which used to patrol the beach had a station right on the main street. However, the station has since been closed, and state police now take suspects to the Norwell barracks, resulting in increased overtime costs.

Bradley said by opening a small holding room, state police will be able to come and pick up the suspect, and allow the Nantasket patrol to stay on the streets.

He said the money was approved despite "immense pressure" placed on him by House leadership to change his vote on Clean Elections Law funding.

Bradley said he met with House Speaker Thomas Finneran and told him his intentions.

"I told him I disagreed with him, and he said he disagreed with me, and I said I wouldn't be voting with him," Bradley said.

The House voted to fund the law through a check-off box on the state income tax forms, rather than a separate line item in the budget.

The day after the vote, House Majority Whip Sal DiMasi, D-Boston, proposed an amendment that would have cut money for projects in districts represented by freshmen legislators who voted against the leadership. Bradley was not one of those freshmen representatives targeted.

"I don't know why I wasn't," he said. "Maybe it was because I let people know where I stood before the vote."

The senate has yet to finalize its budget, but expects to do so in the next couple of weeks. Once both branches have passed their budgets, a joint committee will iron out the differences.

IT'S HAPPENING

Prom chaperones needed

Be a part of a special evening and chaperone the post prom party at Cohasset High School, June 1. There are two shifts, midnight to 2:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 5 a.m. If interested call Mary Sullivan at 781-383-6666, or Jody Caron, 781-383-9705.

Temple barn sale

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom will hold a Barn Sale on Sunday, May 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Items featured will be men's, women's and children's clothing along with toys, books and house wares. New bicycles will be raffled and food will be available. Congregation Sha'aray Shalom is located at 1112 Main St. in Hingham.

Send us your news

The Cohasset Mariner welcomes information on local stories The deadline for submitting community copy is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St., sent by fax to 741-2931 or emailed to mford@cnc.com. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

Memorial Day cookout May 28

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation invites everyone for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks or coffee immediately following the Memorial Day parade on May 28, at Bancroft Hall on Government Island.

The non-profit Lightkeepers Corporation was established in 1991 to renovate a former two-family lightkeepers' residence, no longer used as such because of automation of Minot Light, and convert it into a function room for community use. The building is maintained and operated by the CLC.

The generosity of Cohasset residents and others provided the funds for renovation. Operating and maintenance expenses, and reserves for capital replacements and improvements, are recovered from rental of two apartments on the second floor, and from fees charged to non-residents for use of the function room facilities. Cohasset residents may use the facilities for a nominal fee, and non-profit organizations at no charge..

This will be the fifth year that CLC has hosted Memorial Day attendees in recognition of the generosity of our supporters, and we expect to serve about 1000 people again.

For further information contact R. M. Campbell, President of CLC, at 781-383-1379

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DAR chapter elects officers

The Old Colony Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held its annual meeting to elect officers. The meeting was a brunch held at the South Shore Country Club. Barbara Dillon and Annette Sechen were unanimously elected regent and vice regent respectively.

Officers who had recently been elected retained their positions, Treasurer Nancy Snowdale, Corresponding Secretary Claire Tinory, Registrar Ann Pompeo and Chaplin Roberta Krause, who led the dozens of members in the ritual opening prayer and also a memory service for Patricia Fitzmaurice.

Each DAR meeting the regent states the purpose of the Daughters which is to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence; to promote the development of an enlightened public opinion, and to foster patriotic citizenship. These are the objects of the society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The American's creed is also recited. It goes, : "I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people by the people whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic: A Sovereign Nation of many Sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.



Barbara Dillon, newly elected regent, Nancy O'Tool, who completed five years as regent and swore in the new regents, and Annette Sechen, new vice regent.

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

The new regents Barbara Dillon and Annette Sechen will hold a meeting to outline the programs for the coming year which will begin in the fall. One of the meetings will be to help more than 25 prospective members trace their ancestry to a relative who participated in some way in the American Revolution.

For more information or to join the DAR call Barbara Dillon at 781-383-0025 or Nancy O'Toole, 781-383-1547.

BULLETIN BOARD

Signup for summer playground program

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces that Martha Equi will again be the director of the summer playground program for children ages 31/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 12. Details forthcoming soon.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2001 playground program which will remain the same as the 2000 program as follows:

5- to 12-year-olds: $175 for first child ($300 non-residents).

3- to 5-year-olds: $150 for first child.

Discounts for second and subsequent children are $20.

A $50 first child, $45 second child and a $40 third and subsequent children, mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

• Limited enrollment has been set for each program.

• Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis and there are no discounts available for multiple children.

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Drama workshop

The Devaney sisters will return once again to produce Disney's The Little Mermaid. Directed and produced by Elizabeth Devaney, The Little Mermaid will be the 13th annual production of the Children's Drama Workshop (CDW). Past smash hits include: Cinderella Smith (2000), The Lion King (1999), and Anastasia (1998). Because of the renovations at Cohasset High School, CDW rehearsals and performances will take place at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. This sic-week program will begin Tuesday, June 26, at 1 p.m. Designed for children between the ages of 5 and 12, the Children's Drama Workshop meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. There will be several dress rehearsals from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the final two weeks of the program. Tentative performance dates are as follows: Wednesday, Aug. 1, Thursday, Aug. 2, and Friday, Aug. 3.

Registration will begin on Monday, June 11. Limited enrollment. Early registration is advised. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109.

Teen program

In addition to producing The Little Mermaid, the Devaney sisters will also produce an original work called "A Night at the Markle" to be performed by young adults aged between 13 and 18. Because of the renovations at Cohasset High School, rehearsals and performances will take place at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. This six-week program will begin Tuesday, June 26, at 7 p.m. Designed for young adults between the ages of 13 and 18, this program will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Tentative performance dates are as follows: Friday, Aug. 3, and Saturday, Aug. 4.

Registration will begin on Monday, June 11. Limited enrollment. Early registration is advised. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109. Directed and produced by Elizabeth Devaney, "A Night at the Markle" will be her second original work, and first straight play. Last summer, she wrote and produced the musical comedy, Cinderella Smith.

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Grade 6 luncheon will be held at Atlantica

SCHOOL'S IN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



Hello to all of you reading our School's In column. It is amazing to me to think that we only have a few weeks left of school for this year. I for one cannot wait. Summer is always such a great time to enjoy around here with the kids but it always seems to go way too fast.

We don't have a lot to talk about in this week's column, mostly about some upcoming dates and events. At the Joseph Osgood School, Snapper Sneaker Day is being held on Friday, June 8 with Monday, June 11, the rain date if needed. Wednesday, June 20 is the last full day of kindergarten and report cards will be sent home as well. June 21 is Move-Up day with the last day on Friday, June 22.

At the Deer Hill School, the Grade 6 Olympic Day will be held on Tuesday, June 19 with a rain date of June 20. Friday, June 22 at 10 a.m. is the Grade 6 Promotion Ceremony.

The Grade 6 Promotion Luncheon will be held at Atlantica from noon-3 p.m. on Friday, June 22. Tickets are $12.95 for adults and $9.50 for children. Call Julie Trendowicz at 383-3051 or Pearl Smith at 383-6953 with questions.

If anyone out there has any used lacrosse equipment to donate, here is a great cause to send it to. Scott Hill, a sophomore at Duxbury High School will travel to South Dakota to run a camp under the auspices of the YMCA for the Sioux children, and he will be teaching them lacrosse. Scott will pick up any equipment that you are willing to donate. Call him at 781-585-5455.

The Grade 4 family night has been scheduled for Thursday, June 14 from 6-8:30 p.m. Any questions call Kelly Gaumer at 383-6343.

The Grade 6 night is being held on Friday, June 15 from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Teen Garage. Ideas and volunteers are needed so call Susan Wilcox at 383-1998 to find out more.

The Cohasset Pre-Prom party is being held on Friday, June 1 from 5-7 p.m. at the Light keepers House. This is a wonderful way for the town to come out and see our beautiful prom-goers and have the photographer snap some great portraits of the kids. There will not be a photographer at the prom itself so parents, make sure to grab your checkbook and come to this terrific pre-prom event.

The Cohasset Parents Advisory Council is having its Award Ceremony and a message from Steve Kaplan, Director Of Student Services on Wednesday, June 6 in the Osgood Music Room at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

That is all for this week. The last School's In column for the year will be ready for the June 14 edition! Make sure to get all of your news to me at:

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Have a great week!

OBITUARIES

Winifred Mulligan

Winifred Marie (Norton) Mulligan, 90, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died May 12, 2001, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a short illness.

Mrs. Mulligan was born and educated Salem. She lived in Abington before moving to Cohasset, five years ago.

Wife of the late John J. Mulligan, she leaves a son, John A. Mulligan and his wife Vivian of Cohasset; two grandchildren, Joy L. Johnson and Brendan S. Mulligan; one great-grandson, Darien R. Mulligan; two nieces, Winifred Doucette and Clare Scott, both of Marblehead.

Services and interment were private.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home

Donations may be sent to Cohasset Knoll Resident Activity Fund, 1 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset 02025.

Mary Jillson

Mary Pauline (Ruiter) Jillson, 86, of Scituate, died May 16, 2001, at South Shore Hospital following a brief illness.

Born in Cohasset, she was the daughter of the late Ernest Charles Ruiter and Maud Delana (Baker). She was educated at the Mary Cliff Academy and the Perry Normal School where she received her degree in education.

A resident of Scituate for more than 40 years, she most recently resided at the Allerton House in Hingham.

Mrs. Jillson was director of Saint Lukes Nursery School in Scituate for many years.

She was a talented artist and creative cook. She hand-knitted hats for the homeless.

Wife of the late Martin M. Jillson, Mrs. Jillson leaves her three children, Martin Jillson of Oaklawn Ill., Barbara Jillson Keif of Marshfield and Jay Jillson of Scituate; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Kenneth Jillson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St., Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate Harbor. Interment was in the family plot in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home in Scituate.

Friends may remember Mrs. Jillson with donations made in her name to: The Foyer of Charity, 74 Hollett St., Scituate 02066.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

School lunch menu

MONDAY, MAY 28
Memorial Day — School Closed — Be safe!

TUESDAY, MAY 29
Chicken nuggets with fries or Ham and cheese sub, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
Pasta with meat sauce, dinner roll or BBQ riblet on a bun, tossed salad, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 31
Chicken patty on a bun or wrapable sandwich, vegetable, Jello and milk.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1
Pizza or tuna sandwich, celery sticks, fruit and milk.

Community Center classes offered

The South Shore Community Center at 3 North Main St. will hold the following spring and summer classes:

The Preschool Science and Nature Camp, for children three to five-plus, has two sessions. These are scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from May 30 to June 22 and costs $78. The Tuesday and Thursday sessions is scheduled for May 29 to June 21 and costs $56. Camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Summer Fun Week, for children three to six, is scheduled for July 10 to 12, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Cost is $80 for members and $85 for non-members.

Circus Camp, for children three to six, is scheduled for July 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Cost is $138 for members and $145 for non-members.

The Teddy Bear Review, for children three to six, is scheduled for August 28 to 30, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Cost is $80 for members and $85 for non-members.

The Camp for Boys and Girls, for children four to 11 (and grouped by age), is scheduled in four sessions. Cost is $140. Families with more than one child attending is $110 per child. Each session runs from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Session I, July 30 to August 3.
Session II, August 6 to 10.
Session II, August 13 to 17.
Session IV, August 20 to 24.

Voyager Camp, for children eight to 11, is scheduled for July 16 to 27, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is $255.

For more information, call the community center at 781-383-0088.

Musical programs enrolling

The Boston Conservatory Satellite School in Cohasset is now having open enrollment for its spring and summer programs. The school, now in its third year, is offering a variety of musical programs for children as well as adults. Private lessons are offered all year long in piano, voice, organ, strings, brass, and woodwinds. Summer classes include Summer Fun Music Weeks for children (theory, music appreciation, singing and games), varied activities for young children, group keyboard classes, and such specialized programs such as Church Organ for Pianists, Stress and the Performing Musician, and a Gifted Pianist Workshop for junior high and high school pianists. There is even a Rise Up Singing Choir for children that practices at 7 a.m. on weekday mornings. Director of the satellite school, Dr. G. Fredrick Guzasky (piano, organ, choir) has a stellar faculty on board - Dr. David Garcia (brass, woodwinds), Sargis Karapetyan (strings), Linda DrRosa - Coakley (young childrens specialist, keyboard), Edwin Milham, and Evelyn Czaja (voice and voice class for adults).

Classes are held at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset. For more information and a brochure, please call Dr. Guzasky 781-397-0963, or Marietta Azumanyan at The Boston Conservatory 617-912-9119.

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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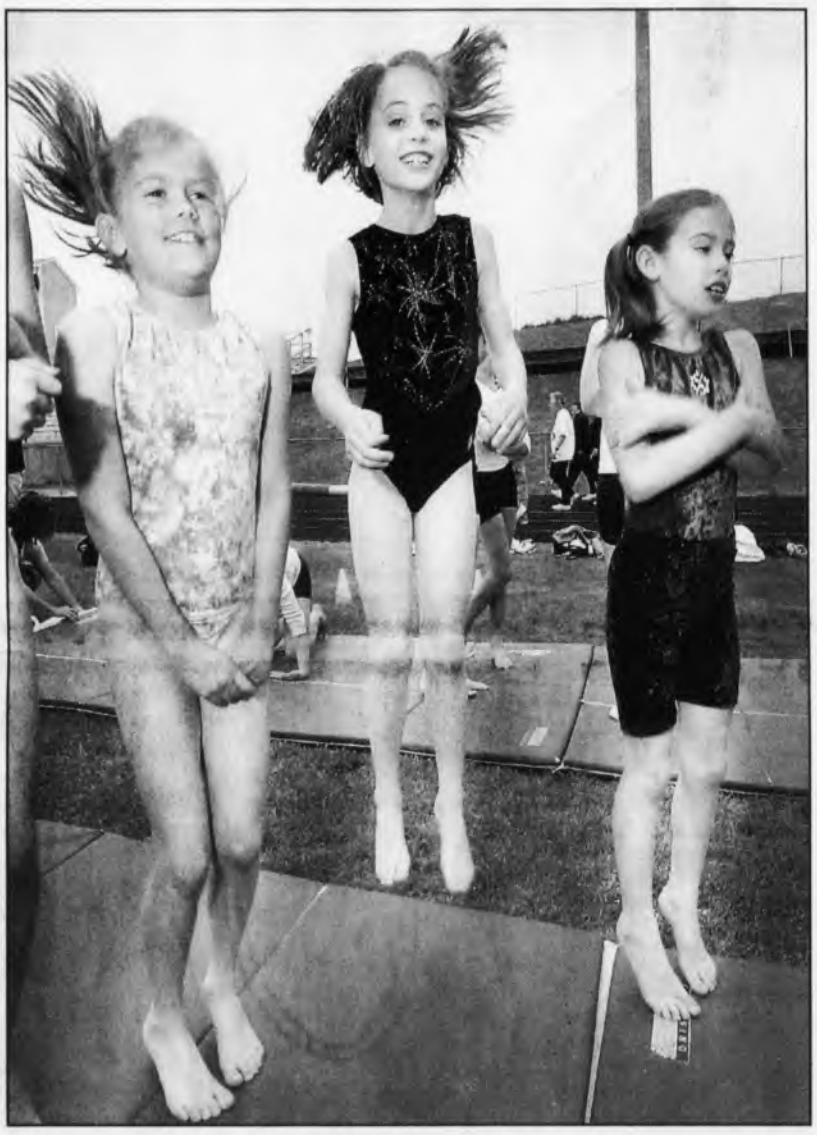
Relay for Life



On left, Marissa Tangerlini places candles in the luminaria bags along with Alexandra Graven, right, and Samantha Snow, center.

Below on left, Christin Monaco, Maggie McGoldrick and Betsy Crawford jump up and down to keep warm before their gymnastics demonstration.

Below, Adam Yeager races Hull firefighter Steve Ball around the track.





Staff photos
by
Alan Chapman



The American Cancer Society held its fifth annual Relay for Life race at Cohasset High School May 18-19. Martha Benintende untangles the balloons at the children's tent.



Three generations formed Team McGee. Donna McGee, her daughter Leslie-Ann and granddaughter Coyle McGee-Shropshire participated in the Relay for Life.

Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Maura O'Brien, Liam Martin and Peter Maitland

These three Cohasset High track standouts turned in strong performances at this past Saturday's South Shore Principals' Meet. Martin took third in the high jump, clearing 6 feet. South Shore League champion Maitland finished third in the javelin with a throw of 163-7. O'Brien was sixth in the female high jump with a leap of 4-10.

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On the South Shore
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Thrillers

Showdown with Norwell caps memorable season for C.H.S. tennis teams

By James Olson
CORRESPONDENT

The best players come out and play their best against the best competition.

On Monday, the Cohasset High boys and girls tennis teams both played the toughest competition in the South Shore League in Norwell, and both definitely had showings that they were proud of.

Girls win, 3-2
Boys lose 3-2

After losing 3-2 to the Lady Clippers at home earlier this year, the Cohasset girls clinched at least a share of the League title for the seventh consecutive year with a thrilling 3-2 win.

The Cohasset girls improved their record to 10-1 with their win over Norwell, and it was about as close as a team match can get.

Sophomore All-Star Julie Shea, bouncing off her first loss of the year last week against Abington, "decimated" (according to tenth year coach Sarah Meehan) her opponent in under thirty minutes, 6-2, 6-0.

However, Norwell came back and tied the score with a 6-2, 7-5 win at first doubles over senior Ary Afshar and freshman Emily Sullivan. And just to make Cohasset fans even more nervous, all three of the other matches going on had Cohasset losing its first set.

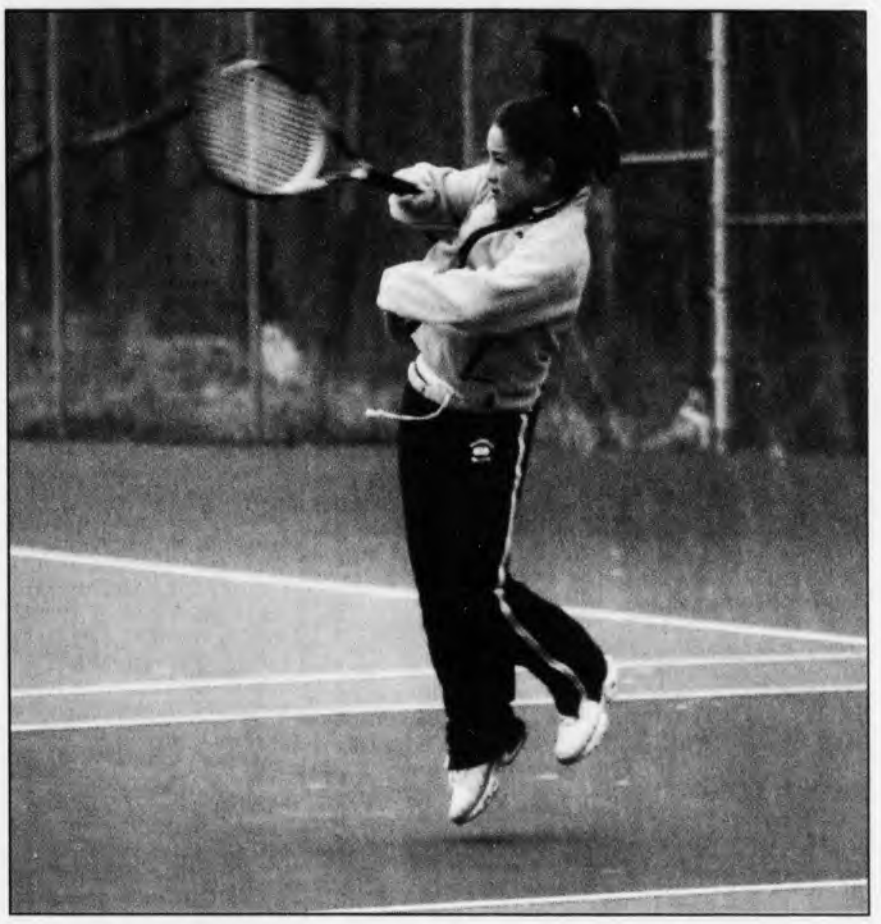
Norwell's standout Angie Bizzozzero defeated Holly Graham at third singles, 6-1, 6-4, to put the home team in the lead, 2-1. As both of these very tough competitors are only freshmen, with sophomores as their teams number one, this could be quite a rivalry down the road (according to coach Meehan).

Junior Kelly Stone and freshman Courtney Caron, fresh off their great turn out at the Hingham tournament, bounced back from a 4-6 loss in the first set to win the next two 6-3, 6-4.

All eyes then turned to the two best players in the league, All-Star sophomores Lindsay Grossman (undefeated) and Sarah Bitetti (only loss this year was to Grossman). Bitetti had stepped up her game to take the first set 6-2.

"She wanted a piece of Lindsay," said Meehan. "Lindsay had to make

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset freshman Courtney Caron (pictured here) teamed with partner Kelly Stone, a junior, to take a huge three set win over Norwell's first doubles team (4-6, 6-3, 6-4.) on Monday to help the Lady Skippers to a 3-2 win that pushed them into a South Shore League co-championship for the seventh straight season.

Closing in

Girls lacrosse team improves to 7-5-1, moves to within one won of tourney berth

The Cohasset girls varsity lacrosse team improved their record to 7-5-1 over the past week, keeping their chance to make the state tournament very much alive. After suffering a tough 10-9 loss on the road against Falmouth, the Lady Skippers bounced back with solid victories at home against Barnstable Thursday night and Monday afternoon at Marshfield.

Falmouth 10 - Cohasset 9

Two evenly matched teams squared off last Tuesday in an important game for state tournament pairings. Cohasset and Falmouth traded goals for much of the first half but Falmouth pulled out to a three goal lead midway through the second half.

Cohasset mounted a furious comeback led by junior co-captain Kristin Sheerin (4 goals and 1 assist) and Maura McKenney (4 goals) but fell one goal short. Suzanne Lynner had the Skippers' only other tally. Once again, Gia Petrakis in goal (11 saves) and Julie Lordan, with numerous ground ball pickups, led the Cohasset defense.

Cohasset 9 - Barnstable 5

On Thursday night, under the lights at Alumni Field, the Lady

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Baseball team falls short in tourney bid

Tough luck loss to Hanover ends post-season hopes for boys in blue

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It has been a season of tough breaks for the Cohasset baseball team, Which fell two games under .500 early in the season and never recovered. And with their loss to Hanover this past Monday, their record fell to 6-11, making it impossible to reach the post-season.

"This will be a season of what-ifs," reported third year coach Robert Knurek.

To be more specific, the "what-ifs" to which Knurek refers are the two losses his team suffered in the bottom of the seventh, the four games they lost by two runs, and the more than 35 unearned runs given up by the team this year.

Monday's 5-4 loss to Hanover was one of the two aforementioned back breakers., with the Skippers having carried a 4-3 lead into the seventh.

Sophomore second baseman Mike Snowdale, who has outperformed all expectations this year as a rookie for the varsity club, started the scoring for Cohasset with a solo home run.

"Snowdale has improved a ton," lauded Knurek, who has a mixture of veterans and rookies. "We had some senior leaders, but we also have a couple of freshmen and sophomores who have been playing great."

Though the home run got Cohasset on the board, the Skippers still trailed by two after they allowed starter Tim Straughn to be reached for three unearned runs in the third.

Although Straughn was tagged with the loss in this one, he continues to be the staff's steadiest pitcher. Unfortunately, he consistently fallen victim to erratic defense.

"If you said one weakness of ours, that would be it: consistency in the field," admitted Knurek.

In the seventh, with the Skippers leading, the Indians scratched a run across, thanks in part to an error. The winning play came on a suicide squeeze, done with one out and runners on second and third.

This depressing tilt reminded many of the game in Abington a few

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Mr. Intangibles

Cohasset High's O'Brien has thrived in shadows

By Mike Spellman
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They are the Three Muskateers of the Cohasset High sports scene, if you will: Erik Shea, TJ Bilodeau and Doug O'Brien.

Indeed, its kind of neat to see these three regularly tooling around town in Erik's red Saab, realizing that they're as inseparable away from the athletic arenas as they are on them and in the minds of all who have closely followed C.H.S athletics over the course of the 2000-'01 school year.

And what a phenomenal nine months it has been, at least athletically, for "the little school that could," with these three seniors at the forefront.

Shea and O'Brien captained the soccer team that made it to the semi-finals in the Div. 3 Southeast Sectional, both earning all-league honors for their superior efforts.

This past winter, Shea, O'Brien and Bilodeau tri-captained the basketball team that shocked everyone by going 14-8 and making it to the second round of the state tourney. This time it was Bilodeau and Shea who earned the all-league honors.

The baseball team hasn't fared quite so well, getting knocked from post-season consideration on Monday with a heartbreaking 5-4 loss to Hanover. But Bilodeau and O'Brien led them proudly as captains and atop the batting order, both hitting in the high .300s and playing rock-solid defense at shortstop and centerfield, respectively. Shea also made his mark, taking his first spring away from club soccer in several years so that he could play for Cohasset High's tennis team. He wound up earning the number one singles spot for much of season and played a big hand in the team earning its first tourney berth in several years.

Although the three are inseparable in many people's minds, it has somehow turned out that Shea and Bilodeau have received the lion's share of accolades and headlines.

In a way, this is understandable.

Shea is the most natural athlete of the trio. He's also an elite soccer talent, playing year-round for the Crusaders, the cream of the crop

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Cohasset High senior Doug Obrien has been a 'quiet star' and captain in three sports for the Skippers this school year.



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Tourney bound Cohasset High golf team: (L-R): (kneeling) Greg O'Brien (Soph), Dave Bouchard (Jr.), Rob Lehr (Soph), Wil Prendergast (Jr.- Capt), Jay Bertovich (Jr.-Capt), Ted Gledhill (Sr.), Mike Calorio (Soph.), Will Moody (Jr.), (kneeling) Chris McKenna (soph), Coach Torin Sweeney. *Not pictured: Terry Hurley.*

Golf team earns first tourney berth in 20 years

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Things got pretty exciting on the Cohasset Golf club links a few weeks back when the high school golf team won its first match in recent memory.

So, needless to say, thrill levels went off the charts last Thursday when the team won its fifth match of the season to qualify for its first tourney in nearly 20 years.

"We're all pretty pumped about this," reported first year head coach Torin Sweeney, following the team's 6.5-2.5 win over league rival Carver in Thursday's regular season finale. The win gave the Cohasset High squad a 5-5-1 record on the season.

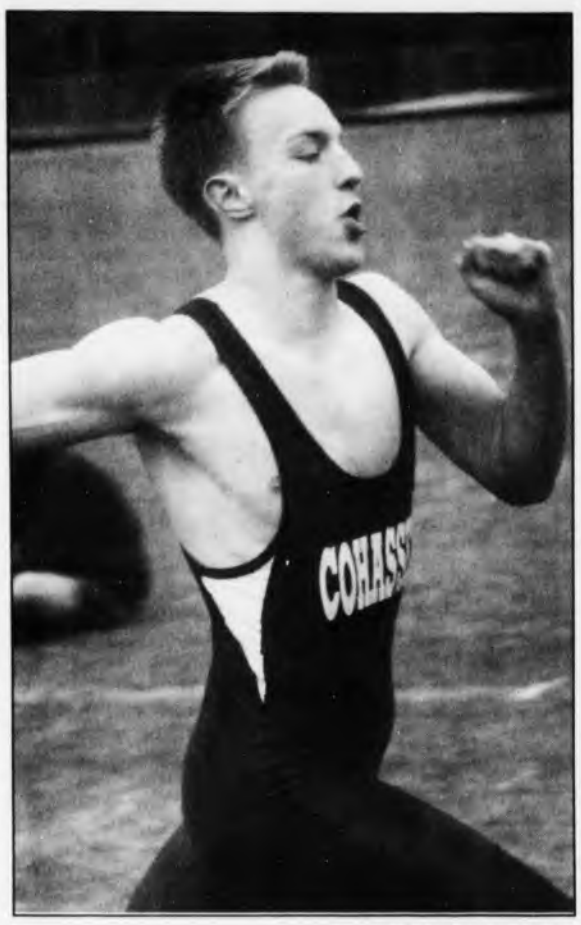
With the match on the line at 3.5-2.5, Cohasset's numbers five and six golfers— Rob Lehr and Will Moody—came up huge to close out the tourney clinching match, capturing all three of the available points. Lehr shot a 45 and Moody a 53 to beat out their Carver counterparts, and the duo also won the best ball competition.

Numbers two and three golfers, Jay Bertovich and Dave Bouchard, also notched big points with rounds of 45 and 44, respectively.

Cohasset's number one golfer, Wil Prendergast shot a team best 43 for the day, but he lost by one stroke to Norton's Chris Petel.

Golf Notes

Today, May 24th, Sweeney will take his top three golfers — Prendergast, Bertovich and senior Ted Gledhill — to Squirrel Run in Plymouth (Carver's home course) for the South Shore League Meet.



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Cohasset senior Brian Krupczak may not be able to defend his state title in the Class D 200 meter dash because of a pair of pulled leg muscles.

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O'Brien, Martin and Maitland lead strong Cohasset showing at Principals' Meet

THE EXTRA MILE

WITH JOE REARDON

May the wind always be at Jane Thies's back, at least on meet day. The Scituate High senior trackster, along with the rest of the triple jumpers, had a favorable wind at Saturday's South Shore Principals Meet at Norwell High, but even a friendly zephyr can't fully explain what was truly a magical day for Thies.

Thies not only broke her personal best of 34 feet, 2 inches in the triple jump once, she bettered the mark on five of her six jumps to take home the win at 35-1-1/2.Thies was looking ahead to the Pilgrim League meet and this Saturday's Class D championships, which will be held at Norwell.

Thies insists she didn't know what got into her, but believes it was a day where all the right conditions came together at a time when she is near a spring peak. Thies also finished in a second-place tie in the long jump at 5 feet. While waiting for her long jump medal, she said the meet was, without a doubt, her best ever.

Teammate Aquila Judge also set a personal best on her way to a long jump/hurdles, double-victory outing. Judge soared 18-2-1/2 to win the long jump, bettering her previous mark of 17-11. In the 100 hurdles, Thies bumped her knee just past 50 meters, but easily won the final.

Silver Lake's Daviann Brown easily defended her 400-meter title and wiped out a long-standing meet record in the process. Brown's time of 57.78 seconds was just under the 57.8 Norwell's Pam Connell posted back in 1984. Brown, second in the 400 at the All-State Championships last spring in a personal best of 57.4, was on her way to breaking her p.r. before slowing over the final 100 meters, the race already long-since decided.

Brown anchored the Lakers' 4:08.07 win in the 4x400 relay, which featured the young team of freshmen Michelle Woodford and Morgan Blanchard, and junior Meghan Dart. The Lakers were an easy winner over Brockton and came within three seconds of the Silver Lake record.

Mike Piche missed most of the outdoor season with a knee injury and has only started racing again recently. He looked as though he hadn't missed a beat after dominating the mile field with a winning time of 4:31.76. Teammate Matt Vercollone was equally dominant in the 2 mile, running uncontested to the finish in 9:53.76. Hingham High's Allison Donovan took the 2 mile in 11:39.21 to break the record held by Laura Hutchinson of Falmouth by less than a second.

Hanover's Joe Richardi captured the 100 hurdles in 16.14 and Cohasset's Robin Cunningham was second with a time of 16.90. Silver Lake's Pat Saccone also broke into the top six with his 17.19. Notre Dame's Kourtney Trainor rebounded well from a fall at the Coaches Invitational to win the 300 hurdles with a time of 46.85.

"She wanted to prove something to herself," said Aces head coach Rick Kates. "She's a pretty tough kid."

Melissa Murphy of Rockland rocketed out of the starting blocks and never looked back in her 100 win. Murphy finished with a time of 12.89. Notre Dame's Suzanne Timmons was fifth in 13.30. In the high jump, Rockland's Matt Boyd and Cohasset's Liam Martin both cleared 6 feet to take second and third, respectively. Tom McSharry of Abington was sixth with his 5-10 leap. David Davenport of Silver Lake long jumped 20-11-1/2 for second and Chris Cummings of Hanover was 10 inches back in third.

Pat Saccone claimed the discus title with his 144-8 throw. John Lannon of Scituate was sixth with a toss of 125-7. Matt Dolloff of Sacred Heart aired out a 44-5 toss for sixth in the shot put. South Shore League champion Peter Maitland, of Cohasset, was third in the javelin with a throw of 163-7.

Michelle Woodford of Silver Lake, Notre Dame's Alisa Cotter and Cohasset's Gillian Weber took 3-4-5 in the 800 with times of 2:27.62, 2:27.92 and 2:31.11, respectively. Erin Broderick of Notre Dame was second to Brown in the 400 with a solid 1:00.43. Rockland's Laura Kemp took sixth in the 800 with her 2:33.24. A strong surge by Norwell's Kayla Halloran over the last 400 meters earned her a third-place finish in the mile at 5:18.90. Amanda Allen of Abington ran 17.21 for fifth in the 100 hurdles

Cohasset's Maura O'Brien was sixth in the high jump with a leap of 4-10 and the Lakers' Allison Colwell finished sixth in her event, the triple jump, with a mark of 32-7. Notre Dame's Grace Cunningham was sixth in the shot put (35-7-1/4) and captured fourth place in the discus with a toss of 107-5. Silver Lake's Janet Veracka broke into the javelin's top six with a 110-3 toss, good for fourth. Notre Dame's Cara McDonough was eight inches behind winner Lindsay George of Foxboro with her throw of 121'. Veracka's teammate Ashley Damewood was sixth with her 105-10 toss.

Hingham High's Chris Orr sped to a 41.03 finish in the 300 hurdles and Andy Roberts of Rockland grabbed fifth in the 2 mile at 10:34.97. Chris Cummings bolted to a second-place finish for Hanover in the 200 with a time of 24.48. Silver Lake's Tim Cheney ran 24.68 to finish a solid fourth. In the 800, Sacred Heart's Tom Harrington clocked a very respectable 2:07.98 for fifth place and Silver Lake's Sean Clark took fifth in the 400 with his 54.02. Steve Fitzgerald of Norwell followed with a 54.12 to clinch sixth.

200-meter favorite Brian Krupczak, a Cohasset High senior, was unable to participate in the Principal's Meet due to a pair of pulled leg muscles he suffered in the Skippers season ending meet with Rockland last week. His status for this Saturday's Class D meet, where he was hoping to defend his state title, was unknown at the time of this writing, although reports did not sound too favorable.

Boys improve to 11-4

Less than 24 hours after he learned he'd been named to the Pilgrim Conference all-star team, sophomore midfielder Matt Davis scored a career-high four goals, added an assist, and led the Skippers to a hard-fought 15-9 victory over Catholic Conference member Catholic Memorial.

Two of Davis' goals helped break open an early tie, as Cohasset ran off five unanswered tallies in six minutes during the first and second quarters to take a 6-1 lead. The Skippers never looked back, extending their margin to 11-3 at halftime, before emptying the bench for the second half.

"Today we played two and a half solid quarters," said Coach Kevin Orcutt. "Catholic Memorial had to beat us to stay alive for the state tournament, and we wouldn't let them. We slacked off for about ten minutes in the third and fourth quarters, and gave up some goals that we shouldn't have, but overall it was a good effort that gives us some momentum."

The momentum was gained by a short-handed team, missing leading scorer Ronan Buick and five other regulars. Davis, and attackmen Paul Previte, Curt Kahn and Eric Libby were able to pick up the scoring slack, while defensive captains Geoff McWilliams and Justin Langham dominated the Catholic Memorial attack. Both Langham and McWilliams, in addition to their defensive responsibilities, helped out the offense with an assist apiece.

All-Conference goalie Kyle Weber made five stops, before giving way to freshman Nick Murphy in the third quarter. Murphy had seven stops, letting in six goals. Weber, shifting to attack, picked up a goal and an assist, using assistant coach Terry Kahn's stick and slightly dazed long-stick midfielder Nick Spirito's shoulder pads.

"As you might expect from a school with a hockey tradition like CM's, the hitting was ferocious," said Coach Orcutt. "Lane Forrer, Sean Chase and Spirito all took tough checks. And we picked up eleven penalties, unusually high for us. But every time we bounced back, and usually made the Knights pay."

Besides Davis and Weber, Cohasset's scoring came from Previte (two goals, three assists), Kahn (two goals, two assists), Libby (two goals), soph middies Tom Anderson and Robert Hickey (a goal and a pair of assists apiece), Forrer (a goal and an assist) and freshman Mike Devine (one goal).

With the win, Cohasset moves to 11-4, with its final regular season game set for Wednesday night against Ashland at Alumni Field. Like Catholic Memorial, Ashland is on the bubble for the state tournament.

"It promises to be exciting," said Orcutt.

In other boys lacrosse action this past week:

Skippers Fall to Marshfield, 13-9
Finish 7-4 in Pilgrim Conference

Missing high scorer Ronan Buick, and losing two more starters by halftime, the Cohasset Skippers fell to Pilgrim Conference rival Marshfield on Friday, 13-9.

The Skippers closed out their league season at 7-4, their best record in the Pilgrim in four years. Cohasset led 4-2 early in the second quarter on a pair of goals by sophomore attackman Curt Kahn, and single tallies by classmate Tom Anderson and junior attackman Eric Libby.

However, before the period was finished, senior defenseman Greg Figureido would be sidelined with a bruised hip and junior attackman Jason Moore would soon follow with a sore knee. Marshfield took the lead for good late in the quarter, 5-4, and never trailed again.

"This was a game I thought we could win, even without Ronan," said Coach Kevin Orcutt. "Unfortunately, as has been the case with our other losses, we can't sustain our good play against the better teams for more than a few minutes at a stretch. Our skill level is as high as any team's. But our mental toughness is lacking. And if we want to do well in the state tournament, we have to be able to win a game like this."

Cohasset's scorers were led by junior attackman Paul Previte, with three goals and three assists. Kahn, who also had an assist, was the only other multiple goal scorer for the Skippers. Libby and Anderson each had an assist to go with their goals. Junior midfielder Sean Chase and soph middie Matt Davis had a goal apiece, while soph middie Robert Hickey had an assist.

Junior Kyle Weber had another solid game in the net, with 22 saves, many of them point-blank. He got good support from senior defensive captains Geoff McWilliams and Justin Langham.

"Now is the time for each player to look in the mirror, and decide how he can rise to the challenge of the post-season," said Orcutt. "Both our next two opponents have outside chances to make the tournament, so I expect they'll play us with a sense of desperation. We need to play with the same intensity."

Closing in

Skippers outplayed and out-hustled Barnstable. Kristin Sheerin again led the Cohasset scoring charge with five goals and one assist. Maura McKenney had another outstanding game at her center position with three goals. Nicole Turgiss added a goal and Suzanne Lynner an assist. Gia Petrakis recorded 12 saves.

Junior co-captain Carlie Carter, recovering from an early season knee injury, played solidly on defense.

Cohasset 13 - Marshfield 8

Cohasset traveled to Marshfield on Monday afternoon for a game critical to their state tournament hopes. The girls did not disappoint, coming away with a well earned victory. Kristin Sheerin (4 goals) and Suzanne Lynner (3 goals) played strong games for Cohasset. Returning from injury, Sera Genovese scored two goals in limited action. Kate Grimm, Nicole Turgiss, Sarah Brady and Maura McKenney all chipped in goals. Cohasset's only senior, Swedish exchange student Maja Heildeix, scored her first varsity point with a beautiful assist. Gia Petrakis (14 saves), Julie Lordan, Katherine Coyne, Katie Portanova and Carlie Carter anchored the defense with help from sophomore Nell Brewer and freshmen Libby Meikleham and Ashley Faber.

Cohasset coach Cathy Gaudiano is very pleased with her team's effort so far this season.

"For a young team like ours to make the state tournament would be outstanding," said Guadiano. "Our team is mostly freshmen and sophomores with only five juniors and one senior. The girls have an excellent shot at a tournament berth this year and are building a strong foundation for next year."

Cohasset finishes its regular season with both an away and a home game against Bourne and a home game against Duxbury. One more victory or a tie should assure a trip to the state tournament.



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Cohasset's Meg Marr (#19) hauls in a pass in action against Marshfield last week.

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Cohasset White stays unbeaten in weekend of mixed results

Contributed by Chuck Jaffe

The Cohasset White 12-and-Under (12-U) team continued to lead the way in a strong season for Cohasset Youth Lacrosse, running its record to 9-0 to headline another strong weekend for the local boys.

The White team needed its third consecutive fourth-quarter comeback to beat Scituate 1 on Saturday in a seesaw battle. Scituate opened a quick-two-goal lead before Cohasset scored three straight assisted goals —Jared Kinch from Peter Oswald, T.J. Kennedy from Michael Grimm and Chris Mills from R.K. Quebec — to get its first lead of the game. The teams then traded goals to go to halftime tied at 4-4.

Scituate took advantage of some Cohasset mistakes to get a 6-4 lead early in the third period, but Cohasset closed the gap to 7-6 heading into the final period. Just as it had done in beating Hanover and Scituate 2 in the previous two weeks, Cohasset White dominated the final period, scoring two quick goals to get the lead. They then allowed Scituate to tie the score once more before putting the game away.

Kinch and Austen Lanzillotti led Cohasset with three goals each. Oswald and Grimm both finished with a goal and an assist. Ramsey Davis added a goal and Corbin Faber an assist to close out the scoring. Justin Hollis played an outstanding game in the goal with nine saves.

On Sunday, the White team took the field in Marshfield and blew out an overmatched Marshfield team 20-0, recording the first shutout ever for a 12-U team in the six-year history of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program.

Michael Grimm and Austen Lanzillotti lead the scoring parade with four first-half goals each. Grimm added an assist, giving him 25 points on the season, eclipsing the highest single-season scoring total for any fifth grader in the history of the program. Corey Chase added a goal and three assists, Chris Mills scored two and had one helper and Dan Trendowicz a goal and two assists as Cohasset controlled every phase of the game. Peter Oswald, Jared Kinch, Jeff Brown and Ryan Kucinski added first-half goals, with Kinch and Ramsey Davis adding assists. Sam Parker had three stops in the Cohasset net.

In a second half shortened to keep the scoring in check — and with Cohasset players under orders not to score unassisted goals — Cohasset moved its defense up to attack and put its scorers in the defensive half of the field to protect the shutout.

The result was the first goals of the year for Patrick Flynn and Justin Hollis in the third quarter, and Kurt Gritzan, with two tallies in the fourth period. Flynn, Hollis, Lanzillotti and Kyle Pinkus had the assists in the second half, while Oliver Brennan stopped two shots to preserve the whitewash.

The Cohasset Blue team followed the White game by raising its record to 6-3 with a dominating win over Marshfield 2 by the final score of 13-4.

Michael Bunstein scored four goals and four assists to lead the way, with Dan Trendowicz and Mark Flibotte contributing two goals each. Ryan Kucinski, Matt Burgess, Nick Zappolo and Chris Davis scored single goals, with Trendowicz and Zappolo picking up single goals.

Justin Hollis made six saves in the Cohasset net as the Blue team jumped out to an 8-1 lead and simply never allowed Marshfield to get back into it.

At the 10-and-Under level, Cohasset played its most complete game of the season on Friday, May 18, going on the road to beat South Boston, 10-4. The team never trailed, jumping out to a 2-1 first-quarter lead on goals by Danny Brady and Will Wise. Cohasset stretched the lead to 5-3 at the half on goals from James Reichardt, Chris Brown and Jake Wheelwright.

The locals pulled away in the third quarter with goals from Reichardt, Dean Driscoll, John Kearney and Oliver Forrer. Danny Brady added an assist.

Owen Landon finished the scoring with a fourth-quarter goal. Wes Ulmer handled the goaltending and had a fine evening.

On Sunday, Cohasset hosted Hingham for a rematch from an early season contest. Hingham came out of the chute strong, racing to a 4-0 lead. Cohasset awoke in the second quarter and closed the gap to 5-2 at the half on goals from Owen Landon and Will Wise.

Cohasset dominated the play in the second half, but just couldn't find the net with most of its scoring chances. Eamon Davis scored a third-quarter goal on a feed from Andrew Bell and Will Wise finished the scoring in the fourth quarter, as the game ended with Hingham on top 7-4.

At the 14-U level, Cohasset suffered through its first losing streak of the season, losing to South Boston 6-5 on Friday, and then by 4-1 to Falmouth on Sunday.

In South Boston, playing with an undermanned squad bolstered by members of Cohasset's 12- U contingent, the team jumped out to a 3-1 second-quarter lead on two goals by Aidan Buick and one by Mike Martone, who was starting his first game of the season at attack. South Boston came charging back with three straight goals to take a 4-3 lead into halftime.

In the third quarter, most of the action was at midfield until South Boston scored to take a two-goal lead.

Cohasset responded just before the end of the quarter with a great play from Chris Barber who took the ball from his own end, sped along the sideline, and hit Buick with a long pass. Buick then fed Mike Bunstein on the crease for the score.

After South Boston scored to regain a two-goal lead late in the fourth quarter, it looked as though the game was over. With under two minutes to play, Chris Barber made a hard move to the goal, drew the defense, and dumped to Buick, who finished his hat trick on the night. Cohasset took two penalties in the last minute that eliminated any chances to tie the game.

On Sunday, the U14 squad completed its Road Warrior weekend in Falmouth in a tough defensive struggle. After a scoreless first half, thanks to some great goaltending by Chris Simms, Falmouth finally scored twice near the midpoint of the third quarter to break the offensive drought. Cohasset responded with Sam Steele coming from behind the Falmouth cage to stuff home the only goal of the game for Cohasset and make the score 2-1. Cohasset had several opportunities to tie the game but missed the net or was shut down by the Falmouth goalie. Near the end of the fourth quarter, Cohasset wore down and gave up two goals on long passes that were scooped up by Falmouth attackmen.

Mr. Intangibles

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with Massachusetts Club teams. In basketball, he was a lights-out shooter who hit too many big three-pointers to count this year for the Cinderella Skippers. His emergence from out of no where to claim the top spot with the tennis team this spring only cemented his status as Big Man on Campus (sorry, Erik).

Then there's TJ whose flashy play and numerous clutch hoops with the basketball team made him the clear focal point on the court this winter. That bent for the spectacular carried over to the spring, where his slick plays at the most visible position on the diamond captured so much of the attention.

So O'Brien has been, to a large extent, relegated to second or third banana status behind his two close friends, even though in the opinion of those two friends, and just about everyone else closest to the scene, he is every bit as irreplaceable.

Indeed, Shea sounds almost annoyed when reminded of the fact that Doug doesn't get his share of the fanfare.

"I don't know what people are looking at," said Shea. "Matt (Bilodeau, TJ's little brother) and I were talking about that the other day, and we couldn't figure it out. He's a two-sport all-star (baseball and soccer) and he did so much for our basketball team this year too. If anyone deserves the press, it's him."

Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford, who coached the basketball team this winter, is another who proclaims vexation of Doug's lack of attention, though he also seems to have a handle on it.

"It's not always easy to put your finger on what Doug does," said Ford. "He just always finds a way to provide whatever is needed. I know he's appreciated a lot more by his coaches and teammates than he might be by casual observers."

And this is something Ford feels only makes him all the more special.

"He really is a great natural athlete who probably could put up big numbers or stand out more if that's what he wanted, but that's not what he's about," appraised the first year AD. "I think he's more about doing whatever it takes to win. He does the little things that don't show up in box scores any where, but that make the difference between winning an losing. He's Mr. Intangibles."

A lot of times, those intangibles don't even have to do with anything that takes place on the floor.

Cases in point: Doug suffered a severely sprained ankle toward the end of the soccer season, but never missed a game as the team went deep into the tourney. It also bothered him well into the basketball season. Again, he kept going. Then he got, in Ford's words. "the flu to end all flus." In one game, he threw up repeatedly on the sidelines, but kept wanting back in the game..

"How can teammates see something like that and not be inspired to give it all they can?" posed Ford. "Doug really is the ultimate gamer. His teammates had an incredible amount of admiration and respect for him. I think the attitude he brought rubbed off on everyone he played with, and that made everyone around him that much better.

"I'll tell you what, there was never a question with his teammates or coaches just how incredibly valuable Doug was."

Interestingly, the one person close to Doug who doesn't seem offended by the lack of recognition Doug has received to date is Doug himself.

"Doesn't bother me at all," he reported with a chuckle. "To be honest, I just love playing team sports and contributing. It's a great feeling to be part of a successful team, especially a team that does a lot better than most people thought. That's what we had in baseball and soccer this year, and it was great to be a part of something like that. "

Doug, a regular on the honor roll, was an early acceptant this past fall to Trinity College. He will enter the school this fall undecided, though he's leaning toward international business or economics. One thing he'd like to do is enroll in the school's study abroad program and spend a semester in Italy.

He also plans on trying out for the baseball team next spring, and might even give it a go with the soccer team in August. If he does indeed follow through and make the varsity squad, he will play his first college game against Bowdoin, Shea's team.

Imagine how great it would be if O'Brien, a forward, did something that led to a win in that game. Who do you think would be more pleased: O'Brien or Shea?

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Showdown with Norwell caps memorable season for tennis teams

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some adjustments to her game."

And that is exactly what she did, battling back to take the second set 6-4. At this point, every player, coach and spectator was glued to the court, watching the two trade game for game, until it got to a tie breaker and 6-6. It was Grossman's turn to step it up, as she won 7-4.

"Everybody participated in this win," said Meehan, making a special point to cite the great fan support her team received. "The girls who were watching gave the energy."

Despite the intensity of the match, there were no hard feelings from either side. Not surprising, considering these two teams went 1-2 in the SSL sportsmanship awards this year.

The boys, after being blasted by the Clippers 5-0 just a few short weeks ago without even winning so much as a set, came out and clearly played their best match of the year. Though the final score of the team match was 3-2, the Skippers cannot possibly feel disappointed with a score like that against the unbeaten league champions seven years running.

The first doubles team of co-captain senior Jeff Scribner and sophomore David Ingber, recently named to the All-star team as a pair, beat Norwell's previously undefeated doubles team of Rory O'Connor and Justin Meddaugh, 7-5, 6-4.

Both Scribner and Ingber only had their serve broken once each the entire match.

"In my (six) years of playing varsity tennis, I have never beaten anyone from Norwell," smiled an exuberant Scribner after the match. "It feels great to leave this season beating them in two sets."

Previously, O'Connor and Meddaugh had only lost one set the entire year. That came in a three set victory over Hanover's All-Star duo of Matt Edwards and David James, the tandem that gave Scribner and Ingber their only loss of the year.

Senior Erik Shea gave Cohasset its other win of the day at second singles, a three set nail biter that culminated in a 6-4 victory after the pair had split sets. Junior Mike Wiltshire was on the losing end, and he too had only lost one set the entire year before Shea ended his season-long streak of nine wins.

Cohasset freshman Jesse Brewer, who had not played singles in a match all year, played a sensational match against Norwell's undefeated third singles senior captain Sebastian Colella. Although Colella prevailed in two sets, the Skipper rookie played "out of his mind" according to several onlookers, consistently throwing off the game of the experienced senior.

"He played like a human backboard," said first year coach Pam Wilson. "He missed nothing."

At first singles for Cohasset was senior captain Chris Golden, who also made the All-star team with his 7-3 record this year at first and second singles.

Although he was completely content with the way he played, there was simply nothing he could do to stop the regionally ranked sophomore phenom Sam Bitetti.

Second doubles, consisting of senior Casey Brewer and freshman Robbie Carpenter, put in as impressive a showing as they were able, but sickness slowed them down against the freshman pair of Mike Allen and Kyle Schwartz, as they lost 0-6, 1-6.

Both teams for Cohasset showed that they can stay competitive with even the best of the competition around. With tournament coming up in early June, and Norwell presumably in line to be one of the top seeds in the Div. 2 tournaments for both genders, this should be a huge lift for both the boys and girls teams.

Baseball team falls short

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weeks back, an affair Knurek described as the one that sent the entire season in the wrong direction.

In that game, Cohasset was leading by one in the bottom of the seventh, but let it slip away with sloppy defense and timely hitting by the Green Wave. With a win in that game, Knurek explained, the team would have brought its record back up to sea level but instead dropped to 3-5 and never recovered.

Last Saturday, with their backs to the wall, Cohasset laid out Nantucket on the road, 11-2, to at least momentarily keep their playoff hopes alive.

Senior starter/third basemen Tim Grassey logged the complete game win in this one, scattering only four hits through seven innings with seven strikeouts.

Senior captain Doug O'Brien, who made the All-Star team for the second straight year as a centerfield leadoff man, paced Cohasset's offense with two RBI singles, and two runs scored, to help break the game open.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Tim Straughn was Cohasset's most consistent pitcher this season, but was repeatedly victimized by poor defensive

In addition to leading his team with the bat, alongside junior Robin Murphy in left, Cohasset has a very solid defensive outfield.

"Anything that is hit in the air, it is almost like you can walk off the field with two outs because you know he will catch it," said Knurek.

Murphy remains the only errorless everyday player on the team.

Straughn continued to swing a hot bat, lacing two triples and knocking in three runs. His season totals are still tops on the team with a .408 average and 15 RBIs.

"For a reasonably low scoring team, that's pretty good," assessed Coach K of Straughn's nearly one RBI per game pace.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, MAY 13

12:22 a.m. Stop & Shop Plaza, assist citizen.
7:15 a.m. Elm St., assist citizen.
7:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident.
1:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, threats.
1:32 p.m. Beechwood St., vandalism.
5:26 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, vandalism.
5:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.
8:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.

MONDAY MAY 14

12:46 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist other police department.
3:05 a.m. Elm Ct., officer wanted.
9:38 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., 911 call verification, false alarm.
1:53 p.m. Forest Ave., and Forest Cir., motor vehicle accident.
5:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property lost.
9:49 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violations.
10:28 p.m. Hull St., and Lamberts Ln., fire investigation.
11:03 p.m. Beechwood St., 911 abandoned call.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

1:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.
6:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle accident.
9:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway larceny.
10:01 a.m. S. Main St., fire inspections.
10:08 a.m. Old Pasture Rd., burglar alarm.
10:16 a.m. Pleasant St., parking violation.
11 a.m. Pleasant St., fire violations.
12:04 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.
1:55 p.m. S. Main St., fire inspections.
3:12 p.m. Beechwood St., general disturbance.
6:16 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop.
8:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
9:07 p.m. Doane St., 911 call verification, false call.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

6:26 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and N. Main St., animal control.
9:53 a.m. Beechwood St., fire inspections.
10:02 a.m. Kendall Village, fire inspections.
10:21 a.m. Pleasant St., medical aid.
10:36 a.m. N. Main St., fire.
12:20 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle accident.
1:03 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., 911 call verification.
5 p.m. Pleasant St., well being check.
7:04 p.m. Beechwood St., vandalism.
7:57 p.m. Summer St., and Border St., motor vehicle stop.
9:11 p.m. Doane St., 911 call verification, false call.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

9:20 a.m. N. Main St., fire.
9:41 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
11:19 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. medical aid.
11:46 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Depot Ct., parking violation.
2:14 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle accident.
4 p.m. Bancroft Rd. and Norfolk Rd., parking violation.
5:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
5:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.
5:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.
6:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway fire investigation.
6:57 p.m. Lamberts Ln., disturbance gathering.
7:32 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
7:37 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
7:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
7:50 p.m. Forest St., motor vehicle stop.
7:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
8:45 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop.
9:05 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious auto.
9:45 p.m. N. Main St., and Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop.
10:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

3:05 a.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint.
8:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle accident.
1:13 p.m. Fisher Rd., structure fire.
1:46 p.m. Elm St., wires down.
1:55 p.m. Cedar St., assault.
2:14 p.m. Hull St., investigation. Arrest: Dominic D. Emanuello, 81, 47 Hull St., Cohasset. Chrg. assault and battery by dangerous weapon.
2:35 p.m. Beechwood St., well being check.
6:17 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.
7:06 p.m. Border St., parking violation.
7:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
7:33 p.m. Square, parking violation.
7:35 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop.
8:17 p.m. Howe Rd., structure fire.
9:02 p.m. Lamberts Ln., traffic complaint.
11:14 p.m. S. Main St., noise complaint.
11:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop.
11:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

12:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen.
12:20 a.m. King St., assist citizen.
12:29 a.m. Elm St., registration inquiry.
1:09 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, burglary, breaking and entering.
2 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.
2:14 a.m. South Main St., abandoned 911 call.
6:34 a.m. Forest Ave., assist citizen.
7:39 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.
8:43 a.m. Church St., alarm burglar.
11:24 a.m. Bancroft Rd., abandoned 911 call, false call.
1:51 p.m. Norfolk Rd., parking violation.
2:51 p.m. King St., medical aid.
3:05 p.m. N. Main St., traffic complaint.
4:33 p.m. Sandy Beach, property found.
5:08 p.m. Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop.
5:21 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
5:22 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
5:34 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
5:37 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
5:38 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
5:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Jason P. Umbro, 28, 2 Indian Head Ln., Rockland. Chrgs. operate motor vehicle with suspended license, 2nd offense, subsequent speeding in violation of special regulations., warrant arrest.
5:59 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
6:08 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
7:01 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
7:18 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
7:37 p.m. Cedar St., and N. Main St., fire investigation.
7:41 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., 911 call verification, false call.
9:49 p.m. Depot Ct., suspicious person.
10:06 p.m. Square, suspicious activity.
10:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
11:03 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
11:05 p.m. In town, registration inquiry.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

1:09 a.m. Lamberts Ln., abandoned auto.
6:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, burglar alarm.
8:17 a.m. Pleasant St., animal control.
10:20 a.m. s. Main St., by law violation.
11:09 a.m. Cedar St., property found.
12:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway suspicious person. Arrest: Shane M. Whelan, 269 Elm St., Marshfield. Chrg. assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, disorderly person, lewd and lascivious in speech or behavior, accosting person of opposite sex, possession of pepper spray with out fid.
1:01 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., burglar alarm.
4:52 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop.
5:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Ln., motor vehicle stop.
5:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, burglar alarm.
8:23 p.m. equipment test.
11:03 p.m. S. Main St., suspicious activity.
11:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway burglar alarm.

Police bag supermarket peeper

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset police arrested a 27-year old Marshfield man Sunday afternoon after he was caught in the women's restroom at Shaw's Supermarket with a mirror, peeking under the stalls.

Shane M. Whelan was charged with lewd and lascivious behavior, and accosting a person of the opposite sex. He also faces two counts of assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and being a disorderly person after scuffling with Sgt. David Cogill and Officer Christy J. Tarantino.

Police were called to Shaw's just after noon, after a store employee reported using the restroom and seeing a mirror coming from under the middle stall next to her.

According to a report filed by Tarantino, store manager Daniel Leonard checked the restroom, found that a person was still in the middle stall, and guarded the door until police arrived.

Tarantino said he and Cogill knocked on the door and asked if anyone was in the restroom. A male voice said he was and would be right out. When he exited, Tarantino said the suspect told him he thought it was the men's restroom.

Whelan denied having a mirror, but Tarantino found a mirror on a telescopic handle in a stainless-steel box used to discard women's sanitary napkins. The mirror had the name Ken Whalen engraved on the back.

When Tarantino emerged from the stall with the mirror, Whelan gave Cogill a forearm shove and attempted to run out of the restroom. Cogill grabbed Whelan's sweater and along with Tarantino took him to the floor and handcuffed him.

Tarantino said Whelan, a former Marine, flailed around to avoid being handcuffed.

"If you try to handcuff someone who doesn't want to be, it can be a tough thing to do," Tarantino said.

An eyewitness account said the incident happened feet away from the store's floral department, and that very few people were aware of what was going on.

A search of Whelan's car turned up a black folding knife and can of pepper spray. Because Whelan does not have a Firearms Identification (FID) card, he was also charged with illegal possession of pepper spray.

Whelan was released on $100 bail. He had no prior record.

He was arraigned Monday morning at Quincy District Court and pleaded not guilty. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for July 5.

Cohasset man rescued from fire

Cohasset police dragged an unconscious Howe Road resident to safety Friday night, when a fire broke out in his condominium.

Officer William Quigley said when he arrived at 60 Howe Rd., a man said his neighbor, John Dougherty, 60 was passed out on the kitchen floor and that the kitchen might be on fire.

Quigley looked in through the unit's window and saw heavy smoke and Dougherty on the floor. He entered the unit, saw a kitchen chair and kitchen cabinets on fire. He ran back out to his cruiser, got a fire extinguisher, and went back into the unit. Officer James McLean also arrived with his fire extinguisher.

According to Quigley's report, he and McLean dragged Dougherty by his ankles to the door and then lifted him to a side lawn by his hands and feet. Quigley said Dougherty had burns to his right leg and knee, and was transported to Quincy Medical Center.

Cohasset firefighters quickly extinguished the rest of the fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Quigley's report said Dougherty appeared "highly intoxicated, and that there was evidence of heavy drinking on the scene."

Quigley and McLean both said they inhaled a "substantial amount of smoke at the scene as well as chemical powder from the two extinguishers," but refused medical treatment.

Man, 81, arrested for attack with golf club

Cohasset police arrested 81-year old Dominic Emanuello on Friday for allegedly hitting a Cohasset man with a golf club at the town Recycling Transfer Facility in retaliation for an argument the previous night.

According to a report by Officer James McLean, Dean Williams, 50, of King Street, said Emanuello hit him from behind with a golf club, shortly before 2 p.m. McLean said Williams raised his shirt and showed a bruise on his lower left side.

McLean drove to Emanuello's Hull Street house, where Emanuello was waiting for him in his driveway. When asked what happened, Emanuello reportedly told McLean, "I stuck that Dean Williams, he had it coming to him for years."

Emanuello was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. McLean said Emanuello was unable to place his hand behind his back at the time of his arrest because he claimed to have hurt his back in an altercation with Williams the night before. He was restrained using two pairs of handcuffs.

A golf club shaft was taken from his truck as evidence. It's not clear which club Emanuello used, as the club head was missing. Police said they smelled alcohol on Emanuello's breath, but did not consider him drunk.

Three RTF workers were questioned at the scene, but said "they didn't want to get involved."

The dispute between Emanuello and Williams has apparently been ongoing. Officer Christy Tarantino, who assisted McLean, said, "It's an old fight that's been going on. They're like the Hatfields and McCoys."

In court Monday, Emanuello charged Williams with assault and battery on a person over 65 as a result of their altercation the night before.

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Watching out for whales

Stellwagen Sanctuary steps up patrols to protect marine life

By Michael Marotta
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The summer season means crowded waterways.

Local fishing fleets are joined by a fleet of recreational boaters and chartered vessels all enjoying warmer days at sea.

The 842-square foot Sanctuary is located at the mouth of Massachusetts Bay and stretches between Cape Ann and Cape Cod. Roughly nine miles off the coast of Scituate, the Sanctuary is an area not visible from the harbor but a hotspot for whale watching and recreational boating, which makes it dangerous for marine animals.

But the boats aren't alone out there.

Whales and other marine animals make their way into area waters at this time of year and the combination of man and mammal can sometimes be a deadly one

To help protect sea life from speeding boats and charters full of whale watchers, the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary located off Scituate's coast has teamed up with the Massachusetts Environmental Police and other wildlife organizations to step up police patrols off shore.

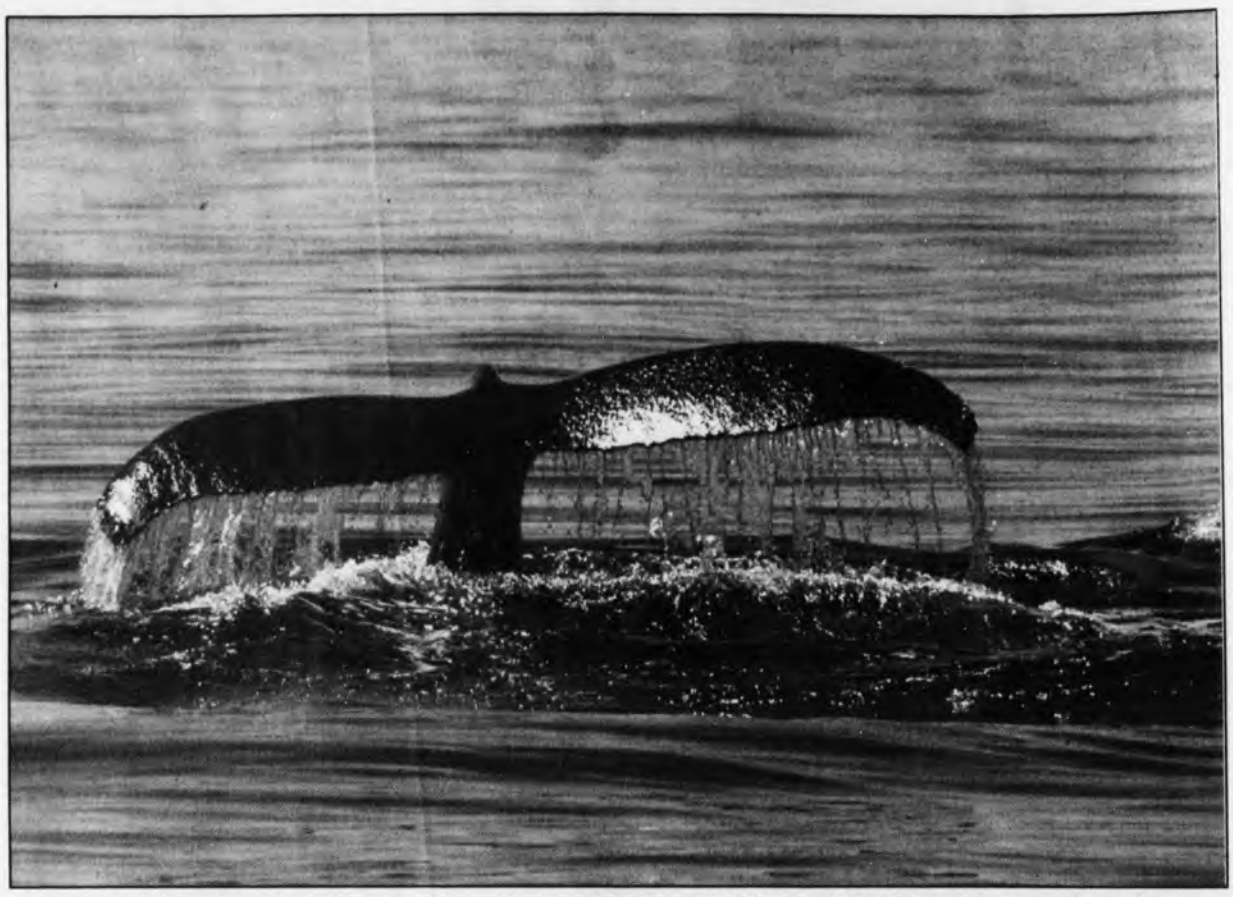
"There is (heavy traffic) during the summer months, with somewhere in the area of 20 boats that provide whale watching services and literally thousands of small boats," said Sanctuary Superintendent Dr. Craig MacDonald.

"The sanctuary is a very large place but there's really no visible sign post for the people out there who are crossing a boundary into a special place under the law," he said.

The 842-square foot sanctuary is located at the mouth of Massachusetts Bay and stretches between Cape Ann and Cape Cod. It is one of 13 sites in the National Sanctuary System, and was designated a National Marine Sanctuary in 1992. It's headquarters is located on Edward Foster Road in Scituate.

Roughly nine miles off the coast of Scituate, the Sanctuary is an area not visible from Scituate Harbor but it is a hotspot for whale watching and recreational boating, which makes it dangerous for marine animals.

"It's an area of remarkably high species diversity and yet folks don't seem to understand (the laws)," said MacDonald, who noted the area is home to humpback and right whales, white sided dolphins and myriad other wildlife. He noted that MEP officers will patrol the waters and monitor boat activity, offer educational materials regarding speed, traffic and other laws as well as collect data on vessel traffic and document violations of federal marine environmental regulations.



A humpback whale's tail rises above the surface of the waters along the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. In concert with the Massachusetts Environmental Police, the sanctuary will be stepping up patrols in the area during the bust summer boating season.

In conjunction with the added police presence, the International Wildlife Coalition will help raise awareness by posting signs along the Sanctuary's coastline. Christian Valle of the Wildlife Coalition said that signs will be posted at boating docks in Scituate and other coastal towns educating boaters that a protected wildlife sanctuary lies just a few miles off shore.

The added patrols, which began in Scituate last Friday, will not only curb unruly activity and high boater traffic, but also educate residents about the Sanctuary. MacDonald noted that the first year of patrols will serve more as an informative rather than punitive measure.

"When they hear the name Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary people think we're a financial institution," he said, adding that the program is a way "to begin laying the foundation for future activities within the sanctuary, and educate folks through this interpretive enforcement program.

"We're stepping up the level of surveillance on the sanctuary to be sure that all the federal laws that apply can be enforced," MacDonald said. But the emphasis in the first year is not a heavy police action, it's primarily targeted at introducing folks to the notion that they are in a National Marine Sanctuary. We want to educate them to that fact."

MacDonald said patrols will continue in the area until October, when the high volume of boaters decreases dramatically.

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Human 'docent-cy'

Brockton museum's guides carry on ancient Greek tradition

By Seth Jacobson
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When visiting the Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton, one of the first things you'll probably see are people resembling tour guides wearing name tags bearing the word "docent."

But the word docent is more than a name. It's a method of instruction that stretches all the way back to the days of Socrates. Docent is a word derived from the Latin word "docere," which means "to teach."

"Docents don't get a lot of attention," said Bette DeAngelis, president of the docent organization at the Fuller Museum of Art. "But a lot of museums around the country have them. Docents can be considered to be a breed of educators. Their job is to encourage participation and dialogue when it comes to looking at art." She added docents have existed at the Fuller since it opened more than 30 years ago.

DeAngelis has been a docent for 16 years at the Fuller, and she still enjoys it as much as she did when she first started.

"It's still so amazing for me…it's just a big kick," she said. "I have gotten so much value from doing it over the years, and I've also developed a number of great friendships. Personally, I love the idea of valuing other people's perceptions of art. And what really thrills me is how sophisticated the perceptions of many of today's children are."

DeAngelis said docents at the museum frequently work with groups of children on field trips from local schools, but she said docents have a way of encouraging artistic enlightenment among adults.



"The Alchemist" by Dimitri Michaelides is one of the many magnificent glass works on display at the Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton.

There is a definite difference between the job of a docent and the job of a traditional tour guide, DeAngelis said.

"Tour guides just take you into an exhibit and start telling you about it and why it's important," she said. "But docents encourage a certain rapport with artists' work. They establish a dialogue, and they guide that process along. I like to think docents encourage healthy disagreements."

DeAngelis said when working with children, docents establish a "valuable, self-validating experience that cannot be found in any classroom."

She added the methods of any given docent are based on those which the ancient Greek philosopher Socrates used. As it is known, the ancient Greeks were some of the most artistic, articulate people in the world.

"Socrates was a great orator and teacher," DeAngelis said. "He was very perceptive."

Fuller education director Dawn Low took it a step further saying "Socrates' method of teaching was to keep asking someone questions until that questioning led up to a valid point."

And like Socrates himself, all the docents at the Fuller museum are highly educated on the subjects they speak about. Each docent the museum recruits is required to take a certain amount of "in-house" classes, but new recruits are also required to take art classes at Stonehill College in Easton tuition-free. The museum has an arrangement with the college.

"Throughout all of the training, new docents cover subjects like public speaking, dynamics of speaking, and presentation," DeAngelis said. "The one class we insist they take at Stonehill is the survey of Western Art which covers time periods like ancient Greece, to European art, to American art through the 1950s. They're free to take other courses if they choose."



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In their element, Docent president Bette DeAngelis with one of her many volunteer docents Dr. Miriam Johnson.

DeAngelis said all kinds of people volunteer to be docents—professors, lawyers, nurses, teachers, and others. DeAngelis said there are about 25 docents on the roster at the Fuller museum, all of them volunteers. She said a docent's position is not a full-time job, it's just something many people enjoy doing.

"I love dealing with people, especially young people," said Edna Bowers, who has been a docent at the Fuller museum for more than 20 years. "The first thing I usually say when I'm talking to a group of kids is 'I'm not going to ask you to like everything you see, but I want you to respect the effort and talent of the artist.' I want children to feel comfortable with art, and I want them to talk about it freely instead of whispering and being shy."

"Tour guides just take you into an exhibit and start telling you about it and why it's important. But docents encourage a certain rapport with artists' work. They establish a dialogue, and they guide that process along."
-Betty DeAngelis, docent president at the Fuller Museum of Art

Like DeAngelis, Bowers said being a docent all these years has taught her invaluable lessons and enriched her knowledge of art for the better. She her favorite thing is seeing repeat customers at the museum.

"If a child or adult goes away with information I've given them one day, well then that's great," Bowers said. "But if they don't feel shy about coming back, that's even better."

To reach the Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton, call (508) 588-6000. The museum is located at 455 Oak Street. Tours with docents must be scheduled by appointment.

NRAS Festival of the Arts hits 25

By Laura Harvey
SPECIAL TO LIVING

The North River Arts Society's Festival of the Arts celebrates a silver anniversary this year.

On Memorial Day weekend (May 25-27), historic Marshfield Hills Village will once again be transformed into an open-air jubilee featuring art, music, dance, and a multitude of activities and entertainment for the young and the young-at-heart. Last year's festival included the work of more than 200 artists, craftsmen, and performers and attracted more than 4,000 visitors.

This year's festivities kick off on Friday, May 25 with a very special Gala Preview Party from 7 to 10 p.m.. The GAR Hall on Old Main Street will be alive with the sound of music and celebration as members and non-member friends enjoy a casual evening, inside the hall and under the stars.

As always, the Juried Art and Sculpture Exhibit, located inside the hall, will be open for viewing during Friday night's party. This show increases in popularity — and in excellence — with each passing year, as does the Juried Photography Exhibit, located directly across the street. The Art and Sculpture Exhibit will be open to the public after the Festival closes as well, from Tuesday, May 29 – Saturday, June 2. Hours 1- 3 p.m.

Musical entertainment on Friday evening will be provided by guitar duo, Swing Set. Patricia Drain and Paul Kinnear return this year to entertain throughout the evening with a lively selection of jazz and bossa nova tunes. A donation of $10 per person will be collected at the door for Friday's event. Gala goers should RSVP to Kate Norton at (781) 837-8091

Saturday morning, the Cathy Jo Irvine School of Dance opens the festival's entertainment under the tent at 11 a.m. Longtime dancers and teachers, Cathy Jo and her sister, Robin, will illustrate their love of dance by presenting selected acts performed by their South Shore students.

Roger Tincknell follows at noon, with his lively program, "Children's Songs and Singing Games". Roger, a self-described musician /storyteller/educator, will present a festive and participatory concert of multicultural, environmental, and traditional children's folk songs and singing games.

Back by popular demand, the highly entertaining Henry the Juggler will perform the tricks of his trade throughout the village on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 3 p.m., defying the laws of gravity with an assortment of balls, clubs, rings, torches, stilts and a wonderful use of body language and facial expressions. Henry has been performing and teaching juggling for over 15 years. He will also entertain in the Tent at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Strings, a closely-knit group of professional woman who have been making music together since 1968, perform in the Tent at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Popular folk singers, The Armstrong Brothers follow at 2 p.m. Festival regulars, this group, along with special guest, 10-year old guitarist/folksinger Ana Buckley, has a repertoire which includes traditional folk, contemporary acoustic, and original music.

Winding up Saturday's entertainment roster, the enchanting musical group Yarina enters the Tent at 3 p.m. where they will perform a two-hour concert of highly original, hauntingly beautiful music of the Andes. Originally founded in Ecuador by four brothers, Yarina's extensive travel throughout Europe and the Americas has resulted in a unique creativity that is truly spellbinding. Their imaginative repertoire incorporates jazz, blues, Latin and western classical masterpieces – certain to surprise and delight even the most jaded listener.

On Sunday, Whidden's School of Fitness opens the day at 11 a.m. with students demonstrating their skills in karate and tai chi under instructor Roger Whidden.

At noon, the Marshfield Junior and Senior High School Jazz Ensembles promise to delight and crowd with pop, jazz, rock, swing, and Latin music.



Back by popular demand, the highly entertaining Henry the Juggler will perform the tricks of his trade at this weekend's North River Arts Society Festival of the Arts.

The music continues at 1 p.m., as Mixed Company, an eclectic singing group, takes the stage. Boasting a repertoire of unusual arrangements of popular standards from the 1930's, '40's and '50's, as well as some Gospel favorites, Mixed Company is an ensemble of ten local singers who, after performing a jazz arrangement of "All the Things You Are" during a 1998 production of "You and the Night and the Music", decided to join together to share the love of that particular style of music.

Get ready for some serious foot stomping at 3 p.m. as Dr. Watson Reid & Americana perform a two-hour concert to wind up the weekend's festivities. This polished, very enthusiastic 9-piece band — with a sense of humor – is guaranteed to liven up any party. With outstanding vocals, brilliant instrumentals and an irresistible rhythm section, this group performs a wide range of intergenerational music for the entire family.

Rick Larson will return this year to entertain children with his wonderful array of balloon creations. Look for him by the Children's Tent. Members of the South Shore Writers Club will read original works of prose and poetry along the Village streets on Saturday from noon until 2 p.m. Also on Saturday, classical guitarist John Tavano will perform Renaissance, Baroque, Spanish, Flamenco and music from Latin America from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. inside the GAR Hall. On Sunday, Steve Bielski will perform renaissance music near the crafts area from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Festival Puppet Parade, which promises to delight children of all ages as a very colorful gang of strange and mystical creatures marches through the Village at 2 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday All of the very large puppets are creations of young NRAS students.

And what would an arts festival be without art.

This year's exhibit in the Feature Barn is strictly for the birds/ In celebration of the festival's 25th anniversary, a host of talented NRAS member artists are participating in a delightfully eclectic fundraiser entitled Art is for the Birds. A large number of well-known artists were called upon to create their own version of a masterpiece based on an ordinary birdhouse. Considering each participating artist possesses a unique style and mindset, visitors to the Feature Barn will be treated to a whimsically varied exhibit. All originally decorated birdhouses have been generously donated by the artists, and are available for purchase.

This year's festival poster is printed from a watercolor by local artist Jean Simms, and is title "A Day Off." The 16th poster in an ongoing series, this lovely print will be sold at the poster table near the information booth throughout the festival.

More than twenty talented artisans will be offering their wares this year at the Festival's juried Craft Exhibit. Featured artists include: Marj Bates, handmade glass beads, Robert Bugle, still life photography; Gloria Clark-McGinn, handpainted furniture and accessories; Dianne Dakowicz, watercolor prints; Sally Dean, decorative pins, ornaments and clocks; Gwendolyn Deardorf, hand-woven clothing; Sandra Donnellan, pottery; Ellen Gutekunst, glass and wire sculpture; Beth Harvey, pottery; Janet Cushing Howard, decorative painted furniture and accessories; Edmund Johnson, watercolor paintings; Bernie Korites, oil paintings and prints; Vickie Kusleika, hand-woven baskets; Carol Lebeaux, hand-cut portrait silhouettes; Michael McCarthy, hand-carved birds; Ann McMahon, hand-made hats; Scott Mike, ceramic and wooden accessories; Bob Mosher, hand-carved decoys; Gail Marie Nauen, paintings and prints; Judy Rossman, stoneware pottery; Nancy Simison, glass jewelry; Mike Sleeper, panoramic photographs; Dianne Thompson, paper-treated jewelry; Jack and Betty Wright, jewelry.

Another popular Festival feature is the open-air "market" known as Art in the Tent. Well-known local and regional artists participate in this exhibit by offering original artwork and prints for sale during the Festival. The selection is abundant – the works are exceptional.

Admission to the festival is free. For more information on the weekend-long event call the NRAS at (781) 837-8091.



Roger Tincknell will perform, "Children's Songs and Singing Games" at the festival on Saturday afternoon.

Living

Shrimp curry in a hurry



Curry is often thought of as a time-consuming ethnic specialty, something one might make once a year for a dinner party.

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



But if you thought of curry as a means of infusing almost any dish with the fully blossomed fragrance of rich spices married to a subtle foundation of onions, ginger, and garlic, you would be closer to the truth. Best of all, if one opts for shrimp, this dish can be prepared in fewer than 45 minutes.

Curry is nothing more than a stovetop stew. Curry recipes begin by cooking onions, after some testing, I found I preferred sliced onion to chopped. I also tried heavily browning the onions, but this flavor was more appropriate for a darker curry, such as lamb. Here I wanted a soft, sweet flavor to complement the shrimp. The next ingredients that go into the pan are garlic and ginger. Much testing has been done on the best way to prepare the pair for curry in the kitchen at Cook's Illustrated, and we have found that pureeing the garlic and ginger produces a smoother, more integrated flavor than if they are simply chopped. A simple rasp-style grater works well, or you can opt for a food processor. (If you use a large model, a bit of water must be added to get a smooth puree.)

The essence of curry is the spices. There are two types: whole (cinnamon, cloves, cardamom pods, peppercorns, etc.) and ground (coriander, cumin, and turmeric). Whole spices are traditionally fried in oil; ground spices are added along with other ingredients. In this recipe, I found that whole spices overpowered the shrimp, so I stuck to the ground variety and added a bay leaf. The question before me was how to use them. A bad curry is either weakly flavored - the spices are wan and undercooked - or burnt tasting, the spices having been fried until they develop a harsh, acrid flavor.

To find the best cooking method, I first made a curry in which I simply simmered the spices along with the other ingredients. I found it raw tasting, watery, and flat. When the spices were added directly to hot oil, however, with no other ingredients, they quickly became muddy and bitter. Finally, I added the ground spices to the oil/onion mixture along with other ingredients and their flavor was enhanced without overcooking.

To determine when the spices are properly cooked, simply look for the point at which the bright orange oil starts to separate from the other ingredients. At this point the mixture needs to cook only another half minute, with constant stirring, before adding 1 cup water. (A nonstick pan is particularly helpful since the oil/spice mixture has a tendency to stick.)

Some curry recipes have tomato, some have yogurt, some have both, and most include water. I found the combination of yogurt and tomato to be ideal with shrimp and decided to use two chopped plum tomatoes and 1/2 cup plain yogurt. Once this mixture has cooked for about 20 minutes, the shrimp and other ingredients are added for a few minutes of cooking to finish. I also tested the addition of coconut milk and found that in the case of shrimp, it made the curry heavy and dull tasting. The simple yogurt- and tomato-based curry is lighter and brighter.

Other ingredients that complemented this dish included a dash of freshly chopped cilantro and frozen peas (added straight from the freezer), which go into the pot along with the shrimp, which need only 5 minutes of cooking. For the shrimp, I use 1 1/2 pounds large shrimp (or 31-40 to the pound). Smaller sizes are too hard to clean and add little texture; larger sizes are too expensive. An added benefit is that most freezer sections offer 1 1/2 pound bags of frozen shrimp-a quick, easy, and satisfying solution given that most shrimp are previously frozen anyway.

SHRIMP CURRY WITH PEAS AND CILANTRO

A garlic press and a rasp grater are two valuable kitchen tools that will dramatically improve the flavor of this dish. Diced garlic and ginger don't add anywhere near as much flavor to a curry as grated or pureed.

3 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
1 bay leaf
6 medium garlic cloves, pureed, grated, or pressed through a garlic press
1 (2-inch) piece of ginger, pureed or grated
2 teaspoons ground cumin
2 teaspoons ground coriander
1 teaspoon ground turmeric
Scant pinch to 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper to taste
1/2 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
2 whole plum tomatoes, chopped (about 3/4 cup) or 1/2 cup canned crushed tomatoes
1/2 cup plain yogurt (whole milk or low fat)
1 1/2 pounds large (31-40) shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 cup fresh or frozen green peas
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves

1. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and bay leaf and cook about 5 minutes, or until the onion is softened and translucent. Stir in the garlic, ginger, ground spices, 1/2 teaspoon salt, tomatoes, and yogurt. Cook, stirring constantly, until the liquid evaporates and the oil separates and turns orange, about 5 to 7 minutes. Continue cooking for an additional 30 seconds, stirring and scraping the bottom of the pan constantly.

2. Add 1 cup water and stir to combine. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover, and cook for 20 minutes or until the mixture is slightly thickened. Add the shrimp, peas, and cilantro and cook uncovered for five minutes longer, stirring occasionally, to evenly cook the shrimp. Season to taste with salt and serve immediately with basmati rice.

Serves 4 to 6

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Astrological sunshine and blue skies prevail today. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Jupiter sets the stage for social activities. Influences are prime for vacationing. If you are working, plan a lunch date with friends and colleagues. Chat, surf, network. This is an especially favorable period for meeting people, establishing new relationships, business or personal. The Gemini moon becomes inactive at 7:12 p.m., when it opposes Mars. Take it slow and easy in this period. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 10:42 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

The sun and Saturn conjoin at 4-degrees Gemini, 8:33 a.m., prompting you to focus on practical matters. Fulfill commitments and promises you have made to others. Zero in on work projects you have been putting off and get them out of the way. The moon continues to travel in emotional Cancer all day. Choose your words carefully. Others may be temperamental, hypersensitive, moody. Spend quality time with family and close friends this evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

The Cancer moon aligns with Venus at 8:44 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. That means that new starts are off limits. If you are working, finish projects already begun, handle routine chores and errands. An applying alignment of Mercury and Mars may spark arguments, irritability, fast driving. Stop, look and listen. Don't take chances or do anything risky.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

At 1:12 a.m. the moon enters Leo, generating a party mood for the remainder of this holiday weekend. Put personal or business concerns on the back burner; go with your playful side. The Leo moon forms harmonious contacts to Saturn and the sun in the morning. A lunar opposition to dreamy Neptune in the afternoon prompts you to kick back and enjoy.

MONDAY, MAY 28

A Leo moon all day urges you to come from the heart and live life to the fullest. The moon interacts with Jupiter, Venus, Uranus and Mars, setting the stage for an upbeat day. Uranus is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for retrograde travel. That means that you should expect the unexpected. Go with the flow. Spur of the moment ideas will be the most successful.

Select fragrant plants for the spring landscape

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

In nearly every landscape, each growing season produces memorable successes accompanied by equally dismal failures. While a few trees, shrubs and perennials tend to be remarkably consistent performers from year to year, certain plants stand out as star attractions in given years. Usually, just about the time a gardener considers discarding a particular specimen or vowing never to purchase another member of that plant family, the perfect combination of growing conditions produces an extraordinary display and we find ourselves at the nursery searching for more of these beauties.

These joys and disappointments are the result of many interconnected influences including the timing of moisture in relation to when the plants form their buds, the presence or absence of snow cover and the severity of the winter, temperature fluctuations throughout the year, especially just prior to and during the bloom period, exposure to desiccating winds and a host of elusive environmental factors. Few gardeners are likely to forget the infestations of gypsy moth caterpillars in the past, spring canker-worms in recent seasons or the devastating April Fools storm, all of which produced dramatic effects on our landscapes.

The spring of 2001 will most likely be remembered for the floods of March, the unseasonable warmth of early May which dramatically accelerated the bloom season and foliage growth, and the horrific killing frost which decimated the delicate flowers and tender new shoots and foliage of emerging plants. Even the PJM rhododendrons, which are one of our most reliable bloomers, suffered from the severe temperature drop. Despite these setbacks, have the azaleas ever been more spectacular? A myriad of pink, lavender, salmon, red and white blossoms have created breathtaking displays of indescribable beauty around every corner. Cool temperatures have prolonged their fanfare and nurseries can barely keep up with the demand.

As I pass through my garden archway to admire the glorious blooms of red and white azaleas and a sensational Scintillation rhododendron which frame my water garden, I am greeted by the delicious, fruity fragrance of the Carolina Allspice (Calycanthus). Although the odd-looking, rusty red blooms are not particularly showy, their 2-inch flowers, which resemble miniature water lilies, produce a heavenly scent reminiscent of strawberries and oranges or a combination of allspice and ginger. Its perfume is only noticeable during the afternoon and early evening. This suckering, deciduous shrub which is native to the US, prefers a moisture-retentive soil in sun or dappled shade and reaches an ultimate height of 8 feet. The foliage turns bright yellow in autumn.

Nearby, along my back walkway, a handsome specimen of Daphne Carol Mackie is smothered with sweetly-scented clusters of pink and white flowers. I grow this 3-foot shrub for both its springtime fragrance and its attractive deep green foliage, with thin white margins, which persists well into winter. The majority of daphnes are extremely aromatic. Many will produce sporadic bloom again in the fall. They prefer soils having a high humus content which is well-drained and less acidic than our typical New England soils so the addition of lime is recommended as is a layer of mulch to preserve moisture as they resent dry soils. Be sure to select an appropriate location in sun or part shade when planting as they also resent being moved.

The Viburnum family offers numerous, marvelously fragrant varieties. Often referred to as the Maybush, the Koreanspice Viburnum (V. carlesii)is widely grown for its strong aroma and attractive foliage. Clusters of white flowers emerge from pink- or red-tinted buds, unveiling their sweet, spicy perfume during May. Other popular cultivars include V. Cayuga and V. Mohawk. While all members of this broad family of both deciduous and semi-evergreen shrubs are not remarkably fragrant, as a whole they are handsome, easily grown specimens which provide reliable blooms and good-looking foliage throughout the growing season. Many cultivars display extremely showy fall fruits which are favored by birds and wildlife. Adaptable to a wide range of growing conditions, they are tolerant of partial shade and thrive in moisture-retentive soils.

When selecting plants to provide fragrance in the landscape, plant for a sequence of aromatic flowers or strategically locate individual fragrant plants along various walkways, porches, doorways or gates to avoid competing perfumes and enjoy their pleasing scents as you stroll by.

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STONEHILL IRISH FESTIVAL KICKS OFF NEW ENGLAND'S SUMMER SEASON with the 11th annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College on June 8 - 10, 2001. Hundreds of vendors from Ireland and North America display their products, ranging from Irish artwork, books and music to clothing, jewelry and glassware. The festival opens June 8 at 6 p.m. and closes at 9 p.m. on June 10. Tickets are $12 per day or $30 for a weekend pass and children under twelve are admitted free. This event is handicapped accessible. For more information call 1-888-GO-IRISH or visit www.irishculture.org.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.

77TH ANNUAL TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES AND BUILDINGS in Hingham will take place on June 20 from 1 - 8:30 p.m. Five antique homes and four historic buildings will be included. Six different architectural styles will be represented, ranging from early and late colonial to federal, Greek Revival, Cape Cod and Colonial Revival styles. Proceeds from the tour help to maintain the Hingham Historical Society's headquarters at Old Derby Academy and the house at the Old Ordinary. Tickets are $15 in advance at Bowl and Board in Hingham Square and the Hingham Public Library, Collins Road. On tour day tickets are $18 and will be sold only at Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln Street after 10 a.m. To order tickets by mail send a SASE and your check to the Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, MA 02043. Mark the envelope "House Tour". For more information call 781-749-1851.

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Three Gifted Artists will exhibit their works at the Scituate Arts Association's harbor gallery located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor through the end of May. Nancy Sargent Howell is a traditional watercolorist and Gloria Dufresne and John White will exhibit portraits to florals to landmarks and area golf courses. All works are for sale. Hours are Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-545-6150.

Thurs. 24

The Pembroke Library will display the work of Mr. Michael Flaherty, a Pembroke artist, through the end of May. Mr. Flaherty has been painting for two years and the exhibit encompasses watercolors, acrylics and oils.

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Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners will feature Teddie Bergeron at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $10 with half price appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended by calling 781-848-0300.

The Music Circus Announces Its 50th Anniversary Season in grand style, with a full schedule of music, comedy, variety and children's shows. The following are just some of the great performances that will be featured. Wynonna, June 30, 8:00 p.m., $36.50, Jerry Vale, July 5, 8:00 p.m., $24.50: Kevin James, July 6, 8:00 p.m., $29.50. Trisha Yearwood, July 7, 8:00 p.m. $40.50, Kevin James (second show added) July 8, 7:30 p.m., $29.50, "Franklin's Magic Fiddle" starring Franklin the Turtle, July 11, 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., $12.00, The Sammy Kaye Orchestra (special Seniors matinee) July 12, 2:30 p.m., $15.00, The Temptations, July 13, 8:00 p.m., $27.50, Phil Coulter with guests The Celtic Tenors, July 20, 8:00 p.m., $24.50, The Supremes starring Mary Wilson, July 22, 7:30 p.m., $25.50, Dwight Yoakam, July 26, 8:00 p.m., $33.50, The Righteous Brothers, July 27, 8:00 p.m., $33.50, Engelbert Humperdinck, July 28, 8:00 p.m., $36.00, John Pinette & Jay Mohr, July 29, 7:30 p.m., $29.50, Loretta LaRoche, August 4, 8:00 p.m., $24.50, Bruce Hornsby & Band, August 5, 7:30 p.m., $27.50, Judy Collins Wildflower Fest, with Roger McGuinn, Janis Ian, Richie Havens, August 8, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, Little Feat, August 9, 8:00 p.m., $23.50, Kenny Rogers, August 10, 8:00 p.m., $43.00, The Statler Brothers, August 11, 8:00 p.m., $31.50, The Robert Cray Band, August 16, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, The Saw Doctors, August 17, 8:00 p.m., $25.50, Tony Bennett, August 18, 8:00 p.m. SOLD OUT, The Beach Boys, August 19, 5:00 & 9:00 p.m., $38.50, Jethro Tull with guest Willy Porter, August 22, 8:00 p.m., $37.50, Peter, Paul & Mary, August 23, 8:00 p.m., $34.50, The Everly Brothers, The Crickets, August 24, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, Vince Gill, August 26, 5:00 & 9:00 p.m., $49.50, Bill Cosby, September 3, 5:00 & 8:00 p.m., $38.00. Tickets for these shows, whether available now or on a designated date, can be purchased by calling 781-383-1400 or visiting ticketmaster.com. Phone lines open at 9:00 a.m. The box office in Cohasset is open daily from noon to 6:00 p.m. for in-person sales. The venue is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset, just 21 miles south of Boston.

Wine Tasting Dinner to Benefit Talking Information Center for the visually handicapped is being held at the Scituate Country Club on May 24. This elegant meal, featuring a wine expert from United Distilleries who will provide the wine is open to the public. Tickets are $50 and must be purchased in advance from the talking Information Center in Marshfield by calling 781-834-4400. The TIC wine tastings always sell out so call soon.

The James Library and Center for the Arts (24 West Street, Norwell) will conclude its 2001 season with a special inaugural recital by renowned pianist Jonathan Bass at 8 p.m. Following the concert there will be a champagne reception to meet the artist. Tickets are $25, for more information call 781-659-7100.

Kingston Public Library will host an exhibit by two Kingston artists, Harry Salter and Laurel Culley, who call themselves "Side by Side" artists. These two artists have painted individually for years but say that joining forces has made them all the more intent on their art. The exhibit of various media will be on display in the library gallery throughout May. The library is open from 1 - 8 p.m. on Mon., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Wed., Fri., and Sat.

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town at several locations in Weymouth through the month of May. Work by members of the Weymouth Art Association will be displayed in the Town Hall the Mayor's office, the Treasurer's office and the Councilor's office. At Snyders Jewelers at 12 Columbian Street, Jordan Insurance at 17 Front Street, Rizzo Insurance at 435 Columbian Street and Colonial Federal Savings Bank at 815 Washington Street. Many of these painting s may be purchased.

Gobin Stair, Kingston artist, to show paintings that link sexuality, spirituality in the Yankee Barn gallery, 228 Main Street in Kingston. The exhibit will be open through May 31 from 1 - 6 p.m. on Sat. and Sun., 6 - 8 p.m. on Wed., Thurs., and Fri. Special hours on May 28 from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Friends of Plymouth Pound, Inc. announce their 8th Annual Fundraising Carnival held at the Armstrong Skating Arena on Long Pond Road in Plymouth from May 24 - 27. Wristband night is Thurs. Hours are: May 24 from 6 - 10 p.m., May 25 from 6 - 11 p.m., May 26 from 1 - 10 p.m. and May 27 from 1 p.m. - closing. Free admission and free parking. There will be games, rides, food and fun for all.

Norwell High School's Fourth Wall Players will present "Alice in Wonderland" on May 24 at 7 p.m. and May 25 at 5 p.m. in Norwell High School Auditorium, 18 South Street. Tickets are $5 for children, students and seniors, $7 for adults.

Plymouth Crossing and Jordan Hospital Occupational Health Service Host Spring Health Fair to celebrate Older Americans month. Held at Plymuth Crossings, 157 South Street in Plymouth from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Activities include: vision screening, blood pressure screening, flexibility and grip strength assessment, nutrition education, smoking cessation, men's and women's health information, CPR and Heimlich maneuver demonstrations. The fair is open to the public and no registration is required.

Fri. 25

The North River Theater, 523 River Street in Norwell will present the Victorian thriller, "Angel Street" on May 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. This Victorian drama full of suspense and intrigue features an unscrupulous husband, his beleaguered wife and the tenacious police officer who is out to save her and solve a long-standing mystery. Seating is cabaret style with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are $12. For reservations or directions call 617-476-8947.

Lainie Senechal and Harris Gardner, authors of 'Chalice of Eros' will be featured at Borders Books, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree. Poetry reading and open mike will start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, for more information call 781-380-3851.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a dance on May 25 with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 for SSS members, $8 non-members. Proper dress required. For more information call 781-331-0021.

"Music for the Heart and Soul" presents a Chant, Drum and Dance Circle! Led by Hingham singer/songwriter and song leader, Dawna Hammers. The last Friday of every month, May 25 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main Street in Hingham. $7 for adults and $5 for children and seniors. Bring drums, rattles, cushion, water and dancing shoes and enjoy a magical evening.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents a benefit concert with numerous acts. Tickets are $8 reserved and $10 the day of the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Lydia Waman. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Art of The English Garden Tour is once again being presented by the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset through May 25 when English gardens are bursting into bloom. Guest will stay in beautiful hotels, all period properties. The tour has sold out quickly in the past two years and the package price is $3,000 including airfare, all transport costs, cancellation insurance, bed and breakfasts and some dinners, plus all garden entrances. For more information or to sign up call Sarah at (781) 383-0736 or Betsy Walsh at Lido Travel at 781-383-1980.

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Matthew Kolodziej



Jo Ann Rothschild

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Gallery AA/B in Milton is now showing the work of artists Jo Ann Rothschild and Matthew Kolodziej through June 29. The gallery is located at 11 High Street in Milton. For more information call (617) 698-9700.

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Sat. 26

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Walking in the Spring" on May 26 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Fee per person is $28 non-member and $23 for members. Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum and pre registration is required.

Giant Annual Book Sale will be held at the Clift Rodgers Free Library in Marshfield Hills on May 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This event is held on the lawn and features hundreds of books for every type of reader. General admission is free; early admission is available on Saturday at 9"30 a.m. for $10. The consignment shop will be open on Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the library's hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located at 540 Pleasant Street in Marshfield Hills. For more information call 781-834-4597.

Paragon Carousel Carnival For Kids with local celebrities and Hull residents, Fruit and Jingles clown team from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Paragon Carousel, Nantasket Avenue in Hull. This fundraiser will benefit Worcester's non-profit "Why Me, Inc. - Sherry's House." $1.75 for rides and families can purchase tickets for each of the other activities at $1 each or 15 for $12.50. Face painting, balloons, animals, cookie decorating and photos. For more information visit www.fruitandjingles.com or contact 781-925-9793.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Boston to Plymouth Lighthouse Expeditions on May 26 from 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $34, Seniors are $32, members are $30 and children 3 - 12 are $17. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

'Dragonflies on the Indian Head' will be offered by the North and South River Watershed Association at 9 a.m. Meet at Luddams Ford Park, Hanover. Pre-register and sign up early by calling (781) 659-8168.

The 25th Annual Festival Of The Arts presented by the North River Arts Society on May 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is a "call for entries" for the Juried Art and Sculpture and Juried Photography Exhibits. For a prospectus please call 781-837-8091 or email: northriverarts@rcn.com.

Classes

DOG TRAINING AT THE HINGHAM RECREATION CENTER, 210 Central Street in Hingham sponsored by the New England Humane Association. New session starting May-26. Agil-O-Bedience starts at 4 p.m. and costs $100 for a 5 week session. Also at 3 p.m. will be Good Manners for Beginners. Class cost $90 for a 5 week session. For more information call 781-878-4343.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child, is now enrolling for summer programs. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. The cost of the class is 6 weeks for $55. For more information call Denise Creedon at 781-834-7417.

YOGA CLASS at the New North Church in Hingham Harbor on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Please bring a mat. For more information or to register call Joanne Harrison at 781-740-4412.

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LEARN TO SKATE AT LOCAL MDC RINKS for children ages 5 and up and adults wearing either figure or hockey skates. Quincy Shea MDC Rink on Willard Street on Fridays at 4 p.m. or Sundays at 11 a.m. The Weymouth MDC Rink on Broad Street, classes are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays. Register online at www.iceskatingclasses.com or call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480.

YOGA, TAI CHI, MEDITATION: New classes are beginning now at Harmony Wellness Center, 51 Mill Street in Hanover. Please call 781- 829-4300 to register or for more information.

YOGA CLASSES AT FIRST PARISH held on Monday nights from 7:30 - 9 p.m. St. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Scituate. Instructor Phaedrus Tomaino places emphasis on the spiritual aspect of yoga. All are welcome to attend and the cost is $10 per session. Located at 330 First Parish Drive, Scituate. For more information call 617-472-4489.

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The Second Church and Center for the Arts (24 Third Street, Norwell) will conclude its 2001 season with a special inaugural recital by renowned pianist Jonathan Biss, Thursday, May 24 at 8 p.m. Following the concert there will be a champagne reception to meet the artist. Tickets are $25, for more information call 781-659-7100.



Sun. 27

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fat City. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Great Blue Heron" on May 27 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Fee per person is $14 non-member and $12 MAS. Pre-registration is required. Meet at Blue Hills Trailside Museum. Bring a light picnic dinner, wear waterproof boots and be prepared to get your feet wet. Located at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton. Tel. 617-333-0690. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants.

Tues. 29

Happy Birthday JFK: In celebration of the 84th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's birth in Brookline. The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum will offer free admission to the museum on May 29. Open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and parking is free. For more information call 877-616-4599.

'Swing' comes to the Shubert Theater for 12 performances from May 29 through June 10. Tickets are on sale now at The Shubert Theatre Box Office, online at www.telecharge.com, ling Tele-charge at 800-447-7400.

Wed. 30

Senior Health & Fitness Day with the Kingsbury Club begin at 9 a.m. For more information call Karen Lanman at Kingsbury Club, 186 Summer St., Kingston. Tel. 781-585-3883.

Thurs. 31

"Got Paint?" A show of recent oil paintings by local artist Nancy Colella will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center through May 31. The exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 -5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment by calling 781-659-7337.

Fri. 1

North River Arts Society presents 'Class', an exhibition of the most recent works from students of NRAS in conjunction with the 25th Annual Festival of the Arts. Held at the Ventress Library through June 2. Gallery hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

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South Shore Folk Music Club located at the Beal House; Route 106 in Kingston presents Garnet Rogers in concert. Tickets are $15 for members and $17 for non-members. All events begin at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Charles Greland. He will exhibit his photography for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

Later History the Theme at Historic Plymouth Houses. Discover what happened in Plymouth after the Pilgrims. Two historic houses in the heart of the waterfront district open for the season on June 1 and tell the story of how Plymouth changed after the Pilgrim settlement. The 1749 Spooner House, 27 North Street and 1809 Hedge House, 126 Water Street will be open to the public Thurs. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Oct. 6. Admission is $4 per site for adults, $2 for children under 12. For more information call 508-746-0012.

Cohasset Painter Featured at the Science Center in Norwell. Judy St. Peter will exhibit her work in the Vine Hall Gallery from June 1 - 130. Entitled "Wild Side"; the exhibit is a collaboration of landscape art and wildlife in an interpretive and colorful approach. The public is invited to an opening reception on June 9 from 2 -4 p.m. The exhibit can be viewed during regular center hours, Mon. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Ongoing Events

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury is celebrating its thirteenth anniversary with three very special exhibitions scheduled through Sept. 30. "The Yixing Effect" - the works of contemporary artists who are among the most highly regarded ceramists in the United States and whose traditions and techniques of Yixing pottery as inspiration. "Ma Qingxiong - Recent Work" the philosophy and technique of Chinese painting is blended with western art concepts to create breathtaking installation of umbrellas, all suspended from the galleries ceiling. "Co-Founders choice" features works of art chosen personally by Edith Weyerhaeuser in recognition of the museum's anniversary. She made these selections shortly before her death. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. Museum hours are 1 - 4 p.m., Wed. - Sun. Tel. 781-934-6634.

Duxbury's Artica Gallery showcases award winning local artist Lily Cleveland. "Watercolor and Oil Impressions" will be exhibited through June 20. Artica Gallery hours of operation are Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Located at 22 Depot Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-659-1563.

2 Painters, A dynamic exhibition of recent paintings by two New England artists, Jo Ann Rothschild and Matthew Kolodziej will take place from through June 29 at Gallery AA/B in Milton Village, MA. For more information call 617-698-9700 or log onto www.artadvisory-boston.com.

South Shore Art Center in Cohasset has recently accepted Apo to be an affiliated Gallery Artist. Apo will be showing his "Bread Series" at the South Shore Art Center this spring. Located on Dillon Gallery located on 199 Ripley Road through June 3. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Artica Gallery presents "Watercolor and Oil Impressions", an exhibit by Duxbury artist Lilly Cleveland. The exhibit will run through June 30. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street, just off Hall's Corner in Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-0640. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the watercolors of Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick through the end of June. Chittick's subjects are varied from coastal landscapes of New England, architectural details of Boston buildings, to impressive scenes from Italy, Iceland and Greenland. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call 617-479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Meetings

MOTHERS AND MORE provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781) 544-4664.
A COURSE IN MIRACLES a journey to inner peace will meet on Thursdays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 112 Randolph Ave. in Milton. Call (617) 696-5685.
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WRITERS GROUP - Buttonwood Books has established the Buttonwood Writers Group to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing and meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. Call (781) 383-2665 for more information.
WEEKLY WRITERS MEETING - Adult writers group meets weekly with facilitator Susan Dominquez from 1-3 p.m. in the reference area of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Aspiring or published writers are encouraged to bring a sample of their work to share with the group. Call (508) 830-4250 for information.
SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY - Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging facility, 293 Pine St., Norwell. Call (781) 545-7067 for information.
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Duxbury Art Association presents "All in the Family" open at the Bengzt and Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts through June 29. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

Walk America's Hometown-Plymouth. Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer walk in historic Plymouth. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court Street. The walk box is located next to the service desk. The walk is sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. For more information call Jean Jackman at 508-824-5906.

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.



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The Art of Music Chamber Players under the direction of Timothy Roberts presents "Concerts in the Country" this weekend in Duxbury. The performance featuring the works of Bottesini, Schumann and Schubert will be held Friday, May 25 at 8 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street. Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door. For more information call (781) 837-2705.

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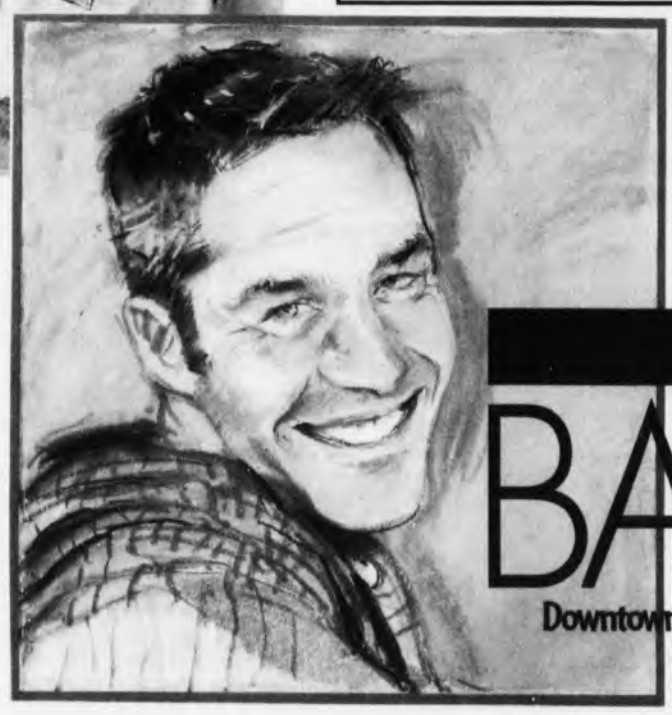


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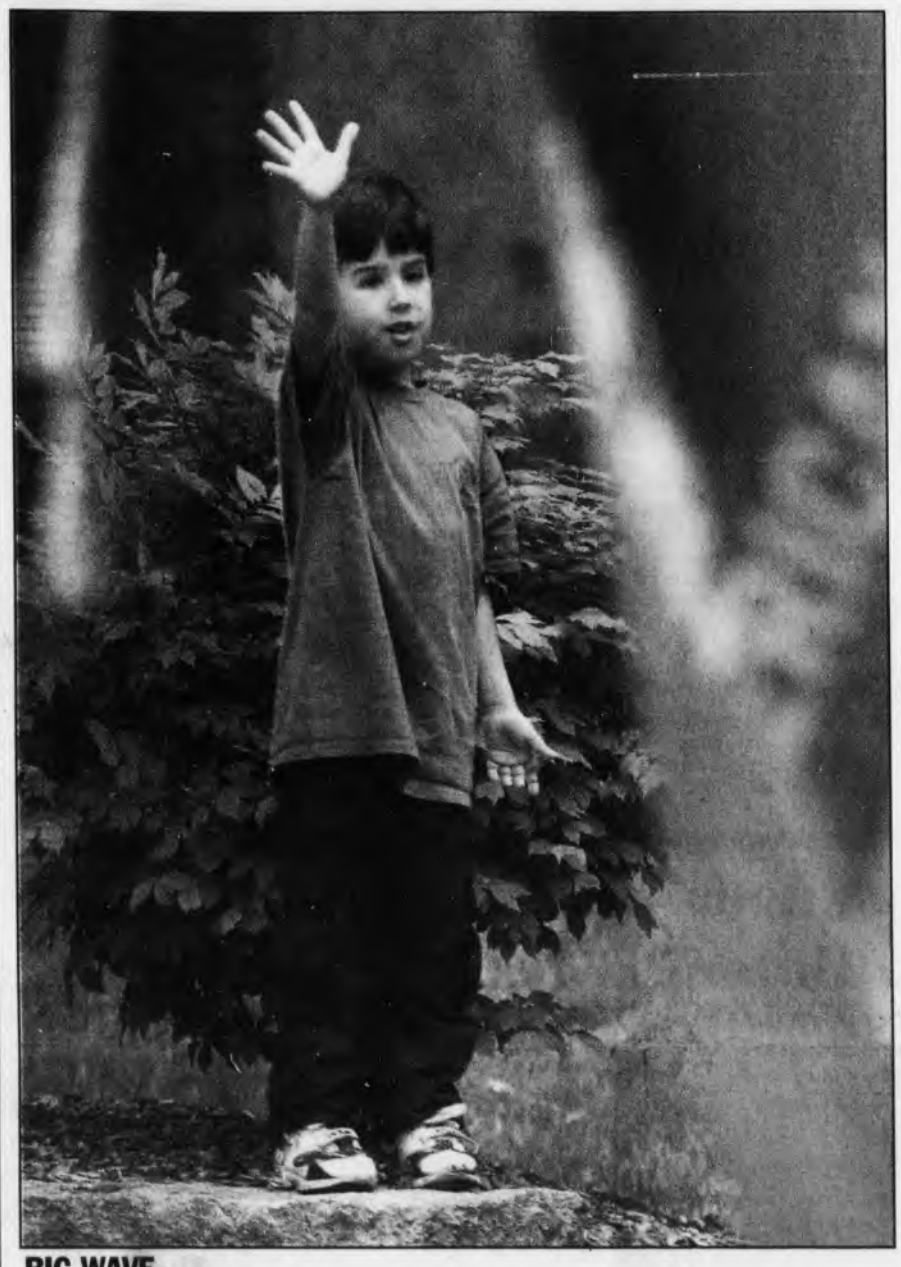
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BIG WAVE

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Joey Sestito waves to the memorial parade as it arrives at the Beechwood Cemetery.

'Lest we forget'

Veterans recall their fallen comrades

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset residents of all ages gathered on Memorial Day and were told not to forget the young men, who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of their town and country.

"We must never, ever forget them," Sgt. John Morgan, who served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, told the large crowd gathered around Veterans Memorial Park.

Morgan's speech capped off Monday's Memorial Day celebration that benefited from a huge turnout and favorable weather. Veterans Memorial Park was a sea of color, lined with the 50 state flags, veterans in full dress uniform, and brilliant green grass, all under a bright blue sky.

He said the scores of veterans assembled before him were the ones brave enough to fight for their country.

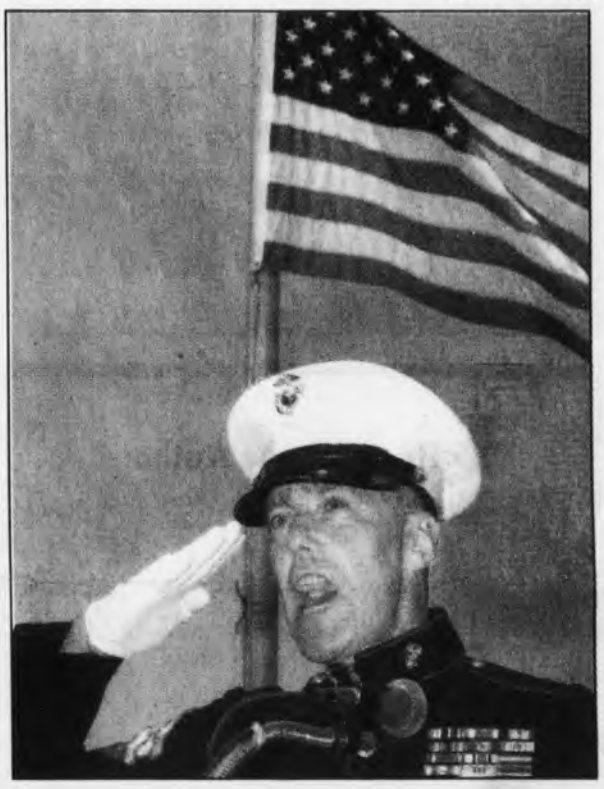
"When we were young, many of us did not know the difference between fascism, communism or even what the rights of a sovereign nation were. What we did know was that if America called we would answer that call," said Morgan, a Bow Street resident. "We did not look to a military deferment, we did not ask for conscientious objector status, and we certainly did not run to Canada.

"Today, as on every Memorial Day, we honor the brave, young soldiers that also answered that call and ultimately gave the supreme sacrifice."

A total of 21 soldiers from Cohasset were killed in action in World War I, World War II, the Korean War or Vietnam War. No one from town was killed during 1991's Gulf War.

Mother Nature smiled down upon the ceremonies, as a gray, overcast sky gave way to sunshine just as the sound of the parade's bands reached the hundreds of spectators gathered on Cohasset Common. The sky remained blue until George H. Mealy American Legion Post Commander Stephen Wigmore told the veterans standing in uniform and in attention that they were "excused."

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Sgt. John Morgan salutes his fellow veterans during Memorial Day observances at the harbor.

Comeback kids are on parade

School marching band reestablished

By Mary Ford
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A middle-high school marching band is something Cohasset hasn't seen in about 20 years. But, thanks to a first-year teacher that's changing.

Greg Lessard grew up in Middleboro where high school marching bands are the norm. Upon arrival in Cohasset last fall, he decided to take the middle and high school bands a step further, literally.

While musically, the band is proficient — learning to march and play at the same time for its Memorial Day debut was another matter.

But after hours of practice on pinwheels, keeping in line and in step, the 39-member group clad in matching blue T-shirts provided thousands along Monday's parade route with a stirring medley of John Philip Sousa marches and other patriotic songs like Yankee Doodle.

And to top it off, the band joined the Rusty Skippers, a town band, in playing The Star Spangled Banner, when the parade stopped at the Veterans Memorial at the harbor for the speeches and veterans tributes.

"Learning to keep our rows straight and sound good while we played was a real challenge," Lessard said.

Besides delighting the spectators, Lessard has an ulterior motive in bringing the band out of the concert halls and into the streets. Being in a band can be cool, he said.

Many local teenagers seemed to agree as evidenced by the dozens of band members' classmates who tagged along on their bikes and in-line skates during the parade.

Lessard said playing an instrument and being in a band complements academics and sports.

"We compete like a sport but we also study hard to learn our craft," he said.

The high school and middle school bands are actually separate but joined up for the Memorial Day Parade.

"Learning to keep our rows straight and sound good while we played was a real challenge."
— Greg Lessard, band teacher

Many students drop band at the high school level due to academic pressure and other factors.

"Every kid here is academically oriented and wants to take the top courses like Advanced Placement," Lessard said. "We have to find creative ways to find rehearsal time."

But Lessard, who chose Cohasset over other job offers because the band teacher position here is full-time, wants to reverse the trend of high school students dropping band. He says there are currently 19 eighth-graders in the middle-school band and thinks most will continue next year.

Musically the students at both the middle and high school levels like to be stretched, he said.

"The kids are offended if it's too easy, they want to be challenged with hard music," he said.

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Hope Barrow is followed by the middle-high school marching band during the Memorial Day parade.

Common district buildings to grow

Community center, parish house expand

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission approved major changes to three district houses Tuesday, including wing additions to the First Parish Church's parish house, as well as the South Shore Community Center.

It also approved an enlarged hip roof on the rear of the Capt. Samuel Bates Jr. House on 63 Highland Ave., now owned by Charles Furtado.

The commission debated the changes in a 3-1/2 hour meeting before more than 25 spectators who were packed into the first-floor meeting room in Town Hall.

The First Parish Church received approval to tear down the 1960's expansion at the rear of the building, and replace it with a new wing that would almost double the size of the existing wing. The new wing would be set back from the front of the current building, and will have windows on either side of the doors, pillars, and a second set of windows between the door and the original 1722 building.

It was the second set of windows that bothered the commission at its last meeting, May 15, when the church proposed windows all across the wing's front. Josiah Stevenson, the church's building committee chairman, came back with plans that he said kept the second set of windows in the same scale as the rest of the house.

Nicholas Noon, of 11 North Main St., was concerned with the numbers of windows facing the common, and also approving a structure that stretches from "setback to setback" on the north and south sides of the property. He considered the plan "going a bit beyond the norm of what's on the common."

The commission debated the changes in a 3-1/2 hour meeting before about 25 spectators.

The commission also had a problem at its May 15 meeting with the church's proposal to build a foyer onto the front of the carriage house, which is used as a daycare center. It had urged the church to consider having children enter from the rear of the building, however Stevenson said the committee voted against that idea. Instead, the church will use the doors on the front of the carriage house, and construct an interior vestibule — a plan that was well-received by the commission.

Commission member Mary Larson considered the overall plan "keeping with the appearance of the historic district," as did fellow members Marion Atkinson, Richard Horn and Gail Parks. David Buick voted against the plan. Commission members Jacqueline Clark, Garry Gardner and Marjorie Hovorka, all members of the First Parish Church, abstained from voting.

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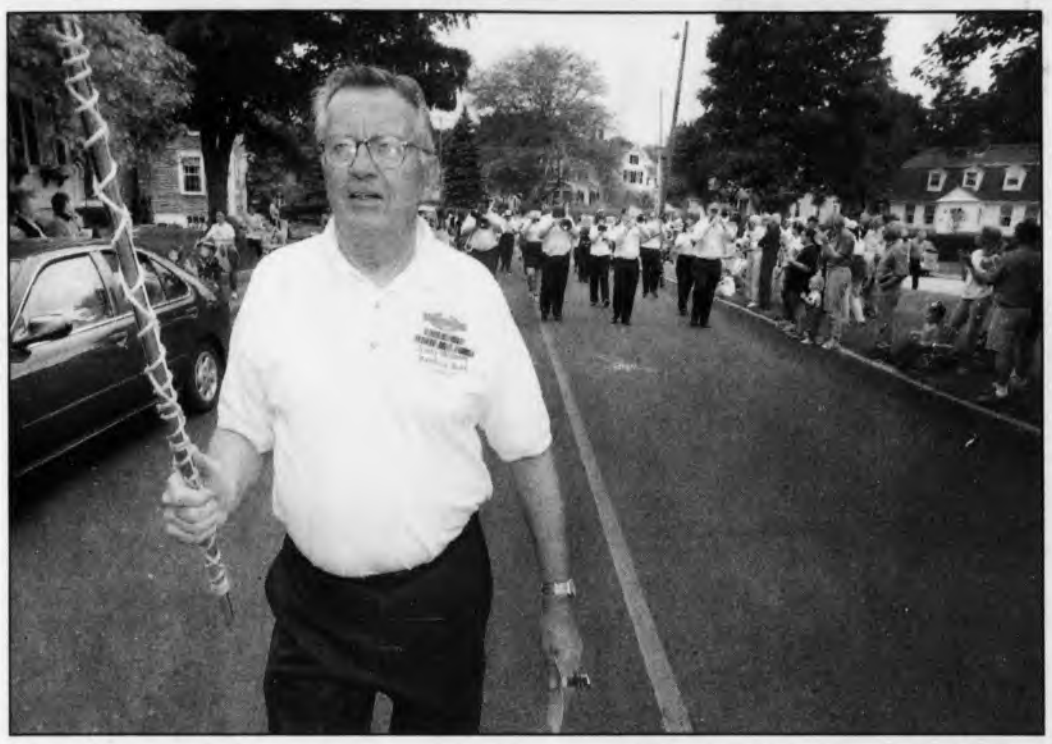
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RUSTY SKIPPERS

Roger Whitley leads the Rusty Skippers town band during Monday's Memorial Day Parade.

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Meeting schedule

The following is a list of upcoming town meetings posted in Town Hall as of Tuesday, May 29. All meetings are at Town Hall unless specified.

- Advisory Board, May 31, 7:30 p.m.
- Water Commission, May 31, 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen, June 5, 6 p.m.
- Sewer Commission, June 5, 6 p.m.
- School Building Committee, June 6, 6 p.m.
- Open Space, June 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Board, June 6, 8 p.m.
- Conservation Commission, June 7, 7:30 p.m.
- MBTA Wetlands Working Group, June 21, 8:30 a.m.

Election fundraising

Adrienne MacCarthy raised and spent $2,258.87 in her recent bid for a seat on the school committee this past spring. Pat Martin, who won in a recount by two votes, managed to raise $1,125 and spend just $850.90. However, she reported an outstanding liability of $2,000 in legal fees for her challenge of MacCarthy's petition for a recount. MacCarthy received an "in-kind" contribution of more than $2,596 from attorney and supporter Patrick Waters for his legal help responding to Martin's challenge. An in-kind contribution is a service given to a candidate at no charge.

Peter Pratt spent $234.85 of his own money for lawn signs in his successful bid for a seat on the Planning Board. Citizens for Cohasset Preservation reported spending $180.65 for signs supporting the Community Preservation Act.

No other candidate spent or raised money during the town election period.

Street repaving

The Cohasset Department of Public Works announced recently that street resurfacing that was supposed to begin on May 21, will now start on June 4. The schedule is:

Jerusalem Road – from Linden Drive to Atlantic Avenue

South Main Street – from #391 to #429

Atlantic Avenue – from #391 to Nichols Road

Highland Avenue – from Sohier Street

Pothole problems

A group of residents on or near Sheldon Road recently sent a letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad asking the town to repair and fill "the many deep potholes" on the street.

"We are approaching the busy summer season at Beach Island where children and adults will be walking, biking, and driving over the inferior surface of Sheldon Road. This will pose a safety hazard," said the letter.

Haddad said he has notified Department of Public Works Superintendent Harold Litchfield, but unfortunately, because of a lack of funds, the town won't be able to fix the street under the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

Wolf Pit update

The attorney for the former owners of the recently-taken "Wolf Pit" property off Beechwood Street have notified the town it will accept the $150,000 offer in damages.

The Water Commission, acting on a Town Meeting mandate, took the 14-acre property owned by Leland and Leonora Jenkins of Jerusalem Road, and Wayne Sawchuk of Beechwood Street by eminent domain earlier this month in order to protect the town water supply.

BOSTON TIDES
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May/June 2001	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 31	6:54	10.1	12:40	7:35	10.1	1:12
Fri. 1	7:59	9.9	1:44	8:33	10.4	2:11
Sat. 2	9:01	9.9	2:46	9:27	10.7	3:07
Sun. 3	9:59	9.8	3:44	10:18	10.9	3:59
Mon. 4	10:52	9.8	4:37	11:05	11.0	4:48
Tues. 5	11:42	9.8	5:26	11:49	11.0	5:34
Wed. 6	——	——	6:12	12:28	9.7	6:19
Thurs. 7	12:32	10.9	6:56	1:12	9.5	7:03

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CHS turns back clock for 50th

Also, breaks ground for 'new' school

By Rick Collins
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With the help of alumni, current and former faculty and staff, and a bunch of pictures, Cohasset Middle/High School celebrated its 50th year in the Pond Street building.

The two-day party featured alumni speakers, a 50-year pictorial display of the middle/high school since it first opened its doors in September of 1951, and the official kickoff of the school renovation project.

"I'd say it's been a success," said celebration committee chairman Jeanne Quigley. "It was nice reminiscing as well as a beginning of preserving our future memories."

The anniversary party marked both beginnings and endings. With a simple ceremony Friday afternoon, the middle/high school expansion project officially got underway. The $41 million renovation and expansion of both the middle/high school and Deer Hill School will end the schools as the town knows them, and transform them into modern school complexes. The celebration also marked the creation of the new Cohasset High School Alumni Association, which will work to create an archive of past, current and future events.

On Friday, grades 7-12 packed into the Sullivan Gymnasium to hear life lessons from five Cohasset High School alumni, including Jerry White, Class of 1981, who is the co-founder of the Landmine Survivors Network.

White was a junior at Brown University visiting Israel in 1984 when he stepped on a landmine and lost his lower right leg. The organization he co-founded was invited to share the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize by award winner International Campaign to Ban Landmines, as reward for its awareness work on the dangers of landmines.

But White, a former class president, started his speech Friday on a much more local note.

"I remember my senior year thinking, 'I just want to get the hell out,'" he said to the laughter and applause of the students in attendance.

In an attempt to emphasize the importance of his work, White threw two inauspicious pieces of metal across the gym floor and had a student from each side go and pick one up, which they eagerly did.

"You just picked up landmines," he told them. White said if they were live mines, one student would be dead and the other would have lost a limb.

He then told the attentive students about the fateful day in Israel, his recovery and lessons he has learned since.

"Be prepared for moments in life that explode, and think how you'll get on with your life," he said. White drew a standing ovation at the end of his speech by challenging students to "get to know a bigger world than Cohasset."

Jim Lagrotteria, the student council president in 1952, and member of the first graduating class from the new high school, told the students about what it was like going to school in Cohasset 50 years ago.

"As I was walking in here, I must have passed 11 Jeeps," he said. "The only Jeeps we saw were olive, had no tops, and were driven by Army personnel."

Student council president-elect Dan Littauer read a letter from Navy Lt. Commander Stephen Bowen, Class of 1982, who is now in training as a National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronaut candidate.

"Aside from the outstanding academic quality of the education [I] received at CHS, I felt fortunate to have had several teachers who taught us that there was something bigger than ourselves," Bowen said in his letter.

Also giving speeches were Matt Trask, Class of 1975, now Chief Executive Officer of Communica Inc., and founder and chairman of the Cape Cod Technology Council; Nina (Steele) Welford, Class of 1973, who is the founder of More Opportunity for Recreation and Education (MORE) and managing director of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra; Dr. David Keefe, Class of 1972, director of the Division of Reproductive Medicine & Infertility at the Women & Infants Hospital of R.I., and New England Medical Center in Boston; and Carol (Conway) Bulman, Class of 1980, president of Conway Financial Services and vice-chairman of Jack Conway & Company.

On Saturday, half of the gymnasium was filled with makeshift walls covered in yearbook photos from over the years, as state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley presented citations from the legislature honoring the 50th anniversary of the middle/high school.

Brian Marks accompanied singer Lily (Carbone) Sestito on guitar, and entertained those gathered with renditions of "The Way We Were," by Barbra Streisand, and "In My Life" by the Beatles.

School Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey challenged the school's current administration and staff to "stay focused" during the upcoming construction project, and "continue to work for the students of the past, present and future."

Quigley thanked the organizing committee for their help, as well as that of a number of high school students that spent hours putting together the pictorial displays.

"The kids, who are relatively removed from a lot of these years, really got into it," she said, mentioning Rachel Quigley, Abbi Butman, Nancy Winters, Brian Bilton and Jay Bertovich.

She also thanked the faculty and staff that made an appearance at the celebration.

"As always the faculty and staff showed up without question," she said. "They always come."

School renovation project kicks off

By Rick Collins
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Despite being beaten to the punch by a number of backhoes earlier in the week, the Cohasset School Building Committee dug its ceremonial shovels into the ground and officially kicked off the $41 million school renovation project last Friday.

With the sounds of heavy equipment clearing the area behind the high school in preparation for the new athletic complex— school and town officials marked the beginning of the two-year project as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the current middle/high school building.

"We're so glad to offer you the surroundings you students so justly deserve," School Committee Chairman Stephanie Noble told the middle/high school students gathered in the Alumni Field bleachers for the ceremony.

TLT Construction has already taken over the lower field in the front of middle/high school, and the first stages of construction — safety fencing and access roads — are already visible.

The project is welcomed by students tired of being ambushed by the building's dilapidating condition.

"There's not many of us that can't remember having something drop from the ceiling onto them," said Student Council President Ben Bixby.

Although the school building will undergo a radical change, he said the spirit of the school will remain the same.

"The school will continue, although the school house won't," he said.

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said the town was "proud of all the work you do up here" and glad to support the project.

School Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford welcomed not only the current members of the committee, but also Arthur Somerville and Gordon Flint who were involved in the construction of the current middle/high school building in 1951. He thanked the residents of Cohasset for their support of public education, and also urged them to commit the resources needed to keep the schools up-to-date once completed.

Students, faculty and guests then gathered in the middle/high school courtyard for the ceremonial groundbreaking. Middle/high school Principal Michael Jones, Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo, Koed, building committee chairman Rob Spofford, Noble, Bixby, Supt. Edward Malvey, student council president-elect Dan Littauer, and students Eric Belz and Libby Meiklehan dug the first shovel-full, followed by the school building committee and project's architects and engineers.

Malvey said TLT Construction will continue to clear the area and haul fill from the bluff behind the middle/high school until the start of summer vacation when the renovation work will start in earnest. The first thing to come down will be the middle/high school library, which will be moved temporarily into the Dorr Gymnasium.

Work is expected to start at the Deer Hill School shortly.



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From left, current building committee members David Chase, Patricia Chase, Kathy Guinee, Donna O'Donnell, JoAnn Chittick, Denise Parker, Rob Spofford and Scott Collins join original building committee members Arthur Sommerville and Gordon Flint at Friday's groundbreaking ceremony.

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Reflecting on a wonderful holiday weekend

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

A GREAT WEEKEND

Hello Cohasset. I hope that all of you had a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend. The town had a lot going on and all events were a tremendous success. The assembly held at the Cohasset Middle/High School on Friday morning was amazing with speakers from years past, followed by a Ground-Breaking ceremony that was really well attended. The students then enjoyed an all-school cookout and I hear that those kids sure can eat!

Friday night also at the CHMS, a great event took place with families coming out to enjoy the music of "Ball in the House." Radio Disney opened the show and an apology to all on the mystery ice cream, it showed up finally about two hours late. Oh well, the show did go on and it was fantastic.

On Saturday, the Golden Anniversary was in full swing at CHMS and alumni, friends and family came to the school to celebrate 50 years of excellence. **Senator Robert Hedlund** and **Representative Garrett Bradley** made two presentations and for me, the most moving part was the beautiful singing by **Lily Sestito** and Choral Director, **Bryan Marks**. It was truly a wonderful dedication to a wonderful school. Bring on the construction, let's move forward and get ready for the next 50 years!

On Monday, the Memorial Day Parade was so fantastic. I don't have the actual numbers but it looked like it was a record crowd. Cohasset sure knows how to remember and honor our Veterans and members of our community who fight for our town and country on a daily basis. This is a great show of town pride and who knows, maybe some day we will start a 4th of July celebration of our own here in town.

BABY GRANDSON

Olivia Linsley of Cohasset wants us all to know that she is a grandmother! **Joel and Claudia Linsley** of Sutton, Mass. are the proud parents of a baby boy, **Chase Charles** who arrived on March 18 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Chases' maternal grandparents are **Charles and Heidi McCobb** of Wethersfield, Conn. Congratulations.



Three generations of the Edwin H. Pratt Family at the 2001 Memorial Day Parade. From left are Christopher, Edwin and Glenn Pratt.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Nichole L . Santoro was recently awarded a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, magna cum laude from Salve Regina University in Rhode Island on Sunday, May 20. Nichole is the daughter of very proud parents, **Charles and Andrea Santoro** and is a CHS graduate. She is a 2001 inductee into Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. She is also a member of Kappa Delta Pi honor society that recognizes excellence in education.

WOOSTER GRADUATE

Another young lady from Cohasset, **Ashley Brister** received a bachelor of arts degree from The College of Wooster in Ohio on May 14. While at college, Ashley was a member of Crandall House and Pueblo de Esperanza. Ashley also spent two years on the varsity tennis team and she was an English major. Ashley is the daughter of **John and Susan Brister**. Great job, Ashley.

DELEGATE

Cohasset resident, **William "Bill" Hannon** was recently made a delegate to the International Congress of Societies of Industrial Design. He attended the societies' regional conference in Santiago de Chile. Bill is a professor of Industrial Design at the Mass. College of Art.

SPECIAL LADY

On a sad note, I would like to take this space to say a fond farewell to a woman who touched many lives in our school community. Last week, **Mrs. Barbara McCabe**, a specialist at the Joseph Osgood School passed away. This woman, the mother of three daughters, touched everyone who came in her path, children, families, staff and friends. I would like to let her family know that we are all thinking of them in this time of need and hope that they can someday, think of Barbara without crying and remember the magic and love that she showed to everyone. Walking into the school last week and seeing the open grief and shock really made me see how much of a difference she made on all levels. She will truly be missed by all.

VASSAR LACROSSE

Elizabeth Pierson, a Milton Academy graduate and sophomore at Vassar College is on the varsity women's lacrosse team at Vassar. The team just finished the season with an overall record of 5-10 and a UCAA record of 1-7. In its first season of Upstate Collegiate Athletic Assoc., the team found the going very tough but did turn out four-conference wins against Bryn Mawr, Mt. Holyoke, Manhattanville and SUNY-New Paltz. Beth, who is the daughter of **Wigmore Pierson** of Atlantic Avenue and **Janet Pierson** of S. Main Street had six goals and a shot percentage of .300. Great playing, Beth. Lacrosse is certainly becoming the game to watch and play.

PRE-PROM GALA

A reminder to all seniors and their parents. Don't forget the Pre-Prom Party being held at the Lightkeepers' on June 1 from 5-7 p.m. This is a wonderful time for all in the town to come and see our seniors all decked out and for the perfect photos to be taken. A professional photographer will be on hand, so remember your checkbooks! There will be no photographer at the prom.

LEHIGH NEWS

Amanda Gontarz, daughter of **Robert and Donna Gontarz**, earned a spot on the dean's list for the spring semester at Lehigh University, where she will be a senior next year. Amanda, a journalism major, is the Managing Editor of The Brown and White, Lehigh's newspaper, and is a member of Chi Omega sorority. This was great news Amanda!

HOUSE SWAP

A wonderful family has a request for someone out there reading this... Are you looking for a fun and inexpensive adventure this summer? Former Cohasset residents **Elspeth and Alasdair Muir** are seeking an interested "house swap" participant. They have done this for the last two years with great success. Their home is in Edinburgh, Scotland. They are hoping to come to Cohasset mid-July or early August for an approximate 1-3 week stay. If interested, and for more details you may email them at elalmuir@binternet.com or phone them at 011-44131-337-2082 or locally call **Laure Kimla** at 781-383-8161. What a great experience this would be for the right family!

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Elizabeth Pierson, a Milton Academy graduate, is on the varsity women's lacrosse team at Vassar College.



Kate Henderson, center, receives a special plaque and $2,000 scholarship from the Pilgrim Skating Arena. To her left is Roger Williams, chairman of the scholarship committee, and to her right is rink president Hoby Taylor.

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Town war heroes to get more visibility

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset's fallen war heroes are about to become more visible.

Summer Street resident Peter Wood received permission from selectmen last week to reproduce the memorial to Cohasset's war dead that hangs in the rear of the Town Hall Auditorium, and create another memorial in the new Town Hall wing across from the Town Clerk's Office.

"These folks paid the price and my feeling is they should be in a more fitting place, where people who come into Town Hall can realize what price some citizens paid," said Wood, a 25-year veteran of the Coast Guard and Army Reserves.

Wood told selectmen the new display would not "replace" the one created by Noel Ripley. Instead, he said he just wants to "move them forward into the new Town Hall."

Wood said he already has duplicates of the 21 Cohasset men that died in the four major conflicts of the 20th Century, and would frame them, create name tags, and hang them at no cost the town. He also said the memorial could include a 22nd person who died in 1947 from wounds sustained during World War II.

Ripley said the original pictures can't be moved because it was a Town Meeting vote that established the memorial in the auditorium.

The proposal to duplicate the pictures had the majority support of the board.

"They paid the ultimate sacrifice, so I don't have a problem duplicating them," said Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed.

Selectmen approved Wood's proposal 4-1, with Selectman Michael Sullivan the dissenting vote.

"I'm not against the idea, I just think it needs more discussion," said Sullivan, who disagreed with Wood's assertion the pictures would be more visible outside of the auditorium.



RICK COLLINS PHOTO

Plans are to duplicate this veterans memorial display across the hall from the Town Clerk's office.

Wood argued at the meeting that other town halls, such as Hingham, has its memorials right inside the front door. But his belief in the need for a more visible display runs deeper than just because other towns do it. "I don't care if we were the only town in the country that did it, these people paid the ultimate price and should be in a place that people see when they come into Town Hall."

Wood said he is now working with Town Manager Mark Haddad to figure out the best layout for the memorial, and hopes to have it installed within the next couple of months. He said whatever is done will be done in a "dignified manner" so to take nothing away from the current memorial.

'Lest we forget' fallen heroes

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Wigmore, who has been participating in Cohasset's annual celebration for 43 years, said this year's parade was "one of the largest I've been in."

He also said he, "really appreciates everyone coming out in honor of these veterans and those that have come before."

His son, Thomas Wigmore, Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, called the Cohasset turnout "the greatest tribute and salute a community could give."

The veterans began the celebration by parading to the town's four cemeteries — North Cohasset, Woodside, Beechwood, and Central. They met up with the middle/high school band, which made its first appearance in the parade in 20 years, the town Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and the Rusty Skippers at the South Shore Music Circus. Shortly after 11, Cohasset police cruisers made its way down North Main Street signifying the start of the parade.

Veterans briefly honored those names on the World War I Memorial at the edge of the common, with "Taps" and a gun salute, and then laid a wreath at Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Square at Depot Court. The parade, and the crowd, proceeded down Elm Street toward Veterans Memorial Park for Morgan's speech and raising of the American flags. "Taps" again played from two different areas in the crowd, and veterans fired three more volleys in memory of the fallen.

"We must never, ever forget them."
— John Morgan, Vietnam veteran

The annual post-ceremony cookout sponsored by the Lightkeepers Corporation at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Government Island drew a crowd. The line for hotdogs and hamburgers stretched from the house down the driveway, and almost to in front of the Lightkeepers Memorial.

Cohasset Lightkeeper Corporation member R. Murray Campbell said the group cooked up 700 hamburgers an 400 hotdogs for the 1,000-plus people that came to the cookout.

"Everything went well, we couldn't have asked for it any better," he said. "We didn't turn anyone away."

He said the corporation, now in its fifth year of putting on the cookout, donated any leftovers to the Cohasset Food Pantry at the Second Congregational Church.

Glenn Pratt, a National Guard veteran who served from 1966 to 1972, and is on the town's Memorial Committee, said he thinks the turnout is a sign of a rebirth of community interest in Memorial Day and Veteran's Day parades.

"I think there's been a bit of a resurgence in the country for veterans," he said. "It was big in the 50s, but went down in the 60s with the Vietnam War. But now they're stating to come back."

Pratt said he hopes for as big of a turnout in November when the Veteran's Committee dedicates the Gold Star Mothers Memorial as part of the new Woodside Cemetery on Veterans Day. The memorial honors Cohasset mothers who lost a son in war.

Comeback kids are on parade

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At the middle-high school, band is a course and not just an after-school activity as is the case in some other school systems. Lessard says an investment in music education can pay off in college scholarships and more proficiency in academics.

"It's a great way to tie all the academics together such as English and communication skills, math, science, creativity," he said, pointing out that studying Sousa marches also involved a history lesson.

Last fall, the band performed as a pep band at some athletic events. But Lessard says the band is not big enough yet to provide the scope of a football field show.

Lessard credits Steve Biagini, band teacher at Deer Hill, with helping to foster the program.

"We're building from the bottom up," he said.

Reflecting on a wonderful weekend

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GARDEN TOUR

The Amateur Gardeners of Cohasset will tour the garden of garden expert, **Irene Beauregard**, in Cumberland, Rhode Island on Tuesday, June 26. Transportation will be provided by van and will embark from Saint Anthony 's parking lot at 9 a.m. on the 26th. Contributions of $15 cost will defray the cost of transportation. There is no charge for the garden tour. Luncheon options include your own packed lunch or dining locally at a local restaurant at your own expense. Anyone interested in going along should contact Sandy Schmidt at 781-383-7037. Space is limited so make sure to save a spot for this wonderful Springtime event!

PILGRIM ARENA SCHOLARSHIP

Kate E. Henderson of Cohasset won a $2,000 scholarship this year from the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham. Every year, the family ice skating facility, which is a non-profit corporation, awards scholarships to area high school graduates. Kate, who is a graduate of Milton Academy, plans to attend Brown University in the fall. Kate and the 12 other scholarship recipients were honored at a special reception at the arena on May 17. Congratulations!

THREE GENERATIONS

Three generations of the **Edwin H. Pratt Family** served or are serving their country and participated in the Memorial Day observances.

Edwin is a 1941 CHS graduate. He served from 1943-46 with the 594th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, fourth Amphibian Brigade in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign. He participated in the liberation of the Philippines and the occupation of Japan.

Glenn is a 1965 CHS graduate and 1969 graduate of the Mass. Military Academy. He served from 1966-1972 in the 26 Infantry Division as an artillery officer and aide de camp to commanding general, **Maj. Gen. Edward F. Logan.**

And **Christopher** is a CHS 2000 graduate, member of the Army ROTC, Patriot Battalion based at Providence College. He is attending Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I.

What a wonderful, patriotic family!

As everyone is driving, walking or jogging around town, make sure to get a peek at all the beautiful flowers and gardens. The colors are gorgeous and the work that goes into this is just amazing. Please send me any ones that you think deserve a mention in the column for all of us to see. That is all for this week. Make sure to send all your news, pictures and comments to me at:

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FAX: 781923-1035
MAIL: 622 CJC Highway Have a great week.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset veterans, led by, at left, Thomas Wigmore (commander of the Sons of the American Legion) and his father, Stephen Wigmore, at right, (commander of the American Legion George H. Mealy Post) make their way down Beechwood Street.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A memorable day

Most of the weather forecasters said Monday was going to be a wet, rainy day. Thankfully, they were wrong so Memorial Day parades and observances —like those in Cohasset — could be enjoyed by so many. The cemeteries and parks looked great, thanks to the Department of Public Works. In fact, Cohasset was all shiny bright — a town anyone would be proud to call home. We are grateful to Steve and Tom Wigmore and Ralph Perroncello and all those who faithfully plan and orchestrate the Memorial Day festivities and parade every year. While the holiday, which began as Decoration Day after the Civil War, is meant to be a solemn, sad time — the annual observances are also a celebration. No matter what the war, those who fought, many of whom paid with their lives, in their hearts were fighting to preserve the way of life that we so greatly enjoy today in towns like Cohasset. We believe those Cohasset soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice were smiling down Monday on the spectacle of the hundreds of happy families that flocked to the Memorial Day events.

CMHS marching band

Spectators greeted the new Cohasset Middle-High School Marching Band with applause and cheers as the 39-member group, looking sharp in matching T-shirts, marched in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday.

Congratulations to the band members and their director and teacher Greg Lessard on such a fine accomplishment. Even veteran and American Legion Post Commander Stephen Wigmore made note in his remarks of what a fine sight it was to see the school marching band back after a nearly 20 year absence. The band not only looked good, but also sounded great! There is nothing more stirring than hearing John Philip Sousa marches and patriotic songs like Yankee Doodle played so well. The band joined with the beloved Rusty Skippers at Veterans Park for the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. The unbeatable combination provided double the music for a rousing rendition of our National Anthem.

— Mary Ford
Editor



COHASSET ON PARADE

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Girl Scout Erika Botts, who is a member of Troop 4787, holds Old Glory in the parade down Elm Street.

RECREATION NOTES

Signup for summer playground program

The Cohasset Recreation Commission announces that Martha Equi will again be the director of the summer playground program for children ages 31/2 to 12 years. Registration will be held the week of June 12.

The Recreation Commission has also established fee charges for the 2001 playground program which will remain the same as the 2000 program as follows:

5- to 12-year-olds: $175 for first child ($300 non-residents).

3- to 5-year-olds: $150 for first child.

Discounts for second and subsequent children are $20.

A $50 first child, $45 second child and a $40 third and subsequent children, mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

- Limited enrollment has been set for each program.
- Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis and there are no discounts available for multiple children.
- All children must be toilet trained.

PROGRAMS

5- to 12-year-olds, Full day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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8- to 12-year-old program — Deer Hill School

Pre-school 3- to 5-year-old, 1/2-day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Born: Jan. 1, 1996 through March 1, 1998 to qualify.

Call (781) 383-4109 for more information.

Stay 'tooned

Jim Hamilton's cartoon will be back next week.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Relay For Life

TO THE EDITOR:

As the regional executive for development at the American Cancer Society, I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who joined this year's Relay For Life at Cohasset High School May 18 and 19. Participating in this year's event were 38 teams, raising more than $125,000 for the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy, and local services for cancer patients and their families. This community is truly committed to the fight against cancer.

First, special thanks go to event co-chairs Craig Bleicken, Victor Vanderlugt and Gordon Behrer and to the Relay For Life volunteer planning committee who worked for so many months to make this event such a success.

Secondly, I want to applaud the many cancer survivors that participated in the opening ceremonies. Each year, there will be more people living wonderful lives following a diagnosis of cancer. They are the reason we continue the fight.

Finally, I would like to recognize and thank this year's corporate sponsors, the Rotary Club of Cohasset, Pilgrim Co-Operative Bank and media sponsor, the Cohasset Mariner. In addition, the "Taste of the Relay" which took place Friday evening raised more than $1,300 for the Relay For Life and would not have been possible without the 11 area restaurants that donated samplings of their specialty dishes. The restaurants featured were Atlantica, French Memories, Red Lion and Silver Spoon Café of Cohasset; Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset that provided desserts; Windsor Tea Shop of Hanover; Dagwood's of Hingham; Red Parrot and Schooners of Hull; X&O European Trattoria of Quincy; Trueman's Catering of Rockland; and the Borrowed Butler of Scituate.

Although cancer continues to touch so many of us, the Relay For Life is a testament to our country's dedication to the fight against cancer, the progress being made in the fight and the hope that cancer will be eliminated in our lifetime.

Mary Shepherd
American Cancer Society

Carriage House says 'thank you'

TO THE EDITOR:

The Carriage House Nursery School wishes to express its gratitude to the following establishments in Cohasset for their generous contributions to our successful year-end fundraiser on May 20:

Alida Dean at the Cohasset Greenery; Mr. Ordelheide at The Red Lion Inn; Bernard of Bernard's Restaurant; Curtis Liquors; and Cohasset Wine and Spirits.

Special thanks to Jennifer Knurek, beauty consultant, for donating all of her proceeds from the Mary Kay Beauty Boutique to the Carriage House.

The support from Cohasset businesses is much appreciated and the nursery school children offer their sincere thanks!

Trish Berube
for the Carriage House Nursery School

Beautifying village

TO THE EDITOR:

The Village Renaissance Committee wishes to thank the many people who helped to beautify downtown Cohasset this spring, particularly the merchants who planted flowers or allowed us to fill their flowerboxes. A special thanks to Cohasset Hardware's Tina Watson for planting and maintaining the two planters at the Town Pump. She has created outstanding floral displays for the past 10 years.

We appreciate the work of Robert Butman, who maintains the pump that his father Charlie built in 1991, and Ralph Dormitzer who engineered the pump and gets it working every spring. Additional thanks go to Cohasset resident Mimi White for helping to clean up Ship Cove Park (between Tedeschi's and French Memories); to George Roukounakis who, from his Olympic Citco Station, keeps an eye on our corner garden at the James Brook Walkway and waters it during dry spells; to Exotic Flowers for helping us select just the right colors; and to the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation for donating six handsome trash barrels to the village.

The flowers look beautiful and we now have plenty of receptacles for litter. Let's all show pride in our historic downtown by keeping it clean and well maintained.

Village Renaissance Committee
Jacqueline Dormitzer
Anna Abbruzzese
Ann Whelan

COHASSET CARES

Do you really need it?

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The title of today's piece appeared in the May 20 Boston Globe by way of identifying a letter to the editor from a Boston reader about gasoline prices. Two of the reader's sentences were: "Overall, we consume, consume, consume. Everything is prepackaged and cleverly marketing to appeal to our incessant need for instant anything." The staff artist's sketch accompanying the letter, showed an open wallet with what looked like an auto fuel tank gauge on the inside half of the wallet

Another letter to the editor was printed nearby, this one by Walter Bickford, coordinator of education for sustainability, Urban Harbors Institute at U.Mass. Boston. I'd like to quote several of his statements: "It is scientific fact that as global consumerism skyrockets, signs of ecological degradation and economic and social instability become more pervasive…Too few understand the hidden human, environmental and societal costs of American consumer choices and conspicuous over-consumption and wastefulness…The average American produces three times the amount of waste as the average European, polluting the water, soil and air necessary for sustainable, healthy living…To reverse these trends and act as though our children and country mattered, we must shift and reduce our consumption patterns…"

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Being one of the 3,000 present to hear the Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh last Friday at the Hynes Auditorium, I am especially struck by Bickford's saying, "Largely because of the advertising industry, which the Globe aids and abets, Americans seem hell-bent on meeting non-material needs materially, while studies show that the pursuit of happiness is becoming more elusive. The Earth is not in balance, and neither are we. Consumption is the root cause of most existing environmental and societal problems and the inevitable instability and unsustainability of our economy…"

Pay-as-you-throw goes into effect in Cohasset on July 1. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman for Cohasset Recycling Committee

More donors to library building fund

By Patience Towle and Sheila Evans
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

— COMMENTARY —

Fifty-six new donors to the Cohasset Library Building Fund have replied to the town-wide mailing in late April. In addition, several new large gifts to name parts of the new library are being discussed. In the two weeks ending May 24, commitments of an additional $22,000 were made, with gifts ranging from $10 to $2,400. Combined with previously reported returns, as of May 24, about $62,000 had been added to the Fund in response to this broad appeal. New donors include:

The Candela Family, Peter and Jane Chapman, Margy Charles, Patricia and David Conners; William, Kelly, Charlotte, and Emma Cooper; Robert J. Deutsch and Melody Maurer, Harvey and Judy Dickstein, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Dockray, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Donahue, Nino and Therese D'Urso, Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Gordon and Louise Flint, Patricia and Edward Fontaine, John and Elaine French, Robert Garvey, Robert and Diane Gramarossa, Mary M. Grassie, Matthew, Jane and Roger Gregory

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Gifts of $1,000 or more will be permanently displayed on the Donor Wall of the library. Names will be listed in broad "giving categories" by size of gift. All gifts will be listed in a final Campaign Report. The Library Building Fund plans to publish a list of new donors to the Building Fund on a regular basis. If you did not receive a Library Building Fund appeal, please call Patience Towle at (781) 383-1954.

As of May 24, about $62,000 had been added to the Fund.

Library trustees Patience Towle and Sheila Evans are also president and secretary, respectively, of the library building fund.

Sex and the 2nd president

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



You're going to hear a lot about John Adams in the next few weeks, what with David McCullough's new biography hitting the bookstores and Bill Delahunt and Ted Kennedy twisting arms to have the U. S. president from Quincy memorialized on Capital Hill and Beacon Hill.

Indeed, the first local boy to make good in a big way has been largely ignored while his contemporaries George Washington and Tom Jefferson had monuments and memorials dedicated to their memories and Jack Kennedy had an airport and Ronald Reagan seems to be getting his name attached to anything that isn't nailed down.

After all, Adams was not only the second president of the United States, but he helped write the Declaration of Independence and the Massachusetts Constitution, which became the model for the American Constitution, and served as ambassador to any nation that needed the ministrations of a skilled diplomat.

But enough of that claptrap. Let's get down to the things that are important to today's news gatherers.

Like sex.

In the wake of Bill Clinton and Rudy Giuliani, even the New York Times, where all the news that's fit to print (and some that's not) gets printed, may well ask the crucial question: What was John Adams' sex life like?

"I was of an amorous disposition," he wrote in his autobiography, "and very early, from 10 or 11 years of age, was very fond of the society of females. I had my favorites among the young women and spent many of my evenings in their company . . ."

Sound like any president we know? His initials are WJC, or BC to his cohorts.

However, Adams added, his friends of the female persuasion "were all modest and virtuous girls and always maintained this character through life."

"No virgin or matron ever had cause to blush at the sight of me, or to regret her acquaintance with me," he went on, becoming what some thought of as a man who protested too much.

"No father, brother, son or friend ever had cause of grief or resentment for any intercourse (sic) between me and any daughter, sister, mother, or any other relation of the female sex.

"My children may be assured that no illegitimate brother or sister exists or ever existed."

The closest to a Monica Lewinsky or Gennifer Flowers on John's rap sheet was a girl named Hannah Quincy, sister of his friend Josiah Quincy and daughter of Col. Josiah Quincy for whom the city of Quincy is named. He came within a phrase of proposing to her when he was a struggling young lawyer.

Much later, when he was 84 years old and widowed and she was 83 and widowed twice over, the pair met again.

"What! Madam! Shall we not go walk in Cupid's Grove together?" he asked.

"Ah, sir," she replied, "it would not be the first time that we have walked there."

Think of what investigators from the Fox News Channel or the National Enquirer could have done with that one.

HEALTH NOTES

Protecting children from pesticide exposure

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last year the state passed a law which proposed to reduce the rise of pesticide exposure in children. The purpose of the law is to prevent unnecessary exposure; promote safer alternatives to pesticides; ensure notification of all involved; and promote the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques to reduce relying on chemical pesticides. The law requires that all staff, children and guardians receive a standard written notification at least two days before any application of pesticides outdoors. The standard written notification must include:

- Date of start of application and approximate conclusion
- Specific location of the application
- Product name, type and EPA registration number
- A Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau Fact Sheet
- Purpose for which pesticides are applied

Pesticides have definite health effects and children are more susceptible than adults.

- A Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau approved statement describing ways to minimize exposure and precautions to be taken

For all outdoor applications, no children maybe located in/on or adjacent to the area where pesticide is being applied. Only the following pesticides may be used outdoors:

- Those that are part of the IPM Plan
- Pesticides which are not known or possible human carcinogens
- Pesticides containing inert ingredients which may be toxic
- Pesticides used purely for aesthetic purposes unless the town decides to use them for aesthetic purposes.

The only pesticides that can be used indoors when children are present are such things as bleach for antimicrobial purposes; rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations; insecticidal limits; ready to use dusts, gels or powders; termiticides if there is an active infestation; and certain lower risk pesticides like garlic, mint oil or citric acids.

Pesticides have definite health effects and children are more susceptible than adults on whom the toxicity tests were performed. This leaves a burden of responsibility on parents, and the rest of us, to be constantly vigilant about what we inhale, what we eat, and what we ingest by other means. It's easy to say, "They claim the stuff is safe." It's up to you in this complex society to ensure that the things going on near you will not harm you. There are a lot of scare mongers who say bad things about many common substances. It's up to you to make sense about all of these conflicting claims.

Stephen N. Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Final call for parent volunteers

By Cynthia Dedes
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

— COMMENTARY —

This is a final call to all parents of seniors, Cohasset High School Class of 2001. It's time to put it all together. Post-Prom decorating, the last stage, takes place on June 1. We need many hands to transform an ordinary school into an extraordinary place. No need to bring anything but yourself. Props and supplies to the tiniest thumbtack are ready to go. So leave June 1 from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to midnight free to help.

Remember to attend Pre-Prom at the Lightkeeper's House from 5 to 7 p.m. A photographer will be on hand to take pictures of the partygoers. Various packages will be available for purchase. Bring your camera along to take advantage of many opportunities for candid photos.

We would like to thank the local businesses, civic organizations, families and friends who have already contributed to the Post-Prom activities. We are continuing to accept monetary donations, gifts for prizes and raffle items.

If you would like to help with a monetary donation, please send your donation to Cohasset High School, Post Prom Party, c/o Steve Langham, 100 Pond St., Cohasset 02025.

If you would like to donate a prize or raffle item, please call Connie Afshar at 781-383-6087.

This is a worthwhile event that helps keep the prom-goers safe and in a drug and alcohol-free all night party.

If you have any questions, please call Kay Langham at 781-383-2748 or Allison Ulmer at 781-383-2672 or Rick Shea at 781-383-2384.

This is a worthwhile event that helps keep the prom-goers safe and in a drug and alcohol-free all night party.

Cynthia Dedes serves on the Post Prom Party Committee.

Town is on right track with train deal

MY VIEW

RICK COLLINS



Depending on which side of the issue you are on, Cohasset selectmen did one of two things when they signed the Greenbush mitigation deal two weeks ago. They either beat the MBTA for a better deal than the one the Dutch got from the aboriginal inhabitants of Manhattan, or they played the role of the Native Americans and sold the town down the river for some trinkets.

If you believe the former, join me in helping to count the millions of dollars the town will receive because of the deal. If you believe the latter, well, go write another letter that will never be read by anyone in the State House without the title of "Intern" before his or her name.

Whether or not you think restoration of diesel train service is the best solution to the region's commuter traffic problem is irrelevant when discussing mitigation deals. Mitigation deals are win-win solutions for towns, unless you consider a minimum of $1 million for the right of way, another $500,000 for other open space purchases, $1.2 million to help finally solve the James Brook flooding problems, $1.5 million for village improvements, and a legally-binding dispute resolution procedure, as "losing." The only way the town could lose is by burying its head in the sand, not signing a deal, and one day finding a train running through town without anything more than the minimal amount of compensation as required by federal law.

The town signing a mitigation deal is not equivalent to British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain giving up the Sudetenland and declaring peace in Europe. Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed did not drive back from a meeting with Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan, hold the deal up in the air, and slowly say in his clipped Boston accent, "There will be trains in our time."

Cohasset has been fortunate. Thanks to the hard work of dozens of volunteers with no agenda except to ensure Cohasset is protected to its full ability, the town has made out better than a rich kid on Christmas morning.

No other town has received the attention afforded Cohasset, and arguably, no town has gotten a better deal. Not Beverly, not Newburyport, not Concord, and certainly not Abington, Bridgewater or Brockton.

Yes, the train will affect the town. It will affect the abutters through fenced-off backyards and the rumbling of a train 24 times a day (from someone who lives near the Bridgewater line, it feels like a truck driving by), and the rest of the town through traffic delays because of grade crossings, and extra congestion on some main roads. But a 383 or 749 or 545 telephone prefix doesn't entitle the bearer to enter a pristine world, free from noise and traffic once they turn east off Route 3A.

To expect the MBTA to build a silent monorail that glides on a cushion of air like in Disney World, or recreate the Hanging Gardens of Babylon in each abutters backyard is an unfair demand.

A lot of people were quite content with the deal as announced in January. But thanks to the fierce insistence of people like Peter Pratt, the town was convinced to go back to the negotiating table and the result was an even better deal.

But now the town has pushed as far as it can. It's a matter of an irresistible force meeting an immovable object in the form of a bureaucratic state agency. The town could stamp its foot and hold its breath until it turned blue, but all that would have been accomplished is the loss of time, and a town looking silly (see Hingham, 1995-1999).

The town hasn't lost its ability to fight the use of diesel engines, and probably should keep prodding the MBTA to electrify the rails much in the same way a nine-year old reminds his parents about a promised trip to the ice cream shop.

Though victory or defeat won't officially be declared until the first fare is collected, Cohasset should recognize its first battle victory and take time to give people like Tom Gruber and other town officials a big 'Thank You' for making the town a little bit better.

Reasons why runway 14/32 is a bad idea

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

This is the last week for sending your comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed runway 14/32. The Public Comment Period ends on June 6, for the federal process and on June 8, for the Massachusetts process. Make sure that your letters arrive by those dates at the addresses listed at the end of this column.

Here are some reasons why Massport's Environmental Impact Statement for 14/32 should be rejected:

1. To users of Logan, including those using private jets: if the runway is built, delays are expected to skyrocket. So you will not get in and out of Logan as fast as you do today.

2. 14/32 is opposed by the City of Boston and dozens of other Greater Boston communities. A new 109-page report, produced by an aviation-consulting company for 27 Logan-area communities.

3. Peak period pricing pushed Logan from 2nd in delays in the nation to 19th in the 1980's. It costs almost nothing to implement, can be done immediately, does not cause expansion and future delays, and does not require any construction.

4. 14/32 would at least triple low altitude flights over South Shore communities. There is no reason whatsoever for our areas to be subject to the current unacceptable and inexcusable noise caused by lack of enforcement of existing noise abatement rules.

5. 14/32 would triple and quadruple low altitude flights over communities to the North and West of Logan.

6. No public health studies have been done for the EIS to determine health impacts.

7. The EIS maps show that 75,000 new flights Massport claims would be "out over the water" are over South Shore towns. The pollution Massport claims gets reduced due to 14/32 would be dumped on South Shore residences.

8. The expansion caused by 14/32 would not make Boston a "world class city". It would immerse the world class attractions we already have and the entire ring of Massachusetts Bay communities in heavy air pollution and noise.

9. 14/32 was designed for turboprop aircraft, which are being rapidly phased out. 14/32 would not accommodate most of the regional jets replacing them.

10. The 14/32 proposal depends on using the South Shore as a major all day and all night flight path. The World Health Organization says a DNL of 50 decibels - 50 decibels in the day, 40 decibels in the night - is the limit to prevent major annoyance. The FAA accepts no responsibility for noise less than 65 dbDNL, more than 13 times the noise of 50 decibels!

11. The exact location of 14/32 is not specified in the EIS. More importantly, the proposed air space is not disclosed, because it has not been designed, highly unusual for this kind of EIS.

12. The regional transportation study Massport was charged with for the EIS was never done. Massport doesn't even support bus service to Providence, Manchester, and Worcester airports from its Logan-only suburban parking areas. That 9 of 10 new passengers use airports other than Logan is due to their amenities, not Massport's efforts.

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Public Comments on the EIS are due June 6 to: John C. Silva/ Manager, Environmental Programs/ Airports Division, ANE-600/ FAA New England Region/ 12 New England Executive Park/ Burlington, MA 01803. Comments are due June 8 to: Secretary of Environmental Affairs/ Attention: MEPA Office/ Mr. Arthur Pugsley — EOEA No. 10458/ 251 Causeway Street/ Boston, MA 02114

Mary Ann Frye, with help from other members of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, http://southshorejetpollution.org/

Common district buildings to grow

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South Shore Community Center (3 North Main St.)

The South Shore Community Center received unanimous permission to construct a 16-foot by 30-foot wing on the building's south side. The center had received permission for the construction 10 years ago when it built the north wing, but ran out of funds to complete the work. It also proposed adding shutters to the side of the building facing the common, replacing and unifying the mish-mash of windows on the same side, and adding a number of "mature plantings" to the front and side addition.

The wing will have two windows facing the common, in the same scale as the rest of the building, and three facing the village. It will also have a solid facade on the top to blend in with the rest of the building, and to block the rubber roof from sight.

"The current building does look a little off-balance," said Matt Salerno of the South Shore Community Center.

Larson, who recused herself from voting because of her position on the center's executive committee, insisted the center has the funds to do the work, and also to maintain the building. She said a planting plan is in the process of being created and will be on display at the center.

Capt. Samuel Bates Jr. House (63 Highland Ave.)

The commission also approved a number of changes to the Capt. Samuel Bates Jr. House. It approved a change to the doors of the garage from rectangular to a rounded-off top. Furtado also plans to change the moldings around the doors. A proposal to add "coins" to the corners of the house was rejected.

The commission did approve Furtado's proposal to enlarge the hip roof in the rear, by two feet high and eight feet long. This expansion, which would be visible from the common, caused the most debate during the hearing.

The biggest objector to the plan was commission member Richard Horn, and his wife Carolyn, who live next door.

Carolyn Horn said she was disturbed by the size of the expansion, and also said the enlarged roof would diminish the amount of light coming into her house, and obstruct the view of Little Harbor from the second floor.

Commission Chairman Jacqueline Clark did not consider the proposal to be "in scale" with rest of the house, a feeling echoed by Buick.

"I think it's a bit long, a bit conspicuous," he said.

Clark, a district resident, and realtor, added that she has had business situations where a building permit was denied because it obscured someone's water view.

Furtado's architect and builder Jef Fitzgerald said the expansion would make the roof line parallel with the roof on the rest of the house's rear. Any attempt to lower or flatten the pitch would cause it to become unbalanced, he said.

Larson disagreed with Clark on the water view issue, saying, "unless it's written into the deed, you don't own that view."

She gave her own situation as an example. Larson said for years she had a view of Little Harbor from her home at 55 North Main Street, but lost the view when L. Emmett and Elizabeth Holt built a new house across the street.

"All of us could point to something that blocks our view of Little Harbor," Atkinson said. "The point of the commission is to decide if the expansion preserves the essence of the structure and I think it's done that."

The proposal squeeked by in a 4 - 3 vote; Clark, Gardner and Buick voted against it, with Horn abstaining.

Furtado's proposal to enlarge the house's three-season room, and turn it into a year-round room, also passed by a 4-3 vote.

The commission liked the decision to push it further back along the side of the house, but expressed some concern over the room's roof. Furtado intends to use it as a porch, but Gardner wasn't thrilled with the design of the required 42-inch railing on the top.

But Atkinson disagreed and thought it did look architecturally appropriate. She also said the house has the ability to "become a jewel" in the district

In the end, Gardner did vote for the room and deck, saying he "personally would have done it differently," but that "the essence of the house was preserved by moving it back" from the street.

The Cohasset Common Historic District, which is on the National Register of Historic Districts, includes the houses and buildings that surround the common, as well as the houses along North Main Street down to Sohier Street and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

The commission was created in 1978 as a town bylaw, and is made up of district residents, architects and realtors. Under the bylaw, "no building or structure within the district shall be altered or constructed in any way that affects exterior architectural features" without prior approval from the commission.

Cohasset.com?

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset Town Hall could soon enter the online age, and allow residents to do their Town Hall business from home.

A new committee is mulling over the possibility of establishing an interactive town-run webpage, that could act as an electronic town hall, and allow residents to get forms, check meeting schedules, and post public notices without leaving their house.

"We're pretty excited about this idea, it could facilitate some of the services Town Hall provides to the people of the community," said King Street resident Lou Harvey, who is spearheading the committee. "There's nothing like not having to go to Town Hall on a rainy day."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said it would "open up Town hall 24 hours a day to residents." He said even though Town Hall stays open until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, some residents just can't make the drive from work in Boston to Town Hall in time.

The committee is an offshoot of a March discussion between selectmen and the Town History Committee, which is currently writing the third volume of Cohasset history. The committee had asked for permission to set up a website where they could post the town history once completed, and keep it updated for future volumes.

"They decided it would probably make more sense to expand the scope and make a website for the town, since the town didn't have an official site," Harvey said.

Harvey, Haddad, Police Chief Brian Noonan, Cohasset Public Schools Technology Coordinator Ken Cisneros, Financial Director Michael Buckley, Town History Committee Chairman Wigmore Pierson, former Computer Advisory Committee member Guido Risi and South Main Street resident Ralph Dormitzer have all started brainstorming ideas for the new website.

"It's a really good committee," said Haddad.

"Basically, we've come up with some initial capabilities of the website we generally agree would make a good idea," said Harvey, a financial corporation website analyst. "It would be really useful to people in town if they could go there and get their building permit forms or check on information on town activities. We expect it to be a fairly active site."

He added everything right now is "preliminary" and that he would make sure a number of different community groups are involved before a final design is created.

Despite having a number of interactive options, Harvey said he expects to keep the downloading time of the page down. "It's intended to be functional without having to go out and buy the latest and greatest piece of technology to use it," he said.

Harvey said the cost of maintaining the page would cost approximately a couple of hundred dollars a month, and that the town would spend more money paying someone to update the pages then actually keeping it online.

"It would require half a person or so to keep up with it, it's not a particularly labor intensive thing," he said.

Haddad said once the committee has a grasp on what it wants to do, and how much it will cost, they will bring it before selectmen, and then, if needed, Town Meeting.

Pierson said the town history webpage could be used as a resource for Cohasset residents, and contain all three volumes of the town history. He also thought the annual town reports could go up and make the job easier for the people in 2050, who do the fourth volume of town history.

Once created, the question is what the web address would be. Despite the headline, "www.cohasset.com" is the name of a document-based management consultant company based out of Chicago. The domain names "www.townofcohasset.com" and "www.cohassetma.com" are owned and operated by Dream Communications, an Internet service company based in Cohasset.

Holly Hill Farm begins new season

Cohasset's oldest active farm is ready for the active summer season.

This past Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 26, Holly Hill Farm's farm stand in the main barn on Jerusalem Road opened. On Thursday, June 7, the farm will join other local growers and vendors to initiate the 2001 season of the Farmers' Market on the Cohasset Common.

All sixth-graders from the Deer Hill School with Betty Cisneros as lead teacher, will visit the farm in early June to learn with some hands-on activity about spring planting, take a walking tour of the historic barns, and explore nearby fields and woods. Later in July the farm will sponsor its second Summer Youth Farm Program for youngsters from the Cohasset Public Schools and the South Shore Charter School.

White notes that the farm, in addition to its youth and school programs, has already initiated a volunteer program for adults, and that the farm's first seasonal intern, a graduating senior from University of Massachusetts, who will join the staff this summer

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A stitch in time

Shoe craftsman makes Cohasset stop

By Rick Collins
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Roger Dufault sat in The Shoe Market with a small crowd around him doing his work. The slightly built, older man had a metal device on his leg with a clamp holding something that vaguely resembled a slipper, but was in fact an unfinished shoe.

He would take a long needle with a thick thread in it, jam it through two pieces of leather, and pull it through.

Customers would walk in, watch for a few seconds, ask some questions about what he was doing, smile, and move on. And then they'd stop again on their way out, watch for a while again, ask a few more questions about his craft, say some nice words, and leave.

Dufault is a shoe-sewer.

In an era where machines are replacing human workers, most that stopped by were surprised that such a profession still exists.

"Most people find it enjoyable because they've never seen it done," Dufault said during a recent demonstration at the Cohasset store. "It's not like I'm showing them something they're seen before, 99 percent of people have never seen something like this. They have no idea the shoes are hand sewn."

Dufault works for Sebago shoes out of Sebago, Maine, and is essentially a traveling workshop. It's his job to go from city to city, store to store showing all the work that goes into making one of his company's shoes. He spent this particular Friday stitching together a green and blue "Nubuck" Sebago-brand leather loafer.

But Sebago is more well-known for its 51-year old "Dockside" line of shoes.

"It's the South Shore's signature shoe," store owner Greg Lagrotteria said about the white-soled, tan leather loafer.

Lagrotteria said those that stumble upon the unexpected demonstration are "fascinated" by the show making process. "More than anything I guess people are amazed at what goes into making a shoe, the detail and the craftsmanship."

Dufault said 85 percent of Sebago's shoes are hand stitched, and each shoe is usually handled by up to 200 people before being packed and shipped off, depending upon its quality.

In his prime, Dufault and Sebago's 140 other hand sewers could stitch up 24 shoes per day. Now, Dufault, 68, and a Maine resident that knows Lagrotteria from the latter's days as a national sales manager with Sebago, lets others do the hard work. He spends just 75 to 80 days a year on the road, but made the trip to Cohasset at the request of his friend.

"I like this little area," he said. "I'm usually only in big cities."

Lagrotteria said the demonstration was part of a spring promotion of the popular shoe.

"We sell a lot of Sebago's, we do a real great business with them," he said. "And as we roll into spring and summer, we did an active promotion to show how well they are made."

Dufault learned about sewing shoes from his father, who owned a shoe company in Maine. After a fire destroyed the business, and a stint in the Air Force, Dufault worked from 1955 to 1968 for the Bostonian shoe company, "before the imports started coming in." He has since worked intermittently for Sebago over the past 18 years doing the demonstrations.

Although it has allowed him to see the world, and spend countless hours showing someone something new, Dufault was very pragmatic about what he does.

"It's a job, like everything else."



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Roger Dufault demonstrates the craft of shoemaking at The Shore Market in Cohasset.



A close up of the way a Sebago shoe is stitched by hand.

IT'S HAPPENING

Community Center camps are offered

The Teddy Bear Review, for children three to six, is scheduled for August 28 to 30, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Cost is $80 for members and $85 for non-members.

The Camp for Boys and Girls, for children four to 11 (and grouped by age), is scheduled in four sessions. Cost is $140. Families with more than one child attending is $110 per child. Each session runs from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Session I, July 30 to August 3.
Session II, August 6 to 10.
Session II, August 13 to 17.
Session IV, August 20 to 24.

Voyager Camp, for children eight to 11, is scheduled for July 16 to 27, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is $255.

For more information, call the community center at 781-383-0088.

Tai Chi, Chi Kung seminars offered

Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi of Cohasset will host visiting guest Master Wei Lun Huang for a pair of seminars focusing on Tai Chi and Chi Kung for health and fitness. On Saturday June 2, there will be a seminar on Ba Gua Chi Kung from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Ba Gua Chi Kung is excellent for conditioning the body by building strength and flexibility. The fee for this seminar will be $50. On Monday, June 4, Huang will teach Incense Chi Kung from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This practice, more geared toward building and balancing Chi life force energy, will be appropriate for all ages and conditions of health. The fee will be $60.

Master Wei Lun Huang is a renowned Tai Chi teacher and a regular guest instructor at Jade Forest. Jade Forest is located on Route 3A in Cohasset. Call John Loupos at Jade Forest, 781-383-6822 to preregister.

Garden tour planned

The Garden Club of Hingham's "Bouquet of Hingham Gardens" Tour is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6. Tickets are on sale at the following locations: Noble's, Bookport and Round Hill, Hingham Square; Corson's Glass House, Whiting Street, South Hingham; Buttonwood Books, Cohasset; and The Studio, Duxbury.

There are ten Hingham gardens featured on the tour. Tickets are $18 in advance and $22 the day of the tour. Tickets may also be purchased by sending a check with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Mrs. Wallace Meigs, 10 Howland Lane, Hingham, MA 02043.

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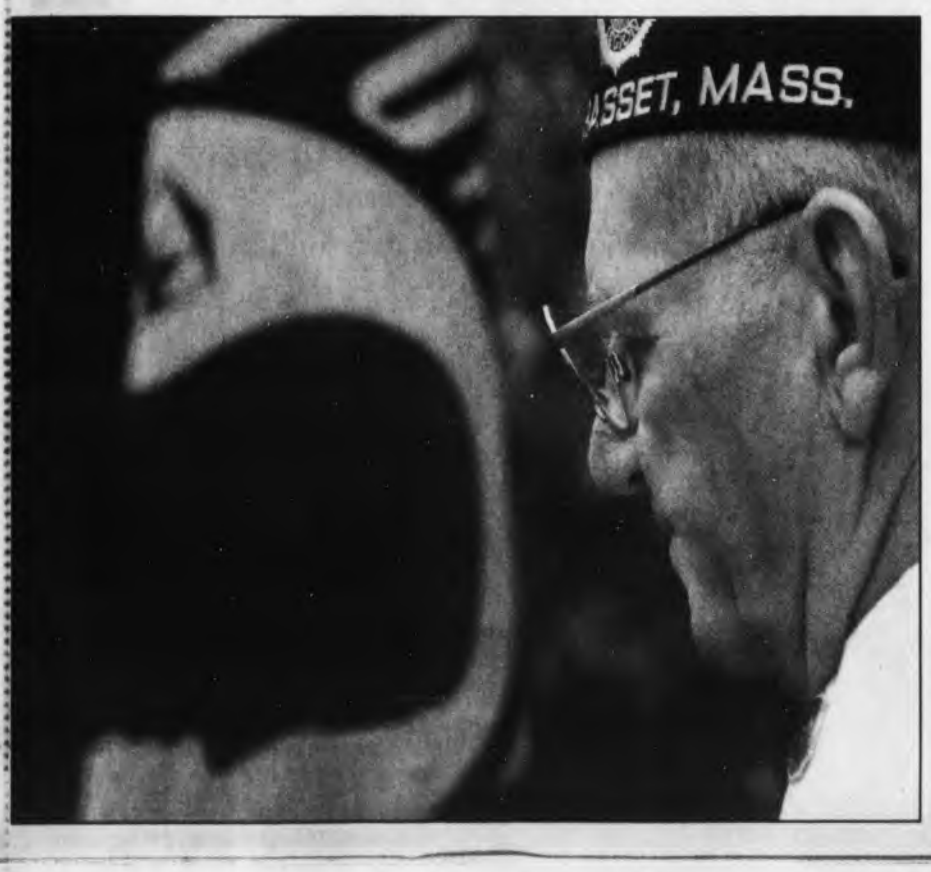
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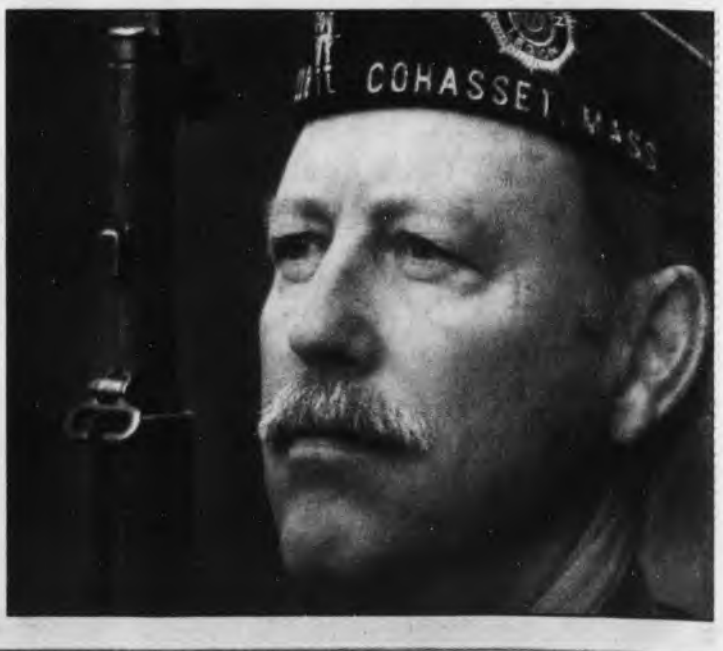




Clockwise from top, Chris Morris, USN, and the color guard stand at attention during the observances at Veterans Memorial Park in the harbor. This year's Memorial Day parade and festivities drew one of the biggest crowds ever. From under his father Gary's cap, Joseph Parziali stands in awe of the spectacle. Dan McCormack pays close attention to the speakers who thanked veterans for their service. American Legion Commander Steve Wigmore observes a moment of silence. Emily Curran pauses in contemplation before throwing flowers into the harbor in remembrance.



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Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

Star of the Week

Brian Krupczak
The senior captain of the Cohasset High track team was a study in gutsiness on Saturday, as he shook off a severe muscle pull to finish first in the Class D 200-meter dash for the second year in a row.

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Gutting it out

Krupczak overcomes injuries to defend title

By Mike Spellman
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Al LaFontain stood with Brian Krupczak's parents near the finish line of the 200-meter race at Saturday's Class D track championships, the three of them holding their breath as Bellingham's Mike Bissen closed the gap on Brian.

Fortunately, the trio was able to exhale exultantly at the precise moment Krupczak broke the tape with a time of 23.02— 26 100ths of a second ahead of Bissen— to defend his Class D title in the event.

"There were a few anxious moments there," confessed LaFontain, the Cohasset High track coach. "We could see Brian struggling a little bit at the end, but he gutted it out like a true champ."

Hyperbole? Maybe a little, but who can blame the fourth year head coach? After all, it wasn't even certain up until race time on Saturday whether Krupczak would be able to run at all.

Krupczak, a senior tri-captain with the squad, pulled a couple of muscles in his right leg in the final team meet of the season a week ago Thursday. The injuries kept him on the sidelines for last weekend's South Shore Principal's meet, where he was the favorite to win the 200 for the second year in a row, and it appeared early last week that it would also force him to bow out of the Class D meet.

When Krupczak showed up on Saturday to test the leg, however, LaFontain said he could tell by the look on his captain's face that he was going to give it a go no matter what.

"Brian is just a phenomenal competitor," effused LaFontain. "He has worked so hard these last six years, you just know it would have killed him not to be able to go on Saturday. If there was any chance he could give it a try, you knew he would."

LaFontain figures that his star was at "around 85 percent", but that, plus an indomitable spirit, proved to be enough for the young man who's been running for the varsity squad since he was a seventh grader at Cohasset Junior-Senior High School..

So now it's on to the All-State championship this Saturday at Worcester State College, or is it?

"Before this (Class D) race, Brian said this would probably be it win or lose," said LaFontain. "But it sounded like he was changing his tune a little bit after he won. It wouldn't surprise me to see him up in Worcester Saturday."

Krupczak, whose personal best in the 200 is 22.4 seconds, will take it easy this week, hoping to recover a bit more from the leg injury.

"Hopefully, we can get him back closer to 90 percent," said LaFontain. "An injury like this takes a while to heal, and the only thing you can do for it is rest. But 90 percent of Brian Krupczak is still pretty good."

Class D notes

After putting together an unbeaten season to take the South Shore League crown for the first time in 25 years, LaFontain had understandable high hopes for the boys team going the Class D meet. He even went so far as to predict a possible top three overall finish in the 40 team field. The Skippers wound up

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PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset's Jen Buckley (230) is a picture of determination in Saturday's 800-meter race at the Class D State track and Field championships. Eight Cohasset High athletes qualified with their showing here for the All-State championships this Saturday at Worcester State College.

Skippers swamp CM

Advance to second round behind Libby and Previte-led offensive surge

Scoring six goals in the game's first eight minutes, the Cohasset boys' varsity lacrosse team combined solid defense with ball control, and rolled over their Catholic Conference opponent, Catholic Memorial, 15-3 in the first round of the Division 2 state lacrosse tournament on Tuesday night at Alumni Field.

The Skippers, who'd beaten CM a week earlier by a 15-9 margin, only to forfeit the game a day later, welcomed back co-captain Ronan Buick and juniors Sean Chase, David DeVito and Jason Moore, all of whom had missed recent games. Buick, who began the game on attack, was shifted back to midfield after a couple of minutes by Coach Kevin Orcutt.

"CM decided to shadow Ronan, and we felt we could break him loose from the midfield position a little easier," explained Coach Orcutt after the game. "We were able to do that, and it opened space up for everyone else too. And, once we got our offense in gear, the attack (Eric Libby, Curt Kahn, Paul Previte and Jason Moore) really controlled the pace of the game, especially in the second half."

Buick, who entered the contest with 43 goals and 32 assists, despite only playing 12 games, wound up with a pair of goals. But the offensive stars were junior attackmen Paul Previte, Eric Libby and Jason Moore, who combined for eight goals and seven assists. Previte (four goals, one assist) began the scoring a minute into the game, beating CM freshman goalie Garrett Curran. Libby (two goals, five assists), Buick and sophomore midfielder Robert Hickey (two goals) quickly followed, running the margin to 4-0 with the game not five minutes old.

"We've been preaching early intensity to the boys, and tonight they demonstrated that they're listening," said Orcutt. "On ground balls, defensive slides and overall hustle, this was perhaps our best effort of the season. Hickey was immense on defense and on face-offs, as was sophomore longstick Nick Spirito."

A thunderstorm that passed through at the eight-minute mark of the first period delayed the game for approximately a half hour with the Skippers up 6-0. When the teams retook the field, CM pressed the attack, and Eric Murray beat Skipper goalie Kyle Weber with less than a minute in the quarter on a rocket from about 12 yards out. Moore answered three minutes later, quick-sticking the ball home on a feed from Previte.

Cohasset went into halftime leading 8-2, then put the game away in the first minute of the third quarter on scores by Previte and Hickey. The defense took control from then on, allowing only three CM shots on net the rest of the way. Weber finished with seven saves, while his counterpart Curran – a former Cohasset youth lacrosse player – had more than 30.

"Our senior defensive unit of Geoff McWilliams, Justin Langham and Greg Figureido had a fine night," said Orcutt. "CM plays a very physical game, and it's tough to maintain concentration and discipline when you're taking the kind of hits our kids did. But credit to everyone; we focused on the scoreboard and what we're trying to accomplish in the tournament, and came out of the game healthy, intact, and ready for the next challenge."

Cohasset will host the winner of

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

GIRLS LACROSSE

May
25 beat Bourne, 9-6
28 beat Bourne, 9-4
30 at Marshfield
End of regular season
seedings announced Friday

BOYS LACROSSE
23 beat Ashland, 10-7
End of regular season
State Tourney
28 beat Catholic Memorial, 15-3

BASEBALL
25 lost to Holbrook, 12-6
End of season

BOYS TENNIS
23 beat Scituate, 4-1
25 beat Scituate, 4-1
End of regular season
State Tourney
31 at Harwich

GIRLS TENNIS
23 beat Dover/Sherborn, 4-1
End of regular season
seedings announced Wednesday

GOLF
28 placed 9th- EMass Div. 2 Tourney
End of season

Boys open tourney in Harwich

By James Olson
CORRESPONDENT

With two resounding 4-1 wins over the playoff hopefuls Scituate, the Cohasset boy's tennis team seems to be peaking at just the right time: right before their first playoff match in four years.

Drawing a seed within the top twenty out the 29 team field, Cohasset will play in Harwich this Thursday at 3 p.m.. Official seedings did not come out until late Wednesday.

Cohasset plans on using the same line-up it has to beat four of their last five opponents.

At first singles, senior captain All-Star Chris Golden will lead the way against the ace of the Rough Riders. Golden has had a knack for pulling out close matches this year, shown by both of his three set victories over sophomore Ryan Cahill of Scituate.

Senior Erik Shea has beaten anyone in his way at second singles, including laughers over Cahill's younger brother, Tim. Shea has been effectively combining height with speed to rush the net at appropriate times, and end points quickly.

Junior Joe Niessink has come on strongly recently at third singles, clobbering his opponent in all four of his last matches. Niessink is one of the hardest hitters on the team and, when he is on his game, is virtually untouchable.

At first doubles, Cohasset will bring its All-Star tandem of senior captain Jeff Scribner and sophomore David Ingber. The two are 9-1 together, including their recent two set wins over Abington, Scituate, and the previously undefeated Norwell first doubles team of Justin Meddaugh and Rory O'Connor.

Second doubles has been questionable lately, with freshmen Jesse Brewer and Rob Carpenter coming off consecutive losses to the neighboring Clippers.

Said Carpenter of his 6-7, 0-6 loss to the sophomore duo of Mike Wasserman and Keith Pollard last Friday, "I tried to open a can, but it was sealed. . .tight."

"It just wouldn't open today," affirmed Shea.

Since second doubles clearly has the ability to come out and win, the Skippers feel confident they could upset their Cape Cod hosts and possibly bring a tournament match back to Cohasset.

"We are incredibly excited," effused first year coach Pam Wilson. "We have very strong singles and doubles. We have figured out the right line-up to maximize our strength."

Although there has been some line-up shifting due to certain players moving up within the team ladder, everyone on the team has drastically improved their game since the beginning of the year.

"All of our players are so much better than they were when we started," reported Wilson.

TOURNEY, PAGE 13



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN [illegible]

Cohasset senior captain Chris Golden, the team's number one [illegible] player, will be looked upon to continue his excellent play of late in [illegible] state tourney, which gets underway for the boys in Mashpee on Thu[illegible]

Lacrosse team tourney bound

Girls lacrosse team earns first ever post-season berth

For the first time in its history, the Cohasset girls varsity lacrosse team has earned a state tournament berth. The girls won back to back games against Bourne this past week to accomplish their goal. Coach Cathy Gaudiano was pleased with her team's 9-5-1 season.

"We started this year with a very young team and had a winning record and the state tournament as our goals," said Coach G. "The girls came together quickly as a squad and we got substantial contributions from a number of key players, particularly Kristin Sheerin, Maura McKenney, defender Julie Lordan and goalie Gia Petrakis. I'm very proud of what the girls did this year. With nearly every player returning next year, this program has a very bright future."

Cohasset 9, Bourne 6

Cohasset fought the holiday traffic down to the Cape last Friday for a game that held the key to their state tournament hopes. The girls came out on fire but had their hands full with a stubborn and equally determined Bourne group. Sophomore first home Sera Genovese led the way with five goals. Junior second home Kristin Sheerin tallied four goals, including the 100th point of her lacrosse career at Cohasset High. Maura McKenney (two), Nicole Turgiss and Suzanne Lynner chipped in assists. Freshman defensive wing Ashley Faber had an outstanding game, stifling the Bourne attack. Gia Petrakis again was solid in goal, recording a season high 19 saves.

Cohasset 9, Bourne 4

Cohassset had an easier time of it on Tuesday afternoon at home against the same Bourne squad. The girls jumped out to a quick six goal lead behind sophomore center Maura McKenney, who had four goals before half-time and five for the contest. Kristin Sheerin, named before the game to the Pilgrim Conference All Star team, was once again immense, throwing in two goals and contributing two assists on McKenney tallies. Junior left attack wing Kate Grimm, with a beautiful shot to the upper corner, and sophomore Rachel Smith added second half goals to put the contest out of reach. Sophomore cover point Katherine Coyne made big defensive stops whenever Cohasset needed them and goalie Gia Petrakis had 13 saves.

Cohasset finished its regular season with a home game against Duxbury on Wednesday. The girls will learn on Friday the location and opponent for their state tournament date.

Cohasset High golf team takes baby steps

Sweeney hopes for continued improvement

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

After an 0-10 finish in 2000, the Cohasset varsity golf program was the surprise of the South Shore League this spring, finishing third in the league with a .500 record to qualify for the state tourney.

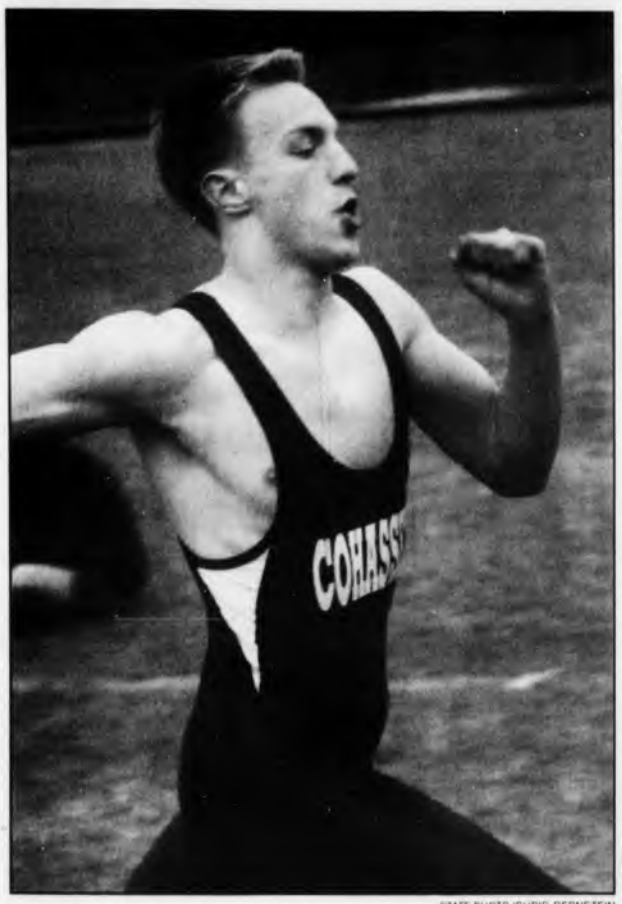
"We finished off by making the tournament, which was strong," reported first year coach Torin Sweeney. "We are taking baby steps as a program."

While the team deserves accolades for its turnaround year, their showing in the Eastern Mass Championship on Tuesday at the Easton Country Club showed that there is still plenty of room for improvement. Cohasset finished ninth in the pool of nine very strong teams, including South Shore powerhouses Norwell (which won) and Hanover (which took third).

"Being 5-5, I knew we were on the bubble, and it showed," admitted Sweeney, who has never been one to candy coat things.

The straightshooter added: "We

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Brian Krupczak was a study in gutsiness on Saturday, as he shook off a severe muscle pull to finish first in the Class D 200-meter dash for the second year in a row.

Gutting it out

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tied for ninth with 11 points.

"I wouldn't say I'm disappointed because we had some real nice individual performances," said LaFontain. "I do think that there were a few people who felt the pressure a little more than we hoped, but that's somewhat understandable. That happens to a lot of athletes. This is a pretty big deal after all."

Krupczak's was one of four individual Cohasset athletes to qualify for the All-State meet with top six finishes on Saturday.

Junior Pete Maitland took third in the javelin with his toss of 170-2, and fellow junior Tim Baird captured sixth in the mile with a time of 4:38.24.

The boys 4 x 100 relay team took fourth with a time of 45.73.

On the girls side, freshman Gillian Weber opened some eyes by finishing sixth in the 800.

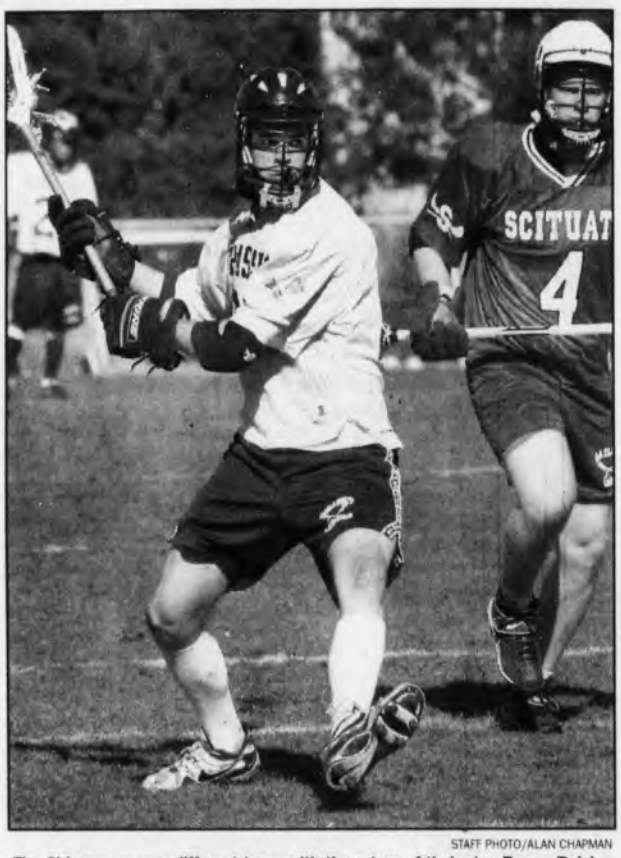
Skippers swamp CM

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Ashland vs. Martha's Vineyard, which was to be played on Wednesday. The Skippers will wait to see whether the game will take place on Saturday or Sunday at Alumni.

"Weather could be a factor in the scheduling," said athletic director Ron Ford. "Alumni's wet and kind of beaten up, and with rain predicted for Friday, we'd like to give the turf a chance to recover."

Tuesday's contest rewrote the record book for Cohasset in EMass tournament play. The Skippers advanced past the first round for only the third time in the program's existence. In doing so, they set the following records: most goals scored in a tournament game (15), margin of victory (12), and number of goal scorers (8). Individual records set for Cohasset tournament play included total points in a game (seven, Libby), and assists in a game (five, Libby). Paul Previte's four goals tie a tournament record set by 1996 captain Ken Leahy, currently Providence College's all-time leading scorer.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The Skippers were a different team with the return of their star, Ronan Buick (pictured here unleashing a shot), in Tuesday night's 15-3 opening round shellacking of Catholic Memorial.

Pierson recipient of Vassar's Richey Award

Cohasset's Beth Pierson was chosen for the Betty Richey Award, Vassar College's Office of Athletics announced at its annual end-of-the-year banquet. The award is named after Richey, a former coach, teacher and administrator at Vassar. Field hockey, lacrosse and squash coaches may nominate an underclasswoman from their respective sports.

Pierson was selected because she exemplifies the best of Richey, including loyalty, self-reliance, initiative, excellent sportswomanship and leadership qualities. The sophomore started all 20 games in field hockey, leading the team in goals scored with seven and was fourth in points with 14. In lacrosse, she started 12-of-15 matches and scored six goals.

"Since her first year at Vassar," Head Coach Judy Finerghty said, "Beth has worked hard in practice games. She completes drills, gives words of encouragement to her teammates and spends extra time perfecting her skills."

Pierson, an environmental studies major, was named to the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association's All-Academic team for both sports.

Vassar's field hockey team finished the year with a 13-7 mark, setting a school record for wins. The Brewers took second in their inaugural UCAA season, captured third at the Seven Sisters Championship and qualified for the ECAC Northeast Championship.

Five laxers named All-Stars

Buick, Weber Get First-Team Honors

Five members of the Cohasset boys' varsity lacrosse team were named to the Pilgrim Conference all-star team Sunday night.

Senior co-captain Ronan Buick and junior goalie Kyle Weber were both first-team selections, announced Coach Kevin Orcutt. The Pilgrim coaches picked 14 players from the league's nine schools to the first team, and another 18 players to the second team.

Buick, winning all-league honors for the third time, leads Cohasset in scoring with 43 goals and 32 assists. Weber, who took over as a starter midway through his sophomore year, has posted 145 saves in 12 games while allowing 76 goals, an excellent .656 save percentage. Weber has also scored five goals this season in limited duty as an attackman.

Named to the all-conference second team were senior defenseman and co-captain Geoff McWilliams, a four-year varsity starter, junior attackman Paul Previte, the team's second-leading scorer with 28 goals and 15 assists, and sophomore midfielder Matt Davis, a strong two-way player who has 11 goals and seven assists.

"I'm pleased for our seniors," said Orcutt, "because this acknowledges their sacrifice, commitment and achievement over the four years. I'm also delighted at the recognition our underclassmen got, which bodes well for our future."

Cohasset will begin eastern Massachusetts tournament play right after Memorial Day weekend. The seedings and draw for the tournament are scheduled for Thursday, May 24.

Cohasset lacrosse season in review

Season Scoring

Player	goals	assists	total
Buick	45	32	77
Previte	38	21	59
Libby	24	23	47
Kahn	23	16	39
Moore	17	10	27
Davis, Matt	16	9	25
Anderson	14	4	18
Forrer	7	7	14
Hickey	6	7	13
Weber	6	5	11
Chase	5	4	9
Spirito	4	1	5
Devine	3		3
Devito	1	2	3
Reardon	1	1	2
McWilliams		1	1
Langham		1	1

Season Record (12-5, 7-4 Pilgrim)

Cohasset 22, Scituate 3	Hingham 9, Cohasset 7
Cohasset 11, Norwell 5	Cohasset 20, Barnstable 0
Cohasset 14, Barnstable 3	Duxbury 18, Cohasset 6
Cohasset 18, Bourne 1	Cohasset 1, Hanover 0 (forfeit)
Cohasset 14, Sandwich 5	Marshfield 13, Cohasset 9
Falmouth 10, Cohasset 6	Cohasset forfeit to Cath. Memorial
Cohasset 21, Hanover 9	Cohasset 10, Ashland 7
Cohasset 8, Norwell 4	***(Emass tournament)***
Cohasset 16, Walpole 4	Cohasset 15, Catholic Memorial 3

Golf team takes baby steps

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are just not that good yet."

The thrust of that sentence, of course, is the "yet." This team only has one senior graduating this year in Ted Gledhill, an All-Star for the Skippers.

Junior All-Stars Will Prendergast and Jay Bertovich, who played the number one and number two spots for the team this year, both recorded 92's in the 18 hole competition in Easton. Unfortunately, it appears that both of these juniors will not be able to compete on the team in their senior year, as golf is becoming a fall sport in Cohasset, and Prendergast has committed to football and Bertovich to soccer.

"This year, it stinks," said Sweeney of the seasonal shift. "Next year, we would have come back with everyone except Teddy."

Also in the Easton tournament, sophomore Rob Lehr, who has been playing the number five position for Cohasset, shined with a 93.

"I was really pleased with that," said Sweeney.

Junior Dave Bouchard, who may very well take over the number one spot next year in Prendergast's absence, put in a respectable showing at 99 for the day.

Gledhill and Moody, also a question mark for next fall with a hockey commitment, both turned in rounds of 105.

Though Sweeney is never one to make excuses for himself or his team, Cohasset did come into this tournament handicapped. Due to the inclement weather of late, the team has been unable to practice at the Cohasset Country Club. In addition, when the Skippers took on Easton, it was the very first time they had even been to that particular course.

Anyway one looks at it, this has been a season of success for the Skippers. With at least three eighth graders who, according to Sweeney, can shoot in the 80's, waiting for next year to make their mark, and sophomores Gregory Griffin-O'Brien, Chris McKenna and Terry Hurley eager to make a statement, this fall could very well see a continuation of the upswing for the Cohasset High golf program.

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EXTRA MILE



JOE REARDON

and looks to be a fixture in the coming track seasons. She went undefeated in the 100 this season and captured the Patriot League title in the event.

Cohasset's Brian Krupczak was successful in defending his Class D title, despite limping through the trials with a hamstring pull. Krupczak ran 23.6 in the preliminaries and 23.7 in the semifinal heat before churning out a 23.02 and first place in the finals..

Scituate's Aquila Judge won her first class title ever with her 18-3/4 leap in the long jump and followed it up with No. 2 in out-dueling Hopkinton freshman Tiana Riel in the 110 hurdles. Judge and Riel were even over the first three hurdles before the Scituate junior bore down and pulled away from the Hilltopper phenom in 15.12.

Scituate finished third in the girls' team scoring with 40-1/2 points. Senior Jane Thies didn't have the eye-popping meet she had at the South Shore Principals the previous Saturday, but still set a personal best of 35-3-1/2 in placing second in the triple jump. Thies also cleared 5 feet in the high jump to come away with two top-six performances.

Norwell freshman Tom Kleber showed he'll be a runner to watch in the future as he more than held his own in taking fourth in the 800 with a time of 2:03.27. Tim Baird of Cohasset ran a strong sixth in the mile with a time of 4:38.24 and Abington's Joe LaBresh pushed hard to take fifth in the 400 in 52.6.

The Sacred Heart duo of Reed Sibley and Ian Roberts went 5-6 in the 110 hurdles in 16.17 and 16.25, respectively. Matt Boyd's leap of 5-10 was good enough for fifth place in the high jump. John Lannon clinched a top-six finish with his 127-3 hurl in the discus.

Sacred Heart's Polly Burokas, of Marshfield, ran a 62.1 for sixth-place over 400 meters and Cohasset freshman Gillian Weber ran a fine 2:30.98 to nail down sixth in the 800. Scituate High's Kiely Cuddihy qualified for the All-States with a fourth-place, 34-2 heave in the shot put.

The top six finishers in each event have qualified for the All-State Championships 's at Worcester State College this weekend.

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d, will be using this match as a feeling out for their South Shore League opponents, as both Harwich and Mashpee will be joining the SSL next year for all sports.

The Scituate losses, though non-league, kept the Sailors from qualifying for the states, as it closed out their season at 6-9.

Some of the top teams in the draw, Bourne and Sharon for example, will be completely foreign to Cohasset. But others, like Norwell and Hanover of the current South Shore League, have had competitive matches with the Skippers this year.

While Cohasset may not know what to expect upon making the trek out to the arm of Massachusetts, a strong showing may very well land them in the next round.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

ea is unbeaten for the Cohasset High team since moving to s.

SPORTS NOTES

Jade Forest wins at tourney

Students from Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi of Cohasset and Rockland recently competed at the Boston Kung Fu/Wu Shu Invitational Tournament held on Saturday, May 5. Twenty Jade Forest students garnered 43 medals overall.

The following Cohasset students won trophies in their divisions:

Katie, Majeskie, Young Teens Division, won first place in forms, third place in short weapons and third place in long weapons.

Rachel Ives, Older Advanced Teens Division. won first place in hands forms and second place in long weapons.

Ketan Gajria, Younger Advanced Teens Division, won first place in fighting and third palce in hands form..

Erica Dieselman, Older Advanced Teen Division, won second place in hand forms and second place in flexible weapons.

Gordon Brown, Older Advanced Teens Division, won first place in long weapons, second place in open weapons, second place in short weapons and third place in traditional hand forms.

Chase Stebbins, Intermediate Pee Wees Division, won second place in hand forms and second place in fighting.

Danny Mendes, Intermediate Pee Wees Division, won third place in fighting.

Dan Bates, Advanced Division, won first place in open weapons.

Greg Gallagher, Intermediate Kids Division, won second place in fighting.

Stephanie Fewsmith, Advanced Juniors Division, won third place in hand forms.

Jack Kahrs, Intermediate Pee Wee Division, won second place in fighting.

Florence Leger, Beginner Kids Division, won first place in fighting.

David Higbee, Advanced Juniors Division, won first place in short weapons and second place in hand forms.

Chelsea Sternberg, Intermediate Kids Division, won second place in fighting and second place in hand forms.

Chelsea Randall, Beginner Juniors Division, won third place in hand forms.

Summer Sports Camp

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Field hockey clinic

Debbie Bostwick, the Cohasset High head field hockey coach for 13 years, is holding a field hockey clinic for girls, grades six through nine, from Aug. 15-17 at the Deer Hill Elementary School (9 a.m. to 12 noon).

The clinic offers basic skill development for both beginners and young players. There will be an introduction to rules, game play, teamwork, team play and sportsmanship.

Players should bring shin-guards, a field hockey stick, snack and drinks.

The cost is $75 per player. This will include T-Shirt, game ball and mouth guard.

Applications can be obtained at the Cohasset Recreation Department in town hall, from the Cohasset High Athletic Department or by calling Deb Bostwick at 781-826-5165.

Registrations are limited and first come first served. Applications should be returned no later than July 1.

Rec. Dept. camps

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 2001, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball — Milliken Field, Monday, June 25, to Friday, June 29; ages 5 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $150; ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $80. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club, Frank Niles.

North East Speed Training Camps — Milliken Field, Mondays and Wednesdays, June 25, to July 24; boys and girls ages 9 to 13, 6 to 8 p.m., price $85.

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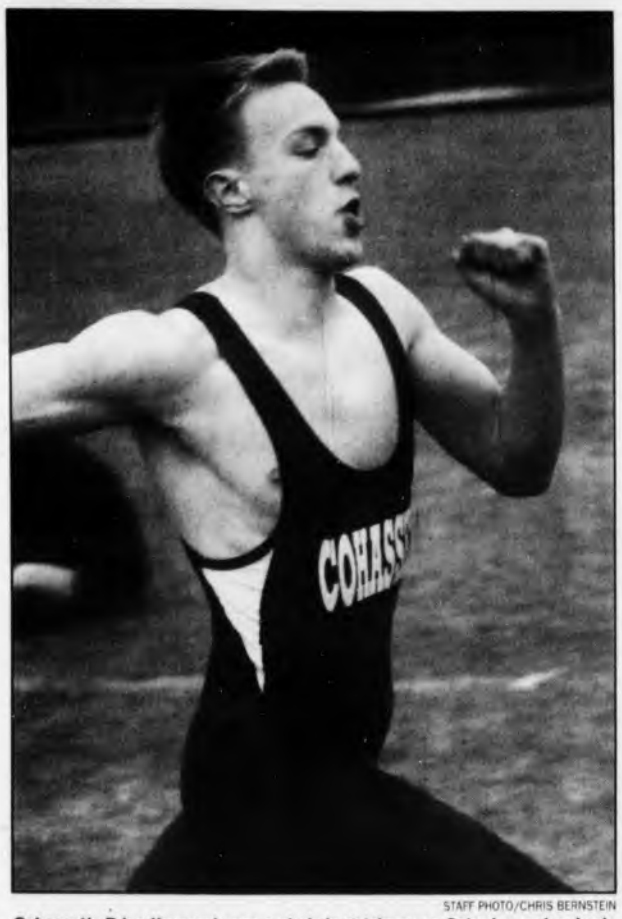
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Cohasset's Brian Krupczak was a study in gutsiness on Saturday, as he shook off a severe muscle pull to finish first in the Class D 200-meter dash for the second year in a row.

Gutting it out

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tied for ninth with 11 points.

"I wouldn't say I'm disappointed because we had some real nice individual performances," said LaFontain. "I do think that there were a few people who felt the pressure a little more than we hoped, but that's somewhat understandable. That happens to a lot of athletes. This is a pretty big deal after all."

Krupczak's was one of four individual Cohasset athletes to qualify for the All-State meet with top six finishes on Saturday.

Junior Pete Maitland took third in the javelin with his toss of 170-2, and fellow junior Tim Baird captured sixth in the mile with a time of 4:38.24.

The boys 4 x 100 relay team took fourth with a time of 45.73.

On the girls side, freshman Gillian Weber opened some eyes by finishing sixth in the 800.

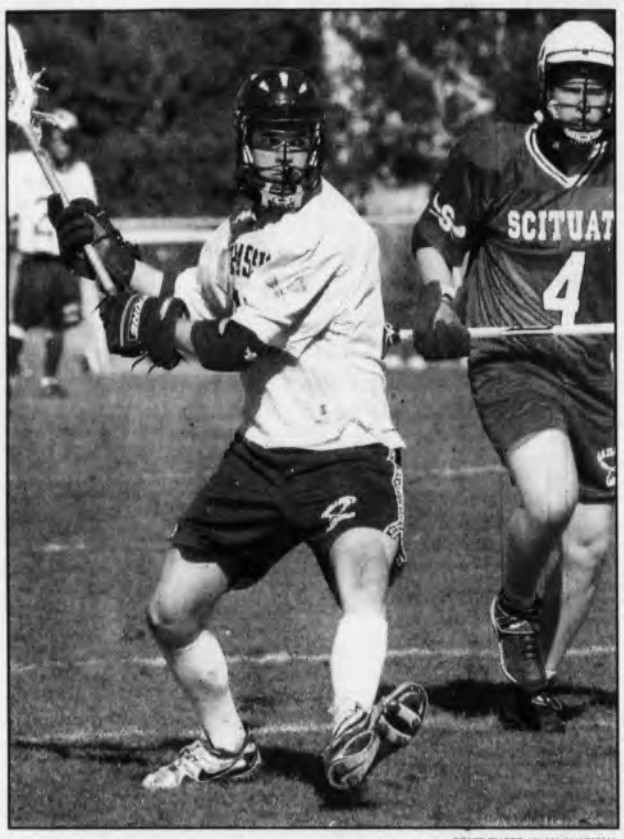
Skippers swamp CM

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Ashland vs. Martha's Vineyard, which was to be played on Wednesday. The Skippers will wait to see whether the game will take place on Saturday or Sunday at Alumni.

"Weather could be a factor in the scheduling," said athletic director Ron Ford. "Alumni's wet and kind of beaten up, and with rain predicted for Friday, we'd like to give the turf a chance to recover."

Tuesday's contest rewrote the record book for Cohasset in EMass tournament play. The Skippers advanced past the first round for only the third time in the program's existence. In doing so, they set the following records: most goals scored in a tournament game (15), margin of victory (12), and number of goal scorers (8). Individual records set for Cohasset tournament play included total points in a game (seven, Libby), and assists in a game (five, Libby). Paul Previte's four goals tie a tournament record set by 1996 captain Ken Leahy, currently Providence College's all-time leading scorer.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The Skippers were a different team with the return of their star, Ronan Buick (pictured here unleashing a shot), in Tuesday night's 15-3 opening round shellacking of Catholic Memorial.

Pierson recipient of Vassar's Richey Award

Cohasset's Beth Pierson was chosen for the Betty Richey Award, Vassar College's Office of Athletics announced at its annual end-of-the-year banquet. The award is named after Richey, a former coach, teacher and administrator at Vassar. Field hockey, lacrosse and squash coaches may nominate an underclasswoman from their respective sports.

Pierson was selected because she exemplifies the best of Richey, including loyalty, self-reliance, initiative, excellent sportswomanship and leadership qualities. The sophomore started all 20 games in field hockey, leading the team in goals scored with seven and was fourth in points with 14. In lacrosse, she started 12-of-15 matches and scored six goals.

"Since her first year at Vassar," Head Coach Judy Finerghty said, "Beth has worked hard in practice games. She completes drills, gives words of encouragement to her teammates and spends extra time perfecting her skills."

Pierson, an environmental studies major, was named to the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association's All-Academic team for both sports.

Vassar's field hockey team finished the year with a 13-7 mark, setting a school record for wins. The Brewers took second in their inaugural UCAA season, captured third at the Seven Sisters Championship and qualified for the ECAC Northeast Championship.

Five laxers named All-Stars

Buick, Weber Get First-Team Honors

Five members of the Cohasset boys' varsity lacrosse team were named to the Pilgrim Conference all-star team Sunday night.

Senior co-captain Ronan Buick and junior goalie Kyle Weber were both first-team selections, announced Coach Kevin Orcutt. The Pilgrim coaches picked 14 players from the league's nine schools to the first team, and another 18 players to the second team.

Buick, winning all-league honors for the third time, leads Cohasset in scoring with 43 goals and 32 assists. Weber, who took over as a starter midway through his sophomore year, has posted 145 saves in 12 games while allowing 76 goals, an excellent .656 save percentage. Weber has also scored five goals this season in limited duty as an attackman.

Named to the all-conference second team were senior defenseman and co-captain Geoff McWilliams, a four-year varsity starter, junior attackman Paul Previte, the team's second-leading scorer with 28 goals and 15 assists, and sophomore midfielder Matt Davis, a strong two-way player who has 11 goals and seven assists.

"I'm pleased for our seniors," said Orcutt, "because this acknowledges their sacrifice, commitment and achievement over the four years. I'm also delighted at the recognition our underclassmen got, which bodes well for our future."

Cohasset will begin eastern Massachusetts tournament play right after Memorial Day weekend. The seedings and draw for the tournament are scheduled for Thursday, May 24.

Cohasset lacrosse season in review

Season Scoring

Player	goals	assists	total
Buick	45	32	77
Previte	38	21	59
Libby	24	23	47
Kahn	23	16	39
Moore	17	10	27
Davis, Matt	16	9	25
Anderson	14	4	18
Forrer	7	7	14
Hickey	6	7	13
Weber	6	5	11
Chase	5	4	9
Spirito	4	1	5
Devine	3		3
Devito	1	2	3
Reardon	1	1	2
McWilliams		1	1
Langham		1	1

Season Record (12-5, 7-4 Pilgrim)

Cohasset 22, Scituate 3	Hingham 9, Cohasset 7
Cohasset 11, Norwell 5	Cohasset 20, Barnstable 0
Cohasset 14, Barnstable 3	Duxbury 18, Cohasset 6
Cohasset 18, Bourne 1	Cohasset 1, Hanover 0 (forfeit)
Cohasset 14, Sandwich 5	Marshfield 13, Cohasset 9
Falmouth 10, Cohasset 6	Cohasset forfeit to Cath. Memorial
Cohasset 21, Hanover 9	Cohasset 10, Ashland 7
Cohasset 8, Norwell 4	***(Emass tournament)***
Cohasset 16, Walpole 4	Cohasset 15, Catholic Memorial 3

Golf team takes baby steps

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are just not that good yet."

The thrust of that sentence, of course, is the "yet." This team only has one senior graduating this year in Ted Gledhill, an All-Star for the Skippers.

Junior All-Stars Will Prendergast and Jay Bertovich, who played the number one and number two spots for the team this year, both recorded 92's in the 18 hole competition in Easton. Unfortunately, it appears that both of these juniors will not be able to compete on the team in their senior year, as golf is becoming a fall sport in Cohasset, and Prendergast has committed to football and Bertovich to soccer.

"This year, it stinks," said Sweeney of the seasonal shift. "Next year, we would have come back with everyone except Teddy."

Also in the Easton tournament, sophomore Rob Lehr, who has been playing the number five position for Cohasset, shined with a 93.

"I was really pleased with that," said Sweeney.

Junior Dave Bouchard, who may very well take over the number one spot next year in Prendergast's absence, put in a respectable showing at 99 for the day.

Gledhill and Moody, also a question mark for next fall with a hockey commitment, both turned in rounds of 105.

Though Sweeney is never one to make excuses for himself or his team, Cohasset did come into this tournament handicapped. Due to the inclement weather of late, the team has been unable to practice at the Cohasset Country Club. In addition, when the Skippers took on Easton, it was the very first time they had even been to that particular course.

Anyway one looks at it, this has been a season of success for the Skippers. With at least three eighth graders who, according to Sweeney, can shoot in the 80's, waiting for next year to make their mark, and sophomores Gregory Griffin-O'Brien, Chris McKenna and Terry Hurley eager to make a statement, this fall could very well see a continuation of the upswing for the Cohasset High golf program.

Send us your sports news

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It was a day of redemption for Norwell's Kayla Halloran at Saturday's Class D track and field championships on the Clippers' home track.

Halloran, who had gone weeks struggling in her races, returned in grand fashion with a stirring 5 minute, 11.4 win in the mile. The junior ran a hard third-quarter to pull away from Scituate's Emily Tansey, who finished third in 5:19.7, just two seconds off her best and her fastest of the spring.

Rockland's Nicole Christoforo had a death grip on fourth place, guaranteeing herself a trip to this Saturday's All-State championships at Worcester State College in a mile race dominated by South Shore runners.

The brother and sister combo of Rockland's Bob and Melissa Murphy also qualified for the All-States. Bob, a three-sport standout, broke 20 feet for the first time in winning the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 9-3/4 inches. Melissa, who is just a sophomore, nearly walked away with first-place honors in the 100-meter dash, but fell just short of Mashpee's Chimeka Andrews. She was timed in 12.68 to Andrews' 12.67. Melissa set a personal best in the qualifying heats and looks to be a fixture in the coming track seasons. She went undefeated in the 100 this season and captured the Patriot League title in the event.

Cohasset's Brian Krupczak was successful in defending his Class D title, despite limping through the trials with a hamstring pull. Krupczak ran 23.6 in the preliminaries and 23.7 in the semifinal heat before churning out a 23.02 and first place in the finals..

Scituate's Aquila Judge won her first class title ever with her 18-3/4 leap in the long jump and followed it up with No. 2 in out-dueling Hopkinton freshman Tiana Riel in the 110 hurdles. Judge and Riel were even over the first three hurdles before the Scituate junior bore down and pulled away from the Hilltopper phenom in 15.12.

Scituate finished third in the girls' team scoring with 40-1/2 points. Senior Jane Thies didn't have the eye-popping meet she had at the South Shore Principals the previous Saturday, but still set a personal best of 35-3-1/2 in placing second in the triple jump. Thies also cleared 5 feet in the high jump to come away with two top-six performances.

Norwell freshman Tom Kleber showed he'll be a runner to watch in the future as he more than held his own in taking fourth in the 800 with a time of 2:03.27. Tim Baird of Cohasset ran a strong sixth in the mile with a time of 4:38.24 and Abington's Joe LaBresh pushed hard to take fifth in the 400 in 52.6.

The Sacred Heart duo of Reed Sibley and Ian Roberts went 5-6 in the 110 hurdles in 16.17 and 16.25, respectively. Matt Boyd's leap of 5-10 was good enough for fifth place in the high jump. John Lannon clinched a top-six finish with his 127-3 hurl in the discus.

Sacred Heart's Polly Burokas, of Marshfield, ran a 62.1 for sixth-place over 400 meters and Cohasset freshman Gillian Weber ran a fine 2:30.98 to nail down sixth in the 800. Scituate High's Kiely Cuddihy qualified for the All-States with a fourth-place, 34-2 heave in the shot put.

The top six finishers in each event have qualified for the All-State Championships 's at Worcester State College this weekend.

Boys open tourney in Harwich

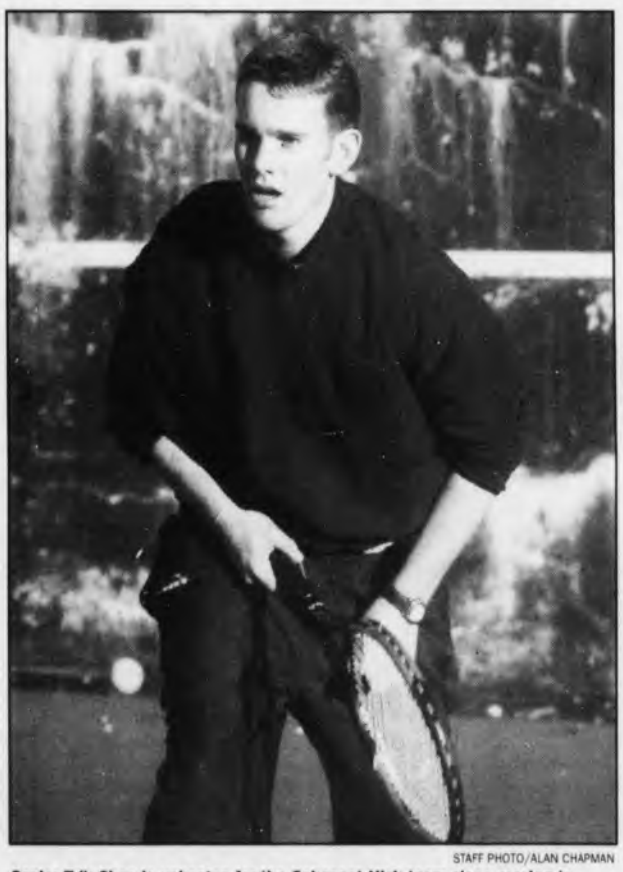
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Harwich, entering this contest with a 10-2 record, will be using this match as a feeling out for their South Shore League opponents, as both Harwich and Mashpee will be joining the SSL next year for all sports.

The Scituate losses, though non-league, kept the Sailors from qualifying for the states, as it closed out their season at 6-9.

Some of the top teams in the draw, Bourne and Sharon for example, will be completely foreign to Cohasset. But others, like Norwell and Hanover of the current South Shore League, have had competitive matches with the Skippers this year.

While Cohasset may not know what to expect upon making the trek out to the arm of Massachusetts, a strong showing may very well land them in the next round.



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Senior Erik Shea is unbeaten for the Cohasset High team since moving to second singles.

SPORTS NOTES

Jade Forest wins at tourney

Students from Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi of Cohasset and Rockland recently competed at the Boston Kung Fu/Wu Shu Invitational Tournament held on Saturday, May 5. Twenty Jade Forest students garnered 43 medals overall.

The following Cohasset students won trophies in their divisions:

Katie, Majeskie, Young Teens Division, won first place in forms, third place in short weapons and third place in long weapons.

Rachel Ives, Older Advanced Teens Division. won first place in hands forms and second place in long weapons.

Ketan Gajria, Younger Advanced Teens Division, won first place in fighting and third palce in hands form..

Erica Dieselman, Older Advanced Teen Division, won second place in hand forms and second place in flexible weapons.

Gordon Brown, Older Advanced Teens Division, won first place in long weapons, second place in open weapons, second place in short weapons and third place in traditional hand forms.

Chase Stebbins, Intermediate Pee Wees Division, won second place in hand forms and second place in fighting.

Danny Mendes, Intermediate Pee Wees Division, won third place in fighting.

Dan Bates, Advanced Division, won first place in open weapons.

Greg Gallagher, Intermediate Kids Division, won second place in fighting.

Stephanie Fewsmith, Advanced Juniors Division, won third place in hand forms.

Jack Kahrs, Intermediate Pee Wee Division, won second place in fighting.

Florence Leger, Beginner Kids Division, won first place in fighting.

David Higbee, Advanced Juniors Division, won first place in short weapons and second place in hand forms.

Chelsea Sternberg, Intermediate Kids Division, won second place in fighting and second place in hand forms.

Chelsea Randall, Beginner Juniors Division, won third place in hand forms.

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The clinic offers basic skill development for both beginners and young players. There will be an introduction to rules, game play, teamwork, team play and sportsmanship.

Players should bring shin-guards, a field hockey stick, snack and drinks.

The cost is $75 per player. This will include T-Shirt, game ball and mouth guard.

Applications can be obtained at the Cohasset Recreation Department in town hall, from the Cohasset High Athletic Department or by calling Deb Bostwick at 781-826-5165.

Registrations are limited and first come first served. Applications should be returned no later than July 1.

Rec. Dept. camps

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OBITUARIES

Anna R. Grassie

Anna R. Grassie, 89, a life-long resident of Cohasset, died May 20, 2001 at Southwood at Norwell after a brief illness.

Daughter of the late Anthony and Anna (Rose) Grassie, she was born, raised, and educated in Cohasset. Miss Grassie worked on her father's lobster boat from 1930 to 1955. Her picture with her father was the first picture as you enter Kimball's Restaurant holding an 18 pound lobster. In 1955, she went to work at Stop in Shop in Braintree for the next 20 years.

She leaves a cousin Rose Lennerton of Hingham. She was also the aunt of the late Robert Lennerton.

The Rev. William Hickey officiated a funeral Mass that was celebrated at St. Helen Church in Norwell. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Barbara J. McCabe

Barbara J. (McDonald) McCabe, 48, of Hanover, died May 21, 2001, in the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a brief illness.

Mrs. McCabe was born in Boston, the daughter of Raymond and Geraldine (DiMatteo) McDonald, she was raised and educated in Medford and has lived in Hanover since 1981.

Mrs. McCabe was a 1970 graduate of Medford High School, a 1975 graduate of Fitchburg State College and received a masters degree in 1998 from Lesley College. She started as a teacher in the Medford School System and later taught special needs in the Norwell School System. Mrs. McCabe had taught several years for the Cohasset Men's Collaborative and has been teaching special needs students for the Town of Cohasset Public Schools. She was an active member of St. Mary's Church in Hanover, where she taught in the CCD Program, was an instructor for the Marrage Preparation Program and was a volunteer at the Annual Christmas Bazaar. She was a Girl Scout Leader, a summer camp counselor and taught arts and crafts at Camp Friendship. Mrs. McCabe was a Member of the Mass Teachers Association and the National Education Association, and the Cohasset Teachers Association.

She leaves three daughters Kathleen E. McCabe, Sarah A. McCabe and Emily M. McCabe, all of Hanover; her former husband, William F. McCabe of Pembroke; her parents, Raymond P. and Geraldine (DiMatteo) McDonald of Medford; two brothers, Robert A. McDonald of East Sandwich and John M. McDonald of Wakefield; two sisters: Joanne Daly of Melrose and Susan Legere of Newmarker, N.H. and many nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Mass was in St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church, in Hanover. Interment will be in the Hanover Center Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by the Sullivan Funeral Home in Hanover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the McCabe Children's Trust Fund, c/o Rockland Trust Co., Columbia Road, Hanover, 02339.

WORSHIP NEWS

Summer Mass

The summer Mass schedule will begin June 3, at St. Anthony Parish. The first Mass on Sunday morning will be 7 a.m. rather than 8 a.m. through the summer; the others at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday and 5 p.m. Saturday will remain the same.

Weekday Masses are 7 a.m. and on Saturday, 8 a.m. The parish also sponsors a rosary dedicated to respect for life at 9 a.m. each Friday. And on this Friday, June 1, and the first Friday of each month, there is a 5 p.m. Mass followed by Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration until 10 p.m.

St. Stephen's presents musical biblical story

On Saturday, June 2 at 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Players will present "Rescue in the Night." Written by Tom S. Long and Allen Pote, this musical about Daniel is a lighthearted but faithful rendition of the Biblical story of courage and obedience.

Under the musical direction of Fred Guzasky and Linda DeRosa-Coakley, the cast tells the story with songs, such as the "Wisdom Contest" and the "Plotting Song." The soulful "What Will Become of Daniel?" prepares the audience for the menacing lions in "Step into Our Den." Daniel's triumph is celebrated with "Here I Am, Lord" and the exuberance of the entire cast is heard in the rousing finale, "The One True King."

Sometimes laughter has a way of opening people to experience the presence of God. So please come and enjoy the experience for yourself. "Rescue in the Night" will be performed in Walton Rodgers Hall at the church. There is no admission charge; however, a free-will offering will be accepted.

St. Stephen's is located at 16 Highland Ave. and there is plenty of parking in the village lot. For more information, please call the church office at 781-383-1083.

ADL civil rights counsel at temple

Andrew Tarsy, the Anti-Defamation League civil rights counsel, will speak at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, on Friday, June 1 a t the 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat service.

Tarsy will talk about President Bush's faith-based initiatives and will discuss the effect of these on the Jewish community.

The temple is located at 1112 Main St., Hingham and is wheelchair accessible. Non-members are always welcome.

For information or directions, please call 781-749-8103.

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1:56 a.m. Nantasket Ave., assist other police department, log entry.

7:16 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:33 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:03 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient sign off.

9:54 a.m. Cushing Hwy, assist motorist.

10:50 a.m. Pond St., fire, misc., departmental action.

1:09 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:51 p.m. Pond St., larceny, log entry.

5:21 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

7:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle accident.

9:06 a.m. Pleasant St., accident, motor vehicle.

10 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire, inspection.

12:17 p.m. King St., medical aid, patient sign off.

2:05 p.m. Central Park Dr., medical aid, canceled before arrival.

3:09 p.m. Pond St., fire, investigation, departmental action.

6 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle violations.

6:45 p.m. Beechwood St., well being check, investigated, report taken.

7:30 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity, investigated.

8:29 p.m. Pleasant St., well being check, investigated, report taken.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

1:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, services rendered.

6:39 a.m. Summer St. and Black Horse Lane, vandalism, departmental action.

10:55 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:13 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:11 p.m. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

4:50 p.m. Cushing Hwy, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

5:31 p.m. South Main St. and River St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:42 p.m. Pleasant St., warrant of apprehension, removed to hospital.

9:57 p.m. Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle violations, log entry.

10:19 p.m. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

6:06 a.m. Indian Winds Dr., fire, misc., departmental action.

6:06 a.m. Indian Winds Dr., assist other agency, departmental action.

6:29 a.m. Elm St., noise complaint, departmental action.

6:34 a.m. Joy Place, abandoned 911 call.

9:19 a.m. Grace Dr., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:32 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, canceled before arrival.

10:11 a.m. Highland Ave., fire, investigation.

12:15 p.m. Cushing Hwy, disturbance, investigated.

1:51 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle violations, departmental action.

2:50 p.m. Elm Ct., trespassing, departmental action.

5:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disturbance. Arrest of Dennis R. Means, 50, of 5 Vautrinot Ave., Hull. Chgs: Trespass on land, dwelling, etc.

10:51 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

1:14 a.m. Elm St., registration inquiry, log entry.

5:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:58 a.m. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:08 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident, log entry.

10:04 a.m. Stockbridge St., fire, inspections, departmental action.

10:13 a.m. Elm St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

10:30 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, inspections, departmental action.

10:38 p.m. Sohier St., fire, misc., departmental action.

11:41 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., officer wanted, departmental action.

1:36 p.m. South Main St., larceny, investigated.

3:15 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:15 p.m. Woodland Dr., suspicious person, departmental action.

4:17 p.m. Elm St., general services.

4:30 p.m. Summer St., general services, services rendered.

5:06 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:14 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:19 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:30 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:35 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:38 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:48 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning..

5:51 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6 p.m. Border St., parking violation, services rendered.

6:12 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:15 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:35 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:45 p.m. Mill Lane, animal control, log entry.

7:03 p.m. Arrowwood Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:08 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

7:15 p.m. Forest Ave. and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:25 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:27 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:43 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

7:47 p.m. Nichols Rd., assist citizen, services rendered.

7:50 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:57 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:59 p.m. HQ, assault, investigated, report taken.

10:41 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

7:52 a.m. King St., animal control, referred to other agency.

10:09 a.m. Beechwood St., animal control, log entry.

10:56 a.m. South Main St., animal control, services rendered.

11:22 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control, services rendered.

2:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy, traffic complaint, services rendered.

3:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy, larceny. Arrest of juvenile, 16 years. Chgs: illegal possession of a Class D substance, shoplifting by asportation of merchandise, larceny of property $250 or less.

3:41 p.m. Surry Dr., fire, investigation, departmental action.

4:02 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle accident. Arrest of Barry J. Scott, 51, of 12 Park Ave., Apt. 9, Hull. Chgs: Operating under the influence of liquor, failure to stay within marked lanes.

5:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Saundra E. Goodfellow, 31, of 553 Beechwood St., Cohasset. Chgs: Warrant, default.

6:45 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

6:50 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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7:05 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

7:10 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

7:14 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

8:53 p.m. South Main St., animal control, log entry.

9:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Clement G. Filho, 29, of 6 Main St., Apt 1, Quincy. Chgs: Operating under the influence of liquor, failure to stay within marked lanes, state highway/following too close.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

11:28 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

11:58 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control, log entry.

3:35 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., officer wanted, departmental action.

5:52 p.m. Atlantic Ave., trespassing, departmental action.

6:14 p.m. Sohier St., parking violation, log entry.

8:15 p.m. Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:46 p.m. Wheeler Park, assist other police department, departmental action.

LIBRARY CORNER

Retirement party

The Friends of the Library, the Library Trustees and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library staff invites the community and friends of Susan Watrous to a celebration in her honor. Susan, a librarian at Pratt Memorial Library for 29 years retires the beginning of June.



A party for Susan will be held on Friday, June 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the home of Linda Wakeman, President of the Friends of the Library, at 255 Atlantic Ave.

Suzanne Terry, the children's librarian at Pratt for 15 years, will also be honored at this time. Suzanne has taken a new position as the very first children's librarian at the Boston Athenaeum.

Come bid a fond farewell on June 15 to two of the library's finest.

Thank you

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library staff would like to extend its thanks to Jim Benedict who recently donated a copy machine to the library's back office. It is a very convenient addition for all and everyone is grateful for Jim's generosity.

Children's room

A free series of programs for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5 years began this spring. This combination of entertaining performances began May 4 and continues through Thursday, June 21.

The Music Lady joined Pratt Library May 12 and is scheduled to return on Thursday, June 21 at 7 p.m. Pre-school children are invited to bring their favorite bear and pajamas are optional. All programs are sponsored by South Shore Community Action and "Helping Children Have Success Now."

Summer reading program

Look for this year's summer reading program information soon! The Pratt Library will be sponsoring the "Score Big with Books" reading program which will include a wonderful selection of posters and prizes for children of all ages.

The program begins the day after school ends. For information, call 781-383-1348.

Video event for teens

Calling all Cohasset teens, in grades 7 through 12! You are invited to create a short video (no more than 20 minutes long) this summer. Create an original video that does not include any copyrighted images or music.

Submit your entry to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. A local panel of judges will view all entries and determine one grand prize winner from one of the participating South Shore libraries. Screenings of all videos will take place at the "Oscar Night of Stars" on Friday, August 24 at 7 p.m. at the Duxbury Free Library.

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Unlocking the DOORS

The Soft Parade pays tribute to Jim Morrison's legacy



The doors tribute band The Soft Parade will perform at Norwell's Company Theatre Saturday, June 16.

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

It's about as close as you can come to the real Doors since that day back in 1971, when the band's revered front man Jim Morrison died — or as some believe, simply disappeared.

Joe Russo, front man and honorary Jim Morrison of the New Jersey-based Doors tribute band The Soft Parade, would probably tell you just this himself. Together since 1990, The Soft Parade has taken its appreciation for the musical legacy of the band to becoming not just the world's premier Doors tribute act — touring throughout the U.S. as well as countries in Europe, Central America, Canada and Isreal — but also critical raves as perhaps the best of all the tribute bands on the international circuit, a field that has included performing homages to the Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Aerosmith, Pink Floyd, The Grateful Dead and scores of others.

THE SOFT PARADE
TRIBUTE TO THE DOORS

Russo is not afraid to let you know about his band's ability to replicate virtually every aspect of the classic Doors show, from the music and onstage theatrics to the costuming, live-set visuals and overall legendary atmosphere and attitude. And he does so with a healthy confidence and assuredness that would impress even the late Lizard King himself.

The singer/performance-artist also mentions that The Soft Parade, named for an epic-length title track of a Doors album, has never gone a week in its eleven years of carrying the Doors torch without playing a live date somewhere. Two weeks from Saturday, the tribute lives on as the band parades into Norwell's Company Theatre, for an 8 p.m. show.

"From the time we first formed, we've tried to be the first Doors tribute act to recreate the band's entire live show, from the music and clothes to the way the band improvised and all their vintage equipment and instrumentation they used to create that unique sound," said Russo. "I think we've succeeded at reliving this aspect of the Doors experience and the positive reaction we've gotten from listeners and press and media people worldwide really speaks for itself."

Among those listeners is none other than former Doors keyboardist and co-founder Ray Manzarek, who has described The Soft Parade as "an excellent recreation of the Doors experience."

Manzarek is not the only ex-Door original to show his appreciation; guitarist Robbie Krieger was impressed enough to join the band onstage during its tour of France last year. And Soft Parade marked another career milestone in 1994 when it became the only tribute act invited to the Woodstock 25th Anniversary Festival at the original 1969 site in Bethel, New York (running simultaneously with the Anninversary Concert in Saugerties, New York), sharing the bill with such original Woodstock vets as Richie Havens, Mountain and Country Joe McDonald.

Said Russo, "Other Doors tribute bands have mostly just replicated the studio versions of the band's songs. We've taken the approach of doing the songs with a live feel, which has always seemed more creative and more vital. Plus, with our repertiore of over sixty Doors songs, up to 80 percent of them are songs that the actual Doors never played live. And a lot of these songs include the more obscure gems from the catalog, stuff like `Hyacinth House,' `Shaman's Blues,' `Love Street.' Also, `Waiting For the Sun,' with its really explosive keyboards and intense screams, is another lesser known song that we really like to do in our show."

"All this is what's made the difference with our act. While other Doors tribute bands have fallen by the wayside over the last few years, we've been able to endure and keep moving forward," Russo said.

Along with Russo, The Soft Parade includes guitarist Joseph Bilotti, keyboardist Mike Abel and drummer Roy Weinberger, playing the respective roles of Krieger, Manzarek and John Densmore. On his own, Russo has released a maxi-CD of original music and self-styled covers, featuring ex-Young Rascals drummer Dino Danelli as well as the singer's updated takes on songs by The Rolling Stones and 60s underground-rock legends Love (a favorite band of Morrison's). The CD, along with informative features and photo gallery links, is available on The Soft Parade's website at www.thesoftparade.com.

"More than anything, you have to appreciate The Doors' unique blend of performance style, the way they put together the theatrical aspect with the atmospheric," Russo said. "The music was very creative and innovative, but it also made you think and made you question with its lyrics and subject matter. The Doors had those types of songs, but they also had sweet, romantic ballads and played everything else from psychedelia and even world music to blues and flat-out, high-energy rock 'n' roll. This is pretty much why each succeeding generation has cottoned to the Doors' music like they have, because the music has never sounded dated."





The Pernice Brothers band includes Joe Pernice, Bob Pernice, Peyton Pinkerton, Laura Stein, Mike Belitsky, and Thom Monahan.

Striking chords

By Seth Jacobson
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After all his years in the music industry, Joe Pernice is not only releasing a new album with his band The Pernice Brothers on June 5—he is releasing it on a new record label which he co-founded —Ashmont Records.

Pernice, a Holbrook native, now a resident of western Massachusetts, co-owns the Dorchester-based record label along with South Shore Music Circus publicist Joyce Linehan.

Pernice's musical success comes after many years of writing music, recording, and touring, and it was only fate which brought him and Linehan to the same place.

"I met her when she was working at Sub-Pop Records in 1995," Pernice said, adding the Seattle-based record company has an east coast branch in Dorchester. "She was the one who actually signed me to that label. We hit it off."

Pernice explained at that time, Linehan signed he and his former band called the Scud Mountain Boys, which Pernice formed in 1994 while he was a graduate student at UMass-Amherst.

The Scud Mountain Boys released two critically acclaimed albums, but in 1997, Pernice began playing music with his brother Bob on the side.

"Bob and I decided it would be fun to record a couple of seven-inch singles on Sub-Pop," Pernice said. I was having a great time playing with him, and it was at that time that I figured out I was enjoying playing with the Scud Mountain Boys less and less."

Pernice said the Scud Mountain Boys broke up in 1997 because each of the band members seemed to be going in different musical directions. At the same time, Pernice, who was then forming a band with his brother, said he had some explaining to do to Sub-Pop records because he and the Scud Mountain Boys had a contract with the company.

"I talked to people at Sub-Pop about making The Pernice Brothers a full-time thing," Pernice said. And that is exactly what happened. Sub-Pop essentially agreed to let Pernice switch bands.



The cover of the Pernice Brothers' new album "The World Won't End."

Pernice knew there needed to be more to The Pernice Brothers than just he and Bob. So, he decided to regroup with many people he had worked with previously on other albums, including his bass-player Thom Monahan who produced six of Pernice's various bands' records.

The other band members include Mike Belitsky on drums, Laura Stein on keyboards and vocals, and Peyton Pinkerton on guitars and vocals. Pernice also recruited several other musicians for the studio including Jeremy Smith on percussion, Mike Daly, Jeffrey Underhill, and Joe Harvard on guitars, Anne Viebig on vocals, Jane Scarpentoni on cello, Antoine Silverman and Lorenza Ponce on violins, and David Gold on viola.

Pernice said when it was formed, his brother Bob decided to take a smaller role in the band because he already had a full-time job, and even until this day, Bob only plays with the band when they do local venues.

In May, 1998, The Pernice Brothers released their first album called "Overcome By Happiness" on Sub-Pop records. After that release, Pernice began working on what he called a "solo" project, although many Pernice Brothers members were involved in the effort.

In 1999, Pernice began talking to Linehan about the possibility of forming an independent record label together, and as a result, Linehan stopped working at Sub-Pop in order to pursue that idea.

In January, 2000, Pernice released his first solo effort called "Chappaquiddick Skyline," and in June of that same year, he released another solo album called "Big Tobacco." Both albums were distributed on Sub-Pop records, but despite that, Pernice still was able to get out of his contract with the company in order to work with Linehan and form Ashmont records.

Now, The Pernice Brothers are preparing for their first release on the label with an album called "The World Won't End."

"It's a pop record, really," Pernice said. "It's pretty lush...pretty full. There's a lot of guitars, harmonies, and a great string section. I'm a pretty dark lyricist, and the music is pretty melodic. I wouldn't know how to describe it—I don't really listen to the songs, I just make them."

The Pernice Brothers will start their overseas tour on May 30 as they will travel to places like the United Kingdom, Scotland, and Ireland. That part of the tour will last until June 12.

But when he is not touring or recording with the band, Pernice involves himself deeply within his craft.

"I write a lot," he said. "I basically get up everyday and play music. I think there are all different types of good songs out there, but I think my definition of a good song is one that sparks something inside of you, something that hits you on an emotional level. A good song is not something that has to be beautifully recorded as long as it stirs up some internal emotions."

For more information on The Pernice Brothers, log onto the Web at www.pernicebrothers.com. For more information on Ashmont Records, call (617) 282-2510 or log onto www.ashmontrecords.com.

Living

Strawberry-rhubarb crisp

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



The problem with crisps is that they are usually anything but crisp. The topping is sodden or gluey and is matched to a fruit base that is overly sweetened. Strawberry-rhubarb crisps have the added burden of using fruits that vary tremendously in flavor, texture, and sweetness. Instead of a heavy, dull dessert, I was looking for a truly crisp topping married to a fresh fruit base that tasted like fruit, not sugar.

The first issue was the fruit. Rhubarb ribs vary from 1/4 inch to 1 1/4 inches in width. For the sake of uniformity in cooking, I purchased fairly evenly sized stalks. I like using thinner ribs, 1/2 to 3/4 inches thick, since they are easier to handle and make nice, bite-sized pieces. One and a quarter pounds of rhubarb yields about 3 cups.

I know that some cooks soak rhubarb in cold water before cooking it to tone down its acidity (see Cook's Illustrated, May/June 2001), so I made crisps using rhubarb that had been soaked for 1 hour, 1/2 hour, and not at all. The rhubarb that was soaked for 1 hour was remarkably less tangy than the unsoaked rhubarb, while the rhubarb soaked for 1/2 hour was in between the two extremes. The soaking also dulled the color of the fruit. I preferred the unsoaked rhubarb since it had the signature tangy finish and the trademark jewel tone.So for this application, soaking was out. (Soaked rhubarb, however, does taste better in the English dessert called a fool, where a soft, creamy flavor is preferred.)

I thought the strawberries would be a cinch, but they turned out to be troublesome. My first trip to the market provided me with small, perfectly ripe, sweet berries, and I found that 1/2 cup of sugar for the fruit mixture was just right. During subsequent testing, however, I could find only very large berries that were white in the center as well as sour, and these required 2/3 cup sugar. (They also made an inferior crisp.) My conclusion is that a fruit crisp ought to be made with perfectly ripe strawberries, since they have a starring role.

The next question was how to thicken the fruit. The juice rendered from cooking the fruit is substantial, making the dish a bit on the soupy side. Nonetheless, when I tested Minute Tapioca and even potato starch, I preferred the crisp without thickener. Since a crisp is spooned out of the baking dish (a slice of pie needs to stand on its own) and the juices marry nicely to a scoop of vanilla ice cream, I found the extra juice to be a good thing. As for other ingredients, I preferred orange juice and zest over lemon juice and zest, the latter being too sour when matched with the rhubarb. Six cups of the fruit mixture fit nicely into a 9-inch pie dish or an 8-inch-square baking dish.

Now I was on to the topping. I had done a good deal of work with simple flour and oatmeal toppings. Both yielded gummy crisps. My solution was to use a combination of nuts and flour, which make a truly crisp top layer. I found walnuts to be bitter and therefore most prefer a combination of pecans and almonds, although either one by itself is fine. Most crisps use a heavy hand when it comes to spices, but I found a mere 1/8 teaspoon of cinnamon and nutmeg to be plenty. (I often leave them out entirely if the fruit is top quality.) The basic method is to pulse the dry flour, sugars (light brown and granulated), spices, and salt in a food processor (a hand method is also included below), then add cold butter and pulse until barely incorporated. The nuts are added next, and the mixture is processed quickly until the texture resembles wet sand. Do not overprocess.

For baking, I start out at 375 degrees for 40 minutes and turn the heat up to 400 degrees for an additional five minutes to crisp up the top. Crisps are best served warm or at room temperature.

EASY STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB CRISP

If you do not have a food processor, use finely chopped nuts and combine all dry ingredients, including the nuts, in a medium bowl. Add the chilled butter chunks and pinch between your fingers until the mixture looks like wet, lumpy sand.

Fruit

3 cups rhubarb ri
inch thick, cut dia
inch lengths (about

3 cups ripe strawberries, hulled and cut into bite-sized pieces
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon orange zest
Juice from 1/2 orange

Topping

6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon salt
5 tablespoons unsalted butter, chilled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
3/4 cup almonds and/or pecans, coarsely chopped

1. Heat the oven to 375 and adjust rack to center position. Toss fruit with the sugar, orange zest, and orange juice. Place mixture in a 9-inch pie plate or an 8-inch square



ing dish.

2. For the topping, place the flour, sugars, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt in the work bowl of a food processor. Add the butter and pulse until the mixture resembles coarse cornmeal, with pea-sized chunks of butter remaining. Add the nuts and pulse for about five 1-second bursts, or until the mixture looks like wet, lumpy sand. Be careful not to overprocess.

3. Distribute the topping evenly over the fruit and bake for 40 minutes. Increase the oven temperature to 400 degrees and bake 5 minutes more or until the fruit is bubbling and the topping is deep golden brown. Serve warm or at room temperature with vanilla ice cream. Serves 6

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, MAY 31

This is a wonderful day for vacationing, socializing. The Virgo moon becomes inactive at 5:40 a.m. until 6:41 a.m., when a Libra moon takes over. The moon interacts with Saturn in the afternoon and Neptune in the evening. In addition, Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, forms a harmonious alignment to Uranus. Influences are prime for starting important relationships or strengthening the ties in existing partnerships. Romance is in the air this evening. Ride the love boat to exotic ports.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

June is likely to be one of the most challenging months of the year. Expect the unexpected. Life will not be dull. Mercury and Mars travel in retrograde motion in opposing signs, Gemini and Sagittarius. Expansive Jupiter interacts with Mars and Mercury during the month. In addition, a solar eclipse culminates on June 21, the day the summer solstice arrives. All new starts are off limits. Cool your heels. Don't act anymore than you have to. Take a sabbatical. Today a Libra moon and Venus/Mars alignment highlights all social activities. Plan a romantic evening with the love in your life.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

The combination of a Scorpio moon, Mercury turning retrograde and full moon buildup makes for an intense weekend. Keep a low profile. Pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain a positive, lighthearted attitude. The Libra moon becomes inactive at 10:41 a.m. until 10:56 a.m., when it enters Scorpio. If you have work projects to accomplish, plan to finish jobs already begun, make repairs, redo, renovate.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Be sure to take extra quiet time out for yourself today. Instead of trying to change others or transform external situations, this is a time to look within, change your thinking and find a new course of action for yourself. The moon continues its travel in Scorpio. Others maybe pensive, moody, difficult to get along with. Making important decisions or launching large-scale enterprises are off limits. Finish old business rather than starting anything new.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

Gear up for a hectic, demanding day. Stop, look and listen. The planet Mercury takes the spotlight. At 1:22 a.m., Mercury, standing at the last degree of Gemini, begins retrograde travel until June 28. Although this period is not favorable for making changes in your external life, it is an ideal time for inner healing. Profound, life-transforming insights may come, if you have the quiet space and time to listen. In addition, a polarity of the sun and Pluto prompts you to let go of old habits, negative behaviors. Consider ways you can experience renewal. The Scorpio moon becomes inactive at 7:29 a.m. The final windup to the full moon begins at 4:58 p.m., when the moon enters Sagittarius.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

The full moon continues to build until 9:39 p.m., when it culminates at 15 1/2-degrees of Sagittarius. Slow down. Don't take risks. Channel high energy constructively. Tackle jobs you've been putting off and get them out of the way. A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Venus this evening urges you to open the doors to a higher level of communications with others.

Select fragrant plants for the spring landscape

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

PART II

Greatly needed soaking rains have rejuvenated our parched lawns and gardens, greening the landscape and promoting strong, lush growth in the perennial borders. The beneficial moisture has prompted new foliage to emerge from trees and shrubs decimated by the severe frost and with some warmth and sunshine most of these plants should now be on the road to recovery. Perhaps the only major drawback to this extended period of rainfall is the staggering number of weeds which seem to have germinated overnight in response to the dampness.

As I begin the never-ending chore of removing these intruders from the perennial borders, I pause to inhale the sweet perfume of a nearby patch of lily-of-the-valley (Convallaria). The slender, arching stems, bearing dainty, white, bell-shaped flowers, glisten in the dappled sunlight against a dense backdrop of large, satiny green leaves. The flowers of this May-blooming, rhizomatous groundcover rekindle childhood memories of wandering through my mother's woodland garden, picking bouquets of these fragrant stalks along with pink and blue wood hyacinths and sunny yellow buttercups.

A tiny rhizome was accidentally introduced into my garden years ago among plants I received as a gift and in recent years has spread vigorously to produce a dense carpet which is beginning to encroach upon my lawn, necessitating its constant removal. In recent years I have added a pink-flowering variety, C. rosea, and a rather unique variegated form, C. albostriata, characterized by longitudinal white stripes on the foliage although the latter has a tendency to revert to solid green leaves as it spreads. A hardy groundcover for moisture-retentive soils in sun or part shade, it is ideally suited for the naturalistic, woodland garden but may be too aggressive to be used in a formal, shady perennial border. Division is usually best performed in autumn.

A handsome addition to the sunny border, the spicy, clove-scented members of the Dianthus family will soon be smothered with dozens of 1-inch flowers in shades of pink, white and red, many of them speckled, spotted, eyed or margined in a contrasting color. Most of the perennial forms offer attractive, mat-forming, blue-green foliage which remains evergreen through the winter months. Prolonged dampness due to heavy soils, organic mulches, poor drainage or winter wetness will often cause them to succumb. Sandy, porous soils, to which lime has been added, are ideal, as Dianthus, commonly known as carnations or pinks, prefer neutral to slightly alkaline conditions.

Few fragrant shrubs are better known than lilacs (Syringa). These suckering, deciduous shrubs produce elegant, sweetly-scented, conical clusters containing a myriad of small, tubular, single or double flowers in shades of pink, lavender, blue, purple, or white. Numerous varieties are available, although the most popular types tend to be cultivars of the French lilacs (S. vulgaris) which exhibit rounded, heart-shaped leaves and may grow to an ultimate height of 20 feet or more. These floriferous shrubs should be grown in full sun in a neutral to alkaline, moisture-retentive soil. Lime should be applied around the base of plants on a yearly basis. Powdery mildew, leaf spot, and borers can be a problem.

As shrubs mature and expand in width and height, a vigorous renewal pruning may be advisable. Older trunks can be reduced to a foot or two in height or cut to the ground and will sprout new growth creating a denser, bushier shrub. It is usually wise to prune about one-third of the trunks each season to rejuvenate an old, leggy specimen.

In addition to the common lilac, several other types of lilacs are usually available through local sources. I am particularly fond of several varieties which demonstrate smaller stature and foliage including, the Littleleaf lilac (s. microphylla), the Korean lilac (S. meyeri) which maintains a height of only 5 feet, and S. `Miss Kim' which reaches 8 feet at maturity. Flower clusters tend to be smaller but very fragrant and may exhibit sporadic bloom in autumn. These shrubs seem less susceptible to disease and pests than their showier cousins. It should be noted that there is also an elegant Japanese tree lilac (S. reticulata) with handsome reddish-brown bark and aromatic white flowers. Swallow-tail butterflies find members of the lilac family irresistible.

Many varieties of honeysuckle (Lonicera) offer a delightful perfume but some species have become invasive. There are both shrubby and vining types which display clusters of tubular flowers in multiple colors including red, yellow, orange, pink and white. They serve as an excellent enticement for hummingbirds, who favor their nectar, and for other bird species that quickly devour the colorful berries which appear later in the season. The most troublesome, invasive species are the extremely fragrant, twining, Japanese honeysuckle (L. japonica) with yellow and white flowers, and the Tatarian honeysuckle (L. tatarica), a vigorous shrub. Other vining cultivars, such as the `Gold Flame' honeysuckle, tend to be less rampant while still attracting hummingbirds, but they do not seem to be as strongly scented.

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THE DOORS at the Company Theatre in Norwell on June 16 recreated by the "Soft Parade." Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets for The Soft Parade: A Tribute to the Doors are now on sale at The Company theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $22 in advance and $25 the day of the show.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.

77TH ANNUAL TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES AND BUILDINGS in Hingham will take place on June 20 from 1 - 8:30 p.m. Five antique homes and four historic buildings will be included. Six different architectural styles will be represented, ranging from early and late colonial to federal, Greek Revival, Cape Cod and Colonial Revival styles. Proceeds from the tour help to maintain the Hingham Historical Society's headquarters at Old Derby Academy and the house at the Old Ordinary. Tickets are $15 in advance at Bowl and Board in Hingham Square and the Hingham Public Library, Collins Road. On tour day tickets are $18 and will be sold only at Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln Street after 10 a.m. To order tickets by mail send a SASE and your check to the Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, MA 02043. Mark the envelope "House Tour". For more information call 781-749-1851.



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Cohasset Painter Judy St. Peter will will exhibit her work in the Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell from June 1 - 30. The show, 'Wild Side' is a collaboration of landscape art and wildlife in an interpretive and colorful approach. The public is invited to an opening reception on June 9 from 2 -4 p.m. The exhibit can be viewed during regular center hours, Mon. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Thurs. 31

Gobin Stair, Kingston artist, to show paintings that link sexuality, spirituality in the Yankee Barn gallery, 228 Main Street in Kingston. The exhibit will be open through May 31 from 1 - 6 p.m.

"Got Paint?" A show of recent oil paintings by local artist Nancy Colella will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center through May 31. The exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 -5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment by calling 781-659-7337.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents 80 Proof. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Fri. 1

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of the mystery thriller "Speaking of Murder" on June 1, 2 and 3. Performances will be held at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main Street in Norwell. Performance dates and times are: June 1 at 7 p.m., June 2 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and June 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for senior citizens and $5 for current and former Dreamchaser students. For more information call 508-224-4548.

Boston College Professors and south shore residents Professor **Raymond McNally and Professor Radu Florescu**, authors of "In Search of Dracula," will be signing their most recent **work "In Search of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"** at the Mermaids, Flow Zone Café 121 Nantasket Ave. , Hull from, 5-7 p.m. for more information call 781-925-5221.

Candlelight Singing Tours at the Captain Samuel Robbins House Museum will feature Lynn Feingold and Ron Taylor. Friday evening tours are 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Sun. tours are 2 - 4 p.m. Evening tour dates: June 1, 15 and Sunday afternoon tour dates: June 3 and 17. For more information visit www.blanchard-stavern.com.

North River Arts Society presents **'Class'**, an exhibition of the most recent works from students of NRAS in conjunction with the 25th Annual Festival of the Arts. Held at the Ventress Library through June 2. Gallery hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thurs. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Chris Fitz. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

South Shore Folk Music Club located at the Beal House; Route 106 in Kingston presents Garnet Rogers in concert. Tickets are $15 for members and $17 for non-members. All events begin at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Charles Greland. He will exhibit his photography for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

Later History the Theme at Historic Plymouth Houses. Discover what happened in Plymouth after the Pilgrims. Two historic houses in the heart of the waterfront district open for the season on June 1 and tell the story of how Plymouth changed after the Pilgrim settlement. The 1749 Spooner House, 27 North Street and 1809 Hedge House, 126 Water Street will be open to the public Thurs. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Oct. 6. Admission is $4 per site for adults, $2 for children under 12. For more information call 508-746-0012.

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Singles Executive Club first Friday Social and Dance at the Dedham Hilton Hotel, 25 Allied Drive in Dedham, exit 14, East Street off Route 128. Tel. 781-446-0234. From 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. with award winning DJ, Brian Milligan. Open to all single professionals 35 - 55 years old. Proper dress required. Co-sponsored by Young Professionals Club.

"Views of Norwell and Other Nice Places," recent acrylic paintings by David Hamblen to be shown at the James Library through June 29. The public is invited to an opening reception on June 1 from 7 - 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours which are Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located on 24 West Street in Norwell, for more information call 781-659-7100.

Sat. 2

The North River Arts Society is proud to present "Mostly Humarock" a collection of oils on canvas by Dick O'Brien at the Ventress Library Gallery from June 2 - July 27. Opening reception will be held June 4 at 7 p.m. The Library summers hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. - Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

"Trails Day at Stetson Meadows" will be offered by the North and South River Watershed Association from 9 a.m. - noon. Meet at Stetson Meadows, Conservation area in Norwell. Please bring your own tools and gloves and help maintain the beautiful trails through Stetson Meadows Conservation area. To sign up or for more information call (781) 659-8168.

Children and Artists to Exhibit Work Together at the Fuller Museum of Art from June 2 - July 8. Opening reception will be June 2 from 2 - 4 p.m. There will also be an exhibition of digital art entitled "Digital Insight" with a special focus on education and learning through the use of computers. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. For more information call 508-588-6000.

Giant Yard Sale to Aid Animals sponsored by the South Shore Humane Society from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 395-397 Pond Street in South Weymouth. (Rain date is June 9) For more information call 781-843-5838.

Metropolitan Wind Symphony to host 13th Annual Boston Festival of Bands in Faneuil Hall, Boston on June 2 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. There is no cost to come and listen to any of the bands at any time during the day. For more information call the MWS Concert line at 617-983-1370 or visit http://www.mws-boston.org.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Love Dogs. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Energy Fun with Solar Sam" on June 2 from 4 - 6 p.m. Fee per adult/child pair is $26 non-member and $24 MAS. Pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited to 12 pairs. Located at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton. Tel. 617-333-0690.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, Routes 18, 28, 104 Rotary, 23 Central Square on Bridgewater Common at 7:30 p.m. On June 2, Matt Levy and Zork. Free admission; pass the hat for feature. For more information call Valerie at (508) 833-3100 or the Daily Grind at (508) 279-9952.

YMCA World's Largest Run will begin at 10 a.m. at Wampatuck State Park in Hingham. Communities in every time zone will be walking and running together in a synchronized national event to commemorate this monumental anniversary. For details about the course and parking call Natalie Sheard at the Mill Pond Branch Y 781-829-8585 ext. 223. The registration fee is $18 for teens and adults. Children ages 6 - 12 are $5. Participants may register on race day at 9:30 a.m. by cash or check only. If you are a parent wanting to participate in the event, your children ages 3 - 10 can attend Kids Fest while you run. Children can bring scooters, rollerblades (safety equipment is mandatory). If you would like more information call 617-479-8500 or visit www.ssymca.org.

Yard Sale from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at St. Mary of the Nativity in Scituate will benefit the Chernobyl Children Project USA, Inc. The event will be held at the Parish Center on the corner of Kent St. and Edward Foster Rd. and feature a coffee and bake sale. Volunteers can call Pam Ahl at 781-545-3725.

Sun. 3

South Shore Art Center in Cohasset has recently accepted Apo to be an affiliated Gallery Artist. Apo will be showing his "Bread Series" at the South Shore Art Center this spring. Located on Dillon Gallery located on 199 Ripley Road through June 3. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Walk the City of Brockton's "Jewel", D.W. Field Park on June 3. The park has a series of man-made waterways, natural forest vegetation, numerous fieldstone waterfalls and impressive stone-arched culverts. A ten-kilometer and a six-kilometer route are available. Both routes are on paved walkways and natural woodland paths suitable for baby strollers but not for wheelchairs. Start time is between 9 a.m. - noon. The start location will be outside the former Bradlees store, Westgate Mall, 200 Westgate Drive in Brockton. The walk is co-sponsored by the Boston Federal Savings Bank and the Walk 'n Mass Volksport Club. For more information call Dick or Joan Frost at 508-822-5998.

Concert by the musicians of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra, directed by Harris Shilakowsky. Presented by the Gusman Memorial Fund and the Chamber Music Society of Easton. A free concert for the Public of Jewish Chamber Music including music by Jewish composers and music inspired by Jewish Themes. Held at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Sinai in Sharon. For more information call 508-238-6015.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Snake Supper" (no snakes served) on June 3 from 4 - 7 p.m. Fee per person is $16 non-member, $13 non-member child and $12 MAS adult and $10 MAS child. Pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited to 40 participants. Located at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton. Tel. 617-333-0690.

South Shore Conservatory Ballet Students Tour Jose Mateo's Ballet Theatre in Cambridge on June 3 at 4 p.m. They will perform at Ballet Theatre's new facility at Old Cambridge Baptist Church. The performance is free and open to the public. Registration is open for students ages 3 and over for the summer and fall semesters. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 10.

Borders presents KAS and Co., singing Jazz standards at 2 p.m. in the Independence Mall, 101 Independence Way, C113, Kingston. All events are free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible. For more information call 978-532-7187.

Tues. 5

Sunset Cruise to Thompson's Island sponsored by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. held June 5 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. For a summer evening treat, escape the heat of the city with a sunset cruise. Tickets are $16, seniors $14, members $12 and children 3 - 12 $9, children 2 and under are free. The boat will leave from Boston Harbor cruises at Long Wharf next to the New England Aquarium. Checks can be sent to FBHI, 349 Lincoln Street, Bldg. 45 in Hingham, MA 02043-1601. For more information call 781-740-4290.

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"Tree People," by Marshfield High School students Machaela Thompson, Liz Moyhan and Siobhan Casey. **Reformations at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury offers an outdoor installation by area high school students of art made from recyicled, found materials and other objects. The exhibition runs through June 24. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street. For more information call (781) 934-6634.**

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Wed. 6

Garden Club of Hingham's tour of 10 gardens - "A Bouquet of Gardens" will take place from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Advance tickets are $18 at Round Hill, Bookport, Glass House and Nobles in Hingham, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and The Studio in Duxbury. Tickets on the day of the tour (with map and directions) are $22 at Annex behind Old Ordinary, 23 Lincoln Street and on the green at Wilder Memorial Hall, 666 Main Street, Hingham.

Thurs. 7

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Maura Young Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Fri. 8

Giant Spring Fair and Yard Sale from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., rain or shine at the First Parish Universalist Church, 790 Washington Street in Stoughton Square. A yard sale with bargains, giant book sale, used jewelry, baked goods, house and yard plants, moonwalks and games for children and more. For more information call 781-344-6800.

Stephen Sondheim's "Saturday Night" will be presented by SpeakEasy Stage Company from June 8 - 30 at the Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon Street in Boston's Back Bay. Performances are Wed. - Sat. evenings at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 7 p.m., matinees at 2 p.m. on June 16, 23 and 30. Ticket prices range from $25 - $31 and are available by calling 617-437-7731.

Blue Ribbon Members Show at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset from June 8 - August 5. Opening reception on June 8 from 6 - 8 p.m. All members including children and teens are invited to submit one work to this annual members show in the Bancroft and Dillon Galleries. Work may be dropped off June 4 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. or June 5 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. A $10 non-refundable fee is payable upon delivery of the artwork. Artwork must be picked up at the close of the show. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Single Executives Cocktail Party and Dance from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Golden Rooster ballroom and patio, 78 Border Street in North Scituate. Tel. 781-545-4404. Music by award winning DJ and cost is $10 before 9 p.m., $15 after. Proper casual dress required. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club of the South Shore.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Jenny Reynolds and Deb Pasternak. Tickets are $10 the day of the show, which begins at 8 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

Stonehill Irish Festival Kicks Off New England's Summer Season with the 11th annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College on June 8 - 10, 2001. Hundreds of vendors from Ireland and North America display their products, ranging from Irish artwork, books and music to clothing, jewelry and glassware. The festival opens June 8 at 6 p.m. and closes at 9 p.m. on June 10. Tickets are $12 per day or $30 for a weekend pass and children under twelve are admitted free. This event is handicapped accessible. For more information call 1-888-GO-IRISH or visit www.irishculture.org.

Meetings

MOTHERS AND MORE provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at (781) 544-4664.
A COURSE IN MIRACLES a journey to inner peace will meet on Thursdays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 112 Randolph Ave. in Milton. Call (617) 696-5685.
NEW BEGINNINGS - A support group for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Rte. 123), Norwell. For more information, call 781-653-2887.
THE MOMS (MOMS OFFERING MOMS SUPPORT) CLUB- will be starting a chapter in the Marshfield area. Anyone interested in joining call (781) 837-2149.
WRITERS GROUP - Buttonwood Books has established the Buttonwood Writers Group to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing and meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. Call (781) 383-2665 for more information.
WEEKLY WRITERS MEETING - Adult writers group meets weekly with facilitator Susan Dominquez from 1-3 p.m. in the reference area of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Aspiring or published writers are encouraged to bring a sample of their work to share with the group. Call (508) 830-4250 for information.
SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY - Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging facility, 293 Pine St., Norwell. Call (781) 545-7067 for information.
QUINCY HOSPITAL - Offers the following support groups such as Al-Anon (617) 843-5300, Bettors Anonymous at the Education Center, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Breast Cancer Support Group (617) 696-8875, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Fibromyalgia Support Group (617) 479-5034, Debtors Anonymous (617) 728-1426, Emotions Anonymous (617) 729-7011, Nicotine Anonymous (617) 472-5628, Overeaters Anonymous (781) 641-2303, Prostate Cancer Support Group (617) 834-2818 or (617) 471-4582, Stress Reduction/Relaxation Response Group (617) 471-2595. The Hospital is located at 114 Whitwell St., Quincy.
TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly by meeting at 6:30 p.m., every Thursday, in the Parish Hall of the First Congregational Church, Hanover.
SOUTH SHORE SPINNERS' GUILD - Meets at 7 p.m., the first Thursday of each month, in the South Shore Natural Science Center. For more information, call (781) 837-8967.
THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTERS' CLUB - Club meets for feedback on speeches from 7-9 p.m., the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street, Weymouth. Call (781) 545-5101 for more information.
THE QUINCY LEADS NETWORK - Meets from 8:15-9:15 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month and includes 20 non-competing business-to-business professionals in the executive conference room of the Roche Brothers supermarket, 101 Falls Boulevard, off Quincy Avenue, Quincy. Free, but must pre-register. For more information, call (508) 583-5260.

Lend a hand

BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION offers support and friendship to girls between ages 7 and 15. The Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones at the Boston office. Quincy sessions are: June 13 from 12 - 1 p.m. and 6 - 7 p.m. To register or for more information call 617-328-1061.
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SEEKS DISASTER VOLUNTEERS. If you've ever wondered what you can do to help when you see or read about human suffering caused by disaster, the Red Cross may have a job for you. If you are interested in volunteering please call (800) 2323-8812.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS EASTON OFFICE to join our Blood Service's team. Volunteers are needed to work at the mobile blood drive. If you are interested in volunteering please call (800) 2323-8812.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BROCKTON OFFICE as data entry operators in the Development and Public Relations Department. Candidates will assist in inputting data into the computer database, printing reports and letters and other computer related tasks. If you are interested in volunteering please call (800) 2323-8812.
SENIORNET INSTRUCTORS NEEDED at Massasoit Community College to teach introductory computer classes for seniors 55 and over. Instructors are provided a curriculum and training by qualified staff. Classes are scheduled around the availability of the volunteer instructors. Instructors receive a complimentary membership to SeniorNet and free classes in new computer software. Interested volunteers can receive more information by calling (508) 588-9100 ext. 1695. All classes are held on the Brockton Campus in Room L557.
THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION of Greater Boston is currently looking for volunteers from the South Shore area. For more information call (617) 451-WISH.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MARSHFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING to assist in the prep work for our Seniors lunch programs. Drivers needed to deliver meals to our homebound seniors as well as volunteers interested in the Council of Aging's services. To become a volunteer please call Cathy Nickerson at (781) 834-5581.
KIND HEARTED WOMAN CONSIGNMENT SHOP in Scituate raises funds for The Yellow Brick Road Project, a non profit program which assists survivors of domestic violence to learn job skills and gain self-esteem. Volunteers of varied interests are needed to work flexible schedules. For more information call Jodi Beldotti at (781) 545-7775.
TALKING INFORMATION CENTER needs volunteers for reading evening newspapers, weekend newspapers and substitute readers. To sign up or for more information call (800) 696-9505.



BEST BET

South Shore Folk Music Club located at the Beal House; Route 106 in Kingston presents Garnet Rogers in concert, Friday, June 1. Tickets are $15 for members and $17 for non-members. All events begin at 8 p.m. For more information call (781) 871-1052.

Borders presents Mia Johnson & Hoagy - an acoustic duo that combines Mia's guitar strumming and strong vocals with Hoagy's Middle Eastern percussion beginning at 7 p.m. in the Independence Mall, 101 Independence Way, C113, Kingston. All events are free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible. For more information call 978-532-7187.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Tom Hambridge Band featuring Sal Baglio (Stompers). Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

The Music Circus Announces Its 50th Anniversary Season in grand style, with a full schedule of music, comedy, variety and children's shows. The following are just some of the great performances that will be featured. Wynonna, June 30, 8:00 p.m., $36.50, Jerry Vale, July 5, 8:00 p.m., $24.50: Kevin James, July 6, 8:00 p.m., $29.50. Trisha Yearwood, July 7, 8:00 p.m. $40.50, Kevin James (second show added) July 8, 7:30 p.m., $29.50, "Franklin's Magic Fiddle" starring Franklin the Turtle, July 11, 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., $12.00, The Sammy Kaye Orchestra (special Seniors matinee) July 12, 2:30 p.m., $15.00, The Temptations, July 13, 8:00 p.m., $27.50, Phil Coulter with guests The Celtic Tenors, July 20, 8:00 p.m., $24.50, The Supremes starring Mary Wilson, July 22, 7:30 p.m., $25.50, Dwight Yoakam, July 26, 8:00 p.m., $33.50, The Righteous Brothers, July 27, 8:00 p.m., $33.50, Engelbert Humperdinck, July 28, 8:00 p.m., $36.00, John Pinette & Jay Mohr, July 29, 7:30 p.m., $29.50, Loretta LaRoche, August 4, 8:00 p.m., $24.50, Bruce Hornsby & Band, August 5, 7:30 p.m., $27.50, Judy Collins Wildflower Fest, with Roger McGuinn, Janis Ian, Richie Havens, August 8, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, Little Feat, August 9, 8:00 p.m., $23.50, Kenny Rogers, August 10, 8:00 p.m., $43.00, The Statler Brothers, August 11, 8:00 p.m., $31.50, The Robert Cray Band, August 16, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, The Saw Doctors, August 17, 8:00 p.m., $25.50, Tony Bennett, August 18, 8:00 p.m. SOLD OUT, The Beach Boys, August 19, 5:00 & 9:00 p.m., $38.50, Jethro Tull with guest Willy Porter, August 22, 8:00 p.m., $37.50, Peter, Paul & Mary, August 23, 8:00 p.m., $34.50, The Everly Brothers, The Crickets, August 24, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, Vince Gill, August 26, 5:00 & 9:00 p.m., $49.50, Bill Cosby, September 3, 5:00 & 8:00 p.m., $38.00. Tickets for these shows, whether available now or on a designated date, can be purchased by calling 781-383-1400 or visiting ticketmaster.com. Phone lines open at 9:00 a.m. The box office in Cohasset is open daily from noon to 6:00 p.m. for in-person sales. The venue is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset, just 21 miles south of Boston.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury is celebrating its thirteenth anniversary with three very special exhibitions scheduled through Sept. 16. "The Yixing Effect" - the works of contemporary artists who are among the most highly regarded ceramists in the United States and whose traditions and techniques of Yixing pottery as inspiration. "Ma Qingxiong - Recent Work" the philosophy and technique of Chinese painting is blended with western art concepts to create breathtaking installation of umbrellas, all suspended from the galleries ceiling. "Co-Founders choice" features works of art chosen personally by Edith Weyerhaeuser in recognition of the museum's anniversary. She made these selections shortly before her death. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. Museum hours are 1 - 4 p.m., Wed. - Sun. Tel. 781-934-6634.

Duxbury's Artica Gallery showcases award winning local artist Lily Cleveland. "Watercolor and Oil Impressions" will be exhibited through June 20. Artica Gallery hours of operation are Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Located at 22 Depot Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-659-1563.

2 Painters, A dynamic exhibition of recent paintings by two New England artists, Jo Ann Rothschild and Matthew Kolodziej will take place from through June 29 at Gallery AA/B in Milton Village, MA. For more information call 617-698-9700 or log onto www.artadvisory-boston.com.

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Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of the mystery thriller "Speaking of Murder" on June 1, 2 and 3. Performances will be held at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main Street in Norwell. Performance dates and times are: June 1 at 7 p.m., June 2 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and June 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for senior citizens and $5 for current and former Dreamchaser students. For more information call 508-224-4548.

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Artica Gallery presents "Watercolor and Oil Impressions", an exhibit by Duxbury artist Lilly Cleveland. The exhibit will run through June 30. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street, just off Hall's Corner in Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-0640. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the watercolors of Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick through the end of June. Chittick's subjects are varied from coastal landscapes of New England, architectural details of Boston buildings, to impressive scenes from Italy, Iceland and Greenland. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call 617-479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Duxbury Art Association presents "All in the Family" open at the Bengzt and Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts through June 29. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

Walk America's Hometown-Plymouth. Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer walk in historic Plymouth. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court Street. The walk box is located next to the service desk. The walk is sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. For more information call Jean Jackman at 508-824-5906.

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Special Olympics Offers Free Spring Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

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The Friends of the John Curtis Free Library note cards illustrated by local artists, depicting familiar scenes of Hanover are now available at the Salmond School, Broadway, Hanover and Elegant Entrances at 150 Broadway, Hanover Four Corners. Note cards are available in packages of 10 cards for $7. All proceeds will benefit the John Curtis Free Library. For more information call 781-826-2972.

Exciting Course Offered for Adults with Developmental Disabilities held at New England Village located on Route 27 in Pembroke. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Classes include Basic First Aide II, Clay Sculpture, Bicycle Safety, Restaurant Etiquette and an Acting Workshop. To register or for more information call Lisa Drennan at (781) 293-5461 ext. 119. Power Wheelchairs Available. The Senior Wheels USA Program makes power electric wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 years. old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost if you qualify. Available for those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair. If your need is for use in your home please call for more information at 800-246-6010.

Just for kids

'THE WIZARD OF OZ' directed by Kristen Stanford and Meri-Lee Mafera. This five week program running from June 25 - July 26, Mon. - Thurs. from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Route 139 in Marshfield. Performances are July 27 and 28 at Duxbury High School. Tuition is $325 and must be paid in full by June 25. For more information call 781-837-8990.

EASTER SEALS NOW ACCEPTING CAMP REFERRALS for its residential summer camp program for youngsters with physical disabilities. Ten-day sessions and twenty one-day sessions have been planned for the boys and girls with disabilities between the ages of 7 and 13 at Camp Wing in Duxbury, MA and Agassiz Village in Poland, ME. For more information call Easter Seals at 800-244-2756 ext. 496 or visit the website at www.eastersealsma.org.

"HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING" directed by Michael Hammond will be the production for this Teenspot's Summer Camp. Students age 12 - 20 can enroll. Tuition is $225. For more information call 781-837-8990.

PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE IN PLYMOUTH is now receiving applications for its Summer Children's Teen and Adult Theatre programs beginnning June 18. For application call 508-224-4888. Children's programs include: "Eloise", "Gomer Pyle Meets the Flintstones", "A Goofy Movie... I mean play", "Anne of Green Gables" "Cinderella After the Ball", "The Princess and the Pea Musical". Te Teen and Adult program includes: "Vanities", "Crimes of the Heart", "Ladies in Retirement", "Princess Lee's Journey", "Born in a Trunk", "The Princess and the Pea" musical.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON ANNOUNCES REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER MINI CAMPS. Available for two age groups: "Great Explorations" for 3 - 5 year olds and "Camp Discovery" for 6 - 7 year olds. Camps are held three mornings per week and each week offers fun-filled activities like art, music, drama, cooking and science. Summer mini camps are $60 per week ($54 for museum members) and run from Mon. - Wed. except the week of July 2. To register or for more information call 508-3230-3789.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST FOR CHILDREN'S SUMMER HISTORY CAMP ANNOUNCED. The Plymouth Antiquarian Society is currently accepting applications for free scholarships to attend a week-long children's summer educational program at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House, an historic Pilgrim era homestead located at 119 Sandwich Street in Plymouth. Successful applicants will attend a week's session of the Colonial Life Program at the Harlow House, held Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. through July and August. Deadline for submissions is June 11. Seven scholarships will be awarded and winning submissions announced mid June. For more information or to receive application materials call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@ici.net.

DREAMCHASERS, INC. announces the opening registration for the Summer 2001 Theatre Program. The program includes classes in acting, dance and stage movement, playwriting, technical theatre, choreography, musical theatre and improvisation. The program begins July 9 and classes are held every Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Dreamchasers home, The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main Street in Norwell. The programs concludes on August 4 with a performance by all students in which they share what they've learned with the audience. For more information call 508-224-4548.

RIVER ADVENTURES DAY CAMP sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon and the North and South Rivers Watershed Association. This new program is for children entering grades 7 - 9. Held for one week only, August 6 - 10, Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and limited to 16 campers. Camp fee is $250 for members and $300 for non-members. Registration deadline is July 9. To register call 781-837-9400.

CURTAIN CALL YOUTH THEATRE in Braintree announces a Summer Workshop for 12 - 15 students ages 11 - 14, meeting three times a week. Classes are designed to expose young people to drama and theatrical arts. Classes begin July 3 and end Aug. 2 and are held on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cost is $200 per student for the 5 week session and shorter enrollment is possible for $50 a week. There is a $15 registration fee. For more information call Meg young at 781-848-0058.



BEST BET

"Views of Norwell and Other Nice Places," recent acrylic paintings by David Hamblen will be shown at the James Library and Center for the Arts through June 29. The public is invited to an opening reception June 1 from 7 - 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours which are Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located on 24 West Street in Norwell, for more information call 781-659-7100.

Talent Search

OPENINGS FOR STRING PLAYERS in the BCO Ensemble Programs - Spring Strings (May - June sessions) and Summer Sessions (June - July session 1 and July - August session 2) Violin, viola, cello, string bass, pianist, woodwinds too. If you can read music and play your instrument then you can play in a chamber group with other people who are your age or playing level. Ensembles forming for serious adult musicians and young musicians: grade school ages, teens and high school students also. For more information call 508-238-6015.

SOUTH SHORE BAY BAND a non-profit organization dedicated to giving musicians the opportunity to play and perform concert band music. Current members are from Marshfield, Plymouth, Duxbury and surrounding towns. All sections are open to new members. For more information or directions call 508-747-6460 or write to South Shore Bay Band, P.O. Box 139, Marshfield MA 02050.

COMMUNITY BAND SEEKS EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS to begin its thirteenth season. Percussion, double reed, low brass and saxophone players are especially needed. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 9 p.m. in the Sharon High School music room. For more information call Lorna Hurwitz at 781-784-6649.

ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR VINE HALL GALLERY. The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking artists and/or photographers interested in exhibiting their work in Vine Hall Gallery during the upcoming year. Exhibits run on a monthly basis, with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Science Center. Proposals for exhibits must reflect a natural theme, and should be directed to Joan Reid, c/o SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061.

PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS to fill the following vacancies: Principal Timpani, Section Strings and all sections except cello. Candidates must make an audition appointment with PPO Personnel Manager Norma Steiner by calling 508-339-0418 evenings before 10 p.m. Rehearsals and performances are held in Plymouth's Memorial Hall on Court St., Rte. 3A.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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Town eyes fields at pit

Would expand Barnes' facility

By Rick Collins
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A town committee has voted to recommend developing athletic fields on the site of the former town gravel pits off North Main Street.

The Gravel Pit Reuse Committee, consisting of town officials, local residents and members of the town baseball league and Recreation Department have been brainstorming ideas for the past nine months and have decided to ask the town to expand the Barnes Field facility.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the current plan is to layout one youth baseball field, and possibly another youth baseball field/soccer field combination. Because of wetlands located in the back of the property, the plan for the two fields would need Conservation Commission approval.

Then the plans would go before selectmen and possibly Town

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PICTURE PERFECT

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Dressed in their evening wear, Naomi Ansbergs and Tim Grassey make a handsome couple. The teenagers attended a special reception at the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island last Friday before taking the boat to Boston's Marriott Long Wharf Hotel for the prom. For more photos, see pages 11 and 12.



WIPE OUT!

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Patrick Marshall emerges from the Gulf River while practicing kayaking maneuvers off Border Street.

Public health nurse moves to Town Hall

Contract with Social Service League expires

By Mary Ford
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The services will remain the same and she'll be as available as ever — only out of a new location, health officials say.

Come July, Judy Fitzsimmons, the town's public health nurse, is going to set up office at Town Hall — just a few hundred yards from where she's been based for the past 15 years at St. Stephen's Church.

The physical move marks the end of a near 20-year contract the town had with the Social Service League, a private non-profit organization housed at St. Stephen's Church, to provide public nursing services.

The change is not a result of any beef the town has with the Social Service League, founded about 90 years ago, which will continue to provide Meals on Wheels, the services of a social worker, and myriad other activities to benefit local citizens.

"It's been an excellent relationship," said Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik. "It's not like we're unhappy with the services provided by the Social Service League."

Health board chairman Stephen Bobo said the move makes sense.

"This provides an opportunity for the Board of Health to really look at the issue of a public health nurse," Bobo said. He explained that Fitzsimmons will be much more visible at Town Hall.

"She is a brilliant person who wants to do further outreach for the town," he said.

The town pays about $30,000 annually to the Social Service League. The money included Fitzsimmons' part-time salary, the hourly wages for another nurse who filled in when needed, and administrative costs. Godzik said the move would save the town about $12,000 in fiscal year 2002, which starts July 1.

"I've been considering this for a number of years but from a finan-

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Cohasset High School to graduate class of achievers

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset High School will say goodbye to 72 seniors Saturday, described as one of the best and brightest classes in recent years.

The graduation ceremony, which will be held under the tent at the South Shore Music Circus, begins at 1:30 p.m. Class valedictorian Clara Sceery will speak at the ceremony, as will class salutatorian Chris Golden and other school officials.

High school principal Dr. Michael Jones called the group "exceptionally well-rounded" and was a great senior class to preside over in his first year at the school.

"Some distinguished themselves scholastically, some through the arts, and some public service. But all seem to be passionately involved in what they're doing."

— CHS Principal Dr. Michael Jones, on the Class of 2001

"It has been absolutely delightful," he said this week. "This is, without a question, the most gratifying position I have ever had, and that is largely from the students here."

Dr. Jones said the Class of 2001 is "truly a group of high achievers" that succeeded in the classroom, in ...allways, on the athletic fields, and in the community.

"Academically, it's pretty safe to say this is the best class we've had in many, many years," he said. "They've distinguished themselves in a number of ways, through highest SAT scores we've ever seen, highest AP scores ever seen, they're

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Sandy Beach prepares for summer season

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Although the weather has been more like mid-spring in recent weeks, instead of mid-summer as it was at the beginning of May — hot, humid temperatures are bound to return, and people will soon seek refuge on the town's beaches.

The Sandy Beach Association knows the weekly migrations to the popular beach are about to begin, and are in the process of prepping the beach for the thousands of people that come to bask, swim and play each summer.

For more than 50 years now, the association and its seven-member board have been the caretakers of the beach just off Jerusalem Road. Current association president Robin Lawrence says preparation for the beach's June 16 opening will consist mainly of a large-scale beach combing, as it has for years.

"We have a contractor come in with a tractor and actually sift through the sand to remove any flotsam and jetsam and any non-natural items," Lawrence said. "Nothing natural is taken, no seaweed or rocks. Whatever should be there, remains there."

He said every spring the tractor removes pieces of wood, lobster traps and buoys that have washed up over the winter. Even though the Massachusetts coast has battered by a series of storms this winter, Lawrence didn't think the damage to the beach was any worse than normal.

"Every spring you think it was worse than the previous year, but you can't quite remember what it looked like last year," he said.

Lawrence did, however, think the north end of the beach was in a bit worse condition than the rest.

For the first time, the association was asked to file a Notice of Intent with the town Conservation Commission about the beach cleaning activities this year. Lawrence said the commission approved the work but asked the association to consider such things as using a smaller tractor, designate paths onto the beach, and moving the volleyball net away from a dune.

Lawrence said a smaller tractor wasn't available for the work, but the association will attempt to keep folks on "designated paths" while walking to the beach to prevent further dune damage, and will plant dune grass "as necessary" to hinder dune erosion.

Lawrence said the association has not made a decision on whether to move the volleyball net.

Each summer, the private, nonprofit association hires five lifeguards, including one manager, to patrol the beach for the summer. He said at least two or three will work the beach during a weekday, and possibly all five on the weekends.

Though they own the beach, the association does not control the parking lot, which is owned by the town, and requires a sticker to park. Right now, town residents can buy an "all facilities" sticker for both the parking lot and the Recycling Transfer Facility for $50, and a second sticker for $20. For families that do not use the RTF, beach stickers can be purchased for $7; $3 for those 60 and older.

Cars will enter through the southern part of the lot, and exit through the north. The town opened the north end of the lot last summer after residents complained about diminished visibility because of dune grass while exiting.

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Clarification

The former owners of the "Wolfpit Property" have agreed to accept the town's offer of $150,000 for its taking of the property, but also have reserved their right to seek additional damages.

Wayne Sawchuck, of Beechwood Street, said he and former co-owners Leland and Leonora Jenkins, of Jerusalem Road, will take the $150,000 but are still looking into whether they have a case for further damages.

The Cohasset Water Commission took the land by eminent domain in May, saying development on the property, which is in the Lily Pond watershed area could possibly harm the town's water supply.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

June 2001	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 7	12:32	10.9	6:56	1:12	9.5	7:03
Fri. 8	1:15	10.7	7:39	1:55	9.3	7:46
Sat. 9	1:57	10.4	8:22	2:38	9.1	8:30
Sun. 10	2:41	10.1	9:06	3:23	9.0	9:16
Mon. 11	3:27	9.8	9:50	4:09	8.8	10:04
Tues. 12	4:15	9.5	10:37	4:56	8.8	10:54
Wed. 13	5:05	9.2	11:24	5:45	8.8	11:46
Thurs. 14	5:57	9.0	——	6:34	8.9	12:13

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VFW oversight

Mariner coverage of Memorial Day failed to mention the participation of Cohasset VFW Post 9146. The paper regrets the oversight.

Forest Ave. sidewalk

The selectmen's office has notified Forest Avenue residents of an upcoming meeting to review plans for a new sidewalk along the street.

The meeting will be held July 10 at Town Hall.

Liquor license

Selectmen granted the South Shore Arts Center a one-day liquor license for its upcoming kickoff party for the Festival on the Common.

Liquor will be served Friday, June 15 from 6- 8 p.m. The license allows the alcohol to be delivered at 3 p.m. and remain on the premises until the next morning.

Speed limit signs

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Tuesday that traffic signs indicating a 30 mile per hour zone along Summer Street have been ordered and are do in shortly.

Selectmen Merle Brown said residents along Pleasant Street, Clay Spring Road and Reservoir Road have also asked that new speed limit signs be put up.

"Yea, there's some guy that lives up there and is always bombing down those roads," Haddad said, poking fun at selectmen chairman Fred Koed, a Pleasant Street resident.

Selectmen approved the signs in a 4-0 vote. Koed abstained from voting.

Storm cleanup

Town Finance Director Michael Buckley notified selectmen that Cohasset will receive $26,741.52 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the cleanup efforts resulting from the March 5 Nor'easter.

Town Manager Mark Haddad had asked the town police, fire and public works department to bill any overtime and other expenses accrued during the storm to the town's snow and ice fund.

The sum represents a 75 percent reimbursement of the town's costs, and will go to offset the $77,000 deficit in the town's snow and ice budget.

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House to reconsider seatbelt bill after tie vote last week

By Rick Collins
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House legislators are expected to reconsider a bill that would allow police to pull over motorists not wearing seatbelts and issue a $25 ticket, after a 76-76 tie vote last Tuesday.

The bill, which would give police "primary enforcement" of the current seatbelt law, was passed by a voice-vote in the Senate.

Seatbelts have been required under state law since 1994. Currently, not buckling up is subject to secondary enforcement, meaning the officer can cite a motorist for not using a seatbelt only if he or she is stopped for something else. A police officer can only use primary enforcement to stop a vehicle for a seatbelt infraction if a child, age 12 or under, is not wearing a seatbelt.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley said a motion by Public Safety Committee Co-chairman Timothy Toomey, D-Cambridge, to reconsider the vote will more than likely be taken up at the next formal session, scheduled for sometime next week.

Bradley who supports the bill, said by having primary enforcement of the seatbelt law, it would result in a 15 percent increase in seat belt usage, 39 fewer deaths and 3,000 less injuries suffered in car accidents a year. He also said taxpayers could save up to $154 million a year in medical costs accrued by people in car accidents with minimal or no medical insurance. The money to treat those people comes from a hospital's taxpayer-funded uncompensated care pool.

"That's our tax dollars being used to fund that pool," he said. "Also, your medical costs are seven times higher when in an accident and not wearing a seatbelt, than be if you were wearing one."

Massachusetts ranks 49th in the nation in seat belt usage, with just 50 percent of Bay State motorists buckling up. Bradley said primary enforcement would result in more people buckling up including young drivers.

"Ninety-one percent of drivers 16 to 19 year olds whose parents don't wear seatbelts, also don't wear them," he said. "That's a staggering statistic."

The main argument raised against a mandatory seatbelt law is that it is another example of government trying to control another aspect of people's lives.

House Minority Leader Fran Marini, R-Hanson, argued that the bill went past protecting the public safety to interfering in a person's private behavior. "What's next? You have to eat your vegetables?" he asked. "You can't be choking down junk food because if you get sick, taxpayers are going to have to pay the bills?"

Bradley said he thinks primary enforcement of the seat belt law is a "reasonable restriction" on an activity that already is partially restricted.

"Driving in this country is a privilege, and it can be restricted," Bradley argued. "You can't hang fuzzy dice on your mirror anymore. You can't drive without shoes. If you're under 18, you can't drive after midnight."

The $25 ticket would not be considered a surchargeable offense. "It's not like a speeding ticket," explained Bradley, "it's more like a parking ticket."

Legislators on both sides of the bill are now scrambling to lobby the four legislators who did not vote, as well as newly-elected Weymouth Democrat James Murphy, who won a special election last month to replace former House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Paul Haley.

"You can't hang fuzzy dice on your mirror anymore. You can't drive without shoes. If you're under 18, you can't drive after midnight."
— State Rep. Garrett Bradley

The four absent legislators were split on the issue, however House Majority Leader William Nagle, D-Northampton, who vote in favor of the bill, was recently confirmed as the new clerk-magistrate of the Ware District Court, and will not vote when it is reconsidered.

Bradley said he has talked to Murphy, and informed him of his position on the bill.

Another wild card is the Black Legislative Caucus, a bloc of black legislators that decided to vote against the bill because of concerns it could be used as an excuse for randomly pulling over black motorists. Brian Condron, a lobbyist for Rasky Baerlin hired by supporters of the seatbelt bill, said when last year's racial profiling data collection bill was passed, seatbelt proponents hoped that would ease the concerns of the black caucus. The data collection bill allows the state to examine tickets to determine if there are patterns of racial profiling.

Condron said he didn't think the entire caucus would vote against it.

"We knew Rep. Benjamin Swan, D-Springfield, had concerns from the beginning, and Rep. Byron Rushing, D-Boston, did not vote for it and we hoped he would," Condron said. "And other members primarily out of Boston we thought might support it and still hoping they will."

He said the national caucus of black legislators supports primary enforcement and "hopes they weigh in before it's taken up for reconsideration."

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said the Senate leadership decided to approve the vote on a voice vote, and will take it up for debate if the House sends it back for a final "enactment" vote.

But if it does come back, don't count on a "yes" vote from Hedlund. Even though he has faithfully worn his seatbelt since witnessing an accident in 1986 and says "only a fool would drive around without one," Hedlund thinks the bill intrudes too far into a person's privacy.

"I have some misgivings about it. It's a significant step in giving greater power over what is traditionally assumed somewhat as a right to privacy, if that person is driving and not harming anyone and not in violation of any existing laws," he said.

Hedlund thinks the state should instead focus on educating motorists of the advantages to wearing a seatbelt. "Extending the long arm of the law into one's auto is really going a pretty far way to accomplish greater use of seatbelts," he said.

Meeting schedule

The following is a list of town meetings scheduled as of May 4. All meetings will be held in Town Hall unless noted.

- Cohasset Conservation Commission, June 7, 7:30 p.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, June 7, 7:30 p.m., June 18, 7:30 p.m.
- MBTA Wetlands Working Group, June 21, 8:30 a.m.

Library name change would face legal hurdles

Fund drive prompts question

By Rick Collins
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The Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are pondering whether to change the name of the library back to the Cohasset Free Public Library as a way to honor the tremendous public support and generosity residents of Cohasset have shown in the development of a new town library.

"There's been so much given in private contributions, that we said maybe it's time to name the library after the whole town instead of one person," said Trustee Patience Towle.

The library is slated to move into the renovated former Osgood School on Ripley Road, after 98 years at its South Main Street site. A delay in awarding the Massachusetts Library Building Grant has bumped the price of the Town Meeting approved project up from $2.9 million to $3.3 million. The trustees have already collected $800,000 in private donations and are in the process of raising another $300,000.

Towle said when the fund drive is complete, enough money will have been raised to come close to the amount of the original donation by Pratt's family, when adjusted for inflation. She said the idea to change the name was "just a thought" and asked town counsel to look into its feasibility.

The report from Valerie Swett of Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis Holland & Drachman said the change could be made, but only after a great deal of legal work.

Swett pointed to a 1975 Town Meeting article that formally incorporated the Paul Pratt Memorial Library into the Cohasset Free Public Library and said the entity would retain the Pratt Library name. She also said the will of Pratt's daughter Harriet Eustis Pratt said the estate is left to establish and maintain a public library in Cohasset known as the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

"We said, maybe it's time to name the library after the whole town instead of one person."
— Patience Towle, trustee and fund drive president

Swett said the one way to change the name would be through a Town Meeting vote, and a court order reversing Pratt's will.

"While these may be possible to obtain, they could be time consuming and costly, and there is no assurance of success," Swett said. She also pointed out that a number of Pratts still live in town and "would likely have standing to file a lawsuit or take public action adverse to a decision to discontinue use of the name 'Paul Pratt Memorial Library'."

Ripley Road resident Peter Pratt is one of those distant relatives of Paul Pratt still living in town. He said, speaking personally and not for the rest of the family, that although he thinks the trustees have worked hard to improve the library's resources, he hopes they will decide to leave the Pratt name on the town library.

"The reason we preserve names on historical edifices is it allows philanthropists to know that their good works will carry on," he said. "It's been a foundation of public and philanthropic institutions in town for the entire 20th Century... I think it's important to preserve that."

Towle said she was unsure what would happen with the suggestion to change the name, and that they "probably won't do anything." She also said the suggestion was not intended to take anything away from the library's original donation. "We are still incredibly grateful to the Pratt family," she said

The current town Pratts are not direct descendants of Capt. Paul Pratt, as he only had two daughters, both of whom never married. Towle said Pratt's two daughters "adored him dearly" and gave the money to the town for a library in 1898 when Harriet died

At the time, the Cohasset Free Public Library was housed in Town Hall. The free library and Pratt Library first came together in 1903, according to the Narrative History in Cohasset, Volume II, written by Peter Pratt's father, the late Burtram Pratt, in 1956. "This brought together the Cohasset Free Public Library, a collection of books without a building, and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, a building without books," he wrote. The two libraries resided in the same building but remained separate collections until the 1975 Town Meeting vote which incorporated the Pratt Library into the public library.

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Baby boys, Liam and Eric, are newest arrivals

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hello Cohasset! Nice weather is here, the flowers are in full bloom and our pasty white skin is starting to show signs of color once again. As we enter the final month of school for this year, make sure to take some time to thank and acknowledge all of the people who make a difference in your child's day, the teachers, crossing guards, bus drivers, janitors, extra staff, school nurse and the many others who put in "that extra stuff" that makes our children feel safe and happy. For those of you who do not have children or whose children are grown and on their own, make sure to say a special thanks to the baggers at the grocery store, the bank tellers, the town workers who make our town so nice and anyone else who you think of in your day. A smile and a thank you go a long way in making someone feel appreciated! Last week, the prom for our graduating seniors was on Friday evening. Everyone looked spectacular and the evening went wonderfully from all accounts. Congratulations to a very talented and dynamic class! Enjoy your day this Saturday when you graduate amongst your family and friends.

NEW ARRIVALS

We have some announcements to share with everyone here in town. **Sean and Kerry (O'Brien) Murphy** announce the birth of their first child, **Liam John Murphy**. Liam was born on May 23 and weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz and was 19-1/2 ins. long. Liam's proud grandparents are **Mary O'Brien** now living in Duxbury and **John and Mary Murphy** of Carpinteria, Calif. **Sean, Kerry** and little **Liam** make their home in Mill Valley, Calif. Congratulations.

Also making his entrance on the same date, May 23 is **Eric Micheal Swanson**, the new son of **Andy and Rachel Swanson**. Andy is the working foreman of the Cohasset Tree, Park and Cemetery department. Eric weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was born at 6:53 p.m. Eric joins his mom and dad and big brother, **Tim,** at home where all are happy and healthy. Congratulations to you all.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Cohasset Recreation Department has some wonderful summer programs that are in store for the summer. From baseball to lacrosse, tennis to acting and of course, summer camp, they have got it all. For any information you can call 781-383-4109 or stop in at the office on the first floor of Town Hall.

HOME SWAP?

As I mentioned in last week's column, a wonderful family and former Cohasset residents are seeking a "house swap" for this summer. If you are looking for a fun and inexpensive adventure this summer and would love to take a little trip to Edinburgh, Scotland, make sure to set your eyes right here. **Elspeth and Alasdair Muir** are seeking a home to live in here for a 1-3 week stay in mid-July or early August. If you are interested in this, please email them at elalmuir@btinternet.com or, you can call them at 011-44131-337-2082. For more local contact, you can call **Laure Kimla** at 781-383-8161 for more information. What a great experience for the right family.

PROVIDENCE GRADS

We have some graduations to report on from various schools and colleges. Providence College recently held its 83rd commencement exercise. **Andrea Freeman** and **Brian Kilroy**, both of Cohasset, were awarded bachelor degrees. Andrea received hers in management and Brian received his in finance. Congratulations to both of you, your hard work has paid off.



Julia DeWaal received her masters at Leslie College.



Brian Kilroy, Providence College graduate.

HONORS GRADUATE

The Roger Williams University in Rhode Island announced their graduates as well. **Megan Ann Pratt** of Cohasset received a bachelor of arts, magna cum laude, Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences. Great Job Megan!

BC HIGH AWARDS

Boston College High School held their Art, Drama and Music Award ceremony in which more than 125 students participated in many music and arts programs. **Dillon Bustin**, former Executive Director of the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, was guest speaker. Mr. Bustin recently assumed a new position of the Emerson Umbrella Center for Arts in Concord. **Paul Trendowicz**, of Cohasset, a junior, received a Certificate of Merit for studio art. Congratulations Paul!

MASTER'S DEGREE

I received some wonderful news about a woman that so many us know and love. **Mrs. Julia DeWaal**, a very well-known kindergarten teacher at the Joseph Osgood School,(**Cody** is watching me type this and is very proud of his teacher) was awarded a master of education degree in curriculum and instruction at Leslie College's May 21 commencement ceremony. The program is based upon the Theory of Multiple Intelligence and allows educators to teach through a variety of approaches so that they may be better able to meet the diverse learning styles of today's students. Mrs. DeWaal lives here in town with her family and I am sure join all of us in congratulating her on a remarkable job!

TAPS TRIBUTE

We talked about the wonderful Memorial Day parade in last week's edition and how impressed I was with the great turnout and participation to honor all the veterans in our town. One piece that was not talked about was the beautiful and stirring rendition of "Taps" played by **Janet Hoyler**. Janet is the daughter of a Cohasset veteran of the Vietnam War and is the granddaughter of a Cohasset WWII veteran. She has played "Taps" for the town of Cohasset for seven years — four years while at CHS and three of them, after she graduated.

Janet just completed her junior year at the University of Delaware where she is majoring in psychology, minoring in linguistics and rowing on the women's crew team. Thank you so much Janet for this as it is such a perfect part of our Memorial Day.

The kind of dedication you show is so important in showing the true meaning of the day.



Dillon Bustin is guest speaker at BC High awards night.

RETURN LACROSSE STICK

I have a request from a young boy here in town. Recently, he was playing at the Old Joseph Osgood School with several children, one being his younger brother. When his brother was hurt, he went to take him home which is right across the street. The problem? While he was doing this, another child took his brand new lacrosse stick, got into his parents' green van and off they went! This stick was a gift to him and was something he cherished quite a bit! Yes, leaving it was probably not a great idea but his brother's well-being came first. This incident was witnessed by several others but as the van was pulling away, no one knew who the people were. Please, whoever it is return the stick, no questions asked! You can call me on my business line, email or even fax a response and we will arrange to get it back for this boy. His parents have been in touch with me and besides the fact that he no longer has this gift, how do you explain to him that a grown-up would allow this to happen? Bottom line is you can't, but getting it back would be a step in the right direction. Thank you for your help in this.

FRENCH MAJOR

Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. also held its commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 20. **Jennifer Cellucci**, daughter of **Dan and Judy Celluci**, was a member of this graduating class and majored in marketing and French. Jennifer was also active as a member of Alpha Mu Gamma and the French Honor Society.

Congratulations Jennifer, I know how proud your parents are of you as well they should be. Good luck with all that you do in your future.

FESTIVAL TIME

The South Shore Art Center will kick off its 64th Festival on the Common with a festival party featuring a concert by blues/rocker **Les Sampou**, a limited auction with celebrity guest, **Anthony Everett** and hors d'oeuvres by Tosca Chef/caterer **Lorraine Bachman**. Festival offCommon will take place on Friday, June 15 at 8 p.m. in the Bancroft Gallery of the South Shore Art Center. Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door.

Festival offCommon's Silent Auction will include unique handcrafted items by some of the 80 craft artisans who will be offering their work during the three days of festival and paintings by Art Center Gallery Artists.

Cohasset resident WCVB-TV news anchorman **Anthony Everett** will auction off the signature Festival Painting by artist **Michael Moss**. All are invited to welcome Festival at this gala reception as the Art Center brings back popular vocalist **Les Sampou**. Proceeds will support the exhibitions and educational programs of the South Shore Art Center. For reservations or for more information, call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.



Andrea Freeman, Providence College graduate.

MISSING CAT

A three-year-old male cat, which was recently adopted by a family in the West Corner area, is missing. He is grey and white with a little bit of black and weighs about 13 pounds. He answers to "George." If you see him, please call 781-925-9393.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Elinor Whitney Kennedy is celebrating her 99th birthday today, June 7! She taught at the old Osgood School for 30 years. Many will remember her love of wildflowers. She now resides at the New England Friends Home in Hingham atop Turkey Hill. Mrs. Kennedy is very alert. She keeps up with all the Cohasset happenings, paints, writes poetry, and enjoys conversation and music. She is truly a grand lady, who is loved and fondly remembered by her hundreds of "kids"! Happy Birthday!

That is all for this week. Please send me all Birthday, Graduation and other important news in one of the following ways. All photos are welcomed as well and can be emailed to myself or Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com or dropped off at Cohasset News. Email: jenpiep@yahoo.com
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Old Ship history buffs at work on church pews

By Mary Ford
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The Old Ship meetinghouse has survived more than three centuries because over time, people cared about its preservation.

And a group of enthusiastic church members — fondly dubbed the "Old Ship Polishers" — is no different. The dozen or so helpers, who meet about once a month, are about one-quarter the way through the painstaking task of cleaning and polishing the dozens of box pews in the structure that dates back to 1681.

"We want them to look well loved."
— Marty Saunders,
Old Ship polisher

"We want them to look well loved," says Marty Saunders, the group's organizer, who is co-chairman of the building committee for First Parish at Old Ship.

The box pews — so named because they form a square in which families sit to hear the Sunday sermons — haven't been cleaned in 71 years. It was back in 1930, Saunders explained, that a major restoration effort at the meetinghouse took place.

Decades earlier, in the 1860s, the interior of the meetinghouse was remodeled in a Victorian style and the familiar square pews were torn out and replaced with benches. But luckily many families — whose descendants had paid for the original box pews — took them home. Some of those families brought them back in 1930 when the church returned to its colonial roots during a major restoration effort.

The "original" pews — including the one used by Revolutionary War hero and town father Maj. Gen. Benjamin Lincoln and his descendants — are distinctive because the decorative "spindles" in the pew walls turn. In the "new" 1930s pews, the spindles are fixed. But otherwise the pews are identical and there is almost no way to tell the old from the "new."

To make sure the cleaning is done without any damage to the wood, the parish called in wooden objects conservator, Melissa Carr of Arlington, who explained the process.



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Anita Franks of Hingham gives box pew No. 54 some tender loving care. Franks is part of the Old Ship Polishers, a group of church members who are cleaning the historic pews inside the 1681 meetinghouse. Old Ship served as the First Parish in Cohasset before Cohasset broke away from Hingham.

The Old Ship Polishers use distilled water and soft cotton rags to wipe the pews down, and then they use a mild "de-ionized" cleaning agent, rinse that off and finish with a thin coat of paste wax, the kind that is used on bowling alleys. Wax is used instead of oils, which actually attract dirt.

The point is not to take off the patina of age but to remove the "boulders," a friendly nickname, the polishers gave the tough grime.

"Our goal is not to take it back to brand-new," says Elizabeth Morse of Cohasset, one of the volunteers on the job last Friday.

Each polisher does a pew from start to finish and many are finding a connection with the pews and their history.

"When you clean your church you are close to the actual fabric of the building, there is a bond here that goes beyond the Sunday morning service," Morse says.

Some discoveries include a secret panel in one pew and a 300-year-old fold-out child seat in another.

Back in the 1700s when the square pews replaced the original backless benches, the church building was a dark, cold place. Heating wasn't added until1822 when stoves were installed and there was no lighting until oil lamps were used in the 1870s. The floors of the pews were built up several inches for warmth because, in those days, the church had no foundation. Families would put cloaks and blankets around the walls of the pews and sit and face each other. During the long sermons, church reeves or attendants would make sure adults didn't fall asleep by using a feather, Saunders says.

According to the church history pamphlet, the name Old Ship probably comes from the building's roof structure that if inverted, would resemble the hull of a ship. But from the inside of the church, the roof was hidden from view with a ceiling until the 1930s restoration project when the axe-hewn frames that support the roof were exposed.

Carr, the wooden objects conservator, says part of conserving wood is protecting the information found there, such as tool marks or remains of old finishes.

"Whatever you do you try to be sure it is able to be undone by the next person who might have more information about the piece," Carr says.

The priority with the pews was to maintain their well lived-in look, she said. "The point is not to scrub them raw so they looked skinned," Carr explained. "It's not hard to go too far here and the hardest thing in the world is to put dirt back on a piece."

Carr said the vertical services won't need another cleaning for a long time — but horizontal surfaces like the hand rails might need a fresh coat of wax in about three years.

"Wax doesn't disappear, it only wears off," she says.

Carr said when it comes to historic places, Old Ship is in a class by itself because of the care it has received over the centuries.

"Because of those involved with it now and those involved with it before, I see a place that is very old and very well maintained," she says.

Saunders, the leader of the polishers, keeps a sheet with details about which of the 84 pews have been cleaned and which are partially cleaned. She also notes which ones have wobbly hinges, cracked spindles, loose handles, protruding nails and even wads of gum under the seats.

For Saunders, the pew project is all part of the continuum of Old Ship, which is the oldest church in continuous use in the country and was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1963. For more than a century, Old Ship served as both meetinghouse and church. Town meetings were held here until 1780.

"Talk about history, American history was made here," Saunders says proudly.



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Elizabeth Morse of Cohasset, who is one of the Old Ship Polishers, works to take the grime off one of the spindles in the door of pew No. 29.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A message to graduates

The future holds much promise for you. Unemployment is at a 30-year low. Technology advances, thanks to the computer, are revolutionizing the workplace. The information age is making the world a smaller place. The Internet allows a steady stream of ideas to be exchanged around the globe. As a result, cultural barriers are being penetrated at a dazzling pace.

When you were born, the shadow of the Cold War loomed over the planet. Nuclear weapons were stockpiled by the U.S. and the former Soviet Union. The fear of a nuclear holocaust prompted many to speculate what "the day after" in the U.S. would be like.

These fears were eased several years after your birth when the Iron Curtain nations loosened themselves from the dying grasps of the Soviet Union. You probably don't remember that historic night in downtown Berlin when the Berlin Wall fell. But the peace that followed is allowing the global economy to expand to new frontiers while the information age continues unabated.

These events have created more opportunities for you in the years ahead. These choices also enable you to help make this world a better place. Remember, having a well-paying career is not an end within itself. Whatever path you choose, strive toward the values which can't be bought.

Shortly after the Civil War ended, Confederate Army general Robert E. Lee, became nearly penniless. The Confederacy's defeat left the southern states in an economic shambles. Lee had been stripped of his right to vote. Within weeks following the war, Lee was approached by a businessman who wanted to use his name for a new firm. Although the Confederacy had been defeated, Lee's name held high esteem among southerners. Lee did not drink alcohol or smoke, and was faithful toward his wife. He never believed in slavery and had freed several upon inheriting them from his father. Although Lee was poor he turned down the offer. "My name is not for sale," Lee flatly said. When Lee died in 1870, his funeral was well attended by former foes and friends alike. Nearly 130 years later, Lee remains admired by Americans from both northern and southern states.

The decisions you make will define your name within the years ahead. The world offers a variety of career enticements which promise a shortcut toward fame and fortune.

All too often these shortcuts fail to deliver the goods they promise. Don't sell yourselves short. There are no easy ways to success. Beware of the allure material goods espouse. Their pleasures are temporary. Approach your career path toward making the world around you a better place.

There are a lot of young adults between ages 18 to 24 with shattered dreams. Many of them didn't have the privilege of receiving a fine education or comfortable home.

During the days and weeks ahead, take time to recall the people who've helped you along the way. Don't forget to thank your parents for the sacrifices they made so you could enjoy your school years. Remember the countless times they stood alongside a chilly ball field to watch you play and then drove you home. Don't forget how they rushed home from work to get you to your music lessons, or Little League games. Their encouragement and efforts toward helping you discover your abilities cannot be calculated. Always remain open toward their advice.

Be sure to thank your teachers and coaches. Many of them could have entered careers with more pay but found greater satisfaction with helping you learn. They need to know how much their efforts meant to you.

Your graduation day is something you've earned. Treasure its importance. Use it as a launching pad toward achieving excellence in both your career path and your community.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wrong message

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to you to express my feelings and the feelings of many veterans who took the time on Monday, Memorial Day, to honor and remember the veterans and the war heroes of Cohasset.

When we passed by Barnes Field at 8:45 a.m., we saw little league baseball underway at the field. What is the message that is being sent to the young boys and girls of Cohasset?

On a day that the nation stops to honor and remember our war heroes, the men and women that answered their nation's call, served and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today in America — how is the baseball game more important, or even contemplated, on Memorial Day morning?

For your information, 22 young Cohasset men died for this country, six of which played at Barnes Field in the late-1950s. Wouldn't it be good for the boys and girls who play today to know that they too, may be called to serve at some point in their lives, and for them to be brought up learning to respect and honor veterans?

I believe you should take a look at your scheduling requirements and be sure your priorities are in order; baseball is a game and nothing more. Generations of young people need to be taught that remembering and honoring American servicemen and veterans comes first on Memorial Day.

Glenn A. Pratt, Chairman,
Veterans Memorial Committee

Editors note: Mr. Pratt provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.

Game schedule

Glenn Pratt
482 King Street

Thank you for your letter of May 29, 2001, I want to assure you that the scheduling of the 8 a.m. game on Memorial Day was in no way intended as a slight to our veterans, in fact, quite the opposite is true. Last winter when we struggled to put together a schedule using the limited fields that are available this season, we spent a great deal of time discussing the scheduling of this particular game. We all agreed that notwithstanding our lack of fields, no games would be scheduled at a time that would conflict with the Memorial Day parade. We scheduled this one game on the morning of Memorial Day, with a specific ending time of 10 a.m. in order to give our players and parents plenty of time to view the parade at the common or at the harbor. We thought that having Cohasset's children lining the parade route in their Little League uniforms would be a poignant reminder of the American way of life our veterans have fought to preserve and for which out heroes gave their lives.

Thank you also for sending me the list of Cohasset men who gave their lives for our country. I am very familiar with the list and knew several our Vietnam War heroes. Although I was a child at the time, I remember well the days when news hit town that one of our boys had fallen. On each occasion, I remember that it seemed as though the whole town cried together. I also remember well the evening Gerard Keating came to my house and swore me into the selective service. I could not imagine how he felt administering the oath only a few years after his son had died in Vietnam.

Although I hope this letter has satisfactorily explained the scheduling of this game, I suspect that you and other veterans will continue to believe that it would be better not to play any baseball games on Memorial Day mornings. I believe that when considering an issue such as this, the views of our veterans must be respected above all other factors. I will, therefore, commit to you that in the future, no Cohasset Little League games will be scheduled for the morning of Memorial Day.

Thank you for bringing the views of our veterans to my attention. Thank you also for all the work that you do for our town, your support of our veterans and your support of the Cohasset Little League.

Mark G. DeGiacomo,
President of the Cohasset Youth
Baseball & Softball Association

Editor's Note: This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

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COHASSET CARES

Where to obtain PAYT bags

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Remember, on Sunday, July 1, Pay-As-You-Throw goes into effect at the RTF. Waste which cannot be recycled must be paid for using either blue 30-gal. bags with white TOWN OF COHASSET label at $1 each or similarly-colored and labeled 15-gal. bags for 50 cents each.

When we purchase our $50 all-facilities sticker at the Town Hall this month, we may purchase PAYT bags at the same time, in packs of 10, this month only.

Otherwise, starting June 4, the PAYT bags will be for sale at the DPW, RTF, and the following local stores:

- COHASSET FOOD MART
- COHASSET HARDWARE
- FIORI EXXON
- JOSEPH'S HARDWARE

For the rest of this month we must ready ourselves by concentrating on exactly what can be recycled and what cannot.

For the rest of this month of June we must ready ourselves by concentrating on exactly what can be recycled and what cannot be and not waiting until July 1 to start the process. Luckily, only a few items cannot be recycled — styrofoam, chip bags, celluloid, food plastics — and a complete, handy chart of recyclables and an explanation of the whole Pay-As-You-Throw system is available at the RTF now. Please try to remember to pick up your leaflet at the RTF this month! Best wishes and see you next time. Remember, we're all in this together!

Starting July 1st a guard will be checking stickers at the RTF. No one without a current all-facilities sticker will be allowed to use the facility.

When you purchase your $50 all-facilities sticker [and bags] at the Town Hall, please pick up a copy of the leaflet explaining PAYT. The leaflet contains a handy chart suitable for framing [on the fridge].

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Library building fund tops $1 million!

By Patience G. Towle and Sheila S. Evans
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

— COMMENTARY —

Two very large gifts to the Cohasset Library Building Fund have jumped its total to more than $1 million, bringing the Fund within reach of its goal. Donald E. Staszko and his wife Dr. Barbara L. O'Pray have very generously committed $100,000 to name the handsome Reading Room of the new library.

Mr. Staszko has lived in Cohasset since he was a teenager and has said that he would like to "give back" to the town all that it has meant to him and his family. The Reading Room will be located in the former auditorium of the old Osgood School and will have a high, vaulted ceiling that will showcase its six Palladium windows. The Room will house the library's reference collection, study tables with outlets for laptop computers, as well as twelve computers with connections to the internet for public use.

An anonymous commitment of $90,000 to the Fund will name the Library's new Meeting Room and the adjacent Community Room. These wonderful donors responded to the recent town-wide mailing, creating a surprise boost to the Building Fund campaign. The Meeting Room will be available by signup and will seat 60 persons. It will have state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment for programs of any kind. The Meeting Room can also be used without seating, or with tables and chairs, permitting a variety of different uses. Its walls will be used for art displays. The Community Room is adjacent to the Meeting Room and is designed to be able to be used in conjunction with activities in the Meeting Room. It will have modest kitchen facilities that can provide refreshments for events in the two rooms. The Community Room will also be used on a daily basis by library patrons as a pleasant place to sit to talk to friends they may see at the library, or to refresh themselves with something from the vending machines. The Meeting Room, Community Room and toilet facilities will be able to be used even if the library is not open to the public.

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Gifts of $1,000 or more will be permanently displayed on the Donor Wall of the library. Names will be listed in broad "giving categories" by size of gift. All gifts will be listed in a final Campaign Report. The Library Building Fund plans to publish a list of new donors to the Building Fund on a regular basis. If you did not receive a Library Building Fund appeal or have any other questions, please call Patience Towle at (781) 383-1954.

Trustees Patience Towle and Sheila Evans are also president and secretary, respectively, of the Library Building Fund.

Valuing land for 2002 revaluation

ASSESSMENTS

ELSA MILLER



First, thank you for tuning into our cable night. We had some really good questions. A few of them I would like to expand upon. One question that always seems to come up is about the land values. "I have a 20,000 square foot lot and my neighbor has 40,000 square foot lot, why isn't my assessment half the value of my neighbor's?

Prior to zoning, lot sizes varied depending on when and where the property was developed. For example, the "Hill" has primarily 10,000 to 18,000 square foot lots and the Stockbridge area is mostly 5,000 to 7,000 square foot lots. Other areas in the Atlantic Ave and Jerusalem Road vicinity may have lots that are over an acre.

Land values, for assessing purposes, are primarily based on the fact that the lot or parcel can support a house.

When zoning came in, residential areas were delineated and minimum lot size was specified. Hence lots developed after zoning, are typically larger than the pre-existing lots in the neighborhood. So today, there are lots with a house on them that may be 10,000 square feet next to a lot that is 35,000 square feet. Each of the lots is a *building lot*. One is a grand-fathered lot, having existed prior to zoning changes, and one meets current regulation. In either case, both lots can support only one home. Land values, for assessing purposes, are primarily based on the fact that the lot or parcel can support a house. The excess land becomes the land over the necessary size to meet current zoning. It adds an insignificant amount of value to the primary building lot. Therefore, there is not a wide disparity between land value assessments.

Elsa Miller is chairman of the Board of Assessors.

HEALTH NOTES

Changes in town nursing service

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

After a long relationship with the Social Service League of Cohasset which has been of great benefit to the Town, the Board of Health has requested that the Public Health Nurse become a Town employee.

There are several reasons for this change. First, there is a financial saving to the Town, but, there will also be an opportunity for an expanded spectrum of services better integrated with Board of Health programs, available to the town.

Accordingly, on July 2, 2001, upon expiration of the contract with the Social Service League, Judy Fitzsimmons, the Public Health Nurse will move to the Town Hall. Her office will be next to the Building Inspector's office (the former mail room) on the first floor. Judy's office hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., and the second Thursday in the month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center of the Community Center; and on the Fourth Thursday, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Senior Housing facility at 60 Elm St.

The Board of Health will maintain a list of services which will be available from the Town Nurse, and we are now preparing a calendar of health related events which may be expected over the next year. These will consist of such activities as Flue Shots and flue shots, health screenings, educational health programs, and joint programs with other Town agencies.

We cannot overemphasize the contribution of the Social Service League to the Town's health program. The league provides volunteers for many of the town's health related activities. When the blood bank comes to town, volunteers are provided by the League; when flu shots are given, the League is there; the Meals on Wheels Program is operated by the League, and there are countless other acts of caring support provided by this group which the Town is fortunate to have.

Pesticides and schools

Last week at the regular Board of Health meeting Dr. Edward Malvey, Superintendent of Schools for Cohasset met with a representative of the DEP's Pesticides Bureau to discuss the application of pesticides and other issues related to toxics in the schools. The discussions will result in a plan by the school to utilize Integrated Pest Management in the schools, and work with the Department of Public Works to ensure that the provisions of the pesticides laws are enforced. The school system is undertaking a major building program this summer which will include asbestos removal, and other procedures which may create a hazardous environment. Frequent notices will be made concerning these activities, and we will try to keep you informed.

Bikes, skates & helmets

Apparently, it has become the in thing not to wear helmets when biking and roller-blading. Statistics about these things are never as close to home as seeing a kid going to the emergency room with a head injury. It wasn't long ago that the Pond Street hill claimed a roller-blader and a skateboarder in accidents, both without helmets. The roller-blader was transported to the South Shore Hospital with extensive injuries, and the emergency response team gave first aid to the skate boarder, who lost considerable skin. Statistics support the fact that helmets save lives. Use helmets, they were purchased out of love and concern.

Stephen N. Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Fondness for the (hic) Bush family

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I don't like to admit it, being a Jimmy Burke, bread-and-butter Democrat myself, but I'm developing a crush on the Bush family.

Oh, it's not political. I still think oilmen are profiteers. I still think much of the money we spend for defense is wasted. I'd hate to see any more Antonino Scalias and Clarence Thomases on the Supreme Court. I think the government should stay out of my bedroom, although nothing very exciting happens there anymore.

My love affair with the Bush family is strictly personal.

It began around 20 years ago, when George H. W. was running against Ronnie Reagan and his "voodoo economics," for the Republican nomination.

I was interviewing H.W.'s wife, Barbara, who was on the campaign trail for him, and I asked her one of those stupid questions that reporters tend to ask the wives of politicians when they run out of ideas, like what does George think of the future of the Fore River shipyard?

"I know you're having problems with your shipyard," she said, "and I know that I'm not really up on some issues as I should be. But I'm a terribly good housewife."

Think of how Hillary or Eleanor would have handled that one.

My affection for the Bushes went up a notch when, as president, H.W. was heard to say: "I do not like broccoli and I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it. And I'm president of the United States and I'm not going to eat anymore broccoli."

I'm partial to broccoli myself but if H.W. was talking about okra he would have had my complete sympathy.

That's why I wasn't too alarmed the other day when H. W.'s twin granddaughters, Jenna and Barbara, were busted for possessing some and trying to possess more alcohol than Texas law allows, the number being none since the twins are only 19 years old.

It was Barbara's first offense but Jenna's second and, according to a law signed by their father, George W., when he was governor, a third offense calls for six months in the slam.

Both girls are college students, Jenna at Texas and Barbara at Yale, and in the spirit of college kids everywhere, carried the usual college student equipment — fake IDs. The bar happened to be Chuy's in Austin but if they were students at BC it could have been Mary Anns or at BU it could have been The Dugout.

I never had a fake ID when I was in college since I spent my teen years working for my uncle and trying to convince skeptical bartenders from Jacksonville, Fla., to Morehead City, N.C. to San Diego that I was at least 21.

In other words, Jenna and Barbara's excellent adventure made another generation of Bushes one of us.

And leave it to Barbara (the elder) to have the last word.

Recalling that her son, George W. (the President), had been fined $150 and lost his license 25 years ago for driving under the influence in Maine, she rolled her eyes and cracked to a Junior League dinner in Indianapolis:

"Now he's getting back some of his own."

Rocks and ledges are part of Cohasset's natural character

LOCAL VIEW

RICH SILVIA

I want to congratulate Jim Shipsky for his insightful article in the Mariner regarding the destruction of Cohasset's rocks and ledges.

My great grandfather, Manual Silvia, devoted his life to blasting ledge for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and various contractors in Cohasset and neighboring towns. He was an amateur geologist who was infatuated with the beauty, majesty, and story-telling ability of these most elderly links to earth's record. I have been told that he had a deep reverence for all that went into the ever-evolving life of our stone coinhabitants.

My grandfather, Alfred Silvia, was raised to share these same values. Alfred was the first permanent firefighter in Cohasset and a longtime volunteer to the Humane Society's surf boat rescue crew, which used to launch their boats into Cohasset's pounding surf during Nor'easters, in an effort to save people who were shipwrecked on our rocky coast.

While attending elementary school in Cohasset, in the 1940's and 50's, my classmates and I were often fortunate enough to be taken on field trips to various geological points of interest around town. Elders would explain the significance of various rocks and ledges and relate how Quonahassit natives had lived here, in a symbiotic relationship, with their environment for thousands of years before the Europeans arrived. These original inhabitants of our land, whose local population was in the thousands before the Europeans brought them the deadly smallpox virus, understood that we are a part of "Mother Earth. As such we will eventually be returned to Her, and that She should be respected and revered for all with which She has blessed us.

In this age of narcissism, conspicuous consumption, greed, and disconnection, is it any wonder that those who "get what they want" will bulldoze through, at any cost, proposals which lack any respect for those human and natural treasures which offer the least vocal opposition?

Jim's thoughts, laid out openly to the community, have caused me to pause and think, like a fog horn on Minot's Ledge, sounding a deep mournful warning: "Pay attention. . . think about where you are going!"

In 1614 Capt. John Smith was so favorably impressed with the striking nature and character of Quonahasset's rocky coast that he later wrote about it when he had returned home to England: ". . . tracts of large long ledges of diverse sorts,. . . so strangely divided with tinctured veins of divers colours. . . so resemblith the coast of Devonshire. . . ." * * *A Description of New England, Capt. John Smith, London 1616.*

As evidenced by the enthusiastic spirit of all of the townsfolk who cheered during the ground-breaking ceremony at Cohasset High School, there is still a strong sense of community here. I believe that Cohasset as a community has high expectations for the future. We cherish our threatened natural resources, and fully expect our community leaders and planners to take whatever steps are "reasonably" necessary to protect those resources. It is important to protect what remains of Cohasset's ledge whenever possible. Progress is not our enemy. It's the callous and all too often cavalier attitude toward our precious natural resources for which we must be ever vigilant.

All over town precious and beautiful ledge is being wastefully blasted out of existence because it is in someone's way! Beauty is often in the eye of the beholder. Please take a few minutes to view the grounds at the Light Keepers House on Government Island. There you will be treated to the elegant presentation of ledge, gardens and community space so beautifully designed and laid out that it may help to awaken and inspire you. At the same time try to imagine what it would have been like had all of the ledge been blasted away for the sake of a few more parking spaces!

I urge the Selectmen, Planning Board and others to immediately make room on their agenda for discussions regarding the creation of a bylaw designed to provide for the "reasonable" protection of something as basic to Cohasset's character as our granite ledge?

Rich Silvia lives at 445 Beechwood St.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thanks to all for Family fun event

TO THE EDITOR:

The committee of the Family Fun Concert held recently at the Sullivan Gym at CMHS would like to send a huge thank you to all of you who supported this event.

The Deer Hill fifth-grade students who worked so hard in ticket sales, poster making, set-up and clean up, along with the wonderful families who also helped — our hats are off to you! To all the staff, custodians and town help, thank you for all the hours, sweat and manpower you gave. To the staff in the Deer Hill office, the teachers for putting up with the constant reminders, thank you! A huge, special thanks goes out to Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan, who was with us every step of the way, morning, noon and night! This event was initially the brainchild of one and then, was put into play by many.

Every year, the sixth grade goes to Camp Bournedale in late September on a wonderful learning adventure. The cost for this program is the responsibility of parents and is offset by fundraising programs through the school. One of our objectives was to start a family fundraiser in which we all were able to come together, enjoy family and friends and show everyone how wonderful it really can be when "town spirit" is brought together in this kind of event. Guess what, it worked!

More than 800 people were at this concert and Radio Disney, WATD radio and the feature presentation, "Ball in the House" were there to make it the success that it was. The best part for us all was seeing parents, friends and most of all the kids enjoy this great event. We sincerely hope that it is the first of many family events to come and that all of you will continue to spread the word when it is time and come show us the town-wide pride and involvement that makes these things so worthwhile! As the saying goes, "It takes a village...."

The Family Fun Committee.
(Karen Hurd, Karen Oronte, Karen Doonan, Jen Piepenbrink and Sue Cunningham)

Rusty Skippers say 'thank you'

TO THE EDITOR:

In your recent editorial cheering the return of the CMHS band to the Memorial Day Parade (three cheers for that!), you referred to our band as "the beloved Rusty Skippers". On behalf of the band, I thank you for your continued enthusiastic support of our musical endeavors. Also, many thanks publicly to Steve Biagini, Director of Instrumental Music at Deer Hill School, for his ongoing efforts on our behalf. Without Steve's time and expertise, we would not be so musical; in fact, we probably would not exist! We are so fortunate to have him as our Director.

The weekend of the Arts Festival marks our sixth anniversary. I wonder if the Reverend Ed Atkinson could have imagined this when he suggested a town-wide band for the 1995 Harborfest. We will be playing for the Arts Festival on Saturday the 16th at 11 a.m. As always, we welcome new members to join the Rusty Skippers, and would look forward to meeting them on the 16th.

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Senior housing group fights Town Meeting vote

Worries about impact of zoning by-law change

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset Senior Housing Committee sent a letter to state Attorney General Thomas Reilly urging him to take a close look at a Town Meeting vote that eliminated use variances from the town's zoning bylaws.

The committee fears the article – or item of business that was before town meeting – could stop attempts to develop badly needed housing for senior citizens in town.

Article 30 on the Town Meeting warrant originally was aimed at prohibiting use variances for private sanitary landfills and other waste facilities in the Light Industry zoning district. However, an amendment made on the floor by Robert Sturdy of the town Planning Board changed the article to prohibit use variances from all districts.

Senior Housing Committee Chairman Jim Lagrotteria says not only were people not made aware of the full implication of the article, but the amendment exceeded the original intent of the article.

"There was a lot of heavy blinking that day," said Lagrotteria of the eight-hour-long Town Meeting. "There was a lot of zoning articles, and nobody paid any attention to it. It was proposed by the Planning Board, and everybody said, 'Oh, OK.'"

Lagrotteria said it was two days later he realized the implications the amendment could have on the movement for senior housing in Cohasset.

"It went from prohibiting landfills from a certain district in town to prohibiting anything in any district other than what it was designed for," he said. "Let's say you have a 14-room house, and you have an elderly mother you want to create an apartment for. You wouldn't even have the right to go before the zoning board and ask for a variance."

Lagrotteria said it would also prevent developers, who own commercial land, from building senior housing. "They don't even have the right to file an application," he said.

Town counsel Paul DeRensis asked the committee to rescind its letter to Reilly but the board voted not to.

The senior housing committee asked selectmen to also send a letter to Reilly asking him to review the article. The board said it couldn't assume Town Counsel or Town Meeting made a mistake and asked DeRensis for an opinion.

DeRensis said in a letter to selectmen last week that the amendment was legal and did not exceed the original intent of the article. But he did not comment on whether the Town Meeting vote would prevent use variances in all districts and therefore, stop efforts to develop senior housing.

Lagrotteria said the change wouldn't affect the two parcels of town-owned land the senior housing committee is looking at for sites for senior housing — a 14-acre lot off Pleasant Street and a 10-acre parcel off Route 3A next to Red Fox Lane because they are residentially zoned.

The state attorney general's office reviews all zoning and bylaw-related articles passed at Town Meetings, and rules on their validity before they become law in that town.

A decision from Reilly's office will be made sometime this summer.

Massport sets the record straight

By Thomas J. Kinton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

— COMMENTARY —

The residents of the South Shore deserve to hear the facts about New England's premier airport and not the rash rhetoric of a small band of activists intent on distorting the record for their own purposes. Logan International Airport is a public infrastructure asset situated near the millions of leisure and business travelers that come from the Greater Boston area. These people depend on Logan for their vacations, family reunions, business deals, and picking up their sons and daughters during Winter Break. Logan provides more than 27 million passengers access to their destinations and the folks at Massport are working hard to make that experience better, more efficient, and more friendly.

Over the past year, under the leadership of Executive Director Virginia Buckingham, Massport has been nationally recognized for imposing tough customer service standards on the airlines, proposing a smart demand management policy in case Logan ever becomes overscheduled (like LaGuardia is today), pushing for the regionalization of air travel and promoting alternatives to Logan, and leading the charge on runway construction here and across the country.

Massport has a proud record of initiatives to further enhance the passenger experience at Logan, but we are also dealing with the number one complaint: delays. A new runway at Logan will fix a deficiency in the airport's runway layout and cut delays by one-third. This 5,000 feet of concrete will virtually eliminate the delays over which Massport has control and bump Logan off the list of top ten most delayed airports. In addition, by improving the efficiency of Logan, the runway will improve air quality, as aircraft will spend less time idling on taxiways and circling overhead. The most recent study estimates that a new runway and taxiway at Logan will remove 500 to 700 tons of pollution a year from the air. One thing the runway will not do is increase the airport's overall capacity. Last month a FAA study confirmed this, while it recommended a new runway as a key solution to chronic delays at Logan.

In terms of increased capacity, Massport is looking to the region's other airports to handle the bulk of the growth in air travel. The success of regionalization has been startling, over the past two years passenger growth at Logan has been held under two percent and we have seen 30,000 fewer flights than we did in 1998. A new runway will give air traffic controllers another tool to distribute flights more equitably. So while flights on one runway may increase, others will decrease. Overall the number of flights over Hingham and the South Shore would not change as a result of building the new landing strip and residents should not experience any noticeable difference in noise. In fact, noise is expected to decrease as the airlines continue to introduce quieter planes at Logan. Traditionally, Logan has been a leader in having amongst the quietest aircraft fleets in the country.

While some opponents have employed scare tactics warning of plummeting property values and a diminished quality of life on the South Shore, the facts just don't support it. For example, property values in the highest impacted communities, those abutting Logan, have increased by 48 percent since 1990 while passenger growth increased by 18 percent during the same period. As we continue the public process and discuss the proposed runway at Logan, it is important to focus on the facts and recognize that we all benefit if we approach this issue honestly.

Thomas J. Kinton is Director of Aviation at Massport.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sympathy appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Osgood School staff is most grateful for the many kind, caring and generous expressions of sympathy. Clearly, the sudden loss of our colleague, Barbara McCabe came as an unexpected shock. The outpouring of support comforted us as we turned our concern and attention to the children of Osgood School.

We wish to extend our thanks to the parents, the friends, the Deer Hill staff and the CTA who reached out to us during the difficult and say days following the news of Barbara's death. A special note of thanks to Mary Ernst and Arthur Roebuck who came to our assistance on very short notice in preparing food for the reception following the Mass and burial.

A fund has been established for Barbara's three daughters. Contributions may be made to The McCabe Children's Trust fund, c/o Rockland Trust, Columbia Rd., Hanover 02339.

Again, our sincere thanks for the efforts on our behalf.

Maureen Alcott
for the Osgood staff

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A truck dumps a load of dirt at the gravel pit off North Main Street. The town may develop playing fields at the site.

Town eyes gravel pit for fields

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Meeting if money is needed to complete the project.

The committee was formed in response to years of concerns and complaints regarding the use of the pits by area residents.

From 1999 through 2000, contractors working on the town's sewer installation project used the pits as a staging area to store excavated earth from the project. Before that, the pits were used as a storage area for the town's public works department, and was the original source for the town's gravel.

In the meantime, however, dump trucks have been delivering tons of dirt every day this week as part of the onset of the school construction project. In order to build the new athletic complex behind the middle/high school, contractors have to haul off 25,000 cubic yards of earth. To save money, the town opted to have the fill trucked into the gravel pits instead of the more expensive option of transporting it to a site out of town. Another 1,000 cubic yards will be given to the upcoming Woodside Cemetery expansion project.

Haddad said the result should be an area in the gravel pit measuring nearly 200 yards by 200 yards being raised between six and 10 feet. Since starting Monday, the trucks have made an average of 10 trips an hour from the Pond Street construction site, up Route 3A, to North Main Street, and already hauled more than 7,500 yards.

He expects it to take up to a month to transfer all 25,000 cubic yards.

Haddad said there have been complaints about noise and dust from neighbors of both the school and North Main Street, and has ordered street sweepers out to clean up the streets.

He told selectmen Tuesday that the contractors have done everything asked of them and asked the neighbors to be patient.

Historic Hingham homes are on tour

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Cohasset High School to graduate class of achievers

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MCAS scores rank them in the top four or five high schools in the commonwealth."

The senior class ranked first in the state on the 1998 MCAS test, when they were 10th graders.

He also said the class had distinguished themselves in the arts, and athletically. The boys soccer team reached the south sectional semi-finals this past fall, and the boys track team won the first South Shore League championship in a number of years this spring.

"Even though Cohasset is the smallest school in the league, they've been very, very competitive in all sports,' Jones said.

Jones commended a number of students who earned classroom credits outside of the high school building doing independent studies on their personal interests.

"This class was highly motivated, comfortable with adults, poised, able to set goals for themselves and pursue those goals," he said. "And they have taken on some responsibilities that indicate a level of maturity unusual for high school students."

He mentioned the recent 50th anniversary celebration, where not only did the seniors show up, but led the rest of the school out to Alumni Field for the groundbreaking ceremony.

"Here they are at the end of the school year, when they could have blown off the event not even come," Jones said. "But they demonstrated their commitment to the school and sense of responsibility and desire to maintain leadership to the very end of their senior year."

Jones said it has been gratifying watching the seniors "grow and become young adults, become learners and develop their own individual talents.

"Our students seem to approach learning with a passion," he continued. "Some distinguish themselves scholastically, some through the arts, and some public service. But all seem to be passionately involved in what they're doing."

Class president Justin Langham said part of the class' strength came from its differences. "We were able to come together in small school, where everyone knows each other, and at the same time outside of school, people hung out in different groups," he said. "We're tight, but diverse."

Their overall excellence, Jones said, led the senior class to have a "remarkable success rate" getting into the colleges of their choice. Once again, 95 percent of the graduating class has been accepted to a four-year college.

The Class of 2001 will also be the final class to graduate from the current middle/high school building. Already tons of dirt are being removed from behind the high school in preparation for the multi-million dollar renovation and expansion of the school building. Even though the project won't be finished for two years, the school will look drastically different next year, and Jones said this year's seniors have appreciated that fact.

He made point to mention student council president Ben Bixby, who gave a brief speech at the groundbreaking ceremony two weeks ago.

"I was so impressed at how much Ben appreciated the significance of that moment and how articulated his sense of our tradition and the class' place in that tradition."

Bixby said the class appreciates not having to "live through the renovations."

The ceremony will also honor three retiring teachers, Ron Emmons, George Fortin, and Dennis Walsh, who Jones said had a combined 90 years of teaching experience between them.

The ceremony will be held rain or shine under the tent at the South Shore Music Circus; all are welcome.

Public health nurse moves to Town Hall

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cial standpoint, there was never an opportunity to do that because of the benefit issue," he said. There's currently a position at Town Hall that is unfilled, so the benefit package for Fitzsimmons is already paid for in a sense, Godzik said. The Board of Health secretary will pick up the administrative duties. The health board has also budgeted about 200 hours for a part-time nurse, who will help out when needed and fill in when Fitzsimmons is on vacation.

Godzik said the move would allow Fitzsimmons to work more closely with the Board of Health and give her more exposure.

"More people come into Town Hall," he said. Parking at St. Stephen's, which sits atop a hill, can be problematic and the street leading up to the church is currently torn up for sewer work, he said.

Fitzsimmons' office will be in the soon-to-be transformed mailroom next to the building commissioner's office on the first floor. Her door will face the vestibule and front door of Town Hall where there's considerable foot traffic.

"People will stop in to ask questions, have health screenings done or whatever," Godzik said. "It's a better way of doing things for the people of the town."

Fitzsimmons said the move is bittersweet.

"St. Stephen's was a lovely, lovely place to work and the people there couldn't be nicer. We've had a wonderful association with the Social Service League over the years," she said. "But all the public health nurses I know in towns across the state work for the town directly."

"This provides an opportunity for the Board of Health to really look at the issue of a public health nurse."

—Stephen Bobo, Board of Health

She said the prospect of working at Town Hall is "kind of exciting" because of all the people that pass through.

Fitzsimmons said the Social Service League started out as the town's own visiting nurse association, a practice that continued until the 1980s when federal legislation made a full-town administrator to deal with Medicaid and Medicare a necessity.

"The League was too small to handle it but the town wanted to continue the services of a town nurse, so they drew up the contract," she said.

The duties of the public health nurse include being responsible for all vaccines that come through. Massachusetts offers free vaccine to immunize children against certain communicable diseases; so local pediatricians will pick up the vaccines from the public health nurse. The nurse also conducts some home visits, health screenings and assessments, flu clinics and educational programs.

Fitzsimmons said no matter where the location, she loves what she does.

"I thoroughly enjoy it, it's a wonderful job," she said.

In a letter to Godzik, Motoko Deane, president of the Social Service League, said the league has offered continued support for annual health fairs, flu clinics and other programs. Deane said the league, as it conducts its strategic planning process, is waiting for direction from the Board of Health as to what its expectations are for help from the organization since nursing will not longer be a defined focus for the league.

Deane said in a telephone interview that the league has been proud to provide nursing service to the town and will remain at St. Stephen's.

"We will continue to provide counseling and other social services. We wish Judy well and will be there to help when needed," she said.

For more about the public health nurse's move to Town Hall, including hours her office will be open, see Health Notes on page 7.

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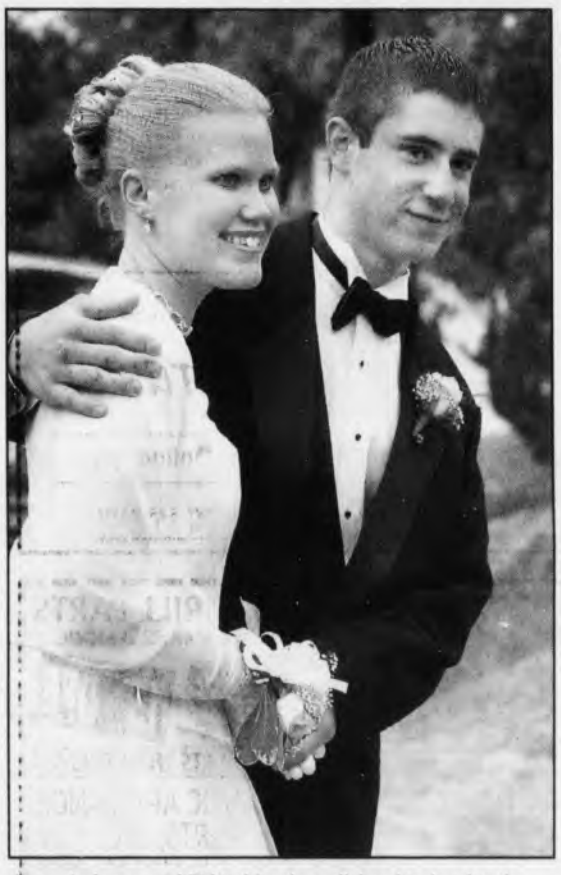
Pre-prom gala is picture perfect



From left, Lydia Guild, Jay Bertovich, Karen McMorris, John Hertig, Sarah Kidder, Dan Littauer, Ashley Ulmer, Tim Baird, Elizabeth Ingber, Jeff Garber, Morgan Hurley and Jordan Straight enjoy the pre-prom reception on Government Island.



Susan Dane and Justin Maitland are all smiles Friday. After the reception, prom-goers took the boat to Boston's Marriott Long Wharf hotel.

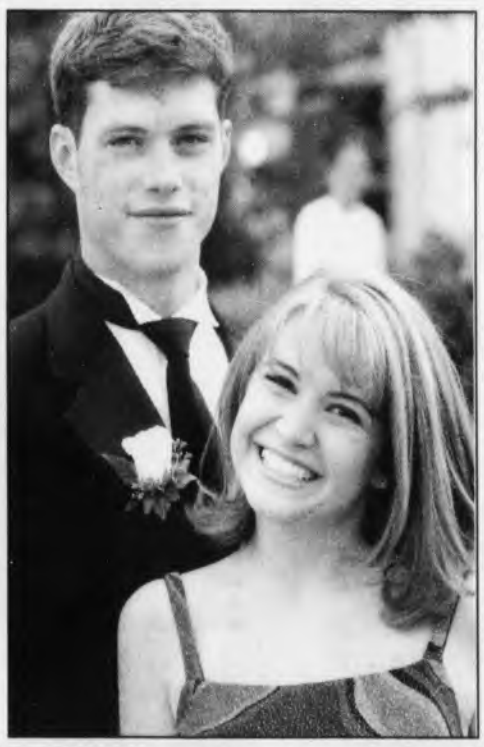


Betsy Anderson and Robin Murphy walk hand-in-hand to the pre-prom reception.



Cohasset Harbor and the Minot Light Replica provide the perfect setting for this photo of Bea Rankin and Ian Hickey.

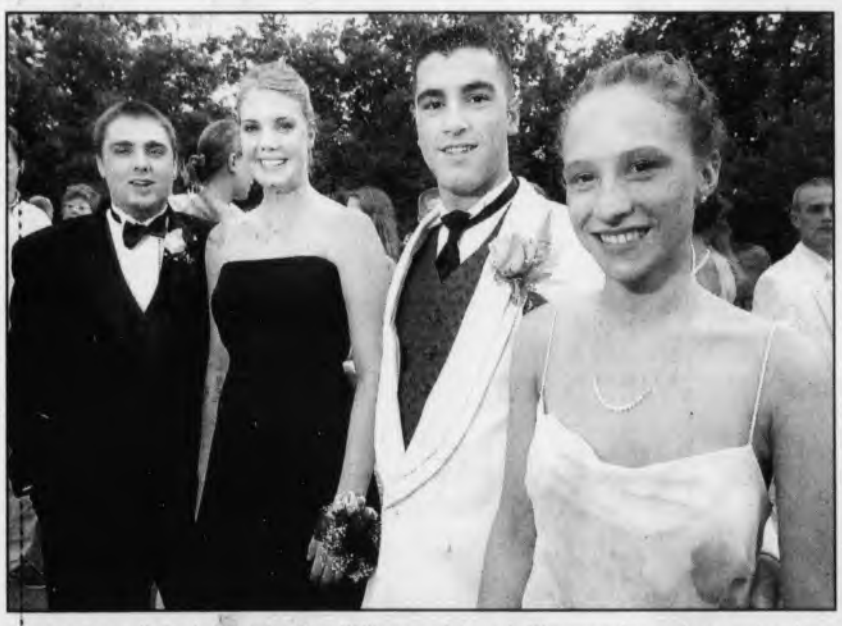
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Geoff McWilliams and Julia Lovallo are a cute couple.



Lindsey Gardner gives her date Bryan Bilton a hug.



Brayton Pearsall, Rachel Quigley, Dan Williams and Amanda Watts socialize at the reception that provided parents with the chance to take pictures of their teenagers.



Lane Forrer, Robin Cunningham and Ted Gledhill ham it up for the camera.

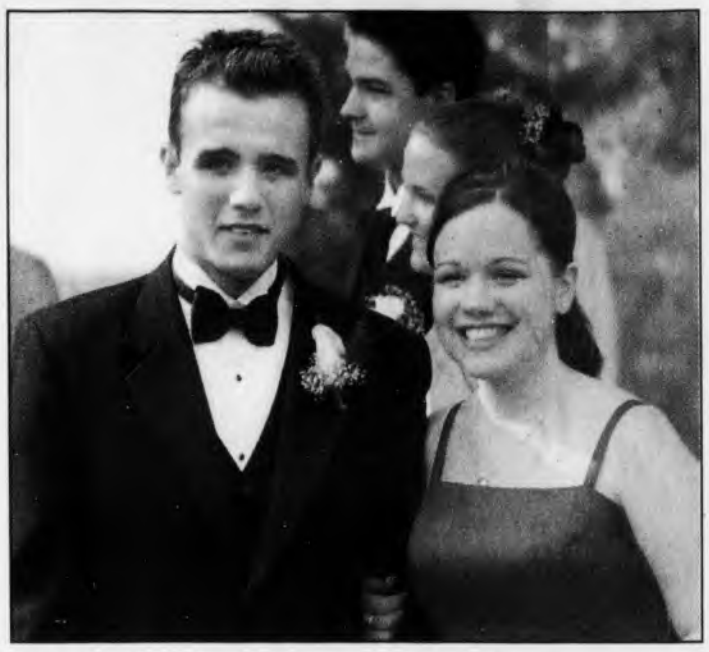


Arianna Afshar and Mark Verrochi make a handsome couple at the annual pre-prom gala.

Pre-prom gala in living color!



Sophomores Yasmine Afshar and Kate Grimm look lovely at the pre-prom gala Friday at the Lightkeepers Residence.

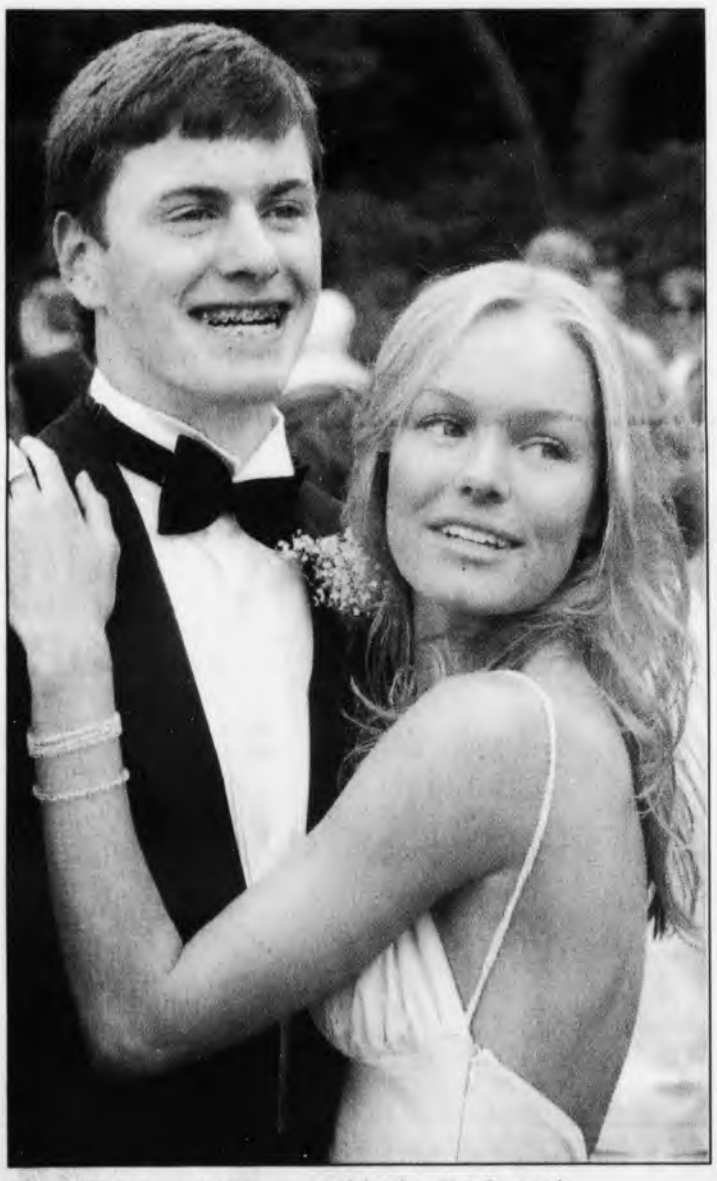


Bobby Protulis and Meredith Ronan make a lovely couple.

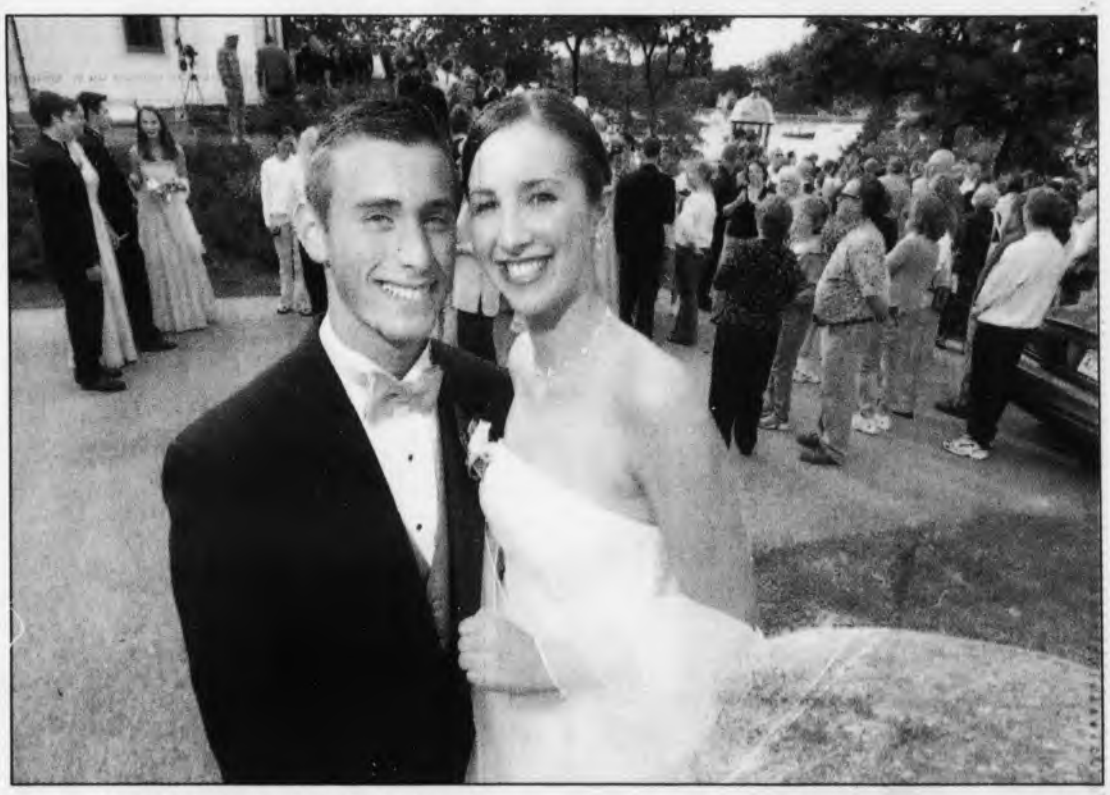


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On right, Andi Shaunessey, Ashley Ulmer, Lydia Guild and Sarah Kidder are all smiles at the pre-prom gala Friday evening.



Doug O'Brien poses for the camera with his date, Kate Bosworth.



The Minot Light Replica makes the perfect backdrop for this photo of Chris Golden and his date, Cara Foley.

These Cohasset High School girls make a lovely picture at the pre-prom gala where parents could take photos of their teenagers before they headed to the prom in Boston.



Abbey Coakley and Andrew Dennis look mighty fine in their formal wear.

Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Pete Maitland

The Cohasset High junior made his best throw of the year at Tuesday's State Track and Field Championships, a toss of 178-6, which earned him fifth place in the statewide field and an invite to the New England Track and Field Championships this Saturday at Winnacunnet High School in New Hampshire.

Living
On the South Shore
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Maitland lets it fly

Cohasset javelin thrower advances to New England's

By Mike Spellman
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Al LaFontain figured that Pete Maitland could finish anywhere between third and 15th at Tuesday's extension of the Massachusetts Track and Field championships at Holy Cross University.

So the fourth year Cohasset High head track coach pulled out all the stops in trying to gain an edge for his talented javelin thrower. When the field events of the track and field championships were postponed from Saturday at Worcester State to Tuesday at Holy Cross, he did a little research, and discovered that the Holy Cross field events were conducted on turf rather than grass.

Armed with this knowledge, the coach equipped his gifted junior with a pair of track shoes that were more conducive to turf performance.

Maitland went out and made his best throw of the year, a toss of 178-6 to take fifth and move on to the New England Track and Field Championships this Saturday at Winnacunnet High School in New Hampshire.

"I don't know if the shoes really made that big a difference," said LaFontain with a chuckle. "Pete has been throwing progressively better lately, so it's tough to say."

On his last throw, Mailtalnd uncorked a throw that topped 180 feet, which would have been a career best, but he was flagged for stepping over the line, a call the junior apparently questioned.

Maitland makes the first trackster LaFontain has taken to the New England Championships in his four years at Cohasset High.

"It's all a bonus from here,' this real excitign for Pete and me too. This will be a great expereince for him, and something he can really build on next year."

The coach assumed there was no way Maitland would finish ahead of either Whitman Hanson's Brian Cassidy (200-11) and Norwood's Brian Wilson (185-'7)—who, sure enough, went 1-2 in the competition. However, he figured it was a pretty even playing field after that, and he was proven right, as there was a difference of only 10 feet between the third and 15th place tosses.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Pete Maitland was a multi-event performer for the Skippers this season, but the javelin was by far his best, as he proved with his fifth place finish at the Massachusetts Track and Field Championships on Tuesday.

Cohasset girls Bourne-bound



PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset freshman Holly Graham moved up to second singles this week and pulled off two big wins for the Lady Skippers.

After two wins, tennis team draws top seed in semi-finals on Thursday

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

With two consecutive wins over Fairhaven and Canton to open the State Tournament, the Cohasset girls tennis team has proved it is for real this year.

After an 11-1 season gave them a bye in the preliminary round, the Lady Skippers played Fairhaven in the opening round, thumping them 5-0.

Sophomore Lindsay Grossman ended her match quickly, building an early lead and never letting up with a solid 6-0, 6-1 victory.

Freshman Holly Graham, not used to the spot of second singles, blew Fairhaven's senior captain Liz Delano away, 6-1, 6-1.

Senior captain Aryanna Afshar showed veteran experience with a 6-1, 6-2 shellacking of visiting junior Colleen Dawicki.

First doubles of junior captain Kelly Stone and freshman Courtney Caron overcame some early difficulties to take down a pair of seniors, 6-4, 6-3.

Freshmen Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans continued their domination of second doubles with a

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Lady Laxers ousted

Superior Sandwich team gets better of young Cohasset squad, 16-6

Bill Grimm
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset girls varsity lacrosse team had to travel all the way to Sandwich on Monday for the first ever state tournament game in the history of the program.

Unfortunately, the long return trip north on route 3 wasn't a happy one, as the seventh seeded Sandwich squad came away with a 16-6 victory over the 12th seeded Lady Skippers.

The game was evenly matched during the early going as the Cohasset defense, led by Julie Lordan and goalie Gia Petrakis (12 saves for the game), kept the Sandwich attack at bay.

The host Blue Knights got on the board first, but sophomore first home Sera Genovese responded quickly with an unassisted goal after a beautiful face dodge to tie the score.

Sandwich got its passing and ball control game going midway through the first half, scoring seven unanswered goals to take a commanding 8-1 lead.

Sera Genovese managed to fire

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Forward thinking for baseball team

Skippers hope to wash away 6-14 season next year

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It was a rough season for the Cohasset baseball Skippers, but they should have some good things to look forward to in the coming years.

Although the team finished the year with a record of 6-14, ending the season with a five game losing streak, the team showed its mettle by never giving up, even when post-season play became an impossibility.

"They scrapped every game they played," said third year manager Robert Knurek.

Next year's team will be led by a very capable class of 2002, including several who performed very well as everyday players.

One of the best all-around players for the Skippers this year was junior Tim Straughan, who led the team in RBIs, and with a .426 batting average.

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Injury sidelines Krupczak at All-States

With college track on the horizon, Cohasset speedster bows out of final high school race

By Mike Spellman
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In the end, Brian Krupczak decided that running the 200-meter race in Saturday's All-State Track and Field championship simply wasn't worth the risk.

Krupczak, who graduates from Cohasset High on Saturday, would have received a high seed after winning the Class D meet the previous weekend, but did not want to chance further tearing the tendon that almost knocked him out of that Class meet.

"It was definitely a tough decision," explained Krupczak, who will run track in the fall at Washington and Lee University, where he would like to study pre-law or politics. "A part of me said this is probably your last chance in high school to run and you should let it all hang out, but then I looked at the eight seasons of track I've still got ahead of me, and decided it wasn't worth it. I made the right decision."

He added that the rainy conditions on the Worcester State College track, as well as the fact that he'd attended Cohasset High's prom the night before, helped make the deci-

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Boys rout Ashland

Laxers advance to state quarterfinals with record breaking 18-5 win

The tournament scoring records that took Cohasset boys' lacrosse 10 years to set lasted less than a week, as the Skippers exploded for 11 second-half goals and demolished Ashland 18-5 in an Div. 2 EMass tournament second-round match-up.

The Tri-Valley League visitors had lost to Cohasset by a more respectable 10-7 margin on May 23, but on Monday night they could only beat the Skippers on number of minutes spent in the penalty box.

With five Ashland penalties in the game's final three minutes alone, the referees halted the action with nearly a minute to play, in effect awarding Cohasset a technical knock-out.

"That's something you rarely see," said Head Coach Kevin Orcutt. "But they'd been using their sticks recklessly for much of the game, and it was definitely getting out of hand at the end."

On the positive side, Cohasset clicked both offensively and defensively. Moving the ball well, and finding open men on the crease, the Cohasset attack – despite losing sophomore Curt Kahn to two brutal slashes in the second and third quarters – surgically dissected Ashland's slower and less skilled defenders.

Junior Jason Moore broke Eric Libby's single-game point total record with five goals and three assists, while classmate Paul Previte registered five goals and a pair of assists. Moore and Previte now share the record for most goals in a tournament game. Libby, for his part, had another fine contribution, picking up two goals and two assists.

In all, eight Skippers found the back of the net, including sophomore Matt Davis (two goals), soph Tom Anderson (a goal and two assists), senior Ronan Buick (a goal and an assist), junior Sean Chase (a goal and an assist), and soph Robert Hickey (one goal).

Freshman midfielder Mark Davis picked up the first point of his career, assisting on Chase's goal. And senior co-captain Geoff McWilliams grabbed his second assist of the year, on a coast-to-coast clearing run, passing to Moore in the midst of a three-minute, six-goal blitz that put the game away in the middle of the third quarter.

"Geoff McWilliams and his defensive teammates (co-captain Justin Langham, Nick Spirito, Greg Figureido and freshman Conor

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Cohasset's Eric Libby (#18) is congratulated by teammates after scoring one of his two goals against Ashland on Monday night.

Youth Lacrosse has another strong weekend

By Chuck Jaffe
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In the final weekend of regularly scheduled games for the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, Cohasset's youth program continued a strong season, winning three games and losing two close ones.

The action started on Friday, when the 14-and-Under (14-U) team played a tough, physical Marshfield squad. A lackadaisical start doomed Cohasset for the night, with Marshfield controlling nearly every face-off and dominating ground balls en route to a 7-1 halftime lead. Cohasset's lone goal was scored by Jake Previte.

Cohasset came out with much more intensity in the second half and was able to control the ball for most of the third and fourth quarters, but could not do better than play the Marshfield team even. Aidan Buick and Mike Martone combined for the two Cohasset goals in the second half, with Buick feeding Martone for a quick shot and score, and Martone passing to Buick for a nice left-handed stuff.

Cohasset had several good shots turned away by the Marshfield goalie in the fourth quarter and the game ended at 10-3 Marshfield.

The next games for the program were on Sunday, when the rest of the youth program returned to action for the first time since before Memorial Day.

In Bourne, the Cohasset 10-and-Under team was slow out of the gate and fell behind 2-0 at the end of the 1st quarter. The squad played much better in the second quarter with John Kearney scoring Cohasset's first goal on an assist from Geoff Evans. Eamon Davis scored the first of his three goals on a nice assist from Jack Murphy, but Bourne led 5-2 at the half.

Cohasset had a sluggish third quarter, with the team's only score coming from Eamon Davis unassisted. Bourne added two goals to lead 7-3 at the end the the 3rd quarter. The fourth quarter was all Cohasset, but the boys netted only goals from Davis and Jake Wheelwright and finished on the short end of a 7-5 final. Logan Chase had a quality performance in the goal, and Derek St. Peter had a strong defensive performance.

The Cohasset Blue 12-and Under team followed the 10-U team onto the field at Bourne and quickly took control of the game. Eric MacCarthy intercepted a clearing pass and scored his first goal of the season to give Cohasset a 1-0 lead. Parker Berg fed Michael Bunstein seconds later for a 2-0 lead.

After a Bourne goal, Peter Ernst netted two goals to give Cohasset a 4-1 lead heading into the first break. Berg fed Bunstein to open the second period before Bourne scored twice to make it 5-3. Matt Burgess then scored on a man-up feed from Nick Zappolo, Bunstein completed his hat trick and Dan Trendowicz closed out the first half at 8-3.

The second half was unusual. Berg scored an early goal, and the physical nature of the game picked up. Unfortunately, an injury to a Cohasset player brought an early end to the third period.

The teams regrouped to play the final period and Cohasset scored two quick goals — from Trendowicz and Mark Flibotte — before letting Bourne take control. Five goals later, Bourne was feeling pretty charged up, but Cohasset gained control of the ball and Teddy Galligan made a great one-on-one drive from behind the net, coming around to score his first goal of the season to calm things down. Bourne scored one more goal, but ran out of time.

Sam Parker made six first-half saves in the net for Cohasset, several of them highlight-reel material. Jared Dick stood up to the second-half onslaught, making nine saves under the intense Bourne pressure. The win raised Cohasset Blue's record to 7-3.

While the Blue team was in Bourne, Cohasset White was in Hanover, staying unbeaten with a blow-out win over a defenseless Hanover squad.

The start was sluggish, with Hanover taking 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 leads before Cohasset kicked it into gear and rocketed out to a 10-3 halftime lead before coasting to a 13-6 win.

Chris Mills and Michael Grimm both scored five points, with Mills netting four goals and Grimm three. Austen Lanzillotti added two goals, and Jared Kinch, Peter Oswald, Chris Rose and Hunter Sease scored single goals. Kinch had two assists, and Oswald one.

Justin Hollis made nine saves, including several spectacular ones to close the door in the second half.

The 14-U team followed the White team in Hanover and ended its regular season on a high note by defeating Hanover 8-6 with a very strong all around effort. Cohasset controlled play for most of the game with midfielders Chris Barber, Mike Pecca, Jake Previte, Billy Carbone, Zack Etkind, and Colin Regan scooping up nearly every ground ball and moving it quickly to the attack.

The scoring started with John Grimm passing to Mike Martone, who found Aidan Buick in front of the cage for the finish. Hanover came back and scored two goals quickly to take their only lead of the game. Buick then found Pecca cutting in from his midfield position, hit him in stride with the pass, and Pecca bounced it home to tie the score. Cohasset took a 4-2 lead into halftime with two more great feeds from Buick who found Evan Sacks coming hard to the cage for a score, and then combined with Pecca for his second goal of the game.

In the third quarter, the teams traded single goals with the lone Cohasset score coming on a great play by Jonathan Littauer, who scooped up a ball in traffic in front of the Hanover goal and fired it in.

Cohasset took what seemed to be a comfortable 6-4 lead in the fourth quarter on a goal by Previte, until Hanover came storming back with two goals to tie the game. After the Hanover surge, Trevor Brady regained the lead for Cohasset with a strong shot from out in front.

Buick then finished his outstanding day with a quick right handed blast into the top left corner of the cage, ending any hopes of a Hanover comeback.

The Cohasset close defense played an excellent game and gave up only one goal to the Hanover attackmen. Defenseman Matt Baroudi, Kirby Buckowski, Joey Durkin, and Mike Barnes all made exceptional plays and worked well as a unit with goalie Chris Simms.

Cohasset White had a Monday evening game scheduled against Hingham, with the two 12-U teas set to face-off against each other in the Blue-White game on Friday, June 8. All age groups will play in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League Jamboree at Fort Devens on June 10 to close out their season.

Downed by Harwich

By James Olson
CORRESPONDENT

After an 8-4 record put them in the state tourney for the first time in several years, the boys of the Cohasset High tennis team put in an impressive showing, but were defeated in the preliminary round by Harwich.

Harwich took this match 4-1, but all of the individual contests were remarkably close.

Senior Erik Shea maintained his undefeated record at second singles this year by notching the Skippers' only win of the day. He ousted senior captain Mike Steiner in a three set nailbiter—6-1, 5-7, 7-6—capped off with an 8-6 tiebreaker victory.

"[Steiner] got everything back," said first year coach Pam Wilson of the toughness of his game. "Erik just had to outlast him, and he did."

With the win, Shea became the only Cohasset athlete of the year with five individual post-season victories, after three with the soccer team and one as a basketball player this past winter.

Senior co-captain Chris Golden, one of three All-Stars on the team, came away with a loss to Harwich's senior captain Brian Kett, a disruptive hitter with a monster serve.

"[Chris] played a very tough player," said Wilson, referrign specifically to Kett's ability to return nearly everything within his reach. "It was hard to get a rhythm against him."

Golden finished his six year varsity career, in which he played every position on the team except second doubles.

At third singles, two completely contrasting playing styles met head-to-head for a very competitive match. Junior Joe Niessink was working his normal power game, recording five aces. His opponent, freshman Craig Druschetta, overcame the power with soft consistency, eventually taking the third set in a tiebreaker.

At first doubles, senior captain Jeff Scribner and sophomore David Ingber lost as a duo for only the second time this season to Harwich's senior-sophomore pair of "Twin Towers", Jeremy Cootz and Justin Turco.

Both stood at 6-foot-'3, which all but eliminated the Cohasset duo's normally effective lob game, as they took the match, 6-4, 6-4.

"Consistency is the key to developing skills," explained Wilson, who broke a chain of coaches that constantly scrambled line-ups, never allowing a partnership to form with their doubles teams. "First doubles really developed and learned the game of doubles."

Scribner also finished a six year varsity career with this match, after by far his best year. He and his partner were selected to the All-Star team with an 11-2 record. This record included the only win of the season over Norwell's first doubles team of Justin Meddaugh and Rory O'Conner.

At second doubles, brothers Casey and Jesse Brewer teamed up for the first time of the year, playing very well together, but getting tagged with a loss, 6-3, 6-2.

Regardless of the unfavorable outcome, Wilson was very pleased with the performance put in by her team against the very solid Cape team.

"It was great to see Cohasset tennis get a name for itself for the boys," smiled Wilson.

The team can also take some solace in knowing that the Rough Riders were absolutely destroyed in the first round Monday by Bourne.

Harwich will be entering the South Shore League next year, and the two teams should have very interesting matches as they will both be hit very hard by graduation.

Boys lacrosse team routs Ashland

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Buick and Stephen Davis) cleared as well as they have all year," said Coach Orcutt. "(Goalie) Kyle Weber can take credit for that too, because he quarterbacked the defense and made all the right calls."

Weber finished with nine saves before giving way to freshman Nick Murphy, who collected one save without giving up a goal.

Cohasset took the lead a minute into the game on an unassisted goal by Previte, but Ashland tied it three minutes later on a shot by midfielder David Bresnick. The Skippers responded on a Anderson-to-Moore connection, and after Ashland tied the contest once more a the six-minute mark, Matt Davis took a feed from Moore and gave Cohasset the lead for good.

"We're playing well now; the best we have all year," said Coach Orcutt. "Of course, when your next opponent is the defending state champion, you'd better be on top of your game."

Beside the individual records, Cohasset set team tournament records for most goals in a game (18) and margin of victory (13). With the win, Cohasset advances to the third round in state lacrosse tournament play for the first time in its ten-year history as a varsity program.

The Skippers were scheduled to travel to Milton, seeded second in the tourney, on Wednesday, with the face-off tentatively set for 5 p.m. Milton played Ashland early in the season, beating them 12-3.

Lady Laxers ousted

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home another unassisted goal but Sandwich led at halftime 9-2.

Sandwich controlled the draws and possession of the ball throughout the game. On virtually every Cohasset possession, Sandwich players double-teamed the ball and were very aggressive in their stick checks.

"Sandwich is a superior team," conceded Cohasset coach Cathy Gaudiano. "They have excellent stick skills and constantly look for open teammates, passing the ball quickly into the offensive zone. They are very tough on defense, particularly through the midfield."

Cohasset started the second half strong. Maura McKenney scored after off of a pass from Kristin Sheerin and Genovese completed her hat trick with an assist from Katherine Coyne. Sheerin added an unassisted goal on a dodge from behind the cage but then Sandwich took control again with six goals, mostly on fast breaks.

Cohasset finished its scoring with one of its prettiest goals of the season- a pass from Sheerin to a streaking McKenney, who put the shot into the upper corner.

Coach Gaudiano saw a lot of positives in her team's effort: "We are a young team and improved with every game. We played Sandwich tough in the second half and learned what we need to do to succeed at this level. This team loses only one senior. Our girls will be back and more experienced at state tournament time next year. That should translate into future success."

Cohasset finished its season with a record of 9-6-1. The girls will hold their break-up dinner at Atlantica on Thursday night, June 14th.

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Cohasset senior captain Aryanna Afshar showed veteran experience with a 6-1, 6-2 shellacking of Fairhaven's Colleen Dawicki on Monday.

Cohasset girls Bourne-bound

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6-0, 6-2 victory.

Fairhaven, entering this contest with an 11-7 record in the South Coast League, was seeded 13th in the South Sectional.

In the second round, Cohasset drew the number five seed Canton, sneaking by with a 3-2 win to advance to the South Sectional Semi-finals.

Grossman was matched up with freshman Marie Sokolovsky, and the Cohasset sophomore stepped up her game as the match wore on, winning 6-3, 6-0. Sokolovsky's only loss of the year was to the ace of Sharon's top seeded team. She's also the winner of this reporter's "Anna Kournikova Lookalike Contest."

Graham drew a hard-hitting junior at second singles in Erica Ancrum, coming away with a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 win. Graham had a nice variety of deep and short shots to keep her opponent honest.

The freshman tandem again dominated a pair of upper classmen, with a resounding 6-2, 6-3 win.

Afshar ended up with a very close three set loss, that included an intense tiebreaker with nearly all of the large crowd watching.

Stone and Caron also found themselves on the losing end, and will look to redeem themselves this Thursday in Bourne.

Bourne is the top ranked team in the tournament, as they are undefeated on the year, with a regionally ranked number one.

Forward thinking for baseball

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On the other side of the plate, Straughn was one of the top pitchers for the squad, compiling 27 strikeouts in 28 innings, with a 2.56 ERA. While Straughn came away with a 2-2 record, both of his losses can be traced back to spotty fielding that failed to support the hurler.

"He is just a great all-around player," asserted Knurek.

Straughn's pitching was essential to the club after losing their ace, Nick Bolster, to an eye injury. A junior, Bolster will most likely assume his role again next year as the top starter on the team, with a fastball that has been clocked in the mid-80's.

Not only that, Bolster's hitting in the three spot in the batting order has and will keep opposing pitchers from batting around the dangerous Straughn, something they were able to do this year, as number three hitters batted a combined .110 on the season.

Junior Robin Murphy will also be a large part of the 2002 season, as he has played rock solid defense all year in left field. As a senior, he will already have three seasons of varsity experience under his belt.

"There is enough talent in there to compete," said Knurek.

This year's senior class had its share of success, with tremendous leadership coming from captains Doug O'Brien and TJ Bilodeau.

"I couldn't have asked for better captains than TJ and Doug," lauded Knurek. "They are fantastic representatives of Cohasset baseball."

As expected, O'Brien was selected to the All-Star team for the second consecutive year, compiling a .350 average, including a team high seven extra base hits and 10 steals. O'Brien was also one of the Skippers' top defensive players in centerfield this season.

Bilodeau, a second year captain, recorded 27 strikeouts as a pitcher this year, and also proved effective at the plate with a .333 average and 12 RBIs.

Defensively, Bilodeau proved to be the ultimate team player, playing third base, shortstop, second base, and pitcher, and Knurek feels confident he also could have been a catcher, outfielder or first baseman if needed by the team.

Senior pitcher Tim Grassey led the team with 30 strikeouts on the mound, also recording a 2.91 ERA for the season.

Senior outfielder Andrei Skorupa batted .262 with a few extra base hits.

"The big thing is that the seniors carried us through the hard times," reported Knurek. "The underclassmen have to make the step to get back into tournament."

Two of this year's underclassmen, sophomore second baseman Mike Snowdale and freshman third baseman Mike Dooley, both earned themselves starting jobs on the club, and are expected to perform well next year in the infield and as pitchers.

Injury sidelines Krupczak at All-States

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sion a little easier.

One consideration that almost had Krupczak throwing caution to the wind on Saturday was the fact that he failed to qualify for the final heat of eight in the 200 last year at the All-States by 1-100th of a second, officially placing him ninth in the elite statewide field.

Cohasset track coach Al LaFontain figures a healthy Krupczak would have been a near lock to qualify for the final race this past Saturday, as well as finish in the top six, which would have secured him a berth for the New England Track and Field Championships. However, he concurred completely with the decision of his senior star.

"It was absolutely the right decision," asserted the fourth year head coach. "Aside from the added injury risk, and considering the fact that he was only at about 85 percent anyway, he did the right thing."

Krupczak suffered the injury in the Skippers final meet of the regular season on May 17 in Rockland.

The soon to be graduate showed a great deal of gutsiness in running the 200 at the Class meet on May 26. LaFontain figures his star was at "approximately 85 percent" when he crossed the finish line first in the championship heat with a time of 23:02—just 26-100ths of a second ahead of Bellingham's Mike Bissen—to successfully defend his Class crown.

"That was as gutsy a performance as I've ever seen on a track," LaFontain raved afterwards. "Brian is the epitome of a committed athlete."

Krupczak was able to run with Cohasset's 4x100 relay team that captured fourth at the All-State meet. He joined with Ian Kidder, Steve Laney and Jason Brown to post a very solid 45.48 time, good for 18th in the 22 team field.

Krupczak considered taking a pass on this event as well, but with one of the other four regulars already out of action—sophomore brother Jared Krupczak—Brian decided he had to take one for the team.

"This (relay) was about three other people who were really counting on me," said Brian. "I wouldn't have felt right sitting this out. Fortunately, I didn't re-injure anything."

Correction

It was mistakenly reported last week that Tim Baird, with his sixth place finish in the mile (4:38.24) at the Class D Meet, and freshman Gillian Weber, with her sixth place finish in the 800, were eligible to compete at the All-State meet. In fact, only the top four runners advance to the All-States.

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Women's choices are boundless, NDA grads told

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset NDA seniors Kristen Devine, Taylor Strecker and Emily Coyne wait to enter the auditorium for their commencement on Sunday.

Floor-length white dresses, long-stemmed red roses and gold medallion necklaces.

Those looking for a customary Notre Dame Academy graduation weren't disappointed Sunday as 125 young women received their diplomas from the Catholic girls school in Hingham.

But the future that is stretched out before the graduates, who come from 27 area towns, could run the gamut from traditional roles as wives and mothers to careers in every conceivable field.

Guest speaker Mary Ganley Montanari, NDA Class of 1971, said the unique all-female environment provided the perfect stage for the students' self-esteem and maturity to blossom.

"You were enlightened as to the important role you, as women, play in today's society," said Montanari, a Norwell resident and principal of an investment company in Hingham.

Proud fathers, who were armed with camcorders, jockeyed for position to catch their daughters' special moment on film in the overflowing auditorium. Mothers, grandparents, siblings and friends were also on hand to support their graduates.

Montanari reminded the members of the Class of 2001 that their commencement marked a new beginning.

"Many of you are heading off to college, yet some will choose full-time employment, while others are drawn to marriage and family.

"Whichever path you choose along this journey of life, you will share a common bond with each and every graduate of NDA," she said. Montanari noted the 5,500 NDA alumnae include teachers, scientists athletes, doctors, lawyers, actresses, company presidents and judges to name a few. But they also include mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers, who selflessly maintained loving homes, she said.

The NDA Class of 2001 was awarded more than $7 million in scholarships and grants from colleges, and community and corporate sponsors. The school, founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1953, was chartered by the state in 1865 and moved from Roxbury to Hingham in 1965.

Salutatorian Andrea Leahy told her classmates not to listen to those who try to limit their dreams.

"When Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott launched the women's suffrage movement, suffrage for women seemed like a dream – something they hoped for but had not yet come to pass.

"But by 1920, thanks for the efforts of millions of dreamers, the Nineteenth Amendment was passed. The shared dream of those women still reverberates today."

Valedictorian Erin Field told the graduates not to let obstacles get in their way.

"It may seem like we are about to climb Mt. Everest, and the task appears nearly impossible. Where do we start? We begin at the bottom, one step at a time...," she said.

All the graduates wore matching, long-white dresses and gold medallion necklaces that symbolize the tie to both the school and one another shared by all NDA alumnae. Along with their diplomas the young women were also each presented with a long-stemmed, red rose.

Cohasset graduates include: Kristen Devine, Taylor Strecker and Emily Coyne..

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Date of Death March 15, 1966

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

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Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#603509
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Bug blamed for single car crash

By Rick Collins
RICOLLINS@CNC.COM

A pesky bug is blamed for a car accident Tuesday night that took out a utility pole at the intersection of North Main Street and Jerusalem Road.

Cohasset police say Kate Linehan, 16, of Cole Road in Hingham, was heading north on North Main Street shortly after 8 p.m., when she lost control of her white, 2000 Range Rover after she was distracted by a bug that had flown in the window.

Linehan veered off the road and smashed into the utility pole, breaking it off a foot from the ground.

Cohasset officer Shellee Peters, who was first on the scene, and said Linehan was "shaken up" and complained of a sore wrist, but was otherwise fine. She was transported to South Shore Hospital as a precaution.

The Range Rover was heavily damaged, but police say Linehan was wearing her seatbelt and the vehicle's air bag did deploy.

The severed pole was leaning on the hood of the vehicle when utility crews arrived to fix the damage. Wires were hanging less than five feet above the ground across North Main Street, causing police to close the street for a time Tuesday night.

Police said no homes lost power, though parts of the town did experience a power surge. Lights briefly flickered in Town Hall during the Selectmen's Meeting. Crews were out Wednesday transferring lines onto the new pole.

Police said Linehan was cited for failure to stay in marked lanes.

POLICE BRIEFS

Scituate alert leads to youth arrest

A BOLO (Be on the Lookout) broadcast from Scituate police at 1:30 a.m. Sunday for a Volkswagen Fox connected to a breaking and entering of a motor vehicle that had just occurred in Scituate led to the arrest of four teenagers, Cohasset police said.

About 40 minutes after the broadcast, Officer William Quigley saw a car matching the description and plate number, which were reported by Scituate, at the 24-hour Mobil Mart at Sohier Street and Route 3A. Quigley called for back up and officers from the Scituate Police Department also arrived.

Investigation at the scene revealed an open bottle of rum in the front passenger compartment. Later during inventory, police found an open 30-pack of Budweiser in the trunk with only four cans remaining.

Cohasset police charged Jeffrey Meacham, 18, of 168 Vernon Road in Scituate; Robert J. Teufel, 18, of Norwood; and Adam Zukauskas, 19, of 27 Sylvester Road in Scituate with minors transporting alcohol.

Cohasset police said Scituate police put Michael C. Tondorf, 18, of 26 Aberdeen Drive in Scituate, in custody for allegedly breaking and entering a motor vehicle and transported him to Scituate for booking.

The Scituate police prosecutor said Tondorf was arraigned on the charge of B&E of a motor vehicle at Hingham District Court with a further court date set for June 29. Tondorf will also be summoned to appear in Quincy District Court for minor in possession of alcohol. The charges facing Tondorf involve two courthouses because Cohasset and Scituate are in different counties.

Fundraiser underway

The Cohasset Police Association telephone fund-raiser is now underway. Contributions to the Cohasset Police Association provide scholarships, assist civic and municipal groups, and help pay for police equipment not covered in the budget. Police said all donations are greatly appreciated. Anyone with questions should call, the police at 781-383-1055.

Officer John Conte attends conference

Cohasset Police Sgt. John Conte was among more than 55 police officers from 16 Norfolk County communities to attend the recent Underage Drinking and Juvenile Issues conference sponsored by Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating. The event, which included evening sessions on May 21 and May 24, included on an update on recent changes in the laws from the District Attorney's Office and discussion among officers about successful strategies for addressing underage drinking and other juvenile issues.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 28

6:48 a.m. Hobart Lane, assist citizen.
7:03 a.m. Sohier St., animal control.
7:05 a.m. North Main St., animal control.
10:08 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and lower King St., traffic citation, warning.
11:05 a.m. North Main St. and Green St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:02 p.m. Beechwood St., burglary, breaking and entering.
4:41 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle accident.
5:38 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:09 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.
8 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle violations, vehicle stored/impounded.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

6:42 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:56 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
9:42 a.m. North Main St., fire/misc.
10:35 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., fire, misc.
11:26 a.m. Nichols Rd., fire, inspections.
11:27 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy, larceny.
11:44 a.m. Spring St., breaking and entering and automobile.
11:51 a.m. Red Gate Lane, accident motor vehicle.
1:39 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/ impounded.
2:32 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:19 p.m. Hull St., wires down.
4:33 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Deep run, motor vehicle accident.
5:01 p.m. Church St., general services.
5:58 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:11 p.m. Howard Gleason Rd., reported death, investigated.
10:54 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

6:26 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
9:23 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:32 a.m. Sohier St., fire, misc.
10:44 a.m. Beechwood St., fire, inspections.
11:06 a.m. Beechwood St., fire, misc.
11:25 a.m. Sohier St. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:29 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violations.
1:36 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:47 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
2 p.m. south Main St., motor vehicle accident.
2 p.m. Sohier St., fire, misc.
2:07 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:40 p.m. Sohier St., parking violation.
3:51 p.m. Pond St., fire, misc.
4:16 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:27 p.m. Cohasset Harbor, medical aid.
4:40 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
4:58 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy, motor vehicle stop, services rendered.
5:01 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.
5:05 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy, motor vehicle stop.
5:33 p.m. Grace Dr., medical aid.
6:54 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
7:38 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., general services rendered.
7:47 p.m. Riverview Dr., property found.
10:21 p.m. Lamberts Lane, suspicious auto.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

6:21 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
6:31 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.
11:17 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., suspicious person, area search negative.
12:50 p.m. Elm St., assault, departmental action.
1:31 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.
1:57 p.m. North Main St., suspicious (other), investigated.
4 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.
5:29 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violations. Arrest of juvenile, 16, for operating a motor vehicle without a license and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
5:50 p.m. Sohier St., assist motorist.
7:08 p.m. Border St., medical aid.
8:43 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., officer wanted.
8:43 p.m. Hull St., general services.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

7:27 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
9:57 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., fire, misc.
11:11 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.
12:04 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.
2:57 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:17 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle violations, area search negative.
6:19 p.m. Henry Turner Bailey Rd., motor vehicle violations, area search negative.
6:55 p.m. Nicholas Rd., medical aid.
8:09 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

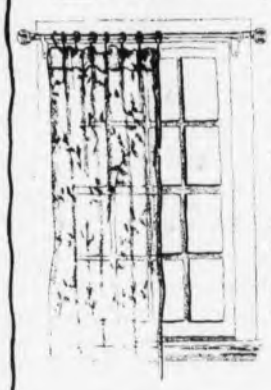
1:09 a.m. Smith Place, barking dog.
9:06 a.m. King St., animal control.
9:51 a.m. Beechwood St., fire, outside, services rendered.
2:07 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.
:51 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., traffic safety inspection, area search negative.
7:24 p.m. Cedar St., animal control.
7:32 p.m. Nichols Rd., fire, misc.
9:22 p.m. Fair Oaks Lane, fire, investigation.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

2:45 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:25 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:09 a.m. King St., investigation. Arrest of Jeffrey Meacham, 18, of 168 Vernon Rd., Scituate. Chgs: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.
Arrest of Robert Teufel, 18, of Walpole St., Norwood. Chgs: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.
Arrest of Adam M. Zukauskas, 19, of 27 Sylvester Rd., Scituate. Chgs: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.
4:39 a.m. Ripley Rd., assist citizen.
9:22 a.m. Whitney Woods Lane, fire, structure, extinguished.
10:54 a.m. Margin St., fire investigation, false/accidental.
2:37 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., traffic safety inspection.
2:43 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.
3:41 p.m. Elm St., fire, auto, investigated.
5:46 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:14 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8:27 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., disturbance, investigated.
10:33 p.m. King St., suspicious (other), investigated.
11:34 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
11:47 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious auto, departmental action.
11:59 p.m. Jerusalem Road Dr., animal control.
11:59 p.m. Hull St., annoying phone calls.

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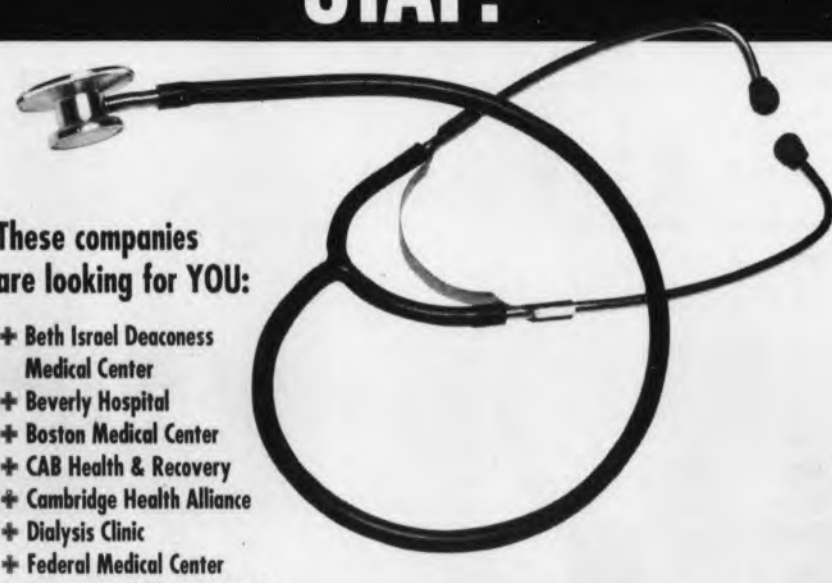

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Teen program

In addition to producing The Little Mermaid, the Devaney sisters will also produce an original work called "A Night at the Markle" to be performed by young adults aged between 13 and 18. Because of the renovations at Cohasset High School, rehearsals and performances will take place at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. This six-week program will begin Tuesday, June 26, at 7 p.m. Designed for young adults between the ages of 13 and 18, this program will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Tentative performance dates are as follows: Friday, Aug. 3, and Saturday, Aug. 4.

Registration will begin on Monday, June 11. Limited enrollment. Early registration is advised. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109. Directed and produced by Elizabeth Devaney, "A Night at the Markle" will be her second original work, and first straight play. Last summer, she wrote and produced the musical comedy, Cinderella Smith.

Attention shoppers!

No astute shopper will want to miss the new assortment of children's clothing donated by an exclusive northeast children's shop at the Cohasset Consignment Shop. Items include boys three piece navy suit by Gordon, girls pearl grey satin trim dress by Jiliani as well as clothes by Perry Ellis, Barbara Perlin, Helena, Annie, Wes and Willy, and Zimmie's.

For Father's Day gifts, there are wooden wine racks, new grill sets as well as Ralph Lauren shirts and sweaters, Land's End button down oxfords, blue blazers by Brooks Brothers and designer ties.

Women will find a great assortment of after five dresses for summer as well as famous Vera Bradley duffle bags.

Manager Andi Merrill of Scituate noted that regular hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m. For consigning hours Monday through Friday are 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Merrill added that the shop is staffed with volunteers and proceeds support the myriad programs sponsored by the Social Service League that serves the Towns of Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham, Hull, and Norwell.

To volunteer or seek information, call 781-383-0687.

Hagerty property work to begin

Eight years after the town purchased the property, work on transforming the former site of the Cohasset Colonial Furniture Company into a water-front parking lot and public boat ramp will start Monday.

Russ Bonetti, chairman of the Hagerty Property Committee, told Selectmen Tuesday that the start was delayed a week because the project manager was still working on another project.

"I don't mind that because at least we know that means he won't start three other projects and leave us hanging," Bonetti said.

Beginning Monday, workers will remove the concrete slab on the property, re-grade the parking lot, construct a new seawall, and build a new dock and pier and wooden walkway over to Government Island.

During the week, the parking lot will be closed for trucks turning around to launch boats. However, Cohasset Harbor Marina owner Paul Trendowicz gave permission to use his parking lot as a turn around. The Hagerty lot will be available on weekends.

Bonetti said a trailer with the name "Harold" on the tires has been sitting in the lot for weeks. If it isn't moved by the time works starts Monday, it will be disposed of.

Drama workshop

The Devaney sisters will return once again to produce Disney's The Little Mermaid. Directed and produced by Elizabeth Devaney, The Little Mermaid will be the 13th annual production of the Children's Drama Workshop (CDW). Past smash hits include: Cinderella Smith (2000), The Lion King (1999), and Anastasia (1998). Because of the renovations at Cohasset High School, CDW rehearsals and performances will take place at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. This sic-week program will begin Tuesday, June 26, at 1 p.m. Designed for children between the ages of 5 and 12, the Children's Drama Workshop meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. There will be several dress rehearsals from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the final two weeks of the program. Tentative performance dates are as follows: Wednesday, Aug. 1, Thursday, Aug. 2, and Friday, Aug. 3.

Registration will begin on Monday, June 11. Limited enrollment. Early registration is advised. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109.

LIBRARY CORNER

Retirement party

The Friends of the Library, the Library Trustees and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library staff invites the community and friends of Ms. Susan Watrous to a celebration in her honor. Ms. Watrous, a librarian at the Paul Pratt Library for 29 years, retires at the beginning of June, 2001.

A party for Ms. Watrous will be held on Friday, June 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the home of Linda Wakeman, President of the Friends of the Library, at 255 Atlantic Ave., Cohasset.

Suzanne Terry, Children's Librarian at Paul Pratt Memorial Library for 15 years, will also be honored at this time. Ms. Terry has taken a new position as the first Children's Librarian at the Boston Athenaeum.

Come bid a fond farewell on June 15, to two of the Library's finest.

Contest winner

Caravan for Commuters recently sponsored a writing and art contest through 137 libraries in Massachusetts. Forty-three students were selected as contest winners. Claire McCarthy, age 10, from Cohasset was the winning entry for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

An awards ceremony and reception will take place on Tuesday, June 5, at the State Transportation Building in Boston.

The public is invited to see the art and writing exhibit on display in the Atrium of the State Transportation Building from June 4 through June 22. The hours of the exhibit are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Congratulations Claire!

Farmer's Market

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From the Music Circus to the Wang

Cohasset native lands 'Ragtime' role

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Peter Reardon may have left the South Shore 24 years ago —for Syracuse University and a career in show business — but Cohasset is still his hometown and also the place he made his professional debut.

"I was two years old when I appeared in a touring production of 'The King and I' at the South Shore Music Circus," says Reardon.

Reardon's portrayal of a Siamese toddler earned him a rave review from the Dean of Boston Theater Critics.

"Elliot Norton wrote that the production would have been much better if the King had had as much charm as his youngest child," Reardon recalls. "The actor who was playing the King wasn't too fond of me after that."

Norton has long since retired, but Reardon faces a new slate of local theater critics this week when he appears in the national tour of the Tony Award-winning musical "Ragtime" at Boston's Wang Theatre.

Based on the best-selling novel by E.L. Doctorow, "Ragtime" is a cavalcade of American life at the turn of the 20th century. The story is a panoramic portrait of three families: one upper middle class, white Anglo-Saxon Protestant, one socialist immigrant Jewish and one Harlem black. As the families embark on personal voyages of self-discovery, they become involved with one another as well as with real-life historical characters including Henry Ford, Emma Goldman, Harry Houdini and Booker T. Washington.

During the 1997-98 theater season, "Ragtime" won a host of awards for its Toronto, Los Angeles and Broadway productions including four Tony Awards. The musical features a book by Terrence McNally and an original score by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. In early 1999, the show's first national tour enjoyed a highly successful 10-week run at Boston's Colonial Theatre.

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Reardon plays a Firehouse Captain whose encounters with the educated, articulate and honorable African-American ragtime pianist Coalhouse Walker ultimately result in tragedy. Reardon's character is commonly referred to as the evil Willie Conklin, although the actor isn't sure that he agrees with the adjective.

"Willie's not evil really, he is just ignorant. He has never seen a man like Coalhouse Walker. Coalhouse is completely outside of Willie's frame of reference," Reardon explains.

While his character is important to him, where "Ragtime" is concerned, Reardon believes the play is the thing.

"I wanted to be a part of this show from the moment I first saw it on Broadway. The show is just so unbelievably touching, while also being very funny. It is appealing on so many levels."

The Cohasset High graduate has appeared on Broadway in "Passions," "Meet Me in St. Louis," and "La Cage Aux Folles." His television credits include "Sex and the City" and a recurring role on the now-defunct NBC daytime drama "Another World."

With three previous national tours behind him, Reardon candidly admits that life on the road can be mundane. He believes, however, that his current assignment makes that all worthwhile.

"I would have done 'Ragtime' anytime, anywhere," he says.

("Ragtime" will be at The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, June 5-10. For tickets and information, call 800/447-7400 or visit the box office.)



Ragtime opened June 5 and will run through June 10 at Boston's Wang Theatre.

Appearing as Houdini

Stonehill grad gets to play long-time hero

Houdini is more than just a historical figure for Stoughton native Eric Olson. He is also a personal hero to the actor.

The Stonehill College graduate will play the escape artist and magician Harry Houdini in the Boston production of "Ragtime," opening this week at the Wang Theatre

"As a child, I had the same sort of fascination with Houdini that a lot of little boys do," Olson points out.

In 1997, the performer became reacquainted with his boyhood idol when he understudied the title role in the musical "Houdini" at the Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut.

"I did all kinds of research for that role. I read everything I could get my hands on about Houdini. I also watched all of his films that I could find on video."

Houdini died in 1926, but remains a cultural icon even today. This doesn't surprise Olson.

"Harry Houdini had perfect timing in his work and in just about everything else, too," Olson says. "He came along at just the right time in America. The world was changing because of the industrial revolution and he captured the public's fascination. He was also a tremendous publicist and self-promoter, right up there with P.T. Barnum. Even Madonna pales in comparison."

It was through his interest in all things Houdini that Olson first became aware of "Ragtime."

"I went to see the show, because I wanted to see the Houdini depiction. I had no idea then that I'd one day play the role. Although I knew immediately that I wanted to play it. I have been with this tour for two years now and I'm still in love with the show. My part may not be the largest, but it is definitely the one for me."

Olson also found the woman for him while doing "Ragtime" when he met and fell in love with Suzanne Parr, who serve's as the childrens' tutor on the tour. Suzanne and Eric will be married in June 2002 in Waltham. In the meantime, however, Olson plans to relocate from New York to Los Angeles when "Ragtime" closes its tour in Boston this month.



Eric Olson plays his real-life hero Houdini.

"I'd play Houdini again in a minute," says Olson. "He is just that interesting. For now, however, Suzanne and I are moving to the West Coast. I want to pursue work in films and television so we can make our home in one place."

R. Scott Reedy

Get your Irish up

Stonehill hosts 11th annual Irish Festival

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Irish eyes will be smiling this weekend when the Irish Cultural Centre of Massachusetts and Stonehill College puts on the 11th annual Irish Festival. The three-day event, featuring music and dance, food, crafts and more than 100 vendors of all things Irish. gets underway June 8 at the Stonehill College campus in Easton.

Festival chairman Seamus Mulligan said it "is a great family event that draws people from all over North America. It's affordable, easy to get to, and gives people a real taste of greater Boston's rich Irish cultural heritage."

"There's a good mix of activities to suit everyone's taste," added Maureen Connolly, owner of the Aisling (art) Gallery in Hingham. Connolly said her establishment has participated in the event for the past 10 years. Connolly won't be able to make the 11th annual festival, but there will still be more Celtic wares there than you can shake a shillelagh at.

"This festival is very authentic," Mulligan said. "We even import some of our talent." Mulligan explained Irish bands are actually flown in for the festival. Some of the headlining bands this year include DeDannan, The Prodigals, Seven Nations, Delores Keane, and The Fenians. There will be live music at all three days of the event.

There will also be several Irish authors on hand, Mulligan said doing readings from their respective literary works including Colm Tolbin, Tom Kelly, former Boston mayor Ray Flynn, Noel Cullen, and Thomas O'Connor.

"People love going for all the activities but also for the ambience of the setting," said festival publicist Michael Quinlin. "All the people who go are very friendly and interested in celebrating one common experience—Irish culture."



DeDannan is one of several Irish bands headlining during this weekend's 11th Annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College.

Quinlin said the festival is family friendly and parents don't not need to worry about kids having enough to do. The children's tent at the festival will be initiating activities like face-painting, foot races, geography lessons, music instruction, arts and crafts and sing-alongs, Quinlin said.

"It keeps growing every year," Mulligan said. The South Shore's large Irish population gives the festival a boost. Mulligan estimates about 40 percent of those living in the region have Irish roots and many of them make their way back to the festival year after year for a taste of the homeland.

This year, Mulligan said he is expecting more than 30,000 visitors to attend the weekend-long festival.

The first festival got its start in 1990 on the evening the Gulf War began, Mulligan said. He explained at that time, he was a member of the festival's board of directors consisting of a number of people from the Irish Cultural Centre in Canton. While it was launched out of love for the Irish culture, the festival was founded as a fundraiser for the non-profit centre.

In its first year, the festival drew about 10,000 visitors from throughout New England and even New York state. A decade later the festival's reach has become truly international.

Festival planners are hoping to raise $300,000 to use toward a new theater/museum on the grounds of the Irish Cultural Centre, Mulligan said.

But fundraising aside, Mulligan promises a great time for all visitors.

"It's well worth the admission," he said.

For more information on the Irish festival at Stonehill College call (888) GO IRISH or log onto the website at www.irishculture.org. Tickets cost $12 per day or $30 for a weekend pass. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

Living

Cultivating the Alluring Irises

Green thumbs up

Part 1

By Suzanne Mahler
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With the coming of the month of June, the endless hours spent planting, fertilizing, weeding and mulching, come to fruition as our landscapes approach their peak appearance. Moderate temperatures and plentiful moisture thicken our lawns and fill our gardens with luxuriant flowers and foliage. Sweet perfumes fill the air as birds sing and a profusion of butterflies float from flower to flower each time the sunshine returns. It is truly a glorious time of year.

A well-designed perennial border should provide a progression of blooms from spring through fall, but even the most creatively laid out gardens tend to have highs and laws as periods of exuberant bloom alternate with intervals of sporadic blossoms. By the second week of June, our perennial borders attain their ultimate splendor as flamboyant peonies, the tissue paper blooms of oriental poppies, mounds. of perennial geraniums, captivating Canterbury bells (campanula), bleeding hearts, salvias, columbines, veronicas, dainty coral bells, delicate dianthus, fragrant roses and clematis paint the landscape with cheerful abandon. Perhaps the most showy of all are the queens of the June garden, the elegant irises, which splash rainbow colors throughout the border, creating a spectacular display as our gardens bid a fond farewell to springtime.

The diverse members of the Iris family have been a part of legend, myth and religion since ancient times. To the ancient Greeks, irises were the flowers of princes and priests, the personification of the goddess Isis, and consequently, these magnificent flowers were often planted on the tombs of women.

Iris species grow throughout the northern temperate zone and across the entire globe. Members of the Iris family can be split into two major groups: those which grow from bulbs and those which arise from rhizomes. Those which are generated from rhizomes can be further subdivided into the bearded, beardless,, and crested irises. Hybridization has led to innumerable cultivars in a wide range of colors and by growing different types, a gardener can enjoy their beauty from April to late July.

Few hardy perennials exhibit the singular beauty of a perfectly formed bearded iris blossom. Resembling giant orchids, these spectacular, sun-loving plants are available in a broad array of colors and patterns, distinguished from other members of this family by the fuzzy beard which appears on the three lower, downward petals referred to as falls. The three upper petal segments are known as the standards. Broad, blue-green, sword-like leaves emerge as fans from a thick, fleshy rhizome.

The bearded iris season begins in early May when the dwarf bearded irises burst into bloom in conjunction with daffodils, tulips and ground phlox. Only 4 to 15 inches tall, they boast a profusion of smaller flowers in multiple colors and patterns often exhibiting distinctive, contrasting blotches or thumb prints on the falls. The rapidly expanding clumps are covered with blooms for several weeks followed close behind by the first of the intermediate bearded irises which bloom into late May and early June on 15 to 28 inch stems. The tall bearded irises come into their glory during June with an incredible range of colorful blossoms on stems up to four feet tall. Early, mid-season and late varieties offer a long season of bloom in every color imaginable: glistening whites, velvety purples, appealing apricots, sunny yellows, luscious pinks and heavenly blues. Only the color of true red is not represented. Multi-colored flowers, bitones, bicolors and plicatas, which have a stippling or pattern of stitching around the petals, produce dramatic displays.

Bearded iris perform optimally in full sun and very well-drained soils; the fleshy rhizome may be prone to rotting or heaving out of the ground in areas of poor winter drainage. The addition of lime to our typically acid soils is recommended as these hardy perennials prefer a neutral to only slightly acidic soil pH. The upper portion of the rhizome should be exposed to sunlight when planting and mulches should not be allowed to cover the rhizome. Provide plentiful moisture during the active growing season. Low nitrogen fertilizers are suggested.

Be sure to monitor bearded iris for its most serious pest, iris borer, which invades the foliage during May and June and chews its way downward into the rhizome becoming a truly disgusting, large, flesh colored caterpillar. Pinpoint holes and jagged edges on the newly emerging foliage are tell-tale signs of invasion. Remove the intruder by squishing it within the foliage early in the season or extricating it from the rhizome before it pupates in the soil. Chemicals can be applied as a control; Cygon, a toxic systemic pesticide, tends to be the most effective. A thorough cleanup of dead foliage and debris around iris clumps in the fall and spring will reduce the incidence of this nuisance.

Overgrown clumps of bearded iris should lie divided every two to five years depending on their vigor and is generally best performed from late July through the month of August to enable plants to became reestablished before freeze-thaw cycles arrive in autumn. Replant a minimum of three to five rhizomes for a magnificent display in subsequent seasons.

How to grill vegetables

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



This year has seen a profusion of grilling cookbooks, not just because outdoor grilling is fun and easy, but because the grill has graduated from simple-minded steaks and burgers to hot-smoked salmon, authentic pork barbecue, and even grilled fruit. Amidst this backyard renaissance, the missing piece is grilled vegetables, simple accompaniments which are transformed in flavor and texture in just minutes over hot coals.

There are two problems: most folks burn their veggies (leaving the center portion tough and uncooked) and others find that they fall apart during cooking, slipping down onto the coals. I chose four likely candidates - onions, fennel, asparagus, and radicchio - and started with the best preparation methods for each, cutting them into pieces which would hold their shape and cook through properly.

Onion

Most recipes call for slicing the onions into thick rings but flipping the rings is cumbersome.

One solution is to insert toothpicks into each side of the ring; another is to use long metal skewers. Both methods work well enough but are a bit fussy so I decided to grill the onions in wedges. Since the wedges needed to be relatively small so that the onion would cook through to the center, jumbo specimens were out and orange-size onions cut into eighths were perfect. Cooking time was 5 minutes per cut side.

White and yellow onions were tasty but the winner was the red onion since it was both more flavorful and better looking.

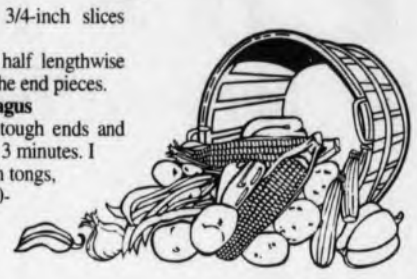
Fennel

Like the onion, I wanted to cut the fennel bulb into wedges and smaller bulbs (about the size of my fist) cut into quarters were quite successful. I also discovered that the sweet flavor of fennel lends itself nicely to this cooking method. Fennel wedges take about 6 minutes per side. At that point, the fennel is cooked through but still firm. Beware that some fennel bulbs are huge, the size of small cabbages. In the event that smaller bulbs are not available, use the center core only and cut 3/4-inch slices through the base.

Now cut them in half lengthwise and grill. Don't use the end pieces.

Asparagus

I snapped off the tough ends and grilled the spears for 3 minutes. I then rolled them with tongs, trying for a 180-degree rotation, although precision at this point was not essential. After three minutes more the very tips were colored and the spears were intensely green with black patches. They were tender, delicious, and still had a nice bite to them. Cooking time will vary slightly depending on the thickness of the spears.



Radicchio

This is not my favorite vegetable since it has been the darling of second-rate chefs for years. (It is the modern equivalent of curly parsley - it looks good but usually tastes awful.) However, grilled radicchio is worth eating since it mellows the bitterness and improves the texture. I found that baseball-size head work best - modest wedges are best for proper cooking. I also found that the heads cannot be cut any smaller than fourths without falling apart during grilling. Beware that, if cooked too much, radicchio wilts readily into a blob so a careful eye is required. For best results, about 4 minutes per flat side did the trick. I like to serve them with a vinaigrette.

The Fire and The Oil

The most important factor is the heat of the fire. Too hot and the vegetables burn; too low and they never develop enough flavor. After testing a variety of fires, I found that medium-hot was best (see recipe for instructions on gauging heat level).

All of the vegetables must be coated with oil before grilling. Minced shallots or garlic add flavor, but the risk of burning these flavorings is high; if burnt, they will ruin the flavor of the vegetables. All that is necessary is a simple brushing of extra-virgin olive oil followed by generous amounts of salt and pepper.

One final thought. Many backyard cooks run out of hot coals, especially when they start out grilling vegetables and then move on to other things. I suggest starting with 6 quarts of hot coals (use a half-gallon milk jug with the top cut off to measure (a half-gallon is 2 quarts) and then adding unlit coals every so often. I have also found that grilled vegetables are perfectly fine served warm or even at room temperature rather than hot.

Four Grilled Vegetables

Try grilling smaller portions of all four of these vegetables or a combination. Serve the vegetables on a large platter alongside a garlic vinaigrette.

3 medium red onions, peeled and cut through the root end into 8 wedges each, or

3 medium fennel bulbs (about the size of a fist), stalks removed and cut through the base into quarters or

1 fi pounds asparagus, tough ends snapped off or

3 small heads of radicchio, bruised leaves removed and cut through the root end into quarters

Extra-virgin olive oil for brushing

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Ignite grill. Brush vegetables with olive oil and sprinkle with generous amounts of salt and pepper. When fire is medium-hot (you can hold your hand 5 inches over the fire for only 3 to 4 seconds), place the prepared vegetables on the grill and cook, 5 to 6 minutes for the onion and fennel, 3 to 4 minutes for the asparagus and radicchio, or until striped with dark grill marks. (Place onion, fennel, and radicchio cut-side down.)

Using a metal spatula or tongs, turn the vegetables and cook for an equal length of time on second side or until well marked and just tender (except the radicchio, which should remain firm in the center). Transfer to a platter and serve hot, warm, or at room temperature.

Serves 4 to 6 as a side dish.



A BOLD LOOK AT MORNING.

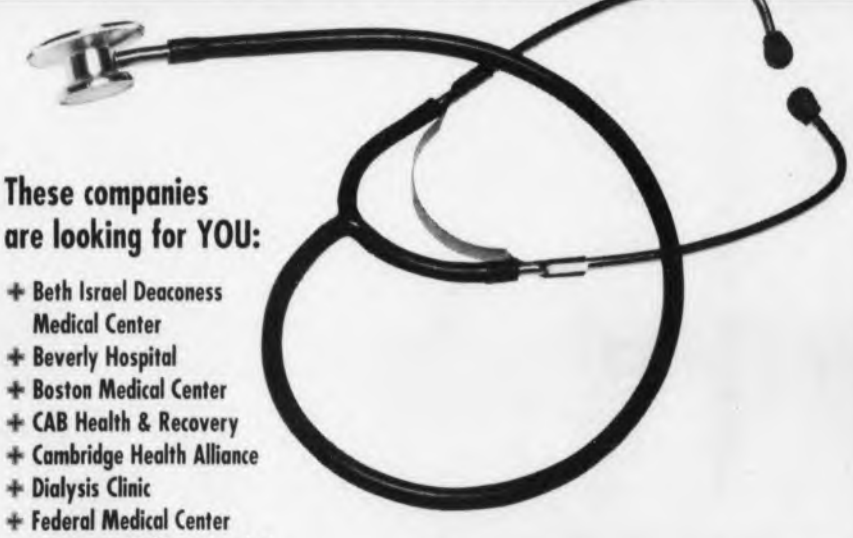
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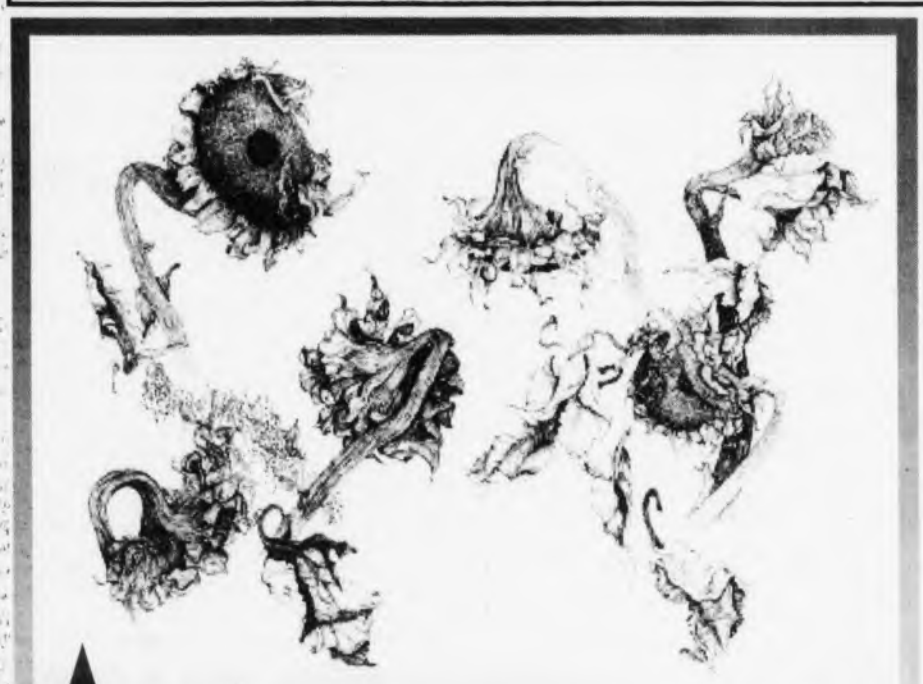
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THE DOORS at the Company Theatre in Norwell on June 16 recreated by the "Soft Parade." Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets for The Soft Parade: A Tribute to the Doors are now on sale at The Company theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $22 in advance and $25 the day of the show.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.

77TH ANNUAL TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES AND BUILDINGS in Hingham will take place on June 20 from 1 - 8:30 p.m. Five antique homes and four historic buildings will be included. Six different architectural styles will be represented, ranging from early and late colonial to federal, Greek Revival, Cape Cod and Colonial Revival styles. Proceeds from the tour help to maintain the Hingham Historical Society's headquarters at Old Derby Academy and the house at the Old Ordinary. Tickets are $15 in advance at Bowl and Board in Hingham Square and the Hingham Public Library, Collins Road. On tour day tickets are $18 and will be sold only at Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln Street after 10 a.m. To order tickets by mail send a SASE and your check to the Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, MA 02043. Mark the envelope "House Tour". For more information call 781-749-1851.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER FESTIVAL ON THE COMMON will run June 15 - 17 on the town green in Cohasset. The festival features approximately 100 vendors who supply their own booths and awnings. This event is one of the premier fundraisers for the South Shore Art Center. In addition there will be the annual strawberry festival serving strawberry shortcake throughout the weekend. For more information call Diane Kennedy, Festival Coordinator at 781-383-2787 ext. 19.



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The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents Drawings and Prints by Nancy Webb through July 31. An opening reception will be held June 7 from 6 - 7 p.m. Located at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. Summer hours at the library gallery are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2721

BEST BET

The Prodigals are one of the many musical acts that will perform at the 11th annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College this weekend. The three-day event, sponsored by the Irish Cultural Centre of Massachusetts will be held June 8-10. Hundreds of vendors from Ireland and North America display their products, ranging from Irish art work, books and music to clothing, jewelry and glassware. The festival opens June 8 at 6 p.m. and closes at 9 p.m. on June 10. Tickets are $12 per day or $30 for a weekend pass and children under twelve are admitted free. This event is handicapped accessible. For more information call 1-888-GO-IRISH or visit www.irishculture.org.



Thurs. 7

The Scituate Arts Association will host Mixed Media by Merylle Lee and Phil Thompson for the month of June. The Gallery is located at 132 Front Street, Scituate Harbor with hours Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. closed on Mondays. For more information call 781-545-6150.

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on June 7, July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Maura Young Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

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The Art Complex Museum will hold a special tea tasting by the Plymouth Tea and Herb Co. at 7 p.m. on June 7 as part of the First Thursday, Open House from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. and is held in conjunction with exhibits. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Work by Members of the Weymouth Art Association is on display at several locations around town throughout June and July. In the Town Hall, Mayors office, Treasurers office, councilors office and auditors office. At Snyders Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance and Colonial Federal Savings Bank. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Fri. 8

Giant Spring Fair and Yard Sale from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., rain or shine at the First Parish Universalist Church, 790 Washington Street in Stoughton Square. A yard sale with bargains, giant book sale, used jewelry, baked goods, house and yard plants, moonwalks and games for children and more. For more information call 781-344-6800.

Stephen Sondheim's "Saturday Night" will be presented by SpeakEasy Stage Company from June 8 - 30 at the Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon Street in Boston's Back Bay. Performances are Wed. - Sat. evenings at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 7 p.m., matinees at 2 p.m. on June 16, 23 and 30. Ticket prices range from $25 - $31 and are available by calling 617-437-7731.

Blue Ribbon Members Show at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset from June 8 - August 5. Opening reception on June 8 from 6 - 8 p.m. All members including children and teens are invited to submit one work to this annual members show in the Bancroft and Dillon Galleries. Work may be dropped off June 4 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. or June 5 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. A $10 non-refundable fee is payable upon delivery of the artwork. Artwork must be picked up at the close of the show. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Single Executives Cocktail Party and Dance from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Golden Rooster ballroom and patio, 78 Border Street in North Scituate. Tel. 781-545-4404. Music by award winning DJ and cost is $10 before 9 p.m., $15 after. Proper casual dress required. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club of the South Shore.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Jenny Reynolds and Deb Pasternak. Tickets are $10 the day of the show, which begins at 8 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

Stonehill Irish Festival Kicks Off New England's Summer Season with the 11th annual Irish Festival at Stonehill College on June 8 - 10, 2001. Hundreds of vendors from Ireland and North America display their products, ranging from Irish artwork, books and music to clothing, jewelry and glassware. The festival opens June 8 at 6 p.m. and closes at 9 p.m. on June 10. Tickets are $12 per day or $30 for a weekend pass and children under twelve are admitted free. This event is handicapped accessible. For more information call 1-888-GO-IRISH or visit www.irishculture.org.

Sat. 9

"Jones River Paddle" will be offered by the North and South River Watershed Association at 1 p.m. Venture to the Jones River Watershed and meet Pine DuBois, the advocate for the Jones River. All participants must wear a PFD and pre-register. To sign up or for more information call (781) 659-8168.

Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop, Inc. presents "The Toymaker" at 7 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults, $6 for seniors and children 12 years or under. Located at the Wollaston Congregational Church, 43 Winthrop Ave. in Wollaston, MA. For more information call 617-472-9233.

The Singing Group "Mixed Company" will perform at the Elks Hall in Marshfield on June 9. The performance will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. The musical director is Don Hermance of Scituate and the group is made up of ten singers. You get breakfast, music and a speaker all for $5. For more information call Dick Lariviere at 781-834-8538.

"Summer Romance" with a Singles Harbor Cruise and Dance leaving Rowes Wharf in Boston. Bon Voyage Party will go from 7 - 10 p.m. with complimentary hor d'oeuvres from 5 - 6:30. Limited to 375 single professionals 25 - 55 years of age. Cost is $40. Call 781-283-0400 for reservations. Sponsored by the Singles Executives Club and The Young Professionals Club.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Michelle "Evil Gal" Willson Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Sommerfest is sponsored by the Boylston Schul-Verein, Route 109, Walpole on June 9 from 12 noon - 11 p.m. and June 10 from 12 noon - 6 p.m. Featuring beer, wine, cocktails, German sausages, potato salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, cakes and pastries, dancing, moonwalk and pony rides, shooting range and German vendor booths. A donation of $5 per person is requested and children under 15 are free. For more information call 508-660-2018.

Sun. 10

Boston Light Cruises on June 10, July 1, Aug. 5, 12 and Sept. 9 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $27, seniors are $24, members are $22 and children 3 - 12 are $15. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop, Inc. presents "Dilemma in the Toy Department" at 7 p.m. and "Going to a play" at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults, $6 for seniors and children 12 years or under. Located at the Wollaston Congregational Church, 43 Winthrop Ave. in Wollaston, MA. For more information call 617-472-9233.

Temple Beth Sholom's 21st Annual Sidney Silbert Memorial Dinner will be held on June 24. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Located on 600 Nantasket Ave. in hull. Tickets may be purchased by calling 781-925-0091 and no dinner reservations will be accepted after June 10.

Borders in the Independence Mall in Kingston presents Brian Kelley Trio at 2 p.m. - led by percussionist, this group spreads it's jazz sound far and wide. All events are free.

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The South Shore Conservatory welcomes Cohasset Artist JoAnne Chittick to the Staircase Gallery through the end of June. Admission to the gallery is free and it is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (781) 749-7565 ext. 16.



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Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop, Inc. presents "The Toymaker" June 9 at 7 p.m; "Dilemna in the Toy Department on June 10 at 7 p.m.; and "Going to a Play" and "Naughty Natalies Nightmare on June 10 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults, $6 for seniors and children 12 years or under. All performances are held at the Wollaston Congregational Church, 43 Winthrop Ave. in Wollaston, MA. For more information call (617)-472-9233.

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Mon. 11

Poetry Open Mic at the Blackthorne Tavern, Route 138 in Easton presents Ellen Steinbaum. Sign-up at 8:30 p.m., Open mike at 9 p.m. and feature at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 508-238-9017.

Tues. 12

"Recession Proof Marketing - the Power of Public Relations" will be held on June 12 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Norwell Executive Center, Route 53, 167 Washington Street in Norwell. All proceeds will be donated directly to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston. A light dinner is included and the cost of the seminar is $20 per person. For reservations call 781-878-9533.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their annual monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Route 138 in Marshfield. New members and guests are welcome. For more information call Barbara at 781-834-8560.

Buttonwood Books and Toys will present its spring "Coffee with the Authors" on June 12 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (9:30 coffee, 10 a.m. program) at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset. Authors Jodi Picoult (Salem Falls), Anne D. LeClaire (Entering Normal) and Michael Capuzzo (Close to Shore) will be featured. For more information call 781-383-2665.

Wed. 13

Fiddler on the Roof will be at Boston's Colonial Theatre from June 13 - 24 in a new production starring Theodore Bikel in his signature role as Tevye. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Thurs., June 14 at 2 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $68.50 - $25. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Street. For more information call 617-426-9366.

Ventress Library Author Series to represent Lynne Ann Murphy at 7 p.m. in the Historical Room. Ms. Murphy will discuss the creative and publishing processes related to her published book "Heavensbee" and a new book she is currently working on. This program is free and not tickets are required. For more information call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535.

Thurs. 14

Comedy Alert! Paul D'Angelo, Danny Miller, Annette Pollack, Bob Niles, Chris Johnston and Sarah Liberman will perform at Jimbos Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners at 8:30 p.m. Half-priced appetizers will be served during the show. Reservations are recommended by calling 781-848-0300.

"Blithe Spirit" - Ellison Center for the Arts, Saint George Street in Duxbury held on June 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 for general admission and $10 for seniors and students. A Bay Players' production of the Noel Coward comedy, directed by Peter Kates. Tel. 800-290-6825 or visit www.bayplayers.org.

No Pain Piano Workshop from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Massasoit Community College with instructor Frank Dunne teaching his renowned "learn-to-play-piano-in-3 hours" workshop. Call for a free pamphlet call 508-588-9100 ext. 1509.

Borders in the Independence Mall presents Computer Surgeon Workshops on June 14 at 7 p.m. and June 28 at 7 p.m. Learn the basics of the personal computer, including Microsoft Windows and empower yourself. The first session will cover the theory of main components and functions. The second will be on operating systems. For more information call 877-478-7436.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Thickly Settled. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England Village beginning June 14. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

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Just for kids

'THE WIZARD OF OZ' directed by Kristen Stanford and Meri-Lee Mafera. This five week program running from June 25 - July 26, Mon. - Thurs. from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Route 139 in Marshfield. Performances are July 27 and 28 at Duxbury High School. Tuition is $325 and must be paid in full by June 25. For more information call 781-837-8990.

EASTER SEALS NOW ACCEPTING CAMP REFERRALS for its residential summer camp program for youngsters with physical disabilities. Ten-day sessions and twenty one-day sessions have been planned for the boys and girls with disabilities between the ages of 7 and 13 at Camp Wing in Duxbury, MA and Agassiz Village in Poland, ME. For more information call Easter Seals at 800-244-2756 ext. 496 or visit the website at www.eastersealsma.org.

"HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING" directed by Michael Hammond will be the production for this Teenspot's Summer Camp. Students age 12 - 20 can enroll. Tuition is $225. For more information call 781-837-8990.

PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE IN PLYMOUTH is now receiving applications for its Summer Children's Teen and Adult Theatre programs beginnning June 18. For application call 508-224-4888. Children's programs include: "Eloise", "Gomer Pyle Meets the Flintstones", "A Goofy Movie... I mean play", "Anne of Green Gables" "Cinderella After the Ball", "The Princess and the Pea Musical". Te Teen and Adult program includes: "Vanities", "Crimes of the Heart", "Ladies in Retirement", "Princess Lee's Journey", "Born in a Trunk", "The Princess and the Pea" musical.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON ANNOUNCES REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER MINI CAMPS. Available for two age groups: "Great Explorations" for 3 - 5 year olds and "Camp Discovery" for 6 - 7 year olds. Camps are held three mornings per week and each week offers fun-filled activities like art, music, drama, cooking and science. Summer mini camps are $60 per week ($54 for museum members) and run from Mon. - Wed. except the week of July 2. To register or for more information call 508-3230-3789.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST FOR CHILDREN'S SUMMER HISTORY CAMP ANNOUNCED. The Plymouth Antiquarian Society is currently accepting applications for free scholarships to attend a week-long children's summer educational program at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House, an historic Pilgrim era homestead located at 119 Sandwich Street in Plymouth. Successful applicants will attend a week's session of the Colonial Life Program at the Harlow House, held Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. through July and August. Deadline for submissions is June 11. Seven scholarships will be awarded and winning submissions announced mid June. For more information or to receive application materials call 508-746-0012 or email pasm@ici.net.

DREAMCHASERS, INC. announces the opening registration for the Summer 2001 Theatre Program. The program includes classes in acting, dance and stage movement, playwriting, technical theatre, choreography, musical theatre and improvisation. The program begins July 9 and classes are held every Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Dreamchasers home, The Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main Street in Norwell. The programs concludes on August 4 with a performance by all students in which they

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The Singing Group "Mixed Company" will perform at the Elks Hall in Marshfield on June 9. The performance will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. The musical director is Don Hermance of Scituate and the group is made up of ten singers. You get breakfast, music and a speaker all for $5. For more information call Dick Lariviere at 781-834-8538.

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La Leche League of Weymouth will hold a meeting on "The family and the breastfed baby and avoiding difficulties" at the home of a member at 7:30 p.m. Nursing babies are welcome. For more information or directions call 781-337-0145.

Fri. 15

Candlelight Singing Tours at the Captain Samuel Robbins House Museum will feature Lynn Feingold and Ron Taylor. Friday evening tours are 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Sun. tours are 2 - 4 p.m. Evening tour dates: June 15 and Sunday afternoon: June 17. For more information visit www.blanchardstavern.com.

Call for Artisans for the Duxbury Art Association Craft Showcase held on Nov. 16 and 17. Artisans interested in booth space should submit slides, photos and or an example of work by Friday, June 15. For more information or applications call 781-934-2731 ext. 15 or email craftshow@duxburyart.org.

South Shore Art Center Festival On the Common will run June 15 - 17 on the town green in Cohasset. The festival features approximately 100 vendors who supply their own booths and awnings. This event is one of the premier fundraisers for the South Shore Art Center. In addition there will be the annual strawberry festival serving strawberry shortcake throughout the weekend. For more information call Diane Kennedy, Festival Coordinator at 781-383-2787 ext. 19.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Steve Gilette and Cindy Mangson. Tickets are $11 the day of the show, which begins at 8 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fatwall Jack featuring Erica Rodney. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through December 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.

Tours resume to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

Children and Artists to Exhibit Work Together at the Fuller Museum of Art through July 8. There will also be an exhibition of digital art entitled "Digital Insight" with a special focus on education and learning through the use of computers. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. For more information call 508-588-6000.

"Views of Norwell and Other Nice Places," recent acrylic paintings by David Hamblen to be shown at the James Library through June 29. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours which are Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located on 24 West Street in Norwell, for more information call 781-659-7100.

The Music Circus Announces Its 50th Anniversary Season in grand style, with a full schedule of music, comedy, variety and children's shows. The following are just some of the great performances that will be featured. Wynonna, June 30, 8:00 p.m., $36.50, Jerry Vale, July 5, 8:00 p.m., $24.50: Kevin James, July 6, 8:00 p.m., $29.50. Trisha Yearwood, July 7, 8:00 p.m. $40.50, Kevin James (second show added) July 8, 7:30 p.m., $29.50, "Franklin's Magic Fiddle" starring Franklin the Turtle, July 11, 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., $12.00, The Sammy Kaye Orchestra (special Seniors matinee) July 12, 2:30 p.m., $15.00, The Temptations, July 13, 8:00 p.m., $27.50, Phil Coulter with guests The Celtic Tenors, July 20, 8:00 p.m., $24.50, The Supremes starring Mary Wilson, July 22, 7:30 p.m., $25.50, Dwight Yoakam, July 26, 8:00 p.m., $33.50, The Righteous Brothers, July 27, 8:00 p.m., $33.50, Engelbert Humperdinck, July 28, 8:00 p.m., $36.00, John Pinette & Jay Mohr, July 29, 7:30 p.m., $29.50, Loretta LaRoche, August 4, 8:00 p.m., $24.50, Bruce Hornsby & Band, August 5, 7:30 p.m., $27.50, Judy Collins Wildflower Fest, with Roger McGuinn, Janis Ian, Richie Havens, August 8, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, Little Feat, August 9, 8:00 p.m., $23.50, Kenny Rogers, August 10, 8:00 p.m., $43.00, The Statler Brothers, August 11, 8:00 p.m., $31.50, The Robert Cray Band, August 16, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, The Saw Doctors, August 17, 8:00 p.m., $25.50, Tony Bennett, August 18, 8:00 p.m. SOLD OUT, The Beach Boys, August 19, 5:00 & 9:00 p.m., $38.50, Jethro Tull with guest Willy Porter, August 22, 8:00 p.m., $37.50, Peter, Paul & Mary, August 23, 8:00 p.m., $34.50, The Everly Brothers, The Crickets, August 24, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, Vince Gill, August 26, 5:00 & 9:00 p.m., $49.50, Bill Cosby, September 3, 5:00 & 8:00 p.m., $38.00. Children's shows: "Franklin's Magic Fiddle" on July 11 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. All tickets are $12. The following shows are all $6 and appropriate for P-K through grade 4: Alice in Wonderland - July 12, Jack and the Beanstalk - July 19, Cinderella - July 26, Snow White - Aug. 2, Heidi (a new musical) Aug. 9, Circus Antics 2001 - Aug. 16, Goldilocks and the Three Bears - Aug. 23, Little Red Riding Hood - Aug. 30. Tickets for these shows, whether available now or on a designated date, can be purchased by calling 781-383-1400 or visiting ticketmaster.com. Phone lines open at 9:00 a.m. The box office in Cohasset is open daily from noon to 6:00 p.m. for in-person sales. The venue is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset, just 21 miles south of Boston.

Classes

SUMMER ART ADVENTURE WEEKS at the Fuller Museum of Art from July 9 - August 18. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Classes are available for children ages 5 and up. Some class choices are ceramics, Native American crafts, drawing and painting, paper crafts, art of the Aztecs, Mosaics and portraiture. To receive a brochure please call 508-588-6000 ext. 125.

INSYNC DANCE COMPANY located at 5 Thacher Street in Milton, is holding open registration for Summerdance 2001. This summer program includes clinics for all ages including preschool through high school. Summerdance fees range from $25 - $99. For more information on specific classes, dates and times please call 617-696-9331

CLEMENT MICARELLI ALL MEDIA FIGURE WORKSHOP for two days on June 9 and 10 at the Yankee Barn Workshop in Kingston from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. The fee is $150 for the weekend and checks can be made out to the artist. For more information call 781-585-5622.

DOG TRAINING CLASSES are being offered at the Cohasset Recreation Center on the Cohasset Common - sponsored by the New England Humane Association. "Good manners for beginners" is $90 for a 5-week session and starts June 25 at 7 p.m. Also "Obedience with Distractions" at 6 p.m. Classes are also being held at the Norwell Recreation Center, 345 Main Street, Town Office Building in Norwell. "Good manners for beginners" is $90 for a 5-week session and starts June 9 at 10 a.m. Also "Agility/Obedience" at 11 a.m. For more information call 781-878-4343.

CYSTAL/REIKI, TAROT AND ASTROLOGY CLASSES are offered Mon., Tues. and Thurs. These daytime summer classes are offered from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and the cost is $20 per session. Held at Health and Healing Arts. For more information or to register call 781-545-0662.

BRIGHT HORIZONS FATHER'S DAY SEMINAR "Giving your child the future" will discuss preparing your child for success in school and life: What matters and what doesn't. Located at 75 William Terry Drive in Hingham on June 12 from 7 - 9 p.m. Call ahead to reserve a seat, admission is free. Tel. 781-740-5670.

WHIDDEN'S SCHOOL OF FITNESS, 822 Webster Street in Marshfield is offering the following classes: Yoga for all levels, Mon. and Wed. from 7 - 8:30 p.m. and Wed. from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Fee for one week is $45 or $80 for 4 weeks. Martial Arts: Kempo Karate classes for pre-school - adult and Tai Chi for seniors and adults. Fitness: Senior fitness and movement classes offered on Mon. and Wed. from 11 - 12 noon. For more information call 781-834-9161.

FREE SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP offered by the Hull Performing Arts, Inc. on Tues. and Thurs. nights from June 19 - Aug. 22. Coursework will include diction, projection and scene study. Cost of materials will not exceed $20. Call Lindsay at 781-925-2406 by June 17 to register.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child is now enrolling for summer programs. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. The cost of the class is 6 weeks for $55. For more information call Denise Creedon at 781-834-7417.

YOGA CLASS at the New North Church in Hingham Harbor on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Please bring a mat. For more information or to register call Joanne Harrison at 781-740-4412.

LEARN TO SKATE AT LOCAL MDC RINKS for children ages 5 and up and adults wearing either figure or hockey skates. Quincy Shea MDC Rink on Willard Street on Fridays at 4 p.m. or Sundays at 11 a.m. The Weymouth MDC Rink on Broad Street, classes are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays. Register online at www.iceskatingclasses.com or call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480.

YOGA, TAI CHI, MEDITATION: New classes are beginning now at Harmony Wellness Center, 51 Mill Street in Hanover. Please call 781- 829-4300 to register or for more information.

YOGA CLASSES AT FIRST PARISH held on Monday nights from 7:30 - 9 p.m. St. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Scituate. Instructor Phaedrus Tomaino places emphasis on the spiritual aspect of yoga. All are welcome to attend and the cost is $10 per session. Located at 330 First Parish Drive, Scituate. For more information call 617-472-4489.

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER IN COHASSET Offers the following courses: Freeplay, Children's Computer; Computers and lunch; Adult computer class; Adult introduction to computers; Family music with the music lady; gymnastics; Sports for kids ages 4 - 6; Sports for Kids ages 5 - 8; Gym explorers ages 4 - 6; Beg/Int. Girls all ages all different times. The Center is located at 3 North Main St., Cohasset. Call 781-383-0088 for more information.

RECREATIONAL ICE SKATING CLASSES at 5 p.m. at the Weymouth MDC rink on Broad Street. The group lessons are for boys and girls ages 5 and up and adults. Students can wear either figure skates or hockey skates.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

At 12:41 a.m. the Sagittarius moon opposes retrograde Mercury and becomes inactive. The moon enters Capricorn at 1:23 a.m., aligns with Venus at 2:57 a.m. and becomes inactive. This Capricorn moon will travel 'void of course' until Saturday afternoon. That means that it does not form a major alignment to a planet for the next 2 1/2 days. Because Capricorn is an ambitious, business-oriented sign, you can be productive. However, plan to finish matters that have been left hanging, clean out and reorganize. Take quiet time out for yourself this evening; for prayer, meditation, contemplation.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

No major planetary activity occurs today. The moon continues its travel in Capricorn, but it is inactive. This is a great day to catch up, finish old business, tie up loose ends. Hard work will pay off. New starts are off limits. Follow through on promises you have made to others; fulfill commitments. Plan a quiet evening. Meditate for inner peace.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

This may be a slow-starting morning. Allow extra time to get where you are going. The Capricorn moon continues inactive travel until 12:20 p.m., when it enters Aquarius. Influences turn around completely at this time, and the afternoon/evening rate high for social activities of all kinds. Gather with friends and let the good times roll.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Influences today and tomorrow bring mild and sunny astrological weather in this stormy month. An Aquarius moon may point you in directions you do not normally travel. Take a vacation from routine and responsibilities; play, party, unwind.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

This is a wonderful day for vacationing. If you are working, avoid rigid time schedules. Things may not go as planned. Today's influences are favorable for collaborating with others to achieve common goals. Keep an open mind; be more experimental and willing to try new ideas. You can find new solutions to old problems. The Aquarius moon forms contacts to five planets and becomes inactive at 8:39 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

The next couple of days may be hectic. Take it slow and easy. Pay extra attention to details. The moon enters Pisces at 12:53 a.m. A polarity of retrograde Mars and Jupiter takes center stage, urging you to use extra caution when driving or operating machinery. Don't take chances or do anything risky. The best way to channel today's influences is to stay busy with creative projects. You can find fresh inspiration and express yourself in new ways.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Today's planetary influences are similar to yesterday's. The moon continues to travel in Pisces, forming potentially stressful alignments to Pluto, Mars and the sun. In addition, the sun opposes Mars. Slow down. Don't take on more than you can handle. People may be irritable, argumentative. A positive attitude is your ace in the hole. Pray, meditate, contemplate. Strive for greater spiritual vision.

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Police widen youth counterfeiting investigation

By Rick Collins
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Police have interviewed up to a dozen more local teenagers about a money counterfeiting ring, following the arrest of two Cohasset youths last week, and say the dollar amount of counterfeit bills circulating in the area could total several thousand.

"The amount seems to get larger by the day," Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan said Tuesday.

Police are also seeking summonses for a third Cohasset teenager and a Pembroke teen, who are both juveniles, for their alleged involvement. The Cohasset youth is believed to be involved with passing counterfeit bills and the Pembroke youth is wanted in connection with their manufacture. Their names are not being released because they are under 17.

"We had interviews scheduled with more young people and we're not sure where that is going to lead," Sgt. Robert Jackson said. "We may be looking for more people, the allegations are out there."

Patrick Carbone, 17, of Church Street, was arrested Friday afternoon while walking on Beechwood Street after allegedly asking another teenager skateboarding outside of Shaw's Supermarket to go inside and exchange some fake bills for real money. Police say Carbone had two fake $20 bills on him, as well as four real $10 bills.

Shaw's was the third store in two months to report receiving fake money.

According to police, Carbone told them he had received the phony money from a freshman he knew at Cohasset High School. The fresh-

COUNTERFEITING, PAGE 19

Library project funding delayed

By Rick Collins
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The library construction project got a bit of bad news this week when it was not one of the ten projects to be awarded a Massachusetts Library Construction Grant.

The good news is that the project is first on the waiting list. However, state funding to move the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from its South Main Street location to the former Osgood School, could still be up to six months away.

"One hundred percent of the projects wait listed have been funded."
— Patience Towle, library trustee

Although she was "flabbergasted" the project was not chosen in the grant round, library trustee Patience Towle said she is confident the project will get its $1.529 million grant sooner than later.

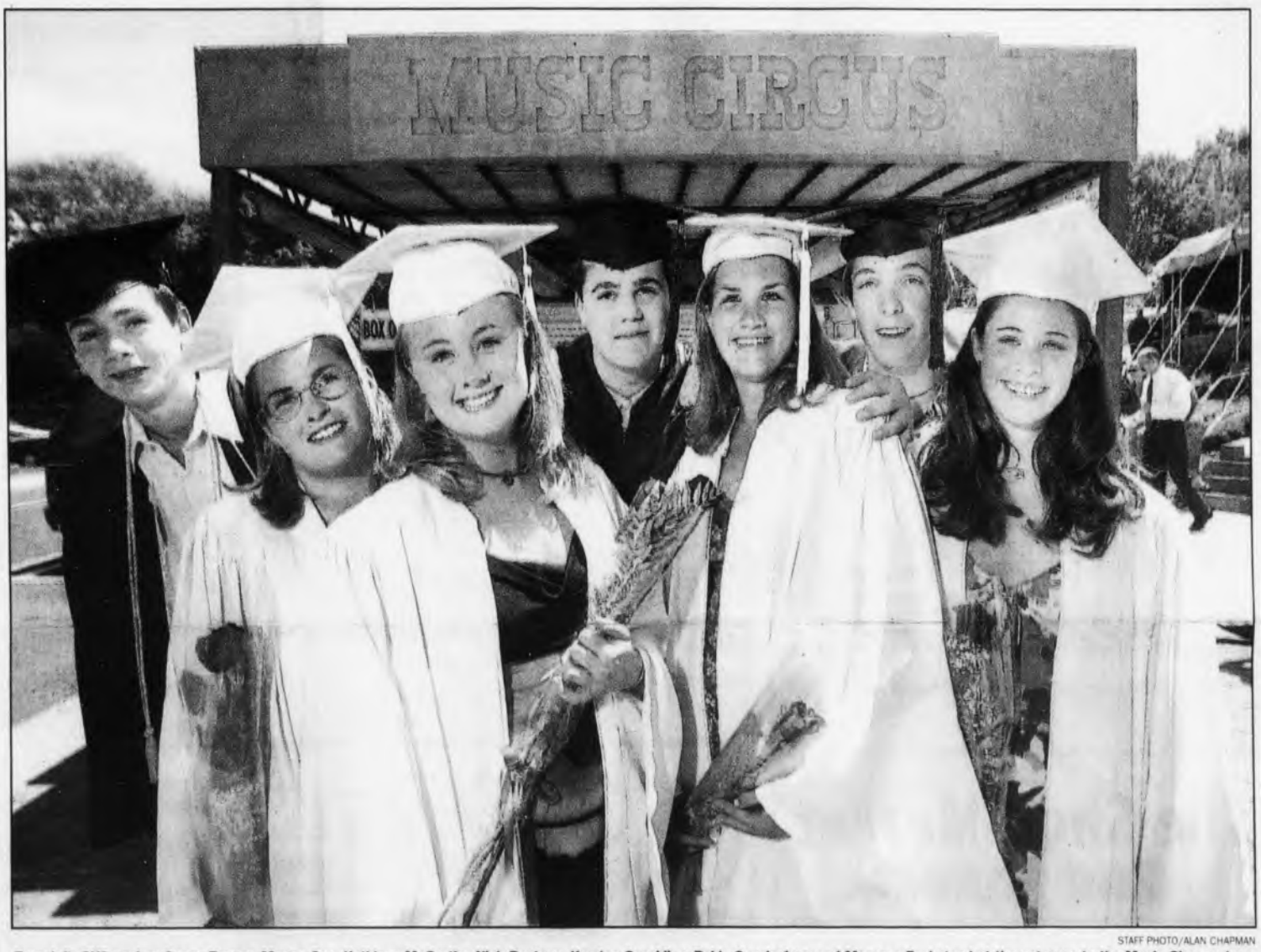
"We are very optimistic," she said. "One hundred percent of the projects wait listed have been funded."

Essentially, the town has been awarded the grant; it's just that the legislature hasn't appropriated the money to board of library commissioners for Cohasset.

"I really do think, without being able to speak for the legislature, that the money is coming shortly," said Towle.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said he will push for

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From left, CHS seniors Casey Brewer, Megan Cox, Kathleen McCarthy, Nick Pestone, Krysten Considine, Robin Cunningham and Marueen Equi stand at the entrance to the Music Circus where their commencement was held Saturday. For more photos, see pages 12 & 13.

Great works are ahead for CHS grads

Class of 2001 told to be resilient

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset High School Class of 2001 was encouraged to go out and find their "magnum opus" during commencement exercises this past Saturday at the South Shore Music Circus.

Those Latin words from class salutatorian Chris Golden, plucked from the pages of the well-known children's book "Charlotte's Web," urged the 72 graduates to strive to accomplish a great work in their post-Cohasset lives.

"Now that I'm graduating, I look back at how much I've learned from something seemingly so simple," Golden said of the book about the friendship between a pig and a spider. "I've learned friendship and devotion, to pursue my dreams, and to seek out my magnum opus and to achieve it."

Much is expected from this high-achievement graduating class, as was explained in the ceremony's speeches. Cohasset High School Principal Dr. Michael Jones said the class had made his first year at the school "a delight and a pleasure," and remarked on the "passion" the class attacked their goals with.

The 36 girls in white and 36 boys in blue entered the Music Circus tent to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the Cohasset Middle/High School Band. The seniors crossed over the

GRADUATES, PAGE 11

200-unit development on horizon for Route 3A site

By Rick Collins
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Town officials are bracing for the possibility of a 200-plus unit housing development at the former Norfolk Conveyer site off Route 3A.

According to Town Planner Elizabeth Harrington, Avalon Bay Communities, a Quincy-based development company, has proposed constructing up to 250 high-end apartments on the 60-acre property. The company recently finished a similar development on the former Hall Estate in Hull, and is currently developing a piece of land on Route 53 in Weymouth, behind BJ's Wholesale Club.

The company has not yet filed any plans with the town, but did meet with Town Manager Mark Haddad, and other town officials Wednesday to go over what Harrington described as a "very preliminary" proposal.

"It's a very preliminary site plan just for discussion purposes, there really isn't any detail," she said. "It's just a very basic plan showing the placement of the buildings."

Because the Norfolk Conveyor site is in the business technology zoning district, the development would have to be constructed using a comprehensive permit.

Harrington, who splits her time between Cohasset and Hull, described the Hull apartment units as one and two bedroom apartments, priced at between $1,800 and $2,000 a month, and marketed towards young professionals and older couples looking to downsize.

Because the Norfolk Conveyor site is in the business technology zoning district, the development would have to be constructed using a comprehensive permit.

A comprehensive permit, an offshoot of the "Anti-Snob Zoning Act" of 1969, streamlines the permitting process, allowing a developer to sidestep appearances before most local boards, and seek one all-encompassing permit from the zoning board of appeals. In order to qualify for a comprehensive permit, the project must dedicate 25 percent of its housing units as affordable housing. In exchange, local boards have limited ability to stop a project.

Harrington was positive about her experiences with Avalon Properties in Hull.

"They have been very responsive to the town's needs, and have been

DEVELOPMENT, PAGE 8



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CLASSMATES

Thayer Academy classmates, from left, Brooke Baker of Cohasset, Hillary Rader of Hingham and Lauren Smith of Cohasset join together for an impromptu portrait during their commencement at the private school on Saturday.

Pellet pistols worry police

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset police are warning area youths that feel cool owning and showing off realistic looking pellet guns, that they could be playing with danger.

Twice in two weeks Cohasset police responded to calls from worried town residents reporting teens brandishing guns, including one near Cohasset Middle/High School. The guns ended up being pellet guns, powered by carbon dioxide cartridges, but still capable of firing a lethal projectile.

"Our concern is that some law enforcement official won't know what is real and what isn't, and that

PELLET PISTOLS, PAGE 20

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Correction

A story in last week's Mariner should have said Sandy Beach is on Atlantic Avenue instead of Jerusalem Road.

Meeting schedule

The following is a list of town meetings posted as of Monday, June 13. All meetings will be held at Cohasset Town Hall, unless noted.

- Advisory Committee, June 21, 7:30 p.m.
- Cohasset Conservation Commission, June 14, 7:30 p.m.; June 21, 7:30 p.m.
- Senior Housing Committee, June 20, 9 a.m.
- Planning Board, June 20, 8 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen, June 19, 7:30 p.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, June 18, 7:30 p.m.

The School Building Committee meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office.

Get your beach and RTF stickers

The Board of Selectmen has extended the expiration date of the beach and RTF permits until June 30. Beach and RTF permits will be on sale starting June 4, during normal business hours at the Town Hall and at the DPW garage for the next fiscal year.

Starting July 1, the Pay-As-You-throw Program will start. An "all facilities" sticker will be $50 and an additional second sticker for $20. This sticker will allow access to the RTF, as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

Residents who do not utilize the RTF can purchase a beach sticker for $7 and the cost for a senior over 60 is $3. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town.

You may purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

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Time for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays.

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Sun. 17	8:35	8.9	2:26	8:56	9.9	2:40
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Cohasset artist's work is a real 'gem'

Dickson drawing wins prize at festival

By Timothy Llewellyn
CORRESPONDENT

Christine Millar has an optimistic attitude when it comes to art.

"Forgive yourself that you aren't Rembrandt, but acknowledge that there is something that you can do. Then do it," she said.

This philosophy has certainly been working for the local artist. A Cohasset resident for the past eight years, Millar recently won second prize for Drawing and Pastels in the South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common Juried Exhibition. Her work will be on display from June 15-17 in the Main Exhibition tent on the common.

A dog lover, Cliff Dickson and Christine Millar first crossed paths at the Cohasset Kennel.

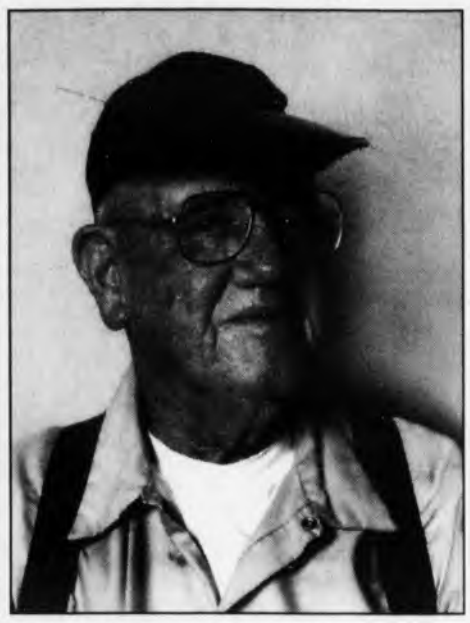
This year's prize winning entry is a portrait of Cohasset local Cliff Dickson. The portrait is the second in Millar's "Gems of Cohasset" series, which are portraits of people who have been living and working in Cohasset for years, and have become an integral part of the community. The first portrait in the series was of Cohasset "old timer" Fred Blossom. Millar describes them as "people who have been very helpful in making us feel welcome in the area." Her series is a tribute to these local legends.

"[It's] a mark of my appreciation for them just existing," Millar said.

And Dickson certainly fits the bill of local legend. Having worked in the town since returning from the Second World War, Dickson has become a Cohasset staple. He spent his life working for the local Fire Department and the Cohasset Yacht Club. Dickson represents quintessential small town New England. "Cliff's as much Cohasset Yacht Club as the Cohasset Yacht Club is," said friend Peter Wood.



Christine Millar's drawing of Cliff Dickson.



A photo of Cliff Dickson taken by correspondent Tim Llewellyn.

Known as a "cherished character" in town, for years Dickson was seen around town with his late golden retriever "Widgeon" and his light blue pick-up truck. These days "Lisa," an adopted former show dog, never leaves his side.

A dog lover, Dickson and Millar first crossed paths at the Cohasset Kennel, because despite her success, drawing is not a full time job for Millar. In fact, Millar already has more than a full time job. She and her husband, Dr. J. Dermot Millar, opened the kennel when they moved to Cohasset from Australia eight years ago. She describes the kennel as a "very seven day-a-week job" that allows her little spare time.

Millar says she is forced to fit her drawing into the scarce downtime that she has.

"Doing art is almost a meditation, almost a stress release for me... sometimes if you can't get away in body, you have to get away in your mind," she says.

Looking at Millar's work you might expect her to talk about her years of professional art training. Millar uses a deliberate process of layering, rubbing and shading to accurately represent areas of light and shade for a near "photo-realistic" effect. But Millar has only been drawing for two years. In fact, the extent of her artistic education is limited to two Basic Drawing classes at Cohasset's South Shore Art Center. But in the past two years Millar has also won First Prize in the Duxbury Juried show, she was one of about 30 percent accepted in last year's Cohasset Juried show, and last year she also won an Award of Excellence for her still-life drawings of carnations.

But Millar doesn't see her rapid mastery of the graphite pencil as unusual.

"I think everybody can do it, you just have to decide that it is important enough to spend the time." Millar said.

Millar's entry into art education started with an interest in quilting. She hoped that a little formal art training would help her with pattern layout and design. Although quilting has fallen to the wayside, the classes introduced her to the world of graphite pencil drawing, and to the work of the Western pencil artist Robert Shufelt. "Shoofly's" cowboy drawings caught Millar's attention, and her artistic interest. "He started me out thinking, 'I want to do that,'" she recalled.

So what's next for Christine Millar? "Well, I'd like to retire to a 40-hour-a-week job... that would be nice," she said.

The festival is open and free to the public through 6 p.m., Sunday June 17 until 6 p.m.. Donations are welcome and support the art center's programs. For more information on the festival see the Living section in today's paper or, call (781) 383-2787. For a complete schedule, visit the art center's web site at www.ssac.org.

Town to produce new master plan

By Rick Collins
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The town Growth & Development Committee has officially begun the process of creating a new master plan for Cohasset, and will soon be coming to a neighborhood near you.

Growth & Development Committee Chairman Rick Swanborg described the master plan as a "long term vision and goals for the town."

The last master plan the town created was the "Benjamin Report" in 1961. The new plan will look at the town in terms of town facilities, police and fire departments, open space recreation master plans, economic development, housing needs and demographics.

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"It covers just about everything," he said.

Over the course of the summer, the committee will hold neighborhood meetings to start collecting ideas on what Cohasset residents want to see from the town in the future. The committee will take this information, create a town-wide survey, and then analyze the results with the community.

"Ultimately the beginning of the process is to work with the stakeholders of the town, and get their priorities and their vision," said Swanborg. "We have to find out what they like and don't like, and suggestions for changes."

The final document, which Swanborg hopes will be completed by December, 2002, will take into consideration suggestions, thoughts and ideas, from all town boards, neighborhoods, and regional planning agencies, and be a blueprint for the future of the town.

"Based on the visions and goals and other types of information, we'd recommend changes to the town ranging anywhere from zoning to traffic patterns," he said.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore told Swanborg at a meeting last week that the most crucial part of a master plan is making sure the data the committee bases the plan on, is correct.

"We want to be very careful, we don't want to come up with a defective plan," Moore said, warning against people with agendas. "We don't care how it comes out, as long as it's done accurately."

Planning Board member Robert Sturdy said a plan mapping the future can't be done until the committee looks at the present.

"We really need to know where we are," he said, pointing out conflicts between the town's assessors maps and topographical maps.

Sturdy said the town should ultimately know where every drain, leaching field, and septic system is on every property, as well as all failed and successful perc tests.

New board member Peter Pratt said a master plan would be a way for the town to keep control over its destiny, rather than having it dictated to them through things such as comprehensive permits.

So far the committee has a $30,000 planning grant from the state, and hopes to be able to complete the plan without much of a handout from Town Meeting.

"What we're trying to do as a committee is to not spend any of the town's money unless we really need to," said Swanborg. "We're going to spend the state money first and then roll up our sleeves and do as much as we can ourselves."

He estimates it will take "some limited funds" to finish the plan, but how much is not clear this early in the process.

Swanborg said the Growth & Development Committee will further explain the process, and its goals and objectives in upcoming columns in the Mariner.

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Joe and Florence Stanford welcome grandchild #22

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



This bundle of joy is Grace Marie Stanford. Grace arrived May 17 and the 22nd grandchild of Florence and Joe Stanford.



Ted Noon, Class Marshal for the Middlebury Class of 2001, is shown here with college president John McArdell at the college's commencement May 27.

GRADUATION REFLECTIONS

Hello Cohasset. I wanted to start this column by first of all, sending a huge congratulations to the graduates of 2001 from CMHS and to all the graduates that we have in our town from schools and colleges all over. The hard work and dedication that you put in has shown and now, the rest of your life begins in whatever way you choose to take it.

As I watch, see and hear all the excitement and plans of many graduates, I have been thinking how great change is in so many ways. Graduation from schools really does mark a change in ones life and change is a great thing. We are watching change in our daily lives here in Cohasset in so many areas, the town look, the tremendous updates on our schools, the many changes in the sewer systems, the look ahead to a new library along with so many other projects and changes in our personal lives. Sometimes change is hard to accept, whether it be a change in your child's life with the next grade or the move on to a new apartment or college dorm, or whether that change is in the way of a new road, new school or new sidewalks.

We will all have fears, complaints and issues each step of the way but when you then stop and look forward to the end result, most change is positive. I know that I often have to look forward at that end result and then, put my gripes and worries aside as change is really a good thing and we are all lucky in so many ways to be able to enjoy that change. When you get that call of your child, now a young adult saying, "wow, I got my first real job" or you drive down that new road wherever it may be or you can stand at one of our schools and be so proud of the changes that are being made, stop and say to yourself, "look at where we are now!" It is a pretty good feeling!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A special happy birthday goes out to **Daniel Piepenbrink** who is turning 11 on June 15. Have a great day Daniel, we love you! Also celebrating a birthday in our family was my husband, **Bob,** and my Mom, **Joann Egan**. Happy birthday to all!

CURRY GRAD

We have news from many schools about some wonderful graduates. Let's start with Curry College in Milton which held its commencement ceremony on May 20. **Michael Peraino** of Cohasset graduated and I know his family is very proud. Congratulations Michael!

NEW DOCTOR

The University of Massachusetts Medical School also held ceremonies and **Carole Jean Smith** received her degree. Fantastic, Carole.

TOP HONORS

We move now into Rhode Island from the Roger Williams University where **Megan Anne Pratt** graduated with a bachelor of arts, magna cum laude, from the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences. That is great news Megan, let us know what your next move is.

DEAN'S LIST

Jessica Niessink of Cohasset, is a student at Fairfield University majoring in Nursing. Jessica, the daughter of **Jan and Deborah Niessink,** was named to the dean's list. Jessica had to attain a GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4.0 to achieve this honor. She is planning a career in neonatal medicine. Great work Jessica!

NEW ARRIVALS

Speaking of change, two families have had a big change in their families recently.

Patty and Brian Connors of Cohasset had a new baby boy, **Seth Christian Connors,** born on May 14, 2001 weighing in at 9 lbs., 3 oz. and was 22 ins. long. Seth joins his three big brothers, **Ryan** and **Justin**, both 10, and **Zachary,** who is 3. Seth's grandparents are **Walter and Lorraine Missett** and **Ed and Nancy Connors**. Congratulations to all of you, we know that this little guy will be hugged, snuggled and played with all the time with this great family!

Grace Marie Stanford was born also in May. Her birthday is May 17, 2001 and she is the new daughter of **Paul and Jennifer Stanford** of Plymouth. Grace weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz. and joins her big sister, **Madeline**, who is 2.. Her grandparents are **Anne and Michael Woodbury** of Queensbury, N.Y. and **Joe and Florence Stanford** of Cohasset. This makes grandchild number 22 for Joe and Florence!!!! Congratulations to all of you on this wonderful new addition!

SWIM, DIVING TRYOUTS

The Cohasset Swim Center is holding swim and dive team try-outs on Monday, June 18 for the following age groups only: boys, 17 and under, 14 and under, 10 and under and 8 and under; girls, 17 and under and 8 and under only. The time for this is from 4-6 p.m. and is held at the Swim Center. Dive team try-outs will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on June 18 also.

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The Cohasset PSO would like to extend a huge "thank you" to all families who recently made pledges for the Annual Phone-A-Thon for the Cohasset Schools. This money is the seed money for the PSO activities and programs for the upcoming 2001-2001 school year. Please make sure to get your pledge envelopes back in and now that your donation is put to wonderful use. Thank you also to the many PSO and other volunteers who helped to make this a great success!

SAILING CLUB EVENT

The Cohasset Sailing Club welcomes its members and their guests to the opening sailing season, "Summer Breeze" gathering and enjoy "makes you feel fine" music provided by the Grateful Dads. The event will be held on Saturday, June 30 from 7-10 p.m. at the Sailing Club. We are asking those of you who plan on attending to bring a food dish for all to share. Members with last names beginning with the letters, A-L, please bring an appetizer. Those with the last names beginning with letters M-Z should bring a dessert. All attendees are responsible for their own beverages and do not forget to leave the kiddies at home! Please call **Lucia** at 383-2792 or **Susan** at 383-0765 with any questions. Please come and enjoy the first of many, "Summer Breezes."

MIDDLEBURY SCHOLAR

Ted Noon served as Class Marshal for the Middlebury College Class of 2001. The Derby and Milton academy graduate is the son of **Nick and Connie Noon** of North Main Street. At Middlebury, Ted is a College Scholar and member of the Student Cabinet.

GROUNDBREAKING

The Deer Hill School is having a ground-breaking ceremony on Monday, June 18 at 9:30 a.m.. This ceremony will include the students and staff from the school and will have some guest speakers as well as some familiar faces from the past. Please plan on coming and attending this wonderful and exciting event to welcome and see the starts of the work at the Deer Hill School.

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That is all for this week. Please send in all the news, events and other note-worthy information to me in one of the following ways.

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— Jennifer Piepenbrink

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Self-proclaimed late bloomer makes his mark on art scene

Returns to roots, is featured at festival

By Rick Collins
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He was the son of a well-known local architect and grandson of a world-famous architect — yet he had to resort to sketching under the covers in bed at night to see if he was any good while growing up.

"When I grew up, Dad and Grandad were so famous, I was so intimidated as a kid to think I could have anything to do with art," said John Maginnis, a Cohasset native who will be a featured artist in this week's Festival on the Common, sponsored by the South Shore Art Center. "There was enormous pressure, not from the family, but everyone else."

Maginnis' grandfather was Charles Maginnis — the only American architect to win three gold medals from the American Institution of Architects — something not even Frank Lloyd Wright accomplished. He designed many of the buildings seen on the campuses of Notre Dame University and Boston College, as well as the National Basilica in Washington, D.C.

His son, Charles Maginnis Jr., was mainly an ecclesiastical architect, who designed Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree, Carney Hospital in Dorchester, and a number of churches. He was also a Cohasset resident, one of the first to build a modern-style house along Little Harbor at 39 Nichols Road.

"He built this very modern home amongst a traditional neighborhood," John Maginnis recalled. "He got a lot of comments."

Charles Maginnis Jr. was played a key role in the creation of the South Shore Music Circus. He served as president of the music circus' governing body, the South Shore Playhouse Associates, from 1951 to 1952. "That [the Music Circus] did succeed was due more to his work than to that of any other individual," the group wrote of Maginnis in May of 1954. Unfortunately, it was written as a tribute to Maginnis, who died that February.

"We were always curious as a family what he could have done had he not died at 43," John Maginnis said. It was in 1957, the 17-year old John Maginnis left Cohasset and his



Memorial portrait of actor, Chief Dan George, by John Maginnis. Chief Dan George starred in the "Outlaw Josie Wales" with Clint Eastwood and "Little Big Man" with Dustin Hoffman.

days playing around the harbor or on Sandy Beach, and headed to California with his family.

"My grandfather had died in 1955, my dad in 1954, and my mother's parents were elderly and lived in California and we moved out there," he recalled.

He graduated from Palo Alto High School and after attending Michigan Tech University, began a career as an engineer.

Then in 1976, he created his first painting.

"I had a friend that had been on the 1960 gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic hockey team and I read something about them needing to raise money for the 1976 team," he said. "So my first painting was of his gold medal in his red, white and blue hockey gloves."

It wasn't until 1980, when he was 40, that Maginnis dropped his engineering tools and picked up a paintbrush full-time.

"By 1980, everyone was gone," he said. "I always thought I could do it, so I went ahead and did it."

But Maginnis said he didn't get into art just to pursue a recreational hobby.

"I went into it to make a living. I immediately believed I could compete on a professional living," he said. After moving to Sedona, Ariz., a well known Southwest artist colony, and doing some initial "comparison shopping" Maginnis said he knew he'd be successful once he got going.

"A friend of mine with the Cowboy Artists of America told me, I have got to be painting all the time, and then I have to sell the work, or I'd be going back to work as an engineer," Maginnis recalled. "He said, 'Give the public what it wants, not what you want them to have.'"

Maginnis followed his friend's advice and bucked the traditional artist path on his way to developing a sort of cult following as a Southwestern artist specializing in landscapes and portraits and sculptures of Native Americans.

"I've been making a darn good living doing commissioned paintings, and haven't been interested in playing the art game," he said. "I don't do the cocktail circuit, I don't do the galleries, I don't publish a list of celebrity collectors."

Instead, he said, he has developed a strong following of about 50 collectors, which he just keeps going "around and around to."

This past winter we went down to Little Rock, Ark., to do a commissioned piece and got so many requests he stayed the entire winter painting all over the area.

He said he gets satisfaction from knowing that people like the work he has done for them.

"I take pride in it...I get as much satisfaction pleasing someone with a painting they really wanted and is meaningful to them, as I do with my own stuff," Maginnis said.

He also donates lithographs of his work to charities and is in the process of completing a series of "social statements" about the demise of Native Americans.

It was a few years back when the idea to come back to the area first got placed in his head.

"My mom died a couple of years ago and had a memorial service at Boston College. While visiting my old stomping grounds I ran into the then-director of the arts center, who knew all about my father and grandfather, and he said I should introduce my art here," Maginnis remembered.

He came out this spring, with his work all packed up in a U-Haul, submitted three pieces to the arts center for entry into the juried show at the Festival on the Common, and agreed to participate in the center's visiting artists workshop as an instructor.

Last week Maginnis, who is now living in the area with his sister, received word that the festival accepted his painting "Lost in the Garden of Golf" for judging.

"I lost my golf ball and came across this thicket of wild flowers and said 'Wow', and painted it," he said.

Maginnis's class, which will run from July 27-29, is titled "Passionate Pastel," and will be an intensive tutorial on creating mood and emotion through vivid colors and light.

"We're very excited about it, the workshop will be wonderful," said Monica McKenney, director of Development and Public Relations at the arts center said. "It's a fairly intensive workshop designed to excite the artist within."

Maginnis, who describes himself as a "traditional realist," said his primary concern is "bringing out the artists emotionally and spiritually, with a lot of 'Yes, I can' high-confidence stuff."

"It's very simple to do good work, it's not as easy to do great work," said Maginnis, who has moved from



John Maginnis, shown here, has deep roots in Cohasset.

landscapes of the open west, to seascapes off Atlantic Avenue. "I try to make it real simple and easy."

His brief time back on the South Shore, and bumping into people he knows from years back, has made Maginnis think about replanting roots in the area – although it has been a bit of a culture shock.

"Out west we just get so used to space, we have so much room," he said. "Bumper to bumper traffic is unheard of except in Denver or Phoenix."

Although Maginnis is happy where his career is, he does sometimes feel he's being watched by his father and grandfather who want to know when he's going to "get with it, and do some monumental images."

"I'm not interested in becoming famous, that's not where I'm at right now. But I do have one wish in my life," he said. "I want to do just one magnificent painting so that no matter who's looking at it, no matter what there art bent is, that they looked at the image and became enthralled and stimulated by the piece.

"That would be fun."

John Maginnis's "Passionate Pastel" will be held from Friday, July 27, through Sunday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Shore Arts Center on Ripley Road. For more information, contact the arts center at 781-383-2787. Maginnis himself can be reached at 617-513-5647.

Visiting Artist Workshops 2001

The South Shore Art Center is becoming a summer destination for artists, art students and cultural enthusiasts. The center's summer initiative, Visiting Artist Workshops 2001 includes master classes in the visual arts. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel painting, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography, and impressionist still life painting

The instructors include: Karen Christians, Jared Clackner, Stuart Baron, Annie Silverman, John Brooks Maginnis, Heidi Whitman, Tracy Spadafora, William Ternes, Peter Madden, Frank Gohlke, and Margaret McWethy. They are all practicing artists as well as instructors at some of the most highly regarded art schools in the area including Boston University, Harvard, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, the Massachusetts College of Art, the DeCordova Museum, and the Worcester Art Museum.

All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery. Summer Encounters: Visiting Artists Exhibition will open Friday, Aug. 10 from 6-8 p.m. The reception is free to all and will provide the public an opportunity to meet the instructors and view some of their work.

The exhibition will be on display until Sept. 9. For more information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org.

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EDITORIAL

Opening a new property tax debate

Thanks to the surpluses born of a strong economy, taxes are coming down. A bill signed this week by President Bush reduced federal income tax rates. A referendum Massachusetts voters adopted last fall cut state income tax rates.

But property tax rates are another story. In the last decade, the average property tax bill on a single family home in Cohasset grew 62 percent from $3,367 in 1990 to $5,410 in 2000. During that time, the property tax bill for a family in Hingham grew from $2821 to $4,447, an increase of 63 percent, and in Scituate from $2,111 to $3,234 or 65 percent.

That's the context in which we should consider House Speaker Thomas Finneran's recent comments on the state sales tax. Finneran suggested raising the sales tax may be a way to bring down property taxes and proposed a commission be named to develop alternatives that would shift the load more evenly onto all taxpayers.

The problems with the property tax are many. Property taxes are based on home values, which often don't reflect the owner's ability to pay. They are especially tough on senior citizens and others on fixed income. And property taxes encourage poor land use policies. Because property tax receipts don't cover the cost of educating children, local officials discourage new housing — pushing home prices up —while encouraging sprawling commercial development.

These concerns are given short shrift by state leaders who like to think of the income and sales taxes as their business and local property taxes as someone else's concern. They say increased state school aid has kept property taxes down, which is true only in some places. The Chapter 70 education aid formula is inequitable and unresponsive to enrollment growth.

State political leaders like to pretend Proposition 2 1/2, the 1980 referendum limiting property tax increases, solved the property tax problem. But even limited annual tax hikes can pile up over 20 years. A serious review of Proposition 2 1/2's strengths and shortcomings is long overdue.

There are problems with the sales tax as well. It's regressive, taking a larger percentage of the income of the poor than the wealthy. It also fluctuates with the economy, and we wouldn't want to have to cut back on local school programs with every dip in consumer spending.

But Finneran should be applauded for being willing to open a discussion most elected officials at the state level have avoided out of deference to the forces behind Proposition 2 1/2. We need to look not only at how high we set the rates for individual taxes but at the mix of taxes that pay for education and other public services. If Finneran or his commission can come up with a way to take some of the burden of school budgets off the local property tax, all Massachusetts taxpayers could benefit.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rusty Skippers say 'thank you'

TO THE EDITOR:

In your recent editorial cheering the return of the CMHS band to the Memorial Day Parade (three cheers for that!), you referred to our band as "the beloved Rusty Skippers". On behalf of the band, I thank you for your continued enthusiastic support of our musical endeavors. Also, many thanks publicly to Steve Biagini, Director of Instrumental Music at Deer Hill School, for his ongoing efforts on our behalf. Without Steve's time and expertise, we would not be so musical; in fact, we probably would not exist! We are so fortunate to have him as our Director.

The weekend of the Arts Festival marks our sixth anniversary. I wonder if the Reverend Ed Atkinson could have imagined this when he suggested a town-wide band for the 1995 Harborfest. We will be playing for the Arts Festival on Saturday the 16th at 11 a.m. As always, we welcome new members to join the Rusty Skippers, and would look forward to meeting them on the 16th.

It is our pleasure to play for the town and we do appreciate your support.

Betts H. Murray
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Prom party support

TO THE EDITOR:

As parents of the Cohasset High School graduating class of 2001 we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the following local businesses, civic organizations and friends why helped support the annual "All Night Post Prom Party" held at Cohasset High School on Friday, June 1

Through generous community donations of money, raffle items, food and drink Cohasset students were treated to a safe and fun filled night following their Senior Prom.

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Disputes Massport

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond to Thomas Kinton's "Massport sets the record straight" letter.

First of all, nothing said could be further from the truth as setting the record straight. The South Shore Jet Pollution Council is only reporting to the public from Massport's own EIS report submitted for public review. The issues discussed are real problems, the noise in some areas of town is already unacceptable, and there is no way that the South Shore will not experience additional noise if the runway is built.

This is America, you can believe who you want. As I am awakened every night at 2 a.m. as the Fed. Ex. cargo plane roars over my house, I want to believe Massport so much, but something tells me not to, as according to Massport, these are "over the water" nighttime operations and I should not even be bothered by them. I want to believe Massport but every current runway configuration sends planes over our area. I want to believe Massport even though they actually have two current runway configurations, used every day, which send arrivals and departures over our area at the same time at different altitudes. I want to believe Massport but have documented up to four planes passing over our area at the same time, all different directions, some of the planes appear high, some low, but all giving off very loud noise, all at the same time. Massport has never addressed this issue, although they have received almost daily complaints. I want to believe Massport, but the South Shore is the only area now that never receives a break in the air traffic unless there are no flights at Massport. How often is that? As for property values not being affected, again you can believe who you want. Massport states that the areas most affected by the noise, those closest to the runways, have seen property values increase by 40 percent in the last ten years. I think the Greater Boston area has probably seen that in the last two years? Even the people in Winthrop, with beautiful coastal neighborhoods and homes, knows that Massport is not telling it straight and their properties should be worth far more than what Massport states. According to Massport, our property values will not even be affected. I know I would defiantly buy a million dollar home under a flight path and not think twice about it. Wow, and this home comes with a 24-hour flight path too! I would like to be first in line to outbid the highest bidder for that quality amenity!

If Massport wants us to have any faith in their new proposal, they need to address our real concerns now, and be truthful about what is happening now and what is proposed. We would welcome an open debate on the issue anytime with Massport and the FAA.

Thomas Maloney & Family
Hingham

Runway expansion — a second opinion

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

Massport Aviation Director Thomas Kinton appeared down here in the South Shore papers last week. I believe it was because the South Shore Jet Pollution Council (SSJPC) is really onto something about Massport's Environmental Impact Statement for runway 14/32 (EIS). In the aviation delay crisis Massport is like a surgeon which only profits if the solution to the problem involves knives. If delay reduction by peak period pricing is implemented, the major surgery of runway expansion —which would graft new appendages of pollution and noise onto Greater Boston — looks pricey and dangerous in contrast. In medicine, any sane person who understands the options makes the cleaner and non-invasive choice.

But in aviation projects, it is nearly unheard of to get a second opinion. Massachusetts Environmental Secretary Robert Durand is charged with deciphering the charts and tables in the EIS, but he does not have the in-house aviation staff to give a second opinion. Even the FAA doesn't. Consulting specialists in aviation all work for the airlines and the airports. They don't have any other client. Massport must have been confident that no one could take the EIS apart and

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Special talent brings home gold medal

Cohasset athlete competes at world winter games

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Racing down a snowy mountain in Alaska at break-neck speed on skis didn't scare her.

What gave Jessica MacDonald — a Special Olympic athlete — pause was the size of the crowd.

"There were so many people watching," recalls Jessica about the opening ceremonies of the World Games. "It was really scary."

But facing challenges is something that Jessica, 27, hasn't shied away from. The race down the mountain netted her a gold medal in the downhill event Special Olympic World Winter Games this past winter. In the giant slalom, she took home the bronze.

Jessica, who only took up skiing eight years ago, won two gold medals in the 2000 Massachusetts State Games, a feat that qualified her for the 2001 world games.

While all her hard work and talent paid off, one of the sweetest rewards occurred Monday when her peers at the Scituate Special Olympics honored her with the Jackie Flynn Athlete of the Year Award.

"I'm really proud in what I have accomplished," Jessica said, while displaying the trophy at the awards banquet St. Anthony's Parish Hall. Jessica was one of about 40 athletes honored that evening.

The 50-member strong Scituate Special Olympics includes athletes from area towns. They range in age from eight to over 40. Jessica, a Cohasset resident, attended the Osgood and Deer Hill schools and then went to Scituate High where she was part of the "magnet program" there for special kids. The Scituate Special Olympics got its start 32 years ago and is part of the South Suburban Special Olympics. It is an outgrowth of the SHS program for many of the athletes.

"We continue to include our athletes when they are no longer in school," says Taffy Nothnagle of Cohasset, who coordinates the Scituate Special Olympics.

Sunday's banquet included a meal — provided by the Kierce family of Cohasset — dance, raffle and awards. Jackets were awarded to the new athletes.

Jessica, who works at the before- and after-school program at Osgood and Deer Hill schools, also competes in Special Olympics track & field events in the 3,000-meter walk, 100-meter run and 4-by-100 relay.

She also bowls and plays basketball but says softball is her favorite sport and plays in the Quincy Women's League.

Nothnagle says Jessica was the perfect choice for the top athlete award this year.

"The decision is made by a committee for the athlete with the most notable achievement," she says.

Nothnagle, who is the coordinator of the life skills program for special needs students at SHS, explains that Jessica also helps out with coaching and selling raffle tickets for the program.

"She is terrific, very capable," Nothnagle says.

Two other major awards were presented Monday. Jay Nothnagle of Cohasset won the Sean Powell Captain's Trophy and Mark Hodgkins of Scituate won the Rosemary Kierce Spirit Award.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Jessica MacDonald proudly displays the Jackie Flynn Athlete of the Year trophy.

As for Jessica, she's trying to find room for her new trophy.

"There's a spot on the mantel," she says, where the captain's trophy — that she won last year — was displayed. The captain's trophy is a perpetual one that is returned for the next recipient.

Jessica's parents, Joe and Agnes MacDonald, and her sisters, Sarah and Madlyn, also went to Anchorage to support Jessica's efforts at the world games.

"We are all very proud of her accomplishments," Agnes said.

The Special Olympics, founded more than 30 years ago by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, is for the benefit of persons with mental retardation.

State doughnut?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



A group of second graders from Somerville with too much time on their hands have proposed that the state adopt Boston cream as the official doughnut of the state of Massachusetts because they liked the idea "that there was chocolate on top and cream in the middle."

This probably explains why studies show that about one-third of our youngsters are overweight, but I digress . .

The last time the state chose an official doodad, it was the Toll House chocolate chip cookie.

The Legislature, which also has too much time on its hands, has been considering the canonization of the Boston cream doughnut along with state budgets, health care, education and the Big Dig for the last four years. Right now, the Senate has passed it; the House is debating it.

You can tell things aren't going well for our lawmakers on Beacon Hill when they pause in the course of their deliberations to make something-or-other the official thingamabob of the Commonwealth.

I'm looking forward to the day when they make Whitey Bulger the state's official fugitive and the FBI's Boston Bureau the official criminal organization. Don't laugh. You know what happens during those late night sessions in the legislators' annual headlong rush to adjournment.

The last time the Legislature chose an official doodad for the state it was the Toll House chocolate chip cookie, which was named the official state cookie at the behest of some school kids from Whitman and Somerset who had too much time on their hands. The fig Newton finished a weak second.

This was just after the salons (so-called) got through crowning the Boston cream pie as the state's official dessert as nominated by students at Norton High School and Johnny Appleseed as the official folk hero to join with the official heroine, Deborah Sampson, the Revolution's female soldier.

At last count, we have accumulated more than 30 official things, as ordained by the Legislature.

There are no less than four pieces of official state music, including an official song, "All Hail to Massachusetts" (by Arthur Marsh); an official folk song, "Massachusetts" (by Arlo Guthrie); an official patriotic song, Massachusetts, because of you our land is free" (by Bernie Davidson); and an official ceremonial march, "Road to Boston" (author unknown).

There's an official fish (the cod, of course), an official insect (the ladybug), an official bird (the chickadee, although Larry drew a lot of vocal support from Celtics fans), an official game bird (the wild turkey), even an official fossil (the dinosaur tracks) but no official animal, unless they snuck one in without my knowing.

We have an official muffin (corn), an official bean (baked navy) and an official beverage (cranberry juice) but no official "adult beverage," as Bill Weld used to call the amber fluid that Ron Kaufman and others used to put away during conferences at his Cambridge home.

I nominate as the official alcoholic beverage of the Commonwealth the Cape Codder (vodka and cranberry juice). I hope the legislators get on it right away. I hope their deliberations are lengthy. They can do less harm that way.

HEALTH NOTES

Public advisory on West Nile Virus

By Joseph R. Godzik, VMD
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In 2000 the West Nile Virus (WNV) made its presence known in Cohasset. While no cases in humans were reported, seven cases in birds were diagnosed. All were crows. Positive birds were reported from Lamberts Lane, Jerusalem Road, Linden Drive, Pleasant Street, Sohier Street and Sandy Beach Lane. Most people are familiar with Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) another so-called arborvirus infection because it has been here in New England for many years. WNV infects many more people than EEE but is a much milder disease with mortality is less than 10 percent. EEE is much deadlier.

This year, the Mass Department of Public Health (MDPH) will operate a toll–free information line 1-866-MASS-WNV (627-7968) which is operational. This line will be used to report any dead birds. Do not call the Board of Health to report a dead bird. Once a dead bird has been reported to the MDPH at the above number, they will inform the caller if the bird should be tested. If the MDPH says the bird is to be tested, call the Board of Health office Monday through Friday and someone will instruct you where to bring the bird. Sometimes pickups of the bird can be arranged. Bird surveillance, that is, testing dead birds for WNV, as well as mosquito testing are the two most important methods for reducing disease in humans. So when you find a dead bird, especially a crow, call the MDPH information line above.

One of the activities that will be going on to reduce transmission of mosquito borne disease is reducing the places where mosquitoes breed, larger scale projects will be carried out by the Plymouth County Mosquito Control District. However, individuals can help in source reduction by getting rid of standing water. Mosquito's breed in any puddle or standing water that lasts more than four days. Here are some simple things you can do to reduce breeding places:

- Dispose of or regularly empty any container that can hold water. This includes trashcans.
- Keep swimming pools clear and properly chlorinated; remove standing water from pool covers.
- Drill holes in recycling containers that are left outside so water can drain out.
- Clean clogged roof gutters; remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of rainwater
- Turn over plastic wading pools and wheel barrels when not in use.
- Do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths; aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish.
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property

Since there is no vaccine or treatment for WNV, here are some tips to protect yourself from being bitten by a mosquito:

- Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn, if possible, as this is the time of greatest mosquito activity.
- When outdoors when mosquitos are active, wear a long sleeved shirt and long pants. Use a mosquito repellent that contains DEET (N-N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) and follow the directions on the label. DEET can be poisonous if overused, NEVER use DEET on infants. Don't use repellents with concentrations about 10-15% on children or above 30-35% on adults. Cream, lotion or stick formulas are best for use on the skin. Avoid those containing alcohol because these may be absorbed through the skin.
- Take special care to cover arms and legs of children playing outdoors. When bringing a baby outdoors, cover the stroller or playpen with mosquito netting.
- Fix screens in your house that have holes and make sure they are tightly attached to your doors and windows.

Doing the things which were described can produce great benefits for you and Cohasset in controlling West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Dr. Joseph Godzik is the town's health agent.

Cohasset's Lawrence Barrett and Gen. George Armstrong Custer

REFLECTIONS

DAVID WADSWORTH

A prominent member of Cohasset's "Actor's Row" having summer residence at the harbor during latter years of the 19th century was the tragedian Lawrence Barrett; whose large Victorian home on Margin Street later was to be lived in by financier Clarence Walker Barron. Barrett was an associate of fellow actor Edwin Booth and both were well known on the N.Y. stage. Less well known was Barrett's military record during the Civil War, when he served as an officer in the 28th Mass. regiment, one of the Commonwealth's two "ethnic" Irish regiments. Having the rank of Captain, Barrett commanded Company B of the 28th at the battle of Secessionsville, James Island, SC, on June 21, 1862.

Shortly afterwards, on about July 28, he resigned his commission and returned home, apparently to attend to serious family matters. Barrett had served with the 28th Mass. from Dec. 13, 1861 as Captain. Perhaps because of that particular service, Barrett later came to know, and become friendly with, Colonel George Armstrong Custer, who, in 1861 had served as an aide to General George McClellan. Later Custer would become a well known cavalry officer commanding the U.S. 7th Cavalry. It is said that, at a later time, Barrett, because of this friendship with George Custer, was offered an opportunity to join the 7th Cavalry, but declined the offer. On June 25 and 26, 1876, George A. Custer and the 7th Cavalry would fight, and lose, the most famous battle fought by the U.S. Army and the Plains Indians: the Battle of the Little Big Horn. The combined forces of the Plains tribes, under the great Sioux Chief Sitting Bull, decisively defeated Custer's command. General Custer and more than 200 officers and men of the 7th Cavalry died in battle.

It may well be fortunate for Lawrence Barrett and for the theater world that he declined the opportunity to join Custer's 7th Cavalry, for Barrett lived well past the date of the Little Big Horn battle, dying in New York on March 20, 1891 at age 52. Obituary articles note that a special funeral train brought his remains to Boston, and another, the "Woodlawn" of the New Haven Railroad brought them to Cohasset, where his funeral was held at St. Anthony's Church and was attended by notables of the theater world and by numerous local residents. Lawrence Barrett is buried in Cohasset's Central Cemetery, near other members of "Actor's Row" and their families. The author Sandy Barnard, of the General George Custer Battlefield Museum recently visited Cohasset, to study the Society's archives while researching General Custer's friendship with Lawrence Barrett, and may soon publish a detailed article on this subject in the Museum's magazine.

David Wadsworth is Cohasset Historical Society curator. This story is reprinted from the historical society newsletter. To join the society or for more information, call 781-383-1434.

Runway expansion — a second opinion

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argue for the kinder fix.

Enter the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) representing several dozen Boston area towns, which finally pressured Massport to give a fraction of its consulting budget for an independent review. Result: a report that revealed Massport had used very stale data about fleet mix. The EIS made it look like 14/32 would serve a substantial turboprop (non-jet) fleet. Widely available current fleet mix data shows that regional jets for which 14/32 is too short are quickly replacing turboprops, and the major claimed need for 14/32 is dead.

In parallel, the South Shore towns (lost under a red soup of low altitude jet runs on the EIS maps) put in a massive volunteer effort — and hired a team of internationally accomplished experts in emissions pollution, noise, delays, peak period pricing, real estate valuation, and environmental law, to give a principled, professional and comprehensive second opinion on the EIS and find out what 14/32 would really do to us. The 300-plus page study comes out at the end of this week. Secretary Durand and the FAA have it in hand now. Highlights: Delays will not decrease. Peak period pricing at little cost does a much better job reducing delays than an expensive runway. Noise and emissions are grossly underestimated. No airspace design was even done. The figures do not add up.

With admirable energy and expert precision, the SSJPC team led by Bill Golden have weighed whether the claims Massport made are supported by the data they present and whether the data is real. Will Sec. Durand and the FAA set Massport straight? Stay tuned.

Mary Ann Frye is a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council.

Library project funding delayed

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more funding as soon as debate finishes on the general budget.

"I'll fight for it, and I know, [state Sen. Robert] Hedlund will fight for it," he said. Bradley also said he will support a couple of bills before the legislature that would allocate $75 million for library renovation projects across the state.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners awarded $16.7 million in grant money to library projects in Acushnet, Blackstone, Chicopee, Chilmark, Gardner, Leverett, Palmer, Provincetown, Rowley and Sunderland.

Towle said the board divided the projects into groups based on town population and chose the best of each group. Because of Cohasset's number one position on the wait-list, she takes that to mean the Cohasset project did "no worse than second in our group."

The Cohasset project will be funded once either the legislature passes a supplementary budget allocating more money for library grants, or one of the libraries in the top ten doesn't receive permission to accept the grant and build a library from that town's governing body by December.

Towle met with the board yesterday, and was told a supplementary budget won't be passed until the general state budget is completed, and that could take another couple of months.

In the meantime, Towle was scheduled to meet Wednesday with Town Manager Mark Haddad and town Finance Director Michael Buckley to go over the project's options, and then report back to a meeting of the library's trustees last night.

She said one of the options was not waiting for the money to be in hand, and asking Town Meeting for "an advance."

Towle is concerned that by delaying the project, its cost could rise.

The grant funding will help the library renovate the dilapidated former Osgood School into a new 15,000 square foot library, with a 60-seat public reading room. The full cost of the project is estimated at $3.3 million, $700,000 which is expected to come from the sale of the current Paul Pratt Memorial Library building. The remaining $1.1 million is being raised through an ongoing fundraising campaign.

200-unit development on horizon for Route 3A site

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good to work with," she said.

Haddad said the town is looking at this project very carefully.

"We're always concerned with a project of this size, and the impact it will have on the community," he said. "But if we work with this particular developer and all town boards get involved, and we get something that fits the character of quality of the town, and we meet the housing needs for senior citizens and other segments, I think this will be great for the town."

Harrington said the town and developer still have to discuss issues such as traffic and sewers before a formal plan can be filed.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore wasn't able to comment on the proposal itself, but did say he was concerned with the potential loss of valuable commercial property in the town. Just seven percent of Cohasset's tax base is made up by commercial property.

"It's well suited as an industrial site, and it sort of flies in the face of even-handed development," he said. "I can point to communities that are nothing but basically bedroom communities, where it's all residential and all you can build are starter mansions.

"We have those in Cohasset, but if someone wanted to they could develop an industrial business, and I think that's important."

Moore said a similar project was proposed further north on Route 3A about 10 years ago, but never made it through the permitting process.

LIBRARY CORNER

Waiting list

Ten Massachusetts Library Construction Grants, totaling $16.7 million, were awarded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners on June 7. Cohasset was not among them, however, it was listed as first on the waiting list of 36 Massachusetts libraries for receipt of Library Construction Grants as funding becomes available.

Being first on the waiting list means that Cohasset is certain of receiving a $1,529,552 construction grant under either of two possible scenarios: (1), as soon as the Massachusetts Legislature appropriates more money for library construction grants, which is believed to be very likely when the supplemental budget is voted this summer; or (2), any of the 10 towns that received grants on June 7 do not receive approval to accept the grant and build a library from their town governing body by December 2001.

Cohasset's Town Meeting can decide to move ahead on this long-awaited library project, knowing that Cohasset will receive the Construction Grant — it is only a question of when. The new Joseph Osgood School was constructed using short-term borrowing, while waiting to receive its Massachusetts Construction Grant.

The library trustees are currently discussing the situation with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, as well as Cohasset's town manager and chief financial officer. A possible course of action will be to wait and see if Cohasset receives a grant this summer from the legislature's supplemental budget and if it doesn't, recommend to the fall town meeting that Cohasset begin the project immediately, knowing the Construction Grant will be received in the near future.

Patience G. Towle, the chair of the library trustees stated, "Apparently, geographic and socio-economic conciderations didn't favor Cohasset in the selection process. We know, however, that we are going to receive the grant and are very lucky to be Number One on the Waiting List."

For information, call Patience Towle at 781-383-1954.

Public input sought on World's End tonight

On Thursday, June 14, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall, members of The Trustees of Reservations' Management Planning Team for World's End will share findings from an ecological and historic resources assessment and data from a visitor survey conducted last summer. The public is encouraged to come to the forum and share thoughts on the direction that future management of the property should take, including myriad aspects of resource protection and visitor use. The Planning Team consists of 13 staff and volunteers, including ecologists, historians and members of the local community, who are charged with updating the original, 35-year-old management plan for World's End, the 251-acre open space peninsula in Hingham Harbor.

The public is encouraged to come to the forum and share thoughts on the direction that future management of the property should take

Following the forum, the Planning Team will outline a set of management objectives that supports overarching guiding principles for resource protection and visitor use. Scheduled for completion in October, 2001, the plan will help guide future resource protection and visitor services at the property.

Hingham Town Hall is on Central Street.

Town clerk schedule

The Cohasset Town Clerk's Office will deviate from the normal work schedule and will be closed Friday, June 22. The office will return to its regular schedule on Monday, June 25.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Strawberry Festival benefits charities

The Second Congregational Church , as part of the Cohasset Art Center's Festival on the Common, is hosting the annual Strawberry Festival with fresh strawberry shortcake and a country store with home baked goods. Dates and times are: Friday, June 15, noon to 9pm; Saturday June 16, 8am to 9pm; and Sunday June 17 noon to 6pm. At the church on Highland Avenue next to Town Hall. A snack bar on the Common will serve hot dogs, frozen specialty drinks, and beverages, chips, and other wholesome foods.

Proceeds will benefit a list of charities including Father Bills, Habitat for Humanity, Quincy Crisis Center, Salvation Army, DOVE, Morgan Memorial, and many others.

For more than 30 years, members of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset have repeatedly supported the Strawberry Festival as a means to help the needy in the greater Boston area. In addition to the largely anonymous outreach routinely carried out by the church, the congregation has supplemented its giving by donating nearly $10,000 which this event nets every year. Volunteers all over this small seaside town have worked for weeks gathering articles for sale, preparing baked goods, and finally preparing the delicacies which make the event such a success. Because of the popularity of the Arts Festival held at the same time, and the expansion of the crafts exhibits which allow people to spend a whole day in an interesting and picturesque setting, the event has grown. Last year more than 900 Strawberry shortcakes were sold. This year, over 500 quarts of fresh strawberries from farms in Rhode Island will be brought to Cohasset and prepared in a marathon cleaning and slicing session on the Thursday night before the Festival .



Jean Simmons and Ruth Pratt selling strawberry short cake at the tree shaded patio next to the Church.

Summer concerts

The Cohasset Recreation Department's first concert on Cohasset Common for the 2001 season is scheduled for Tuesday evening July 10, at 7:30 p.m., on the Cohasset Common.

Performing will be the 30 piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

Bring blankets or lawn chairs and insect repellant.

Concerts are paid for by the South Shore Playhouse Associates Inc. of Cohasset and with matching grant from the American Federation of Musicians of New York City, N.Y.

The second concert of this season will be held on Tuesday, July 24, same time, same place.

Music Circus shows for kids

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct the first Music Circus registration for "Alice in Wonderland" on Tuesday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to noon, and again from 5 to 7 p.m. at the recreation office at Town Hall.

Music Circus registrations for children involved in the Playground Program are held every Tuesday at the recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon and from 5 to 7 p.m., June 26 through July 24. The only exception to this schedule will be the Tuesday, July 3 registration for "Jack in the Beanstalk," which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon only.

Music Circus registrations are held two weeks prior to the actual date of the show. Registration on June 26 for "Alice in Wonderland" is for the performance that is on Thursday, July 12. Please consult the summer fliers or the Playground Program Activity Brochure for details.

OBITUARIES

Roger C. Porter

Roger C. Porter of Cohasset and Jensen Beach, Fla., co-founder of Target Industries, died June 10, 2001 at home.

Born and raised in Houlton, Maine, he graduated from Houlton High School in 1953. He was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Maine, Orono where he received a degree in Economics in 1961. He served in the U.S. Navy as a radarman, third class aboard the U.S.S. Newman K. Perry prior to college.

He began his business career as an executive at AT&T. In 1973,he co-founded Target Industries of Cohasset, an optical distributor.

A lover of the ocean, he was a former Vice Commodore of the Cohasset Sailing Club, where he and his grandson, Nathan, placed second in the Stanton Series.

A conservationist, he served as Treasurer on the board of trustees of the Cohasset Conservation Trust. He also served on the board of directors of the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank and as treasurer of the Wheelwright Farm Condominium Association in Cohasset and the Indian River Point Condominium Association in Jensen Beach, Fla. he was a trustee of the Cohasset Historical Society and a member of the American Legion, the Cohasset Lightkeepers Association and the Wompanoag Paddlers.

Mr. Porter leaves his wife, Roberta "Bobbi" Taylor; a daughter, Karen, of Hull; his son, Jim , and his wife, Sarah of Cohasset; his son Jason, of Allston; three grandchildren, Nathan, Ian and Faith Porter, of Cohasset; and his sister, Linda Webb, of Brewer, Maine. He was the son of the late Gus and Sal Porter of Houlton, Maine.

A memorial gathering will be held at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset on Thursday, June 14, from 6 to 9 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at Church Hill United Methodist Church in Norwell on Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree, 02184 or Cohasset Sailing Club, Inc. P.O. Box 111, Cohasset, 02025.



Roger C. Porter

Dorothy E. Corey

Dorothy E. (McNeill) Corey, 77, died June 9, 2001 at Harbor House in Hingham after a long illness.

Born and educated in Boston, she lived in Marshfield and briefly in Cohasset and wintered in Florida on Marco Island for many years.

She was a member of Marshfield Women's Club for over 15 years serving two terms as president. Friends of South Shore Hospital in Weymouth created first newsletter acting as editor and designer. She was also active with the South Shore Arts Center.

Mrs. Corey enjoyed volunteering, gardening, painting and her family.

Wife of the late Thomas Corey, she leaves her daughter, Rhonda Corey Meyers and her husband Michael of Cohasset; three brothers, Robert McNeill of Las Vegas, Nev.; John of Woburn, James of Taunton; two sisters, Joan Larkin of Medfield, Doreen McNeill O'Neil of Fort Meyers Fla.; two grandchildren Elizabeth Corey and Thomas Alton. She was also the mother of the late William McNeill.

A memorial Mass will be held on Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church, 10 Summer Street, Cohasset, by Rev. John R. Mulvehill.

Visiting hours are omitted. Interment will be private.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Spaulding Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Harbor House Residents Activity Fund, 11 Condito Ave., Hingham 02043 or St. Anthony's Building Fund, 129 S. Main St., Cohasset 02025.

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British Relief closing marks the end of an era

Catering business will continue

By Carol Britton Meyer
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A 20-year tradition in Hingham Square has come to an end with the closing of the popular British Relief restaurant.

A sign posted outside the front door announcing the news came as a shock to many customers, who hailed not only from Hingham, but the surrounding towns of Cohasset, Quincy, Marshfield, Weymouth and Duxbury, to name a few.

The retail side of the business will remain open through June. Arthur Roebuck Catering will carry on, moving in July to an as yet unknown location, most likely in his hometown of Cohasset or neighboring Scituate.

In fact, the catering service is already booked until next June.

Roebuck's parting message to his loyal customers — written at the bottom of the sign — reveals how deeply he cares about each one of them:

"British Relief, 1980-2001 — A great run — We love you all."

Ever since the restaurant closed its doors two weeks ago, Arthur Roebuck and his wife and business partner, Vee, of Cohasset, have been inundated with calls from friends and customers who couldn't believe their ears when they heard the restaurant had closed its doors for the last time. Cards and letters have also been pouring in.

"That's quite a run for a restaurant," Arthur said. "The British Relief was also a great draw for the Square, including a large number out-of-towners."

Arthur was never too busy to spend a few minutes with customers — even if it was just a quick tap on their table as he rushed past to acknowledge their presence and let them know how much they were appreciated.

While many customers attribute much of the restaurant's popularity to Arthur's affability, there's more to its success than that, he humbly claims.

"It's not about me or the comfortable booths but the fact that people enjoyed talking to each other," said Arthur. "If someone left town and came back at a later time, there would always be someone in the British Relief they would know when they returned. Fine dining isn't just about good food, but also proper service, nice equipment and good conversation."

Still, Arthur's "graciousness" had a great deal to do with the restaurant's success, Vee said.

It pleased the Roebucks to no end when young adults in their 30s shared their recollections of earlier days spent in the British Relief with their mothers when they were five- or six-years-old.

For many, the British Relief was like a home away from home.

"Some children learned to read here. We always had a good supply of books as well as crayons," Vee said.

For the most part, though, Arthur feels like he's saying good-bye to the last of the "please and thank-you crowd" – that solid core of customers who have returned regularly year after year.

"On any given day you could see them sitting at the huge wooden table in the center of the room, just happy to be eating an egg salad sandwich, having a bowl of chowder or sipping a cup of tea," Arthur said.

There's no doubt the Roebucks will miss the lunch-time crowd and the steady stream of customers into the retail side of the business, but they're ready to go on to the next chapter.

The location will change, but the Roebuck style of service will continue in the catering business. The Hingham phone number will remain the same.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset residents, Arthur Roebuck and his wife, Vee, are closing the British Relief after 20 years. They plan to continue their catering business out of an, as yet, unknown new location.

"We'd still like to be able to drop off a casserole to a senior citizen who can't get out," Roebuck said.

A number of factors contributed to Roebuck's decision, including difficulty in maintaining high-quality help and the fact that it looks like the train will be coming to the square in the near future with the expected revival of the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad.

The fact that an acquaintance of Roebuck's has plans to create a new restaurant at the same location – an effort he fully supports – was a contributing factor in making his decision. *(See related story.)*

The ambiance of the British Relief, with its cozy, high-backed wooden booths, hardwood floor, chalkboards listing daily specials and friendly atmosphere drew large crowds and caused long lines.

But it was always worth the wait.

Whether consuming mouth-watering hot crabmeat salad on toast covered with Vermont cheddar cheese, a "Sunshine" open-faced turkey and cranberry sauce sandwich or simpler fare — egg or tuna salad — customers always left full — and satisfied.

"It's a round-the-clock operation," Vee said.

That's especially true these days, because Arthur is doing all the cooking himself.

During the 35-year history of the company, the Roebucks have literally catered to thousands of customers. Many of those heard about the catering and retail business and restaurant by word of mouth.

There was more to the British Relief than good food, though, as delicious as it was.

The Roebucks literally poured their hearts and souls into the entire business, which was truly a family affair. The same still applies to the catering end of the operation.

"When our children were young, it wasn't unusual for their mother to pile them all in her car and show up at a wedding with the candelabra or a silver tray," Arthur said with a laugh.

At other times, the children rolled hors d'oeuvres or helped deliver Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners and all the fixings. During the holidays, it wasn't unusual for the Roebucks to bake 200-300 pies.

Arthur first became interested in catering when he worked for a catering company during his college years.

Ironically, he majored in history at Boston University. But in the end, he created a little history of his own.

Everyone from royalty to common folk

British Relief served them all

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Arthur Roebuck's catering company has a long history.

He first opened shop in Duxbury in 1964. During the mid-1960s, Roebuck and his wife, Vee, opened a cheese import and icecream-sandwich shop in Cohasset Village and continued their catering operation there.

When the Roebucks needed more space in 1972, they relocated to Hingham Square temporarily — or at least that's what they thought.

Eight years later, when the Roebucks decided to open a restaurant in part of the building, which is owned by the Giarrussos of Hingham, the name "British Relief" came to mind.

Growing up as a child during wartime, Roebuck had vivid memories of the efforts of the British Relief, an American organization with which his family's church was involved. The group performed a number of services, from rolling bandages to raising money to bring children from England to America "to keep them out of harm's way" — the same kind of hospitality offered by the British Relief restaurant, except under far different circumstances.

Over the years, customers have gifted the Roebucks with all kinds of British memorabilia, ranging from cookbooks and a genuine British War Relief Society flag to pins and decorative plates.

The British Relief restaurant is now closed, but the catering operation continues. In July, the business will move to another location, but the Roebucks aren't sure just where yet.

The variety of functions catered by Arthur Roebuck is endless — from weddings, anniversary celebrations and cocktail parties to church dinners and faculty luncheons.

Catering customers enjoy a number of favorites, from tenderloin of beef and seafood newburg to finger rolls and fruit salad, depending on the occasion.

> **"I remember the Kennedy kids riding up and down in the elevator."**
> — Vee Roebuck

Gallons of soup and chowder were served daily at the British Relief Restaurant, along with bread pudding and lemon meringue pie — all homemade using fresh ingredients.

Service is the Roebucks' key to success.

No customer or client is too large — or too small — to be served in the well-known Roebuck style. Word of mouth has brought in some unusual business.

In the mid-1970s, the Roebucks catered a reception for 2,000 people in honor of then-President Gerald Ford at Logan Airport and another for the Queen of England at the Navy Admiral's house in Charlestown.

During the ground-breaking of the Kennedy Library in Dorchester, the Roebucks catered a reception.

Quiche was on the menu, but Rose Kennedy preferred toast. And that's what she got.

"I remember the Kennedy kids riding up and down in the elevator," Vee recalls with a laugh.

As a parting gift to the community, the Roebucks will host the last in a series of Thursday night suppers – which spanned 12 years – June 28, from 4 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

"The Thursday night suppers provided a relaxing atmosphere where people could gather together and make new friends," Vee said. "Arthur is a people person, and that's what made the British Relief."

No one will miss Arthur Roebuck more than Carl and Susan Achille, who manage the Bowl & Board next door.

"We've pulled each other's legs over the years," Susan Achille said with a laugh. "Arthur has been a constant source of pranks."

For example, on one occasion when the Achilles were on vacation, Roebuck called the employees manning the Bowl & Board and told them the Achilles had been arrested "for dancing on the tables in Aruba."

Carl Achille praised Roebuck for his wonderful sense of humor and community.

"He'd give you the shirt off his back," Susan Achille said. "If someone dies or is sick, he sends casseroles to the house. At other times, he's loaned equipment without charge. He's helped people in so many ways."

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College acceptances for the Class of 2001

Good news from the CHS Class of 2001! Listed in alphabetical order are the students and the colleges and universities for which they have been accepted:

Afshnr, Aryannn, Loyola University, George Washington University.

Anderson, Betsy, New England College, Colby-Sawyer, Salve Regina University, Keene State, Franklin Pierce, Curry College, Roger Williams University.

Bilodenu, T.J., Harvard College, Amherst College, Bowdoin College Bates College, UVM.

Bixby, Ben, Georgetown University, University of Southern California, Universities of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, and San Diego.

Bosworth, Kate, University of California at Santa Barbara, Princeton University.

Buick, Ronan, Providence College, Roanoke College, Bryant College.

Considine, Krysten, New England College.

Cowing, Amanda, LaSell College.

Cox, Megan, Lynn University.

Cunningham, Robin, Skidmore College Mary Washington, UNH, UVM, U.Mass/Amherst.

Dane, Susan , UVM, U.Mass/Amherst, Rollins College.

Davis, Craig , Stonehill College (Early decision).

Dedes, Alex, Rochester Institute of Technology, Pratt Institute, Art Institute of Boston, Maine College of Art.

Dennis, Andrew, U.Maine/Farmington.

Devine, Kelly, UNH, U.Mass/Amherst, Northeastern, Boston University, Fairfield University.

Devlin, Amy, Salve Regina University (Early decision).

Dupre, Jackie, Salem State College.

Equi, Maureen, Manhattan College, Suffolk University, Pace University, Quinnipiac College, Northeastern.

Flaherty, Catherine, Hartwick College, Simmons College, Salve Regina University, U.Mass/Amherst, U.Mass/Dartmouth, URI.

Gardner, Lindsey, Wheelock College, Curry College, Dean College, Framingham State.

Gledhill, Ted , Northeastern University, Assumption College, St. Anselm.

Golden, Chris, Harvard College (Early action).

Grassey, Tim, Babson College (Early decision).

Guild, Lydia, Tulane University, Rollins College, UVM, U.Colorado/Boulder.

Heinz, Heath, U. of Colorado/Boulder, James Madison University, College of Charleston.

Hertig, John, Purdue University, Penn Sate University, Lehigh University, Rose-Hulman Institute, Cal Polytech Institute.

Hurley, Morgan, Union College, UVM.

Ingber, Liz, Skidmore College, Mt. Holyoke College, George Washington University, Hampshire College, Sarah Lawrence, Barn! College, U.Mass/Amherst American University.

Kidder, Sarah, Union College, Boston University.

Krupczak, Brian, Washington & Lee University, Tufts University, U.Mass/Amherst, Hamilton College, Mary Washington College, College of the Holy Cross.

Langham, Justin, University of Puget Sound.

Lavigne, Nick, Westfield State.

Lesniewski-Laas, Alicia, School of Museum of Fine Arts, RISD, Carnegie Mellon, Mass College of Art, Maryland Institute College of Art, California College of Arts & Crafts, Atlanta College of Art.

Lordan, Kelly, Assumption College, Suffolk University.

Lovallo, Julia, UVM

McCarthy, Kathleen, Skidmore College, Loyola, Lake Forest, UVM, Ithaca College.

McCarthy, Kerry, UVM, Lake Forest, Quinnipiac College, Northeastern, U.Mass/Amherst.

McWilliams, Geoff, U.Mass/Amherst.

McMorris, Karen, Emory University.

Miller, Antione, University of Hartford.

Morse, Dan, Lehigh University, Tulane University, Furman College.

O'Brien, Doug Trinity College (Early decision).

O'Connor, Maggie, Villanova University, St. Anselm, Northeastern, Fairfield University.

Pestone, Nick, UVM, St. Michael's College, New England College, Colby Sawyer College, Champlain College.

Portanova, Ken, Wentworth Institute, Bridgewater State.

Prospere, Gaelle, Curry College, Suffolk University, Hampshire College.

Rankin, Bea UNH, Marietta, UVM, Franklin Pierce, Roger Williams University.

Rasmussen, Jay, Roanoke College, St. Olaf, St. Anselm, U.Mass/Amherst, Westfield State, Western New England College.

Ronan, Meredith, Bryant College, Roger Williams, Nichols College.

Scribner, Jeff, Bryant College, Assumption, Roger Williams University, Suffolk University.

Sceery, Clara, Harvard College (Early action).

Shaughnessy, Andi, Manhattan College.

Shea, Erik, Bowdoin College, Georgetown University, Bates College, Trinity College.

Trahon, Jim, Merrimack College, St. Anselm, URI, U.Maine/Orono.

Ulmer, Ashley, Williams College.

Wenmark, Kate, URI, Framingham State, U.Mass/Dartmouth.

Williams, Dan, U.Mass/Boston, U.Mass/Amherst, Suffolk University, University of Maryland.

Great works are ahead for CHS grads

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stage, led by graduation marshal Christopher Caron, except for the senior chorus members who remained onstage to sing the national anthem.

Class President Justin Langham said the class has succeeded artistically, academically, and athletically, "and had fun doing it."

He mentioned things such as the class's number one ranking in the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Test in 1999, state art awards garnered, productions of "Hamlet," the "King & I," and "Godspell," unprecedented success in athletics, going through three changes of principals, the implementation of block scheduling, and the creation of the middle school.

"Congratulations on our success, we've earned it," he said.

Class valedictorian Clara Sceery said it was time for the class to take the advice they had learned over the years, and now apply it.

"Many things have to be found out for ourselves," she said. "We need to live life, not spend time preparing for it."

Sceery also warned her classmates about "the dangers of being content," and to embrace change.

Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey was not at the ceremony, as his son was getting married, but Jones told the audience that Malvey had addressed the seniors a few days before.

In his stead, school committee chairman Stephanie Noble gave her advice to the graduating class.

She singled out several members of the class she first got to know as a youth group leader at Second Congregational Church. "You introduced me into your world, and without knowing it, gave me a gentle shove in the direction that has played itself out over the last couple of years," she said. "For that I am very grateful."

Noble, an admittedly non-timid soul, explained how the idea of speaking before those gathered at the graduation ceremony made her more nervous than striking up a conversation with former Secretary of State George Schultz on an airplane.

"Conversations with world leaders seem insignificant when faced with the task of addressing these seniors who have one foot out the door, and the world at their feet" she said.

Her main wish for the graduating class was resiliency.

"I have found, and you will discover, resiliency is a very simple, but elusive trait. In fact you might not know you possess it until you need it" she said. "Like courage, resilience is what separates the men from the boys. It's what makes an extraordinary life not just an ordinary one."

Noble said "I don't know what the resilience quotient is here in the room today, but I do know that life has not handed you much that you need resilience for. So you are a class of gifted students to whom much has been given," she said. "You will soon discover a world where sometimes all of your gifts have been rendered useless. It is then that I hope you will find the gift of resilience."

The ceremony also honored three teachers who are retiring; AP English and drama teacher, and former track coach Ron Emmons, who is retiring after 34 years; French and Spanish middle school teacher George Fortin after 35 years; and AP calculus teacher and hockey and former football coach David Walsh, after 32 years in the school system.

Finally, the 72 graduates took their much-anticipated, long-awaited walks across the Music Circus stage. They collected their diplomas, moved their tassels on Langham's lead, and walked out of the tent ready for their next challenge.

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Class of 2001 lifts off



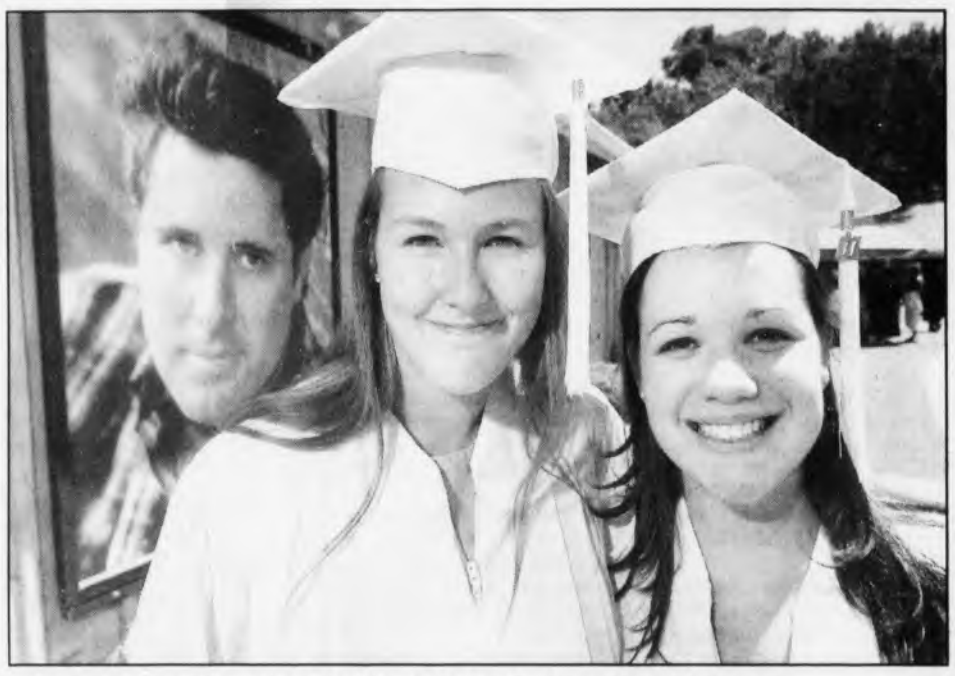
Graduate Gaelle Prospere with friends Ginette Saimprevil, Ketsia Verdrine and Lee Simprevy.



Kate Bosworth receives a National Honor Society Award.



Alisa Laas holds her diploma.



Country star Vince Gill provides the backdrop for Lindsey Gardner and Meredith Ronan.



Amy Devlin, Amanda Cowing, Betsy Anderson and Abby Butman pose for the camera before entering the tent.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman



Comedian Kevin James (on the poster) seems to smile at Andi Shaughnessy, Kelly Lordan, Maggie O'Connor and Kelly Devine following Saturday's graduation.

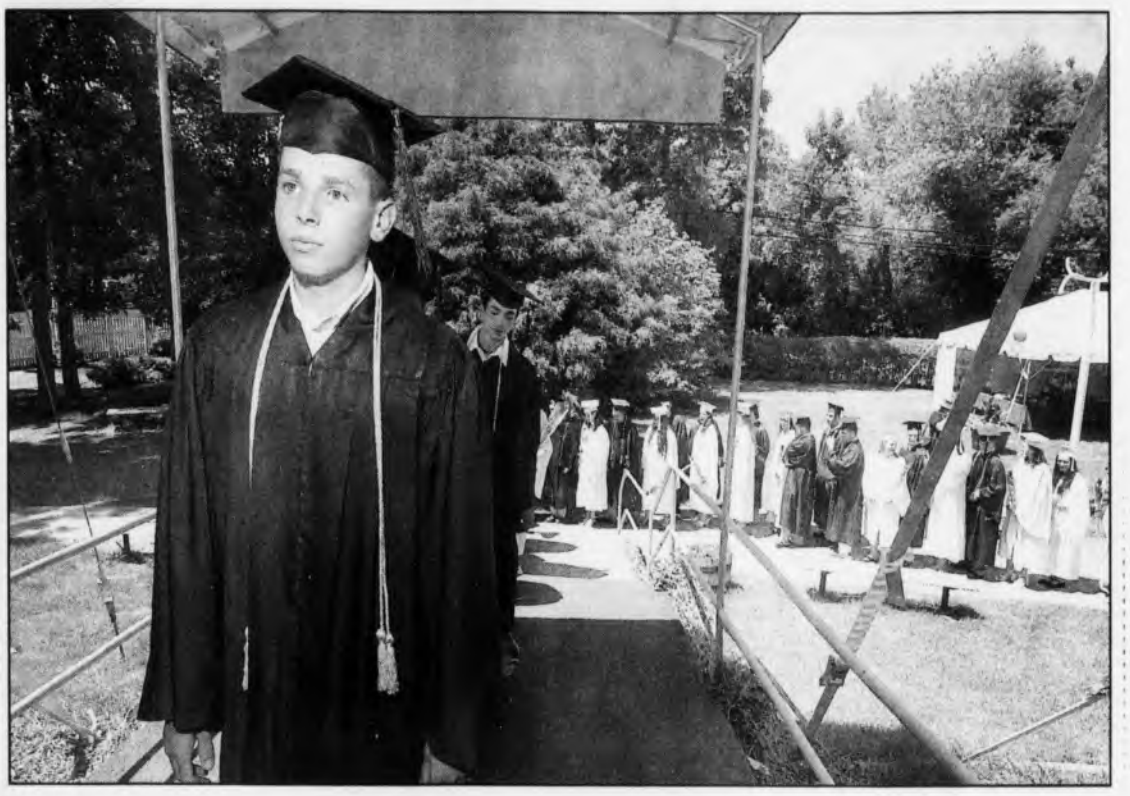


Dan Duffy receives his National Honor Society award.

72 students head to future



Valedictorian Clara Sceery addresses the crowd under the big top.



Above, T. J. Bilodeau leads the processional into the big top at the Music Circus.



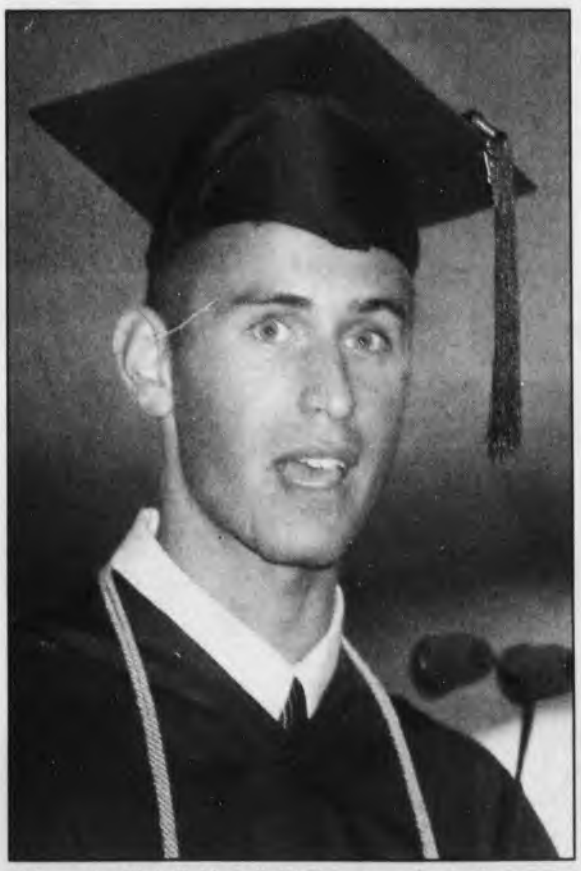
On right, Bea Rankin and Liz Ingber pause to reflect about their high school years. CHS graduation exercises are traditionally held under the big top at the Music Circus.



Nick Lavigne, Ben Bixby, Dan Duffy, Ted Gledhill, John Hertig and Tim Grassey get ready to graduate from Cohasset High School.



Morgan Hurley is all smiles following Saturday's graduation exercises.



Salutatorian Chris Golden tells his classmates to make their mark on the world.



Graduates Liz Ingber, Morgan Hurley, Sarah Kidder, Ashley Ulmer and Karen McMorris hold long-stemmed red roses, part of the CHS graduation tradition.

CHS Class of 2001 awards and scholarships

The following scholarships have been awarded to students of Cohasset High School.

CLASS OF 2001

The Margaret Mary Hardy Scholarship: **Elizabeth W. Anderson, Daniel P. Duffy, Catherine E. Flaherty, Sarah J. Kidder, Gaelle Prospere, Meredith V. Ronan.**

The Alice and Walter Shuebruk Scholarship: **Benjamin D. Bixby, Casey J. Brewer, Elizabeth R. Ingber, Clara A. Sceery, Erik T. Shea, Susan M. Dane, Ashley W. Ulmer.**

The Malcolm H. & Helen C. Stevens Scholarship: **Timothy W. Bilodeau, Jr., Kelly K. Devine, Geoffrey D. McWilliams.**

The American Legion Auxiliary: **Craig E. Davis, Kelly K. Devine.**

The American Legion — George H. Mealy Post #118: **Megan D. Cox, Craig E. Davis, Timothy V. Grassey, Gaelle Prospere.**

The Sons of American Legion: **Megan D. Cox.**

Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars, #9146 — The William T. Barnes, Jr. Memorial Scholarship: **Alicia Lesniewski-Laas, Craig E. Davis.**

The Mary Beth Barnes Memorial Scholarship: **Edward B. Gledhill.**

The Barbara Pape Memorial Scholarship — Troop 28, Boy Scouts of America: **Kenneth D. Portanova.**

The Coach Dennis Walsh Hockey Scholarship — Cohasset Hockey Boosters: **Arthur P. Rasmussen III.**

Cohasset Teachers' Association Scholarships: **Elizabeth W. Anderson, Kelly A. Lordan.**

Computer Science Awards: **Timothy V. Grassey; Andrei Skorupa.**

Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association: **Timothy V. Grassey.**

Cohasset Permanent Firefighters' Scholarship: **Brian J. Krupczak, Karen J. McMorris.**

Cohasset Gridiron Club: **Ronan S. Buick; Craig E. Davis; Christopher D. Golden; Brian J. Krupczak, Jeffrey R. Schribner.**

Cohasset Lightkeeper's Corporation: **Alicia Lesniewski-Laas.**

Cohasset High School METCO Awards: **Antoine M. Miller, Gaelle Prospere.**

Cohasset High School Performing Arts Awards: **Grace E. Gardner; Elizabeth N. Hassan.**

Cohasset High School Student Council Scholarship: **Benjamin D. Bixby.**

Cohasset Mariner Award: **Amy E. Devlin.**

Cohasset Policemen's Association: **Brian J. Krupczak, Alicia Lesniewski-Laas.**

Cohasset Soccer & Boosters' Club Scholarship: **Erik T. Shea, Kate E. Henderson.**

Cohasset Swim/Dive Team Scholarship: **Christopher D. Golden.**

Cohasset Wrestling Boosters' Scholarship: **Daniel P. Duffy; Elizabeth A. Rankin.**

Cohasset Youth Baseball Association Scholarship: **Timothy V. Grassey, Karen J. McMorris** and **Douglas A. O'Brien.**

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset Award: **Christopher D. Golden; Kate E. Henderson; Julia A. Lovallo; Elizabeth A. Rankin.**

The Bourke L. Corcoran Memorial Scholarship: **Christopher D. Golden; Alicia Lesniewski-Laas.**

The Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) Good Citizen Award: **Daniel P. Duffy.**

The Robert A. Goyette Memorial Scholarship: **Daniel P. Duffy; Alicia Lesniewski-Laas; Douglas A. O'Brien.**

The Jean F. Higgins Community Service Award: **Alicia Lesniewski-Laas.**

The Major William Arthur Award: **Alicia Lesniewski-Laas.**

The Catherine W. Mulcahy Scholarship: **Aryanna M. Afshar.**

The Nichols Fund: **Clara A. Sceery.**

The Robert S. Pape Charitable Trust: **Aryanna M. Ashfar; Lydia J. Guild.**

The Bertram J. Pratt Memorial Award: **Daniel P. Duffy.**

Rotary Club of Cohasset: Valedictorian Award — **Clara A. Sceery**. Salutatorian Award — **Christopher D. Golden; Aryanna M. Afshar; Daniel P. Duffy, Maureen E. Equi, Timothy V. Grassey, Brian J. Krupczak, Geoffrey D. McWilliams, Margaret E. O'Connor, Arthur P. Rasmussen III.**

The Scott Sandblom Memorial Scholarship: **Douglas A. O'Brien.**

Social Service League of Cohasset — The Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship: **Margaret E. O'Connor.**

The Stanton Family Scholarship: **Kerin M. Meaney.**

The James M. Staunton Memorial: **Justin S. Langham.**

Student Council Award: **Benjamin D. Bixby.**

The Fred Troy Memorial Scholarship: **Daniel P. Duffy.**

The Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship — Democratic Town Committee: **Arthur P. Rasmussen III.**

The Jennifer Wing Baird Citizenship Award: **John B. Hertig.**

The Dorothea O. Casey Memorial: **Megan D. Cox.**

The Hull Firefighter's Local #1657 Scholarship: **Megan D. Cox.**

The Rosemarie Mercurio Memorial: **Karen J. McMorris. Gaelle Prospere.**

The Noel Ripley Scholarship: **Antione M. Miller.**

Rockland Trust Company Scholarship: **Timothy W. Bilodeau, Jr.**

JUNIOR AWARDS — CLASS OF 2002

Bausch & Lomb Science Award: **John Hussey; Kyle Weber.**

Dartmouth Book Club Award: **Charles Anderson.**

Harvard Book Award: **Katharine Grimm.**

Holy Cross Book Award: **Kyle Weber.**

Rensselaer Award: **Charles Anderson.**

Smith Club Book Award: **Corey Sullivan.**

Wellesley Book Award: **Megan McCain.**

Williams Book Award: **Liam Martin.**

TEACHER AWARD

The "Golden Apple" Award: **Ron Emmons, English department.**

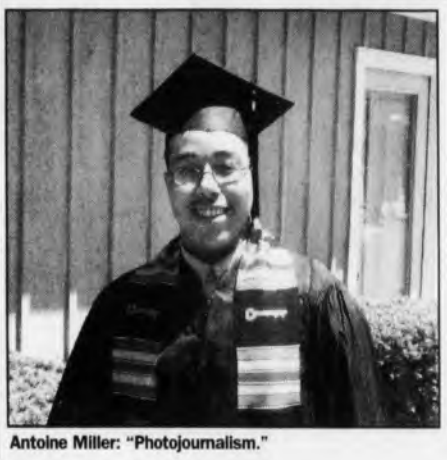
MARINER ON THE STREET

Where do you want to be in 10 years?



Kelly Lordan
"Elementary teacher in Cohasset."

Andi Shaugnessey
"Living in NY."



Antoine Miller: "Photojournalism."



Justin Langham: "At a law firm or in sports medicine."



Heath Heinz
"Successful with a good-looking wife."

Jim Trahon
"Independently wealthy."

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Robert Hickey

The Cohasset High sophomore scored two of the Skippers final three goals in Sunday's miraculous come-from-behind win over Ipswich, including the game winner in the fourth overtime period, to advance the lacrosse team to the Div. 2 state championship game on Wednesday against arch-rival Hingham. The midfielder was equally immense on face-offs Sunday, winning seven straight at one point during the Skippers history-making fourth quarter charge.

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Do you believe in Miracles?

Hickey's overtime goal puts Cohasset laxers in EMass championship versus Hingham

By Terry Kahn
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The coach called it legendary.

The fans termed it unbelievable.

The Cohasset boys' lacrosse team wrote a new chapter in the history of Cohasset High School athletics, coming from six goals down with eight minutes to play to tie Ipswich in the final 32 seconds. The seventh seeded Skippers then went on to upset their third-seeded hosts in the fourth overtime of the state Div. 2 semi-final, 12-11.

Facing an 11-5 deficit four minutes into the fourth quarter, on the road, in muggy 85-degree heat, the Skippers launched a comeback that stunned everyone except the 23 members of a varsity squad that hadn't even qualified for post-season play since 1997.

Senior co-captain Ronan Buick started the assault with 7:19 left in the game. Junior attackman Paul Previte, who would lead all scorers with five goals, found the back of the net 32 seconds later after sophomore midfielder Robert Hickey won the second of what would be seven consecutive face-offs.

Buick, on a feed from junior Eric Libby, closed the gap to three with 5:15 remaining. And Previte, on another Libby feed, brought the margin to two at the 4:16 mark.

A turnover gave the ball to Ipswich, but the senior defense of Geoff McWilliams, Justin Langham and Greg Figureido – victimized by the quick Ipswich attack for three quarters – held their ground, forced their own turnover, and got the ball to senior co-captain Lane Forrer. Forrer found Hickey alone 15 yards out in front of the cage, and the soph rifled a bounce shot by goalie Nick Eaton with 49 seconds left in the contest to close to within a single goal.

Then Hickey won yet another faceoff from Ipswich's Steve Monteiro, and dumped the ball to Previte, who drove by defender Nate Nickerson for the equalizer with 32 seconds left.

"The comeback was something our staff believed possible, but it was up to the kids to turn into reality," said Cohasset head coach Kevin Orcutt. "We couldn't afford a single breakdown over those last minutes, and we hadn't been able to accomplish that earlier in the season, especially in the Falmouth and Hingham games. Today, we showed how far we've come as individuals and as a team."

The overtimes became exercises in survival as both squads squandered opportunities. Cohasset dominated the first five-minute period, but put five shots right into Eaton's stick. In both the second and third overtimes, Ipswich's

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Cohasset's Robert Hickey (white shirt), who scored the game winner in the fourth overtime period of Sunday's state semifinal match with Ipswich, attempts to evade this Ashland defender in earlier tourney action.



PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset's 'super soph' Lindsay Grossman improved her two year varsity record to 29-1 with another outstanding season.

Girls fall in semis to Bourne

But loss shouldn't overshadow yet another great year from tennis team

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

If I may understate it as much as is humanly possible, this was just another year for the proud Cohasset girls tennis program.

Having made the state tournament in each of the last 10 years, Skipper fans have come to expect the type of excellence that was displayed by this year's Sectional Semi-final team.

This year, the Lady Skippers finished 13-2, with two tournament wins and a share of the South Shore League crown for the seventh consecutive season. Unfortunately, this season came to an end last Thursday down in Bourne, as the Cohasset girls fell to the top seeded Canalwomen, 4-1 in the Div. 2 South semifinals.

Leading the way for the Skippers all year was All-Star Lindsay Grossman at first singles. The super soph went 14-1 on the season at the top position, her only loss coming to number one seeded Bourne's ace in the semi-finals. Grossman topped every South Shore opponent she faced. Her hard shots and ability to end points quickly led to season highlighting wins over Sara Bitetti of Norwell and Marie Sokolovsky of Canton.

"She is so mentally strong that I think she can beat anyone," appraised 10th year coach Sarah Gigi Meehan, who has watched her top player reach a career record of 29-1 in match play.

For most of the season, sophomore All-Star Julie Shea had a phenomenal year at second singles, with only one loss in South Shore League play. She even defeated Scituate's fantastic number one, Jackie Oulette, in a match that Grossman missed with illness. Shea only has two career losses, one to Abington this year, and one in last year's Sectional tournament.

At third and some second singles, Holly Graham stepped onto the team as a freshman and put together an

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Moving on up

Despite losses to graduation, boys tennis program looks to be gaining momentum

By James Olson
CORRESPONDENT

As enjoyable as it was to report on this year, as compared to years past, the 2001 boys tennis season is over. And rather than pout about the days of old, the general consensus seems that a look to a potentially successful future is much more logical, not to mention enjoyable.

The boys finished 8-4 this season, securing the first playoff berth since before the six year "Chris Golden and Jeff Scribner Era."

"It felt great to see the team come together," said Pam Wilson, the Cohasset boys rookie head coach.

True, the team will be hit hard by graduation, losing four of its top seven, but they should have enough returning players and new blood mixed in to make some noise.

As of right now, current junior Joe

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Post 118 squad looks to overcome losses, absences

Cohasset-Scituate Legion team opens season with a tie

By Mike Spellman
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Turnover is a fact of life for youth sports coaches.

Scott Arnold, the sixth-year coach of the Cohasset-Scituate Post 118 Legion baseball team, certainly understands that.

He lost four players — Greg O'Keefe and Dan Mulligan of Cohasset, and Scituate's Chris Ferris and Josh Creighton — from last year's 12-8 team to age limitations. That is the natural order of things.

He also lost four key players to unnatural reasons. That he doesn't really like.

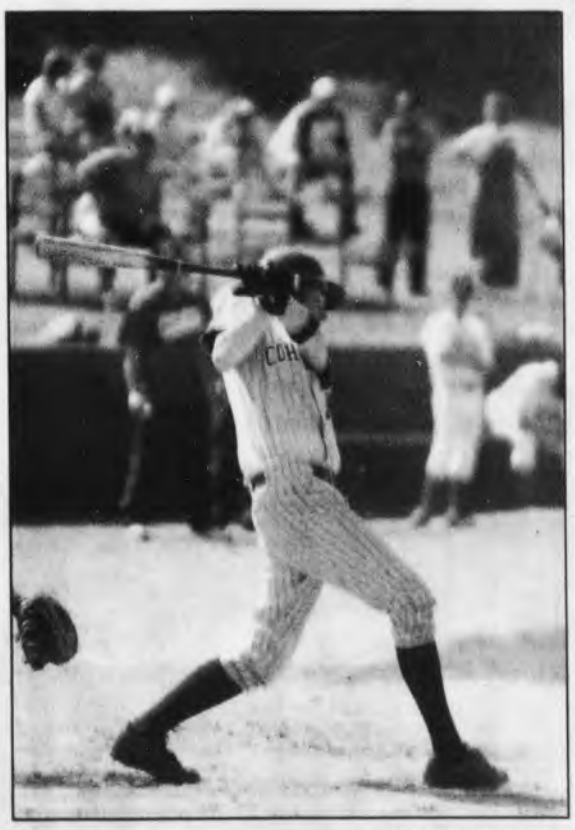
Returning starters David Butterworth (catcher) and Doug O'Brien (center field) — each fresh off All-Star seasons at Scituate and Cohasset High, respectively — determined that they didn't have time for baseball this summer. Cohasset High junior Nick Bolster, a key pitcher with the team last year, will be unable to play baseball for at least a few more months after having surgery three weeks ago to repair a detached retina.

The most painful "unnatural" loss of all, though, will be Mike Conroy, the B.C. High senior who was just picked 43rd overall in the Major League baseball draft by the Cleveland Indians. He would love to have played for the Legion team this summer. In fact, the Indians encouraged him to do so. Unfortunately, a miscommunication led him to believe Tribe management wanted him to be play in the Ohio summer league. Once he'd discovered this wasn't the case, it was too late to hook on with his old Legion squad.

"It's too bad about those four, because I really think they could have helped us do something special this year," said Arnold. "But I can't control those situations. I've got to get the players I have ready."

Fortunately, Arnold feels he has enough depth to compensate rela-

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Giving it a ride! Cohasset's Tim Straughn has earned a job as a starting outfielder and pitcher with the post 118 team.

Maitland takes 17th at New England's

Bigger and better things expected from C.H.S. junior, along with rest of team, in 2002

By Mike Spellman
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Pete Maitland did not perform up to expectations in finishing 17th in the javelin at Saturday's New England Track and Field Championships.

The Cohasset High junior's best toss of 163 feet was well off his best of 178-6, recorded seven days earlier at the State Track and Field Championships to earn him fifth place overall.

However, Cohasset High coach Al LaFontain appeared strangely unperturbed by the somewhat disappointing showing.

"This was a great experience for

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Full Circle

Cohasset lacrosse team has indeed come a long way in a short time

By Terry Kahn
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Nine months ago, the core of the Cohasset High lacrosse team pulled on helmets and gloves and stepped onto the carpeted floor of the Canton indoor sports center. Their 2000 season had ended in disappointment and disarray. They had no coach. They'd missed qualifying for the state tournament for the third consecutive year. And their prospects for the spring were uncertain at best.

One senior, Justin Langham, hadn't played since his sophomore year. Among the juniors, Jason Moore had chronic ankle pain and Eric Libby, a transfer from Xaverian, wasn't certain of receiving a waiver to allow him to play. Among the sophomores, transfer Tom Anderson was equally unsure of getting eligibility. Six freshmen were rising from a middle school squad that hadn't won half its games.

Among the handful of parents watching in Canton, Rose Kahn noticed a familiar face – a young man she'd spotted on the sidelines of a JV soccer game in Cohasset. She introduced herself, and learned he'd recently been asked to oversee the Canton men's lacrosse programs. He said his name was Kevin Orcutt.

"Do you have any interest in coaching lacrosse at the high school level?" she asked.

"Perhaps," he answered, "but I'd have to believe the kids were committed. I'm not interested in babysitting."

At halftime, Orcutt met with me. Yes, they had a little talent, he conceded. He'd consider the possibility.

Cohasset played Hingham on that September Sunday afternoon.

The Skippers lost by a goal.

By March 21, Orcutt, a former Merrimack College hockey and lacrosse standout and Derby Academy coach, had been hired by Ron Ford. Libby's waiver had come through, but Anderson's was still uncertain. Principal Michael Jones would have to drive to MIAA headquarters in Franklin to personally plead the sophomore's case. Langham, a midfielder his entire career, had agreed to shift to defense.

But there were no fields.

When the first day of practice began, Cohasset met on the clay and sand of the Music Circus parking lot. For a week and a half, Orcutt ran his charges through the lot's gravel and mud. A scrimmage with Westwood suggested promise, but a second versus Medfield had to be cancelled.

The Skippers would open with Scituate, a new team, many of whose players had been indoor league teammates of the younger Cohasset kids. The unknown quickly gave way to the familiar, and the Skippers routed their neighbors 22-3 behind Ronan Buick's seven goals and four assists. Norwell, who'd beaten Cohasset the year before for the first time, followed. The size of the visiting squad first surprised, then annoyed the Cohasset coaches.

"The coach brought along the JV," one Norwell player told us later. "He thought we'd be able to play everyone against you guys."

In the rain, Norwell fell 11-5. Libby had three goals and three assists.

By then, the injury toll had begun to mount. Moore was sidelined, the first of eight Skippers who would miss at least one game to either a broken hand, separated shoulder or other serious injury.

Nevertheless, the wins kept coming. Barnstable, Bourne and Sandwich. The first loss came at home, against Falmouth, as the Skippers closed within one early in the fourth quarter, but lost the momentum. Hanover, a repeat victory over Norwell behind four goals from Curt Kahn and Moore, and a rout of Walpole followed. For the first time since 1997, Cohasset would be in post-season play. But Hingham – with four Skippers in street clothes due to injuries – halted that run at 9-7. Moore was a bright spot with three goals and a pair of assists.

A Spirit Night 20-0 victory over Barnstable was next, with six Buick goals and the first league shutout in the program's history. Langham, Figureido, Geoff McWilliams, Nick Spirito and goalie Kyle Weber combined to hold the Red Raiders to only nine shots on net for the entire contest.

Top-ranked Duxbury walloped the Skippers 18-6, but a 3-3 third quarter was a bright spot. A disheartening 13-9 loss to Marshfield cost Cohasset second place in the league, and a 15-9 win over Catholic Memorial, keyed by Matt Davis' four goals, was overturned when it was learned an ineligible player had appeared in the game.

Ashland, the regular finale, had cost the Skippers an opportunity to play in the tournament a year earlier. This time, there was payback, as Cohasset overcame early sloppiness and won 10-7 behind Paul Previte's four goals and three assists and ironman efforts from Lane Forrer and Robert Hickey.

The tournament seeding was predictably insulting – Cohasset being, in the minds of the coaches' committee, no better than seventh-best in Division 2. The good news was that arch-rival Hingham, the only D2 team to knock off the Skippers, was in the other half of the draw. And coincidence – and perhaps fate – would have the final week's opponents, Catholic Memorial and Ashland, returning to face the Skippers. Cohasset showed no mercy, winning by 15-3 and 18-5, with Previte accounting for nine goals and Moore for seven. Libby set an individual tournament game scoring record against CM with five assists and fellow transfer Anderson had two goals and two assists.

Defending state champ Milton was next, as Cohasset hit the road. Taking a second quarter lead and never relinquishing it, the Skippers were carried by Previte's five goals, 11 second-half saves by Weber, and outstanding midfield play to squeeze out a 10-8 win.

Ipswich followed, a magical come-from-behind victory that nearly defies description.

And, on Wednesday, it would end where it began. With Hingham.

Nine months later, Cohasset boys' lacrosse had come full circle.

They had a coach.

They were healthy.

And they believed in themselves.

All things considered, the Skippers were pretty sure they were at least a goal better than when they'd started.

– Terry Kahn is the assistant coach with the Cohasset Lacrosse team.

Laxers hope for perfect ending to dream season

By Mike Spellman
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After Sunday's miracle win in the state semi-finals, the Cohasset boys lacrosse team is understandably feeling somewhat invincible heading into Wednesday's showdown with arch-rival Hingham for the state crown.

"Losing is not even in our minds at all right now," said captain Lane Forrer, prior to Monday's workout at Cohasset High. "The way we've come together as a team has us feeling pretty incredible right now, and the way we came back (Sunday) has just added to that."

"We refuse to lose," added sophomore Matt Davis. "It's that simple."

The showdown with Hingham, which unfortunately will be played before anyone reads this article, couldn't come under much more ideal circumstances, at least from a dramatic standpoint.

First off, the two teams don't like each other much. Secondly, they're pretty evenly matched, as attested by the meeting back on May 8 in which the Harbormen prevailed, 9-7.

With the game scheduled only a few miles away at Hingham High, Cohasset fans were expected to turn out in droves to support their Cinderella team, which entered the Div. 2 tourney as the number seven seed, going up against the top seed in the tourney.

"I really think we can beat them," said captain Ronan Buick, an All-Globe Scholastic selection who is headed to Providence College this fall on lacrosse scholarship. "We played neck-and-neck with them last time and we're a much better and much healthier team now."

Several key players were banged up in the initial go-round, including key senior defender Greg Figureido, who was out of action. Sophomore midfielder Robert Hickey, the team's irreplaceable faceoff man who scored the gamewinner in Sunday's semi-final match with Ipswich, played despite being hindered by injury.

Going into Wednesday's championship showdown, coach Kevin Orcutt noted that his team had no significant injuries. Hence, his primary concern, he said, was keeping his players emotions in check.

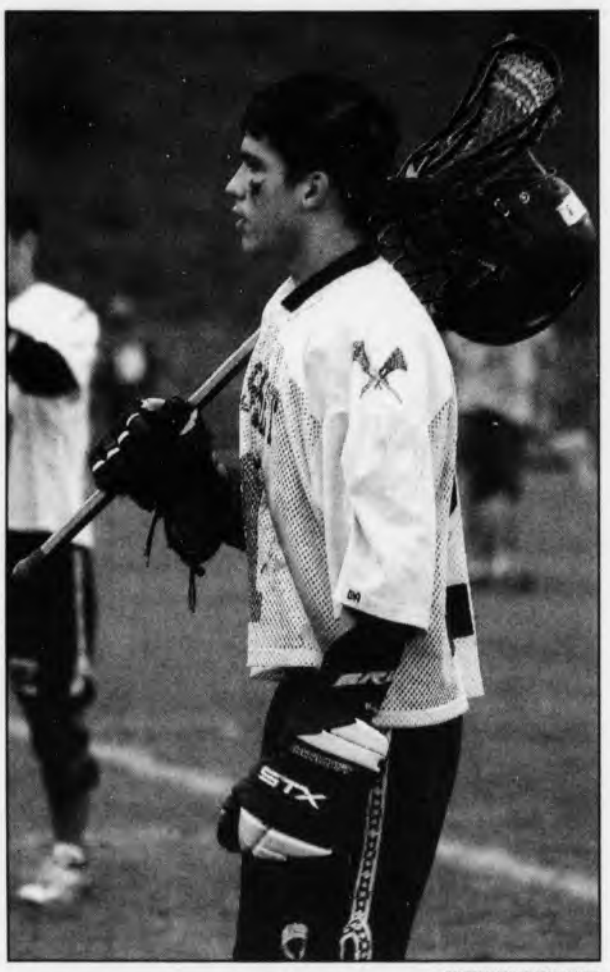
Orcutt sounds respectful of Hingham's abilities, and was doing his utmost to make sure his team remained so as well. In private, however, he wasn't afraid to let down his guard a little, as he too admitted to feeling pretty good about his team's chances.

"Hingham might be a little deeper than us, but we've got players who've stepped up and taken a lot more on their shoulders," said Orcutt, who also coaches hockey at Derby Academy and soccer at Quincy High School. "We're a much better and healthier team than we were the first time we faced them.

"There will be no excuses for us this time, which is way you want it: for the best team to win."

Win or lose, though, it sounds as if the coach will be happy so long as his team plays up to its potential.

"This has been like a fantasy season," said Orcutt, who has directed the Skippers to a 15-5 season now, including four straight post-season wins. "We've really come together as a team. I just want the boys to go out and play as well as they have in getting here. Even if we lose, there should be no regrets if we get that."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Paul Previtte takes a breather after scoring a team high four goals in the Skippers second round tourney win over Ashland. The Cohasset junior scored nine goals combined in the team's first two tourney wins, merciless defeats of Catholic Memorial (15-3) and Ashland (18-5).

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Andy Mackey and Seth Bailey had golden opportunities on goalie Kyle Weber's doorstep, only to shoot wide of the net in one instance, and bounce the ball over the goal in the second. Weber, who would finish with 14 saves, including four in the first three extra periods, also made a diving save on Monteiro in the third to save the game.

Soph attackman Curt Kahn looked to have the game won late in the third OT, but his shot bounced off the inside of the goal post. Kahn made up for that two minutes into the fourth period, though, when he drove to the goal, picked up a second and then a third defender, and passed to a wide-open Hickey who blasted a bounce shot by Eaton.

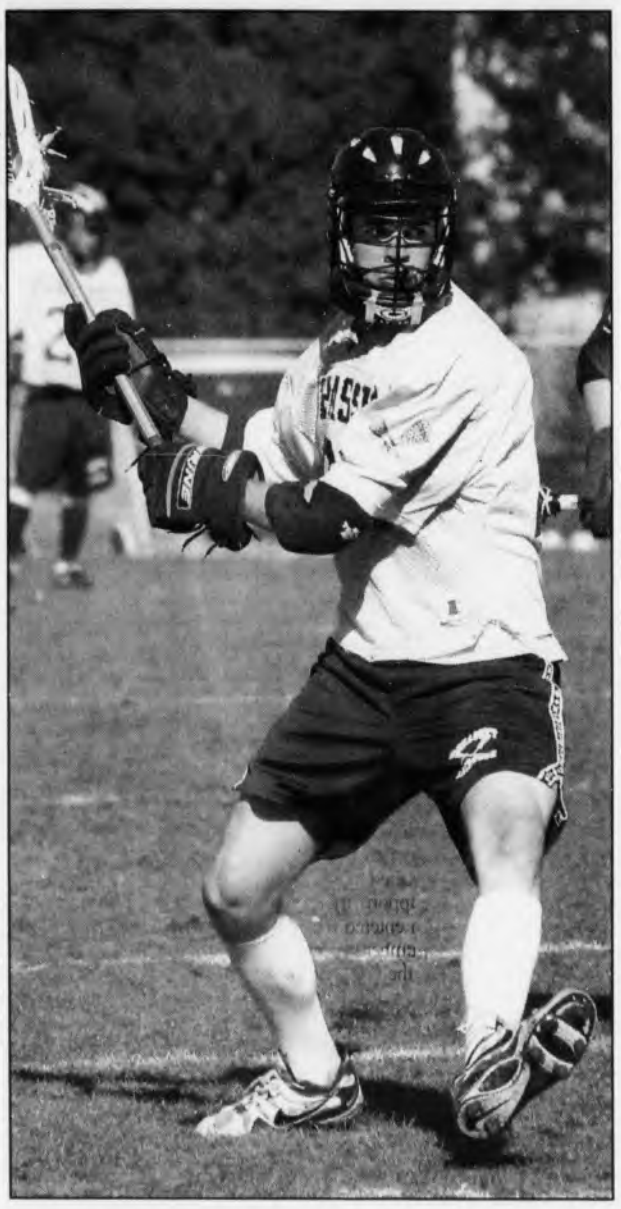
"We had a lot of heroes today, but none greater than Hickey," said Orcutt. "His goals were huge, but his faceoff work may have been even more important. If we hadn't regained control of the ball after each goal, we never would have had time to make our run. For a sophomore to be able to make that kind of impact in a game as big as this just adds to the legend of this game."

The Skippers were hurt by penalties throughout the first half, going to the box six times, and twice more in the third. But an inability to win the majority of one-on-one ground balls also allowed Ipswich to control the game's pace, and left Cohasset struggling to find its offensive game. The nadir came in the third quarter, when Ipswich outscored the Skippers 5-1, to go up 10-5.

"We just weren't sure when to slide, and when to stay with our men," said Orcutt, "and their attack was feasting off our indecision."

An adjustment, having Cohasset defenders play the attacker with the ball behind the goal more aggressively, helped turn the tide, as did the insertion of sophomore long-stick midfielder Nick Spirito into a close defense position.

With the win, Cohasset – now 15-5 – advances to its first championship game. The opponent will be number-one seed Hingham, its Pilgrim Conference rival, who Cohasset fell to 9-7 on May 8. The game was scheduled to be played at Hingham High School yesterday (Wednesday, June 13) at 5 p.m.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Ronan Buick, the Skippers captain and leading scorer the last two seasons, genuinely believed his team has a good shot at knocking off top seeded Hingham on Wednesday for the Division 2 state championship.

"We had four regulars out with injuries the last time we played them," said Orcutt, "and their coach was very disrespectful to us in the Boston Globe. We'll think a lot about his comments over the next three days. This is the final challenge, the ultimate challenge, and we say 'Bring it on.'"

Besides Previte and Hickey, other Cohasset scorers were Buick (three goals, one assist), Libby (one goal, three assists), Kahn (two assists), Moore (one goal), and Forrer (one assist).

Terry Kahn is the assistant coach with the Cohasset Boys Lacrosse program.

Post 118 squad looks to overcome losses, absences

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tively well for these absences.

"We have a lot of younger guys who sat on the bench and watched last year, and I think they're ready to step in and play a big role this year," said Arnold. "They'll be helped by our veterans, who I also feel are ready to take it to the next level."

The core of the team is made up players from the 17-3 Scituate High baseball team who are no doubt yearning for more baseball after they were shocked in the first round of the state tourney by low-seeded Coyle Cassidy two weeks ago.

Junior pitcher Jesse Cole should be Post 118's staff ace, just as he was Scituate's main man on the mound this past season. The righty fireballer led the Patriot League in ERA (0.83) as well as batting this season.

"There's no doubt that Jesse is primed for a big season for us," said Arnold. "Baseball is his thing and he just keeps getting better and better."

Cole will be joined by Scituate teammates Jason Connelly, Tim Duggan, Greg Levin and Alex Knight. The first two were also Patriot League All-Stars and the numbers two and three pitchers on the squad. Arnold has them tentatively slated to reprise those roles with his squad.

When they're not pitching, Cole will play third base, Connelly shortstop and Duggan the outfield. Greg Levin will play centerfield and Knight is the likely starter at second base.

Arnold did sound a little hesitant about removing the slick-fielding Connelly from the busiest position on the diamond. Last year, the junior went the final five games of the season without an error while hitting more than .300 for the season.

"Jason is too good a pitcher not to use him, but he just makes such a huge difference for us at shortstop," said Arnold. "To be honest, I'm still not certain how I'm going to handle that."

Thayer Academy catcher Kevin Signorelli appears to Arnold to be a solid replacement behind the plate for Dave Butterworth. The sophomore had a pair of hits in Sunday's 8-8 tie with Milton, including an RBI double that gave Post 118 its first lead of the game.

"Kevin looks like he's going to give us both good offense and defense back there," said Arnold. "He's definitely been a pleasant surprise so far."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Because of a miscommunication, Mike Conroy will not be able to play for the Post 118 team this season.

Tim Straughn, who was Cohasset High's leading hitter and pitcher this season as a junior, may also see some time at both catcher and pitcher. The heat-dealing righty has been known to hit in the high 80s with his fastball. When he doesn't pitch or catch, he appears to have an inside track for one of the corner outfield spots.

Tom Fitzgerald, a lefty "junkballer" from B.C. High, will also see regular innings on the mound, and sophomore classmate Chris Carr may get a chance to show what he can do.

Unfortunately, for the Post 118 team anyway, the B.C. High kids won't be available until their team's post-season run ends. The Eagles were scheduled to play Lexington on Tuesday afternoon in the state Div. I semifinals. A win there would advance them to the State Championship game on Saturday against the winner of Wednesday's Westboro- Cathedral game.

Another B.C High standout, heavy hitting first baseman Greg Smith, has also been unavailable to Post 118, but Scituate junior Brian Wood has done a solid job in his absence.

The Cohasset-Scituate squad tied its first game of the season 8-8 to Milton on Friday. They fought back from an early 5-1 deficit thanks to a couple of big hits from Cole and a nice relief stint from Connelly. The umpires called the game before the start of the seventh inning at 7:55, with plenty of daylight still left — a decision which clearly rankled Arnold, who had his 2-3-4 hitters coming up. Umps are not supposed to allow an inning to start after 8 p.m..

"I was angry about the decision then, and I'll be furious about it if it costs us a shot at the post-season," said the normally good-natured Arnold. "We only play 20 games, so every win could be huge."

Post 118 was scheduled to host West Roxbury on Tuesday, travel to Quincy on Wednesday, and then return home for a meeting with Randolph on Friday.

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Moving on up

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Niessink will be the only senior on the squad, but undoubtedly a great one to have. A constantly improving hard-hitter, Niessink has moved away from just power, and can now mix his strength with consistency.

"Joe will be a great singles player," appraised Wilson. "He has really developed."

Niessink has grown into a strong doubles and singles player, as witnessed by his valiant post-season battle in Harwich.

The Harwich match was widely regarded as his best performance of the year, and that came on the heels of two other great performances— back-to-back 6-3, 6-1 wins over Scituate's number three stud in ht final week of the regular season.

Current sophomore David Ingber, who played in his first year of varsity this year after surgery kept him off the court all of last year, will most likely be moving away from doubles and looks forward to a difficult but rewarding singles career. Going 11-2 overall this year, and earning a spot on the South Shore League All-Star team along with his partner, Scribner, Ingber went 3-1 this year as a singles player, including two 6-0, 6-0 wins over Carver and Abington.

"Obviously, Dave will be one of our strongest singles players," said Wilson.

When asked what his personal season highlight was, without hesitation Ingber said it was giving the All-Star Norwell doubles combination of Justin Meddaugh and Rory O'Connor their only loss of the regular season.

Freshman Robbie Carpenter and Jessie Brewer will probably be working together again as a doubles team next year. Though inexperience brought them some hard times this year, as sophomores they should become a singular force to be reckoned with.

Though the four returning players do not constitute a full team, there are a decent number of former players and other-sport athletes who would be interested in helping the team back into the playoffs.

"We could have a very strong team again if we try to recruit some of those kids," reported Wilson.

To Wilson, fielding another successful team will be a matter of getting the word out that making a post-season run was not a fluke.

"Cohasset is on its way to becoming a tennis town," stated Wilson, who watched the girls' team finish their year with a 13-2 record and a high tourney seed.

"The parents are helping," she concluded. "Tennis is going to have a new interest for the boys."

Indeed.

'Old guys' lax it up

By Chuck Jaffe
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

While Cohasset's varsity team was winning a thrilling playoff game and its youngsters were having a terrific day at a lacrosse jamboree, its old boys took the field for the first annual alumni game.

Played, appropriately enough, at Alumni Field, the game featured about 20 of Cohasset High School's finest players from years past, and showcased Cohasset's tradition of producing both outstanding goaltenders and front-line scorers.

The players were divided into "Odds" and "Evens", based on the year they graduated from high school.

The Odds jumped out to a hot start and a 3-1 lead. Adam Leahy and Ted Goff each scored a goal and picked up an assist, with Chris Adams netting the third goal. Brandon Devoe had eight first-quarter saves, allowing only one Ken Leahy rocket to sneak past for the Evens.

Kevin Devito had six first-period saves for the evens.

The Odds stretched the lead, moving into the half with Goff, Adam Leahy, Ben Redfield and Bob Stansell scoring, while Devoe made another 7 saves.

Meanwhile Matt O'Connor and Ken Leahy played back-and-forth for the Even team, both scoring a goal on an assist from the other. Devito kept the Odds in the game with eight more saves before the half, including a few testers.

After a long halftime break that allowed the players to recuperate, and a two-player trade, the third-quarter got underway and the teams traded goals.

Adam Leahy scored twice more for the Evens, offset by goals from Andy Collins and Redfield— off an assist from Kevin Smith— for the Odds. Devoe and Devito picked up five saves each during the period.

Trailing 10-5 after another Chris Adams goal early in the final period, the Odds mounted a comeback. Two Jamie Buick goals and a Ken Leahy tally made the score 10-8. After Jay Whoriskey scored for the Evens, it was Ken Leahy again, before Andy Collins closed the gap to one with his second goal of the game.

Devoe and Devito traded saves down a frantic final stretch before Ted Goff scored, finishing his hat trick for the day just before the final whistle. Evens 12, Odds 10.

After the game, Matt Belson— a former Cohasset captain who this past season was captain of the Lafayette College lacrosse team— was presented with the Founders Award by the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters. The Founders Award was created to honor Cohasset players who represent outstanding achievement both at C.H.S. and the college level.

Alumni players at the game also received a T-shirt to mark their efforts of the day. The shirt included the number 17, the jersey number worn by Bourke Corcoran, a high school player killed in a car accident several years ago.

Corcoran's parents were among those watching the game.

For information on how to participate in the 2002 alumni game, contact Dave Leahy at 781- 383-6565.



PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Cohasset High junior captain Kelly Stone will be back to provide leadership and quality doubles play next season for the Lady Skippers.

Girls fall in semis to Bourne

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outstanding debut. Beating a mixture of veterans and rookies all year, Graham stepped into the second singles position in Shea's absence, recording two tournament wins over senior captains from Fairhaven and Canton.

Senior captain Aryanna Afshar, who completed her illustrious six year varsity career, was a consistent winner at third singles and some first doubles. The only senior on a very young team, Afshar provided stable leadership to bring Cohasset yet another banner in Sullivan Gym.

The top doubles team for Cohasset was junior captain Kelly Stone and freshman Courtney Caron. This dynamic duo came up big with two tourney victories, including the only win for the team against Bourne. The pair should become even more of a force next year.

At second doubles, freshmen Emilie Sullivan and Corey Evans earned themselves a playing spot, and ripped up nearly every team they played at the position. This is a team that also looks only to get stronger with experience.

What makes this team even more impressive is the fact that one can dig even deeper and find winning doubles teams— like sophomores Molly Flanagan and Taylor O'Brien or Nicole Needle and Kelly Holway.

All in all, this was an extraordinary season, even by the high standard set by previous seasons. But they did it last year, and nothing seems to stand in their way from doing it next year, the year after that, and the year after. . . this was just another year for the Lady Skippers.

Maitland takes 17th at New England's

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Peter," said LaFontain of the first athlete he's taken to the New England's in his four-year tenure at C.H.S. "I'd be surprised if he didn't get back there next year, and having this experience under his belt should give him a leg up."

LaFontain figures the lack of exposure to the kind of highly charged and competitive venue that Saturday introduced was a little overwhelming for Maitland, as well as several others.

"I think Pete was a little too charged up for his own good," appraised LaFontain, "and he wasn't the only one. I think a lot of kids were a little psyched out."

With several of the top javelin throwers lost to the caps and gowns in 2001, LaFontain figures that Maitland is ready for a big step up in his own senior season.

"I don't think Pete has peaked," he said. "Hopefully, I'm right."

LaFontain was also quick to point out, though, "There's nothing wrong with being fifth best in the state and 17th best in New England. Pete had a great year. That's the most important thing to remember."

Maitland will compete in the Bay State Games this Summer for the second straight year, and will likely be joined there by Cohasset High teammates Dan Kinchla, Tim Baird, Steve Laney and perhaps more. The Cohasset boys will be looking to defend their South Shore League outdoor crown next Spring, and LaFontain believes there is a very good chance they will do just that with most of the team returning.

In addition to the aforementioned four juniors, the Skippers will also return outstanding performers Jason Brown, Liam Martin, Ian Kidder and Jared Krupczak (the brother of Cohasset senior and two-time defending state champion 200-meter man Brian Krupczak).

"Pete is just one of several guys I have who could do well at the state and even New England level next year," said the coach. "Hopefully, the experience Pete got will help everyone. He can kind of let them know what to expect."

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Cohasset police widen youth counterfeiting investigation

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man, 16, whose name is being withheld because of his age, has also been arrested. United States Secret Service agents confiscated computer equipment, including "an expensive laser printer" from the 16-year old's home.

Carbone was charged with possession of counterfeit bills, uttering counterfeit bills, and larceny of property $250 or less. The 16-year-old Cohasset youth was charged with possessing counterfeiting equipment, manufacturing counterfeit bills, and possession of counterfeit bills. Carbone pleaded not guilty to all charges Monday in Quincy District Court. A pre-trial hearing is set for July 3. The juvenile was scheduled to be arraigned yesterday as the Mariner went to press.

The Secret Service, which is involved because it handles US Treasury issues, confiscated the Pembroke youth's computer and printer Tuesday, Jackson said. Counterfeiting is a federal offense but Jackson says Cohasset police will pursue the charges at the state level.

"The Secret Service is not pursuing charges at this time, but that is subject to change," he said.

Noonan said the Secret Service is still "actively involved" in the case, and that he does expect more charges to follow.

Police described the bills as fairly "low-quality" reproductions. A close look at the bills clearly shows a pixilated or dotted image on the heavy paper, which had been crumpled up and dirtied to look more authentic. Jackson said 20s have a watermark that is visible when held up to the light and there's also a security thread to the left of the photo of Jackson.

Police said the counterfeiting involved $5s, $10s, and $20s.

According to Det. Rick Grassie counterfeit bills were turned in from Really Great Pizza on South Main Street, and Atlantic Bagel on Route 3A. Police say Carbone admitted to passing the fake money at Atlantic Bagel.

Jackson said police recovered a counterfeit bill from Shaw's Tuesday. A white female who appeared to be in her 50s used it to buy a lottery ticket from the service desk. She appears on the video tape of the transaction but police have not been able to identify her. That matter is under investigation.

"The tragedy of this is that an innocent person may be picked up for passing one of the bills," he said.

According to police, Carbone told them he asked another teenager, who was skateboarding outside Shaw's, to go in and exchange two fake $20 bills for four $10 bills, which the teenager did. Carbone asked the teenager to do it a second time, and this time, according to police, the store cashier became suspicious, turned him away, and called police.

Officer William Quigley examined the two $20 bills at Shaw's, and found they had the same serial number. Officer Shellee Peters then notified Quigley she had detained Carbone on Beechwood Street. Shaw's is at the corner of Rte. 3A and Beechwood Street. Police said the skateboarding teen had no knowledge the money he was passing was counterfeit. He was detained briefly by Cohasset police, but will not be charged.

Jackson said police will interview "less than a dozen" young people in town about the counterfeiting matter. That doesn't necessarily mean there will be more arrests.

"I'm hoping this does not spin out of control," he said.

Noonan, the police chief, said the matter is being taken very seriously.

"I'm sure if you talk to parents, some would say it's just kids experimenting, but experimenting in violation of the counterfeiting laws is a very serious matter," he said.

Noonan businesses should check over the paper money that comes in..

"We urge all businesses to inspect their bills," he said. "If they have any questions, to their authenticity, we will come right down."

In the meantime, state and national media have descended upon the police. Dateline has called and the story has appeared on the news on all the Boston television stations.

Shops on look out for fake money

By Rick Collins
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Local business that have fallen victim to the alleged counterfeiting scheme aren't finding anything humorous about the funny money.

"I'm out $20," said Robin Bradshaw, manager of Atlantic Bagel & Coffee Co. on Route 3A.

Along with the popular bagel shop, Really Great Pizza on South Main Street and Shaw's Supermarket on Route 3A have also reported receiving counterfeit money.

"When it's busy, you don't feel the money like you do if you count it. It's handed to you and you shove it into the cash register," said Chris Peterson, owner of Really Great Pizza.

Peterson was the first business to report the counterfeit money to Cohasset police two weeks ago. He said his wife was counting the money at the end of the night, and thought three $10 bills felt weird.

"I knew it was fake as soon as I touched it," said Peterson, who was a banker before he became a baker.

Patrick Carbone, 17, and a 16-year old freshman at Cohasset High School have been arrested and charged with possessing and distributing the counterfeit bills. The 16-year old has also been charged with manufacturing the fake money. Police and United States Treasury agents are also looking into charging a third Cohasset teen, as well as a Pembroke youth. Police think the money was printed with an expensive laser printer confiscated from the 16-year old's home.

Carbone was caught Friday on Beechwood Street with some of the counterfeit money after a clerk at Shaw's became suspicious. Police say Carbone had recruited another teenager skateboarding outside Shaw's to go in and exchange two fake $20s for four real $10s.

Police also contend it was Carbone who used a fake $20 bill to buy food at Atlantic Bagel.

Bradshaw alleges Carbone took off after a store worker became suspicious of the money.

"He barely made it out the door," she said. "He left right after the transaction." Bradshaw said one of her employees recognized Carbone, and told the police.

Bradshaw, like Peterson, said she could tell the money was fake by its texture.

"It feels different," she said.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said the amount of fake money circulating in the area could be as much as several thousands of dollars.

As a result, both stores have told their employees to be more vigilant when taking money.

"We've made sure they're fully aware, and to count slower when we're busy," said Peterson.

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• Portrait

The genuine portrait appears lifelike and stands out distinctly from the background. The counterfeit portrait is usually lifeless and flat. Details merge into the background which is often too dark or mottled.

• Federal Reserve and Treasury Seals

On a genuine bill, the saw-tooth points of the Federal Reserve and Treasury seals are clear, distinct, and sharp. The counterfeit seals may have uneven, blunt, or broken saw-tooth points.

• Border

The fine lines in the border of a genuine bill are clear and unbroken. On the counterfeit, the lines in the outer margin and scrollwork may be blurred and indistinct.

• Serial Numbers

Genuine serial numbers have a distinctive style and are evenly spaced. The serial numbers are printed in the same ink color as the Treasury Seal. On a counterfeit, the serial numbers may differ in color or shade of ink from the Treasury seal. The numbers may not be uniformly spaced or aligned.

• Paper

Genuine currency paper has tiny red and blue fibers embedded throughout. Often counterfeiters try to simulate these fibers by printing tiny red and blue lines on their paper. Close inspection reveals, however, that on the counterfeit note the lines are printed on the surface, not embedded in the paper. It is illegal to reproduce the distinctive paper used in the manufacturing of United States currency.

From the US Treasury web page: www.ustreas.gov/usss/money_detect.htm



PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

Det. Rick Grassie poses with some of the counterfeit 20-dollar bills confiscated by police.

POLICE BRIEFS

Officer leaves

Town Manager Mark Haddad said this week that Officer Paul Laugelle is no longer employed by the Cohasset Police Department.

On the advice of town counsel, Haddad declined further comment on the departure of Laugelle, a 24-year veteran, except to say that he is "no longer working for the town of Cohasset."

Drug arrest

Cohasset police arrested a 26-year old Scituate man on drug charges, after he was seen driving erratically on Route 3A Sunday, and then allegedly threw packages of cocaine out the window of his moving car.

Ronald Anderson, of Hatherly Road, was charged with possession of a Class B substance (cocaine), and a marked lane violation. He pled not guilty in Quincy District Court on Monday.

According to Officer William Quigley, Anderson was driving southbound on Route 3A shortly before 3:30 Sunday morning, when he was seen weaving across the road, then crossing over the white fog line and hitting a culvert on the shoulder of the road.

When Quigley tried to pull him over, he said Anderson reached out the driver's side window with his left hand, and threw out two packages, one of which bounced off Quigley's cruiser.

Officer James McLean, who was following Quigley, picked up the two packages which were two $1 bills containing "white rock and powder substances."

A further search of Anderson's car revealed a rolled up $20 bill with a white powder residue on the inside of it and a CD with white residue. All the white residue found is believed to be cocaine, police said.

16 arrested in May

May was a relatively busy month for the Cohasset Police Department, Police Chief Brian Noonan said. There were 16 arrests, one for unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle, four Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, two for Warrants, two for Motor Vehicle Violations, one for Protective Custody, one for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, one for Lewd & Lascivious behavior, one for Trespassing, one for Shoplifting, one for Possession of a Class D Substance, and finally one for Assault and Battery.

There was one Breaking & Entering to a dwelling reported during the month of May, Noonan said.

In the month of May, the police department investigated 16 motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in injuries. There were 235 Motor Vehicle citations issued totaling $8,410 in fines. Additionally, there were 45 parking tickets issued for $1,100 in fines.

Also in the month of May our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 776 calls for police services, of those 117 were emergency 911 calls.

All officers completed firearms requalification and two officers received breathalyzer training this month.

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Pellet pistols worry police

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someone could be gravely injured," said Police Chief Brian Noonan. "Our officers are trained to react when they see a gun pointed at them."

Police were called by Woodland Road residents on May 25 to investigate a young man with a silver and black gun tucked into the waistband of his pants. Then this past Thursday, police were notified of another teenager brandishing a black revolver on Clayspring Road. Both turned out to be pellet guns.

In both cases, police seized the pellet guns, but the penalty could have been far stiffer. Noonan said it is illegal to own a pellet gun without a Firearms Identification Card.

Noonan said he didn't know how these two pellet guns were obtained, but said they can be purchased in sporting good stores. Stores are required to see an FID card before selling the guns, he said.

But Cohasset officers are more afraid of what could happen if a youth, trying to be funny, pulled one of the guns on an officer, especially at night.

"They don't get any more realistic than this," said Officer Christy Tarantino, who confiscated the silver and black pellet gun on Woodland Avenue, yards from the middle/high school. Tarantino demonstrated how realistic the gun was by showing how well it fit in his holster. "The guns really should be a different color…I couldn't tell the difference if someone pointed this at me and it was dark out."

The silver and black pellet gun says it's a pellet gun on the side, but it's engraved in the same color as the rest of the gun, making it indistinguishable from 10 feet away.

The black pellet gun was a revolver complete with spinning chamber and black rubber grip.

When an officer gets a call on a suspicious person carrying a gun, Tarantino says he has to go into it assuming "that the firearm is real." That means Tarantino had his gun drawn when he pulled up on Woodland Avenue.

"He didn't understand why it was so serious," Tarantino said of the 18-year old. Since neither youths were arrested, police are not releasing their names.



PHOTOS/RICK COLLINS

Officer Christy Tarantino holds one of the pellet guns police have seized in the past two weeks.

Secret Service agents in town on another case told police if someone had pulled one of those pellet guns on them, they would have shot that person.

Noonan said he considered the pellet guns "as serving no practical purpose," and are used to mainly shoot windows out of buildings.



Can you tell which gun is real? (It's the one in the middle.)

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JUNE 4

12:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.
1:24 a.m. Cushing Rd., medical aid.
11:02 a.m. North Main St., animal control.
11:45 a.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
12:30 p.m. Elm Ct., officer wanted.
1:51 p.m. Elm St., general services.
2 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
2:04 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted, citation issued.
2:13 p.m. Cedar St., fire, investigated.
3:05 p.m. King St., vandalism.
3:42 p.m. Mill Lane, animal control.
5:22 p.m. Forest Ave, officer wanted.
5:54 p.m. Pond St., fire, misc.
6:11 p.m. King St., disturbance.
10:07 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., suspicious (other).
11:10 p.m. Doan Lane, officer wanted, peace restored.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

12:20 a.m. Government Island, noise complaint.
7:19 a.m. South Main St. and Brook St., parking violation.
10:16 a.m. Nichols Rd., suspicious auto, area search negative.
10:36 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:34 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., assist other agency.
1:54 p.m. Brewster Rd., property lost, entered info.
2:09 p.m. Grace Dr., medical aid.
2:50 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:16 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
5:22 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, services rendered.
8 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.
8:14 p.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle accident.
9:53 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

12:52 a.m. Stop & Shop Plaza, motor vehicle stop, two in protective custody.
6:11 a.m. Beach St., vandalism.
6:17 a.m. Pond St., noise complaint.
6:42 a.m. North Main St., animal control.
7:16 a.m. Pond St. and Cushing Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:11 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.
10:33 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
11:09 a.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.
11:18 a.m. Elm St., well-being check, returned to home/family.
1:19 p.m. Sohier St., fire, misc.
1:34 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
1:47 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, citation /warning.
2:11 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
2:14 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
5:44 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:54 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:18 p.m. Lamberts Lane, assist other agency.
9:05 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
9:29 p.m. Pond St. and Clay Spring Rd., animal control.
10:03 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.
10:14 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.
10:20 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., suspicious (other), services rendered.
10:30 p.m. Police headquarters, officer wanted., departmental action.
10:32 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
11:32 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation, warning.
11:32 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., assist other agency.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

6:49 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
7:13 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
4:16 p.m. Clay Spring Rd., suspicious (other).
7:31 p.m. Red Gate Lane, general services.
11:01 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., noise complaint.
11:26 p.m. Square, animal control.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

4:43 a.m. Hull St., officer wanted.
6:13 a.m. Reservoir Rd., property found.
6:38 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
9:11 a.m. Lothrop Lane, larceny.
9:55 a.m. King St., officer wanted.
10:03 a.m. Beechwood St., fire, inspections.
10:35 a.m. North Main St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
11:33 a.m. Aaron River Rd., fire, inspections.
1:38 p.m. Sohier St., fire, inspections.
4:18 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., larceny. Arrest of Patrick A. Carbone, 18, of 72 Church St., Cohasset. Chgs: Possession of counterfeit bills or notes; uttering counterfeit bills; larceny of property $250 or less.
4:52 p.m. Beach St., property, lost, log entry.
7:30 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., assist other agency.
8:52 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violations.
10:30 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
10:37 p.m. Headquarters, investigation, departmental action. Arrest of a 15 year old juvenile. Chgs: Counterfeiting equipment, manufacture; possession of counterfeit note; possession of counterfeiting equipment.
11:32 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
11:55 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

12:18 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
12:30 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:50 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:01 a.m. White Head Rd., general services, dispersed gathering.
11:11 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, stored/impounded.
11:46 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle violations.
1:48 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.
2:10 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.
3:19 p.m. Lamberts Lane, fire, investigation.
4:04 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.
4:38 p.m. Government Island, parking violation, ticket issued.
4:42 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle accident.
5:40 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.
6:28 p.m. Sohier St., parking violation.
6:57 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.
7:52 p.m. Atlantic Ave., traffic complaint, area search negative.
8:07 p.m. Margin St., parking violation.
8:42 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:11 p.m. Hull St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
10:08 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.
10:54 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
11:20 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
11:29 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., property found, brought to station.
11:51 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle violations.
11:52 p.m. Margin Ct., animal control.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

12:05 a.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, departmental action.
12:34 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:40 a.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:47 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
12:48 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., juvenile, 16, taken into Protective Custody.
Second juvenile, 16, taken into Protective Custody.
2:16 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., noise complaint.
2:29 a.m. Forest Ave., suspicious auto.
3:20 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Ronald S. Anderson, 26, of 279 Hatherly Rd., Scituate. Chgs: Illegal possession of a Class B substance; state highway-marked lanes violation.
5:30 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.
5:50 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.
8:03 a.m. Elm St., fire, investigation, extinguished.
1:09 p.m. Border St., parking violation.
2:08 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
2:17 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.
4:08 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.
4:30 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.
4:46 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., disturbance, general, peace restored.
4:49 p.m. Hobart Lane, property, lost, log entry.
6:22 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.
8:58 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.
9:43 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
9:55 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle violations, area search negative.
10:03 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
10:12 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

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BUSINESS

The Silver Spoon Cafe gets polished

When the Silver Spoon Cafe at 5 South Main St. closed for renovations back in January owners Garry and Denise Bismore had only planned to clear and paint the store. The job was just about completed by mid-February when Garry convinced Denise to gut the entire store and make big changes to the Silver Spoons seating area and concept.

A full breakfast menu is the biggest change made to the Silver Spoon.

The Silver Spoon re-opened early May 2001 with more seating and a new menu. The counter was removed and replaced with four additional marble tables, waitress service and china. A full breakfast menu is the biggest change made to the Silver Spoon. Garry and Denise felt there was a need for a full breakfast establishment in town. Omelets, buttermilk pancakes, fresh fruit, granola yogurt, smoothies and, fresh squeezed orange juice are just some of the specialties offered. Breakfast is served Monday though Saturday 8 to 11 a.m. and all day Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. An all new lunch menu is also offered Monday through Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A special feature is that all of the sandwiches are served with Garry's famous Fire-Cracker coleslaw and sweet potato: French fries. Salads are piled high with selections such as Cobb Salad, Caesar Salad, and the Silver Spoon's own "Beverly Hills" salad. The food at the Silver Spoon is still prepared from scratch.

It's funny, our five-year goal was to change the wall color and that's the only thing that hasn't changed!

We still offer catering and private dinner parties in the cafe and we are considering bringing back the Bistro dinners on the weekends, says Denise.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Denise Bismore shows off a pasta salad outside The Silver Spoon. The popular village café recently reopened after being renovated.

NETWORKING



William S. Shelton

Company president

The Arbella Insurance Group recently announced the appointment of Cohasset resident William S. Shelton to the position of president and chief operation officer of the Arbella Service Company.

Shelton joined Arbella in 1999 as chief information officer. Prior to joining Arbella, Shelton was vice president and managing partner of the strategy practice of Micah Technology Services of Dallas, Texas.

Shelton attended Yale University and has degrees in systems analysis and design from the University of Texas and an M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University.

Shelton recently moved to Cohasset with his wife, Meg Fitzpatrick.

Women's Business names new director

Deborah Hubbard Anders has been named executive director of the South Shore Women's Business Network. In her position, Anders will be responsible for sponsorships and the overall coordination of the many SSWBN events, including its annual Business Expo and Business after hours events. She will be actively involved in the Association's ongoing membership drive, and serve as a liaison between the Board of Directors and all SSWBN events.

Anders, who has served on the SSWBN Board of Directors since 1997, has previously held managerial positions for Fun Enterprises, Inc. in Weymouth and Campus Visits, Inc. in Wellesley. She holds a B.S. in Marketing from New Hampshire College.



Deborah Hubbard Anders

Located in Hingham, The South Shore Women's Business Network is an organization dedicated to actively supporting women entrepreneurs in the Greater South Shore area, and to providing resources and networking opportunities to its members. SSWBN provides Educational Forums, Business After Hour events, and two publications – "The Networker" and the Membership Directory.

For more information, contact the SSWBN at 781-749-8883 or log on to their website at www.sswbn.org.

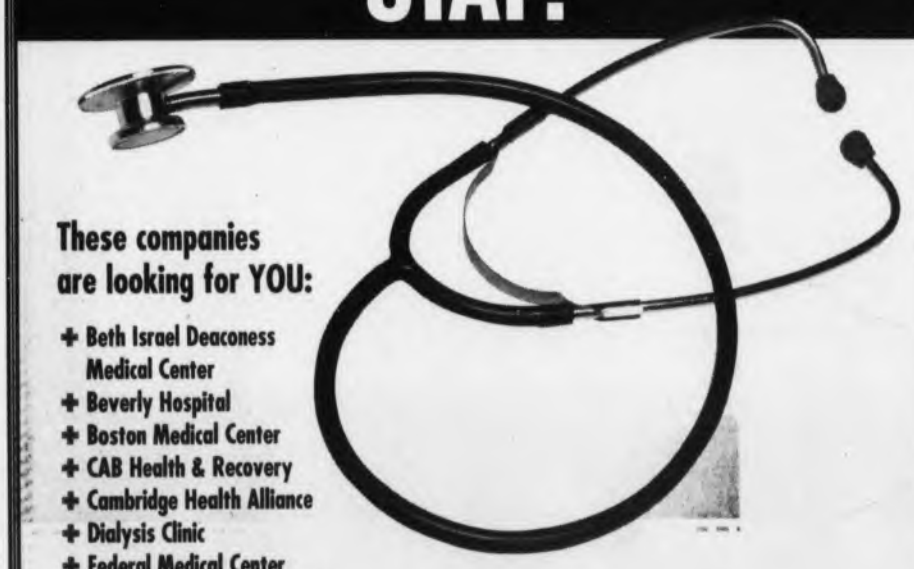
Citizens Bank at Stop & Shop

Citizens Bank and Stop & Shop announced that Citizens will become the new bank of the Stop & Shop Supermarket Company in 99 of its Massachusetts stores, including the Cohasset Stop & Shop at 400 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and the Hingham Stop & Shop at Lincoln Plaza. With 76 in-store branches and 23 full-service ATMs, this new Stop & Shop agreement will bring the total number of Citizens Bank branches in Massachusetts to 220.

Last month, Citizens began replacing Sovereign Bank in 21 Stop & Shop stores in Rhode Island. Citizens will begin replacing existing bank branches now in Stop & Shop Massachusetts' stores in the fall of 2001.

As a result of the agreement, Citizens also announced it will add more than 400 jobs to its workforce in Massachusetts.

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Sports Column, 3rd place
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Allston/Brighton TAB
Coverage Racial/Ethnic Issue, 1st place
Human Interest Feature Story, 3rd place

Arlington Advocate
Front Page, 3rd place

Ashland TAB
Feature Photo, 3rd place

Bedford Minuteman
Investigative Reporting, 3rd place
Photo Series, Honorable Mention

The Beacon
Feature Photo, 3rd place

Beverly Citizen
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, 2nd place

Billerica Minuteman
Educational Reporting, 3rd place
General News Photo, Honorable Mention

Boston TAB
Environmental Reporting, 1st place
Investigative Reporting, 1st place
Photo Illustration, 2nd place
Photo Series, 2nd place
Photo Series, Honorable Mention
Pictorial Photo, Honorable Mention
Pictorial Photo, 2nd place
Reporting on Religious Issue, 2nd place
Social Issues Feature Story, 3rd place
Sports Photo, 3rd place

Brookline TAB
Business/Economic, Honorable Mention

Cambridge Chronicle
Racial or Ethnic Issue, Honorable Mention

Cape Codder
Social Issues, Honorable Mention
Sports Photo, 2nd place

Chelmsford Independent
Editorial Writer, 2nd place
Photo Series, 3rd place
Social Issues Feature Story, Honorable Mention
Sports Story, 1st place

Cohasset Mariner
*General Excellence, 1st place
Local Election Coverage, 3rd place
Social Issues Feature Story, 2nd place

Concord Journal
Headline Writing, 1st place
Local Election Coverage, 1st place
Spot News Photo, 2nd place

Daily News Tribune
Sports Column, 1st place

Easton Journal
Transportation/Commuter Reporting, 1st place

Framingham TAB
History Reporting, Honorable Mention
Social Issues Feature Story, 1st place

The Hingham Journal
Special Award for Staff, 3rd place
Sports Story, 3rd place

Holliston TAB
History Reporting, 3rd place
Infographics, 3rd place
Sports Photo, 1st place

Hopkinton Crier
Editorial Writer, Honorable Mention
Infographics, 2nd place

Lexington Minuteman
Editorial, 2nd place

Lincoln Journal
Front Page, 2nd place
General News Photo, 2nd place

Littleton Independent
*General Excellence, 3rd place
Spot News Photo, 3rd place

Malden Observer
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, 3rd place
Sports Column, 2nd place

Marblehead Reporter
Design, 1st place
Editorial Writer, 2nd place

Marshfield Mariner
*General Excellence, 3rd place
Headline Writing, 2nd place

Medford Transcript
General News Story, 2nd place

Melrose Free Press
Health Reporting, 2nd place
Serious Columnist, 3rd place

Merrimack River Current
Photo Series, 3rd place

MetroWest Daily News
1st Amendment Reporting, 2nd place
Arts & Ent. Reporting, Honorable Mention
Design, 2nd place
Editorial, 2nd place
Front Page, 1st place
General News Photo, 2nd place
Health Reporting, 3rd place
Humor Columnist, 1st place
Living Page or Section, Honorable Mention
Photo Series, 3rd place
Reporting Religious Issues, Hon.Mention
Serious Columnist, 1st place
Serious Columnist, Honorable Mention
Social Issues Feature Story, 2nd place
Special Award, Honorable Mention
Sports Page or Section, 3rd place
Transp./Commuter Reporting, 2nd place

Milford Daily News
Environmental Reporting, 1st place
General News Photo, Honorable Mention

Natick TAB
General News Story, 3rd place

Needham TAB
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, 2nd place
Environmental Reporting, 2nd place
History Reporting, 3rd place
Investigative Reporting, 2nd place
Reporting on Religious Issues, 1st place
Serious Columnist, 1st place
Transp./Commuter Reporting, Hon. Mention

Neponset Valley Daily News
Editorial Writer, 1st place
Social Issues Feature Story, 1st place

Newton TAB
*General Excellence, 3rd place
Arts & Entertainment Section, 3rd place
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic issue, 3rd place
History Reporting, 2nd place
Photo Series, 1st place
Spot News Story, 1st place

North Andover Citizen
Reporting Religious Issues, 1st place

North Shore Sunday
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, 2nd place
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, Hon. Men.
Educational Reporting, 3rd place
Environmental Reporting, 3rd place
Health Reporting, 2nd place
Human Interest, 2nd place
Humor Columnist, 1st place
Photo Series, 2nd place
Reporting on Religious Issues, 2nd place

Norwell Mariner
Special Award, 2nd place

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Editorial, 1st place

The Register
Social Issues Feature Story, 2nd place

Scituate Mariner
General News Story, 1st place
Pictorial Photo, 3rd place
Sports Story, 2nd place

Sharon Advocate
Sports Page or Section, 3rd place

Somerville Journal
Photo Series, 3rd place

Swampscott Reporter
Headline Writing, Honorable Mention

Watertown TAB & Press
General News Story, 2nd place
Photo Series, 2nd place

Wayland Town Crier
Headline Writing, 3rd place

Wellesley Townsman
Headline Writing, 3rd place
Living Page or Section, 3rd place
Photo Illustration, 1st place

Westford Eagle
Personality Photo, Hon. Mention
Photo Series, 1st place

West Roxbury Transcript
Health Reporting, 1st place
Reporting on Religious Issues, 1st place

Weymouth News
*General Excellence, Hon. Mention
Special Award, 3rd place

Weston Town Crier
*General Excellence, 2nd place
Design, 1st place
Headline Writing, 1st place

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General News Photo, 3rd place
Sports Column, 1st place

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Art in progress

Festival focuses on the creative process

By Seth Jacobson
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What would an arts festival be without art and the artists who create it?

At this year's Festival on the Common, the South Shore Art Center has put the focus on artists at the easel or at the wheel — artists at work.

The annual weekend-long event staged at Cohasset's Town Common gets underway Friday afternoon, and South Shore Art Center Director of Development Monica McKenney said works in progress will rule at the festival.

"This year, we're putting our focus on how art is created," McKenney added. "It's not really a different concept for us, but this year we're paying more attention to it." McKenney said typically at the festival, there are usually a few artists here and there doing on-site demonstrations.

But this year there will be a "demonstration tent" where people can view many of the art center's 150 gallery artists creating their respective works.

In addition to the demonstration tent, there will also be a juried art exhibition, a members' (of the art center) show, a young artists' exhibit, and a children's art and activity tent which will offer "hands-on" projects throughout the weekend.

McKenny said she's expecting 10,000 to turn out for the festival which features some of the best local talent in woodworking, print making, sculpture, painting and making music.

The various bands appearing at the festival will also be something to write home about. For starters, the public is invited to check out renowned folk singer and Norwell native Les Sampou at their Festival "Off" the Common, which will take place June 15 at 8 p.m. in the Bancroft Gallery of the art center. Tickets for that show are $25.

There's no charge for the talented musicians performing throughout the weekend, on the common. The eclectic musical menu features something for everyone with acts including: Watson Reid and Americana, Standing Room Only, Pick 3, the Rusty Skippers, the Broad Cove Chorale, the Morningstar Baptist Gospel Chorus, the South Shore Bay Band, and the Hingham Woodwind quintet.



Dozens of crafters will bring their wares to the festival, joining the artists showing and selling their work.



The 46th Annual Festival on the Common returns to Cohasset Village this weekend.

"The musical aspect of the festival is critical because it adds a whole other layer to the event," said festival coordinator Diane Kennedy.

There will be plenty of food available at the festival, including the legendary strawberry shortcake concocted by the people at the Congregational Church in Cohasset. Other vendors will be on-hand as well—there will be about 80 arts and crafts booths set up selling various pieces of jewelry, pottery, textiles, and hand-blown glass.

"We want people to go home with the feeling that the art center is a place where vibrant things happen all year long, not just at the Festival on the Common," said Sarah Roche, a member of the art center. Roche will be demonstrating her botanical-style paintings in the demonstration tent, but she will also be singing with the Broad Cove Chorale. Roche also helped coordinate the artists creating pieces in the demonstration tent.

"I always thought putting something like a demonstration tent together could be a huge opportunity for the art center to show what its members can do," she added.

McKenney said the festival is unique in many ways and for many it is the herald of the summer season.

"When the festival comes along, to me that always means the start of summer," she said. "It's certainly a wonderful way to kick-off the season."



Folk singer and Norwell native Les Sampou will perform a special concert "off the common" on Friday night at 8 p.m.

The festival is open and free to the public through 6 p.m., Sunday June 17 until 6 p.m.. Donations are welcome and support the art center's programs. For more information on the festival, call (781) 383-2787 or visit the art center's web site at www.ssac.org.

Illustrating the spirit

Author remembers his daughter through a new book

By Seth Jacobson
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Richard James Cook is still devastated by the loss of his five-year-old daughter Laura in 1990, but he has managed to channel that sense of sadness, along with his sense of spirituality, into a beautifully illustrated book "Angel of Light."

Cook, a Westwood resident, is a full-time painter, and many of his works have been exhibited at both the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset and at the North River Art Society in Marshfield. He is a member of both organizations.

Painting is the main outlet Cook used in dealing with feelings of sorrow surrounding the death of his daughter, and he said "Angel of Light" is the product of the energy he put into the various paintings he worked on since Laura passed away.

"That's what happens when you put all of your heart and soul into something," he said.

Cook said his book is a "personal journey" and he said writing it kept him connected in a spiritual way with Laura.

"People deal with loss in different ways," Cook said. "Some people get angry with God, some go into denial, and some just get very depressed. We'd already had a long journey with Laura while she was alive, and in some ways, the book was a way to continue that journey."

"Angel of Light" is filled with Cook's paintings, some of his poetry, and also Biblical verse. All the paintings in it represent Cook's efforts to connect with a spiritual world.



Westwood artist and painter Richard Cook remembers his daughter Laura through the paintings and poetry in his book "Angel of Light."

"When Laura died, I never did feel like it was the end," he said. "It was just another stage in the road."

In 1985, Laura was born in Toronto where the Cook family lived before they moved to Westwood. Soon after she was born, Laura was diagnosed with a rare heart disease, and despite getting a heart transplant, she died shortly before her fifth birthday.

Not long after her death, Cook, who is known for his portrait paintings, created a painting called Angel of Light which depicted Laura's transition to the spiritual world. The work was to be the first in a series of spiritual paintings which would soon be compiled together for a book, even though Cook did not know that at that point.

"I never intended to put together a book," he said. "When I finished that first painting, I was in awe. I felt like there was something outside of me that was involved in painting it."

Cook said as he kept creating spiritual paintings, he knew something was in store for them, but he did not know exactly what that was. But when a friend of his saw the paintings and suggested putting them into a book, he saw the light.

He got his paintings and poems together, and also read the Bible in order to extract appropriate passages from it. As he went on, Cook said putting the book together was therapeutic for him.

"It was a healthy process," he said. "It felt like putting the book together really had a healing element to it."

The book was finished earlier this year, and it was recently published in hard and soft cover. Now, Cook said he would like to start planning a South Shore-based art exhibit which could revolve around his new book.

Even though "Angel of Light" is a reflection of an instance in his life, he said many people will be able to take something away from reading and looking at the book.

"There's a lot of human elements explored in the book," he said. "And as human beings, we all draw off each other's experiences."

Cook and his wife Debbie will never forget their daughter Laura, but now, they are keeping busy raising three boys. Cook said he hopes people will read his new book and learn from the various lessons contained within it.

"I'd really like people to be able to benefit from reading it," he said. "It's an important book to me, and I know it could be important to other people."

"Angel of Light" is available at local bookstores or Amazon.com. For questions on ordering the book, call Fountain Publishing at (877) 736-8598.

Norwell Town Fair is Saturday



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Molly Dwyer, 11 and her pal Meg Matarazzo, 10, after Meg took a pie in the face last year at the Pie in the Sky stand at the Norwell Town Fair.

The Norwell Men's Club annual Town Fair gets underway this weekend. Events include a four-mile road race, a parade, carnival rides, chowder festival, live musical entertainment, fireworks, and more. For more information on the fair call (781) 659-2817.

Living

Grilled scallops



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

When we turn to outdoor cooking, most of us think of burgers, steaks, and chicken. Few of us consider more interesting applications for the grill, including vegetables, shellfish, and, in this case, scallops. When done properly, grilled scallops are the perfect choice for a hot grill because their creamy texture and subtle flavor marry well with a brief introduction to fire and smoke. But if you choose either the wrong scallops or the wrong technique, the resulting seafood will be tough, rubbery, and virtually inedible.

There are three types of scallops: bay, sea, and calico. Bay scallops are quite small and cork-shaped and are usually available during winter months. They have a delicate, sweet flavor but are too small and too delicate for grilling. They are also hard to find during the summer. Calico scallops are similar to bay scallops, although smaller, but I was not able to find them locally (in New England) even though they are farmed worldwide. They are machine steamed for purposes of easy shucking (unlike hand-shucked bay or sea scallops) and are therefore easy to overcook on a hot grill.

Sea scallops are much larger than bay or calico scallops - they can run as large as 10 per pound, although specimens of this size are most often sold to restaurants rather than home cooks. Retail sea scallops available in my local market were 1 to 1 1/2 inches in diameter and about 3/4 inch thick. Their flavor is more assertive than that of bay scallops. They evidence a pleasant balance of sweet and briny and their texture is firm but not tough. I found the larger size and more assertive flavor perfect for grilling.

When buying sea scallops, it is best to purchase specimens that have not been processed. Processed scallops are soaked in a phosphate and water brine, a solution that prolongs shelf life. This treatment seems to suck out the natural sweetness of the scallops, replacing it with a tinny saltiness. In short, avoid processed scallops.

How can you tell if scallops have been processed? While processed scallops are not labeled as such at the retail level (wholesalers identify them as processed, but retail stores don't tell customers), it is possible to make a judgment based on their appearance. Processed scallops are usually bright white and are displayed in a pool of milky liquid. Unprocessed scallops (referred to in the industry as "dry" scallops) have a more natural ivory color and are opaque, and they are displayed in only a small amount of liquid, if any.

Unprocessed scallops are also more expensive (costing between $8.99 and $11.99 per pound as opposed to $4.99 per pound for processed scallops). After tasting both dry and processed scallops head to head, I would always choose the sweet, meaty dry scallops, even at the higher price.

Now I needed to find the best cooking technique. The first issue was skewers, the obvious method for introducing the scallops to the grill. (I started by grilling scallops without skewers and found that they were too small and slippery and easily fell onto the fire.)

Flat metal skewers (as opposed to square ones) with pointed tips were the easiest to work with. If you don't have flat skewers, try double wooden skewers. Soak them in water for several hours or overnight and then thread the scallops by holding two wooden skewers 1/2 inch apart between your thumb and forefinger and perpendicular to the work surface.

The heat of the fire was the next issue. I wanted grill marks and also wanted to just cook the scallops through to the center. When the fire was too hot, the scallops turned almost black on the outside, the grill flavor was too intense, and they were overcooked and tough. A cool fire produced lackluster color, and the texture was also less appealing. Best results were achieved when I grilled over medium-high heat (you can hold your hand over the fire, 5 inches above the grill, for 3 to 4 seconds) for 2 minutes per side.

Next, I needed to solve the problem of the scallops sticking to the grill. I found that applying fat directly to the scallops rather than the grill grate to be the best solution. I tried using butter as well as olive oil to grill the scallops. The winner was the oil since it is less apt to burn over intense heat. Although salt, pepper, and a squeeze of lemon juice are just fine for a simple lunch or dinner, I recommend the simple citrus vinaigrette if you want to boost flavors.

GRILLED SEA SCALLOPS WITH CITRUS VINAIGRETTE

If your scallops are thicker than 3/4 inch, you may need to cook them an additional 30 seconds or so per side. I also found that many scallops come in odd shapes and sizes and that these smaller bits and pieces cannot be skewered easily. I therefore placed them in a pouch of heavy-duty foil with a bit of olive oil, salt, and pepper and cooked them alongside the skewered scallops. They took one minute longer to cook (and didn't have the grill marks or smoky flavor), but it beats throwing them away.

2 pounds sea scallops
3 tablespoons olive oil for brushing
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Lemon wedges for serving

Ignite grill. Thread scallops on several flat skewers. Brush with olive oil and lightly season with salt and pepper. When fire is medium-hot (you can hold your hand 5 inches over the fire for 3 to 4 seconds), place the scallops on the grill and cook for 2 minutes.

Using a large spatula or tongs, turn the skewers and grill on second side for 2 minutes. They should be well-browned on both sides and just cooked through to the center (you can test one to be sure). Remove scallops from skewers onto a warm platter and serve immediately with lemon wedges or with the vinaigrette below.

Serves 4 to 6

ORANGE VINAIGRETTE

This recipe is simply drizzled over the grilled scallops and can be prepared several hours ahead of time with the exception of the fresh herbs which should only be added immediately before serving.

1 teaspoon white balsamic vinegar
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon finely chopped orange zest and
2 tablespoons orange juice from one orange
2 tablespoons best quality olive oil
1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot, about 1 medium
Freshly ground pepper to taste
1 teaspoon finely chopped thyme

In a small bowl combine the vinegar and salt and stir for about 10 seconds to dissolve the salt. Add the zest, juice, olive oil, shallot, and pepper and whisk until smooth and emulsified. Whisk in the herbs and serve immediately.

LEMON VARIATION

Substitute lemon zest for orange zest, two teaspoons lemon juice for the 2 tablespoons orange juice and 1 tablespoon chopped chives for the thyme.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

This day is prime for relaxing, veging out. If you are working, it may be difficult to focus and easy to waste time and energy. It is best to postpone working on projects that require mental precision; on the other hand, you can continue to make gains developing creative endeavors. The sun and Jupiter conjoin this morning, generating an upbeat mood. The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 6:26 a.m., traveling at the tail end of the zodiac until 1:03 p.m., when it enters Aries. A 90-degree alignment of Venus and Neptune sets the stage for a romantic evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Energy and enthusiasm run high. The moon continues to travel in fiery Aries. In addition, a sun/Uranus alignment can make for an exciting, surprising day. New is in; old is out. Spur of the moment ideas can be the most successful. Let fun and games top your agenda this evening.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

An Aries moon makes this morning ideal for all physical activities; power-walking, bicycling, jogging. Plan a busy day. Tackle jobs that require physical labor and exertion. The moon forms harmonious contacts to five planets until 2:32 p.m., when it becomes inactive. A sensuous Taurus moon takes over at 10:39 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Astrological blue skies and sunshine prevail today. Take advantage of a calm period in this stormy month; kick back, relax, enjoy. The Taurus moon interacts with Neptune and Venus. Retrograde Mercury aligns with Uranus today and Jupiter tomorrow. Its influence may intensify communications. Keep things light. Don't take anyone or anything too seriously.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

It may be difficult to get motivated to focus on work projects today. However, if you carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan, you can be most productive. The moon continues to travel in laidback Taurus, active until 7:21 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus. The remainder of the evening rates high for relaxing and enjoying favorite leisure activities.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

This is a day that can go either way. The best way to work with it is to go with the flow. Projects may take unexpected turns. Unanticipated situations may demand your immediate attention. The moon enters Gemini at 4:42 a.m. Jupiter aligns with Uranus at 8:17 a.m. Follow your hunches; your instincts are on target. The good news is that this combination of influences may bring sudden opportunities, new discoveries.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Yesterday's planetary patterns affect today as well. Slow down between 1:44-4:44 p.m., when the Gemini moon opposes Mars. The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect. This is a time for cleaning out, letting go, preparing the way for new activities. Lunar alignments to Mercury, Uranus and Jupiter may bring new insights this evening. At 11:24 p.m. the Gemini moon becomes inactive.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

The summer solstice arrives at 3:38 a.m., when the sun enters the sign Cancer. At 7:41 a.m. the moon enters Cancer, and a new moon/solar eclipse occurs at 7:58 a.m. New moons bring a time for new beginnings in your life. Influences this month prompt you to initiate new starts on an inner, personal level. The family-oriented sign Cancer reminds you that world peace begins at home. This an ideal time for working out conflicts with others, forgiving and forgetting past grudges. Clear the decks and start anew.

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DENIM AND DIAMONDS hosted by the IronGate Farm in Duxbury. The country and western barbecue and benefit auction evening begins at 5:30 p.m. when the silent auction opens in the vast riding arena. DJ Laurie Grant will provide musical entertainment. All-you-can-eat Texas-style barbecue will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the live auction starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 each and seating is limited. Order tickets by calling 508-746-8008.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.



BEST BET

Duxbury Art Association "Student of the Month" Maria Hopkins will show her work "Autumn in Vermont" at the Lillian and Ture Bengtz Gallery at the Ellison Center for the Arts during the month of June. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-2731 ext. 15.



BEST BET

The Doors return June 16 to the Company Theatre in Norwell recreated by the tribute band "The Soft Parade." Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets for The Soft Parade: A Tribute to the Doors are now on sale at The Company theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787. Tickets are priced at $22 in advance and $25 the day of the show.

Thurs. 14

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On June 14: Sounds of Yesterday.

June Art Exhibit at the Pembroke Library features photographs of outdoor scenes and landscapes done by Wilbur F. Provost. A Pembroke resident for 25 years, Mr. Provost has been taking photographs as a hobby for seven years. This exhibit will be on display for the month of June.

Comedy Alert! Paul D'Angelo, Danny Miller, Annette Pollack, Bob Niles, Chris Johnston and Sarah Liberman will perform at Jimbos Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners at 8:30 p.m. Half-priced appetizers will be served during the show. Reservations are recommended by calling 781-848-0300.

"Blithe Spirit" - Ellison Center for the Arts, Saint George Street in Duxbury held on June 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 for general admission and $10 for seniors and students. A Bay Players' production of the Noel Coward comedy, directed by Peter Kates. Tel. 800-290-6825 or visit www.bayplayers.org.

No Pain Piano Workshop from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Massasoit Community College with instructor Frank Dunne teaching his renowned "learn-to-play-piano-in-3 hours" workshop. Call for a free pamphlet call 508-588-9100 ext. 1509.

Borders in the Independence Mall presents Computer Surgeon Workshops on June 14 at 7 p.m. and June 28 at 7 p.m. Learn the basics of the personal computer, including Microsoft Windows and empower yourself. The first session will cover the theory of main components and functions. The second will be on operating systems. For more information call 877-478-7436.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Thickly Settled. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England Village beginning June 14. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

La Leche League of Weymouth will hold a meeting on "The family and the breastfed baby and avoiding difficulties" at the home of a member at 7:30 p.m. Nursing babies are welcome. For more information or directions call 781-337-0145.

Fri. 15

Candlelight Singing Tours at the Captain Samuel Robbins House Museum will feature Lynn Feingold and Ron Taylor. Friday evening tours are 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Sun. tours are 2 - 4 p.m. Evening tour dates: June 15 and Sunday afternoon: June 17. For more information visit www.blanchardstavern.com.

Call for Artisans for the Duxbury Art Association Craft Showcase held on Nov. 16 and 17. Artisans interested in booth space should submit slides, photos and or an example of work by Friday, June 15. For more information or applications call 781-934-2731 ext. 15 or email craftshow@duxburyart.org.

South Shore Art Center Festival On the Common will run June 15 - 17 on the town green in Cohasset. The festival features approximately 100 vendors who supply their own booths and awnings. This event is one of the premier fundraisers for the South Shore Art Center. In addition there will be the annual strawberry festival serving strawberry shortcake throughout the weekend. For more information call Diane Kennedy, Festival Coordinator at 781-383-2787 ext. 19.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church. 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents Steve Gilette and Cindy Mangson. Tickets are $11 the day of the show, which begins at 8 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fatwall Jack featuring Erica Rodney. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Friday Art Days Are Here Again starting June 15 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meet at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, bring snacks, beverages, a hat and your own supplies to join an informal, leaderless but inspired group, sharing the love of art. Located at 1117 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. For more information call 781-925-5433.

Coast Chapel Foursquare Church presents in concert "Heaven Bound" (a Southern Gospel musical group currently in the top ten list) at 7 p.m. Held at the Coast Chapel, 52 Main Street, Route 3A in Marshfield. Tickets are available at the Coast Chapel Bookstore for $9 or at the door.

Sat. 16

Give the Lasting Gift of Life. With the generous support of donors, patients needing transfusions and can not receive them. Come and give blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive at Phoenix Lodge, 133 Broadway in Hanover. Donor hours will be conducted from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Parade Kicks off Norwell Town Fair beginning at the Sparrell School and ends at the fair grounds, signifying the start of the fair held at the Norwell High School athletic field. The fair includes a road race, rides, entertainment, chowder festival, music, antique tractors, ox-pull, hot-air balloon, helicopters and more. The Norwell's Men Club also invites children of all ages to ride their bicycles in this year's parade.

Clip-A-Long Road Race is a four-mile course starting at the registration desk in front of the main entrance of Norwell High School on South Street. Beginning at 9 a.m., applicants are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. there is an $8 registration fee and checks can be made out to the Norwell Men's Club. Categories are 0 - 18, 19 - 39, 40 - 49, 50 and up, male and female. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each category. For more information contact Dick Elliott at 781-659-2817.

Cohasset Gospel Concert - Morningstar Baptist Church Gospel Chorus will raise their voices in a program of traditional and contemporary gospel music at 8 p.m. in the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information call 781-383-1100.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Guitar Shorty featuring Erica Rodney. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Baseball Announcer Ken Coleman will talk on his book "Talking on Air: A Broadcaster's Life in Sports". This is the biographical story of Ken Coleman, former Boston Red Sox broadcaster who worked in Mahor League Baseball from 1954 - 1989 after getting his start at WJDA in Quincy. Held at 11 a.m. at Borders in the Independence Mall, 101 Independence Way in Kingston. For more information call 781-582-8100.

The 151st First Parish Church Fair will be held at the First Parish Universalist Church from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Highlights include an auction at 11 a.m. and ongoing events include a book sale, musical entertainment, kayak raffle, crafts, jewelry, baked goods, pony rides, moonwalk and much more. Located at 842 Tremont Street, Route 3A next to the Town Hall in Duxbury. Free admission. For more information call 781-934-6532.

Singles Dance sponsored by South shore Chapter 33, Parents Without Partners will take place at 8:30 p.m. at Club 29, DAV, Liberty Street in Braintree. Wheelchair accessible, cost is $5 for members and $8 for non-members. For more information call 781-337-6766.

Sun. 17

The Art Complex Museum presents a concert of traditional Chinese Music at 4 p.m. Ping Li, principal dulcimer player and the first soloist of the China Central National Orchestra will be performing as well as Jun Qin, who plays the GuZheng, is a member of the Sichuan Branch of the Musician Society of china and has worked in the Chinese Emei Film Studio. Zhan-Tao Lin has received many awards for teaching and performing on his traditional instrument the Erhu. Admission is free. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information please call 781-934-6634.

Seventh Annual Children's Museum Race in Easton is a 5-mile road race expected to draw over 250 runners. Beginning at 9 a.m., this run takes entrants through historic North Easton Village into Stoughton, around scenic Ames Long Pond and back to the finish at the Children's Museum located at Old Fire Station on Sullivan Ave. in North Easton Village. Entry fee is $12 in advance and $15 the day of the race. T-shirts are available for the first 250 runners. A $50 incentive prize is offered to the first male and female to break the course record. Childcare and activities are available for the children of the runners and race volunteers. For more information or to obtain an entry form cal 508-230-3789 or visit www.active.com or www.coolrunning.com.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Studio V Showcase featuring Erica Rodney. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Tues. 19

Tom Selleck to make his Boston Stage debut in **'A Thousand Clowns'** at the Shubert Theatre at 8 p.m. and running through July 1. Performances are Tues. - Sat. at 8 p.m., except June 20 at 7 p.m. Matinees are Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. Sunday evening performances are at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at $65 - $45 and are on sale now at The Shubert theatre box office, 265 Tremont Street in Boston or by phone at tele-charge 800-447-7400.

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BEST BET

Painter Merylie-Lee Thompson will be showing her pastel works at the Scituate Arts Association Gallery on Front Street in Scituate Harbor through the end of June. For more information call the Scituate Arts Association at (781) 545-6150.

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BEST BET

Theodore Bikel stars as Tevye in the Tony Award-winning musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opening at Boston's Colonial Theatre June 13. The show will run through June 24. For ticket information call Ticketmaster at (617) 931-1000 or the Colonial Theatre Box Office.

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Fontbonne Academy 8th Annual Bob Devin Memorial Golf Tournament will tee off on June 19 at the Pembroke Country Club. Participants will register and enjoy a light lunch at noon followed by a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, special on-course events and a dinner banquet that evening. Donation to participate is $150 per person and a wide range of sponsorship opportunities are available as well. To register or for additional information please call Liz Fitzsimons at 617-696-3435 or visit the website at www.mec.edu/fontbonn under alumnae/events.

Sunset Cruise to Peddock's Island sponsored by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. held from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. For a summer evening treat, escape the heat of the city with a sunset cruise. Tickets are $16, seniors $14, members $12 and children 3 - 12 $9, children 2 and under are free. The boat will leave from Boston Harbor cruises at Long Wharf next to the New England Aquarium. Checks can be sent to FBHI, 349 Lincoln Street, Bldg. 45 in Hingham, MA 02043-1601. For more information call 781-740-4290.



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Wed. 20

77th Annual Tour of Historic Homes and Buildings in Hingham will take place on June 20 from 1 - 8:30 p.m. Five antique homes and four historic buildings will be included. Six different architectural styles will be represented, ranging from early and late colonial to federal, Greek Revival, Cape Cod and Colonial Revival styles. Proceeds from the tour help to maintain the Hingham Historical Society's headquarters at Old Derby Academy and the house at the Old Ordinary. Tickets are $15 in advance at Bowl and Board in Hingham Square and the Hingham Public Library, Collins Road. On tour day tickets are $18 and will be sold only at Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln Street after 10 a.m. To order tickets by mail send a SASE and your check to the Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, MA 02043. Mark the envelope "House Tour". For more information call 781-749-1851.

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South shore will sponsor "Adult Day Health Care: What You Should Know". Connie Cronin, Executive Director of the Deerfield Senior Day Center in Hingham will highlight the medical and social day care options. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 224 Central Street in Hingham. For more information call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426.

Reiki Level One class with Dr. Susan Waletkus of True Life Chiropractic and Reiki Master Maureen Hancock on June 23 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fee for the day which includes a vegetarian meal is $150. Prepay with reservation is due by June 20. Class is limited to the first 6 people. Held at 283 Main Street in Kingston. To register please call 781-585-0585.

Thurs. 21

Fourth Annual Summer Solstice will take place at Snow Park (Salisbury Park) behind Plouffe School on Crescent Street from 4 - 7 p.m. There will be free games, crafts, face painting, music and fun. Hot dogs, ice cream and much more. See the results of grades 1 - 12 juried art show and enjoy the teen poetry slam.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents J-Walkers featuring Erica Rodney. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On June 21: Legion Bud Band.

Fri. 22

Comedy Cruise Featuring Red Peters with Boston Harbor Cruises from 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Meet at Long Wharf in Boston. The cost is $28 per person. For more information or to make reservations please call 617-227-4321.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a semi-monthly smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 for SSS members and $8 for non-members. Proper dress is required and no jeans or athletic shoes. For more information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

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The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents a Benefit Concert with numerous. Tickets are $8 reserved and $10 the day of the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

Ongoing Events

Fiddler on the Roof will be at Boston's Colonial Theatre through June 24 in a new production starring Theodore Bikel in his signature role as Tevye. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Thurs., Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $68.50 - $25. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Street. For more information call 617-426-9366.

Boston Light Cruises on July 1, Aug. 5, 12 and Sept. 9 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $27, seniors are $24, members are $22 and children 3 - 12 are $15. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

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'THE WIZARD OF OZ' directed by Kristen Stanford and Meri-Lee Mafera. This five week program running from June 25 - July 26, Mon. - Thurs. from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Route 139 in Marshfield. Performances are July 27 and 28 at Duxbury High School. Tuition is $325 and must be paid in full by June 25. For more information call 781-837-8990.

EASTER SEALS NOW ACCEPTING CAMP REFERRALS for its residential summer camp program for youngsters with physical disabilities. Ten-day sessions and twenty one-day sessions have been planned for the boys and girls with disabilities between the ages of 7 and 13 at Camp Wing in Duxbury, MA and Agassiz Village in Poland, ME. For more information call Easter Seals at 800-244-2756 ext. 496 or visit the website at www.eastersealsma.org.

"HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING" directed by Michael Hammond will be the production for this Teenspot's Summer Camp. Students age 12 - 20 can enroll. Tuition is $225. For more information call 781-837-8990.

PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE IN PLYMOUTH is now receiving applications for its Summer Children's Teen and Adult Theatre programs beginning June 18. For application call 508-224-4888. Children's programs include: "Eloise", "Gomer Pyle Meets the Flintstones", "A Goofy Movie... I mean play", "Anne of Green Gables" "Cinderella After the Ball", "The Princess and the Pea Musical". The Teen and Adult program includes: "Vanities", "Crimes of the Heart", "Ladies in Retirement", "Princess Lee's Journey", "Born in a Trunk", "The Princess and the Pea" musical.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON ANNOUNCES REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER MINI CAMPS. Available for two age groups: "Great Explorations" for 3 - 5 year olds and "Camp Discovery" for 6 - 7 year olds. Camps are held three mornings per week and each week offers fun-filled activities like art, music, drama, cooking and science. Summer mini camps are $60 per week ($54 for museum members) and run from Mon. - Wed. except the week of July 2. To register or for more information call 508-3230-3789.

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Cultivating the alluring irises

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Part 2

Perched atop our reindeer weathervane, our resident male bluebird chirps happily to his nearby fledglings as brilliant sunshine illuminates his heavenly blue plumage and rusty red vest. Moments later he swoops to the ground to retrieve a plump green caterpillar which has fallen from the shredded leaves of a large weeping cherry tree to share with his hungry brood peeping in the branches overhead. Although the application of pesticides might have alleviated the caterpillar infestation, the knowledge that the robins, catbirds, wrens and especially the handsome bluebirds can safely consume these intruders is worth the temporary unsightly appearance of these affected trees.

The color blue has tremendous appeal for most of us signifying serenity, calm and repose as it is usually associated with peaceful expanses of water or spacious clear blue skies. Plants which offer blue, violet or lavender blossoms are usually highly sought after at our local nurseries, combining and contrasting beautifully with nearly all other flower colors. Blue salvia, lobelia forget-me-nots, veronica, ageratum, and perennial geraniums, to name only a few, provide reliable sources of this pleasing, soothing color. More challenging plants for our area, including hydrangeas, delphiniums and gentians, are often too irresistible to pass by due to their electrifying blue tints, but may not reward us from year to year. As a family, few plants rival the irises for their ease of culture and the broad spectrum of blue and violet tinted flowers they display.

There are innumerable bearded and beardless iris cultivars available in colors ranging from soft, pale lavenders to rich, saturated blues, to deep, velvety purples. The sun loving, rhizomatous, bearded irises offer the greatest diversity of color opportunities but the low-maintenance Siberian iris family has become my iris of choice in recent years. Hybridization efforts have produced a broader range of colors including pale, lavender pinks, rich burgundy reds, pale yellow, glistening whites and many shades of blue and purple in addition to significantly larger flower sizes. Unlike the sword-like, blue-green leaves of bearded iris, Siberian iris form more of a grassy clump from which dozens of slender stems emerge, each bearing 2 or 3 flowers, 2 to 6 inches wide. Tolerant of most soils, they perform well in sun to partial shade in acidic soils enriched with humus. They thrive in moist soils, particularly during the growing season. The bloom season is similar to that of their tall bearded cousins, usually peaking in early to mid-June.

Although routine division is less critical in Siberian iris, clumps may become woody and more difficult to separate after many years so it is advisable to split large clumps occasionally, discarding the woody centers and replanting the younger, outer divisions. Early May and early September are the preferred seasons for transplanting and roots should never be allowed to dry out during the process. Cut foliage to the ground after killing frosts to minimize rodent damage during the winter months.

To extend the iris bloom season into the month of July, grow the spectacular Japanese iris (I. ensata). Giant flower heads up to 9 inches across may resemble dinner plates and provide sensational blooms in white, pink, lavender and purple. Many varieties offer distinctive patterning including veining in contrasting colors or a marbling effect. They require moist, acid soils enriched with bountiful humus in sun or partial shade and tend to be heavy feeders. Avoid the use of bone meal, wood ashes and lime around members of this family. In northern climates they are said to like their feet wet but their ankles dry so gardens which receive regular irrigation during dry periods are perfectly suited to these majestic beauties. Like the Siberian iris, they should be transplanted in spring or fall and never allowed to dry out. Regular division is recommended to maintain their vigor.

The family of crested irises are delightful additions to the front of the partially-shaded garden, thriving in moist, humus-enriched soils. Iris cristata, an American native, has lavender-blue or while flowers on 4-inch stems in late May. The Japanese roof iris, I. tectorum, blooms at approximately the time in similar colors with slightly larger flowers and taller stems. Both form colonies of light green foliage and are charming interplanted with blue and white forget-me-nots.

For those gardeners with damp areas, brooks or water gardens, the so-called 'flag' irises are ideal. Iris versicolor, commonly known as the blue flag iris, is a native found in wet places which will naturalize along brooks and ponds with bluish-purple blooms in June. Iris pseudacorus is a taller, non-native cousin with showy, electric yellow blossoms. Both types will thrive in containers submerged in water gardens where the flowers and foliage provide dramatic architecture.

Iris plants can be purchased through local nurseries in containers or through catalog sources. I recently visited a charming local garden which specializes in bearded irises, Hermit Medlars Walk, which is open to the public on Rt. 140 (near the intersection of Rt. 1) in Foxboro. For breathtaking panoramas of Siberian iris, now is the time to visit Tranquil Lake Nursery, 45 River St. in Rehoboth, MA. Japanese iris will put on their show in Rehoboth during early July. Both of these nurseries provide catalogs and offer iris mail order deliveries. A beautiful bearded iris catalog is available from Schreiner's Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd., NE, Salem, OR 97303.

Tapestry tribute not fit for King

Theatre review

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT


Catharine Duff

By the time her landmark album, "Tapestry," earned her superstar status in 1971, Carole King had already established herself as one of pop music's most successful singer/songwriters. The breadth of King's work remains astonishing even today, 40 years after she — and her frequent songwriting partner Gerry Goffin — had their first number one song with the Shirelle's recording of "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," soon followed by chart-toppers like Bobby Vee's version of "Take Good Care of My Baby" and Little Eva's "Locomotion."

It is not surprising then that King's song catalogue would form the basis of "Tapestry: A Tribute to Carole King," a musical revue first produced in New York and now being presented by JM Productions Dinner Theater at Raffael's in North Quincy.

The current production contains some 30 of King's compositions, but it offers little feeling for their unique style.

Many artists, from James Taylor ("You've Got a Friend") to Blood, Sweat and Tears ("Hi De Ho"), have done covers of King's songs. They only succeeded when they managed to infuse the songs with a soulful pop sound. At Raffael's, there is very little soul on the menu and what pop there is, is flat.


Kate Tellers

Musical Director Todd Theriault does double duty here as piano accompanist and vocalist and often joins the three other singers, Catharine Duff, Kate Tellers and Ted Hewlett. Theriault is also alone in the spotlight on "I Feel the Earth Move," which he performs like a piano lounge offering complete with overt mugging. Indeed, the entire cast never achieves more than an uneasy fit with the material.

The original creators Rowan Joseph, John Kroner and Jeffrey Martin exhibited a clear sensibility by blending lesser-known numbers with the bigger hits. The creative team deserves particular credit for its sensitive pairing of "So Far Away" and "Home Again." They also did an excellent job linking some of King's earliest hits in a 1960s medley that closes the first act.

These good ideas and this great music, however, still require performers with vocal abilities suited to the genre. Director John F. McDonald Jr. has assembled a cast that would probably have been better suited to traditional Broadway music, or material from the Great American Songbook, than these more contemporary pop classics.


Ted Hewlett.

Ted Hewlett is definitely the weakest link in this "Tapestry." With a light voice and scant stage presence, Hewlett makes little impact on the solo "Where Does Love Go" and his other ensemble work.

Tellers is a disappointment, too, on "It's Too Late" and "Jazzman," where she is not helped at all by Keith Papa's inexplicably disconnected saxophone play. Tellers redeems herself in the second act, though, with a terrific take on "You Make Me Feel Like A Natural Woman," proving that Aretha Franklin may not own this song after all.

The evening's one standout is Catharine Duff who gets closest to conveying this show's real potential on "Up on the Roof" and "It's Gonna Take Some Time." Duff also has a winning presence that adds much needed appeal to her collaborations with Tellers and Theriault.

("Tapestry: A Tribute to Carole King" will be performed through June 21 at Raffael's on Enterprise Drive in North Quincy. For tickets, call Raffael's directly at 617/328-1600.)

Classes

SUMMER ART ADVENTURE WEEKS at the Fuller Museum of Art from July 9 - August 18. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Classes are available for children ages 5 and up. Some class choices are ceramics, Native American crafts, drawing and painting, paper crafts, art of the Aztecs, Mosaics and portraiture. To receive a brochure please call 508-588-6000 ext. 125.

INSYNC DANCE COMPANY located at 5 Thacher Street in Milton, is holding open registration for Summerdance 2001. This summer program includes clinics for all ages including preschool through high school. Summerdance fees range from $25 - $99. For more information on specific classes, dates and times please call 617-696-9331

DOG TRAINING CLASSES are being offered at the Cohasset Recreation Center on the Cohasset Common - sponsored by the New England Humane Association. "Good manners for beginners" is $90 for a 5-week session and starts June 25 at 7 p.m. Also "Obedience with Distractions" at 6 p.m. For more information call 781-878-4343.

CYSTAL/REIKI, TAROT AND ASTROLOGY CLASSES are offered Mon., Tues. and Thurs. These daytime summer classes are offered from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and the cost is $20 per session. Held at Health and Healing Arts. For more information or to register call

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Park is practically perfect

Forum participants want World's End to stay the same

By Mary Ford
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Some watch birds, others study wildflowers. Some hike and others just want to get away from it all.

But visitors to World's End in Hingham all share a common vision – they want the peninsula to stay just the way it is.

However, leaving the 251-acre property that is owned by the non-profit Trustees of Reservations alone is not an option. The wide tree-lined causeways, large meadows and panoramic ocean views from nearly every corner of the site are there because the land is "managed."

"We are all here to make sure we have a wonderful place 50 years from now."
— Nick Noon of Cohasset

Without careful handling — the land, which served as a private farm owned by the late John R. Brewer and his descendants for many years — would return to forest. For example, problematic reeds known as phragmites and other unwelcome plant growth would crowd out native plants and therefore, reduce the diversity of birds that nest there.

About 45 enthusiasts, including many from Cohasset, packed one of the upstairs hearing rooms at Hingham Town Hall last week to contribute to the "fact-finding" phase of a management plan.

"The common thread is that we all want to see World's End preserved," said Nick Noon of Cohasset, who is chairman of the planning team. "We are all here to make sure we have a wonderful place 50 years from now."

The planning team hosted the public

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
Jane Murphy and Kelly and Tommy Carey stroll through World's End with dog Bailey who is setting the pace.

MBTA: Greenbush cost not soaring

By Rick Collins
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MBTA officials say a recent report chronicling the spiraling cost of building the Greenbush commuter rail line is false and that the line can still be constructed for its $408 million estimate.

"From our perspective, the report is baseless," Executive Office of Transportation and Construction spokesman John Carlisle said referring to a Boston Globe article that reported the cost of the rail line ballooning as high as $600 million.

The article cited unnamed sources within the MBTA as saying the cost had gone up at least $50 million, and possibly as high as $200 million. With debt service factored in, the total cost could reach as high as $1 billion.

"I like to tell people that the cost of the project is now somewhere between $408 million and the sky."
— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

However, Carlisle said the MBTA last year hired MK Centennial, a nation-wide consulting firm, to give a cost estimate "warts and all." The result was the $408 billion number, which Carlisle said is actually the "high end" of the cost estimates, and includes mitigation costs to the five towns affected by Greenbush.

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Officials to look at runway lawsuit

By Rick Collins
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Former state senator William Golden slammed Massport's environmental impact report on the proposed new Logan Airport runway, calling it "fraudulent" and filled with "outright lies," and suggested launching a lawsuit to force the state to review the matter.

In a presentation to Cohasset selectmen Tuesday, Golden — a Cohasset native and Braintree attorney who successfully sued to force the Boston Harbor cleanup — argued Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand succumbed to political pressure and "rubber-stamped" approval of the report.

But Massport says the report "validates more than six years of review, analysis and public comment on the runway," calling it a "very progressive document," according to Jose Juves, spokesman for the agency.

Golden, who is leading the fight against the runway on the behalf of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Winthop, Somerville and Everett, has filed a 375-rebuttal to the impact report with Secretary Durand's office.

"The state should not be allowed to do this to its own people."
— Selectman Michael Sullivan

The rebuttal lists a number of instances where he claims Massport's data is either inaccurate or missing. Golden pointed out one example where a Massport map showing the flight path of Hull is drastically different than the actual flight tower radar paths.

He also said the data used to calculate the amount of planes using the new runway is old and that the

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Pratt calls for disciplinary action against Haddad

Town manager denies allegations

By Rick Collins and Mary Ford
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Peter Pratt asked selectmen to hold a disciplinary hearing over Town Manager Mark Haddad's alleged behavior toward the Planning Board member after he questioned Haddad's authority to conduct an informal meeting with other officials last week.

Pratt appeared in Haddad's office Thursday after reading a Cohasset Mariner story about a meeting with Haddad, other town officials and developers from Avalon Bay Properties to discuss a proposed 250-unit apartment complex at the former Norfolk Conveyor site off Rte 3A.

Pratt, who was elected to the planning board in April and did not know about the Avalon meeting beforehand, said he "forcefully" questioned Haddad during an impromptu visit to the selectmen's office.

Then, according to Pratt, Haddad "exploded" and became "threatening and intimidating" toward him.

"He was yelling in a violent manner from 10 to 40 seconds," Pratt said, adding Haddad "exhibited assaultive behavior."

Haddad, on advice from his personal attorney, said he could not comment on the accusations except to say, "the complaint does not warrant a response."

Pratt, who admits raising his voice saying he would "not tolerate being treated like this," said Haddad apologized at the end of the alleged altercation and extended his hand, which Pratt shook.

"It is our intent to keep you and the town manager separate from each other."
— Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed

Nevertheless, in a letter sent to Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed, Pratt asked that the board conduct a formal investigation into the alleged incident and immediately suspend Haddad pending the outcome of the disciplinary hearing.

In a response to Pratt dated June 20, Koed said the board would conduct a preliminary investigation of the validity of his allegations. He said the board would retain an independent investigator to look into the complaint. Koed further stated Haddad denied Pratt's allegations and reported that Pratt was abusive to him.

Koed asked both Pratt and Haddad not to initiate any contact with one another during the investigation.

"It is our intent to keep you and the town manager separate from each other," Koed stated. He asked that if Pratt had any issues needing the attention of selectmen he contact the chairman.

Haddad had acknowledged that the June 13 meeting included himself, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, Town Planner Liz Harrington, Police Chief Brian Noonan, Jim Lagrotteria and Wayne Sawchuk of the town Senior Housing Committee, Building Inspector Robert Egan and Selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Michael Sullivan. He further said the meeting was at the request of Avalon Bay Properties.

"Avalon Bay contacted me directly as the Chief Administrative Officer of the town, asking to set up a meeting," Haddad recalled.

He called the meeting an "outreach to the town" by the developers and said no official action was taken. The meeting did not include a quorum of any board and therefore was not in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

"It was just for some question and answering," Haddad said.

Because the project would be built using a comprehensive permit,

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Festival succeeds despite weather

By Rick Collins
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Despite extreme weather on different ends of the spectrum, the 46th annual South Shore Arts Festival was a roaring success.

Scorching temperatures and sunny skies on Friday and Saturday gave way to the drenching rains of fading tropical storm Allison on Sunday, but festival goers were still able to admire more than 300 works of art, and visit with dozens of crafters.

"We were very, very happy with our turnout and all the art work."
— Monica McKenney, art center

"It really went well. We were very, very happy with our turnout and all the art work," said arts center spokesman Monica McKinney. "We could have done without the rain though."

More than an inch of rain fell on Cohasset Sunday afternoon, forcing the exhibitors under the festival's half-dozen tents. But still the people came.

"We had people coming right through until 6 p.m.," she said. "When we realized the heavens

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Michael Livingstone of Cohasset paints a flag that Betsy Ross would have been proud of in the Kids Activity Tent at the Festival on the Common. For more photos, see page 12.

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AdCom questions transfer requests

Will meet tonight

By Rick Collins
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The Advisory Committee sent back to selectmen two reserve fund transfer requests, which would provide money for the senior housing committee to conduct a feasibility study of two town-owned parcels of land and pay for an audit of the Sewer Commission.

Advisory Committee chairman Maureen Jerz said the group asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to explain what the money would be used for and what the town hopes to accomplish.

Haddad said the requestsfor more information were not interpreted in a negative way, but were part of the checks and balances system within town government.

"They just want to make sure the town's dollars are spent properly," he said.

"They just want to make sure the town's dollars are spent properly."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

A question arose over how much the town was asking to give to the senior housing committee. Haddad asked for $5,000, however, the committee pointed to a Mariner article that said the senior housing committee only asked for $3,000 when it appeared before selectmen last month.

Haddad called the $5,000 request a "mistake" and that the correct amount is $3,000.

Jerz said the Advisory Committee also wants the town to better explain "what the money will buy us, what are we going to get for our money."

The senior housing committee is looking to construct affordable housing units for seniors on town-owned parcels of land; one off Route 3A near Stop & Shop, and the other off Pleasant Street. Senior Housing Committee Chairman Jim Lagrotteria said the money will be used to hire an engineer to determine the feasibility of building there.

In October, selectmen told the Sewer Commission that it would be audited, in light of the $1 million overrun of the town sewer construction project.

Jerz said the committee wants to know what the selectmen expect to get from the audit and its potential usefulness in the future.

Haddad is scheduled to meet with the committee tonight (June 21), and doesn't believe there will be any further issues.

"We expect the committee to talk about it and say everything's fine," he said.

Haddad explained the only way to pay for something that is not included in the town budget is to either go back to Town Meeting or ask the Advisory Committee for permission to take the money out of the reserve fund — which is like a "rainy day" account.

The Advisory Committee then decides whether the request is urgent enough to call for a reserve fund transfer, or should wait for Town Meeting approval.

This week in COHASSET

Committee resignations

Joe Buckley handed in his resignation from the Senior Housing Committee, due to time restraints.

Also, Jim Shipsky has resigned from the Growth & Development Committee. Selectmen voted to replace Shipsky's spot on the committee with a second member of the Planning Board.

MBTA liaison

Selectmen named Thomas Gruber as the board's official liaison to the MBTA, to deal with issues involving Greenbush. Gruber is a four-year member of the Mitigation Committee and, according to the board, was very valuable during the recent mitigation negotiations between the board and MBTA.

Gruber will remain chairman of the Mitigation Committee.

Pay-As-You-Throw

Selectmen Merle Brown said the bags for the upcoming Pay-As-You-Throw trash program are in and available in Town Hall and stores around town. The bags are sold for $1, and are the only type of bags that will be accepted at the Recycling Transfer Facility starting July 1, except for bread bags filled with garbage.

Brown, also a Recycling Committee member, said as of July 1, any town resident without a facility sticker and an official PAYT bag, will not be allowed to dump his or her trash.

Meeting with Bellotti

Norfolk County Sheriff Michael Bellotti appeared before Selectmen Tuesday to update the board on its ongoing outreach program to the county's seniors.

Seniors are able to buy outdoor porch lights that they can make blink in case of an emergency, the R-U-OK safety reassurance daily call, more visible house numbering, and a Life File containing a senior's medical history that hangs on the refrigerator in case of an emergency.

"Merle do you have all this stuff?" Town Manager Mark Haddad jokingly asked Selectmen Merle Brown.

Bellotti complimented town Police Chief Brian Noonan and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln on their help dealing with senior issues. "They are very progressive," he said. "They know their job is more than just answering the bell."

He also thanked Council of Elder Affairs director Kathy Bryanton for her involvement.

Mercury poses health threats

The Massachusetts Interagency Mercury Task Force is beginning a statewide public awareness campaign to deliver a message to residents – mercury is toxic and must be handled carefully.

"Without the facts, it is easy to mishandle mercury," a recent letter to local communities from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) states. "Exposure to mercury can be harmful to your health."

Mercury is harmful to developing fetuses and children and can damage wildlife, including birds and fish.

More than 40 percent of the Commonwealth's lakes and ponds that have been tested contain fish with unsafe levels of mercury. These fish pose health threats to humans when they are eaten.

According to the EOEA, mercury must be removed from the solid waste stream so it does not continue to be released into the environment.

Further information about mercury and its safe disposal is available by calling the toll-free mercury hotline, 1-866-9MERCURY.

Water restrictions for North Cohasset

Based upon the extremely dry period in late April and may and the continued high water demands, the Massachusetts-American Water Company, which serves 600 customers in North Cohasset, is advising its customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset to continue to use water wisely and efficiently during this upcoming summer season and is implementing mandatory odd-even outside watering restrictions. Outside water use is now limited to between 5 and 9 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. on an odd/even schedule consistent with street address number.

Eileen Commane, Operations Manager for the Company said "Recent rainfall has helped curb demand but the 30 plus days of little or no rainfall in late April and May has caused water demands to remain higher than normal. As such, it is especially important that customers use water as efficiently as possible and manage outside water use consistent with the mandatory odd/even schedule.

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Deer Hill celebrates start of school building project

By Rick Collins
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The Deer Hill School kicked off its last week of the school year by celebrating the start of the school's renovation.

On Monday, the school's fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders assembled on the front lawn to cheer on the groundbreaking of the project — after first learning what a groundbreaking ceremony is.

"Thank you!"
— Deer Hill students



From left, Osborne Ingram (who served on the original building committee when Deer Hill was built), current building committee members Denise Parker, Kathy Guinee, Scott Collins, Donna O'Donnell, Rob Spofford, David Chase, Adrienne MacCarthy and on the far right, original building committee member Richard Sullivan hold ceremonial shovels.

The Deer Hill school band and chorus kicked the ceremony off by joining together for a rendition of "America." Former principal Ken Ekberg reminded the students in attendance that there is a time capsule buried by the flagpole and that it needs to be opened in 2176.

Also in attendance were former school building committee members Osborne Ingram and Arthur Sullivan.

Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey talked about the "3 C's" of the project: the culmination of two years of planning and hard work, the commencement of the project, and the cooperation needed to live in an evolving school building for the next two years.

"I have no doubt that everyone will pull together, and we'll be back here in two to three years to dedicate the new building," he said.

Off to the Malvey's left, screened fencing blocked the students view of the work already begun on the school property. Contractors for BSC Construction have started scraping away the topsoil and pavement to mark out where the building's expansion will be.

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed, who attended the Deer Hill when he moved to Cohasset 40 years ago, said the new school will give the students a place to become the future of the country.

School Committee Chairman Stephanie Noble honored fellow school committee member Mark DeGiacomo, and School Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford for being the impetus behind the project.

"They've worked harder than you can imagine," she said to the students. "Remember a time when you've really, really wanted something? Well these gentlemen really, really wanted new schools for you, and you should give them a huge thank you."

"Thank you!" responded the students.

Along with the middle/high school, the Deer Hill will undergo a complete renovation and expansion as part of a $41 million school improvement project.



From left, current principal Paul Callahan, former principal Ken Ekberg, Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed, building committee chairman Rob Spofford, school committee chairman Stephanie Noble and Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey at the Deer Hill groundbreaking ceremony.

Youth counterfeiting is on the rise, federal agent says

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The U.S. Secret Service agent assisting local police with a youth counterfeiting investigation, says Cohasset is not alone in experiencing crimes of this sort.

"Throughout Massachusetts, we see a lot of juveniles do this," said Special Agent George Hartford of the Boston office. "We have a case up in North Hampton involving 11 juveniles and one adult."

Police said upwards of 15 Cohasset juveniles — meaning they are under 17 years of age — have been interviewed since two Cohasset teenagers were arrested earlier this month; one after allegedly asking another boy to exchange counterfeit $20s for real money at Shaw's and the other for allegedly printing the phony money. All the interviews were conducted in the presence of one or both of their parents, some of whom brought attorneys, Cohasset Det. Rick Grassie said.

More than $700 in counterfeit money in the Cohasset case was manufactured, but far less was "uttered" or passed and most of that has been recovered, Grassie said.

Hartford said the teenagers apparently started out with what they thought was a cool idea and didn't understand the severity of what they were doing.

"They do now, without a doubt," he said.

"Periodically parents should take a look a the computer files and see what's going on."
— Special Agent George Hartford

The two Cohasset teenagers have been arraigned on counterfeiting charges at Quincy District Court. Another Cohasset juvenile and a boy from Pembroke were summonsed and will appear in court June 28. Police, who make seek a summons for another Cohasset juvenile, seized a computer and printer from the home of one of the Cohasset youths and another from the Pembroke boy's home. Another computer was confiscated and returned after the image was deleted, Hartford said. That computer had not been used to produce any bills. When someone is summonsed, they are notified in the mail on when to appear in court and what the charges are.

Grassie said the word "got around" after one of those involved found out he could spend the money. "Others heard about it and asked for some," he said.

Hartford said parents need to pay attention to what their children are doing on the computer.

"Periodically they should take a look at the computer files and see what's going on, " he said. "In all probability, this is the last thing the parents thought." He said, however, those teenagers involved were old enough to know better.

Grassie said the next step is to see what happens in the court proceedings. He said those involved will be required to make restitution to the stores that received the counterfeit money.

"They were out the product sold, the currency passed and the change," Grassie said.

Seatbelt bill doesn't pass muster

By Rick Collins
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A motion to reconsider the tie vote on primary enforcement of the seatbelt law was defeated Wednesday, effectively killing the bill until the next legislative session.

On May 29, the House tied 76-76 on a bill that would have given police power to pull over motorists not wearing their seatbelts and issue a $25 ticket.

Public Safety Committee Chairman Timothy Toomey, D-Cambridge, who had asked the House to reconsider their vote, tried to withdraw his motion Wednesday when it became obvious the bill's supporters didn't have the votes.

However, Majority Whip Sal DiMasi, D-Boston, at the gavel in place of House Speaker Thomas Finneran, said under House rules he wasn't able to withdraw his motion, and it was defeated on a voice-vote.

The bill is essentially dead, unless revived by a unanimous vote in the House.

According to state Rep. Garrett Bradley, a supporter of the bill, he thought proponents had the votes to force a reconsideration last week.

"But a lot of people in favor of the bill felt it had been fully and fairly debated, and there wasn't a need or there was nothing new that would necessitate reconsideration," he said.

Seatbelts have been required under state law since 1994. Currently, not buckling up is subject to secondary enforcement, meaning the officer can cite a motorist for not using a seatbelt only if he or she is stopped for something else. A police officer can only use primary enforcement to stop a vehicle for a seatbelt infraction if a child, age 12 or under, is not wearing a seatbelt.

The bill passed by a voice-vote in the Senate.

Bill supporters argued that primary enforcement would result in a 15 percent increase in seat belt usage, 39 fewer deaths and 3,000 less injuries suffered in Massachusetts car accidents a year. They also said taxpayers could save up to $154 million a year in medical costs accrued by people in car accidents with minimal or no medical insurance. The money to treat those people comes from a hospital's taxpayer-funded uncompensated care pool.

Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley (D – Hingham) will hold district office hours this Friday, June 22, in Hull. He will be available at the William E. McTighe Manor, 6 Atlantic House Road from 3:30-4:30 p.m.. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, please call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Beechwood St. cleaning, lining to begin soon

By the end of June, the Water Commission, through its contract with the Biszco Company, will begin cleaning and lining the water main under Beechwood Street (from King Street to Riverview Drive), which will initiate Phase A-1 of their long-range distribution system capital improvement program. The Beechwood Street project is expected to take until approximately Aug. 15 to complete.

The Water Commission will then clean and line Elm Street and Summer Street, from approximately Aug. 25 to Sept. 7, replace 900 inches of undersized 6-inch pipe on Border Street with 8-inch ductile iron pipe around Sept. 14 to 20, and then replace undersized 6-inch pipe on Rustic Drive with 8-inch ductile iron pipe approximately Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. All dates are subject to change.

A total of 20 fire hydrants have been replaced in a project that began in January and concluded recently. One of the oldest fire hydrants, on Highland Avenue was replaced May 11.

Get your beach and RTF stickers

The Board of Selectmen has extended the expiration date of the beach and RTF permits until June 30. Beach and RTF permits will be on sale starting June 4, during normal business hours at the Town Hall and at the DPW garage for the next fiscal year.

Starting July 1, the Pay-As-You-throw Program will start. An "all facilities" sticker will be $50 and an additional second sticker for $20. This sticker will allow access to the RTF, as well as, include parking at all areas in town that require a sticker.

Residents who do not utilize the RTF can purchase a beach sticker for $7 and the cost for a senior over 60 is $3. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at various locations throughout the town.

You may purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

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Lots of college news and family fun to talk about

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

SCHOOL ENDS

Hello Cohasset! I cannot believe that it is finally the last week of school. I for one am very excited for the summer but also very sad that this year is ending. We have had a wonderful year with all the teachers and new friends that have been made that the end always seems bittersweet. Yes, the fact that my youngest is going into first grade also has me a little (ok, a lot!) teary at the thought of him growing up to this stage. I am going to enjoy all of them so much this summer and hope that it doesn't go by as fast as this school year did.

FOND FAREWELL

I would also like to say good-bye to **Mrs. Marilee Cantelmo**, principal of the Joseph Osgood School. Marilee is leaving and moving on to some new ventures and I want to thank her for all of her hard work and time that has been put into the Osgood School! Good Luck in all of your new adventures.

FESTIVAL WINNER

The Festival on the Common was beautiful this year with many wonderful things to see. The art work was amazing on all levels. Congratulations to all who took part in this. One young man, **Myles Garbarini,** took a first place prize in the kindergarten through third-grade level. Myles just finished kindergarten at Derby Academy and his painting was wonderful. We know that your family is very proud of you Myles!

ST. ANSELM GRAD

There is a lot of school news to report this week. I will start with Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. **Eva L. Humphreys** graduated with a bachelor of arts in criminal justice. Eva is the daughter of **Charles Humphreys** and are both Cohasset residents. Eva was named to the dean's list for the second semester as well. Great Job.

WITH HONORS

Bronwen M. Daley of Cohasset graduated with honors from the College of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Amherst on May 27. Bronwen spent her sophomore year in Granada, Spain, which led to a minor concentration in Spanish. Her area of specialization is pediatric oncology. Her extremely proud parents are **Charles** and **Mary-Lynda Daley.** What great accomplishments!

FAMILY CELEBRATION

I heard from **Jenny (Fox) Markulec** that **Bill and Gert Fox** came to Cohasset this past weekend with eight of their 10 children and 13 of their 19 grandchildren to enjoy the festivities and celebrate the baptism of **Petriani Amelia Fox**, daughter of **James Fox** and **Matoula Karagiannis**, of Los Angeles, Calif.. All of his children wanted to make sure that Dad Fox had a wonderful Father's Day with all. We are sure that you did. I hope that you were all able to see many familiar faces while you enjoyed each other last weekend.

SPECIAL BU GRADUATION

Boston University's Metropolitan College held its spring commencement exercises on Sunday afternoon, May 20. Included among the 119 students who received degrees were **Denise Louise Dunphy** and **Michael Joseph Dunfy**, son and daughter of **Mr. Arthur L. Dunphy**, formerly of Sohier Street and now of Scituate. Denise received a bachelor of science in sociology, while Michael, received a bachelor of arts in English. An amazing note to these accomplishments is that Denise and Michael were the sixth and seventh children of Mr. Dunphy's who have graduated from Boston University. To celebrate this wonderful occasion, the dean invited Mr. Dunphy to personally present his children with their diplomas. A beautiful end to a wonderful college experience for all. Congratulations.

AWARD WINNER

Some news came my way from Maine from **Bruce and Georgine Butman**. **Amelia** won the Nicholas Green Foundation Scholarship Award recently. This $500 Savings Bond is awarded to one student from each state. Amelia was nominated from her teachers and the community by showing leadership and community service and has impacted those around her greatly. This award will be presented to her by the Maine Educators Gifted and Talented at the National Association for Gifted Children in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Nicholas Green family. Nicholas was the young boy killed in Italy some time ago. What a huge honor Amelia! Congratulations from all back here in Cohasset. Amelia's accomplishments have been many since moving to Maine. She was the only sixth-grader who received high honors in all subjects and is doing beautifully in Girl Scouts, music and more. Keep up all the great work.

BROWN GRADUATE

Shelley Mcmillan Vanderweil, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Vanderweil** of Cohasset received a bachelor of science degree from Brown University in Providence, RI. Shelley earned her degree in engineering. Good Job.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Frank Wheelwright of Cohasset recently graduated from Stonehill College, magna cum laude. Fantastic Frank!

THAYER GRADUATES

Thayer Academy had two Cohasset ladies to let us know about. **Brooke Baker** and **Lauren Smith** graduated from Thayer recently and Lauren received the Gilbert A. Booth Award. Brooke is planning on attending the Univ. of Vermont and Lauren is going to Colby College.

Congratulations to both!

DEAN'S LIST

Bryant College of Smithfield, R.I. had two students also for us to mention. **Todd M. Bestick**, a junior finance major, and **Lauren N. Dooley**, a senior management major, were both named to the spring semester dean's list. A lot of hard work went into this, congratulations.

HONOR ROLL

Philips Academy of Andover, Mass. also sent some news about two of their students. **Kara Gaughen**, daughter of **Robert and Margaret Gaughen**, and **Alanna Hughes**, formerly of Cohasset and now, living in Andover and daughter of **Lauren Souza** of Andover and **Bruce Hughes** of Beverly Farms, Mass. were named to the Honor Roll. Great work, girls.

DUFFY NEWS

Rosemary and Dan Duffy of Cohasset wanted to do a little bragging on their two children and rightfully so. **Kevin Frederick Duffy** recently graduated from Coast Guard Academy and is now in Oakland, Calif. Kevin's sister **Maura** is at Northeastern and made the dean's list all three quarters. This was wonderful to hear and we know how proud you both are of these two. Congratulations.

HIGHEST HONORS

Sarah Nohe, daughter of **Olga and Brian Nohe** of Whitney Woods Lane recently earned highest honors for the spring semester at Skidmore College. Sarah was also awarded the Adirondak Trust Award by David Miller, Gallery Director of the Tang Museum. Her winning entry was among 172 works of art submitted. Sarah is a studio arts and anthropology double major. Great Job on all achievements, Sarah.

That is all for this week. Please send in all news, events and other great information to me no later than Mondays at noon. If I get the news after this, it will appear in the following week's column.

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All photos can be dropped off at Cohasset News downtown or scanned to myself or Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com Have a great week.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Megan Terry and Tucker Hansen

Terry — Hansen

Mr. and Mrs. David Y. Terry of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter Megan of Cohasset and Chicago, Ill., to Tucker L. Hansen of Cohasset and Chicago, Ill.

The bride-to-be is an occupational therapy practitioner in Chicago and a graduate of Cohasset High School and Syracuse University..

Her fiance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Hansen of Cohasset, is a graduate of Belmont Hill School and Dennison University. He is employed as city manager for CityNet Telecommunication in Chicago.

A September 2001 wedding is planned.

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IMPORTANT ACCESSORIES & SPECIAL INTEREST: A rare pair of late 18th C. brass ball top andirons, stamped John Molineux, Boston, 16" high; A fine Nantucket Lightship basket labeled A.J. Sandsbury; Large 18th century Chippendale mirror with Phoenix; Approximately sixty pieces of Rose Medallion/Famille including vases, platters, tea pots, serving pieces, plates, etc; Four socket bronze lamp with stylized base (attributed to Handel); Good selection of hooked rugs including Rabbit & Floral, Cape Cod hunt, floral, geometric, etc; Shaker Flax Wheel, Shaker Sabbath Day Lake sewing handle sewing box; 1867 Pennsylvania cover-slide signed Henry Probst; A good selection of Staffordshire blue and white porcelain; Art pottery; partial Doulton Madras dinner service; clocks including Norris-North; Ansonia & New Haven; blue decorated stoneware including incised rooster example; yellowware; lanterns; Phoenix-ware; Sandwich oil lamps; tinware; country primitives in paint; ironstone; baskets; Estate books; collectable glass & china; Ephemera, etc; far too much to list.
FINE ART: Important Maynard Dixon "Rainbow Ridge" oil on artist board signed in lower left, also inscription on verso "Opal Mine, Virgin Valley Nevada August 1927" with original 728 Montgomery St., San Francisco label, 10" x 14"; 19th C. unsigned male ancestral portrait, oil on canvas, 30" x 24"; A. Eisenstadt original photograph; also many 19th & 20th C. prints and engravings.
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'Teens' share memories 60 years later

Class of 1941 holds reunion

By Amanda E. Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

While Adolf Hitler and his troops marched across Europe — 25 teenagers from a small Massachusetts town were crossing an auditorium stage to receive their diplomas.

Then, it was off to college, nursing or secretarial school, or war for the members of the Cohasset High School Class of 1941.

But no matter where the graduates went after that graduation night, they would meet again 60 years later.

Though only eight of the graduates attended the class's 60th reunion at PJ's Country House in Scituate last Friday — all the classmates were there, in photographs, letters and memories.

Eileen (Mitchell) Sargent, who said she was the youngest and shortest of the eight girls in the class, organized the reunion, with a little help from her high school sweetheart and husband, Stewart. The Sargents, who now live in New Hampshire, began dating during their senior year at Cohasset and married a few years later.

Class president Joseph Perroncello, of Cohasset, said he and his buddies knew exactly how to get Stewart fired up back then.

"Stewart and Eileen, our two lovebirds," Perroncello recalled. "Every once in awhile, to get Stewart mad, we would make eyes at Eileen and all hell would break loose."

Eileen and class treasurer Edwin Pratt each brought their yearbook, a soft-cover green book, which was then called "The Piper." Though it is not nearly as big as the yearbooks nowadays, it displays the same sorts of pictures, including snapshots of underclassmen, clubs, sports teams, faculty and, of course, the graduating class.

Though there were only eight girls in the class, Eileen said a fair number played on the school's sports teams. Eileen, who was the captain of the girls' basketball team, said the team played on the third floor of the school, which was on Elm Street, and recalled going to Hull for games.

Even in 1941, high school seniors were causing trouble.

Stewart remembered a day when "we were raising hell in the senior class room. One of the boys, who isn't with us anymore, started out the door and I picked up a chalkboard eraser and threw it at him. It hit him and bounced up into the master clock. It rang all the bells and broke the tape."

Stewart had to stay after school for two weeks and fix the broken clock.

Perroncello, chuckling, said of the class, "It was a fun group."

Because of the alphabetical listing of their names, Perroncello said, he, Pratt and Robert Pape were seated next to each other.

"There were three of us who sat together, Perroncello, Pratt and Pape," he said. "And Pape never got blamed for anything. It was either Perroncello or Pratt. He [Pape] had this very innocent look on his face and he never got blamed for anything! I never let him forget that!"

For their class trip, the high school seniors traveled to New York City on the Eastern Steamship Line. Eileen said that was the last year the boat, which sailed through the Cape Cod Canal, ran. The classmates slept on the boat at night and spent the day sightseeing in the city.

When they weren't raising hell in school, playing sports or sightseeing in the Big Apple, the graduates said they did the same stuff teenagers do now on the weekends and after school. They said they went to the movies and ran around town, too.

Clifford Dickson, who still lives in Cohasset, spoke of a big difference between being a teenager then and being one now. The Class of 1941 grew up during the Great Depression.

"Money was hard to come by in Cohasset in the 1930s," he said.

Dickson said he, along with other teenagers at the time, worked after school and on the weekends.

Though there were 26 students, eight girls and 18 boys, in the class, not all made it to the graduation ceremony.

Dickson left school in April of 1941 because his uncle needed an engineer on a boat he was captaining.

"They still graduated me," he said. "I had to go back and take my exams, though."

Dickson joined both the Coast Guard and Navy and served in World War II, like several of his male classmates.

Though they graduated before the United States officially entered the war in December 1941, a number of them enlisted in the service after they finished high school. Perroncello and Milton Kerr were stationed in London, England, together.

Other classmates attending included George Haley, of Cohasset, and Virginia (Wheelwright) Bland.

Those who could not attend the reunion were class vice president George Mulhern, secretary Mary (Figueredo) Maree, Pauline (Blakeman) Henn, Nicholas DeVito, Augustine Mello, Daniel Sullivan, Jean (Wheelwright) Burris and Frances Mulvey.

The Class of 1941 would like to remember those classmates who have since passed away: Belmira Barrow, Jane Donovan, Arthur Goodwin, Ralph Keegan, Thorndike Litchfield, Rita (Lyons) Tower, Robert Pape, Richard Thompson and Phillip Whittemore.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Members of the CHS Class of 1941 at PJ's in Scituate included, (front row) Virginia Wheelwright Bland, Joseph Perroncello, Elleen Sargent; (back row) Stewart Sargent, Cliff Dickson, George Haley, Edwin Pratt and Milton Kerr.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Big enough for both

In terms of square footage, Cohasset Town Hall is not the largest of places. Hingham's "headquarters" for example, is palatial when compared to little Cohasset's.

But despite its size, our Town Hall has to be big enough to encompass a range of business matters, board rooms, elected and appointed officials — and personalities.

Two men in particular who serve our town – both at well over six-feet tall – share imposing statures. We know them to both have short fuses. But that is where their similarities end.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, our chief executive officer, and Planning Board member and former selectman Peter Pratt, clash. That reality is coupled with the fact they have fundamental differences about how business in the town should be conducted.

We can speak from the experience gained from covering countless Town Hall meetings over the years where we have seen both men in action. We can honestly tell you they are both competent, intelligent and want the best for Cohasset.

Apparently, that combination of clashing personalities and differences of opinion erupted in a shouting match last week in the selectmen's office. For the record, we weren't there at the time and can only go by what we've heard.

But given their respective temperaments, we're sure there is fault on both sides and last week's "altercation" between the two men may have been inevitable. However, we think it was also unnecessary.

It's clear Mr. Pratt and Mr. Haddad don't like each other and there is no law, saying they have to. But the two men do share the common ground of aspiring for good government. Therefore, both men need to agree to disagree and move on. Surely this "incident" need not have escalated to where it is today.

Town Hall is not the OK Corral and, now that Mr. Pratt is back on an elected board, the place has to be big enough for both him and our Town Manager.

Funny money

The youth counterfeiting investigation should serve as a wake-up call for parents.

We'd all like to believe our children know the difference between right and wrong – but those lines aren't as clearly defined as they were in past generations.

Today, thanks to computers and laser printers, making fake money that looks real is within the technological capability of our youth. One thing apparently led to another in Cohasset and some phony money was passed at local shops.

As U.S. Special Agent George Hartford said, those involved may not have realized the seriousness of their actions.

"They do now, without a doubt," he said.

We hope the issue has prompted family dinner table conversations about why counterfeiting is against the law. Simply put, it's stealing.

Also, as wonderful as computers are, they are also dangerous. Parents should pay close attention to what their children are doing there.

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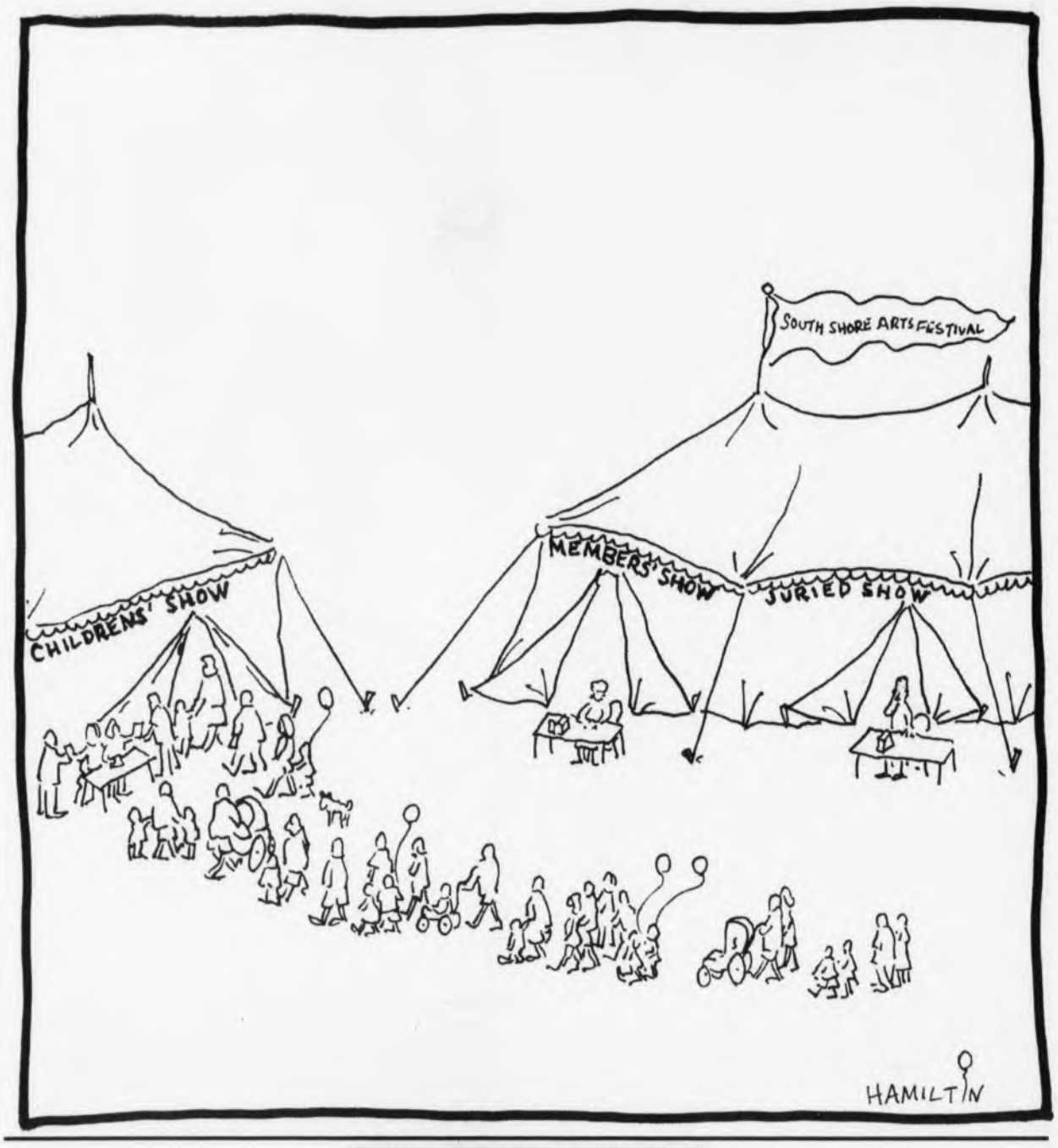
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sandy beach barrels painted

TO THE EDITOR

The Sandy Beach trustees want to let everyone know how grateful they are to Bill Cavanaro at Cohasset Collision. The barrels at the beach were painted in record time as a donation to the beach. Half the barrels are new, part of many expenses at the beach at this time of year.

Most people are really not aware that the "beach stickers" sold by the town provide no money for the operation of the beach. That is why your donations are so important. The town maintains the parking lot and removes the trash. There had been some concerns last year about odors at the beach. All can be assured that there is no problem at the bathhouse. This year there are even four new toilets. New signs are being painted as part of the general maintenance.

The beach has been a wonderful respite during these early hot summer days. How lucky we are to have it!

Patricia Murphy
27 Highland Ave.

Patricia Murphy is a Trustee of the Sandy Beach Association.

Cohasset High School Alumni Association

As an outgrowth of the Golden Anniversary Celebration, organizers are delighted to announce the formation of the Cohasset High School Alumni Association. They are looking for graduates interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Alumni from all generations are needed to help develop an association which will support Cohasset High School and all its traditions.

Please send in your name and telephone number to Cohasset Alumni Association, c/o Cohasset Middle/High School, 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA 02025

COHASSET CARES

No sticker, no RTF

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

No Pay-As-You-Throw bag, no trash disposal.

OK. Let's not get hot under the collar. Let's back up a bit and explain. It's not as bad or as hard as you might think. After being on closed-circuit TV the other night and hearing Merle painstakingly explain the whole PAYT process for an hour and a half, and after handling some live phone calls during the program, I think we can clarify things here for you.

First of all, let's take a tour of the RTF to refamiliarize ourselves with the establishment, moving counter-clockwise, from right to left, the normal sequence, in preparation for PAYT on July 1.

As we enter, first of all, the boutique on the right. No junk here, please! Our employees have more than enough to do. Decent reusables. We've all obtained treasures here. It's a sensible community exchange in the Yankee tradition. Broken TV's do not go in the boutique! Nor broken computers. Non-working TV's and computers go in the next building on the right along with fluorescent lights and batteries [all four of these items contain hazardous materials which must be removed]. Engine oil and filters go here also.

Next is the paint shed, only open usually the last Saturday of the month, for oil base paint only. The DEP says to dry out latex paint, use kitty litter if you have a sizeable amount, and then dispose in the trash. Hazardous wastes like solvents are only collected at special times when a DEP representative is present. Or you can take hazardous waste to Clean Harbors, Hingham 1-800-444-4244.

Next, the green dumpster w/roof, for used 8-1/2 x 11 office paper. This is worth quite a bit of money! Please try to get it to us! If you put this type of paper anyplace else, we all pay to have it hauled off, whereas the town could be making money. Thanks.

Next the open dumpster for tin cans and coat hangers [coat hangers are best returned to the cleaner's — they welcome them].

Next the corrugated and plastic building. Brown bags go in corrugated along with such as cereal boxes [after waxed liners removed] and any other cardboard not waxed[waxed cardboard goes in junk mail]. Naturally it's a big help if you flatten the cardboard and insert the smaller items into the larger! No styrofoam! Foam packing peanuts can be brought to Thompson's Business Services, Front Street, Scituate Harbor, just a bit north of the theater. [They cost $25. for a 30-gal. bag, that's why they're glad to get them back.] Please check your cardboard boxes for foam or plastic before flattening. Then rinsed and flattened milk jugs, rinsed colored plastic [i.e. detergent containers], then rinsed clear plastic. Note in front here the barrel for plastic shopping bags. The Recycling Committee hope to have reusable cotton shopping bags with our "Cohasset Agrees To Recycle Everything" logo available soon and as inexpensively as possible.

Next the newspaper and magazine dumpster. No brown bags, no plastic bags. The story is that you and I earn money if we put our brown bags in the corrugated; we cost the town money if we don't, to have it hauled off.

Left of the newspaper bin is junk mail. Put flattened waxed OJ and waxed milk cartons here, please. No other cardboard here. No brown bags, no plastic bags. Another opportunity to earn money for the town or to lose.

The bottle building. Rinsed clear, green, brown. Please no metal or plastic rings. No ceramics [i.e. coffee mugs]. No broken glass.

Next turning the corner, the clothing bins, Salvation Army and Red Cross. Bagged.

Next, aluminum dumpster. No cans. No coat hangers, which are steel [try to remember to return to cleaners].

Next the Scout building for returnable cans and bottles. Ever thought about volunteering? You see how the returnables pile up. The sorting is not hard and is actually very satisfying. Friends of the RTF!

Now for the big one, the trash container, last stop before brush [down the hill on designated days] and the yard compost. If you've noticed, the big dumpster to the left of the Scout building is actually a truck trailer, one holding 20 tons. You and I fill it up in one day. It costs us $100./ton to have this hauled off, $2,000./day. This is a trash dumpster/trailer that includes garbage. [There are still some black plastic composters available, $15. Organic matter really breaks down fast these warm days!] Cardboard does not go here! We all earn money for Cohasset and lower our taxes

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'The day would change my life'

D-Day vet writes memoirs

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James Gabaree, who landed at D-Day 56 years ago, stands in the yard of his Jerusalem Road home.

"I was 19 years old, and was about to take part in an event that would affect the course of history; defeating those that would enslave humanity and rule the world by force. This day would change my life, if I lived to survive it. My youth would be sacrificed. I would be entering a world of kill, or be killed..."

Those words from James Gabaree's memoirs are the Cohasset resident's recollection of D-Day, the massive Allied invasion of the Nazi-occupied French coast on June 6, 1944.

Gabaree had gone from living on the streets and in foster homes on the South Shore, to an Army Ranger leading the landing at Omaha Beach at Normandy.

"We were the Indian fighters," said Gabaree of the Rangers. "We were like ghosts – we'd take a shot and disappear."

Gabaree didn't go to high school, instead opting to join the Army as soon as he turned 18 in 1943. Not only did he have to land on the beach, and fight his way through a blizzard of smoke, bullets and mortar shells, but he did it with 15 pounds of dynamite strapped to his back.

"I was a bangalor torpedo man," he explained. He would take two metal tubes filled with dynamite, connect them, and blow through the walls of barbed wire the soldiers faced while landing. Hopefully, he'd be able to dive out of the way before the explosion.

On the day after the 56th anniversary of the landing which resulted in more than 10,000 casualties, but ultimately, the defeat of the German Army, Gabaree sat discussing the events of that day in his Jerusalem Road home — as far removed from the beaches of Normandy as possible.

"It was terrible," he said.

"Our immediate objective was to get off the beach alive. We fought our way up the hill to the cover of some hedgerows that were practically impossible to penetrate. Looking down at the incoming forces presented a horrible sight of men being blown to pieces. I lost my religion."

In all reality, Gabaree should not have come back. The fact the Allied forced took Omaha beach is almost miraculous. Bombing runs had failed to knock out the German guns, as planned. As a result, not only did the Nazis have clear shots at the men exiting from the landing craft, but also were able to set up guns to shoot parallel with the beach, taking men down in rows.

"Rommel had fortified it well," Gabaree said of German field general Erwin Rommel.

"The infantry had stopped," he remembered. "If it wasn't for the Rangers, they never would have gotten off the beach."

His battalion's mission was to secure Point Du Hoc, where the Germans had set up their big 155 millimeter guns that could fire on ships eight to 12 miles out to sea.

"If you stopped, you were dead," he said. "Everyone was left to make their own decisions."

Gabaree's group made it the farthest behind enemy lines that first day. When they met at the rendezvous point, only 23 of the 78 members of his battalion at made it, and even those 23 were listed as "missing in action."

The battalion completed its mission, but had lost radio contact with the beach. So six members, including Gabaree, volunteered to make their way from the point back to the beach.

"In the process, I was standing next to my friend in an open space on the cliff, and he was cut in half," Gabaree said. "And then I was wounded."

"The emotional strain of not helping a fallen comrade in order to reach and accomplish your assigned mission would take its toll."

Gabaree was pulled into a ditch, and then abandoned.

"I was left to die really," he said, with no anger. "If you fell, they left you. There wasn't reinforcements to pick you up."

He discovered his left buttock had been blown wide open, and soon realized he had also been shot in the back. Gabaree treated the wounds with the sulfur drugs he was given and began the journey back to the point.

"I would walk for a while, and then crawl," he said.

At one point Gabaree was spotted by a German sniper, and started to crawl towards him to surrender.

"Then I decided I'd rather be dead than captured by a German, and dove into the bushes," he recalled. "I landed in a mint patch and it burned. To this day, whenever I smell mint, I feel the burn."

He eventually came to an open field where a sixth sense told him to turn and shoot.

"I didn't see or hear anything, I just turned and fired," he said. The German missed, but Gabaree didn't.

He stole the dead German's black bread — the first food he had eaten in days — and promptly threw up. That's when the hallucinations started.

"I saw Goofy and Mickey mouse in full color," he said. "I'd pass out for a little while, then wake up, and pass out again. I realized I was in pretty bad shape, and said I'll wait four hours, and then I'll kill myself."

But in the distance he heard a mortar go off.

"Then somebody yelled out 'Son of a bitch!'" Gabaree recalled. "I tried to get their attention, and they dragged me out of the foxhole, and brought me to the beach."

I was alive.

Gabaree recovered enough to be sent back into battle. In the Battle of the Bulge, he was again wounded, this time by either a hand grenade or concussion mine. He shattered his hand, hurt his shoulder, and suffered a full body-blister.

"They curled my hand around a gun, and taped it in place," he said.

He left the Army in 1945, but still feels the affects of his injuries. The slight, bearded man who still looks like he'd fight his way up Black Rock Beach if he needed to, walks with a stiff limp, and has been in chronic pain since the day he was shot overlooking the beach at Normandy.

Despite all that he had seen and done, Gabaree was able to put it out of his mind, and move on.

"Life goes on," he said. "All of life is adjusting. You just have to learn to deal with it."

Gabaree entered the post-war world with two purple hearts and a bronze star, and no high school education. He took a carpentry job, started his own business, worked on a local fire department and then started buying local properties.

He ended up owning 400 apartment units in Quincy, running two state housing partnerships, joining the mortgage game, and founded World Realty Corporation.

Gabaree met his wife, Shirley, on a blind date shortly after leaving the Army.

"I fell in love immediately and proposed a few days later. She changed my life," he said. "It's been a honeymoon for 54 years. I tell her 20 times a day I love her."

He moved to Cohasset 25 years ago, after his three children had left the home, and despite loving the area, is contemplating a move to the North Shore to be closer to his children.

"War is hell. There are no winners in war."

It bothers him that there wasn't much fuss made about the recent anniversary of the landing.

"It bothers me that it just goes by. We changed history out there," he said. "I saw the fortiments, they were getting ready to invade England."

Gabaree saw the 1999 film "Saving Private Ryan," and was dismayed about fellow moviegoers reactions to it. "I was all emotionally charged up," he said. "Everyone else was discussing where to go for dinner."

Gabaree has avoided the standard veteran organizations; he isn't a member of the American Legion Post, or V.F.W. He's never been back to Normandy, and it wasn't until he came across an message in the Internet asking for D-Day veteran experiences that he ever really discussed what happened.

He typed it out, posted the message, and watched in amazement as the responses poured in, including some from those he served with. It prompted Gabaree to sit down and start writing his memoirs for his children, so they can understand what he went through.

As he sat telling his story, the American flag waving in his back yard echoed the words that he had started with:

"I was a patriot then, and I'm a patriot now."

Women's jokes no longer funny

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Did you hear the one about the woman who . . .

No? Well, don't hang by you're thumbs waiting. Humor involving the female gender seems to have been placed on the proscribed list by the people who have been appointed to protect female sensibilities.

The Women's Caucus, taking note of what it deemed to be provocative clothing worn by female pages in the South Carolina Legislature, forced a directive banning low cut blouses and short mini-skirts.

Whereupon, a group calling themselves the Men's Caucus posted a suggestion that the female pages wear shorter skirts and smaller blouses when they carry on their duties among the legislators, both men and women.

Furthermore, the young ladies, mostly coeds from the University of South Carolina, were instructed to ignore further memos from the Women's Caucus.

Everyone laughed at that as good clean fun — at least they would have when I hung around the State House — and everyone went back to raising taxes or whatever else legislators do to make our lives miserable. Right?

Wrong! Before you knew it the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission was mustered into active duty to find the miscreant who wrote and circulated the memo. They were joined in the hunt for the criminal by the State Human Affairs Commission

Pretty soon there were more investigators beating the woods and bars of Columbia, S. C., for the author of the memo than there were hunting the latest escaped triple axe murder.

Even the ladies of the Women's Caucus saw the ridiculousness of it all.

"I would take the investigation as to be done and closed," said Rep. Vida O. Miller before the probe had gotten down to the serious work. "That's basically it."

Nevertheless, it appears that women's jokes have gone the way of the Polish jokes that were so popular 40 or 50 years ago.

Incidentally, in Canada at the time, Polish jokes were told about those who lived in the province of Newfoundland. They called them "Newfie" jokes. But I digress . . .

There's nothing funny about gastrointestinal surgery but Marshfield Library Trustee John Kaczorowski is going through a similar experience, according to the Patriot Ledger.

John became a little too graphic in describing his surgery to Library Director Joanne Ribldi. She said it made her uncomfortable but didn't regard it as harassment. But the Marshfield selectmen did. They want him removed.

He conceded that he made an error in judgment and added he was only explaining why he couldn't do certain jobs.

"There are folks out there who have an overly broad idea of sexual harassment," said Eugenia Guastaferri, an attorney for the MCAD.

Right on!

When I was attending the Copley Square division of Boston University in the early 50s, I also took English courses at BU's College of Practical Arts and Letters, a nearby girls' school, rather than make the long trek to the main campus on Commonwealth Avenue.

My teacher of Shakespeare was one Harold Ogden White, one of whose claims to fame was that he studied under Harvard's sainted "Copey."

One day, after class he took me, the only male in the class, aside and told me one of the raunchiest jokes I ever heard, filled with scatological terms for the female body parts.

"I've been wanting to do that for years," he chuckled.

So what happens during an inspection?

ASSESSMENTS

ELSA MILLER



In order to assist in determining the fair market value of a property, assessors conduct inspections of property throughout every year. We inspect whenever there is a building permit in process. Permits cover such items as new construction, additions and renovations. We also ask for an inspection when the homeowner files for an abatement. During the triennial revaluation, we also inspect all sales and a sampling of other properties. So what happens during an inspection?

An inspection is a walk through of a home by the Deputy Assessor Cheryl Pooler and possibly one or more of the members of the Board of Assessors. The property field card and the records are reviewed for accuracy. Data such as the number of bathrooms, kitchen updates, overall condition, room counts etc., are check to assure that the information is correct. Exterior measurements are checked against the existing sketch on file to verify that they are also correct. External factors such as the view, water frontage, topography and location are reviewed. Sale terms and date are also verified.

Any changes in the data are entered into the assessor's computer database.

Any changes in the data are entered into the assessor's computer database. In a revaluation year the data is processed on the sale and applied to all properties in the neighborhood. Inspections are vital to maintain quality control and accurate assessed values. They are also state mandated. When viewing sales, the assessor can use the information to determine and create the state-required sales analysis. This analysis indicates how much buyers are paying for certain amenities. For instance comparing the price difference of a house with a modern kitchen to a house with an older kitchen provides information about kitchen updates. Similar comparisons are made for water frontage verses water view, and also to what degree different views are reflected in the sales price.

Location is one of the key value indicators. Assessors recently plotted sales on a map of Cohasset. Price ranges are indicated by different colors. The map shows a pattern or a possible neighborhood price factor. Neighborhoods are delineated by demand or price. Neighborhood lines change as buyer's demands change. The revaluation gives us the tools to generate the values to reflect the demands of the typical homebuyer.

A property inspection is a good vehicle for the homeowner to make sure the data used to generate their assessment is correct. Some data can be entered wrong or could be out of date. Inspections can work in the taxpayer's favor. The more data available for analysis, the more accurate the current market conditions can be reflected. Therefore influence that effect assessments are indicated.

Elsa Miller is chairman of the Board of Assessors.

POLITICAL NOTES



Democrats from Massachusetts held their annual issues convention earlier this month. Representing the South Shore, were, among others, Weymouth's Jim Cantwell (who ran for state senator against incumbent Republican Bob Hedlund) and Cohasset's Margy Charles and Dorothy Kelville.

No sticker, no RTF - Pay As You Throw to start

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when cardboard goes where it's supposed to. Besides, starting July 1, if you put cardboard in your PAYT bag, it's going to take up a lot of precious space—that you'll be paying for. Wood scraps do not go here— that goes over in the demolition bin as you go out. [Why pay for wood scraps?] Brush does not go here. Watch/Ask for Brush Days. Household trash goes here. It's the stuff that cannot be recycled — paper napkins, plastic caps, incandescent light bulbs, celluloid packaging, chips bags, you get the idea. Garbage may go in the PAYT bag, but garbage may also be brought up to the RTF and disposed of here in the trash between times if you wish in clear plastic bread bags. Not bigger bags, not super market plastic bags full of garbage. No household trash in with the garbage, the stuff that should go in the PAYT bag. No charge for these clear bread bags.

Grass clippings [left on the grass provide nutrients for the grass] and leaves go next, in the compost area, where the completed 'black gold' product of last season is free for the taking, great stuff.

Next—demolition materials, last on your right as you leave.

Now: why the $20. charge for the second all-facilities sticker? What was a convenience has been spoiled for all of us by some unethical townspeople. The $20. fee is an attempt to put pressure on the dishonest minority. The selectmen and the Recycling Committee almost vetoed a second sticker altogether, because unfortunately some dishonest people have been letting out-of-towners use their second RTF sticker. Waste disposal is an expensive business, and as we know, there are criminal types amongst us, people who somehow can sleep at night while being unfair to the rest of us. Or I guess they sleep. Human life, based as it is on common decency, has a way of catching up with the indecent.

This is the place to state that the all-facilities sticker pays for less than half of the cost of trash [and paper and plastic] disposal. The rest of it comes out of our taxes. When out-of-towners dump here—and they have been—we pay their costs, out of our taxes — and lose money. Use proper channels and lobby for more help at the RTF. Talk to your friends. We're in this together. Help out by volunteering! Join the town Recycling Committee!

It's a great—common — cause! See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman for the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

MBTA: Greenbush cost not soaring

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"We feel we can do it within that number," he said. "Most state projects haven't had such a comprehensive cost analysis done at the front end of the project."

He said people are quick to point out the skyrocketing costs of the Central Artery project, but insisted comparing the two projects is like comparing apples to oranges.

"With the Central Artery project, the whole scope of it had changed," said Carlisle. "That $408 million for Greenbush is not an internal number meant to sugarcoat the project; $408 million is a lot of money. But it's a worthwhile expenditure."

Carlisle, however, did say that the more the project is delayed, the greater chance its price tag could go up.

Work could start on the 17-mile track as early as next summer, in hopes of having it opened by 2005.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said the MBTA was given approval by the legislature to construct the rail via a "design-build" process that would essentially put the project on the fast track. The design-build process essentially allows the contractor to design the project as it builds it.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said he asked members of the House Committee on Transportation, and they had not been told of any anticipated price increases about Greenbush. However, he said "any state project within recent history has always come in above budget," and that it's another reason why the state should be looking at alternatives to the train.

Hedlund, speaking to Cohasset Selectmen Tuesday, criticized the Governor's Office for backing off an earlier pledge that $408 would be the most the state would spend on the project.

Representatives from the five Greenbush towns met with then-Gov. Paul Cellucci and Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan in September to discuss the merits of the project, and Cellucci said his original statement on the $408 ceiling was meant to mean that "the sky isn't the limit."

"I like to tell people that the cost of the project is now somewhere between $408 million and the sky," said Hedlund.

Hedlund said Wednesday that the "high end" was originally $120 million in 1995, and that the project has gone through five cost revisions.

"Given the fact we're not even at the 30 percent design phase, and haven't resolves some major mitigation issues, I don't think anyone believes they're going to able to do this for $408 million or even $420 million or $450 million."

Carlisle said the state won't abandon the project if it does go above $408 million, but it also won't "cannibalize" other state transportation projects.

"But the bottom line is the $408 is a reasonable figure, and I strongly believe we'll get it done," he said.

Officials to look at runway lawsuit

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5,000 foot runway would be too short for new planes to use.

Massport spokesman Juves said allegations the runway is too short is "certainly not true," and characterized them as a desperate attempt to stop the project.

"Nothing we have heard from any aviation agency bears that out," he said. "And if no one can use it, then what's wrong?"

In general, Golden said, there were so many problems with the impact report that he thinks Massport "believed nobody would ever read it."

"If a private business had submitted something like this they would have been sued for deceptive practices," he said. "There are some very, very serious issues that arise from something like this."

Despite the objections of many communities to Runway 14/32, Durand approved the controversial proposal last week, thereby endorsing the 12-volume supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement that lists building the runway and other improvements as the "preferred alternative," despite acknowledging that the amount of delay hours would increase.

Golden, who was state senator from 1984 to 1990, and served with Durand in the Senate, is stunned that Durand, a self-described environmentalist, would approve such an impact report.

"The Bob Durand I knew wouldn't have signed this," he said.

Selectman Chairman Fred Koed called it a "total political decision."

Former Gov. Paul Cellucci and current Gov. Jane Swift strongly support the new runway. Durand and Massport head Virginia Buckingham were both appointed by Cellucci.

"The state should not be allowed to do this to its own people," said Selectman Michael Sullivan.

Golden said he hopes to join the 22 towns affected by airplane noise together and fight the faulty report. Selectmen named Golden a "special municipal employee" to allow him to negotiate on behalf of the town, and selected Sullivan and Koed as committee representatives.

The town will also attempt to gain an audience with Buckingham or Swift to express their concerns with the runway.

Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull joined together this spring in opposition to the runway proposal. Each community appropriated $30,000 at their respective Town Meetings to pay consulting and legal costs in the battle.

Hingham recently transferred an additional $10,000 from reserve funds to add to the anti-runway coffer.

A public rally on the front steps of the State House was planned to protest Durand's approval of the new runway as the Mariner went to press Wednesday.

The runway battle now shifts its location to the Federal Aviation Agency, which could approve the runway later this summer.

Staff writer Carol Britton Meyer also contributed to this report.

Pratt calls for disciplinary action against Haddad

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Haddad said Avalon Bay Properties could have first gone to the state to discuss the project before coming to the town.

"I commend them for coming to the town, and I thank them," he said.

Under the state's so-called "anti-snob zoning act," a comprehensive permit allows developers to skirt most local zoning and planning regulations, in exchange for setting aside 25 percent of the total units as affordable housing. The developer then only needs a permit from the town zoning board of appeals. Towns with little or no affordable housing are vulnerable to comprehensive permits.

Pratt, who said the issue of a residential development in the former Norfolk property currently zoned "technology business" was discussed publicly at the Planning Board meeting the week before, questioned what legal jurisdiction Haddad had to call such a meeting. Pratt said state law clearly vests the application process under Chapter 40B (the anti-snob zoning act) completely with the Zoning Board of Appeals and it's up to the zoning board to distribute the application to other boards and committees.

Pratt said the Planning Board the week before discussed the potential "tremendous loss" of a large tract commercially developable land in town if a project like Avalon's went through. The board discussed going to the state to "enumerate" the need to maintain commercial land in Cohasset, he said.

"It was obvious to me that Haddad did not want to discuss the merits of this (authority to call such a meeting) but just wanted to tell me who the boss is," Pratt said.

Pratt also claims Haddad "exploded" at his wife, Donna Pratt, reducing her to tears after she called to question an apparent lack of action over the school crossing guard issue last October. The Pratts lobbied selectmen to have the school crossing guard duties fall under the jurisdiction of the police department. Pratt said his wife did not "commit" the alleged altercation to writing at the time, but may now decide to do so. However, they did discuss the phone call with then Selectmen Chairman Tom Callahan, Pratt said.

Pratt said he is bringing this to the forefront because he "sees a pattern" and does not want "this to happen to another citizen."

Pratt also filed a public records request asking for Haddad's performance evaluations to see if there have been other complaints similar to his.

"This is not a pleasant circumstance, I do not want to do this," Pratt said. "But being treated like that is unacceptable and I insist it not happen to myself, my wife or anyone else."

Selectmen to investigate accusations

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen voted Tuesday to hire an independent consultant to investigate claims of abusive behavior between Town Manager Mark Haddad and Planning Board member Peter Pratt.

On the advice of Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, the board voted unanimously to hire a former state director of Personnel and Administration for $1,000 a day to investigate the complaints.

"I recommend the board not plunge into hearings, without a preliminary fact-finding," DeRensis said. "Simply because people make allegations isn't sufficient to plunge into full-blown hearings."

Because the consultant only has to interview four people about the incident — Pratt, Haddad, and the two selectmen's office secretaries who were witnesses — DeRensis said the investigation should only take one day.

Selectmen hope to have the results of the investigation in time for their July 10 meeting. At that time, the board will make a decision whether conduct a formal hearing on the matter.

The consultant's report will not be released to the public without a vote by selectmen to do so.

Pratt and Haddad can waive their right to have the hearing conducted in executive session.

The fact the issue has gone this far upset some members of the board.

"I'm appalled that this has become necessary," said Selectman Thomas Callahan.

Selectmen also voted to ask Pratt and Haddad to refrain from contact with one another until the investigation is complete.

Delays would go up, not down

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

A listener who heard Attorney Bill Golden interviewed on David Brudnoy this week said to me that it was almost comic the way Brudnoy, bright as he is, could not shift the gears of his preconceptions fast enough to get that if runway 14/32 were built, delays would go UP, not down. Over and over in press releases and talks, Massport says a new runway would reduce delays. It is Massport head Virginia Buckingham's public trademark. And the opposite of what Massport's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for runway 14/32 says in writing.

Bill Golden quoted from the executive summary of Massport's EIS, that if the runway were built, delays would go UP, not down. I am picturing a sort of nightmare image of State Environmental Secretary Bob Durand, Massport Director Virginia Buckingham, former governor Paul Celucci, and former EMI head Richard Egan in a conga line, shaking to this beat: Delays would go UP, not down. Delays would go UP, not down. Delays would go UP, not down.

If you support 14/32 because you've heard delays would go down, you have been misled. Massport says in the EIS that traffic would go up, and worse delays would occur than anything so far.

If you support 14/32 because you've heard delays would go down, you have been misled.

Delays would go UP, not down

Logan is sixth in the United States in delays now. Massport has claimed to the public that adding one 5,000 foot runway for strong NW wind conditions would reduce delays. Strong NW wind conditions occur for parts of about 10 days a year. If you fly a lot, what percentage of your flying was on those 10 bad days? Say you commute to New York four days a week, 384 flights a year, 192 days total a year. 192 is .526 of 365 days. Say you hit .526 of the 10 bad days - 5-1/4 days. If Massport were telling the truth that NW wind delays would be affected, that is 10-1/2 of your 384 flights or 3 percent where delays might be less. But the figures prepared by Massport's consultants to support 14/32 in the EIS say unequivocally that delays would go UP, not down. You would not even get your 3 percent.

Dozens of municipalities in Greater Boston are fighting 14/32, because it would add massive pollution. And massive congestion and delays. Mr. Brudnoy said, "This is a very big project. You can't say responsible people are going to line up and lie about it."

That is exactly what Mr. Golden, lead attorney for the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, is saying. He got it from the aviation experts who examined the EIS. Close your eyes. Remember what you think Massport has said to the public to sell 14/32, that it will reduce delays. Now picture that conga line, chanting what it says in Massport's EIS:

Delays would go UP, not down.

Mary Ann Frye, member, South Shore Jet Pollution Council

Festival succeeds despite weather

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were going to open up as they had predicted, we moved the musical group into a tent and invited all the crafters into the main exhibition tent."

She said none of the artwork was damaged, however, one crafters tent collapsed under the weight of water collected on its top.

McKinney also said Saturday's oppressive heat did keep some people away, but still estimated the weekend attendance at upwards of 7,000.

"We got a lot of compliments about our crafters. People say every year for the past couple of years they have gotten better and better," she said.

In all, the festival featured 245 painting by young artists, and 120 in the members' show, as well as 80 different craft vendors.

"It really was wonderful, it had a sort of wonderful calm feel to it," she said. "People said it felt like a wonderful summer country arts festival."," said arts center spokesman Monica McKinney. "

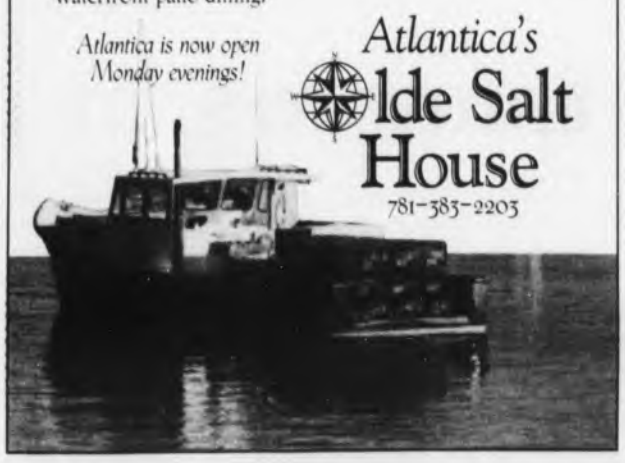
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Coalition lobbies for more state money for schools

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset is not alone in having to rely heavily on property taxes to pay for educating its schoolchildren. But the Suburban Coalition hopes to change that.

Jerry Wasserman, a Needham selectman and chairman of the lobbying group, said the coalition's focus this year is to establish a guaranteed minimal base of Chapter 70 money, which is state aid for schools.

The state House of Representatives recently tweaked the funding formula sending more money to urban areas at the expense of more than 100 suburban towns that saw their state aid numbers drop.. A subsequent amendment bumped the Chapter 70 aid back up to the level included in the governor's budget. But that did little to calm the coalition that was created a couple of years ago to make sure the interests of suburban towns were being fully represented in the State House. The group consists of boards of selectmen members from the region, as well as some school committee members.

Wasserman told selectmen last week the coalition is lobbying for the state to pick up at least 25 percent of a town's education costs.

If that was to happen, said Town Manager Mark Haddad, Cohasset could receive an additional $900,000 in state aid for the town's schools.

Wasserman also brought up House Speaker Thomas Finneran's proposal to raise the state sales tax by one cent as a way to fund education.

Selectman Merle Brown said if that happens, he hopes it's accompanied by a constitutional amendment that requires every dollar raised to be sent to the towns.

"They originally said that was what would happen with the lottery, but that's not the case," he said.

Cities and towns get a percentage of the money raised through the state lottery system.

Wasserman said the coalition will also target money for road and bridge repairs, also known as Chapter 90 money. He said members hope for a $150 million boost in funding in the next fiscal year.

"I think that's a battle we can win this year," he said.

All of Cohasset's road repair projects are funded solely through Chapter 90 money.

Wasserman said the group had a huge legislative breakfast planned this past April, however it was scrapped when then-Governor Paul Cellucci resigned on the same day. He hopes for a similar event in the fall with the gubernatorial candidates.

Work begins at Hagerty site

By Rick Collins
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The long-awaited improvements to the town-owned Hagerty property — the former site of the Cohasset Colonials furniture company – began Monday after eight years of planning and delay.

"It's not quite anti-climactic but I never thought it would actually happen," said Hagerty Property Committee Chairman Russ Bonetti. "I'm just glad to see it happen."

Workers for RAD Construction of Hingham have already torn out a concrete slab, and dug a trench for a future retaining wall bordering the 27-spot parking lot, and the wetlands.

"I'm encouraged by the amount of stuff they've gotten done in the first two days," Bonetti said.

Work is expected to take just over a month to finish. RAD Construction will also raise most of the parking lot 18 inches to avoid flooding during high tide, installing a new seawall, 100-foot pier and 65-foot dock, and build a wooden walkway from the property to Government Island.



PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

Work is finally underway at the Hagerty property off Parker Avenue. Boat-haulers can turn around across Parker Avenue in the Cohasset Harbor Marina parking lot while construction is underway.

Use of the property will be prohibited during the week during construction, but will be open on the weekends. Boat haulers looking to launch boats on the Parker Avenue ramp are able to turnaround in the Cohasset Harbor Marina parking lot.

LIBRARY CORNER

Artist of the Month



An Irma Cerese landscape

Paul Pratt Memorial Library and the South Shore Art Center invite the community to a wonderful exhibition of "Intimate Landscapes" by North Easton Acrylic Artist, Irma Cerese.

Ms. Cerese works are a continuing exploration of places and seasons that reflect her pleasure in a specific activity of painting. She says in her artist statement: "I can respond in small increments to the light and color I see - there are no grand vistas here, only the familiar surroundings of my home in Easton."

Utilizing shape, color and texture, Ms. Cerese creates images that are representative without being realistic. "These paintings are about looking more than thinking, about the curiosity of process", states Ms. Cerese.

Ms. Cerese was educated at the American Academy of Art and the School of the Art Institute, both in Chicago, Ill. Some of her collections are an display at Chemical Bank, Citicorp and Conn. Bank Intl., all in New York City. She has had shows at the South Shore Art Center, Concord Art Association, and the Cape Cod Art Association. She was a past Blue Ribbon Members' Show at the South Shore Art Association.

Her art is on display until Tuesday, June 26. Everyone is invited to visit the library and enjoy these colorful landscapes.

Coming soon

Big Ryan, story teller, returns for a second performance on Friday, June 22, at 10 a.m.

Then, kick off summer with your kids by participating in the Paul Pratt Memorial Library's Summer Programs for Children. All programs, with the exception of July 9, will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Join Betty Lehman on Tuesday, June 26, with her Little House Stories. Prairie refreshments will be served by the Cohasset Girl Scout Troop. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Cohasset Cultural Council, a local agency, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Score big

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library announces its reading program for children this summer. "Score Big with Books" is the sports-theme program for this year.

Children grades one and up can register at the library on Friday, June 22, and receive a "scorecard" on which to record their summer reading selections. Bring the scorecard back to the library and receive an official stamp worth points towards a free paperback when they reach their reading goal.

Help your kids maintain their reading skills during the summer months by visiting the library on a regular basis.

SENIOR SCENE

COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS UPCOMING EVENTS

Arts and Crafts Quilt Show, Wednesday, June 27, to be held at the Museum of Fine Arts. The cost of $16 includes round-trip transportation. CEA is going with the Scituate COA and will meet at Noble's in Cohasset, Route 3A, at 8:35 a.m. and will return approximately 2 p.m. Call CEA at 781-383-9112.

Quebec and Montreal, Sept. 19 to 22. Guided tour and shopping in Quebec and Montreal. Trip includes hotel accommodations at The Classique St. Foy Hotel in Quebec and The Chateau Royal Hotel in Montreal, three breakfasts, three dinners, and motor coach transportation throughout, $399 per person double occupancy.

Triad Meeting, Wednesday, June 27, 9:30 a.m. Meetings are held at the Senior Center, 3 North Main St., the fourth Wednesday of every month.

LEGAL CONSULTATION CLINIC

Cohasset Elder Affairs is taking the names of elders who are interested in a 20-minute free consultation with an attorney who will answer questions about wills, trusts, durable power of attorney, healthcare proxies, planning for long-term care, MassHealth eligibility for long-term care, saving the family home from nursing expense, guardianship and probate. Call 781-383-9112.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Keep Well Clinics: Friday, June 22, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Harborview, 60 Elm St.

Water Aerobics: Monday, 1 to 2 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 5 to 6 p.m. Classes begin the last week in June at the Cohasset Swim Center and are $3 per class.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed at the Cohasset Elder Affairs office. People of any age who are interested in improving the quality of life of older people can find a wide variety of meaningful and enjoyable work by volunteering at the Senior Center.

The nature of work and the time commitment is flexible from answering the phones to helping in the kitchen or driving the van once a month or sending out CEA newsletters once a month.

There is a stipend for 60-year-olds and over who are interested in working 15 to 20 hours in the office.

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Cohasset Elder Affairs is a community-based program and volunteers are its most valuable resource.

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forum to "check in" with those who use World's End to gather information and any concerns they might have going forward.

"It's more of a refinement," explained Lisa Vernegaard, director of planning and ecology for the Trustees. "It's been 30 years since a plan was done and we've learned a lot about stewardship since then.

"It's OK to pause, update and incorporate new thinking in terms of setting forth our goals."

Concerns raised included the proliferation of poison ivy, the state of the old "ice pond" at Rocky Neck, lack of accessibility for the disabled, traffic on Martin's Lane that leads to World's End, use of herbicides to control unwanted plant growth, and any loosening of the requirement that dogs be on leashes at all times.

In the late 1800s, it became important to "reforest" and Brewer's vision to plant trees at World's End which had been "deforested" was in keeping with that philanthropic cause.

One of the attendees at the forum, Frank Mahoney, said the property is unique because of the vision of Brewer and the renowned landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed the tree-lined roadways for a 150-home subdivision there that never came to pass.

"If we let it go back to nature, it would lose all its principal character," he said.

Before the Trustees took over the property in 1967, the land was heavily farmed. Al Yalenezian, superintendent of World's End, said over the last five years, the rate of woodland intrusion into the fields has doubled.

Bob Hidell of Hingham, a member of the planning team, said World's End has been a "man-influenced landscape."

"How much should go back to its natural habitat?" Hidell said is one of the questions the team is wrestling with about the property that boasts 40 species of butterflies among its wildlife population.

Crowds are not a problem at World's End which is open to the public but charges a $4.50 entrance fee to those who are not members of the Trustees.

"One the busiest days where 400 people visit the park, visitors are still able to find peace and quiet," Vernegaard said. In addition to the miles of footpaths and causeways, vistas and wildlife – visitors report they feel safe at World's End, she said.

But an unexpected intruder into the "peace and quiet" of World's End, however, has nothing to do with land management and may be harder to control.

Mary Ann Frye of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council warned that the noisy jets that fly over World's End will quadruple if the new Logan runway is constructed and disturb the "peace and tranquility" so many seek there.

Noon noted Frye's comments and said the runway was a concern shared by a growing number of people.

Vernegaard said the next step in the plan is to tackle some of the issues raised at the forum. A draft plan will be ready in the fall.

"We've added a lot to our list and we will figure out a way to share the draft," she said.

One neighbor to World's End summed it up for the others.

"World's End is terrific," said Roberta Lincoln of Martin's Lane. "I've been there 22 years and I still look at it with admiration every time I go in."

The Trustees of Reservations, founded in 1891, is a member-supported non-profit conservation organization, which preserves exceptional properties such as World's End for public use and enjoyment. The Trustees is not an agency of the government and is supported through membership dues, contributions, grants, reservation receipts, special events and endowments. For more information, call the Trustees Southeast Regional Office, 781-821-2977.

United Nations was almost built there

While World's End strives to maintain the peace and quiet that its 60,000 annual visitors a year seek — over the past two centuries, the 251-acre park miraculously survived repeated attempts at development.

Back in the late 1800s, owner John R. Brewer hired landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted – who designed New York's Central Park and the Boston park system – to design the roads and landscaping for a 150-home subdivision that never came to pass.

And in 1945, the land was considered as a potential site for the United Nations when a committee appointed by then Gov. Maurice Tobin had the task of finding a location for the organization near Boston.

Hingham lost the opportunity to host the United Nations to New York but that did not keep it safe from the eyes of developers.

Two years before the Trustees of Reservations bought the property through an exceptional public-private fund-raising effort in 1967 — New England Electric and Boston Edison considered building a nuclear power plant there.

When the Trustees expressed an interest in purchasing the property – which lies between Hingham Bay and the Weir River — $450,000 was raised through public and private donations to subsidize the purchase so the peninsula could be maintained for public enjoyment.

Maritime Museum open for summer

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum located at Elm St., Cohasset Center, is open for its summer season. Open times are Tuesday through Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission, and donations are accepted. The museum itself is an old Ship Chandlery, or marine supply building, built in the 1700's by Samuel Bates and originally located at Cohasset Harbor. It is the sole remaining 18th century maritime-related building in near-original condition found in Cohasset today.

The Maritime Museum is devoted to preserving and presenting Cohasset's history as a seafaring community during the latter 1700's and the 1800's. During the "Age of Sail" the town's principal maritime occupations were fishing and shipbuilding and its maritime activity centered around its harbor, then known as "Ship Cove." Peak years for Cohasset's fishing industry were the mid-1800's, when family owned schooner fleets fished for mackerel in Canada's Gulf of St. Lawrence

The Maritime Museum preserves and presents that part of Cohasset's own history with ship models, carvings, dioramas, documents and pictures relating to the town's "Age of Sail".

Additionally the museum holds numerous unique exhibits on general historical subjects relating to Cohasset's early years. Currently the Museum's building is in process of being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The Historical Society's telephone is 781-383-1434

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The Request for Qualifications, which includes detailed specifications, is available at the Town Manager's Office, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025 during normal business hours.

Submittals shall be received at the Town Manager's Office, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025 on or before 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 19, 2001, in the manner specified in the RFQ.

The Town of Cohasset reserves the right to reject any and all submittals wholly or in part and to make awards in a manner deemed to be in the best interests of the Town.

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Tobacco collaborative program director takes aim at smoking

By Mary Ford
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Don't be fooled by his soft voice and quiet demeanor.

The 44-year-old former Norfolk County deputy sheriff is stalking a deadly enemy and plans to use as much firepower in his repertoire as possible to get the message across.

Jim Wells — who is the new director of the 14-town South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program — wants to make smoking and second-hand smoke history.

"Nearly 450,000 people a year die of tobacco-related illnesses," the Abington resident says. "It is the Number One preventable cause of death in the world."

In one photograph on the wall of the collaborative's Hanover office — a father's eyes stare out from his emaciated body riddled with lung cancer as his young son sits at his side. Another picture depicts 31-year-old Pam Laffin, who shared her story in Massachusetts Tobacco Control advertisements and videos on the hazards of smoking. Laffin succumbed to emphysema last fall and left two young daughters.

"This is a battle," says Wells, who also owns Abbadessa's restaurant on Route 3A in Hingham. "People like Pam keep us going."

"We're not anti-smoker. We're anti-smoking."
— Jim Wells of the tobacco control program

Wells, who served as the D.A.R.E. officer for the past eight years in Holbrook through the Norfolk County Sheriff's office, is comfortable with the education part of his new post. D.A.R.E. is a nationally recognized curriculum about substance abuse and peer pressure geared toward middle school-age students.

Part of the collaborative's mission is to spread the word about the dangers of smoking and second-hand smoke through school and youth programs and other activities.

And it's no secret most smokers start young, says Wells, the father of three. Tobacco company advertisements target the 16- 22-year-old bracket and if "they're hooked by 19, they figure they've got them for life," he says.

Statistics seems to back up Wells' claims. Ninety-four percent of those who try to quit smoking fail after one year. The collaborative tries to help smokers kick the habit by referring them to cessation programs.

"We're not anti-smoker," he says. "We're anti-smoking."

Another part of the collaborative's activities dovetails nicely with Wells' experience in law enforcement.

The collaborative conducts quarterly compliance checks on local merchants through "tobacco stings." The collaborative hires 14- and 15-year-olds to try and buy tobacco products. If they succeed, the local board of health conducts a disciplinary hearing that usually results in fining the establishment. In Massachusetts, it is illegal to sell tobacco to someone under 18.

During a recent compliance check, for example, none of the 14 tobacco license holders in Norwell sold to a juvenile while 13 out of the 26 establishments in Rockland did, Wells said.

"That means if they're selling to us, how many other kids walk through the door and buy cigarettes?"

Smokers aren't only putting themselves at risk, but those who are exposed to their cigarette smoke.

"Our principal mission is people's health and protecting workers, customers and children," Wells says.

He also said exposure to second-hand smoke is a major health issue and kills an estimated 53,000 people nationally a year.

Wells says he understands restaurant owners' concerns about losing business if smoking is prohibited.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN
Jim Wells, a former DARE officer, stands in front of a sign in his office showing how silly smoking looks. Wells recently took over the helm as director of the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program.

"As a restaurant owner, I've been there," he said. "But in a town (Hingham) that went 100 percent smoke free — new restaurants are opening up and old ones are thriving."

Wells claims there is no ventilation system sophisticated enough to completely remove gases created by second-hand smoke. That knowledge is prompting the town of Braintree — where there are numerous large restaurants — to consider eliminating variances and go smoke free.

Ten towns in the collaborative have adopted some smoke-free regulations. Of those Hingham and Duxbury are smoke-free, while others, such as Cohasset and Braintree, allow variances with strict standards. Only four towns — Abington, Rockland, Hanover and Kingston — go by the less restrictive state regulations that stipulate 25 percent of the area be set-aside for non-smokers. The collaborative will be lobbying hard to get those four towns to enact tougher smoking laws, Wells said.

In his role as collaborative director, Wells also testifies on Beacon Hill to encourage the legislature to pass tougher smoking laws at the state level. One such bill would double the tax on a pack of cigarettes from 25 cents to 50 cents. Another would make all work sites, restaurants and bars in the Commonwealth smoke free.

The collaborative, formed in 1994, has a total staff of six full and part-timers, including Wells, three health educators, an administrative assistant and enforcement officer. The program is funded by member towns through their share of the 25-cent state tobacco tax on each pack of cigarettes.

The South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program includes member towns, Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland and Scituate. For more about the program, call 781-829-4301 or check out the website www.smokefreenews.com.

Cohasset regulates smoking

Cohasset restaurants are 100 percent smoke-free meaning no area is designated as a "smoking" section and smoking is not permitted.

The Board of Health has issued a total of three variances, for a five year period, all to bar areas, for Atlantica, The Red Lion Inn and KoKo Island, chairman Stephen Bobo said. Those establishments must have a separate ventilation system for their bars and negative pressure in the bar so any air flows into the bar area and not the other way around. The establishments must also provide evidence of a maintenance contract showing that the ventilation system is being maintained, he said.

Cohasset Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said smoking is prohibited in all municipal buildings and vehicles. The town also restricts smoking in private work sites unless there is a private office where the public does not enter, he said. Businesses are allowed to have a smoking lounge, but if they do, must provide a lounge of the same size for non-smokers.

The town also limits youth access to tobacco products by requiring permits for tobacco sales; prohibiting sales to those under 18; banning vending machines and self-service displays; and penalizing violators with fines and/or suspension of tobacco sales permit.


Displaying their awards are from left, Carly Zappolo (first prize), Michael Froio (second prize) and Kelsey Coughlin (third prize).

Smoke-free poster winners named

The fourth-grade students at the Deer Hill School recently participated in a poster contest sponsored by the South Shore Boards of Health, Tobacco Control Program. The students worked on their posters as part of their health education classes taught by Jane Gregory. This year's theme was "Smoke Free — It Matters to Me." The finished posters were displayed at the South Shore Community Center in order to commemorate "World No Tobacco Day" on May 31.

The winners of the contest were announced at the school two weeks ago. They received award ribbons, T-shirts and their posters will be part of next year's anti-tobacco calendar. Carly Zappolo came in first place, Michael Froio won second place and Kelsey Coughlin was the third-prize winner.

A panel of volunteer judges reviewed the posters and selected the winners. The calendar is sponsored by the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and the local DARE and SAFE offices. All winning posters will be displayed on the collaborative's web site at www.smokefreenews.com.

South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program works with schools, families and communities to make breathing easier for everyone on the South shore.

IT'S HAPPENING

Deep ecology

Support group forming: small group to meet weekly on issues of Deep Ecology, Environmental Activism, and Buddhist meditation. Call 781-383-9024 for info.

Farmer's Market

The Cohasset Farmer's Market is open for the season. The cowbell opens the market at 2:30 p.m. bringing fresh produce, herbs, cuttings, music and activities.

New vendors, musicians, artists and sponsors are welcome to sign up now.

Call 781-383-1200 if you have a contribution.

Music Circus shows for kids

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct the first Music Circus registration for "Alice in Wonderland" on Tuesday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to noon, and again from 5 to 7 p.m. at the recreation office at Town Hall.

Music Circus registrations for children involved in the Playground Program are held every Tuesday at the recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon and from 5 to 7 p.m., June 26 through July 24. The only exception to this schedule will be the Tuesday, July 3 registration for "Jack in the Beanstalk," which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon only.

Music Circus registrations are held two weeks prior to the actual date of the show. Registration on June 26 for "Alice in Wonderland" is for the performance that is on Thursday, July 12. Please consult the summer fliers or the Playground Program Activity Brochure for details.

Summer concerts

The Cohasset Recreation Department's first concert on Cohasset Common for the 2001 season is scheduled for Tuesday evening July 10, at 7:30 p.m., on the Cohasset Common.

Performing will be the 30 piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

Bring blankets or lawn chairs and insect repellant.

Concerts are paid for by the South Shore Playhouse Associates Inc. of Cohasset and with matching grant from the American Federation of Musicians of New York City, N.Y.

The second concert of this season will be held on Tuesday, July 24, same time, same place.

Community Center classes offered

The South Shore Community Center at 3 North Main St. will hold the following spring and summer classes:

Summer Fun Week, for children three to six, is scheduled for July 10 to 12, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Cost is $80 for members and $85 for non-members.

Circus Camp, for children three to six, is scheduled for July 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Cost is $138 for members and $145 for non-members.

The Teddy Bear Review, for children three to six, is scheduled for August 28 to 30, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Cost is $80 for members and $85 for non-members.

The Camp for Boys and Girls, for children four to 11 (and grouped by age), is scheduled in four sessions. Cost is $140. Families with more than one child attending is $110 per child. Each session runs from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Session I, July 30 to August 3.
Session II, August 6 to 10.
Session II, August 13 to 17.
Session IV, August 20 to 24.

Voyager Camp, for children eight to 11, is scheduled for July 16 to 27, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is $255.

For more information, call the community center at 781-383-0088.

Yoga classes offered

Yoga classes are offered Wednesday evenings at the New North Church in Hingham Harbor at 7 to 8:30 p.m. and sunrise Yoga on Nantasket Beach Friday mornings at 5:30 a.m. and Saturday mornings at 7 a.m.

Please bring a mat. Call Joanne Harrison for more information and to sign up at 781-740-4412. Cost is $64 for eight weeks or $10 drop-in.

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Art festival has it all!



Bonnie Brewer peruses work in the art tent including a "Dancing Nude" by Chris Harvey in the members' show. The three-day annual Festival on the Common drew thousands despite two days of heat and a tropical storm Sunday afternoon.



Janette Harrington carries her daughter Jackie away from the food booths at the festival. Two days of scorching heat followed by the remnants of tropical storm Allison on the third day didn't keep thousands from visiting the common for Cohasset's signature event.



Caroline Kennedy of Cohasset plays with a mobile on display by one of the many crafters featured at the art festival. The Festival on the Common features arts and crafts for all ages.



Steven Weber and Watson Reid of Watson Reid and Americana entertain festival-goers on Friday evening. Music has become an important part of the Festival on the Common sponsored by the South Shore Art Center.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



The Strawberry Festival at the Second Congregational Church is always a hit. Here Jacqui Blake digs into a dish of strawberry shortcake.



The festival included art, crafts, food and music. Here Phoebe Knox dances with her sister Lucy in front of the concert stage.



Mary Taylor of Marshfield tries some earrings at one of the many booths featuring unique crafts. Festival-goers say the crafts offered are getting better every year.

Cohasset Mariner

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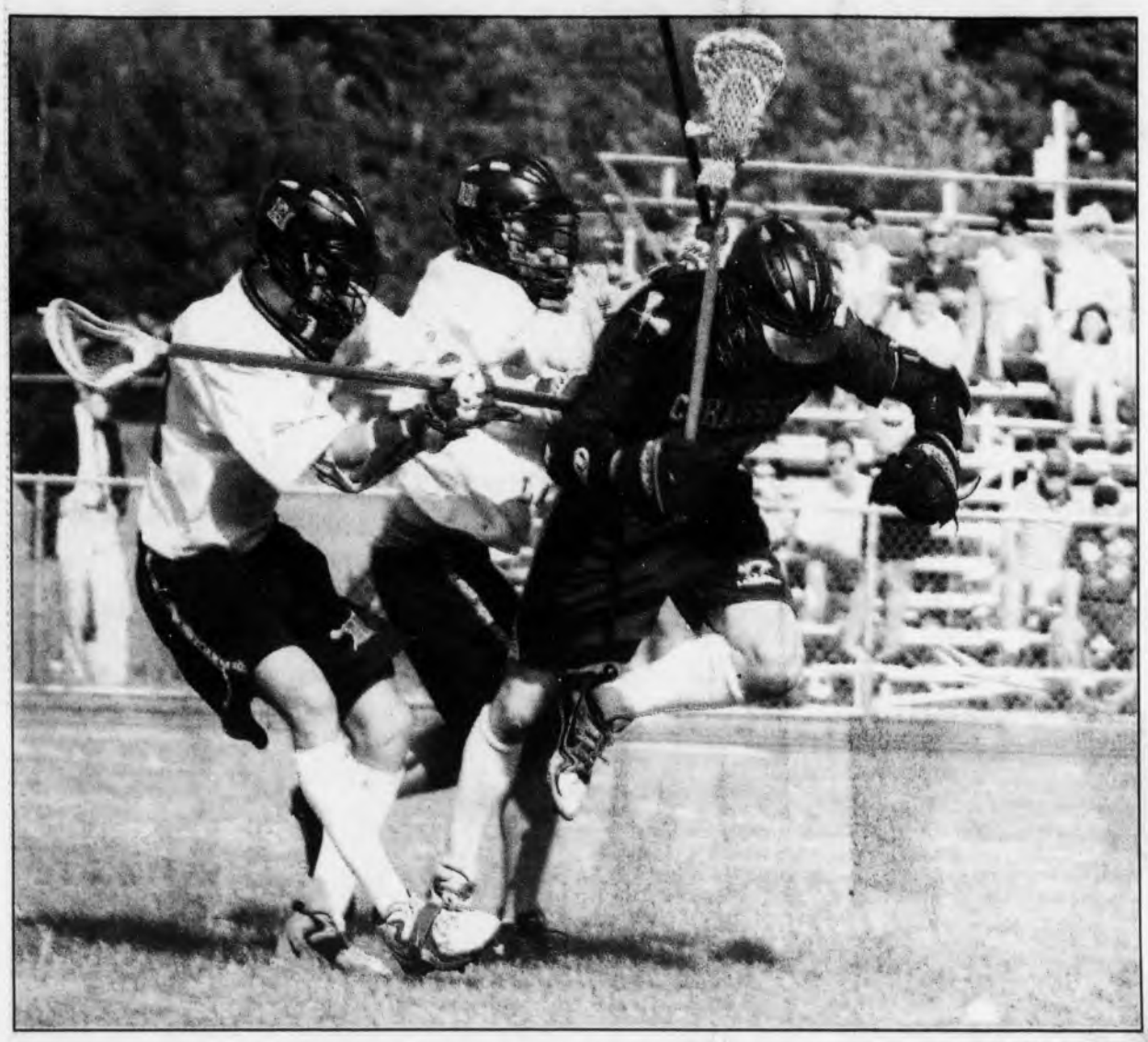
Stars of the Week

Jared Kinch

The 12-year old slugger made Cohasset Little League history this week by slamming home runs in five consecutive at bats in post-season play, the last four in one game. Unfortunately, his offensive heroics did not prove enough, as his Dodgers fell two straight to the Cardinals in the best-of-three series.

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An all too common sight in Wednesday's state championship clash: Cohasset star Ronan Buick (dark shirt) trying to fend off a physical double team as he goes for the ball.

All out of miracles

C.H.S boys lacrosse team falls to Hingham in state finals

By Mike Spellman
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For a few brief moments, it appeared to the Cohasset faithful that "their boys" might have one more miracle in them — this after Curt Kahn put home a rebound to pull the Skippers within four goals at 7-3 with six minutes left in the third quarter.

This tally by the sophomore forward seemed to energize the Skippers who had been, up until that point in the Div. 2 championship boys lacrosse game last Wednesday, pretty much pushed around by the top-seeded Hingham Harbormen.

Hingham 9
Cohasset 3

In the ensuing minutes, Cohasset pushed deep for a handful of quality assaults on the Hingham net. However, the Harbormen's sophomore goalie, Nate Hammond (10 saves), proved equal to all salvos in his vicinity and his defenders took care of the rest with some excellent body and stick play.

As time wound down in the fourth quarter, the Skippers grew increasingly desperate as they struggled in vain to put another one past Hammond. Their waning hopes were dashed for good when Hingham captain Steve Skinner bounced a bullet from 35 yards out past Cohasset goalie Kyle Weber (10 saves) with 4:22 remaining.

Patrick Lenhart would wrap up the scoring when he picked up a loose ball off a scramble in front of the Cohasset goal with just under three minutes to go and fired it home to bring the scoring to a close at 9-3, putting the exclamation mark on Hingham's first Div. 2 state title in the 29-year history of the lacrosse program.

"We gave it all we had, but in the end the better team won," conceded Kevin Orcutt, Cohasset's first-year coach, graciously. "They just did a great job on us defensively, and I thought that was the key to the game. They just didn't let us get off the kind of shots we've been getting in other games."

With the loss, Cohasset claimed the MIAA finalist trophy for the first time in the history of the Cohasset lacrosse program, a record-setting season that included the most victories (15) and most goals scored (243) by the Skippers.

"I'm proud of each and every one of you," Coach Orcutt told 22 spent players gathered in the far corner of the field 10 minutes after the final horn, as Hingham players and fans posed for pictures and danced on the turf. "You accomplished more than anyone expected, you gave more than anyone thought you had to give, and you brought respect to yourselves and your school. You walk away from here with your heads held high."

Of course, Cohasset, seeded 7th in the Div. 2 bracket, was not expected by many to make it to this point. The Skippers opened the tourney with lopsided wins over Catholic Memorial and Ashland — 15-3 and

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Cardinals win 'instant classic' series

The Cohasset Little League semifinal playoffs opened with an epic struggle between the Cardinals and the Dodgers on June 13th and 15th. The Cardinals won the best two out of three series in two straight, but the Dodgers, led by Jared Kinch, made them earn it the hard way.

Kinch made Cohasset Little League history in the second game when he hit four home runs out of Barnes Field in four at bats. Kinch had also homered in his last at bat in game one.

Cardinals 4 - Dodgers 3

The first game was a classic pitchers duel between the Cardinals' Tim Smith and the Dodgers' Kinch. The Dodgers struck in the first inning on a bunt single by Chris Rose, a stolen base and an RBI single by Nick Zappolo.

The Cardinals answered in the second inning. After a single by Smith, Alex Hunt laid down a beautiful sacrifice bunt. Smith moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed ball. After Josh Lambert and Mark Flibotte walked, the Cardinals pulled off a fake bunt/double steal with Nick Simonds at the plate. When the throw to third got away, Lambert scored the go-ahead run.

The Dodgers tied the game in the fourth on another single by Zappolo but the Cards went ahead to stay with two in the bottom half of the inning. After Smith and Hunt had singled, Gabriella Flibotte bunted perfectly down the third base line for a hit. When the throw sailed into right

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Sailing club honors Roger Porter

The executive committee of the Cohasset Swing Club (CSC) voted this week to name a new match racing series in memory of longtime member and former vice commodore, Roger Porter, who passed away this month.

The Roger Porter Match Racing Cup will be held July 8; 10, 12, 15 and 22. According to former commodore and chief organizer of the event, Chuck Peterson, two boats at a time will duel each other in an elimination series.

The executive committee wanted to commemorate the many contributions Porter made to the club over his lifetime.

Said Vice Commodore Sandy Crough, "Roger did a fine job as vice commodore. He was greatly respected and we will greatly miss him."

Several years ago, Porter generously donated a "Flying Scot," a sailboat which continues to receive heavy usage by club members. More recently, Porter entered the intergenerational Sunday racing series ("the Stanton Cup") with his 11-year-old grandson, Nathan

According to CSC Commodore Bob Deutsch, "We wanted to establish a meaningful event in Roger's memory. You couldn't miss seeing Roger and Nate. They were frequently in front of everyone else rounding the buoys. Nate will continue Roger's winning ways."

Both inexperienced and veteran CSC members are encouraged to participate in this cup. Eight slots remain available. Boats will be assigned on a first-come basis. Call Vice Commodore Bob Cunningham for more details at 781-383-1710.



Roger Porter

Reardon's Quest

Thayer Academy tennis star yearns to climb USTA ladder

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Sixteen-year-old Dennis Reardon of Cohasset is planning on making some big tennis moves over the next several weeks.

The moves we're talking about here do not concern actual tennis playing moves but rather moves in the ranking of tennis players.

Wednesday, the Milton Academy junior-to-be left for New Haven, Connecticut for a five day visit to Yale University, where he will be looking to move from number 10 to number one in the New England rankings for tennis players 16 and under.

To be more specific, Dennis will be competing in the United States Tennis Association Sectional Championships for individual

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Dennis Reardon

Ronan Buick stands tall

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Slashing his way through double and triple teams all season, Cohasset High lacrosse superstar senior Ronan Buick stands taller than almost everyone on the field.

But his physical height is no comparison to the stand-up guy he is off the field.

"He is highly respected," said Buick's first year coach, Kevin Orcutt. "Not just by the younger players, but by the other seniors as well."

Although Buick missed four games due to an arm injury, he still led the Skippers in scoring for the second consecutive year, amassing over 90 points.

Always regarded as a true hustler, Buick managed to score from both outside and from bizarre angles after being taken out by opposing defenses.

"He has got a great outside shot," lauded Orcutt. "But at least nine or ten of his goals he scored from the ground. It is definitely his toughness."

Two of his "ground goals" were scored in the Semi-Finals of the state tournament, in the 12-11 quadruple overtime win over Ipswich.

Orcutt attributes much of Buick's success to his toughness, connected to his fantastic work ethic, one emulated by many of his teammates.

"He is just a great worker," continued his coach. "He is very determined to do well."

And done well he has, playing an absolutely vital role to his team all year. There was no better demonstration of this than when he went down with the injury.

In the four games Buick missed, his team ended up with two of its five regular season losses, including a 13-9 disappointment to Marshfield. In fact, many are all but certain Buick's presence would have dramatically altered the outcome of that game.

Buick will head to Providence College to play lacrosse after being recruited by them all year.

"He'll do well there," predicted Orcutt, who himself played college lacrosse at Merrimack College.

Buick is a talented athlete in not just lacrosse, but in football as well. He was a South Shore League All-Star and *Mariner All-Scholastic Team* linebacker for the Skippers last fall, leading the team in tackles, averaging almost 10 per game.

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Coastal Youth Soccer League success

The games to determine the teams to represent the Coastal Youth Soccer League (CYSL) in the state playoffs for the Cohasset Soccer Club may have been in Duxbury, but the road certainly went through Marshfield with four of the five championship games played between these two powerhouses. The CYSL consists of 15 South Shore communities.

When the CYSL championship series was completed on Monday, the Cohasset Soccer Club teams had capped an extraordinary season, taking home championship trophies in four categories plus reaching the championship game level in another category. Cohasset's under-12 girls' team, coached by Joe Coggins and Steve Daly played Marshfield to a zero-zero tie through regulation and two overtimes, winning by a 3-3 goal result in a shoot-out. Cohasset's under-12 boys' team, coached by Andy Normal and Dee Davis, had a similar success beating Marshfield in an overtime shoot-out, again by a 3-2 goal advantage.

The under-14 boys' team, coached by David Buick and Joe Busk, also claimed their division championship with a 4-0 win over Marshfield. In addition, Cohasset's under-16 boys' team, coached by Paul Cotter, completed an undefeated season with a fantastic record of 10-0 with a strong win over Norwell in the playoffs. Finally, the under-14 girls' team, coached by John Englander, reached the championship round in an extremely competitive grouping but lost a hard-fought game to Marshfield by a score of 2-0.

As a result of winning their championships, each team will be heading to Amherst this coming weekend to represent Cohasset and the South Shore in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions. As you see these championship athletes around town this week, offer your congratulations and wish them well as they move to this year's State Tournament of Champions.

Wallace St. John is president of the Cohasset Soccer Club

Recreation camps

The Cohasset Recreation Commission will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 2001, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18. There will be camps available for baseball, Speed Training, basketball, lacrosse and Soccer. For more information, contact the Recreation Commission at 383-4109.

JV softball coach wanted

Cohasset High is looking for a coach to help start up a junior varsity softball program at the school next Spring. Anyone interested in inquiring about the position should call C.H.S. Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103)

Cardinals win series

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field, two runs scored and Flibotte sped all the way to third. Tim Smith was dominant on the mound for the Cardinals, striking out thirteen for the game. Kinch's towering home run blast in the sixth brought the Dodgers to within one but Smith got the next hitter to pop to short to end the game.

Cardinals 11 - Dodgers 10

People will be talking about this Little League game for some time to come. The two teams hit seven home runs, including two grand slams.

The Cardinals drew first blood, scoring two in the first. Michael Grimm walked, stole second and scored on a single by Ben Libby. Tim Smith singled and Connor Holway followed with an RBI single to left.

The Dodgers responded immediately on a two-run homer off the bat of Jared Kinch deep into the trees in right center field.

In the second, with one out, the Dodgers got consecutive singles from Cliff Musto and Kyle DeSisto. After a walk to Danny Martin, Chris Rose singled home a run. One strikeout later Kinch came to the plate again, this time with the bases loaded. He did not disappoint, drilling the ball well over the left-center field fence for a grand slam and 7-2 Dodger lead.

The Cards pushed across a run in the third on singles by Ben Libby, Justin Hollis and Josh Lambert, and then jumped back into the game in the fourth. Michael Grimm walked, Libby singled and Tim Smith delivered some fireworks of his own with a three run blast out of Barnes in the direction of the town pool.

Michael Grimm came in to pitch for the Cardinals in the bottom half of the inning. After a quick strikeout, Kinch strode to the plate and delivered another blast into the night. Grimm struck out the next two to keep the game close.

Kevin Lewis led off the Cardinal fifth with a double down the right field line. Grimm and Alex Hunt followed with singles, producing a run. After Ben Libby bunted for a base hit, loading the bases, Tim Smith came to the plate.

Down in the count two strikes, Smith turned on a fast ball, driving it out of Barnes for his second homer of the night, a grand slam and an 11 -8 Cardinal lead.

The Dodgers would not quit. Kinch led off the bottom of the sixth with his record fourth home run of the game, this one to center. After a conference at the mound, Nick Zappolo hit the next pitch out of Barnes to bring the Dodgers to within one. In a very gutsy pitching performance, Michael Grimm shook off the long balls and set down the next three Dodgers to get the win in relief.

The Cardinals face the Rangers in the best two out of three championship series starting this week.

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rankings in New England.

A total of 30 players will be competing in the 16 and under division.

Should Dennis finish among the top 14, the next stop is a trip to St. Louis in mid-July to compete in the Zonals, which leads to national rankings.

Young Mr. Reardon, who looks and sounds like he could be running a board meeting at one of the top 50 companies in New England, has a theory about the Yale tournament. While the saying is not new, it does say it all.

"Anyone there can beat anyone else. I feel very confident going into the tourney," declared Dennis.

Each participant plays one match a day over the five day tournament.

An All-Star in the Independent School League, Reardon played fourth singles on the Milton Academy tennis team, where he was undefeated with a 28-0 record.

His Milton Academy team also won the New England's this year.

Reardon, who plays at the Weymouth Tennis Club, has entered the USTA Sectionals since he was 12. His rankings got up as high as nine before slipping back to 10.

While he isn't coming right out and saying such, Dennis sounds like a person who has number one on his mind.

"It's always nice to make the trip to Yale," he said. "I get to meet a lot of old friends. Since this is my last year competing in 16 and under, I really want to do well."

One person who will certainly be rooting for Dennis is his older sister Emily, who taught him the game.

Emily, a former top player at Thayer Academy, was also the number one player on her Fairfield University team.

"She taught me the game," said Dennis. "She was very patient with me and took a lot of time teaching me the sport."

Obviously, another reason Dennis had that number one figure on his mind as he prepared to leave on the trip.

While this trip is about Dennis and only Dennis, he wanted to make sure his teammates at Milton Academy also got some recognition.

"I played on a great team. There are a lot of talented players on that team and they all deserve a lot of credit. The team comes first with me."

Cohasset laxers run out of miracles

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18-5, respectively — and then knocked off defending state champ and second-seeded Milton, 10-8, in a quarterfinals thriller. The "piece de resistance", however, came in the semi-finals against Ipswich when the boys stormed back from a six-goal deficit in the final eight minutes to tie the game at 11-11 and send it to overtime. Robert Hickey won it for Cohasset in the fourth OT period.

"Cohasset had an unbelievable run in the tournament," noted Hingham coach John Todd as his team was still celebrating Wednesday's championship win. "They peaked at the right time and they believed in themselves. Watching them play and not giving up against Ipswich when they were down by six goals, we knew that we were going to play the full 48 minutes of lacrosse (today)."

While Cohasset's journey to the finals had been thrilling, to say the least, the Harbormen's run was marked by sheer dominance, as indicated by the 35-9 scoring margin they compiled on their road to glory.

This included the quick spirit-shaking 4-0 lead they posted on the Skippers Wednesday.

Connor Fitzgerald curled around the Cohasset defense to put Hingham on top four minutes after the opening faceoff. A little more than two minutes later, Lenhart doubled the bulge, finishing off a 4-on-2 break on a nice feed from Ben Prime.

With just 24 seconds remaining in the first period, Thayer Academy transfer Hardy Allen delivered a back-breaker from 25 yards out when he bounced a shot past Weber to make it 3-0.

Sophomore Greg Paul extended the lead to 4-0 just over a minute into the second frame on a nifty pass as he crossed into the middle from Matt Connelly .

Cohasset finally got on the board with just 4:06 remaining to the break when Jason Moore scooped up a loose ball near the Hingham net off of a scramble and beat Hammond down low.

The Skippers drew a penalty late in the quarter, but were unable to capitalize. Their best opportunity came on a point- blank shot from Moore that Hammond was somehow able to block and control. The quick thinking netminder then outletted to a middie upfield to start a fast break that was finished on a beautiful one-on-one move by Connor Fitzgerald.

The Skippers were still probably reeling from that dramatic turnabout when Hingham's Sean Melanson won the ensuing faceoff over to Fitzgerald who made a nice rush and an even nicer feed across the crease to Lenhart on the doorstep for an easy re-direct past the helpless Weber.

Steve Skinner scored two minutes into the second half to give Hingham a 7-2 lead, but the Harbormen had to then weather Cohasset's best run of the game, with Hammond stopping three one-on-the goalie situations in the late third and early fourth quarters.

"Nate had his best game of the season today," raved Todd. "He really came up big when it looked like Cohasset might make a real run at us."

Hammond, who faced only 13 shots on net, was quick to cast a bit of the spotlight in the direction of his backline mates.

"My defense was awesome," said Hammond following the game. "I was seeing the ball really well and I was watching the ball real well."

With Cohasset missing its leading goal scorer — junior Paul Previte (53 tallies on the season), who was injured in the Ipswich game — Hingham's defense seemed to focus on stopping the team's overall leading scorer, Ronan Buick (49 goals, 37 assists-86 points). It seemed every time the senior captain tried to move to the net with his assortment of power/finesse moves, there were at least two Harbormen there to body him off aggressively. Frustrated, Buick was forced to take several shots from outside his normal comfort range, several of which sailed just wide of the net. He wound up pointless for the game, the first time this season that's happened.

"I'm just really disappointed in everything," said Buick as he headed off the field following the loss, clearly not in the mood to entertain questions. "We just never got in a rhythm. I guess you've got to give Hingham some of the credit for that, though. They played us great."

Coach Orcutt refuted the notion that the Harbormen did anything special to stop Buick, offering the observation that it was their adherence to a good game plan, hard work and better overall depth that made the difference on this oppressively warm day.

"That's just a well coached and talented team that did the things against us that they've been doing all along," said Orcutt. "They had a lot of talented bodies to throw at us, and I think they just wore us down. I give our guys a lot of credit, though, for the way they refused to pack it in."

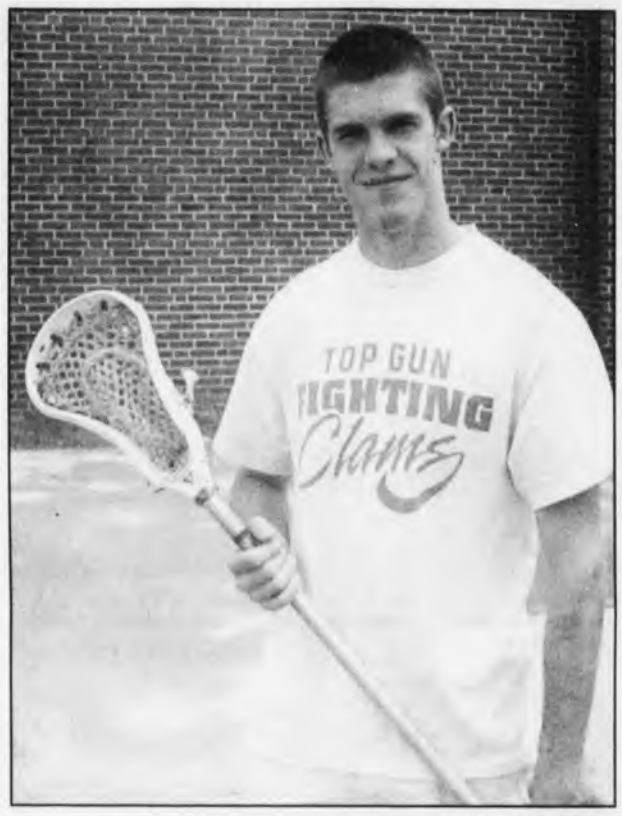
The Skippers actually started the game with a few nice prolonged holds in their offensive end, but the Hingham defenders set the tone by allowing just one shot to reach Hammond.

"That stretch at the beginning of the game was tough because we were trying to settle into the game," said Todd. "What made me happy was that they did not get anything."

The game marked the final appearance in the blue and white for seniors Buick, Geoff McWilliams, Lane Forrer, Justin Langham and Greg Figureido. The good news was that 18 lettermen return for the 2002 season, among them three All-Conference selections.

"We surprised a lot of people, including ourselves, this year," said Orcutt. "Next year, this is what we'll expect of ourselves."

Cohasset boys assistant lacrosse assistant coach Terry Kahn contributed to this report.



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE SPELLMAN

Ronan Buick.

Ronan Buick stands tall

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But what is perhaps even more amazing than his outstanding athleticism, is his modesty. He is able to be the general of the team without the benefit of a commanding voice, or a showy personality. He simply goes through practices, and lets the others see and attempt to imitate.

"He is not really loud," affirmed the coach. "His leading aspect is his humility."

Anyone who witnessed the season-ending State Finals contest in Hingham knows what Orcutt means. The Harbormen blanketed Ronan from end to end, often times not even watching the ball, but instead focusing on the senior captain midfielder.

But not needing to take the glory for himself, Buick selflessly passed off to his offensive teammates, even though they too were stifled by the Hingham defense more often than not.

"He was trying to learn when to dish it off," explained Orcutt, of Buick's relatively new skill, honed in response to opponent's increasing their focus on him this season.

He led the lacrosse team to its 15-6 record, which would have been 16-5 without their forfeit to Catholic Memorial, and even better than that if not for the Buick injury.

Now Buick heads off to college where he may end up just another fish in a much larger pond. Folks from Cohasset know, however, that he will continue to stand tall regardless of how he does on the lacrosse fields.

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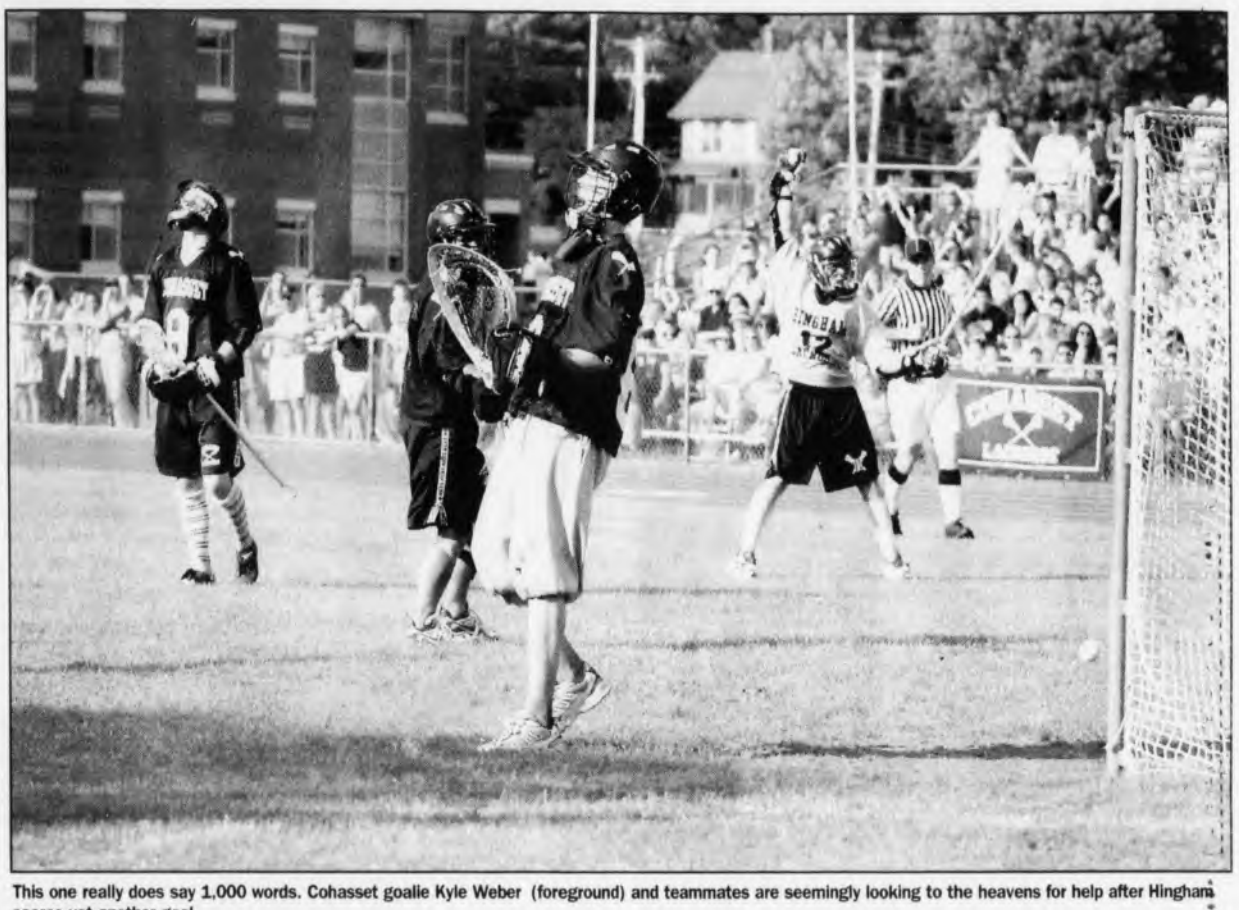
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A gallant effort



Cohasset's Ronan Buick gets physical.



This one really does say 1,000 words. Cohasset goalie Kyle Weber (foreground) and teammates are seemingly looking to the heavens for help after Hingham scores yet another goal.



Coach Kevin Orcutt does his best to rally the troops.

Photos by Alan Chapman



Cohasset's Sean Chase looks to head upfield.



On left, Cohasset captain Lane Forrer attempts to fight off a slash across the wrists as he heads upfield.

On right, Cohasset's Nick Devito (#2) leans into the check from Hingham midfielder.





Ronan Buick splits a pair of defenders.



The Skippers faithful turned out in droves, as has been the case all season, to support their boys in blue.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Peter Collins visits second-graders

Peter Collins, a graduate of Cohasset High School and Mass. Maritime Academy, recently completed a "Dive and Discover" expedition to the Indian Ocean. The 40-day long voyage to explore hydrothermal vents at the mid-ocean ridge in the central Indian Ocean was followed by two-second grade classes at the Joseph Osgood School via the Internet. Collins visited the students to answer their questions about the expedition. The following are two summaries written by the students:

For the past two months Miss DeLeo's and Mrs. Collins' second-grade classes tracked Mrs. Collins' son, Peter. Peter and 56 other crewmembers went out in the Indian Ocean on a ship called the Knorr. Each day Mrs. Collins' and Miss DeLeo's classes read each daily update. The crew's mission was to find if there was life in the Indian Ocean. On one of the days during the expedition, they lost their elevator! But just in case that happened they brought other parts for a new elevator. One of the days two 6-foot sharks were spotted! Luckily the sharks did not do anything. Most of the scientists worked day and night. The ROV Jason is like a big robot. It looked down in the sea like a computer. Our two classes did a lot of computer work. The ship members did a ton of research. Four kids from each class looked up facts on sea creatures. The Joseph Osgood hall is full with research on "Dive and Discover." Those are some of the facts from the expedition.



Peter Collins poses with Miss DeLeo's class.



Peter Collins with Mrs. Collin's second-graders who are wearing Dive and Discover T-Shirts.

Tracked a ship for 31 days

By Mike Monaco

Miss DeLeo's and Mrs. Collins' classes tracked a ship called the Knorr for 31 days. They went to the Central Indian Ridge in the Indian Ocean. They went down there to find life near hydrothermal vents. Hydrothermal vents are hot, big chimneys with very, very hot smoke coming out of them. The scientists found bacteria and vent shrimp living here.

We read the daily updates and put them in our "Dive and Discover" folders. We made our folders out of purple paper. They held all of the things we did with "Dive and Discover," such as crossword puzzles and daily updates. The scientists and tech crew had a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) Jason on the Knorr. They used it to bring samples onto the elevator and then onto the Knorr.

Web site is about the ocean

By Claire Pozniak

"Dive and Discover" is a web site about all the expeditions the Knorr and the (ROV) Jason went on. It has lots of other information too! Some of the information is about plates, the earth's crust and about ocean temperatures. It tells about fish that live in the ocean. Once even on the expedition they saw a shark!

On the ship, the crew ate lots of huge boxes of Oreo cookies. They also ate a lot of other stuff. You could see what the crew ate each day by logging on the daily menu. That is what we did with "Dive and Discover"!

DERBY DAY



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Christy Mihos of Cohasset holds the colors during Derby Day, a graduation celebration and parade conducted through Hingham Square by Derby Academy. Christy was one of the graduating ninth-graders.

D.A.'S office talks law at Cohasset Middle School

Approximately 90 Cohasset Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders learned more about the Massachusetts juvenile justice system, and the potential consequences of certain types of conduct, when the Office of Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating offered a recent panel presentation designed to help students make more informed decisions.

Participating in Keating's "Responsible Decisions Seminar" were Detective

Richard Grassie and Officer Chris Tarantino of the Cohasset Police Department, Asst. Chief Probation Officer Paul Keefe of the Norfolk Juvenile Probation Department, and staff members from the D.A.'s Juvenile Unit.

Using fictitious multi-media fact pattern scenarios, panel members explained their respective roles in the criminal justice process, how commonplace situations can have legal implications, and the importance of sound decisions before, during and after problems arise. Topics included internet safety, bullying, harassment, assault and battery, and alcohol. Questions were fielded from students throughout the presentations.

The D.A.'s Office commended the Cohasset School System and the Cohasset Police Department for their proactive school safety efforts, and thanked faculty members Maureen Duffy and Dr. Michael Gill for their support of these types of educational programs.

Send us your news

The Cohasset Mariner welcomes information on local stories The deadline for submitting community copy is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St., sent by fax to 741-2931 or emailed to mford@cnc.com. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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Cause of harbor fuel spill sought

By Rick Collins
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State and local officials are unsure what caused a large fuel oil spill that covered more than four acres of the harbor Friday and caused people to become nauseous from the fumes.

Cohasset Fire Capt. Mark Trask said five gallons of fuel oil, suspected to be diesel fuel, spread out across the harbor's waters, thanks to a brisk breeze.

Harbormaster John Winters called the fire department early Friday afternoon to say a number of people were complaining of eye irritation and nausea from gas fumes on the water.

"Where it had originated from had stopped by the time we got there," said Trask. "There could be many, many sources, we just couldn't localize it."

Seven members of the town's water response team, and 14 people from the United States Coast Guard worked to contain the spill.

Trask said because of the warm temperatures and wind, a good deal of it evaporated in the afternoon heat. However, a slick had formed over by the Cohasset Yacht Club. The town, with the assistance of the Coast Guard, surrounded the spill with eight-foot long, cigar-shaped booms that helped absorb the oil.

A federal clean-up crew remained on-site through Tuesday when the last of the spill was cleaned up.

The spill remains under investigation by the Coast Guard.

POLICE BRIEFS

3A/King accident

A 66-year-old Weymouth woman was transported to Quincy Medical Center following a two-car accident Sunday evening, police said.

Police cited Gerald G. Ernstein Jr., 58, of Brockton with failure to grant the right-of-way after he pulled out from Lower King Street onto Route 3A at about 6:30 p.m. in front of the northbound car driven by Brenda D. Dunker.

Dunker, whose condition was not immediately available, was cited for having an expired inspection sticker, police said.

Bridge jumpers

Police arrested two 15-year-old juveniles from out of town Friday for jumping off the Border Street bridge.

Apparently groups of up to 50 unruly teens from Brockton, Quincy, Abington and Rockland have been congregating at the bridge on hot afternoons and creating a nuisance by not allowing traffic to pass.

Police explained that Cohasset teenagers know the rules and disperse when told, but these teenagers refused to leave. Police also found that one of the teens allegedly had a bottle of Capt. Morgan Rum in his possession.

Both teens were charged with willful violation of the town by-law (prohibiting jumping from the bridge) and disorderly conduct. One was also charged with liquor law violations.

Marijuana plant

Police said two older women brought a marijuana plant into the police station Sunday night. They apparently found the plant, which still had its roots attached, on the sidewalk in front of Village Wine and Spirits.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JUNE 11

6:44 a.m. Bates Ln., animal control.
7:23 a.m. Elm St., E911 call verification.
7:29 a.m. Bates Ln., animal control.
8 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.
8:48 a.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.
1:30 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.
1:44 p.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.
2:17 p.m. Pond St., traffic complaint.
2:19 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:40 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:45 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
4:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., counterfeiting crimes, investigated.
7 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., disturbance.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

2:06 a.m. Pond St. and Buttonwood Ln., tree down.
6:32 a.m. Sohier St., noise complaint.
8:01 a.m. Grace Dr., medical aid, patient signoff.
1:17 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
2:24 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.
3 p.m. Pleasant St., parking violation.
3:12 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.
3:14 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop.
5:34 p.m. South Main St., traffic complaint.
6:12 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.
6:26 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6:33 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.
6:58 p.m. South Main St., general services.
7 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Deep Run, suspicious auto.
7:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.
11:06 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

6:41 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
6:45 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:25 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8:24 a.m. Brook St., suspicious person.
12:11 p.m. Pond St., reported death.
2:42 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering dispersed.
3:11 p.m. King St., investigation.
4:43 p.m. North Main St. and Rocky Ln., motor vehicle stop.
10:20 p.m. King St., suspicious auto.
10:24 p.m. Summer St., suspicious auto.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

2:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.
7:29 a.m. Highland Ave., general services.
10:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, arrest: Paul E. Ridge Jr., 45, 455 Monponsett St., Halifax. Chgs.: warrant.
1:45 p.m. North Main St., medical aid, patient signoff.
1:55 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:44 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle accident.
3:30 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle violations.
3:31 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:19 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering dispersed.
5:28 p.m. Pleasant St., vandalism.
5:52 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious person.
7:55 p.m. Border St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

12:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.
5:58 a.m. Forest Ave., general services.
6:09 a.m. Square, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:29 a.m. North Main St., animal control.
9:31 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:43 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop.
10:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation.
11:42 a.m. Church St., assist motorist.

OBITUARIES

Edward J. Maree



Edward J. Maree, a former, longtime resident of Cohasset, died June 16, 2001 at Quincy Medical Center after a long illness.

He was a meteorologist at Logan International Airport for 10 years before retiring in 1991.

An engineering graduate of Northeastern University, he was trained by the Air Force in meteorology during World War II. He left the service with the rank of captain.

He was a member of the Blue Hills observatory Meteorological Society and the Pembroke Recycling Committee.

Mr. Maree enjoyed stamp collecting, golfing, gardening and snowmobiling, a sport he took up when he was 60 and continued until last year.

Born and raised in Cohasset, he graduated from Cohasset High School in 1938 and from Northeastern in 1943. He lived in Valley Stream, N.Y. for 25 years before moving to Pembroke 15 years ago.

Mr. Maree leaves his wife of 58 years, Mary E. (Figueiredo) Maree; his son, Dr. Terence E. Maree of Norwell; his daughter Linda A. Maree of Brockton; a sister, Jessie Moorehead of Sonoma, Calif; and two granddaughters.

A funeral service was held at St. Luke Episcopal Church in Scituate. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Memorial donations to a scholarship in Mr. Maree's name may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 291, Scituate 02066.

Lyn M. Baxter

Assistant Town Clerk of Hingham



Lyn M. (Gordon) Baxter, 54, of Hingham died June 18, 2001 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a long illness.

Born in Weymouth, Mrs. Baxter spent most of her life in Hingham where she graduated from Hingham High School. She also attended Salve Regina in Newport, R.I. where she received her certification of the office of town clerk. In addition to her duties as the Assistant Town Clerk in Hingham, she was also a Justice of the Peace and performed many marriages in the South Shore area.

She was a member of the Town Clerk's Association and had been active in establishing a Hingham Veterans War Memorial Park which is an ongoing project on the grounds of the town hall.

After leaving Hingham, Mrs. Baxter was a resident of Hanover for five years before moving to Cohasset three years ago.

Mrs. Baxter leaves her husband, Paul B. Baxter of Cohasset and her two sons, Johnathan E. Gordon of Cohasset and Scott D. Gordon of Holbrook; her sister Pauline V. Emilson of Marshfield, a brother, John S. Gordon of Rockland and the late Edward L. Gordon; she also leaves her grandchild, Kaileigh A. Gordon of Holbrook.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 22 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Church in Hingham Square. Interment will be in the High Street Cemetery, Hingham. Arrangements were made by the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Hingham Veterans War Memorial Park, c/o The Town Clerk, 210 Central St., Hingham 02043.

WORSHIP NOTES

Teachers sought

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Respect Life meeting

The Respect Life Committee of St. Anthony Parish meets weekly to pray the rosary in honor of an increase in respecting all life. New members are welcome at 9 a.m. each Friday. The committee is also sponsoring a "spiritual adoption" program, and in the fall will hold a baby shower with the proceeds to be donated to crisis pregnancy centers.

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Photo Series, Honorable Mention

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Feature Photo, 3rd place

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Investigative Reporting, 1st place
Photo Illustration, 2nd place
Photo Series, 2nd place
Photo Series, Honorable Mention
Pictorial Photo, Honorable Mention
Pictorial Photo, 2nd place
Reporting on Religious Issue, 2nd place
Social Issues Feature Story, 3rd place
Sports Photo, 3rd place

Brookline TAB
Business/Economic, Honorable Mention

Cambridge Chronicle
Racial or Ethnic Issue, Honorable Mention

Cape Codder
Social Issues, Honorable Mention
Sports Photo, 2nd place

Chelmsford Independent
Editorial Writer, 2nd place
Photo Series, 3rd place
Social Issues Feature Story, Honorable Mention
Sports Story, 1st place

Cohasset Mariner
*General Excellence, 1st place
Local Election Coverage, 3rd place
Social Issues Feature Story, 2nd place

Concord Journal
Headline Writing, 1st place
Local Election Coverage, 1st place
Spot News Photo, 2nd place

Daily News Tribune
Sports Column, 1st place

Easton Journal
Transportation/Commuter Reporting, 1st place

Framingham TAB
History Reporting, Honorable Mention
Social Issues Feature Story, 1st place

The Hingham Journal
Special Award for Staff, 3rd place
Sports Story, 3rd place

Holliston TAB
History Reporting, 3rd place
Infographics, 3rd place
Sports Photo, 1st place

Hopkinton Crier
Editorial Writer, Honorable Mention
Infographics, 2nd place

Lexington Minuteman
Editorial, 2nd place

Lincoln Journal
Front Page, 2nd place
General News Photo, 2nd place

Littleton Independent
*General Excellence, 3rd place
Spot News Photo, 3rd place

Malden Observer
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, 3rd place
Sports Column, 2nd place

Marblehead Reporter
Design, 1st place
Editorial Writer, 2nd place

Marshfield Mariner
*General Excellence, 3rd place
Headline Writing, 2nd place

Medford Transcript
General News Story, 2nd place

Melrose Free Press
Health Reporting, 2nd place
Serious Columnist, 3rd place

Merrimack River Current
Photo Series, 3rd place

MetroWest Daily News
1st Amendment Reporting, 2nd place
Arts & Ent. Reporting, Honorable Mention
Design, 2nd place
Editorial, 2nd place
Front Page, 1st place
General News Photo, 2nd place
Health Reporting, 3rd place
Humor Columnist, 1st place
Living Page or Section, Honorable Mention
Photo Series, 3rd place
Reporting Religious Issues, Hon.Mention
Serious Columnist, 1st place
Serious Columnist, Honorable Mention
Social Issues Feature Story, 2nd place
Special Award, Honorable Mention
Sports Page or Section, 3rd place
Transp./Commuter Reporting, 2nd place

Milford Daily News
Environmental Reporting, 1st place
General News Photo, Honorable Mention

Natick TAB
General News Story, 3rd place

Needham TAB
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, 2nd place
Environmental Reporting, 2nd place
History Reporting, 3rd place
Investigative Reporting, 2nd place
Reporting on Religious Issues, 1st place
Serious Columnist, 1st place
Transp./Commuter Reporting, Hon. Mention

Neponset Valley Daily News
Editorial Writer, 1st place
Social Issues Feature Story, 1st place

Newton TAB
*General Excellence, 3rd place
Arts & Entertainment Section, 3rd place
Coverage of Racial/Ethnic issue, 3rd place
History Reporting, 2nd place
Photo Series, 1st place
Spot News Story, 1st place

North Andover Citizen
Reporting Religious Issues, 1st place

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Coverage of Racial/Ethnic Issue, Hon. Men.
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Health Reporting, 2nd place
Human Interest, 2nd place
Humor Columnist, 1st place
Photo Series, 2nd place
Reporting on Religious Issues, 2nd place

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Watertown TAB & Press
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Photo Series, 2nd place

Wayland Town Crier
Headline Writing, 3rd place

Wellesley Townsman
Headline Writing, 3rd place
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Photo Illustration, 1st place

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Personality Photo, Hon. Mention
Photo Series, 1st place

West Roxbury Transcript
Health Reporting, 1st place
Reporting on Religious Issues, 1st place

Weymouth News
*General Excellence, Hon. Mention
Special Award, 3rd place

Weston Town Crier
*General Excellence, 2nd place
Design, 1st place
Headline Writing, 1st place

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General News Photo, 3rd place
Sports Column, 1st place

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Driven to write

Road trip tales inspire zany new children's book

By Seth Jacobson
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A calculator named Nanook. Arguments about chickens and eggs. Grouchy grandparents armed with "fart rays—" these are some of the creative elements in a new children's book by Marshfield resident Steve Beck.

The book, Beck's first, is "The Hotel Bradbury" and at its center is a 12-year-old boy named Joe who takes a bizarre new job at a fictional hotel in Green Harbor.

"As (Joe) goes along at his job, he starts meeting some very unusual people and eventually, he finds out that most of the people he has been working with are all extraterrestrials," Beck said. Another strange aspect of the hotel in the book is that most of the people who work there are named Al, Beck noted.

Beck said his book targets the age 9-14 bracket, but he said kids who pick up the book shouldn't be expecting any kind of moral lessons.

"I had that in mind when I first started writing it," Beck said. "I just wanted to write a funny story with as little violence as possible."



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Marshfield author Steve Beck

Beck said he had a great response at a book signing two weeks ago at Once Upon A Time in Marshfield which he referred to as "a rousing success."

But Beck's work is far from done.

"The Hotel Bradbury" is only the first book in a series of three.

The follow up to "Bradbury" will be "The Search For the Chubby Chefs," and the third book will be titled "Hotel Bradbury 3: A Fridge in Time." There is no official publishing date for either book as of yet.

After reading "The Hotel Bradbury," some people may find themselves wondering where Beck gets all of his zany ideas. Beck said much of his inspiration stemmed from long road trips with his wife and two children.

"My family lives in Pennsylvania and my wife's family lives in New Jersey," he said.

"So we go on lots of car rides where we all invent stories and running gags to try to make each other laugh. 'The Hotel Bradbury' basically started as one of those short stories."

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Beck said some of his ideas also came from reading humor-based works like "A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams and also books by Kurt Vonnegut.

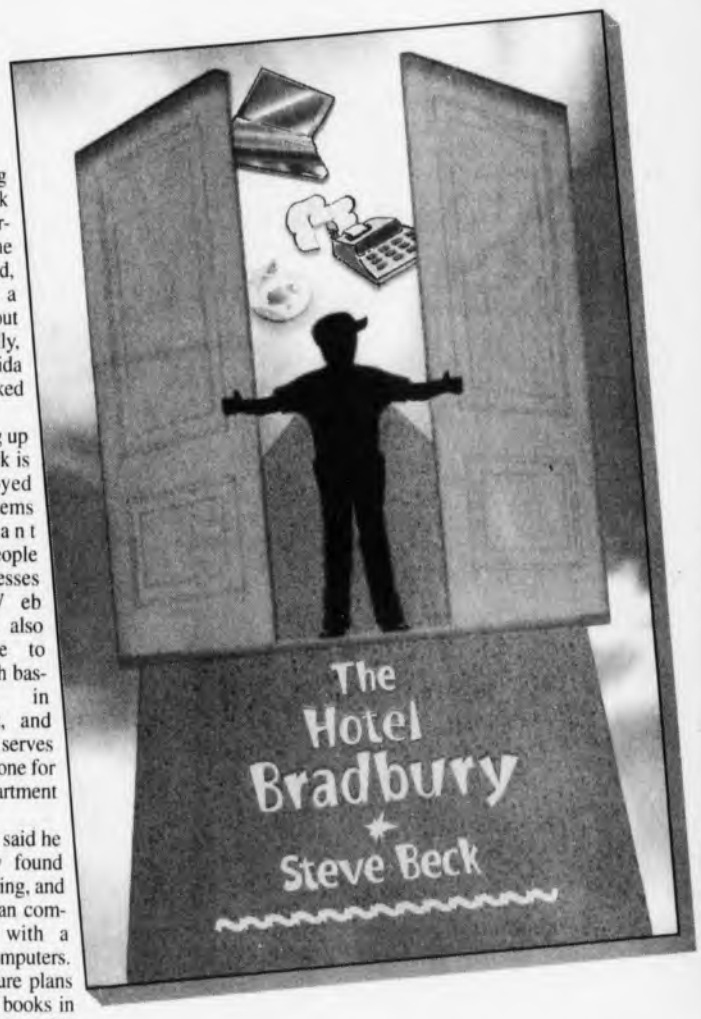
After thinking about it, Beck decided he wanted to actually put the car-trip story down on paper. He worked until he finished the book, and started circulating the first draft around to Marshfield residents and even to teachers and students within the Marshfield school system.

"People started telling me 'Not only is this book funny, but it's very different,'" Beck said. "The response was really good, so I started looking for a publisher. It took me about 20 publishers but eventually, a small publisher in Florida called Disc-Us Books picked up the manuscript."

When he's not dreaming up zany new story lines, Beck is self-employed as a systems consultant helping people and businesses set up W eb sites. He also finds time to coach youth basketball in Marshfield, and frequently serves as a chaperone for music department outings.

But Beck said he has a new found love in writing, and hopes he can combine that with a love of computers. He has future plans of not only writing more books in print, but he also wants to try to his hand at writing e-books which are basically books with moving pictures one can read *and* watch at a computer.

"Writing takes a lot of self discipline," Beck said. "When you're writing a book, you really have to block out a portion of time every day. But with writing 'The Hotel Bradbury,' I think it helped that I never bothered growing up myself."



Beck hopes that even though his book is geared toward kids, their parents will have fun reading it too.

"I think kids and adults will have a lot of fun when they read the book," he said, "and hopefully, they'll get a lot of laughs out of it."

Beck will be on hand for another book signing July 23 at Barnes & Noble in Braintree. Beck's book is currently available at local bookstores and online at Amazon.com. For more information, log onto www.thehotelbradbury.com.

A taste of the Big Apple

Broadway dancer at head of class at Hanover dance school

By Seth Jacobson
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Start spreading the news—the Dance Unlimited dance studio in Hanover will soon be welcoming a Broadway original.

On July 11, a four-week dance workshop will kick off with a two-hour class taught by Deborah Leamy, a former member of the Broadway cast of the renowned dance revue called "Fosse."

"Everyone here is really excited about it," said Linda Turner-Murphy, director of the Dance Unlimited studio. "(Leamy) is a fabulous dancer, but it's just thrilling to have someone from Broadway coming to our little studio."

Leamy brings a wide range of talents with her to share with students at the Hanover dance school.

"To be able to perform on Broadway, you have to be able to dance, but you also have to know how to act and sing as well," Leamy said. "My class will emphasize that reality. Broadway performances are very real, and you need the talent to be able to back it up."

Whatever her initiative may be, Leamy is geared up for visiting the South Shore. A graduate of Emerson College, Leamy is no stranger to the Boston area.

Leamy said when she first contacted Murphy about the possibility of holding the class, Turner-Murphy responded in all the right ways.

"(Linda) supported me from the get go," Leamy said. "She really got what I was trying to do with this class in terms of exposing kids to the reality of it all."

But Turner-Murphy is not the only dance studio director who "got it." Other directors in places like Florida, Los Angeles, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Seattle, and Washington D.C. all recruited Leamy for her teaching talents.

Leamy decided to start traveling around and teaching dancing shortly after she left the cast of "Fosse" at the beginning of 2000. Her permanent home is in New York, but she had no problem with the concept of constantly moving around in order to teach.

"I spent two years with 'Fosse'," Leamy said. "And I left it with a greater knowledge of choreography. Right after I left, I went out to Los Angeles, and started trying to market a 'Fosse' workshop."

"This class will be the time for young dancers to go for it."
-Broadway dancer Deborah Leamy

From then on, Leamy has been finding success with her unique brand of instruction.

Leamy has been in touring Broadway productions like "Phantom of the Opera, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, West Side Story, and A Chorus Line." She has also performed in shows at Radio City Music Hall, and she has done her fair share of off-Broadway performances as well.



Deborah Leamy

"The kids who take her class are going to benefit from it," Turner-Murphy said. "It's a different kind of style of dancing for them. This is the kind of workshop that people usually have to travel to New York to take, so it's very convenient."

Leamy said she thinks her class will definitely help those students who feel they want to make a life out of dancing.

"This class will be the time for young dancers to go for it," Leamy said. "This will be the time for a trial basis to see if they want to actually make a career out of this."

After Leamy's workshop, there will be other classes held during the course of the four-week series by Jazz dance greats like Adrienne Hawkins and Billy McLaughlin, Turner-Murphy said.

For more information on Leamy's class, or any of the ones following it, call Dance Unlimited at (781) 871-4264. The four-week series costs $120 for enrollment. There is limited space available.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

By David Brudnoy
FILM CRITIC

Atlantis (B)

The phrase "derived from" isn't the kiss of death, unlike "based on a true story," which means hoked up beyond recognition. "Atlantis: The Lost Empire," Disney's latest grab for your dollars and your rug rats' repeat visits and tie-in toy collecting, is a textbook case of derivation. Jules Verne pops into mind, the vessel in which our hero and his buddies voyage to the vanished realm reminding us of the classic film made from "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." Smidgens of other Verne stories creep in, as do many plucky-lad-goes-about-doing-something-plucky books you read as a child. It's Disneyfication of the classics without, mercifully, either wee adorable chattering beasties or the usual noxious assemblage of songs to melt us. There *is* music but it doesn't swallow the thing whole. They've gone for story and animation, and the result is good.

How good? Good enough to save us from being totally submerged in the inevitable, manipulative, condescending PC tokenisms, like the black character (voice of Phil Morris) who of course sounds "black," lest a blind black audience member not be sure that the affirmative action cops have done their duty; the princess our hero comes to crave (voice of Cree Summer) who's a couple shades tawnier than he; or the teen mechanic chick made to sound Hispanic (Jacqueline Obradors). No reason not to broaden the imagery in films, but nowadays it's manifestly insincere, soldered onto movies to achieve a contrived "inclusiveness," just as the all-white Disney cartoons of yore reflected the ethos then. Movies reflect their era. Ours, one of moviemaking by the numbers, is hell bent on maximizing "diversity" dogma, though the Italo stereotype hovers at the brink (Don Novello's Vinny is a riot), as does the sultry siren iconography (Claudia Christian).

The game plan these days (after raking in the green) is to cover every base in transparently fraudulent ways, since kids are taught by today's corrupt pedagogy to "identify with" only those who resemble themselves. Many critics, shamefully, strive to demonize any film not conforming to these ridiculously cookie-cutter panderings.

The simple story, set in 1914, features our hero, a nerdy would-be scientist, Milo Thatch (voice of Michael J. Fox, superbly complementing the visual), who's financed by a wealthy pal (John Mahoney) of his late granddad to undertake this voyage, captained by Rourke (James Garner), and accompanied by our mini-rainbow coalition of attendants. Turns out that most are rotters, though many also come around by the end, and the voyage is an eye-poppingly voluptuous excursion into the depths of the oceans and worlds unknown, with animation whose crispness undercuts the story's goody-goody verities. Many scenes exhibit the best 3-D-like effects of any Disney film, and most are riotously colorful. Nowadays most movies aimed at undiscriminating audiences (a redundancy) nearly drive you bonkers with the propaganda. But the result here transcends its negatives. A saga of yearning for wonders only imagined, this is finer than its parts, and kids, who deserve better than they usually get, will be awed.

Written by Tab Murphy; directed by Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise. Rated PG.



Milo talks it up with a suspicious Helga and a bored Commander Rourke.

Living

Peach kuchen



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Peach kuchen is a recipe that graces the pages of community cookbooks but will never be found in magazines like Gourmet or Bon Appetit. It's solid, nonsense fare; easy to make, unpretentious, and, when properly made, delicious.

The first problem with peach kuchen is defining it. Recipes call for everything from boxed cake mixes and refrigerated bread dough to yeast cake as a base. However, the consensus is that kuchen (German for "cake") is a coffee or breakfast-style cake with fruit baked into the top and a garnish of cinnamon and sugar or streusel.

Such a recipe appears in "The New Joy of Cooking (1997)." It contains all-purpose flour, baking powder, salt, butter, sugar, and eggs for the cake and peaches, pecans, sugar, and cinnamon for the topping. As it turned out, the cake was dry and overleavened (1 tablespoon of baking powder to 1 cup of flour is extravagant), and it could have used a bit more fruit.

My solution was to add milk to the batter for moisture, reduce the amount of baking powder, and increase the amount of fruit. Now I had a good working recipe — this kuchen was sturdy but moist and had enough fruit to balance out the foundation of cake below.

Next I tried using sour cream instead of milk but, to my surprise, the texture of the cake turned tough. Cake flour produced a weak structure, one into which the sliced peaches happily dived during baking, so all-purpose was the winner. I fiddled with leavener quantities and settled on 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder and 1/4 teaspoon baking soda, quantities that balanced the cake's height with the moistness of its crumb.

Now I was on to the topping. Fresh peaches are available at this time of year, but I found that they benefited from sitting out at room temperature for a couple of days to soften. After peeling and slicing them I found lemon juice unnecessary for preventing discoloration. My first topping included cinnamon and sugar, but I preferred a more interesting streusel topping. After some experimentation, I settled on a topping made from flour, butter, sugar, and chopped nuts, which provided the crunch I was looking for. (Many streusel toppings are soft and too sweet.)

It is best to bake this cake in a 9-inch springform pan. In a pinch it can be baked in a 9-inch cake pan and flipped out with minimal loss of topping, but it's much easier to work with a springform.

PEACH KUCHEN WITH CRUNCHY STREUSEL

This recipe can also be made with apples or plums. The easiest way to peel peaches is to first immerse them in boiling water for 30 seconds and then plunge them into an ice bath; this loosens the skins. Do not use underripe peaches. They are tasteless and will be difficult to peel even after being blanched in boiling water.

For the Streusel Topping:
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons light brown sugar
3 tablespoons chopped almonds or pecans, or a combination of both
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon unsalted butter at cool room temperature

For the Fruit:
3 cups peaches, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices, about 3 large to 6 small (you can substitute plums or apples)

For the Cake:
1 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter at room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs at room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2/3 cups milk

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust rack to middle position. Grease and flour a 9-inch springform pan. Combine all ingredients for the streusel topping in the bowl of an electric mixer and mix until crumbly and thoroughly combined, about 2 minutes. Set aside.

2. For the cake, sift the first four ingredients together onto a piece of wax paper. Place the butter in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat on medium-high for one minute. Add the sugar and gradually beat on high speed for 3 minutes, until the mixture is light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating 30 seconds after each addition. Add the vanilla and beat for 10 seconds.

3. Add 1/3 of the flour mixture and 1/3 of the milk and beat on low speed until almost combined. Repeat twice, being careful not to overbeat. Using a rubber spatula, mix briefly, scraping down the sides of the bowl to make sure the batter is fully combined.

4. Scrape the batter into the prepared pan, smoothing the surface with the spatula. Top with an even layer of peaches. Sprinkle with an even layer of streusel topping. Bake for 20 minutes. Rotate the cake 180 degrees and bake for 20 to 30 minutes more, or until the cake is golden brown and a cake tester or wooden skewer comes out clean. Let cool on a rack for 10 minutes before removing the sides of the pan. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Waging war on weeds

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORESSPONDENT

Those of us who sow, grow, weed and cultivate the soil in the northeastern United States are accustomed to a seemingly endless, yo-yo pattern of weather extremes, but the growing season of 2001 may long be remembered as one of the most challenging of all. Temperature and moisture extremes have produced some spectacular displays and an equal number of disappointments.

It is advisable to keep records from year to year, noting the season's weather conditions and those plants which stood out for their exceptional vigor as well as those which struggled or succumbed. Depending on your property's soil and its individual micro-climate, there are likely to be a number of consistently good performers from year to year despite the weather extremes, while others may only offer occasional beauty when given the ideal combination of growing conditions. For smaller landscapes, finicky plants may not be worth the space and pampering they require.

A gardening journal is an invaluable tool for the serious gardener. It can be used to document new purchases, note plants which bloom simultaneously, comment on pleasing plant combinations, and list changes to be made. If time does not permit extensive entries, weekly photos of the perennial border will serve as reminders for future seasons.

As our perennials grow and fill in, so do our weeds, or wildflowers, if you prefer. Some are sneaky, their foliage similar in appearance to desirable plants. Rather than pull out a plant we do not recognize and suspect we may have purchased the previous season, we allow the intruder to flourish only to discover that it soon begins to invade our beds relentlessly. Others are brazen right from the start, growing by leaps and bounds and crowding out the good guys. Whatever their nature, pull early and often as these unwanted guests compete for nutrients and moisture no matter what our growing season has to offer and the weeds always seems to succeed far better than the expensive plants we introduce.

Chemicals are not my preferred means of weed prevention and I find weeding very therapeutic, but there are times when even the most dedicated gardener must resort to drastic measures, if only to break the cycle. Some weeds are easily extricated with a simple tug, but others are considerably more persistent with taproots or underground runners. For these intruders, the use of an herbicide may be required. The careful application of Roundup or Finale to the leaf surface of the unwanted guests may be the only solution, keeping in mind that these chemicals are nonselective and cannot recognize a weed from your most desirable, expensive acquisition. In tight spaces or in instances where the weed has infiltrated an established clump, apply the herbicide with a sponge or small paint brush. There are an endless number of products on the market with varying levels of toxicity to combat your weed populations. My recommendation would be to begin with the least toxic application and work your way up.

Once the gardens have been thoroughly weeded, the application of a weed preventative chemical like Preen, will minimize the emergence of weeds from seeds. These chemicals will not prevent those intruders which are produced on runners nor will they kill existing weeds. After application, it is best not to cultivate the soil which will disrupt the chemical barrier that has been established enabling those persistent little trespassers to germinate. Often the best approach to a relatively weed-free landscape is to pull the existing weeds in early spring, spray the more difficult invaders, spread lime, fertilizer and a weed preventative and then apply a layer of mulch.

The use of summer mulches offers many benefits to all types of plantings. Perhaps their greatest value, in our times of frequent water bans, is that summer mulches help soils to retain moisture in addition to keeping soil temperatures more evenly regulated which results in less stress to our plants. Even a thin layer of shredded bark significantly reduces the emergence of weeds and creates an attractive, uniform background which sets plants off beautifully. Apply two inches of pine bark mulch over the root systems of trees and shrubs, using only an inch or so around perennials. Care should be taken not to bury the crowns of perennials, as this can lead to rot or suffocation of the plants. As the mulch breaks down over the growing season, it provides valuable, moisture-retentive, organic matter to the soil surface which can be worked into the soil early next spring. For smaller gardens, there are a number of specialty mulches in addition to pine or hemlock mulches, which are available in bags including chocolate-scented cocoa mulch, for all you chocoholics, and buckwheat hulls.

The removal of weeds for some gardeners is an endless, dreaded chore; for others, pulling weeds is good exercise and a time for contemplation. The key is to keep up with the process to minimize competition with your preferred plants for water and nutrients and, most importantly, to eliminate the invaders before they have an opportunity to spread their offspring throughout your plantings.



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'TENDER' PRESENTED BY KINGSTON PLAYERS with performances scheduled for July 5 and 7 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, 224 Main Street, Route 106, Kingston. Admission is $10 and all proceeds go to Renewal House, a women's shelter in Boston. For additional tickets or information call Joseph Moylan at 781-585-0684 or via email at jokieran@cs.com.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.

BEST BET

The Sparrow House Museum in Plymouth will host Sisters at the Sparrow House, a joint exhibition of work by Plymouth artists Marlee Brewster Brockmann and Skaneatles, N.Y. artist Patience Brewster. The exhibit will be on display from June 22 - July 22. A public opening reception will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. on June 22. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wed. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and there is no admission to the gallery areas. Admission to the museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information and directions to 42 Summer Street in Plymouth call 508-747-1240.



Thurs. 21

Fourth Annual Summer Solstice will take place at Snow Park (Salisbury Park) behind Plouffe School on Crescent Street from 4 - 7 p.m. There will be free games, crafts, face painting, music and fun. Hot dogs, ice cream and much more. See the results of grades 1 - 12 juried art show and enjoy the teen poetry slam.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents J-Walkers featuring Erica Rodney. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On June 21: Legion Bud Band.

Brookville Community - Theater proudly presents the musical production of "Godspell" on June 21, 22 and 23 at Brookville Baptist Church, 871 South Franklin Street, Route 37 in Holbrook. All performances are at 7:30 p.m. Free admission and an offering will be taken. For more information call 781-767-0217.

Fri. 22

"Blithe Spirit" - Ellison Center for the Arts, Saint George Street in Duxbury held on June 22, 23, 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 for general admission and $10 for seniors and students. A Bay Players' production of the Noel Coward comedy, directed by Peter Kates. Tel. 800-290-6825 or visit www.bayplayers.org.

Comedy Cruise Featuring Red Peters with Boston Harbor Cruises from 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Meet at Long Wharf in Boston. The cost is $28 per person. For more information or to make reservations please call 617-227-4321.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a semi-monthly smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 for SSS members and $8 for non-members. Proper dress is required and no jeans or athletic shoes. For more information call 781-331-0021 or visit www.southshoresingles.org.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Young Neal and the Vipers featuring Erica Rodney. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents a Benefit Concert with numerous. Tickets are $8 reserved and $10 the day of the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

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Singles Night Out at the Bay Pointe Country Club in scenic Onset, Mass. Dancing with DJ Pebbles from 8 p.m. - midnight. Members are $7 (with card) and non-members are $10. Proper dress required and hors d'oeuvres will be available. For more information call 877-626-4900.

Sat. 23

Second Annual North River Tour sponsored by the North and South River Watershed Association begins at 10 a.m. off Bridge Street in Norwell. A leisurely one hour boating trip on the North River. There will be pontoon boats with licensed captains and a guide. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Tickets are $30 per person and no children under 12 please. To reserve your spot please call 781-659-8168.

Yoga at the River's Edge on Saturdays from June 23 - Aug. 11 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at various sites along the North River. For more information or to receive schedules with class locations contact Kezia Bacon Bernstein at 781-837-7093.

Eighth Annual Spinning Bee for 'spinners' of all ages will be held at the Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. rain or shine. During the old-fashioned contest, spinners will use a variety of hand-held spindles, high wheels, and treadle-operated wheels to spin wool and cotton fiber. Prizes are awarded to spinners at different age levels based on which competitor produces the most yarn or thread in the allotted time. Spinners are invited to bring their equipment and there is a minimal entry fee. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 508-746-0012.

A Cruise for Lighthouse Lovers sponsored by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands. The trip departs at 10:30 a.m. from Boston Harbor Cruises at Long Wharf in Boston and returns at 5 p.m., rain or shine. Dress appropriately for wind. Tickets are $34 for adults, $32 for seniors, $30 for FBHI members, $17 for children ages 3 - 12 and children under two are free. To order tickets or for more information call 781-740-4290.

Bragging Rights Road Race Series to Benefit Talking Information Center and National Kidney Foundation. T-shirts go to the first 250 entrants in each race. Pre-entry fee is $18 and same day registration is $20. The 10K Loop courses will be run June 23 from Duxbury's Chandler School at 9:30 a.m.; July 21 from Marshfield's South River Elementary School at 8:30 a.m.; August 18 from Hingham High School at 8 a.m. and Sept. 22 from Norwell High School at 9 a.m. Race sponsors include Hyde Park Cooperative Bank, Alvin Hollis Company and Pearle Vision Center in Hanover. For an application or to help out call TIC in Marshfield at 781-834-4400 or 800-696-9505.

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The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will hold a Public Tea Ceremony presentation Sunday, June 24 at 2 p.m. with Aiko Rogers who was trained by the Uransanke School of Tea. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, for more information call 781-934-6634.

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Robbins Museum of Archaeology. The Massachusetts Archaeological Society and the Friends of the Middleborough Public Library. Presenting a family storytelling performance featuring Marge Bruchac and the group Hand in Hand, titled Summer Moon Thanksgiving. The first part of the event is free and open to the public. The second part is an outdoor concert featuring Celtic music duo Awen from 4 - 7 p.m. The suggested donation is $5 for adults, $3 for children and $10 for families. Located at 102 North Main Street at the corner of Jackson Street across from the Middleborough Police Station. For more information call 508-946-2470.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave.; Nantasket Beach presents Sleepy La Beef. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Sun. 24

Public Tea Ceremony presentation at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury at 2 p.m. with Aiko Rogers, trained by the Uransanke School of Tea. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, for more information call 781-934-6634.

Borders in the Independence Mall in Kingston presents Sandy Prager at 2 p.m. Enjoy the styling of a classical guitar pro. All events are free.

Mon. 25

Eighth Annual Tee-Off for Home Care will take place at the Waverly Oaks Golf Club in Plymouth with goals to raise $100,000 to support the charitable care and community health services of the Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Association, a branch of Partners Home Care. In addition to enlisting players, the committee is looking for corporate sponsors for the event. The $200 per-player registration fee will include 18 holes of golf with cart, range balls, a generous gift pack, winner's prizes, lunch, on-course refreshments and a sumptuous dinner. For player registration, sponsorship information or to donate an item for the silent auction or raffle please call the VNA's Community Relations Department at 781-681-1229.

Tues. 26

Mayflower II Makes Voyage to Boston at the prestigious Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf in Boston. Open to the public on June 26 - 27 from 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and June 28 from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Adults are $8, children ages 6 - 12 are $6 and children under 5 are free. For more information call 508-746-1622.

Thurs. 28

Borders in the Independence Mall presents Computer Surgeon Workshops on June 28 at 7 p.m. Learn the basics of the personal computer, including Microsoft Windows and empower yourself. The first session will cover the theory of main components and functions. The second will be on operating systems. For more information call 877-478-7436.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, 80 Proof. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On June 28: Sounds of Yesterday.

Comedy Alert! Dave Andrews, Danny Miller, Annette Pollack, Eric Cannon, Ben Boime, and Stacy Yannetty will perform at Jimbos Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners at 8:30 p.m. Half-priced appetizers will be served during the show. Reservations are recommended by calling 781-848-0300.

Fri. 29

Walking tours of Paul Revere's North End will take place June 29, July 2 and 3 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Come and tour Boston's fascinating North End with an experienced guide from the Paul Revere House. Visit the silversmith shop and foundry and discover how Revere began his career as an artisan, fashioning buttons, buckles, creamers and sugar bowls from silver. Later he became one of the country's first industrialists producing fittings for the USS Constitution, and enormous bells and canons. Walking tour fee is $4 for adults, seniors age 62 and over and college students are $3.50, and children ages 5 - 17 are $1.50. Prices include admission to the Revere House, which is open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. For more information call 617-523-2338.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents James Montgomery Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

Tom Selleck to make his Boston Stage debut in 'A Thousand Clowns' at the Shubert Theatre at 8 p.m. and running through July 1. Performances are Tues. - Sat. at 8 p.m., except June 20 at 7 p.m. Matinees are Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. Sunday evening performances are at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at $65 - $45 and are on sale now at The Shubert theatre box office, 265 Tremont Street in Boston or by phone at telecharge 800-447-7400.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

June Art Exhibit at the Pembroke Library features photographs of outdoor scenes and landscapes done by Wilbur F. Provost, A Pembroke resident for 25 years, Mr. Provost has been taking photographs as a hobby for seven years. This exhibit will be on display for the month of June.

Fiddler on the Roof will be at Boston's Colonial Theatre through June 24 in a new production starring Theodore Bikel in his signature role as Tevye. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Thurs., Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $68.50 - $25. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster 617-931-2787 or at the Colonial Theatre Box Office, 106 Boylston Street. For more information call 617-426-9366.

Boston Light Cruises on July 1, Aug. 5, 12 and Sept. 9 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $27, seniors are $24, members are $22 and children 3 - 12 are $15. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

Blue Ribbon Members Show at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset from through August 5. All members including children and teens are invited to submit one work to this annual members show in the Bancroft and Dillon Galleries. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Stephen Sondheim's "Saturday Night" will be presented by SpeakEasy Stage Company through June 30 at the Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon Street in Boston's Back Bay. Performances are Wed. - Sat. evenings at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 7 p.m., matinees at 2 p.m. on June 16, 23 and 30. Ticket prices range from $25 - $31 and are available by calling 617-437-7731.

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The Eighth Annual Spinning Bee for 'spinners' of all ages will be held at the Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth Saturday, June 23 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. rain or shine. During the old-fashioned contest, spinners will use a variety of hand-held spindles, high wheels, and treadle-operated wheels to spin wool and cotton fiber. Prizes are awarded to spinners at different age levels based on which competitor produces the most yarn or thread in the allotted time. Spinners are invited to bring their equipment and there is a minimal entry fee. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 508-746-0012.

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Work by Members of the Weymouth Art Association is on display at several locations around town throughout June and July. In the Town Hall, Mayors office, Treasurers office, councilors office and auditors office. At Snyders Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance and Colonial Federal Savings Bank. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents Drawings and Prints by Nancy Webb through July 31. Located at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-2721. Summer hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through December 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.

Tours resume to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

Children and Artists to Exhibit Work Together at the Fuller Museum of Art through July 8. There will also be an exhibition of digital art entitled "Digital Insight" with a special focus on education and learning through the use of computers. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. For more information call 508-588-6000.

The North River Arts Society is proud to present **"Mostly Humarock"** a collection of oils on canvas by Dick O'Brien at the Ventress Library Gallery through July 27. The Library summers hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. - Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

"Views of Norwell and Other Nice Places," recent acrylic paintings by David Hamblen to be shown at the James Library through June 29. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours which are Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located on 24 West Street in Norwell, for more information call 781-659-7100.

Cohasset Painter featured at the Science Center in Norwell. Judy St. Peter will exhibit her work in the Vine Hall Gallery through June 30. Entitled "Wild Side", the exhibit is a collaboration of landscape art and wildlife in an interpretive and colorful approach. The exhibit can be viewed during regular center hours, Mon. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Later History the Theme at Historic Plymouth Houses. Discover what happened in Plymouth after the Pilgrims. Two historic houses in the heart of the waterfront district are open for the season and tell the story of how Plymouth changed after the Pilgrim settlement. The 1749 Spooner House, 27 North Street and 1809 Hedge House, 126 Water Street will be open to the public Thurs. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Oct. 6. Admission is $4 per site for adults, $2 for children under 12. For more information call 508-746-0012.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Charles Greland. He will exhibit his photography for the month of June at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury is celebrating its thirteenth anniversary with three very special exhibitions scheduled through Sept. 16. "The Yixing Effect" - the works of contemporary artists who are among the most highly regarded ceramists in the United States and whose traditions and techniques of Yixing pottery as inspiration. "Ma Qingxiong - Recent Work" the philosophy and technique of Chinese painting is blended with western art concepts to create breathtaking installation of umbrellas, all suspended from the galleries ceiling. "Co-Founders choice" features works of art chosen personally by Edith Weyerhaeuser in recognition of the museum's anniversary. She made these selections shortly before her death. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. Museum hours are 1 - 4 p.m., Wed. - Sun. Tel. 781-934-6634.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

The summer solstice arrives at 3:38 a.m., when the sun enters the sign Cancer. At 7:41 a.m. the moon enters Cancer, and a new moon/solar eclipse occurs at 7:58 a.m. New moons bring a time for new beginnings in your life. Influences this month prompt you to initiate new starts on an inner, personal level. The family-oriented sign Cancer reminds you that world peace begins at home. This an ideal time for working out conflicts with others, forgiving and forgetting past grudges. Clear the decks and start anew.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

The Cancer moon aligns with Venus at 10:11 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. Influences are prime for cleaning out desk drawers, closets, garages. Get rid of the clutter. Making repairs, remodeling, restoring and refinishing also get the green light. Enjoy a special dinner this evening with close friends and family.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

The moon enters Leo at 8:55 a.m., setting the stage for a social weekend. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can be productive. Be sure to have a clear plan of action and stick to it. Put on your party hat and go for the good times this evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

This is a wonderful day for relaxing and enjoying life to its fullest. A Leo moon generates an upbeat, playful mood. Put domestic or career worries and decisions on the back burner; rest and recharge your batteries. Visit or entertain friends. Get in touch with people you haven't heard from in a while. Enjoy favorite sports or hobbies. A harmonious alignment of Saturn and Neptune takes the spotlight this evening. Reflect on and learn from past experiences; envision the future you'd like to create.

MONDAY, JUNE 25

At 3:22 a.m. the Leo moon becomes inactive until 9:57 a.m., when a Virgo moon takes over. The sign Virgo is ruled by the planet Mercury, so there are likely to be delays, setbacks, breakdowns. Allow extra time to get where you are going; have an alternate plan of action. Stress management is important. Don't create problems for yourself. Resolve to be more easygoing and lighthearted. You can be productive if you tackle projects that need cleaning, reorganizing, redoing, repair. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. Get back on track with exercise regimens.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

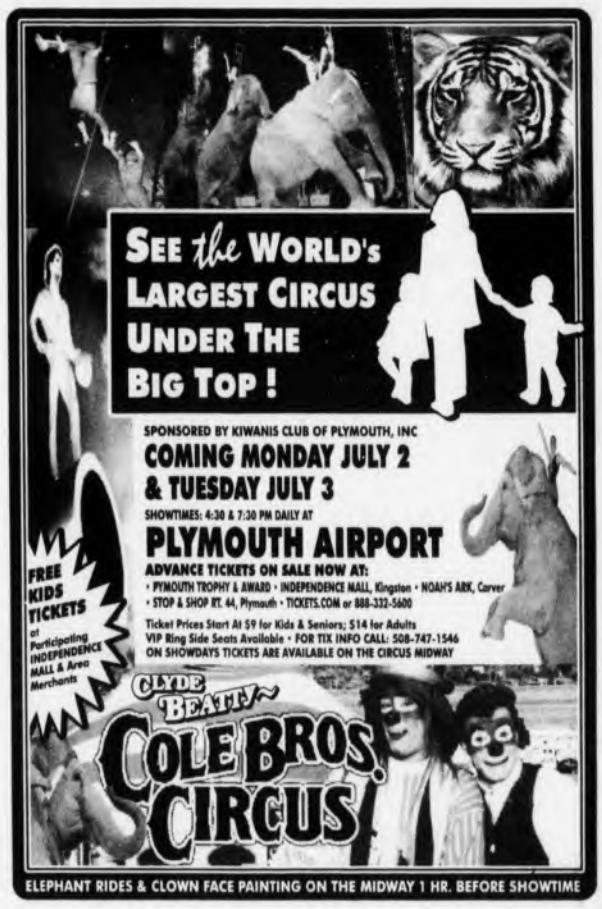
A Virgo moon can make for another high stress day. Read yesterday's advice. Slow down. Drop worries, fears, self-doubts. Stay busy with projects that have been left hanging and finish them. Clean out the clutter; get your life in order. The moon forms challenging 90-degree alignments to Pluto, Mars and Mercury today. Choose your words carefully. Don't say or do anything you will later regret. Meditate for peace of mind.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

The planet Mercury will begin direct travel tomorrow. However, it is still traveling in retrograde today, and things may not go as planned. The Virgo moon becomes inactive at 6:12 a.m. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. Handle routine chores, errands; tie up loose ends. Stock up on healthy foods and vitamins; take better care of yourself. The moon enters social Libra at 12:11 p.m., and the first quarter phase occurs at 11:20 p.m. A potent full moon/lunar eclipse is building up and will culminate July 5.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

The planet Mercury begins direct travel at 1:49 a.m., 21-degrees of Gemini. Generally this is a time when the green light goes on for new beginnings across the board. However, if you are planning to launch large-scale enterprises, it is best to wait until July 20, when Mars turns direct and the new moon culminates. The next Mercury retrograde period will occur in October. The moon continues its travel in Libra today. Make a lunch date with friends, colleagues, lovers. Surf, chat, network. Enjoy a romantic evening with the love in your life.



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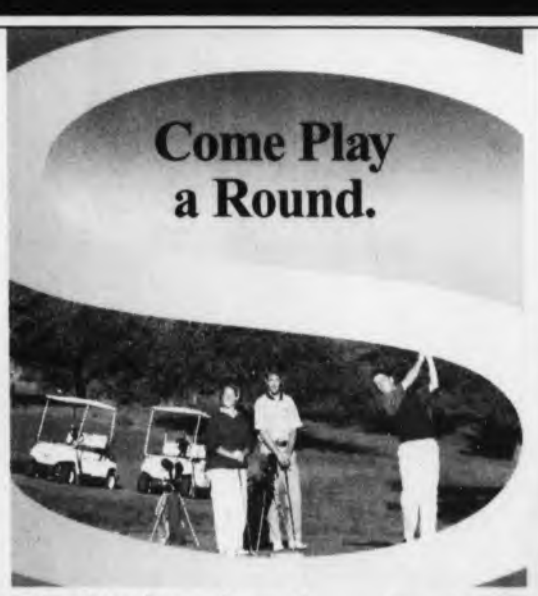
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Trash system starts Sunday

By Rick Collins
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The new Pay As You Throw trash system takes effect Sunday.

Starting July 1, residents will not be able to dump their trash at the Recycling Transfer Station without a sticker and if their trash isn't in one of the new, blue PAYT bags.

"Starting July 1, there will be no exceptions," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. A security guard will be on post outside of the Recycling Transfer Station for the first two months of the program, which is designed to increase the amount of recycling in town.

"We've been advertising this for more than a year and now the important thing is just to jump into it," said Recycling Committee member Allan MacDonald.

The PAYT system was approved at the 2000 annual Town Meeting, but was not implemented for a year so residents could be educated on the program.

The program is designed to force town residents to recycle more.

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REFLECTIONS

Karin Gorman moves furniture in front of her antique store at West Corner. The building was originally the site of West's General Store. For more Jerusalem Road scenes, see page 12.

Music Circus has entertained crowds for half a century

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset institution that has hosted entertainers ranging from Bob Hope and Tony Bennett to "Weird Al" Yankovic and "Stone Cold" Steve Austin is celebrating a major milestone.

The South Shore Music Circus turns 50 this week, and although the shows and technology have changed, the basic purpose has remained the same.

"It brings entertainment to an awful lot of people throughout the summer," said Bruce Cameron, president of the music circus's parent company, South Shore Playhouse Associates. "People get to see their favorite entertainers in a very intimate surrounding."

Since "Showboat" christened the tent on June 25, 1951, the Music Circus has become one of the state's premier summer entertainment venues, and along with its sister tent, the Cape Cod Melody Tent, is one of the last theaters in the round in the country. It has withstood challenges to its viability from the Great Woods Center for the Performing Arts — now known as the Tweeter Center — and FleetBoston Pavilion, the Boston waterfront venue formerly known as Harborlights. It has changed from a summer stock theater, to housing nationally known contemporary acts, ranging from comedy and professional wrestling to country and classic rock. And that's not to mention playing host to Cohasset High School graduation ceremonies and the occasional summer Town Meeting.

"We've become more diversified over the years. For example, we do

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Testing begins in Cohasset waters

Sandy Beach has 'fowl' odor

By Rick Collins
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The Board of Health has begun its annual testing of Cohasset waters for high bacteria levels. The good news is that the results have been excellent in the first two weeks of testing. The bad news is the good results don't explain the occasional pungent smell detected from Sandy Beach.

"We don't really know what the source is."
— Dr. Joseph Godzik, health agent

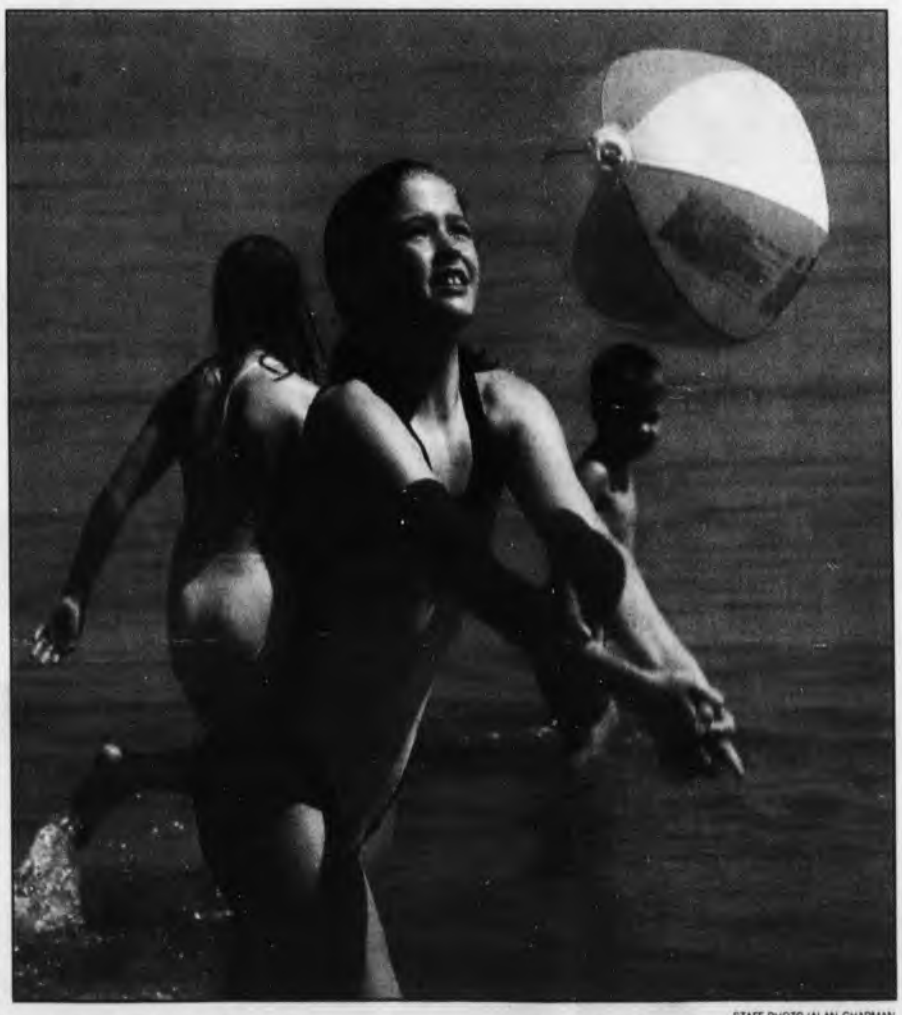
"We don't really know what the source is," said town health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik.

However, the water off Sandy Beach is nearly bacteria free and completely safe for swimming.

For the past few weeks, some beach-goers have complained of a foul smell on the end of the beach closest to the bathhouse.

Sandy Beach Association president Robin Lawrence said the bathhouse's septic system was recently cleaned. Godzik said the fecal coliform count — which detects sewerage in water — was

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Kate White, who is visiting from Maryland, plays with a beach ball at Sandy Beach on Tuesday.

School 'treasures' to be up for grabs

By Mary Ford
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Have any need for an old school desk or filing cabinet? How about an old-fashioned mimeograph machine?

As construction gets underway on the $40 million Deer Hill and middle-high school expansion and renovation projects, old furniture and outdated school equipment and supplies could be in the offing.

"I'd like to keep as much out of the trash pile as we can."
— Chartis Langmaid, school committee

The school department will compile a list of unwanted items that might be of some value and turn that over to the town manager, who could offer them up for sale, said Edward Malvey, superintendent of schools.

"Our junk could become someone else's treasure," Malvey said.

For example, Malvey said, the old swings and a small slide at Deer Hill are outdated and could be thrown away, but someone might like them.

"Disposing of the items depend on how the selectmen want to handle this," Malvey told the school committee last week.

In a telephone interview, Town Manager Mark Haddad explained the town has a "disposition bylaw" governing any surplus equipment,

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Fine arts to expand

By Mary Ford
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Interest in fine arts that include visual arts, instrumental and choral music and photography are on the rise at the middle-high school.

To that end, Principal Michael Jones said the fine arts department needs both a new leader and a new position. Due to retirements and the ability to shift some staff, the new posts would not add to the budget this year, he said.

He explained that Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo has been serving as the fine arts department head, but with DeLorenzo's new duties as liaison to the middle-high school construction project, he won't have the time to give the arts the attention they need.

Having the department head position in place would also strengthen the structure of the school program as the high school goes through the reaccreditation process. High schools across the state are accredited every 10 years and Cohasset is embarking on its

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Conflicting views on effect of CHL environmental plans

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset Heights Landfill has filed for a permit with the Conservation Commission that would allow it to cap the remaining opened portion of the landfill, conduct additional groundwater quality monitoring, and install larger leachate storage tanks if necessary.

However, Norfolk Environmental, an environmental engineering firm representing the Cohasset Water Commission, says CHL's plan is inadequate in dealing with the existing groundwater contamination problem — something that CHL says isn't its fault.

"In Norfolk's opinion, the plan does not address the fundamental problem that leachate is being released into the Lily Pond watershed area," said Norfolk Environmental president Mark Bartlett in a letter to the Conservation Commission.

But Ray Quinn of SITEK, the engineering firm representing CHL — which is on Crocker Lane off Route 3A — argued that if contamination was found in the Lily Pond watershed area, it's not coming from the landfill.

"Fifteen years of studies show that the groundwater doesn't flow in that direction [towards Lily Pond]," said Quinn.

He said any drainage from the landfill flows north towards Great Swamp, and suggested looking towards the former MassHighway site located next door to CHL as the potential cause of contamination.

In March, at the request of the Water Commission, the Conservation Commission ruled that the contamination fell under its jurisdiction.

The plan, filed with the Conservation Commissionn, is a "three-component program," according to Quinn.

The first step of the plan would be to cap the remaining two and a half acres of the landfill. Quinn said part of the capping plan involves increasing the slope of the landfill towards the north, and digging trenches and swails to collect run-off.

The second part calls for more assessment of the groundwater drainage around the perimeter of the landfill once capped, and if the amount of leachate doesn't decrease by 50 percent, CHL will make improvements to the underground leachate collection system.

"This will provide redundant protection to the watershed," Quinn said..

Bartlett of Norfolk Environmental said the plan contained "positive steps," but characterized them as "first steps," and called for more extensive testing as well as an interception trench along the edge of the property. He said although the collection system meets state Department of Environmental Protection standards, it is "grossly inadequate and provides no protection from the release of leachate into the environment."

"The amount of leachate leaving the landfill perimeter is improving. Imagine what will happen if we cap it."
— Paul Barry, owner

Owner Paul Barry, obviously frustrated at the Water Commission's attempt to add more cost and delays to the closing of the landfill, said the Conservation Commission should "stand your ground," and work with him to approve the plan or risk having the issue "go on forever."

"The amount of leachate leaving the landfill perimeter is improving," he said. "Imagine what will happen if we cap it."

The commission continued the hearing until Aug. 9 so it could get an update on where CHL's closure plan stands with DEP.

The commission ordered CHL in March of 1994 to control the amount of erosion and storm-water run-off at the landfill, and the amount of leachate leaving the site.

According to then Conservation Commission member, and current Selectman Thomas Callahan, CHL submitted a storm water and erosion control plan afterwards, but the issue became tangled up in appeals with DEP, where it remains today.

In 1997, CHL, with commission approval, cleaned up the wetlands surrounding the property.

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Meeting schedule

The following is a list of meetings posted as of Monday, June 25. All meetings will be held at town hall unless noted.

- Cohasset Conservation Commission, June 28, 7:30 p.m.
- Water Commission, June 28, 7:30 p.m., 339 King Street
- Board of Selectmen, July 10, 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Health, July 11, 7 p.m.; July 25, 7 p.m.
- Senior Housing Committee, July 11, 9 a.m.; July 25, 9 a.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, July 16, 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Board, July 18, 8 p.m.

School building update

Cohasset Schools Supt. Edward Malvey said with classes over for the summer, work on the school construction project has begun in earnest.

"Everything is going fantastic," he said this week.

The major plan for this summer involves clearing the asbestos out of both the middle/high school and Deer Hill School, moving the middle/high school library to the former Dorr Gymnaisum, and then demolishing the library.

He gave his thanks to the schools' teachers for packing up their rooms in anticipation of the construction work.

"Without their cooperation we would be behind schedule," Malvey said.

He said the earth removal currently going on behind the middle/high school is nearly complete, and work will begin soon on the foundation of the new athletic complex.

Construction crews are also putting together a temporary walkway between the middle school building and high school building.

Malvey also hopes the new gas-fueled heating system will be in place by the winter.

The $41 million school construction and renovation project will enlarge and completely renovate the Deer Hill School and Cohasset Middle/High School.

Car wash benefit

Juniors and seniors from Cohasset Middle High School will run a car wash on Saturday, June 30, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Texaco station located in Cohasset Village. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds from this fund raiser will be used to help defray the cost of the field study trip to the U.S. Virgin Islands in which these students will participate this coming winter.

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To register, call the South Shore Community Center at 781-383-0088.

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Local water board floated for towns served by Mass-American

By Rick Collins
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Local legislators have joined together to propose establishing a local tri-town water board to deal directly with the Massachusetts American Water Company.

"We want input from the towns, and this is the best way to do it," state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said about the board that would be comprised of volunteer representatives from the three towns serviced by the private water company — Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset.

"It would basically be a little working group in order to work with Mass-American," he said.

Mass-American, which is in Hingham, provides water for approximately 11,000 customers in Hingham, Cohasset and Hull. Only 500 homes in Cohasset use Mass-American; the rest of the town is served by a municipal water department.

The towns and Mass-American agreed in April to a 10 percent rate hike, five years after a 153 percent rate hike gave their residents some of the highest rate water rates in the country.

"We had a lot of unanswered questions as to why we needed another rate increase, what are some of the costs, shareholder questions," said state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, a Mass-American customer. "If we have a board, some of those questions could be answered, and if we ever have a situation where we have another rate hike, the board can be turned to and say it's because x, y, and z happened."

Keith Bossung, spokesman for Massachusetts-American Water Company, backs the idea and has signed on to be the company's representative.

We hope this could be an informal way to create a formal way of communication and cooperation."
— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

"I think it's an excellent idea. The company and I are very happy to participate in the group on a regular basis, as it sees fit to meet," he said. "We can sit down and talk water issues in general, and in the area, projects, supply and demand, water conservation, all kinds of issues facing the company."

Bradley said the idea of a tri-town board arose in a meeting he had with the three town's administrative heads, Charles Cristello of Hingham, Mark Haddad of Cohasset and Phil Lemnios of Hull. He said the board, appointed by the town selectmen, could deal with issues as basic as water quality and as large as extending the new Taunton desalinization plant to help provide part of the towns' water supply.

Hedlund said Mass-American is one of the largest privately owned water companies providing municipal service in the state.

"Its a unique situation," he said. "We saw from our vantage point as legislators a lack of communication between the water company and the towns. We hope this could be an informal way to create a formal way of communication and cooperation."

Bossung said the board could be a way to keep a running dialogue going between the company and towns. "I think it would be a very good way to partner with towns, and communicate what issues we are facing in the area," he said.

The two legislators have also filed a bill that would specifically allow the state Attorney General's office to review proposed water rate hikes.

The Attorney General's office has long reviewed rate hikes of other utilities, such as electricity and natural gas, but told the towns in 1996 that it didn't have the staffing to review the massive rate hike sought by Mass-American.

Hedlund later helped secure funding for extra staffing, but again was told water rate hike reviews weren't "in their job description."

"There's nothing that specifically says they have to review water-rate hikes in their authorizing statute," Hedlund said, "but there isn't anything that says they can't.

"This legislation would really clarify their responsibilities and authority over water rate hikes."

Bradley said because the Attorney General's office already receives money for the staffing, it wouldn't require extra funds, and would cut down on costs for the towns.

"There are specialists in the office that do nothing but review utility hikes. It would save town counsels a lot of work," he said.

The bill is currently in the House and Senate Rules Committee.

New Osgood School principal hired

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset School Department has named Janet Sheehan as the new principal of the Osgood School. She replaces Marilee Cantelmo, who is leaving after five years at the helm to pursue other educational opportunities.

Schools Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey said Sheehan is a "good match" for the K-3 school.

He extolled her interpersonal skills, experience in curriculum coordination and district-wide involvement in Milton, where she is currently an assistant principal of the Collicot School.

Sheehan has a bachelor's degree from Westfield State College in education, and a master's degree from Lesley College. She began her teaching career as an elementary school teacher in Randolph, took a couple of years off in the late 1980s to pursue other interests, and has served in the Milton school system since the early 1990s.

Malvey said the jump from assistant principal to principal shouldn't be a big one for Sheehan In Milton, she was one of two assistant principals of the 500-student elementary school, and her duties included curriculum evaluations, personnel issues, budgets, and parental communication.

"All of that is very useful, so it's not as if she has no experience with the duties of a principal," said Malvey.

Sheehan, a Scituate resident, was one of five semi-finalists that met with an interview committee made up of two administrators, two Osgood School teachers, two school committee members, two parents, and a third resident at-large. A total of 20 people applied for the position.

Malvey said Sheehan was the consensus pick as the candidate best suited for the job.

Malvey said he also visited the Milton school system and talked to fellow administrators, teachers and parents; all of whom gave "nothing but outstanding recommendations for her." He also said Sheehan has a "marvelous sense of humor," and was very involved in the Milton school district as a whole.

The full-time, 12-month position pays $76,000.

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Ruth Goodwin of Cohasset becomes a great-grandmother

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

SUMMERTIME THOUGHTS

Hello, Cohasset Now that all the excitement has died down a little bit for those involved in graduations and end-of-the year parties, it is time to look around and enjoy the summer. I know that I for one, want to take each day and try to slow down the pace of it a little bit and try to find those great, small moments and memories that we all cherish so much. You know what I mean, the beautiful flowers that open and then close so quickly, the mess a child makes when eating his/her third slice of watermelon and the beautiful view that the ocean gives us each day.

We are so lucky to have all of this right here at our fingertips and now, I really want to enjoy it with family and friends because life is definitely going by way to quick for my liking and before we know it, summer will be, well, let's not think about that. Take the time to just have a great summer!

I want to wish all of you a wonderful 4th of July next week. Please let me know where you are spending it and if anyone has any pictures of reunions, parade memories or special Birthdays, don't forget to send them my way. Please keep in mind the deadline for each column is no later than Mondays at noon.

NEW ARRIVAL

Briauna Desirae Nowlin was born on May 18,weighing in at 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. She is the first great-grandchild of **Ruth Goodwin** of Cohasset. She is the daughter of **Jennifer and Jim Nowlin** of Surprise (yes,that's the name of Briauna's hometown), Ariz. Her grandparents are **Chuck and Ruthie(Goodwin)Sve** of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. and **Sandy and Stan Tierman** of Glendale, Ariz. .She is 2 weeks old in the picture. Welcome to the world, Briauna, and come to visit your great-grandmother, soon.

SAILING CLUB OPENER

Now, here is a great way for Cohasset Sailing Club members to start the summer off with a bang. The Cohasset Sailing Club welcomes its members and their guests to the opening sailing season "Summer Breeze" gathering and enjoy some "makes you feel fine" music provided by the Grateful Dads. The event will be held on Saturday, June 30 from 7-10 p.m. at the sailing club.

The club asks those of you who plan on attending to bring a food dish for all to share. Members with last names beginning with letters A-L, please bring an appetizer. Those with last names beginning with M-Z, please bring a dessert. All attendees are responsible for their own beverages and don't forget to leave the kiddies at home! Any questions you may have may be directed to **Lucia**, 383-2792 or **Susan**, 383-0765.

Please come and enjoy the first of many, "Summer Breezes"! Just writing that made me feel so summer-like, to all who go have a wonderful time.

CHS 25TH REUNIONS

I have two class reunion items to talk about, the first is a request for information on the Class of 1977 25th reunion which should be happening sometime next year. If anyone has any information on this, please email me at jenpiep@yahoo.com or call 781-923-1057 and I will get it to the right person.

The Cohasset High School Class of 1976 is planning its 25th year reunion for Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset. We are looking for members of our class that we've lost touch with in order to include as many people as possible in this event. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following members of the class, please contact **Lisa Fitchner Pratt** at 781-383-1387 or **Leslie Klier Lemaire** at 781-383-0227 as soon as possible. Please help us find these old friends: **Pam Ballerino Motion, Stephen Bowditch, Mary Colletta, Virginia Collins, Karin Costello, Darlene Atkins, Ellen Block, Donald Clarke, Loretta Livingstone Coughlin, Susan Booth, Kim Douglass, Deborah Farwell, Bennet Driscoll, Kathy Fessler, Andrea Fox, Geoff Gardner, Darlene Gleaves, Ann Hawes, Peter Hobbs, Gwen Howl, Kathy Howley, Gary Hurlbut, Bob Killion, Dwight James, John Mallers, Maggie McGinnis, Marie McGinnis, Joe MacLean, Miriam Lahage, Jeannie McKinnon, Michael Patrolia, Patti Patrolia, Richard Patrolia, Robin Plank, Dean Reynolds, Jill Short, Bradley Smith, Lynn Souther, Debbie Streeter, Leslie Travers, Alice Watson** and **Stephen Wirth**. Thank you for any help you may be able to give.



At a recent awards ceremony held at Boston University, Margaret Pilczak, left, and Emily Nash, right, were among a group of Massachusetts students who received awards from the John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth.

AWARD WINNERS

At a recent awards ceremony held at Boston University, **Emily Nash** and **Margaret Pilczak** of Cohasset were among a group of Massachusetts students who received awards from the John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. Approximately 43,000 seventh- and eighth-graders in 19 states were invited to take college SAT tests based on high scores they received on grade-level standardized tests administered in their own schools. Of those taking the test, the top 22 percent were recognized for outstanding achievement on the mathematics and verbal exams and for achieving scores higher than the national average scored by college bound seniors in the class of 2001!

At the ceremony, Margaret and Emily were presented with certificates recognizing their exceptional accomplishment on the these exams. Emily, a seventh-grader at the Cohasset Middle/High School is the daughter of **Randall and Linda Nash**. Margaret, is the daughter of **Kenneth and Jo-Ann Pilczak** and attends Derby Academy. Congratulations Emily and Maggie. We are very proud of your accomplishment and foresee a bright future ahead for both of you! This is an amazing accomplishment that is for sure! Great job, girls.



Ruth Goodwin is a great-grandmother! Briauna Desirae Nowlin, who is two weeks old in this photograph, was born on May 18,weighing in at 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

TRINITY GRADUATE

Brett J. MacQuarrie, son of **Jane M. Kyricos** of Cohasset and **Stephen J. MacQuarrie** of Wellesley graduated recently from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. Brett majored in political science while in school. Fantastic news Brett!

THAYER HONORS

Cohasset had three, third trimester honor roll students at Thayer Middle School in Braintree. **Catherine M. Ernst** and **Joseph M. Rosano**, both in the seventh grade; and **Miranda C. Lanzillotti** all earned the following recognition. Catherine earned achievement and high effort, Joseph earned achievement and effort and Miranda earned effort. Keep up the good work next year!

Thayer also recognized those named to the honor roll at the Upper School. **Lauren Margaret Smith**, daughter of **Bill and Maureen Smith**, and **Malcolm J. Stansell**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stansell** both made the honor roll for semesters two and three. And **Lindsay Erin Feig**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. William Feig**, made the honor roll for semester three!

Great job!

DEAN'S LIST

Roger Williams University in Briston, R.I. announced the dean's list for its Spring 2001 Semester. **Jared Ford**, **Carolyn Pratt** and **Megan Pratt**, all of Cohasset were on it. This is wonderful to hear, all three of you have worked very hard!

Megan Waal, a graduate of Cohasset Middle/Senior High School, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at The College of Wooster. Megan is a sophomore and has a grade point average of 3.5 or above. This is super to hear, Megan.

COLLEGE GRADS

Emily Henderson, daughter of **Richard and Linda Henderson** recently graduated from Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. Congratulations Emily on a job well done.

Connecticut College also held its ceremonies recently and **Thomas Digan** of Cohasset was awarded a degree in psychology. Great job!

25TH ANNIVERSARY

A very special anniversary was recently orchestrated by two wonderful daughters. **Dan and Judy Cellucci** were the very honored and surprised guests for their 25th wedding anniversary celebration held at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy. This wonderful tribute was hosted by **Jennifer** and **Amanda** and by all accounts, was a very special tribute to these great parents. Happy Anniversary, Mom and Dad, from Jennifer and Amanda. We love you!

BEACH BOYS BENEFIT

The Committee Members of the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund would like to invite all of you to spend an evening with The Beach Boys on Sunday, Aug. 19 at the South Shore Music Circus at 9 p.m. The tickets for this show are $60 and $30 goes right to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund. For tickets, please contact **Ron Ford**, 383-6103, **Linda Bolster**, 383-6148 or **Linda Shultz** at 383-0597. This will be a wonderful evening and will support a truly, fantastic cause.

That is all for this week. Please make sure to slow down in all aspects, especially when driving around town as the kids are all about enjoying the days of summer. All items for each week's column are due to me no later than Monday at noon. All photos can be scanned to me or Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com or dropped off at CohassetNews, Brook Street in the village.

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Searching for the story behind the gravestones

Study group visits Cohasset cemetery

By Timothy Llewellyn
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset Central Cemetery at Joy Place was a living text for the members of the Association for Gravestone Studies last Saturday as the group toured the colonial-era-old site, along with cemeteries in Hingham and Weymouth.

"You walk around these gravestones, and it's said that every other stone is the stone of a child. We don't lose children wholesale like that anymore," said geologist Dan Lynch at Hingham Cemetery, which is behind Old Ship Church. "It's the way the world was then, it's the way the world is *not* now. It gives you a chance to appreciate what we've got... the only word that I can think of is blessing."

The association is national group of nearly 2,000 members, who are interested in studying gravestones for their historical, artistic and social value.

"As far as I'm concerned, cemeteries are frozen history," said Princeton, N.J. resident Bruce Finnie. "The way that people are buried reflects the way that people lived."

Saturday's group of about 30 members, led by Vince Luti of Westport, was particularly interested in visiting the stones carved by Abington carvers John New and the Pratt family, and Scituate's Jacob Vinal, of which there are fine examples in Cohasset's Central Cemetery.

"There is superb Vinal in Cohasset," Luti said.

New and the Pratts also worked in the Hingham, Weymouth and Cohasset area in the 18th century. The carvers' work is cut from a red slate that is native to the Abington area, and differs from the more common Boston gray slate. Their stylized images of the souls of the deceased marked a "change in religious attitude in the 17th and 18th centuries, away from the grim Puritanical view of death. They represent a softening of this view," according to Luti.

But the group stresses that religious attitudes are not the only thing that can be learned from cemetery studies. In fact, the cemetery can be used as a versatile teaching resource. The group, and the diverse interests of its members, is a testament to the cemetery's flexibility as a primary source of history.

"Some members are interested in cemeteries for their religious symbolism or art history, some are interested in the stones themselves and how they were shaped," said association member Laurel Gable.

Luti points out that the iconography, lifespan and epitaphs can reveal volumes about the region's demographic movements, medical history, religious persuasions and even perspective on death.

Luti explained that Central Cemetery at Joy Place with its hillocks and natural terrain evolved from its colonial beginnings into becoming part of the cemetery garden movement that started at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge in the 1800s. Then cemeteries became places to stroll, sit and reflect, or enjoy the scenery. That trend was in sharp contrast to the colonial era when cemeteries were put on "useless flat ground."

"In the 1800s, people talked of death as the great sleep," Luti said. But in colonial times, the cemetery was just a way station — the people in it were just dead and their souls had gone up or down, he said.

Luti also pointed out the wrought iron fences that look like tree saplings at Central Cemetery are a particularly fine example of cemetery ornamentation of the garden era.

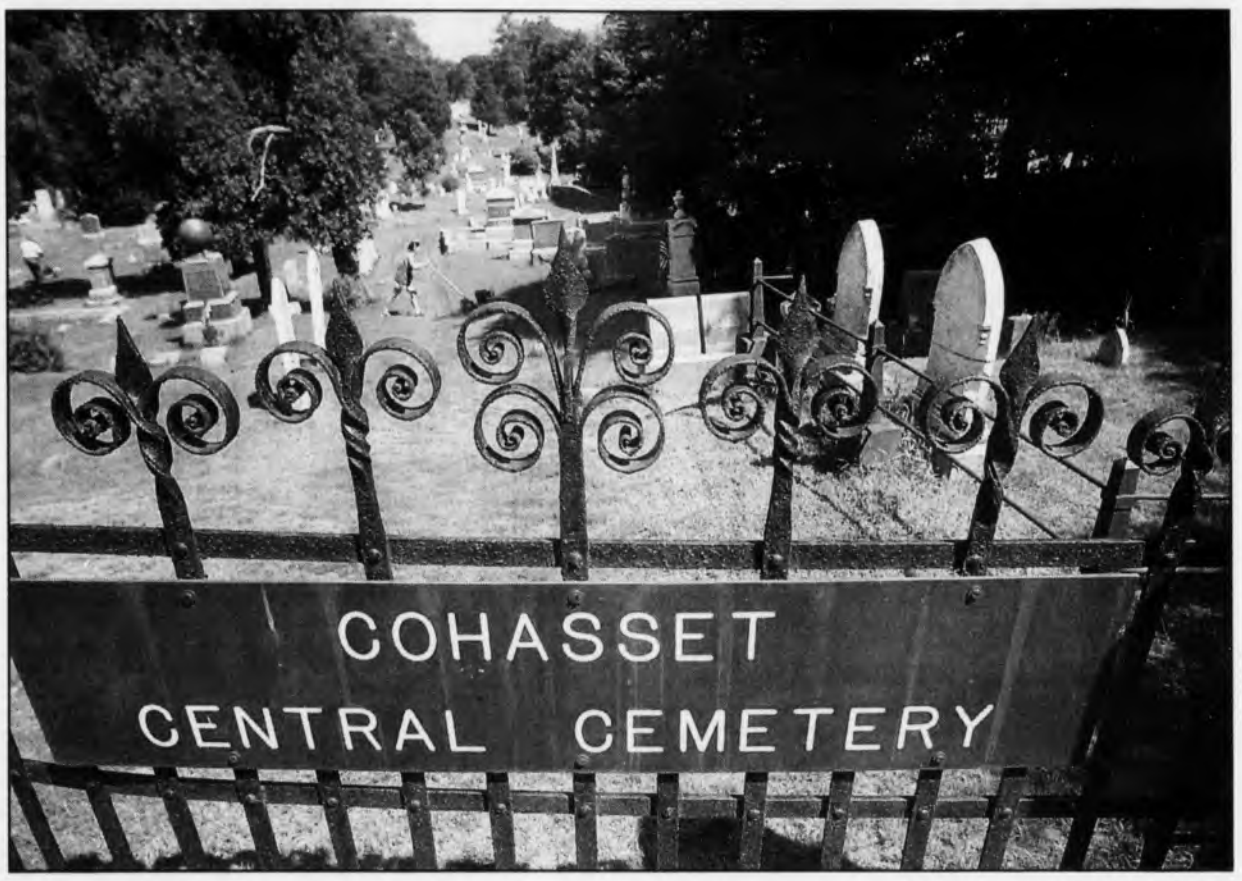
The Association for Gravestone Studies will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year. It was founded by a group of gravestone enthusiasts, mostly historians and scholars, who understood the educational value of the nation's cemeteries. Its members participate in lectures, exhibitions and annual conferences like this year's New England tour. The association. also publishes a quarterly newsletter as well as an annual scholarly journal called "Markers."

"As far as I'm concerned, cemeteries are frozen history."
— Bruce Finnie, association member

"People now look at their cemeteries differently, and with more care," said Luti, a retired college professor who has an expert in 18th-century stone carvers.

Further inquires can be directed to the association., which can be found online at www.gravestonestudies.org.

Editor Mary Ford also contributed to this story.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The ornamental wrought-iron gates at Cohasset Central Cemetery were of particular interest to visitors from the Association for Gravestone Studies

Bradley hosts beach cleanup

Saturday June 30, state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham) will conduct a Sandy Beach cleanup in Cohasset. Bradley, who plans to make the cleanup an annual event, said his office has received calls describing trash on the beach.

"It is very important that we keep our beaches clean," he said. "I went down to investigate for myself and found that there is a substantial buildup of trash. Although the town does what it can to remove it, I thought perhaps we could help. I hope people are able to join us, even if it is for a short while."

The event will take place this Saturday June 30 from 8-10 a.m. at Sandy Beach. Trash bags and refreshments will be provided.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Happy Birthday!

The South Shore Music Circus officially turns 50 Saturday. It opened half-a-century ago this week when the Big Top opened with the musical "Show Boat."

There is nary a middle-aged or older native to Cohasset, or the surrounding towns, who doesn't have a "Music Circus" memory or two from the "good old days."

As a young girl in the early 1960s, I remember getting Anita Bryant's autograph while she was sunbathing on Minot Beach. She was starring in "Annie Get Your Gun" at the Music Circus and was staying at the Minot Light Inn.

I also recall a school friend whose older sister worked at the Music Circus one summer and had her picture taken with Hollywood heartthrob Tab Hunter, the prospect of which, sent us all into a collective swoon.

The old Cliff Hotel in Minot featured the Music Circus stars' names above the doorframes of the rooms where they stayed. Mr. Brazilian, the hotel's owner, even had a pink telephone installed for Zsa Zsa Gabor when she stayed there.

But as David Wadsworth, curator of the Cohasset Historical Society, points out — as tastes changed —musicals such as, "The King & I," "Paint Your Wagon," and "West Side Story" faded from popularity, eventually giving way to other types of entertainment.

In recent years, the theater in the round is following the national popularity of "Country-Western" music as evidenced by the season opener this Saturday featuring Wynonna. Other country stars this summer include Trisha Yearwood, Vince Gill, Dwight Yoakam and Kenny Rogers.

But despite musical trends, what hasn't changed is the pristine Sohier Street setting of the Music Circus and the special relationship the theater has with the community. It would be hard to imagine Cohasset — with its rich theatrical history — without the Music Circus.

Also, the commitment to the community of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, the parent organization of both the Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent, continues to be as strong as ever. Over the years the associates have given back $1.3 million to nonprofit organizations across the South Shore and Cape Cod. Those include the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, South Shore Conservatory in Hingham and the Cohasset Dramatic Club.

So there's no doubt that Cohasset and the playhouse associates have a unique partnership that serves both very well. We've even covered Town Meetings and graduations under the tent!

So happy birthday, Music Circus! And who knows, if Broadway musical revivals continue to draw crowds, we might see some of the old shows back in town.

Fine arts

Travel to Europe and you'll find the arts are like breathing. No school system could imagine living without them. Yet here on the other "side of the pond" — art is often on the chopping block at schools during tight budgetary times. In our experience as reporters, the arts always seem to give way to math, science and other subjects.

So we find it encouraging that here in Cohasset — visual arts, choral and instrumental music, and photography are increasingly popular. So much so, that the high school is adding an art teaching position and an art department head. We think the importance of a "well-rounded" education included the arts cannot be understated in these high-tech times.

As Emerson said, "every genuine work of art has as much reason for being as the earth and the sun."

An emphasis on the arts speak well of the school system and the students' parents, who make the arts a priority.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Eye exams warranted

TO THE EDITOR:

As co-owner of Village Wine & Spirits, I would like to address the numerous errors reported by the Cohasset Police concerning the alleged marijuana plant "found" outside Village Wine & Spirits.

On the evening of June 17, which is the day in question, I received a phone call from a Cohasset civil servant giving me a "heads up" on a certain plant the police had noticed in front of our store. I immediately went to the store and was able to identify, on the side of the store, a plant that looked to my untrained-but-garden-club-eyes, as the cannabis family.

Accompanied by my neighbor, Paula Buick of Highland Avenue, we delivered the plant to the Cohasset Police. Upon examining the plant, the police officer in charge (a very pleasant man) informed us that the plant was a weed.

Unfortunately, the police brief the June 21 [Mariner] would lead one to believe that two random, older women came upon a marijuana plant, with roots intact, in front of Village Wine & Spirits.

The numerous errors of this report can only be further substantiated by the most glaring error of all — Paula Buick and myself, two women in the obvious prime of their lives, were identified as "older women." I think for the well-being of the entire community, Chief Noonan should give a thorough eye exam to the entire police force.

Amyra O'Connell,
Highland Court
and Paula Buick
Highland Avenue

Editor's note: Police said the marijuana plant tested negative and apologize for misrepresenting the women's ages.

'No comment at this time'

The Board of Selectmen recently received cross-complaints from two town officials [Planning Board member Peter Pratt and Town Manager Mark Haddad] regarding an alleged incident at Town Hall. Due to the sensitivity of these complaints, the selectmen have chosen to follow a due process procedure of hiring an independent investigator to determine the facts of this alleged incident.

The independent investigator will determine the validity of both complaints and recommend a course of action to the selectmen. It is anticipated that the completed report will be delivered to the Board of Selectmen by July 6. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be July 10. Until that time, the Board of Selectmen will have no official comment on the issue due to the judicial nature of the due process procedures.

Editor's note: This is a press release from the Board of Selectmen

HEALTH NOTES

Seagulls likely cause of Sandy Beach odor

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This spring, the Board of Health has received numerous complaints of pungent odors at the east end of Sandy Beach.

The Sandy Beach Association, thinking the smell have come from the bathhouse septic system, had the system inspected and cleaned, but the odors persisted on an intermittent basis.

Several inspections have revealed, on occasion, in addition to the heavy seaweed smell (rotting vegetable matter, which is quite normal), a more pungent odor. Such a smell could come from Brush Island where we have an active and large seagull rookery. Seagulls are typically disorderly and generally quite messy. Anyone who has visited the place would agree that Brush Island is a smelly place because of the large bird population.

For the smell to reach Sandy beach, the wind direction would have to be north by east, or east northeast. Such a wind direction is not common; particularly in good weather; hence the intermittent nature of the odors.

Public health nurse hours

In the Health Notes of May 31, a schedule of the office hours for Judy Fitzsimmons, the town's public health nurse, was published. Some people were led to believe that these were the only hours she worked. In addition to office hours and work at the senior housing and the community center, Judy makes calls to shut-ins, and others in need of home visits. In all, Judy spends 25 hours per week working for the town. Starting on July 2, Judy's office hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-11 a.m., and the second Thursday in the month, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Senior Center at the community center; and on the fourth Thursday, from 1- 3 p.m. at the Senior Housing facility at 60 Elm St.. She makes house visits as needed. The Board of Health will maintain a list of services which will be available from the town nurse, and we have a calendar of health related events which may be expected over the next year.

Flushing upper Little Harbor

We would like to acknowledge one of the small services which some people do for the town without prompting or acknowledgement, one of the reasons that Cohasset is so special. At the time of every spring tide (approximately twice a month) you may have noticed that upper Little Harbor goes dry between tides for a day or two. This is because Cat Dam is designed with sluices which can be removed to let the water out at low tide.

Every spring tide the DPW comes by Cat Dam with a truck and opens the dam sluiceways and then comes back a few days later and closes things up. The people responsible for this schedule are Doris and Denis McNulty, who live on Nichols Road. Twice a year they get hold of a tide table, figure out the best times to open Cat Dam, and send a letter to Harold Litchfield, head of the DPW, with copies to all those with homes bordering upper Little Harbor. The result is that Little Harbor is mostly algae free, except for a short period in June when algae growth is at its most prolific. In a bad year, the McNultys may keep the dam open for a week; and in the winter, for three months the dam is open full time. This timely activity has enabled the control of nutrients (nitrogen containing plant food found in storm runoff) and a vast reduction in algae growth in Upper Little Harbor. Actually, there is a group of concerned citizens around upper Little Harbor who have been active in caring for that water body for a number of years. In the 80s they helped pay for a study to determine the cause of algae growth, and a few years ago, they paid for painting and refurbishing Cat Dam. In 1999, there was a large algae bloom, so in December of 2000, when the dam schedule was sent out, the Board of Health attached a notice giving pointers about turf management near bodies of water like Little Harbor, which would reduce the flow of nutrients from land near the water. Copies of these documents are available at the Board of Health.

Stephen Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

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More donors and some lobbying for new library

By Patience Towle and Sheila Evans
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

— COMMENTARY —

Since May 24, 55 new donors, have pledged another $23,460 to the Cohasset Library Building Fund. In addition, pledges of about $252,000 have been reported earlier here, including two large gifts that total $190,000. Combined with the more than $800,000 pledged in the last year, the library trustees are confident that their promise to raise $1.1 million from private sources will succeed. In fact, with pledges to date from less than 15 percent of Cohasset's households, there are obviously many more who will want to participate. If more money is raised than is needed for the actual building and furnishing of the new library at the old Osgood School, the Trustees plan to establish an endowment fund to assure the library's future maintenance.

In response to the disappointing news that Cohasset and 35 other towns did not receive one of the ten Massachusetts Library Construction Grants awarded on June 7, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners is taking the lead in identifying the most effective ways to persuade the legislature to appropriate new money for construction grants. The first such effort will be proof of public support for these construction grants by a demonstration at the Statehouse in Boston on Wednesday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to noon. The library trustees are organizing Cohasset's representation, and encourage anyone who would like to join us to call Patience Towle at (781) 383-1954. The group will leave Cohasset about 9:30 a.m. and be back by about 1:15 p.m.. This is grassroots democracy and we are told such efforts really make a difference! The more the merrier!

New donors to the building fund include: Bill and Marilyn Adams, Helen and Ethan Arnold, Sally Barber, Joseph L. and Katherine Becker, John and Meg Bertolami, Gregory and Ellen Bertovich, Lincoln and Iri Bloomfield, Joe and Joan Busk, Joseph and Susan Carrabes, James P. Cifrino, Brian and Patty Connors, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook, Kevin and Sandy Crough, Joseph M. and Lauren Curley, Chris and Jeannie de Muras, Louis F. and Robin L. Eaton, Jenna L. Emmons, Linda Farrag, Sarah Whitley Ferguson, Andrea B. and Richard F. Flynn, Garry and Linda Gardner, Frederick and Nancy Garrison, Joan B. Graham, Christa F. and Daniel Hagearty, Alice B. and Robert J. Hall, Martha Horsefield, Michael and Nina Hughes, Katherine Kearns, Susan and Michael Kent, the Norman F. Knight family, Martha L. Magnuson, the Martin/Roine family, Dan and Bridget McGovern, William and Molly McGowan, the McMorris family, James and Olive Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Murphy, Chris and Bronnie Nelson, Dorothy R. P. Palmer, Philip and Susan Pergola, Peter F. and F. Jane Pescatore, Arthur M. Pompeo, Jr., Virginia and Jack Riley, Joe and Carol Sandblom, Dr. Robert and Laneve Savola, Margaret W. Smalzel, Elizabeth A. and Kevin W. Soule, Donald and Mary St. Sauveur, Philip and Judy Tedeschi, M. James and Sandra Theriault, Caroline and Robert Thomas, Grace and Ned Tuckerman, Mr. and Mrs. D. Reid Weedon, Jr., Eleanor C. Williams, Doug and Pam Wilson and two anonymous donors..

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Gifts of $1,000 or more will be permanently displayed on the Donor Wall of the new library. Names will be listed in broad "giving categories" by size of gift. All donors will be listed in a final Campaign Report. The Cohasset Library Building Fund plans to publish the names of new donors to the building fund on a regular basis. If you did not receive a library building fund appeal, please call Patience Towle at (781) 383-1954.

Library trustees Patience Towle and Sheila Evans are also president and secretary, respectively, of the Cohasset Library Building Fund.

Where's June Cleaver gone?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I can see her now, a towering figure on the small screen — or, at least, we thought of her as towering in those days. June Cleaver, the consummate homemaker in starched gingham protected by a spotless white apron, preparing the roast for husband Ward's dinner while nurturing the kids, Wally and the Beaver, and seeing through Eddie Haskell's latest wile.

But after what I've seen in the past couple of weeks, all that, along with Margaret Anderson, Carol Brady and, yes, even That Girl, has gone down the drain in the face of action heroines and villains (or is it villainesses) that would make Arnold and Bruce turn in their nung-chucks.

First, there's Erica Chase, only a couple of years out of Nauset High School, sitting on a 50-pound bag of ammonium nitrate, the kind that Timothy McVeigh used to attract all those TV vans with their satellite dishes to Oklahoma City.

She and her boy friend, Leo Felton, who flew a Nazi flag for all to see in the window of their North End apartment, allegedly planned to go after McVeigh's record of 168 while blowing up the Holocaust Memorial in Boston.

There were Laila Ali and Jacqui Frazier-Lyde, daughters of two former heavyweight champions (male), who drew on the gloves for a national TV audience and a live attendance that paid $50 to $300 a seat to watch them in Verona, N.Y.

Ali won but we were assured that the real women's champion was Christy Martin, who was going to defend her title against Holland's Lucia Rijker, so get your tickets before they're gone. Neither fighter has been known to bite an opponent in the ear.

Only last fall, Rosalie Parker, a Harvard grad who is doing advanced work at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, came home to join a U. S. amateur boxing team against a team of Russians. Rosalie lost.

"I'll do better next time," she said.

Where is Dr. Laura when we need her?

Amy O'Brien, coach of the Ashland High School girls' basketball team, was fired as a result of a fight between her girls and members of the Greater New Bedford Vocational High School in the opening round of the state tournament.

"Some shoulders rubbed together, our coach jumped up and said, 'Hey, come on,' and all of a sudden, both benches emptied," said Ashland School Superintendent Richard Hoffman. "The kids started wrestling on the floor."

These are high school girls, mind you. There's no truth to the report that former Bruins Coach Don Cherry offered them all scholarships to play for his junior team, the Mississauga Ice Dogs.

It's getting so you can't even go to the movies to get away from female violence. One of the most popular flicks this summer is "Lara Croft; Tomb Raider." If it wasn't for that compulsory shower scene — whew, don't worry; I'm all right — you'd think the star, Angelina Jolie, was Bruce Willis himself.

Maybe that's why that Brockton boy, who was known only as "Pat Doe," went to court for permission to wear girls' clothes to school.

He just wanted to toughen up his image, that's all.

COHASSET CARES

'Think about the other guy'

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The hot issues at the moment are the gigantic, ghastly, and grotesque accumulations of cooking fat recently discovered in our sewers, but only really inevitable since we've been just pouring fat down America's drains and Mass. lawmakers considering sales tax adjustments dependent upon the gas mileage of the car we purchase.

But there's something else that's timely. One of the great privileges of my life—among them having the opportunity to spend 27 years with Cohasset High School students and their parents — was knowing some WW II heroes. We've all known heroes of one sort or another. It's good spiritually to honor these people. One was Marine Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Everett Pope, a quiet fellow who had been a captain of one of my dad's wrestling teams and written up in a book on the awful battle for Peleleu. Another was my Uncle Russ, who drove a tank in Africa, a man who reminds me of a Robbins for his uncanny motor vehicle expertise. And the inimitable Evie Dorr, who hit the beach carrying the heavy .30 cal. machine gun, was a beloved colleague.

Both of my fathers-in-law were military men of considerable stature — one a career Coast Guard maverick who worked his way up through enlisted ranks to become a commander. The other, Fordie, I want to focus on here today. Fordie spent six years in the submarine service [my cousin Herbert was killed in a WW II sub, by friendly fire]. Fordie's boat, the Halibut, set a record for withstanding Japanese depth charging; the crew credited their survival to the Mainers who built/overbuilt her.

PAYT system is really designed for civic decency predicated on personal integrity.

One of Fordie's standard remarks to his children and grandchildren was 'Think of the other guy.' As Pay-as-you-throw ushers in the Fourth of July on July 1, as we reflect on Memorial Day, as we ponder Pearl Harbor, I ask us to think about this PAYT system which is really designed for civic decency predicated on personal integrity. It may not seem too heroic to put the toothpaste carton inside the cake mix carton which goes inside the cereal box and then into the corrugated bin at the RTF after the non-recyclable plastic or waxed liners have been removed and put into the $1 blue and white TOWN OF COHASSET bag, but these small actions on our part save our RTF employees from having to do this for us on behalf of the community and the planet. PAYT means more work for all of us, but it's for the common good, and it's really a matter of caring. We care about the functioning of our town, and we care about the condition of our world. We think about what it's like to handle recyclables that have been thoughtfully cleaned. We try to do the best job we can, whether anyone's looking or not.

Cohasset RECYCLING TRANSFER Facility
Cohasset agrees to recycle everything

Wasn't it Jimmy Carter who said that caring for the earth was "the moral equivalent of war"? See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Science department grows at Cohasset High

TEACHERS WITH CLASS

ELIZABETH OWENS-RIGBY

The 2000-2001 school year saw the addition of two new science teachers to the Cohasset High School faculty. Both Ann Thomae and Melissa Webster have taught previously at the college level and have an interest in helping their students relate science education to the world around them.

Dr. Thomae earned a bachelor's of science degree from Boston College and a doctorate from Glasgow University in Scotland. Presently, she is continuing her education by working towards a master's of education degree at UMass Boston. Dr. Thomae worked as a teaching assistant during her doctoral program, as a high school science teacher in Scituate, and as a middle-school science teacher at a Montessori school. Although she taught during her doctoral program, Dr. Thomae's inspiration for beginning a teaching career came from studying the developmental processes of her own children, Jean (age 9) and Jack (age 6). She decided that she wanted to contribute to the educational environment in which her children would participate. Dr. Thomae enjoys integrating her science curriculum with the world through projects related to the environment, such as water-quality monitoring.



Melissa Webster



Ann Thomae

Melissa Webster earned her undergraduate degree in physical therapy at the University of Buffalo and her master's degree in science education from Columbia University. She worked as a physical therapist, specializing in treating pediatric clients. Ms. Webster enjoyed working with her young clients and recalled how much she had loved teaching at the college level, and decided to combine her two passions in the field of teaching science at the high school level. Ms. Webster feels it is important for students to relate what they are learning in the classroom to everyday life. A favorite project involves her biology students independently reading a science-related article from a media source. Each student presents their information to the class and discussion ensues in which all the students have the opportunity to relate their learning to the world around them

Both Dr. Thomae an Ms. Webster bring a variety of educational experiences and talents to Cohasset High School. The science department and the high school students will have many opportunities to grow with these new faculty members over the coming years.

Elizabeth Owens-Rigby is a member of the Cohasset Teachers' Association

Surgeon General's warning needed on SUVs

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



I was thinking about carbon dioxide the other day and how unnoticeable it is. I had driven Nan over to Blockbuster to rent a movie, and was sitting in the parking lot watching people drive by on similar innocuous errands. Thinking how each car that drove by left an invisible trail of carbon dioxide. More carbon dioxide than can be absorbed by Mother Earth. It's hard to grasp how global warming can be caused by something we can't see, smell, feel, taste, or hear spewing out our car's tailpipe. As we drive around Cohasset we can't perceive this danger. It's so easy to pretend we're not hurting the ecosystem every time we drive our cars. Denial is effortless, and relieves us of the pain of the truth.

I grew up around cars. My father owned and operated a gas station in Pennsylvania, and I worked there pumping gas. I learned to drive when I was twelve. In high school I dreamt of owning a hot rod '55 Chevy. Cars became second nature to me. We didn't know then the carbon dioxide produced by cars would one day disrupt the entire atmospheric balance of the planet. It's hard for me to acknowledge cars are now killing nature.

Suddenly a funny image popped into my mind. What if car manufacturers, like the cigarette companies, were required by law to stencil a warning, from headlight to taillight, on both sides of every car? What if there were the ecological equivalent of the Surgeon General, call her Doctor Earth, who would remind us of the drastic harm our innocent-seeming daily driving causes?

What should the warning on the side of cars say? I tried to remember the wording on cigarette packages, but couldn't. Next morning on my bike ride I spotted a green cigarette package on the side of the road and stopped to pick it up. Newport Lights. "SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking By Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, And Low Birth Weight". Very strange. Reading this warning would tell any literal-minded child or non-pregnant adult that smoking Newport Lights is perfectly safe. I rode on.

On Beechwood Street I noticed one of those red and white packages so beloved of ruggedly handsome cowboys. I stopped and picked it up. "SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, And May Complicate Pregnancy." That was more like it! At least cowboys tell it like it is, except to pregnant women.

I learned to smoke cigarettes back in Pennsylvania too. Very pleasant really; very satisfying to the senses. You have this little cylinder of tobacco to occupy your fingers. You can imitate various movie stars in how you hold it or dangle it from your lips. A satisfying outlet for oral compulsivity. An opportunity for those deprived of sufficient breast-feeding to make up lost nipple time. Then there's the unique sensation of inhaling smoke into your lungs. Odd that something which is a threat to life can become a pleasure. Firemen say more people die from smoke inhalation than from the flames.

There's a ritual to smoking cigarettes, which includes two of Earth's basic elements—fire and wind. You get to make a tiny fire and take some of the results right into your body. Then there's the pleasure of exhaling the white smoke in long plumes, donuts, or dragon-like streams from your nostrils. The smoke makes the other element, wind, miraculously visible. There's the ritual of carelessly flicking the ashes away. (Of course I never inhaled.)

There's nothing about the whole ritual that feels dangerous. You can't taste the oxidizer added to guarantee constant combustion. You can't sense the extra nicotine added to increase addiction. You can't tell you're giving yourself lung cancer, inviting an early and painful death. Just like driving, it seems totally pleasurable and harmless.

I got to thinking maybe I should increase the depth of my research beyond discarded cigarette packs. What is the atmosphere made of anyway, and why is a little more carbon dioxide such a big deal? A little Internet action and mouse clicking produced some fascinating information. There's hardly any carbon dioxide in the atmosphere! Far less than 1%! Air within the first 50 miles of the Earth's surface consists of 78.09% nitrogen, 20.943% oxygen, 0.93% argon, and only 0.037% carbon dioxide. That's only 370 parts per million. It seems to go against common sense that such a minuscule portion of the atmosphere could cause a problem as big as global warming. I decided to dig a little deeper.

I learned Earth is surrounded by what are called greenhouse gases: carbon dioxide, water vapor, methane, nitrous oxide, CFC-12, HCFC-22, perfluoromethane, sulphur hexa-fluoride. When sunlight warms the Earth, this layer of gases prevents the heat from escaping into space, just as a greenhouse traps the heat of sunlight

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Music Circus has entertained crowds for half a century

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more children's shows now," said Music Circus General Manager Vince Longo.

When Longo came aboard in November 1992, he said the Music Circus was floundering a bit with "mainly middle of the road acts." Since then, he has worked hard to draw from the wide variety of tastes among entertainment seekers.

"We bring in some stuff that has broad appeal," he said.

This year's featured performers include comedians Kevin James, star of the TV show "King of Queens," and Jay Mohr, from the movie "Jerry Maguire," rock and rollers Jethro Tull and The Beach Boys, adult contemporary artists Bruce Hornsby and The Robert Cray Band, country stars Kenny Rogers, Tricia Yearwood and Wynonna – who kicks of the season Saturday – and golden oldies Tony Bennett, The Sammy Kaye Orchestra and Jerry Vale.

"Our principal activity is to support other non-profit organizations involved in the arts, entertainment and recreation."

— Bruce Cameron, South Shore Playhouse Associates

But despite the regional attention the Music Circus receives, it has always been, and remains very much tied to the community.

"We are a non-profit organization, and our principal activity is to make every effort to support other non-profit organizations involved in the arts, entertainment and recreation," said Cameron.

Last year, more than $150,000 was donated to 40 groups around the South Shore and Cape Cod, such as the South Shore Arts Center, South Shore Conservatory and Cohasset Drama Club.

"We think of ourselves as an integral part of the community," said Longo. "The community really works with us to make it successful."

Between 80,000 and 100,000 patrons filled the 2,300-seat theater last summer.

"It's just a really convenient way to see a live performance," he said.

Of course, the Music Circus' relationship with its Sohier Street neighbors has become a bit strained at times – one of the downfalls of having a concert venue in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

After a particularly loud Blondie concert in the late-1970s, neighbors sued to get decibel restrictions and a curfew put in place, according to David Wadsworth. Neighbors also fiercely objected when the Music Circus applied for a liquor license in 1983. They won that battle, but lost in 1993.

The Music Circus was built on an old horse show grounds. In 1947, as summer theater struggled to survive in Cohasset Town Hall, a group of interested theater goers, including Mrs. John Vosoff, G. Prescott Low, and Dr. Henry Howe formed the South Shore Playhouse Association.

Summer theater had been very successful in Cohasset throughout the 1930s, bringing hopeful actors such as Humphrey Bogart to town. But when profits dropped post-World War II, the Playhouse looked

MUSIC CIRCUS, PAGE 9



A 1954 rehearsal of the musical "Oklahoma!"



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE COHASSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The South Shore Music Circus as it looked in the mid-1950s, looking from behind the circus towards Sohier Street. Note that the general layout of the site has not changed, except that most of the tents have been replaced by permanent structures.

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under the glass.

Carbon dioxide is exchanged naturally between three active reservoirs: the atmosphere, the ocean, and terrestrial (or land-based) ecosystems. You probably know plants absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, converting it into their bodies, and give off oxygen, which is very handy for those of us who breathe it. Over the ages a lot of this carbon remained in the plant bodies, and turned into soil, coal and petroleum. A balance was established. Carbon in the atmosphere had remained at 278 parts per million (ppm) for about the last 10,000 years, and the Earth's climate had been relatively stable. But due to burning fossil fuels and converting forest land to agriculture, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased to 385 ppm currently. This increase is now causing serious climate disruptions. Conservative predictions say it will rise to 500 ppm this century, which will cause drastic climate change. Some scientists predict it may rise as high as 700 ppm, which would result in a horrible climate scenario, at least for humans.

According to Bill McKibben, there are few possible acts available for concerned people. Global warming is in the process of happening and there's very little we can do about it. He described pranksters in San Francisco slapping bumper stickers on SUV's that read, "I'm doing something about global warming. Ask me how." Maybe it will be only a token gesture to assuage our guilt, but we can reduce the amount of carbon dioxide we generate. We can refuse to buy gas-guzzling vehicles. The worst SUVs get 12 miles per gallon (mpg). The average car gets 23 mpg. The Toyota Prius gets up to 50 mpg. The Honda Insight gets up to 70 mpg. Buy an Insight instead of an SUV and reduce your carbon dioxide output by 580%! Reduce your gas bill by 580% too! Or ride a bicycle instead of driving on those little errands. Demand a master plan in Cohasset that promotes new homes within walking or biking distance of all daily errands. Check out the soon-to-be-published Cohasset Open Space Plan for ways to reduce carbon dioxide generated by household heating and electrical use.

So what would I like to see stenciled on the sides of every vehicle powered by non-renewable fuel? How about: DOCTOR EARTH'S WARNING: DRIVING THIS VEHICLE IS HARMFUL TO EVERYONE'S HEALTH.

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Music Circus has entertained crowds for half a century

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to revive summer theater by building a modern facility.

However, in 1950 the Hyannis Music Circus opened under the leadership of New York producer Richard Aldrich. The Playhouse jumped on the idea and a similar tent, operated under Aldrich's supervision, opened in Cohasset in 1951.

Unlike today's facility, the Music Circus of 1951 lacked any permanent structures — it was a tent, with directors-style canvas chairs and wooden folding chairs on wooden planks built into a slight embankment leading down to the stage.

Among the first season's shows were "Showboat," "New Moon," "Merry Widow," "Brigadoon," "Naughty Marietta," and "Song of Norway."

Former resident Roger Leonard recently wrote how the performers in these shows stood out in proper 1950s Cohasset.

"One might say they became our counter culture during the long hot days of summer. The young women wore Capri pants, halter tops and other more revealing articles of apparel. It should be remembered as a time in fashion when ladies wore either skirts or dresses in public," he remembered. "Some smoked. Others applied exotic eye make-up. Peroxide blondes became those who were perceived with a high degree of visibility. They seemed to draw attention to themselves. All of this was curious behavior for the onlooker in those days, and it obviously set theatrical people apart from the conservative Cohasset citizenry of the 1950s."

Wadsworth, a production apprentice in 1954, remembered the original tent as being a massive dark green canvas tent, and was present when two hurricanes ended the theater season early.

"In late summer Hurricane 'Carol' devastated coastal New England on a scale not seen since the 1938 hurricane, and the Cohasset tent finally victim to winds of well more than 100 miles per hour. The big tent didn't give way without a fight, however, as those of us in the company struggled to keep its edges taut and firmly attached to the ground. It was only after the supply of small wooden perimeter poles had been used up, and many broken in the process, that the vast canvas top began the uncontrollable shaking that tore its heavy canvas and laid waste to chairs near the tall quarter poles," he recently wrote in a letter to the Mariner.

"But there was no way the shredded canvas of the Cohasset tent could be repaired after 'Carol's' 1954 visit. The show being performed on the week of the hurricane was the western "Paint Your Wagon" and its fine production run ended prematurely. Whatever damage hadn't been done by hurricane "Carol" was completed by hurricane "Edna" a week later, and the summer season was over for the Cohasset theater."

Now, Longo said, the tent is able to be lowered in case of a strong storm where winds are expected to reach 85 miles per hour. Although he has had to do it in Cape Cod a couple of times, he hasn't had to lower the tent in Cohasset since the early 1990s.

Wadsworth said it was under Ron Rawson in the 1960s that the Music Circus recognized the change of interest from operettas and musicals to more contemporary forms of entertainment.

"Instead of traveling troupes, it went to a more Las Vegas-type entertainment," said Cameron, who has been involved with the Playhouse for more than two decades.

The town was abuzz when Bob Hope came to town for five shows in the mid-70s. The Music Circus hit the national spotlight on July 27, 1977 when singer Tony Orlando suddenly announced to a stunned crowd mid-set that he was retiring from performing that night. Professional wrestler Mick Foley talked about doing the "tent circuit" and coming to Cohasset in his best-selling 1999 autobiography.

Other performers have included Diana Ross, Liza Minelli, Wayne Newton, Englebert Humperdinck, and Johnny Mathis.

Although the acts have changed, the impetus behind them haven't; to provide summer entertainment to the South Shore in different ways.

"I think we've held true to that," said Cameron. "We're there to support the communities and we've tried to do that year in and year out."



A look inside the Music Circus during a performance, circa mid-1950s. Early audiences sat on director-style chairs, placed on top of wooden planks

On right, a poster advertising the first show to be performed at the South Shore Music Circus in 1951.



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Health department begins bacteria testing in Cohasset waters

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"just about zero."

The smell also comes and goes.

"Sometimes you get a smell, sometimes you don't," said Godzik.

The theory, which Godzik and Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo are leaning toward, is the seagull rookery on nearby Brush Island.

Bobo said in his latest set of health notes (see page 7) that the island is a popular hangout for the "generally quite messy" birds, and the scent could arrive at Sandy Beach on a northeast or east northeast wind, which are common in good weather.

Godzik has also been testing for enterococci, a group of bacteria that is the "generally accepted health risk indicator." Until last year, health officials tested water for fecal coliform counts, but enterococci is the new red flag when looking for bacteria because it is more sustainable in water for testing purposes than fecal coliform.

Once a week throughout the summer, Godzik takes a 125-milliliter water samples from Little Harbor by Cunningham Bridge, Black Rock Beach, Sandy Beach, and from the Cohasset Yacht Club and Cohasset Sailing Club in Cohasset Harbor.

The samples are then picked up by G&L Laboratories in Quincy. So far, the samples have come back "below detection levels."

The only spot that raised concern last year was by the sailing club, where twice the waters were closed because of high counts. Godzik attributed the high counts to a heavy rainfall days before the testing.

"Those levels are generally associated with rainstorms," he explained, "and they're probably not going to go away."

He said its natural for bodies of water to see their bacteria levels jump after rainstorms because of the run-off from streets and yards.

A new state law requires cities and towns to test their beaches bacteria levels at least once a week and post the results.

Health effects from swimming in polluted water includes ear infections, conjunctivitis, rashes, and possible gastro-intestinal problems from swallowing the water.

The legislature is debating a $400,000 budget amendment that would partially reimburse towns for the cost of the testing. Cohasset pays $18.50 per sample tested, the money for which comes from the laboratory analysis line item in the Board of Health's budget.

It's unclear how much money Cohasset would be reimbursed.

Interestingly, the town could technically get away with doing next to no testing. Sandy Beach, although open to the public, falls under the jurisdiction of the Sandy Beach Association. The town only manages the parking lot. There is no formal beach around Little Harbor, and swimming is prohibited in Cohasset Harbor.

But that won't stop the town from testing the waters anyway.

"We've been doing it before I got here, and I've been here now for 17 years," Godzik said. "We have a long tradition of doing this testing."

School 'treasures' to be up for grabs

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In this case, the process involves the school department compiling a list that will be turned over to selectmen who will decide whether to sell the items, give them away or throw them out, Haddad said. Selectmen can also decide where to direct any money from the sale of items. For example, proceeds could go into the athletic revolving fund or a gift account, Haddad said.

Malvey said if the school department spotted something that was a real "gem," it could decide to keep it for the school archives.

School Committee member Chartis Langmaid said she wanted every effort made to pass items on to others.

"I'd like to keep as much out of the trash pile as we can," she said.

Trash resulting from school construction is covered under in the project's price tag. But the school department will be responsible for disposal of unwanted or unusable items — such as old athletic equipment or old chairs — not directly related to the project and not worthy of inclusion on the list for selectmen, Malvey said Tuesday.

School Committee member Pat Martin reminded the board the town sold the old, obsolete fire boxes a few years back. The fire boxes, which contained a lever to be pulled in an emergency, were installed on poles around town. Martin bought two during the sale at Town Hall.

"I shipped them off to my brothers who are using them as doorbells," she said.

Haddad said the town raised $5,000 from the fire-box sale. The money was put in the Town Common gift account and some was used to pay for repairs on the town clock housed in the steeple of the First Parish Church.

Fine arts program to expand

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10-year cycle. Department heads are relieved of teaching one period for one semester of the school year, Jones said.

"The art program is very highly subscribed right now," Jones told the school committee last week in lobbying for the new positions.

He said, for example, 46 students have signed up for the photography/media course. Therefore, the choice is to add another position or deny some students access to courses, he said.

The formula for determining a department head's stipend is stipulated in the teachers' contract and is an additional .08 percent of the teacher's salary for the first year. The cost is within the budget because of retirements and the hiring of new teachers in at a lower salary level, Jones said.

Jones said the art teaching position can be covered by re-arranging staff and consolidating the smaller science electives. He also said a long-term substitute would be hired to replace a math teacher who will retire mid-year, so the new art position could be added without affecting the fiscal year 2002 budget.

"With enrollment projections, the need we have is in the arts as opposed to math and science," Jones said. He explained that math and science would not be getting short shrift. Classes that are under-subscribed — some number only a four or five students — would still be offered but in a later semester for a greater number of students.

The school committee approved both requests.

Trash system starts Sunday

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"It's also an equalizer," said MacDonald. "It allows those who do not have as much trash to pay less. In other words, you pay for what you generate.

"It should encourage people to be less wasteful and we hope it will be more economically sound."

The bags are sold in rolls of 10, and come in two sizes; the 15-gallon bags are 50 cents a bag, and the 30-gallon bags cost $1. Bags are available at Cohasset Hardware, Cohasset Food Mart, Leo Fiori's Exxon Station, Joseph's Hardware and at the town Department of Public Works building at 90 Cedar St.

Haddad said it costs nothing to dispose of recyclables.

Cohasset pays $100 a ton to dispose of regular trash and $15 a ton to get rid of paper. It costs the town nothing to get rid of glass. The town receives $25 a ton for plastic, $30 a ton for corrugated cardboard, and between $80 and $125 for office paper.

Stickers are now available at Town Hall and will be so until the second week of July, said Haddad. They will then be available at the DPW on Saturdays and Sundays and the Town Clerk's Office. Cost of a sticker is $50, and it also serves as a parking sticker for Sandy Beach. Residents can buy just a Sandy Beach parking sticker for $7, and a second all-facilities sticker for $20.

Haddad said residents are able to throw as much away that can fit into the PAYT bags. The RTF will still accept small plastic bags, such as bread bags, filled with household garbage only.

"People do want to recycle and protect the environment, and will see this as a good thing," MacDonald said. "It involves some change in lifestyle, but environmentalists like us think it's for the better."

Beach Boys concert

Committee members of the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund are sponsoring "An Evening with the Beach Boys" on Sunday, August 19 at 9 p.m. at the South Shore Music Circus. Cost of the concert is $60 per ticket with $30 going to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

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Lunch service seeks to balance the books

By Mary Ford
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Representatives from Chartwells — the school dining service in town that just completed the second year of its current contract — told the School Committee last week the lunch program was going to finish out the 2000-2001 school year about $4,700 short. That's because the food service company based its projections on receiving a $7,500 commission from vending machines sales, which was diverted to the school activities revolving fund.

With the vending machine money, Chartwells would have been able to realize a small profit of $2,800 — money that could be put aside for equipment upgrades and the like.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said the food service is not a profit center but should break even.

Steve Berzansky, vice president of Chartwells Northeast, explained the budget was prepared by carrying the soda machine receipts as a "receivable."

Supt. Edward Malvey explained high school administrators opted to divert the "kick-back" received from the soda machines to the school activities revolving account instead of the lunch service. The money pays for events such as "breakfast with the principal," ice cream for National Honor Society events, and the like.

Malvey told the School Committee the money needed to cover the shortfall could be redirected to Chartwells from the vending machine sales or come out of the school budget.

DeGiacomo asked Malvey to give the School Committee — which renewed Chartwells contract — a firm number at its July meeting and come up with a few suggestions on how to cover the cost. The committee was supportive about establishing a line item in future budgets to cover the student activities fund.

Chartwells reported $240,714 in revenue for the 2001-2001 school year with total expenses of $245,414.

Malvey said Tuesday the numbers Chartwells presented did not include the month of June. The June recap will reveal if the school department needs to transfer $4,700 from the vending machine sales to Chartwells to balance the books or something less than that.

What's for lunch?

School catering company tries to attract students

By Mary Ford
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Sandwich Central, Out Takes and Menutainment may sound like a promotion at the corner deli — not the school cafeteria.

But creativity is critical to making the school lunch program succeed today when the competition for children's palates is tougher than ever.

The price of school lunches will go up 15 cents per meal in the fall to help the bottom line next year. But Chartwells – the lunch service company – hopes promotions and improvements will attract more students to the lunch line. That coupled with the price increase would mean more revenue coming in. With the increase, a school lunch will cost about $2.

"Due to the open campus at the high school, we're not capturing the people we should be," said Steve Berzansky, vice president of Chartwells Northeast. "Participation at the high school is extremely low when compared to the other schools.

"But it's great when it's rainy or there's snow," he said.

Seniors at the middle-high school are allowed to leave school grounds during lunch.

Chartwells will plan an array of new promotions aimed at student eating habits. Middle-high school students can look forward to deli-style sandwiches and wraps made to order; freshly made salads and sandwiches packaged attractively for "grab and go" service; a monthly "Menutainment" featuring taco bar, carving station, potato bar or stir-fry specials; and balanced-choice meals.

Elementary schoolchildren will experience "Pyramid Pete" — promotions encouraging balanced diet — that include posters, beanies and fruit-cup giveaways.

School department hires new business manager, secretary

By Rick Collins
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The school department has hired Dr. Ivan Klinko as its new business manager, and Jean Callahan as its administrative secretary.

Klinko's hiring is an upgrade from the part-time business manager position and reinstates a position lost to budget cuts more than 10 years ago. Callahan will replace long-time administrative assistant Debbie Greenwood, who is retiring.

Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey said Klinko will manage the "nuts and bolts" of the town's three schools. He will be responsible for accounts receiveable and payable, all personnel in terms of salaries and benefits, school maintenance, custodians, and most importantly budget development.

"He brings a wealth of knowledge to the school system," Malvey said.

Klinko held similar positions in California and Kansas, and most recently was the business manager for Hudson Public Schools.

He said Klinko, who has a MBA from the University of Connecticut, is knowledgeable in state laws regarding public school business operation and has been involved in school construction projects in other districts.

"He has a very well-rounded background," Malvey said.

Klinko, whose annual salary is $79,000, has already started, and is busy working to convert the current accounting system to the new state-mandated system.

The school business office had operated with a part-time business administrator for the past few years, at an annual cost of $42,000.

Malvey said the full-time position is an essential part in the future of the school system.

"It is definitely needed in Cohasset," he said. "The district is growing and the budget is growing incrementally."

Callahan comes to Cohasset from the Hingham Public School system, where she worked in the superintendent's office. The Scituate resident also spent many years working in the Scituate school system before going to Hingham.

"She has a lot of school experience, and central office experience" Malvey said.

Her duties include keeping school records and personnel files, overseeing the superintendent's correspondence, communications and schedule, and other secretarial duties. She will also take the minutes for the school committee meetings.

"She also has a personality second to none," Malvey said. "She has excellent people skills, is very pleasant to be around, has a wonderful demeanor.

"She'll be a tremendous asset to the office."

The position pays $40,000, plus a $2,000 stipend for attending the school committee meetings.

Greenwood, a familiar sight at school committee meetings, is retiring as of July 1.

"I want to wish her the best," Malvey told the school committee at its meeting last Thursday night "It didn't take me long when I came on board to realize what a cracker-jack she was. She has been an excellent secretary."

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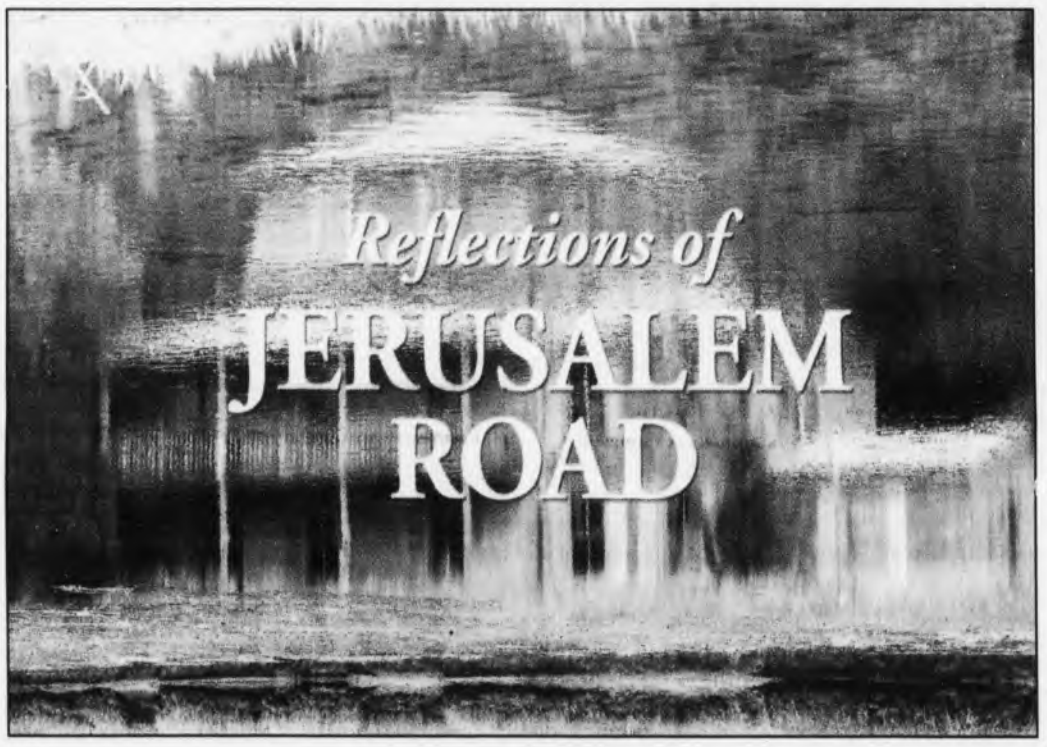
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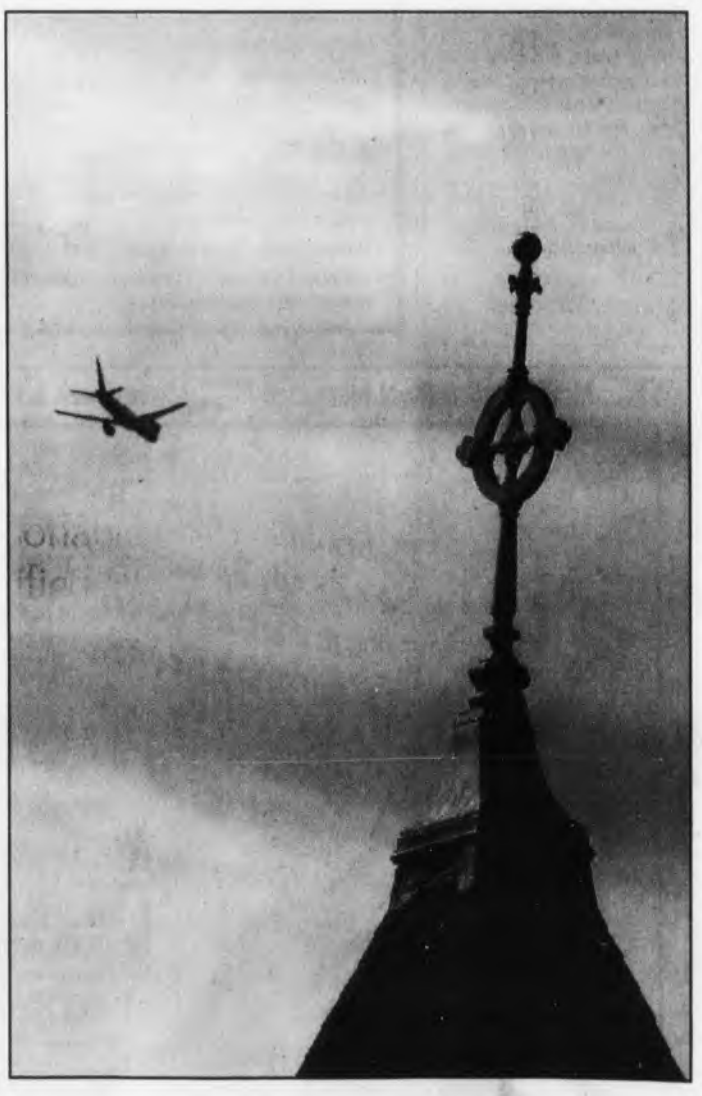
Sister Terry walks by a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Sisters of St. Joseph, a retreat where members of the order come for meditation and relaxation.



Staff photos
by
Alan Chapman







Clockwise from above, a plane approaches Logan Airport over the Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road near West Corner. Frank and Jean White give loving care to their organic garden on the pastoral inland section of Jerusalem Road. A swan makes its way along Straits Pond.

Cohasset Mariner

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Stars of the Week

Kyle Weber, Paul Previte, Curt Kahn and Nick Spirito

These four Cohasset High lacrosse standouts made the final cut this week from a field of 84 to become members of the 24-member regional team that will compete at this summer's Bay State Games.

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Cardinals claim Little League crown

By Bill Grimm
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

After losing the series opener last week, the Cardinals won back-to-back games against the Rangers Sunday and Monday nights to capture the Cohasset Little League championship.

The Cards got strong pitching from Michael Grimm and Tim Smith throughout the series. The Cardinal bats came alive in the second game and they used their speed at the top of the order to keep pressure on the Rangers. The Cards got significant contributions from every player on their roster in an outstanding team effort. The Rangers, tough competitors to the end, pushed the Cards to the limit.

Rangers 2 - Cardinals 1

The Rangers' Tommy Chase dominated the first game from the pitching mound. Chase surrendered only two hits and struck out 10 in his six inning complete game effort. Chase kept the Cards batters off balance all night, effectively changing speeds with his array of moving fast balls and off speed deliveries. Tim Smith's home run blast just over the center field fence and Alex Hunt's bunt single in the bottom of the second were the only blemishes in Chase's pitching gem.

The Rangers tied the game in the third. With one out, Chase doubled to the gap in left center. After stealing third, Chase scored on a grounder to short by John Harrington. The Rangers took the lead in the fifth on a clutch two-out rally. Chase doubled again, this time to right center. Fletcher Smalzel followed immediately with a line drive which one-hopped the fence in left center. The Cardinals avoided further damage when Alex Hunt robbed Harrington of a sure double with a beautiful diving grab in right. The Rangers played outstanding defense behind Chase, particularly Fletcher Smalzel behind the plate and Owen Stevenson, who tracked down a number of Cardinal drives in center field.

Cardinals 14 - Rangers 7

On Sunday night, the Cardinals established quickly that they were determined to push the championship series to a final game, plating a pair of runs in the first inning. Ben Libby reached on an error and Michael Grimm singled. A double steal put runners on second and third. Alex Hunt walked to load the bases. After Libby scored on a past ball, Conor Holway lined a clutch single up the middle, bringing home the second run.

The Cardinal lead was short lived, however, as the Rangers scored three runs in their half of the first. Tommy Chase walked and Fletcher Smalzel and John Harrington lined singles to plate one run. A fielder's choice and a throwing error resulted in two unearned Ranger runs.

The Cardinals regained the lead for good in the second. After two quick outs, Libby walked and Grimm singled to left. Alex Hunt drove a double over the left fielder, scoring Libby. Tim Smith followed with a tape measure shot— a 260-foot three-run homer out of Barnes Field.

The Cards added three more runs in the third. Justin Hollis doubled and scored on an RBI single by Josh Lambert. After Lambert stole second, Mark Flibotte lined a single to left, scoring Lambert. Libby followed with an RBI single.

Michael Grimm pitched the complete game victory for the Cardinals. After a shaky start, Grimm settled down in the middle innings, allowing only single runs in the second and third and shutting the Rangers down in the fourth.

The outstanding play of catcher Conor Holway helped. Holway threw out two would-be Ranger base stealers and blocked the plate beautifully while making a great tag to prevent another Ranger run. Nick Simonds also flung some leather around, making a few great plays at third base, including a back hand stop of a sure double down the line, to squelch potential Ranger rallies. Grimm worked out of a jam in the fifth, stranding John Harrington at third after a lead-off triplewith some help from right fielder Kevin Lewis, who chased down Peter Ernst's long fly.

The Cardinals put the game away in the fifth. Will Harper walked. Ben Libby laced a triple down the right field line. After Grimm walked and stole second, Hunt and Smith hit back to back doubles to cap the four-run rally.

The Cards added an insurance run in the sixth on singles by Libby, Grimm and Hunt. The Rangers rallied for two in the sixth before falling.

Cardinals 11 - Rangers 3

The Cardinal bats remained hot in the championship game Monday night.

The Rangers started strong, scoring twice in the top of the first. After Fletcher Smalzel singled, John Harrington smashed a double to right center. Kenny Muir and Ian

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Agincourt, skippered by Cohasset's Stuart Hebb, took top prize in Sunday's Sullivan Cup in Cohasset Harbor. For more race photos and results, see page 16.

Mariner All-Scholastic Baseball team

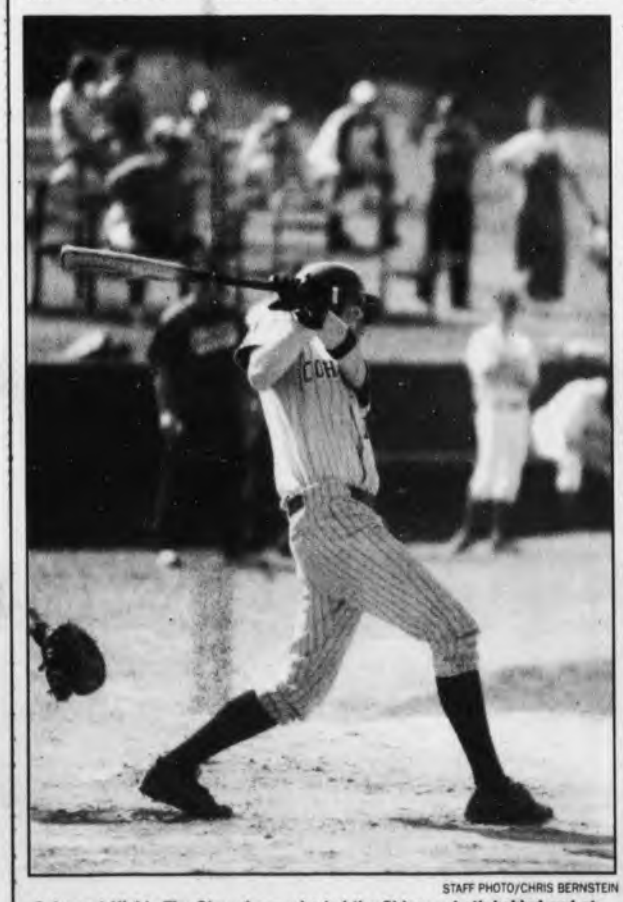
Cohasset's O'Brien, Straughn chosen among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see mentioned here as second team selections were serious candidates for first team honors, just as many who received "Honorable Mention" recognition were considered for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

One of the most difficult omissions from the top two teams by far was Cohasset's junior catcher Tim Straughn, who led the team in hitting (.426) and RBI (18). When not gunning baserunners out from behind the plate, the strong-armed Straughn, who's now starting for the Cohasset-Scituate Legion baseball team, was preventing them from even reaching, compiling 27 strikeouts in 28 innings on the mound for the Skippers with a 2.56 ERA.

After consulting with area coaches, however, these are the choices we made for our 2001 All-Scholastic baseball team.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset High's Tim Straughn— who led the Skippers both behind and at the plate this season, as well as on the mound— receives High Honorable Mention recognition from the Mariner.

First Team

Doug O'Brien - Senior (Capt.)
Centerfield - Cohasset

A three sport standout and captain for little Cohasset High in his senior year, soccer and basketball being the other two…was selected as a South Shore League All-Star in both soccer and baseball…Doug was second on the Skippers in hitting this season with a .370 batting average and was a perfect 16-for-16 in stolen base attempts…Also had an outstanding on-base percentage, drawing several walks…an outstanding defensive outfielder with a near unparalleled ability to track down anything in his vicinity…a former member of the Cohasset-Scituate Legion baseball team…led soccer team that made it to semi-finals of state sectionals in scoring… an honor roll who was an early acceptant this past fall to Trinity College where he will play baseball and possibly soccer, as well…is leaning towards a major in international business or economics and plans on studying abroad in Italy for a semester… Cohasset Athletic Director/boys basketball coach Ron Ford: "Doug is a great natural athlete who probably could put up big numbers or stand out more if that's what he wanted, but that's not what he's about. He does the little things that don't show up in box scores any where, but that make the difference between winning an losing. And he's a phenomenal leader, just as you'd expect from a three sport captain."… Cohasset head baseball coach Bob Knurek: "When the ball was hit in the air anywhere near centerfield this year, it was the next best thing to an out. That's how good Doug was out there."



Doug O'Brien

Pat Young - Senior (Capt.)
Shortstop/Pitcher -
Silver Lake

A two time Old Colony League All-Star…Led the Lakers in hitting this season with a .406 average (26-for-64) and in stolen bases (11)…added 11runs, 10 RBI and five doubles…also took the mound for two relief stints… his greater values, though, according to coach Bob Rodgers, were as a defensive stalwart at the busiest spot on the diamond (shortstop) and as a team leader…Also a standout soccer player, Pat scored both of the Lakers goals in their first round tourney win over Needham this fall…Also an All-Scholastic selection by the Brockton Enterprise...Headed to Suffolk University in the fall, where he is slated to play baseball…claims he may also give collegiate soccer a whirl…Silver Lake head baseball coach Bob Rodgers: "Pat is everything you want in a ballplayer. He's smart focussed, a hard worker and, obviously, a very talented ball player. And he's a great kid too."

Frank Cronin - Junior
Pitcher - Rockland

Finished an impressive 2001 campaign by leading Rockland to the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney…The talented lefty won two tournament games for the 13th seeded Bulldogs (13-10), including the stellar 1-0

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Four C.H.S. laxers named to Bay State games regional squad

By Terry Kahn
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For the first time, Cohasset is playing host to the Bay State Games' Southeast regional boys' lacrosse team. The proximity paid immediate dividends as four members of the Skippers' state finalist squad – Kyle Weber, Paul Previte, Curt Kahn and Nick Spirito — were named to the team.

Under the direction of the Cohasset High School coaching staff, the team – a collection of all-stars from a sprawling geographical area stretching from the island of Nantucket to New Bedford, west to Hopkinton and Ashland and north to Weymouth – will practice on the Skippers' home turf before competing in the annual four-day event, which starts on Thursday, July 12 at Wentworth Institute's athletic complex in downtown Boston.

Eighty-four players, by far the largest contingent to try out among the state's four regions, registered and participated in the team's three-day tryout, which concluded on Sunday, June 24.

"This was as impressive a group of players as I've ever seen together on one field," said Cohasset Head Coach Kevin Orcutt. "We have been forced to cut players who, in my opinion, could have formed a team that would have finished no worse than third, and possibly as a medallist, in these Games."

Orcutt's staff – which included Cohasset Assistant Coach Terry Kahn, Scituate High School Head Coach Chris Weber, Emerson College Head Coach Stew Curran, and Needham High Head Coach David Roche – announced a final squad that featured some of the Pilgrim Conference's best sophomores and juniors, as well as selections from Scituate, New Bedford and Nantucket, the first time those high schools have been represented in Bay State Games lacrosse.

Heading the team are 13 selections from four schools rated among the top ten in Massachusetts by the national "laxpower.com" – Needham, number-one-ranked Duxbury, Div. 2 state

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Post 118 squad takes thriller

Connelly gem propels Cohasset-Scituate legion past first place Weymouth

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Scott Arnold has been telling his players since Day 1 they had the ability to beat any team in their league. The Cohasset-Scituate Legion coach continued to push that message Monday night even though he would privately admit later that he had a few doubts going up against the defending champion and current first place Weymouth team without three of his starters.

Apparently, the message still reached a resonant chord within his charges, as they went out and pulled out a thrilling 1-0 win behind a complete game two-hit effort on the mound from Jason Connelly that moved the George H. Mealy Post 118 team back to .500 on the season (3-3-1).

"Jason was just on," said Arnold, in his seventh season of coaching the Coh-Scit team. "The ball was really moving for him tonight and he pitched a very solid and efficient game."

With the game moving last minute from Cohasset's Milliken Field to the Scituate High School park, Connelly was back on the friendliest of grounds, having compiled a 4-1 record and 2.62 ERA with the S.H.S. team this spring.

Connelly carried a no-hitter into

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Mariner All-Scholastic Baseball team

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shutout of No. 4 Norton and a 3-2 decision over Patriot League foe and No. 5 seed Middleboro in the quarterfinals…Rockland won 13 games this season, and Cronin was on the mound for 11 of them…Cronin finished the year at 11-3, pitching 98 innings, striking out 67 batters, recording six shutouts, for a 2.20 ERA…Is also a talented student, as he ranks within the top 10 of his class at RHS…Still only a junior, Cronin will be among the Bulldogs' top returning players next season. Rockland coach Rick Fredericks: "He's got a great changeup and he just keeps the batters off-balance. They don't get many good swings at his pitches. Our strength this year was our defense and Frank did a great job of keeping the ball on the ground for the infielders. He's just a great kid, very coachable."

Nick DeVito - Sophomore
Shortstop/Pitcher - Hingham

After injuring his leg in the first at-bat of last year's Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, the 6-foot, 5-inch DeVito made some noise at the plate this time around going 2-for-3 with three RBI in the team's 7-6 loss to Franklin in the first round…DeVito also pitched four innings in relief, allowing just one run…At the plate, DeVito was the one of the team's best hitters with a .400 average…DeVito scored 18 runs, hit a homer, walked seven times and drove in 9…DeVito became the team's number two pitcher this season and struck out 31 batters for a 2.80 ERA…DeVito will spend his summer playing American Legion baseball for Hingham, which he wasn't able to do until late in the season last summer due to his injury…Just a sophomore, he will be on the top returnees next year. Hingham coach Dan McHugh: "He's the best athlete on the team so I wanted him in the middle and I expect big things from him pitching wise. He's a strong hitter, who has good command of the strike zone. He's a lot of fun to work with and I'll be counting on him for the next two years."

Jon Hollis - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher/Centerfield -
Marshfield

A four-year varsity player and Atlantic Coast League All-star, Hollis made noise this year on the mound and in the batter's box…As the team's top hurler, Hollis was called on to pitch "all the tough games," according to coach Bill Battis…In doing so, Hollis pitched 51 innings, striking out 44 and boasted a 2.09 ERA…When he wasn't on the mound, Hollis could be found in centerfield…At the plate, Hollis was equally as threatening, boasting a .409 average from the lead-off spot…Hollis recorded 23 hits, 10 RBI and 10 stolen bases for Marshfield, which missed qualifying for the post-season tourney by a game…Had the honor of beating the ACL's Player of the Year, Duxbury pitcher Tim in a 2-1 decision…Was also the star quarterback on Marshfield's football team in the fall, which earned him an honorable mention to the Mariner All-Scholastic team…Hollis will attend University next year. Marshfield coach Bill Battis: "He's just a bulldog. He did what he had to do all year. On the mound, he challenged hitters with his best stuff. He's a four-year starter, who knows how to lead, and he played hard every game."

Jesse Cole - Junior
Pitcher/Infield - Scituate

The Patriot League's Most Valuable Player this season led the league in both hitting (.500) and ERA (0.84)…Also hit two home runs this season…Not surprisingly, the junior has already drawn the attention of several prominent colleges— including Harvard, Yale, the University of Maine and Wake Forest…he would prefer to play ball in the south…Also has upcoming Major League auditions with the Atlanta Braves and Pittsburgh Pirates…Has been selected to play for the New England team in the upcoming Blue-Gray All-Star tournament in North Carolina, which will be attended by scouts from all major league teams and many top colleges…being looked at primarily as a pitcher, not surprising considering his outstanding strikeout to walk ratio (73 strikeouts/17 walks) in 53 innings pitched this season and a fastball that's been clocked in the high 80s…Plays baseball year round as a member of the South Shore Baseball Club in Hingham…Also pitches and plays third base for the Cohasset-Scituate Legion team… used to run track in the fall and winter for Scituate High but gave that up this year to concentrate even more on baseball…hired a personal trainer last summer, and has added 30 pounds to his 6-foot-1 frame since, explaining "I needed that extra bulk for strength on the mound…Scituate head baseball coach Kevin Greer: "Jesse is Mr. Baseball. It's just his thing, and he's extremely devoted to it. He's also got a lot of talent for it too. Obviously, any coach would be blessed to have him on their team."

Jason Connelly - Junior
Shortstop/Pitcher - Scituate

The Patriot League All-Star shone all around for the co-league champion 17-3 Sailors this season…Compiled a 4-1 record on the mound with a 2.62 ERA and 32 strikeouts in 33-1/3 innings of work…Batted .407 (24-for-59) with a team high 23 RBI…His greatest value, though, may have been on defense as the team's regular shortstop…Also pitches and starts at shortstop for the Cohasset-Scituate Legion baseball team…Also a standout defensive back and wideout with the football team this past fall, he has already been named a co-captain for this fall's squad along with Dave Butterworth… Scituate head baseball coach Kevin Greer: "Jason's a very intense competitor, but he does it quietly. I think he's got that football mindset of controlled intensity. He's just a good, solid all around baseball player. At shortstop, anything he gets to is usually going to be an out because he's got a cannon for an arm."

Tim Duggan - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher/Outfield - Scituate

The unquestioned leader of the 17-3 co-Patriot League champion Scituate baseball team…The Patriot League All-Star was named the team's Outstanding Pitcher this season by the coaching staff…Put together an excellent 6-0 season on the mound with a 1.81 ERA and 60 strikeouts in 42-1/3 innings…Started the season with a prolonged slump at the plate, but finished up strong to raise his average to .333…led the team in home runs with four…. Also an outstanding defenseman for the Scituate High hockey team, Duggan was the captain of this season's surprising 12-6-2 hockey squad and was named to his second Patriot League All-Star team…Also an All-Scholastic hockey honoree by the Mariner and Patriot Ledger…Is the fourth or five Duggans to play baseball and hockey for Scituate High, with little brother Joe (class of '03) the last in the line…Also plays baseball for the Cohasset-Scituate Legion team…Tim will attend Bryant College this fall, where he intends to play baseball… Scituate head baseball coach Kevin Greer: "Tim obviously did a lot for us on the field, but his leadership is what really helped make us the team we were. You couldn't have asked for a better leader than Timmy. We have a lot of talent coming back next year, but he's leaving a big hole—no doubt about that."

Bob Savoy - Junior
Pitcher/Shortstop - Norwell

Savoy is a two-time South Shore League All-Star who made it as a sophomore center fielder and a shortstop this time around, something Norwell baseball coach Al Kassatly said is more a testament to his work ethic and team-first-attitude than his considerable athletic ability…Was also the team's number one pitcher, shaking off early season arm troubles to help lead the Clippers into the state tourney with a winning record and an ERA around 2.5…Despite missing the first few weeks of the season, Savoy hit exactly .400, with five doubles, three triples, 17 RBI and a perfect 11-for-11 in stolen base attempts…Also an outstanding basketball player who led the Clippers in steals and assists this season as their starting point guard...has been named a basketball co-captain for next season…Norwell head baseball coach Al Kassatly: "I've had a lot of great athletes as a coach who I'd say 'boy, if only he worked a little harder, he might really be something. That's one thing I don't think you'll ever hear anyone say about Bobby, because he goes all-out all the time and he absolutely gets the most out of his abilities."

Second Team

Bryan Butterworth - Senior
Centerfield - Scituate

Bryan was the offensive catalyst for the Patriot League's most explosive team this season, hitting .333 (20-for-60) out of the leadoff spot and leading the 17-3 Sailors in both runs and stolen bases (a Patriot League best 23)… Also had a home run this season…A Patriot League All-Star…Not bad, considering baseball is his "hobby"…Bryan is heading to Canisius on full football scholarship in the fall after quarterbacking the Patriot League's most high powered offense last fall. He compiled 1,794 yards of total offense (1,014 rushing, 650 passing and 130 receiving) this past fall on the gridiron for the Sailors… Scituate head baseball coach Kevin Greer: "We were a different team anytime Bryan was getting on base. First off, singles were just about as good as doubles for him, and it made all our hitters behind him that much tougher because he really drew the attention of (opposing) pitchers."

Mark Stimpson - Senior
Centerfield - Rockland

Was the Bulldogs' leading batter this season, helping Rockland (13-10) advance to the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional, going 4-for-10 with an RBI in tourney games…Finished the season with a .432 average to lead the team, while also earning the squad's top stats in RBIs (20) and runs scored (16)…Was also the team's leading hitter during his sophomore season…Stimpson's quickness on the bags also earned him the lead in stolen bases (9)…In 23 games played, Stimpson recorded 19 hits…He started every game in centerfield for Rockland this season and did not record an error…Stimpson made a crucial play in the Rockland's 1-0 decision over Norton in the first round by throwing a runner out at the plate…Stimpson will be attending Massassoit Community College, where he plans to continue his baseball career. Rockland coach Rick Fredericks: "He's going to be tough to replace at centerfield. He's very quick and gets a good jump on the ball. If there was a ball going out to centerfield, I'd bet my paycheck that he'd catch it."

Sam Moores - Senior (Capt.)
Catcher - Hanover

A two-time South Shore League All-star, Moores is hailed by many as being the best catcher in the league…A defensive stalwart behind the plate, very few balls got by Moores…His great arm and accuracy made it difficult for opponents to steal bases, as Moores only allowed two all season…For the last two years, Moores has also been one of the team's top hitters, boasting .350 plus averages each year and multiple extra-base hits…Coach Fran Coyle says Moores will be very tough to replace on such a young team…Moores will attend Wentworth College next year, where he plans to study architecture and continue his baseball career. Hanover coach Fran Coyle: "He's just one of those kids that blocks everything. He's got a great arm and people didn't test it. He's kept us in a lot of games. Sam will be a loss."

A.J. Qualtieri - Senior (Capt.)
Pitcher - Hingham

A talented senior captain, Qualtieri was Hingham's top hurler…In 48 1/3 innings, Qualtieri went 4-2 with a save…He allowed only 15 earned runs on the season and finished with a 2.18 ERA…Qualtieri also had a decent year at the plate for the Harbormen, ending with a .280 average…But it was Qualtieri's fastball that had most opponents talking this season…As to be expected from the number one pitcher, Qualtieri was called on to pitch all of the team's bigger games and was also known as the team's biggest motivator, always getting his team up…Qualtieri will spend his summer playing American Legion baseball for Hingham. Hingham coach Dan McHugh: "I just can't say enough about him. Behind the scenes, he does what I ask and more. His whole identity is baseball. Kids like him don't come along too often. He's a quality kid both on and off the field. You can't replace someone like that."

Ed O'Neil - Senior (Capt.)
Catcher - Rockland

One of those classic defensive stalwarts, O'Neil was brick wall behind the plate for the Bulldogs…Coach Rick Fredericks called O'Neil his second coach on the field…Was largely responsible for calling most of the pitches for Rockland, and could always be relied on by Fredericks…Was a two-year starter for the Bulldogs (13-10), who made a surprising run in the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, making it to the semifinals…O'Neil also had a solid year at the plate for Rockland with a .279 average with two homeruns, two triples and 11 RBI…O'Neil is making his second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team as he earned a spot on our wrestling squad last winter…O'Neil will be attending . Rockland coach Rick Fredericks: "In my 15 years of coaching, I've never had a catcher as good as him. He's got a great arm and is just unbelievable behind the plate. I never had to worry about what he was doing out there. He's an outstanding leader and really took control with the kids. He was always very positive. He'll be tough to replace."

Chris Martin - Junior
Pitcher/Shortstop - Marshfield

As the Rams' everyday shortstop, Martin also wanted to try his skills on the mound and had a great year…Martin pitched six games for Marshfield, all of which were complete…In 41 innings, Martin was 4-2 with 40 strikeouts for a 2.89 ERA…Last season, Martin pitched nine innings in long relief, and took lessons over the winter to improve his skills…At the plate, Martin was the team's second leading batter with a .370 average, 17 RBI and two homeruns from the second and third spots in the lineup…His terrific arm and range fueled the Marshfield defense, as he made only two errors all season…Martin is also a talented quarterback on the Marshfield High football team…Martin will spend the summer playing for the Duxbury American Legion team…Only a junior, Martin will be among the top returnees next year. Marshfield coach Bill Battis: "He's a tremendous athlete and has one of those can do attitudes. He's so focused on baseball and always gives his best. He's always the first person on the practice field and the last one off. I told him last year he had superstar potential, and he reached it this year. He's the best example of a Marshfield High School baseball player."

CJ Hillyer - Freshman
Pitcher/First base - Abington

Had a standout season in his first varsity year for the Green Wave as the ace of the pitching staff…Hillyer pitched 59 innings, striking out 57 batters, while walking only 11…A lefty, Hillyer finished with a 5-3 record and a 2.85 ERA…When he wasn't on the mound for the Green Wave, Hillyer saw time at first base and recorded only two errors…Hillyer was also among the top batters on the team, boasting a .365 average with 23 hits and 17 RBI…A South Shore League All-star, Hillyer will be spending his summer pitching on Abington's American Legion squad and for the South Shore Baseball Club's AAU team…Hillyer is also working at coach Tom Graham's instructional youth baseball camp…He will also be among the team's top returnees next season. Abington coach Tom Graham: "CJ did a great job for us pitching wise and was also a very good hitter. He had great control and didn't walk many batters so he rarely got into trouble. To have a freshman come in and play the way he played is quite a surprise. It really shows what kind of player he's going to be in the next three years."

David Butterworth - Junior
Catcher - Scituate

The younger Butterworth's main value to the 17-3 Sailors this season was behind the plate…He was a virtual impenetrable wall with the pads and mask on, a plaudit made all the more impressive by the fact that he was catching two fireballers in Tim Duggan and Jesse Cole and another hurler with great movement in Jason Connelly…In addition, the cannoned-armed backstop was the was the Patriot League's premier "steal's stopper"…David was far from a one-dimensional player, though, as attested to by his .344 batting average and 12 RBI… A Patriot League All-Star…As is the case with big brother Bryan, football is number one with David as well…He rushed for over 1,200-yards and went over the 100-point plateau this past fall for the Sailors…Also like Bryan, he should be heavily recruited for football in his senior year…A former member of the Cohasset-Scituate Legion baseball team… Scituate head baseball coach Kevin Greer: "People just didn't run on us this year. It didn't take long for them to figure out that it was real tough to beat one of Dave's throws to second base. That, plus the way he handled our pitching staff, made Dave as valuable as just about anyone on our team."

Jason Kustka - Junior
Centerfield - Norwell

The junior speedster was a catalyst extraordinaire for the Clippers this season, batting a team high .420 with 10 extra base hits, and also leading the team in runs (26) and stolen bases (a perfect 18-for-18), playing a huge part in the Clippers late season push that earned them a state tourney berth…A South Shore League All-Star…Far from a one-dimensional threat, Kustka was also lauded by SSL coaches for the job he did patrolling centerfield…Also a standout on the soccer field, Jason played stopper for Norwell High's 21-1 Eastern Mass. Sectional finalist team this past fall and has been voted a tri-captain for next year's squad…Norwell head baseball coach Al Kassatly: "Jason was the guy who really kept us going offensively most of the year, and he was also one of the guys who helped keep things loose on the bench. He was sort of the team funny man. His sense of humor got us through some tough times, especially early in the year when we got off to that rough (1-6) start. He was just a big contributor in every way."

High Honorable Mentions

Dave Ghilardi- Third base- Sr. - Norwell

TJ Bilodeau- shortstop/pitcher- Sr. (Capt.)- Cohasset

Tim Straughn- Catcher- Jr.- Cohasset

Greg Levin- Outfield- Jr.-Scituate

Mike Miller - Jr. - Centerfield - Abington

Rob McLean - Pitcher/outfield - Jr.- Silver Lake

Rob Schuler - Soph. - Centerfield - Hanover

Joe Purgorri - Sr. - Pitcher - Hingham

Honorable Mention

Griffin Benelli - Pitcher/outfield - Jr. - Silver Lake

John Conlan- pitcher/infield- Jr.- Norwell

Jeff Goff - Sr. - Third Base - Scituate

Mike Barry- First Base- Jr. - Scituate

Pat Kavanaugh- Sr. -Norwell

Ben Powell - Jr. - Infield - Marshfield

Kevin Shepard - Sr. (Capt.) - Third base - Abington

Pat Gavin - Jr. - Pitcher - Hanover

Adam Pardo - Soph. - Shortstop - Hanover

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the fourth inning, but surrendered a one-out double to cut short that flirtation with history. The Scituate High senior-to-be also gave up a two-bagger in the fifth, but that was all he'd allow on the evening. He walked none through his seven innings of work, while striking out six.

"The key for Jason was that he came right at hitters," said Arnold. "He was up in the count just about every at-bat tonight: oh and one, one and two, he was still coming at them, not messing around at all."

In other words, he was pitching precisely the kind of game a defense loves. And his teammates showed their appreciation.

There were 15 chances in the field behind Connelly, and all were turned flawlessly—12 groundouts and three snared flies to the outfield.

Of course, Coh-Scit didn't have much more luck against Weymouth ace Drew Locke, finishing with just four hits and two walks for the game. Fortunately, the home team was able to capitalize on its biggest blow of the game, a leadoff smash to left-center off the bat of Jesse Cole (2-for-3) that one hopped the fence and placed him on second base. A groundout to the right side moved Cole to third, and a walk to catcher Brian Signorelli set up first-and-third with one out.

Mike Gulinello then hit a chopper to second base that Weymouth's middle infielders tried to turn into an inning-ending double play. However, Gulinello crossed first just ahead of the throw at approximately the same moment Cole touched home, providing all the support Connelly would need.

The hard throwing right-hander finished strong, sandwiching a groundout between a pair of Ks to close out the game.

This was the first in a string of five nights of consecutive games for the Post 118 squad that Coach Arnold believes should prove "extremely telling" for his team. Already scheduled to play Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week— against Weymouth, Milton, Weymouth again and Braintree, respectively— Coh-Scit has now been slated to makeup a rain-out with Braintree on Tuesday.

Generally, Arnold wouldn't feel too rankled with this type of slate, given his team's noteworthy pitching depth. However, with relief pitchers Greg Smith and Chris Carr out of town for the week on their Appalachia Community Service tour, the veteran coach probably wouldn't mind another rainy evening.

"I think we have the talent and depth to play with just about anyone in our league, but this is going to be a real test for us over the next few days," said Arnold after Monday's big win. "So far, though, it's been kind of tough to getting everyone together at the same time, though."

In fact, Arnold has had his team intact only once this season. He didn't have his three talented B.C. High players through the first three games this season due to their prolonged run to a state championship. Since then, there's been a myriad of conflicts preventing his team from getting to the same place at the same time.

"I look at the hitters on this roster, and I see the potential to have a real 'Murderer's Row' from top to bottom," said Arnold. "As long as the pitching holds up, I think we could really make some noise. We just need to get everyone here at the same time."

Arnold expects to pitch B.C. High's Tom Fitzgerald on Tuesday, Scituate High's Tim Duggan on Wednesday, Cohasset High's Tim Straughn on Thursday and staff ace Jesse Cole on Friday.

"Hopefully, these guys will all get us deep into the game, because we don't have a lot coming out of the bullpen right now," said Arnold. "With the (hot and humid) weather in the forecast, that's not going to be easy."

Cardinals claim Little League crown

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Cundall followed with singles. Cardinal ace Tim Smith prevented further damage by striking out two Rangers to end the threat.

The Cards came right back in their half of the inning. With one out, Michael Grimm legged out an infield hit. Alex Hunt doubled to right center and Grimm raced all the way around to score. After Smith walked, Conor Holway and Mark Flibotte followed with clutch RBI singles and the Cardinals took a lead they would never relinquish.

Will Harper singled to open the Cardinal second. After Libby singled, Grimm laid a perfect bunt down the third base line for a hit. When the throw sailed into right field, two runs scored and Grimm ended up at third. Hunt walked and stole second. Smith plated Grimm and advanced Hunt to third on a long sacrifice fly to center. Justin Hollis followed with a big two-out hit to drive in the fourth run of the inning.

The Cardinals continued to pour it on in the third. Kevin Lewis started the rally with a single to left, the first of his two hits for the game. Libby lined a single up the middle and Grimm grounded an RBI single between short and third. Tim Smith cleared the bases with a double to the fence. The Cards added their final run in the fourth. Gabriella Flibotte walked, stole second and took third on a wild pitch, and Kevin Lewis brought him home with an RBI single to right.

Smith got stronger and stronger on the mound as the game progressed. He struck out six Rangers for the game and started a unique 1-3-2 double play in the third. With John Harrington on third, Kenny Muir hit a sharp grounder up the middle. Smith stabbed it, checked the runner and threw to first for the out. When Harrington broke for home, first baseman Justin Hollis threw a strike to catcher Conor Holway, who blocked the plate and made the tag for the double play.

The Rangers got a run in the fifth on a double by Tommy Chase, but Smith shut the door the rest of the way.

When the final out settled into Alex Hunt's glove in center field, the Cardinals and their fans celebrated their second Little League championship in the last three years. After a brief celebratory "pig pile" at the mound, the Cards and Rangers shook hands and congratulated each other on a championship series well played and hard fought. As the other players lined the baseline, the twelve year olds who were finishing their Cohasset Little League careers ran the bases at Barnes Field for the last time in a traditional rite. The Cardinals then took off for the town pool for a full-uniform swim. This year Cardinal coaches— Bill Grimm, Dick Holway and Chip Barnes— took the plunge with their team.

Four C.H.S. laxers named to Bay State games regional squad

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champ Hingham and Div. 2 championship finalist Cohasset.

Needham's representatives include attackman Brad Luckhardt, defensemen Adam Maxwell and Scott Farquharson, and midfielder Brendan Reardon. From Duxbury come goalie Pat Kelley and middie Ben Fuchs. Hingham's members are all-star attackmen Patrick Lenhart and Conor Fitzgerald, and junior All-American defenseman Greg Sowyrda.

Pilgrim All-Conference goalie Kyle Weber and attackman Paul Previte, both of whom earned silver medals a year ago in the Games, lead the Cohasset contingent. They're augmented by sophomore attackman Curt Kahn, who finished the season with 25 goals and 20 assists, and classmate Nick Spirito, who will lead the Skippers' defense in 2002.

The final Pilgrim representative is Steve Williams, Norwell's all-everything midfielder, who's headed to Deerfield Academy next year. Williams, missed most of this, his junior season at Norwell High, with mononucleosis after leading the Clippers in scoring as a sophomore.

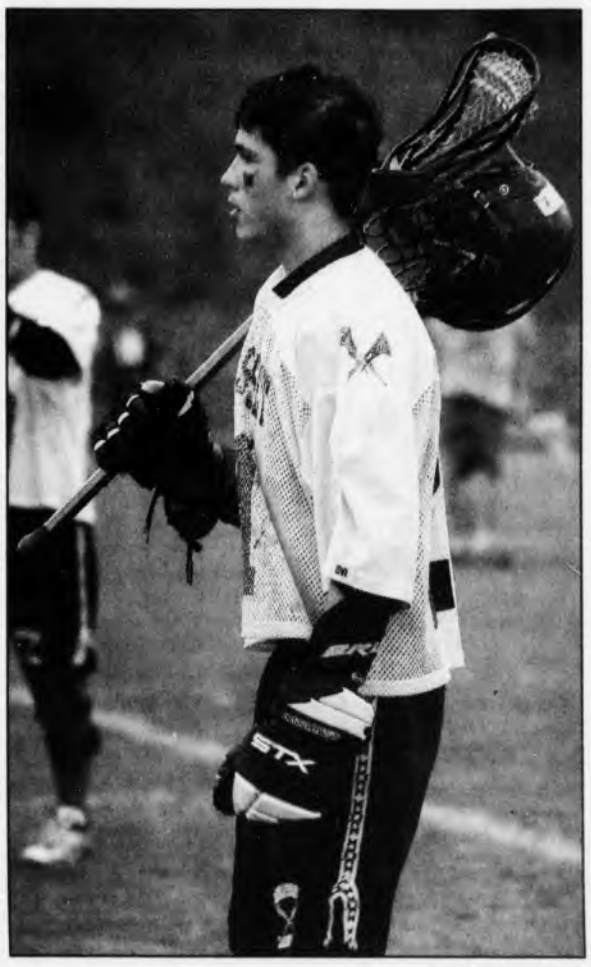
Weymouth and Milton High Schools each contribute a pair of players. From Weymouth come defenseman Ed Melville and all-league midfielder and faceoff specialist Tony MacDonald. Milton's two are all-star midfielder Kevin Lynch and defenseman Gerard Dhooge.

New Bedford, Scituate and Nantucket each boast a first-time finalist team member. Mark Rossi, a midfielder, represents New Bedford. Matt Erisman, an attackman, carries the Nantucket flag. And Steve McDevitt, the Sailors' top scorer, comes from Scituate.

Three private-school all-stars round out the team. Hingham's Brian Voccola, who'll captain Phillips Exeter next spring, will be on attack, as will Norwell's Russell Chase, who led Thayer Academy's offense this year. Justin Marks of Teaticket, who anchored Salisbury Prep's midfield as the Connecticut school finished with a top-20 New England ranking, completes the squad.

"We've got great depth, college-level skills at every position, and real toughness," said Coach Orcutt. "The practices are going to be fun to watch."

The team will practice on Thursdays and Sundays leading up to the Games, with scrimmages set for Sunday, July 1 and Sunday, July 8 at 3 p.m.



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Paul Previte was just one of four Cohasset High lacrosse standouts named to the elite regional squad for the upcoming Bay State Games.

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"Fat Lady" (#437), captained by the Daryl Dietz of the Falmouth Yacht Club, edges closer to "Toucan" (#367) in the Sullivan Cup races on Sunday.

2001 Richard A. Sullivan Cup Results

Place	Boat Name	Sail#	Skipper	Fleet
1	Agincourt	435	Stuart Hebb	Cohasset Yacht Club
2	Bullet	461	Jim Babel	Gull Lake Yacht Club (MI)
3	"4"	444	Charlie Henry	Cohasset Yacht Club
4	Fat Lady	437	Daryl Dietz	Falmouth Yacht Club
5	Toucan	367	Tom Hamilton	Cohasset Yacht Club
6	Pear Tree Too	447	Kye Partridge	Hingham Yacht Club
7	Sorcerer	432	Bob Gibbs	Hingham Yacht Club
8	Windy.Calm	458	Bob Reis	Hingham Yacht Club
9	Ibis	320	Dan Keefe	South Boston Yacht Club
10	Mac Lir	445	Charlie Ford	Cohasset Yacht Club
11	Gezgo	392	Bill Tierney	Cohasset Yacht Club
12	Hurricane	345	Shawn Porter	MIT



Cohasset Yacht Club members Tom Hamilton, in "Toucan" (#367), and Charlie Henry, in "4" (#444), battle it out. Henry wound up captaining his way to a third place finish, while Hamilton took fifth in the 12 boat regatta.



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Under a stormy sky Sunday, the 210's and a comorant head for the finish line in the Cohasset Yacht Club's Sullivan Cup.

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JANITSCHKE GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P1257GC

In the Matter Of CHRISTINE JANITSCHKE
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP

To CHRISTINE JANITSCHKE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said CHRISTINE JANITSCHKE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, is physically incapacitated and praying that some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve with personal surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 19, 2001.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, May 21, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate Court

AD#621528
Cohasset Mariner 6/28/01

WILLWERTH, JR. ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P1527EP

In the Estate of LAWRENCE A. WILLWERTH, JR.

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 26, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that LAWRENCE A. WILLWERTH of READING in the County of MIDDLESEX and JEAN M. WILLWERTH of SIASCONSET in the County of NANTUCKET and JOAN L. CHAFFEE of NORTHAMPTON in the County of HAMPSHIRE and PETER SORGI of BOSTON in the county of SUFFOLK be appointed executors, named in the will to serve without surety.

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In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, June 20, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#619936
Cohasset Mariner 6/28/01

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110 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, July 16, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for **Special Permits** pursuant to **4.2 & 9.6** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Hingham Lumber Co., Inc.** seeks to build a retail lumber facility at **110 CJCH** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-06-25C.

AD#621450
Cohasset Mariner 6/28, 7/5/01

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38 STOCKBRIDGE ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, July 16, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **William & Laurie Smith,** seek to alter a dwelling at **38 Stockbridge St.** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #01-06-25B.

AD#621452
Cohasset Mariner 6/28, 7/5/01

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44 NICHOLS RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, July 16, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon the application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **John W. Beck & Stacey V. Weaver,** seek to replace/expand garage at 44 Nichols Rd., according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-06-14.

AD#617690
Cohasset Mariner 6/28, 7/5/01

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63 HIGHLAND AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, July 16, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b,** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Charles C. Furtado,** seeks to alter dwelling at **63 Highland Ave.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-06-25A.

AD#621454
Cohasset Mariner 6/28, 7/5/01

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

10:50 a.m. North Main St., arrest: William G. Zuccari, 47, 24 Park Ave., Hull. Chgs.: warrants (2).

11:06 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen.

11:31 a.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:50 a.m. South Main St., parking violation.

12:07 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking violation.

12:18 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

1:18 p.m. S. Main St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

1:24 p.m. Pleasant St., trespassing.

1:36 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:42 p.m. Howe Rd., larceny.

2:33 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering dispersed.

2:39 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:34 p.m. North Main St., missing person, returned to home or family.

8:02 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

8:51 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering dispersed.

8:55 p.m. Beechwood St., auto fire, extinguished.

11:18 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

11:33 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

12:08 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:02 a.m. Headquarters, general information.

1:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:36 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious auto.

3:01 a.m. Elm St., general services.

11 a.m. South Main St., animal control.

11:18 a.m. Sandy Beach, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:48 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Jerusalem Ln., motor vehicle accident.

12:59 p.m. Highland Ave., parking violation.

1:10 p.m. Lambert's Ln., animal control.

4:20 p.m. Hill St., fire investigation.

5:10 p.m. Aaron River Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:23 p.m. King St., medical aid, patient signoff.

6:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle accident.

8:31 p.m. Cedar St., tree down.

8:44 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., wires down.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

1:57 a.m. Pond St., assist citizen, departmental action.

2:06 a.m. King St., general services, departmental action.

7:21 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., abandoned 911 call, departmental action.

11:24 a.m. S. Main St, general services, departmental action.

11:45 a.m. N. Main St., general services, investigated.

12:09 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:43 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:35 p.m. Rocky Lane, burglar alarm, departmental action.

4:48 p.m. N. Main St. and Green St., assist motorist, area search negative.

5:06 p.m. N. Main St., investigation, report taken.

6:09 p.m. S. Main St., officer wanted, departmental action.

7:05 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:38 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:31 p.m. Beach St., annoying phone calls, departmental action.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

12:35 a.m. N. Main St., noise complaint, area search negative.

1:05 a.m. N. Main St., noise complaint, area search negative.

6:05 a.m. Windy Hill Rd., general services, departmental action.

12:10 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, patient sign-off.

1:28 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

1:57 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

2:41 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

2:50 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

4:10 p.m. Howard Gleason Rd., fire, log entry.

4:29 p.m. Lily Pond Lane, animal control, log entry.

4:33 p.m. Pond St., well-being check, services rendered.

4:52 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:53 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

5:04 p.m. N. Main St., officer wanted, verbal warning.

5:53 p.m. Beechwood St., road rage, log entry.

6:01 p.m. Mill Lane, tree down, referred to other agency.

7:23 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto, services rendered.

8:41 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., officer wanted, departmental action.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

7:56 a.m. S. Main St., burglary/B & E, investigated.

11:22 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy, missing person, referred to other agency.

12:42 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

2:19 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

3:05 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

4:09 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:28 p.m. Atlantic Ocean, assist boater, services rendered.

6:19 p.m. Border St. Bridge, disturbance gathering, dispersed.

9:58 p.m. Locust Rd., officer wanted, services rendered.

10:39 p.m. N. Main St., animal control, log entry.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

4:02 a.m. Country Way, assist other police department.

6:35 a.m. Pond St., vandalism, departmental action.

8:55 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:53 a.m. Forest Ave. and Surrey Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:56 a.m. Lantern Lane, animal control, services rendered.

12:15 p.m. Pleasant St., general services, departmental action.

12:50 p.m. N. Main St., suspicious (other), departmental action.

12:52 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

12:57 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy, officer wanted, departmental action.

1:03 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle violations, departmental action.

1:21 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle violations, departmental action.

2:54 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

2:56 p.m. Beechwood St., disturbance, departmental action.

3:18 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

POLICE BRIEFS

Ten minors arrested on alcohol charges

Cohasset police arrested 10 minors over the past week for various alcohol offenses.

At about 1 a.m., Friday, police saw a motor vehicle allegedly being driven erratically southbound on Route 3A and followed the vehicle as it made a left turn onto Pond Street. Police said the dark-colored SUV turned into the driveway of the 100 Pond St. condos and stopped in the middle of the lane. Police alleged the occupants of the vehicle were all visibly intoxicated. Further investigation revealed several open containers of beer in the vehicle. Placed under arrest at the scene were the driver, Joseph Michael Palone II, 19 of 258 S. Main St. and passenger, Justin S. Langham, 18, of 100 Pond St. Catherine Wenmark, 18, of 27 Riverview Drive fled the scene but turned herself in later at the police station, Sgt. Robert Jackson said. The youths were arraigned on the charges on Friday at Quincy District Court.

Palone was charged with operating under the influence of liquor; minor transport alcohol, having alcohol in an open container in the motor vehicle; speeding; marked lanes violation and having a forged drivers license. He has a return court date set for July 25.

Langham and Wenmark were charged with minor transport alcohol and having alcohol in an open container in the motor vehicle. Langham was also charged with illegal possession of Class D (marijuana). Police said Langham was in possession of a green substance thought to be marijuana. Wenmark was charged with resisting arrest. Langham and Wenmark's charges were continued without a finding for three and six months, respectively, meaning if they stay out of trouble, the charges will be dismissed at that time, Jackson said. Langham had to pay $85 in court fees and Wenmark was required to pay $135. The charge of resisting arrest against Wenmark was dismissed, Jackson said.

At about 11 p.m., Friday, police arrested four minors at Sandy Beach. Jackson said police observed the youths with containers of beer by the lifeguard stand. Further investigation revealed more beer in a backpack at the scene, and in the youths' car a quantity of beer and vodka were discovered. Arrested and charged with minor in possession of alcohol were Elan Morales, 19, of Willow Street in Hull; Joanne Malley, 19, of Porazzo Road in Hull; Linda M. Donehey, 19, of Samoset Road in Hull and Tracy A. Mann, 20, of Wetland Street in Brockton. Morales, Malley and Donehey were put in a diversion program, during which they must attend a Mothers Against Drunk Diving workshop and pay a $50 fee to MADD. The charge against Mann, who also was arrested on a traffic warrant, was continued without a finding for three months. She was required to pay $85 in court fees.

At about 12:15 a.m. Sunday, police arrested two minors and a juvenile near the Mobil Mart on Route 3A, after seeing an argument in the parking lot of the convenience store, Jackson said. Subsequent investigation revealed several cans of beer and a soda bottle filled with what police believe to be vodka in the youths' motor vehicle. Arrested and charged with minor transporting alcohol were Michael Kyle, 17, of 53 Scituate Ave., Scituate; Matthew Lynch, 17, of 92 Turner Road, Scituate; and a 16-year-old juvenile. The minors were arraigned Monday in Quincy District Court and the juvenile was arraigned yesterday after the Mariner went to press. Kyle was placed in a diversion program and Lynch has a return court date of Aug. 9.



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All that jazz

Kingston's Johnny Souza riding a wave of success

By Seth Jacobson
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Johnny Souza uses his trumpet to convey his energy and emotions. His growing number of fans on the South Shore and beyond discover that every time he plays it.

The Kingston musician is celebrating the success of his jazz band's first album called "My Shining Hour,"which is literally flying off the shelves at local CD retailers including Borders Books and Music.

But the CD isn't the only thing that has Souza jazzed up. His Sunday jazz show at Ricky T's Blues club at Cordage Park in Plymouth is packing 'em in with Souza bringing in a variety of renowned jazz musicians weekly to play with him and his five-piece band — the Johnny Souza Ensemble.

And North Plymouth is by no means the only gigs, Souza's getting. He said he's had opportunities to play all over the country —Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Chicago. This week, Souza's on his way to Florida to do a live show on radio station WUCF in Orlando.

"I also play around Boston with different folks," Souza said. "But for the most part, I've been doing a lot with my own band."

Souza said he started playing the trumpet in the third grade. He said he picked the trumpet because it was the loudest instrument he could find. As he grew up, he started developing an affection for jazz music.

"I just love the music itself," he said. "It allows me to be creative, and to really interpret a song in a number of different ways. There's lots of constraints in other types of music."

Souza said the style of jazz he plays with his band can be labeled in many ways.

"Some would call it mainstream jazz, some would call it straight-ahead jazz, some would call it classic jazz, and others would call it great American storybook jazz," he said. He added examples of jazz musicians falling into those categories are people like Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Duke Ellington.

"We also do some be-bop, some jazz standards, and we also write original pieces," he added.

Souza said his new album boasts nine different tracks consisting of eight popular jazz songs of the past and also one original song which he wrote. Some of the popular favorites he and his band cover on the CD include "My Funny Valentine," "Fly Me to the Moon, and "My Foolish Heart."

Souza said he has plans to record another album, but he said it's going to be a while.

"We're still concentrating on our first album," he said. "I'd say we won't have another album out for another year."

Souza said he loves playing jazz, but he said while he was going to school at the Berklee College of Music in Boston years ago, he incorporated a lot of funk, rhythm and blues, and top 40 styles of music into his playing. But that's what gives him a unique sound.

"When you dabble in top 40 and a style like funk, they're bound to sneak into your playing," he said. "Basically, I've been influenced by all the people I listened to over the years."

> *"There are only two types of music - good music and bad music. It takes a good melody, and it also takes good musicians to play it. The bottom line is that I like lots of kinds of music...as long as it's good."*
> Jazz musician Johnny Souza

And now, all of his hard work and dedication to the trumpet has paid off, and he said he's been having a great time doing the gigs at Ricky T's.

"We always have different guests at those shows, and I think that's one reason why the crowds have been building there on Sundays," he said. "It's not the same band every week, so people kind of walk in and they never know what to expect."

Souza said in addition to his regular routine of practicing his music, he's also watching his two children get better at their respective instruments. His son John, 16, plays trumpet, and his daughter Leah, 19, plays the saxophone and sings. They are both in the same band.

When it comes to what Souza likes in a given jazz piece, he said "There are only two types of music—good music and bad music. It takes a good melody, and it also takes good musicians to play it. The bottom line is that I like lots of kinds of music…as long as it's good."

For more information on Souza or his shows call Ricky T's at (508) 732-9700 or visit www.johnnysouza.com. An upcoming show on July 1 will feature musical guests like Dick Johnson, Ray Santisi, and another show on July 8 will feature Jerry Cecco, Steve Marvin, and Cassandre McKinley. To purchase Souza's new album, visit local Border's Books locations or order it from Amazon.com.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Jazz fans can catch Johnny Souza and his five-piece band in their act on Sundays at Ricky T's blues club in North Plymouth.



Jerry Vale will perform in concert at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset July 5.

Behind the Vale

Legendary singer makes South Shore concert stop

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Singer Jerry Vale has received a lot of television exposure recently, thanks to his commercials for the CD-compilation "Mob Hits." The veteran entertainer knows the project's title may offend some people, but Vale believes that the music is more important than any moniker.

"It's just beautiful music, sung by people like Paul Anka, Rosemary Clooney, Julius LaRosa, Dean Martin, Al Martino and me," Vale explained by telephone last week from his Los Angeles home. "I didn't invent the word Mob, but in this case it works. People who love mob movies will love this CD."

> **"I always thought by the time I was 70, I would be retired. Even at that, I never thought I would have such a long career in show business. It is absolutely fantastic to be able to do something that people really appreciate."**
> Singer Jerry Vale

Mob movies and their music are familiar subjects for the Bronx-born vocalist. In the 1990 Martin Scorcese film, "Goodfellas," Vale portrayed a character close to his own heart — a Las Vegas headliner. "I enjoyed doing that movie very much. I performed 'Pretend You Don't See Her,' with words and music by Steve Allen."

Vale, who brings his own night-club act to the South Shore Music Circus next Thursday, has made a career of singing Italian music as well as classic pop standards.

"I'm a very proud Italian-American," says Vale who recorded some 50 albums on the Columbia label. "There are very few of us left still singing the great Italian songs."

Born Genaro Louis Vitaliano in 1932, Vale's high-tenor voice graced some of the best-known pop songs of the 1950s and '60s including "Innamorata," "Volare," "Amore, Scusami," and his signature song, "Al Di La."

It was while shining shoes in a local barbershop, as a preteen, that Vale began singing for customers. He was soon sent to a vocal coach, where he studied piano as well as voice. School productions led to paying gigs and, before long, stints at Manhattan supper clubs.

Signed to a Columbia recording contract by the legendary Mitch Miller, Vale had his first hit in 1953 with "You Can Never Give Me Back My Heart," which was followed by "Two Purple Shadows," "I Live Each Day," and "You Don't Know Me."

It was during the 1950s that Vale met another Italian-American male vocalist, Frank Sinatra. The pair began a friendship that would last some 40 years, until Sinatra's death in 1998.

"I was a pallbearer at Frank's funeral," says Vale. "He was a great man, really the best, and a true gentleman. You could have no finer friend than Frank Sinatra."

It was Sinatra who first brought Vale to Las Vegas in the early 1960s.

"Frank was a partner in the Sands Hotel and Casino and he invited me to perform in the lounge. I thought I'd be there for a few days or maybe a week. That engagement ended up lasting 22 weeks, and I played the Sands regularly for the next 10 years."

The Sands is gone now, but Vale still appears in Vegas at least a few times every year along with other concert dates around the country. He is pleased, if a bit surprised, at the longevity of his career.

"I always thought by the time I was 70, I would be retired. Even at that, I never thought I would have such a long career in show business. It is absolutely fantastic to be able to do something that people really appreciate. It is very gratifying to perform for appreciative audiences," explains Vale. "I am very content doing what I'm doing, because I'm still performing great music like I did 40 years ago. It still works today."

(Jerry Vale performs at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on July 5. For tickets and information, call 781/341-1400.)

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

By David Brudnoy
FILM CRITIC



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

The Man Who Cried (B-)

Some movie images you can't chase out of your mind, like Boris Karloff in monster roles. When he played other characters, this gentle fellow couldn't shake what made him famous and trapped him forever. Christina Ricci, no Karloff, also lingers in memory as Wednesday Addams in "The Addams Family" and its sequel; nothing she has done since has erased those creepy scenes, maybe because unlike other child starlets — Drew Barrymore, for instance, who jumped from adorable to slutty in an eye blink — Ricci still looks like her first big role.

Here, in the mysteriously titled "The Man Who Cried" — mysterious because we barely know to whom the title refers, not that it matters — she is a Russian Jew, Fegele, rescued from a pogrom, unlike her luckless grandmother, who perishes, or her father, who has already gone to America with promises of sending for his daughter and mom. Suzie she is called in England, where in 1929 she is taken in by well-meaning, rigid locals, and Suzie she remains, wandering off to France as a chorus girl, of sorts, this an odd detour on her way, she hopes, to America to find daddy.

The undersized, unglamorous Ricci makes an unconvincing showgirl. As her counterpart, we've Johnny Depp in another gypsy gig, here a minor performer in operas in which beautiful he and his beautiful white stallion beautifully ride in and look beautiful. He is Cesar, she his would-be Cleopatra, perhaps, and periodically he gallops (well, his horse gallops, but they merge in the mind) to the semi-squalid yet picturesque gypsy camp — might Paula Jones be somewhere, lurking? — where, he says, all the kids are *his* children and all the parents are *his* parents. His rhetorical flapdoodle expresses, we're to believe, family values, Gypsy-style.

All of this is strange enough, cringe-worthy, but the movie has its salvations: Dante, a blowhard, exuberantly fascistic opera star (John Turturro, in his over-the-top peacock-of-the-month incarnation), and Suzie's bosom bud Lola, a gentile Russian dancer (Kate Blanchett) who knows that whatever Lola wants, Lola gets, as long as Lola lets the gentlemen get what *they* want first. This includes Dante, who has his fling with Lola *and* glory in Paris, playing up to the Nazis, and then hasn't such a good time after all. Fame is fleeting in wartime.



Cate Blanchett is the feathery object of John Turturro's attention.

The film is lovely to look at, save for puggish Ricci. Depp need only smolder, Turturro is hysterical, Blanchett is terrific — the latter two stand out more than the ostensible leads, like Jack and Karen trumping "Will and Grace" — and it is exceptionally lovely to listen to — not the screenplay, but the music, by Argentine composer Osvaldo Golijov. New to me but I hope not a one-trick pony in the movies, Golijov makes many of the problematic ... scenes bearable, more than that: memorable and moving. Not a music critic, I don't know how to describe the syncretic quality of his score, which so transcends any other aspect of the film but Blanchett's and Turturro's work that you won't be surprised if an Oscar nod comes Golijov's way. Though inexpensively made, this muddled movie's box office take will make its distributor cry.

Written and directed by Sally Potter. Rated R.

Living

Secrets of salmon teriyaki



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



Salmon Teriyaki is salmon marinated, cooked, and then finished with a simple teriyaki-style sauce. ("Teri' means shiny and foods prepared in this manner have a shellacked appearance.) The problem is, no two cookbooks agree on ingredients or methods. Some marinades include apple juice and maple syrup, other more authentic versions use soy sauce and mirin, and some use only sake. The marinating times vary greatly and so do the finished dishes — some taste over salted while others have little flavor.

To find the best method of making Salmon Teriyaki, I started with the salmon itself. I chose center-cut fillets over steaks — the latter do not cook evenly plus they include skin and bones. (Center-cut means cut from the center of the salmon fillet where the meat is of a relatively even thickness. I wanted fillets in the 6 to 8 ounce range with a thickness of 1 to 1 1/4 inches.)

For the marinade, I tested a handful of recipes and found that sake by itself did not add much flavor whereas a soy sauce based marinade was best. I ended up with a combination of soy sauce, mirin (a sweet rice wine used for cooking), and sake and then I set out to determine how to use it.

The first question was whether the fillet should be skinned. The answer was yes because it was easier for the marinade to be absorbed. Next I tried adding a bit of sugar to the marinade (1/2 teaspoon) and thought it balanced the flavor nicely. I wasn't happy about having to use mirin, although it is available in larger supermarkets, but rice wine vinegar was a poor substitute.

The last issue was marinating times. I tested times from 15 minutes to 3 hours and found anywhere from one to two hours was best since quicker times did not add enough flavor and longer times compromised texture.

The next question was the sauce. Many recipes simply use the marinade and then reduce it through cooking but I found this produced a very salty, intense sauce which overpowered the salmon. The simple solution was to use a light soy sauce. Other ingredients such as garlic and ginger were unwelcome and unnecessary.

The salmon fillets are best grilled over medium high heat — you should be able to hold your hand 5 inches above the grill for 3 to 4 seconds. The salmon will stick so clean the hot grates using tongs holding paper towels soaked in a bit of vegetable oil. The fillets are just cooked through after 3 minutes on each side. Thicker fillets may take 30 seconds to one minute longer.

You know they are done when they are firm, but not hard, when the sides are pinched. (The fillets do cook a bit more on the way to the table so the fillets are best pulled from the grill when the center is still translucent.) In a pinch, you can use the tip of a small, sharp knife to check for doneness.

If you want to cook this dish in a skillet, a heavy-duty 12-inch skillet works best for 4 fillets — you can also use cast iron if it is well-seasoned. One teaspoon of oil is necessary to prevent sticking and peanut oil was the winner. The fillets should be placed into the pan without touching each other (or it will affect the evenness of cooking) and then sit undisturbed for 4 minutes, lowering the heat to medium-high after 1 minute. The fillets are then flipped and cooked on the second side for another 4 minutes. (Be sure to check the salmon for doneness after 2 minutes.) After the fillets are removed from the skillet, add the sauce ingredients and reduce until thickened, about 1 minute. Spoon over the fillets and serve.

GRILLED SALMON TERIYAKI

Be sure to purchase center-cut fillets that are one to 1 1/4 inches thick for best results.

For the Salmon:
4 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons mirin
2 tablespoons sake
1/2 teaspoon sugar
4 6 to 8 ounce salmon fillets, each about 1-1/4 inch thick, skin removed

For the Sauce:
4 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons mirin
2 tablespoons sake
1/4 teaspoon sugar

1. For the salmon, combine the soy sauce, mirin, sake and sugar in a medium baking dish (the salmon can sit in one layer) and stir to dissolve the sugar. Add the salmon and allow to marinate in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 hours, turning occasionally.

2. For the sauce, combine the ingredients in a small skillet or medium saucepan and allow to cook over medium heat until the mixture is reduced by half and the sauce is slightly thickened, 1 to 2 minutes Set aside.

3. Ignite grill. When fire is medium-high (you can hold your hand 5 inches over the flame for 3-4 seconds) rub cooking area with a wad of oil soaked paper towels using tongs. Place fillets on the grill and allow to cook for 3 minutes. Turn the fillets and cook for an additional 3 minutes or until both sides have dark grill marks and the salmon feels firm but not hard when pinched on its sides. (You may peek with the tip of a small knife; the very center should remain translucent.) Remove the fillets from the grill onto a warm platter, spoon the sauce over each and serve immediately.

PAN SEARED SALMON TERIYAKI

Do not prepare the sauce ahead of time. Instead, heat a large skillet over high heat for 3 minutes. Add one teaspoon of vegetable oil and swirl to make an even coating. Arrange the salmon fillets in the skillet so they are not touching and cook for 4 minutes, reducing the heat to medium-high after 1 minute. Turn each fillet and cook for an additional 4 minutes or until firm but not hard when pinched and well browned on each side. (See above recipe for tips on doneness.) Remove the fillets to a warm platter and combine all sauce ingredients in the skillet. Cook until the sauce thickens and is reduced to about 3 tablespoons, about 1 minute. Spoon the sauce over the fillets and serve immediately. Serves 4

Carefree hostas provide beauty spring through fall

Green thumbs up

Part I

By: Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

With a week of steamy, sticky, hot weather predicted for the coming, the shady borders are likely to be only sensible place to spend quality time in the garden. Mention the word shade and many gardeners envision dark problem areas under massive, dense trees, or gloomy, dank corners shaded by their home, fence or walls. While some areas under decks or beneath especially large maple trees present serious challenges, many shady spots offer ideal opportunities to create a cool, tranquil retreat. The temperature differential in these shady nooks is a welcome relief from the stifling heat and just the appearance of the lush green foliage of hosta leaves and ferns has a cooling effect.

Full sun dominated my landscape many years ago which provided the ideal setting for establishing a vegetable garden and mixed perennial borders but as the trees and shrubs matured, shade began to infiltrate many of these areas necessitating the introduction of plants which could tolerate lower light conditions. When fellow gardening addicts suggested the addition of hosta, I had severe reservations, for after all, hosta were just a bunch of green and white leaves which everyone in suburbia used to line their walkways. Being somewhat of a plant snob, I considered these commonplace plants to be too ordinary to deserve a space among my collection of slightly more unusual plants, but I quickly discovered their incredible diversity and a new passion was kindled.

While this season's unusual weather patterns have taken their toll on some plants, the handsome hostas seem to be prospering, their attractive, full-formed leaves creating majestic mounds of sensational proportions. A few of the leaves which emerged early in the season were damaged by the late frost but the new foliage has quickly replaced and dominated the leaves injured by the cold, which I have since removed. From May to frost, these low-maintenance plants provide an elegant display of glorious foliage which cannot be surpassed for their diversity of leaf color and shape, plant habit, size and texture. Given these glowing attributes, it is not surprising that hostas currently rank as the most popular, best-selling perennials in the country.

The genus Hosta originated in Japan, Korea and China where it can be found growing on rocky cliffs, in moist woodlands, or in alpine meadows. Adaptable to a wide range of growing conditions, these elegant foliage plants prosper in shade, although many varieties grow well in half to full sun. Remarkably drought tolerant and capable of thriving even beneath thirsty maples, assuming you can excavate a hole among the dense, fibrous roots of these greedy trees, hostas may reach dramatic dimensions when given moisture-retentive soils. A shady border which receives morning sun or filtered sunlight throughout the day is ideal for most varieties. A summer mulch is beneficial for retaining moisture.

Hundreds of hosta cultivars have been introduced in recent years having a broad range of foliage sizes, textures and colors. Leaves vary in shape from round or heart-shaped to elongated or strap-like. Leaf size may be barely larger than a dime in the miniatures to a full 18 to 24 inches across in some of the very large varieties. Miniature plants produce perfect, tiny mounds of foliage only four to six inches tall, ideal for the rock garden or the front of the border. Many of the giants resemble elephant ears with mature clumps reaching a dramatic stature of up to four feet tall which can serve as a focal point or backdrop for the rear of the border.

Hosta leaf color ranges from vibrant gold, yellow-green and lime-green to deep, dark, green, to shades of blue-green with every conceivable combination of variegation possible in white, cream or gold. These white or gold markings may be in the center of the leaf, around the outer margin, or splashed across the leaf. Variations in the textural quality of the leaves further broaden the overall appearance of established clumps. Members of the Ventricosa family exhibit smooth, satin-like finishes while Tokudama hybrids tend to be cupped and puckered, creating a seersucker effect. While some varieties form perfectly symmetrical mounds of foliage, others demonstrate an elegant, vase-shaped form, their leaves having particularly long, upright stems. A few varieties are stoloniferous and spread quickly to form a dense ground cover. The diversity available in recent years is truly incredible.

In your quest for these hardy, carefree perennials, be advised that a hosta growing in a pot at your local nursery barely resembles its garden-grown counterpart. Many container-grown hostas tend to be diminutive in both leaf and plant habit and reading the label is imperative to determine the potential of your selection. It may take two or three years for a container-grown plant to develop and realize its ultimate size, particularly for the larger cultivars. Take advantage of garden tours or display gardens to assist you in making your choices. There are many varieties that are difficult to distinguish from one another making it easy to substitute one for another but making equally challenging to identify unlabeled plants. Be sure to label, map or in some way identify your purchases should you wish to have this information available to you in the future.

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The 'works

Get ready to strike the bonet and 'ooh and ah' while gazing into the night skies as the South Shore celebrates Independence Day with flare. Several regional parades will step off and fireworks displays are planned in a town near you.

June 30, Braintree —More than 20,000 residents and visitors alike will ascend upon Braintree High School's fields on Saturday, June 30 for the South Shore's largest Independence Day gala. Free to the public, live musical entertainment will perform on stage from 4-10:30 p.m. Atlas fireworks will light the sky with several thousand shells all choreographed for visual effect. Braintree's Independence Day celebration remains the largest free people party on the South Shore each summertime.

July 1, Hingham — Rain or shine at Hingham Harbor. Park at the Bathing Beach, the Hingham Boat Ramp, both off Rte. 3A, or the Station Street Parking Lot off Water Street. Music at 6 p.m., fireworks at 9 p.m. Food, music and lots of family fun.

July 3, Abington — 25th anniversary Night Before the Fourth Celebration at Memorial Field. Carnival opens at 4 p.m., children's parade at 6 p.m., annual road race at 6:45 p.m.; band concert by Cosmo Legion Band of Brockton, 8 p.m.; gigantic fireworks display, largest outside Boston, at 10 p.m. Rides, food, games, demonstrations, crafters. For more details, call 781-857-2996.

July 3, Weymouth— Wessagusset Beach, North Weymouth. Entertainment starts at 5 p.m., guaranteed to be family orientated and fun filled for all ages. Atlas Pyrovision Productions of Jaffrey N.H. will provide the pyrotechnics, starting at 9:30 p.m. The 4th of july hotline is781-340-2133.

July 4, Plymouth— The annual Fourth of July Parade sponsored by America's Hometown Production's steps off from Cordage Park in North Plymouth at 9:30 a.m. Parade festivities wrap up at 12 noon. Waterfront concerts with various musical acts run from 12 to 6 p.m.. At 7:30 the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra takes the waterfront stage with a two-hour concert performance. A fabulous fireworks display will light Plymouth Harbor from 9 to 9:30 p.m. For information on July 4 events call 1-800-USA-1620.

July 4, Hingham—Hingham's July 4th Parade will begin at l0 a.m. at Hingham High School's Pleasant Street entrance and proceed down Middle Street to Main Street, ending at the Station Street parking lot in Hingham Square. The 90-minute parade features floats, bands, antique cars, marching groups and much more.

Thurs. 28

Mayflower II Makes Voyage to Boston at the prestigious Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf in Boston. Open to the public on June 28 from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Adults are $8, children ages 6 - 12 are $6 and children under 5 are free. For more information call 508-746-1622.

Borders in the Independence Mall presents Computer Surgeon Workshops on June 28 at 7 p.m. Learn the basics of the personal computer, including Microsoft Windows and empower yourself. The first session will cover the theory of main components and functions. The second will be on operating systems. For more information call 877-478-7436.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, 80 Proof. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

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Comedy Alert! Dave Andrews, Danny Miller, Annette Pollack, Eric Cannon, Ben Boime, and Stacy Yannetty will perform at Jimbos Restaurant in Braintree Five Corners at 8:30 p.m. Half-priced appetizers will be served during the show. Reservations are recommended by calling 781-848-0300.

Fri. 29

Walking tours of Paul Revere's North End will take place June 29, July 2 and 3 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Come and tour Boston's fascinating North End with an experienced guide from the Paul Revere House. Visit the silversmith shop and foundry and discover how Revere began his career as an artisan, fashioning buttons, buckles, creamers and sugar bowls from silver. Later he became one of the country's first industrialists producing fittings for the USS Constitution, and enormous bells and canons. Walking tour fee is $4 for adults, seniors age 62 and over and college students are $3.50, and children ages 5 - 17 are $1.50. Prices include admission to the Revere House, which is open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. For more information call 617-523-2338.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents James Montgomery Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

"Views of Norwell and Other Nice Places," recent acrylic paintings by David Hamblen to be shown at the James Library through June 29. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours which are Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located on 24 West Street in Norwell, for more information call 781-659-7100.

2 Painters, A dynamic exhibition of recent paintings by two New England artists, Jo Ann Rothschild and Matthew Kolodziej will take place from through June 29 at Gallery AA/B in Milton Village, MA. For more information call 617-698-9700 or log onto www.artadvisory-boston.com.

The Boston Beanstalks have an eventful weekend beginning June 29 - July 2 hosting the Pre-Convention "Boston T Party 2001". The international convention will be held in Portland Maine on July 2 - 8. For more information call Maura Meece at 617-HUB-TALL.

Sat. 30

Stephen Sondheim's "Saturday Night" will be presented by SpeakEasy Stage Company through June 30 at the Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon Street in Boston's Back Bay. Performances are Sat. evening at 8 p.m. and matinee at 2 p.m. on June 30. Ticket prices range from $25 - $31 and are available by calling 617-437-7731.

Cohasset Painter featured at the Science Center in Norwell. Judy St. Peter will exhibit her work in the Vine Hall Gallery through June 30. Entitled "Wild Side"; the exhibit is a collaboration of landscape art and wildlife in an interpretive and colorful approach. The exhibit can be viewed during regular center hours, Mon. - Sat. from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Artica Gallery presents "Watercolor and Oil Impressions", an exhibit by Duxbury artist Lilly Cleveland. The exhibit will run through June 30. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot Street, just off Hall's Corner in Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-0640. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday. Exhibit and reception are free.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the watercolors of Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick through the end of June. Chittick's subjects are varied from coastal landscapes of New England, architectural details of Boston buildings, to impressive scenes from Italy, Iceland and Greenland. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. - noon. Admission is free. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

"Waterworks" - watercolor paintings by Maureen K. Brookfield will be presented by the Mansfield Music and Arts Society from June 30 - July 29 in the Cote Gallery. There will be a reception on July 6 from 7 - 9 p.m. Gallery hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. MMAS, Cote Gallery is located at 30 Reservoir Street in Mansfield. For more information or directions call 508-339-2822.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Jeff Pitchell and Texas Flood. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Sun. 1

Tom Selleck to make his Boston Stage debut in 'A Thousand Clowns' at the Shubert Theatre at 8 p.m. and running through July 1. Performances are Tues. - Sat. at 8 p.m., matinees are Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. Sunday evening performances are at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at $65 - $45 and are on sale now at The Shubert theatre box office, 265 Tremont Street in Boston or by phone at tele-charge 800-447-7400.

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Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Helen Shaw exhibiting her paintings and pastels for the month at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum invites all artists to enter the "Art Show" held from July 1 - 31. The theme again will be "Sea and Sky" with particular emphasis on small, regional wooden boats to complement the exhibit, "Feathering, Sweeping, and Laying Back, the small boat collection of the museum and its members. Limit will be 3 entries per artist and each entry fee is $6. For additional information call Barbie Guild at 781-925-5433.

A Visit with Paul Revere, a program take place July 1, July 5 - Aug. 16 from 1 - 4 p.m. Come and tour Boston's fascinating North End with an experienced guide from the Paul Revere House. Visit the silversmith shop and foundry and discover how Revere began his career as an artisan, fashioning buttons, buckles, creamers and sugar bowls from silver. Later he became one of the country's first industrialists producing fittings for the USS Constitution, and enormous bells and canons. This program is free with admission to the museum: $2.50 for adults, seniors age 62 and over and college students are $2, and children ages 5 - 17 are $1. Open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. For more information call 617-523-2338.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Rita Walsh exhibiting her paintings in watercolor for the month at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

Mon. 2

Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus will be held at the Plymouth Airport in Plymouth on July 2 and 3 at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily. Free parking and groups and buses are always welcome. For guest contact information call circus marketing director, Dan Baltulonis at 386-405-3183.

Wed. 4

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On July 4: Legion Bud Band.

Thurs. 5

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on July 5 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

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Classes

DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION CLASSES: "Printmaking - Monoprint and Collograph" on Aug. 20 - 23. "Summer Art Weeks for Kids" with workshop dates on July 10, 12, 17, and 24. "Watercolor for the Absolute Beginner", "Drawing, Pastel and Landscape Workshops for all Levels" on July 10 - 13. For more information please call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

NRAS SUMMER 2001 - CLASSES: Children's classes: Art Camp 1 - 2001, A Space Odyssey, July 23 - 27, Art Camp 2, - Fabulous Food, July 30 - Aug. 3, Art Camp 3, Crazy Critters, Aug. 6 - 10, Five mornings, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fee is $125 members, $135 nonmembers, for ages 5 - 16. Explore! Drawing and Painting: Mon. - Fri. from 1 - 3 p.m., July 2 - 6, fee: $90/100 nonmembers, July 9 - 13, fee $110/$120 non-members, ages 9 - 15. Adult classes: Painting phase 2: on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. June 11 - July 16, fee for 6 weeks, $85 members/$95 non-members. Oct. 22 - Dec. 18, fee: 8-week class, $85/members, $95/non member. Beginning Oil Painting on Tues. from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on June 12 - July 17, fee 5 - week class. "It takes a drawing to make a painting" on July 19 and 20, 12 - 5 p.m. and Aug. 16 an 17 from 12 - 5 p.m. Fee is $100 members, $110 for non members. "Introduction to Landscape Workshop" on Aug. 25 and 26 from 12 - 5 p.m., fee $100/member, $110/nonmember. For more information call 781-837-8091.

SELF DEFENSE & AWARENESS CLASSES FOR WOMEN & GIRLS ages and up, a two-session (3 hour) program on self defense and awareness for women and teen girls being offered at Healthtrax in Hanover on July 18 and 25 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Fee is $40. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. Located at 20 East Street in Hanover, for more information call 781-294-8004.

NEW SUMMER ART CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS for adults and children are beginning July 6. Adult classes include Drawing, painting, acrylic, pastel, oil, clay, photography and much more. Children's classes include painting, drawing, paper treasures, ceramics and more. For more information on classes and times please call 781-383-2787.

SELF DEFENSE & AWARENESS CLASSES FOR WOMEN & GIRLS ages and up, a two-session (3 hour) program on self defense and awareness for women and teen girls being offered at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Braintree on July 9 and 16 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Fee is $40. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. Located at 111 Grossman Drive in Braintree, for more information call 781-294-8004.

THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM is offering the following classes: "Yixing Clay Boxes" for children ages 10 and up from Aug. 7 - 10 from 9 a.m. - noon - fee is $40. "Art at the Complex for Complex Kids" for ages 4 - 7, creating art for a T-shirt or hat to wear; from 10 a.m. - noon, Aug. 1 and 2, fee is $20. "Birds Eye View Painting" for ages 7 and up, Aug. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. - noon, fee is $25, "Painting and Drawing at the Marshfield Fair" on Aug. 20 - 23 from 9 a.m. - noon, fee is $50. For more information please call 781-934-6634.

BOATING BASICS - YOUTH SAFETY COURSE is offered at the South Shore Yacht Club, 800 Bridge Street, Off Route 3A in North Weymouth. Held from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on July 16, 17, 18, and 19, this course consists of four classes and pre-registration is required. To register call the environmental police at 508-790-9360 or 617-727-8760.

GOING DIGITAL THIS SUMMER? If digital cameras are in your future and you are not sure what to shop for, the Duxbury Art Association has a two-hour workshop with instructor Ellen Leahy. Topics covered will be the benefits, equipment requirements, navigating through a camera purchase, operation, processing your pictures on your computer, printing, emailing images and more. One-session held July 17 from 7 - 9 p.m. Call the Duxbury Art Association at 781-934-2731.

SUMMER ART ADVENTURE WEEKS at the Fuller Museum of Art from July 9 - August 18. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Classes are available for children ages 5 and up. Some class choices are ceramics, Native American crafts, drawing and painting, paper crafts, art of the Aztecs, Mosaics and portraiture. To receive a brochure please call 508-588-6000 ext. 125.

INSYNC DANCE COMPANY located at 5 Thacher Street in Milton, is holding open registration for Summerdance 2001. This summer program includes clinics for all ages including preschool through high school. Summerdance fees range from $25 - $99. For more information on specific classes, dates and times please call 617-696-9331

CRYSTAL/REIKI, TAROT AND ASTROLOGY CLASSES are offered Mon., Tues. and Thurs. These daytime summer classes are offered from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and the cost is $20 per session. Held at Health and Healing Arts. For more information or to register call 781-545-0662.

WHIDDEN'S SCHOOL OF FITNESS, 822 Webster Street in Marshfield is offering the following classes: Yoga for all levels, Mon. and Wed. from 7 - 8:30 p.m. and Wed. from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Fee for one week is $45 or $80 for 4 weeks. Martial Arts: Kempo Karate classes for pre-school - adult and Tai Chi for seniors and adults. Fitness: Senior fitness and movement classes offered on Mon. and Wed. from 11 - 12 noon. For more information call 781-834-9161.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child is now enrolling for summer programs. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. The cost of the class is 6 weeks for $55.

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'Tender' Presented By Kingston Players with performances scheduled for July 5 and 7 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, 224 Main Street, Route 106, Kingston. Admission is $10 and all proceeds go to Renewal House, a women's shelter in Boston. For additional tickets or information call Joseph Moylan at 781-585-0684 or via email at jokieran@cs.com.

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Fri. 6

Free Outdoor Concert with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Quintet from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the courtyard at the Plymouth Campus of Quincy College. The college is located at 11 North Street, one-half block west of Plymouth's historic waterfront. The concert will feature music by Scott Joplin and John Philip Sousa, plus Broadway show tunes, patriotic songs and many popular favorites. This concert is sponsored by the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Quincy College and the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund. For more information call 508-746-8008.

Single Executives Club First Friday Cocktail Party and Dance at the Dedham Hilton Hotel, 25 Allied Drive in Dedham, exit 14, East Street off Route 128. Complimentary food, free door prizes and DJ held from 8:30 - 12:30 a.m. Suitable for singles and couples 35 - 55 years old and admission is $10 before 9 p.m. and $15 thereafter. Business casual attire is acceptable, ties and jackets recommended. Call 781-446-0234.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fat City Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

Boston Harbor Cruises Takes Boston by Sea through Oct. 1. Hours are Thurs. - Sun. from 1 - 3 p.m. Rate: Adults: $19, students and seniors are $17 and children are $10. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Tour the Islands with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $8, students and seniors are $7 and children are $6. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonharborcruises.com.

Boston Harbor Cruises Whale Watches through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $29, seniors are $25 and children are $23. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Cruise into the Sunset through Oct. 1. Length of tour: 90 minutes. Mon. - Sun at 7 p.m. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Historic Sightseeing with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Tours run seven days a week: 1:00 p.m. and 3 p.m. departure times. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

The Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln Street in Hingham is now owned by the Hingham Historical Society and will feature a special exhibit of antique toys called "The Children's Hour" which will include dolls from the society's collection and furniture from the Tower Toy Guild. The house is open from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. - Sat. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12. For group tours or more information call 781-749-1851.

Bragging Rights Road Race Series to Benefit Talking Information Center and National Kidney Foundation. T-shirts go to the first 250 entrants in each race. Pre-entry fee is $18 and same day registration is $20. The 10K Loop courses will be run July 21 from Marshfield's South River Elementary School at 8:30 a.m.; August 18 from Hingham High School at 8 a.m. and Sept. 22 from Norwell High School at 9 a.m. Race sponsors include Hyde Park Cooperative Bank, Alvin Hollis Company and Pearle Vision Center in Hanover. For an application or to help out call TIC in Marshfield at 781-834-4400 or 800-696-9505.

Yoga at the River's Edge on Saturdays through Aug. 11 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at various sites along the North River. For more information or to receive schedules with class locations contact Kezia Bacon Bernstein at 781-837-7093.

Sisters at the Sparrow House, a joint exhibition of work by Plymouth artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann and Skaneateles, N.Y. artist Patience Brewster will be on view through July 22. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wed. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and there is no admission to the gallery areas. Admission to the museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information and directions to 42 Summer Street in Plymouth call 508-747-1240.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

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Blue Ribbon Members Show at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset from through August 5. All members including children and teens are invited to submit one work to this annual members show in the Bancroft and Dillon Galleries. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Work by Members of the Weymouth Art Association is on display at several locations around town throughout July. In the Town Hall, Mayors office, Treasurers office, councilors office and auditors office. At Snyders Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance and Colonial Federal Savings Bank. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents Drawings and Prints by Nancy Webb through July 31. Located at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-2721. Summer hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through December 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.

Tours resume to Boston Light and Little Brewster - the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

Children and Artists to Exhibit Work Together at the Fuller Museum of Art through July 8. There will also be an exhibition of digital art entitled "Digital Insight" with a special focus on education and learning through the use of computers. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. For more information call 508-588-6000.

The North River Arts Society is proud to present "Mostly Humarock" a collection of oils on canvas by Dick O'Brien at the Ventress Library Gallery through July 27. The Library summers hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. - Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Later History the Theme at Historic Plymouth Houses. Discover what happened in Plymouth after the Pilgrims. Two historic houses in the heart of the waterfront district are open for the season and tell the story of how Plymouth changed after the Pilgrim settlement. The 1749 Spooner House, 27 North Street and 1809 Hedge House, 126 Water Street will be open to the public Thurs. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Oct. 6. Admission is $4 per site for adults, $2 for children under 12. For more information call 508-746-0012.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury is celebrating its thirteenth anniversary with three very special exhibitions scheduled through Sept. 16. "The Yixing Effect" - the works of contemporary artists who are among the most highly regarded ceramists in the United States and whose traditions and techniques of Yixing pottery as inspiration. "Ma Qingxiong - Recent Work" the philosophy and technique of Chinese painting is blended with western art concepts to create breathtaking installation of umbrellas, all suspended from the galleries ceiling. "Co-Founders choice" features works of art chosen personally by Edith Weyerhaeuser in recognition of the museum's anniversary. She made these selections shortly before her death. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. Museum hours are 1 - 4 p.m., Wed. - Sun. Tel. 781-934-6634.



BEST BET

"Marsh at Powder Point" by Maureen K. Brookfield.
The Mansfield Music and Arts Society presents "Waterworks" watercolor paintings by Marshfield artisit Maureen K. Brookfield on display at the Cote Gallery. The exhibit will be on display June 30 through July 6 with an opening reception Friday, July 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Cote Gallery is located at 30 Reservoir Street in Mansfield. For more information call (508) 339-2822.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

The planet Mercury begins direct travel at 1:49 a.m., 21-degrees of Gemini. Generally this is a time when the green light goes on for new beginnings across the board. However, if you are planning to launch large-scale enterprises, it is best to wait until July 20, when Mars turns direct and the new moon culminates. The next Mercury retrograde period will occur in October. The moon continues its travel in Libra today. Make a lunch date with friends, colleagues, lovers. Surf, chat, network. Enjoy a romantic evening with the love in your life.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

An applying Venus/Uranus alignment takes center stage because the moon travels in Venus-ruled Libra. People may be restless, changeable, impatient. Be open to new experiences and ideas; however, this is not a favorable time for making long-range promises or decisions. Keep it light, and don't take anyone too seriously. The Libra moon becomes inactive at 11:07 a.m. until 4:28 p.m., when it enters Scorpio.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

The combination of a Scorpio moon and full moon buildup promise an intense, eventful weekend. Ninety-degree alignments of the moon/Neptune and Venus/Uranus can make for a hectic morning. Take extra time out for yourself. Pursue activities that help you to relax and maintain a positive attitude. Don't be too hasty in your judgments or too keen to commit yourself. You can be productive if you focus on jobs that need redoing, repair, restoration. Plan a quiet evening with the love in your life.

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2001

The first few days of July are action-packed, because a lunar eclipse/full moon culminates July 5. The planet Mars will continue to travel in retrograde motion until July 19. It is best to postpone launching major ventures until the light side of the new moon on July 20. Today the moon continues its travel in serious Scorpio, active until 3:25 p.m. Spend time alone; lighten up, mellow out. The moon enters Sagittarius at 11:13 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 2

A Sagittarius moon sets a fast pace today and tomorrow. You can be productive, if you carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. A lunar opposition to Saturn at 4:26 p.m. may bring a lull period, when energy is deflated. Stay upbeat; go with the flow. A lunar alignment to Pluto this evening warns you to avoid emotional thunderstorms. Know when it's time to call it a night.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

Start this day with an upbeat, easy-going attitude. Don't get caught up in morning hassles or the blues. A lunar alignment to Mars warns you to slow down and pay attention. It may be difficult to focus on practical matters; organization and efficiency take a back seat today. It is best to handle a variety of odd jobs, errands rather than one project that requires mental concentration. People may be restless, distracted. Get back in the swing of favorite sports, exercise routines.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

The Sagittarius moon opposes Jupiter and becomes inactive at 4:36 a.m. The final windup to the full moon begins at 8:21 a.m., when the moon enters Capricorn. This month's full moon is accompanied by an eclipse, further intensifying its influence. Full moon periods can go either way, bringing breakthroughs or breakdowns. Energy and emotions run high. Maintain a balance. Don't overdo on any level. Be more expressive and sensitive to loved ones on the ropes. Your kindness can turn the tide in a favorable way.

THURSDAY, JULY 5

Yesterday's advice applies to today. Wake up in a good mood. The full moon/lunar eclipse culminates at 11:04 a.m., 14-degrees Capricorn/Cancer. At this time the moon becomes inactive. Don't rock the boat in business or romance. Stay alert and use common sense. If you are working, you can be most productive. Finish projects already begun rather than starting new ones. The planet Venus moves into Gemini at 12:44 p.m., remaining there until August 1 and prompting you to explore new horizons and develop new alliances.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Uranus saves the day. Its influence may bring new inspiration, ideas, solutions. The focus is on communications, new techniques, technologies. This is a great time to take on new studies or to troubleshoot and brainstorm. The Capricorn moon continues inactive travel until 7:33 p.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. A lunar alignment to Venus makes this evening prime for social activities, romantic rendezvous. Take a walk on the wild side.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

An Aquarius moon sets the stage for an exciting weekend. Take a vacation from routine and responsibilities; relax, unwind, enjoy life. The Aquarius moon forms easy contacts to Neptune, Saturn, Pluto and Mars. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can get them out of the way in short time. Gather with friends and let the good times roll this evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

This is a wonderful day for letting off steam, partying, recharging your batteries. The Aquarius moon prompts you to be more spontaneous, adventurous. Avoid making rigid plans or commitments. Follow your intuition. At 8:22 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius, amplifying the freedom-loving, 'do your thing' theme.

MONDAY, JULY 9

The Aquarius moon becomes inactive at 6:28 a.m. until 8:05 a.m., when a laidback Pisces moon arrives. The next three days are prime for vacationing. Take extra quiet time out for yourself. Renew your spirit through time spent in solitude, meditation, art or nature.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Storm clouds move in today. The Pisces moon forms challenging 90-degree alignments to Saturn and Pluto in the morning, Mars in the afternoon. Others may be moody, hypersensitive. Don't overpersonalize. The best way to channel today's influences is to express yourself creatively. Photography, music, art, poetry get the green light.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Take advantage of relatively quiet astrological influences today. Meditate, play music; take some soul time. The moon continues to travel in Pisces, and Venus prepares to form a harmonious contact to Neptune, the planetary ruler of Pisces. Do something that brings beauty into your life or the life of another. Pay attention to your intuition. At 8:09 p.m. the Pisces moon becomes inactive until 8:36 p.m., when an Aries moon takes over.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Planetary action runs fast and furious, making this an exciting, 'anything can happen' kind of day. The moon travels in energetic Aries forming harmonious contacts to Venus, Neptune, Saturn and Pluto. Venus and Neptune align at 4:49 p.m. Mercury and Jupiter conjoin at the last degree of Gemini at 6:29 p.m. Mercury moves into the sign Cancer at 6:47 p.m., remaining there until July 30. Jupiter moves into Cancer at 8:03 p.m. Jupiter travels in the sign Cancer until August 1, 2002 bringing new opportunities to Cancerians.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

The moon travels in pioneering Aries. However, Mars, the planetary ruler continues retrograde travel until the July 19. It is best to sleep on new ideas and postpone taking action for another week. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 2:45 p.m. This month's new moon will culminate on July 20, bringing an ideal time for new starts across the board. At 752 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. Forget your troubles and go for the good times this evening.

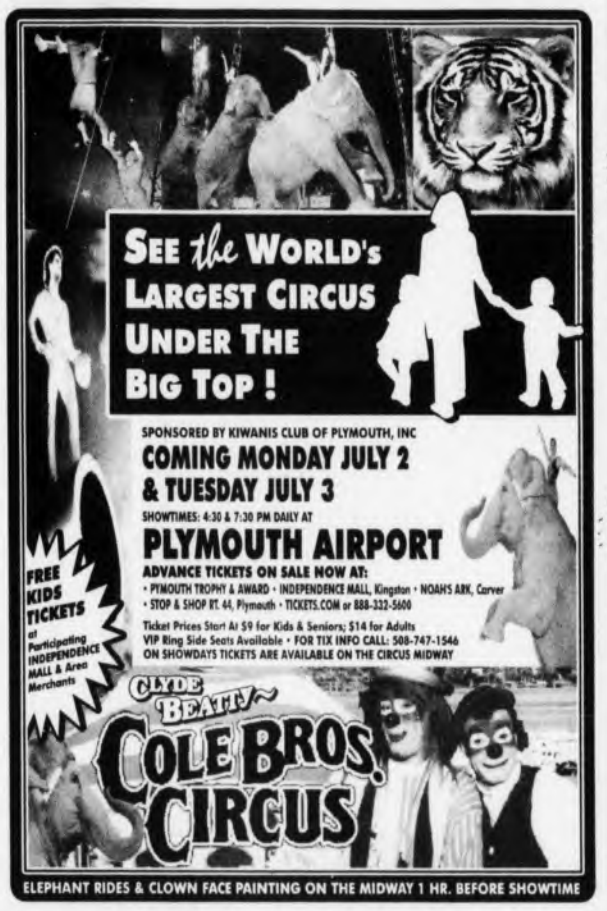
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FLY AWAY HOME

Clinic director Matt Laing realseases an American Kestral into the wild last week at the New England Wildlife Center.

Fit enough to fly away

Wildlife center releases birds of prey

By Timothy Llewellyn
CORRESPONDENT

Long days and tense nights of hard work paid off for the New England Wildlife Center as it released eight birds of prey back into the wild. The released birds were five Screech Owls and three American Kestrels, which were found orphaned and injured throughout the greater Boston area.

"When we release an animal its a very rewarding experience for the whole staff," said Mathew Laing, wildlife hospital director. "The point is not to keep them in captivity, they are not dogs and cats, they are much happier in the wild."

Before releasing birds, the center's staff takes final wing and weight measurements and fits the birds with a metal band with a unique identification number. Laing likened this number to Social Security number that can be used to track the birds progress in the future. This band also becomes a measuring stick for the center's success.

"If we find a bird dead the next day, that's not good," said Laing. But he explained that many of the rehabilitations are extremely successful, and there have been cases of geese that had been released from the center found as far north as Canada.

Most patients are common wildlife — up to 4,000 annually — brought into the center by the general public to be taken care of until they are deemed fit to be released. The rehabilitation process varies from just a few days to a whole year. The birds released last Wednesday averaged a rehabilitation period of four to six weeks before they were fit to fly.

This latest release was especially gratifying because the wildlife center was able to rehabilitate and release a large group of relatively rare birds of prey.

"This is the pay-off for all the work that we have been doing for months here," said Laing.

The wildlife is an 18-year-old organization established to rehabilitate and release sick, injured and orphaned wildlife as well as to educate the public about wildlife issues. Running on roughly six acres of land across from the South Shore Country Club, the center is staffed by a combination of full-time staff, part-time volunteers and students.

Another important function of the wildlife center is promoting wildlife awareness, especially to local schoolchildren. The center runs several educational programs and works closely with the South Shore Charter School in Hull to give children hands-on wildlife education.

"The goal is to get the public to understand and know wildlife better," said Roberta Hershorn, director of pubic relations for the center.

The organization's hard work has not gone unnoticed. In fact, 12.4 acres of commercially zoned wooded land on Columbian street in Weymouth has recently been donated to the wildlife center. The donation was made by the Curtis family of Hingham in memory of the late Thomas E. Curtis.

Now the center faces a different kind of problem. That of raising enough capital to build an effective facility at the new Weymouth location. To do this, the wildlife has launched a capital campaign with the hopes of raising five million dollars.

The move is a necessary one according to Hershorn.

"They need more room, they just don't have enough where they are," Hershorn said.

The center would retain its Hingham facility for the use of its students, volunteers and for continuing educational programs, and use the Weymouth facility to build a new wildlife hospital and significantly increase its staff size. Hershorn believes that this move would help the center stay at the forefront of wildlife care and education.

Music Circus for children

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct the Music Circus registration for "Jack in the Beanstalk" on Tuesday, July 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the recreation office in the Town Hall. There will be no evening registration for this performance because Town Hall will be closing early.

Music Circus registrations for children involved in The Playground Program is held every Tuesday at the recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon and from 5 to 7 p.m. for the remaining three performances.

Music Circus registrations are held two weeks prior to the actual date of the show. Registration on July 3 for "Jack in the Beanstalk" is for the performance that is on Thursday, July 19. Please consult the summer fliers or The

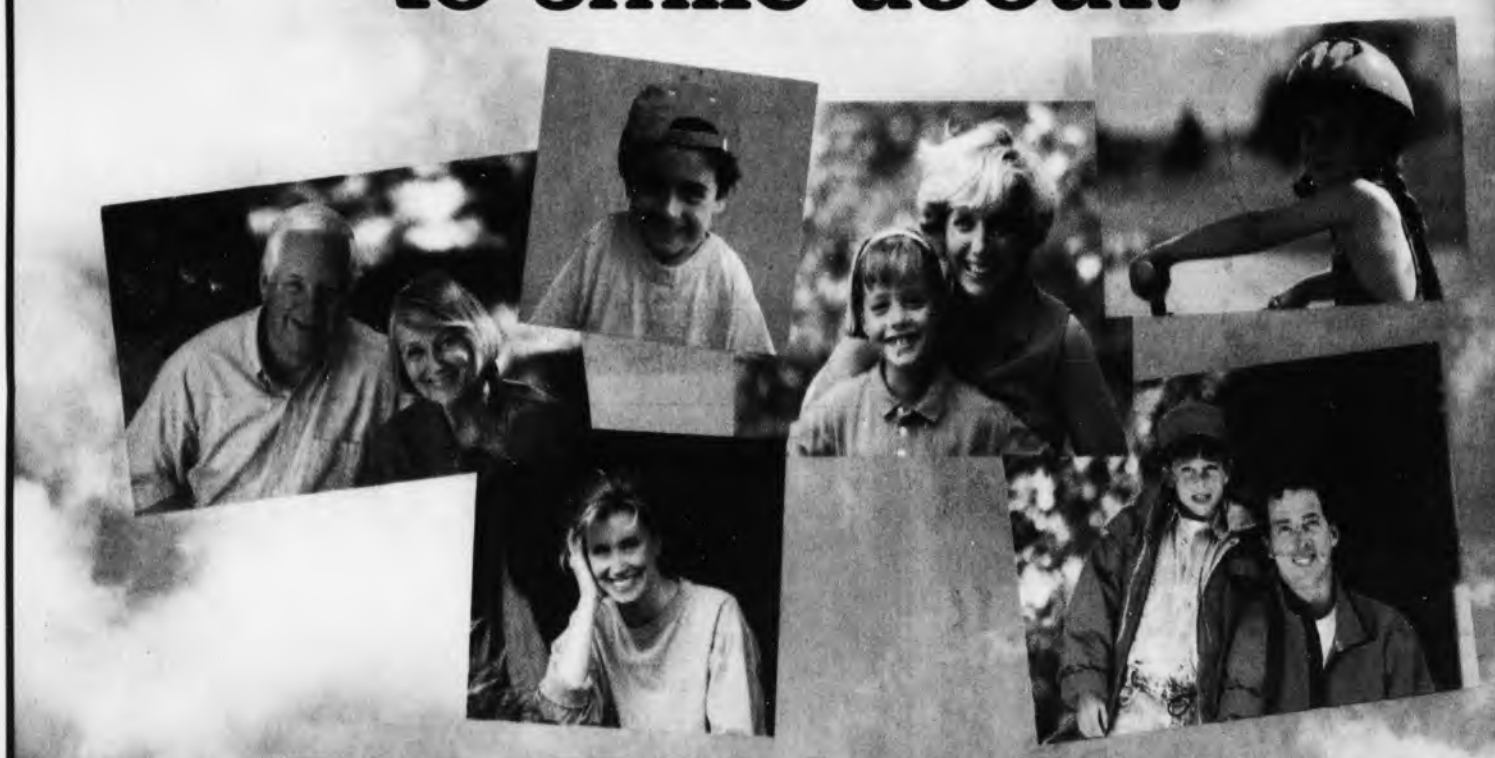
Summer sale

Manager of the Cohasset Consignment Shop Andi Merrill of Scituate announced that the shop will be open the regular hours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. The shop will be closed Wednesday, July 4, but the annual summer sale will commence Thursday, July 5, through Aug. 12. Discounts will be up to 80-percent off prices as marked.

Merrill added that the shop will be closed for vacation July 22 through Aug. 12, but will be open for fall consigning only Aug. 13 through 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m. On Friday, Aug. 17, the shop will be open for sales and consigning. Consigning hours will be 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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Lightning's fireworks set stage for Fourth

Emergency workers have a hectic night

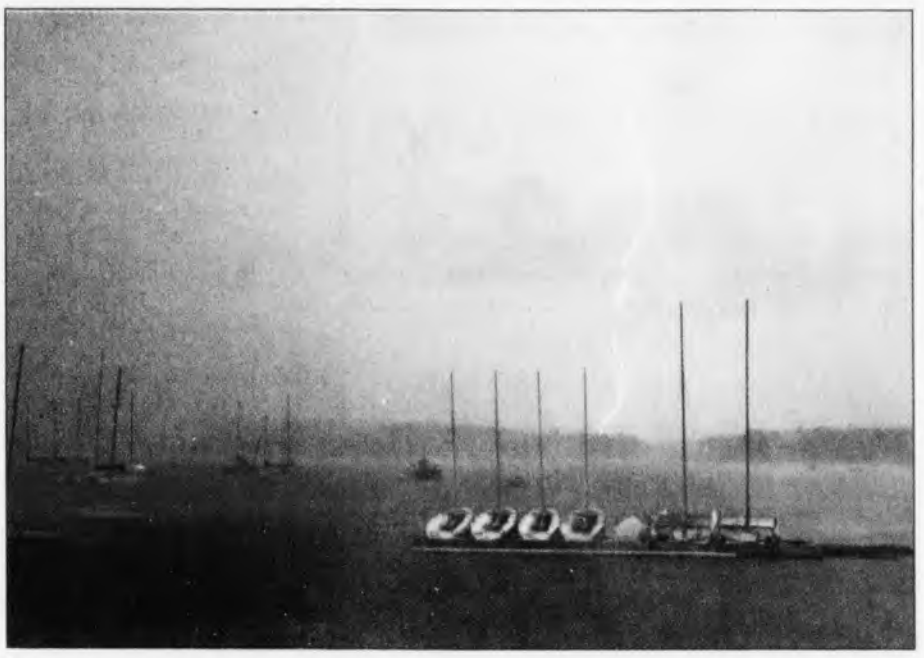
By Mary Ford
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Saturday evening, when the lights went out in Cohasset — restaurants closed their doors, the emergency dispatch center at the police-fire station was flooded with calls and the Music Circus had to cancel its season opener featuring Wynonna.

But Mother Nature put on a show of her own that night, lighting up the dark sky with enough Fourth of July explosives to rival the most elaborate pyrotechnics display anywhere.

"It was unbelievable," said Joseph Campbell of Atlantica, where he was overlooking the harbor. "It was the greatest light show — the skies were lighting up. It was pretty spectacular."

Atlantica was one of four



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Lightning illuminates World's End in this photograph shot from nearby Hingham Harbor. The South Shore, including Cohasset, was particularly hard hit by Saturday's electrical storm.

Changes loom in affordable housing law

Accessible dwellings would count toward a town's total

By Rick Collins
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The state House of Representatives voted a number of changes to the Chapter 40B "anti-snob zoning" laws Tuesday that could have an impact on Cohasset. The amendment would allow accessory dwellings, federally-subsidized housing and mobile home parks to count toward a town's "affordable housing" stock.

The accessory dwelling issue is interesting because in the spring, Cohasset residents tabled a Town Meeting article that would have allowed accessory dwellings under town bylaw. Town officials hope to bring back a similar version of the article at a special fall Town Meeting.

Under the House's plan, led by House Minority Leader Fran Marini, R-Hanson, those accessory dwellings would be counted toward a town's affordable housing stock; something that could help a town like Cohasset, where less than 3 percent of its housing is "affordable" and therefore, is a prime candidate for the comprehensive permit process.

"I think that's a great part of this amendment."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

"If the town goes back in the fall and supports the senior housing committee's proposal for accessory dwellings, I think that would put us in great shape," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "I think that's a great part of this amendment."

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said the change would help spur the creation of new housing units which is the whole pur-

HOUSING LAW, PAGE 8

Hingham lumber yard eyeing Route 3A move

By Rick Collins
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Hingham Lumber has filed plans with the town that would move the 54-year old business to Route 3A in Cohasset.

The proposal is to build two commercial buildings on the 13.4 acre parcel, owned by Crocker Realty Trust. The main building would be a 24,000 square-foot building with retail space, a showroom and offices. The second building would be a large 60,000 square foot drive through warehouse and storage facility, where customers would be able to drive into to pick up lumber, plywood, doors, windows and masonry products, and also contain 40 parking spaces. It would also be used as storage room for deliveries and a small shop for custom orders.

Although plans have been filed with both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals — the business would need two special permits to deal with flooding and parking issues — owner Thomas McNulty wouldn't comment on the plan at this time.

"I'd like to see it. It would be a great catch for the town of Cohasset."
—Paul Barry, landowner

If plans go forward McNulty, who owns the lumber yard with his brother, John, would move the business to the vacant site located to the north of the new Cohasset Collision Center, on the former site of a driving range. Paul Barry, owner of the land, said he and the McNultys are still discussing the possible move.

"The issue hasn't been satisfied yet, we're still working on it," Barry said.

He said "final arrangements have not yet been made" but was "pretty certain" the move would happen. Barry also couldn't say whether the McNultys would lease the land or buy it outright.

"I'd like to see it, it would be a great catch for the town of Cohasset," Barry said in an earlier interview. "It's a great operation."

A July 16 zoning board hearing has been scheduled to discuss the special permit requests. One permit is needed because approximately 200 square feet of the main building and parking lot would be located in a flood plain.

The other permit is to deal with

LUMBER YARD, PAGE 8

Light turnout on first day of trash program

Many flocked to dump before PAYT started

By Rick Collins
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The onslaught of residents slipping in Saturday the last day before "Pay As You Throw" started, resulted in a quiet day Sunday at the Recycling Transfer Facility.

"It was a madhouse all day yesterday," RTF worker Charlie Guarente said Sunday about the day before the start of the "buck a bag" program. "There were cars lined up all the way down Cedar Street."

The frantic Saturday crush by Cohasset residents to dispose of as much trash as possible under the old dumping rules, gave way to a more subdued atmosphere by Sunday afternoon.

"We're a bit off today," said Bob Goyette, owner of Crown Security, who was busy checking stickers as the occasional car and truck rode through.

Goyette, who was monitoring the RTF and checking for dump stickers, and said there haven't been too many incidents of "dump-rage."

"It hasn't been too bad, not as bad as the past few years," he said. "We've had a few complainers, but they've all acted pretty well."

The PAYT program is designed to force Cohasset residents to recycle more, and was approved by a Town Meeting vote in 2000.

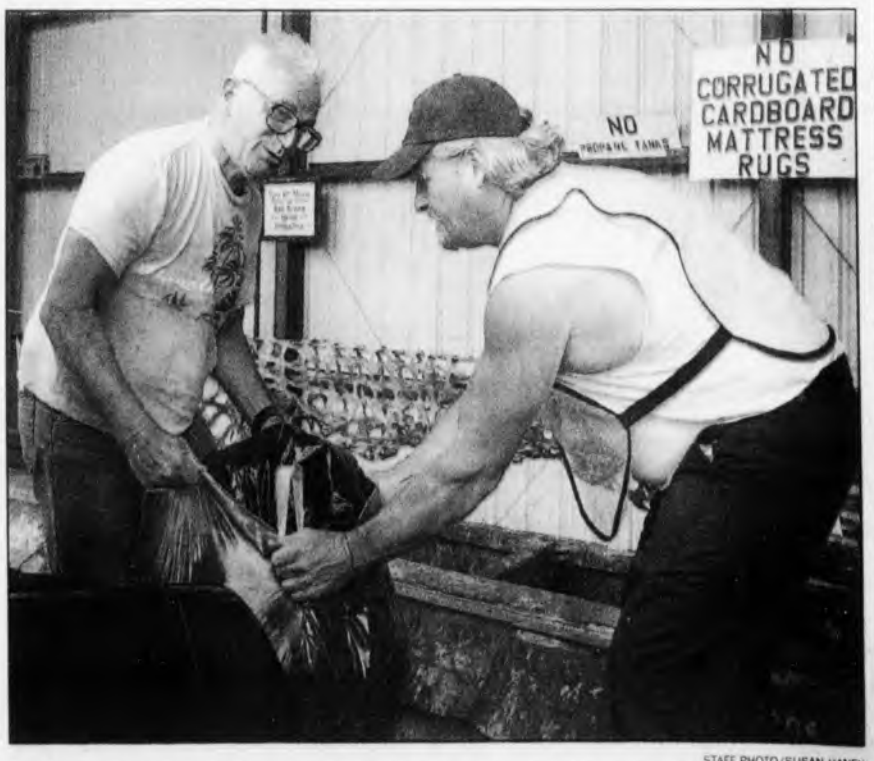
Town residents aren't allowed to dump unless their trash is in either an official blue — 15-gallon or 30-gallon trash bag. The bags cost 50 cents for the 15-gallon bag, and $1 for a 30-gallon bag.

For the past year, the town Recycling Committee has published informational brochures on the July 1 changeover, but that didn't stop some residents from forgetting about it.

Guarente had a few stories about a few residents pulling up and getting very upset when he wouldn't allow them to dump.

"It's not my fault," he said.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Jerry Newman gets some help transferring a Pay-As-You-Throw blue bag of trash from RTF worker Charlie Guarente on Sunday, the first day of the new disposal system.

Town legal budget in the black

By Rick Collins
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Despite dozens of legal cases involving town boards, the town legal budget finished fiscal year 2001 in the black by about $15,000.

As of July 2, the town had only been billed for $185,000 in legal services, and had budgeted $200,000.

"I think that's pretty good considering how much is going on in town," said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Finance Director Michael Buckley said the town has another bill of approximately $10,000 coming in, but because it will be received after the end of the fiscal year, it will be paid through a fall Town Meeting article.

The surplus is impressive considering selectmen were worried at this time last year that town counsel Paul DeRensis's request for an increase in his hourly rate and retainer fee would lead to the legal budget becoming a budget buster.

DeRensis, asked for – and received – a $10 raise in his hourly rate to $150 per hour, and $500 a month in his retainer to $4,500 a month.

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— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Haddad said the retainer covers the work DeRensis does regarding Town Meetings, coverage at any board meetings, and legal opinions on issues.

The hourly rate kicks into effect during litigation, collective bargaining, or appraisals.

As of December 31, 2000, Cohasset was entangled in 33 claims and lawsuits ranging from property appraisal disputes, to a physical education class injury.

Haddad said the number of lawsuits is about average for a town of its size, and is to be expected.

"It's just the nature of doing business," he said. "A lot of town boards are conscientious about what they do, and try to make a decision in the best interest of the town that may not be in the best interest of the developer.

"But I compliment all those boards. All they're trying to do is make decisions in the best interest of Cohasset."

Some of the lawsuits involving the town are major, such as the four lawsuits surrounding Cohasset Heights Limited, and the state lawsuit against the town that resulted in the Second Amended Agreement for Final Judgment which spurred the recent $14 million sewer con-

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Town water quality report is released

The Cohasset Water Commission has released its 2001 Water Quality Report, which was mailed to all Cohasset residents June 29. EPA requires all water suppliers to prepare and distribute this report by July 1 each year.

"We are pleased to report, again, that Cohasset drinking water is in compliance with all applicable water quality standards," said John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission.

"We have taken many significant steps in the past year to preserve and protect the quality of Cohasset's public drinking water," McNabb said, "such as the new Scituate Hill water tank, the flushing of the water pipes in April, the taking by eminent domain of the Wolf Pits to protect it from development, the revisions to the Water Resource District bylaws at the March 31 Annual Town Meeting, and our continued improvements to the distribution system."

EPA regulations require all water suppliers to report all regulated contaminants which are detected in the drinking water.

The Water Quality Report also included a large scale map of the watershed for the sources of Cohasset's water supply, Lily Pond and the Aaron River Reservoir, which shows seven potential sources of contamination.

"The Water Commission is in the process of completing a comprehensive Water Supply Protection Plan which will fully assess all potential sources of contamination and to establish a schedule for purchase of lands in the watershed to provide further protection," McNabb said.

Copies of the Water Quality Report are available at Town Hall, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and at the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant.

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This week in COHASSET

Meeting schedule

The following is a list of all meetings posted at Town Hall as of Monday, July 2. All meetings are held at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

- Hagerty Property Committee, July 5, 7 p.m. at the Hagerty Property off Parker Avenue
- Growth & Development Committee, July 6, 7 p.m.
- Board of Assessors, July 10, 6 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen, July 10, 7:30 p.m.
- Senior Housing Committee, July 11, July 25, 9 a.m.
- Advisory Committee, July 12, 7:30 p.m.
- Conservation Commission, July 12, July 26, 7:30 p.m.
- School Committee, July 12, 7 p.m., High School Conference Room
- Water Commission, July 12, 7:30 p.m., 339 King Street
- Zoning Board of Appeals, July 16, 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Board, July 18, 8 p.m.

The School Building Committee meets every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in the selectmen's office.

Senior Housing

Senior Housing Committee chairman Jim Lagrotteria has resigned from the committee. He cited a "complicated family matter" which required his undivided attention as the reason for his departure.

However, the Advisory Committee did approve $3,000 for the Senior Housing Committee to look into developing two parcels of land into affordable senior housing. The parcels are town-owned property located off Pleasant Street and Route 3A, adjacent to the Stop & Shop.

The committee is meeting with the Cohasset Clergy Association to discuss a joint venture to develop the housing.

Chatterton fund

Committee members of the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund are sponsoring "An Evening with the Beach Boys" on Sunday, August 19 at 9 p.m. at the South Shore Music Circus. Cost of the concert is $60 per ticket with $30 going to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

For tickets, contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103; Linda Bolster at 781-383-6148; or Linda Schultz at 781-383-0597.

Chamber celebrates

On Wed., July 25 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce will hold a barbecue at Kimball's By-The-Sea on Cohasset Harbor. Just $15 per person will provide an evening of conversation, food, and a view of the harbor. Meet Joseph Campbell, executive director of Kimball's and Atlantica, and Kathleen Quist, director of sales, marketing, hotel operations for Kimball's. Quist is also a new member of the Cohasset Chamber's Board of Directors. The barbecue is a members and their families only event, but prospective members are always welcome. Signup by Friday, July 29. Mail your check with the names of the persons who will attend, to Cohasset Chamber, PO Box 336, Cohasset, MA. Call 781-383-1010 for more information.

Teen Garage hours

The Teen Garage will be open throughout the summer on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m.; Friday from 4 to 10 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of each month from 6 to 10 p.m.

The Garage is open to all teens in grades 6 and up. It is free of charge; however, snacks and drinks are available to purchase. Special activities and events will be planned during the summer.

The Garage is also available for rentals at $75 for two hours.

For information, call 781-383-4109.

Deep ecology

Support group forming: small group to meet weekly on issues of Deep Ecology, Environmental Activism, and Buddhist meditation. Call 781-383-9024 for info.

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Sun. 8	1:35	10.3	7:57	2:12	9.1	8:05
Mon. 9	2:16	10.1	8:37	2:53	9.1	8:48
Tues. 10	2:58	9.9	9:18	3:35	9.1	9:32
Wed. 11	3:42	9.6	10:00	4:17	9.1	10:19
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Some good news for commuter boat users

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Long-awaited and much-needed MBTA commuter boat improvements are in the works.

Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan has earmarked $500,000 to widen access ramps, improve lighting and provide a custom-built lift for the disabled at the commuter boat terminal at Hingham Shipyard.

"This is good news. The bottom line is we've been pushing for improvements for a long time," said Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth. "They're long overdue but welcome."

The covered walkway, which will shield commuters during inclement weather, will run from the corner of the ticket office to the boat and will be lit both on the inside and outside.

Widening the ramp from six to eight feet will alleviate congestion when passengers, who now must exit the boat in single file, disembark.

The upgrade could begin as early as this fall. Some improvements may be completed as soon as December in the best-case scenario, according to Hedlund.

Money was earmarked for commuter boat terminal improvements six years ago, but the funds were never released.

Hedlund was instrumental in securing those funds by amending the 1995 Seaport Bond Bill to include $750,000 specifically for improvements to the Hingham commuter boat. The 1996 Transportation Bond Bill earmarked $1 million for the facility.

This time around, though, the $500,000 will be worked into the MBTA's capital spending plan.

"I'm happy we're on the same page with the MBTA in releasing funds for this project."

— state Sen. Robert Hedlund

"The Hingham commuter boat is a great success story," Hedlund said. "More and more commuters use this service."

The MBTA directors are expected to sign-off on the agreement the first week in July.

"I'm happy we're on the same page with the MBTA in releasing funds for this project," Hedlund said.

Last week, Hedlund, state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and local officials met with Assistant Secretary of Transportation James Scanlon at the shipyard to tour the commuter boat facility to discuss ways to make improvements.

Hedlund, Bradley and Hingham officials are also encouraging the MTBA to build a deck over the commuter boat parking lot to provide more spaces as part of the shipyard redevelopment proposal. The demand for parking now far exceeds the present capacity.

"The fact that the parking lot is always full is an illustration of how successful the commuter boats are," Hedlund said. "As the commuter boat continues to rise in popularity, the parking will only get worse. It's an issue that's become a priority."

Additional improvements, including moving the parking area closer to the commuter boat facility, are also slated as part of that plan.

In the meantime, the most recently funded improvements will become a reality.

The senator doesn't expect much disruption while the work is taking place.

"There may be a short window of time during which an adjacent Department of Environmental Management pier will be used," he said.

Volunteers are heart of the Senior Center

By Rick Collins
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With all the good the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs does, it can't be done without the help of volunteers. Whether it's senior luncheons, to rides to the doctor, to weekly bridge games — a small army of 100 volunteers of all ages help keep the CEA vibrant and successful.

But the council is looking for more helpers and has brought on a part-time volunteer coordinator to help with the effort.

Patricia "Tish" Clark, is the newest face in the South Shore Community Center. Clark — a long-time Norwell resident, and former head of the Hingham Visiting Nurses Association — started last week.

"She brings a lot to Cohasset with her experience," said CEA director Kathy Bryanton.

Clark will be in charge of scheduling the volunteers the CEA currently has, as well as helping to recruit new ones.

Clark said although she was unsure if she wanted to go back to work, albeit for 15 hours a week, she said the Cohasset CEA is a "wonderful organization that has some very good programs."

More than a quarter of the Cohasset population is 55 or older. Of that 25 percent, one-third is older than 75, said Bryanton. Last year, 37 percent of the town's people over the age 60 used the CEA, a large jump from the 4 percent when the group started in 1985.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Tish Clark is the new volunteer coordinator at the Senior Center.

Although the number of seniors involved in the CEA's activities has increased, the number of volunteers has decreased in recent years.

"What we have seen is through attrition, people moving and illness, we've lost a lot of the group we originally started with," Bryanton said.

The CEA started in one room in the South Shore Community Center, and has now grown to be an anchor within the building.

"Our mission was to bring all senior services — the Social Service League, town elder services, Council on Elder Affairs — under one roof, and provide outreach to the very population that has lived here all their life, and possibly may need something," she said.

Along with coordinating the volunteers, Clark also hopes to be able to help identify and organize new volunteer programs and opportunities.

"We have a real good foundation of volunteers," she said. "But we need more."

Some of the programs CEA volunteers coordinate include organizing the group's newsletter, stuffing envelopes at town hall, a knitting program, office administration, a spelling-bee challenge against high school students, and the Chantileers, a men's-only weekly breakfast group.

Bryanton and Clark said they hope to attract people that can help organize more CEA outings, such as picnics and trips to historical places such as Plymouth.

The Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs can be reached at 781-383-9112.

Lightning's fireworks set stage for Fourth

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structures in town that were hit by lightning during Saturday's three-hour electrical storm. None of the strikes caused major damage, police said.

Campbell said Atlantica was hit twice. The first time early in the storm, lightning struck the waterfall with the compass rose on top at the entrance and the second time, it struck the roof, shaking the building, setting off the alarms and knocking out the phone system.

Mariner weather observer Bob Skilling said the thunder and lightning began around 7 p.m. and was the first of three individual storms. Lightning continuously ripped through the sky down to the ground every few seconds, he said.

Almost exactly 24 hours later, Sunday's repeat performance paled in comparison to Saturday's thunderstorm. But the less dramatic encore was a relief to all those in town who didn't want to experience another power outage and to the emergency workers coping with dozens of calls.

"It's the busiest night I've had since I've been here," said long-time dispatcher David Weeks, who said more than 100 calls came into the station during Saturday's storm that knocked out power to most of Cohasset, including the traffic lights on Route 3A. Power was restored in about five hours to all but about 250 homes, which were still without power the next day.

Weeks said the simultaneous calls coming from Cohasset and other towns stretched emergency resources. Hull and Scituate each had fires and Hingham had three house fires going at the same time.

Kristin Curran, 289 Beechwood St., said she and her family heard a crack and a loud bang. Lightning struck a tree and several other spots in the back yard, sending electricity up the gutters of the house.

"We lost our satellite dish and TV," she said.

Lightning, police and fire officials said, also struck the homes at 14 Nichols Road, 185 Jerusalem Road and a structure on South Main Street.

Fire Capt. Robert Silvia said the fire department responded to 12 calls between 7:21 and 11:39 p.m., Saturday.

"They ranged from alarm activations due to power surges to wires down and lightning strikes," he said. "Hingham called for mutual aid and we had to tell them we had none available."

"It was a crazy night," Silvia said. Sunday, the fire department conducted three investigations resulting from the storm the night before. That night, the department responded to four more calls during that line of thunderstorms that passed through.

Campbell of Atlantica said there was still some daylight when the restaurant lost power, so those patrons already served could finish eating by candlelight.

"We moved anyone out without fork in hand," he said. At about 10:30 p.m. with power restored, the staff was sorting over what had happened with the registers and had the plates lined up for the dishwasher — when the second jolt hit. The power surge burned out parts of the computer system. "It was wild," Campbell said.

The power outage necessitated canceling the Music Circus concert by Wynonna, a country western star, who was slated to open the theater's 50th anniversary season.

Vince Longo, general manager, said it was the first time in his nine seasons he had to cancel a show. But, he said, many of those who bought tickets stayed home.

"It was funny, we weren't even near half a house," Longo said. "There were all kinds of warnings out – but we didn't lose power until 8 p.m., so I don't know if people stayed home or turned back in their cars."

He said those who did make the trek in the darkened skies handled the power outage and resulting cancellation in stride.

"Mother Nature dealt us a pretty big blow," Longo said. "But I was happy with the way the public responded. There was still enough light for everyone to get to their cars and they left in an orderly fashion.

"No one complained," he said. Longo said the Music Circus does have emergency power that will illuminate aisle lights but the generator does not have enough amperage to run a show.

He said the remainder of Wynonna's schedule and the theater's 50th anniversary season don't mesh, so the show won't be rescheduled. However, Wynonna has promised to come back next year. Longo said ticket holders to Saturday's show will get their money back.

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Richard and Dyan Kurtz make a marathon effort for diabetes

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

FIREWORKS

Hello Cohasset. I am sure that all of you are talking about the ways you spent your Fourth of July this year. Who would have thought that we would have our very own set of "fireworks" this past weekend with those amazing storms. I am hoping that all of you were safe and sound over the weekend and also on the Fourth and all enjoyed the celebrations, parades and fireworks wherever you were. Please send in some news about it as well as any photos of friends, family or other Cohasset people to share.

SAFETY DAY

I just wanted to say a huge thanks to all of the wonderful men and women in uniform who came to the Cohasset Recreations Safety Day last Friday. I was very happy to see so many wonderful people coming together to show the children so many wonderful rescue vehicles and then provide lunch for them all. The kids were all having a great time and for them to be able to see everyone working together in a non-threatening environment and climb all over the equipment really gave them a great sense of who and what these people are all about. Great job to all of you who helped plan this great day and make it a day for all the children to remember!

MUSIC RECITAL



Music students of Sue Thompson recently held their semi-annual recital at the Beechwood Congregational Church. Pictured are: Top Row: Annie Berrard, Joey Gratta, Brittany Novak and Amanda Thompson Middle Row: Franky Wheelwright, Lara Novak, Amanda Hurd, Natalie Hunt, Corrina Durham, Kyle DeSisto and Molly Gallagher Bottom Row: Julia Thompson, William Kingsbury, Julia Canney, Vanessa Durham, Neil Durham and Kerry McCabe Students unable to attend were Zachary Cadman, Ireane Cadman and Ellie Tedeschi.

COLBY HONORS

Colby College wanted us to know that **Jessie L. Zerendow** and **Caitlin E. Slodden** were named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2000-01 school year.

Jessie, a member of the Class of 2004 is the daughter of **Donald and Victoria Zerendow,** and her major is international studies. Caitlin, also a freshman, is the daughter of **Henry and Karen Slodden,** and has a major in anthropology and a minor in women's studies and science, technology and society. Great work, ladies!

COOKIE SELLER

Marie Gilman, a first grader from Cohasset, was the top cookie salesgirl in our town. Marie sold quite a lot of cookies! Great job, Marie!

BABSON GRADUATES

We have two new graduates from Babson College from our town. **Karen D. Niessink**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Jan Niessink** and **Mark E. Whitman**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Whitman** both graduated in May, 2001 with bachelor of science degrees in business administration. More great news for us all to see, congratulations to you both!

OFF TO HARVARD

The St. Paul School of Concord, N.H. held its graduation exercises recently and **Nicholas "Carter" Noon** of Cohasset was among the students. Carter, son of **Nick and Connie Noon**, received his diploma *magna cum laude* with distinction in languages. He was awarded the Charles and Benjamin Cheney Goodwin Prize for excellence in the classics. Carter enrolled in the school in the Fourth Form.(tenth grade.) Carter has received many awards and will attendHarvard University in the fall. All that hard work sure paid off Carter. Fantastic news.

UMASS DEGREES

At UMass Boston, we had several Cohasset students receive degrees at the 33rd Commencement Exercises held on June 2, 2001. **Paul J. O'Leary** received a bachelor of arts degree and **Mary Ann Cushing, Angela K. Walsh** and **Maureen E. Jerz** received graduate degrees. Great job to you all and the best of luck in your futures.

PROUD PARENTS

Christy and Andrea Mihos are two very proud parents who had some great news to share about their children. Their daughter **Ashley**, graduated from St. George's School in Newport, R.I. and has been admitted to Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Ashley played ice hockey, field hockey and lacrosse at St. George's and hopes to play varsity ice hockey at Colby.

Christy and Andrea's son, also **Christy,** graduated from Derby Academy last month. Christy was awarded the Derby Academy Pin, Derby's highest honor which is awarded by the faculty. He was also awarded the Latin Prize, the William Russell Ice Hockey Award and The Coach's Award in Lacrosse. Christy served as captain of the varsity ice hockey team and varsity lacrosse team and captain of the Derby Darks, also as editor of the Derby Spirit, the school newspaper. He has been admitted to St. George's School in Newport in the Fall. What a great list of accomplishments!



St. Paul Headmaster Bishop Craig Anderson and Carter Noon, who heads to Harvard in the fall.



Richard and Dyan Kurtz completed the Kona Hawaii marathon to raise money for diabetes research.



Marie Gilman, was the top cookie seller.

MARATHON EFFORT

Congratulations to **Richard and Dyan Kurtz**! Dyan, winner of the female division of the Cohasset Road Race, and Richard, a cancer survivor, completed their first marathon in Kona, Hawaii to raise money for diabetes research. They both finished in about four hours. A few days later on a beach at sunset, they exchanged vows and are returning home as husband and wife. Congratulations – your family, friends and all of Cohasset is proud of you!

Donations can still be made to the American Diabetes Assoc., c/o Richard and Dyan Kurtz, PO Box 622, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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Cohasset professor wins Harvard teaching award

By Rick Collins
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When Ubaldo DiBenedetto was a young college student in Italy in the mid 20th Century, European universities hadn't progressed much over the last few hundred years.

"Universities in Italy and the U.S. were so different it was like night and day," he remembered of the contrast when he came to Boston as a foreign exchange student. "It was still a very medieval approach where the professors are on a pedestal and very few can reach up and touch them. Here in the U.S., we called them by their first name. It was very informal, and in so doing, you have a better way of reaching the students, you can talk to them, find out what they know, what their aspirations are."

It was those differences that made DiBenedetto take a personal pledge.

"I decided that if I ever reached teaching at the college level that I would never bring with me memories of my days in an Italian university," he said.

The pledge worked.

This past May, DiBenedetto received the "Excellence in Teaching" award from Harvard University, for his work in the institution's continuing education department.

"I never imagined this," he said recently after receiving the award at Harvard's 350th commencement exercises. "I never thought it possible that one day I would be chosen, but there it is. The dean called me up and told me personally. That was quite an honor."

Since 1980, the Jerusalem Road resident has taught myriad courses focusing on Italian culture and studies. His most recent course — taught completely in Italian — concentrates on Italian art of the Renaissance and its links to literature and philosophy.

"We look at a particular painting not only from its artistic merits, but from the various point of views illustrated, such as landscape," he explained. "For example, landscape is important because it goes back to one of the Italian poets, Virgil, who idolized the landscape."

Over the years, his courses have counted art majors, graduate students, Ph.D.s, and fellow professors in their ranks – most of whom give DiBenedetto rave reviews.

"In this business you have to stay busy or you won't stay for long."
— Ubaldo DiBenedetto

He said his evaluations have averaged 4.2 points out of a possible five, and this past year, he received a perfect score.

"My last group of students did write a letter to the Dean telling them what they experienced in the class," said DiBenedetto. "That must have been some letter."

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a meteorologist in order to stay in the country after graduating from Northeastern University. He subsequently collected master's degrees from Bridgewater State College in education, Middlebury College in Spanish, and a doctorate from the University of Madrid in comparative literature.

DiBenedetto started out teaching high school Spanish and Italian in Hull, but soon moved up to teaching college courses. "I had ideas for articles and books and teaching college gave me the opportunity and the time to research," he explained.

He moved on to teach college courses at the College of the Sacred Heart, Boston College, University of Massachusetts, and finally Harvard, during which time he has written three books on the Renaissance, nine essays on Renaissance poetry, a Spanish/English dictionary, and just recently published a novel called "Polar Day 9," with Berkeley Press. He said the book is about a meteorologist, who finds a way to reroute the Gulf Stream to save the world from darkness after an earthquake releases sunlight-blocking gasses.

"In this business you have to stay busy or you won't stay for long," he said.

DiBenedetto said it was about 10 years ago, while teaching a class on Italian short stories and current events, that Dean Raymond Comeau approached him about creating a class exploring the synthesis of all Italian art movements.

He said he was given the time to go to Venice and study the great Venetian works of art.

"I started teaching it about five years ago and it's been very successful."

In between the constant work and travel, DiBenedetto, who recently returned from another trip abroad, found time to become a familiar face in the Cohasset arts circle since moving to town in 1958. He served as president of the South Shore Arts Center from 1981-1984, and helped raise the initial funds to move the gallery to the current building on Ripley Road. He also has been involved with the Cohasset Dramatic Club, as a past-president, director and make-up artist.

DiBenedetto, a flutist, was also an original member of the Rusty Skippers, the town band. "There was a conflict with rehearsal time, and I had to leave," he said. "I miss them very much, and hope to join with them again next year."

His wife, Delia, taught at the Osgood School for 36 years until her recent retirement. "We could hardly go outside without someone with gray hair coming up to us, saying 'Hi, Mrs. DiBenedetto, you were my teacher,'" he joked.

They had no children, but said he's fed a crow named Fred for a long time. "For 15 years he's been a friend of mine," he said.

DiBenedetto's next project could be writing a tourist guide for Cohasset, as he gushes over the beauty of the town.

"I don't think I've seen a better looking town anywhere in the world," he says unprovoked. He quotes from a New York Times travel section story that called the stretch of water-front road from the end of Forest Avenue to Central Cemetery on Jerusalem Road, the most beautiful stretch for jogging in the country.

"When I go for a walk, I look at the sky and say 'Thank you for this gift,'" said DiBenedetto. "Its unreal to be surrounded by this beauty and the civility of the people. It's just incredible."

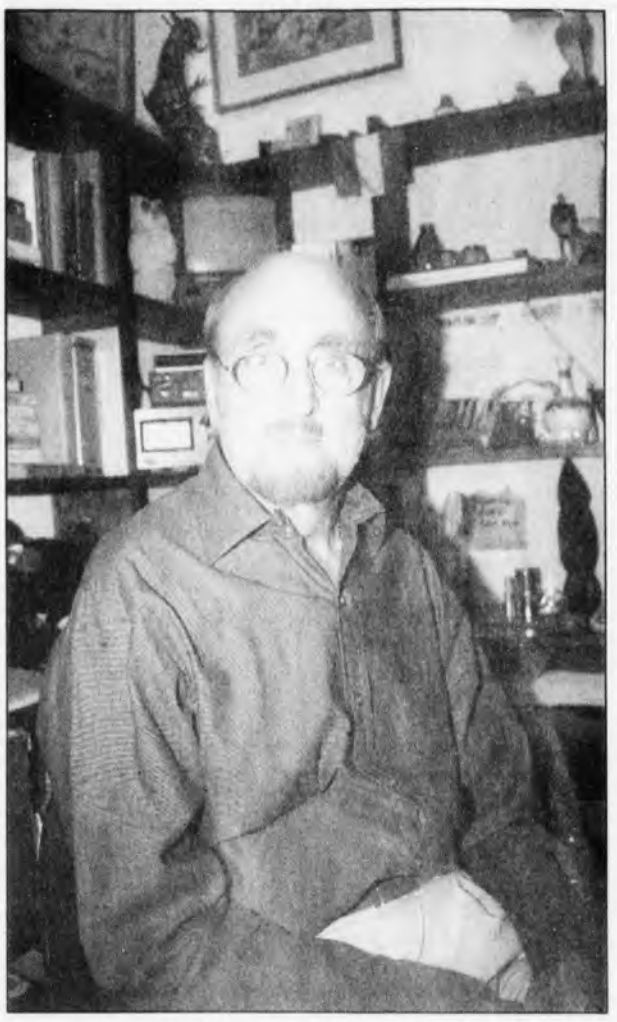


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Ubaldo DiBenedetto, whom Harvard has recognized for excellence in teaching, relaxes in his Jerusalem Road home.

AROUND TOWN

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FINE ARTS

The Massachusetts College of Art had two Cohasset Students receive degrees in its commencement service held on May 18. **Amy Silvia** was awarded a bachelor of fine arts in 3D Fine Arts and **Andrew J. Henry,** who has an open major, was awarded a bachelor of fine arts Open Major. Congratulation to both of you!

SIMMONS GRAD

Barbara T. Davenport, a Cohasset resident, recently graduated from Simmons College with a master's degree in social work. Great job, Barbara.

BABYSITTING COURSE

The South Shore Community Center held a babysitting course this past spring and several fine young people graduated from it. **Steffi Belz, Abby Foley, Catie Gaumer, Lauren Johnson, Andrew Liberty** and **Page Strecker all** did beautifully. Parents, keep these names in mind! Congratulations.

GOFF NEWS

Courtney Goff, daughter of **Ed and Jane Goff** is a recent graduate of Assumption College in Worcester. Courtney was a business major and will be working for State Street Corporation. **Ted Goff**, just completed his second year at Boston College, Carroll School of Management and earned dean's list recognition.

PSO THANKS

The Cohasset PSO would like to thank all of the families who made pledges and donations in the recent Phone-A-Thon. Please look for the envelopes that are coming to you in mail and make sure to get them sent in as soon as you can.

GIRL SCOUT AWARD

Kristen James of Cohasset recently completed her Girl Scout Silver award which is the second highest award earned in scouting. Kristen achieved this by running a troop of unplaced third-grade girls and showed them all about brownie scouting. What a wonderful thing for you to do for these girls, Kristen! Congratulations on this wonderful honor.

LATIN AWARDS

Chuck Kelly received a Silver Medal at a recent academic awards ceremony at B.C. High for his outstanding performance in the National Latin Exam.

Likewise, his younger brother **Patrick** received a Certificate of Merit for his performance in the National Latin Exam as well as the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence at a recent academic awards ceremony at Catholic Memorial. Chuck and Patrick are the sons of **Charles and Marie Kelly** of FairOaks Lane and they are both very proud of you, Chuck and Patrick. Great job!

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

I would like to send a very special Birthday wish out to **Mr. Fred "Bud" Piepenbrink** who recently had his birthday. We all love you a lot, Papa!

That is all for this week. Please send in all the wonderful news to me no later than Mondays at noon. You can get it to me in one of the following ways:

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Lightning safety

Saturday evening's electrical storm and a repeat performance Sunday provided us with a spectacular display of lightning in the dark sky. But while "fireworks" were going off all around us — we also rightly feared the awesome power of lightning with its thousands of volts of electricity.

What you may not know is lightning is the number two storm killer in the country, killing more than hurricanes or tornadoes on average, according to lightning expert William P. Roeder of Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. Only floods kill more. But, Roeder says, the real story of lightning isn't the deaths — it's the injuries. Only about 10 percent of those struck are killed — survivors often suffer severe injury and disability. Lightning also causes about $5 billion in economic losses each year.

If you can see lightning and/or hear thunder, you may already be at risk. Louder and more frequent thunder means that lightning activity is approaching, increasing the risk or injury or death. If the time delay between seeing the flash and hearing the bang is less than 30 seconds, you should be in, or seek a safer location.

A good time to go over lightning safety is while the weekend storms are still fresh in our minds. The safety tips provided here are from the National Lightning Safety Institute, an independent, non-profit, consulting, education and research organization, based in Louisville, Colo.

- If you are planning to be outside, watch or listen to the weather forecast beforehand to ascertain if thunderstorms are likely.
- Plan in advance your evacuation and safety measures. When you first see lightning or hear thunder, activate your emergency plan and go to a building or a vehicle. Lightning often precedes rain; so don't wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities.
- If outdoors, avoid water, avoid the high ground, avoid tall isolated objects, and avoid open spaces. Avoid all metal objects including electric wires, fences, machinery, motors and power tools. Unsafe places include canopies, small picnic or rain shelters, baseball dugouts, flag poles, light poles, bleachers, metal fences, convertibles, cars with fiberglass shells, golf carts and trees. Where possible find shelter in a substantial building, such as a typical house or public building, or in a fully enclosed metal vehicle such as a car, truck or van with the windows completely shut. Avoid contact with metal or conducting surfaces outside or inside the vehicle.
- If lightning is striking nearby when you are outside, you should, crouch down, put your feet together and place your hands over ears to minimize hearing damage from thunder. You should avoid proximity (about 15 ft.) to other people.
- If indoors, avoid water. Stay away from doors and windows. Do not use the telephone. Take off headsets. Turn off, unplug, and stay away from appliances, computers, power tools and TV sets. Lightning may strike exterior electric and phone lines, inducing shocks to inside equipment. Avoid taking a shower, washing your hands, doing dishes or having any contact with conducive surfaces such as metal door or window frames, electrical wiring, telephone wiring and plumbing.
- Suspend activities for 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder.
- Injured persons do not carry an electrical charge and can be handled safely. Apply first aid procedures — CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation — to a lightning victim if you are qualified to do so. Deaths from lightning are from cardiac arrest and stopped breathing at the time of the strike. Call 911 or send for help immediately.

For more on lightning safety, contact the Web site, www.lightningsafety.com.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Festival thanks!

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the South Shore Art Center and its Board of Directors, we would like to thank the hundreds of people who made the 46th Annual Festival on the Common a huge success.

We had more than 200 volunteer hours coordinated by Marianne Lynner and Andrea Giroux—and filled by over 100 area residents—thank you all. Special thanks to Beth Myers West of Springbrook Toys who put together a terrific art program for kids on Sunday and Linda Bolster who single-handedly runs the kids activities each year.

We can't possibly thank everyone without starting our own publication, but we'd like to thank the people who help us pull together the countless details that ensure a great success: Vince Longo, South Shore Music Circus; Mary Foley; Mark Haddad, Ellen Weir, and Joe Godzik at Town Hall; Chief Noonan and Sergeant Jackson; Rod Hobson at the First Parish Church; Cohasset Greenery, Reeds Country Way; Steve Biagini and the "not-so" Rusty Skippers; Margo Euler and the Broad Cove Chorale; Hingham Woodwind Quintet; Wallace St John; Pat Cannon; Glenn Pratt; Cohasset DPW; Debbie and John Flanagan, Edward Jones Investments; Andrea and Joe Kinnealey, Kinnealey Meats; Anthony and Lydia Everett; Lorraine Bachman/Catering on the Rocks; Sarah Roche; Scituate Boy Scouts, Troop 5; Dan Belz and Atlantic Bagel & Deli; Ronnie Goodwin at Goodwin Graphics; Graham Waste Services; Mullaney's Fish Market; Cohasset Brownie Troop #4774, Susan Butler and Tracy Fredey. Thanks also to Hingham Institution for Savings; Megan, Caroline & Chris Pratt; Peapod; and Plymouth County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Festival principal sponsors—Atlantica Restaurant, Matrix2000, Community Newspaper Company, and Fleet—make it possible for the Art Center to present a Festival that not only showcases great art, but also celebrates the process of making art and the wonderful community of the South Shore. A million thanks to everyone.

Sarah Hannan, acting executive director
Diane Kennedy, festival coordinator
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CRC says thanks for helpful letters

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, I would like to thank the various officials, town boards and organizations that wrote letters in support of two recent grant applications submitted in reference to Cohasset Common. The CRC assisted the town in the submission of these applications to the Department of Environmental Management and the Massachusetts Historical Commission for the purpose of developing a Landscape Preservation Plan for Cohasset Common.

Under the direction of the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, the grant will provide financial resources to hire a landscape preservation architect to develop a preservation plan to address such items as tree and greenspace re-planting and maintenance; enhancement of walkway conditions and accessibility; and the development of a public parking approach which protects the integrity and walkway accessibility of the common landscape. In addition, the preservation plan will coincide with preliminary planning efforts by the CRC to bury the overhead utility lines around the commons edge.

Letters of support from the following officials, town boards and organizations were submitted with the grant applications.

Senator Robert L. Hedlund, Representative Garrett Bradley, Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, David Wadsworth - Curator of the Cohasset Historical Society, Historical Commission, Board of Selectmen, Department of Public Works, Planning Board, Open Space Committee, Village Revitalization Task Force, Cohasset Elder Affairs, Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, Community Garden Club of Cohasset, South Shore Community Center, First Parish, Second Congregational Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Though these grant programs tend to be very competitive, this level of support helped to convey the value the town places on preserving and protecting this community treasure.

Dean Rizzo
Executive Director
Cohasset Revitalization Corporation

COHASSET CARES

'Coincidences' are part of the plan

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

They say there are no coincidences and I really do believe it — "coincidences" are part of a big plan. Here's today's.

Being Wednesday, and like most of us finding it a long time from Sunday to the middle of the week when we're still trying to come to grips with the typically-American problem of waste, today meant a trip to the RTF — after buying some PAYT bags from Tina at Cohasset Hardware and hearing her say she had run out and had to obtain more and my wishing her well with this new endeavor.

'Compost Happens'... for some time I've thought that phrase would be an excellent bumper sticker.

We have a three-compartment lazy susan under the kitchen counter for recyclables, but of course we really need a total of six compartments to handle things. We'll eventually get fully organized. At any rate, I sorted my recyclables in the driveway. Times I have gone to the RTF without having stuff organized beforehand, have not been good. It dawned on me that it would be sensible to put sorted recyclables in black gold (compost) containers.

As I was shoveling my compost, another citizen backed up his truck and mentioned to me that he was wearing the right T-shirt for the job. It said, "Compost Happens." I exclaimed and exclaimed, because for some time I've thought that phrase would be an excellent bumper sticker. Needless to say I was quite jealous and I'm going to be on the lookout.

When the mailman arrived, I found I had received a letter from an alert and caring friend. In the envelope was the June 17 New York Sunday Times article, "A Land Rush for Compost in the City," replete with photos of people eagerly scooping up "30-gallon gifts from the sanitation department." The article is fascinating. Latecomers who heard about the giveaway, but found the black gold all gone when they arrived, actually cried. I'm running out of space, but I will include the Web site listed in the article: www.soilfoodweb.com. The article concludes by saying "Some municipalities offer free compost." See you next time.

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Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of Cohasset Recycling Committee

MARINER ON THE STREET

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—Joe Curley, Pond Street



"I think it's good."
— Albert Sullivan, Church Street



"I think it's long overdue."
— Helen Pratt, Sohier Street



"I'm all in favor of it."
— Andrew Quigley, with Kate

LIBRARY CORNER



Summer programs

The first of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library's summer programs enjoyed a packed house with an unexpected double performance by Betty Green, The Music Lady, and Big Ryan, the Teller of Tall Tales. More than 50 children and adults sang and accompanied the two professional performers.

Look for future library programs beginning Monday, July 9, at 7 p.m. when the New England Opera Theater performs the Lyrical Library Tour. This program will feature songs from well-known stories for children.

Matt Tavares joins the line-up Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m., as he talks about how he wrote and illustrated his book, "Zachary's Ball." Copies of his book will be available for purchase and author signing.

Then come in later in the month of July for Burt the Raccoon Puppet Show July 24, an exhibit July 31 presented by New England Reptile, and Aug. 7 Magic for Muggles. More to follow on these programs. Call the library at 781-383-1348 to sign up or for more information.

Puzzle Club

A summer tradition continues with the Puzzle Club conducted by Deer Hill School librarian, Marge Murphy. This fun-loving group is open to children in grades 3 to 5 Monday nights at 7 p.m. beginning July 16. All are welcome.

Goodbye party

A wonderful combined retirement and farewell party was held for Susan Watrous, librarian at the Paul Pratt for 31 years and Suzanne Terry, children's librarian for 15 years, at the home of Friends of the Library President, Linda Wakeman, Friday, June 15.

Rep. Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham) presented both librarians with commendations for their years of service. Watrous was given a gift of a kayak and paddle all purchased through funds of the Friends and Trustees of the library. Terry was presented with a framed picture of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library painted by local artist JoAnne Chittick, also provided by the Friends of the Library and Trustees.

Many friends, family and community members attended the late afternoon party on a beautiful sunny afternoon with a stunning Atlantic Ocean backdrop. Many thanks to all who contributed to the hors d'oeuvres and festivities.

We wish two of our favorite librarians best of luck with their new endeavors be it a new job or messing around the Gulf River. We'll miss you.

HEALTH NOTES

Some thoughts on train's health effects

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A few years ago, at the funeral of his father, Eddy Bursk, a longtime resident of Cohasset, in his eulogy, mentioned a trip to Greenbush he had made with his father in his youth. Few of us remember the old Greenbush line, but the spirit of Greenbush pervades the town, and few are neutral about Greenbush.

What, you may say, has the Greenbush issue to do with health?

After several years on the Board of Health, one could conclude that there are few issues in town which don't in some way affect the health of its citizens. There will be those who say that the diesel smoke, or the noise are health issues, but the greatest contributors to the brown haze (smog) we see when we look out over Mass Bay on windless days comes from vehicles and power plants.

The suggestion has been made that electrified rails would reduce diesel emissions. Hypothetical calculations go something like this: A suburban diesel train is a 2500 to 3000 HP vehicle. This is equivalent to ten 300 HP trucks or about 30 cars with working emission controls. Assume the train has four cars, each carrying 80 passengers or 320 people. According to the MBTA, without trains, 20 percent of the ridership would otherwise be driving into town, 64 people in cars. Using two people in each car, emissions from trains would be about equivalent to emissions from cars. By a similar series of calculations, electrifying the rails would save about half the emissions if natural gas were used in the most efficient power plant available to generate the electricity. I leave it to the reader to figure which is healthier: car or train.

Rails with Trails

A more interesting potential health benefit would be use of the right of way along the tracks as a site for a bicycle and foot path. We know we are an over-weight nation. A so-called Rails with Trails plan is gathering interest in 20 states nationwide and would be a real public health plus.

Mark Fenton of Scituate has proposed such a program to the MBTA, and despite an initial cool reaction, he says (Scituate Mariner, June 24) "There is reason to believe the T may be more responsive to this idea than ever before. The trail, properly patrolled by police and allowing no access to the rail bed itself, could serve as a buffer between the rain line and the surrounding residential areas."

The trail, according to Fenton, will reduce traffic and parking requirements in Greenbush and North Scituate because more potential riders will be able to get to the station following the path on foot or bicycle." Continuing the trail into Cohasset is a logical extension that would allow safe travel on foot on a bicycle between the two Towns. Something not available today.

Fenton also believes that safety along the stretch of tracks will increase with the trail as well. "Now you can allow surveillance (along the tracks)," he said, noting that the trail will prevent kids from hanging out along the tracks because there will be police supervision. "You can encourage lawful use and increase the safety."

More on beach odors

It seems that the more one learns about a subject, the more complicated it gets. After numerous calls and conversations about odors, blaming birds for the smell at Sandy Beach, (Mariner, June 28) was probably a bad idea. One long-time resident near the beach is certain that the smell comes from the seaweed buried at the beach. The day after a winter northeaster seaweed as high as three feet has been observed at the southeast end of the beach, which many say is the origin of the smell. Normally, the prevailing southwest winds should recover much of the beach with sand from the dunes behind the beach during the summer, a process which has been impeded by the road and parking lot. It is therefore necessary to artificially redistribute the sand, a chore done by the DPW.

This year the beach cleanup was delayed because a complaint to the Conservation Commission prohibited a cleanup until a Notice of Intent was filed with the State at considerable cost to the Association. According to Robin Lawrence, president of the Sandy Beach Association, and valued member of the BoH, the seaweed is required to be buried because of environmental regulations. It could well be that the delay in cleanup, followed by appropriate weather conditions permitted the release of odors from the seaweed. Incidentally several people have indicated that the beach seaweed is good for gardens. Perhaps after each northeaster, we could issue a seaweed alert.

Steve Bobo is Chairman of the Board of Health.

Adams' rightful place in history

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Now you might think that after a life in the political trenches that included helping to design the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution and negotiating alliances with friends and peace treaties with enemies, John Adams, the old lawyer from Braintree, would be allowed to rest in honored peace.

And you might think that, some 200 years after he retired to his home in Quincy, leaving not a trace of his presence behind in Washington, a move by Congressman Bill Delahunt and Senators Ted Kennedy and John Kerry to memorialize the second president in stone in the nation's capital would be greeted with unanimous acclaim.

But no . . .

Last week, the lone dissenter, in the person of columnist Tom Oliphant of the Globe — the Boston, not the National — appeared to challenge a proposal had been enthusiastically received by everyone to the right of William McKinley and to the left of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin.

Tom's gripe with the Founding Father is something called the Alien and Sedition Acts, which were passed in 1798 during John's watch over the federal government, which was then only 11 years old if you count the time from the passage of the Constitution.

"This 1798 offense against freedom, the Constitution, and political morality is a disqualifying action by any historical figure for whom the political equivalent of beatification is being sought," fumed Tom. "It is especially so in the absence if accomplishment of such surpassing and enduring value that they place such reprehensible behavior in acceptable context."

Why, you'd think that old John had raped the maid, murdered the butler, and fled to Brazil with the U. S. Treasury. (On second thought, only the rape is a capital crime any more.)

Actually, the Alien and Sedition Acts were laws aimed at French revolutionaries that made immigration difficult, permitted the president to deport or imprison dangerous aliens and lock up anyone who committed "scandalous and malicious writing" against the United States government.

They were never enforced.

Now, I'm not a conspiracy freak, although I do think that Abe Lincoln was shot from that grassy knoll in the second balcony at Ford's Theater, but I think that Tom, who is known to be a friend of Bill and Hillary, was actually directing his fire at George H. W. Bush — or "George 41," as he is known to those who count the presidents.

The similarity of the Adamses, father and son, to the Bushes is phenomenal.

Both Adamses and both Bushes followed presidents who were larger than life. George Washington had a state, several cities, and thousands of streets named after him. Ronald Reagan, only 13 years after he left office, already has an airport and an aircraft carrier named for him, and his idolaters even now are checking on what else is available.

Both George 41 and John 2 were rusticated by the voters after one term and succeeded by men whose lives would have to be heavily edited before they appeared in the Open Road for Boys. Tom Jefferson liked to dally among the slave girls, and Bill Clinton liked to dally with anyone who wore skirts.

Their sons, George 43 and John Quincy 6, were elected president over men who got more votes than they did. George was named by a partisan decision of the Supreme Court, and John Quincy was named by a partisan vote of the House of Representatives. John Quincy served only one four-year term.

Maybe that's what Tom Oliphant had in the subliminal recesses of his mind when he attacked John Adams.

Avian health hazards - medical, man-made, and mosquito-borne

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON



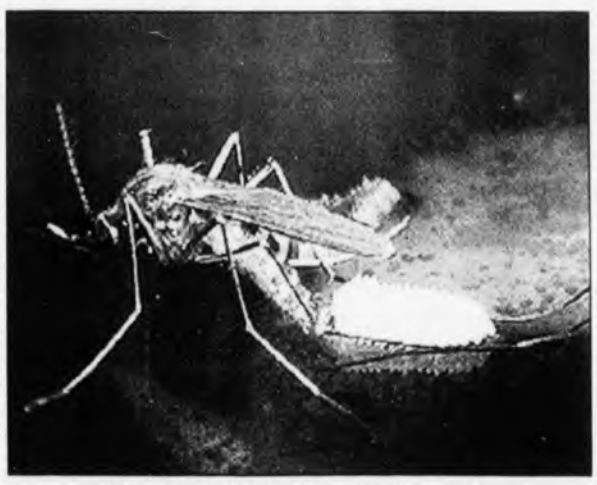
Humans succumb to disease, die accidental deaths and experience a range of hazards in their lives. The same thing happens to birds. They become ill with a variety of bacterial, viral and fungal diseases. Although healthy birds can safely carry some parasites, very heavy infestation can be a serious problem. Predation, flying into windows to chase a reflection mistakenly thought to be a competitor, pesticides, oil spills, fishing lines, and plastic rings from drink cans are all threats.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service estimates 40 million birds are killed annually nationwide.

Aspergillosis is a very common fungal disease of the respiratory system, which is contracted through contaminated food and dirty bird feeders. Botulism, a form of food poisoning causing paralysis, is one of the most deadly bacterial diseases to afflict birds, especially waterfowl. Most research on avian diseases has been done on poultry, because of the economic consequences. More needs to be done on wild birds.

Outbreaks of an intestinal disease called *salmonellosis* occasionally occur, particularly where large flocks of birds feed together on the ground. There was a significant outbreak among songbirds in the northeast in 1998. There are some 2000 strains of bacterial salmonella, which gets its name from Daniel Salmon who identified the pathogen and was the first graduate of Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in about 1876. Any time you notice sick or dying birds around your feeders, it is a good idea to clean them out with soap and water, then rinse with a 10 percent bleach solution. It may be necessary to remove the feeders temporarily to break the cycle. Since humans can be infected by salmonella as well, be sure to take precautions when cleaning dirty feeders.

In recent years, a bacterium called *mycoplasma gallisepticum* has caused a respiratory disease with accompanying conjunctivitis in House Finches. Goldfinches and a few other wild birds also get this disease, but it is not a threat to humans. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has a continent-wide network of volunteer birdwatchers collecting data on feeder birds every year between November and April, giving it an excellent means for studying this disease. Their data have recently been published, showing that when dense colonies of House Finches became infected, their populations dropped, then stabilized at approximately 40 percent of their original total numbers. To see maps showing the incidence of this disease nationwide, or to find out how to report birds at your feeder with crusted or swollen eyes, visit the web site http://birds.cornell.edu/hofi/.



Culex mosquito laying eggs. Infected culex mosquitoes are known to transmit the West Nile virus.

The proliferation of cell phones, pagers, and digital television is well recognized. These devices require communications towers for transmitting signals. In the year 2000, there were 77,000 towers in the US, most of which are lighted as required by the FCC for towers over 200 feet. These lights attract and confuse birds migrating at night, causing them to collide with towers, guy wires, and even other birds. A report released by the American Bird Conservancy last year documented the deaths of hundreds of thousands of birds, involving 230 species. Over 50 of these species are either endangered or threatened. The US Fish and Wildlife Service estimates 40 million birds are killed annually nationwide. Bundling multiple antennae on a single tower, building shorter towers, and using white strobe lights instead of continuously burning red lights are a few suggestions for mitigating this hazardous situation. The FCC regulates towers, but has nothing in its environmental review process concerning the effects of towers on migrating birds.

In 1911, Calbreath Rodgers was the first pilot to fly across the United States from the East Coast to the West Coast. After this historic flight, he was killed in a demonstration flight when his plane collided with a flock of gulls. Fatal crashes between birds and airplanes over the years have been rare, but tragic. More common occurrences are BASHes, or Bird Aircraft Strike Hazards, which cause physical damage to aircraft. Airports go to great lengths to discourage birds from congregating on its fields. Noisemakers, distress calls broadcast over loudspeakers, routing planes away from migration flyways, and even falconry where falcons are released to chase blackbirds, are all methods that have been employed.

Periodically, there are news reports about West Nile virus infections and Lyme Disease. The West Nile virus causes West Nile encephalitis, a disease of the brain. Infectious mosquitoes of the Culex type transmit the virus through blood-drawing bites to humans and to birds and other animals. The virus can only be transmitted is by the bite of an infected mosquito, never directly from person to person. The West Nile virus first appeared in the United States in 1999 in New York City where a number of people subsequently died from encephalitis. Last year in Hingham the West Nile virus was found in 13 dead crows, but not in any humans. So far this year there have been no reports of West Nile infection, according to the Board of Health.

Lyme disease is caused by a *spirochetal* bacterium called *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which is carried by deer ticks. The hosts for deer ticks, which are no larger than the head of a pin, include mice, deer and birds. Tick bites transmit the infection to humans who may develop flu-like symptoms, a circular area of red rash, or muscle or joint pain.

These symptoms are not necessarily unique to Lyme disease, making the diagnosis very difficult. Lyme disease is treatable with antibiotics. Without prompt therapy, serious arthritic problems, or even cardiac or nervous system disorders may develop.

Birders eventually end up walking through tick-infested grass or going places where mosquitoes reign. It therefore makes good sense to wear long sleeves and pants for protection. Wearing white socks outside your pants makes it easier to find ticks. Of course, if mosquitoes become too obnoxious, you can resort to bug repellent. It does not need to be a matter of always staying inside, just a matter of using appropriate defenses and a little common sense.

Joanne Norton is a licensed bird-bander, avid birder, and a member of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force.

Town legal budget in the black

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struction projects.

Cohasset Harbor Marina also is a familiar litigant with the town. The marina is involved in four lawsuits, mainly surrounding its 1999 expansion in Bailey's Creek. It also sued the town for allegedly installing town moorings in its part of the creek.

Other litigation includes a matter regarding the eminent domain taking on Bear Hill for the new town water tank; a denied permit to expand a business on Hull Street; whether a retaining wall in considered a structure and requires a setback; a counter-suit regarding the attempt to develop the former Eastern Edison site on North Main Street; the seating allowance at the Olde Salt House; planning board approval of a development of Jerusalem Road; and town damage to private property.

A few cases have either since been resolved, or will be shortly. However, a new batch of lawsuits have been filed since town counsel compiled the list in January as part of its annual report.

The town spent $265,000 in legal fees in 1999, and $175,000 in 2000.

Changes in affordable housing law

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pose of Chapter 40B.

The controversial changes were widely supported by suburban representatives whose towns had been handcuffed by comprehensive permits. If a community has less than 10 percent of its housing stock "affordable," then a developer can file for a comprehensive permit which allows him to skirt that community's zoning and density laws, provided that 25 percent of the proposed housing units are deeded "affordable housing." The state uses a formula to determine the what constitutes affordable housing.

Bradley said the approved amendments would help deal with some of the problems suburban towns have experienced.

"What urban representatives don't understand is that if a developer is turned down, they come back with a comprehensive permit which the town's infrastructure can't handle. So the town has to back off, and no affordable housing units get built," explained Bradley. "It's really used more as a threat."

He added, "Suburban communities aren't against affordable housing, but the statute isn't being used as it was intended."

Also in the passed amendment was a bill Bradley supported that would set up a committee consisting of members from the House, Senate and housing advocates that would reexamine how affordable housing is defined under the law. The joint committee would also require the state Housing Appeals Committee, which rules over comprehensive permit disputes, to explicitly state what regulations it takes into consideration when debating a case. The joint committee will then rule whether those regulations are appropriate and report back to the legislature.

He said he has asked Speaker of the House Thomas Finneran to be placed on that committee.

The house also voted to ease the burden that would be placed on towns with less than 3 percent of their housing affordable.

Bradley said the initial amendment would have required a town like to Cohasset to raise its amount of affordable housing by two percentage points in two years, and up to five percent within four years. If the town failed, it could be faced with state sanctions.

He said, as originally written, it would have punished towns under the 3 percent mark, but not the towns between the 3 and 5 percent mark.

The revised amendment requires all communities below five percent to raise their affordable housing stock by a total of two percentage points in three years. If not, the state will make recommendations as to how to help the town get above the mark.

"Rather than sanction arbitrarily, they come back to the legislature with suggestions how to help them move," Bradley said.

Other passed amendments include one that would require a longer "cooling-off" period for a developer denied a building permit. Instead of being able to come back six months after being turned and filing a comprehensive permit, the developer has to wait a year. Also, any housing units deeded as "affordable housing" have to remain so for 40 years, instead of the 10 or 15 now required. Bradley said towns also have the ability to negotiate to have the houses deeded affordable for perpetuity.

The changes must first be approved in the Senate and then by Acting-Governor Jane Swift before becoming law.

Bradley said he received a lot of help and input from Haddad and his district's planning boards.

He also reiterated that the changes aren't meant to gut the "anti-snob zoning laws," but instead make them work better.

"We're not opposed to it, but urban legislators have to understand that Chapter 40B works differently out here, than it does in Quincy and Lowell and Boston," he said. "Some people might call it anti-affordable housing but I don't agree. Any law that's 32 years old and involves developing land should be relooked at.

"We're trying to remove the element of suing Chapter 40B as a threat, and instead making it work as the original bill intended."

Although Cohasset doesn't currently have an comprehensive permits before the zoning board, Avalon Bay Communities has had an informal meeting with town officials to discuss a possible 250-unit apartment complex off Route 3A, at the former Norfolk Conveyor site (across from Atlantic Bagel). A parcel of land on top a granite ledge off Beach Street has also been rumored to be eyed for a large development. Two comprehensive permit projects came before the zoning board in 1989 and 1990, but neither were built.

Hingham lumber yard eyeing Route 3A move

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the number of parking spaces on the property. Town bylaw requires one parking space for every 100 square feet of retail space.

Zoning board chairman Woody Chittick expects Hingham Lumber will argue that its drive-through parking spaces should count toward its stationary space count.

The plan calls for a total of 210 parking spaces on the property; 170 around the retail and showroom building, and 40 inside the drive-in warehouse, as well as eight employee spaces. There will also be room to expand the parking lot of 53 spaces, if needed in the future.

Chittick said he didn't expect the plan to become a big issue with the zoning board.

An impetus for the move is that the current Hingham Lumber site on Summer Street in Hingham is being eyed by the MBTA for the Nantasket Junction station as part of the Greenbush commuter rail restoration project. Although the project hasn't even reached the 30 percent design completion mark, all current plans show for a 400-space parking lot and station on the site.

The MBTA is able to grab the land by eminent domain, but has to pay fair market value for the taking.

Light turnout on first day of new town trash program

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A number of rebuffed residents returned a few minutes later after purchasing the bags at the Department of Public Works building around the corner.

"This is ridiculous," said one upset resident.

Guarente, a Cohasset resident, backs the PAYT plan, because of how people abused the old system. He said he once found a guy trying to dump a refrigerator into the trailer instead of paying the $10 fee to get rid of it, and has also found a complete bay window lying in the trailer. He said the town usually has to haul away two or three full trailer trucks full of trash to the incinerator. This Sunday, the blue bags didn't even half-fill the trailer.

Some residents found humor in the new system by trying to fill the blue bags as compact as they can.

"They should have a contest at the next town fair to see who can put the most trash into one of these bags," said one resident, hoisting a heavy bag into the trailer.

Joe Curley of Pond Street, said the PAYT system is an equalizer for those who have been recycling all along.

"It's an incentive to people to start recycling. It really levels the playing field," he said. "I'd take half an hour to separate everything, and someone would be down here just throwing everything away."

The new system will cost Andrew Quigley a few more dollars, thanks to his infant daughter Kate's diapers, but he doesn't mind.

"It will encourage people to recycle," he said. "It's a good thing for the town."

Bags can be purchased in packs of 10 at Cohasset Hardware, Joseph's Hardware, Cohasset Food Mart, Leo Fiori's Exxon station and at the DPW building on Cedar Street.

POLITICAL NOTES

GOP events

GOP Cohasset town chairman Janet Fogarty announced the Cohasset Town Meeting will hold a meeting Tuesday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall to make plans for the annual cookout to be held Sunday, Aug. 26, at the seaside home of Ted and Julie Guild, 365 Jerusalem Rd. Special guest will be Peter Forman of Plymouth.

State Committeewoman Polly Logan will accept reservations for those who want to hear author of "John Adams" David McCullough, Thursday, July 19, on the lawn of the Plymouth Public Library at 8 p.m. Tickets which will benefit the library are $50. For private reception at 6 p.m. in the library garden, $250 a couple or $150 for single, and allow entry also to lecture.

Logan also added that those who wish to hear White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, who will speak at benefit luncheon Friday, July 27, for the Quincy Historical Society, may call her at 781-383-0031 or president, Joyce Baker at 617-471-5439. The $100 luncheon will be at noon at State Street South's John Adams Building, 1776 Heritage Drive, off the Newport Avenue Extension in North Quincy.

Fogarty encouraged all members and voters to attend the 40th birthday party of Sen. Bob Hedlund (R-Weymouth) to be held Sunday, July 29, at the South Shore Country Club from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All events are open to the public but reservations are required.

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The truth about 1-4-3

By David Wadsworth
HISTORICAL SOCIETY CURATOR

The true story about the origin of the 1 - 4 - 3 signal of Minot's Ledge Lighthouse tells us that the U.S. Lighthouse Service itself originated the distinctive pattern of flashes. During the 1890's that Federal agency decided to assign a distinctive signal to each lighthouse, to aid in identification of its location. The project was abandoned shortly after it was begun, but Minot's was one of the first to be given an identifying signal, and when the project was canceled, it simply retained the random selection pattern it had received. The legend imputing some sentimental reason for the 1 - 4 - 3 pattern is pure fiction, invented and repeated by shore-side sentimentalists ignorant of the real facts of the case. No love-struck keeper invented the signal, just a large government agency in Washington.

Minot's was one of the first to be given an identifying signal.

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Maritime Museum is open for summer

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum located at Elm St., Cohasset Center, is open for its summer season. Open times are Tuesday through Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission, and donations are accepted. The museum itself is an old Ship Chandlery, or marine supply building, built in the 1700's by Samuel Bates and originally located at Cohasset Harbor. It is the sole remaining 18th century maritime-related building in near-original condition found in Cohasset today.

The Maritime Museum is devoted to preserving and presenting Cohasset's history as a seafaring community during the latter 1700's and the 1800's. During the "Age of Sail" the town's principal maritime occupations were fishing and shipbuilding and its maritime activity centered around its harbor, then known as "Ship Cove." Peak years for Cohasset's fishing industry were the mid-1800's, when family owned schooner fleets fished for mackerel in Canada's Gulf of St. Lawrence. Cohasset youths often went to sea on the mackerel schooners by the time they were 10 or 11 years of age. Some went on to become crew members of large ocean-going merchant vessels sailing from Boston, and a few became "Deep Sea Captains" commanding clipper ships sailing to all parts of the world. The Maritime Museum preserves and presents that part of Cohasset's own history with ship models, carvings, dioramas, documents and pictures relating to the town's "Age of Sail". Shipwrecks, navigation and lifesaving were an important part of this story and are represented in the museum's exhibits; as is the story of the two Minot's Ledge Lighthouses off our shores.

Additionally the museum holds numerous unique exhibits on general historical subjects relating to Cohasset's early years. Currently the Museum's building is in process of being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The Historical Society's telephone is 781-383-1434.

WBZ-TV's Wahle in kids' concert

Channel 4 New Anchor, Scott Wahle will be on hand for a mysterious musical adventuring during the "Not for Kids Only" concert at the South Shore Conservatory's Evenings Under the Stars summer performance series. The opening concert is Thursday morning, July 12 at 11a.m. in the Jane Carr Amphitheatre at the conservatory's Hingham campus.

Wahle, a native of Hingham, will take part in this interactive family event, playing the role of "roving reporter," and turning the concert into late-breaking news, broadcast live on large screens hanging above the amphitheatre stage. Interviewing South Shore Conservatory's Summer Wind Ensemble and conductor Malcolm Rowell, Jr., Wahle will uncover the secret behind the unusual activities taking place on the stage.

Audience members see the action close-up on the large screens, taking a peek behind the scenes to get a glimpse at how much fun making music can be, and listening to lively music guaranteed to entertain adults and children alike.

All summer concerts take place in the Jane Carr Amphitheatre. Parking is at the Hingham Bus Depot at 19 Fort Hill St., opposite South Shore Country Club and next to Thomas Auto Body where shuttle buses will be ready to provide transportation to and from the concerts.

"Not for Kids Only" tickets are $5. This novel approach to family concerts is expected to be popular and advance tickets are recommended. To order tickets or for information on other SSC summer concerts, call 781-749-7565, Ext. 14.

Barnyard tours

The Trustees of Reservations is offering the following educational programs at Weir River Farm on Saturdays and Sundays throughout July: 11a.m. story time, 1 p.m. general barnyard tour and 2:30 p.m. tour with farm project. Each program will allow you and your child close interaction with the farm animals. Trustees members are free. Non-members are $2 per person. Parking is available at the Turkey Hill Parking Lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane.

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Police Day

at Cohasset Recreation Camp



Alec Livingstone tries out an unloaded grenade launcher atop a National Guard military police hummer.



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Above, Counselor Brian Krupczak lifts Jenna O'Brien onto the Environmental Police boat at Police Day on Friday. At right, Emily Ryan waits to get some lunch served by members of the Cohasset Police Department.



At left, Alexandra Gong marvels at the vehicles assembled for Police Day at the new Osgood School. Above, Dennis Riviera, right, and Cody Piepenbrink listen to an emergency medical technician (EMT) describe his job.

Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Tim Baird

The Cohasset High senior-to-be, a standout with the soccer team and spring track squad, has been awarded a $2,000 Future Leaders Scholarship by the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (the organizing arm of the Bay State Games) and Verizon. Baird is one of just six Massachusetts student-athletes to have received this award.

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Boys lacrosse future looks bright

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

How do you wrap up the season the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team just enjoyed?

First and foremost, you have to mention the fact the Skippers made it to the State finale, better known as the championship game, where they lost to Hingham, 9-3.

There's a little known fact about that game, but what's done is done and that's the way it will remain, little known, at least as far as I'm concerned.

How about the team's overall record of 15-6, which should have been 15-5. Cohasset had to forfeit a game because of an ineligible player that the school discovered long after the fact.

Then of course, there's the fact, Cohasset finished ranked 212th in the country, according to its first year coach Kevin Orcutt.

Then there's Coach Orcutt himself, who turned in one heck of a debut as Cohasset's head lacrosse coach. By the way, coach Orcutt will also be coach of Quincy High boys soccer next year. He was recently named to the post by Quincy Athletic Director Ed Miller, who was once the AD at Marshfield High.

Now, you think there would be enough to talk about with all of the above. But that's not really the case.

There's coach Orcutt's favorite game of the season, the State semi-final clash with Mashpee.

"That was quite a game," said the coach. We won 12-11, but with seven minutes remaining, we were down by six goals, 11-5.

"The kids scored six goals in seven minutes to tie the game, two of the goals in the last 50 seconds, and then won in quadruple overtime. Now that was a game. It truly showed the makeup of the team."

That was this past season. What happens next season, coach?

"We lose most of our defense," said the coach. "And, then there's the biggest loss of all: we lose Ronan Buick to graduation."

A three-year all-Conference midfielder, Buick led the Skippers in scoring this season with 90 points. He did all that despite missing five games.

Buick will be attending Providence College next year, according to the coach.

Then the coach got to the good stuff.

"We will have all our attack men back next year plus a lot of midfielders, and our All-Star goalie, Kyle Webber."

Kyle made 236 saves this past season. The senior had a 70 percent save percentage.

"We will also have a good junior class next year. And, some of our freshmen players got some good experience."

All-in-all, the future looks pretty good for Cohasset boys lacrosse, especially after having completed its best season ever in the school's 10-year lacrosse history.



STAFF PHOTO/ SUSAN HANEY

Even with the loss to graduation of players like hard-nosed captain Geoff McWilliams (#24), the Cohasset High boys lacrosse program appears well on the way to becoming established as one of the elite programs on the South Shore.



The runner-up Astros: (Front row, L-R) Megan Sacks, Sheelah Scott, Kara Wilcox, Stefi Belz, (Middle Row, L-R) Kyle Pinkus (bat boy, Tessa Leahy, Colleen Richardson, Casey Cavanaro, Christina Pinkus, Paige Strecker (Top row, L-R) assistant coach Jeff Pinkus, head coach Dan Belz. Not Pictured: assistant coach Neal Glick and Charlotte Glick.

Astros enjoy another great season

Girls' softball celebrated its second year as part of Cohasset Little League, and evidence of improvement showed strong through the five-team league.

This year, "windmill" fast-ball pitching was introduced and both pitchers and hitters responded.

The league provided weekly clinics for pitchers. The level of play has improved in all areas, including pitching, hitting and fielding. Also introduced this year was a summer softball league that competes with teams from other towns.

The Astros finished the regular season in second place and battled the first-place Diamondbacks for the championship.

Team leaders Christina Pinkus, Casey Cavanaro and Tessa Leahy provided the core strength during the playoffs as they did throughout the regular season. Their pitching, fielding and hitting led the way.

The team's "Most Improved" players, Colleen Richardson and Sheelah Scott, added pitching support as well as fielding and hitting strength.

Key plays came from Megan Sacks, who won the game ball in the final game of the pre-championship playoff series with the Blue Jays, and provided a spark atop the batting order during the final game of the playoffs.

Kara Wilcox threw out any batter that dared to hit the ball to her at second base and, as a right fielder, she prevented extra bases on overthrows by religiously backing up first base on throws.

Rookie Stefi Belz filled slots as pitcher, second base and right field throughout the season and reached base in every at bat during the three-game championship series.

Rookies Paige Strecker and Charlotte Glick improved significantly during the season and, along with Belz, will return next year as the core group of the Astros.

Post 188 gets back on winning track

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset-Scituate Legion team put together an extremely efficient 5-1 win over District 6 rival Quincy Monday night, making it difficult for anyone who watched to figure out how this team is now just 4-7-1 on the season.

"A bad break here and there, and the inability to get everyone to the field at the same time," offered sixth year head coach Scott Arnold.

The win snapped a four game losing streak for the George H. Mealy Post 118 squad, with those losses coming on consecutive nights last week, two by just one run and another by two.

As was the case in the last win, a 1-0 thriller over Weymouth last Monday, Jason Connelly was the hero for Coh-Scit. The hard-throw-

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Mariner All-Scholastic Girls Track and Field Team

Cohasset's Weber, Buckley named High Honorable Mentions

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see here as with "Honorable Mention" recognition were seriously considered for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

Among the more difficult omissions was Cohasset freshman Gilian Weber, who opened a lot of eyes with her sixth place finish in the state Class D 800-meter race. With three years ahead of her, however, it seems pretty clear that there are a few All-Scholastic teams in her future.

"We're going to hear a lot from Gilian over the next few years," assured Cohasset High coach Al LAFontain. "She's got a lot of natural ability as a runner, and she just kept getting better as the year went on. I'm sure that progress will continue in to next season."

After consulting with area coaches, these are the 10 choices we made for our 2001 All-Scholastic girls track and field team:

Daviann Brown - Junior
400 meter/4 x 400 - Silver Lake

Made it a clean sweep to become the uncontested top 400-meter runner in New England, grabbing first in the event at the South Shore Principal's Meet, Class A's, All-State and New England Championships on successive weekends...Broke her own school record with her time of 56.9 to win the New England Track and Field 400 Championship...Old Colony League All-Star...took third in New England in the indoor 600-meters...joined cross country for the first time this school year to maintain conditioning for the winter and spring track seasons, and wound up the team's solid number two runner...Would like to continue her running career in college, and is

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Jen Buckley (230) was a steady and versatile performer for the Cohasset High girls track team this season, earning a well deserved Honorable Mention for our All-Scholastic team.

All-Scholastic Girls Track and Field Team

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likely to be heavily recruited…a high honors student…Silver Lake girls track coach Joe Darche: "Daviann is an extremely hard worker and is extremely focussed. But she's also a terrific kid, and that makes it so easy to root for her."

Erin Catarius - Freshman
100/Long Jump - Marshfield

Went undefeated in the 100 meters in the Atlantic Coast League, posting a league best time of 12.5…Was an ACL All-star…Also scored consistently in the long jump for Marshfield, and placed fifth in the event at the Class B Meet (16' 7 1/4," a personal best), just missing a shot at All-States…Qualified for the Class meet in the 100 meters, but was unable to run…Won both the 100 and long jump at the ACL All-League Meet…Ran the first leg on Marshfield's highly-successful 4x100 meter relay team, which finished fourth at the New England Championships (49.77) after taking fourth at the All-States (50.61) third at the Class B's (51.3)…The relay team was undefeated in league competition…Catarius will be among the young Marshfield team's top returnees. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "Erin works extremely hard to get the best out of what she can do. She's very competitive and has a track person's attitude. She wants to win. She took up the long jump this year and did a great job. We expect big things from her over the next few years."

Allison Donovan - Junior
Two-mile - Hingham

Had a solid outdoor year in the distance events for Hingham…The Patriot League All-star finished fifth in the two-mile at the Class C Meet (11:42.2), just missing a trip to the All-States…Donovan won the South Shore Principal's Meet this year in the two-mile in 11:39.21, breaking the meet record held by Falmouth's Laura Hutchinson…Donovan went undefeated in PL competition this year in the two-mile…Also runs cross country and indoor track…During the indoor season, Donovan qualified for the New England Championships…Also had a consistent year in the mile, as Donovan often doubled up on the distance events meet-to-meet…Donovan runs year-round and is the two-time defending champion at Hingham's annual 4th of July road race…Still a junior, Donovan will be among the team's top returnees next season. Hingham coach Paul Manganello: "She's a tenacious worker. She trains really hard. She doesn't have the natural physique of a distance runner but she makes that up with hard work."

Christine Fay - Sophomore
200/High Jump - Marshfield

Was a solid point-getter in two events for the Lady Rams all season long…The multi-event athlete was an Atlantic Coast League All-star selected to the league's Super Six team…Provided a terrific one-two punch in the 200 meters with teammate Ashley Hubbard, finishing second at the ACL All-League meet (27.1)…She and Hubbard both scored in the 200 at this year's Class B Meet, Fay taking fifth in 26.9, a personal best time…Also finished sixth in the high jump at the Class B's (5 feet)…Ran the third leg of Marshfield's talented 4x100-meter relay team, which finished fourth in New England (49.77)…Fay will be among the top returnees next season. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "Christine spent some more time on the high jump this season and it paid off. She takes things in stride. If she doesn't perform in a meet, she's able to shrug it off and work harder at it. She had a good year."

Melissa Murphy - Sophomore
100 - Rockland

This speedy sophomore was Rockland's top point-getter, consistently scoring in four events…But the 100 meters is where the Patriot League All-star made her presence most known, finishing second at the Class D Meet in 12.68, just one one-hundreth of a second off the top spot. Also qualified for the Class D's in the long jump, triple jump, and 200 meters…Murphy went undefeated in the PL in the 100 and 200 meters and is the two-time defending PL champion in the 100 meters and went undefeated in league competition in the event…Also scored consistently in the long and triple jumps for Rockland. She also works with a speed coach twice a week…Murphy is making her second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team as she was selected to the girls basketball squad last winter…The speedy guard was the leading scorer on the team and was a member of the Div. 3 State Championship squad…Murphy will be among the top returnees next year. Rockland coach Peter Woodward: "She's a very good athlete. She's a very fierce competitor. When she steps on the track, she wants to win. She's a great corner runner and I think she could be a great 200 or 400 runner. The more she wins, the more she wants to."

Kayla Halloran - Junior
Mile - Norwell

Capped off a phenomenal junior campaign of running for Norwell with a first place finish in the mile at the State Class D championships with a time of 5:11.4…Also a standout in cross country and on the indoor track team…Won the South Shore 800 meter title with her record time of 2:22…Is the little sister of 2-mile specialist Lydia Halloran, a 2001 Norwell High graduate and a fellow member of the South Shore League spring track All-Star team… Kayla is spending the summer on the cape with her family. She's planning to run in her third Falmouth Road Race next month and hopes to improve on last year's time of 51:43, which placed her near the top 10 percent in the field of 9,000-plus runners… Norwell girls track coach Chuck Martin: "Lydia just keeps getting better and better. She's a natural distance runner, but hard work has helped set her apart."

Aquila Judge - Junior
Long Jump/100 hurdles - Scituate

Arguably, the state's most dominant two-event athlete…After notching first place victories in both the long jump and 100-meter hurdles at the State Class D Championship, Judge won her first ever state title in the 100 hurdles and took second in the long jump…She followed that up with a pair of second place finishes at the New England championships: running a 15.23 in the hurdles and recording a long jump of 17-11.25…Also finished second at the state heptathlon championship… recorded personal bests of 18' 2 1/4' in the long jump and 14.8 seconds, in the 100 meter hurdles… Voted the Outstanding Athlete at the State Coaches Invitational, the South Shore Invitational and the Weston Invitational, all of which she won the long jump and 100 meter hurdles… 5:19.7 Had a best of 2:24.8 in the 800 meters…missed most of the winter season after emergency gall bladder surgery…Also named a Globe, Herald and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic in track…Would like to be a physical therapist and attend a school in the Boston area, such as Northeastern or B.U....Of course, it's anticipated she'll receive quite a few attractive scholarship offers, so stay tuned.

Jane Thies - Senior
Triple Jump/High Jump - Scituate

Another Scituate High two event standout…The senior capped off her phenomenal career, which included Patriot League All-Star selections in each of her eight seasons (winter and spring track), in grand fashion, winning the Class D Triple Jump championship (35"3-3/4"), followed by a fourth place finish at the All-State championship (36' 2-1/4"), and eighth place at the New England's…also took sixth at the Class D meet in the high jump, barely missing qualification in two events for the All-State's…won the Triple Jump at the South Shore Principal's Meet and took second in the long jump… Jane has also been a regular point-getter in the 100-meter hurdles (a 16.2 best), the long jump (16'2"), 300-meter hurdles (51.8) and high jump (5'2")… Jane will attend Mary Washington College in Virginia this fall, where she will study geology and dance, and hopes to continue running track.

Emily Tansey - Junior
Mile/800-meters - Scituate

The talented and versatile year-round runner notched her eighth Patriot League All-Star selection in nine seasons with a spectacular outdoor campaign this spring that saw her take third place in the State Class D state championships with a season best time of 5:19… Patriot League Champion in the 800, going undefeated this season in dual meet action…runs cross country and indoor track for Scituate High…Her personal best in the mile is actually 5:17, a mark she says she is determined to surpass next season…Also finished third in the mile at the Weston Twilight Invitational…Was a member of both the 4x800 relay and distance medley teams that finished second and fourth, respectively, at the Class D Championships…Also ran the 400, 800 (personal best of 2:13), 1,000 (P.B. of 3:05), and 2-mile for the Lady Sailors… an Honor Roll student and member of the National Honor Society and French Honor Society…would like to continue running in college, preferably, she says, at a smaller New England school… Scituate girls track coach Bill Smith calls Emily "the hardest worker" on his team.

Janet Veracka - Senior
Javelin/discus - Silver Lake

This four year varsity standout helped the Silver girls track team to an unprecedented five straight first place finishes in the javelin at the annual post-season State Relays…Veracka took sixth place in javelin at the state Class A Track and Field Championships with a high throw of 101-5, narrowly missing out on a trip to the All-State Championships…personal best in the javelin was 114 feet…took seven of nine first places in league meets in javelin this season…also distinguished herself in the discus, taking several first places this season and placing in all nine league meets…best mark in the discus this season, 91-feet-11-inches, easily qualified her for State's…Old Colony League All-Star…also a four year member of SL's field hockey team…was a two year member of the gymnastics team and one year member of the indoor track team in the winter…took her first high school sports season of this winter after undergoing surgery to repair a cracked knee cap suffered in field hockey…will attend Nichols College in Dudley, Mass. this fall, and is presently leaning towards majoring in education and playing field hockey for the school…Unfortunately, Nichols has no interscholastic track programs…Has played summer league field hockey for years and is presently preparing to play in her second consecutive Bay State Games….Silver Lake girls track coach Joe Darche: "Janet is a true craftsperson when it comes to throwing. She takes it very seriously. She's turned herself into a great thrower with hard work and attention to detail."

4x100-meter relay team -
Marshfield

Erin Catarius, Kristen Lake, Christine Fay, Ashley Hubbard

Two freshmen and two sophomores make up this talented quartet, which sped its way to a fourth-place finish at the New England Championships…Erin Catarius, Kristen Lake, Christine Fay and Ashley Hubbard's time of 49.77 marked the first time they had broken 50 seconds and broke a 25-year-old school record in the event…Before getting to the New Englands, the girls took third at the Class B Meet (51.3)—running with senior co-captain Brittany Heitzman in place of Lake—and took fourth at the All-State Meet (50.61)…All four sprinters will be back next year. Marshfield coach Larry Nangle: "They were just tickled about how far they got. I think they caught a few teams by surprise this year. I think the girls see that now that they're on top, they've got to work harder to stay there."

4x400-meter relay team -
Silver Lake

Megan Dart, Morgan Blanchard Michelle Woodford and Daviann Brown

This talented group seemed to get better every week as the pressure mounted, taking second at the State Class A championship (4:05.5), third at All-State's (4:03.08) and finally a fifth place at the New England Track and Field Championships with a new school record time of 4:02.74. This group shaved an incredible 11 seconds in all off of their previous best mark over these final three weeks of the season….Silver Lake girls track coach Joe Darche: "I can't say enough about the work of these four girls. Each step of the way they each took it up a notch. They're all competitors in the truest sense of the word."

High Honorable Mention

Stacy Kroon - Sr.- javelin/pole vault- Silver Lake
Jen Coolidge- Sr. (Capt.)- javelin- Marshfield
Keily Cuddihy- Sr.- shot put- Scituate
Gilian Weber- Fr.- 800- Cohasset
Ashley Hubbard- Fr.- 200- Marshfield
Nicole Christoforo- Soph.- mile- Rockland
Lindsay Waldron- Sr. (Capt.)- hurdles/jumps - Hanover
Amanda Allen- Sr. (Capt.) - hurdles- Abington
Margaret Shute- Sr.- triple jump/hurdles- Norwell
Lily Desmond- mile, two mile- Scituate

Honorable Mention

Jill Leonard- Sr. (Capt.)- distance- Marshfield
Jaime Smith- Sr.- shot put/discus- Abington
Lydia Shute - Jr. - high jump - Norwell
Allison Zarick- Jr.- 100/200 - Norwell
Lydia Halloran- Sr.- two-mile - Norwell
Jenna Zarick- Fr. - 400 - Norwell
Jill Scanlon- Silver Lake
Christina Doris- Silver Lake
Kate McCall- Silver Lake
Michelle Woodford- Silver Lake
Hillary Birch- javelin- Scituate
Jen Buckley - Jr. - Cohasset

Baird awarded M.A.S.F. scholarship

Cohasset High senior-to-be Tim Baird has been named a recipient of a 2001 Future Leaders Scholarship.

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (M.A.S.F.), the organizing arm of the Bay State Games, along with Verizon, awarded six $2,000 Future Leaders Scholarships in all. The other five recipients are David Bartels (Williamstown/Mt. Greylock Regional H.S.), Elaine Fisher (Winchendon/Gardner H.S.), Dan Lentz (Andover/Andover H.S.), Rachel Ross (Nantucket, Nantucket H.S.) and Nicole Zarba (Beverly, Beverly H.S.)

The scholarships were presented by Dr. Arthur Pappas, the team doctor and part owner of the Boston Red Sox, and honorary chairman of the M.A.S.F., and Bob Mudge, president of Verizon-Massachusetts at Bay State Games Night at Fenway Park.

In its 13 years of existence, this scholarship program has awarded more than $160,000 to soon-to-be senior scholar-athletes who have demonstrated excellent leadership qualities through their dedication to academics, athletics and community service.

A two-sport athlete (soccer and track), Baird has participated in numerous community service and leadership programs and has traveled to Costa Rica, Belize and Guatemala to study tropical wildlife and ecology.

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is a non-profit organization that works year-round to promote fitness, education, teamwork, personal development and sportsmanship for athletes of all ages. The 2001 Summer Games will kick off July 12. For more information or to register, log on to baystategames.org. For many the Bay State Games are a highlight of a young athlete's career and for a few the games are just one stop along their path of athletic success.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

M.A.S.F Scholarship recipient Tim Baird.

Post 188 gets back on winning track

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ing righty went the distance, scattering three singles for the game while striking out four and walking none.

Connelly, a senior to be at Scituate High, had great movement with his two and four seam fastballs all night, leading to a number of ground balls on the evening. In fact, two of the three hits off him came on well placed choppers. Combine that command with his penchant for working quick and coming right at hitters, and it's easy to see why his infielders love playing behind him.

"There's not a lot of standing around when Jason's on the mound," said Arnold after the hour and twenty minute seven inning game. "He makes batters swing at his pitches, and that movement gets them to just miss hitting it square."

It was also Connelly who knocked in the game's first run. After second baseman Alex Knight led off the bottom of the third with a double to the gap in right-center for the game's first hit, and moved to third on a passed ball, Connelly bounced a ball to deep second that allowed Knight to race home. Jesse Cole followed that up with a one bouncer off the centerfield fence that brought home Greg Levin, who had walked between Knight and Connelly, to make it 2-0.

Post 118 would go on to score one run apiece in each the fourth, fifth and six innings. RBI blows were delivered by Knight (2-for-3), cleanup hitter Greg Smith and Mike Carrison.

With the win, Coh-Scit moved into a tie with Canton for sixth place among the 10 teams in District 6 with eight games remaining. The fifth place team is Quincy at 5-7, just one point ahead of Post 118.

"If we play the rest of the way like we did tonight, I really like our chances of making the playoffs," said Arnold. "In fact, if we keep playing like this, I like our chances against just about anyone in our league."

Of course, if last place Randolph (0-10-1), which has forfeited several games this season, is declared ineligible for league play the rest of the year, an option which has reportedly been entertained, there is the possibility that one of the District 6 playoff spots would be withdrawn. That would change prospects dramatically for Coh-Scit, with Milton (7-4-1) holding a comfortable cushion in fourth place at the moment.

"That's not a situation we can control," said Arnold. "All's we can do is go out and play the best we can, and (Monday night) was a pretty good indication of what we can do when we've got everyone here and playing to their potential."

Post 118 gets back into action after the holiday with three games in three nights on the road, beginning with a trip to Canton on Friday. After that, the boys are in Randolph on Saturday and in Brockton against Morissette on Sunday.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

3:29 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control, services rendered.

4:44 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:34 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:01 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:20 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., disabled auto, departmental action.

6:29 p.m. S. Main St., and River St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:26 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:42 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:36 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto, area search negative.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

1:10 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Joseph Michael Palone II , 18, of 258 South Main St., Cohasset. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor; minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage; alcohol from open contain in motor vehicle, drink; speeding in violation of special regulations; state highway-marked lanes violation, forged driver's license.

Arrest of Justin S. Langham, 18, of 100 Pond St., Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage; alcohol from open container in motor vehicle, drink; illegal possession of Class D substance.

2:22 a.m. Beechwood St., assist citizen, departmental action.

3:40 a.m. general services. Arrest of Catherine Wenmark, 18, of 27 Riverview Drive, Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage; resisting arrest; alcohol from open container in motor vehicle, drink.

7:46 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., burglary/B & E, investigated.

8:21 a.m. King St. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:49 a.m. S. Main St., traffic control, services rendered.

10:22 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:03 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle theft, log entry.

11:34 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:17 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

3:40 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle accident, log entry.

4:26 p.m. Border St. and Summer St., motor vehicle violations, departmental action.

5:20 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle theft, investigated.

6:15 p.m. Nichols Rd., animal control, log entry.

7:16 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist motorist, services rendered.

7:26 p.m. Elm St., parking violations.

8:20 p.m. Border St., officer wanted, services rendered.

8:44 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

9:06 p.m. Forest Ave. and Spindrift Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:26 p.m. S. Main St., suspicious auto, departmental action.

10:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave., noise complaint, log entry.

10:50 p.m. Sandy Beach, officer wanted. Arrest of Tracy A. Mann, 20, of 22 Westland St., #34, Brockton. Charge: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverages.

Arrest of Elan Morales, 19, of 11 Willow St., Hull. Charge: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

Arrest of Joanne Malley, 19, of 30 Porazzo Rd., Hull. Charge: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

Arrest of Linda M. Donehey, 19, of 64 Samoset Ave., Hull. Charge: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

11:10 p.m. S. Main St., suspicious (other), departmental action.

11:27 p.m. Sandy Cove, noise complaint, departmental action.

11:27 p.m. N. Main St., suspicious (other), log entry.

11:49 p.m. Unknown location, suspicious (other), log entry.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

12:10 a.m. Sandy Cove, noise complaint, departmental action.

12:40 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., disabled auto, departmental action.

1:15 a.m. Hull St., disturbance, departmental action.

2:03 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen, departmental action.

3:39 a.m. Elm St., suspicious person, area search negative.

5:48 a.m. James Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:57 a.m. Ripley Rd., and Sobier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:21 a.m. Beechwood St., illegal dumping, departmental action.

10:46 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control, services rendered.

10:57 a.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle violations, log entry.

11:40 a.m. Brook St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

12:53 p.m. Elm St., suspicious person, departmental action.

1:53 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, dispersed.

4:24 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

5:25 p.m. Lamberts lane, traffic complaint, investigated.

6 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:08 p.m. Jerusalem Road Dr., noise complaint, departmental action.

6:35 p.m. White Head Rd., tree down, departmental action.

7:21 p.m. Pond St., and C.J. Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

7:44 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

8:45 p.m. Hill-side Dr., illegal dumping, departmental action.

9:33 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Jerusalem Road Dr., noise complaint, departmental action.

10:28 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:43 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto, log entry.

10:45 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

12:17 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Kyle Michaels, 17, of 53 Scituate Ave., Scituate. Charge: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

Arrest of Matthew Lynch, 17, of 92 Turner Rd., Norwell. Charge: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

Arrest of juvenile, 16. Charges: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

5:34 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services, departmental action.

11:37 a.m. Pleasant St., barking dog, area search negative.

1:03 p.m. Lamberts Lane, disturbance, investigated.

2:41 p.m. Border St., suspicious vehicle, stored/impounded.

5:25 p.m. Sobier St., parking violation, ticket issued.

5:28 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, services rendered.

7:30 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control, departmental action.

7:40 p.m. N. Main St., suspicious auto, log entry.

8:12 p.m. Cedar St., trespassing, departmental action.

9:01 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto, services rendered.

MONDAY, JUNE 25

12:35 a.m. Pleasant St., animal control, services rendered.

OBITUARIES

Mary A. Pennie

Sunrise director

Mary A. (Ready) Pennie, 45, of Hanson, executive director of Sunrise Assisted Living, Cohasset, died June 18, 2001, at Brockton Hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Pennie was a member of the Cohasset Rotary Club and South Shore Chamber of Commerce. She made many contributions to the elderly and local community. She enjoyed watching her son play basketball and her daughter perform on stage.

Born in South Carolina, Mrs. Pennie was raised and educated in Hanson and graduated from Whitman-Hanson Regional High School. She received a bachelor's degree in sociology from Bridgewater State College.

She leaves a son, Matthew S. Pennie of Hanson; a daughter, Kelly C. Pennie of Hanson; her father, Roger Ready of Murells Inlet, S.C., four sisters, Christine Ives of Colorado, Julie Mulvey of Halifax and Martha Murphy and Kathleen Dayan, both of Plymouth; her former husband, Stephen A. Pennie of Hanson; a close friend, Joseph McFarland of Holbrook; and many nephews and nieces. She was daughter of the late Carolyn M. (Moore) Ready.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Hanson. Interment was in Fern Hill Cemetery, Hanson.

Arrangements were by the Sullivan Funeral Home, Hanson.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Pennie Children's Educational Fund, c/o Rockland Trust Co., Liberty Street, Hanson, 02341.

William Higgins

Navy veteran of three wars

William Paul "Bill" Higgins, 75, of Hull, a veteran of three wars who served in the Navy for 29 years, died Thursday, June 14, at home. Mr. Higgins served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. During World War II, he participated in the D-Day invasion at Normandy. After retiring from the Navy in 1969, he worked as a welder at the Quincy shipyard and as a maintenance worker for the Weymouth School Department. Born and raised in Weymouth, he was a longtime resident of the town. He coached Weymouth Little League for many years. He was a volunteer at South Shore Hospital for more than 15 years and was a member of the Weymouth Elks and the East Weymouth VFW.

He is leaves his wife, Joan (Amirault) Higgins; a son, Patrick J. Higgins of Franklin and his wife Terri; two daughters, Joan M. Conte and her husband John C. Conte and Mary E. Higgins of Cohasset. He also leaves 10 grandchildren, Caitlin, Michael, William and Kerin Kearney, Jenna and Jack Conte, all of Cohasset; Maura Fitzgerald of Cohasset; and Brian, Patrick and Michele Higgins of Franklin.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, East Weymouth. Burial was in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Weymouth. Donations may be made to South Shore Hospital, 55 Fogg Road, South Weymouth 02190, or Hospice of the South Shore VNA, P.O. Box 9060, Braintree 02184.

Eleanor J. Dacey

Eleanor J. (Granahan) Dacey, 92, of Duxbury, an accomplished musician, formerly of Quincy and Cohasset, died June 20, 2001, at the Newfield House in Plymouth after a brief illness.

Mrs. Dacey was born in Boston, daughter of the late Daniel J. and Mary A. (Drinkwater) Granahan. She was raised and educated in Quincy. A Duxbury resident for 20 years, she formerly lived in Cohasset for 30 years.

She was self-employed as a musician and teacher for 70 years, retiring several years ago.

She was very active later in life with the St. John the Evangelist Church Choir and was a benefactor of the South Shore YMCA for more than 40 years.

She was wife of the late Daniel J. Dacey and mother of the late Elizabeth Dacey.

A funeral service was held at St. John the Evangelist Church in Duxbury. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Norwell and Cohasset.

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Left: Scituate Harbor Vista is one of more than 20 coastal scene inspired works by Dick O'Brien on display at Marshfield's Ventress Library gallery.

Below: "High Up on Fourth Cliff" captures a summer vacation home on canvas.

STAFF PHOTOS/SETH JACOBSON

Waves of inspiration

Local painter displaying work at Marshfield library gallery

By Seth Jacobson
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I love painting outdoors around here. You can find all the right elements like marshes, boats, the sea, and bright light. It's easy to go out and find places to paint around the South Shore."
Artist Richard O'Brien

While he's only been at it for a decade artist Richard O'Brien has managed to become very skilled in the medium of oil painting. He'll tell you living on the South Shore provides plenty of inspiration for his work which is currently on display in an exhibit titled "Mostly Humarock" through July 27 at the Ventress Library in Marshfield.

The exhibit is being presented by the North River Arts Society, of which O'Brien is a member.

O'Brien said he loves doing all kinds of paintings, from landscapes, to seascapes, to paintings of old cottages, houses, and even boats.

"The show features some of everything," O'Brien said. "I tried to pick a good variety of paintings. So far, the turnout has been very good, and I've even gotten some good feedback on the show."

O'Brien said the exhibit includes 23 oil paintings, 75 percent of which highlight areas like the North and South rivers, Scituate Harbor, Humarock, and other scenic South Shore locations. O'Brien loves to use local influences in his works.

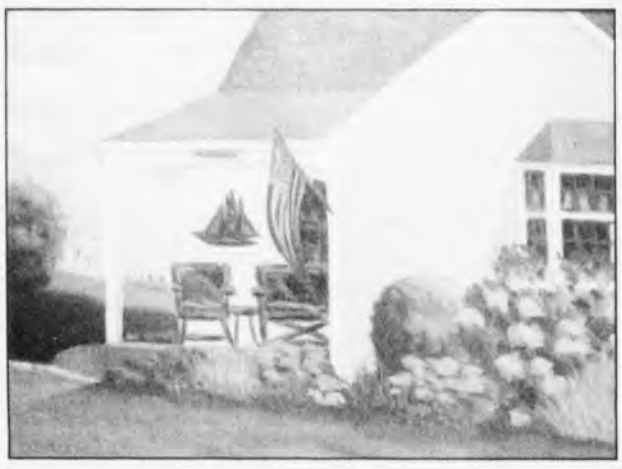
"I love painting outdoors around here," he said, noting he spends all of his summers in Humarock. His full-time residence is in Chestnut Hill. "You can find all the right elements like marshes, boats, the sea, and bright light. It's easy to go out and find places to paint around the South Shore."

But sometimes, O'Brien likes going beyond the South Shore to other coastal towns. It is a common occasion that he visits places like Gloucester, Rockport, Block Island, and Cape Cod. He said he has taken a couple of painting workshops in Gloucester.

"I've had some good teachers over the years," he said. "But one of my main influences is nature, and that's why I love painting outdoors. You can just put your easel out in public, and you do what you want."

O'Brien said he never really had any plans to become a painter, but when he retired at age 55 a decade ago, he began taking some painting courses at the Massachusetts College of Art. O'Brien fell in love with art almost immediately, and he hasn't stopped since then.

"To this day, I continue taking workshops because I can just keep adding onto the things I've already learned," O'Brien said. "I think I've made a lot of progress since I started. The bottom line is that it's a fun thing to do."



On top of taking workshops and practicing his work, O'Brien is a member of local art organizations like the North River Arts Society and the South Shore Art Center.

Over the years, O'Brien has participated in a variety of shows including exhibits at the Newton City Library and a show in Connecticut. But for the time being, he is enjoying the one going on at the Ventress Library.

"I hope people will come away from the show with some good feelings," O'Brien said. "Everyone has a certain style that they can relate to, so I hope everyone will be able to see a painting they like."

For more information on O'Brien's show, call the North River Arts Society (781) 837-8091. Most of the paintings on display at the exhibit are for sale.



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Annie Oakley, played by Dale Gustafson shows her stuff to Frank Butler, played by David Bernardelli in the Showstoppers' production which opens at Weymouth High School next week.

A rootin' shootin' good show

Showstoppers' 'Annie Get Your Gun' opens July 12

By Seth Jacobson
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The staff and actors at Showstoppers summer youth theater program always aims to put on great shows, and this time, they have really hit their target with a production of "Annie Get Your Gun."

But the company is putting on the most recent production for another reason as well—to benefit a scholarship created in the memory of the late Johanna Butler, a member of Showstoppers who died in 1997. The scholarship is given out every summer to a Showstoppers graduating senior.

On July 12, 13, and 14, the theater company will present the classic show, a musical play based on the life of sharp-shooter and gunslinger extraordinaire, Annie Oakley. The show will be held during three nights at the 360 Pleasant Street Campus of Weymouth High School. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

"The show is based on a true story," said Doug Trudeau, co-director of the play and also the director of Showstoppers. "(Annie) Oakley was a woman who lived back in the late 1800s who could shoot. The interesting thing is, most women in those days did not even know how to use guns."

Trudeau said there are 85 cast members in the production, the youngest person is six, and the oldest is 21. He said the play is a fun-filled with some of the most wonderful music ever composed by Irving Berlin. Some of the more popular songs include "There's No Business Like Show Business, They Say That Falling in Love is Wonderful, Anything You Can Do, and The Girl That I Marry."

"The show is a classic," Trudeau added. "Berlin has given us some of the greatest music in the history of American musical theater. You could compare him to someone like Andrew Lloyd Weber. It's just a lot of fun, and there are definitely plenty of songs that will be familiar to the audience."

Trudeau said on the night of the closing performance of "Annie Get Your Gun," the scholarship will be given out. Trudeau said his theater group traditionally presents an $8,000 scholarship each summer.

"People should come to the show not only because it supports a good cause, but because it's extremely entertaining," he said. "And the other great aspect of going is that you'll be able to see our young people doing something beneficial for our community."

But getting ready for the show took a lot of hard work from the many cast members, Trudeau, co-director Joe Doniger, musical director Vickie Schlosser, and choreographer Michelle Hayes. Rehearsals for the production began right after Memorial Day, and typically, rehearsals were held every week from Sunday through Thursday.

"The cast is just great," Doniger said. "It was a learning experience for everyone."

Trudeau said the cast members all seemed to learn very fast, and that could've been because the show's story line is so engrossing.

"The show is a classic."
Doug Trudeau of Showstoppers

The story centers around Oakley falling in love with a man named Frank Butler, who was supposedly one of the fiercest gunslingers in the world during that time. Butler is a man who travels around with a wild west show with the legendary Buffalo Bill, showing off his skills.

"Because (Oakley) is so good with a pistol, competition eventually arises between her and Buckley," Trudeau said. "(Oakley) turns out to be better at shooting than Buckley, and he gets extremely jealous."

Hayes said aside from picking up the plot very quickly, the cast members also learned a lot of the choreography in a speedy fashion as well.

"A lot of the choreography in the show is fairly complex, but they learned fast," she said. "I think they surprised themselves."

Schlosser said no matter what, people will love the music in the show.

"These are all songs that will stand the test of time," she said. "Some of the lyrics are hilarious. I think the cast did a great job of learning the songs, because sometimes the music can be a bit of a challenge. But everyone sounds fantastic."

Trudeau said when all the elements are mixed together, the result is a great family show.

"It's always great to see a given child's talent blossom and develop," he said. "And it's exciting to see all of it work."

For more information or to buy tickets for "Annie Get Your Gun," call (781) 545-4447. To order tickets online, log onto www.expage.com/ssvt. Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 at the door.



The cast of "Annie Get Your Gun" hams it up during rehearsals.

Food & dining

Pork chili



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Chili has become the stuff of regional flag-waving. "Real" chili means one thing to Texans and something completely different to a denizen of Chicago. But most everyone agrees that chili should contain neither tomatoes nor beans. Having tried more than my share of these manly concoctions, I have to admit a retrograde weakness for chili recipes with both of these unfashionable ingredients. And, just to be even more persnickety, I prefer to use chili powder for most of my heat since I prefer that my chili not bring tears to my eyes.

So I started with a basic pork chili recipe and did a taste test of chili powders, including McCormick (in both plastic and glass bottles), Morton & Bassett, Frontier, and Penzeys Medium (a mail-order chili). Penzeys was the clear winner, with its deep, authentic chili flavor. Frontier, which is usually found in natural food stores, took second place, and McCormick in the glass bottle wasn't half bad. (The stuff in the plastic bottle wasn't nearly as good.) I also discovered that pork can't handle the same amount of chili powder as beef, so I used only a bit more than 2 tablespoons. I also decided to add 1/2 teaspoon each dried oregano, ground cumin, and a couple of bay leaves.

Next, I moved on to the meat. I tested pork loin, boneless spareribs, and pork butt (cut from the shoulder of the pig) and found the pork butt to be the juiciest and most flavorful. Boneless spareribs were a close second, while the loin was the driest, stringiest, and least flavorful of the lot. I cut the pork into 1-inch pieces, seasoned them with salt and pepper, and browned them for most flavorful results.

As for other ingredients, bacon was overwhelming in a pork chili, lime juice (a common ingredient in "authentic" chili recipes) was a non-starter, 1 cup of canned crushed tomatoes was a winner, a modest one-half fresh jalapeño added plenty of heat for this family dish (which I also wanted to be kid-friendly). A nice alternative is the chipotle (a dried, smoked jalapeño), which adds a hint of smoky flavor as well as heat. I like my chili with beans, so 1 cup of red kidney beans was a must. I also found that the starch in the beans helped to thicken the chili, making it unnecessary to add a thickening agent. The beans also cooked in the same amount of time as the meat, which worked out nicely. For liquid, water was just fine. Chicken stock proved to be a waste of money, since I wanted the clean, bold flavors of the pork and chili to shine through.

PORK CHILI WITH BEANS AND JALAPEÑO

For those of you who prefer your pork in smaller pieces, simply take a potato masher to the pot after cooking, which will get the job done in seconds. If you like your chili hot, use up to 2 jalapeños or chipotles.

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 1/2 pounds pork butt or boneless spareribs, trimmed and cut into 1-inch cubes
Salt and pepper for seasoning the meat
1 medium onion cut into 1/2-inch pieces
3 medium garlic cloves, finely chopped or pressed
1/2 jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely chopped, or like amount of chipotle for a smoky flavor
1 cup red kidney beans, rinsed and picked over
1 cup canned crushed tomatoes
4 cups water
2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon chili powder, Penzeys, Frontier, or McCormick (glass bottle) preferred
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
2 bay leaves
1 teaspoon salt

1. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil a large heavy-duty Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Season the meat with salt and pepper and add one-third of the chunks to the pot. Brown well on all sides, about 5 minutes. Set aside. Repeat with the remaining oil and meat in two more batches. Reduce the heat to medium and add the onion. Cook, stirring frequently, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and jalapeño and cook 1 minute more.

2. Add the browned meat and all of the remaining ingredients to the pot and stir to combine. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to maintain a simmer. Cook for about 2 1/2 to 3 hours, or until the meat and beans are very tender. Adjust seasonings with salt and pepper. (If desired, you may use a potato masher to break apart the chunks of meat before serving.) Serve with white rice and garnish with any of the following: sour cream, shredded cheddar or Jack cheese, chopped cilantro, or scallions.

3. Serves 6 to 8

Carefree Hostas provide beauty spring through fall

Green thumbs up

Part two
By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the summer growing season gets underway, our perennial borders continue to offer a colorful new palette, week by week. Despite the challenges of designing a perennial garden to give the impression of continuous bloom throughout the season, the diversity which perennials provide in flower and foliage form, color, and texture, are well worth the constant adjustments we must make to compensate for their limited bloom period.

Along my front walk, a very pleasing combination of pink, blue, and yellow blooms greets my visitors. A clump of a cheery, re-blooming, lemon-yellow daylily, "Happy Returns", is bordered by the long-lasting, deep blue spires of a dwarf Veronica, "Goodness Grows" Behind, a tall, hardy, low-maintenance shrub rose, "Bonica", is smothered in clusters of small, baby-pink blossoms, a perfect backdrop for the deep, pink-colored blooms of an Asiatic lily and the lacy leaves and foliage of the particularly lovely, deep, rose-pink Spirea bumalda. Nearby, the sunny yellow blossoms of evening primroses (Oenethera) sparkle in the afternoon sunlight against a backdrop of lavender-blue catmint (Nepeta sibirica). After a brief lull, the garden is beginning to burst forth with color once again and by mid-July, the entire landscape will explode with rainbow radiance as hundreds of daylilies and their companions come into bloom.

The shady border is particularly lovely during the latter half of June. The charming, feathery blooms of the astilbes with their equally attractive, divided foliage, are an elegant contrast to the handsome, bold leaves of hosta, as yet unscathed by ravenous slugs and snails. Frilly ferns, the delicate blue-green foliage of corydalis lutea covered with tiny, dazzling yellow clusters of blossoms all summer, and the magnificent bronze leaves of Heuchera "Chocolate Ruffles", "Palace Purple", and "Plum Pudding" provide additional textural contrast and season-long color. The strategic planting of a few sensational coleus and the shady border will dazzle throughout the summer season.

Hosta are truly the star performers in the shady garden from spring through fall. Hybridization efforts in recent years have produced a staggering number of new cultivars offering an even greater diversity in color, form and texture. Delightful miniatures are perfect for the front of the border, in rock gardens or ideal for the smaller garden. Hosta venusta, "Allen P. McConnell", "Lemon Lime", "Blue Moon" and a newer, still somewhat costly, variegated gem, "Pandora's Box," are just a few choice cultivars in this category.

At one time, I avoided gold-foliaged plants because I thought they looked as though they were in need of nutrition, but in recent years I have come to appreciate and welcome their contrast throughout the landscape, especially to brighten up the dark corners of the shady border. Just a few of the gold-tinted varieties I enjoy are "Sun Power," "Golden Prayers," "Daybreak," "Gold Standard," "Amber Tiara," "Montana Aureomarginata" and "Piedmont Gold." These are especially attractive next to blue-leafed cultivars such as "Hadspen Blue," "Halcyon", "Dorset Blue" "Krossa Regal," "Regal Splendor" and my personal favorite, the slow-growing, leathery, "Tokudama Aureonebulosa."

For those who enjoy the dramatic, few perennials compare to the giant hostas. The large leaves of "Sum and Substance," "Sum it Up," "Blue Angel," H. sieboldiana "Elegans," and "Samurai" make a sensational display but require substantial space, once established, to look their best.

Hostas thrive in shady locations but many are somewhat sun-tolerant. Those having variegated, gold or solid green foliage will survive, and often thrive in sun but browning of the leaves is usually a indication of sun scorch or moisture deprivation.



Gold-tinted varieties reflect light and heat well and attain their best color in strong light, but in full sun, they may bleach out. Blue-leafed cultivars are best planted in cool, shady spots. Strong light or direct sun will damage the powdery substance found on the leaf surface, known as indumentum, which contains the bluish tint and the leaves will quickly attain a solid green appearance. Most of the variegated varieties are adaptable to any exposure. Given less light, hosta plants tend to have fewer but larger leaves. Although all types are drought resistant, they thrive in moisture-retentive soils.

A rather unique habit of the hosta plant is to spontaneously produce an offshoot quite different from itself, a process which may occur in a mature, established clump. These "sports," as they are called, grow directly from the base of an existing plant and if they are separated and remain stable, often become new varieties. Examples of sports which have become attractive new varieties include "Great Expectations" (from Sieboldiana), "Patriot" (a sport of "Francee", "Regal Splendor" (from "Krossa Regal") and "June" (Halcyon sport). When an all green shoot appears among variegated foliage, it should be removed as soon as possible as it has the ability to produce more chlorophyll which tends to make it stronger and more vigorous and capable of eventually crowding out its variegated parent.

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FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28, Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

DOUBLE COMEDY DOUBLE HEADER: JOHN PINETTE AND JAY MOHR at the Melody Tent and the Music Circus. The Melody Tent date is July 28 at 8 p.m. and the Music Circus Date is July 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this show are $29.50 and are available through ticketing center or Ticketmaster. Cape Cod Melody Tent phone number is 508-775-9100 and South Shore Music Circus is 781-383-1400. The Cape Cod Melody Tent is located at 11 W. Main Street in Hyannis and the South Shore Music Circus is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset. For more information visit www.musiccircus.com or www.melodytent.com.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.

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Duxbury Art Association & Robert Klein Gallery of Newbury Street in Boston, present "Water", sponsored by Newport Creative Communications. Opening at the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts on July 8 from 2 - 4 p.m. and continues through July 22. Featured artists in this photography exhibit include Tom Baril, David Fokos, Sally Gall, Chip Hooper and Michael Kenna. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and July 22 from 12 noon - 4 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 15 or visit www.duxburyart.org.





Above left: "Lower Calf Creek Falls" by Chip Hooper

Above right: "Spill" by Sally Gall

Right: "Circle of Water, France" by Michael Kenna



Thurs. 5

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on July 5 and August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Helen Shaw exhibiting her paintings and pastels for the month at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

A Visit with Paul Revere, a program take place July 5 - Aug. 16 from 1 - 4 p.m. Come and tour Boston's fascinating North End with an experienced guide from the Paul Revere House. Visit the silversmith shop and foundry and discover how Revere began his career as an artisan, fashioning buttons, buckles, creamers and sugar bowls from silver. Later he became one of the country's first industrialists producing fittings for the USS Constitution, and enormous bells and canons. This program is free with admission to the museum: $2.50 for adults, seniors age 62 and over and college students are $2, and children ages 5 - 17 are $1. Open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. For more information call 617-523-2338.

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Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Rita Walsh exhibiting her paintings in watercolor for the month at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

'Tender' Presented By Kingston Players with performances scheduled for July 5 and 7 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, 224 Main Street, Route 106, Kingston. Admission is $10 and all proceeds go to Renewal House, a women's shelter in Boston. For additional tickets or information call Joseph Moylan at 781-585-0684 or via email at jokieran@cs.com.

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Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents the Tryptonite. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

The Kendall Whaling Museum offers a Thursday morning film series featuring "Wale Song: Whales and Dolphins in the Pacific. Located at 27 Everett Street, Sharon, open year round. Tuesday-Saturday 10-5, Sundays 1-5. Museum admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, $2.50 for children 6-16 and $10 for families. Also offered is a series of videos every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 781-784-5642.

Fri. 6

Free Outdoor Concert with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Quintet from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the courtyard at the Plymouth Campus of Quincy College. The college is located at 11 North Street, one-half block west of Plymouth's historic waterfront. The concert will feature music by Scott Joplin and John Philip Sousa, plus Broadway show tunes, patriotic songs and many popular favorites. This concert is sponsored by the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Quincy College and the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund. For more information call 508-746-8008.

Single Executives Club First Friday Cocktail Party and Dance at the Dedham Hilton Hotel, 25 Allied Drive in Dedham, exit 14, East Street off Route 128. Complimentary food, free door prizes and DJ held from 8:30 - 12:30 a.m. Suitable for singles and couples 35 - 55 years old and admission is $10 before 9 p.m. and $15 thereafter. Business casual attire is acceptable, ties and jackets recommended. Call 781-446-0234.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fat City Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Sat. 7

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents K.D. Bell R & B Review. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Sun. 8

Children and Artists to Exhibit Work Together at the Fuller Museum of Art through July 8. There will also be an exhibition of digital art entitled "Digital Insight" with a special focus on education and learning through the use of computers. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. For more information call 508-588-6000.

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Pilgrim Breakfast - A traditional New England meal of baked beans, cod cakes, corn bread and scrambled eggs will be served at the 68th annual Pilgrim Breakfast on July 8 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth. Held outdoors under the shady maple trees, located at 119 Sandwich Street, Route 3A. Tickets are $8 per adult and $5 for children under 12. To order tickets or for more information call 508-746-0012.

Tues. 10

Sunset Cruise to Grape Island sponsored by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $16; Seniors, $14; Members, $12, children 3 - 12, $9 and children under 2 are free. The boat will leave from Boston Harbor Cruises at Long Wharf next to the New England Aquarium. For more information call 781-740-4290.

South Shore Women's Business Network sponsors a monthly luncheon at Siros on Main street, 1217 Main Street in Hingham from 12 - 1:30 p.m. If you need directions please call 781-749-4500. Pre registration: Members, $20, non-members, $30. At the door; $25 members, $35 non-members. To register or for more information call 781-749-8883 or visit www.sswbn.org.

Thurs. 12

South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham will shine with "Evenings Under the Stars." "Not for Kids Only" will take place on July 12 from 11 a.m. - noon. Tickets are $5 and are available at South Shore Conservatory's Hingham and Duxbury campuses and at Nobles Camera Shop in Hingham Square, Cohasset and Norwell. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 14.

The Kendall Whaling Museum offers a Thursday morning film series featuring "Samson and Sally: The Song of the Whale". Located at 27 Everett Street, Sharon, open year round. Tuesday-Saturday 10-5, Sundays 1-5. Museum admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, $2.50 for children 6-16 and $10 for families. Also offered is a series of videos every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 781-784-5642.

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Reunions

J E BURKE HIGH FOR GIRLS will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on November 4 at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information: 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.

Just for kids

KENDALL WHALING MUSEUM SUMMER ACTIVITIES: Thursday evenings in July: July 5: Whale Song: Whales and Dolphins of the Pacific, July 12: Samson and Sally: The Song of the Whales, July 19: The incredible voyage of Bill Pinkey, July 26: The great ships: The whalers. On August 22 at 8 p.m.: Don Edwards, cowboy singer in concert. Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon, open all summer from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m. Admission is $4, $3/senior/student, $2.50/child, $10 family rate. For more information call 781-784-5642 or visit www.kwm.org.

HOCKEY SKILLS WORKSHOP offering high-speed skills programs for Mites, Squirts, and Pee Wees this summer. In addition, there is a new separate girls only program. All programs skate once a week on Wed. or Thurs. at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham. For more information call 781-769-7783.

HINGHAM YOUTH SOCCER PRESENTS 'GOALS 2001' the fifth annual summer league training program held during the month of August. The "Play Soccer" organization will bring the best, most professional coaching directly to this program. Pre-season soccer program for boys and girls ages 4 - 18. Teams are encouraged to sign up and have a training session together. For questions and more information please call Tom Campbell, President, Hingham Youth Soccer, inc., 781-749-4158.

'AIRPLAY': The wonders of the wind and Jon Goldman's inflatable art blows into the Children's Museum in Boston. The exhibit is open through the end of the year and offers visitors the opportunity to experiment with air and wind, create whimsical pieces of art and play in an inflatable wonderland. Admission to the museum is: Children (2-15) and senior citizens, $6; other adults $7; Fridays from 5 - 9 p.m. all visitors are $1. For more information visit http://www.bostonkids.org.

EASTER SEALS NOW ACCEPTING CAMP REFERRALS for its residential summer camp program for youngsters with physical disabilities. Ten-day sessions and twenty one-day sessions have been planned for the boys and girls with disabilities between the ages of 7 and 13 at Camp Wing in Duxbury, MA and Agassiz Village in Poland, ME. For more information call Easter Seals at 800-244-2756 ext. 496 or visit the website at www.eastersealsma.org.

"HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING" directed by Michael Hammond will be the production for this Teenspot's Summer Camp. Students age 12 - 20 can enroll. Tuition is $225. For more information call 781-837-8990.

PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE IN PLYMOUTH is now receiving applications for its Summer Children's Teen and Adult Theatre programs. For application call 508-224-4888. Children's programs include: "Eloise", "Gomer Pyle Meets the Flintstones", "A Goofy Movie... I mean play", "Anne of Green Gables" "Cinderella After the Ball", "The Princess and the Pea Musical". The Teen and Adult program includes: "Vanities", "Crimes of the Heart", "Ladies in Retirement", "Princess Lee's Journey", "Born in a Trunk", "The Princess and the Pea" musical.



AUDITION SCHEDULE

Pre-registration is required; please call studio for information.

BOSTON STUDIO: 19 Clarendon St. Boston, MA 617.456.6264
Ages 14 & up: Thursday, July 5, 6:30-8:30 pm
Ages 8-13: Thursday, July 12, 5:30-7:00 pm

METROWEST STUDIO: 861 Washington St. Newtonville, MA 617.456.6264
Ages 8-12: Wednesday, July 18, 4:00-5:00 pm
Ages 13-20: Wednesday, July 18, 5:00-6:00 pm

SOUTH SHORE STUDIO: 34 Accord Park Dr. Norwell, MA 617.456.6273 or 781.871.7468
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Weymouth Recreation Department will sponsor the following concert and film series to be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheather - next to Town Hall, 75 Middle Street. In case of rain the concerts and films will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On July 12 The O'Reillys at 6:30 p.m.

Fri. 13

South Shore Conservatory's Opera By the Bay proudly presents "Scenes to Remember" at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury and again on July 15 at the Jane Carr Amphitheater in Hingham at 5 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for seniors and students and may be purchased at South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury and Hingham campuses or by calling 781-934-2731 ext. 10 in Duxbury or 781-749-7565 ext. 10 in Hingham.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents a Benefit Concert with Cosy Sheridan. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 the day of the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

Ongoing Events

New Family Program at the Fuller Museum of Art during the summer months. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. "Brown Bag Sundays" will be held the last Sunday of the month in July and August from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Children and parents can participate together in fun, exhibit related activities. Cost is $6 per family of two and $2 for each additional family member. For more information call 508-588-6000.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum invites all artists to enter the "Art Show" held through July 31. The theme again will be "Sea and Sky" with particular emphasis on small, regional wooden boats to complement the exhibit. "Feathering, Sweeping, and Laying Back, the small boat collection of the museum and its members. Limit will be 3 entries per artist and each entry fee is $6. For additional information call Barbie Gould at 781-925-5433.

"Waterworks" - watercolor paintings by Maureen K. Brookfield will be presented by the Mansfield Music and Arts Society through July 29 in the Cote Gallery. Gallery hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. MMAS, Cote Gallery is located at 30 Reservoir Street in Mansfield. For more information or directions call 508-339-2822.

Boston Harbor Cruises Takes Boston by Sea through Oct. 1. Hours are Thurs. - Sun from 1 - 3 p.m. Rate: Adults: $19, students and seniors are $17 and children are $10. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Tour the Islands with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $8, students and seniors are $7 and children are $6. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonharborcruises.com.

Boston Harbor Cruises Whale Watches through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $29, seniors are $25 and children are $23. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Cruise into the Sunset through Oct. 1. Length of tour: 90 minutes. Mon. - Sun at 7 p.m. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Historic Sightseeing with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Tours run seven days a week: 1:00 p.m. and 3 p.m. departure times. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

The Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln Street in Hingham is now owned by the Hingham Historical Society and will feature a special exhibit of antique toys called "The Children's Hour" which will include dolls from the society's collection and furniture from the Tower Toy Guild. The house is open from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. - Sat. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12. For group tours or more information call 781-749-1851.

Bragging Rights Road Race Series to, Benefit Talking Information Center and National Kidney Foundation. T-shirts go to the first 250 entrants in each race. Pre-entry fee is $18 and same day registration is $20. The 10K Loop courses will be run July 21 from Marshfield - South River Elementary School at 8:30 a.m.; August 18 from Hingham High School at 8 a.m. and Sept. 22 from Norwell High School at 9 a.m. Race sponsors include Hyde Park Cooperative Bank, Alvin Hollis Company and Pearle Vision Center in Hanover. For an application or to help out call TIC in Marshfield at 781-834-4300 or 800-696-9505.

Yoga at the River's Edge on Saturdays through Aug. 11 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at various sites along the North River. For more information or to receive schedules with class locations contact Kezia Bacon Bernstein at 781-837-7093.

Sisters at the Sparrow House, a joint exhibition of work by Plymouth artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann and Skaneateles, N.Y. artist Patience Brewster will be on view through July 22. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wed. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and there is no admission to the gallery areas. Admission to the museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information and directions to 42 Summer Street in Plymouth call 508-747-1240.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

Boston Light Cruises on Aug. 5, 12 and Sept. 9 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $27, seniors are $24, members are $22 and children 3 - 12 are $15. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

Blue Ribbon Members Show at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset from through August 5. All members including children and teens are invited to submit one work to this annual members show in the Bancroft and Dillon Galleries. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Work by Members of the Weymouth Art Association is on display at several locations around town throughout July. In the Town Hall, Mayors office, Treasurers office, councilors office and auditors office. At Snyders Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance and Colonial Federal Savings Bank. Many of these paintings may be purchased.



BEST BET

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents Drawings and Prints by Nancy Webb through July 31. Located at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-2721. Summer hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through December 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.

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SENIORNET INSTRUCTORS NEEDED at Massasoit Community College to teach introductory computer classes for seniors 55 and over. Instructors are provided a curriculum and training by qualified staff. Classes are scheduled around the availability of the volunteer instructors. Instructors receive a complimentary membership to SeniorNet and free classes in new computer software. Interested volunteers can receive more information by calling (508) 588-9100 ext. 1695. All classes are held on the Brockton Campus in Room L557.

THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION of Greater Boston is currently looking for volunteers from the South Shore area. For more information call (617) 451-WISH.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MARSHFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING to assist in the prep work for our Seniors lunch programs. Drivers needed to deliver meals to our homebound seniors as well as volunteers interested in the Council of Aging's services. To become a volunteer please call Cathy Nickerson at (781) 834-5581.

KIND HEARTED WOMAN CONSIGNMENT SHOP in Scituate raises funds for The Yellow Brick Road Project, a non profit program which assists survivors of domestic violence to learn job skills and gain self-esteem. Volunteers of varied interests are needed to work flexible schedules. For more information call Jodi Beldotti at (781) 545-7775.

Classes

RED CROSS COMMUNITY CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING at the Brockton Red Cross Office on July 7. The participants will learn Adult, Infant and Child CPR & First Aid. Held from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. located at 281 Pleasant Street in Brockton. Registration is $55 per person. To register or for more information call 800-232-8812.

VIBRATIONAL TOUCH FOR ENERGY HEALERS with Maureen Spencer on July 7 from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for $30 at "Finding Inner-Peace located at 988 Bedford Street in Abington. For more information or to register please call 781-878-0115.

RED CROSS COMMUNITY CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING at the Brockton Red Cross Office on July 17 and 19. The participants will learn Adult, Infant and Child CPR & First Aid. Held from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. located at 281 Pleasant Street in Brockton. Registration is $50 per person. To register or for more information call 800-232-8812.

RED CROSS TRAINING CPR FOR THE PROFESSIONAL RESCUER at the Brockton Red Cross Office on July 14. The participants will learn Adult, Infant and Child CPR & First Aid. Held from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. located at 281 Pleasant Street in Brockton. Registration is $65 per person. To register or for more information call 800-232-8812.

TEACHING YOGA TO KIDS with Maureen Spencer on July 8 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. for $35 at "Finding Inner-Peace located at 988 Bedford Street in Abington. For more information or to register please call 781-878-0115.

FINANCIAL WELLNESS, The next step moving past self-sabotage with Susan Sori on July 14 from 1 - 5 p.m. for $45 at "Finding Inner-Peace located at 988 Bedford Street in Abington. For more information or to register please call 781-878-0115.

DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION CLASSES: "Printmaking - Monoprint and Collograph" on Aug. 20 - 23. "Summer Art Weeks for Kids" with workshop dates on July 10, 12, 17, and 24. "Watercolor for the Absolute Beginner", "Drawing, Pastel and Landscape Workshops for all Levels" on July 10 - 13. For more information please call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

NRAS SUMMER 2001 - CLASSES: Children's classes: Art Camp 1 - 2001, A Space Odyssey, July 23 - 27, Art Camp 2, - Fabulous Food, July 30 - Aug. 3, Art Camp 3, Crazy Critters, Aug. 6 - 10, Five mornings, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fee is $125 members, $135 nonmembers, for ages 5 - 16. Explore! Drawing and Painting: Mon. - Fri. from 1 - 3 p.m., July 2 - 6, fee: $90/100 nonmembers, July 9 - 13, fee $110/$120 non-members, ages 9 - 15. Adult classes: Painting phase 2: on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. June 11 - July 16, fee for 6 weeks, $85 members/$95 non-members. Oct. 22 - Dec. 18, fee: 8-week class, $85/members, $95/non member. Beginning Oil Painting on Tues. from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on June 12 - July 17, fee 5 - week class. "It takes a drawing to make a painting" on July 19 and 20, 12 - 5 p.m. and Aug. 16 an 17 from 12 - 5 p.m. Fee is $100 members, $110 for non members. "Introduction to Landscape Workshop" on Aug. 25 and 26 from 12 - 5 p.m., fee $100/member, $110/nonmember. For more information call 781-837-8091.

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Pilgrim Breakfast - A traditional New England meal of baked beans, cod cakes, corn bread and scrambled eggs will be served at the 68th annual Pilgrim Breakfast on July 8 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth. Held outdoors under the shady maple trees, located at 119 Sandwich Street, Route 3A. Tickets are $8 per adult and $5 for children under 12. To order tickets or for more information call 508-746-0012.

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Tours resume to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

The North River Arts Society is proud to present "Mostly Humarock" a collection of oils on canvas by Dick O'Brien at the Ventress Library Gallery through July 27. The Library summers hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. - Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Later History the Theme at Historic Plymouth Houses. Discover what happened in Plymouth after the Pilgrims. Two historic houses in the heart of the waterfront district are open for the season and tell the story of how Plymouth changed after the Pilgrim settlement. The 1749 Spooner House, 27 North Street and 1809 Hedge House, 126 Water Street will be open to the public Thurs. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Oct. 6. Admission is $4 per site for adults, $2 for children under 12. For more information call 508-746-0012.

The Music Circus Announces Its 50th Anniversary Season in grand style, with a full schedule of music, comedy, variety and children's shows. The following are just some of the great performances that will be featured. Jerry Vale, July 5, 8:00 p.m., $24.50; Kevin James, July 6, 8:00 p.m., $29.50. Trisha Yearwood, July 7, 8:00 p.m. $40.50 - SOLD OUT. Kevin James (second show added) July 8, 7:30 p.m., $29.50, "Franklin's Magic Fiddle" starring Franklin the Turtle, July 11, 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., $12.00, The Sammy Kaye Orchestra (special Seniors matinee) July 12, 2:30 p.m., $15.00, The Temptations, July 13, 8:00 p.m., $27.50, Phil Coulter with guests The Celtic Tenors, July 20, 8:00 p.m., $24.50, The Supremes starring Mary Wilson, July 22, 7:30 p.m., $25.50, Dwight Yoakam, July 26, 8:00 p.m., $33.50, The Righteous Brothers, July 27, 8:00 p.m., $33.50, Engelbert Humperdinck, July 28, 8:00 p.m., $36.00, John Pinette & Jay Mohr, July 29, 7:30 p.m., $29.50, Loretta LaRoche, August 4, 8:00 p.m., $24.50, Bruce Hornsby & Band, August 5, 7:30 p.m., $27.50, Judy Collins Wildflower Fest, with Roger McGuinn, Janis Ian, Richie Havens, August 8, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, Little Feat, August 9, 8:00 p.m., $23.50, Kenny Rogers, August 10, 8:00 p.m., $43.00, The Statler Brothers, August 11, 8:00 p.m., $31.50, The Robert Cray Band, August 16, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, The Saw Doctors, August 17, 8:00 p.m., $25.50, Tony Bennett, August 18, 8:00 p.m. SOLD OUT. The Beach Boys, August 19, 5:00 & 9:00 p.m., $38.50, Jethro Tull with guest Willy Porter, August 22, 8:00 p.m., $37.50, Peter, Paul & Mary, August 23, 8:00 p.m., $34.50, The Everly Brothers, The Crickets, August 24, 8:00 p.m., $29.50, Vince Gill, August 26, 5:00 & 9:00 p.m., $49.50, Bill Cosby, September 3, 5:00 & 8:00 p.m., $38.00. Children's shows: "Franklin's Magic Fiddle" on July 11 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. All tickets are $12. The following shows are all $6 and appropriate for P-K through grade 4: Alice in Wonderland - July 12, Jack and the Beanstalk - July 19, Cinderella - July 26, Snow White - Aug. 2, Heidi (a new musical) Aug. 9, Circus Antics 2001 - Aug. 16, Goldilocks and the Three Bears - Aug. 23, Little Red Riding Hood - Aug. 30. Tickets for these shows, whether available now or on a designated date, can be purchased by calling 781-383-1400 or visiting ticketmaster.com. Phone lines open at 9:00 a.m. The box office in Cohasset is open daily from noon to 6:00 p.m. for in-person sales. The venue is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset, just 21 miles south of Boston.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, JULY 5

Yesterday's advice applies to today. Wake up in a good mood. The full moon/lunar eclipse culminates at 11:04 a.m., 14-degrees Capricorn/Cancer. At this time the moon becomes inactive. Don't rock the boat in business or romance. Stay alert and use common sense. If you are working, you can be most productive. Finish projects already begun rather than starting new ones. The planet Venus moves into Gemini at 12:44 p.m., remaining there until August 1 and prompting you to explore new horizons and develop new alliances.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Uranus saves the day. Its influence may bring new inspiration, ideas, solutions. The focus is on communications, new techniques, technologies. This is a great time to take on new studies or to troubleshoot and brainstorm. The Capricorn moon continues inactive travel until 7:33 p.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. A lunar alignment to Venus makes this evening prime for social activities, romantic rendezvous. Take a walk on the wild side.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

An Aquarius moon sets the stage for an exciting weekend. Take a vacation from routine and responsibilities; relax, unwind, enjoy life. The Aquarius moon forms easy contacts to Neptune, Saturn, Pluto and Mars. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can get them out of the way in short time. Gather with friends and let the good times roll this evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

This is a wonderful day for letting off steam, partying, recharging your batteries. The Aquarius moon prompts you to be more spontaneous, adventurous. Avoid making rigid plans or commitments. Follow your intuition. At 8:22 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius, amplifying the freedom-loving, 'do your thing' theme.

MONDAY, JULY 9

The Aquarius moon becomes inactive at 6:28 a.m. until 8:05 a.m., when a laidback Pisces moon arrives. The next three days are prime for vacationing. Take extra quiet time out for yourself. Renew your spirit through time spent in solitude, meditation, art or nature.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Storm clouds move in today. The Pisces moon forms challenging 90-degree alignments to Saturn and Pluto in the morning, Mars in the afternoon. Others may be moody, hypersensitive. Don't overpersonalize. The best way to channel today's influences is to express yourself creatively. Photography, music, art, poetry get the green light.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Take advantage of relatively quiet astrological influences today. Meditate, play music; take some soul time. The moon continues to travel in Pisces, and Venus prepares to form a harmonious contact to Neptune, the planetary ruler of Pisces. Do something that brings beauty into your life or the life of another. Pay attention to your intuition. At 8:09 p.m. the Pisces moon becomes inactive until 8:36 p.m., when an Aries moon takes over.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Planetary action runs fast and furious, making this an exciting, 'anything can happen' kind of day. The moon travels in energetic Aries forming harmonious contacts to Venus, Neptune, Saturn and Pluto. Venus and Neptune align at 4:49 p.m. Mercury and Jupiter conjoin at the last degree of Gemini at 6:29 p.m. Mercury moves into the sign Cancer at 6:47 p.m., remaining there until July 30. Jupiter moves into Cancer at 8:03 p.m. Jupiter travels in the sign Cancer until August 1, 2002 bringing new opportunities to Cancerians.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

The moon travels in pioneering Aries. However, Mars, the planetary ruler continues retrograde travel until the July 19. It is best to sleep on new ideas and postpone taking action for another week. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 2:45 p.m. This month's new moon will culminate on July 20, bringing an ideal time for new starts across the board. At 7:52 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. Forget your troubles and go for the good times this evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

The moon enters Taurus at 7:15 a.m., traveling there throughout the weekend. Generally, a Taurus moon brings an easier, relaxing period. However, Venus, the planetary ruler of Taurus, forms stressful contacts to Saturn and Pluto in the next couple of days. You may be forced to face the reality about a romantic or financial situation and make tough decisions. Give some thought to consolidating what you have rather than spending what you don't. Sidestep doubts, worries, fears.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Yesterday's advice pertains to today as well. The moon continues its travel in Taurus. Venus and Saturn conjoin at 3:32 a.m. Venus prepares to oppose Pluto early Tuesday morning. If you've been experiencing problems with another, now is the time to work out a compromise, forgive and forget. Avoid power trips or game-playing to gain control of the situation. Let go and leave the past behind.

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Carillonneur at Cohasset tower

The second program in the 76th annual series of summer carillon recitals at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset is Sunday evening, July 8. Judson Maynard, retired carillonneur of Texas Tech University will perform. Maynard's program will include music composed for carillon by Jef Denyn, Gerard Boedijn and Mary Jeanne van Appledorn. There will also be transcriptions from the works of Rachmaninoff, Bach and Johann Strauss, and guitar arrangements by Augustin Barrios Mangore. His diverse repertoire will include a medley of Beatles' songs as well.

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. Listeners are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. In case of rain, the carillon may be heard from parked cars. Printed programs and descriptive brochures will be available in a stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, and handed out on the Common and other locations.

Following the recital, a tour of the tower and demonstration of the carillon will be offered to those interested in climbing the 45 steps to the instrument.

For information call Mary Kennedy, assistant carillonneur at 781-383-9599, or the church office, 781-383-1083.

Visiting artists

The South Shore Art Center is becoming a summer destination for artists, art students and cultural enthusiasts. The center's summer initiative, Visiting Artist Workshops 2001 includes master classes in the visual arts. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel painting, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography, and impressionist still life painting.

The instructors include: Karen Christians, Jared Clackner, Stuart Baron, Annie Silverman, John Brooks Maginnis, Heidi Whitman, Tracy Spadafora, William Ternes, Peter Madden, Frank Gohlke, and Margaret McWethy. They are all practicing artists as well as instructors at some of the most highly regarded art schools in the area including Boston University, Harvard, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, the Massachusetts College of Art, the DeCordova Museum, and the Worcester Art Museum.

All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery. Summer Encounters: Visiting Artists Exhibition will open Friday, Aug. 10 from 6-8 p.m. The reception is free to all and will provide the public an opportunity to meet the instructors and view some of their work.

The exhibition will be on display until Sept. 9. For more information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org.

Summer concerts

The Cohasset Recreation Department's first concert on Cohasset Common for the 2001 season is scheduled for Tuesday evening July 10, at 7:30 p.m., on the Cohasset Common.

Performing will be the 30 piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

Bring blankets or lawn chairs and insect repellant.

Concerts are paid for by the South Shore Playhouse Associates Inc. of Cohasset and with matching grant from the American Federation of Musicians of New York City, N.Y.

The second concert of this season will be held on Tuesday, July 24, same time, same place.

Summer sale

Manager of the Cohasset Consignment Shop Andi Merrill of Scituate the shop will be closed Wednesday, July 4, but the annual summer sale will commence Thursday, July 5, through Aug. 12. Discounts will be up to 80-percent off prices as marked.

Merrill added that the shop will be closed for vacation July 22 through Aug. 12, but will be open for fall consigning only Aug. 13 through 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m. On Friday, Aug. 17, the shop will be open for sales and consigning. Consigning hours will be 10 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call 781-383-0687.

Concerts by the sea

The Friends of the Nantasket Beach Reservation, together with business and private sponsorship have scheduled summer musical and dance programs as a community service at the M.D.C.'s Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach in Hull. The programs feature swing and ballroom dancing, sing-a-longs and audience participation. The pavilion is handicapped accessible.

All programs start at 2 p.m. and will continue through Labor Day with the following schedules:

July 8, The Gregg Savage Band. July 15, The Swingers. July 22, The Gregg Savage Band. July 29, Dave Foley Country.

August 5, The Ray Cavicchio Band. August 12, The Gregg Savage Band. August 19, The Swingers. August 26, The Jack Alessi Group.

For information, call Barbara Kiriakos at 781-925-3566.

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Norfolk Division
Docket No. 01P1543EP

In the Estate of JOHN A. MARINO
AKA JOHN ANTHONY MARINO

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 26, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARY ANN MARINO of HULL in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 8, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, June 26, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#623675
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110 CJCH
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, July 16, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for **Special Permits** pursuant to **4.2 & 9.6** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Hingham Lumber Co., Inc.** seeks to build a retail lumber facility at **110 CJCH** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-06-25C.

AD#621451
Cohasset Mariner 6/28, 7/5/01

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38 STOCKBRIDGE ST.
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, July 16, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b, and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **William & Laurie Smith,** seek to alter a dwelling at **38 Stockbridge St.** according to the application in the Clerk's Office. File #01-06-25B.

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44 NICHOLS RD.
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, July 16, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7b and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **John W. Beck & Stacey V. Weaver,** seek to replace/expand garage at 44 Nichols Rd., according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-06-14.

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63 HIGHLAND AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, July 16, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to **8.7b,** and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **Charles C. Furtado,** seeks to alter dwelling at **63 Highland Ave.** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-06-25A.

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Selectmen back Town Manager

No disciplinary action taken against Haddad

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen voiced their support of embattled Town Manager Mark Haddad Tuesday — and one went so far as to characterize him as the victim of a "smear campaign" at the hands of Planning Board member Peter Pratt.

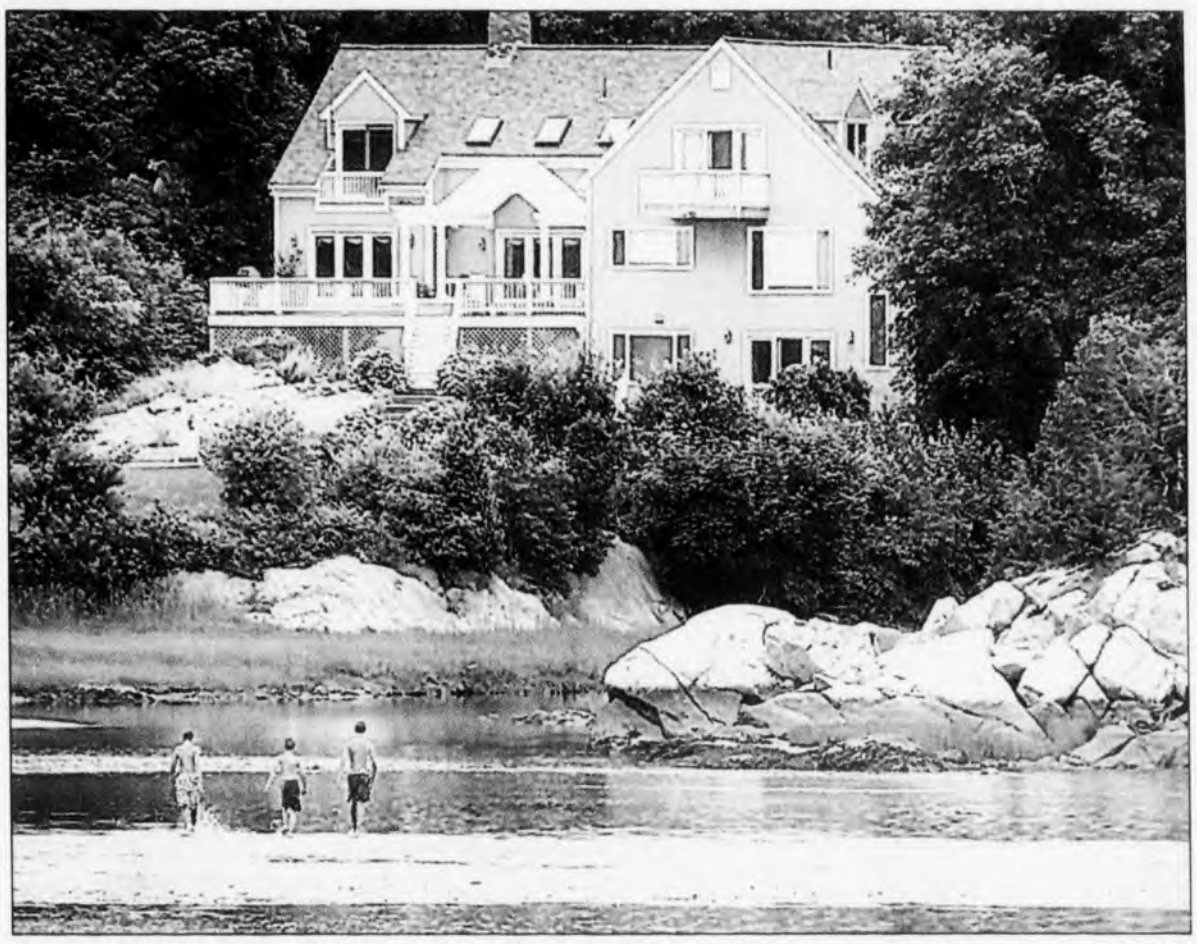
Pratt – who filed a written complaint following an argument with Haddad at town hall over a meeting that Pratt wasn't notified about – was irate that selectmen will not hold a disciplinary hearing over the altercation.

"It is an unbelievable abrogation of their responsibility to discipline an employee," he said after Tuesday's meeting.

The selectmen's comments came after hearing a report from independent investigator David Haley, who was hired by the town to look into cross-complaints by Haddad and Pratt and his wife, Donna, who claims Haddad was abusive to her during a telephone conversation last fall over the status of a school crossing guard. However, selectmen did

"You may want to remind all of the parties ... that if you can't say something nice about someone, then it is best to say nothing at all."
— Independent investigator David Haley

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Three boys take a walk in Little Harbor in the shadow of one of Cohasset's many waterfront mansions. The home is not on the market, but several other beautiful houses in town are currently for sale for $1.5 million or more.

Anti-train group readies to launch another lawsuit

AfTA also after money, members

By Mary Ford
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An anti-train group has taken another arrow out of its quill and pointed it directly at Greenbush.

Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, dubbed AfTA, is poised to file a notice of intent with the state Secretary of Environmental Affairs of its plans to sue the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority over "inadequacies and deficiencies" in the final environmental feasibility study on restoration of the railroad line.

The 60-day public comment period for the study, which is called the Final Environmental Impact Report, is now underway. And although plans to restore the controversial 17-mile-long Greenbush line – the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project – have been on the books for some 14 years or more, AfTA says the window for derailing the project is wide open.

"In my point of view, it's just the beginning of the process," says John Bewick, president of AfTA, which is based in Hingham. "Someone has to act before you can enjoin it."

Bewick, a former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs, said the awaited "action" includes the possibility of state Sec. Robert Durand signing off on the FEIR — which was authored by the MBTA

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Cohasset – a million-dollar town

By Mary Ford
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Although they are cropping up in Scituate, Hingham and Norwell — it's hard to compete with Cohasset when it comes to homes priced at more than a million dollars.

"The other day I checked my computer and the average asking price right now for a home in Cohasset is over $1 million," says David Drinkwater of Coastal Countryside Properties. "A million-dollar sale is no longer considered unusual."

The 37 properties in town, currently on the market, range in asking price from $278,000 for a six-room ranch on Grace Drive to $3.8 million for a 12-room Victorian under construction on Atlantic Avenue. That means the average asking price is currently about $1.2 million

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Since January, 40 property sales have closed in town with an average sales price of $700,000. Of the 40, five sold for more than $1 million, and two of those five, for more than $2 million, Drinkwater says.

In recent years, the million-dollar market has soared. In 1997, only one home priced more than $1million sold in Cohasset. In 1998 and 1999 there were eight and 11 respectively. In 2000, according to figures from the Multiple Listing Service, 11 homes topped the $1 million mark with nine of those selling for $1.3 million or above. The highest home sale price in town last year was $1,875,000.

Erica Ford, manager of Coldwell Banker-Hunneman, attributes the number of high-end homes in Cohasset to location, location, location — near the water.

"We have more coastal residential property," she says. "A good part of Hingham's coastline is commercial, for example."

Although the million-dollar market may have slowed somewhat due to uncertainty in the stock market and other economic factors

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YMCA plans teen center

By Ed Baker
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All too often, most high school-aged youths drop out of community social groups upon reaching age 16. Youths at this age have more choices on how to enjoy themselves because they have a driver's license or friends who drive. These youths often want activities that have limited adult constraints or none at all.

The Mill Pond YMCA in Hanover, which attracts residents from all over the South Shore, is trying to change this trend by building a teen center to attract these youngsters. The teen center is part of an $8 million expansion project the Y is building at its Hanover site. The expansion will also add two indoor swimming pools, a family recreation center and new locker rooms for men, women and children.

Y officials are planning to attract

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BALANCING ACT

Tim Toomey climbs the jungle gym behind the old Osgood School.

Film recalls heyday of the Hingham Shipyard

By Carol Britton Meyer
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An important part of South Shore history has been preserved in the newly released documentary, "Remembering the Hingham Shipyard."

Grace and John Campana, who worked there during World War II, were among the honored guests at the gala premiere showing of the film this week.

The 30-minute documentary, sponsored by the developers involved in a plan to redevelop the shipyard and Hingham Shipyard Historical Foundation, details how the sleepy seaside community of Hingham was transformed into a bustling military naval center.

During the height of the war, thousands of workers from Hingham, Cohasset and other communities produced 227 top-notch ships at Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard which were used in the war effort.

The Campanas, who now live on Cape Cod, met when they both joined a bowling league comprised of shipyard workers. This year, the couple is celebrating their 57th anniversary.

Grace started as a tack welder but later moved on to sewing pipe covers. Her husband-to-be served as timekeeper.

"The film captures the feeling of the shipyard during the war, and brings back a lot of memories," she said. "We were glad to help our country."

During the height of the war, thousands of local workers produced 227 top-notch ships at Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard.

The Campanas still talk about their shipyard experiences to this day.

John proudly recalls the time when Grace won the "Miss Bethlehem Hingham" contest.

The giant General Services Administration building provided the ideal setting for the viewing of the film on a giant screen – amid dramatic claps of thunder and flashes of lightning — because that's where the shipbuilding operating was headquartered.

A 10-foot inflated beach ball marked the entranceway, which was draped with a huge American flag.

A private reception for those who participated in the production of the video was held prior to the public viewing.

Martin Cohn, spokesperson for shipyard developer Paul Trendowicz, noticed a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm surrounding both the production and release of the video.

"We had people entering the building who looked around and exclaimed, "This is where I worked!"

Some former shipyard workers arrived wearing their old shipyard identification tags.

"Stars" of the film and others who worked at the shipyard mingled with well-wishers from the community who had heard about the film and wanted to meet those who could share their firsthand recollections of the experience.

Against an appropriate background of Glenn Miller, Sammy Kaye, Frank Sinatra and Ella Mae Morse music, guest speakers shared

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Water commission reports high sodium level in water

By Rick Collins
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The warning was made in the commission's 2001 Water Quality Report that lists all regulated contaminants found in the water.

Because of a high-sodium count, the Cohasset Water Commission has issued a warning to town residents on a low-sodium diet to consult with their physicians before using town water.

Although there are no regulations limiting the amount of sodium found in drinking water, water distributors are required to notify their clients when the sodium-level is over 20 parts per million. In July, 2000, tests showed 21.8 ppm in Cohasset water.

Water Commission chairman John McNabb said although the commission is required to notify its customers, he didn't consider the sodium-level "high."

He attributes the high level of sodium to the use of road salt along Route 3A and King Street, which is in the Lily Pond watershed. McNabb said state and town road crews try to use as little salt as possible in the environmentally-sensitive areas.

Town Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said the warning means people who are on salt-restricted diets should look at their entire diet and how much tap water they consume.

The warning was made in the commission's 2001 Water Quality Report. The report lists all regulated contaminants found in the water. The only contaminant level higher than normal involves total trihalomethanes (TTHM), a byproduct of the chlorination process. McNabb made public the high levels last summer and says steps have been taken to reduce the potential carcinogen. He believes the ongoing pipe cleaning process will drastically lower the amount of TTHM in the water.

Other contaminants found in the water, although at "safe levels," include fluoride; hexachloropentadiene, a chemical used to make pesticides; total haloacetic acids, another byproduct of the chlorination process; chlorine, a disinfect used to prevent disease from microorganisms; and sulfate.

The water commission also recorded small amounts of alpha activity, a form of radiation, and beta particles, a radioactive particle. Both detected levels are below the maximum contaminant level.

McNabb chalked the findings up to the erosion of mineral deposits, and in this specific case, the tons of granite beneath Cohasset.

"Alpha activity is the least harmful of radioactivity and beta particles are just beta waves. We're not talking about gamma waves," said McNabb. "It's normal mineral activity you get from granite, and that's the type of rock we have in this area."

The water quality report also identified any potential threats to the watershed. Of the sites listed, McNabb said the commission is keeping a close eye on Cohasset Heights Limited, the Hingham Annex in Wompatuck State Park, and an old gas spill site in Depot Court.

Other identified potential threats are the former Norfolk Conveyor and MassHighway garage off Route 3A, the former Beechwood dump on Doane Street, the Arrowwood subdivision in Scituate, and a series of underground bunkers in Wompatuck State Park which borders the Aaron Reservoir.

Since the map was released, McNabb said the board have identified additional potential threats in a former gas spill near St. Anthony's Church on South Main Street, and an old dump on Clapp Road.

"That's the value in sending this report out, so people can come to us and say, 'Hey, why isn't this on here,'" he said.

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Meeting schedule

The following is a list of upcoming town meetings posted in town hall as of Monday, July 9. All meetings will be held at town hall, unless otherwise noted.

- School Committee, July 12, 7 p.m. High School Conference Room
- Water Commission, July 12, 7:30 p.m., 339 King Street
- Advisory Committee, July 12, 7:30 p.m.
- Conservation Commission, July 12, July 26, 7:30 p.m.
- Paul Pratt Memorial Library Building Committee, July 16, 9:30 a.m.
- Council on Elder Affairs Board Meeting, July 16, 9:30 a.m., 3 North Main St.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, July 16, 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Board, July 18, 8 p.m.
- Senior Housing Committee, July 25, 9 a.m.

The School Building Committee meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office.

Water Commission

The Cohasset Water Commission apologized to Scituate for filing legislation that would give it the power to take land by eminent domain outside of Cohasset's boundaries in the name of protecting the water supply.

Scituate officials were upset that they were not consulted before the board filed the bill.

In a letter sent to Scituate's Board of Selectmen, Water Commission chairman John Mcnabb formally apologized for the oversight. He also sent a letter to House Committee on Local Affairs Chairman Maria Parente asking the bill to be placed in a study, which would essentially kill the bill.

Open space

The town Open Space Committee has filed the final draft of its Open Space Master Plan with the town. The lengthy document outlines a plan for the town concerning its recreation and open space, as well as identifies and prioritizes potential parcels of land the town could purchase.

CRC clean-up

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation has asked for, and received, permission to hire a landscaping company to make minor improvements to several locations through out the village. The company would spread stone dust around the base of trees along Depot Court and South Main Street, plant some native grasses along the edge into the town parking lot, and clean-up James Brook Walkway.

"It doesn't involve any painting, so I think we're safe," joked Selectman Merle Brown. He was referring to last summer's mini-controversy when Atlantica and Kimball's By the Sea owner Peter Roy painted some town-owned structures gray, black and white, what some consider his "corporate colors." Some of the painted structures were returned to their original color.

Firefighter camera

The Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association told Selectmen Tuesday that it had raised enough money to purchase a thermal imaging camera.

The call firefighters had been in the process of raising money for the camera, which can "see" through heavy smoke conditions by detecting body heat, for the past few months.

Association president Bruce Pratt said the group hadn't quite reached its $35,000 goal, but had raised enough to purchase a camera. Right now, the fire department has been given a "loaner" to use and learn on until the new camera is ready. The company is experiencing backups due to a large order for the New York City Fire Department.

Pratt said the group will makea formal presentation to the town when the new camera comes in.

Garage hours

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Tues. 17	8:49	8.9	2:40	9:04	10.5	2:51
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Cohasset's public health nurse moves to town hall

By Rick Collins
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Gone is the former "Message Center" on the first-floor of town hall. Instead of a copy machine and mail slots, the small room facing the building's side entrance has a scale, refrigerator full of vaccines and other medical supplies. It's the new office of town nurse Judy Fitzsimmons.

Fitzsimmons has just finished her first full week in her new town hall office, after spending the previous 11 years at the Social Service League's office in St. Stephen's Church.

"Just being down here people are dropping in to see what's going on," she said of the added exposure of her new office.

Fitzsimmons became an "official" town employee on July 1, the start of the new fiscal year. The town nurse position had been under the control of Social Service League, and the town paid about $30,000 annually to the league to cover the cost. The money included Fitzsimmons' part-time salary, the hourly wages for another nurse who filled in when needed, and administrative costs. The move is expected to save the town approximately $12,000 in fiscal year 2002.

Fitzsimmons hopes by being in a more central location, more people will become familiar with the services she offers.

"Most people are still unaware about the town nurse, they only usually have contact around flu season," she said.

Aside from the ever-popular flu vaccine clinics she helps put on, Fitzsimmons is like an omnipresent health care worker, involved in all aspects of the town's general health.

She distributes vaccines issued by the state Department of Public Health to doctors in town, puts on the Keep Well clinics, helps organize the town health fair, performs blood pressure and blood sugar screenings during office hours, gives prescribed Vitamin B-12 shots, and helps arrange for visits from home healthcare aides if needed.

"The job description is the same as it was when I was with the Social Service League, just the location is different," said Fitzsimmons.

She also expects to work closer with the Board of Health in developing town-sponsored programs. Upcoming programs include one on peanut allergies in the fall, a health awareness day, a women's health and menopause seminar, and a tobacco cessation program sometime next year.

She said the flu vaccinations will be held again, but not until later in the year.



STAFF PHOTO/ ALAN COLMAN

Public health nurse Judy Fitzsimmons sets up her new office on the first floor of town hall.

"The state is saying it's not urgent to get it in September or October, that if you don't get it until October, November or even early December that that will be plenty of time."

Town health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik likes the move.

"We work closer now than we did. We rarely saw or spoke to each other, but now we speak on a daily basis, which is good if I have questions or if there is something we need to collaborate on," he said.

Fitzsimmons has been working in community nursing in one form or another for more than 30 years. After graduating from Catherine Laboure School of Nursing in 1963, Fitzsimmons spent three years in the Peace Corps in Brazil.

"It was there when I learned to enjoy community nursing, riding on a horse going out to visit all of the farms and villages," she said.

When she came back she spent time at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home before joining the Social Service League in 1986.

She said working as a public health nurse gives her opportunities she wouldn't have otherwise been afforded had she gone to work in a hospital.

"There's not as much freedom to spend time with patients," Fitzsimmons said. "In a hospital you are on a schedule and have certain tasks, and you might not have time to be with the patients."

The town nurse is a 25-hour-a-week position, but Fitzsimmons spends most of that time out in the community.

Part of Fitzsimmons' weekly routine includes checking up on homebound residents, or responding to calls from people concerned about an older neighbor's health.

She doesn't yet have a town hall extension, but can still be reached by calling the Social Service League at 781-383-0771, and leaving a message.

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 8:30 until 11.

90-year-old Social Service League looks to future

By Rick Collins
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Although the town nurse position won't be part of the Social Service League for the first time in its 90-year history, the group is still heavily involved in the overall health of Cohasset.

"The Social Service League was founded in 1912 by four women with a mission to find the areas of most social need in the community and to help address those needs," said league president Motoko Deane. "As we approach our 90th anniversary, I'm proud to say that our basic mission remains unchanged."

Since first starting a school-lunch program to help promote nutrition among Cohasset's youth, it has since sponsored a weight and measurement clinic for babies, a town job bank during the Depression, and the senior shuttle before it was taken over by the Council on Elder Affairs, and still offers Meals on Wheels, a town social worker, and seminars on issues such as self-defense and end-of-life care.

"What I think is important about this organization is that it's had the capability to change with the times," said Deane, who has been at the group's helm since 1998. "We can start something, and then go somewhere else and look for new initiatives."

The group recently put together a long-range planning committee to develop a master plan for the next few years.

"It is the mission of the Social Service League to identify the most important and least served social problems and to create, develop and support programs which can have an impact," said Deane. One area the group is looking into involves the modern "speeded up, overloaded family" and all if its implications.

The organization currently has four paid part-time employees; two which help operate the Consignment Shop, the group's main source of income, and two workers at its office in St. Stephen's Church on Highland Avenue.

"We could not have provided the level of services without their generosity," Deane said of St. Stephen's.

The league also oversees Pat Carleton, a licensed social worker.

"She's available to help those who have basic questions on issues such as someone who has an elderly parent, but wants to spend three months in Florida, what suggestions can she make. And she also helps in abusive situations," said Deane.

Last year, domestic violence issues accounted for 15 percent of all Carleton's cases.

Residents can also receive clinical counseling from Carleton on a sliding fee scale.

Deane counts nearly 200 volunteers involved with the Social Service League's various programs.

Between 25 and 30 help distribute the Meals on Wheels, another 100 volunteer at the Consignment Shop in Tedeschi Plaza off Route 3A, and 16 are members on the Board of Directors.

"Without their work, the league could not be in a position to provide the services it provides," she said.

Although most of its funding comes from commissions at the shop, it also receives cash contributions from the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Cohasset Rotary Club, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, the Hingham Institution for Savings, and Second Congregational Church.

Deane said the Social Service League is always looking for new volunteers for its many ongoing activities and committees. It's also open for ideas and suggestions during the strategic planning process.

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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

LOVING SUMMER

Hello Cohasset. Summer is in full swing and it is wonderful. Between the beach, the pool, cookouts, boating and so much more, it does not get much better! I really hope that all of you are able to enjoy the summer in one way or another.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

I want to send out some very special birthday wishes. **Kyle Piepenbrink** just turned seven years old on July 7 and had a wonderful party to celebrate it. Happy Birthday to a very special little, whoops big guy, we love you! Another special Kyle is celebrating her third birthday this weekend, **Kyle Burke**! She will be having a great time as she parties in style and shares the special day with her brother **David**, who is celebrating his first birthday. Happy Birthday to you all!

FUTURE THOUGHTS

Claire McCarthy, a local 10-year-old was recently honored as a winner in the CARAVAN for Commuters, Inc., "Commute 2020!!!" Art and Writing Contest. During the spring of 2001, children across Massachusetts were invited to think about commuting to work in the year 2020. Students were asked to write an essay, poem or description, or create a diagram or design showing how they will travel to work in the year 2020 to conserve energy, reduce pollution and decrease traffic. 149 students, age six-through-15 participated in the activity, which gave the students the opportunity to think about commuting efficiently in the future and to discuss the topic in school and with their families. An awards ceremony was held in the State Transportation Building for 43 winners. Prizes were all from family-oriented businesses and attractions and were valued over $1,700. Congratulations Claire on a job well done!

AT MIDDLEBURY

Middlebury College of Middlebury, Vt. recently named two local girls to the dean's list for the spring term, 2001. **Margaret Goedecke**, daughter of **Peter and Jane Goedecke**, and **Cara McKenney**, daughter of **Brian and Monica McKenney**, were both awarded this honor. Congratulations to both of you!

Also being recognized from Middlebury College were **Sydney Johnston**, daughter of **Robert and Diane Griswold Johnston** and **Theodore Noon**, son of **Nicholas and Constance Corvan Noon**. These students were named College Scholars for academic excellence during the 2001 spring term. Great work!

TABOR HONORS

Tabor Academy commended the following Cohasset students and named them to the Commended List for Semester 2. Students earn commendations for achieving and overall average of 80 or above with no grade below a 75 and no more than one grade between 75 and 80. **Alexander Johnston**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston**. **Skyler Ralston**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ralston** and **Mrs. Joseph L. Davidson** were named for the class of 2002; and **Zoe Murray**, daughter of **Mr. Richard Murray and Mrs. Deborah Meehan** and **Cailin Hughes**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes** were named for the class of 2004. Congratulations to you all.

UVM GRADUATES

The University of Vermont recently graduated two Cohasset ladies. **Catherine A. Fallon** received a bachelor of arts in English and **Kelley-Marie O'Donnell** received a bachelor of science in community development and applied economics. Fantastic job to both of you.

UNION COLLEGE

Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. announced a Cohasset graduate. **Melinda Childs Cheel**, a 1994 graduate of Cohasset junior-senior high school received an interdepartmental bachelor of science in computer information systems and art. Great work, Mindy.

RELAY AWARD



Gordon Behren, left, and Craig Bleicken, right, co-chairmen of this year's American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Cohasset present Laurie Greenip with a plaque recognizing her team's involvement in this year's event. "Leanne's Team" earned the award for the "Highest Fundraising Team," by raising the record-setting total of $15,236.

MILITARY MEDAL

Let's hear it for **Keith A. Jackson**, son of **Bob and Diane Jackson**, on his receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Keith, a Hospitalman First Class, earned the award for professional achievement in the superior performance of duty while serving as a platoon corpsman during a recent work-up training and deployment. Keith's sustained performance well exceeded the high expectations of a sailor of his grade. Supporting his platoon through more than 20 exercises, his top caliber medical proficiency and instruction of platoon members in field treatment of injuries proved invaluable, wrote his commanding officer. Deployed forward as an assistant team leader, with minimal sleep under adverse conditions, Keith proved his mastery of field skills and long-range communications, and on countless occasions made himself a versatile and capable team member.

Congratulation, Keith, you've made Cohasset proud!

HONOR ROLL

The St. Sebastian's School announced that Cohasset students, **Thomas J. Digan, Paul Digan** and **John Cotter** were named to the fourth quarter honor roll. Thomas, a sophomore and Paul, a freshman are the sons of **Thomas and Mary Ann Digan**, and Cotter is the son of **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter**, all of Cohasset. Hard work sure pays off.

ECONOMICS MAJOR

Jonathan Crafts, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crafts** recently graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. Jonathan majored in economics and participated in varsity hockey and varsity lacrosse. Congratulations, Jonathan.

THANK YOU!

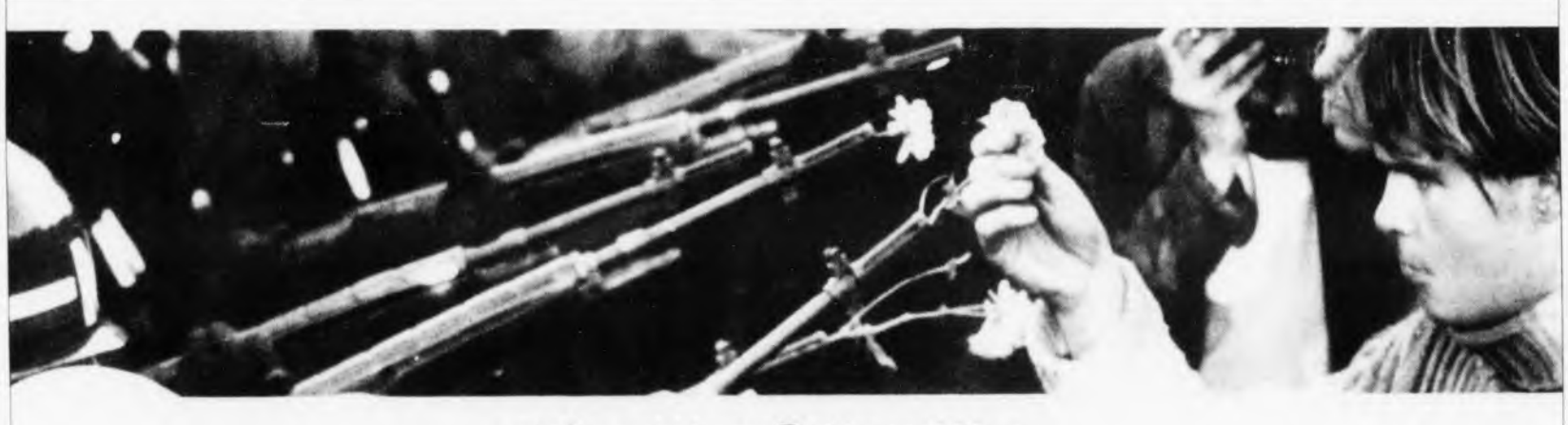
Special thanks to **Chris Kennedy** of Kennedy's Country Gardens for his generous donation of the potted dwarf evergreen in front of the Joseph Osgood School to replace the one that did not make it through the rough winter. His donation came just in time for the Osgood students' celebration of Arbor Day last month. As the students stood in front of their beautiful school performing in their annual concert, it was nice to see a matching pair of live trees flanking the front entrance. Thank you, Kennedys!

PLEASE CLAIM SPOT

Is any young child out there missing a "Spot" the dog stuffed animal? If you attended the performance of the "Music Lady" at the Cohasset library and left this wonderful animal behind, please contact the library and it will be returned to you.

I know that those lazy, hazy days of summer are here but please, send in all your news. Birthdays, anniversaries, vacations and more are all things we love to hear about. My deadline is Monday at noon for all items and photos! You may get the info to me at:

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LIBRARY CORNER

Summer/Programs

Matt Tavares joins the Paul Pratt Memorial Library summer line-up an Tuesday, July 17 at 7 p.m., as he talks about how he wrote and illustrated his book, "Zachary's Ball". Copies of this book will be available far purchase and author signing.

Tavares, a Bates College, Maine graduate says, "In this day and age of AstroTurf and retractable dome stadiums, I wanted to create a story that portrayed baseball in a simple, timeless way - a child going to an old-time ballpark with his fielder's mitt, hoping to catch a foul ball or maybe even see his hero hit a home run." All baseball fans should be here far this unique presentation.

Come in later in the month of July for Burt the Raccoon Puppet Show on July 24 and an exhibit on July 31 presented by New England Reptile Exhibits. Magic for Muggles rounds out programs this summer program an Aug. 7. Contact the library at 781-383-1348 for sign-up or more information on all programs.

New Pass

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is proud to announce the latest addition to their list of passes for library users. "Boston by Foot" has just been added to the expanding choices offered by the library.

Boston by Foot, a non-profit educational corporation, provides trained volunteer guides who share their expertise and enthusiasm with visitors, and residents. There are seven major historical tours covered by this organization; The Heart of the Freedom Trail; Victorian Back Bay; The Waterfront; Boston by Little Feet (a child's eye view); Beacon Hill; The North End and Boston Underground.

Boston by Foot, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, is Boston's, and the nation's peerless non-profit architectural walking tour service. Reservations for the tours are not required but you must call the library 24-hours in advance for the pass. Information about the tours are available at the library by calling 383-1348. This new pass has been provided by generous contributions to the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Massport project

Comments submitted on behalf of the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and Winthrop and cities of Somerville and Everett in opposition to the Massport proposed Airside Improvements Planning Project are available for residents to read in the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. These are hard facts and comments about the impact of the Logan Airport expansion to our community and other impacted communities.

Look for the large notebook entitled, "Errors and. Omissions - Massport's Flawed SDEIS/FEIR" (Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Study/Final Environmental Impact Report). Ask an attendant at the front desk to find it in the community reports section behind the front desk.

Summer video

Calling all Cohasset teens, grades 7 to 12. You are invited to create a short video (no more than 20 minutes long) during the summer. Create an original video that does not include any copyrighted images or music.

Submit your entry to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. A local panel of judges will view all entries and determine one grand prize winner from one of the participating South Shore libraries. Screenings of all videos will take place at the "Oscar Night of Stars" on Friday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Duxbury Free Library.

For more information, contact the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 781-383-1348.

IT'S HAPPENING

Deep ecology

Support group forming: small group to meet weekly on issues of Deep Ecology, Environmental Activism, and Buddhist meditation. Call 781-383-9024 for info.

Maritime studies

Sail a tall ship for three days with an introductory course to maritime studies. Study oceanography and crew historic life boats.

A Cohasset Middle/High School Summer Institute course, students in all grades can learn maritime studies on the Schooner Ernestina.

The dates are Aug. 13 to Aug. 21 and costs $500 for five days of rowing, sailing and study in Cohasset; plus an all-inclusive two-night and three-day sail aboard the historic tall ship Ernestina. Adults are welcome aboard at the same cost.

For information, call Jack Buckley at 781-383-8261; or email him at jbuckley@chs.ssec.org. Checks are payable to CHS Summer Institute, 143 Pond St., Cohasset 02025, Attn.: Jack Buckley. Sign up now!

Hedlund is turning 40

The Friends of Senator Hedlund present Bob's Once -in-a-Lifetime Birthday Brunch and Fundraiser on Sunday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., business casual attire, at South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham.

Co-chairmen are: Polly Logan, Cohasset at 781-383-0031; Kathy Stacey Marshfield, at 781-834-3849; Jeff Granatino, Scituate at 781-545-7894; Dana Toland, Weymouth at 781-337-4383.

Special invited guests include: GOP Senate Leader Brian P. Leer, state sen. Michael R. Knapik, state sen. Jo-Ann Sprague, state sen. Bruce E. Tarr, state sen. Richard R. Tisei.

RSVP by July 20, to: Friends of Senator Hedlund, 121 Nichols Rd., Cohasset, MA 02025, 781-383-0031 or fax at 781-383-0899. Tickets are $40 per person.

Appalachia Service Project opens young and old eyes

By Rick Collins
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During the latest Appalachia Service Project Merle Brown replaced the piping, David Ingber helped build a deck, and Phil Lehr constructed a car port.

But these improvements weren't made to middle-class houses in suburban enclaves. The new piping wasn't so the home's owners could install a Jacuzzi. The deck wasn't built around a pool. The car port won't house an SUV.

They made these home improvements to small, dilapidated homes in one of the poorest areas of the country. More than 160 Cohasset residents recently spent a week on the West Virginia/Kentucky border working to bring things they normally take for granted to the much less-fortunate.

"Some of these people make $2,400 a year," said Brown, who made his fourth trip as part of the project.

The experience the trip brings has helped turn the annual trip to Appalachia into a Cohasset tradition. What started out with Second Congregational Church minister Gary Ritts, his wife, Judy, and seven teens in 1988, has blossomed into Ritts and 130 teens, plus another 30 adult chaperones, making the long trip down.

"It almost seems like a right of passage in Cohasset," said Cohasset High School junior David Ingber, who participated for the first time this year. "It seems like you need to do it by the end of high school. Everybody I've ever talked to said it's totally worth it. It's worth driving all those hours. It was an amazing experience."

The week-long service project has exposed more than 200 Cohasset teens to those less fortunate.

Lehr said one of the reasons he become involved in the trip eight years ago, besides being good friends with Ritts, was that he wanted to see how the town's youth dealt with being exposed to poverty.

"It's a very different situation than what they're used to growing up here with," he said.

"I couldn't believe this was still America, that we vote for the same president, and that we face the same issues," said Ingber.

The trip to the heart of coal mining country started at 6 a.m. on June 25 and ended at 2 p.m. the following day. For the next five days, the large Cohasset contingent split up into five groups and went to five different areas. Then those groups were further divided into work crews consisting of five teens and two adults.

The ASP is a non-profit organization founded in 1969 that helps low-income families make needed repairs and improvements to their homes. Cohasset participated in the third week of the summer-long project. Brown's group was sent to Mingo County, and stayed in a county high school gymnasium, with a plastic sheet hung up to divide the room into male and female sides.

"It was hot in there," said Brown.

The neighborhood was noticeable for its dichotomy.

"On one lot could be this beautiful brick building, right next door to one that's falling down," he said.

By the end of the week, Brown and his crew, including Ingber, had redone the plumbing, and installed a new working toilet and sink, as well as constructed a porch. Before, the home did not have a working bathroom.

"We can leave there knowing they can go to the bathroom or take a bath in their house, instead of having to walk three miles to a friends house," said Ingber.

It was while working with a crew from Columbia, Md., that Ingber realized the extent of Cohasset's involvement.

"Columbia is a city of 90,000 and they sent down 80 people. Cohasset is a town of 7,000, with 300 in the high school and we sent almost 200," he said. "I really didn't notice how impressive the turnout was until we measured up."

Brown said he was impressed on the level the teens discussed the trip.

"We'd sit around at night and talk about it, they never thought about going home and not having a bathroom, let alone a shower or two," said Brown. "These people were lucky to have a vehicle, and if they do, they had to repair it everyday.

"It really opened their eyes everyday. It really took hold."

Lehr said overall the trip was very successful and was amazed at how the amount of participation in Cohasset has taken off.

"We never intended it to be this big, we're overwhelmed at how far it's gone," he said. "It shows kids have this interest in helping out and seeing how other people live."

Ingber raved about the experience.

"Rev. Ritts always told us how it would change our lives. It doesn't seem that one week can change a person but it does," he said. "It's a fantastic program. The people we met were probably the nicest people we had ever met, and they were so generous and giving, even though they didn't have as much."

The Rev. Ritts is currently on sabbatical and was unable to be reached for comment.

To add to the tough times, parts of the area experienced severe flooding this past weekend thanks to a series of bad storms. Dan Volungis, whose group worked in McDowell County, said the Second Congregational Church is collecting money that will be sent down to a regional relief agency in the area.



OPINION

EDITORIAL

Improving Chapter 40B

Last week's House debate on housing initiatives was billed by some as a city vs. suburb quarrel, a characterization that does more to obscure than clarify the issues at hand.

First, it lumps together the communities Boston media and politicians insist on calling simply "the suburbs," as if every town along the Route 3 corridor was the sole province of millionaire horse-breeders. We who live here know there's a world of difference between Weymouth and Hingham, Cohasset and Marshfield, and Norwell and Rockland — especially when it comes to housing.

Yes, we have our bedroom communities, wealthy towns where multi-family housing of any kind is as rare as a horse stable in Boston. But we also have towns with neighborhoods of smaller homes or apartment complexes where poorer families scrape to get by.

Braintree, Holbrook and Rockland, for example, have more than 8 percent of their housing units that qualify the kind of subsidized housing that counts toward the 10 percent goal built into Chapter 40B, also known as the anti-snob zoning law. But that's just the beginning of their affordable housing. They also house thousands of people who pay their rent with vouchers through Section 8, the huge low-income housing program. They have apartment complexes and neighborhoods of aging bungalows and sturdy duplexes housing families that would easily meet the state's income guidelines.

The issue in the House debate was whether housing that is clearly affordable – specifically, mobile homes and units rented through Section 8 vouchers – should be included in calculating progress toward the 10 percent goal. Chapter 40B allows developers to bypass local zoning ordinances in communities with less than 10 percent, as long as 25 percent of the development's units will qualify as affordable under the state's definition.

The changes would also allow accessory dwellings – affordably priced apartments created within a single family home – to qualify toward Chapter 40B. Think how that might help Scituate to reach its 10 percent goal. Scituate, which currently has less than 5 percent of its housing deemed "affordable," passed an accessory dwelling by-law a few years back that permits a limited number of apartment conversions a year. These "accessory dwellings" may provide the key for an elderly couple – who have worked all their lives — to be able to afford to stay in the home and the town they love. Cohasset has plans to put a by-law allowing accessory dwellings before its next Town Meeting.

These changes are reasonable refinements to Chapter 40B. Ten percent affordable housing is a more defensible goal if the state counts all the affordable housing in a town, not just some. Every community should do more to provide affordable housing, but the state should recognize that some communities are already doing plenty.

The comprehensive permits now being pursued under the anti-snob zoning law are the product of a red-hot apartment/condominium market. Some developers are using Chapter 40B to push through massive projects.

Those developers are responding to a real need *and* a market opportunity. But the density of some of these developments changes the character of neighborhoods with single-family homes — neighborhoods where homeowners saved and worked hard to buy their dream home.

The changes adopted by the House don't undermine Chapter 40B; they just make the yardstick with which we measure communities' commitment to affordable housing more credible.

The bill's other initiatives are equally important. It makes a serious investment in public housing and creates tools and incentives all cities and towns can use to encourage affordable housing that enhances rather than threatens the quality of community life. Its passage is an achievement the Senate should match.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support alternatives to Greenbush rail

TO THE EDITOR:

The AfTA supplement in this week's Cohasset Mariner announcing AfTA's intent to file suit against the MBTA is not just another anti-Greenbush ploy. Rather it focuses on the positive attributes of the alternatives to Greenbush, the commuter boat system being the centerpiece of those alternatives.

Hopefully Cohasset residents will see the distinction and support this initiative.

The MBTA's intent all along has been to build Greenbush, regardless of its environmental impact, the alternatives be damned. In particular, it has abandoned any pretense of supporting the commuter boat system. They boats are unwanted "competition" for Greenbush, even though they have demonstrated enormous potential for removing cars from the roads. The absence of any boat funding whatsoever in the T's Capital Improvement Program for the next five years shows where its true priorities lie.

AfTA's goal is to take the opposite tact and convince the state to build the commuter boats up with improved terminal facilities, more parking, more and faster boats and a CNG (compressed natural gas) feeder bus system that would allow many more residents to take the boats. Operating at its full potential, such a system will remove many more cars from the roads during peak hours than Greenbush.

With the South Boston waterfront under development, the prospects for the boat are brighter still.

With new development will come new jobs, the result of which will be more people working near the terminus of the commuter boats. South Shore residents will be part of that work force and others will elect to move to the South Shore simply because of the convenience of the commuter boats.

For South Shore residents who work away from the waterfront, AfTA continues to work toward an additional terminal as part of the new development. Such a terminal would offer an easy connection to the Silver Line, which would shuttle commuters to South Station's Red Line and points beyond.

Also the latest plan for the new baseball stadium near the waterfront is being widely acclaimed. Were it to become a reality, it would offer a whole new source of revenue for boat owners as well as another opportunity to take cars off the roads. How great would it be to take the boat into the ballgame and then home again without fighting all that traffic? The boat parking lots in Quincy and Hingham would be brimming with cars from all over the South Shore at a time when they would otherwise be empty. The added boat revenue would also cut the state subsidy and take cars off the road at the same time (lest the MBTA forget, the whole idea is to take cars off the roads and most ball game traffic occurs during peak hours).

From Boston's vantage point, a healthy boat system combined with a rejuvenated Nantasket terminal could also take city residents to the beach on weekends or in mid day on hot summer days when the commuter boats are not in use. After dropping commuters in Hingham at the end of the day, the boats could swing by Nantasket and pick up all those sun-baked bodies and actually return to Boston with a full load of paying passengers. All the more cars would be taken off the roads, especially those clogging 228 and 3A on their way to and from Nantasket.

This all makes sense to us. Hopefully it makes sense to the people of Cohasset. It is something that "can" happen. But only if we push state transportation authorities toward the alternatives. Right now they have a bad case of Greenbush. If we can cure that maybe they'll open their eyes and see the possibilities.

Michael Weymouth
Advocates for Transportation Alternatives
Hingham

Grant appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the students at Cohasset Middle High School and the Arts Boosters, I would like to thank the South Shore Playhouse Associates for their generous grant of $1,000 this year.

This grant will help to fund our operating expenses for the upcoming school year. The money raised by Arts Boosters goes directly to the students in the form of enriching the arts curriculum with extra supplies, paying entry fees for Drama competitions, and granting requests from the teachers for special events or projects which are not included in the school budget. This grant will enable us to begin the year on a sound financial basis.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates and the South Shore Music Circus are true assets to the Town of Cohasset. The members of the Arts Boosters send our sincerest wishes for the best season yet in 2001.

Donna O'Donnell, President
Cohasset Arts Boosters

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COHASSET CARES

Pay as You Throw off to a good start!

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

By and large townspeople are responding very well to PAYT, and the Recycling Committee want to congratulate townspeople for their understanding and decency as we make this important move.

The democratic philosophy of PAYT— we pay according to our lifestyle —is reassuring.

The most marked differences at the RTF are: 1] the diminished and more "normal" amount of trash generated because of the blue bags; 2] the increase in plastics recycled and cardboard recycled and the need for better equipment to replace the antiquated baler and to crush/shred the plastics to assist employees as they work in between days; and 3] the increase in esprit as we all feel the reality of doing much more for the environment.

Cohasset RECYCLING TRANSFER Facility
Cohasset green to cycle verything

Of course there have been a few thoughtless and selfish types that have had to be reminded of the cost differences between littering and using the RTF. The democratic philosophy of PAYT— we pay according to our lifestyle —is reassuring.

By and large Cohasset residents are thoughtful and neat. I know we feel uplifted by being more respectful of the basics that make up our lives.

See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Suburban caucus wins round on affordable housing issue

By Craig Sandler
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— COMMENTARY —

One of the most underreported realities of the state Legislature made front-page news this week.

Suburbanites do not control the Legislature, but they have the power to. And it was the suburban point of view that held sway as the House settled a half-billion dollar debate on affordable housing.

In the wake of last week's votes, advocates for affordable housing claimed fuzzy math had been used so the riding-mower communities could renege on a chance to make themselves more open to more kinds of people — the poor, the young, the non-white, the non-traditional.

If that's true, it was one of the instances where the demographics of the Legislature overrode the inclinations of its powerful rulers.

Normally, the House and Senate are under the control of urban lawmakers, even though, according to the 2000 Census, only 44 percent of the population of Massachusetts lives in "urbanized centers" like Boston, Chelsea and Springfield, where the House Speaker, the Senate President and members of their leadership teams live.

The Census Department classifies communities into seven categories, and 56 percent of the state lives outside the urban centers. Cities lost ground in the last decade, from 46 to 44 percent of the state's population. The fastest-growing category was "small rural community," followed by "resort/retirement/artistic," followed by "residential suburb." All three grew more than six times faster than the "urban center" category.

Ask anybody at the Statehouse, and they'll let you know: Tom Finneran and Tom Birmingham control more than 44 percent of the power on Beacon Hill. Eighty percent is more like it, as if there's a credible way to put a number on it. Finneran and Birmingham, in their candid moments, won't deny that, and years of pronouncements about how their chambers will vote attest to who's boss and how things are run nowadays.

By the same token, and just as sincerely, they will insist they listen and respond to their membership. Well, it turns out the majority of that membership doesn't live in the city, like Finneran does, and so it was that the housing bill didn't pass on Finneran's schedule.

Originally, the bill had to be pulled because so many suburban lawmakers complained their towns would remain subject to big new developments. Communities that don't set aside 10 percent of their units as affordable for low- and middle-income people lose their power to keep more affordable housing from being built.

House leadership eventually conceded to the suburban caucus, and after a delay of many hours, allowed passage of an amendment instantly "creating" more affordable housing by counting mobile homes and federal rental vouchers as affordable units. That allowed more than five dozen suburbs to instantly say they were complying with the statutes requiring them to make a tenth of their housing affordable.

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How much does this matter? Depends on who you are. If you want to keep your community looking the way it does now – physically and demographically.

The vote to prevent creation of more affordable housing units was a victory for stability. But housing advocates said the vote would keep many people in Massachusetts from changing the way their lives look, by keeping them out of the places they'd like to call home. Ironically, many of these people — poorer, ethnic, younger, and hoping to move up — could remain stuck in the cities Birmingham and Finneran are from. Last week, demographics outside the building were stronger than the force of leadership or personality inside.

2001 Boys of Summer

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I've followed the fortunes of Our Olde Towne Team (the Red Sox, I mean) off and on since Marty McManus was the playing manager, Dale Alexander was winning the batting championship, and Smead Jolley was rolling down Duffy's Cliff in left field.

But I don't recall ever seeing a bunch like the 2001 Boys of Summer, who are battling the New York Yankees for the American League pennant with a good chance of winning.

All that's missing is Wade Boggs and Margo Adams, but don't go away, there's still a half season left to play, with a lot of road trips into the hinterlands sans wives left to be made.

When I last looked, the Sox were within striking distance of the Evil Empire with all but one of their best players either coming out of the hospital or waiting to get in, and the team on the field appeared to be made up of 25 utility infielders.

Yet a goodly percentage of their fans wanted to fire the manager.

Why do I feel that if Jimy Williams wins the American League pennant, he'll get life without parole?

And if he wins the Sox's first World Series since 1918, they'll clamor for him to get the chair?

All this is being done while the team is up for a crash sale to the highest bidder, and it needs a new stadium with enough seats and luxury boxes to support a team with a $100 million payroll.

Just the other day, a Sox outfielder named Trot Nixon was quoted by those sensation-seeking Boston baseball writers as criticizing injured outfielder Carl Everett for not getting well as fast as he could.

Whereupon Everett demanded that the writers apologize to Nixon, not for misquoting him, which they hadn't, but for making him look like a bad guy. Until they apologized, he (Everett) would not speak to them again.

It was apparently the first time Everett had spoken to the writers since last year when he told them he would never speak to them again.

Which came as a relief to a lot of them, particularly those who had heard him pontificate on why he didn't believe in dinosaurs, which was a concept few baseball writers have been called on to wrestle with.

Everett went from there to attack an umpire and tell the manager in a voice that all could hear that he never liked him in the first place.

All this while their best pitcher, Pedro Martinez, was home on the Dominican Republic nursing a sore arm for the next month; their best catcher, Jason Varitek, was on the shelf with a broken ankle; and their best player of all, Nomar Garciaparra, hadn't played all season after undergoing wrist surgery.

Meanwhile, Williams and General Manager Dan Duquette haven't appeared to be on speaking terms since the Duke failed to back the manager in a dispute with a player (Everett, who else?) last year.

And neither was sure of his job next season when a new owner, hopefully one with deep pockets, may be ready to take over the $100 million payroll and the disintegrating ball park.

HEALTH NOTES

Keeping your family safe at the pool

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Here are some tips brought to you by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta:

In the summer, swimming pools are filled with millions of people having fun and staying cool. But did you know that germs can contaminate swimming water even if it is treated with chlorine?

This summer, learning about recreational water illnesses (RWIs), which are spread by swimming in contaminated water, such as swimming pools, water parks, lakes and the ocean, can protect you from illness.

RWIs are caused by germs like "Crypto" (KRIP-toe, short for Cryptosporidium), Giardia (gee-ARE-dee-uh), E. coli 0157:H7, and Shigella (Shi-GE-luh) and are spread by accidentally swallowing water that has been contaminated with fecal matter. Remember, you share the water with everyone in the pool.

Germs causing RWIs are killed by chlorine, but chlorine doesn't work right away. It takes time to kill germs. Plus, some germs like Crypto are resistant to chlorine and can live in pools for days. That is why even the best maintained pools can spread illness.

Healthy swimming behaviors are needed to protect you and your family from RWIs and will help stop germs from getting in the pool in the first place. Here are six "P-L-E-As" that promote healthy swimming, provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Healthy Swimming Project:

1. Please don't swim when you have diarrhea. This is especially important for kids in diapers. You can spread germs into the water and make other people sick.

Healthy swimming behaviors are needed to protect you and your family.

2. Please don't swallow pool water. In fact, try your best to avoid even having water get in your mouth.

3. Please wash your hands with soap and water after using the toilet or changing diapers. You can protect others by remembering that germs on your body end up in the water.

4. Please take your kids on bathroom breaks often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.

5. Please change diapers in a bathroom and not at poolside. Germs can spread to surfaces and objects in and around the pool.

6. Please wash your child thoroughly (especially his or her rear end) with soap and water before swimming. We all have invisible amounts of fecal matter on our bottoms that end up in the pool.

Visit "http://www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming" and take a quick look at what swimmers are asking this year.

Rowing for Exercise, a Healthy way to get on the water

The Board of Health (BoH) and the Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI) have ties in two areas: First, high school students under CMI sponsorship use CMI boats, built by high school students to gather water quality samples of Cohasset Cove and the Gulf. Funding for some labor and materials for this effort comes from financial gifts through the BoH. Other funds come from an MIT grant to CMI. No Town funds.

But there exists a far more interesting relationship between CMI and BoH. The BoH assists the CMI in its rowing program. CMI has two lovely four sweep wherry's in addition to other boats which are used for recreational rowing. These excellent boats, donated to the CMI are in use every Sunday from 7-9a.m., and on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The boats are available to CMI members and others who may wish to use them for recreational rowing. Next Saturday one of the boats will be used in the Blackburn Challenge a rowing race in Gloucester. The boat will be manned by Joe Stanley, Scott Bradford, Mimi Tabela, and Rosamund Healy. They all row at area colleges and act as coaches, trainers and mentors for the CMI rowing program. The race is a 17.5 mile row through the Annisquam Canal around Cape Ann and back to Gloucester. The kids are going for a course record. Call Jack Buckley 781-383-8261, if you're interested in getting out on the water and rowing for exercise.

Steve Bobo is Chairman of the Board of Health.

Protect environmental law!

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

Since the publication of Rachel Carson's 1962 book "Silent Spring," millions of Americans have learned: materials put into the air and water alter the air and water and us. We do not mean to ruin our living conditions, but the rush to perceived short-term benefit distracts us from simple logic. Beginning in 1969 environmental protection legislation put the logic into law and made citizens into stewards. Before a change to air, water, and living systems can be blundered into, the impacts have to be detailed to the public so it can determine if the action is warranted or if it hurts the natural systems that support biological life.

This spring, South Shore residents and municipalities opened Massport's Environmental Impact Statement/ Final Environmental Report (EIS/EIR) for proposed runway 14/32, quite reasonably looking for a clear picture of impacts on the South Shore. On reading it, they were shaken by the impression that Massport would concentrate low altitude operations here and angered by Massport's public relations spin that traffic over South Shore homes is over "water" and creates environmental benefit. The group retained scientists and statistical experts in the areas of noise, emissions, delay, demand management and economic impacts to read the EIS/EIR closely and report back to residents. Attorney Bill Golden, instrumental in filing the Boston Harbor Cleanup lawsuit, coordinated this environmental dream team's official response to the EIS/EIR.

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The towns got a shock. In all of the crucial areas of the EIS/EIR, individual team members identified patterns of misleading statements and misrepresentations amounting in Golden's assessment to fraud against the public. Rather than using professionally standard methods and current data to provide the public clear alternatives, Massport had cooked questionable data to make its "preferred alternative" look credible. That is an outrage. Massport seemed to be building the data to fit the case rather than arriving at the best case from real data. Reportedly, Massport now has consultants scrambling to clean up the appearance of the worst of the bad data before submitting a final impact statement to the FAA.

We know that the current director of Massport was a former governor's press secretary, not a transportation expert. It may be part of "politics as usual" in Massachusetts. But air and water quality is not political. Political spin doesn't protect the taxpayer from toxic conditions. Cautious, informed deliberation does that. Manipulating environmental data is reckless, wrong, dangerous and unacceptable.

The effort begun by the South Shore Jet Pollution Council is now part of an unprecedented coalition all around greater Boston. The cities of Somerville, Everett and Revere have recently voted funding to assist in the coalition's effort. Environmental quality cannot be left to Massport. It is not the kind of thing they do well. We have to save the integrity of environmental law. It is the only tool we have to keep bad ideas from becoming bad air. To find out more about the South Shore Jet Pollution Council, go to our Web site at southshorejetpollution.org.

Mary Ann Frye of Hingham is a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council.

POLITICAL NOTES

Bradley hosts beach cleanup

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and a group of early-morning volunteers recently participated in the first annual Sandy Beach Clean Up Day on Saturday, June 30.

The clean-up effort produced 27 bags of trash filled with Styrofoam cups and containers, plastic bottles, paper, construction materials, and cigarette butts. In addition, two large barrels were filled with metal debris, consisting principally of sharp, dangerous pieces of lobster traps, which were washed ashore during winter storms. The group also set aside a bag of returnable bottles, which was deposited at the Boy Scout shed at the transfer station. The cleanup group was careful to leave the dune areas undisturbed and left all "natural" material such as seashells, flora, and driftwood intact on the beach.

Bradley thanked all of the volunteers who turned out and expressed his appreciation to Town Manager Mark Haddad and the Sandy Beach Assoc. Pres. Dr. Robin Lawrence for their cooperation and assistance. Bradley has participated in beach cleanups in both Hingham and Hull and said he is looking forward to making this an annual event involving a large section of the community.

"The clean-up effort was a great success," said Bradley, who provided the gloves, bags, and refreshments for the volunteers. "Sandy Beach is an environmental gem for the residents of Cohasset. An annual clean-up day such as this helps to remind all of us that maintaining this beautiful, 'sandy beach' in top condition is the responsibility of all of us."



State Rep. Garrett Bradley is joined at the beach cleanup by Jack Quigley, Julien Geyer, Andrew Liberty, Tim Murphy, Ruth Anne Barry, Samantha Liberty, Kate French, Emma Quigley, Amy Geyer, Claudia Quigley and Kate, Rita Barry, Jim Tobin, Lorna Larracey, Donna French, Jim Murphy and Sarah, Jim French and Mike Salerno.

Runway meeting with Buckingham

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley has sent a letter requesting a meeting with Virginia Buckingham, director of Massport, and several constituents who, like himself, are opposed to the addition of another runway at Logan International Airport. This request comes after Massport's failure to recognize the effects the proposed runway will have on the Bradley's district of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

"I feel that this meeting would be beneficial to both the opponents and Massport. There are many outstanding questions, such as the amount of delay reduction due to the proposed addition of runway 14/32," Bradley stated in his letter.

Bradley is waiting a response to his letter from Buckingham. "It is my hope that the Director will finally meet with the opponents of this project, which she has so far refused to do," he said.

Selectmen back Town Manager Mark Haddad

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decide to set up a sub-committee to investigate several subsequent complaints about Haddad by other citizens [see related story].

Selectman Michael Sullivan, who had frequent run-ins with Pratt when the two men sat on the board together, harshly criticized Pratt.

"This incident and the requirement for an independent investigator has occurred because of a temper tantrum Mr. Pratt had because he was not aware a meeting had taken place," he said. Sullivan continued to say although Haddad has the responsibility to stay calm and respectful at all times no matter how difficult the situation may be, neither Pratt nor any other citizen "should instigate a smear campaign on a town manager because they were not involved in a meeting."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris added, "I hope no other decent, hard-working person, which I consider Mark Haddad to be, has to suffer the stress and humiliation of having unfounded accusations brought against them."

Selectmen Merle Brown and Thomas Callahan also stated their support for Haddad, the first town manager in the town's history.

"I have told [Haddad] during my chairmanship that he does have to take a certain amount of abuse...At the same time, I don't think he has to sit there defenseless, and think he has at times been dealt with unfairly," he said.

Callahan also said he wished the incident had ended with the handshake Hadadd offered at the end of the June 14 confrontation with Pratt. "I'm sorry we had to go through this. I'm sorry the citizens of Cohasset had to listen to all of this," he said."

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said he hopes the independent investigator's report "is the end of this situation."

Haddad, who has refrained from comment during the investigation, said "I think the report speaks for itself."

Pratt questioned the board's fairness. He said despite several requests, he didn't receive Haddad's cross-complaint until after he had spoken with Haley, and that the additional complaints were not taken into consideration.

"I think the selectmen did not accord any of the complainants, including my wife and I, any resemblance of due process," he said afterwards. "Mr. Haddad got to see my complaint and my wife's complaint against him, and the subsequent complaints, but I did not get to see his complaint against me until four days after my interview. He was allowed somehow to muster alleged evidence of other incidents to back up his claim that I have harassed him for four years, where in none of the other complaints were taken into account so the investigator was not allowed to look at an overall pattern."

In his complaint, Pratt, a former selectman, alleged that while confronting Haddad about a meeting the town manager had held to discuss a proposed development off Route 3A, that he had become verbally abusive and threatening to the point where he "feared Haddad would possibly engage in a physical assault upon him." Donna Pratt also put her complaint about her telephone conversation with Haddad in writing.

Haddad counter-charged that Pratt has systematically harassed and verbally assaulted him over the past four years, tried to embarrass him publicly and privately, and claimed Pratt told him he would not be happy until Haddad was no longer the Town Manager.

Haley, a former state director of personnel and administration, was not present at the meeting; his findings and recommendations were read by town counsel Peter Barry.

The findings gave slightly varied versions of the June 14 argument between Haddad and Peter Pratt, and the October conversation between Haddad and Donna Pratt. Haley met with five other town hall employees that were witnesses to the altercation, and reported an "agitated, angry, red-faced, fuming" Pratt "pacing" outside Haddad's office, as well as "loud tones and voices coming from both men." [For text of investigator's findings, see 9]

The report said the two accounts of the phone conversation were so different it could not be reconciled.

The investigator's findings told of angry and threatening message left by Pratt on the selectmen's office voice-mail system, as well as an email that contained profanity he sent to a number of town residents in 1997.

The report recommended giving both men a slap on the wrist and was often scolding.

"At some point, you may want to remind all of the parties to these complaints of the old adage that if you can't say something nice about someone, then it is best to say nothing at all," Haley said.

He also said at a couple of different points in his comments that personal differences should be put aside in the name of working for the public interest. "Personal animosities between elected and appointed officials provide distractions and undermine the public's confidence in the ability of those selected to represent them to carry out their public duties properly. Public interest should always come before personal and professional differences."

The report recommended that Pratt not be allowed to see Haddad without an appointment, and that someone else be present during all meetings and telephone conversations between Haddad and the Pratts.

It also said both men "must learn to control their emotions when they hear something that they don't like, disagree with something that has been said or done or with a position that has been taken, or when they do not get their own way."

The report said Haddad has a responsibility to remain calm and to keep his temper despite whether he agrees with what is being said or done. But it continued on to say that neither Haddad nor any member of his staff should be subjected to verbal abuse, profanity or physical intimidation.

The report also recommended advising Pratt that "demanding urgent meetings, berating other publicly and privately, leaving threatening messages on the police chief's home answering machine and sending profane and threatening emails to town residents is inappropriate and reflects poorly on a person holding an elected position in the community."

The board adopted the recommendations in a unanimous vote.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some ideas for a clean Sandy Beach

TO THE EDITOR:

At first blush, it may seem astounding that Rep. Garnett Bradley and his crew of volunteers filled 27 large bags of trash, plus two barrels of sharp-edged flotsam and jetsam, from Sandy Beach during their recent clean-up day. To put this into perspective, think of it this way. They filled one bag with trash for about every 40 linear feet of the 1,200 foot length of Sandy Beach - numbers which suggest that Sandy Beach is not much better than the proverbial pig-sty.

But if one visits Sandy Beach on any Sunday morning, those figures are not so surprising. That's because the parking lot and beach are strewn with trash which has overflowed and been picked apart from the seagull-friendly trash barrels in the parking lot. The trash, including a lot of Styrofoam and plastic, is either blown by the wind or carried by the gulls into the dune grass areas, which become a de facto landfill.

There is no excuse for Sandy Beach and the parking lot perimeter to be anything other than a pristine stretch of beachfront. It is small, easily manageable, and used primarily by town residents who (in theory at least) take pride in a precious town resource.

To that end, here are a couple of ideas to keep Sandy Beach litter-free:

First and foremost, the town should remove all barrels from the parking lot. This may seem counter-intuitive to the notion of a trash-free beach, but the reality is that the seagull friendly barrels are responsible for creating more trash on the beach after a busy weekend than could possibly be strewn by the worst of litterbugs. Moreover, as was detailed in a front page story in the Globe just a few weeks ago, the trend in recreational areas is to require users "to take out what they bring in." Recreational managers all over the country have noticed that such a policy leaves less litter in parks and beaches than when trash receptacles were in place. This is the policy at most Cape Cod town beaches and their beaches are much cleaner than Sandy Beach.

Second, the fee for the beach sticker should go up by a few bucks. The additional $3,000 or so would be given to the Sandy Beach Assoc. so that it could provide a nice summer job for a few of our young people (or better yet, for some of our senior citizens) who would clean the beach on a daily basis for one to two hours (or less) each day.

Third, the ice cream trucks should be banned from the parking lot. They create enormous amounts of small trash - Popsicle sticks, wrappers, and straws - which permeate the sand. (Also, speaking as a parent of small children who clamor for an ice cream thing on a stick which melts in the sun within 60 seconds and then plops into the sand, resulting in the inevitable crying jag, it would be wonderful if they were not around.) These sorts of vendors are not allowed on many of the beaches on the Cape - people do quite fine without them - and their beaches are much cleaner than ours.

Fourth, something should be done to enforce the no-dogs-on-the-beach rule. Dog owners come from Hull and other towns to let their dogs run and do their "thing" on our beach because the no-dogs rule is enforced strictly on their community's beaches. I have nothing against dogs -we have one - but like the vast majority of residents, I do have something against irresponsible owners who allow their dogs to do their "thing" on the beach without picking it up and who let their dogs run free to bother others.

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Independent investigator's report of fact-finding phase

Editor's note: the following is the July 4, 2001 report from the independent investigator, David A. Haley to Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed.

Mr. Pratt is a resident of the Town of Cohasset and is presently a member of the Cohasset Planning Board. Mrs. Pratt is a resident of the Town of Cohasset and the wife of Mr. Pratt. Mr. Haddad is the Town Manager for the Town of Cohasset.

On Tuesday, July 3, 2001, I met with eight individuals including Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, Mr. Haddad and five other people, all of whom work in the Cohasset Town Hall.

In addition to the eight face to face meetings that were conducted, I read several letters from people who live within and outside of Cohasset and three written statements from witnesses. I listened to two voice mail recordings and part of the recording of a Board of Selectmen's meeting. I also reviewed newspaper clips, memoranda and one e-mail message.

Mr. Peter Pratt brought the first complaint in a letter addressed to you dated June 15, 2001. The event which resulted in the complaint occurred on June 14, 2001 in and around Mr. Haddad's office. A brief summary of the complaint follows:

• Mark Haddad exhibited highly inappropriate behavior toward Mr. Pratt during a meeting in his office within the Cohasset Town Hall.

• The behavior was confrontational animated, loud and violent.

• Mr. Pratt feared that Mr. Haddad would possibly engage in a physical assault upon him.

• Mr. Haddad's behavior was abusive, threatening, intimidating and intolerable.

Mrs. Donna Pratt brought the second complaint in a letter addressed to you dated June 27, 2001. The event which resulted in the complaint occurred in October, 2000, nine months ago. A brief summary of the complaint follows:

• Mrs. Pratt worked with members of the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen to rectify the problem of inadequate crossing guard coverage at the Deer Hill/Osgood School crossing on Sohier Street.

• Crossing guard jurisdiction was returned from the schools to the police department.

• After several weeks there was no indication of noticeable changes at the crossing.

• Mrs. Pratt called Mr. Haddad to inquire as to the status of his action to carry out the board's directive.

• During the return call from Mr. Haddad to Mrs. Pratt, Mr. Haddad responded to Mrs. Pratt's questions and statements by shouting at her and stating that he knew what he was doing. He never answered her questions and remained defensive. Mr. Haddad accused her of threatening him when she said that it was his duty to do as the board directed him and by not doing so, he was not carrying out his responsibilities.

• Mr. Haddad screamed so loudly that Mrs. Pratt became very shaken and felt abused and accosted.

• Mrs. Pratt told Mr. Haddad that there was no point in discussing the matter with him.

• Mrs. Pratt reported the incident at the time to Mr. Thomas Callahan who was then the Chairman of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen to no avail.

Mark Haddad brought the third complaint in a letter addressed to you dated June 26, 2001. The complaint does not focus on one particular incident but rather, covers a four year period of time. A brief summary of the complaint follows:

• Mr. Pratt has harassed Mr. Haddad and verbally assaulted him on more than one occasion over the course of the last four years.

• Mr. Pratt has stated to Mr. Haddad that he will not be happy until Mr. Haddad is no longer the Town Manager of Cohasset.

• For four years, Mr. Haddad has encountered systematic abuse from Mr. Pratt and his family.

• Mr. Pratt has appeared at Selectmen's meetings and has made false accusations that Mr. Haddad has been negotiating on behalf of private citizens.

• Mr. Pratt has charged Mr. Haddad with incompetence over the handling of recent mitigation negotiations with the M.B.T.A.

• Several months ago, when Mr. Haddad appointed Police Chief Noonan as Acting Town Manager during a short period of absence, Mr. Pratt left a threatening and harassing message on the Selectmen's Office voice mail system.

• Mr. Pratt has taken every opportunity to both publicly and privately embarrass Mr. Haddad.

• Mr. Pratt is attempting to interfere with Mr. Haddad so that he cannot carry out his work assignments.

• On June 14, 2001, after reading a newspaper article about a meeting that Mr. Haddad held on June 13, 2001, Mr. Pratt charged into Mr. Haddad's office at 11:00 AM and demanded to see him.

• Mr. Pratt acted in an extremely aggressive manner.

• Mr. Pratt yelled at Mr. Haddad and Mr. Haddad responded in kind.

• Mr. Pratt came around Mr. Haddad's desk while Mr. Haddad remained seated in his chair.

• Mr. Pratt came into Mr. Haddad's office without an appointment and threatened Mr. Haddad.

• The latest charge by Mr. Pratt against Mr. Haddad is the latest example of Mr. Pratt's systematic abuse of Mr. Haddad.

Findings

• On June 13, 2001, Mr. Haddad conducted a meeting with representatives of Avalon Bay Properties, a development firm. Among those in attendance were several members of the Board of Selectmen and the Chairman of the Planning Board.

• The meeting was appropriate and any concerns or issues that the Planning Board may have had could have been addressed or responded to by the Chairman who was in attendance.

• Mr. Pratt read the Cohasset Mariner account of the June 13, 2001 meeting with Avalon Bay Properties on June 14, 2001. Mr. Pratt was "shocked to see what had been said by the Town Manager, Mr. Haddad, who had nice things to say about the developer."

• Mr. Pratt arrived in Mr. Haddad's office at approximately 11 a.m. on June 14, 2001. Mr. Pratt did not have an appointment.

• Mr. Pratt appeared to be "agitated, angry, red faced, fuming and was pacing" according to three people who observed him in the outer office prior to his going in to meet with Mr. Haddad.

• Mr. Pratt told one of Mr. Haddad's staff members that the need to meet with Mr. Haddad was "urgent."

• Mr. Pratt and Mr. Haddad both acknowledged that the opening statement by Mr. Pratt had to do with the issue of by what authority or under what policy or legal jurisdiction Mr. Haddad had conducted the June 13, 2001 meeting with Avalon Bay Properties.

• Mr. Haddad thought Mr. Pratt's tone was harsh and loud and he responded angrily and loudly as well by saying, "How dare you talk to me that way."

• Witnesses heard loud tones and words coming from both men.

• One witness saw Mr. Pratt standing at the side of Mr. Haddad's desk that is closest to him. Mr. Haddad recalls that Mr. Pratt was within three and a half to four feet of him. Mr. Pratt denies that. The witness could not see Mr. Haddad. Mr. Haddad maintains that he remained in his chair the entire time. Mr. Pratt maintains that Mr. Haddad was standing. Mr. Haddad states that Mr. Pratt was pointing his finger at him and Mr. Pratt states that Mr. Haddad was moving his hands and arms around.

• During the meeting between Mr. Pratt and Mr. Haddad, both men shouted angry words and accusations in the early part of the conversation.

• At the end of the meeting, Mr. Haddad apologized to Mr. Pratt for his part in the episode and extended his hand. Mr. Pratt accepted the apology and shook Mr. Haddad's hand.

• Other than a handshake, there was no physical contact between Mr. Pratt and Mr. Haddad.

• Although their tones were sharp, their voices were raised and angry words were exchanged neither Mr. Pratt nor Mr. Haddad physically threatened to harm the other. Mr. Pratt, however, stated that at one point he felt "physically threatened and moved toward the door." Mr. Haddad did not feel physically threatened by Mr. Pratt.

• Mrs. Pratt reported the incident involving the telephone call between Mr. Haddad and herself at the time that it occurred to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. If action was required, the Chairman had both the responsibility and the authority to take action then. Mrs. Pratt is now reporting something in writing to the new Chairman of the Board of Selectmen that was previously reported verbally to the former Chairman.

• Authority for supervision of the crossing guard was returned to the police department within several weeks of the decision and after the town meeting that legally authorized the transfer of both the position and the budgetary dollars to support the position. The transfer had to be accomplished in both a proper and legal manner.

• Mr. Haddad and Mrs. Pratt tell very different stories about what happened during the telephone call in question. Mr. Haddad denies shouting or screaming at Mrs. Pratt. They were the only two parties to the call and therefore their different recollections of the telephone call cannot be reconciled.

• Mr. Pratt and Mr. Haddad acknowledge that Mr. Pratt has said to Mr. Haddad that he would like to see him leave the position of Town Manager of Cohasset.

• Mr. Pratt left a voice mail message on the Selectmen's Office voice mail system at 12:33 a.m. on April 11, 2001 in which he said to Mr. Haddad, "For once, do the right thing and set aside the outrageous decision to appoint Police Chief Noonan as the 'Acting Town Manager,' while he was away. Mr. Haddad normally appoints the Police Chief as Acting Town Manager in order to avoid a conflict of interest for other senior managers within Cohasset town government. Mr. Pratt also stated on the voice mail that he would be in Mr. Haddad's office at 9 a.m. that morning to discuss the matter with him. No appointment had been scheduled and Mr. Haddad was out of the building at 9 a.m.

• Mr. Pratt has told Mr. Haddad that he is unhappy about the termination of a Cohasset Police Officer and unhappy with the handling of a previous complaint by Mr. Pratt and Mrs. Pratt against a Cohasset police sergeant that resulted in a letter of reprimand for the sergeant.

• Mr. Haddad and Mr. Pratt have had a heated exchange over dredging issues in the past.

• Mr. Pratt has told others, including selectmen, that he believes that Mr. Haddad should no longer be allowed to serve as the Cohasset Town Manager. He has said this to Mr. Haddad directly. Mrs. Pratt feels similarly.

• Mr. Pratt left two voice mail messages on the home voice mail system of Police Chief Noonan, one of Mr. Haddad's direct reports, during the period of time when the incident involving the police sergeant was taking place. The second message ended with Mr. Pratt stating, "If you are in town and not calling me back, this will be tough on you, Brian."

• On February 25, 1997, at 1:39 a.m., Mr. Pratt sent a one page e-mail to several individuals that had to do with a dredging issue. The e-mail included profanity and the sentence, "You have gotten me really ...'d off about the protection of bodies of water in this town for which my family has acted as custodians for centuries – literally. When they rename the Aaron River after a member of your family rather than mine, you can come back and ... with the public interest like you did tonight. Until then, don't ever think of pulling this kind of ... again." The e-mail also makes numerous other highly inflammatory remarks about a person, his client, and ends with, "Can you smell corrupt practice, counselor? You should be ashamed of yourself."

• Mr. and Mrs. Pratt have both initiated calls recently to the media to discuss their complaints, responses to their complaints and in the case of Mrs. Pratt, to take exception to an editorial that was written in the Cohasset Mariner on June 21, 2001.

• Mr. Pratt has received or collected copies of complaints from other individuals from within and outside of the Town of Cohasset and has given copies of Mrs. Pratt's and his complaints to some people so that they would know how to write a letter of complaint. Mr. Pratt also prepared a sample letter of complaint that he has shared with several individuals.

• A number of people have contacted Mr. Pratt about their complaints with Mr. Haddad and have mentioned others with similar complaints. Mr. Pratt has reached out to or initiated contact with these others in order to learn more about their complaints and to offer assistance in preparing a written complaint.

• Mr. Haddad believes that the constant harassment and second guessing of his decision making by a person not within his direct chain of command has hampered his ability to perform his duties as Town Manager and recently caused the renegotiation of his employment contract to be put on hold and possibly jeopardized.

Selectmen to look into additional complaints

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen have formed a subcommittee consisting of board chairman Fred Koed and vice-chairman Michael Sullivan to look into additional complaints filed by town residents against Town Manager Mark Haddad.

On Tuesday, the board decided not to pursue any disciplinary action against Haddad as Planning Board member Peter Pratt had requested after he accused Haddad of being verbally abusive and threatening toward him in an impromptu meeting on June 14 [see related story].

However, during the course of the investigation into the incident, selectmen received seven letters detailing alleged incidents with Haddad.

The complaints, written by Robert Healy of Norfolk Road, Joseph Barrow of Smith Place, Amanda Burgoon and Norma Kravette of Ripley Road, Joseph Rosano of Howe Road, William and Suzanne Ross of Church Street, Roger Hill of Highland Avenue, and Mark Gratta, the owner of a business on Smith Place, allege Haddad either shouted at them or was rude when they went into town hall for resolution of a number of issues including parking tickets, a drainage project, restoration of a county marker and sump pump and tree problems.

Pratt claims he was contacted by those residents once his complaint was made public. He denies seeking them out, but does admit to providing them with copies of his and his wife's complaint letters. Healy's and Gratta's complaints are on the form letter Pratt provided them, however. Healy added a detailed account of his incident.

Selectmen decided against hiring another independent investigator to look into the complaints at this time, a decision that angered those in attendance.

"I don't understand why the rest of us can't receive the same due process Peter and Donna Pratt received, and allow us to speak with the (independent investigator)," Rosano said.

Donna Pratt said the board was unfairly punishing the other town residents by not hiring another independent investigator.

"You are running the risk of making this larger problem into a personal problem between me and my husband and Mr. Haddad," she said. "I think you are about to make a mistake and rob these other people of their rights to complain and are sending a message that the doors of town hall are shut."

Koed said the other complaints don't allege an assault, as Pratt's did, and therefore don't meet the "higher standard" required to immediately call in an independent investigator.

Selectmen Michael Sullivan and Thomas Callahan were also concerned about wasting taxpayer money on further investigations.

The one-day investigation cost the town $1,000.

"I don't think we should be spending any more money," said Sullivan.

A few in attendance argued they pay the taxes and they want further investigation.

"It will cost a few bucks, but we deserve it," said Rosano.

Koed and Sullivan said they will thoroughly look into the complaints and contact each person individually and then make a recommendation to the board at its next meeting.

Haddad was confident that "The truth of these complaints will come out when the selectmen do their investigation."

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Anti-train group readies to launch another lawsuit

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through its consultant Sverdrup Civil, Inc. and issuing a certificate for the project. Therefore, within the next two weeks AFTA will file its intention to sue over that potential decision. The notice of intent is a step required by state law.

"Depending on what Durand does, we are prepared for litigation," Bewick says. No one from the MBTA could be reached for comment by press time.

But train proponents see AFTA as trying to derail the train at all costs for their own selfish reasons.

"They are trying to prevent an alternative mode of transportation from thousands of people who live on the South Shore," said David Clinton, of the former Back on Track, a pro-train organization that is not currently active. Clinton questions how many AFTA members are abutters to the track and says the delay resulting from lawsuits only adds more cost to the project.

"Where were these people back in 1984 when we started this?" he asked.

This would be the second Greenbush lawsuit launched by AFTA. In the spring AFTA filed suit against the MBTA, the Executive Office for Transportation and Construction and the Massachusetts Highway Department for failure to comply with public records request.

Bewick says although the requested documents are "dribbling in" the lawsuit is still active.

AFTA is not alone in its feeling the FEIR is inadequate. Recently, in a majority decision, the 19-member Citizens Advisory Committee, which was appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to comment on the study and represents all towns along the rail corridor, told the secretary the FEIR needed more work – something that could bolster AFTA's view that the study is seriously flawed.

"We feel the final EIR is nothing but an advocates' brief for the train in which the alternatives [such as boats and buses] are designed for failure," Bewick says. In other words, Bewick charges the MBTA study on Greenbush was designed to confirm a predetermined outcome with the benefits and costs of the train distorted. Other inadequacies include treatment of wetlands issues, vernal pools and the spotted turtle, an endangered species, Bewick says.

But Jerry Fancher, who has served on the Citizens Advisory Committee since 1985 and signed the minority report, says the FEIR is adequate and that the majority of committee members who said it wasn't – don't want the train no matter what.

Fancher, a train proponent and general manager of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, said the committee [which has changed makeup over the years] initially looked at 22 Greenbush alternatives and none solved the demographic problem of providing adequate transportation for Hull, Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield, except the train. He says the only outstanding issues not addressed in the FEIR are what to do with Weymouth Landing and the layover site in Scituate.

"It seems to me this report had more detail and was more in depth than those for the other two lines," Fancher said about the Plymouth and Middleboro lines that started service in 1997. Fancher, who favors a multi-modal solution to the area's transportation problems that includes the train, said the MBTA "went over and above" what was needed in the FEIR including historic preservation criteria.

"I respect anyone's right to bring a lawsuit," Fancher said. "But, if they are not just trying to stop the tram – show me what else they are trying to do.

"If they want more boats, fine – but the answer is not everyone takes the boat."

The environmental impact report is the primary mechanism of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, known as MEPA, to collect information and execute mitigation for large projects that involve state agency action, such as Greenbush. The MEPA review occurs before permitting agencies act, to ensure they know the environmental consequences of their actions.

AFTA is also trying to rally more support and donations. To that end, the non-profit corporation has published the second of a series of newspaper inserts. This week, AFTA has paid to have the four-page insert included in the Cohasset Mariner. Next week, a similar insert will appear in The Hingham Journal. In the weeks ahead, AFTA is considering inserts for the Weymouth News and the Scituate Mariner, although those plans are not definitive, Bewick says.

AFTA is appealing to those opposed to the train to get involved.

"Greenbush is not the done deal the MBTA would have us believe it is," the insert states. "In fact, the ill-considered project is about to enter its most vulnerable stage." The insert includes a membership form and suggested donations ranging from zero (for an in-spirit member) to $1,000 for a patron.

Although Bewick did not elaborate on future AFTA lawsuits he did say that the permitting process that lies ahead for the controversial railroad line could be rocky.

"Permits from the Army Corps of Engineers, Conservation Commissions, Department of Environmental Protection and Fish and Wildlife – can all be challenged," he said.

YMCA plans teen center

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older teens to the center through music, art, and poetry programs when the center is completed by October 2002.

"We hope to make this a cool place for older teens to go," said YMCA executive director Natalie Sheard. "This is a new approach for us. There are a lot of kids who don't play sports. The arts and humanities are just as important and opportunities must be provided for that."

Sheard said Y officials are hoping to attract about 80 kids to the center on a weekend night.

The effort to encourage more mature teen attendance at Y events has caught the attention of Mount Blue co-owner Patrick Bowe. The Norwell restaurant will be hosting its popular annual summer fundraising gathering on July 30 with proceeds going to help fund the Y Knot café teen center. Last year's Mt. Blue party benefited the North and South Rivers Watershed Association.

Bowe said the restaurant became interested with supporting the Y Knot after it noticed a coffeehouse held for teens at the nearby Mug Shop. Several Mt. Blue employees participated with the coffee house. "There was a number of kids playing music there and it was well attended by the kids," added Bowe. "It seemed like a good idea to further."

Bowe and his wife Jane later met with Y officials upon learning of their plans for a teen center to be included in the Y's expansion plan. "My wife and I looked over the plans and keyed in on the teen center and that led to the idea of a coffee house," said Bowe.

Community Newspaper Company is also helping to sponsor the fundraising events and efforts to increase public awareness about the Y Knot teen center.

Y officials are planning an event just for teens on Saturday, July 28, in concert with the Mount Blue gala. An outdoor music festival will be held at the Mill Pond Y noon to 6 p.m. The event will feature the local bands "No Regret, "Six of Fire," "No Luck at All," "Sunset is a Battle.", "Last Ride," and Jay Jansen.

Tickets for the festival are available for $10 and can be purchased at the Y. Proceeds from the music festival will be used to help build the teen center.

The Y currently has a teen program on Friday night during the school year. The program is mostly sports orientated and generally attracts youngsters between ages 12-15 although the cutoff age is 18. Older teens generally don't participate in the Friday evening event because of age level differences between the youngsters. "The kids can come in here and play basketball, tennis or play video games," said Sheard. "We sometimes provide them with pizza, soda, and videos. The program also has a monthly dance which sometimes attracts up to 150 youngsters.

Sheard said Y officials hope to reach older teens by having local bands perform at the center. "If some of the kids belong to a band they will be welcome to perform," added Sheard.

Y officials will also enlist the help of older teens with planning events. "We will give kids the opportunity to plan events through a committee," said Sheard. "If they want to bring a band in they can do so."

Older teens will also be able to showcase videos they've made with their friends along with art work and poetry. "This will provide an opportunity for kids who don't have access to this type of venue," added Sheard. "But we won't be limited to these type of things."

Sheard said the activities will be largely left up to the youths to plan. "We will see what the response is and what the kids want," added Sheard.

Y attempts to reach older kids with music and various art programs have had considerable success at a Chicago Y's teen center. "They had to add a new theatre to host it," added Sheard.

Additional information on the Y's teen program can be made by calling 781-829-8585. Tickets for the Mount Blue event can be purchased for $50 each in advance by calling the restaurant at 781-659-0050. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Research business closure to have no effect on Lobster Lab

By Rick Collins
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The closure of Beautymedicines, Inc., the genomics research lab formerly known as Pavonis, Inc. will have no impact on the proposed Lobster Lab marine research facility, says owner Kevin Ulmer, who is also the prime mover behind the Lobster Lab project.

The Lobster Lab is a proposed educational marine research lab for area students located in the house on the Hagerty property off Parker Avenue.

Beautymedicines, Inc., which was located off Route 3A, recently closed its doors after its investors decided to pull its funding in January, said Ulmer. The research lab focused on mapping the genetic data relative to cosmetic traits.

The lab also had a community tie to it.

"It was a place that was able to have some of the top Advanced Placement biology students come and do some internships, but we've lost that for the moment," Ulmer said.

He added that the closure should have no impact on his controversial Lobster Lab proposal. Since agreeing to a $1-per-year lease with the town three years ago, Ulmer has been criticized for not showing more progress in renovating the dilapidated house.

In March, selectmen told Ulmer he had until Oct. 1 to raise $326,000 and begin construction, or face eviction.

Ulmer said the project, which will cost near $750,000 to complete, has received full approval from all town boards, and will begin construction at the end of boating season in September.

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Film recalls heyday of the Hingham Shipyard

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their memories of working in Hingham at one of the largest shipbuilding operations in the country.

Lifelong Hingham resident Stanley Hersey, whose family settled in town in 1635, remembers those times well.

He recalls the days when the land the shipyard now occupies served as a bayside airport, polo field and dude ranch.

Hersey, who appears in the film, worked at the shipyard on the 3:30-11:30 p.m. swing shift as a ship fitter's helper in the steel mill while attending Hingham High School.

"I knew from the time I was seven- or eight-years-old there was going to be a war, because Japan was (in the midst of conflict) and Hitler came into power," he said.

The young Hersey and others lived in fear of the impending war, yet when the time came for them to do their part, "everyone joined together in the spirit of 'We've got to save the world,'" according to Hersey.

"We build those Destroyer Escorts, and to the best of my knowledge, not one sunk or was damaged due to bad workmanship," Hersey said. "It was like a big family – a feeling I don't think will ever be realized again in America. Freedom was at stake and everyone gave their all."

Hersey later went on to a career with the Navy.

"When I was stationed in France in 1944 at the age of 18, one of the ships we'd built at Hingham Shipyard supplied us with electricity," he said.



Ian Menzies sits with his wife, Barbara, whom he met while serving in the British Royal Navy. At the time, Menzies was in Hingham to transport an LST to Europe.

The audience sat, captivated, throughout the touching documentary.

Peg Charlton, a member of the Hingham Shipyard Historical Foundation advisory committee – who also appears in the film – had a satisfied feeling as she observed the crowd of interested spectators.

"The film has such historical value for the younger generations," she said. "I was happy to put my time into such a worthwhile endeavor."

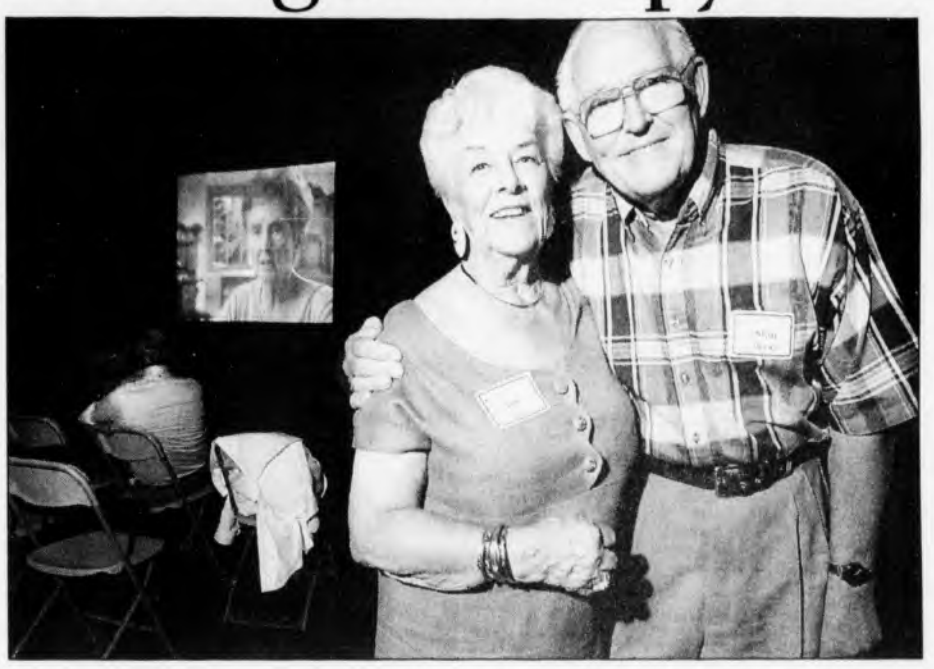
Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, also watched the film.

Hedlund's grandfather, former Hingham resident Joseph Sarni, worked at the shipyard as a painter.

The senator looks forward to showing the documentary to his grandfather, who was unable to attend the event.

"I grew up adjacent to the shipyard, and even though the planned changes represent progress, I'm a bit melancholy, because we're losing a link to the past," he said. "I'm glad, though, that the video preserves the shipyard's history."

Bradley attended the viewing as a way to say thank-you to the "people who worked here and saved our country. Some of the workers were so young, yet they had an awesome responsibility."



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Ann Collins and Stan Hersey, who appears in the film and worked at the shipyard on the 3:30-11:30 p.m. swing shift as a ship fitter's helper in the steel mill while attending Hingham High School, share some memories during the documentary's premier.

Former Hingham resident and well-known radio personality Jess Cain, who narrated the documentary, was glad of an opportunity to return to town for the viewing.

When he was first asked to do the voiceover, Cain wasn't familiar with the shipyard's fascinating history.

"The only thing I knew about the shipyard until that time related to my own sailboat and getting it repaired," Cain said with a laugh. "It was a great thrill to learn about what went on there."

Copies of the video are available at the front desk of the marina store located by Hingham Bay Club for the appropriate sum of $19.42, payable by check to Hingham Shipyard Historical Foundation. For further information, call 781-449-5600, ext. 4.

More than 100 of the videos were sold at the Tuesday viewing of the film.

Million-dollar homes are no longer unusual in town

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— it shows no sign of abating in town.

But Ford cautions that sellers with the most expensive homes need a little patience.

"It's all a matter of supply and demand," she says. "A house priced in the $1 million range, could take 10 to 12 months to sell. While one in the $400,000-$500,000 range, that is priced correctly, would expect to sell in three months."

Tom Hamilton of Dean and Hamilton, which has been in town for more than 30 years, said the quantity of million-dollar-priced homes in town still amazes him.

"Five years ago if someone said our [Dean and Hamilton's] average sale last year would have been $1 million" we'd have said they were crazy, Hamilton says. And even with the million-dollar market cooling somewhat in his view, he points out that there are still four houses currently for sale in town with asking prices of $1.5 million or more.

Hamilton says many first-time homebuyers are grabbing the "mid-range" homes in town, priced between $500,000 and $1 million. Some of them are couples that have looked at prices in Boston and decide to come to Cohasset.

"$700,000 on Beacon Hill gets you a hovel in a back alley," he says. "Where here it gets you a lovely home on Sohier or Pond street with a gorgeous yard.

"It's very tempting for a couple willing to put up with the commute."

Hamilton says Cohasset offers small-town charm coupled with spectacular beauty and good schools — making the combinations irresistible for those who can afford to live here.

"Cohasset is still very reasonable when compared with Weston and Wellesley," he says. "You'd pay 20-30 percent less for the same house here. So many who look in those communities, see Cohasset and say, 'Why not?'"

Drinkwater, who is president-elect of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors and former president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, agrees there is no place quite like Cohasset.

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SENIOR SCENE



NONAGENARIAN

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The Rev. Gary Ritts chats with Eleanor Collins, a long-time Cohasset Realtor, at a special party for the 90-plus set at the Senior Center.

Upcoming events

Glastonbury Abbey Senior Picnic: Wednesday, July 25 - Transportation provided - Pickup at St. Anthony's parking lot -11:30 a.m.

South Shore Elder Affairs Picnic: - Thursday, Aug. 9 - Transportation provided - Pickup at 10 a.m. Nantasket Beach Pavilion

Boston Symphony Open Rehearsal: CEA is accepting names for the fall season's open rehearsals on Thursday mornings. Series of four tickets, including round-trip bus, $120. Call center for reservations

Marshfield Fair Senior Day: Tuesday Aug. 21 - 1 to 3:30 p.m. - free admission - Transportation provided

Jacqueline Kennedy Exhibit - JFK Library: Wednesday, Sept. 26 -Tour is at 9:30 a.m. Transportation $5 - Tickets $11. Call Center for tickets

CENTER ACTIVITIES

Bridge on Mondays -12:30 p.m. - The Owl's Nest Bridge Club

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Reading Club - Friday, Sept. 14 -11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Our first book choice will be your choice! - Bring a "favorite" book for a 5-minute discussion. Next meeting Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. - Reading required is Tom Brokaw's "The Greatest Generation."

Senior Men's Softball - Schedule is: Sunday 10 a.m. to noon at the Gates School in Scituate. Wednesday 10 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's Field (corner of First Parish Road and Kent St.

If interested, you may register on either day - Cost $20 Contact Mary Dean, Scituate Council on Aging 781-545-8722.

Medical Rides: To surrounding communities on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Starts July 1 - Suggested $5 donation. Special transportation is available for Boston appointments on a limited basis Call 781-383-0220 for Boston Service.

TRIAD Meeting - Wednesday, July 25 - at 9:30 a.m.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Jesse Cole

The hero on both sides of the lines in Friday night's huge 3-1 victory over Canton that helped push the Post 118 Cohasset-Scituate Legion team in to fifth place in District 8, with four games remaining. The top five teams in the 10 team district qualify for the playoffs. Cole went the distance on the mound— striking out nine and scattering four hits and two walks while throwing approximately 140 pitches—and brought home a big insurance run in the top of the 10th with a single.

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On the South Shore
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Post 118 clings to playoff hopes

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Splitting its last four games to pull to a record of 6-9-1, the Cohasset-Scituate Post 118 Legion baseball team now sits in the fifth and final playoff spot.

Last Sunday, the team had a thrilling 2-1 win in Quincy against Morrisette. After a scratch run put the home team up 1-0 in the bottom of the first, the visitors tied it up when Thayer Academy junior Brian Signorelli doubled home Cohasset senior-to-be Tim Straughn with one out in the second.

The score remained knotted up at one apiece until the seventh inning, when Scituate's Mike Gulinello hit a one out double, stole third, and came home on a passed ball.

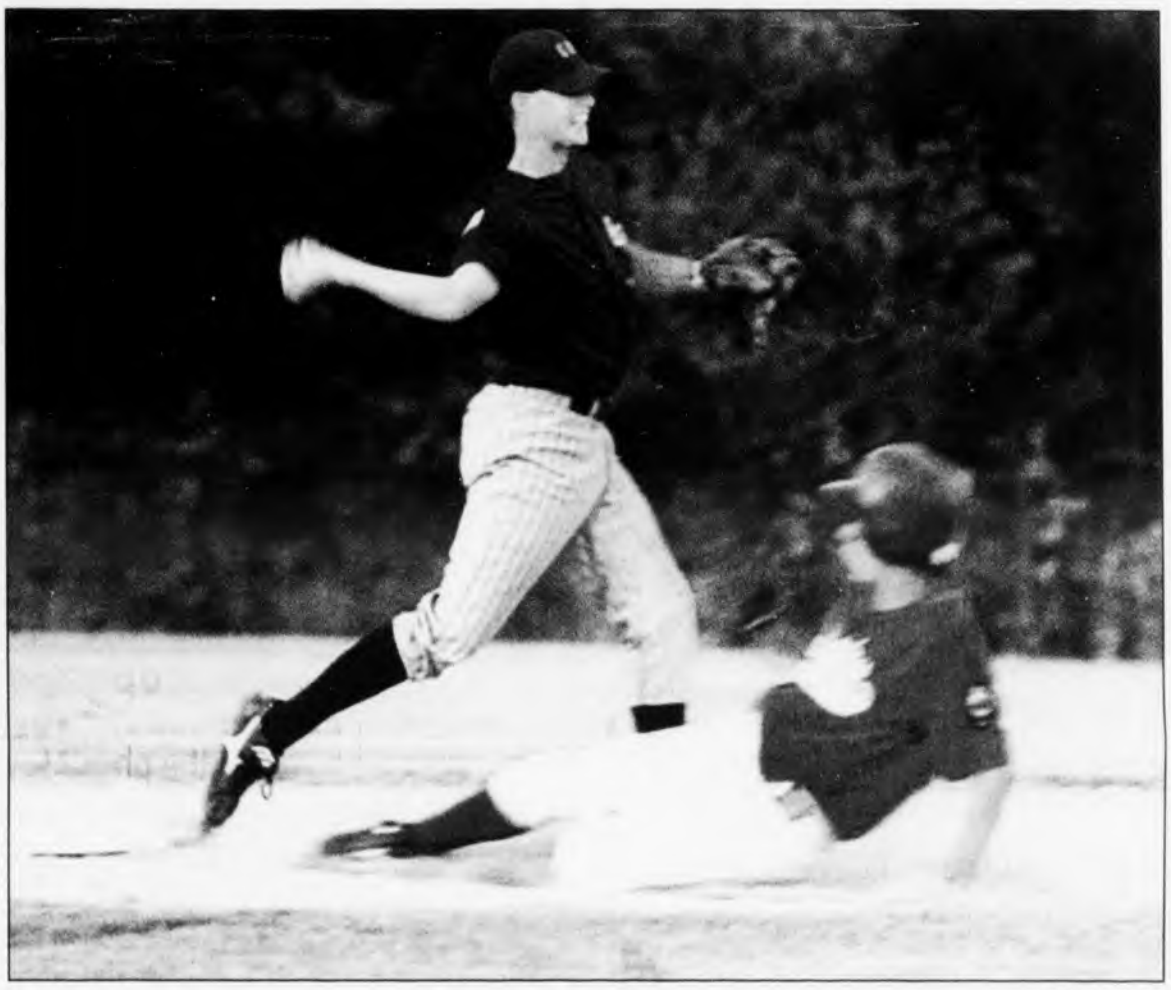
BC High hurler Tom Fitzgerald, who will be entering his senior year at B.C. High in the fall, pitched a great game to out-duel the opposing ace, Keith Dougherty, a highly regarded pitcher in the area.

Fitzgerald pitched a complete game, compiling seven strikeouts while giving up only four hits.

Cohasset's other win within the stretch of four road games in four nights was an even bigger thriller, a 3-1 10-inning victory over Canton on Friday.

Upcoming Scituate High senior Jesse Cole was the hero of this white nails affair, pitching all 10

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PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Post 118 shortstop Jason Connelly looks to turn two in action against Braintree last week.

Proud to be a Skipper

THE BIGGER PICTURE

DAVID INGBER



Field hockey, boys soccer, football, co-ed swimming, boys basketball—and no, the list is not even half done.

Girls gymnastics, boys track, boys lacrosse, girls tennis, boys tennis, girls lacrosse, golf. That's right: 12.

Twelve teams. And no, this is not a list of all the sports Cohasset offers during the course of its school year. This is a list of the playoff teams the Skippers produced in the 2000-2001 season with .500 or better records.

Really makes you wonder, doesn't it? Cohasset High School has fewer total students than some of its competitors have freshmen, and yet Cohasset High School put out twelve winning teams this past school year alone.

You want more? You've got more: this year, we saw two South Shore League Champions (girls tennis and boys track) and two state sectional semi-finalists (girls tennis and boys soccer). We even had the opportunity to witness a state finalist team (boys lacrosse). Am I the only one blown away by this?

An athletic program of this depth and achievement would appear to rely on an enrollment of several thousand students. We have a shade more than 300.

We Skippers, all 300 or so of us, spent the fall following the Lady Field Hockey Skippers with 11 starting seniors chase the juggernaut Hanover team for a South Shore League crown, and the boys soccer team pull off upset after upset to earn a banner for the Sullivan Gym.

We spent the winter watching 10th year coach, and first year athletic director, Ron Ford lead a young varsity basketball team to a 14-8 record, including five of the most thrilling wins Cohasset has seen in a long time.

And the spring? We didn't even know who to follow. There were so many successful teams, including, of course, this reporter's tennis team.

The boys' track team was the talk of the division, going undefeated and winning the SSL for the first time in over two decades.

The girls tennis team bulldozed its way to a 13-2 record, losing only to the powerful Norwell squad and the number one ranked Bourne.

Girls lacrosse made the playoffs for the first time in the program's history, and boys tennis made it for the first time in many years.

The golf team came from 0-10 in 2000 to a more than respectable 5-5-1this year, two of those loses coming to State Div. 2 champion Norwell.

And who can forget the boys lacrosse team? This team unseated the number two and number three seeds in the Div. 2 tournament on its way to the state championship showdown with Hingham.

Three hundred students, and 38 of them were named to an All-Star team this year. My statistician informs me that there simply has to be some kind of percentage record there.

One gets to wondering what sets Cohasset apart? Some, for starters, will say what we lack in depth, we compensate for by outworking everyone else.

As coach Ford put it in one of our brick-laden Saturday night practices, "There is no one else in this league working as hard as you guys are."

Or perhaps it is luck that brought all these remarkable athletes to our school at the same time. Either way, I felt privileged to be a part of this special year as both a reporter, and as a varsity competitor.

Okay fine, our school teams' nickname could use a little work, but I, for one, am proud to consider myself a Skipper.

Astros are champs!

Correction

It was mistakenly reported in last week's Mariner that the Astros were runner-ups in the Cohasset Little League softball division this year. In fact, the Astros beat the regular season champion Diamondbacks to capture the league crown.

Williamsport team wins marathon 11 inning thriller

Cohasset 2, Stoughton American 0

Cohasset Little League's All-Stars stayed alive Monday in the Massachusetts District 8 Tournament, winning an extra inning thriller Sunday over Stoughton American, 2-0, on an 11th inning home run by Jared Kinch. In the top of the 11th, Peter Oswald legged out an infield singled and scored ahead of the Kinch blast.



Al-American Sailor Nicole Peterson, a former Cohasset Sailing Club student and instructor, rounds the mark with teammate Colin Merrick at a recent college regatta.

Cohasset Sailing Club races to new marks

If there's a spirit of rejuvenation noticeable around the Cohasset Sailing Club these days, it can be attributed to the infusion of new blood into its racing programs.

In its 41st year of operation, the club has hired several outstanding young sailors to teach team racing skills to its adolescent participants. Leading the group of racing specialists this year are Patrick Rynne and Erin Clancy hired by Vice Commodore Ann Musto.

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All-Scholastic boys Track and Field Team

Krupczak, Maitland, 4x100 relay team named among area's elite.



Cohasset's 4x100 relay team (L-R): Jason Brown, Jared Krupczak, Brian Krupczak and Steve Laney.

Though the Cohasset boys were certainly well represented on this All-Scholastic Team—with two individuals and one relay squad being honored— this number came very close to being increased.

The 18-member Cohasset Boys track team went unbeaten in meet competition this season, capturing the South Shore League crown for the first time in 25 years—in so doing beating out several teams two and three times the size. The two individuals who we selected—Brian Krupczak and Peter Maitland—were locks for this team from the get go, and a handful of other Skippers received consideration. The most difficult omission by far was junior captain Tim Baird, who regularly racked up points for the Cohasset boys in three or more events every meet.

As is always the case with these kinds of things, however, difficult choices had to be made.

Brian Krupczak - Senior (Capt.) 200 meter - Cohasset



Brian Krupczak

Two time State Class D 200-meter champion…Krupczak defended his state crown in May despite a severely pulled leg muscle with a time of 23.02…was unable to compete at the All-State meet the following weekend because of the injury…three-time South Shore League All-Star and seven time champion: three times in the 200, twice with the 4x100 relay team and once each in the long jump and triple jump…undefeated in the 200 in SSL competition for the last three years…best times of 10.9 seconds in the 100-meter and 22.4 in the 200…also a standout in the long jump, with a personal best of 20-feet-5-inches…South Shore League All-Star…captain and 1,000 yard rusher for the Cohasset High football team this fall…member of the National Honor Society…Brian will attend William and Lee University, where he's leaning towards studying pre-law and intends to run track…Cohasset track coach Al LaFontain: "Brian showed what a phenomenal competitor he is at the class meet. He had worked so hard these last six years, you just know it would have killed him not to be able to go, and he responded like a true champ, just like I thought he would."

Peter Maitland - Junior (Capt.) Javelin/High Jump - Cohasset



Peter Maitland

Became the first Cohasset High trackster to advance to the New England Track and Field Championships in five years after he finished fifth in the javelin at the All-State championships with a throw of 178-feet-6- inches…Finished a very solid 17th at the New England's… took third in the Class D State Championships… A South Shore League All-Star…Also qualified for the State's in the high jump with his personal best of 5-feet-10…also a big scorer for Cohasset in the 800 meter (a best time of 2:10) and the 4x400 relay (helped with a team best 3:50)….Also played varsity soccer and basketball for Cohasset High…Has been named a captain of the soccer team next fall…Cohasset High track Coach Al LaFountain: "Peter is an extremely driven athlete. He wants to do well with

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Cohasset swimmers open season with big splash

Swim team starts with wins over Hanover and Duxbury

Cohasset swim team got the 2001 season off to a flying start with a resounding victory over Hanover YMCA on Friday afternoon. An imposing Cohasset squad dominated event after event throughout the meet, ending with a 260 point differential. An impressive beginning to what looks like being another highly successful year.

The 8 and under boys set the pace in the first heat of the afternoon, taking first, second and third places in the 100 yards medley relay (1st: Lynner; Buckley; Carrier; Durkin, T.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; Murphy; Campbell; Whitney; 3rd: Murphy; Faber; Mahoney; Carpenter). A winning pattern had been established and the home team went to work to close out Hanover, and take first place, at every age level, across the medley event (girls, 8 and under: 1st: Karski; Serakas; Musto; Berbe; 2nd: Kucinski; Axelson; Fontaine; Donohue; 4th: Michalowski; Kelly; Murphy; Farren; boys, 10 and under: 1st: Connors; Porter; Doonan; Ulmer; 3rd: Queenan; Daly; Hurley; Harper; girls, 10 and under: 1st: Lehr, S.; Saltonstall; Meehan; Mahoney, C.; 2nd: Costa; Sullivan; Meikleham; Mahoney, M.; 4th: Coggins; Teague; Baumgarten; Regan; boys, 12 and under: 1st: Conway; Musto; Shipp; Zappolo; 2nd: Hunt; Daly; Dickinson; Doonan; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Hernan; Durkin; Englander; Previte; 3rd: Campbell; Fortin; Swain; Tehranian; 6th: Foley; Coggins; Plante; Teague; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Hernan; Roach; Berg; Tehranian; girls, 17 and under: 1st: Regan; Faber; Jerome; Musto; 2nd: Larson; Hurley; Day; Foley; 3rd: Lehr; Weston; Orsini; Ogrodnik). With the medley relays completed, Cohasset had established an early lead and the swimmers were warming up for their individual races.

The 100 yard individual medleys began well with first, second and third place positions for the under twelve boys (1st: Conway, C.; 2nd: Dickinson, R.; 3rd: Doonan, P.). The girls also placed first, but dropped behind the boys with a fifth place finish (1st: Durkin, L.; 5th: Tehranian, R.). Parker Berg's solo swim contributed another first in the boys 14 and under race, and the 14 and under girls lent their support with a first, third and fifth in their event (1st: Lehr, B.; 3rd: Larson, L.; 5th: Musto, L.). The freestyle races ended with a win for the seventeen and under boys (1st: Roach, J.) and a convincing first, second and third for the girls (1st: Iacobucci, G.; 2nd: Orsini, M.; 3rd: Regan, D.). Cohasset had extended their lead and were now looking at a more than sixty point differential.

The 25 yard freestyle races brought the focus back to the younger team members, and once again they did not disappoint. The eight and under boys secured a comfortable win (1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; 4th: Carpenter, C.), and the girls followed with third, fourth and fifth place finishes (3rd: Donohue, M.; 4th: Berbe, M.; 5th: Axelson, D.). The ten and under boys pulled back again with first, second and fourth places (1st: Ulmer, W.; 2nd: Porter, L.; 4th: Queenan, C.) while the girls ended with a flourish, sweeping the board with first, second and third places (1st: Lehr, S.; 2nd: Lehr, T.; 3rd: Mahoney, C.).

The 50 yard freestyle events began confidently. The ten and under boys swept the board with first, second and third places (1st: Doonan, B.; 2nd: Daly, R.; 3rd: Ofsthun) and the girls followed with first, third and fourth (1st: Meehan, s.; 3rd: Meikleham, A.; 4th: Saltonstall, C.). The pattern continued with first second and third places for the twelve and under boys (1st: Zappolo, N.; 2nd: Hunt A.; 3rd: Daly, B.), the fourteen and under boys (1st: Roach, K.; 2nd: Musto, C.; 3rd: Faber, C.) and the seventeen and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Tehranian, K.; 2nd: Flynn, C.; 3rd: Roach, J.; girls: 1st: Jerome, E.; 2nd: Regan, D.; 3rd: Foley, T.). The twelve and under girls finished in first, third and fourth places (1st: Englander, E., 3rd: Previte, M.; 4th: Campbell, A.) and the fourteen and under girls took third, fourth and fifth places (3rd: Sida, C.; 4th: Muir, C.; 5th: Lemaire, M.). The home team was now ahead by more than 100 points.

The eight and under boys and girls once again did their part with first, second and third place finishes in the 25 yard butterfly (boys: 1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Shipp, M.; 3rd: Durkin, T.; girls: 1st: Musto, E.; 2nd: Murphy, O.; 3rd: Fontaine, E.). The ten and under boys again secured a win in their race (1st: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Harper, W.; 5th: Hurley, P.), and the girls finished second, third and fourth (2nd: Meehan, S.; 3rd: Ryan, K.; 4th: Lehr, T.). At the twelve and under level, although the boys finished first (1st: Conway, C.; 3rd: Dickinson, R.; 4th: Doonan, P.), the girls just missed winning, finishing second, third and fifth (2nd: Englander, E.; 3rd: Fortin, S.; 5th: Campbell, A.). Parker Berg once again swam solo to claim first place for the fourteen and under group, while the fourteen and under girls took third, fourth and fifth places (3rd: Ogrodnik, M.; 4th: Faber, A.; 5th: Lieb-Lappen, M.). The butterfly ended with an uncontested first and second for the seventeen and under boys (1st: Flynn, C.; 2nd: Blackburn, C.) and a win for the girls (1st: Iacobucci, G.; 2nd: Jerome, E.; 4th: McCarthy, K.R.). The butterfly is a difficult event, but despite a less even performance, the team had managed to push ahead another forty points.

As the afternoon progressed a gloomy sky continued to predict rain, but both teams carried on undaunted. The breaststroke events were up next. The youngest members of the team started out well again, with first places in both the girls and boys eight and under races (boys: 1st: Buckley, T.; 2nd: Campbell, B.; 3rd: Shipp, M.; girls: 1st: Fontaine, E.; 3rd: Karski, E.; 5th: Murphy, O.). The ten and under's followed suit, in their 50 yard races, with first and fourth positions for the boys, and first second and third for the girls (boys: 1st: Porter, L.; 4th: Connors, R.; girls: 1st: Lehr, S.; 2nd: Saltonstall, O.; 3rd: Sullivan, O.). The twelve and under boys were right behind their younger teammates with first, second and third place finishes (1st: Zappolo, N.; 2nd: Daly, B.; 3rd: Musto, C.), while the girls secured first and third places (1st: Durkin, L.; 3rd: Fortin, S.). The winning streak continued with a first place in the boys fourteen and under and an impressive first, second and third for the girls (boys: 1st: Roach, K.; girls: 1st: Shea, E.; 2nd: Daley, M.; 3rd: Hurley, C.). The seventeen and under's kept up the effort, with a first and second for the boys (1st: Roach, J.; 2nd: Blackburn, C.) and a second, third and fifth for the girls (2nd: Hurley, K.; 3rd: Foley, T.; 5th: Lieb-Lappen, M.). With two more events to go, Cohasset had built a lead of 186 points.

The backstroke began with a good effort from the eight and under boys and girls (boys: 2nd: Buckley, T.; 3rd: Murphy, J.; 4th: Lynner, W.; girls: 1st: Karski, E.; 2nd: Musto, E.; 3rd: Kucinski, K.) and continued with successes in the ten and under events (boys: 2nd: Connors, R.; 3rd: Queenan, C.; 4th: Ulmer, W.; girls: 1st: Costa, A.; 2nd: Mahoney, C.; 3rd: Mahoney, M.). The success continued in the fifty yard races with a win for the twelve and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Hunt, A.; 2nd: Conway, C.; 3rd: Shipp, A.; girls: 1st: Hernan, E.; 3rd: Teague, M.; 6th: Foley, A.) and the 14 and under boys (1st: Hernan, A.; 2nd: Berg, P.). The fourteen and under girls missed the win (3rd: Weston, E.; 4th: Harrington, K.; 6th: McCarthy, K.R.), but both the seventeen and under girls and boys finished the event in first place (boys: 1st: Tehranian, K.; 2nd: Flynn, C.; girls: 1st: Orsini, M.; 2nd: Hurley, K.; 3rd: Shea, E.). Going into the final event of the meet Cohasset had 364 points to Hanover's 139.

In both individual and relay events the youngest members of the team turned in great performances. The 100 yards free relay was no exception. The eight and under boys finished in first, second and third positions, and the girls made it to first, third and fourth places (boys: 1st: Carrier, Durkin, J., Buckley, T.,Durkin, T.; 2nd: Murphy, J., Durkin, J., Campbell, Shipp; 3rd: Mahoney, Murphy, Carpenter, Whitney; girls: 1st: Fontaine, Murphy, Musto, Karski; 3rd: Michalouski, Donohue, Berbe, Kucinski; 4th: Avelson, Farren, Seriakos, Kelly). The ten and under boys finished in first and fourth position (1st: Ulmer, Hurley, Porter, Doonan; 4th: Ofsthun, McCormack, Plante, Harper) and the girls took first, second and third places (1st: Lehr, S., Mahoney, C., Lehr, T., Meehan, S.; 2nd: Zappolo, Ryan, Saltonstall, Meikleham; 3rd: Libby, Mahoney, M., Costa, McCarthy). Success continued with the twelve and under boys who finished in first, second and fourth position (1st: Doonan, Daly, Dickinson, Hunt; 2nd: Musto, Shipp, McCarthy, Zappolo; 4th: Drybanski, DeGiacomo, Kelly, Porter). And the girls made a sizable contribution with first, third and fifth position finishes (1st: Durkin, Previte, Englander, Hernan; 3rd: Fortin, McCarthy, Teague, Daly; 5th: Tehraman, Hurley, Regan, Campbell). The free relay event ended with the seventeen and under boys and girls sealing the victory with an uncontested first place finish for the boys (1st: Tehranian, Roach, K, Hernan, Flynn) and first, second and third places for the girls (1st: Regan, Lehr, Jerome, Daley; 2nd: Orsini, Foley, Musto, Larson; 3rd: Faber, Weston, Hurley, Ogrodnik). The final score was Cohasset 428, Hanover, 167.

Congratulations to Cohasset swim team on a comprehensive victory in the first meet of the season. Well done to Alison Hughes and her coaching team, and to the volunteers and committee members who put the show on the road. We all look forward to another successful season at Cohasset Swim Center.

Cohasset Swim Team 432, Duxbury Aqua Dux 132

It was another successful outing for Cohasset Swim Team in last Friday's meet against Duxbury's Aqua Dux. In a repetition of last season's opener against the smaller Duxbury team, Cohasset took an early lead and ended the afternoon 300 points ahead of the visitors.

The meet began with the 100-yard medley relays, and the Cohasset swimmers went straight to work to secure first place at every age level. The eight and under boys and girls started well, finishing in first, second and third positions (boys: 1st: Lynner; Buckley; Carrier; Durkin; 2nd: Durkin, T.; Murphy, J.; Shipp; Whitney; 3rd: Murphy, C.; Faber, J.; Mahoney, Culhane; girls: 1st: Karski; Seriakas; Musto; Michalowski; 2nd: Kucinski, Kelly, Fontaine; Donohue; 3rd: Berbe; Farren, A.; Murphy, Farren, N.) Their ten and under team mates were close behind with first and second place finishes for the boys (1st: Steyenson; Porter; Doonan; Ulmer; 2nd: Queenan, Ofsthun; Harper; Daly), and first, third and fourth places for the girls (1st: Mahoney, M.; Lehr, S.; Meehan, S; Mahoney, C.; 3rd: Costa; Teague, K.; Lehr, T.; Asnault, A.; 4th: Jennings; Sullivan; Dickinson; Zappolo). The 100-yard relays ended with a first, second and third from the twelve and under boys (1st: Conway; Musto; Dickinson; Zappolo; 2nd: Cunningham; Daly; Shipp; Doonan; 3rd: Muir; Faber; Kuppens; De Giacomo), and a confident first and second from the girls (1st: Hernan; Durkin; Garber; Englander; 2nd: Sacks; Previte; Swain; Teague). With the first series of relays complete, Cohasset had picked up 48 points, to Duxbury's 8. The 17 and under 200 yard relays added to the lead, with the boys finishing in first and second place and the girls taking first, second and third (boys: 1st: Hernan; Bilton; Flynn; Tehranian; 2nd: Faber; Roach, K.; Roach; Blackburn; girls: 1st: Daley; Jacobucci; Orsini; Musto; 2nd: Regan; Faber; O'Brien; Lehr; 3rd: Hurley, K.; Weston; Ogrodnik; Hurley).

The individual races began with the 100-yard medleys and Cohasset continued to dominate the visitors. Duxbury was unable to field swimmers in three of the six races, but did pull off an impressive win against the 17 and under boys, and finished in second place against the 12 and under boys. Cohasset placed first, second and third in the remaining medleys, adding a further 34 points to the scoreboard (boys: 1st: Conway, C.; 3rd: Doonan, P.; 4th: Cunningham, C.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Durkin, L.; 2nd: Englander, E.; 3rd: Previte, M.; boys, 14 and under: no swim; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Lehr, R.; 2nd: Musto, L.; 3rd: Faber, A.; boys, 17 and under: 2nd: Bilton, B.; 3rd: Tehranian, K.; 4th: Roach, J.; girls, 17 and under: 1st: O'Brien, K.; 2nd: Orsini, M.; 3rd: Hurley, K.).

The youngest members of the team launched the 25-yard freestyle event with their now predictable enthusiasm and secured first, second and third places in each of their races (boys, 8 and under: 1st: Durkin, T.; 2nd: Carrier, J.; 3rd: Durkin, J.; girls, 8 and under: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 2nd: Kucinski, K.; 3rd: Donohue, M.). The ten and under boys did the same (1st: Porter, L; 2nd: Ulmer, W.; 3rd: Daly, R.), and the girls just missed the win, and finished in second, third and fourth places (girls, 10 and under: 2nd: Mahoney, C.; 3rd: Lehr, S.; 4th: O'Sullivan, O.).

In the 50-yard freestyle event, the ten and under girls matched their younger team mates with confident first, second and third place finishes and the boys got a win, missed second place, but took third and fourth (girls, 10 and under; 1st: Meehan, S.; 2nd: Lehr, T.; 3rd: Mahoney, C.; boys, 10 and under: 1st: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Hurley, P.; 4th: Stevenson, G.). At the twelve and under level the boys again missed the win, but finished second, third and fourth, while the girls took first, fourth and fifth place positions (boys: 2nd: Zappolo, N.; 3rd: Conway, C.; 4th: Doonan, P.; girls: 1st: Hernan, E.; 4th: Sacks, M; 5th: Teague, M.). Cohasset won the remaining 50-yard freestyle races, pushing their lead from 77 points to 129 (boys, 14 and under: 1st: Hernan, A.; 3rd: Roach, K.; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Daley, M.; 2nd: Ogrodnik, M.; 3rd: Sida, C.; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Tehranian, K.; 3rd: Faber, S.; 4th: Roach, J.; girls, 17 and under: 1st: O'Brien, D.; 2nd: Regan, D.; 5th: Harrington, B.).

The 25-yard butterfly is a tough event, especially for younger swimmers, but the eight and under boys kicked off the races with first, second and third place finishes (1st: Shipp, M.; 2nd: Carrier, J.; 3rd: Durkin, T.). The eight and under girls didn't quite get the win, but secured second, third and fifth positions (2nd: Musto, E.; 3rd: Fontaine, E.; 5th: Murphy, O.). Cohasset won a further three out of the next four 25-yard butterflies (boys, 10 and under: 1st: Doonan, B.; 2nd: Harper, W.; 3rd: Ulmer, W.; girls, 10 and under: 2nd: Meehan, S.; 3rd: Mahoney, M.; 4th: Lehr, T.; boys, 12 and under: 1st: Dickinson, R.; 3rd: Daly, B.; 4th: Shipp, A.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Garber, C.; 2nd: Swain, K.; 3rd: Englander, E.), and three out of the next four 50-yard butterflies (boys, 14 and under: 1st: Berg, P.; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Daley, M.; 2nd: Weston, E.; 3rd: Harrington, B.; boys, 17 and under: 2nd: Flynn, C.; 3rd: Blackburn, C.; girls, 17 and under: 1st: Orsini, M.; 2nd: Ogrodnik, M.; 3rd: Harrington, K.). The home team was now ahead by 172 points.

In the 25-yard breaststroke Cohasset took first place in both the eight and under and ten and under races (boys, 8 and under: 1st: Buckley, T.; 2nd: Shipp, M.; 3rd: Durkin, J.; girls, 8 and under: 1st: Fontaine, E.; 2nd: Karski, E.; 4th: Murphy, O.; boys, 10 and under: 1st: Porter, L.; 3rd: Ofsthun, C.; girls, 10 and under: 1st: Lehr, S.; 3rd: Sullivan, O.) Success continued in the 50-yard backstroke, with wins for Cohasset in five of the six races, although some were uncontested (boys, 12 and under: 2nd: Zappolo, N.; 3rd: Musto, C.; 4th: Daly, B.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Durkin, L.; 3rd: Fortin, S.; 5th: Previte, M.; boys, 14 and under: 1st: Hernan, A.; 2nd: Roach, K.; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Faber, A.; 2nd: Sida, C.; 3rd: Muir; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Faber, A.; 3rd: Roach, J.; 4th: Blackburn, C.; girls, 17 and under: 1st: Jacobucci ; 2nd: Hurley, K.; 5th: Hurley, C.).

The backstroke events were next and both the eight and under boys and girls started well with first place finishes (boys, 25 yard backstroke: 1st: Lynner, W.; 2nd: Murphy, J.; 4th: Buckley, T.; girls, 8 and under: 1st: Karski, E.; 3rd: Musto, E.; 5th: Kucinski, K.). The ten and under boys also finished in first place (1st: Hurley, P.; 3rd: Stevenson, G.; 4th: Queenan, C.) and the girls matched them with first, third and sixth place finishes (1st: Costa, A.; 3rd: Mahoney, M.; 6th: Jennings, M.). In the first of the 50-yard events, the 12 and under boys were forced back into third, fourth and fifth places in their race, but the girls race went uncontested, leaving Cohasset with first, second and third positions (boys: 3rd: Dickinson, R.; 4th: Muir, K; 5th: Cunningham, C.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Hernan, E.; 2nd: Garber, C.; 3rd: Sacks, M.). The boys, 14 and under, backstroke was again a no-swim for Duxbury, but with one Duxbury competitor in the girls race, Cohasset finished first, second and fourth (boys: 1st: Hernan, A.; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Musto, L.; 2nd: Weston, E.; 4th: James, K.). The backstroke finished with an uncontested first, second and third for the 17 and under boys and a second, third and fourth place for the seventeen and under girls (boys, 17 and under, 50 yard backstroke: 1st: Bilton, B.; 2nd: Flynn, C.; 3rd: Blackburn, C.; girls; 2nd: Lehr, R.; 3rd: Regan, D.; 4th: Hurley, K.). Heading into the final event of the meet Cohasset had now earned 368 points to Duxbury's 112.

The 100-yard free relays went well from the beginning, with first, second and third place finishes for the eight and under boys (1st: Buckley, Durkin, J.; Durkin, T.; Carrier, J.; 2nd: Mahoney, Durkin, J.; Murphy, J.; Shipp; 3rd: Culhane; Whitney; Murphy, C.; Lynner, W.) and first, third and fifth place finishes for the girls (1st: Fontaine; Karski; Murphy; Musto; 3rd: Berbe; Donohue; Kucinski; Michalowski; 5th: Farren, A.; Seraikas, A.; Farren, N.; Kelly, K.). Duxbury was unable to field swimmers for the ten and under race, leaving the Cohasset boys to take first and second places (1st: Porter, Daly; Ulmer; Doonan; 2nd: Ofsthun; Queenan; McCormack; Hurley). The ten and under girls, against some competition, did well to take first second and fourth places (1st: Lehr, S.; Mahoney, C.; Lehr, T. Meehan, S.; 2nd: Mahoney, M.; O'Sullivan, Zappolo, C.; Saltonstall; 4th: Dickinson; Donohue; Libby; McElhinny). The final two 100-yard relays again went uncontested, giving Cohasset first, second and third places in the boys and girls events (boys: 1st: Zappolo, N.; Doonan; Dickinson, Conway; 2nd: De Giacomo; Muir; Shipp; Porter; 3rd: Cunningham; Kuppens; Musto; Stevenson; girls: 1st: Hernan; Englander, Garber; Durkin; 2nd: Fortin; Previte; Swain; Sacks; 3rd: Anderson; Teague; Tehranian; Smith). The meet finished with the 200 yard-relays with the seventeen and under boys finishing in first place and the girls taking first, third and fourth positions (boys: 1st: Bilton; Tehranian; Flynn; Faber; girls: 1st: Lehr, R.; O"Brien, K.; Regan, D.; Daley; 3rd: Musto; Sida; Faber; Orsini; 4th: Ogrodnik; Weston; Lemaire; James). The final score was 432 for Cohasset and 132 for Duxbury.

It was another comprehensive win for Cohasset. Congratulations to the all the swimmers and to Alison Hughes and her assistants Ted Hughes and Garet Jacobucci, who put the kids through their paces. It was another great team event and we look forward to the next meet against Duxbury Yacht Club on Friday July 13th.

Cohasset Sailing Club races to new marks

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Brown University recently recruited Rynne for its freshman racing team. Erin Clancy has successfully won several regattas and will add her expertise to the racing training at the club.

According to Rynne, "Last year, we had a seven-kid team. This year, we expect about 15 teenagers."

Rynne went on to say racing is like "playing chess on the water". Strategic skills would be bolstered by weekly practices with other clubs on the South Shore.

The CSC maintains a strong tradition of young sailors who moved on to significant sailing accomplishments. Nicole Peterson went through the CSC training as both a student and instructor. She raced for her alma mater, Hobart-William Smith, where she became an All-American sailor. Her younger brother Ben, also a CSC student and instructor, now races for Bowdoin College.

"People like Nicole, Ben, Pat and Erin serve as tremendous role models to our children coming through our programs," said CSC Commodore Bob Deutsch. "We want to provide our members with high quality instruction under safe conditions."

"To stay on the competitive edge," Deutsch adds, "we need to hire savvy instructors and maintain good racing equipment. This takes time and money."

According to Vice Commodore for Racing, Robert Cunningham, the club plans to participate in regattas organized by the Massachusetts Bay Junior Racing Association. He points out how sailing appeals equally to boys and girls. Boys and girls compete on the same team, stressing teamwork and cooperation.

"Such experiences help youngsters develop their interest in sailing into a lifelong hobby. They also serve as a foundation for going on to the collegiate level, the Olympics and even the America's Cup," Cunningham said.

While receiving new emphasis, the Junior racing program remains only part of the club's extensive instructional and racing programs for adolescents and adults.

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All-Scholastic boys Track and Field Team

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everything he does every time out, and he hates to lose. The best way to motivate him is to tell him he can't do something."

Mike Piche - Senior (Capt.)
Mile - Silver Lake

The best high school miler in New England, and he's got the hardware to prove it….the Silver Lake senior ended his brilliant high school running career by winning the 1,600-meter championship at the New England Track and Field Championships on June 10 in a school record 4:17.06….this, after he won the Class A mile and finished third in the All-State meet in this event the two preceding weekends…these feats were made all the more amazing by the fact that he missed the first month of the spring season with a knee injury…Mike ran track year round at Silver Lake in all four of his years of attendance: cross country in the fall, indoor in the winter and outdoor in the spring…a multi-time/season Old Colony League All-Star…was a team captain in all three of his senior seasons…holds Silver Lake's cross country course (3.1 miles) record, 4:20.5…Mike has also run a 2:04 in the 800 meters and 9:46 in the 2-mile… A member of the varsity squad all four years… heading to Brown University, where he intends to run track and study political science….Silver Lake boys track coach Fred Watson: "We all know what a gifted runner Mike is, but I think he really showed us all what kind of competitor and person he was when he battled back from tremendous adversity (injury) after missing the first month of season. He had a goal in mind to win the State's and go to the New England's, and that's just what he did."

Bob Murphy - Senior
Long Jump - Rockland

Surprised everyone, including himself, when he won the long jump at the Class D Meet with a personal best mark of 20' 9 3/4," which broke Rockland High's school record…A Patriot League All-star, it was the first time Murphy had ever jumped over 20 feet in the event…Murphy has no-doubt one of the fastest runway approaches around…Consistently scored points in the 100 and as the lead-off leg of Rockland's the 4x100-meter relay team, and also participated in the triple jump…Murphy is making his third appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team as he was chosen for the football squad last fall, and basketball team last winter…The speedy running back led Rockland to a Div. 3 Super Bowl title…Murphy will attend Dartmouth College next year, where he plans to continue his football career. Rockland coach Tim Owens: "Murphy's just a stud. He qualified for the Class Meet in five events. He's our utility man. He'll do whatever you ask him to do. He's a great kid. We'll definitely miss him."

Chris Orr - Junior
300 hurdles - Hingham

Was the only Harbormen track athlete to advance to the All-State meet after finishing second in the 300-meter hurdles at the Class C Meet (40.2)…This was the junior's best finish ever in the event…The Patriot League All-star won the hurdle race at the South Shore Principal's Meet (41.6) and won the event at the All-League Meet…Orr went on to the All-States and finished seventh in the event with a time of 40.67…Orr also runs the 600 meters during the indoor track season…Orr is already thinking about college somewhere locally…Orr will be among the top returning athletes next year.

Joe Richardi - Senior (Capt.)
100 hurdles - Hanover

Richardi had a solid year in both the 100 and 300-meter hurdles, but made his presence most known in the 100's…The senior won this year's South Shore Principal's Meet (16.17)…The South Shore League All-star had not been beaten in the 100 or 300-meter hurdles in a league competition in two years…Has cited being selected as a SSL All-star as one of his proudest achievements and says the competition at the meets is what he will miss most about track…Richardi plans to attend Mass. Maritime Academy next year and is currently undecided on a major and on continuing his track career. Hanover coach Brett Johnson: "Joe's been pretty consistent over the three years that I've coached. It was always a given that he was going to get a win in the hurdling events. He guaranteed points at meets. He's a natural hurdler, with natural ability. He'll be a huge loss (to the team)."

Matt Boyd - Junior
High jump - Rockland

Finished fifth in the high jump at the Class D Meet, clearing 5'10", just missing a trip to the All-States…Finished second at the South Shore Principal's Meet with a personal best jump of 6 feet…The junior only lost one dual meet all year, an out of league decision to a Cohasset jumper…Boyd also scored points for Rockland in the 100 meter high hurdles and set a junior record (17.9)…Was also a member of Rockland's Div. 3 Super Bowl Champion football team…Boyd will captain the football team in the fall and the basketball team in the winter…Still just a junior, Boyd will be one of the team's top returnees next season. Rockland coach Tim Owens: "I truly believe he has an untapped ability. He's capable of doing anything he wants. I think next year he's going to step up and be a real leader. Honestly, the team will go where he goes."

Dave Davenport - Senior
(Capt.)
Long Jump/200-meter - Silver Lake

The second highest point scorer in Silver Lake track history behind classmate and fellow Mariner All-Scholastic Pat Saccone…lost only twice in meet long jump competition the last three years, going undefeated as both a sophomore and senior…two-time Old Colony League long jump champ…top jump of 20-feet-11.5-inches was recorded when he tied for first at the South Shore Principal's Meet in May…also ran the 200 meter and was a member of the 4x100 relay team…Placed in all three events in all league meets this season…A three-time OCL All-Star…A member of the varsity squad all four years…Silver Lake boys track coach Fred Watson: "Dave was always at his best when the pressure was on. I think there were 15 to 20 times over the last four years where he won the long jump competition on his last jump."

Patrick Saccone - Senior
(Capt.)
Discus/100 high hurdles - Silver Lake

The top male point-getter in the history of Silver Lake spring track with 333 career points…placed third in the Class A state meet in the discus with a throw of 146-feet-7-inches and fourth at the All-State meet with a throw of 151-feet…Holds the Silver Lake school discus record (158-feet)…Undefeated in Old Colony League meet competition in the discuss for three years…won the South Shore Principal's Meet (144-feet-8-inches), where he was also a part of the Lakers' sixth place 4x100-meter relay team…Lost only once in the 110-meter hurdles this season, and that was to eventual state champion Mike Delgado (Bridgewater-Raynham)…best time in 110-high hurdles is 16.2 seconds and 300-hurdles is 43.5…Silver Lake boys track coach Fred Watson is convinced Saccone could have finished top six in the state in the 110-hurdles and gone on to New England's if given the chance. Unfortunately, the discuss and hurdles events took place at the state championships simultaneously…a three-time OCL All-Star…A member of the varsity squad all four years…intends to attend Massassoit College for a semester and then transfer to Wheaton…Silver Lake boys track coach Fred Watson: "What else can I say about Pat. He's our all-time points leader. He's obviously a very talented and versatile kid, and he's very committed too. He's also a great kid and a great kid to work with, just like my other two captains this year were."

John Lannon - Senior (Capt.)
Discus - Scituate

Lannon capped his outstanding four year varsity career with a sixth place finish in the discus at the State Class D Championships with a personal best of 127-feet-3-inches…Was also a force in the shot put over the last four years for the Sailors, his personal best being 43-7…this spring he took five firsts and two seconds in league meets in the shot put, along with four firsts and three seconds in the discus to lead the squad in total points contributed with over 60…The lone member of the rebuilding Scituate boys spring squad named to the Patriot League All-Star team…A five season captain at Scituate High, having been named leader by teammates in both his junior and senior seasons with the indoor and outdoor track teams, as well as this past fall with the football team…was a top contributor for the unbeaten 1998 and '99 Scituate spring track teams…The 6-foot-3-260-pound Lannon has a full football scholarship to Northfield-Mount Herman Prep School in Northfield, Mass—a Division 1A Private School— where he hopes to draw interest from colleges… as vital a point producer as he was with the team this season, boys track coach Fred Jewett says it was Lannon's leadership that set him apart: "It had to be a frustrating season for John, to go from being on some great teams as an underclassman to this year's rebuilding team, but he never showed it. In fact, he was great with the younger guys, always working with them and helping to keep their heads up. I think he showed great character."

Norwell 4x400 relay team
Steve Fitzgerald- Senior, Mike Boutross- Senior
Ted Hughes- Junior, Tom Kleber- Freshman

Took sixth place at the State Class D Track and Field Championships with a time of 3:39.39, after an outstanding season in the South Shore League. Fitzgerald, also a standout in soccer and winter track for N.H.S., is heading to Boston College in the fall. Boutros, who also ran cross country and played hockey, is off to Stanford. Hughes, who also plays varsity basketball and football, was the spring squad's "jack of all trades", running everything from the 400 on down for the Clippers, as well as competing in the long jump and triple jump. Kleber, who ran anchor for the squad, opened a lot of eyes by taking fourth in the 800 at the State Class D Track and Field Championships last month to advance on to the All-State's, where he finished 14th. Norwell boys track coach Alicia Porro: "These were four very different types of runners and four very different kinds of kids, but they came together collectively as a team to do some great things. They never let me down."

Cohasset 4x100 relay team
Brian Krupczak- senior, Jared Krupczak- Sophomore, Jason Browne- Junior, Steve Laney- Junior, Frank Belz- Freshman.

After an unbeaten regular season for the South Shore League champion Skippers, this team took fourth place in the State Class D Track and Field Championships with a time of 45.73 to advance to the All-State's…with injuries over the course of the season suffered by both Krupczak brothers, Belz was asked to step in to those huge sneakers a few times, and came through huge. He should step in full-time for Brian Krupczak, the lone graduating member of the team, next year…All five of the athletes competed in at least two other events for the undermanned Cohasset boys squad, which featured just 18 members—literally one third the size of a couple of the teams it went up against and beat this season. Cohasset Track Coach Al LaFontain: "We had so many guys fight through injury this year, and then Frank Belz stepped in. But we never seemed to lose much of a beat. That's a real testament to the concentration and work ethic of all these guys."

Honorable Mention

Tim Baird- Junior (Capt.) – mile/2-mile- Cohasset
Matt Vercollone - Junior - 2-mile - Silver Lake
Jason Galvin - Junior- Norwell
George Thibeault – Senior- Norwell
Tom Kleber - Freshman- Norwell
Kevin Whelan- Sophomore- 100-meter – Silver Lake
Bill Mulraine- Freshman- Mile- Silver Lake
Sean Cardlish- Senior- Shot Put- Silver Lake
Jeff Alexandre- Junior (Captain)- 200, 100-meter- Scituate
Chris Cummings - Hanover
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Post 118 clings to playoff hopes

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innings and driving home Sailor teammate, shortstop Jason Connelly, in the top of the 10th for an insurance run. Cole struck out nine, and scattered four hits and two walks while throwing approximately 140 pitches.

Connelly, another starter in the pitching rotation, has been a reliable offensive and defensive commodity to the squad. He, Cole, Fitzgerald, and Tim Duggan have provided rock solid mound work in the eyes of the coach Scott Arnold of Scituate.

"It's very rare," said Arnold of fielding such a talented starting rotation. Arnold is able to count on any one of them to pitch a complete game on any day, something he has needed with the hectic game schedule that they play, made even more hectic with a number of makeup dates.

"That is imperative if you're playing five games per week," coach Arnold said.

Because some of his pitchers are also talented in the field, Arnold has done some name juggling on the days they are not pitching so as to make sure they stay in the line-up. But, as the coach put it, "That's a sacrifice we'll take any day."

The pitching will be a very important part of the team, now that it is heading into their final stretch run of the season, where Arnold anticipates his charges will have to win three out of their final four in order to hold off Quincy for the final post-season birth.

"With my whole staff together, healthy, I think we'll get past the first round," predicted Arnold.

In addition to keeping the pitchers around for the playoffs, the position players will for the first time need to play as an entire team. As busy as summer schedules have been for all these high schoolers, Arnold has yet to have everyone on his roster on the field for a game.

His B.C. High players—seniors-to-be Fitzgerald and first baseman Greg Smith, a Catholic Conference All-Star first baseman—were ineligible by MIAA rules for the first half dozen or so legion games while the Eagles were pursuing their high school state championship. Fitzgerald has been available since, but Smith has played in only two games to date, having traveled out of state one week with the Appalachia Project and participating in several college showcase tourneys that have conflicted with the legion schedule.

"[The reserves] have stepped in and done the job," praised Arnold. "But when they are all together, and all in synch, that is one hell of a baseball team."

Sandwiched between the two wins was a tough luck 2-1 loss to last place Randolph and, this past Monday, Cohasset-Scituate was taken down by a very talented West Roxbury squad 10-2.

Post 118 was next scheduled to play yesterday (Wednesday) against Milton, its final home game of the season. The boys will be on the road for the final three after that, travelling to Quincy on Friday(Adams Field, 7:30), Braintree on Monday (Braintree High, 7:30) and Quincy again on Wednesday to take on the Morrisette Post (Adams Field, 7:30). This finale is actually considered a home game for Post 118. Arnold says he prefers to play it under the lights on Adams Field rather than at the team's home Milliken Field.

Bay State Games

The Bay State Games get underway on Thursday, with athletes from all over the state travelling to Boston to compete against the best of the best.

Included in this elite fellowship are the following 15 young Cohasset athletes:

Tim Baird, CHS, 7v7 soccer/track.

Curtis Kahn CHS, lacrosse

Ben Kinch, B.C. High, wrestling.

Stephen Laney, CHS, track and field

Dan Littauer, CHS, wrestling

Jonathan Littauer, CHS, wrestling

Peter Maitland, CHS, track and field

Sara Motley, Notre Dame, lacrosse

Paul Previte, CHS, lacrosse

Sarah Roche, 6v6 field hockey

Nick Spirito, CHS, lacrosse

Lisa Spirito, CM/HS, diving

Phil Strazzulla, CHS, wrestling

Kyle Weber, CHS, lacrosse

SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset ballplayers fly high with Eagles

Two Cohasset pitchers helped the Boston College High School JV Baseball Team achieve a very successful 14-4 record. Junior Chris Carr posted a 1-1 record with a 3.36 ERA, while Sophomore, Jim French went 3-0 with a 1.83 ERA. Both Carr and French were used as starting pitchers as well as relief pitchers.

Another Cohasset native, First Baseman, Greg Smith, was a mainstay of the Division I Champion BC Varsity team.

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football equipment handouts

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football will hold equipment handouts Wednesday, Aug. 8 through Friday, Aug. 10, at the Store-it storage facility next to the Driftway Tennis Center on Old Driftway in Scituate.

Cheerleading handouts will not take place on these dates.

Bring a $100 equipment deposit check made out to "SCYFC." This check will not be deposited, but rather returned to you when equipment is returned at the end of the season.

Handout times:

Midget "A" team - Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

PeeWees "B" team - Thursday, Aug. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mites "C" team - Friday, Aug. 10, 5 to 7 p.m.

Any questions, call Joe Obert at 781-545-0854.

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Summer Recreation Dept. sports programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 2001, designed specifically and individually for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Brochures and registration forms are available at Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office.

South Shore Basketball School — CHS Sullivan Gym, Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 20, ages 12 to 15. The fee for the five day camp is $160. Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff. The time for both camps will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Camp T-shirts will be given out.

Lacrosse Girls Clinic — Milliken Field, Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 20, entering grades 5-7; 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., price $70. Directed by Chuck Jaffe.

This summer lacrosse clinic is a prelude to a spring, 2002 lacrosse program for girls.

Lacrosse Boys Clinic — Milliken Field, Monday, July 23, to Friday, July 27; entering grades 3 and 4, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., price $50; entering grades 5-8, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., price $70. Directed by Chuck Jaffe.

V.I.P. Soccer Camps — Cohasset High, front field, Monday, July 23, to Friday, July 27: Soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8 to 9:30 a.m., price $50; 1/2 day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., price $80. (Price includes a camp shirt.)

South Shore Soccer Camp — Milliken Field, Monday, July 30, to Friday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 6, to Friday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; boys and girls, ages 8 to 18, price $225. ($20 discount for second child, $40 discount for third child and $395 for both weeks per child.) (Price includes a camp shirt.) Directed by SSSC, Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

Adult tennis

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for adult tennis lessons for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels of instruction.

Sessions are four weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly and cost $40 for the four-week session. Those interested will be placed in a class as soon as possible.

Teaching will be Aryanna Afshar of the Recreation Department's tennis staff. To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.

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BUSINESS

Cohasset Collision keeps unlucky customers happy

By Rick Collins
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The scene inside Cohasset Collision's workshop looks like a hospital: white walls, bright lights, clean floors, fresh circulated air. It's fitting though since the shop's "doctors" are busy at work reviving and patching together cars with potentially life-threatening injuries from accidents.

A telephone pole impression here, a ripped-off fender there. All will get fixed in the state-of-the-art vehicle rehabilitation ward, and returned to their loved ones.

"This is as good of a working environment as you can get."
— William Cavanaro, owner

Over the past 10 years, Cohasset Collision — which now services 250 cars a month and has 20 full-time employees.— has grown from a body-shop with revenues totaling $500,000 a year, into one that is threatening to break the $3 million mark.

The reason for the success, owner William Cavanaro said, is old-fashioned customer service and quality work.

"When people enter our doors, they're usually coming to us in an unhappy situation," he said. "It's important that as soon as they come in they see someone, that they're not just standing around."

He estimated about 97 percent of his business is accident repairs.

Cavanaro has owned Cohasset Collision since 1990, and moved the business last December from its original location behind the former South Shore Chevy Geo dealership further south on Route 3A, to its new location next to Crocker Lane – a move five years in the making.

He said he had to chuckle when the Planning Board was concerned with how clean the business would be.

"I'm a fanatic on things looking right," said Cavanaro, a self-described clean freak. "It's a reflection on what we do."

Even the parking lot benefits from a frequent sweeping at the hands of Cavanaro, a Cohasset resident.

Although the shop's values are old-fashioned, its atmosphere isn't.

"I'm strongly opposed to the image body shops usually have, the greasy office, the German Shepherd in the corner, pictures of women on the wall," he said. "We can't do that. We deal with a lot of women that come in here. Their husbands work in Boston, and they hate coming into the business. We try to make it as comfortable as possible."

Cavanaro designed the new building's layout himself in order to better facilitate the repair process.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Bill Cavanaro, owner of Cohasset Collison, stands with his brother John and manager Don Flanagan at the new Route 3A site across from JJ's.

A main workshop, complete with modern ventilation system; tools attached to vacuum lines, carbon dioxide monitors, and soundproof break rooms, is the heart of the business.

"This is as good of a working environment as you can get," he said.

Three booths are set aside for priming and painting the cars, which then lead out to another open area where the vehicles can be washed and detailed.

"Our old space wasn't designed for what we do," Cavanaro said of his prior Route 3A site. "This has more space, and a better flow of work."

He takes pride in his shop being environment-friendly.

All ventilated air is forced through filters before making it back outside. The painting booths are outfitted with "downdraft" systems that sucks paint particles into grates in the floor. All water is flushed down grates into a holding system, which is pumped out when full.

"Nothing goes into the septic systems, nothing environmentally harmful leaves this shop whatsoever," he said.

Canavaro prides himself in highly qualified technicians. He walked over to an import missing its entire suspension system because of an accident — a $10,000-15,000 job.

"We have lots of European vehicles coming here and they have hundreds of little connections," he said holding a set of spliced wires sticking out from the car. "We need someone really experienced. So we spend a lot of time hiring the best people."

He says by everyone working together — from the people dealing with the insurance agencies, to the Enterprise car rental center on site, to the technicians — Cohasset Collision is able to cut a normal four-to-six week turnaround time down to just 10 days.

Canavaro, 43, got into the profession in 1975, working at a truck painting business in Braintree, "cleaning trucks for $1.50 an hour." He eventually became the manager of the body shop at the former Spensley Chevrolet dealership on Route 3A, before going into business for himself in 1990.

"It's a great business," he says. "People come in unhappy, and leave here happy. How many people can say they work in a business like that?"

All Chinese menu, all of the time

New Lotus Restaurant has Far East focus

By Michael Marotta
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Anthony Mei loved his Milwaukee restaurant business.

But he knows where his priorities lie. So when his wife wanted to return home to Boston where she was born, Mei knew he was heading east.

He arrived in Massachusetts a little less than a year ago, and Mei is already back in the food business. He recently purchased the Flounder Inn on Front Street in Scituateand is giving the new eatery a far east twist..

Lotus Restaurant opened up last month, creating a new era in a building not only more than a 100 years old, but a place that had more customers in the morning than in the evening, which is a tough notion for a Chinese food restaurant owner to stomach. The former Flounder Inn was a busy "townie" breakfast hangout, but switched to Chinese cuisine for lunch and dinner where business was not as swift.

Because Mei wants to focus on his evening cuisine and it was impossible to keep the hours it would require being open from morning to night, he's eliminated the breakfast menu from the eatery, but is confident he'll win over Scituate residents with his excellent cuisine.

"I'm looking to be successful here," Mei said. "I used to operate a high-end seafood restaurant in Milwaukee and it was very successful."

While he acknowledges the popularity of the Flounder Inn's breakfast menu, Mei believes that by combining the best in Chinese food with the appropriate seafood selections, Lotus will become one of the more talked about restaurants in town.

And for Mei, getting to that point begins in the kitchen.

"I have the chef who is one of the top ten most well known Chinese chefs in Massachusetts," Mei said proudly.

Mei and the staff will have their hands full, as they prepare roughly ten different lobster selections to compliment the traditional Chinese cuisine, as well as fresh oysters and scallops served with an Asian twist. And the exterior has received facelift as well.

"It's just a little more fancier for the customer, but it doesn't have to be very formal, people can come in casually and have a good time here," Mei said.



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The former Flounder Inn reopened as the Lotus Restaurant with a new facade, owner and menu.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JUNE 25

2:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. Arrest of an 18-year-old juvenile, Chance Operating a motor vehicle without a license, owner without authority, speeding in violation of special regulations, failure to stop for police while operating a motor vehicle.

6:41 a.m. Margin St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:14 a.m. Lambert's Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:29 Lambert's Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:01 a.m. Sohier Rd., medical aid, patient sign off.

10:09 a.m. Hull St., officer wanted, departmental action.

12:35 p.m. Hull St and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

3:03 p.m. Black Rock Beach, animal control, log entry.

3:42 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

2:00 p.m. Sohier St., fire inspections, departmental action.

2:40 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, log entry.

5:34 p.m. Cushing Hwy., medical aid, patient sign off.

5:53 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, patient sign off.

5:59 p.m. Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle violations, traffic citation issued.

6:09 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

6:55 p.m. Cushing Hwy., malicious destruction, log entry.

7:15 p.m. Short St., general services, investigated.

8:10 p.m. School St., assist other police department, log entry.

8:18 p.m. Hull St., assist other police department. Arrest of Jennifer Dorf, 31, of 153 Hull St., Cohasset. Charges: Assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

1:19 a.m. South Main St., suspicious person. Arrested: James Bonner, of 44 Gilmore St., South Weymouth. Charge: Warrant.

2:11 a.m. South Main St., suspicious auto, area search negative.

10:18 a.m. North Main St., officer wanted, returned to home or family.

10:30 a.m. Cushing Hwy., lawyers, log entry.

1:40 p.m. Parking Way, motor vehicle accident, investigated.

3:01 p.m. Hull St., service restraining order, rendered.

3:03 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, log entry.

3:22 p.m. Highland Ave., property damage, log entry.

4:22 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident, patient sign off.

7:57 p.m. King St., tree down, referred to other agency.

8:45 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

10:31 p.m. Linden Dr., suspicious auto, area search negative.

10:47 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., barking dog, investigated/report taken.

11:07 p.m. King St., assist citizen, services rendered.

11:28 p.m. Gammons Rd., suspicious auto, area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

12:53 a.m. Lambert's Lane, animal control, referred to other agency.

1:38 a.m. Headquarters, assist other police department.

2:14 a.m. Gammons Rd., disturbance, departmental action.

7:32 a.m. Summer St., general services, departmental action.

10:03 a.m. Cushing Hwy., suspicious person, departmental action.

10:42 a.m. Evergreen Lane, suspicious auto, no police service necessary.

1:07 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, log entry.

2 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted, departmental action.

2:10 p.m. Sohier St., lost property, departmental action.

3:34 p.m. Elm St., fire, miscellaneous, departmental action.

4:27 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

4:57 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:02 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:12 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

5:14 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:25 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:29 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, investigation, report taken.

6:08 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:09 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:24 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:28 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:35 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:36 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:45 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:53 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

8:42 p.m. Sandy Beach, animal control, log entry.

9:35 p.m. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:12 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:25 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:30 p.m. Ledgewood Dr., suspicious activity, investigated/report taken.

10:40 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:54 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:06 p.m. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

2:05 a.m. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:51 a.m. Cushing Hwy., illegal dumping, departmental action.

10:33 a.m. Border St., disturbance gathering, log entry.

10:47 a.m. Ripley Rd., well-being check, departmental action.

11:25 a.m. Summer St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:23 p.m. Bancroft Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:57 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:25 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

3:59 p.m. Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:04 p.m. Spring St., suspicious activity, investigated/report taken.

9:15 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, two people in protective custody.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

1:40 a.m. South Main St., fire, miscellaneous, departmental action.

3:07 a.m. White Head Rd., noise complaint, departmental action.

4:59 a.m. Cushing Hwy. and King St., general services, referred to other agency.

8:38 a.m. Cushing Hwy., suspicious person, departmental action.

8:54 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:32 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious person, area search negative.

9:11 p.m. South Main St., animal control, log entry.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

12:14 a.m. Cushing Hwy., suspicious person, departmental action.

1:04 a.m. Cushing Hwy., assist citizen, departmental action.

8:53 a.m. Aaron River Rd., animal control, log entry.

11:21 a.m. Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto, log entry.

12:21 p.m. Cedar St., assault, departmental action.

12:22 a.m. Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint, referred to other agency.

12:40 p.m. Cushing Hwy., animal control, log entry.

12:56 p.m. Margin Court, animal control, log entry.

1:17 p.m. Parker Ave., traffic complaint, log entry.

2:52 p.m. Cushing Hwy., brush fire, departmental action.

3:19 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

3:55 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

4:26 p.m. Bancroft Rd., auto fire, extinguished.

4:37 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Minors after hours at the swim center

Police, who were asked to patrol the Swim Center over the holiday weekend, arrested four teenagers for trespassing there after hours.

The director of the Cohasset Swim Center called on June 28 and asked police to patrol the popular swimming facility due to recent incidents of vandalism including finding broken glass in the pool, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

Just after 12:30 a.m., July 5, police saw youths inside the building and in the pool while the facility was closed.

Police caught Maureen Equi, 18, of 27 Wood Way, inside the building and charged her with trespassing.

The other three teenagers fled on foot and after a short investigation were contacted at home, and subsequently came to the station where they were placed under arrest. Police believe alcohol was a contributing factor, Jackson said.

Charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest were: Justin Langham, 18, 100 Pond St.; Douglas O'Brien, 18, 52 Jerusalem Road; and Kathleen McCarthy, 18, 155 Fairoaks Lane.

The teens were arraigned on the charges last week at Quincy District Court.

Jackson said the trespassing charge against Equi was continued without a finding for three months, which means if she stays out of trouble, the charge will be dropped at that time. Equi was required to pay $85 in court fees. The charges against McCarthy, who was required to pay $135 in court costs, were continued without a finding for six months. O'Brien was put in a diversion program and required to pay a $50 fee to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

A pre-trial conference for Langham is set for July 16. At that time, the court will revisit an open case against Langham. In an unrelated incident, Langham was charged for minor transport alcohol and having alcohol in an open container in a motor vehicle June 22 in Cohasset.

Quigley commended

Police Chief Brian Noonan commended Officer William Quigley for outstanding police work he performed on May 18.

While on traffic assignment, he received a report of a fire in a condominium located at 60 Howe Road.

He immediately responded to the scene and with Officer James McLean, entered the smoke-filled condominium. Finding an unconscious male in the kitchen, he managed to carry him to safety. He then re-entered the building to check for further potential victims and while inside, managed to extinguish the fire with departmental fire extinguishers.

The male Quigley rescued was subsequently taken to South Shore Hospital where he was treated for smoke inhalation and burns, Noonan said.

"Your quick assessment and decisive action, taken at no small personal risk, prevented a possible tragedy," he said in a letter of commendation.

"Your professionalism and dedication is one that I am extremely proud of — this type of action brings credit to yourself, your department and the law enforcement community," Noonan said.

Police arrested 30 last month

June was a busy month for the Cohasset Police Department police chief Brian Noonan said. There were 30 arrests, 13 for minors in possession of alcohol, six for protective custody, two for possession of counterfeit bills, one for possession of class A substance, three for outstanding warrants, two for disorderly conduct, one for operating without a license, one for operating under the influence of alcohol and finally one for assault and battery.

During the month of June the police department investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in personal injury. There were 158 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $4,255 in fines. Additionally there were 210 parking tickets issued for $5,500 in fines.

Also in June, our emergency dispatch center received a total of 788 calls for police services, of those 121 were emergency 911 calls, Noonan said.

OBITUARIES

Mary B. Williams

Mary B. Williams, 82, a 12-year resident of Cohasset, formerly of Etowah, Tenn., died, July 3, 2001, in the Quincy Medical Center following a long illness. She was born in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Mary worked in sales in the retail industry and also was a homemaker. She enjoyed playing bridge. Mary was the wife of the late John L. Williams and the mother of the late John "Jack" L. Williams Jr. She leaves two grandchildren, J. L. Williams III and Garrett B. Williams, both of Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by The Cremation Society of Massachusetts, Quincy. Interment was in Athens, Tenn.

Hope Poor

Hope Poor, 74, of Carver, formerly of Marshfield, died June 26, 2001, at her home.

Born in Boston, the daughter of Sterns and Hope (Colwell) Poor, in 1938 she moved with her family to a farm in Hanover. She graduated from Hanover High School. She also lived in Cohasset and then for many years in Marshfield before moving to Carver two years ago.

During her working years, Miss Poor was a real estate broker and an office manager at Howard Johnson in Braintree.

She leaves her brothers, Stearns Poor of Tampa Fla., Bennett Poor of Brookline, Harris Poor and his wife, LaVonne (Tiegs) Poor of New York, N.Y.; three nieces, two nephews, three great nieces and a great nephew. She was also the sister of the late Eleanor Poor

A memorial service was held at the North Community Church, Old Main St., Marshfield.

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More blues from Les

Sampou set to open for former Men at Work lead Colin Hay

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

For Les Sampou, it's time for a career evaluation. It's also time to make some long-awaited concession to her many blues-favoring fans with a blues-favoring album, like her own version of Eric Clapton's From the Cradle or the all-blues disc effort that Bonnie Raitt is still yet to make.

The Norwell-based singer/guitarist/songwriter promises to make good on both tasks with her forthcoming CD, titled Borrowed and Blue, set for release in August on the Rounder/Flying Fish label. The 16-track disc will live up to its billing with a diverse set of rootsy, back-to-basics blues selections borrowed from the genre's masters and descendents, such as Robert Johnson, Blind Willie McTell, Mississippi John Hurt and Bob Dylan, and also from Sampou's own blues-sided past and present, with remakes of previously recorded fan-favorites like "Chinatown," 'Sweet Perfume" and "Holy Land" as well as freshly-penned new songs.

These days Sampou seems to making a part-time career of opening local tour-stops for former top-selling, arena-filling acts of the MTV 1980s. Following a well-received warm-up spot at Pat Benetar's retro-rocking date at the Cape Cod Melody Tent last month, the singer will open this Saturday's show at Boston's Copley Theatre for ex-Men At Work front man Colin Hay. Hay has reinvented himself as a lyrical, reflective acoustic singer/songwriter, touring with only a single acoustic-guitar accompanist. His July 14 show will put music from Hay's new CD "Going Somewhere" in the spotlight.



He sang about vegimite sandwiches when he was one of the Men at Work. Saturday Colin Hay will bring his solo accoustic tour to Boston in support of his new CD "Going Somewhere."

Sampou's also looking forward to sharing some of her new work at the Boston gig.

"This new disc will be nothing but the blues, as simple and direct as it gets," said Sampou from her Norwell home/office. "It's just me and the guitar, recorded live to 2-track, with no chance for tricked-up studio production, pretty much what you hear is what you get. More than anything I wanted to highlight my guitar playing this time out, just play it directly into the tape with nothing in between, and put all those tones and textures of the strings right up front."

"The whole disc was finished in only six days, with no one else in the studio but my producer, a local musician and good friend of mine named J.P. Jones. The atmosphere was low-keyed and intimate to the point that on some parts of the master tapes, you can hear birds from outside in the background, and a Poland Spring truck pulling up on the street. The whole production was very naked and bare. People have talked to me for a long time about making an album like this. But when you sit down to do a session of traditionally-based blues, especially solo acoustic, you have to be really confident. Over the last few months, I finally reached the point where I could feel that confidence, with not only the guitar chops but a sense of knowing the music and how it should sound," Sampou said.

Sampou has won admirers far and wide for the way she does the blues, with her distinct blend of gut-level guitar stylings and vocals like a huskier Bonnie Raitt. But over three previous independent label CDs since 1993, the singer has been willfully unbound by a strait-jacketing blues-mama role, adding sensitive, deeply personal folk ballads, torchy jazz, lush orchestration, electric singer/songwriter rock and even New Age art songs to her musical vision.

If Sampou set out to highlight her guitar playing on the new disc, nowhere is that more in effect than on Borrowed and Blue's opening track, a brazen slide-blues powerhouse titled "Lorraine." This song, a Sampou original currently previewed on the singer's website at www.lessampou.com, holds its own for blues-based passion and lyrical content with some of the classic genre-gem interpretations found elsewhere on the disc, such as Mississippi Fred McDowell's "Kokomo Blues," McTell's "Statesboro Blues" and Johnson's "Travelling Riverside Blues."

Sampou provides some background on the song's evolution.

"I was staying in one of the dune shacks in Provincetown, just this 10 X 12 little hut, to start writing songs for the new album. For the first four days and nights there it rained non-stop, and I was without any creature comforts like electricity or running water but I did have severe writer's block. Finally the whole dire situation just brought out of me this song called 'Lorraine,' which is a word-play on 'the rain.' The song is basically about facing up to and dealing with 'the rain,' literally and figuratively, or the less-than-pleasant situations of life."



Les Sampou will share some of the music from her upcoming CD as she opens for former Men At Work front man Colin Hay at Boston's Copley Theater July 14.

So what did Sampou think of her Melody Tent encounter with the ex-Queen of MTV Pop?

"Pat (Benetar) definitely hosted a big fan-base at that show. She still has a lot of listeners, and they gave me a really good response as well. She was very nice backstage, very professional, and she had her kids there too. It was a good night," the singer said.

Sampou is expecting much the same when she supports the bill for Hay on Saturday. Could the opening spot on the Police reunion tour be next?

'Weighting' his options

Hanover musician to release new album July 20

By Seth Jacobson
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Hanover musician Kristian Montgomery is not shy about expressing his true feelings through the songs he creates, and those emotions are perfectly clear on his upcoming album called "Weighting Her Down."

Montgomery will debut the new LP at an album release party July 20 at The Attic in Newton at 7 p.m.

"The title of the record pretty much explains the theme of the album," Montgomery said. "The record is somewhat dedicated to failed relationships, and failures in general."

Montgomery said the musical content on "Weighting Her Down" is very diverse blending styles like Louisiana bluegrass, blues, punk, and even tribal and Celtic music influences.

"I'd say it's a very sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll type album," Montgomery added, "but it does it in a way that still seems like an intellectual reflection on sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll."

Montgomery said the new album marks his band's first full-length album, and what's more, he said the sound of his music has changed for the better thanks to the addition of new guitarist Erick Carpenter.

"It's really wild," Montgomery said of Carpenter. "By bringing him in, our sound has gotten much heavier, and much more aggressive. He's able to take a lot of the emotions I bring to the table and intensify them."

Montgomery also commended the talents of his other band mates—Roc Telleria (bass) and Philip Grenier (drums). Montgomery takes care of vocals in the context of his band as well as playing some additional guitar.

Montgomery said he has released other albums, but none of them have been as extensive as "Weighting Her Down." His last two albums included "Jupiter 1973," an EP he released nine months ago, and before that he released a record called "Opening Water." His songs have always reflected his true self, but he said the lyrics on "Weighting Her Down" are some of the best he's ever written.



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"I think the lyrical content on the new album is one of the things about it that I'm most proud of," he said. "On the last album (Jupiter 1973), I think I was a little too blunt and to the point. With this record, the lyrics are more subject to personal interpretation."

Although Montgomery said the new album is definitely focused on the aspect of failure, there are other themes which he expresses through the songs such as the passing of his father and ex-girlfriends.

Even though Montgomery only began playing guitar and singing eight years ago, he has still been a fan of great music his whole life, and he pulls many of his influences into his own musical realm.

"I always listened to a lot of southern rock," he said, pointing out landmark acts like Neil Young and the Allman Brothers. "But I've always been a fan of music in general, so I never really stuck with one style. I like jumping from one genre to the other."

Montgomery said he is looking forward to doing some touring to promote the new album, but he has some other things he has to do first.

"We're trying to do a lot of radio promotion on the east coast," he said. "As soon as we start getting some feedback as to where we're getting the most airplay, we'll think about where we'll tour. But this summer, we'll be playing a few local venues around Boston and Cape Cod." Montgomery added his management company, Jenrik Entertainment, is based in Hyannis.

Montgomery added that on July 15, he will be live on radio station WAAF starting at 11 p.m..

With a busy schedule in front of him, Montgomery is not concerned, stressed, or anxious because he loves what he does, and he said he thinks a lot of people will like the new album.

"My impression is that it's a really good album to drive to," he said. "I see people getting a lot of speeding tickets when they listen to it. People will definitely find it moving."

For more information or to buy Montgomery's new album, log onto his website at www.kristianmontgomery.com. The album will also be available at www.cdnow.com.

Survival of the Weakest

Hit game show gives summer viewers a reason to tune in

By Alice Coyle
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It has saved TV this summer.

The quirky new game show, *The Weakest Link*, is hands down the strongest thing on television during this dreaded season of reruns.

A combination of *Survivor* and quiz shows like *Jeopardy* and *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, *The Weakest Link* has me glued to my TV set every Sunday and Monday night. And it has me reading (for the first time) the "how to record a program" section of my VCR instructions on the nights it airs and I cannot be at home to watch it.

In addition to being fast paced with some challenging, interesting questions, the show's team format makes it unique and involving. From the first round I'm predicting who will be voted off first, who is truly the Weakest Link. If you haven't tuned in yet, here's how the game works.

A team of eight players of different ages, and backgrounds form a team. They are given a set amount of time, which is cut in each successive round, to answer the questions posed to them. If they answer correctly they earn money for the team. If they answer incorrectly they lose the money earned and not banked at that point. Time is of the essence as the team is looking to earn and then bank as much money possible before time runs out. Players are responsible for not only answering the question posed to them, but having the foresight to bank money earned when others answer correctly. Following a correct answer, and before they tackle their own question, players must say "bank" It's a simple four-letter word that amazingly eludes contestants round after round generally dooming the winner to a "paltry, pathetic, measly" cash prize in the end. The money that is banked goes through to the next round, but one player, whom the others deem the weakest link, does not.

At the center of it all, literally, is the host with the most barbs, Anne Robinson — the tight-lipped acerbic Brit who, at the end of every round played adds a hefty dose of hilarious insult to injury. In her black flowing ensemble and cropped hairdo, she reminds one of a sort of militant Julie Andrews — a mockingly malicious Maria Von Trapp, if you will.



Remaining contestants await their next grilling from Weakest Link host Anne Robinson

She's been called "the Brit in a snit," and the "Cruella De Ville of the quiz show." But the British tabloid columnist is no doubt snickering all the way to the bank thanks to her new-found fame as host of the show that has taken America by storm and remains England's most popular, with more than six million viewers.

I've heard others complain the show glorifies bullying and express concern that it might help perpetuate that kind of behavior among today's youth. To that I say, "c'mon. Lighten up!" The show is so tongue-in-cheek, so much a spoof of the very programs it imitates, that to take it that seriously is seriously ridiculous.

There is no doubt that to be a contestant you have to be thick-skinned, willing to take some abuse and even if you win it all, leave with a relatively small amount of money. I haven't seen any episodes where the winner in the final two shoot-out left with more than $125,000 or so. The others, Robinson reminds us time and again "will leave with nothing."

Robinson polls players after they've voted off the weakest link, asking them "Why Brenda? Or Nathan or Chris?" while at the same time poking fun at them, pointing out their own failures and foibles in the match, and further pitting team members against each other.

Whether statistically you are the weakest link — meaning you've answered to most questions incorrectly or just didn't know the answers in that particular round — Robinson will point out "it's the votes that count," just before uttering her trademark, dismissive retort, "you *are* the weakest link, goodbye."

Those voted off must do the walk of shame amid glaring spotlights and leering teammates who, because you may have missed a question they knew the answer to or took too long to answer another, have decided to boot you off.

Losers get a brief interview following the vote where they are given an opportunity to whimper and whine about their performance or trash other players and make their own predictions on whose going down next. It's all quite brutal and ridiculously fun, for Robinson and we, the viewers smugly taking it all in from the safety of our recliners.

"The programme is a conspiracy between me and the viewers," Robinson told BBC News Online. "We're curious as to what on earth the contestants are doing there."

Indeed, contestants upon whom her sassy English venom has been issued may wonder themselves, but as Robinson so eloquently notes they were "several fries short of a Happy Meal to begin with."

Here's to you, Mrs. Robinson and the creators of the Weakest Link for giving us something worth watching this summer.

Living

Grilled butterflied chicken



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Bad grilled chicken is the culinary equivalent of divorce - it's messy, it's unpleasant, and the person responsible for it is none too popular. Of course, great grilled chicken is one of life's great pleasures but the design of the chicken itself stands in the way of success. The white and dark meat do not cook at the same rate and therefore the breast meat turns out overcooked and dry.

To solve this problem, I decided to butterfly (remove the backbone and flatten) the chicken before grilling. For my first test, I seasoned the butterflied bird with salt and pepper and set it on the grill skin-side down over a medium-hot fire. After 12 minutes, the skin was brown and crispy with signature grill marks. The bad news was that the chicken had contracted into a lump. I flipped the chicken and found it necessary to apply downward pressure with a spatula to press the underside off the breast closer to the hot coals. The total cooking time for a 3 1/2 pound chicken was about 40 minutes in a covered grill. The chicken had a well-browned and crispy skin but the breast was overcooked.

Next, I tried using a weighted baking sheet to flatten the chicken as it cooked. With this method, the chicken cooked more evenly and in less time, about 30 minutes for a 3 1/2 pound bird— 15 minutes per side. The baking sheet also helped to maintain the flattened butterfly shape I started out with. I then tried a technique in which the bird is grilled skin-side down for 2 minutes and then finished over indirect heat (there are no coals directly under the bird) in a covered grill. The result was good but not quite as juicy as I would have liked so I decided that the direct heat method was best.

To solve the dry breast meat issue, I then decided to use a quick brine (the butterflied chicken is immersed in cold salted water) and I got the results I wanted — flavorful, juicy meat. I then wondered if a marinade wouldn't add additional flavor so after brining, I combined the chicken with olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, and fresh rosemary. I tested various marinating times and I found that 12 hours was necessary to impart flavor although a full 24 hours was even better. (If you do not have time to marinate, brush the bird with olive oil and freshly ground pepper before grilling.)

GARLIC-LEMON GRILLED BUTTERFLIED CHICKEN

The brining step is easy and relatively quick and should not be overlooked if you want juicy, flavorful meat.

1 cup kosher salt (or 1/2 cup table salt)
1/2 cup sugar
1 whole chicken, 3 1/2 to 4 pounds, preferably free-range, giblets and fat around the cavity removed
1/2 cup olive oil
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped or pressed
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary or thyme or a combination
Freshly ground black pepper

1. Dissolve salt and sugar in two quarts cold water in a large bowl, container, or plastic storage bag. Immerse the chicken and refrigerate for 1 hour. Remove chicken from brine and rinse thoroughly under cold running water. Remove backbone (this is most easily done with scissors) and press on the breastbone with the heel of your hand to flatten. Combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl and then add them, with the chicken, to a large, heavy duty, zipper lock bag. Press out as much air as possible; seal the bag and turn to coat the chicken evenly with the marinade. Place in the refrigerator for 12 to 24 hours.

2. Ignite grill. Remove chicken from the marinade and brush or wipe of excess marinade. When fire is medium-hot (you can hold your hand 5 inches from the flame for no longer than 4 seconds), place the chicken skin side down onto the grill. Set a jelly roll or other flat pan on top of the chicken, place 2 bricks or heavy cans in the pan. Cover and grill for 15 minutes, the chicken will be deep brown and have grill marks. Turn the chicken and replace weighted jellyroll pan. Grill about 15 minutes more or until an instant read thermometer inserted into the inside of the thigh registers 170 degrees. Transfer to a platter and let rest for 10-15 minutes

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Planetary action runs fast and furious, making this an exciting, 'anything can happen' kind of day. The moon travels in energetic Aries forming harmonious contacts to Venus, Neptune, Saturn and Pluto. Venus and Neptune align at 4:49 p.m. Mercury and Jupiter conjoin at the last degree of Gemini at 6:29 p.m. Mercury moves into the sign Cancer at 6:47 p.m., remaining there until July 30. Jupiter moves into Cancer at 8:03 p.m. Jupiter travels in the sign Cancer until August 1, 2002 bringing new opportunities to Cancerians.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

The moon travels in pioneering Aries. However, Mars, the planetary ruler continues retrograde travel until the July 19. It is best to sleep on new ideas and postpone taking action for another week. The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 2:45 p.m. This month's new moon will culminate on July 20, bringing an ideal time for new starts across the board. At 752 p.m. the moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. Forget your troubles and go for the good times this evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

The moon enters Taurus at 7:13 a.m., traveling there throughout the weekend. Generally, a Taurus moon brings an easier, relaxing period. However, Venus, the planetary ruler of Taurus, forms stressful contacts to Saturn and Pluto in the next couple of days. You may be forced to face the reality about a romantic or financial situation and make tough decisions. Give some thought to consolidating what you have rather than spending what you don't. Sidestep doubts, worries, fears.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Yesterday's advice pertains to today as well. The moon continues its travel in Taurus. Venus and Saturn conjoin at 3:32 a.m. Venus prepares to oppose Pluto early Tuesday morning. If you've been experiencing problems with another, now is the time to work out a compromise, forgive and forget. Avoid power trips or gameplaying to gain control of the situation. Let go and leave the past behind.

MONDAY, JULY 16

This may be a slow-starting morning. At 3:41 a.m. the Taurus moon becomes inactive until 2:26 p.m. Finish old business rather than starting new activities. Making major decisions or purchases are off limits. Don't rock the boat in business or romance. The moon enters Gemini at 2:26 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

Gear up for a busy day. Others may be distracted, argumentative. Keep a cool head and listen to the voice of reason. Venus and Pluto align at 5:46 a.m. The Gemini moon forms challenging contacts to Saturn, Pluto and Mars. Don't take risks. Think before you do or say something you will later regret. It is better to handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands mental precision and focus. Stressful influences ease up this evening, giving you an opportunity to let off some steam, relax and unwind.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

This is another day that can be very difficult for getting things done. On the other hand, it's ideal for vacationing. If you are working, handle routine chores and errands. Don't take on a big work project. The Gemini moon becomes inactive at 7:46 a.m. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 5:56 p.m., beginning the final stage to this month's new moon. A polarity of Venus and Mars may spark romantic fireworks this evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

The planet Mars takes the spotlight today. At 6:45 p.m. Mars, standing at 15-degrees Sagittarius, will begin to travel in direct motion. Mars has been traveling in retrograde motion for the past ten weeks. A new moon will culminate tomorrow, signaling a turning point in planetary energies this summer. Today the dark side of the new moon prompts you to get organized and prepare new starts.

Notes of a challenging growing season

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
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Each week throughout the growing season, a stroll through an established perennial garden unveils new discoveries. From those first early weeks of spring, when the tiny noses of bulbs push their way up through the soft earth, to the waning days of autumn, when Mother Nature offers a colorful finale, the diverse flowers and foliages of a perennial garden provide a roller-coaster ride of emotions. Joy, frustration, satisfaction, and disappointment seem to intertwine through the passing months. Although annuals provide a source of continuous color, the ever-changing palette of the perennial border often brings the passionate gardener a greater sense of accomplishment and enjoyment.

Even compulsive gardeners, who must grow one of every plant available in the trade, look forward to particular times during the season or the blooming of unique plants that bring them special delight. The unfurling of a fern frond, the splendor of a singular bloom of a bearded iris or peony, or the charm of puffy balloon flowers as they unfold, are events that I eagerly await each year. The arrival of bluebirds and hummingbirds, the croaking of friendly, resident frogs around my water garden, and the ethereal beauty of butterflies as they float through the flowers, add to this gardener's yearly pleasures.

Unfortunately, not all our discoveries are pleasant and this year's have been somewhat more challenging than in years passed. The devastation caused by the sudden burst of warmth followed by the severe frost is still evident on some plants although most seem to have finally recovered from this event. Spring canker worms took their annual toll and in some areas, gypsy moths are making an unwelcome return, but the recent influx of army worms which is defoliating South Shore lawns is like a scene from a horror film. One evening you have a beautiful green carpet surrounding your home and the next morning, the entire lawn has been ravaged by marching caterpillars and all that is left behind is brown stubble. Nurseries have been bombarded with frantic homeowners hoping to find an instant cure to all their hungry, invading pests, but often the damage is done and the best recourse is to nurture what remains and in many cases, the lawn and plants recover with water, fertilizer and a little tender loving care.

Slugs, and more recently large garden snails, have been a persistent pest in my own garden over the years, but despite this year's adequate moisture, they seem less voracious than in the past. Hostas, shade-loving plants and the tender new transplants of annuals and vegetables seem to be their favorite targets, all of which they tend to attack under the cover of darkness. Avoid overhead watering in the evening, which promotes mildew in addition to providing the perfect environment for moisture-loving slugs. Traditional slug baits tend to be especially harmful to wildlife and I prefer to try less toxic methods before resorting to deadlier products. A granular product known as Escar-Go, which contains iron phosphate, has been reasonably effective and is available through the Gardens Alive catalog and on-line. Diatomaceous earth provides additional protection and is a deterrent to ants and earwigs. For those who have declared war, a gooey product called Deadline is quite lethal. If applied to a wooden shingle and allowed to dry a little, it can then be turned over and placed in the garden where slugs can access the bait under the shingle without exposure to other types of wildlife and the shingle can be moved around the garden from day to day.

Perhaps my most alarming discovery in recent months is the regular appearance of deer on my property. Shrubs, perennials and meadow wildflowers have been neatly cropped and to my dismay, even a few recently purchased potted plants were suspiciously trimmed with telltale hoof prints by the water garden to verify the culprits. A sudden appearance of Bambi this week on my front lawn confirmed my worst fears that their population is continuing to grow. Deer are one of our most destructive foragers, devouring many of my personal favorites including hosta and daylilies. Woodchucks seem to be a minor menace once deer have ravaged your property. Although Chuck can be an ornery varmint, he seems to be rather specific in his preferences for vegetables, violets, phlox, coneflowers and asters, to name a few, while deer have a much more diversified menu which includes almost everything green. There are many suggestions for deterring these lovely creatures including the use of hot pepper wax sprays on your treasured plants, repellents containing fox or coyote urine, hanging bars of sweetly perfumed soap from yews and other shrubs they munch, tall fences, a good hunting dog, and a product call Deer-Off which has been highly recommended by many reliable sources. A bottle of tobasco sauce mixed with water in a pump sprayer and applied to special plants seems to help but must be reapplied after heavy rainfall.

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FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28, Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

DOUBLE COMEDY DOUBLE HEADER: JOHN PINETTE AND JAY MOHR at the Melody Tent and the Music Circus. The Melody Tent date is July 28 at 8 p.m. and the Music Circus Date is July 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this show are $29.50 and are available through ticketing center or Ticketmaster. Cape Cod Melody Tent phone number is 508-775-9100 and South Shore Music Circus is 781-383-1400. The Cape Cod Melody Tent is located at 11 W. Main Street in Hyannis and the South Shore Music Circus is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset. For more information visit www.music-circus.com or www.melodytent.com.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.





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The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury will hold a special celebration for its 30th anniversary July 14 from 1 - 6 p.m. All of the various programs will be free and a range of activities is scheduled for all age groups. A large tent will be installed and refreshments will be provided. Tea master Glenn A. Sorei Pereira will perform a special Japanese tea ceremony at 1 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. as part of the activities. Other events include the nationally acclaimed Enchanted Circle Theater's "Folktales From Japan", museum tours, origami workshop and the Ed Sorrentino Jazz Trio featuring Herb Pomeroy on trumpet. . The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, call 781-934-5117 for more information.

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Thurs. 12

The Pembroke Library July Art Exhibits feature the work of Anthony Biladeau. His work consists of paintings in acrylic with a floral theme. The style of the work is Abstract Realism with the primary concern being composition. Mr. Biladeau has shown his work throughout New England and Florida in private galleries as well as natural galleries as well as at National Exhibitions. One display case will feature work by Cub Scout 105.

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Borders presents Computer Surgeon Workshops on July 12 at 7 p.m. and July 26 at 7 p.m. Computer surgeon has provided nationwide live technical support for any operating system/application and personalized training for hundreds of computer subjects for almost a decade. Located at 101 Independence Way, C113, Kingston.

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The Kendall Whaling Museum offers a Thursday morning film series featuring "Samson and Sally: The Song of the Whale". Located at 27 Everett Street, Sharon, open year round, Tuesday-Saturday 10-5, Sundays 1-5. Museum admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, $2.50 for children 6-16 and $10 for families. Also offered is a series of videos every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 781-784-5642.

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"Nutrition and Weaning" is the topic of the next LeLeche League of Weymouth meeting. Meet at the home of a member at 7:30 p.m. and nursing babies are welcome. If you need more information or directions please call 781-337-0145.

Singing the Blues Concert Series returns to the Boston Harbor Hotel with "Little Milton" from 6 – 10 p.m. The Boston Harbor Hotel, Wharf promenade is located on Rowes Wharf in Boston. For more information or a complete listing of performers and dates please call 617-439-7000.

Fri. 13

South Shore Conservatory's Opera By the Bay proudly presents "Scenes to Remember" at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury and again on July 15 at the Jane Carr Amphitheater in Hingham at 5 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for seniors and students and may be purchased at South Shore Conservatory's Duxbury and Hingham campuses or by calling 781-934-2731 ext. 10 in Duxbury or 781-749-7565 ext. 10 in Hingham.

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The Folk Club at the Pilgrim Church, 24 Athens Street in Weymouth presents a Benefit Concert with Cosy Sheridan. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 the day of the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-335-0249.

South Shore Art Center's series of master classes, The Visiting Artist Workshops begin July 13th. Twelve master teachers will be offering workshops in a variety of media during the months of July and August. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

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Tour New England's Historic Lighthouses with Boston Harbor Cruises on July 14 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Rates are $28 for adults, $26 for seniors and $18 for children under 12. Meet at the Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf in Boston. Schedules and rates are subject to change. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Swim Across America One-Mile Swim at Nantasket Beach. This swim fund raising benefit the David B. Perini, Jr. Quality of Life Program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute starting at the Nantasket Beach House. Minimum age required is 12. Open to 200swimmers, the minimum fundraising requirement is $100. For more information or to register call Kitty Tetreault at 508-660-1720 or visit www.swimacrossamerica.org.

Gallery presents "Trailing Light" feature pastel artist Allison Krajcik. The exhibit will run through August 31. There will be an opening reception with the artist on July 14 from 2 - 5 p.m. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot St. in Duxbury. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri. and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. Exhibit and reception are free. For more information call 781-934-0640.

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Sun. 15

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Ages 8-12: Wednesday, July 18, 4:00-5:00 pm
Ages 13-20: Wednesday, July 18, 5:00-6:00 pm

SOUTH SHORE STUDIO: 34 Accord Park Dr. Norwell, MA 617.456.6273 or 781.871.7468
Ages 8-16: Tuesday, July 24, 1:00-2:30 pm

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Nantasket Beach Concert Series schedule of events for Nantasket Beach and Fort Revere in Hull. There will be a weekly concert series at the MDC Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach as well as a family movie series at Fort Revere in Hull. Both series are free to the public and suitable for children and adults of all ages. On July 14: Movie Series at dusk. July 15: "The Swingers" at King Pavilion at 2 p.m.

Mon. 16

The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Weymouth area to give blood on July 16 when the bloodmobile comes to Tufts Library Conference Room, 46 Broad Street. Donors hours are 1 - 7 p.m. For more information call the American Red Cross at 800-448-3543.

Gene Lavanchy to be Auctioneer at Quincy Medical Center's 12th Annual Golf and Tennis Tournament Fundraiser on July 16 at the Wollaston Golf Club in Milton. The auction will be among the day's events at the tournament which enables area corporations, local physicians and hospital employees to show their support for quality healthcare at Quincy Medical Center by coming together for and unforgettable day of networking, relaxation and friendly competition. For more information about sponsorship opportunities and or participation call 617-376-5493 or 617-376-5495.

Tues. 17

A Streetcare Named Desire will be presented by the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Drive In Norwell. The production will be Oct. 12 - 28, 2001. **Auditions** will be held July 17 from 7 - 10 p.m. and July 18 from 7 - 8 p.m. For more information call 781-871-2787.

W.C. Handy Award Winners Paul Rishell & Annie Raines are appearing at Johnny D's, 17 Holland Street in Somerville on July 17 at 8:30 p.m. Cover charge is $8. Tel: 617-776-2004. Also appearing at the Blackthorne Tavern, 402 Turnpike Street, South Easton, on July 23 at 8:30 p.m. Tel: 508-238-9017. Tickets are $10.

"Train to End Stroke" with the American Stroke Association by walking or running a marathon. Participants choose to run or walk in Negril, Jamaica on Dec. 8, 2001 or Walt Disney World marathon in Orlando, Florida on Jan. 6, 2002. Information is posted on the web at www.strokeassociation.org. The information sessions held near you are on July 17 at Plymouth Fitness, 16 Aldrin Road in Plymouth at 6:30 p.m., July 18 at Boston Sports Club, 750 Union Street, Franklin at 6:30 p.m. July 19 at Healthtrax at the Southcoast Wellness Center, 250 Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth at 6:30 p.m. and on July 21 at Jordan Fitness, 430 Plymouth Street in Halifax at 10 a.m. Training will begin the weekend of August 11.

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An evening of Irish Poetry with poets Mary O'Donoghue and Gordon Walmsley from Salmon Publishing, Ltd. of County Clare, Ireland will read their works at 7:30 p.m. at Aisling Gallery, 229 Lincoln Street, Route 3A, Hingham. Other poets will also read. Sponsored by the South Shore Poets and the Poetry Porch. For more information call 781-545-0731.

Wed. 18

Investigate the Tide Pools of Minot Beach in Scituate from 1 - 4 p.m. with "Nature Net," a program of the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences. This outing is open to all students od Southeastern Mass. entering grades 5 - 8, their families and their teachers. It is free and open to the public. Please call Lorraine Rubinacci at 508-224-6521 for directions and pre-registration.

Borders presents Loretta Laroche Reminds Us That - Life is not a Stress Rehearsal on July 18 at 7:30 p.m. Located at 101 Independence Way, C113, Kingston. Meet this fantastic woman and get her latest signed.

Thurs. 19

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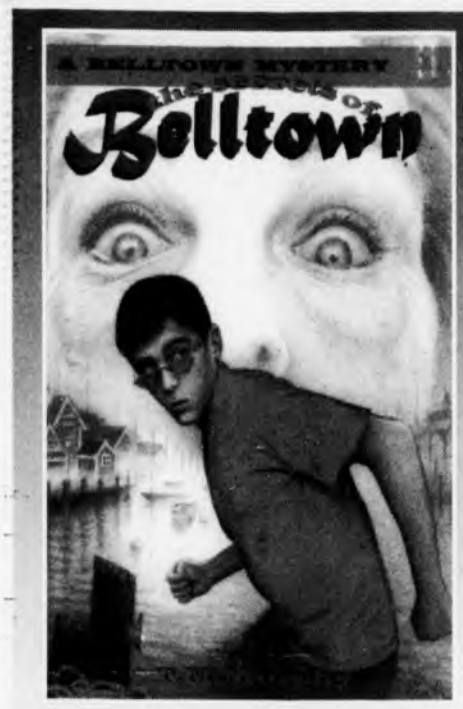
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Falmouth-based author T.M. Murphy will do a book-signing at Storybook Cove in Hanover July 18 at 3 p.m. At the signing, Murphy will be promoting his newest book called "The Secrets of Code Z," a mystery novel aimed toward children ages 10-14. The book is part of a five-part series called "The Belltown Mysteries." "We are quite pleased that JN Townsend Publishing is re-releasing the first four of (Murphy's) 'Belltown Mysteries,'" stated Janet Bibeau of Storybook Cove. "They have been popular with our customers and we are thrilled to be able to offer them again along with the newest book in the series." *For more information about the event, call (781) 871-7801 or log onto www.storybookcove.com.*





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Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree 5 corners will feature Larry Myles at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $10. Special prices appetizers from 8:30 p.m. and reservations are recommended. For more information call 781-848-0300 or visit www.jimbossouth.com

Fri. 20

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Chris Fitz. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Toon Disney and Dish Network Satellite TV bring Toon Disney's most animated kid search to the Boston area on July 20 from 12 - 5 p.m. Held at the Independence Mall - Sears Parking Lot on Route 3 and Smith Lane in Kingston. "Toon" screen test: Kids between ages 4 and 14 will get to show off their wackiest "Tooniest" side on the camera. Local winners in each market will win Toon Disney prizes and have a chance to compete for the national grand prize: a trip for four to Hollywood to be animated in a real toon which will air on Toon Disney.

Ongoing Events

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website ate www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

Duxbury Art Association & Robert Klein Gallery of Newbury Street in Boston, present "Water", sponsored by Newport Creative Communications. Held at the Bengtz and Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts on through July 22. Featured artists in this photography exhibit include Tom Baril, David Fokos, Sally Gall, Chip Hooper and Michael Kenna. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and July 22 from 12 noon - 4 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 15 or visit www.duxburyart.org.

A Visit with Paul Revere, a program will take place through Aug. 16 from 1 - 4 p.m. Come and tour Boston's fascinating North End with an experienced guide from the Paul Revere House. Visit the silversmith shop and foundry and discover how Revere began his career as an artisan, fashioning buttons, buckles, creamers and sugar bowls from silver. Later he became one of the country's first industrialists producing fittings for the USS Constitution, and enormous bells and canons. This program is free with admission to the museum: $2.50 for adults, seniors age 62 and over and college students is $2, and children ages 5 - 17 are $1. Open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. For more information call 617-523-2338.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is Rita Walsh exhibiting her paintings in watercolor for the month at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

New Family Program at the Fuller Museum of Art during the summer months. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. "Brown Bag Sundays" will be held the last Sunday of the month in July and August from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Children and parents can participate together in fun, exhibit related activities. Cost is $6 per family of two and $2 for each additional family member. For more information call 508-588-6000.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum invites all artists to enter the "Art Show" held through July 31. The theme again will be "Sea and Sky" with particular emphasis on small, regional wooden boats to complement the exhibit, "Feathering, Sweeping, and Laying Back, the small boat collection of the museum and its members. Limit will be 3 entries per artist and each entry fee is $6. For additional information call Barbie Guild at 781-925-5433.

"Waterworks" - watercolor paintings by Maureen K. Brookfield will be presented by the Mansfield Music and Arts Society through July 29 in the Cote Gallery. Gallery hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. MMAS, Cote Gallery is located at 30 Reservoir Street in Mansfield. For more information or directions call 508-339-2822.

Boston Harbor Cruises Takes Boston by Sea through Oct. 1. Hours are Thurs. - Sun. from 1 - 3 p.m. Rate: Adults: $19, students and seniors are $17 and children are $10. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Tour the Islands with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $8, students and seniors are $7 and children are $6. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonharborcruises.com.

Boston Harbor Cruises Whale Watches through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $29, seniors are $25 and children are $23. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Cruise into the Sunset through Oct. 1. Length of tour: 90 minutes. Mon. - Sun at 7 p.m. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Historic Sightseeing with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Tours run seven days a week: 1:00 p.m. and 3 p.m. departure times. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

The Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln Street in Hingham is now owned by the Hingham Historical Society and will feature a special exhibit of antique toys called "The Children's Hour" which will include dolls from the society's collection and furniture from the Tower Toy Guild. The house is open from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. - Sat. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12. For group tours or more information call 781-749-1851.

Bragging Rights Road Race Series to Benefit Talking Information Center and National Kidney Foundation. T-shirts go to the first 250 entrants in each race. Pre-entry fee is $18 and same day registration is $20. The 10K Loop courses will be run July 21 from Marshfield's South River Elementary School at 8:30 a.m.; August 18 from Hingham High School at 8 a.m. and Sept. 22 from Norwell High School at 9 a.m. Race sponsors include Hyde Park Cooperative Bank, Alvin Hollis Company and Pearle Vision Center in Hanover. For an application or to help out call TIC in Marshfield at 781-834-4400 or 800-696-9505.

Sisters at the Sparrow House, a joint exhibition of work by Plymouth artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann and Skaneateles, N.Y. artist Patience Brewster will be on view through July 22. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wed. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and there is no admission to the gallery areas. Admission to the museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information and directions to 42 Summer Street in Plymouth call 508-747-1240.

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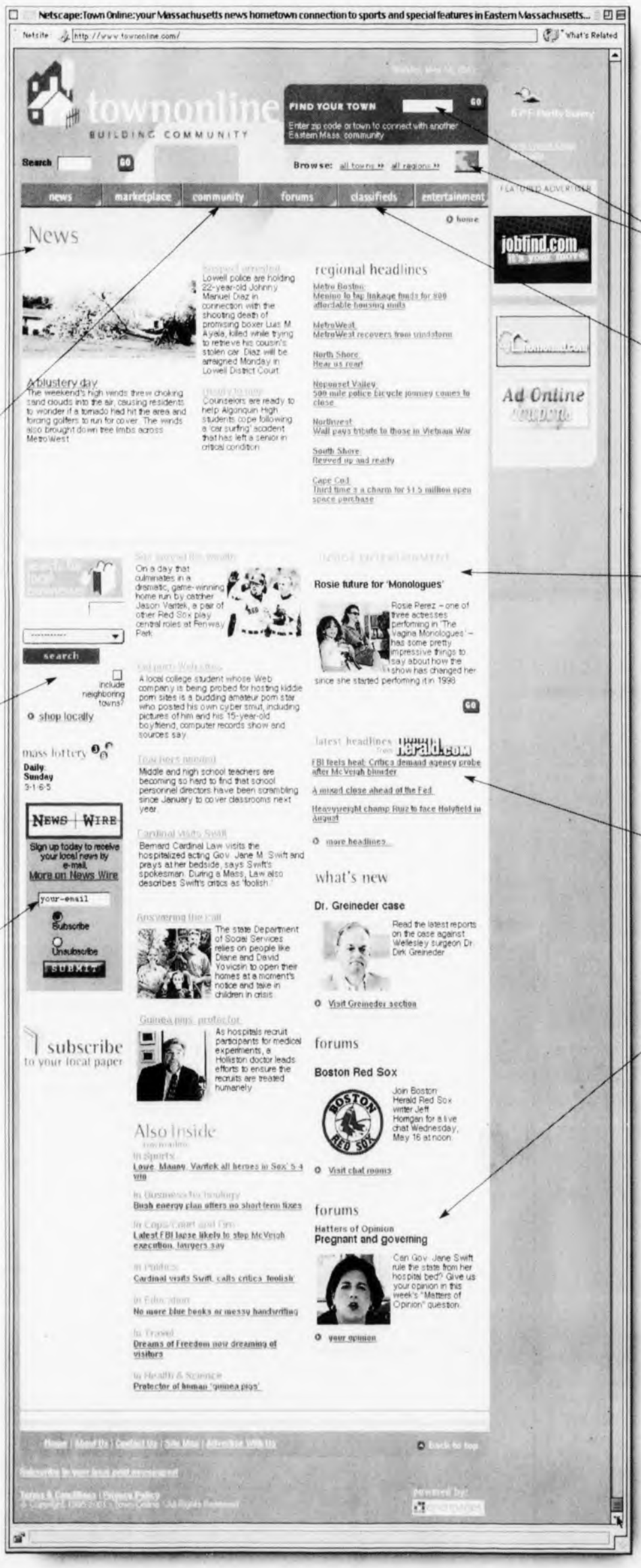
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Task force OKs final village revitalization plan

Needs town approval before implementation

By Rick Collins
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With a collective sigh of relief, the town Village Revitalization Task Force on Tuesday took its final votes on the general village renovation plan it will recommend to the town. While nothing revolutionary was approved — such as the previously considered one-way traffic pattern — the group will recommend a number of changes when it meets before selectmen this Tuesday.

"I've been working on this for three and a half years, so it's nice to finally get some decisions made," said task force chairman Tim O'Brien.

The changes include a delivery zone in front of the Texaco station, a formal sidewalk on the northbound-side of Elm Street, wider curb cuts in front of Cohasset News, and three "bump outs" along South Main Street that will anchor crosswalks and trees along the block.

The task force also unanimously voted to recommend new brick sidewalks throughout the village, and to build the long-proposed sidewalk along the section of South Main Street below St. Stephen's Church.

Along with O'Brien at the meeting were committee members Noel Ripley, Joe Coggins, Lucia Flibotte, Merle Brown and Town Planner Liz Harrington. Alita Dean of Cohasset Greenery and Ben Watson of Cohasset Hardware were also present.

The bad news is that the Elm Street changes could cost the village as many as 10 parking spaces because the new raised curb will prevent cars from parking on the sidewalk, as is the standard practice.

The main debate at the meeting, held in the Elm Street office of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation — a private non-profit group interested in renovations to the village and harbor area — was between pedestrian accessibility on Elm Street and the need for parking.

Watson argued that the current Elm Street design works fine as is.

"The restrictions aren't there now, and it functions," he said.

But Brown, a town selectman, said the area is too heavily used not to have a formal sidewalk.

"I hate to lose parking spaces too, but we also have to look at the pedestrians. It's a major walkway

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Field of dreams in focus

To cost $150K-plus

By Rick Collins
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The town Gravel Pit Reuse Committee hopes to go before this fall's special Town Meeting to ask for funds to construct the first of two Little League fields planned for the former town gravel pit site off North Main Street.

The field, which would be adjacent to Barnes Field, the current home to Cohasset Little League, could cost as much as $200,000, but the committee hopes to build the field for as little as $150,000.

The committee had originally asked Jef Fasser of the engineering firm BSC Group to estimate the cost of building two top-notch Little League fields, one of which could also serve as a softball field, renovating and asphalting the existing parking lot, and building a new 32-car lot. The estimate came in at an eye-popping $466,000 –too much for the reuse committee's tastes.

"I would say it's very high," said Town Manager Mark Haddad, with the rest of the committee concurring.

By not laying asphalt on the parking lots, and cutting in half the amount of gravel and topsoil used on the fields, the project would save more than $180,000. But the

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TEAM PRACTICE

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Mimi Mahoney, Natalie Hunt and Sara Goggin wait to dive in during practice for the 10-and-under team at the Cohasset Swim Center off Sohier Street. For swim team results see sports on pages 13 - 16.

Smoking in Legion questioned

By Rick Collins
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Smoking at the George H. Mealy American Legion Post could be snuffed out if the private club has to abide state and local anti-smoking laws because it's located in a town-owned building.

The town Board of Health is examining the issue after a complaint was filed that there was smoking going on in a public building. The post rents the Summer Street site from the town of Cohasset for $1 a year.

"They've always allowed smoking in there."
— Mary Jeanette Murray, Marine Corps veteran

The town has had a bylaw banning smoking in town-owned buildings on the books since 1989, said town Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik.

However, private clubs, which the American Legion is, are exempt from the town bylaw.

So the question is, which takes precedence – the fact it's a private club, or that it's in a town-owned building?

"Here's an apparent contradiction here," said Godzik. "It's basically a question of what prevails."

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PUSHKIN PACE

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Lucille McLoughlin Hornby takes Pushkin, the dachshund, for a stroll in the Sandy Beach parking lot.

Parents, police not on same page

Views differ on teen drinking arrests

By Mary Ford
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It's summertime in Cohasset, schools out and many college kids are back home. And like most small towns, there isn't a lot for older teenagers to do.

Summer can also be a time when the police log expands to include the names of more minors – those under the age of 21 – who are arrested for being in possession of alcohol.

Police Chief Brian Noonan doesn't have all the answers. But he is sure of one thing — police aren't going to look the other way when teenagers mix with alcohol.

He also firmly disputes claims from some parents and teenagers that police are "out to get" the teens in town.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, we are led to incidents," Noonan said. "We are not out there conducting search parties. That is just not the case."

But in a letter to the editor this week (*see page 6*), Bob and Mary Ernst, 17 Border St., ask what can be done to change the relationship between Cohasset police and the town's teens. They say they've heard for years that police "have it in for the teens," and are bothered by the fact their son reports that he and his friends are followed by the police when they drive around town.

"We are not out there conducting search parties. That is just not the case."
— Police Chief Brian Noonan

In another letter sent to Selectman Merle Brown, Noria Morales complains that police arrested her younger brother, Elan Morales, 19, a Hull resident, at Sandy Beach. Her brother was acting as a designated driver for three other minors, Noria Morales stated.

"I do not understand their treatment of a responsible, sober teenager whose only guilt was choosing to be with his friends," she wrote.

Noonan explained both beer and vodka were discovered in the vehicle. "He was certainly guilty of minor transport," he said. "And a designated driver doesn't mean driving someone around with alco-

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Forest Avenue sidewalk planned

Could save $100K by buying materials in bulk

By Rick Collins
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"I just don't think it makes any sense to start in the middle of Forest Avenue and end it at the beach."
— Selectman Ronnie McMorris.

Instead of building the new sidewalk along Forest Avenue in two phases, selectmen are looking to build it all at once.

Charlie Sanchez of the Norfolk County Engineers Office, presented preliminary drawings of "Phase I" of the new sidewalk, which would run from the Forest Avenue intersection with Jerusalem Road to Surry Drive. However, partially at the urging of local residents, the board asked Sanchez to come back with more detailed plans of a sidewalk running the street's full 6,000 feet.

"I just don't think it makes any sense to start in the middle of Forest Avenue and end it at the beach," said selectman Ronnie McMorris. "If anything we should start at the other end."

Other residents agreed that if just half the street was going to be done, it should be done going towards North Main Street, despite the fact that 65 percent of the street's residents live closer to the beach end.

"I really think the board should look at what Ronnie said about starting at the other end," said Trish Morrison, a Forest Avenue resident. "I'm more concerned with the safety of the children getting off the school bus, riding their bikes to the ball field, or to the village, people walking a loop around Wheelwright Park...I stand to lose three 70-foot oak trees, but I'll gladly sacrifice them for my children's safety."

The plan so far calls for the sidewalk to start on the north side of Forest Avenue, and then cross over to the south side after about 600 feet, or near the street's flashing lights. Sanchez said this is needed because blasting several granite outcroppings along the path would add "considerable cost" to the project. The town would also need small easements from the two houses at the Forest Avenue/Jerusalem Road intersection.

The sidewalk would be five-feet wide in most places, but as narrow as four feet where granite ledge restricts the width. For the most part, the sidewalk would be raised, with granite curbstones.

Sanchez placed a price-tag of between $142,000 and $200,000 on the first half of the sidewalk, depending on how much ledge has to be removed.

However, the cost of the entire project could drop to as little as $300,000 if the town bids the project through the South Shore Consortium. The consortium was created by the town managers of South Shore towns, such as Hingham, Hull, Weymouth, Norwell and Scituate, and allows them to buy supplies in bulk.

"We do joint purchasing so we can get a better bang for our buck," said Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad. He said the group had originally used its combined buying power for cheap prices on office supplies, but recently expanded it to Department of Public Works materials. He said, for example, the town recently received a good price the per ton cost of bituminous concrete.

As opposed to putting the project out for general bid, the plan is to bid separate portions of the project, such as the granite removal, the road paving, and pouring the sidewalks, and have Haddad act as the project manager.

By segmenting the project, the town could avoid paying the state prevailing wage, which could send the cost of the project higher.

Sanchez said the town could save as much as $100,000 by doing the project this way.

Right now the town has $92,000 set aside for sidewalk construction, and would need to go to Town Meeting to fund the rest of the project.

Sanchez is expected back before selectmen in September.

Cohasset Harbor walkway workshop July 31

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation will host a Cohasset Harbor Walkway Public Design Workshop on Tuesday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island.

Representatives of the Cecil Group, an urban landscape architectural firm, will present sidewalk improvement ideas for the creation of a safe pedestrian walkway around the perimeter of the harbor. CRC invites you to share your ideas on design elements created to address the demands of today's environment, and preserve the rich maritime history of the waterfront.

Items for discussion include an improved sidewalk design to provide a safe area for walkers, strollers, runners, and bikers of all ages and abilities; a review of the material options to be used; and an overview of additional amenities such as new railings and pedestrian scale lighting.

If you would like additional information, please contact the CRC office at (781) 383-2449.

This week in COHASSET

Town Meetings

The following is a list of upcoming town meetings posted as of July 16. All meetings are held in town hall, unless otherwise noted.

- Cohasset Conservation Commission, July 26, 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Health, July 25, 7 p.m.
- Harbor Committee, August 14, 7 p.m.
- Police/Fire Station Committee, August 8, 10 a.m.
- Sewer Commission, July 26, 6 p.m.
- Committee on Town History, July 21, 3 p.m., 465 King Street

The School Building Committee meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office.

Time for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays.

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According to the EOEA, mercury must be removed from the solid waste stream so it does not continue to be released into the environment.

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Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D – Hingham, will hold district office hours Thursday, July 26, in Cohasset. He will be available at the Cohasset Town Hall first floor meeting room, 41 Highland Ave., from 2-3 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with the Bradley, please call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

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Hingham Lumber makes pitch for Route 3A move

By Rick Collins
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Hingham Lumber owner Tom McNulty made a 21st century presentation Monday, in his attempt to win Zoning Board of Appeals approval to move his landmark business to Cohasset.

On top of color design sketches of the buildings, he also brought along a full-size digitally created photograph of what the business would look like at its new Route 3A site, as well as a video presentation explaining the way the new drive-through warehouse would work.

McNulty, who owns the lumber yard with his brother John, was also scheduled to appear before the Planning Board Wednesday after the Mariner went to press.

If granted the necessary variances and permits, the 53-year old business is poised to become an important piece of the Route 3A business community.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said Tuesday, without knowing the nuts and bolts of the plan, that he didn't see any reasons why the town would block the move.

"It's a permitted use and would be a very nice fit," he said. "I don't want to prejudice the whole application – it could have some real snags. But I kind of sense that there aren't."

Along with adding to the town's undersized commercial tax base, the business would also develop a long-dormant tract of land, while complimenting other existing businesses along the stretch of road.

"In a very simplistic way, if you look at the area it's not something that is out of step with the parade," said Moore. "We already have two big operations selling landscape materials, and Hingham Lumber already sells to a lot of the Cohasset contractors."

Sohier Street resident Ron Goodwin spoke in support of the move during its hearing Monday.

"I've been doing business with them for 20 years and would love to see them move into town," he said.

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— Ron Goodwin, Sohier Street

The plan, as McNulty explained, is to build two new buildings on the 13.4 acre site. The first would be a 24,000 square foot, single level, wood-sided gabled structure, with front and rear entrances, and pillared porticos. It would house the main showroom and sales floor, as well as office and some storage space. The second building would be a massive 60,000 square foot drive-in metal warehouse, where customers could literally drive their vehicles in and pick up their supplies. The drive-through would be a one-way loop, surrounded by 40 parking spaces. Also inside the structure would be storage space for special orders and a small shop to custom-cut materials.

The warehouse was designed by Ron Johnson, who has designed similar structures in the region. McNulty said the only other similar warehouse in the area is in New Hampshire, and is smaller than the one he intends to build in Cohasset.

The issues before the ZBA involved whether the business would be an appropriate use in the Light Industry-zoned area, if there was enough parking for customers, and a small corner of the main store building which will infringe on a flood plain.

Project engineer Bill Buckley said a retention pond would be created to deal with any flooding issues, and the current drainage streams coming off the hill in the back of the site would be diverted around the rear of the warehouse building and into an existing retention pond.

The board also quickly ruled that the retail business is considered an acceptable use under Light Industry zoning standards.

And even though the issue isn't expected to hold up proceedings, the board did enter into a long discussion about the site's parking plan.

The traditional rule of thumb, the board said, is one parking spot per every 100 square feet of retail space, meaning Hingham Lumber would be required to build 240 parking spaces for its main showroom and retail store. However, a business is allowed to build just two-thirds of the required spaces, as long as there is a contingency plan to expand later if needed. McNulty took this latter path and plans to build a 160-space parking lot, with the ability for an additional 80 spaces in the rear.

But the ZBA was more concerned if there would be enough parking at the large warehouse building, where there are no plans for parking beyond the 40 spaces inside the structure.

McNulty was confident the 40 spaces would be enough to handle the daily volume of customers.

"I think the efficiency [of the operation] will offset the lower number of spaces," he said. "It will require a bit of policing by our employees, but it will be more efficient."

ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick argued that the board could logically subtract the space dedicated to parking inside of the building from the total square footage count, because it already is parking. Using that method, the lumberyard would meet the guideline with its proposed 40 spaces.

Board member Jane Goedecke said if McNulty was comfortable with the amount of spaces in the warehouse, which is where he makes his money, then the board should be comfortable also.

Project traffic engineer Jack McGill said the business could add up to 1,600 car trips per day to Route 3A, up from 900 at its current site on Summer Street in Hingham. However, McGill said despite the increase, the area would still meet state traffic guidelines, and be an "acceptable" increase in the eyes of MassHighway.

Board member Ben Lacy said if the state was happy with the traffic increase then it shouldn't be an issue for the zoning board.

"If it meets the state guidelines and is an acceptable use, then I have nothing to say," he said.

McNulty said he currently is open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but hopes to expand his hours to 7:30 p.m.

He also unveiled a sketch for the site's new sign, to be carved by Hassan sign. It will replace the billboard currently advertising Kimball's By the Sea. The sign won't be illuminated, but will have two small spotlights on it.

McNulty told the Hingham Journal last week that the business will keep its name and not change to "Cohasset Lumber."

The board voted to close the hearing, but asked McNulty to come back for a review of the sign.



The Route 3A parcel where Hingham Lumber plans to relocate. It's the former site of the golf driving range.

Hagerty park nears completion

By Rick Collins
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Hagerty Property Committee chairman Russ Bonetti said work on the new waterfront park on Parker Avenue has progressed to the point that about all the committee has left to do is argue about a name.

So far the possible names range from the simple "Bailey's Creek Park," to the tongue-in-cheek "Never-Again-Volunteer-for-a-Town-Committee Park," he added jokingly.

At times, the committee has been exasperated by the project, which has taken nearly nine years to complete.

The 29-space parking lot has been raised and leveled, and awaits the final layer of crushed stone.

After the town bought the former Cohasset Colonial Furniture site in 1993, the committee endured a permitting process with the Army Corps of Engineers that lasted years.

But now, three weeks after construction started, the park stands more than half completed.

"It's going great," Bonetti said this week.

The 29-space parking lot has been raised and leveled, and awaits the final layer of crushed stone. The stone rip-rap at both the front and side of the lot has been completed, although with a hitch.

"The rocks in the side rip-rap aren't as big as we thought they were going to be," said Bonetti. "But I think it's sufficient for what we have, there's no real wave action, or we wouldn't have grass growing in there."

Contractors have also framed the wooden walkway leading from the site over to Government Island, and work on a new 100-foot town pier is about halfway complete.

Granite curbing has also been installed around the parking lot. The entire project will cost about $265,000. Town Meeting approved $200,000 for the project last fall, but had to approve another $75,000 in the spring, when project bids came in much higher than anticipated.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held sometime later this year.

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Jacqueline Chase graduates from St. Paul School in Hingham with many honors

SUMMER THOUGHTS

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone? The weather that we have been having has been so nice that I am sure you are all enjoying it in some way, shape or form. Even when we get a little rain it passes quickly, the grass and flowers are happy and the sun comes back again soon after. I am still having a tough time with not being able to slow down time a bit and enjoy life a little more. It always seems as if at the end of the day there is still 10 more things that need to be done and I am left saying, "where did the time go today?" It is in those moments of frustration that I try to reflect on what little things happened during the day that I overlooked and should have taken more time to enjoy and am then able to say, "it *was* a really great day." Have a great week and take the time to really appreciate all the little things as they tend to make the big things more manageable.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I have to start this column by wishing two friends a very happy birthday in the upcoming week. **Jean Bailey**, who is getting married this year and **Peggy Litchfield** are both turning 35 on the 22nd and 24th respectively.(ok, I turned 35 this past week as well and am indeed, the oldest of the three, YUCK!) I want to wish both of you a very happy birthday! Also celebrating a big birthday this past week on July 17 was Miss **Kaleigh Hart** who turned FIVE years old. Happy birthday big girl!

ST. PAUL GRAD

We have a lot of school news to report again this week, what a lot of talented and hard-working people here in our town. **Jacqueline Chase** recently graduated from St. Paul School in Hingham with many honors. Jacqueline received an outstanding achievement in math and literature, The Presidents Education Award, The General Excellence Award and became a Notre Dame Scholar. In addition to all of this, she sang the Ave Maria at the ceremony and really made sure that there was not a dry eye in the crowd. Congratulations to you Jacqueline, your family is so very proud of all that you have done and will continue to do in the future.

NEW TEACHER

Gary and Debbie Anderson are two very proud parents as they well should be. Their daughter, **Katherine**, graduated from Plymouth State College with a teaching degree in Elementary Education with honors! Katherine will join both her parents in a field that always needs wonderful and dedicated professionals to teach children. Congratulations, Katherine!

PRINCETON GRAD

Michelle Buckley, daughter of **Beverly Buckley** of Cohasset, recently graduated *cum laude* from Princeton University where she majored in history and minored in German. She has also been chosen as recipient of a scholarship to continue her studies abroad in Germany this upcoming year. The graduation festivities were also attended by fellow Cohasset residents, **Joe and Ruth Nedrow**. Congratulations, Michelle and the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

BATES GRADUATE

Bates College, in Lewiston, Maine recently held its commencement ceremonies and **Burke Z. Davis**, formerly of Cohasset and now living in Scituate graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in economics. Burke was a dean's list student, a member of the men's basketball team from 1997-1999 and he was a volunteer for the Bates Emergency Medical Services. He participated in the Steel Pan Ensemble during Short Term 1999. A 1997 graduate of CHMS, Burke is the son of **Roy and Elaine Davis**, who are very proud of his accomplishments in college. Great job, Burke.

DEAN'S LIST

Robert Vanderpool, son of **John and Geraldine Vanderpool** of Cohasset, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2001 semester at Saint Michael's College located in the Burlington area of Vermont. Robert is a senior business administrations major and a graduate of CMHS. Fantastic, Robert.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Matthew Keefe, a student at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire, was named to the President's List for achieving a GPA of 3.7 or better during the spring semester of the 2000-2001 academic year. Another hard working student, great job!

ON STAGE



PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Lindsay Feig of Cohasset, center, performs in "The Five-Pound Sack," a one-act play on stage last spring at Thayer Middle School.

UMASS HONORS

There was a number of students from Cohasset who are attending UMASS Amherst who were named to the dean's list for the Spring Semester, 2001. **Bronwen Daley, Liz Hassan, William Kearney, Ashley Koed, Meredith O'Hayre, Sergei Skorupa** and **Laura Slotnick** all received that honor. Fantastic work to all of you, it was definitely well deserved.

NOBLES SCHOLARS

John Edward Lubitz, Joseph M. Palone, both seniors, and **Kayvon Tehranian**, a freshman, attending Noble and Greenough School also received academic honors for their performances for the spring semester, 2001. John and Joseph received Distinction Honors and Kayvon received Highest Distinction for the work that they did while in school. Congratulations gentlemen on a job well done.

DEAN'S LIST

Westfield State College is the next stop for a bit of news from their school. **John Considine**, a social sciences major was named to the dean's list at this school for the spring semester, 2001. Again, another job very well done.

Connecticut College named two Cohasset students to its spring semester dean's list. **Stephen Mark Reynolds**, Class of 2003, achieved dean's high honors and **Elizabeth Cecilia Thomas**, Class of 2001, achieved dean's honors. Great job to both of you on this accomplishment.

TUFTS DEGREE

Rebecca Jenkins of Cohasset recently earned her degree during the commencement ceremonies of Tufts University. Congratulations Rebecca, your family I am sure are very proud of your accomplishments.

ASSUMPTION GRADS

Last but certainly not least, Assumption College in Worcester also had two Cohasset students who received their degrees from this school. **Robert Patrick Buckley** and **Courtney Phyllis Goff** graduated from this school on May 19, 2001. Fantastic news!

TEEN HELPERS

I want to make sure to recognize many of the high school and college students who are working and/or volunteering time this summer to work with the young children in our town. The Swim Center, Sailing Club, Yacht Club, Recreation Programs and more are all very fortunate to have such fine young people dedicating their time to this. We, as parents, really need to make sure that they hear our praise when appropriate as it sure helps to make the summer safe and enjoyable for us all. I know that my children and the children in my care really think that it is "so cool" to have teens working with them wherever they may be. So often we hear of the negative behaviors that are going on within the teenage years, this is just a thank you and a bit of praise to all of you for the hard work that you are doing.

SENIOR FUN

To all the seniors in town, you have some wonderful opportunities coming up in the months of July and August to enjoy at the Cohasset Elder Affairs. Wed, July 25 with transportation provided is the Glastonbury Abbey Senior Picnic at 11:30 a.m.. Pickup is at St. Anthony's parking lot. Thursday, Aug. 9 is the South Shore Elders Affair Picnic, also with transportation provided being held at the Nantasket Beach Pavilion. Pickup is at 10 a.m.. The Fall Season's Open Rehearsals for the Boston Symphony takes place on Thursday Mornings. Names are being taken for this and the cost for four tickets and bus transportation is only $120. Call the center for reservations. If you would like to visit the Marshfield Senior Day on Tuesday, Aug. 21, the times are from 1-3:30 p.m. with free admission. Transportation is provided. On Wednesday, Sept. 26, you can attend the Jacqueline Kennedy Exhibit at the JFK Library for $11. Transportation is available for $5 and the tour begins at 9:30 am. Please call the center for tickets to this wonderful event.

MEDICAL RIDES

Please also remember that medical rides are available to surrounding communities, Mondays through Thursdays with a suggested $5 donation. Special transportation is available for Boston appointments on a limited basis. Call 781-383-0220 for Boston Service. Van service is available here in town as well by calling with a 24-hour advance notice to 781-383-9112.

VOLUNTEER AT SENIOR CENTER

Here is a wonderful way for people to do some very worthwhile volunteering within our town. The Cohasset Elder Affairs Office is looking for people of any age who are interested in improving the quality of life of older people by helping out at the center. The nature of work and the time commitment is flexible consisting from answering phones, helping in the kitchen or driving the van once a month. You could also help with the monthly newsletter and many other ways. There is a stipend available for people 60 years and older who are interested in working 15-20 hours a week in the office. College students are welcome during the summer. Cohasset Elders Affairs is a community based program and our volunteers are the most valuable resource to this wonderful program. Please call 781-383-9112 for more information and ask for **Kathy, Tish** or **Carol**.

POSITIVE THOUGHTS

I want to end this week's column with a few thoughts of mine about volunteering and the importance of it. When people of any age take the time to volunteer for whatever group or organization it may be, they do so for many reasons. Most of the time, it is for a group or organization that they believe in and want to commit some of their time and efforts to it. Yes, sometimes we make mistakes, are not too organized with it or need to learn the ropes. The thing for us all to remember is that the time and effort given is FREE and when criticism is the only comments that are heard, many will just turn and walk away. Constructive criticism is a good thing, praise is a wonderful thing and we all need to take that extra effort to recognize and appreciate the work that a person is doing. As someone who has been in the shoes of a volunteer many time, I know the pain that can happen when your every move is watched and some not so nice comments are made. I also know how hard it is to fit it all in and am really making strides to find the right balance of volunteering for me in my life. I ask for and want all constructive criticism as that is how I learn but I also every now and then would like to hear some positives about the things that I do. Because I feel that way, I am trying very hard to do that with others because the bottom line is, without volunteers, many of our much needed and beneficial programs would not be here. To all of us who do volunteer, thank you and please know that you are truly appreciated even when things happen and mistakes are made, pick up the pieces if you can and just move forward! It definitely makes a difference!

Have a great week Cohasset. Get all your news and photos to me in one of the following ways. Photos can be dropped off at Cohasset News by Monday afternoons.

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High school offers MCAS prep course

By Amanda E. Gontarz
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset High School received a Massachusetts state grant to run a free summer program to help students prepare for next year's Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests.

The Academic Support grant has enabled the school to administer two, eight-session classes in math and language arts for rising sophomores who will take the MCAS next spring. A third-grade reading program is also being held under this grant.

The math program, taught by middle school math teacher Elizabeth Beatson, ended today. The grant provided Beatson with a series of 12 workbooks, designed for the MCAS by the standardized testing service Kaplan, Inc., for the students, with each book covering a different area of mathematics. Beatson said the language arts program, which begins Monday, will also use similar Kaplan workbooks.

The books included practice tests and exercises that the class worked through under the guidance of Beatson, who said she is going to let the students keep the workbooks and hopes they will remember to review them before they take the tests next year.

Ruth Fennessey, curriculum coordinator at the high school, said the programs are for students who were in need of more assistance, based on their eighth-grade MCAS results. Fennessey said those teaching the summer programs were given the participating students' eight-grade tests and scores, allowing the teachers to work one-on-one with students in their specific areas of weakness.

The material covered in the course was information students saw on the eighth-grade tests. Rather than studying information they learned in their freshmen year, Beatson said the course reviewed and strengthened the students' skills in areas in which they previously had trouble.

With only five students in the math program, Beatson was able to meet individually with each student, reviewing the actual questions from the test that they missed.

Holly Bilodeau said the course was helpful for this reason.

"We've learned all the mistakes we made in past and we've learned how to correct them," Holly said.

Beatson said the two weeks allotted for the course was just not long enough.

"It's a totally inadequate amount of time," she said.

Beatson said she would have liked a lengthier course because it would have allowed her to meet individually with the students more often and for longer periods of time.

Not only were the students strengthening their math skills, they also learned how to take standardized tests, like the MCAS.

Caitlin Gontarz said, at first, she was reluctant to take the course but is pleased with the way it went.

"We're learning how to take the MCAS," Caitlin said. "Ms. Beatson gave us tips on how to approach different types of questions we'll see on the test."

Though it was a class, Beatson acknowledged that it is summer vacation for the students and tried to throw in some fun for them. For example, as the class was held in a middle-school computer lab, Beatson often gave the students time to run through math programs and games on the computers.

She also had a guessing game, in which she thought of a number and the students had to ask her questions, such as is the figure odd or even or what do its digits add up to, to make educated guesses. While this gave the students a break from the workbook exercises, it also taught them to think through problems. And, as with any other game, Beatson even gave out prizes, lollipops, when they correctly guessed the number.

"For some reason, they don't mind sugar this early in the morning," she said, as she passed out the sweets.

The grant for the summer sessions expires at the end of August, but the school plans to run similar classes during the academic year, Fennessey said.

MCAS are high-stakes tests mandated under the state Education Reform Act. This year's tenth-graders – the Class of 2003 – will have to pass the language arts and math exams in order to graduate.

Law won't dress up local school halls

By Rick Collins
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Even though the state House of Representatives approved a bill last week that would allow local school boards to set dress codes, don't expect to see mandatory blazers and neckties in Cohasset school hallways anytime soon.

Aside from the occasional boy wearing a pair of low-hanging, loose-fitting jeans or a midriff-baring girl — the town schools haven't had a problem with inappropriate dress, school officials say.

"It's really not a big problem," said Cohasset Middle/High School assistant principal Jack DeLorenzo.

The bill clarifies an earlier law regarding school dress codes, said state Rep. Garrett Bradley, who voted in favor of it. "The bill doesn't mandate this has to happen, but that if a school board wants to, it can take it up," he said. "It clears up an ambiguity in the law, and gives the power to set a code to the local communities."

But enacting a strict dress code hasn't been raised with the Cohasset School Committee, and members see no reason to bring it up themselves.

"Nothing has ever been discussed about it before, no one has ever brought it up as an issue," said chairwoman Stephanie Noble. She considers the current school dress code sufficient.

DeLorenzo said there is a dress code that is spelled out in the school handbook and it isn't abused by the students. The dress code discusses being neat, clean and being dressed appropriately without getting into specifics, he said. There is a rule about no hats at the middle school. Hats are allowed in the high school but individual teachers can tell kids to remove them in class.

Noble sees no reason to tighten the rules.

> **"No one has ever brought it up as an issue."**
> — Stephanie Noble, school committee chairwoman

"It has been monitored at the high school very well," she said. "Kids have been sent home, and they have half an hour to get back home and change.

"I feel it has been very well enforced and haven't felt the need to make any further rules."

Dress codes have already been instituted in several Boston public schools, where concerns about students wearing gang colors, or clothes distracting to other students have made dress codes necessary.

However, in Cohasset where more conservative shops such as, Abercrombie & Fitch and the Gap reign supreme among students, the idea of a dress code isn't among the school committee's priorities.

"We have other issues, such as trying to build two new schools, that need our attention rather than a dress code," said board vice-chairman Rick Flynn.

"Given the state of our schools I don't think it's as much of an issue as it is in other places where its used to create more sense of discipline."

Noble pointed out a recent CHS graduate that often wore "interesting outfits" and frequently dyed her hair different colors, but was a National Honor Society student.

The bill still faces a test in the Senate.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, who attended Hingham public schools, views the bill differently than his counterpart in the House, Bradley, who attended Boston College High School, which has a stricter dress code.

"I've agonized over this for a long time. The Libertarian in me doesn't like the concept, but it does set a level of decorum that adds to the learning environment," he said.

Hedlund remembered going to speak to a class in Hingham High School and seeing every male student in the class wearing a baseball cap.

"You couldn't see the face of a single kid in there," he recalled.

But Hedlund's experience still doesn't overrule his sense of individualism.

"When it comes time to vote, I'll probably sit back and listen to the arguments and then make up my mind," he said.

European carillonneur to give recital

The 76th anniversary series of summer carillon recitals from the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church continue Sunday, July 22 at 6 p.m. A performance by Auke de Boer, City Carillonneur of Dokkum, The Netherlands with a program to include original music for carillon by Albert de Klerk, Romke de Waard, Ronald Barnes and Robert Bymes will be performed. Transcriptions from the works of Dowland, Marais, J.C.F. Bach, Mozart, Dvorák and arrangements of popular tunes will also be heard.

The carillon recital will take place, rain or shine; in case of inclement weather, the bells may be heard from parked cars. Blankets, lawn chairs and picnic suppers are invited.

Printed programs may be found in the wooden stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue and will also be distributed on the Common and at other listening places. These list the recital schedules and brochures describing the carillon. At the close of the recital, interested listeners are invited to gather in the Highland Avenue courtyard for a tour of the tower and demonstration of the instrument.

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> **The dates are Aug. 13 to Aug. 21 and the cost is $500.**

For information, call Jack Buckley at 781-383-8261; or email him at jbuckley@chs.ssec.org. Checks are payable to CHS Summer Institute, 143 Pond St., Cohasset 02025, Attn.: Jack Buckley. Sign up now!

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The greatest generation

If you haven't already done so, you ought to head down to the former Hingham Shipyard and buy a copy of the video, "The Hingham Shipyard Remembered."

The 30-minute documentary is guaranteed to fill your heart with pride and bring tears to your eyes. The film, produced by Powderhouse Productions, features local people, who lived through World War II, telling the story of an incredible war effort launched just down the road in Hingham.

For as long as most of us can remember, the Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard has represented a marina and an eclectic collection of other businesses and aging, rusting buildings — the centerpiece of which is massive 500,000 square-foot General Services Administration structure. To many commuters, the shipyard is just a place to park and catch the boat to Boston.

But we certainly didn't realize — and suspect most of you did not — the scope of what took place there during the war years when no less than 227 ships were built at the site. In its heyday, the shipyard employed some 25,000 workers.

In the newspaper business, good journalists know when to get out of the way of a story and let it tell itself. What director Harry Gural has accomplished is just that. He allows the "stars", people like Ian Menzies, a British sailor at the time; local author Peg Charleton, and Stan Hersey, who worked in the steel mill there, and others talk about how Hingham, a small agricultural town with less than one-third the population it has today, rose to the occasion. The film also explains how the Navy "found" Hingham and how the ships — destroyer escorts and landing ship tanks — were assembled so quickly.

"It was like a big family — a feeling I don't think will ever be realized again in America," recalls Mr. Hersey, about the shipyard era. "Freedom was at stake and everyone gave their all."

The film captures the innocence of the times. An era when so many had suffered through the Great Depression but still had faith in their country and shared the values of hard work, determination and dedication.

The documentary, which will be part of the curriculum in Hingham schools, deserves a wider audience.

Now, the time has come to redevelop the shipyard and transform the waterfront once again into a new, vibrant, bustling place. The $150 million project includes 500 upscale residential units; improved marina facilities; 20 acres of private and public open space; an improved commuter boat facility and more.

But thanks to the developers and the Hingham Shipyard Historical Foundation, area citizens including those who will someday occupy the shipyard condominiums, won't forget how local members of what Tom Brokaw calls "The Greatest Generation" made a contribution on that same piece of waterfront property that helped turn the tide of the war.

"Hingham Shipyard Remembered" is a wonderful story told by those who lived through a pivotal time in world history. Their legacy is captured for posterity in a documentary that leaves us filled with admiration and the hope that if duty calls, we could live up to their example.

Copies of Hingham Shipyard Remembered are available at the marina store next to the Hingham Bay Club for $19.42. Checks should be made out to the Hingham Shipyard Historical Foundation. For more information, call 781-449-5600, ext. 4.

— Mary Ford
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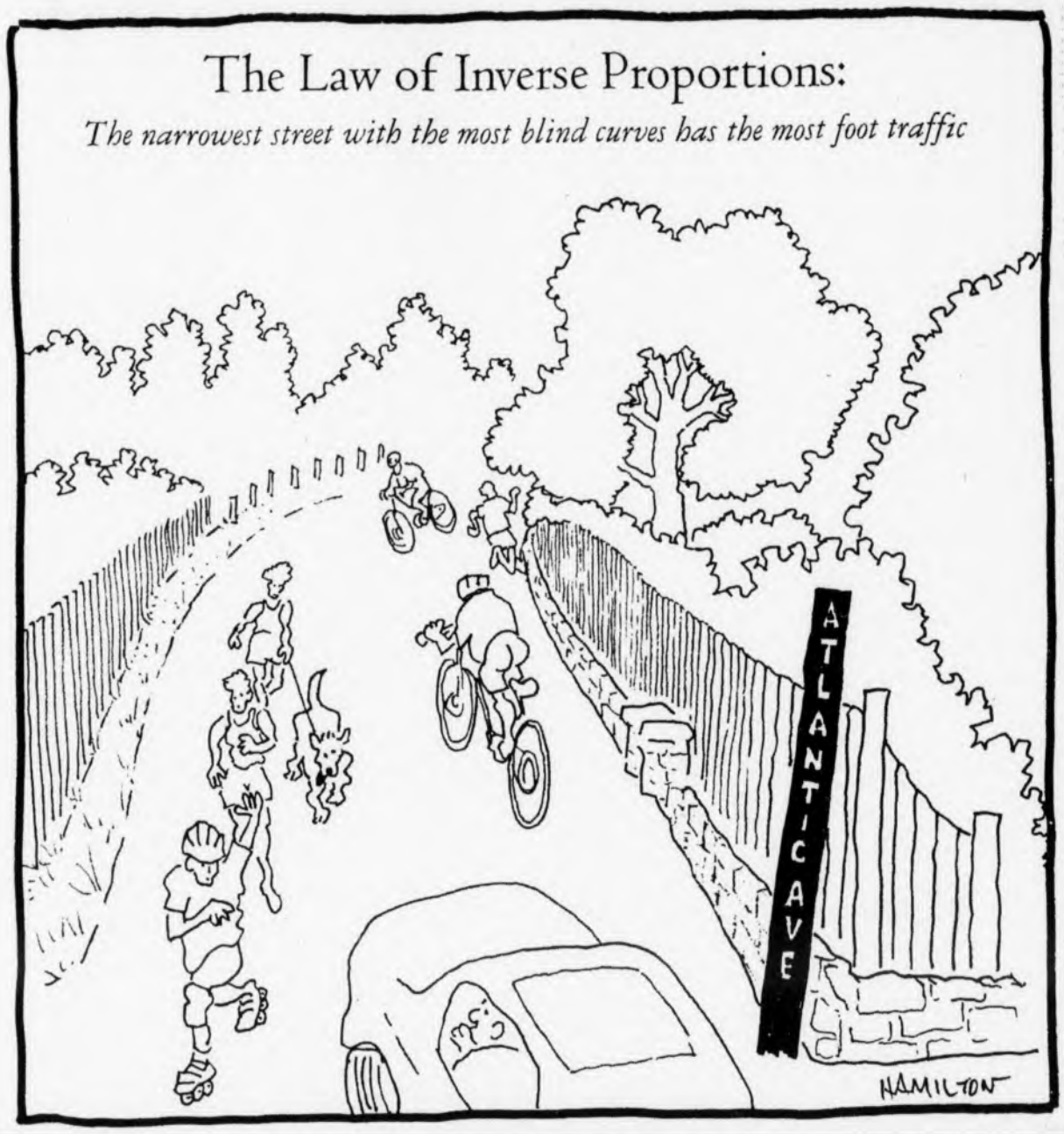
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police and teens

TO THE EDITOR:

As parents of teenagers, we are keenly aware of the concerns regarding our children's safety and those of the community. However, we are troubled by the manner in which the teenagers view our local police force. We believe this attitude stems, in part, from the way the police appear to handle our teenagers.

We have heard for years that the police seem to "have it in" for the teens; looking for opportunities to catch them "in the act", laying-in-wait outside of parties, even giving preferential treatment to select kids. We found this hard to believe, living in such a small town, where the police have traditionally been our ally.

In no way do we condone or accept illegal behavior by our children. Such behavior is handled swiftly and strictly in our home.

We are bothered by the fact that our oldest son, on numerous occasions, has been in friends' cars, driving around town, only to be followed by a police car three or four times in the course of an evening. Is this standard operating procedure?

Our teenagers have no place to gather; the beach parking lot is off limits, the teen center is for a younger age group. This situation seems to send kids to their cars to drive around town. What can we do about this situation? But more importantly, what can be done to change the relationship between the police and our teens?

Having grown up in a small town, I'm aware that it is possible for law enforcement and kids to respect and be considerate of each other. We are not asking the police to look the other way, only to remember that we were all teenagers once. Wouldn't it be better if all authority figures tried to help the kids through this difficult time in their lives? As parents, we teach our children that the police are there "to serve and protect". How can we return to that attitude here in our town of Cohasset?

Bob and Mary Ernst
17 Border St.

Bancroft Hall resident fees

TO THE EDITOR:

The non-profit Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation charges "market rates" to non-residents for functions at Bancroft Hall.. This, plus our apartment rentals, provides sufficient revenue that Cohasset residents pay only a nominal fee, and local non-profit organizations no fee. This fee structure recognizes that the building is leased to us by the Town, and that almost all the funds for reconstruction were donated by Cohasset residents. (Initially, we charged the same rate for everybody, which was not especially popular with residents).

Sadly, a few Cohasset residents are willing to front for a non-resident, thus escaping the non-resident fee. In effect, the Lightkeepers Corporation, and the residents and non-profit we subsidize, are cheated out of the difference in fees, which difference may be $600.

We may have to increase resident rates slightly, primarily because of increased operating expense, but of course the economics are affected if there is much evasion of revenues. (Non-resident rates are a good bargain compared with many other facilities, but probably can't be increased without losing enough bookings to offset the increase).

If a resident initiates the hosting of an event for a non-resident relative, (and assumes full responsibility for the event), we would not press for the non-resident fee. However, it is improper for a resident to be used as a front for a non-resident, simply to evade the non-resident fee.

R. M. Campbell, President
Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation

Designated driver

Dear Merle Brown:

On June 22,, my younger brother and three friends were on Cohasset Beach. Three of them were drinking; my brother was not. He is a 19-year-old man working full-time at a computer design and print firm, as well as working as a freelance artist. He owns a car he bought with his own savings. He does not drink, and that Friday night, my brother was serving as designated driver for his three friends.

Cohasset police came by and arrested the small group of four. The three girls were charged with underage drinking; my brother, who offered to take a breathalyzer test but was refused, was arrested, for apparently standing too close to an open container. My brother was taken into custody and kept in a tiny cell for almost three hours before they let him pay his $25 bail and walk, alone, in the middle of the night, back to his car, which was parked at Cohasset Beach.

On Monday, my brother appeared in court and was found guilty of, yes, standing too close to an open container. The judge ordered him to pay a $50 fine and take a class about underage drinking and drunk driving. The other girls were fined the same. My brother's words were filled with frustration when he said, "I might as well have been drinking."

We are constantly coping with the problem of underage drinking and drunk driving. Teenagers drink, we have resigned ourselves to that fact. (Anyone hear of Barbara and Jenna Bush?) But not all teenagers drink. I understand that our police force must deal with the problem face to face, and this becomes a difficult and tiring task. I do not understand, however, their treatment of a responsible, sober teenager whose only guilt was choosing to be with his friends. Does this mean he can be thrown in jail for standing next to someone who is having a beer at a concert? When I have a summer cookout, should I tell him not to come, for fear of being arrested? To what extent can this ridiculously ambiguous law be interpreted by over-zealous law enforcers? And since when has it become a good idea to punish those teenagers who "just say no?"

I can't help but share a nagging thought that is equally uncomfortable in its meaning. My brother and his friends are from Hull, a town whose children are more often than not looked at with a suspicious eye. Hull kids have a reputation as troublemakers, no-gooders, and when they're found in a town like Cohasset, this reputation is magnified ten-fold. If these were Cohasset kids in the same situation, they would be sent home with a slap on the wrist. I'm sure it didn't help my brother that he is a six-foot male. His personal style includes dreadlocks and clothing of his own design. His last name is Spanish and his first name is French. Whether his arrest was partly a case of racial and demographic stereotypes, I don't know.

I do know that my brother is one of the most unique individuals I have ever known, and it saddens me to realize that he was found guilty for it.

I offer some advice not only to the Cohasset Police Department, but to a society whose efforts to repress such vices as drinking, drugs, and sex have perversely retarded effects. We will never win a war if we don't support our soldiers.

Noria A Morales
Hull

Editor's note: This letter was in selectmen's correspondence

Dismayed at uncalled-for attack

TO THE EDITOR:

We are writing to support the current form of municipal government that the Town of Cohasset presently administers. In our view, a municipal government lead by a professional public administrator in conjunction with a board of elected officials is a necessity in the complicated world that cities and towns must negotiate.

We were dismayed while watching a recent Board of Selectmen's meeting to witness the aftermath of an unwarranted attack on the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen. One disturbing aspect of the attack was based on the complainant's belief that he had a right to dictate how public policy should be conducted based on his family's roots in the community. Cohasset is an incorporated municipality within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, not a feudal kingdom. All citizens have a right to be heard, but they must operate with the governmental structure of the town. While we acknowledge multi-generational Cohasset families, we are taxpayers too, and urge the Town's governmental bodies to continue to make decisions in the best interest of all residents.

Susan and Bill Bell
20 Rustic Drive

Grants appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Historical Society wishes to thank the Boston Marine Society and the South Shore Music Circus for their generous grants to the society.

As many people know, we are currently raising funds for capital improvements for the Wilson House, Maritime Museum and the Lothrop House. We welcome contributions from the community-at-large.

The society has a wealth of archives for members and visitors to use. The Lothrop House is open Wednesday afternoons for archive work and visiting. The Wilson House and Maritime Museum are open afternoons, Tuesdays through Sundays.

Cohasset's history is long and varied and we have it here for all to share.

Martha Gjesteby, President
Cohasset Historical Society

Library project becomes lobbying project

By Patience G. Towle and Sheila S. Evans
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

COMMENTARY

The Cohasset library project has become a lobbying project! While many knowledgeable persons are virtually certain that the Legislature will include funds for Library Construction Grants in the Supplemental Budget expected to be passed in late summer, there are no guarantees. At a Library Rally at the State House in Boston on Wednesday, July 11, 16 Cohasset Library Trustees and friends, among many others, were told Massachusetts' political leaders must be inundated with letters and telephone calls in favor of funding for Library Construction Grants in the Supplemental Budget. Legislators must be told that public libraries are fundamental to continuing, lifelong education for all; old Massachusetts' library buildings cannot provide 21st century library services; 36 towns' plans for improved library buildings have been approved for Library Construction Grants; and funds are urgently needed to begin these projects.

It would be wonderful if many Cohasset residents were to telephone or write some or all of the following Massachusetts leaders about the importance of funding Library Construction Grants in the Supplemental Budget:

Acting Governor: Her Excellency Jane Swift 617-727-3600
State House, Room 360, Boston, MA 02133
Senate President: Hon.Thomas F. Birmingham 617-722-1500
State House, Room 332, Boston, MA 02133
Senate Majority Leader: Linda J. Melconian 617-722-1660
State House, Room 333, Boston, MA 02133
Senate Minority Leader: Brian P. Lees 617-722-1291
State House, Room 308, Boston, MA 01233
Speaker of the House: Thomas M. Finneran 617-722-2500
State House, Room 356, Boston, MA 02133
House Majority Leader: William P. Nagle, Jr. 617-722-2600
State House, Room 343, Boston, MA 02133
House Minority Leader: Francis L. Marini 617-722-2100
The Hon. Mark C. Montigny, Chairman 617-722-1481
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 212, Boston, MA 02133
The Hon. John H. Rogers, Chair 617-722-2990
House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243, Boston, MA 02133

Gifts to the Cohasset Library Building Fund continue to bring the total for the public appeal closer to its goal of at least $300,000. Between June 19 and July 11, the following persons brought this total to about $280,000. Combined with the more than $800,000 secured earlier, the $1.1 million needed is very near. New donors include: Kristen and Andrew Astley, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Barunas, Jr., Thomas and Rebecca Behenna, Blanche Buckley, Mary Beth and Steve Carrier, Thomas and Mary Cowan, Nancy and Ralph Froio, Dr. Sandra Jacobson and Ron Hammer, Robert and Margaret Hillman, Sam and Liz Knox, Mary E. Londergan, James and Marilyn Morrison, Jr., Stephanie and Howard Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Odermatt, Sean and Nancy Teague, Robert and Sabina Troy, and one Anonymous.

Gifts of $1,000 or more will be permanently displayed on the Donor Wall of the new library. Names will be listed in broad "giving categories" by size of gift. All donors will be listed in a final campaign report. The Library Building Fund plans to publish the names of new donors to the Building Fund on a regular basis. If you did not receive a Library Building Fund appeal, please call Patience Towle at (781) 383-1954.

Library Trustees Patience Towle and Sheila Evans are also president and secretary, respectively, of the library building fund..

HEALTH NOTES

House size, public health and septic systems

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, the Board of Health has received a number of requests relating to variances for septic systems which involved increased house size as a part of a renovation. Sometimes the request accompanies an increase in wastewater treatment capacities; sometimes the house is to be torn down and a replacement situated on the same lot. Each request is different and must be evaluated on the merits of the specific case. There are, however federal, state and town rules and regulations covering the vast majority of cases upon which the board must decide. The purpose of the rules is to preserve the quality of the groundwater and to prevent the entry of pollutants into the environment from wastewater from homes.

Studies have shown that an entire area can be polluted by deficient or improperly operating septic systems. Such was the case in Linden and Rustic drives where almost every measurement taken of the groundwater indicated unacceptable (unhealthy) levels of microbiological pollution in the groundwater. This is the reason that the Linden Drive area was one of the first outside the Straits Pond Watershed region to be sewered. In one case, a house foundation was cracked by blasting for a new sewer, and the basement was flooded with polluted groundwater to the point that the owner had to evacuate the house. Fortunately, the damage was repaired, but it will be some time before monitoring of the groundwater in the Linden Drive area will indicate normal levels of bacterial activity.

Title 5 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) is the primary regulation governing on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems. It is a broad, far-reaching regulation, sufficiently flexible and well designed to be of great value in preserving our groundwater. The rules within the regulation are too complex to be discussed in this article, but we can discuss how the Board of Health applies the regulations.

Each request is different and must be evaluated on the merits of the specific case.

Every sale of an unsewered house must be accompanied by a so-called Title 5 inspection to ensure the proper operation of the septic system. Anyone building or modifying a septic system in Cohasset must have a hearing before the Board of Health to describe the planned design of the wastewater treatment system to be used. Together with expertise supplied by Joe Godzik, the town's health officer, the board decides whether the planned wastewater treatment facility is satisfactory, and the new system meets Title 5 requirements. Two criteria must be met for an existing system to be granted a variance to Title 5 requirements. The proposed system must provide equal environmental protection at least equivalent to a Title 5 system, and the owner must demonstrate that denial of a variance to Title 5 represents a manifest injustice to the owner. Sometimes, because of topography or area restrictions on the plot, it would not be possible to build a fully compliant Title 5 system where a system had been before. In this case, the board usually approves a system which uses either innovative/alternative technology or practices known to improve the performance of Title 5 systems such as pressure dosing or use of an effluent filter. In many cases, the manifest injustice is based on financial considerations, and depending on the importance of the variance, the system may only barely meet Title 5 requirements. Certain variances must also be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

In the many cases of expansions of existing homes, however, three and four bedroom homes are increasing foot area by as much as 50 percent. In most cases there are no new bedrooms, but new libraries or studies or great rooms, etc., are added. Title 5 bases the size of the septic system on the number of bedrooms in a house until the room count reaches nine rooms, and then the number of rooms is counted, divided by two and rounded down. This number represents the "number of bedrooms" and the septic system must be sized accordingly. The board has seen plans for 40-foot living rooms and family rooms in three bedroom houses. In some cases these houses are on grandfathered lots which do not meet size requirements mandated by current zoning.

It has been said that it is the responsibility of the board to ensure that the septic system prevents pollution of groundwater, and not use the regulations to do zoning. The board agrees, but when a house expansion covers an area that would otherwise permit storm water to enter the ground and reduce pollutants in the groundwater, then it becomes a health issue. The board's practice is to carefully review variances on systems with house expansions and to decline to approve them where there is no manifest injustice in so doing.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

The start of a master plan for Cohasset

By Rick Swanborg
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

COMMENTARY

The Cohasset Growth and Development Committee was established by Selectmen in 2000 to develop a town-wide consensus on how to best achieve a sustainable future for Cohasset. There are many reasons for developing a master plan, including:

- the need for us to develop a long-term strategy for the future of the community
- to provide direction on how we might change a variety of laws to better manage our future.
- access to state grant-based incentives for towns engaged in comprehensive planning.

Several surrounding communities, including Hingham, Duxbury, Norwell, Hanover and Scituate, to name a few, have recently found the Master Planning process invaluable in creating a dialogue amongst many community voices to shape a vision for the future of their town.

Initially, we had to address some basic questions:

- What do the best master plans look like?
- What is the best process for creating a Master Plan?

We began by researching best and worst practices, planning techniques and the final deliverables most towns provided. This included discussion with communities close to our own and Internet searches across America (as far away as Boulder, Colo.). This helped us in identifying the following components of a comprehensive master plan:

- Goals and Policies Statement
- Land Use Analysis and Plan
- Housing Market Analysis and Plan
- Economic Development Plan
- Natural and Cultural Resources Plan
- Open Space and Recreation Plan
- Service and Facilities Plan
- Traffic/Circulation/Transportation Plan

Over time we intend to address many of these components by engaging the Cohasset community in a planning process, working with a variety of town committees and better understanding local, regional and state influences on Cohasset's future.

We need your help

In addition to these components, there was considerable discussion of the process for building the consensus of a long-range plan. Critical to this was the understanding that the citizens of Cohasset really set the direction and vision for the town. Getting your input, desires, expectations and vision in order to build a successful master plan is terrible important.

To do this we are publishing a newsletter, holding neighborhood meetings, making ourselves available for town committees, and conducting a detailed survey.

Most importantly, this committee should be viewed as a group, which will begin a dialogue on Cohasset's future. We will be listening closely to all concerned and taking notes in order to put your ideas into action.

We thank you all in advance for your patience with this process and the effort you will hopefully provide in developing a vision for the future of Cohasset.

Rick Swanborg is chairman of the Growth and Development Committee.

Interns and Washington

If I were the father of a nubile 20-something daughter and she even hinted that she had a hankering to go to Washington as a Congressional intern I would sign her up for a convent or at least lock her in the nearest closet until the feeling passed.

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



What is there about Washington that can steer an otherwise innocent young country lass from Iowa or a worldly wise young woman from California and a legislator elected on a platform of family values into conduct that can be seen on Cinemax only after midnight?

And don't tell me it's the movies because I've been watching Shannon Tweed flicks since we've had cable and it hasn't affected me . . . affected me . . . affected me . . .

The latest intern and legislator to be caught in flagrante delecto, as we used to say, were Gary Condit and Chandra Levy and I have a hunch their affair would have gone unnoticed by their colleagues and everyone else if Chandra hadn't up and disappeared.

Just before that, it was an intern named Monica Lewinsky and she passed up congressmen, even senators, to land the president himself; not that Bill Clinton put up much more than token resistance to the landing party.

Monica didn't disappear, although there are those who wish she would. In fact, she has turned her affair with the president into a thriving handbag (or is it gloves?) business and shows up periodically dining with friends at expensive restaurants known only to The Track.

Not all congressmen go straight home after a busy day rummaging around in the taxpayers' pockets.

And you thought an internship in Washington didn't pay off!

I know it will come as a surprise to a lot of you but this has been going on in the nation's capital for some time. Not all congressmen go straight home after a busy day rummaging around in the taxpayers' pockets, catch a little Letterman and go to bed alone.

The star in the congressional contre temps in my day was Wilbur Mills, 65, chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee, who was flagged down for speeding in his black and silver Lincoln in the early morning hours of Oct. 7, 1974.

The officers were more than a little surprised when a 38-year-old stripper named Fanne Foxe, aka "the Argentine Firecracker," leaped out of the car and jumped into the Washington Tidal Basin. They had been innocently night-clubbing with friends, they said, and they were believed — up to a point.

A month or so later, Mills was reelected after warning his Arkansas constituents against "drinking champagne with foreigners."

Two years later, Wayne Hays, 65, a congressman from Ohio, got married, which didn't sit well with Elizabeth Ray, 33, a former Miss Virginia, who had been on the Hays' payroll as a secretary, even though she couldn't type "The quick brown fox" without a mistake or two.

"What's going to happen to me?" she asked the congressman.

"Well, I guess that'll make you mistress No. 1," he said.

Whereupon, Elizabeth blew the whistle on him. Hays denied it for a couple of days but then admitted he had a "personal relationship" with her and resigned the House seat he had held for 30 years.

And then there was this congressman named Jack Kennedy . . .

Sen. Hedlund is turning 40

The Friends of Senator Hedlund present Bob's Once -in-a-Lifetime Birthday Brunch and Fundraiser on Sunday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., business casual attire, at South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham.

Co-chairmen are: Polly Logan, Cohasset at 781-383-0031; Kathy Stacey Marshfield, at 781-834-3849; Jeff Granatino, Scituate at 781-545-7894; Dana Toland, Weymouth at 781-337-4383.

Special invited guests include: GOP Senate Leader Brian P. Leer, state sen. Michael R. Knapik, state sen. Jo-Ann Sprague, state sen. Bruce E. Tarr, state sen. Richard R. Tisei.

RSVP by July 20, to: Friends of Senator Hedlund, 121 Nichols Rd., Cohasset, MA 02025, 781-383-0031 or fax at 781-383-0899. Tickets are $40 per person.

The way it was: Menzies recalls Hingham Shipyard era

At last week's premier showing of the documentary film, "Remembering the Hingham Shipyard," Hingham resident Ian Menzies, was asked by Sea Chain, owners of the yard to describe his memories. His remarks follow:

COMMENTARY

I guess in many ways I'm Exhibit "A" — the only person who, not only commissioned a Hingham-built destroyer escort (DE) in the bitterly cold winter of 1943, but returned to be married and live in Hingham.

And, speaking of escorts, I have one here tonight: My wife Barbara, a true Hinghamite (we met at a launching party); my daughters Marla, Gillian, Alexa and Deborah, my son-in-law John Cohan and granddaughters Skye and Caitlin.

First off, I would like to thank Paul Trendowitz of Sea Chain, developer of the shipyard, for sponsoring the Hingham Shipyard Historical Foundation which, in turn, guided by Sea Chain's Marty Cohn and Harry Gural of Powder Productions, produced the excellent (I think so anyway) 30-minute documentary film, "Remembering the Hingham Shipyard."

My understanding is that the film will be a feature of the historical museum that Paul Trendowitz plans as part of the redevelopment of the old shipyard.

So what do I remember of the shipyard?

That, in this quiet little farm town of Hingham, there was a colossal out-of-body operation dominating everyone's life.

The Hingham Shipyard, at its production height in late 1943, was something out of this world — a conglomerate of noise that thundered night and day — the banging of hammers, the hiss of welding torches, the squeals of moving cranes, the shouts of workers clambering along wooden scaffolding, the grinding of freight cars bringing in equipment and stores.

There were hundreds upon hundreds of men and woman, hard hats, working outside in the snow and bitter cold (it was December '43) plus hundreds more working inside this 10-football-field steel mill and fabrication GSA building; and in some 35 surrounding storage, personnel and supply buildings spread over 160 acres.

To get the feel of this enormous operation, one has to picture 16 slipways all in a row and on each slipway, a ship in some stage of construction. In addition, there were 16 adjoining outfitting piers, each with its own building team. And if one looked skyward, one would see huge prefabricated sections of hull being swung into place.

To a stranger, it was bedlam bordering on chaos.

Altogether by Christmas 1943, there were 23,000 people working at the yard, in a town of only 8,000. Just to give some idea of the immensity of the operation, the cafeteria fed approximately 10,000 a day. And the workers came, not only from Greater Boston, but Rhode Island, Maine and New Hampshire. Special trains brought many.

That was the Hingham I found when I arrived as a young Royal Navy lieutenant, although already with four years of service at sea behind me, to take over as executive officer of DE 564 — HMS Stayner, along with the captain and engineering officer. We three had to know that ship from stem to stern which we did during the two months she was being built and outfitted.

In February 1944, after trials off the coast of Maine in cold, wild weather that laid the civilian supervisors low, we sailed for Britain in a full gale, in company with sister-DEs, the Seymour, Stockham, and Inglis. More than incidentally, these DEs were excellent sea boats, not as wet or uncomfortable as corvettes.

One distinct memory that year was how cold it was —

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Route 3A upgrades to start

By Rick Collins
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MassHighway has some good news for commuters tired of dodging potholes on Route 3A — relief is soon on the way. The bad news is that the major Route 3A improvements could increase headaches from traffic delays and detours around the work sites over the next several months.

The state plans to repair the Phillip Murray Bridge near the Hingham rotary sometime later this year, as well as repave parts of Route 3A in Cohasset in the fall.

But the biggest improvement won't take place until the spring when the three-mile stretch of Route 3A from the Hingham rotary to the Weymouth town line at the Back River Bridge receives a new $500,000 coat of asphalt.

MassHighway Commissioner Matthew J. Amarello made the announcements alongside state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham last Friday as part of a tour of the area.

According to state traffic studies, 27,000 cars use the road every day either as a thoroughfare into Boston, or to access the Hingham commuter boat at the former Hingham Shipyard. But Hedlund believes that number could be as high as 33,000.

What can't be argued is, the large volume of daily traffic has broken down parts Route 3A into a user-unfriendly road.

"Both these gentlemen have been getting calls on the condition of the road, particularly by the former [Hingham] police station," Amarello said.

According to Amarello, the Hingham stretch of Route 3A was last paved over 10 years ago, and will be part of a major district-wide resurfacing project in the area.

The repaving project will also include drainage improvements along areas that tend to get flooded during heavy rains.

The state hopes to avoid doing the work during peak traveling hours and at night.

When the southern portion of Route 3A — from Marshfield to Cohasset — was repaved two years ago, it stopped at Beechwood Street. This fall, MassHighway intends to pave parts of the remaining stretch of highway through the town. Certain parts of Route 3A were repaved in recent years due to construction and don't need to be redone.

In a meeting last month, Cohasset selectmen asked Hedlund and Bradley to push to get Cohasset's section of Route 3A finished by the state. Both legislators were doubtful, saying the Hingham stretch was the priority. But unbeknownst to them, MassHighway had included the Cohasset stretch into a regional paving contract. A regional contract occurs when, instead of seeking bids for each individual paving project, bids are grouped together under the same umbrella so contractors submit just one bid.

"This will be huge. That road is in tough shape especially the stretch from Pond Street down to Route 228," Town Manager Mark Haddad said, about the highway that houses nearly all of Cohasset's commercially zoned property. "It will improve the situation there, and be a nice thing for town."

Last year, outgoing state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray lobbied to have the rotary bridge repaired that was named after her late husband, Phillip. State officials hope to keep at least one lane open during the $848,000 project.

Bike path to Hull to be finished

Perhaps children's author Shel Silverstein had the sidewalk/bike path along the southbound side of George Washington Boulevard in mind when he penned his classic book of poems, "Where the Sidewalk Ends."

Once over the Weir River Bridge and under the shadow of the sign announcing you are now in Hull, the wide concrete path suddenly stops and turns into a narrow dirt strip. The sidewalk/bike path picks up again 1,685 feet later after Barnstable Street.

But MassHighway Commission Matthew J. Amarello announced Friday that the nonsensical ending will soon be remedied, and area bicyclists will be able to avoid having to cross over the busy boulevard to use the northbound shoulder.

"We're willing to do the work, we're committed to putting $20,000 into the sidewalk, all we need are the permits," he said during a tour of the area, alongside state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham.

Amarello said the sidewalk/bike path is on the agenda of the July 24 Hull Conservation Commission, and hopes area residents will turn out in support of the path's extension.

Bradley said he heard complaints that the six-foot sidewalk runs along the Hingham-portion of the George Washington Boulevard, but then suddenly stops.

"People in Hull want to know why it stops right on the Hull line," he said.

Hedlund, who as a bicyclist and former Hull resident knows the travails of having to cross the street at this point, called it the "Bike path to nowhere."

Coincidentally, an older man biked along the path as Amarello and other MassHighway officials stood on the bridge discussing the proposed extension. The 78-year old Hull resident called the path "very popular" and said hundreds of bicyclists used it every day.

"We're going to get you a bike path," Amarello told him.

"That's all I want," he responded.

Amarello said if the state gets the permits to do the work from the Hull conservation commission, the $20,000 extension could be completed by Labor Day.

Town seeks resident input for comprehensive plan

Beginning on July 26, the Cohasset Growth and Development Committee will hold the first of four neighborhood forums to gather input from residents all over town on what community attributes are most important for the future of Cohasset. All meetings are 7:30-9:30 p.m., on the following dates: July 26 at Beechwood Congregational Church; Aug. 2 at the Lightkeepers' Residence; Aug. 9 at St. Anthony's Parish Center and Aug. 16 at the Nativity-Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

The objectives of these forums are to provide relevant information on the issues and process and to gather ideas and input on the future of Cohasset. The committee will then work to gain consensus on a vision for the town that is sensitive to the values and issues of its citizens in the areas of environment, economic base and community character.

The forums will begin with an overview of planning activities, facts and figures and then proceed with an open dialogue on issues of importance to all in attendance and conclude by assembling priorities from the group. A brief survey will also be distributed and collected at each Forum. Cohasset has not had a Comprehensive Town Plan in 40 years and the Growth and Development Committee was established by selectmen in 2000 to develop a town-wide consensus on how to best achieve a sustainable future for Cohasset and build a master plan to help deliver that future.

There are many reasons for developing a master plan. This will not only provide a strategic plan for the community, it will also enable the town to capture some of the special funds the state provides to support long-term planning. In addition, area communities found the process invaluable in providing dialogues for the many community voices on the future of the town.

Beginning with the newsletter residents received last week, the committee continues to reach out through local neighborhood meetings, news articles, town-wide surveys, discussions with established town committees as well as involvement at regional and state meetings. The committee will listen closely to all concerned and taking notes in order to put your ideas into action in the form of a Comprehensive Master Plan.

Over time the committee will gather many of these components from efforts already underway with many committees in town and ultimately address all of these elements as part of the Comprehensive Master Plan for Cohasset. Questions or suggestions, contact Town Planner Liz Harrington at 781-383-3517.

The way it was: Menzies recalls Hingham Shipyard era

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which was in total contrast to the warmth of the people of Hingham who couldn't do enough for those of us in uniform, American or British.

— COMMENTARY —

I remember celebrating New Year's Eve, December 31, 1943 at the Old Mill Grille with the then Greek-American owner of that restaurant and his Scottish-born wife — an after-hours party that the local authorities kindly, if they knew of it, disregarded.

And I remember the launching parties. Who could forget them 'cause there was one every week. We attended them with enormous enthusiasm as those parties kept us fed and our spirits alive as we were often penniless because of pay checks that never caught up to us. Hingham's USO was another God-send, and yes, a girl-send, too.

That was Hingham some 60 years ago. On the one hand, an arsenal of democracy; on the other, a quiet little farming town of churches, farms, neighborliness and family values. Yet almost every household in Hingham felt the impact of the yard one way or another and were immensely proud of their contribution to the war effort.

But oddly, Hingham never thought to memorialize perhaps the greatest national event in its history until the association of Landing Ship Tanks (TSTs) decided to erect a memorial stone to the LSTs building in Hingham.

I was then writing a weekly column for the Patriot Ledger and pointed out the oversight (Brian McGrory, please note). Corrective action came almost immediately, headed by past presidents of the Hingham Historical Society, Eugene Chamberlain and James Macedo; the late Hingham Veterans' Agent, Tom Wallace; Allen Houghton of DEM; Peg Charlton, Ann Collins, Jane Goldberg and many others. A plaque was erected at the ferry boarding area and dedicated on Sept. 26, 1993 honoring the Hingham yard, those who built the ships and all who sailed on them

And for the record, the yard built 227 ships: 75 destroyer escorts (DEs), of which 40 were turned over to the British Royal Navy under lend-lease; 95 LSTs, 40 LCIs (infantry); and 17 fast transports.

And to complete the history of the Stayner, just one of the ships Hingham sent to war, were assigned to the English Channel, preparatory to taking part in D-Day.

At first we worked with a flotilla of British motor torpedo boats and American PTs off the German-held French coast. Our job was close-in interception of German light destroyers and E-boats. Stayner, and the smaller boats she directed, were in almost nightly fire fights with German surface forces with casualties on both sides. It was a little war on its own and little-known about.

On D-Day minus one, Stayner was given a special mission to lay certain dan buoys close to the French beaches as guides to the landing forces already all but on their way.

From then on, we patrolled the southern flank to prevent German ships from breaking into the supply lanes. In the course of those patrols, Stayner herself sank three E-boats and the U-boat 671, taking prisoners in all cases.

There is nothing glorious about this, just the short history of a ship built in Hingham that did her job, like the people who built it.

But let's hope that job will never have to be repeated.

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Schools mull formal cleaning standards

By Rick Collins
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The issue of school cleanliness came to the forefront of the School Committee meeting again last week, while the board welcomed new Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan to the town.

After coming under fire in recent years for what some parents view as dirty schools, the board is mulling over establishing a standard of cleanliness for the buildings that the custodians would follow.

School Committee Vice-Chairman Rick Flynn suggested having someone familiar with schools visually inspect the buildings before the start of the school year and establish a "ground zero" when it comes to school cleanliness.

"This way we can know what we did last summer, and how it looked at the start of the school year," he said. "If a parent complains that there's a scuff on the floor, and we spent all summer buffing and polishing it, we know it's not coming out."

"The custodians want the place to be clean and be respectable, but I think it's a matter of us being more directive, saying this is what we expect."
— Supt. Edward Malvey

Committee member Pat Martin said creating a standard of cleanliness would involve laying out "what is acceptable and what we consider a clean classroom."

The committee last year got into a heated discussion with town selectmen over the issue of school cleanliness.

Schools Superintendent Edward Malvey said the problem in the past was primarily due to lack of staffing, but expects that to change with the additional positions created by the new fiscal year budget, plus the oversight of new business manager, Ivan Klinko.

"The custodians want the place to be clean and be respectable, but I think it's a matter of us being more directive, saying this is what we expect," Malvey said.

The committee gave Sheehan some friendly advice about dirt trouble spots in her new school, saying "parents will notice."

Sheehan said she knows about the difference between plain dirt and unavoidable wear and tear, and said she'd be more direct with the school cleaning staff.

New staff hired

Malvey announced a number of new personnel in the system. Along with Sheehan and new secretary Jean Callahan, he said the department has hired a new school psychologist and part-time music instructor and filled the following teaching positions: first grade, second grade, high school English, high school math, middle school English, middle school math, middle school social studies, middle school Spanish, middle school science, middle school art and middle school technology.

New school van

Because of safety and insurance laws, the school department won't be able to purchase a new van as hoped, Malvey told the school committee. Instead, the department will buy a new 14-passenger mini-bus.

The original intent was to buy a large van for the smaller athletic teams such as the golf and tennis teams, or school clubs, so the schools wouldn't have to rent a full-size bus for 12 people.

"But the particular van we were looking at wouldn't meet all the safety standards," Malvey said. "For some reason, under those standards we can't purchase a new van, but we could purchase an old van."

The mini-bus is actually a large modified van with a raised roof, and is painted school bus yellow. The cost is estimated between $25,000 and $30,000.

Malvey said the bus has to meet strict specifications, and gave the committee a copy of a four-page list of requirements, ranging from safety belts, to engine and tire size.

He said once a bid has been accepted, the dealer has seven days to deliver.

Unfortunately, Malvey said, whoever drives the van has to be formally trained, and paid the standard $33.50 an hour to drive it. He said he would work with the coaches and instructors on some sort of fee structure.

School Committee Chairwoman Stephanie Noble said such a vehicle has a "very broad possibility for usage" and could enable clubs who traditionally don't travel much, to do so. Although the result could be an increase in yearly transportation costs, Noble said the actual cost per trip would go down.

Police and fire looking for computer upgrade

By Rick Collins
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Nowadays when a computer becomes outdated after a year or two — the town's emergency dispatch computer system server is an outright antique.

Purchased in 1995 and installed in 1996, the computer server, which joins the police and fire department computers and connects them to the same databases, is on its last legs and has recently caused problems for the town's public safety departments.

"The system has been having serious problems, it's just gotten tired," said Officer William Quigley. "And nowadays, if your computer is four or five years old, it might as well be 100."

Police Chief Brian Noonan received permission to spend $4,266 to replace the town's emergency service dispatch server. The money will come out of the police department's operating budget, even though the server also operates the fire department's computers.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town will place an article on the special Town Meeting warrant asking to replace the money through a transfer from unencumbered funds, known as free cash.

"The server has had a useful life, and we want to stay ahead of the game."
—Town Manager Mark Haddad

In a letter to Haddad, Noonan said problems with the server "have resulted in the complete failure of the computer system on several occasions, and the inability to archive the police and/or fire logs and related information over the past several weeks."

Haddad said it was crucial to replace the server now, rather than wait until the fall.

"This is something we needed to act upon now. The server has had a useful life, and we want to stay ahead of the game," he said. "For the amount of money it's going to cost, I thought it would be better to be pennywise than pound foolish."

Quigley said when a call comes into a dispatcher, the server will time and date "stamp" the call, and pull up any information on the address the call is coming from such as contact numbers, whether any hazardous materials are in the building, or if anyone at the address has a gun permit.

Since coming online in 1996, the computer system, which operates six police work stations, and three fire department work stations, has had all its available memory eaten up by upgrades.

"It started out with a DOS [computer] operating system, which doesn't take a lot of memory. But the last upgrade was to a complete Windows format, and that uses a lot of graphics which has caused glitches in the system," said Quigley. "It's gotten to the point where it would be more cost effective to replace the existing server with a new server."

Noonan told Haddad that the department's computer consultant, Matthew Fiorenza, said the server could be fixed at "considerable cost," but would then fail again when the next system upgrade comes out later this summer.

"It's a big system and the problem is the server has reached its maximum capacity," Noonan said in an interview. "We keep adding these programs and updating the system and it finally can't take any more."

The $4,266 server will be custom built by Fiorenza, who submitted the lowest bid.

Noonan said Fiorenza has done "a lot of the systems" in local courthouses, and is "very experienced." He expects the new server to be in place within the next couple of weeks.

SAFETY DAY



Cody Piepenbrink and Colin Dignam check out the Cohasset Police Department cones during safety day.



Cohasset police, from left, Det. Rick Grassie, Chief Brian Noonan and Officer Christy Tarantino, get ready to serve lunch to dozens of hungry youngsters during Cohasset Recreation Police Safety Day.

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Task force OKs final village revitalization plan

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down to the harbor," he said.

Watson did successfully lobby to have the 60-foot long delivery zone next to his store taken out of the plan.

"We only need one delivery zone in the village," he said. "You rarely see two trucks down there at once."

The final plan calls for a raised, granite curb running from the South Main/Elm Street intersection down to Highland Avenue Extension behind Hub Shopping, with eight delineated parking spaces on the northbound side of Elm Street between South Main Street and Brook Street. Approximately five spaces will be lost in front of the Cohasset Historical Society museum. A sidewalk would be added in front of Donna Green studios. CRC director Dean Rizzo said another three parallel parking spaces could be created in front of the Hingham Institution for Savings, if the bank allows three feet of its property to be taken for parking. In a move intended as a compromise with the street's businesses, the task force voted to not install a curb on the southbound side of the road, keeping open the possibility for "informal parking" along the road's shoulder.

"We've provided for the pedestrians, the cars can fend for themselves," Harrington said. "It's not perfect, but it's a compromise."

South Main Street would essentially remain the same, except for the creation of a sidewalk from James Brook Walkway to a bump out in front of Tedeschi's. Although two spaces would be lost on the northbound side of the street, two spaces would be gained in front of Cards & Shards by relocating a fire hydrant. The task force plan also recommends two 24-foot curb cuts providing entry to and exit from the gas station, and the curb line in front of the Red Lion Inn lowered to the standard six inches.

Brook Street would receive a "rolling sidewalk" in the task force's plan. The sidewalk would be a slightly raised berm delineating a sidewalk, but made accessible to delivery vans. The plan would also add two formal parking spaces in front of Nutti-n-More Natural. The street would be 30 feet wide in front of Cohasset News, but narrowed down to 22 feet wide near Elm Street.

The task force also voted to recommend the creation of eight new formal parking spaces along Highland Avenue Extension and Elm Street down to Stevens Lane. Rizzo said the spaces could be used by area employees and help free up spaces in other areas of the village. Three spaces would be created along a currently unused wide section at the Highland Avenue Extension intersection with Elm Street. But, as Rizzo said, the "controversial part" of the plan would be the need to cut down three trees along Highland Avenue Extension for the spaces. Harrington voted against this aspect of the plan.

"I just didn't see enough of a benefit to cut down the trees," she said.

With the final improvement plan for the village mapped out, the task force will present its recommendations before selectmen this Tuesday. Members will also ask for permission to install a 60-foot trial section of sidewalk in front of Cards & Shards to get the community's opinion on the proposed new sidewalks.

If selectmen are responsive to its recommendations, the task force then hopes to hold a series of public forums, possibly make slight changes to the plan, and then make a formal presentation to the community.

The project would be funded by a combination of public and private money. The CRC, which has paid for a majority of the planning and engineering work so far, has promised to help find and apply for urban renewal grants on behalf of the town. Also, as part of the town's Greenbush mitigation agreement with the MBTA, the town is in line for a $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development grant for downtown improvements. Cohasset has been awarded a $170,000 grant to build a sidewalk beneath St. Stephen's Church.

In April, the task force voted to recommend a new parking plan along Depot Court, and design improvements to the town parking lot and Pleasant Street/Ripley Road intersection.

The group had originally recommended trying a one-way traffic pattern around the village, but dropped it after an uproar from the business community.

Field of dreams in focus

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cost for the high quality fields was still too high for the group.

"We just can't keep on doing everything first-class Cadillac," said committee member and selectman Merle Brown. "I'm looking at keeping the project under $200,000 or we don't do it at all. It's just too much money, and the town can't afford it."

Haddad agreed with him saying he did not want to have to borrow money to build the fields. He instead hopes to keep the cost low enough to be able to fund it through free cash, donations from the Little League, and perhaps money collected by the Community Preservation Act.

The act, passed this past spring, allows a certain amount of money be spent each year on town recreational facilities.

Haddad suggested building one field and parking lot, and setting aside space for another field to be built at a later time.

He aimed for a price between $150,000 and $175,000.

"I could possibly find $125,000, plus the Little League funds, and not have it impact the tax base," Haddad said.

Committee member Arthur Lehr called that plan "more palatable."

The committee decided to have Haddad and member Wayne Sawchuk meet with Esser, trim some more money, and develop a formal bid proposal.

Sawchuk mentioned a number of cost-saving measures such as using gravel from the existing parking lot as the base for the new fields, and replacing the lost gravel with fill from the Deer Hill School renovation project.

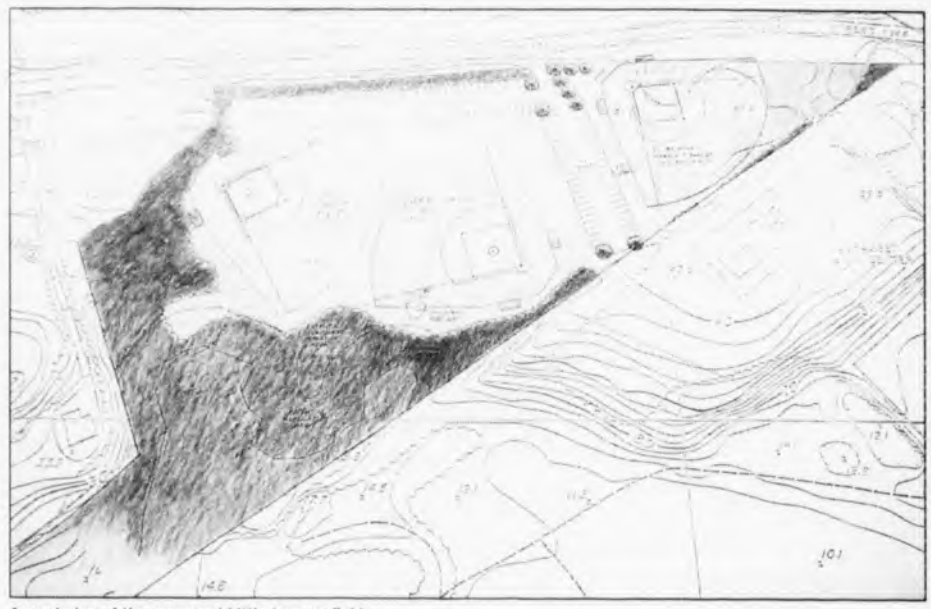
The gravel pit, which was the former source of the town's gravel, is the home to 20,000 cubic yards of fill from the middle/high school renovation project. However it still remains between four and six feet lower than street level. The committee plans to build the fields with a very slight slope and install a gravel/clay base beneath the grass to allow the fields to quickly drain and discharge water into the wetlands at the rear of the site.

Haddad hoped to have the bid results in hand by this fall's yet-unscheduled special Town Meeting. He wants to put out the bid as an "add/alternate," where the bidder gives the town prices on building one field with the option of building the second. By doing it this way, the town would be able to know exactly how much is needed to finish the second field.

Committee member Mark DeGiacomo, who also serves as the president of Cohasset Little League, said the new fields would help ease the space crunch the town's youth sports programs are currently experiencing.

He also backs breaking the project up into phases.

"If the town appropriates $200,000, then we'll be able to say this is what we have to raise. It will give us a target to aim for," he said.



A rendering of the proposed Little League fields

Cohasset Little League has already begun its capital campaign, he said. According to DeGiacomo, the group raised $17,000 at a recent party and auction and is planning more events for the future.

The group will meet with selectmen on Aug. 7 to discuss the plan.

Democratic League sponsors talk tonight

From 7-9 p.m., tonight (Thursday, July 19), the Plymouth County Democratic League (PCDL) and Massachusetts Democratic Future will sponsor an event to bring young people from the South Shore together at Tosca, 14 North St in Hingham, to discuss the environment and the ways young people can work to preserve it.

U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, D-Quincy, U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-4th District, Massachusetts Democratic Party Chairman Philip Johnston, and State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, have all agreed to act as honorary chairmen for the event. Corine Young of Rep. Delahunt's office and P.J. O'Sullivan of P.J. O'Sullivan and Associates will be on hand to lead the discussion.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Children's programs

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library presents a "Burt the Raccoon" puppet show on Tuesday, July 24 at 7 p.m. Come and learn about the wonderful world of raccoons with interesting facts about these "masked marauders." Also experience American Sign Language with this program. Fun for all ages!

Coming up on Tuesday, July 31 at 7 p.m., the library has invited a cast of snakes, lizards, turtles and tortoises. Presented by Marla Isaac, in conjunction with the New England Reptile Exhibit, this promises to be a real crowd-pleaser.

Call the library at 781-383-1348 or come in and register for each program. This summer's Tuesday night programs have been generously provided by The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Video contest

All teens, grades seven-12, are invited to create a short video (no more than 20 minutes long) during the summer. You may choose from drama, comedy, cartoon animation, documentary, music video, "how to," commercial, or local history show. **Be careful not to include any copyrighted music or images.**

Films are due by Wednesday, Aug. 1 to the Duxbury Free Library. An "Oscar Night of Stars" will be held for all entries on Friday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Merry Meeting Room of the Duxbury Free Library. All grand prize-winning videos will be screened and "Oscars" will be presented to the winners.

The contest is sponsored by Adelphia, MediaOne and local friends of the library groups in participating South Shore towns. Contact the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 781-383-1348 for more information.

Calling all gardeners

The Pratt Memorial Library has just purchased a wonderful selection of gardening books that are located in the new non-fiction area. The following is a list of some of the newly-available selections:

"Continuous Bloom" by Pam Duthie. Duthie has arranged 272 perennials according to bloom time so you can mix and match to suit your garden.

"Passionate Gardening" is by two of America's top gardeners, Lauren Springer and Rob Proctor. They share their practical wisdom, wit and tales of perseverance in a volume that challenges all the elements of gardening.

"Creating a Cottage Garden in North America" is for those who love the riots of colors, shapes and textures found in the cottage garden. Author, Stephen Westcott-Gratton offers a mix of history and practical advice on design tips, plant profiles, and how to start your own cottage garden.

There are so many new gardening books from colorful borders to hardy rock gardens and more. Come into the library this summer and check them out.

Parents, police not on same page

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Since May 25, Cohasset police have made 53 arrests, of those 18 were for minors in possession/transport alcohol. Of those 18, only two were Cohasset residents.

Noonan said police are open to any program that fosters communication between police, parents and teenagers. But in his 25 years of law enforcement experience, he's found that parental participation in those sort of seminars is low. Often, the parents who do take part are those whose children are never in trouble, he said.

In reaction to severe underage drinking problems in Wellesley, "study circles" were formed there that included a cross-section of the community. They proved to be an effective way to discuss the controversial issue, according to Lisa Stone, one of the organizers. The small circles, which meet several times, follow a discussion guide and present ideas for action to the full group of participants. Then task forces are formed to work on the different ideas.

After last summer's underage drinking arrests, including 22 in one night — and the reaction of some who criticized police for arresting first-time offenders — the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee looked for ways to start a dialogue in town. To that end, the committee invited Stone to a meeting last March to see if a similar program could be started in Cohasset. The Rev. Cliff Cutler, pastor at St. Stephen's Church, who is chairman of the committee, is on vacation and couldn't be reached for an update.

But committee member Jody Butman said perception is a big part of the problem with the way teenagers see the police.

"We think the study circles could go a long way to addressing that if they are handled tactfully," she said.

Noonan has a problem with some parents' understanding of the police.

"It boils down to people wanting us to be a baby-sitting service. We're just not," he said. "You can't go out there and expect not to be bothered if there's alcohol involved and you're a minor."

Parents, whose children are arrested, don't have to worry that their teens' lives and college hopes are ruined. Noonan explained that 90 percent of teenagers arrested as a minor in possession/transport alcohol are put into a diversion program and pay a $50 fee to Mothers Against Driving Drunk. "No record of their arrest ever shows anywhere," he said. "That's because they are put into a diversion program prior to arraignment."

Smoking in Legion questioned

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The question has been sent to town counsel Paul DeRensis for a decision — one that could result in the town's veterans being forced outside to smoke.

U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Mealy Post member Mary Jeanette Murray isn't sure how much ruckus the smoking ban could make, but said the popular veterans hangout is frequented by a number of smokers.

"They've always allowed smoking in there," said Murray, who has been a member of the post since V-J Day in 1945, "but I don't know of anyone that's ever complained."

She said the legion post is a private club, and guests have to be signed in by legionnaires.

"There is a bar, but you can't just walk in off the streets," she said.

The no-smoking ban also applies to places of business accessible to the public, and to restaurants. Godzik said in order for a restaurant to allow smoking, it must first receive a variance from the board of health.

The variances, issued for a five-year period, are granted to establishments that have a separate area for smoking, usually a bar with separate ventilation system in that area and negative pressure so air flows into the bar area and not the other way around. The establishments must also provide evidence of a maintenance contract showing that the ventilation system is being maintained. Only three restaurants in Cohasset currently have variances: Koko Island, Atlantica and the Red Lion Inn.

The impetus behind the smoking ban is to protect non-smokers from second-hand smoke.

Jim Wells, the director of the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program, said exposure to second-hand smoke is a major health issue and kills an estimated 53,000 people nationally a year.

Ten area towns have adopted some form of smoke-free regulations. Of those Hingham and Duxbury are smoke-free, while others, such as Cohasset and Braintree, allow variances with strict standards. Only four towns - Abington, Rockland, Hanover and Kingston - go by the less restrictive state regulations that stipulate 25 percent of the area be set-aside for non-smokers.

'Teen' Garage attracts younger set

By Mary Ford
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The generation gap usually refers to teens and their parents. But among teenagers, themselves, a distance of just two to three years can seem like 20.

Case in point, is the Garage — the town's teen center — that draws the "younger set" of pre-teens and 13-year-olds who are in the sixth through eighth grades. But when it comes to attracting "older" teens, the Garage hasn't found the right combination, a fact that adds to the perception in town that teenagers have nothing to do and no place to go.

Steve Murray, 17, a drummer who practices off hours at the Garage with his band, says the teen center has an image problem.

"Older kids like the idea of independence," Steve says. That, according to his band mates Mike McMillen and Jack Jerz and friend Nick Laas, means dispensing with the word "chaperone" and creating a nightclub-like atmosphere where teenagers can come and go as they please. They all admit that chaperones may have to be a reality — but they need to be called something else and become practically invisible, the teens say.

The Garage, which approaching its second birthday, is housed in the old DPW garage behind the Red Lion Inn. About $40,000 was raised privately for The Garage project and inmates from the Norfolk County Work Release program provided much of the construction at no cost. The Garage replaced the former Teen Center in the old Independence Building [now Cohasset Greenery] on South Main Street, which replaced its predecessor, the Teen Center on Depot Court.

The Garage, which once housed town trucks, has been transformed into a bright, cheery place with one oversized room that contains a small stage, dance floor, pool and ping pong tables, and four TVs with video games; another large room with a snack bar, and an office.

Under the jurisdiction of the Cohasset Youth Resources Committee and leadership of town recreation director Jack Worley, The Garage receives a $15,000 annual subsidy from the town to pay for part-time staff, and appears to be on a firmer footing than its forerunners. The Garage can also be rented out for private parties for $75, money that, along with $5 admission fees to dances, goes into a revolving account that can be used for equipment upgrades, utilities and other expenses, such as the cost of hiring disc jockeys.

"It's open for grades six through 12, but generally appeals to grades six through nine," Worley says. "Once kids have their license, they don't want to stay around."

Worley also says the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders haven't established firm "cliques" or groups of friends the way older teens have. They are more open to meeting as a group when the 11th- and 12th-graders want to do things with their friends, he says.

However, the eight-member Cohasset Youth Resources Committee hopes as time goes by and the younger kids progress through high school, they'll continue to come to the teen center because they've established the habit.

CRC member Jody Butman says the board is open to ideas from the "older kids."

"But it's a challenge getting them [older teens]," through the door," she says.

Cohasset schools health education director Michael Gill said it might be a futile effort.

"Older kids generally stay away from teen centers because they are supervised by adults," he says. "As teens get older, they seek out more independence and less supervision and that's the way it's always been."

Steve says The Garage has "stigma" to it for older teens but thinks that image could be changed with the right marketing and creating a "club" atmosphere. He said the Bahama Beach Club, dubbed the BBC, in Marshfield is successful.

The boys said "mosh pits," for example, should be allowed at dances and the lights have to be turned down.

"A mosh pit is just more aggressive dancing to heavier music," Steve says, and is otherwise harmless.

For more information about The Garage, call the recreation department at 781-383-4104.



Middle-schooler John Coffey aims for the corner pocket in a game of eight ball against teen center supervisor Kate Daley at The Garage behind the Red Lion Inn in the town parking lot.

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Tanglewood trip

Seiji Ozawa conducts the Boston Symphony Orchestra with Yefim Bronfman on piano on July 29 when South Shore Conservatory sponsors its annual trip to Tanglewood. The concert features Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5.

A deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach will pick up concert goers at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury, leaving at 8:30 a.m., and at the commuter parking lot in Rockland at Route 3, Exit 14, across from Home Depot, leaving at 9 a.m. A noon arrival allows time for a picnic lunch and stroll around the lawns and gardens of Tanglewood. Tickets for the 2:30 p.m. concert are for reserved seats inside the shed.

The cost for the day, including concert tickets, transportation, lunch and refreshments on the return trip is $115 per person. For reservations and information, call Laura Carleton at 781-934-2731, Ext. 14.

Concerts by the sea

The Friends of the Nantasket Beach Reservation, together with business and private sponsorship have scheduled summer musical and dance programs as a community service at the M.D.C.'s Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach in Hull. The programs feature swing and ballroom dancing, sing-a-longs and audience participation. The pavilion is handicapped accessible.

All programs start at 2 p.m. and will continue through Labor Day with the following schedules:

July 29, Dave Foley Country.

August 5, The Ray Cavicchio Band. August 12, The Gregg Savage Band. August 19, The Swingers. August 26, The Jack Alessi Group.

September 2, The Gregg Savage Band. September 3, Four Guys in Tuxes.

For information, call Barbara Kinakos at 781-925-3566.

Chamber celebrates

On Wed., July 25 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce will hold a barbecue at Kimball's By-The-Sea on Cohasset Harbor. Just $15 per person will provide an evening of conversation, food, and a view of the harbor. Meet Joseph Campbell, executive director of Kimball's and Atlantica, and Kathleen Quist, director of sales, marketing, hotel operations for Kimball's. Quist is also a new member of the Cohasset Chamber's Board of Directors. The barbecue is a members and their families only event, but prospective members are always welcome. Mail your check with the names of the persons who will attend, to Cohasset Chamber, PO Box 336, Cohasset, MA, by July 20. Call 781-383-1010 for more information.

Garage dance

There will be a dance at the Garage on Friday, July 27 from 7-10 p.m. Everyone from grades six and up is welcome. There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Refreshments will be sold.

The Garage is also open this summer on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3-7p.m.; Fridays, from 4-10 p.m., and the first and third Saturdays of every month from 6-10 p.m. It is open to everyone in grades six and up. It is free of charge, however, snacks and drinks do have to be paid for.

Other activities and events will be planned this summer. Stay tuned for particulars of these events.

Summer band concert

The Cohasset Recreation Department is hosting a concert on Tuesday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. on the Cohasset Common. Performing will be the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

Concert-goers may bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on and insect repellant.

Concerts are available thanks to the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. of Cohasset and a matching fund grant from the American Federation of Musicians of New York City.

'Happy-Dog' training

The Cohasset Recreation Department is offering two dog obedience classes taught by Happy-Dog Training.

The first class is good manners for beginners, which will start Monday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. The cost for this five-week program will be $90.

The second class is agility and heel combination, which will start Monday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. This class will teach agility by using bar jumps, tunnels and other obstacles, as well as heelwork to better your dog's walking on a leash. The cost for this four-week program is $80.

For information, call the Recreation Office at 781-383-4109.

Chatterton fund

Committee members of the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund are sponsoring "An Evening with the Beach Boys" on Sunday, August 19 at 9 p.m. at the South Shore Music Circus. Cost of the concert is $60 per ticket with $30 going to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

For tickets, contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103; Linda Bolster at 781-383-6148; or Linda Schultz at 781-383-0597.

Barnyard tours

The Trustees of Reservations is offering the following educational programs at Weir River Farm on Saturdays and Sundays throughout July: 11a.m. story time, 1 p.m. general barnyard tour and 2:30 p.m. tour with farm project. Each program will allow you and your child close interaction with the farm animals. Trustees members are free. Nonmembers are $2 per person. Parking is available at the Turkey Hill Parking Lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane.

Visiting artists

The South Shore Art Center is becoming a summer destination for artists, art students and cultural enthusiasts. The center's summer initiative, Visiting Artist Workshops 2001 includes master classes in the visual arts. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel painting, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography, and impressionist still life painting

The instructors include: Karen Christians, Jared Clackner, Stuart Baron, Annie Silverman, John Brooks Maginnis, Heidi Whitman, Tracy Spadafora, William Ternes, Peter Madden, Frank Gohlke, and Margaret McWethy. They are all practicing artists as well as instructors at some of the most highly regarded art schools in the area including Boston University, Harvard, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, the Massachusetts College of Art, the DeCordova Museum, and the Worcester Art Museum.

All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery, Summer Encounters: Visiting Artists Exhibition will open Friday, Aug. 10 from 6-8 p.m. The reception is free to all and will provide the public an opportunity to meet the instructors and view some of their work.

The exhibition will be on display until Sept. 9. For more information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org.

Piano recitals

Olive Mullen of Cohasset and Mary Depperman of Scituate presented their 14th annual joint-piano recital on June 3. They are both members of the South Shore Music Teachers Association, which presented four recitals again this year in jazz/pop, classical, ensemble, and an honors recital for high school students. There was also a successful Playathon Fund Raiser for the Pine Street Inn and Rosie's Place .

Sarah Lambert of Cohasset performed in all five events. Ms. Lambert was also recognized at the High School Arts Awards Night, where she received the Frederic Chopin Piano Award for her work as an accompanist for the choruses in their concerts during the year.

Ross Lieb-Lappen also played in all five events and he and Ms. Lambert played 12 Shostakovich duets for a high school music night. Mia Lieb-Lappen performed in three events, as did Nicole Hall and Jason Raynor, both from Scituate. Dana Cullen and Brooke Kingsland also performed.

Other students who performed in the end-of-year recital were Kara and Christopher Wilcox, Christine Fitzgerald, Meaghan Costello, Alexandros Deligiannidis, all of Cohasset; and Destanee Ringler and Tom Watson from Scituate.

Teen garage summer hours

The Teen Garage will be open throughout the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m., Fridays from 4 to 10 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of every month from 6 to 10 p.m.

During these times, The Garage is open to all teens in Grades 6 and up. It is free of charge; however, snacks and drinks do have to be paid for.

Special activities and events will be planned during the summer. Stay tuned for the particulars of these events.

The Garage is also available for rentals at $75 for two hours.

Polish organist at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church is presenting Elzbieta Wlosek in recital on Sunday, July 29 at 3 p.m. The afternoon's concert will include compositions by Polish and eastern European organists.

Ms. Wlosek was born in the Silesia region of Poland and studied at the Academy of Music in Katowice. She has performed widely in Europe and is a faculty member of the Music School of Raciborz and the Music School of Rybnik. She began performing at an early age and has since taught master classes in France, Germany, the Netherlands and Italy.

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Stars of the Week

Brian Hill

The Cohasset 11-year old baseball All-Star came up huge in this week's thrilling 4-2 extra innings win over Stoughton. Not only did he pitch well for the two-time defending District 8 champs in the game, but he doubled home the tying run in the fifth inning and then singled home Chris Rose and Sam DeGiacomo for the gamewinner in the seventh.

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A painful ending

By Mike Spellman
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Losing two straight games with a post-season berth on the line would be painful under any circumstances. If those losses were both by a single run, the word excruciating might better apply.

There are no singular adjectives, however, to accurately convey the depths of despair the Cohasset Post 118 players must have collectively experienced as they watched their playoff hopes die Monday night in Braintree.

For the second time in three days, under the lights at Braintree High School, Cohasset fell by the score of 7-6 after relinquishing a large lead in the late innings.

"What can I say?" said understandably despondent Cohasset coach Scott Arnold, as he watched his players shuffle quietly off the Braintree High field.

"That's baseball," he concluded

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PHOTO/DAVE GORDON

Post 118 third baseman Mike Gulinello looks back Braintree base runner after fielding ground ball.

Cohasset tracksters shine at Bay State's

Laney and Maitland medal, Baird takes fourth at state games

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

This past weekend, three tracksters from Cohasset went to the Bay State Games to show the rest of the state what made the Skippers undefeated league champions this past spring season.

Seniors Tim Baird, Steve Laney and Pete Maitland all finished within the top three of their region to advance to finals, eventually finishing in the top four individually.

For more Bay State Games coverage, see page 16.

Laney was Cohasset's highest placer of the day, coming in second all-around in the discus. After winning his region in the preliminaries, Laney threw a personal record 130 feet, outdistancing his previous best by nearly five feet.

Laney held first place for nearly the entire day, until the final athlete made his last throw of the competition, beating out Laney by mere inches.

Maitland entered in the javelin, the event for which he finished fifth in All-States and 17th in New Englands, and came in third in the Bay States with a solid throw of just over 158 feet.

It is possible that since the school track season ended so long ago, Maitland was not up to full form, as his personal best of almost 179 feet would have won the competition by a whopping 13 feet.

Baird, who was co-captains with Maitland this past spring, came in fourth overall at the Bay State Games in the mile, with an impressive off-season time of 4:43.

In the preliminaries, Baird came in third in what was very obviously the toughest of the four brackets, posting second, fourth and fifth place out of the 12 runners in the finals. Baird lost out on third place by only one second, and was only five seconds behind Mark McDermott of Mansfield, who was in Baird's region.

After all three had outstanding seasons, helping to lead the Skippers to their first South Shore League crown in over 25 years, the three finally had the chance to measure up to some of the best competition around. Some of the top finishers were even invited to Nationals at some point over the last few months.

Other Cohasset/ Bay State Games notables

This coming weekend, this trio will have the chance to measure up against some great opponents in the 7-versus-7 soccer competition. In addition to **Baird, Maitland** and **Laney**, Cohasset sophomores **Jesse Brewer** (goalie) and **Chris Clarke,** juniors **Robert Hickey** and **Greg O'Connell,** and senior **Dan Kinchla** will be going.

All eight were members of the state semi-finalist team last fall for

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Looking to three-peat

11-year old Little League All-Stars seek another District 8 crown

By Mark G. DeGiacomo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Little League's 11 year old All Star Team has won it's last three games in their quest to defend their District 8 Championship which they have held for the last two years. With only four games left in the regular season, these All Stars are already looking forward to the playoffs as well as tournaments in Raynham and Middleboro which will take place over the next several weeks.

The season started slowly with losses in their first two games to Rockland and Braintree American. In the opener, Rockland was out for some "pay back" against the boys who beat them in the last years' District 8 Championship Game.

"We've been waiting for this game since last August," Rockland's coach told Cohasset's head coach Bob Morgan before the contest began.

Cohasset jumped out to an early lead in the first inning when Tommy Chase doubled in Cody Morgan, who had singled. Later in the inning, Sam DeGiacomo doubled in Chase and Pat Doonan who had reached on a fielders choice.

Dave Snowdale shut out Rockland in the first two innings but he ran into trouble in the third inning when an error, two walks and a single left the score knotted at three.

In the bottom of the third, Brian Hill led off the inning with a long home run over the left center field fence. Cohasset's new pitcher in the fourth inning had some control problems which resulted in six walks and four runs. Rockland added one run in the

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SPLISH-SPLASH

Jody Roach, seen here performing the butterfly, placed in three events for the Cohasset Swim Team in this past Friday's win over Duxbury, helping to improve the team to 3-0 on the season. ***For complete swim team report, see page 15.***



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Cohasset's Lindsay Grossman continued her domination in match play during her sophomore campaign, increasing her perfect record to 22-0.

All-Scholastic girls tennis

Grossman named among area's elite

Three of the 16 members of this team played for Scituate's Patriot League runner-ups this spring.

That number could easily have been higher.

Junior Judy Karlberg, named by us an Honorable Mention, emerged as a force in singles behind Jackie Oulette to give the Lady Sailors a solid one-two punch that should be even more of a force to be reckoned with in 2002.

After consulting with area coaches, however, these are the choices we made for our 2001 All-Scholastic girls tennis team:

Singles

Lindsay Grossman - Sophomore
First singles - Cohasset

The Soph Sensation kept her high school match play slate clean, running her personal record to 22-0 this year...this included a thrilling three set win over Norwell star Sara Bitetti (another of our All-Scholastic's) in the regular season finale that helped lift the Lady Skippers to a 3-2 win and in to a co-championship with Norwell...a South Shore All-Star for the second time...was also a member of the Cohasset High field hockey and basketball teams...was the leading scorer on the



Lindsay Grossman

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Mariner All-Scholastic girls tennis team

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hardwood this winter, earning her a High Honorable Mention with the Mariner's All-Scholastic Girls Basketball team…ranks in the top 10 of her class… Cohasset Coach Sarah Meehan: "She is so mentally strong, I think she can beat anyone."

Katherine Ehle - Senior (Capt.)
First Singles - Marshfield

Unquestionably one of the most successful tennis players to come out of Marshfield High and arguably one of the most dominating singles players on the South Shore…In her four-year career at Marshfield's first singles spot, Ehle racked up an impressive 62-4 record…Ehle went undefeated this season at 15-0, leading Marshfield to an undefeated regular season (16-0) and an Atlantic Coast League title…Her solid performances at the number one spot helped lead the Marshfield team to the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 South Sectional tournament…Ehle made it to the quarterfinals of the State Individual tournament…The senior has received a full tennis scholarship to Div. 1 Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn. Marshfield coach Roberta Daniele: "She's very professional when she's on the court. It's her prime sport and means a lot in her life. She was a joy to coach. She needed very little help. She's very mature and has been since her freshman year."


Katherine Ehle

Liz Kelly - Senior (Capt.)
First Singles - Hingham

Her consistency at the number one singles spot helped lead the Harborwomen to an undefeated Patriot League title (10-0, 14-3 overall)…The PL All-star's performance in 5-0 and 3-2 wins over PL rival Scituate helped Hingham gain a little revenge on the Sailors, who edged the Harborwomen for the league title last year…Helped lead Hingham to the Div. 1 South Sectional tourney…Kelly will be one of the greatest losses felt by Hingham as she will move on to play tennis for St. Lawrence College next year. Hingham coach Deb Boles: "She was a great captain and worked very hard all season long. She was really on her own as far as caliber of play. No one could touch her. She was always very supportive to everyone. She's just an all-around great kid."


Liz Kelly

Sara Bitetti - Junior
First Singles - Norwell

Followed up a sensational17-2 sophomore season, with a solid 13-5 campaign…Only lost twice in South Shore League play this year, with both of those defeats coming at the hand of Lindsay Grossman (who remained undefeated in high school match play this season)…Sara came as close to anyone as taking Grossman down, however, taking her to a third set tiebreaker in the regular season finale…her other three losses were to non-league all-stars Sasha Sullivan of Bourne (twice) and Jackie Oulette of Scituate…later avenged the loss to Oulette…a two-time South Shore League Tennis All-Star…also a track star at Norwell High, having been named a South Shore League All-Star for cross country in each of her three years at the school…ran winter track as a freshman…Editor of the Yearbook Staff…Class Treasurer…Ranked Ninth in the Class of 2002…Would like to play tennis in college…has looked at the University of Pennsylvania and Boston College, among others….Norwell tennis coach Sharon Flaherty: "Sara has a lot of athleticism and potential as a tennis player. When she puts her mind to it, she can be as god as anyone. I'm hoping she can put it altogether for a big senior year."


Sara Bitetti

Jackie Oulette - Junior
First Singles - Scituate

A multi-time tough luck loser this year…finished 8-2 in Patriot League play and 9-5 overall, with three of those losses coming to star players in tightly contested three set matches…her two league losses came to Hingham's unbeaten Liz Kelly (another of our All-Scholastic's) , including one of her three set thrillers…split season series with Norwell star Sara Bitetti (another Mariner All-Scholastic)…considered a student of the game who is always working to improve her craft…a Patriot League All-Star… took over the number one singles spot from the Patriot League's most dominant tennis player in 2000, Shannon McCarthy, and did so admirably, according to coach Judy Mullin….works at Driftway Tennis Club in Scituate…strives to be "better prepared next year"…older brother Jim (Scituate High, Class of '98) was captain of the boys tennis team from his sophomore through senior years and lost only five matches for his high school career…Scituate girls tennis coach Judy Mullin: "Jackie stepped into some big shoes and really gave us a solid and consistent presence all year. She took losses very hard because such a competitor, but all the losses were to the cream of the crop in this area. She works hard, and I figure she's really going to come back for a great senior year."


Jackie Oulette

Danielle Spencer - Sophomore
Third Singles - Abington

Formerly just a hobby, this talented sophomore proved herself on the varsity courts this season, posting an impressive 17-2 record…Prior to this year, Spencer had only played tennis recreationally, but her addition to the Abington High squad proved invaluable…The South Shore League All-star's solid performances on the third singles court helped lead Abington to a third place finish in the league and to its first Div. 3 South Sectional tourney win (a 3-2 decision over Hopkinton) in the program's 10-year history…Now serious about the sport, Spencer will participate in tennis camps this summer and will among the top returnees to the Green Wave tennis program next year. Abington coach Marc Liberatore: "She had a great year for us. The fact that she did so well in her first varsity year is really something. By the time the season ended, she was probably one of the best players in the league. We're really excited to see how she'll do next year. She could really take off."


Danielle Spencer

Doubles

Lauren Benbenek / Katie Ryan
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First Doubles - Marshfield

Had a stellar 2001 campaign in the duo's first year playing together…Benbenek, a sophomore, and Ryan, a junior, posted an impressive 14-1 regular season record, helping to lead the Lady Rams to undefeated regular season and an Atlantic Coast League title…Both ACL All-stars, the girls' combination of strength (Benbenek) and consistency (Ryan) at the number one doubles spot helped the Marshfield team advance to the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tournament…Both players will be back next year, returning as one of the team's top prospects. Marshfield coach Roberta Daniele: "They worked so well together this year. They're very comfortable on the court. They talk to each other and they know where each other is going to be."


Lauren Benbenek


Katie Ryan

Lisa Trebino / Meredith Kernan -
First Doubles - Hingham

The talented senior co-captains were a gem on the court this season, often notching the point to secure a victory…The duo—who have played together for two years—went undefeated in regular season play this season from the number one doubles spot, boasting a perfect 4-0 record (8-3 overall)…Both Patriot League All-stars, Trebino and Kernan helped lead Hingham to an undefeated league title (10-0) and to the Div. 1 South Sectional tournament…Trebino is making her second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team as she was chosen to our field hockey squad last fall…Both Trebino and Kernan plan to attend Middlebury College in the fall. Hingham coach Deb Boles: "They are a great team. They're just good together and were always very supportive of one another."


Lisa Trebino


Meredith Kernan

Nilah Pandian / Dee Wheeler -
First Doubles - Hanover

Were the shining stars on the extremely young Lady Indians' team…Had a solid year from the number one doubles spot, going 9-1 in the South Shore League…The duo split decisions with the league champion Norwell's first doubles team's for their only league loss…Pandian, a senior captain, and Wheeler, a sophomore, went 9-3 overall this season, their only out of league losses coming at the hands of fellow All-Scholastics Benbenek and Ryan from Marshfield… The duo was playing together for the first time this season and were both elected SSL All-stars… Pandian is a two-year league All-star after playing her junior season with HHS graduate Kelly Sarson…Pandian will be among the most felt losses next season as she will be attending Boston University in the fall…Wheeler will be among Hanover's top prospects next season. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "They really complimented each other well. It's really a credit to Nilah who played with two different people and was an All-star each year. It takes a while to learn each other's style and how to communicate, but they made it work."


Nilah Pandian


Dee Wheeler

Christine Donehue / Sarah Nelson
First Doubles - Scituate

This dynamic senior duo lost only twice playing together in match play over the last two seasons…their lone loss this season came in the rubber match with Hingham's Lisa Trebino and Meredith Kernan…loss last year came in state tourney…two-time Patriot League All-Stars…made it to quarterfinals of state individual tourney this season after going to the semifinals last season as juniors (at which point Christine had to pull out due to mononucleosis)…the two recent graduates have been playing together and against one another since grade school, but only teamed up as doubles partners last year…complimented one another well, with Sarah's big serve and Christine surpassing ground strokes…for the past two years, the pair worked together every week year-round with Chris Horne, the owner of Driftway Tennis Club in Scituate, to refine their doubles play…Christine has chosen Harvard over MIT…Sarah will attend Mary Washington University in Virginia, where she is leaning towards majoring in business… Scituate girls tennis coach Judy Mullin: "There's not a lot more I can say about these girls that hasn't already been said. They really are the best. They work hard and play great together, and they're great kids. They're obviously going to leave some real big shoes to fill next year."


Sarah Nelson and Christine Donehue

Erika Schmidt / Ashley Dye
First Doubles - Norwell

Went 12-2 in their second season as partners, splitting their season series with the South Shore League's other dominant team (and fellow Mariner All-Scholastic selections)— Nilah Pandian and Dee Wheeler of Hanover …Erika, a senior, and Ashley, a junior, smoked the Hanover duo the second time around, 7-5, 6-1…helped the Lady Clippers to a co-league championship with Cohasset…both of their losses (Hanover and Westwood in non-league action) came in three sets…Ashley started out playing singles at the beginning of the season, but soon came back to rejoin her partner for the betterment of the team…the two compliment each other well, with Erika being strong on the serve and at the net, and Ashley possessing an adept ground stroke game…one of the highlights of the season was beating powerhouse Bourne High's first doubles team…Ashley is leaning towards majoring in business and would like to go to school down south…Norwell tennis coach Sharon Flaherty: "Erika and Ashley worked so well together. It would have been nice to see them get another year together because they just seemed to really be taking it to another level. I don't think the rest of the South Shore League will be too heartbroken though (about Schmidt's graduation)."


Ashley Dye and Erika Schmidt

Honorable Mention:

Singles -

Sarah Abbott - Jr. - Marshfield
Annie Hable - Jr. - Marshfield
Julie Shea - Soph.- Cohasset
Judy Karlberg - Jr. - Scituate
Katelyn Schmuttenmaer- Soph. - Silver Lake
Tara Hostnick- Soph. - Silver Lake
Angie Bizzozero - Fr. - Norwell
Katie McCleary - Jr. - Abington
Jenn Wasson - Jr. - Hingham
Nicole Shostak - Jr. - Hingham

Doubles -

Erin Stanton (Soph.)/Meghan Duffy (Soph.) - Marshfield
Jess Purcell (Fr.)/Meaghan Slater (Jr.) - Hingham
Kelly Stone (Jr.)/Courtney Caron (Fr.)- Cohasset

A painful ending

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as he turned and walked away, clearly not in the mood to say anymore.

The scene was eerily similar following Saturday night's setback at Adams Field in Quincy, where a win would have pushed Cohasset past host Quincy in to the fifth and final playoff spot in District 6. Cohasset had staked itself to a 5-1 lead over Quincy just to see the home team roar back and take the lead at 6-5. Cohasset tied it up in the top of the seventh, but Quincy scored the walkoff game-winner in the bottom of that frame on a bang-bang play at the plate.

Things looked even better for the Post 118 squad on Monday night, carrying a 6-1 lead into the fourth inning after scoring four runs in the second and two more in the third.

Braintree started the comeback in the fourth, making Cohasset starter Tom Fitzgerald pay for allowing the first two batters to reach without a batted ball, as the lefty hit Chris Gooding and walked T.C. Okinski. Each would come home on scratch singles.

Fitzgerald appeared to settle down in the fifth, striking out two sandwiched around an infield single.

Control again became an issue in the sixth, however, as Fitzgerald surrendered a pair of walks, the second to the number nine hitter with two outs. Back-to-back doubles over the head of left-fielder Eric Dmohowski by Derek Rice and Nick Angelini tied the game at 6-6.

This knocked Fitzgerald from the game in favor of staff ace Jesse Cole. After getting two strikes on the always dangerous Brant Smith, the Braintree number three batter won the battle when he dropped a soft line-drive just over the head of second baseman Alex Knight. Angelini, off on contact with two outs, scored easily from second to give the hosts the 7-6 lead.

Brian Wood fouled off a couple of tough two-strike pitches to work a one-out walk in Cohasset's final at bat, but Gooding, who pitched three scoreless innings of relief, bared down after that to notch back-to-back strike outs to close out the game and Cohasset's playoff aspirations.

The big hitters did most of the damage for Cohasset in the game. Leadoff man Jason Connelly went 2-for-4 with four RBI, three of them coming home on a two-out, bases-clearing double to left-center in the third.

Cole also went 2-for-4 out of the three-hole, with a pair of doubles. He led off the fifth inning with a smash down the leftfield line for his second two-bagger, but wound up stranded along with two others, as Cohasset failed to cash in on a golden opportunity.

Cohasset also lost an opportunity to cushion its lead in the third. It appeared Mike Snowdale would be the fourth baserunner among the first five in the inning when his long drive to center was bobbled and dropped by Angelini as he went straight back on the ball. However, Wood, not seeing the miscue, initially retreated to first base, providing Angelini the opportunity to fire in and force him at second base.

Cohasset wrapped up its season on Wednesday night under the lights at Adams Field against the Morissette Post.

Correction

Due to misinformation in the Bay State Games media packet, it was reported in last week's Mariner that Sarah Roche would be competing in this week's 6-on-6 field hockey tourney. In fact, Sarah is one of the coaches for the Southeast team in the Bay State Games. Her daughters—Anne and Katie Roche, who were not listed in the media packet—are actually the ones playing on the team.

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Cohasset Swim team stays perfect

Swimmers blow Duxbury out of water to go to 3-0

By Eileen McBride
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It's now three out of three for Cohasset Swim Team. On Friday afternoon the team extended its winning streak when they defeated Duxbury Yacht Club by 166 points.

Cohasset started well in the 100-yard medley relays with first, second and fourth place finishes for the eight and under boys (1st: Mahoney, R.; Buckley, T.; Carrier, J.; Durkin, T.; 2nd: Lynner, W.; Campbell, B.; Shipp, M.; Durkin, J.; 4th: Murphy, C; Faber, J.; Murphy, J.; Carpenter, C.) and first, third and fourth places for the girls (1st: Michalowski, A.; Fontaine, E.; Musto, E.; Donohue, M.; 3rd: Axelson, D.; Seraikas, A.; Murphy, O; Berbe, M.; 4th: Farren, A.; Teague, M.; Kelly, K.; Farren, N.).

The ten and under boys struggled in this event but the girls redressed the balance with a first place finish (boys: 4th: McCormack, T.; Yeager, J.; Ofsthun, C.; Queenan, C.; girls: 1st: Mahoney, M.; Lehr, S.; Meehan, S.; Mahoney, C.; 3rd: Costa, A.; Teague, K.; Lehr, T.; Asnault, A.; 5th: Jennings, M.; Sullivan, O.; Dickinson, R.; Zappolo, C.). Cohasset then went on to win three out of the remaining four relay races (boys, 12 and under: 1st: Hunt, A.; Musto, C.; Conway, C.; Zappolo, N.; 3rd: Shipp, A.; DeGiacomo, S.; Daly, B.; McCarthy, J. ; 4th: Porter, N., Kuppens, C.; Faber, C.; Masotta, B.L.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Herman, E.; Fortin, S.; Durkin, L.; Englander, E.; 4th: Plante, V.; Campbell, A.; Regan, M.; Teague, M.; 5th: Foley, A.; Previte, M.; Swain, K.; McCarthy, M.; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Bilton, B.; Faber, S.; Ingber, D.; Flynn, C.; 2nd: Roach, J.; Herman, A.; Berg, P.; Blackburn, C.). Although the seventeen and under girls missed the win, they put in a strong performance to secure second, third and fourth positions (2nd: Orsini, M.; O'Brien, K.; Daley, M.; Lehr, R.; 3rd: Harrington, B.; Anderson, C.; Ogrodnik, M.; Musto, L.; 4th: Foley, T.; Faber, A.; Larson, J.; Regan, D.). The first event of the afternoon ended with Cohasset nudging ahead of the visitors by 20 points.

As the swimmers prepared for the individual medleys, the ten and under boys and girls swam the 50-yard freestyle. The boys missed the win and took second, fourth and fifth places (2nd: Ulmer, W.; 4th: Ofsthun, C.; 5th: Connors, R.), but the girls were right behind them with first, second and fourth place finishes (1st: Meehan, S.; 2nd: Lehr, T.; 4th: Mahoney, C.).

The individual 100-yard medley relays started well with a win from the 12 and under boys (1st: Conway, C.; 2nd: Hunt, A.; 4th: McCarthy, J.), and a first and second place from the girls (1st: Durkin, L.; 2nd: Englander, L.). The fourteen and under boys event went uncontested, and produced an unfortunate DQ for the only Cohasset swimmer. The girls barely missed first place, but secured second, third and fourth position finishes (2nd: Lehr, B.; 3rd: Larson, J.; 4th: Ogrodnik, M.). The seventeen and under boys again just missed the win and took second and third places, while the girls swept the board, shutting out Duxbury with first, second and third place finishes (boys: 2nd: Bilton, B.; 3rd: Roach, J.; girls: 1st: O'Brien, K.; 2nd: Orsini, M.; 3rd: Daley, M.). Going into the 25-yard freestyle event, Cohasset continued to hold onto the lead (99:56).

Cohasset's youngest swimmers put in their usual good performances to win three out of four of the 25-yard freestyle races (boys, 8 and under: 1st: Durkin, J.; 4th: Durkin, T.; 5th: Campbell, B.; girls, 8 and under: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 3rd: Fontaine, E.; 5th: Murphy, O.; boys, 10 and under: 3rd: Connors, R.; 5th: Ofsthun, C.; girls, 10 and under: 1st: Lehr, S.; 2nd: Mahoney, C.; 5th: McElhinny, C.). And the 50-yard freestyles were almost as productive for Cohasset, with a win from the twelve and under girls, the fourteen and under girls and boys, and the seventeen and under girls (girls, 12 and under: 1st: Englander, L.; 3rd: Teague, M.; 4th: McCarthy, M.; boys, 14 and under: 1st: Roach, K.; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Anderson, C.; 2nd: Musto, L.; 4th: Harrington, B. girls, 17 and under: 1st: O'Brien, K.; 3rd: Regan, D.; 4th: Foley, T.). The 12 and under boys and the seventeen and under boys were denied the win but took second, third and fourth places (boys, 12 and under: 2nd: Zappolo, N.; 3rd: McCarthy, J.; 4th: Shipp, A.; boys, 17 and under: 2nd: Ingber, D.; 3rd: Flynn, C.; 4th: Blackburn, C.) and Cohasset's lead was further extended.

Cohasset won three out of the six 25-yard butterflies, with the eight and under, ten and under and twelve and under girls securing first places in each of their races (girls, 8 and under: 1st: Musto, E.; 3rd: Murphy, O.; 4th: Kelly, K.; girls, 10 and under: 1st: Meehan, S.; 2nd: Lehr, T.; 4th: Mahoney, M.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Herman, E.; 5th: Anderson, M.). The eight and under boys may not have won but they took the rest of the spoils, finishing second, third and fourth (2nd: Carrier, J.; 3rd: Shipp, M.; 4th: Durkin, T.) but the ten and under boys were pushed back into fourth, fifth and sixth places (4th: Daly, R.; 5th: Ulmer, W.; 6th: Ofsthun, C.) and the twelve and under boys came through in second, fourth and fifth positions (2nd: Conway, C.; 4th: Musto, C.; 5th: Daly, B.).

In the 50-yard butterfly, Cohasset got a good start with an uncontested first in the fourteen and under race (1st: Berg, P.) and a second and third from the fourteen and under girls (2nd: Daley, M.; 3rd: Larson, J.). Both the seventeen and under girls and boys put the icing on the cake with wins in their races (boys: 1st: Ingber, D.; 2nd: Flynn, C.; girls: 1st: Orsini, M.; 3rd: Shea, E.). The score now stood at Cohasset 202, Duxbury 127.

The breaststroke events were up next and, true to form, the eight and under swimmers put in great performances to win both the girls and boys races (boys: 1st: Buckley, T.; 3rd: Campbell, B.; 4th: Murphy, C.; girls: 1st: Fontaine, E.; 2nd: Axelson, D.; 5th: Seraikas, A.). The ten and under boys and girls couldn't quite make the win but did make it into second place in their races (boys: 2nd: Porter, I.; 5th: Yeager, J.; 6th: McCormack, T.; girls: 2nd: Lehr, S.; 5th: Teague, K.; 6th: Sullivan, O.).



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Cohasset Swim Team member Melissa Orsini placed in four events in Friday's whitewashing of the Duxbury Yacht Club team.

In the 50-yard breaststroke, once again Cohasset got off to a great start with a clean sweep of first, second and third for the twelve and under boys (1st: Zappolo, N.; 2nd: Daly, B.; 3rd: Musto, C.) and a first, third and fifth for the girls (1st: Durkin, L.; 3rd: Fortin, S.; 5th: McCarthy, M.). The success continued with wins for Cohasset in the remaining four breaststroke races (boys, 14 and under: 1st: Roach, K.; 3rd: Gannon; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Anderson, C.; 2nd: Faber, S.; 5th: Shea, E.; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Faber, S.; 2nd: Roach, J.; 3rd: Blackburn, C.; girls, 17 and under: 1st: Foley, T.; 2nd: Weston, E.). Duxbury were now trailing by more than 100 points.

The breaststroke had gone well and the pattern prevailed for the 25-yard backstroke event. Cohasset went undefeated in all four 25-yard backstroke races (boys, 8 and under: 1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Lynner, W.; 3rd: Mahoney, R.; girls, 8 and under: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 2nd: Musto, E.; 4th: Kelly, K.; boys, 10 and under: 1st: Connors, R.; 4th: Daly, R.; 5th: Queenan, C.; girls, 10 and under: 1st: Costa, A.; 2nd: Mahoney, M.; 6th: Jennings, M.).

The 50-yard races were not so consistently productive, but the home team had a swimmer in first place in three of the six races (boys, 12 and under: 1st: Hunt, A.; 3rd: Shipp, A.; 4th: Porter, N.; girls, 12 and under: 2nd: Daly, S.; 6th: Foley, A.; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Bilton, B.; 3rd: Faber, S.). The fourteen and under girls took second, third and fourth places and their seventeen and under team-mates finished second and third (girls, 14 and under: 2nd: Harrington, B.; 3rd: Musto, L.; 4th: Faber, A.; girls, 17 and under: 2nd: Regan, D.; 3rd: Shea, E.). The fourteen and under boys were unplaced in their event.

The last races of the day were the free relays. In the 100-yard event the home team once again scored high with wins in five of the six races (boys, 8 and under: 1st: Buckley, T.; Campbell, B.; Carrier, J.; Durkin, T.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; Mahoney, R.; Murphy, J.; Shipp, M.; 3rd: McCarthy, M.; Culhane, Murphy, J.; Durkin, T.; girls, 8 and under: 1st: Fontaine, E.; Musto, E.; Murphy, O.; Michalowski, A.; 3rd: Berbe, M.; Donohue, M.; Seraikas, A.; Axelson, D.; 4th: Farren, A.; Farren, N. Teague, M.; Kelly, K.; girls, 10 and under: 1st: Mahoney, M.; Lehr, S.; Mahoney, C.; Meehan, S.; 3rd: Dickinson, R.; Donohue, T.; Lehr, T. Sullivan, O.; 4th: Culhane, C.; McBride, F.; Teague, K.; Kearns, A.; boys, 12 and under: 1st: Hunt, A.; Conway, C.; Daly, B.; Zappolo, N.; 2nd: DeGiacomo, S.; Musto, C.; McCarhty, J.; Porter, I.; 4th: Cunningham, C.; Drybanski, J.; Kuppens, C.; McCarthy, E.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Herman, E.; Durkin, L.; Englander, L.; Previte, M.; 3rd: Anderson, M.; Campbell, A.; Coggins, E.; Daly, S.; 4th: Fortin, S.; McCarthy, M.; Teague, M.; Swain, K.).

The ten and under boys just missed the win but secured second and fifth places (boys, 10 and under: 2nd: Ofsthun, C.; Porter, I.; Yeager, J.; Ulmer, W.; 5th: McCormack, T.; Plante, J.; Queenan, C.; Connors, R.). The meet ended as it had begun with wins for Cohasset when the seventeen and under boys won an uncontested first and second place, and the girls pulled off first, third and fourth position finishes (boys: 1st: Blackburn, C.; Bilton, B.; Flynn, C.; Ingber, D.; 2nd: Berg, P.; Roach, K.; Faber, S.; Roach, J.; girls: 1st: Daley, M.; Larson, J.; Lehr, R.; Orsini, M.; 3rd: Musto, L.; Anderson, C.; Foley, T.; Regan, D.; 4th: Faber, A.; Harrington, B.; Ogrodnik, M.; Shea, E.).

The afternoon added to an increasingly impressive record for Cohasset Swim Team. Congratulations to the swimmers and their coaches Alison Hughes, Ted Hughes and Garet Jacobucci. And well done to the visitors, Duxbury Yacht Club. Thank you to the volunteers who work as timers, organizers, runners, concession-stand managers, scorers and unofficial cheerleaders! The meet couldn't happen without you.

We look forward to a busy week when the team will compete against Eel River Swim Club, mid week, and meet MASK on Friday, July 20th.

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This coming weekend, two pairs of South Shore League sisters will lead a Notre Dame Academy attack into the field hockey Bay State games in Fort Devens.

Senior Anna Roche and her junior sister Katie will represent Cohasset in the 48 team field. Ditto for the Wahle sisters of Hingham, senior Courtney and junior Cara.

In addition, the Roche sisters' mother, Sarah, has done the organizing of the team, and serves as the closest resemblance they have to a coach.

Anna remains convinced that the close knit team needs little to no coaching.

"We don't really have a coach," she said. "[This team] has played together for so long that we all know each other, and we know what we are going to do."

Regardless, Sarah Roche has experience on the field hockey field, as she played all through her high school career in England. But even if she has not been given the official title of Coach by her team, she is still thrilled simply to be working with her daughters.

"It will be fun to see them," reported Roche. "With Anna, I have been watching her for so many years, and it's funny, but this is her last season."

All four of the Roche and Wahle girls will likely play for the NDA varsity Aces next year, and Anna has recently been elected captain for the 2001 field hockey season. In addition, she was selected for the Futures team, an elite squad playing for the American Field Hockey Association at Wheaton College.

Cara, Courtney, Katie and Anna also play for an indoor league in the Bridgewater Dome year round, so playing this weekend will be nothing new for them.

What will be new, however, is the format, as they will be playing a 6-versus-6 for full hour games. Notre Dame senior Katie D'Amore, who was named a League All-Star team for her efforts with the Aces, will be the team's goalie, with five position players.

"It is a lot different," explained Cara Wahle of the difference from the normal 11v11 they play for their school. "You need to plan out the field more and communicate."

These girls do have some experience with a six player field from summer league field hockey as well as the indoor league, but on those teams, they opted to play without a goalie.

This Saturday, 48 team fields will be split into 12 pools of four teams each. Each squad will play three half-hour games, with a half-hour rest between each one. If a team wins all three, they move into the playoffs, which will be held Sunday, culminating in the championships at one o'clock on Sunday.

Still, this is all for fun, and the girls have kept that in mind.

"It should be fun, because there is no pressure," said Katie Roche. "There are going to be some pretty talented girls out there, and we can just go out there and do our best."

Added Anna Roche: "I think we are going out there more to have fun than anything else."

Southeast Dominates Bay State Lacrosse

The South Shore and its neighbors proved to have no peers in boys' high school lacrosse, dominating the 2001 Bay State Games competition by going unbeaten, topping the West 11-5 in the gold medal game held Sunday at Wentworth Institute in Boston.

In the championship contest, the South was led by three Hingham all-scholastic players – defenseman Greg Sowyrda, and attackmen Conor Fitzgerald and Patrick Lenhart – who stifled the West attack and scored seven of South's 11 goals. Fitzgerald, who'll be a senior in 2002, had five goals and an assists to lead all scorers. He finished the tournament with nine goals and four assists. Teammate Lenhart had two goals and a pair of assists in the medal game, and wound up with five goals and five assists as the team's second-best scorer.

"Our most valuable player was probably Greg Sowyrda," said South head coach Kevin Orcutt, who also led the Cohasset High School squad to a state runner-up finish in this, his first season as a high school varsity coach. "He shut down Peter Streibl."

Streibl, the Deerfield Academy star who was the cornerstone of the West offense, scored just one goal, and that came with Sowyrda was in the penalty box.

"Greg did that for us in every game," continued Orcutt, "taking on the other team's top scorer."

Sowyrda got a lot of help from Milton's Gerard Dhooge, Needham's Scott Farquharson and Weymouth's Ed Melville, who comprised a defense that allowed an average of only six goals per game against some of the most highly-touted offensive stars in the state. Longstick midfielder Nick Spirito, who'll be a junior at Cohasset next year, was superb on faceoffs, supporting midfielders Tony McDonald of Weymouth, Kevin Lynch of Milton, and Ben Fuchs of Duxbury, as South won two out of every three draws. And Needham's Adam Maxwell, injured for the first two games, gave solid support to the other defensemen in the wins over North and the West.

"We thought our strength would be in our midfield depth," said Orcutt, "and that proved to be the case. No one we played could match up with our three midfields. Without a doubt, we had the best two-way players in the tournament in the middle of the field."

Besides Fuchs, McDonald and Lynch, the South could field Russell Chase of Thayer Academy, Mark Rossi of New Bedford High, Steve Williams of Norwell, Steve McDevitt of Scituate, Justin Marks of Salisbury Prep, and Brendan Reardon of Needham. Matt Erisman, a Nantucket High attackman, also saw several shifts on midfield, especially in the gold medal game, when the South was missing both Williams and Marks.

Despite the fact that 10 of the 11 goals scored in the championship game came from the attack (McDevitt was the lone middie to find the back of the net), it was in the midfield the South controlled the pace of the second half.

Tied 3-3 after two periods, the first time the South had found itself in a game without a lead, the champs reeled off four unanswered scores from Fitzgerald and Needham's Brad Luckhardt. Luckhardt, who scored seven goals in the tourney, finished the game with a pair of goals and an assist.

"After that run, we relaxed and played the kind of game we'd shown in the earlier contests," said Orcutt, who was assisted by Cohasset assistant Terry Kahn, Emerson College head coach Stu Curran and Scituate High coach Chris Webber. "In the last period, we really moved the ball well, took the body and dictated the way things would go."

In the final period, Fitzgerald added two more, while McDevitt and Cohasset attackman Curt Kahn added single tallies.

"Our attack really played well," said Orcutt. "Getting the eight players we used at that position – Fitzgerald, Lenhart, Luckhardt, Kahn, Erisman, Cohasset's Paul Previte, Russ Chase, and Ryan Voccola of Philips Exeter – to come together as a unit was probably the most difficult task our coaches had. Obviously, they meshed pretty well."

Another standout position for the South was in the goal. All-Scholastic Kyle Weber, who earned a silver medal in 2000, added a gold to his collection and finished the tournament with an outstanding .710 save percentage. In the championship game, Weber had nine saves and allowed just two goals. His partner in the cage, Duxbury's Pat Kelley, made his first Bay State Games competition a success by posting a solid .684 percentage, and stopping seven shots in the finals while giving up three goals.

"This was a validation that our region plays outstanding lacrosse, and that our boys represent the best in high school lacrosse that Massachusetts has to offer," said Orcutt. "I can't wait for next year."

Cohasset tracksters shine at Bay State's

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Cohasset.

Away from the track and onto the mat, Cohasset High School was originally going to send three very strong competitors in senior **Dan Littauer**, freshman **Jon Littauer**, and sophomore **Phil Strazzula**.

However, neither Jon Littauer nor Strazzula could make the events due to injury and sickness, respectively.

Dan Littauer, arguably the best wrestler Cohasset High sent to the mat this past season, was living proof of how tough the competition was, winning only one match and losing two.

BC High senior athlete from Cohasset **Ben Kinch** also entered, placing eighth in his weight class.

Gizele Richards took fourth in both the Open Women's triple jump competition (9-53-meters) and the long jump (4.10-meters).

All-Stars seek another District 8 crown

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sixth to make the final score 8-4.

The Braintree American game also started out well for the good guys from Cohasset. In the first inning, with two out, Sam DeGiacomo hit a long drive that one hopped the left field fence for a double. He then scored on a solid single by Kyle Pinkus. Cohasset starter Cody Morgan pitched shut out innings in the first and second but the third inning was again Cohasset's downfall when three walks and two errors led to five Braintree runs. When Braintree scored three more in the bottom of the fifth inning, it looked like lights out for Cohasset, but the "never say die" boys in blue wouldn't go down without a fight.

Nine Cohasset batters came to the plate in the final sixth inning and four runs scored before Braintree escaped with an 8-5 win. The last inning comeback included a RBI double by Dave Snowdale and RBI singles by Justin Hollis and Chris Mills.

"After that last inning rally in Braintree the boys never looked back" said Coach Morgan.

Pity poor Braintree National who found themselves next on Cohasset's schedule. After two hours of baseball at Barnes Field, they limped home after receiving a 14-2 thumping. Dave Snowdale, Kenny Muir and Chris Mills' combined pitching effort allowed Braintree only four hits. Meanwhile, Muir and Morgan led the Cohasset attack with three hits each while DeGiacomo, Snowdale and Cunningham each chipped in with two hits. Defense also played an important role in this lopsided victory, as five Braintree runners were cut down on the base paths.

Next up was a tough Stoughton club. Their coach made no bones about it: he told his boys this was their biggest regular season game because they were coming up against the champions. When Stoughton scored two in the bottom of the first inning, all looked bright for the Stoughton faithful. Unfortunately for them, those two runs would be the last they would score during this extra inning contest. A third inning walk to Justin Hollis followed by back to back singles by Kenny Muir and Cameron Cunningham led to Cohasset's first run. Then back-to-back doubles by Kyle Pinkus and Brian Hill in the fifth tied the score at two.

Strong pitching by Brian Hill and Tommy Chase, as well as a stellar defense led by centerfielder Dave Snowdale who threw out three runners at second and one at home, forced the game into extra frames.

Cohasset struck early in the seventh. Lead off batter Chris Rose singled to right field and the next batter, Sam DeGiacomo, singled to left. After both boys stole a base, Brian Hill brought them home with a single of his own. Dave Snowdale pitched a scoreless seventh inning to gain the hard fought win by final score of 4-2.

Next up was Weymouth. Cohasset struck early scoring four runs in the first inning on five hits including a double by Brian Hill. Cohasset had five different pitchers hold Weymouth to just three runs in a 9-3 victory that featured three hits by Tommy Chase.

It looks like our champions have hit their stride just in time for the playoffs and two tough tournaments where they will play teams from Raynham, Brockton and other large cities and towns. Don't bet against them!



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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset honor roll

Both the Cohasset High School and Middle School have released the names of the students who have made the honor roll for the third quarter. Each student is congratulated and wished continued success.

COHASSET MIDDLE SCHOOL
HIGH HONORS

Grade 7: Brooke Allen, Kelsey Bell, Kathryn Evens, Amanda Faulkner, Victoria Gavaza, Kate McBride, Carolyn Muir, Lisa Musto, Emily Nash, Caitlin O'Connell, Christopher Ofsthun, Christopher Reynolds, Emily Savage, Nils Sceery, Emilie Shea, Lisa Spirito, Molly Trisler, Jessica Wheelwright, Katherine Whoriskey.

Grade 8: Chris Barber, Jacqueline Blake, Peter Bunstein, Jack Carroll, Elizabeth Condos, Jeannette Daley, Kate Englander, Andrew Flynn, Rachel Garber, Jonathan Grimm, Lindsey Kennedy, Toby Norman, Thomas Ross, Elizabeth Stone.

HONORS

Grade 7: Isabelle Bertolami, Katherine Bolger, Mark Bouchard, Prescott Busk, Rita Carpenter, Melissa Crawford, Susan Curry, Amanda Daley, Kathleen DeWaal, Zachery Etkind, Marissa Evans, Matthew Fithian, Jacqueline Flint, Aileen Fortunato, Chelsea Grossman.

Kaitlin James, Remy Lee, Ben Libby, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Michael Martone, Daniel Mercurio, Christiane Muir, Stefan Parnel, Vanessa Plante, Jennifer Roche, Cassie Rosano, Charlotte Sida, Stephen Simmons, Devin Smith, Molly Trahon, Emma Weston.

Grade 8: Dan Allen, Casey Anderson, Dominique Asnault, Matt Casey, Cecelia Chapman, Allison Dean, John DeWaal, Kevin Dinsmore, Colby Durant, Mary Fegreus, Allison Fludder, Lucy Gardner, Emma Grinnell, Danielle Hajjar, Courtney Hurley, Andrew Jerz, Molly Kirk, Rebecca Lehr, Jonathan Littauer, Colin Magruder, Jennifer Murray, Molly Ogrodnik, Chelsea Richardson, Lauren Rizzotti, Christina St. Pierre, Chris Simms, Domenic Strazzulla.

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL
HIGH HONORS

Grade 9: Erik Belz, Christopher Bilodeau, Jennifer Buckley, Andrew Busk, Shelley Carter, Michael Devine, Jonathan Downing, Rachel Doyle, Nicole Durant, Allison Earon, Corey Evens, Ashley Faber, Tess Foley, Caitlin Gontarz, Jesse Guild, Kathleen Hurley, Elizabeth Meikleham, Andrew Musto, Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Sarah Noble, Brittany Novak, Ryan Ofsthun, Emily Simmons, Phillip Strazzulla, Carling Sturino, Emilie Sullen, Daniel Tarpey, Nicole Turgiss.

Grade 10: Sarah Brady, Katherine Coyne, David Curry, Emily Dean, Mary Devaney, Scott Faber, Laura Genello, Lindsay Grossman, Sarah Hassan, Kelly Holway, David Ingber, Curtis Kahn, Ian Kidder, Ross Lieb-Lappen, Allison Moje, Nicole Needle, Shan Shan Nie, Gregory O'Connell, Elizabeth Reynolds, Kaitlin Rohrer, Julie Shea, Rachel Smith, Kimberly Ulmer.

Grade 11: Charles Anderson, Connor Avery, timothy Baird, Matthew Bilodeau, Nick Bolster, Caroline Carter, Kevin Chang, Cara Foley, Jeffrey Garber, Katherine Grimm, John Hussey, Daniel Littauer, Suzanne Lynner, Peter Maitland, Liam Martin, Megan McCain, Samantha Mortland, Robinson Murphy, Stephen Murray, Matthew Ogrodnik, Mary Parker, Paul Previte, Kelly Stone, Timothy Straughn, Corey Sullivan, Kyle Weber.

Grade 12: Timothy Bilodeau, Benjamin Bixby, Robin Cunningham, Susan Dane, Kelly Devine, Daniel Duffy, Christopher Golden, Timothy Grassey, Lydia Guild, John Hertig, Victoria Hurley, Elizabeth Ingber, Sarah Kidder, Brian Krupczak, Alicia Lewniewsky-Laas, Kelly Lordan, Kathleen McCarthy, Karen McMorris, Douglas O'Brien, Erik Shea, Catherine Wenmark, Ashley Ulmer.

HONORS

Grade 9: John Andrade, Jefferson Barrett, Jake Berger, Sean Connolly, Paul Cotter, Kara Flint, Justin Gerard, Andrew Hertig, Danielle Johnson, Mariel Koed, Craig Laugelle, Meghan Marr, Leah McMorris, Sarah McMorris, DeWayne Morris, Brenna O'Donnell, John Oronte, Danielle Pinkus, Delia Regan, Anthony Truglia, Gillian Weber.

Grade 10: Yasmine Afshar, Thomas Anderson, Deidre Bigley, Bryan Bilton, Meredith Bixby, Nell Brewer, Cosimo Cambi, Mark Chapman, Megan Chastain, Matt Davis, Sera Genovese, Terence Hurley, Kelly Holway, David Kupsc, Amanda Maynard, Benjamin Nash, Maura O'Brien, Matthew O'Brien, Noah Pescatore, Gia Petrakis, Christina Sadler, Kira Stairs, Shawna Sullivan.

Grade 11: Courtney Anton, Jason Brown, Abigail Coakley, David DeVito, Emma Gardner, Vincent Gratta, Stephen Laney, Mark Lehmann, Eric Libby, Jari Martin, William Moody, Maggie O'Neil, Robert Protulis, Alexander Schmidt, Katherine Silvia, Jessica Stevermer, Amanda Watts, Peter Whoriskey.

Grade 12: Aryanna Afshar, Casey Brewer, Ronan Buick, Amanda Cowing, Alexander Dedes, Amy Devlin, Lane Forrer, Edward Gledhill, Heath Heinz, Maja Hellden, Kerry-Ann McCarthy, Geoffrey McWilliams, Andi Shaughnessy, James Trahon, Dan Williams.



POLICE DAY

Dan Piepenbrink, Colin Dignam, Jake Johnson, Natalie Dignam and Callie Piepenbrink visit with Officer Melvin, who shows off a special police car from the Norwell during Cohasset Recreation Department Police Safety Day.

OBITUARIES

Richard F. Howe

Richard F. "Dick" Howe, 87, of Arundel, Maine, formally of Cohasset, died June 13, 2001, at home after a long illness. He was born in Springfield, a son of the late Arthur B. and Mary J. Mulcahy Howe and attended Cohasset schools.

Mr. Howe worked at Avco in all aspects of the research, design, development, testing, manufacturing and deployment of components for intercontinental ballistic missile manufacture and deployment as vice president and general manager for missile programs. He retired in 1971.

The mother of his three children, Edythe (Wilcox) died in 1988. His daughter, Linda Grey, died in 1999. His brother, Arthur B. Howe, his sisters, Louise Ryder and Marion Jeannette Raschi also preceded him in death. All three were formally of Cohasset.

Mr. Howe leaves his wife, Elenore, of Arundel, Maine; a daughter, Sheila Borgsteede of Florida; a son, Richard Jr. of Florida; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a sister, Katheryn Shea of Wyoming and New Hampshire; a brother, Robert Howe of Danvers and a brother Paul Howe of West Springfield; and several nieces and nephews. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Dana Salvador

Dana Salvador, 44, of Cohasset, a lobsterman for 30 years died July 14, 2001, at home.

His fishing vessel was named Bessie S. after his grandmother.

Born in Brockton, he was a lifelong resident of Cohasset.

He graduated from Cohasset High School in 1967 and later from a trade school.

He leaves his parents, Manuel E. and Jean M. (Barrow) Salvador.

A memorial service was held in St. Anthony's Church. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell funeral Home.

Donations may be made to the Kidney Research Foundation, Massachusetts General Hospital, c/o 44 Binney St., Boston.

Russell Henry Yeager

Russell Henry Yeager, 69, of Cohasset died at home on July 7, 2001 after an eight-month battle with cancer.

Mr. Yeager was owner of a food brokerage company for 16 years and retired in 1997.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and Purple Heart recipient.

He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the Masons.

He enjoyed traveling with his family to Maine and Florida, golfing and deep-sea fishing.

Born and raised in Williamstown, Pa., he graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in business. He lived in Delray Beach, Fla., before moving to Cohasset seven years ago.

Mr. Yeager leaves his wife, Vicki (Thomas) Yeager; a son, Russell H. Yeager, Jr. of Watertown; and a daughter, Margaux Yeager of Cohasset.

A funeral service was held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Interment will be private, at a later date in Cohasset Central Cemetery. Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Dr., Braintree 02184; or to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset 02025.

Arthur E. Sands

Arthur E., Sands, 88, a 20-year resident of Marshfield, formerly from Cohasset and Hingham for 40 years, died July 11, 2001, in his home, following a brief illness.

He was born in Medford and graduated from Quincy High School. During World War II Arthur was a Civil Air Patrol Technician. He was a member of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and enjoyed watching birds.

He leaves two daughters, Priscilla Beck of Pembroke and Janet Samson of Santa Cruz, Calif.; a son, John Sands of Marshfield, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a nephew, Stephen Sands of London, England.

He was husband of the late F. Louise Alden Sands.

Services were private. Memorials may be directed to the South Shore Wildlife Sanctuaries, Mass. Audubon Society, 2000 Main St., Marshfield, MA 02050. Arrangements were handled by the Cremation Society of Massachusetts, Quincy (www.csofma.com).

WORSHIP NEWS

Fr. Mulvehill re-appointed

The Rev. John R. Mulvehill has been re-appointed as pastor of St. Anthony Parish for a second six-year term. Father Mulvehill said that his appointment was made recently by Boston Archbishop, Bernard Cardinal Law. He thanked all those who have made his past six years in Cohasset "a time of great joy and spiritual growth." Before coming to Cohasset, Fr. Mulvehill was pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in South Weymouth and previously served at St. Theresa Parish in West Roxbury.

In other news, altar servers from St. Anthony's will be treated to a free outing to Six Flags on July 28. Invitations will be sent out this week to those who volunteer for this ministry. Parents are welcome to attend as chaperones. The only expense for participants will be for refreshments. The parish will pay for the bus and tickets as a way of thanking young volunteers.

Annual outdoor sunset Mass

The Annual Outdoor Sunset Mass al the Portiuncula Chapel, located on the campus of Cardinal Cushing Centers at Hanover (405 Washington St. Route 53 in Hanover), will be held on Thursday, Aug. 2, at 6:30 p.m. Most Reverend Bishop Richard J. Malone will be the Principle Celebrant, with signing for the hearing impaired provided by Concelebrant Reverend Charles Murphy. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be observed inside the Chapel and the rosary will be recited every half-hour from noon to 5:30 p.m.

The chapel overlooks Cardinal Cushing Centers at Hanover, the special needs school which the late Richard Cardinal Cushing together with the Sisters of Saint Francis of Assisi co-founded in 1947. The late Archbishop of Boston had the chapel built in 1953 with pink stones quarried in Carara, Italy. It is an exact replica of the Portiuncula, meaning "little portion" in Italian, that Saint Francis built in Assisi over 700 years ago. Cardinal Cushing is entombed within the Portiuncula's altar.

In case of rain, the Mass will be held in the school auditorium.

Rides offered to worship services

Transportation for the elderly and disabled to and from worship services can be scheduled by calling 383-9215 by noontime the preceding Friday. This service is provided to Cohasset residents by the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs.

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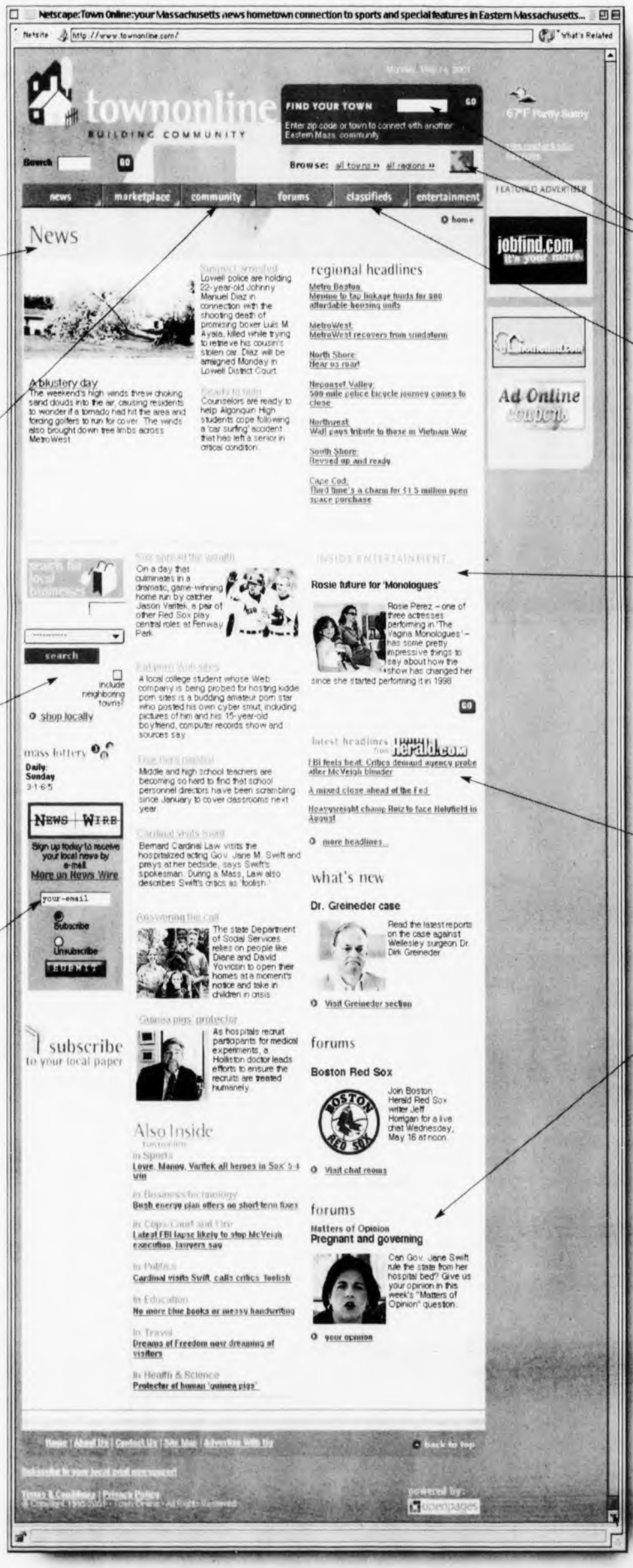
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JULY 2

9:02 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.

9:47 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:18 p.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:36 p.m. Hull St., disturbance. Arrest of Richard W. Stilphen, Jr. 37, of 233 Hull St. Charges: Assault and battery.

Arrest of Sharon A. Clark, 23, of 190 Wildwood Ave., Braintree. Charges: Warrant and possession of a hypodermic.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

12:12 a.m. North Main St., suspicious auto, search negative.

7:07 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.

8:05 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

9:15 a.m. C.J. Cushing Hwy. and Lower King St., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.

11:49 a.m. Beechwood St. and C.J. Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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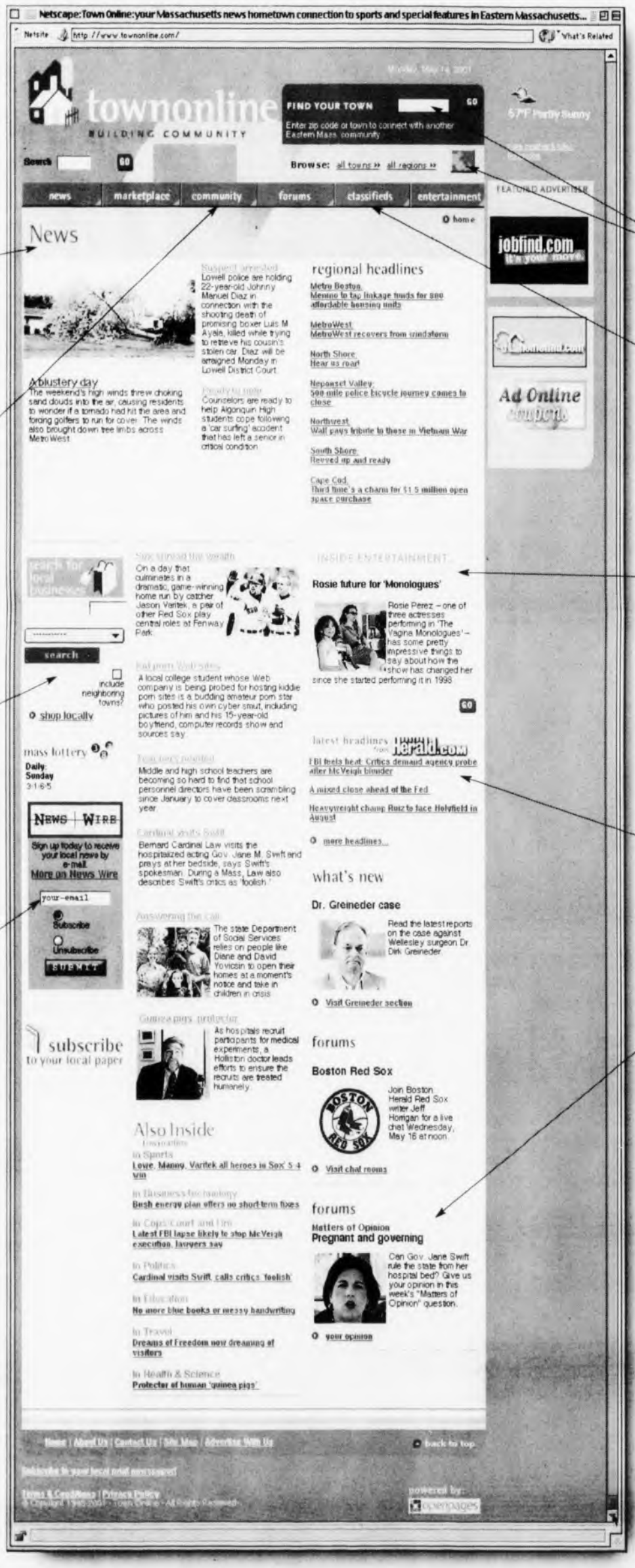
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By Seth Jacobson
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-Novelist Joe Hutchison

Hutchison said "Paradox" has a plot that will keep readers hooked until the end. The story begins with a man named Chuck who loses his home and his construction business and survives the loss by stealing from supermarkets, fishing, and writing for various magazines.

When he meets a new friend named Patty, he is inspired to write a novel, but more loss is in store for the protagonist. On the day his first novel is accepted by a publisher, Patty is killed.

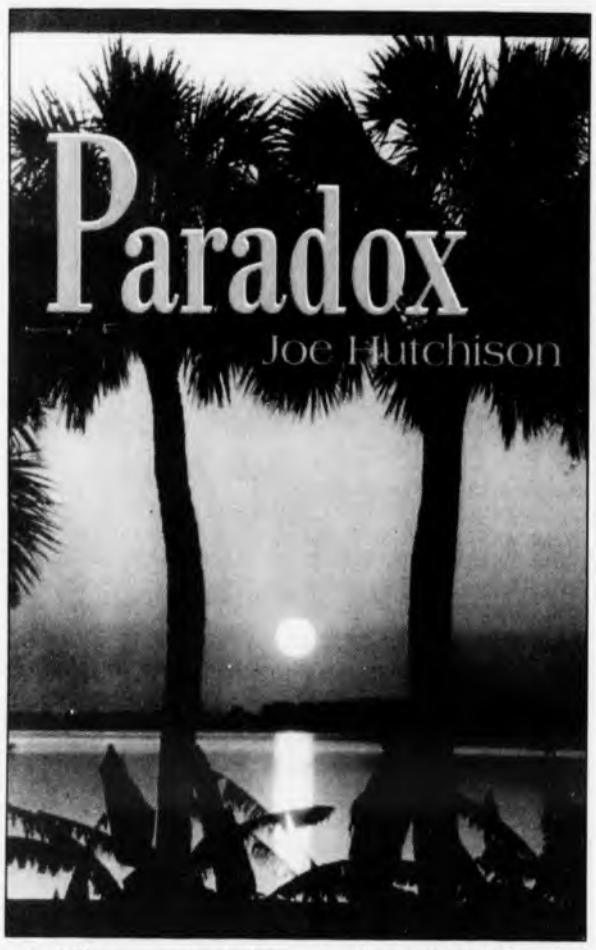
Later in the story, Chuck wins $33 million in the state lottery, spends a fortune on promoting his book, and it becomes a best-seller.

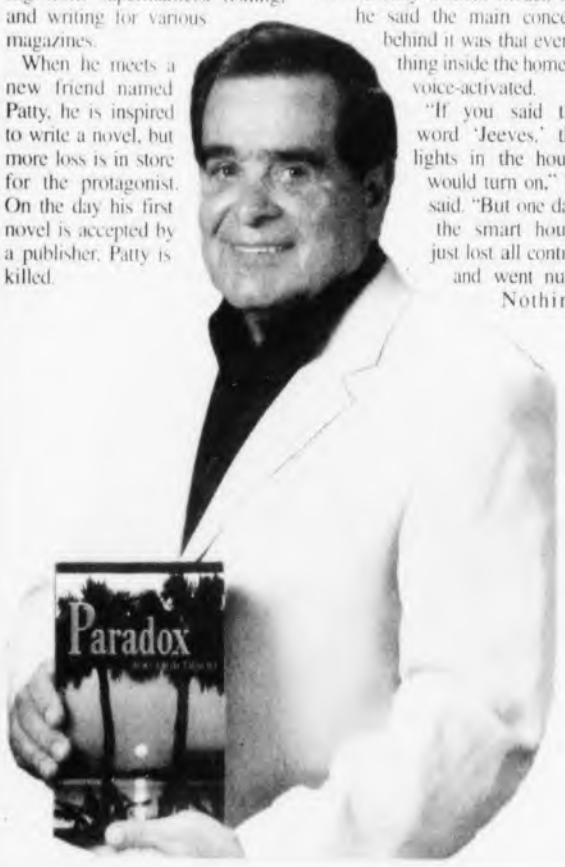
He then decides to use his fortune to build a fortress-like home on a river. He eventually recruits the help of a NASA engineer, who talks him into building a sophisticated voice-activated security system in his home, which soon turns against him.

"The book was actually inspired by a true story," Hutchison said. "I was in the building business for 42 years, and I had a sub-contractor down here (Florida) who wanted to give me a demonstration of something called a 'smart house.'"

Hutchison said the smart house was basically a small model, but he said the main concept behind it was that everything inside the home is voice-activated.

"If you said the word 'Jeeves,' the lights in the house would turn on," he said. "But one day, the smart house just lost all control and went nuts. Nothing worked. That was my inspiration for the story."





"Paradox" was published in May and Hutchison has been getting some good responses and feedback on the book. He said in his current home-state of Florida, he has several book-signings scheduled. Paradox has been doing well in local bookstores and in the bustling online book market as well.

"There's no great message contained in the story or underlying theme I'm trying to get across," Hutchison said. "It's just an easy-reading story that is very satisfying and has a good twist at the end."

Hutchison said he hopes all of his old friends on the South Shore will pick up the book and read it, because he feels he spent some of the best years of his life in this area. Before he moved to Florida in 1979, he owned two homes in Marshfield, and he also owned a restaurant in the town called The Hutch as well as a real estate office in Hanover.

"I go back to Marshfield to visit every year," he said.

But now that he just recently retired, most of Hutchison's time is spent writing in Florida. In fact, he has three more books coming out within the next two years—"The Other Side of Sunrise," due out in December, "Dream Stealers," which is coming out in April, and "From the Edge of Styx," which is not going to be on the shelves until 2002.

Hutchison said all three new books to be released were written in the past, but he said he will continue coming up with new ideas. He said he's got about 20 years of writing experience under his belt, as he's published short stories, articles in fishing magazines, and he has also dabbled in poetry.

Now, Hutchison is enjoying the good life, calling himself a "full-time writer and fisherman."

To buy a copy of Hutchison's book, call your local bookstore, or log onto Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com.

A trance encounter



The Power of Suggestion includes Delores Paradise (vocals, keyboard and percussion), Judy O'Mara, (bass, drum programmer) and Jack Rootoo (guitar). The Brockton-based trio just released an independent CD titled Unalone.

Brockton band depending on word of Web to promote new CD

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

So much music available in so many styles from so many players in so many ways.

That's how the writers of VH1's "Behind the Music" put it in their recent episode summing up the year 2000 and the state of the music business, which brought the high-water mark of Napster along with numerous other less publicized, MP3-driven online outlets competing with the old-fashioned methods of buying discs and tapes at regular retail shop venues.

While all this has had rattling effect on those concerned about the risks to music-biz profits, many fans and musicians have welcomed the opening of new areas of music distribution, particularly those with leanings toward the offbeat and experimental. Still, left-field music might call for left-field measures in getting distributed and heard, which is why one Brockton-based studio project has sought yet another route.

The Power of Suggestion is a trio recording venture consisting of vocalist/keyboardist/percussionist Delores Paradise and bassist/drum programmer Judy O'Mara, who share a house equipped with a digital home studio in Brockton, plus guitarist Jack Rootoo, of Abington. The group has recently released an independent CD, titled Unalone, on its own Shoe City Sound label and chosen to distribute it for retail exclusively through two online outlets, Amazon.com and DotClick.com. The two Brockton housemates, both veterans of the Boston music scene going back to the New Wave late 1970s, find this to be the most pleasing means of delivering their music to a potential audience at this point in their off-and-on musical careers.

"Both Judy (O'Mara) and I have been in numerous bands in the past," said Paradise, "and we've worked together on different recording projects. And we've decided not to go through the conventional channels of promotion and distribution with this project. In the past we've been so frantic about promotion, sending demos to record labels and using any visual or merchandising means imaginable to get the music out there and potential word-of-mouth going. Now, with this deal we have with the internet companies, everything about the promotion and marketing is so relaxed. It's like the music is just being given a chance to breathe before we have to worry about where it's going or how fast it's getting around."

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Paradise is happy to impart that the Internet distribution of her group's disc is proving effective.

"We got a call a few weeks ago that a well-known New York City club DJ has picked up on a copy of the CD and begun spinning at different clubs in the scene where he works. He's said that audiences have given it a very positive response, along with most of what else is hot in the city's dance club scene now, which is great news to us," Paradise said.

Both Paradise and O'Mara, who performs under the pseudonym DJ Julio on the disc, have a history in the Boston music scene rooted in the New Wave era. The two women spent much of the late 70s and early 80s playing in numerous Boston club bands, most notably a sassy female act called White Women.

Paradise's local music history is personal as well as professional. Her ex-husband is the late Tim Doherty, better known to Boston music fans as local New Wave-era legend Lou Miami, an outlandish, theatrical front man of the "glam-punk" band the Kozmetikz — known to area fans as almost the punk-rock equivalent of a John Waters film. Doherty/Miami was found dead of undetermined causes in his Los Angeles apartment in 1995.

Later that same year, Paradise and O'Mara hooked up independently for the first time in a studio project called the Trance, an aptly named group which produced one CD of hypnotic, organically mystical vocal/keyboard music with funky, dance-floor beats. With The Power of Suggestion, the two musicians follow a similar atmospheric, trance-like muse, but leaning toward the "techno" and "electronica" grooves that dominate edgier, more experimental current dance halls.

Most of the Unalone disc's twelve tracks convey what Paradise describes as a sort of visceral sense of being. The overall mood is perhaps typified by the mid-tempo mesmerizer "RE: LAX," on which the singer/keyboardist intones almost mantra-like chants of "Relax/Don't be nervous/Don't buy anything today." Other tracks offer titles as cryptic and spiritually-minded as their lyrics, from "High" and "Air Kiss" to "Burning" and "Imagination." There's even a dusted-off update of the 80s dance-club hit "The Politics of Dancing" to throw listeners a curve.

"We actually took the CD's title from the line of one song that we left off the disc, which is 'By myself, I'm unalone, and I have all that I need,' Paradise said. "We sort of hope that listeners interpret the disc that way. We'd like it to be a sort of soundtrack to people's lives."

Benefit bash is answer for Y

Mt. Blue hosts fundraiser for new teen center

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When the South Shore YMCA turned to Mt. Blue for some financial help, the owners of the popular Norwell restaurant said "Y-Knot?"

This year's annual Mt. Blue summer benefit party planned for July 30 will support the local Y's teen center and renovation project — an $8 million job overall. The fundraising event will take place on the grounds of the Norwell Center restaurant from 6-9 p.m. When the project is complete, the new YMCA teen center will be called the "Y-Knot Club."

"It's a big social event in and out," Mt. Blue co-owner Patrick Bowe said of the annual benefit party. "It has sold out every year." He added the restaurant has been hosting the party for the past five years, helping area organizations like the North and South Rivers Watershed Association and the South Shore Natural Science Center.

Party-goers can expect the usual tasty fare at the Mt. Blue bash. Hor d'ouevres, drinks and live music are all on the menu. Local musicians Chrissi Poland, Virgil Kane and the Chris Fitz Band will all perform during the fundraiser.

It's a cause Mt. Blue owners were pleased to support.

"This year, the Hanover Y seemed to be a good idea because they are in a rush to raise money," said Bowe.

June Blair, vice-president of financial development at the Hanover Y, explained that the Y needs to raise $6 million by December in order to get a matching $650,000 through a "challenge grant." She added the whole renovation project will cost $8 million, a large amount of those funds being used to construct the teen center. She said the Y already has about $5.4 million in its coffers thanks to generous donations from the public during the past couple of years.

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"There's no question we'll raise the money that we need to," Blair said. She believes the Mt. Blue benefit party will get the Y there more quickly.

"We were really hoping the people at Mt. Blue would choose us," she said. "It's great timing for us, and I think it's a good match. We're thrilled." Blair said the teen center will be a safe place for teens to spend time, and one night a week, the center will be transformed into a coffeehouse called the "Y-Knot Café" where teens will be invited to play guitar, sing, and relax.

"These days, there's not many places for teens to do that," Blair said.

Bowe said before they picked the Y as the benefit organization, they were looking at other possible organizations to sponsor. But when Bowe and his wife Jayne took a tour of the Hanover facility and were told about the possibilities of the teen center, they made up their minds very quickly. Patrick said he also was influenced by the fact that he once saw a coffeehouse being held at a business near his called Mug Shots.

"I just remember how much the kids dug that kind of thing," he said.

In addition to the Mt. Blue Party, Blair said there will be a huge event held at the Hanover Y on July 28 which is being labeled the "YMCA Outdoor Music Fest." Nine or 10 bands will be playing from 12-6 p.m. that day, all proceeds from the event's $10 cover charge going to benefit the teen center.

"These kids just need a place that they can call their own," Blair said. But she added that the renovation project will not only cover the teen center. The staff at the facility are also aiming to add two new indoor swimming pools, more locker rooms, a computer room, and even a new septic system.

"Our aim is to raise as much as possible through the party," Bowe said. "We don't have any particular dollar figure in mind."

In addition to helping local groups and organizations, Bowe points out the annual fundraisers are great parties.

"People call us all year and ask us about the annual party," Bowe said. "It's such a well-known event and I'm glad it's viewed as very enjoyable time. It's big, it's bustling, *and* it's all for a good cause."

For more information or to make reservations for the party, call Mt. Blue at (781) 659-0050. The cost is $50 per person, and spaces typically fill up very quickly. For more information on the YMCA Outdoor Music Fest, log onto www.ssymca.org or call (781) 829-8585.

Barbecue ribs at home



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

The problem with homemade barbecue ribs is that they are usually tough and dried out, nothing like the moist, fall-off-the-bone ribs one gets in an authentic barbecue joint. I wanted to create a recipe for ribs that can be done easily at home, had great flavor, and produced meat that was soft and luscious.

I started out restricting my testing to pork ribs, both spareribs and baby backs. Spareribs are the larger cut and come from the belly of the pig; baby back ribs (this is strictly a marketing term invented by a foreign supplier) are taken from the back as the name indicates. I found, after cooking both types, that spareribs are meatier and have more flavor. They also serve two to three people whereas baby backs serve one hungry diner only. So, spareribs was the cut of choice.

I knew from prior experience that both a low oven and a grill were going to be necessary to produce great ribs at home. The oven allows one to cook the ribs over very low heat — the best environment for producing tender, juicy meat— and the grill adds crust and flavor. I also knew that covering the ribs with aluminum foil during their oven stay was a good trick — this, in effect, steams the meat, producing very tender ribs. For my first test, I started the ribs on the grill over low heat and then finished them in the oven wrapped in foil. Next, I started the ribs in the oven (a method preferred by the authors of "Thrill of The Grill") and then finished them over the grill. I preferred the latter approach since it was difficult to maintain an even, low temperature on a grill for three hours.

Now I had excellent ribs but I thought that I could do better. In an effort to produce really soft, tender meat, I placed the ribs on the top half of a broiler pan, poured a half-inch of water in the bottom, and then covered the whole thing in foil. This steamed the meat during the oven stay, producing incredible ribs. To finish, I started a charcoal fire — I found a medium-low fire to be best to avoid drying out the ribs— and then cooked the ribs about 5 minutes per side. You can slather the ribs with a wet barbecue sauce at this point and cook them another 2 minutes per side.

The only thing missing at this point was a dry rub for flavor. My goal was to flavor the ribs with a rub that was balanced, interesting, not overpowering, and not too spicy as to prevent this dish from being family fare. In my opinion, most cookbook authors go overboard with rubs, often using a dozen or more ingredients including three kinds of pepper and two types of sugar. My final rub included salt, cumin, black pepper, chili powder, paprika, sugar, and cayenne. Simplicity is often best.

Finally, I had achieved a crispy, flavorful outside crust and tender, moist meat inside with a minimum amount of effort. The final touch was a wet sauce on the side (or to finish the ribs on the grill). There are many commercial sauces which are excellent (Gates makes a great sauce) but if you want to make your own, I have included a recipe for homemade below.

FALL-OFF-THE-BONE BARBECUE RIBS

Two racks of ribs may not fit in one pan. You can use two pans or bake one rack at a time. They may be baked up to two days ahead and wrapped well in aluminum foil and refrigerated until they are ready to go on the grill. The term "3 down" refers to racks which are 3 pounds or less. It is important to be sure that your oven is well-calibrated for this recipe since you do not want to cook the ribs at a temperature below 200 degrees.

2 racks pork spareribs, 3 down, trimmed if they appear to have an extreme
amount of fat
1 recipe rib rub (recipe to follow)

For the rub:
2 tablespoons kosher salt
2 tablespoons ground cumin
2 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons chili powder
3 tablespoons sweet paprika
4 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon cayenne, or to taste

1. Heat oven to 200 degrees and adjust a rack to the center position. (If using two pans adjust the racks to the upper and lower third positions.) Combine all rub ingredients in a small bowl and mix well.

2. Apply a liberal amount of rub to all surfaces of the ribs and place on broiler rack or roasting rack. If baking the ribs sequentially you may coat the second rack just before it goes into the oven. Fill the bottom of a broiler or roasting pan with about 1/2-inch of water. Position a rack on the pan and cover tightly with aluminum foil without pressing on top of the ribs. Place in the oven and cook for two and a half to three hours or until the meat is tender when poked with a fork. The ribs may be finished immediately or refrigerated for up to two days at this point.

3. Ignite grill. When the fire is medium-low (you can hold your hand 5 inches above the flame for about 7 seconds) place the ribs on the grill grates. Cook for about 5 minutes or until they have browned well and formed a crust. Flip the racks and grill for an additional 5 minutes on second side or until well browned, crusted and heated through. For wetter ribs you may brush each side with barbecue sauce and grill for another 2 minutes per side. Serve immediately with barbecue sauce (recipe below) passed separately.

Serves 6

HOMEMADE BARBECUE SAUCE

This sauce can be brushed on the ribs for the final minutes of grilling or it can be served on the side.

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 onion cut into 1/2-inch dice
3 medium or 2 large cloves garlic, finely chopped or pressed
1 28 ounce can diced or ground tomatoes and their liquid (not packed in puree)
1/4 cup white vinegar
1 tablespoon brown sugar, light or dark
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder
1 tablespoon molasses
1/4 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

In a medium saucepan, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until softened but not colored, about 7 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for an additional 2 minutes. Add all other ingredients and bring to a simmer. Lower heat and maintain a slow simmer for 45 minutes. Purée in batches if necessary.

Daylily Delights

Green thumbs up

By: Suzanne Mahler
CORESPONDENT

Butterflies float from flower to flower, hummingbirds dart about the borders, hovering for a few moments here and there to sip nectar from fiery red blooms of bee balm and cardinal flowers, and frogs bask in the afternoon sunshine alongside my tranquil water garden. Mid-July in the perennial garden is one of the loveliest times during the growing season as a new wave of glorious color ignites the borders with rainbow radiance. Golden coreopsis, purple and white cone flowers, the blue spires of veronica, puffy purple and white balloon flowers (Platycodon), brilliant white shasta daisies, and the airy, lavender spikes of Russian sage are just a few of the star performers in the July sunny garden. Mother Nature has supplied just the perfect blend of warmth and moisture over these past few weeks to create a spectacular floral display complemented by lush green lawns.

Adding to the splendid display are the bountiful blooms of annuals which become well-established by the latter half of July. In our gardens and on our town traffic islands, colorful collections of kaleidoscopic brilliance offer a long season of continuous flowers. The hard work that clubs, businesses and private individuals expend to beautify our communities is truly commendable. It is such a disappointment to witness the devastation caused by careless motorists who run over these attractive plantings which are the culmination of weeks of watering, weeding and nurturing and even more unthinkable that some thoughtless scoundrels would have the audacity to dig up and confiscate some of these plants for their own pleasure, but this seems to be a fairly common occurrence each season.

Few perennials rival the daylilies for their ease of culture and their diversity of bloom size, color and form. Nearly all colors are represented in the modern daylily with the exception of true blue and pure white. Sunny yellows, luscious peaches and melons, fiery oranges and reds, pretty pinks and pastels and deep velvety purples are just some of the colors currently available. Unusual patterns and blotches in contrasting colors have also been developed resulting in a fascinating assortment and range of possibilities among the thousands of colorful cultivars on the market which offer blossoms from June to frost if re-bloomers like 'Stella de Oro' and 'Happy Returns', are interspersed with early, midseason and late-blooming varieties.

Daylilies originated in China where they were grown in doorside gardens as a source of food, medicine and for an uplifting of the spirits. Their botanical name, Hemerocallis, means beauty for a day, and in fact, each individual blossom lasts for only one day but given multiple stems, known as scapes, and dozens of flowers on each scape, their bloom period usually lasts for many weeks. Sometimes known as the poor man's orchid, these fibrous-rooted perennials are members of the lily family but should not be confused with the "true" lilies which grow from scaly bulbs.

Flower sizes in daylilies range from the tiny flowers of two inch miniatures to the massive blooms of large-flowered cultivars up to eight or nine inches across. Foliage and scape height is equally variable with dwarf varieties only 10 to 12 inches tall, suitable for the rock garden or front of the border, to statuesque plants 3 three to four feet high, ideal for the back of the perennial beds.

Meadows and roadsides ablaze with 'Tiger Lily', as the species Hemerocallis fulva or the tawny daylily is often nicknamed, are a cheerful sight during the early weeks of July, but beware, as tiger lily spreads rapidly on long, stoloniferous roots and consequently, it may not be the ideal selection for a mixed perennials border as its vigorous nature often crowds out other valued plants. If grown among newer daylily cultivars, which tend to have a considerably more restrained growth habit, it may invade and overtake its cousins. It should be noted that daylilies cannot change color, but vigorous, chance seedlings or the infiltration of tiger lily may give the appearance that your prize pink daylily has taken on a new tint. Slight variations in color may result due to temperature and moisture extremes, but their ultimate color is constant. Tiger Lily may be best left to flourish on its own in naturalistic settings, at some distance away from other daylilies and perennial borders.

Although daylilies are drought tolerant and will bloom with as little as four to six hours of filtered sunlight, they thrive when provided with copious quantities of moisture and full sun. Moisture-retentive, well-drained soils, which are rich in compost or manure, are ideal. The application of a summer mulch is beneficial. Daylilies can be planted anytime the ground can be worked and can even be transplanted in full bloom although May and early September are perhaps the best time to divide and transplant these versatile perennials. Feed yearly with a granular fertilizer with a formulation of 5-10-5 or 8-8-8.

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TRAVEL TO TANGLEWOOD WITH SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY with Seiji Ozawa conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra with Yefim Bronfman on piano on July 29 when the South Shore Conservatory sponsors its annual Tanglewood trip. The concert features Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5. The cost for the day, including concert tickets, transportation, lunch and refreshments on the return trip, is $115 per person. Call Laura Carleton at 781-934-2731 ext. 14 to reserve your place. Seats are limited so call today.

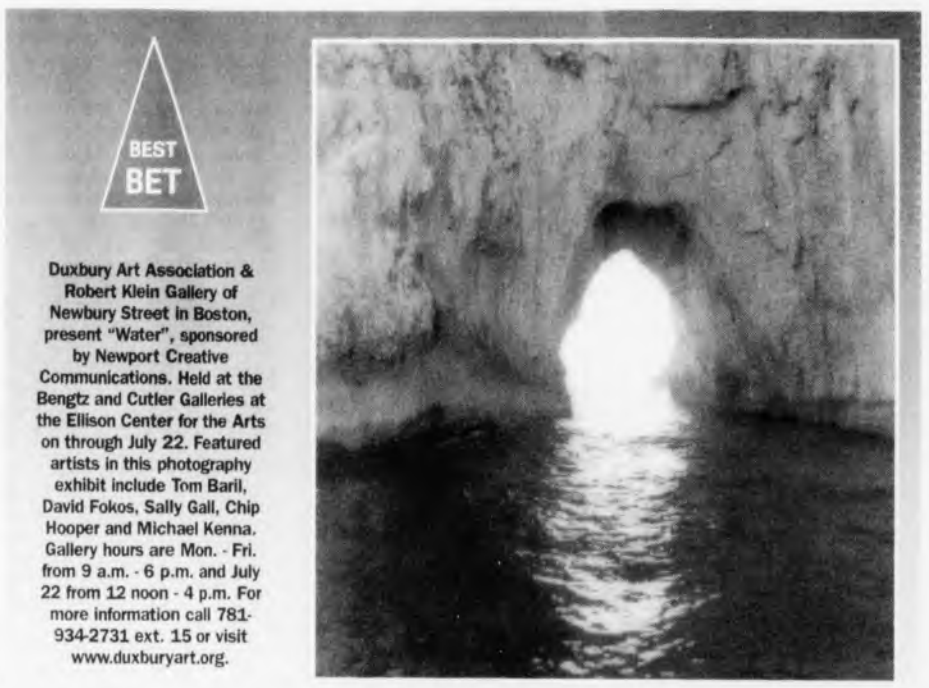
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'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28, Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

DOUBLE COMEDY DOUBLE HEADER: JOHN PINETTE AND JAY MOHR at the Melody Tent and the Music Circus. The Melody Tent date is July 28 at 8 p.m. and the Music Circus Date is July 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this show are $29.50 and are available through ticketing center or Ticketmaster. Cape Cod Melody Tent phone number is 508-775-9100 and South Shore Music Circus is 781-383-1400. The Cape Cod Melody Tent is located at 11 W. Main Street in Hyannis and the South Shore Music Circus is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset. For more information visit www.music-circus.com or www.melodytent.com.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more



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The South Shore Art Center is offering a series of master classes where twelve master teachers will be offering workshops in a variety of media during the months of July and August. For more information call 781-383-2787.

"Train to End Stroke" with the American Stroke Association by walking or running a marathon. Participants choose to run or walk in Negril, Jamaica on Dec. 8, 2001 or Walt Disney World marathon in Orlando, Florida on Jan. 6, 2002. Information is posted on the web at www.strokeassociation.org. The information sessions held near you are on July 19 at Healthtrax at the Southcoast Wellness Center, 250 Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth at 6:30 p.m. and on July 21 at Jordan Fitness, 430 Plymouth Street in Halifax at 10 a.m. Training will begin the weekend of August 11.

The Kendall Whaling Museum offers a Thursday morning film series featuring "The Incredible Voyage of Bill Pinkney", narrated by Bill Cosby. Located at 27 Everett Street, Sharon, open year round. Tuesday-Saturday 10-5, Sundays 1-5. Museum admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, $2.50 for children 6-16 and $10 for families. Also offered is a series of videos every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 781-784-5642.

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Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents (TBA). Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M. Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On July 19: Lenny Vaz German Band.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree 5 corners will feature Larry Myles at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $10. Special prices appetizers from 8:30 p.m. and reservations are recommended. For more information call 781-848-0300 or visit www.jimbossouth.com.

Fri. 20

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Chris Fitz. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Toon Disney and Dish Network Satellite TV bring Toon Disney's most animated kid search to the Boston area on July 20 from 12 - 5 p.m. Held at the Independence Mall - Sears Parking Lot on Route 3 and Smith Lane in Kingston. "Toon" screen test: Kids between ages 4 and 14 will get to show off their wackiest "Toonest" side on the camera. Local winners in each market will win Toon Disney prizes and have a chance to compete for the national grand prize: a trip for four to Hollywood to be animated in a real toon, which will air on Toon Disney.

Mayflower II hosts a New England Clambake on State Pier in Plymouth on July 20, Aug. 10 and Aug. 24, each beginning at 6 p.m. Costumed role-players will be on board throughout the evening to entertain and answer questions visitors may have about the Pilgrim's voyage in 1621. Guests will then return to the exhibit area to learn more about the Pilgrims while enjoying dinner on Plymouth's waterfront. The buffet style clambake includes everything from New England clam chowder, steamers and boiled lobsters for the adults and hot dogs and watermelon for the kids. The cost of this visit is $44.95 for adults (members $38.95) and $27.95 for children (members $19.95). Advanced reservations are recommended by calling 508-746-1622 ext. 8365.

Catholic Charities Aids Ministry Holds a Fundraiser in conjunction with Phil Coulter's performance at the South Shore Music Circus at 8 p.m. The Celtic Tenors will also perform. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will benefit the work of Sister Zita, who is the director of AIDS Services for the Archdiocese of Boston. Tickets are $35 and can be purchased by calling 617-451-7930.

Mangiate, Bevete e Divertitevi - "Eat, Drink and Have Fun" with Italia Unita and celebrate Italian culture on July 20, 21 and 22 in Central Square, East Boston. In it's seventh year Italia Unita has significantly grown as New England's Largest Italian Cultural Festival. Festivities kick off at 6 p.m. on July 20 with the Artie Barsamian 18 piece orchestra featuring vocalist Steve Marvin, American 70's singing sensation "The Stylistics" on Saturday, on Sunday, Italian International Favorites "I Teppesti dei Sogni." Children can enjoy the kiddie rides and games. Saturday and Sunday hours are 3 - 11 p.m. Limited parking is available. Using the MBTA Blue Line service from the Maverick T stop is strongly recommended. For more information please call 617-561-3201.

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Singer-songwriter Janet Feld will headline at the Soule Homestead Summer Concert Series in Middleboro on Saturday, July 21. Admission for the 6 p.m. show is $5 for adults, $3.50 for seniors and students. Children 13 and under are admitted free. The Soule Homestead Education Center is located at 46 Soule Street in Middleboro. For more information call (508) 947-6744.

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Sat. 21

Bragging Rights Road Race Series to Benefit Talking Information Center and National Kidney Foundation. T-shirts go to the first 250 entrants in each race. Pre-entry fee is $18 and same day registration is $20. The 10K Loop courses will be run July 21 from Marshfield's South River Elementary School at 8:30 a.m.; August 18 from Hingham High School at 8 a.m. and Sept. 22 from Norwell High School at 9 a.m. Race sponsors include Hyde Park Cooperative Bank, Alvin Hollis Company and Pearle Vision Center in Hanover. For an application or to help out call TIC in Marshfield at 781-834-4400 or 800-696-9505.

Shakespeare Collaborative Returns to Fort Revere Park to present "The Brothers Memaechmus." Due to the severe thunderstorms of July 1, this performance was postponed. Shown at 1 and 4 p.m., be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and a picnic lunch. For more information contact Matt Tobin, Fort Revere Park Site Supervisor at 617-727-4468.

South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham will shine with "Evenings Under the Stars." "Jimmy Noonan and Friends" will perform on July 21 from 7 - 9 p.m. and for the grand finale "Mostly Mozart." Tickets are $17 for pavilion seating and $7 for lawn seating if purchased in advance and are available at South Shore Conservatory's Hingham and Duxbury campuses and at Nobles Camera Shop in Hingham Square, Cohasset and Norwell. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 14.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Sugar Ray Norcia. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Sun. 22

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Sisters at the Sparrow House, a joint exhibition of work by Plymouth artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann and Skaneatles, N.Y. artist Patience Brewster will be on view through July 22. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wed. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and there is no admission to the gallery areas. Admission to the museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information and directions to 42 Summer Street in Plymouth call 508-747-1240.

A Call to Artists and Volunteers for Duxbury Art Association's 84th Annual Midsummer Art and Craft Show from July 26 - 29 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St. in Duxbury. Artwork registration will be held on July 22 from noon - 4 p.m. and July 23 from 9 a.m. - noon. Adults must submit up to two pieces of original artwork and the entry fee is $10 per piece. To participate you must be a member of the Duxbury Art Association. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

Shakespeare Collaborative comes to Scituate's Cole Parkway to present "The Brothers Memaechmus." Shown at 1 p.m., be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and a picnic lunch. For more information call the local town hall.

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Shakespeare Collaborative comes to Plymouth's Water Street Park to present "The Brothers Memaechmus." Shown at 5 p.m., be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and a picnic lunch. For more information call the local town hall.

Nantasket Beach Concert Series schedule of events for Nantasket Beach and Fort Revere in Hull. There will be a weekly concert series at the MDC Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach as well as a family movie series at Fort Revere in Hull. Both series are free to the public and suitable for children and adults of all ages. On July 21: Movie Series at dusk. July 22: "The Greg Savage Band" at King Pavilion at 2 p.m.

Great Esker Day will be held from 12 - 4 p.m. at Great Esker Park, Elva Road, North Weymouth. This event is free and wheelchair accessible. The celebration will include live animals from the Blue Hills Trailside Museum, the traveling tide-pool of the New England Aquarium, Music by Laughing Water 12 - 4 p.m. Trolley and walking tours of the park, tube rafting, canoeing, kayaking, children stories and more. For more information call 781-337-4742.

Mon. 23

Bridgewater State College Bears Basketball Camp will be held running from July 23 - 27 and July 30 - Aug. 3. The clinic will run from 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. (Mon. - Fri.) The camp is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 8 - 18. Participants will be grouped by age and/or skill level. The camp fee is $160 per week or $300 for both sessions. To receive a clinic brochure or more information call 508-531-1352.

Lutheran Church of the Cross hosts Vacation Bible School. Located at 77 Rockland Street (Route 139) in Hanover. This year's theme is Beach Trek - with five bible stories that all have something to do with water. The session will run from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. during the week of July 23 - 27. Children from pre-school age through 4th grade are invited to participate in classes while older children are welcome to be helpers. There will also be supervised play time outdoors. The cost is $20 per child, with a maximum of $40 per family. For more information call Cathy Hayes at 781-871-0236 or the church office at 781-826-5121.

Tues. 24

Sunset Cruise to Peddock's Island sponsored by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $16, Seniors, $14, members, $12, children 3 - 12, $9 and children 2 and under are free. The boat will leave from Boston Harbor Cruises at Long Wharf, next to the New England Aquarium. For more information call 781-740-4290.

Wed. 25

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. lecture series from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Held at the M.D.C. Building, 20 Sommerset Street in Boston. An insightful lecture focusing on the history of the fortifications on Boston Harbor. For more information call 781-740-4290.

Thurs. 26

Borders presents Computer Surgeon Workshops on July 26 at 7 p.m. Computer surgeon has provided nationwide live technical support for any operating system/application and personalized training for hundreds of computer subjects for almost a decade. Located at 101 Independence Way, C113, Kingston.

Artists are Invited to Sell their Artwork in conjunction with the Duxbury Art Association's 84th annual midsummer Art and Craft Show from July 26 - 29 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St. in Duxbury. All artwork must be matted and shrink-wrapped for display in artwork bins. To participate you must be a member of the Duxbury Art Association. Membership forms are available by call the DAA or at artwork registration on July 22 from noon - 4 p.m. and July 23 from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

The Kendall Whaling Museum offers a Thursday morning film series featuring "The Great Ships: The Whalers." Located at 27 Everett Street, Sharon, open year round, Tuesday-Saturday 10-5, Sundays 1-5. Museum admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, $2.50 for children 6-16 and $10 for families. Also offered is a series of videos every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 781-784-5642.

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Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents James Golden. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.



Folk duo Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly open the sixth season of summer concerts at the Thomas Crane Public Library in Quincy Square on Thursday, July 19. The concert will be held on the library's front lawn from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. Concert-goers are welcomed to bring lawn chairs, beach blankets and picnics. In case of rain the performance will be held in the library atrium. For more information call (617) 376-1301.

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Children's Art and Craft Day in conjunction with the Midsummer Art and Craft Show at the Duxbury Art Association. Activities planned for children ages 5 - 10 including art and craft projects, entertainment, snacks and more. Held July 26 from 9 a.m. - noon at Duxbury High School. The Duxbury Fire dept. will have a ping pong ball drop, pony rides, decorate a "Sweet Cakes" cookie, sing and dance to karaoke music or try making music of your own with South Shore Conservatory - Musical Petting Zoo. To reserve a space or for more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 14. The fee is $22 for DAA members and $25 for non-members and includes all materials, snacks and entertainment.

Fri. 27

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Love Dogs. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, JULY 19

The planet Mars takes the spotlight today. At 6:45 p.m. Mars, standing at 15-degrees Sagittarius, will begin to travel in direct motion. Mars has been traveling in retrograde motion for the past ten weeks. A new moon will culminate tomorrow, signaling a turning point in planetary energies this summer. Today the dark side of the new moon prompts you to get organized and prepare new starts.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Wake up in a good mood. Others may be moody, temperamental. Don't overpersonalize. Give extra time and attention to loved ones. This month's new moon comes together at 3:44 p.m., 28-degrees of the sign Cancer. At this time the moon becomes inactive until 6:43 p.m., when it enters playful Leo. Put on your party hat and go for the good times this evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

A Leo moon sets the stage for a fun weekend. A lunar polarity to Neptune can make for a lazy morning. Take your time; enjoy a leisurely breakfast. The green light is on for launching important ventures, particularly between 8:00 a.m.-12:36 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn. However, the remainder of the day rates high across the board, whether you plan to work or play.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

The Leo moon becomes inactive at 8:34 a.m., making this day prime for fun and games. Gather with friends, kick back and enjoy life to the fullest. The sun enters Leo at 2:26 p.m., remaining there until August 22. At 6:29 p.m. the moon enters Virgo. A harmonious lunar alignment to Jupiter at 10:00 p.m. continues to generate a party mood.

MONDAY, JULY 23

Astrological storm clouds move in, making this a challenging day. Keep it light. Remember that compliments will work better than criticism. The Virgo moon forms 90-degree alignments to Saturn, Pluto and Mars. Zero in on health and physical fitness concerns. Eat light foods and avoid stimulants. Get back on track with exercise regimens. You can also channel this energy constructively by staying busy with practical projects. It is best to finish old business rather than starting anything new.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

This is a great day to get things done. Make up a list of things to do; handle projects you have been putting off and get them out of the way. Clean out desk drawers, closets. Get your life in order. A positive attitude is your ace in the hole. At 3:48 a.m. the Virgo moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive until 7:08 p.m. Planetary influences turn around completely at 7:08 p.m., when the moon enters Libra. Social activities and romantic rendezvous get the green light this evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

This is one of the best days of the month. If you have been putting off launching important new activities, now is the time to act. The Libra moon forms flowing alignments to Neptune, Saturn, Pluto and Mars. Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, prepares to align with Uranus. This day also rates high for meeting people, beginning new alliances, relationships. Follow your hunches; be more spontaneous. Don't be a hermit tonight. Planetary action tops the charts for partying or enjoying a romantic evening with the love in your life.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Get an early start to this day. Influences remain above-average for launching important new enterprises, making major purchases and decisions until 11:10 a.m., when the Libra moon becomes inactive. A Venus/ Uranus alignment culminates at 6:18 p.m. Social activities, communications are also highlighted today. Chat, network, collaborate. At 10:17 p.m. influences turn around completely, when the moon enters mysterious Scorpio.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

A Scorpio moon today and tomorrow prompts you to roll up your sleeves and plan to get a lot accomplished. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 6:08 a.m., signaling the buildup to the full moon culminating next week, August 4. There is one stumbling block at 11:30 a.m., when the moon aligns with Neptune. Stay alert and use common sense. People may be pensive, moody, hypersensitive. Choose your words carefully.



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Spirit of Community Award recipients and their parents attended a reception in June at Community Newspaper Company in Marshfield honoring the students.

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Caitlin Foley


Beth Gosselin


Ali Selby


Suzanne Timmons


Amanda Cadin


Dane Grigas


Anna Roche and Mark Skala


Hannah Harvester

The Spirit of Community Award honors a high school student's achievement in community service. It acknowledges those students who have actively participated in school, civic and church related service projects. Congratulations to Caitlin Foley, Beth Gosselin, Ali Selby, Suzanne Timmons, Amanda Cadin, Dane Grigas, Anna Roche and Hannah Harvester!

Future nominations...

Each month, we recognize a South Shore high school student who has answered the call of community service. Those students selected are featured in the newspaper. At the end of the school year, we will invite each of the winners featured throughout the past year, as well as two guests, and our advertising sponsors to a reception honoring the students' achievements.

If you know a high school student who you believe should be a Spirit of Community Award recipient, submit your nomination by completing the ballot on this page, which is also printed in our Living section every week. From all of the nominations we receive, a winner will be selected by a panel of CNC Editors.

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ON STAGE

Brooke Allen as the Crab leads the water lilies in a number from the Children's Drama Workshop production "The Little Mermaid" on stage Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Cohasset Town Hall. For more information about times and ticket prices, call the recreation department at 781-383-4109.

Village upgrade gets yellow light

Money, train are concerns

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset selectmen placed caution flags all around the Village Revitalization Task Force's improvement plan Tuesday night, citing the proposed cost of the changes and lack of an implementation plan.

Task force chairman Tim O'Brien spent more than an hour presenting the comprehensive plan and answering questions. Some of the changes range from small, such as a new formal sidewalk along Elm Street, to major such as the redesign and configuration of the Depot Court/Ripley Road/Pleasant Street intersection.

But although board members generally like the plans, they refused to commit to the project until they have more concrete cost estimates and detailed project phasing plans.

"Any approval would be way premature in my mind," selectman Michael Sullivan said.

"I generally like the concept, but it's too early to spend any money on it," said selectman Thomas Callahan.

The task force broke the plan into six sections: the Depot Court area, Ripley Road by the Post Office, the town parking lot, the proposed St. Stephen's sidewalk, the main village area, and Elm Street.

Even though the plans are seemingly simple, myriad variables surround them, such as funding and scheduling. But the biggest variable is the proposed restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail. The town's mitigation deal with the MBTA calls for the state to pay to renovate the town parking lot, support a $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development grant for the village area, and reimburse the town $1.2 million for the last phase of the James Brook Flood Control project.

Selectmen said the project would have to be coordinated so the town could avoid having the town parking lot torn apart multiple times. The board also wants the task force to decide the order of the different phases.

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But the cost was an issue to other members of the board. Dean Rizzo, executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization, which has spearheaded the planning aspect of the project, estimated the complete plan, from sidewalks to curbings, to run upwards of $2.25 million.

He said the majority of the project could be paid for through the $1.5 million PWED grant, the state reconstruction of the town parking lot, a $170,000 state grant awaiting the town for the St. Stephen's sidewalk, and other state and private funding sources.

Selectmen wondered how the plans would be affected if the MBTA decides to not build the train after all, and the town gets none of

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Neighborhood planning meetings to start

By Rick Collins
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Residents frustrated with local zoning issues or who want to have an impact on the town's future, get their chance starting tonight at the Beechwood Congregational Church at 7:30 p.m.

The neighborhood forum is the first of four such public meetings the town Growth and Development Committee has planned to get resident input on topics such as economic development, land use, traffic and transportation, and town facilities in Cohasset.

The committee is gathering information that will eventually help form the town's new master plan, a blueprint for the future of Cohasset. The last town master plan was adopted in 1961.

Members of the committee met Monday night in the Beechwood Street Church hall, along with representatives of the Planning Board. Town Planner Liz Harrington, and discussion facilitator Bet Baker to fine-tune the meeting's structure.

The group described Thursday's meeting as a public "brainstorming session," and an opportunity for residents to say what they like, dislike and would want to see changed in their neighborhood and in the town.

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Sohier who?

A look at the names behind the streets

By Rick Collins
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They are the streets we drive on every day. Sometimes we admire their beauty, their sweeping vistas, their tree-lined ways. Other times we curse their bumps, their humps and their crowded conditions. And occasionally we just simply ask, "Who was Sohier and why is there a street named after him?"

The reason behind the names, North and South Main Street, is simple enough — but what about town roads, such as Gammons and Nichols? Did Jerusalem Road have religious roots?

Why is a section of Route 3A known simultaneously as a state highway, King Street, and Chief Justice Cushing Highway? And who was Cushing anyway?

The Mariner unearthed some of these answers thanks to Cohasset Historical Society archivist David Wadsworth.

Sohier Street

When Cohasset was originally divided as part of Hingham's common land in 1670, the land surveyor set aside a few long straight strips, some running east to west, others north to south, for roads. Sohier Street is one of those roads, as is Pond Street and King Street from North Main Street to Lily Pond.

"The surveyor didn't care whether he was going over water, swamp, or mountain, the strips were as straight as an arrow," Wadsworth said.

Sohier Street is actually the exact length and width as when it was first created 331 years ago. Among its earlier names were Deer Hill Lane, King Street Lane, and Winter Street. However, in the mid-1800's, a prominent Bostonian family summered in Cohasset, named the Sohiers. William Davies Sohier owned a large yellow house on the corner of North Main Street and what is now Sohier Street. Apparently, he ran in the right circles to have the entire street named after him.

But his original family name wasn't Sohier, and Cohasset residents should be glad he changed it. When his predecessors called the British Channel Islands home the family name was "Sohier de Vermandoix."

Nichols Road

Aaron Nichols was one of the first settlers in Cohasset, said



PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

Cohasset street names, such as Jerusalem and Nichols, have an interesting history.

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Special Report

Tax-cap law makes the history books

Prop. 2-1/2 comes of age

By Mary Ford
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On Dec. 16, 1773, Massachusetts citizens staged an uprising against unfair import taxes levied by Parliament, by throwing tea that had arrived on British ships into Boston Harbor. The tea duty represented unfair taxation, something the colonists railed against. The historic event — chronicled in the nation's history books — provided the kindling that ignited the fires of the American Revolution.

"Prop. 2-1/2 was a revolution waiting to happen," the Harts wrote, about the late '70s. "Hingham's Richard Manley, president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, warned taxes in the state had become the laughingstock of the nation.

"'Some noble soul once said that being a taxpayer in Massachusetts is like making love to a gorilla,' Manley said. 'You don't stop when you're tired, you stop when the gorilla is. And whoever heard of a gorilla being tired?'"

The outrage behind the 1980 referendum resonated with overburdened taxpayers. By a margin of 59-to-41 percent, they said a resounding "yes" to capping their property taxes, and profoundly changed the way the state's hundreds of municipalities would conduct their finances for a generation.

"The state was in horrible shape because we were so excessively overtaxed."
— Jack Conway, Realtor

A little more than 200 years later, history repeated itself. But this time those behind the Massachusetts tax rebellion didn't have to disguise themselves as Native Americans and conduct a raid under cover of darkness. Angry taxpayers took their case to the shopping malls, dumps and Main Streets across the Commonwealth to obtain thousands of signatures for an initiative petition. Their effort placed a question on the November 1980 statewide ballot asking voters if they wanted to take control of their soaring property taxes.

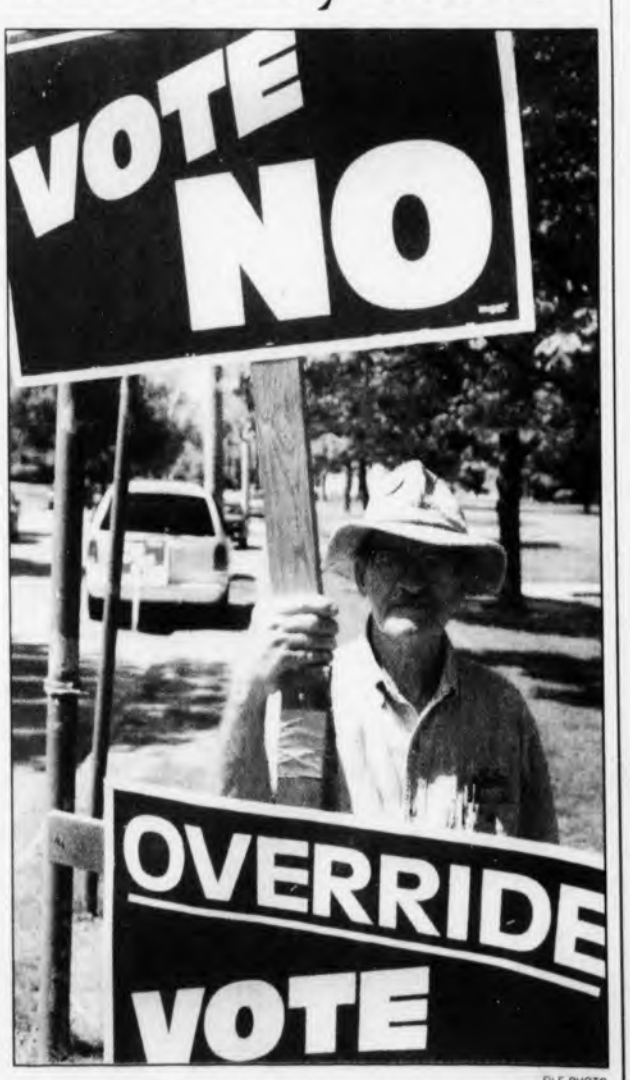
In "Not All Is Changed, a Life History of Hingham," authors Lorena and Francis Hart, describe the tenor of the times.

"Before Prop. 2-1/2, government thought it was entitled just to take instead of ask," says Barbara Anderson, director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, the grassroots group that led the tax-control effort.

The so-called Proposition 2-1/2 tax cap, which became law and took effect on July 1, 1981, has become part of the lexicon of homeowners across the state, although some may not have a clear picture of how the complex law works.

To put it as simply as possible, the

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A Cohasset voter opposed to an override holds a sign on North Main Street to encourage passersby on their way to the polls to vote no.

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Brush chipping

Residential brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on Saturday, July 28 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. No trees over 12 inches in diameter will be accepted and no contractors.

Meeting schedule

The following is a list of upcoming town meetings posted as of Monday, July 23. All meetings are held at town hall unless otherwise noted.

- Conservation Commission, July 26, Aug. 9, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m.
- Water Commission, July 26, 7:30, 339 King Street
- Planning Board, Aug. 1, 8 p.m., Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Paul Pratt Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m., Paul Pratt Memorial Library
- Harbor Committee, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m.

The school building committee meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the selectmen's office.

Lambert's Lane

Four Lambert's Lane residents appeared before selectmen Tuesday to request temporary speed bumps be placed on the narrow, but busy street during the summer.

The private road way provides access to the Cohasset Gulf Club, and residents say most drivers ignore the posted 15 mile-per-hour speed limit on the road and go as fast as 35 miles per hour.

The temporary speed bumps, which would be removed for the winter, were opposed by both Fire Chief Roger Lincoln and Police Chief Brian Noonan, as well as Town Counsel Paul DeRensis.

Selectmen turned down the residents' request.

"We can't put speed bumps on every narrow, winding road in town," said selectman Thomas Callahan. "It would set a precedent. Then everyone is going to want speed bumps on their street."

Selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to look into posting additional traffic and warning signs on the road, as well as increased police patrols, and possible cameras to catch repeat offenders.

Gas main on Norfolk Road

Keyspan Energy received permission from selectmen to install 100 feet of two-inch gas main on Norfolk Road that will service two new houses.

However, before granting permission, selectman Merle Brown chastised Keyspan representative Francis O'Leary for what he perceived as shoddy clean-up of their projects. He said areas the company dig up are left bumpy and uneven for months after work is completed. O'Leary gave the town the name of a person to contact with any complaints.

Haddad vacation

Selectmen approved the week of Aug. 13 as a vacation week for Town Manager Mark Haddad. Police Chief Brian Noonan will be Acting Town Manager during that time.

Maritime Institute

The Cohasset Maritime Institute literally packed the room with supporters at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting, where the renewal of the group's lease was up for debate.

Nearly 40 men, women and children filled the stuffy room to back the Maritime Institute and director Jack Buckley. The institute's lease of the town-owned boathouse off the Hagerty Property had actually expired in February but gone unnoticed due to an administrative oversight.

The board quickly renewed the three-year lease for the group, which sponsors community rowing and maritime education programs.

But they did question Buckley on the progress of renovations to the boathouse. Buckley said the second half of the roof should be finished soon, as should the boathouse's front doors.

Responding to concerns raised by Hagerty Property Committee Chairman Russ Bonetti, selectmen asked Buckley to talk with the committee about a plan for boat storage on the property.

A group of young rowers called the Youth Ladies Crew thanked the board for its support and also challenged them to a rowing race off Sandy Beach at the institute's rowing outing on Sept.1.

"You have five weeks to get ready," they said.

"That is the easiest race you'll ever win," Town manager Mark Haddad joked.

No comment yet from the board on whether it will accept the challenge.

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Tues. 31	9:25	8.8	3:10	9:37	10.1	3:15
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Lightkeepers' Residence is the most popular place in town

But some abuse the 'honor' system

By Rick Collins
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At the base of Beacon Rock, the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island has one of the nicest views in Cohasset.

It may not overlook the open Atlantic Ocean, or the jagged nooks and crannies of Little Harbor, but it does offer a nearly complete view of Cohasset Harbor. Hidden behind a set of draping trees, the two-story house watches the water level rise and fall and the harbor's 400-plus boats move slowly in and out.

Just seven years removed from its near-complete overhaul, the house has become one of Cohasset's go-to places. More than 200 events — ranging from weddings and receptions, to lectures and readings — are planned there a year and reservations must be made with plenty of advance notice.

"It has always been popular right from the beginning, but now it seems to be getting even more popular," said R. Murray Campbell, president of the Cohasset Lightkeepers' Corporation, which leases the property from the town for $1 a year. "It's almost solidly booked through the middle six months."

The result has been heavy use of the hall by Cohasset residents, and also some abuse of the system.

"The last couple of years, more Cohasset people have taken advantage of it being there. I think they're realizing what a good bargain it is, and if they want it, they have to book ahead," he said.

But enough residents have been "fronting" for non-residents to get the cheaper price that the corporation has felt the need to address the situation.

"Sadly, a few Cohasset residents have been willing to front for a non-resident, thus escaping the non-resident fee," Campbell wrote in last week's Mariner. "In effect, the Lightkeepers Corporation, and the residents and non-profits we subsidize, are cheated out of the difference of fees, which difference may be $600."

Campbell said if the Cohasset resident wanted to initiate the booking for a relative and assumes responsibility for the event, that's one thing. But he called it "improper" to front for an out-of-town person just to "simply to get the better rate."

The reduced revenue hurts a non-profit organization such as the Lightkeepers, Campbell said. Like every other business and residence, the group has to deal with rising expenses, and the more resident discounted events the hall holds, the less revenue comes in.

If it was just Cohasset residents using the hall, that would be one thing, he said. But by fronting for non- residents, Campbell considered it "cheating" the group. "All we do is operate the hall for the benefit of Cohasset residents and non-profit organizations," he said. "The only reason we let non-residents use it is to gain some revenue in support of those activities."

In 1991, the historic building that the keepers of Minot's Light called home for nearly a century was falling apart. Joe McElroy, the first president of the Lightkeepers Corporation said in the late 1980s, the house had



PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

The Lightkeepers Residence with Bancroft Hall is a popular place for weddings and other events.

become a money pit and came before the town Capital Budget Committee on three separate occasions looking for money for renovations.

"And it was still falling down around our ears," he said.

A group of 17 Cohasset residents, led by McElroy and Herb Towle, helped organize a fund-raising campaign. The house underwent a complete renovation, including a new floor plan, heating and air-conditioning systems and kitchen, and reopened in 1994. Aside from a group of volunteers that helped gut the building, McElroy said they also received significant work contributions from the South Shore Vocational School, which made the house one of its semester projects, and from Ira Stoughton who helped arrange for volunteer labor from the Braintree Rehabilitation Center to do "tens of thousands of dollars of work."

The $400,000 renovation included two rental apartments upstairs, and a 1,200 square foot hall, community kitchen and wall of windows overlooking the sheltered harbor.

Bancroft Hall, named after Jane Bancroft Cook, one of the project's benefactors, offers its guests oak floors with an inlaid compass rose, and chandeliers to go along with the sweeping view of the water. Murray said it can sit 85 people at tables and 140 if seated in rows. Government Island and the house were awarded a spot on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

"We are all just so proud of how it turned out," said McElroy, who saw a daughter get married in the hall.

Because the restoration was a community project, the Lightkeepers Corporation has made an effort to make the hall available to the Cohasset community. Non-profit groups, such as the Rotary Club, are able to hold their functions in the hall at no charge, and town residents are given a significant discount from the market rate rental price.

From April to September, it costs non-residents $500 for events held Monday through Thursday, and $800 Friday through Sunday. From October to March, non-residents are charged $300 and $500, respectively. But Cohasset residents pay just $200 for the weekends, and $100 for the rest of the week, year-round.

The corporation, overseen by a 22-member board of directors, remains viable as of now, and is still able to give back to the community events such as the annual Memorial day cook-out. But rising heat, electricity, and janitorial services could force a small rate increase in the future.

But meanwhile the house remains another benefactor to the harbor front community. Another function will be held this weekend, where guests will gaze out the windows, and admire the manicured gardens kept by local gardening groups.

"That building is a great asset to the town," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "The Lightkeepers do a great job with it, and they have always been very cooperative."

Selectmen end town manager inquiry

By Rick Collins
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The subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen asked to look into additional complaints against Town Manager Mark Haddad said it would not recommend pursuing the charges any further.

After hiring an independent investigator to examine cross-complaints of harassment and verbal abuse between Haddad and Planning Board member Peter Pratt earlier this month, selectmen chairman Fred Koed and vice-chairman Michael Sullivan examined eight subsequent complaints filed by various town residents.

Koed said in a prepared statement that he and Sullivan had talked with each individual involved "for at least half an hour," then talked with Haddad, and did not consider the complaints worthy of further investigation.

"We did not find any cause where the incident was anything beyond a disagreement between individuals," he said.

Koed also said the complaints, except for one, were more than a year old, and in some cases, as old as four years.

"If there is a complaint, we need people to come forward in a timely fashion," he said. "Selectmen have an open period at every meetings."

He said that although Haddad is a public servant, residents shouldn't expect Haddad to "agree with every member of the public." Koed also said that the public does the right to be treated civilly, and the same is true for town employees.

"We need to have mutual respect for each other," he said.

Koed said his personal experiences with Haddad have been "professional" even on issues when the two have not seen eye to eye.

Koed said he will call each of the complainants and explain the board's decision.

"We did not find any cause where the incident was anything beyond a disagreement between individuals."

— Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed

"It's time as a town to come to closure on this chapter of our history," he said.

Sullivan added, "I'll be glad to put this behind us."

Acting on the recommendation of the independent investigator, selectmen voted unanimously on July 10 to not take any disciplinary action against Haddad for his part in his dispute with Pratt.

Haddad said about the board's decision, "I thank the board for its support, and appreciate them looking into these complaints. I think the support of the board speaks for itself."

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Crowley-Buck, McCaffrey honored at BC High senior night

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBROCK

SEND YOUR NEWS!

Hello Cohasset. I hope that everyone is finding ways to keep cool. The beach and the pool have been filled which is always a great sight to see. While you are trying to find all those great ways of cooling off, make sure to send all your news about birthdays, happenings about town, family reunions or any other piece of wonderful news you may have. I will make sure to get it in and share with all of our friends and family both near and far away.

CHARTER SCHOOL GRAD

I would like to start this column with a great big congratulations to **Michael Sanchez,** who graduated from the South Shore Charter School in Hull. Michael's parents are so proud of him and all of his accomplishments. Great job, Michael and the best of luck in your future endeavors.

SWIM COURSES

The Cohasset Swim Center of Cohasset is offering some great courses in the month of August. Water Safety Instructor Training is being held Aug. 6-10, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. To be eligible to take the WSI course, candidates must be at least 17 years of age by the end of the course and successfully pass the pre-course written test and skills test. The Water Safety Instructor course is not designed to teach you the required strokes. This course is dedicated to developing the skills needed to instruct and plan courses in the American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety program. Fee covers all course materials and is $275 for members and $325 for non-members.

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The deadline for registration is Aug. 1. CSC is a private, non-profit organization.



John Crowley-Buck of Cohasset, far right, is a BC High William Whalen Award winner. He's shown with fellow award-winner Kevin Collins of Norwood and social studies department chairman Nick Argento.

SWIM AWARDS NIGHT

Here's some more Swim Center news. The Cohasset Swim and Dive Team Awards Night is being held on Friday, August 3. This wonderful evening is being held at the Osgood gym from 6:30-10 p.m. and is for the *whole family* to enjoy. From 6:30-8 p.m. is the Awards Ceremony in the Osgood Gym. Immediately following that will be Refreshments served in the cafeteria and then, let the party begin. From 8-10 p.m. is Family Fun with a DJ and entertainment in the gym for all. Parents, this is an evening to spend with your children and is bound to be a wonderful evening. Children 10 & under are required to have a parent for the entire evening. Swim team members and their families with last names beginning with A-M should bring a baked good for 1-2 dozen people. Members and families with last names starting with N-Z, should bring a finger fruit for 10 people. The Dive Team and families are responsible for bringing chips and salsa. This sounds like a great event and Swim Team and Dive Team families should plan on attending.

DEAN'S LIST

We have two students from Providence College who were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2001 semester.

Patrick Leahy, who is majoring in management, and **Andrea Freeman,** who graduated with a major in management both received this honor. Congratulations to both of you.

Another student, **Emily Henderson** was named to the dean's list at Wheaton College. Emily received her degree this past spring with this great honor. Great job, Emily!

BC HIGH HONORS

John R. Crowley-Buck and **Evan M. McCaffrey** of Cohasset were 2001 graduates of Boston College High School were honored at Senior Class Night. John Crowley-Buck received "The William Francis Whalen Social Studies Award," for his great knowledge of history. John also won awards of Excellence in Economics, Spanish IV and Twentieth Century World History, naming him best student in these three classes. Evan won the Excellence award in his Film and Media class, naming him the best in his class. You both deserve congratulations and a huge pat on the back for your hard work.

In other BC High news, **Christopher J. Carr** (Class of '02) and **David F. Crowley-Buck** (03) were named to the fourth-quarter honor roll. Way to go, guys!

BEHIND THE SCENES

Stephanie Eno, who grew up in Cohasset, has been appointed to the position manager of programming for Fine Living, the new cable network developed by Scripps Networks, which is scheduled for launch in early 2002.

In her new position, Stephanie will be responsible for supervising production and development of original series as well as programming specials and will be based in Los Angeles.

Stephanie joins Fine Living after extensive production experience on various television specials including "The Academy of Country Music Awards," "The Golden Globe Awards," "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Years Eve" and "Miss USA," along with the news parody "Daily Show with Jon Stewart." She also has a history with Nickelodeon where she most recently served as an on-air promotions producer for TV Land. Her past experience also includes production work with Nickelodeon's "Kids' Choice Awards", "Big Help" and "Snick House," as well as off-air creative production for both Nick at Nite and TV Land. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in communications, television production from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla.



Stephanie Eno

That is it for this week. Send in all news, pictures and information to me at:
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Have a great week!

Maritime Museum open for summer

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum located at Elm St., Cohasset Center, is open for its summer season. Open times are Tuesday through Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission, and donations are accepted. The museum itself is an old Ship Chandlery, or marine supply building, built in the 1700's by Samuel Bates and originally located at Cohasset Harbor. It is the sole remaining 18th century maritime-related building in near-original condition found in Cohasset today.

The Maritime Museum is devoted to preserving and presenting Cohasset's history as a seafaring community during the latter 1700's and the 1800's. During the "Age of Sail" the town's principal maritime occupations were fishing and shipbuilding and its maritime activity centered around its harbor, then known as "Ship Cove." Peak years for Cohasset's fishing industry were the mid-1800's, when family owned schooner fleets fished for mackerel in Canada's Gulf of St. Lawrence. Cohasset youths often went to sea on the mackerel schooners by the time they were 10 or 11 years of age. Some went on to become crew members of large ocean-going merchant vessels sailing from Boston, and a few became "Deep Sea Captains" commanding clipper ships sailing to all parts of the world. The Maritime Museum preserves and presents that part of Cohasset's own history with ship models, carvings, dioramas, documents and pictures relating to the town's "Age of Sail". Shipwrecks, navigation and lifesaving were an important part of that story and are represented in the museum's exhibits; as is the story of the two Minot's Ledge Lighthouses off our shores.

Additionally the museum holds numerous unique exhibits on general historical subjects relating to Cohasset's early years. Currently the Museum's building is in process of being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The Historical Society's telephone is 781-383-1434

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Harrington helps lead planning process

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She has been on the job just ten months and already Liz Harrington has become one of the more important behind-the-scenes people in Cohasset Town Hall.

As the town planner for a growing community embarking on a master plan, Harrington's role is crucial in helping to decide the town's future. Along with working closely with the Planning Board and helping to review subdivision site plans and answer questions on zoning bylaw changes, she also serves as an important resource for the Growth and Development Committee, which is spearheading the master plan process. And then there's the Senior Housing Committee, Village Revitalization Task Force, and the work she's doing to create a town-wide Geographic Information System (GIS) which, when completed, will contain data about every piece of property in town, such as topography, fire hydrants, water mains, septic systems and conservation areas.

"This will be a tremendous tool for reviewing site plans and planning purposes overall," she said.

The wide selection of topics she deals with on a daily basis requires Harrington to be a flexible jack-of-all-trades.

"You need a base level of knowledge, and to be conversant enough on a number of different issues to be effective," she said. "But as a rule, a town planner is more of a generalist, than a specialist. You need to have the kind of personality to switch hats quickly and be very flexible.

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— Liz Harrington, town planner

"If I was a person who needed a set routine, and to know what I was going to be doing every minute, this job might be difficult."

Harrington is originally from the Squantum neighborhood of Quincy. She developed a love of politics from her father who served as a Quincy City Councilor, and double majored in economics and political science at McGill University in Montreal. She began her first foray into planning and development while as a graduate intern student from the University of New Brunswick. She received a master's degree in business administration, but the work she did with a regional planning agency in the Canadian province allowed her to "develop a taste" for public planning.

She joined the City of Quincy Planning Board in 1995, and was instrumental in securing a number of state and federal grants for the city.

"The position was a lot of grant administration, budgeting and writing," she said. The experience allowed her to feel comfortable enough to apply for a position as the joint town planner for Cohasset and Hull last summer. Apparently the town thought she did a good enough job to approve expanding her position to full-time as part of the new fiscal year town budget.

"There had been some very significant issues such as senior housing and developing a master plan that had been appearing on selectmen's yearly goals and objectives, and for the last few years, we really hadn't had anyone to help us complete those goals," said Town Manager Mark Haddad, who openly lobbied to include the money for Harrington's position in the town budget. "And now you are starting to see these issues come to the forefront...She has been an invaluable asset to this town."

Tonight is the first neighborhood public forum for the master plan process [see related story], and last month, the Senior Housing Committee received permission to spend $3,000 on creating design sketches for a senior housing development off Pleasant Street.

Harrington, who is paid $48,000, hopes to get more involved in town grant writing, but a full plate has pushed that to the bottom of the priority pile. "There's lot of things to do," she said. Along with going through the file of grant opportunities she has collected, she also hopes to reenergize the dormant Design Review Board and reorganize the planning board archives.

She said her role is more of technical assistance to the various town groups and committees; a source to go to with questions on things such as zoning bylaw issues.

Harrington considers her new position "much more open and fluid," than her former position as one person in a city planning office of 15.

"It's much more exciting," she said. "Professionally, it's very challenging."



STAFF PHOTO/ ALAN CHAPMAN

Liz Harrington is Cohasset's town planner.

Neighborhood brainstorming sessions start

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"This is an opportunity for people to become involved in the town planning process," said Planning Board member Peter Pratt, a liaison to the committee.

The room was laid out with a plethora of maps and charts, outlining the history of property lines in the town, current zoning districts, topography, and watershed protection areas — almost to the point of overload, noted some committee members.

Although a comprehensive master plan has a number of specific components — a goals and policies statement, land use analysis, housing market analysis, economic development, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation, service and facilities, and traffic/circulation/transportation — the committee won't limit comments to those topics.

"I think we should use those elements as a guide, and really just hear what people think without confusing them too much," said Thomas Callahan, the selectman liaison to the committee. "It's then our job to collect the information and focus it later."

Planning Board liaison Bill Good agreed with Callahan.

"We're going to have people say, 'I don't know about those [components] but I heard there was this meeting and I came out and want to say what I like and dislike,'" he said.

The committee decided to allow comments on regional issues such as the proposed new Logan Airport runway and restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail. But it hopes to limit discussion to how it would affect the town instead of the pros and cons of each issue.

"If the issue is about redevelopment of the downtown, or how we can use the money we're going to get from the train, that's one thing," Callahan said, "but it's not going to be a debate on whether the train should come."

Pratt warned not to dismiss a personal issue a resident may have, such as the dislike of a new subdivision next to his or her property.

"I don't want to choke off individual problems because that may be how they look at the general larger world," he said. "If they mention a certain subdivision, maybe that means there is a problem with a certain policy of subdivision planning."

The committee is also planning similar neighborhood meetings next Thursday, Aug. 2 at the Lightkeepers Residence; Aug. 9 at St. Anthony's Parish Center; and Aug. 16 at the Nativity-Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Even though they are considered "neighborhood" forums, the committee said anyone is welcome to any session. The committee also hopes to have transcripts of the meetings available later.

Once finished, the committee plans to gather the information, conduct a large town-wide survey, and ultimately create a consensus vision of the future for Cohasset.

"The optimal result is that we see people nodding their heads as we get into the discussions," said committee member Mike Westcott.

Pratt said it's the committee's job to listen to the residents, and then act on their vision of what the town should be like in 20 years.

"We're here to listen, and then it's our job to put into practice what people want," he said.

Baker, a Cohasset resident and professional corporate brainstorming and visioning discussion facilitator, said she is "excited" about helping start off the process.

"Not only as a resident am I interested in the future, but I'm also interested in hearing other people's ideas," she said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Why? Y Not

Youth center would give older teens a cool place to go

Just about every week we are reporting less-than-favorable stories about teens in trouble on the South Shore.

In the past few months alone we have reported on our front pages or police blotter stories involving:

- A drinking party where a host of teens are arrested;
- 17-year-olds are stopped by police at 2 a.m., well beyond what their license allows;
- What some have called "teen pranks" — such as graffiti on seawalls.

The familiar lament heard is that there's not enough to do on the South Shore and idle time tends to get teens in trouble. We also know they are resistant to structured activities once they reach a certain age, such as 15 or 16.

An effort is underway by YMCA officials to prove the cynics wrong. As part of its major expansion project in Hanover, the YMCA — which attracts residents from many parts of the South Shore — will include a new teen center. Officials are hoping the Y Not club will have teens thinking just that: why not go and have some fun.

"For some reason, we start to lose the teens at a certain age," says Natalie Sheard, executive director of the Mill Pond Y in Hanover. "Some are with us from a young age and then they fade out. It's no longer cool or relevant to them."

The Y's efforts to make the place more hip, cool and free flowing is being bolstered by the ever-hip owners of Mount Blue restaurant in Norwell. Owners Patrick and Jayne Bowe of Scituate, parents themselves, were looking for a cause to support as part of their annual summer gala when they had the brainstorm to work in concert to develop the Y Not club.

Early plans call for a cool place where older teens can hang out and feel some independence while parents are assured there is still some structure. Local high school bands will be encouraged to play club coffeehouses and the like. And that's just some of the cool ideas surfacing for the club.

Since the Y draws from many communities on the South Shore, the proposal is also a good alternative in towns lacking the finances or the public support to build a community center or teen center itself.

It all seems like a winning combination, but will require the support of parents and the community at large. As with every new venture, money as well as encouragement are essential ingredients to success.

The annual Mount Blue party this coming Monday is one way to show that support. The soiree generally sells out and features good food, entertainment and conversation for $50 per person (call 781-659-0050 for information about whether there are tickets still available). It is an adults-only gathering, but teens aren't being left out of the fun. Parents can encourage their kids to attend Saturday's outdoor music fest at the Y grounds. For 10 bucks, teens can enjoy nine local bands performing from noon to 6 p.m. There will be T-shirts, food and hats available for sale during the event. (For more details, call 781-829-8585.)

It's a terrific start by Y officials, Mount Blue and many community members who want to see the Y Not club offer an alternative to teens hanging out and letting trouble find them. The Y Not Club isn't going to change things overnight and there will be teens who still shun the idea, but we applaud the efforts to include teens in more structured activities.

We sure want to cover even more positive news about area teens. We continue to have our share of heart-warming stories about teens who help in their communities or work to better the lives of family and friends. But there's always space for more.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police respond to parents' letter

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, members of our association read a letter to the editor in the Cohasset Mariner written by the parents of a Cohasset teen. This letter, quite carefully framed an opinion that argues that the members of the Cohasset Police Department are improperly executing their law enforcement duties with respect to the enforcement of underage drinking, possession of alcohol, and the like. The authors go on to ask what can be done to change the relationship between teens and the police.

The membership of the Cohasset Police Association would like to take this opportunity to address the issues that this letter has raised. On face value and absent any other information, the average citizen of Cohasset might read such a letter and actually believe what they have read. The authors of this letter state in part, that the police in Cohasset are not viewed by many people as being there to "protect and to serve". We disagree with that statement. We feel that the *vast majority* of residents in Cohasset feel exactly that way and we find that the minority of people who do not agree are most often some of the parents of teens, who have been caught breaking the law.

The department has made efforts to bridge the gap between teens and officers. We attempted to run a "citizens police academy" twice last year — not one teen signed up. We had to abandon the idea due to lack of interest. We have repeatedly asked for the DARE program to be part of the curriculum at the schools to no avail. We offered to let teens come on a "ride-along" with police officers. Nothing. The police association offered to have police vs. the high school football team ball game. The fuzzy answer that we received boiled down to a "no". I could go on and on. It's not fair or even accurate to say that the department or the officers are not trying — the simple fact is that we're open to discuss anything, and we have been for years.

The authors also allege that one of their sons has told them that he has been "followed" by police officers on numerous occasions. This accusation fails to recognize the fact that the police officers assigned to patrol do exactly that. Patrol, in this context, means to drive around the area that you are assigned to. In patrolling our assigned area, our job requires us to make observations and look for criminal activity. Incidentally, contrary to popular belief, underage drinking *is* criminal activity.

Many people may, from time to time, look in their rear view mirror and see a police cruiser. Most law-abiding citizens are not concerned by that and will frequently only experience this once every great while. This is because most people are driving from one point to another. The teenagers that the authors refer to are by their own admission, out driving around. In some cases, they are doing this for an entire evening. Therefore, statistically, it should be no surprise that they stand a much higher chance of encountering a police officer out patrolling, especially when there are several police cars on the road (that look the same) at one time. We have said it before and we will say it again, if you aren't doing anything wrong, you have no reason at all to fear the presence of the police.

What the authors of the letter may not have known is that their teenage son has had encounters with police and was given a break (or two). This information was easily checked at police headquarters. When an officer has dealings with someone, most usually the officer prepares a report, complete with name, date of birth, and nature of the encounter. Although these reports are not mandatory, some officers have found this to be an effective way to document a stop and protect themselves from false claims, as is the case here. It's a little more work for the officer, but well worth it in the end. Parents should realize that their son or daughter isn't going to come and say, "Hey Mom and Dad, the cops took my booze away tonight, but they didn't lock me up". You're only going to hear from them when an arrest has been made. Then sadly, the next steps are to blame the police officer, police department, or the department's policies and procedures. Very often, the officers are the ones that are made out to be the bad guys. Officers are not to blame — we didn't put your son or daughter in a position where they may face arrest — they made a conscious decision to put themselves where trouble is.

This entire story reminds us once again that good intentions on behalf of the police and the exercise of discretion never fails to invite criticism and false allegations. It's no wonder that "breaks" for teens are not as prevalent as they were at one time. Since the authors felt compelled to offer their own advice, we will offer ours in return: It is important to know and check all of the facts before you make an argument — especially in the newspaper.

On behalf of the men and woman of the Cohasset Police Association,

William P. Quigley, President
Cohasset Police Association
International Brotherhood of Police Officers
Local 641

Parental denial

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Police spend countless hours assisting teenagers survive to adulthood.

It is clear that the criticism of Bob and Mary Ernst as well as Noria Morales are unwarranted. The Ernsts suggest that Cohasset kids have no options other than to drive around town. It is apparent that they do want the police to be babysitters.

Noria Morales' letter if off the chart. It is disturbing to think that she cannot understand that her brother "…was guilty of minor transport." Her last paragraph is totally nonsensical, to wit: "…a society whose efforts to repress such vices as drinking, drugs and sex have perversely retarded effects…"

Cohasset is a small town and parental denial is rampant. The Cohasset Police are to be strongly commended for even-handedly enforcing the law even when it involves "townies" and teenagers of elected and/or appointed officials. They have a very difficult job and we should support rather than undermine them.

Joe McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Police under fire

TO THE EDITOR:

Board of Selectmen:

It has come to my attention that the Cohasset Police have come under fire recently about "picking on the kids" of Cohasset. Drinking on public property — Sandy Beach, the gravel pits, the harbor, etc., is illegal at any age unless a permit is given for a function. The legal drinking age is 21, whether you like it or not. Therefore, those under 21 who choose to drink or have any kind of open liquor containers in their possession or automobile are breaking the law. If a minor transports liquor, even as a "designated driver," he or she is breaking the law.

I am sure from what I have gathered in The Mariner and around town, that the same parents and their children who are complaining about the police being "out to get the kids," would be the first in line to criticize the police for not doing their job, or file a lawsuit against the town if the police were not doing their job and stopping these "kids" before trying to drive home and cause a horrific accident. Instead, the police in some ways, are trying to protect the "kids" by taking them into custody, and maybe scaring them, and then calling the parents to get them home safely. The "kids" are given an opportunity to clear their so-called "record" by attending alcohol-awareness classes. These same "kids" attended driver's education classes to learn to drive safely; so presumably, instead of looking at the MADD classes as a problem, they should be considered as an educational deterrent — as they are meant to be.

Parents have to get involved. Parents are always ready to organize the after-prom parties to keep the "kids" safe. What is supposed to happen to the "kids" for the rest of the year? There is no problem — only common courtesy — to ask your child what his or her plans are, even if they are in college, particularly if the parents are paying the bills. Work together with the police and other town groups to protect your most precious possession — your child.

Many people refer to the "good old days." I remember, and not just in Cohasset but other towns, that a child, when picked up by the police for anything, was more afraid of what his or her parents would do than what the police would do. Perhaps we should all work together to keep our children safe at any age.

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Editors note: Mrs. Barker provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter.

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HEALTH NOTES

Sewering Little Harbor — late developments

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

At the last Town meeting in March, the voters approved a sum of money for a capacity study of the Central Sewer Plant to see if it can be expanded to handle the effluent from a sewer system serving homes around Little Harbor. The feasibility for such a plan was confirmed by a study done for the town last year by Stearns and Wheler, environmental engineers. Findings from the study indicate that, depending on a number of variables, to sewer the approximately 285 homes around Little Harbor, about 100,000 gallons of additional capacity would be necessary. The central plant had been given approval by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to expand their permit to 300,000 gallons to accommodate the central expansion. This innovative new plant using a proven, but not widely applied technology is not yet operating to full capacity, as all connections have not yet been completed to the newly expanded plant. At the present time, since the plant has never run at near full capacity, its true maximum capacity is not known.

The current study should address the issues relating to increasing of the current plant discharge permit by 100,000 gallons or thereabouts, and should provide the underlying data for the filing of an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) with the Northeast Regional Office of the DEP in Wilmington, Mass., which oversees the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act. (MEPA) The MEPA office will render a decision as to what impact the increased discharge will have on the environment and determine if an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required. If an EIR is not required, approval of the expansion of a 300,000 gallon discharge permit to 400,000 gallons should not be a problem.

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Last month the Town requested a statement of qualifications from potential bidders interested in this capacity assessment. The town has received five qualifications statements from potential bidders. These documents are now being evaluated by representatives of the Selectmen, Sewer Commission, the Board of Health and a representative of the homeowners who will be affected by the sewer system expansion around Little Harbor. These homeowners have formed an organization to ensure that they have a say in the sewer expansion and hopefully ensure that the most economical solution is chosen for the town. A meeting is scheduled for some time in August to discuss the qualifications of the bidders, and evaluate their proposals. Once the bidder is selected, the study should be complete in six months, and the business of planning the sewer system expansion can begin.

More on West Nile Virus

Just a few notes on dead bird sightings and the West Nile Virus(WNV). There have been relatively few cases of the virus reported as a result of the Public health notices which request people to report dead bird sightings. This may be because the system of reporting dead birds has not been completely worked out. The procedure as it stands now is as follows: When a dead bird is found, don't touch the bird, but call the WNV hotline at 1-866-627-7968 and from there the DPH will give the caller instructions and a case number once a case number has been given, the caller should then call the Board of Health office or drop the bird off At the present time there are no facilities for handling dead birds on weekends or holidays.

You can help reduce the spread of *culex* mosquitoes (which carry the West Nile Virus) by dumping out any standing water from containers, old tires, etc. which you may encounter, since these mosquitoes breed in small pockets of water.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

You and the new runway at Logan: myths, realities

LOGAN VIEW

RICHARD GOLDHAMMER

Myth 1: Because air traffic does not fly over me now, I am not affected by jets.

Reality: For arrivals alone, about 30,000 jets approach Logan over the South Shore annually, dropping 110,000 pounds of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) directly onto our communities. VOC's include known carcinogens like benzene. Further, VOC's fan out over an area wider than the jet's flight path. So you and your children breathe in some percentage of VOC's from unburned jet fuel *every single day*, whether or not you live under a flight path.

The recent cancer study at O'Hare airport found that communities in Chicago as close to O'Hare as South Shore communities are to Logan have two to three times the EPA acceptable risk of exposure to such carcinogens.

Myth 2: Even if the arrivals over the South Shore quadruple with the new runway, it won't affect me.

Reality: With the new runway, jet arrivals alone will increase to about 120,000 annually, dropping 440,000 pounds of VOC's onto South Shore communities. The VOC's will fan out over a larger area because there will be more flight paths to Logan. Chances are you and your family will be affected.

Realty studies project your house equity will drop about 20 percent. So if your home is currently worth $300,000, once the runway is operational it will be worth $240,000.

Myth 3: The noise doesn't bother me now and it won't bother me then.

Reality: Massport is planning to fan out the huge increase of flights (arrivals and departures) over many new flight paths. If you don't have loud flights coming low over you now, you likely will have them once the runway is built.

Sixty-Five decibel noise contours, the point at which individuals experience unlivable conditions due to aircraft noise, will quite possibly extend into South Hingham, perhaps as far as the Hanover line, according to our aviation acoustics expert, Dr. Paul Schomer, the U.S. delegate to the International Organization for Standardization (IOS) Acoustics and Noise committees. Further, the noise from this expansion at Logan will be more constant.

Myth 4: It will not be as bad as a few complainers have been saying.

Reality: It may be *worse* than what people have been saying, according to national aviation and pollution experts hired by the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Somerville.

Myth 5: The people in charge will figure something out if it gets too bad.

Reality: Governor Swift, Massport, and the FAA, determined that for Logan to maintain a ticket price monopoly over the Boston area, it had to increase capacity to remain competitive with regional airports. To do this, it needs to build a runway that will increase capacity by directing two-thirds of all flights over the South Shore, according to Massport's documents for the new runway. That's what's been figured out.

Myth 6: If you fly, you will have less delays at Logan and flying will be safer.

Reality: According to public testimony by Dr. Amadeo Odoni, Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT and a world expert on delays and airport capacity, delays at Logan will significantly *increase* if the new runway is built. Furthermore, regional jet pilots, the ones likely to use the runway, are questioning its safety given the already crowded conditions at Logan. Apparently, safety and serving the customer is not as important to Massport as serving the airlines and carrying out political agendas.

Myth 7: There is nothing I can do.

Reality: You can contribute to the South Shore Jet Pollution Charitable Trust by going to the web site www.southshorejetpollution.org. Or you can contact Richard Goldhammer or Don Levi of Hingham, Michael Nuesse of Hull or Linda Wakeman of Cohasset, as well as your town selectmen to find out more.

Richard Goldhammer is a Hingham resident and a trustee for the South Shore Jet Pollution Charitable Trust.

Building a foundation for community planning

By Liz Harrington
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

— COMMENTARY —

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., the first of four neighborhood forums will take place at the Beechwood Congregational Church. The Growth and Development Committee developed these forums as a way for folks to explore why planning is necessary and why their role in the process is so vital. Residents will come away with basic information about trends and challenges facing Cohasset, and have the opportunity to share their likes, dislikes and vision for the future.

Land use is typically the starting point in a master-planning process.

Just as the neighborhood forums are the first step in developing a vision for Cohasset's future, the following information represents the initial sweep in data collection and analysis that is a major component of a master plan. We hope this information will provide an interesting foundation for our work together creating a vision for Cohasset's future.

Land use is typically the starting point in a master-planning process. It provides the basis for understanding existing and future land use patterns as it takes into account what is allowed under local and state land use regulations including the Zoning Bylaw, Subdivision Rules and Regulations, Wetlands Protection Act and Title V. Understanding how residential, commercial, open space and other land uses hang together and where new development might take place ("buildable land") helps a community determine whether its shared vision is consistent with current land use regulations and decisions. According to the assessor's department, of 3,241 land parcels in town, 2,548 (79 percent) are classified as residential, 369 (11 percent) as commercial or industrial, 190 (6 percent) as personal property, 109 (3 percent) as open or vacant land and 25 (1 percent) as mixed use.

Cohasset's most recent general plan, known as "The Benjamin Report," dates from 1961. At that time, 2,063 of Cohasset's total 6,438 acres of land (33 percent) were categorized as buildable. In 1999, the state's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs completed a land-use analysis of Cohasset that categorized 1,379 (21 percent) of total acres as buildable

Cohasset has nine zoning districts including Residence A, B and C, Light Industry, Technology, Waterfront, Highway and Downtown Business and Official & Open Space. A full 13.5 percent of the town is zoned open or public/municipal space. Approximately 80 percent of town is zoned for residential uses. The remainder (approximately 6.5 percent) is zoned for different business, mixed and industrial uses.

With respect to new development, housing units increased 2.89 percent from 1990 to 2000 (2,724 –2,805) according the US Census, while approximately $22,000,000 in new commercial construction has been permitted since 1996 according to Building Department figures.

According to US Census figures, although the population of Cohasset has increased almost 20 percent in the years since the Benjamin Report, from 5,840 persons in 1960 to 7,261 persons in 2000, it has grown much less rapidly, only 4.23 percent, since 1970 (6,954-7,261). While the population in Cohasset decreased 1.5 percent from 1980 to 1990 (7,174-7,075), it increased 2.6 percent from 1990-2000 (7,075-7,261).

In 1990, 25 percent of the town's population was 19 years of age or under, a decrease from 1980 when this figure was 31 percent. The 2000 Census indicates a reversal of this trend, with 29 percent of the total population 19 and under. Despite the increase in the number of persons age 19 and under, the Median Age increased from 38.6 years in 1990 to 40.9 years in 2000, representing a 5.6 percent increase.

Since 1990, Cohasset has grown at a slower rate than the region. Total population for the South Shore region, including communities from Weymouth to Duxbury, increased 5.4 percent, as opposed to 2.6 percent in Cohasset; median age increased 13 percent versus 5.6 percent for Cohasset. Average household size in the region decreased from 2.8 persons per household in 1990 to 2.7 persons per household in 2000, or a 3.6 percent decrease. During the same period, average household size decreased 1 percent in Cohasset from 2.72 persons per household to 2.69. Total housing units increased 7.6 percent in the region from 1990-2000, while Cohasset increased only 3 percent..

Cohasset continues to be a primarily residential and affluent community with a median family income of $74,310 versus a state average of $44,367 (1990 figures). The tax base is primarily residential with residential tax receipts comprising 93 percent of total. The majority of Cohasset businesses are engaged in retail services and trade (59 percent) as compared to state figures wherein the same category comprises just 36 percent of all businesses.

The information provided above is preliminary in nature and by no means exhaustive. It represents an attempt to inform and stimulate the debate about the future of Cohasset as we embark on a long planning journey. Watch for future newsletters, articles and other communication that will provide the opportunity to explore the trends, challenges and changes happening in our community and the region.

Liz Harrington is Cohasset Town Planner.

POLITICAL NOTES

Sen. Hedlund is turning 40

The Friends of Senator Hedlund present Bob's Once - in-a-Lifetime Birthday Brunch and Fundraiser on Sunday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., business casual attire, at South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham.

Co-chairmen are: Polly Logan, Cohasset at 781-383-0031; Kathy Stacey Marshfield, at 781-834-3849; Jeff Granatino, Scituate at 781-545-7894; Dana Toland, Weymouth at 781-337-4383.

Special invited guests include: GOP Senate Leader Brian P. Leer, state sen. Michael R. Knapik, state sen. Jo-Ann Sprague, state sen. Bruce E. Tarr, state sen. Richard R. Tisei.

Tickets are $40 per person.

Bradley seeks runway records

Rep. Garrett J. Bradley has written Donna Oliver Perry, the Keeper of Records for Massport, requesting any and all records relating to compensation paid, or to date unpaid, to any person, entity or organization for the purpose of lobbying, public relations and/or advertisement in relation to the proposed additional runway, known as 14/32, at Logan International Airport.

"I believe we have a right to know how much taxpayers are paying to shape public opinion regarding this project here, but more importantly, in Washington where the FAA is reviewing the proposal," said Bradley. "Special interest should not be controlling this debate."

In a letter, Massport Legal Administrator Ann Buckley stated that "Massport is evaluating your request and will assemble the requested documents as soon as they are available."

Bradley hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D – Hingham, will hold district office hours Thursday, Aug. 2 at the Hingham Town Hall, Second floor Meeting room, from 1– 2 p.m.. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

Bay State Politics 101

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Back in the days when Mike Dukakis was the bright of the bright young state reps and Ron Reagan was lea ing a wagon train through Death Valley, I had occasion interview a professor at BC (I think his name w Cherrington) about Massachusetts politics.

The conversation centered around a longtime Bost pol who was then serving time in the slam at the sar time he was representing the folks who elected him. I' not going to name him because he was said to ha friends on Federal Hill in Providence and I'm not one get yelled at by the wise guys.

"How do you explain his getting elected while he's jail?" I asked.

"Easy," said the good professor. "That's when he mee his constituents."

I thought of the professor's comment the other d when I was running down the list of candidates f Congress in the Ninth District to see who I was going vote for in the Sept. 11 Democratic primary.

It is one of the vagaries of Massachusetts politics tha little careful gerrymandering following the 1990 cens left Bill Delahunt, the congressman I have known t longest and best, out of reach of my ballot and paired r with the late Joe Moakley, who I never met in my life.

But I digress . . .

There is an old saying that it takes a bad-actor to mal a girl's heart beat a little faster, which explains why t class beauty often winds up in the arms of the druggie the bank robber. Can it also be said of politics that t slightly soiled candidate is more attractive to the voters

Take the Democratic candidates for Congress in t Ninth District for instance.

Steve Lynch, the senator from South Boston, had r sooner announced than the Flashlight Team (or whatev they call it) from the Herald discovered that he h defaulted on a $26,000 taxpayer-subsidized loan to he him through Boston College Law School in 199 Discovered, he quickly paid up.

"I hope people will honestly forgive my error and mo on," he said.

Then Brian Joyce, the senator from Milton, announce and it was discovered that he had "disrespected" t beloved Moakley by raising funds to run for the vaca seat before it was vacant. "Joe was not pleased," sa Kevin Ryan, the late congressman's chief of staff.

Then Marc Pacheco, the senator from Taunto announced and investigators soon found out that he h spent 64 nights in Boston hotels, paid for out of his car paign funds, when he lived only 39 miles away. He al made 32 trips to Washington for social events and we as far afield as Portugal, Israel, Taiwan and twice Russia.

Then Cheryl Jacques, the senator from Needham — I you have to be a senator to run? — announced and t intrepid Herald probers came up with word that she h given her aide, Jennifer Chrisler, six pay raises fro $25,000 to $48,000 in 4-1/2 years. Jennifer is describ as Cheryl's "domestic partner."

Oh, yes, Max Kennedy was in the lineup for a while; I even bought a new house in the district; until it was fou that he had an arrest record for assaulting a cop in 198 His companion that night 18 years ago was his cous Michael Skakel, who is now charged with murder Greenwich, Conn.

And Joe Timilty, the former senator from Bosto thought about running, too. If in politics, like love, t bad-actor wins, he had the best reason to go on.— a fou month vacation in the slammer for his role in a shady re estate.

LIBRARY CORNER

Children's programs

Slither in on Tuesday, July 31, at 7 p.m. as the Pau Pratt Memorial Library presents a cast of snakes, lizards turtles and tortoises. Presented by Marla Isaac, in cor junction with the New England Reptile Exhibit, thi promises to be a real crowd-pleaser.

This program is fun for all ages; call the library at 781 383-1348 or come in and sign up to register for each pro gram.

This summer's Tuesday night programs have bee generously provided by The Friends of the Paul Pra Memorial Library.

Video contest

All teens, grades 7 to 12, are invited to create a sho video (no more than 20 minutes long) during the sum mer of 2001. You may choose between drama, comedy cartoon animation, documentary, music video, commer cial, local history or "How-To" show. Be careful not t include any copyrighted images or music.

Films are due in by Wednesday, Aug. l, to the Duxbur Free Library. An "Oscar Night of Stars" will be held fo all entries on Friday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Duxbur Free Library Merry Meeting Room. All grand-prize win ning videos will be screened and "Oscars" will be pre sented to winners.

The contest is sponsored by Adelphia and MediaOn and local "Friends of the Library" groups in participatin South Shore towns. Contact the Paul Pratt Memoria Library at 781-383-1348 for more information.

Artist of the month

Cohasset resident Patricia O'Neill is currently feature as artist the month at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library O'Neill's artistic history began seven years ago studyin watercolor painting extensively with Virginia Avery o Marshfield, Tom Roche of Ireland and well-know South Shore artist, Roz Farbush.

In her artist's statement, O'Neill says, "Painting wit watercolors is fascinating and fun, frustrating and famil iar at the same time. Painting landscapes is an adventur that can take you anywhere. When the muse is upon you you have the world in your hands as well as your pain brush."

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Why? Y Not

Youth center would give older teens a cool place to go

Just about every week we are reporting less-than-favorable stories about teens in trouble on the South Shore.

In the past few months alone we have reported on our front pages or police blotter stories involving:

- A drinking party where a host of teens are arrested;
- 17-year-olds are stopped by police at 2 a.m., well beyond what their license allows;
- What some have called "teen pranks" — such as graffiti on seawalls.

The familiar lament heard is that there's not enough to do on the South Shore and idle time tends to get teens in trouble. We also know they are resistant to structured activities once they reach a certain age, such as 15 or 16.

An effort is underway by YMCA officials to prove the cynics wrong. As part of its major expansion project in Hanover, the YMCA — which attracts residents from many parts of the South Shore — will include a new teen center. Officials are hoping the Y Not club will have teens thinking just that: why not go and have some fun.

"For some reason, we start to lose the teens at a certain age," says Natalie Sheard, executive director of the Mill Pond Y in Hanover. "Some are with us from a young age and then they fade out. It's no longer cool or relevant to them."

The Y's efforts to make the place more hip, cool and free flowing is being bolstered by the ever-hip owners of Mount Blue restaurant in Norwell. Owners Patrick and Jayne Bowe of Scituate, parents themselves, were looking for a cause to support as part of their annual summer gala when they had the brainstorm to work in concert to develop the Y Not club.

Early plans call for a cool place where older teens can hang out and feel some independence while parents are assured there is still some structure. Local high school bands will be encouraged to play club coffeehouses and the like. And that's just some of the cool ideas surfacing for the club.

Since the Y draws from many communities on the South Shore, the proposal is also a good alternative in towns lacking the finances or the public support to build a community center or teen center itself.

It all seems like a winning combination, but will require the support of parents and the community at large. As with every new venture, money as well as encouragement are essential ingredients to success.

The annual Mount Blue party this coming Monday is one way to show that support. The soiree generally sells out and features good food, entertainment and conversation for $50 per person (call 781-659-0050 for information about whether there are tickets still available). It is an adults-only gathering, but teens aren't being left out of the fun. Parents can encourage their kids to attend Saturday's outdoor music fest at the Y grounds. For 10 bucks, teens can enjoy nine local bands performing from noon to 6 p.m. There will be T-shirts, food and hats available for sale during the event. (For more details, call 781-829-8585.)

It's a terrific start by Y officials, Mount Blue and many community members who want to see the Y Not club offer an alternative to teens hanging out and letting trouble find them. The Y Not Club isn't going to change things overnight and there will be teens who still shun the idea, but we applaud the efforts to include teens in more structured activities.

We sure want to cover even more positive news about area teens. We continue to have our share of heart-warming stories about teens who help in their communities or work to better the lives of family and friends. But there's always space for more.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police respond to parents' letter

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, members of our association read a letter to the editor in the Cohasset Mariner written by the parents of a Cohasset teen. This letter, quite carefully framed an opinion that argues that the members of the Cohasset Police Department are improperly executing their law enforcement duties with respect to the enforcement of underage drinking, possession of alcohol, and the like. The authors go on to ask what can be done to change the relationship between teens and the police.

The membership of the Cohasset Police Association would like to take this opportunity to address the issues that this letter has raised. On face value and absent any other information, the average citizen of Cohasset might read such a letter and actually believe what they have read. The authors of this letter state in part, that the police in Cohasset are not viewed by many people as being there to "protect and to serve". We disagree with that statement. We feel that the *vast majority* of residents in Cohasset feel exactly that way and we find that the minority of people who do not agree are most often some of the parents of teens, who have been caught breaking the law.

The department has made efforts to bridge the gap between teens and officers. We attempted to run a "citizens police academy" twice last year — not one teen signed up. We had to abandon the idea due to lack of interest. We have repeatedly asked for the DARE program to be part of the curriculum at the schools to no avail. We offered to let teens come on a "ride-along" with police officers. Nothing. The police association offered to have police vs. the high school football team ball game. The fuzzy answer that we received boiled down to a "no". I could go on and on. It's not fair or even accurate to say that the department or the officers are not trying — the simple fact is that we're open to discuss anything, and we have been for years.

The authors also allege that one of their sons has told them that he has been "followed" by police officers on numerous occasions. This accusation fails to recognize the fact that the police officers assigned to patrol do exactly that. Patrol, in this context, means to drive around the area that you are assigned to. In patrolling our assigned area, our job requires us to make observations and look for criminal activity. Incidentally, contrary to popular belief, underage drinking *is* criminal activity.

Many people may, from time to time, look in their rear view mirror and see a police cruiser. Most law-abiding citizens are not concerned by that and will frequently only experience this once every great while. This is because most people are driving from one point to another. The teenagers that the authors refer to are by their own admission, out driving around. In some cases, they are doing this for an entire evening. Therefore, statistically, it should be no surprise that they stand a much higher chance of encountering a police officer out patrolling, especially when there are several police cars on the road (that look the same) at one time. We have said it before and we will say it again, if you aren't doing anything wrong, you have no reason at all to fear the presence of the police.

What the authors of the letter may not have known is that their teenage son has had encounters with police and was given a break (or two). This information was easily checked at police headquarters. When an officer has dealings with someone, most usually the officer prepares a report, complete with name, date of birth, and nature of the encounter. Although these reports are not mandatory, some officers have found this to be an effective way to document a stop and protect themselves from false claims, as is the case here. It's a little more work for the officer, but well worth it in the end. Parents should realize that their son or daughter isn't going to come and say, "Hey Mom and Dad, the cops took my booze away tonight, but they didn't lock me up". You're only going to hear from them when an arrest has been made. Then sadly, the next steps are to blame the police officer, police department, or the department's policies and procedures. Very often, the officers are the ones that are made out to be the bad guys. Officers are not to blame — we didn't put your son or daughter in a position where they may face arrest — they made a conscious decision to put themselves where trouble is.

This entire story reminds us once again that good intentions on behalf of the police and the exercise of discretion never fails to invite criticism and false allegations. It's no wonder that "breaks" for teens are not as prevalent as they were at one time. Since the authors felt compelled to offer their own advice, we will offer ours in return: It is important to know and check all of the facts before you make an argument — especially in the newspaper.

On behalf of the men and woman of the Cohasset Police Association,

William P. Quigley, President
Cohasset Police Association
International Brotherhood of Police Officers
Local 641

Parental denial

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Police spend countless hours assisting teenagers survive to adulthood.

It is clear that the criticism of Bob and Mary Ernst as well as Noria Morales are unwarranted. The Ernsts suggest that Cohasset kids have no options other than to drive around town. It is apparent that they do want the police to be babysitters.

Noria Morales' letter if off the chart. It is disturbing to think that she cannot understand that her brother "…was guilty of minor transport." Her last paragraph is totally nonsensical, to wit: "…a society whose efforts to repress such vices as drinking, drugs and sex have perversely retarded effects…"

Cohasset is a small town and parental denial is rampant. The Cohasset Police are to be strongly commended for even-handedly enforcing the law even when it involves "townies" and teenagers of elected and/or appointed officials. They have a very difficult job and we should support rather than undermine them.

Joe McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Police under fire

TO THE EDITOR:

Board of Selectmen:

It has come to my attention that the Cohasset Police have come under fire recently about "picking on the kids" of Cohasset. Drinking on public property — Sandy Beach, the gravel pits, the harbor, etc., is illegal at any age unless a permit is given for a function. The legal drinking age is 21, whether you like it or not. Therefore, those under 21 who choose to drink or have any kind of open liquor containers in their possession or automobile are breaking the law. If a minor transports liquor, even as a "designated driver," he or she is breaking the law.

I am sure from what I have gathered in The Mariner and around town, that the same parents and their children who are complaining about the police being "out to get the kids," would be the first in line to criticize the police for not doing their job, or file a lawsuit against the town if the police were not doing their job and stopping these "kids" before trying to drive home and cause a horrific accident. Instead, the police in some ways, are trying to protect the "kids" by taking them into custody, and maybe scaring them, and then calling the parents to get them home safely. The "kids" are given an opportunity to clear their so-called "record" by attending alcohol-awareness classes. These same "kids" attended driver's education classes to learn to drive safely; so presumably, instead of looking at the MADD classes as a problem, they should be considered as an educational deterrent — as they are meant to be.

Parents have to get involved. Parents are always ready to organize the after-prom parties to keep the "kids" safe. What is supposed to happen to the "kids" for the rest of the year? There is no problem — only common courtesy — to ask your child what his or her plans are, even if they are in college, particularly if the parents are paying the bills. Work together with the police and other town groups to protect your most precious possession — your child.

Many people refer to the "good old days." I remember, and not just in Cohasset but other towns, that a child, when picked up by the police for anything, was more afraid of what his or her parents would do than what the police would do. Perhaps we should all work together to keep our children safe at any age.

Kate Stanton Barker
25 Francine Rd.
Framingham

Editors note: Mrs. Barker provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter.

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By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

At the last Town meeting in March, the voters approved a sum of money for a capacity study of the Central Sewer Plant to see if it can be expanded to handle the effluent from a sewer system serving homes around Little Harbor. The feasibility for such a plan was confirmed by a study done for the town last year by Stearns and Wheler, environmental engineers. Findings from the study indicate that, depending on a number of variables, to sewer the approximately 285 homes around Little Harbor, about 100,000 gallons of additional capacity would be necessary. The central plant had been given approval by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to expand their permit to 300,000 gallons to accommodate the central expansion. This innovative new plant using a proven, but not widely applied technology is not yet operating to full capacity, as all connections have not yet been completed to the newly expanded plant. At the present time, since the plant has never run at near full capacity, its true maximum capacity is not known.

The current study should address the issues relating to increasing of the current plant discharge permit by 100,000 gallons or thereabouts, and should provide the underlying data for the filing of an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) with the Northeast Regional Office of the DEP in Wilmington, Mass., which oversees the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act. (MEPA) The MEPA office will render a decision as to what impact the increased discharge will have on the environment and determine if an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required. If an EIR is not required, approval of the expansion of a 300,000 gallon discharge permit to 400,000 gallons should not be a problem.

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Last month the Town requested a statement of qualifications from potential bidders interested in this capacity assessment. The town has received five qualifications statements from potential bidders. These documents are now being evaluated by representatives of the Selectmen, Sewer Commission, the Board of Health and a representative of the homeowners who will be affected by the sewer system expansion around Little Harbor. These homeowners have formed an organization to ensure that they have a say in the sewer expansion and hopefully ensure that the most economical solution is chosen for the town. A meeting is scheduled for some time in August to discuss the qualifications of the bidders, and evaluate their proposals. Once the bidder is selected, the study should be complete in six months, and the business of planning the sewer system expansion can begin.

More on West Nile Virus

Just a few notes on dead bird sightings and the West Nile Virus(WNV). There have been relatively few cases of the virus reported as a result of the Public health notices which request people to report dead bird sightings. This may be because the system of reporting dead birds has not been completely worked out. The procedure as it stands now is as follows: When a dead bird is found, don't touch the bird, but call the WNV hotline at 1-866-627-7968 and from there the DPH will give the caller instructions and a case number once a case number has been given, the caller should then call the Board of Health office or drop the bird off At the present time there are no facilities for handling dead birds on weekends or holidays.

You can help reduce the spread of *culex* mosquitoes (which carry the West Nile Virus) by dumping out any standing water from containers, old tires, etc. which you may encounter, since these mosquitoes breed in small pockets of water.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

You and the new runway at Logan: myths, realities

LOGAN VIEW

RICHARD GOLDHAMMER

Myth 1: Because air traffic does not fly over me now, I am not affected by jets.

Reality: For arrivals alone, about 30,000 jets approach Logan over the South Shore annually, dropping 110,000 pounds of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) directly onto our communities. VOC's include known carcinogens like benzene. Further, VOC's fan out over an area wider than the jet's flight path. So you and your children breathe in some percentage of VOC's from unburned jet fuel *every single day*, whether or not you live under a flight path.

The recent cancer study at O'Hare airport found that communities in Chicago as close to O'Hare as South Shore communities are to Logan have two to three times the EPA acceptable risk of exposure to such carcinogens.

Myth 2: Even if the arrivals over the South Shore quadruple with the new runway, it won't affect me.

Reality: With the new runway, jet arrivals alone will increase to about 120,000 annually, dropping 440,000 pounds of VOC's onto South Shore communities. The VOC's will fan out over a larger area because there will be more flight paths to Logan. Chances are you and your family will be affected.

Realty studies project your house equity will drop about 20 percent. So if your home is currently worth $300,000, once the runway is operational it will be worth $240,000.

Myth 3: The noise doesn't bother me now and it won't bother me then.

Reality: Massport is planning to fan out the huge increase of flights (arrivals and departures) over many new flight paths. If you don't have loud flights coming low over you now, you likely will have them once the runway is built.

Sixty-Five decibel noise contours, the point at which individuals experience unlivable conditions due to aircraft noise, will quite possibly extend into South Hingham, perhaps as far as the Hanover line, according to our aviation acoustics expert, Dr. Paul Schomer, the U.S. delegate to the International Organization for Standardization (IOS) Acoustics and Noise committees. Further, the noise from this expansion at Logan will be more constant.

Myth 4: It will not be as bad as a few complainers have been saying.

Reality: It may be *worse* than what people have been saying, according to national aviation and pollution experts hired by the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Somerville.

Myth 5: The people in charge will figure something out if it gets too bad.

Reality: Governor Swift, Massport, and the FAA, determined that for Logan to maintain a ticket price monopoly over the Boston area, it had to increase capacity to remain competitive with regional airports. To do this, it needs to build a runway that will increase capacity by directing two-thirds of all flights over the South Shore, according to Massport's documents for the new runway. That's what's been figured out.

Myth 6: If you fly, you will have less delays at Logan and flying will be safer.

Reality: According to public testimony by Dr. Amadeo Odoni, Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT and a world expert on delays and airport capacity, delays at Logan will significantly *increase* if the new runway is built. Furthermore, regional jet pilots, the ones likely to use the runway, are questioning its safety given the already crowded conditions at Logan. Apparently, safety and serving the customer is not as important to Massport as serving the airlines and carrying out political agendas.

Myth 7: There is nothing I can do.

Reality: You can contribute to the South Shore Jet Pollution Charitable Trust by going to the web site www.southshorejetpollution.org. Or you can contact Richard Goldhammer or Don Levi of Hingham, Michael Nuesse of Hull or Linda Wakeman of Cohasset, as well as your town selectmen to find out more.

Richard Goldhammer is a Hingham resident and a trustee for the South Shore Jet Pollution Charitable Trust.

Building a foundation for community planning

— COMMENTARY —

By Liz Harrington
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., the first of four neighborhood forums will take place at the Beechwood Congregational Church. The Growth and Development Committee developed these forums as a way for folks to explore why planning is necessary and why their role in the process is so vital. Residents will come away with basic information about trends and challenges facing Cohasset, and have the opportunity to share their likes, dislikes and vision for the future.

Land use is typically the starting point in a master-planning process.

Just as the neighborhood forums are the first step in developing a vision for Cohasset's future, the following information represents the initial sweep in data collection and analysis that is a major component of a master plan. We hope this information will provide an interesting foundation for our work together creating a vision for Cohasset's future.

Land use is typically the starting point in a master-planning process. It provides the basis for understanding existing and future land use patterns as it takes into account what is allowed under local and state land use regulations including the Zoning Bylaw, Subdivision Rules and Regulations, Wetlands Protection Act and Title V. Understanding how residential, commercial, open space and other land uses hang together and where new development might take place ("buildable land") helps a community determine whether its shared vision is consistent with current land use regulations and decisions. According to the assessor's department, of 3,241 land parcels in town, 2,548 (79 percent) are classified as residential, 369 (11 percent) as commercial or industrial, 190 (6 percent) as personal property, 109 (3 percent) as open or vacant land and 25 (1 percent) as mixed use.

Cohasset's most recent general plan, known as "The Benjamin Report," dates from 1961. At that time, 2,063 of Cohasset's total 6,438 acres of land (33 percent) were categorized as buildable. In 1999, the state's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs completed a land-use analysis of Cohasset that categorized 1,379 (21 percent) of total acres as buildable

Cohasset has nine zoning districts including Residence A, B and C, Light Industry, Technology, Waterfront, Highway and Downtown Business and Official & Open Space. A full 13.5 percent of the town is zoned open or public/municipal space. Approximately 80 percent of town is zoned for residential uses. The remainder (approximately 6.5 percent) is zoned for different business, mixed and industrial uses.

With respect to new development, housing units increased 2.89 percent from 1990 to 2000 (2,724 –2,805) according the US Census, while approximately $22,000,000 in new commercial construction has been permitted since 1996 according to Building Department figures.

According to US Census figures, although the population of Cohasset has increased almost 20 percent in the years since the Benjamin Report, from 5,840 persons in 1960 to 7,261 persons in 2000, it has grown much less rapidly, only 4.23 percent, since 1970 (6,954-7,261). While the population in Cohasset decreased 1.5 percent from 1980 to 1990 (7,174-7,075), it increased 2.6 percent from 1990-2000 (7,075-7,261).

In 1990, 25 percent of the town's population was 19 years of age or under, a decrease from 1980 when this figure was 31 percent. The 2000 Census indicates a reversal of this trend, with 29 percent of the total population 19 and under. Despite the increase in the number of persons age 19 and under, the Median Age increased from 38.6 years in 1990 to 40.9 years in 2000, representing a 5.6 percent increase.

Since 1990, Cohasset has grown at a slower rate than the region. Total population for the South Shore region, including communities from Weymouth to Duxbury, increased 5.4 percent, as opposed to 2.6 percent in Cohasset; median age increased 13 percent versus 5.6 percent for Cohasset. Average household size in the region decreased from 2.8 persons per household in 1990 to 2.7 persons per household in 2000, or a 3.6 percent decrease. During the same period, average household size decreased 1 percent in Cohasset from 2.72 persons per household to 2.69. Total housing units increased 7.6 percent in the region from 1990-2000, while Cohasset increased only 3 percent..

Cohasset continues to be a primarily residential and affluent community with a median family income of $74,310 versus a state average of $44,367 (1990 figures). The tax base is primarily residential with residential tax receipts comprising 93 percent of total. The majority of Cohasset businesses are engaged in retail services and trade (59 percent) as compared to state figures wherein the same category comprises just 36 percent of all businesses.

The information provided above is preliminary in nature and by no means exhaustive. It represents an attempt to inform and stimulate the debate about the future of Cohasset as we embark on a long planning journey. Watch for future newsletters, articles and other communication that will provide the opportunity to explore the trends, challenges and changes happening in our community and the region.

Liz Harrington is Cohasset Town Planner.

POLITICAL NOTES

Sen. Hedlund is turning 40

The Friends of Senator Hedlund present Bob's Once - in-a-Lifetime Birthday Brunch and Fundraiser on Sunday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., business casual attire, at South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham.

Co-chairmen are: Polly Logan, Cohasset at 781-383-0031; Kathy Stacey Marshfield, at 781-834-3849; Jeff Granatino, Scituate at 781-545-7894; Dana Toland, Weymouth at 781-337-4383.

Special invited guests include: GOP Senate Leader Brian P. Leer, state sen. Michael R. Knapik, state sen. Jo-Ann Sprague, state sen. Bruce E. Tarr, state sen. Richard R. Tisei.

Tickets are $40 per person.

Bradley seeks runway records

Rep. Garrett J. Bradley has written Donna Oliver Perry, the Keeper of Records for Massport, requesting any and all records relating to compensation paid, or to date unpaid, to any person, entity or organization for the purpose of lobbying, public relations and/or advertisement in relation to the proposed additional runway, known as 14/32, at Logan International Airport.

"I believe we have a right to know how much taxpayers are paying to shape public opinion regarding this project here, but more importantly, in Washington where the FAA is reviewing the proposal," said Bradley. "Special interest should not be controlling this debate."

In a letter, Massport Legal Administrator Ann Buckley stated that "Massport is evaluating your request and will assemble the requested documents as soon as they are available."

Bradley hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D – Hingham, will hold district office hours Thursday, Aug. 2 at the Hingham Town Hall, Second floor Meeting room, from 1– 2 p.m.. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

Bay State Politics 101

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Back in the days when Mike Dukakis was the bright of the bright young state reps and Ron Reagan was lea ing a wagon train through Death Valley, I had occasion interview a professor at BC (I think his name w Cherrington) about Massachusetts politics.

The conversation centered around a longtime Bost pol who was then serving time in the slam at the sar time he was representing the folks who elected him. I' not going to name him because he was said to ha friends on Federal Hill in Providence and I'm not one get yelled at by the wise guys.

"How do you explain his getting elected while he's jail?" I asked.

"Easy," said the good professor. "That's when he mee his constituents."

I thought of the professor's comment the other d when I was running down the list of candidates f Congress in the Ninth District to see who I was going vote for in the Sept. 11 Democratic primary.

It is one of the vagaries of Massachusetts politics that little careful gerrymandering following the 1990 cens left Bill Delahunt, the congressman I have known t longest and best, out of reach of my ballot and paired n with the late Joe Moakley, who I never met in my life.

But I digress . . .

There is an old saying that it takes a bad-actor to mal a girl's heart beat a little faster, which explains why t class beauty often winds up in the arms of the druggie the bank robber. Can it also be said of politics that t slightly soiled candidate is more attractive to the voters

Take the Democratic candidates for Congress in t Ninth District for instance.

Steve Lynch, the senator from South Boston, had r sooner announced than the Flashlight Team (or whatev they call it) from the Herald discovered that he h defaulted on a $26,000 taxpayer-subsidized loan to he him through Boston College Law School in 199 Discovered, he quickly paid up.

"I hope people will honestly forgive my error and mo on," he said.

Then Brian Joyce, the senator from Milton, announc and it was discovered that he had "disrespected" t beloved Moakley by raising funds to run for the vaca seat before it was vacant. "Joe was not pleased," sa Kevin Ryan, the late congressman's chief of staff.

Then Marc Pacheco, the senator from Taunto announced and investigators soon found out that he h spent 64 nights in Boston hotels, paid for out of his car paign funds, when he lived only 39 miles away. He al made 32 trips to Washington for social events and we as far afield as Portugal, Israel, Taiwan and twice Russia.

Then Cheryl Jacques, the senator from Needham — I you have to be a senator to run? — announced and t intrepid Herald probers came up with word that she h given her aide, Jennifer Chrisler, six pay raises fro $25,000 to $48,000 in 4-1/2 years. Jennifer is describ as Cheryl's "domestic partner."

Oh, yes, Max Kennedy was in the lineup for a while; h even bought a new house in the district; until it was fou that he had an arrest record for assaulting a cop in 198 His companion that night 18 years ago was his cousi Michael Skakel, who is now charged with murder Greenwich, Conn.

And Joe Timilty, the former senator from Bosto thought about running, too. If in politics, like love, t bad-actor wins, he had the best reason to go on.— a fou month vacation in the slammer for his role in a shady re estate.

LIBRARY CORNER

Children's programs

Slither in on Tuesday, July 31, at 7 p.m. as the Pat Pratt Memorial Library presents a cast of snakes, lizards turtles and tortoises. Presented by Marla Isaac, in con junction with the New England Reptile Exhibit, thi promises to be a real crowd-pleaser.

This program is fun for all ages; call the library at 781 383-1348 or come in and sign up to register for each pro gram.

This summer's Tuesday night programs have bee generously provided by The Friends of the Paul Pra Memorial Library.

Video contest

All teens, grades 7 to 12, are invited to create a shor video (no more than 20 minutes long) during the sum mer of 2001. You may choose between drama, comedy cartoon animation, documentary, music video, commer cial, local history or "How-To" show. Be careful not t include any copyrighted images or music.

Films are due in by Wednesday, Aug. 1, to the Duxbur Free Library. An "Oscar Night of Stars" will be held fo all entries on Friday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Duxbur Free Library Merry Meeting Room. All grand-prize win ning videos will be screened and "Oscars" will be pre sented to winners.

The contest is sponsored by Adelphia and MediaOn and local "Friends of the Library" groups in participatin South Shore towns. Contact the Paul Pratt Memoria Library at 781-383-1348 for more information.

Artist of the month

Cohasset resident Patricia O'Neill is currently feature as artist the month at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library O'Neill's artistic history began seven years ago studyin watercolor painting extensively with Virginia Avery o Marshfield, Tom Roche of Ireland and well-know South Shore artist, Roz Farbush.

In her artist's statement, O'Neill says, "Painting wit watercolors is fascinating and fun, frustrating and famil iar at the same time. Painting landscapes is an adventur that can take you anywhere. When the muse is upon you you have the world in your hands as well as your paint brush."

Special Report



FILE PHOTO

Signs both opposed to and supporting a Proposition 2-1/2 override ballot vote line Highland Avenue. **Cohasset taxpayers have successfully voted for overrides, debt exclusions and capital outlay exclusions a total of 26 times.**

Cohasset voters know Prop. 2-1/2 all too well

By Mary Ford
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Town Manager Mark Haddad was in a senior in high school when the statewide campaign to pass Prop. 2-1/2 took root.

"I can remember the teachers screaming about it and my father campaigning for it because he thought property taxes were out of control," he recalled. Haddad had no way of knowing at the time that he would choose a career in which the legislation would have an effect on nearly all the financial matters he deals with.

Cohasset provides Haddad, who wrote his master's thesis on the effect of Prop. 2-1/2 on local government, with the opportunity to continually hone his skills on the workings of the 20-year-old law. The town of 7,000 holds override and debt exclusion votes on a regular basis, with a total of at least 53 ballot questions put before the voters over the past two decades. Twenty-six of those passed muster.

But while the law may seem routine today, the very prospect of limiting property taxes shook the seaside town like an earthquake 20 years ago. According to a draft of the 1980s chapter of the Third Volume of Cohasset History, town officials, who feared drastic cuts, were unanimously opposed to the law. But like their counterparts across the state, Cohasset taxpayers didn't listen, and headed to the polls in droves. Along with presidential candidate Reagan and his running mate Bush, Cohasset backed Prop. 2-1/2 by a wide margin.

The aftershocks were severe. "Many department heads were asked to cut their budgets by 15 percent," writes Jacqueline M. Dormitzer, author of the new volume of town history. Town officials turned off streetlights, closed the library on Wednesdays, cut personnel and closed outlying fire stations. The school department was hit the hardest and had to eliminate 31-1/2 positions.

Under the new law, the school department also lost its financial autonomy and would have to seek town meeting approval for its budget.

Martha Gjesteby was on the School Committee at the time and voted with the others to oppose Prop. 2-1/2. But today, she sees the law as a good thing.

"We've recouped from those early days," she said. "It curbed school spending, but as it turned out, it was nice to have the budget voted at Town Meeting because people asked more questions."

Alex Koines of Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers, a grassroots group that keeps an eye on taxes, says Prop. 2-1/2 has helped take some of the burden off the homeowner because it forced the state to give more money back to communities.

"Without it there was way too much reliance on property taxes, which are the most regressive taxes we have," Koines said.

He doesn't think the law and resulting overrides have been divisive for the town.

"Without 2-1/2, we wouldn't have the discussion," he said. "Now people are involved. It gives them the incentive to participate in the democratic process."

But for Haddad — who has been on the job in Cohasset for nearly five years — the realities of living within a 2-1/2 limit while trying to run a town with expenses rising higher than that can be taxing.

"I think the concept is necessary, it makes you live on a budget," he said. "But in a town that is 93 percent residential, it is too restrictive and we're forced to go back and ask for overrides."

Haddad said he'd like to see the state contribute more to towns like Cohasset.

"People think all of Cohasset is wealthy and can afford high taxes, but they're wrong," he said. "There are a lot, who are having a hard time here making ends meet."

Haddad said if he had his druthers, he'd like to see "Prop. 4" — that way the town would not have to go back to the voters time and time again.

Tax-cap law makes the history books

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egislation limits the annual increase n the local tax levy to 2-1/2 percent with an allowance for new construction. If their municipality needs nore money than allowed, voters — n a simple majority at the ballot box can approve an override of the 2-1/2 limit. [To grasp how levy limits, evy ceilings, new growth and overides are calculated see accompanying text and illustrations].

"Taxachusetts"

To understand the forces behind he 1980 citizens' tax uprising, the lock must be turned back some 25 ears. In the mid-to-late '70s, Massachusetts was a different place. Commonly derided as "Taxachusetts," the state had a total er capita tax burden that was third ighest in the nation — 80 percent bove the national average. In those lays, homeowners were at the nercy of their municipality that set he tax rate to cover expenses, and hen expected them to ante up.

Jack Conway, founder of Jack Conway Real Estate, remembers it ll too well. Conway was state chairman of The Citizens for a Massachusetts Tax Cap, a predecesor of Citizens for Limited Taxation.

"In some of our towns, the real state tax bill would be up to 5 percent of the value of the property," Conway recalled, meaning a house valued at $20,000, at the time, could have a tax bill of $1,000. [Today, that would translate into a $200,000 house with a tax bill of $10,000].

Proponents of the initiative recalled the combination of high property taxes and state taxes was crippling the local economy.

"The state was in horrible shape because we were so excessively overtaxed," Conway said. "We couldn't get industry to even consider Massachusetts and industries here were relocating to places like North and South Carolina or Arizona."

Yet as "Prop.2-1/2" comes of age in its 21st year, some question the price towns have paid. Over the years, nary a community has escaped a divisive override fight. Battles over the Prop. 2-1/2 override's "cousin," dubbed debt exclusions, — which allow towns to exempt the debt service for large projects, such as new schools, from the tax cap limit — have torn towns apart. On Election Day, there is often a familiar refrain. Parents of schoolchildren stand on one side of the street with signs saying, "Vote yes, Save our Schools" while often senior citizens stand on the other saying, "Vote No," so they won't be priced out of town.

Jim St. George, director of the Tax Equity Alliance of Massachusetts known as TEAM, says Prop. 2-1/2 is an imperfect law that resulted from government's lack of response to the people.

"Prop. 2-1/2 has less to do with anti-tax backlash than it has to do with the failure of the legislative process in the late 1970s," he says. "Everyone in the state knew the problem had to be addressed, our property taxes were among the highest in the country.

"But if the Legislature had been able to respond to public demand, there wouldn't have been a need for Prop. 2-1/2."

St. George, who says municipalities were shielded from 2-1/2's true impact during the boom years of the '90s because of increases in state aid, said there's an inherent unfairness in the law. The higher income communities have a greater capacity to raise their taxes — resulting in better services and better schools in those towns.

Cohasset, for example, has successfully overridden Prop. 2-1/2 some 26 times where Weymouth has not had a single override. However, it's important to note that Cohasset has one-sixth the population of Weymouth and the lion's share of the town budget is dependent on homeowners because the commercial tax base there is so small.

Dilapidated buildings

In a recent newspaper opinion piece, Laurie Stillman, a town meeting member in Milton, sounded a rallying call for the Statehouse to change the law, blaming Prop. 2-1/2 for dilapidated schools and crumbling infrastructure. She said the law deprives communities of enough money to provide essential services, pitting interest groups against one another.

"This infighting is tearing at our community fabric," she stated.

But despite divisive override campaigns and the painful realities of living within a 2-1/2 limit because union raises and inflation can run at 3 percent annually or more, there are no indications of a groundswell of support to change the law.

Even St. George of TEAM, whose mission is to make the budget and tax system in the state responsive to the needs of the people, doesn't see any chipping away at 2-1/2.

"It's not a total failure," he said about whether the law is working. "I'd give it an overall 'C.'

"But we have it — and our challenge is finding ways to live with that system."

Anderson of Citizens for Limited Taxation says Prop. 2-1/2 has kept its promise of keeping real estate taxes under control and forcing the state to provide more revenue sharing to cities and towns. Although the overall Massachusetts tax burden is still high it is no longer the butt of all jokes. Without 1980's ballot vote for 2-1/2, the state would have either turned into the "Appalachia of New England," Anderson says, or there would have been a taxpayer revolt a few years later to end all taxpayer revolts. A recent report, commissioned by CLT, examines Prop. 2-1/2's history and says the property tax levy has risen an average of 18 percent [without overrides] over the 20 years when adjusted for inflation.

She thinks 2-1/2 is here to stay, and says the power the law gives the voters goes to the heart of a democracy.

"When a community wants more money, it has to ask the people," she said. "It's a pure form of democracy and once you get used to it, it would be hard to take it away."

A look at Cohasset overrides

Date	Type	Purpose	Amount
5/14/88	Capital outlay	Various	$ 228,890
6/28/89	Capital outlay	Fire equipment	$ 7,500
5/16/92	Capital outlay	DPW equipment	$ 9,000
5/14/88	Debt exclusion	Sch. science labs	$ 70,000
5/14/88	Debt exclusion	School bus	$ 32,000
5/14/88	Debt exclusion	Transfer station	$ 550,000
5/6/89	Debt exclusion	School roof	$ 41,656
4/14/90	Debt exclusion	School repairs	$ 85,000
5/18/91	Debt exclusion	School repairs	$ 230,000
5/16/92	Debt exclusion	School repairs	$ 95,000
5/16/92	Debt exclusion	Ambulance	$ 90,000
5/14/94	Debt exclusion	Athletic fields	$ 775,000
5/13/95	Debt exclusion	DPW garage	$ 752,000
4/6/96	Debt exclusion	New elementary school	$ 9,890,000
5/3/97	Debt exclusion	Sewers	$20,363,600
12/5/98	Debt exclusion	Sewers	$ 2,700,000
4/10//99	Debt exclusion	Sewers	$ 1,300,000
12/11/99	Debt exclusion	School renovation plans	$ 640,000
4/8/00	Debt exclusion	School renovations	$41,800,000
5/11/88	General override	Operating budget.	$ 659,911
6/28/89	General override	Operating budget.	$ 203,800
5/18/91	General override	Operating budget.	$ 146,169
5/16/92	General override	Operating budget	$ 392,416
5/1/395	General override	Operating budget	$ 358,000
5/22/99	General override	Operating budget	$ 380,000
4/7/01	General override	Operating budget	$ 300,000

How CNC/south towns compare number of overrides

	RE/CO	GO	DE	CA
Abington	86/14	3	7	0
Braintree	70/30	0	0	0
Cohasset	93/7	7	16	3
Hanover	80/20	3	3	0
Hingham	86/14	2	6	6
Holbrook	82/18	1	9	1
Kingston	81/19	0	17	0
Marshfield	92/8	6	2	0
Norwell	82/18	2	4	0
Pembroke	85/15	0	3	0
Rockland	77/23	0	8	0
Scituate	95/5	1	2	0
Weymouth	87/13	0	0	0

RE/CO= percentage of residential vs. commercial/industrial tax base
GO= general override
DE= debt exclusions
CA= capital outlay expenditure
Source: Dept. of Revenue

Fiscal 2001 average single family tax bill

Town	Assessed Value	Parcels	Average Value	Tax Rate	Single Family Tax Bill	Hi-Lo Rank
Abington	$671,878,600	3,485	$192,792	$16.05	$3,094	92
Braintree	$1,631,113,600	8,745	$186,520	$12.55	$2,341	181
Cohasset	$861,978,400	2,179	$395,584	$14.59	$5,772	9
Hanover	$860,050,100	3,823	$224,957	$18.17	$4,088	43
Hingham	$2,065,166,400	5,998	$344,309	$13.75	$4,734	28
Holbrook	$447,840,900	2,965	$151,042	$16.55	$2,500	154
Kingston	$719,790,700	3,411	$211,020	$13.77	$2,906	105
Marshfield	$1,688,191,462	8,785	$192,167	$15.63	$3,004	97
Norwell	$969,627,600	3,117	$311,077	$15.45	$4,806	24
Pembroke	$948,980,780	4,953	$191,597	$14.43	$2,765	118
Rockland	$533,104,600	3,602	$148,002	$17.20	$2,546	144
Scituate	$1,511,477,200	6,428	$235,140	$14.70	$3,457	65
Weymouth	$2,132,818,000	12,965	$164,506	$15.07	$2,479	159

High/low rank is for state. Towns listed are covered by Community Newspaper Company/South.
Source: The state Dept. of Revenue.

Special Report

Understanding Proposition 2-1/2

Property tax levy: The amount a community can raise through property taxes.

Levy controls: Proposition 2-1/2 established two types of levy controls:

- A community cannot levy more than 2-1/2 percent of its full and fair cash value, known as its levy ceiling.
- A community's levy is also constrained so it can only increase a certain amount from year to year, known as its levy limit.

Override: Allows a community to assess taxes in excess of the automatic 2-1/2 percent annual increase through a simple majority ballot vote, as long as the community is below its levy ceiling. An override allows a community to permanently increase its levy limit.

Debt exclusion: Allows a community to assess taxes in excess of its levy limit or levy ceiling for the payment of debt service costs through a 2/3 vote at town meeting and a majority ballot vote. A debt exclusion only allows a temporary tax increase over a community's levy limit. Tax increase goes away when the debt is paid off.

Capital outlay exclusion: Allows a community to raise money in excess of its levy limit for certain capital projects only for the year the project is undertaken. Ballot vote required. A capital outlay exclusion is a temporary tax increase.

New growth: Allows a community to increase its levy limit annually by an amount based on the increased value of new development and other growth that is not the result of revaluation. No ballot vote required. New growth is calculated by multiplying the increase in the assessed valuation of qualifying property by the prior year's tax rate.

Excess levy capacity: Difference between the levy and the levy limit that occurs when a community chooses to set its levy at any amount below its levy limit. This is an additional amount a community could, but chooses not to, levy. Prop. 2-1/2 limits increases from year to year in the levy limit, not the levy. Before the tax rate is set, the full levy limit is available to the community, regardless of how much the community levied in previous years. It is within the law under Prop. 2-1/2 for a community to have excess levy capacity in one year and, in the following year, to levy right up to the full amount of its new levy limit.

Underride: Allows a community to reduce its levy limit by passing an underride, resulting in a permanent tax decrease in the levy limit because it reduces the base upon which levy limits are calculated for future years. Requires a ballot vote. May be placed on the ballot by selectmen or the people using a local initiative petition procedure, if one is provided by law.

Source: "Levy Limits: A Primer on Proposition 2-1/2," Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

How is a Levy Limit Increased?

The levy limit is increased from year to year as long as it remains below the levy ceiling. Permanent increases in the levy limit result from the following:

Automatic 2.5% Increase. Each year, a community's levy limit automatically increases by 2.5% over the previous year's levy limit. This does not require any action on the part of local officials; the Department of Revenue calculates this increase automatically.

New Growth. A community is able to increase its levy limit each year to reflect new growth in the tax base. Assessors are required to submit information on growth in the tax base for approval by the Department of Revenue as part of the tax rate setting process. New growth is discussed in Section II.

Overrides. A community can permanently increase its levy limit by successfully voting an override. The amount of the override becomes a permanent part of the levy limit base.

How is a Levy Limit Calculated?

Since 1981, when Proposition 2½ went into effect, a levy limit for each community has been calculated annually by the Department of Revenue. It is important to note that a community's levy limit is based on the previous year's levy limit and not on the previous year's actual levy.

Each step in the example below is explained in more detail in other sections of this primer. A levy limit is calculated by:

Taking the previous year's levy limit and increasing it by 2.5%:

A. FY94 Levy Limit		$1,000,000
B. (A) x 2.5%	+	$25,000

Adding to the levy limit amounts of certified new growth added to the community's property tax base:

C. FY95 New Growth	+	$15,000

Adding to the levy limit amounts authorized by override votes:

D. FY95 Override	+	$100,000
E. FY95 Subtotal (A+B+C+D)	=	$1,140,000

Comparing the FY95 levy limit to the FY95 levy ceiling and applying the lesser number (compare E and F):

F. FY95 Levy Ceiling		$2,500,000

$1,140,000
Applicable FY95 Levy Limit
(Lesser of E and F)

This community's levy limit, the maximum amount in real and personal property taxes it can levy, is $1,140,000 for FY95. How much of this amount the community actually wants to use — that is, the amount of the levy — is up to the discretion of local officials. The community can levy up to or at any level below the entire levy limit amount, regardless of what its levy was in the previous year.

How is a Levy Ceiling Calculated?

The levy ceiling is determined by calculating 2.5% of the total full and fair cash value of taxable real and personal property in the community:

Full and Fair Cash Value x 2.5% = LEVY CEILING
Full and Fair Cash Value = $100,000,000
$100,000,000 x 2.5% = $2,500,000

In this example, the levy ceiling is $2,500,000.



Figure 1

In summary, the levy limit can increase from year to year in these ways: automatic 2.5% increase, new growth and overrides. Once the levy limit is increased in any of these ways, the increased levy limit amount becomes the base upon which levy limits are calculated for future years. See *figure 3*.



Figure 3

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A look at the names behind the streets



Sohier Street is named after William Davies Sohier, a summer resident.

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Wadsworth, a Nichols descendant. The original family lived near Straits Pond, but the family soon branched out along what is now Jerusalem Road, building small farms.

Aaron Nichols Jr. built an "old salt box farmhouse" near what is now Bow Street. Eventually a separate road developed off his property to Jerusalem Road, hence the name "Nichols Road."

Gammons Road

It was named after Charles Gammons, a Highland Avenue resident from the early 1900's.

"Gammons owned a lot of property including Rice Island and most of Cooper Island in Little Harbor," said Wadsworth.

Gammons built a little stone camp and private road out to Rice Island, which Wadsworth remembers visiting as a youngster.

In the period shortly before and after World War II, the property was split into lots, and over time, more and more houses were built along "Gammons's road."

Jerusalem Road

The small gathering of stores and businesses in the northwest end of Cohasset is now known as West Corner. How does that tie into the background of Jerusalem Road? Because prior to being known as West Corner, it was known as Jerusalem.

"How it got to have that name, I have no idea," Wadsworth said. "But the road leading out to it was called the 'Road to Jerusalem.'"

So how did West Corner become known as West Corner?

"It's not because it's in the western corner of the town," Wadsworth said. "It was named after James West, a prominent land and store owner."

Doane Street

One of the most populous streets in Beechwood was actually named after a family who probably never lived there.

Elisha Doane came from a prominent Cape Cod family, among one of the wealthiest families in New England, said Wadsworth. He settled in Cohasset and was not only a socially prominent figure in town, but also was a large land owner, and ran ships and salt works. He lived at 3 North Main St., now the South Shore Community Center, and was responsible for adding the building's third floor. His son, Squire James Cutler Doane followed in his footsteps, at one time owning Government Island before it was bought by the federal government.

"But why that street was named for that family, I don't know," said Wadsworth.

Some of the reasons for other street names have simple explanations. King Street as it was originally laid out — a straight shot from North Main Street to Lily Pond — was supposed to be main road in town.

"And you name your main road after your king," said Wadsworth.

Chief Justice Cushing was one of the first chief justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, and a Scituate resident. Beechwood Street was the "Road to the Beech Woods," where there was apparently an abundance of beech trees at one time. Edward Ripley built a house off Sohier Street, on what would now be the northeast of the intersection, in the late 1800's. James Lane was named for Thomas James, the builder of a small farmhouse in 1704, and what is now known as the Red Lion Inn.

Other tidbits about the town's roads, not necessarily pertaining their names, but interesting nonetheless include that North and South Main Street, one of the first state-funded highways built, was originally Route 3A. Route 3A as we now know it, wasn't built until the 1930's. North Main Street actually used to continue up Cedar Street and down to Hull Street, instead of veering off and meeting up with Route 228 farther south.

The reason King Street originally stopped at North Main Street was that if it had kept going, it would have ended up in the middle of a swamp leading to Rattlesnake Run. In the late 1800's, the town put a bend in the road, continued it through the woods down to the ocean and called it Forest Avenue.

ZBA debating roof expansion on Highland Avenue

By Rick Collins
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The Zoning Board of Appeals is debating whether to allow an expansion of a Cohasset Common Historic District house at 63 Highland Ave.

The project, which won approval from the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission in May, would raise the roof of the house 2-1/2 feet, and extend the second floor 7-1/2 feet down Beach Street. The house, owned by Charles Furtado, is on the corner of Highland Avenue and Beach Street.

The house, known as the Capt. Samuel Bates Jr. House, has had several additions since it was originally built in 1793, including a rear porch and garage. In one spot, the proposed expansion of the second floor and roof would result in a nearly 18-foot height increase from what is currently there.

Town bylaw prohibits a house in close proximity of a road from having a roof built higher than 15 feet. Furtado's home is 11 feet from Beach Street, and five feet from Highland Avenue at one point, and already has a roof in excess of 15 feet. As a result, Furtado asked the ZBA last week for a variance allowing him to expand the existing non-conforming roof.

The original house won't be expanded, but the project would expand the subsequent additions. The result would be the addition of a bathroom and reduction of a bedroom inside the original box. Furtado said the bathroom had years ago been split to make room for a bedroom, and that he would be restoring the additional floor plan.

The appeals board generally liked the plan, but debated whether the expansion would be a substantial increase in the "mass" of the house. One of the criteria for approving the expansion of an existing non-conforming use is whether it would be detrimental to the neighborhood.

"The question is, is it substantially more detrimental, sort of detrimental or not at all?"
— ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick

"The question is, is it substantially more detrimental, sort of detrimental or not at all," ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick asked the board.

Neighbor Carolyn Horn said she was concerned that the expansion would have a negative impact on the house as viewed by passersby and from the common.

Board member Jane Goedecke said even though no one "owns" the view from Beach Street of Little Harbor, that "when we live near the water, the view is a major asset."

The expansion is part of a major exterior renovation of the house, which recently had its clapboards replaced and painted. Furtado also plans to expand an existing three-season room into a year-round room, and round off the framing around the garage doors to make it more resemble a carriage house.

The ZBA closed the public hearing and will deliberate the issue at its next meeting on Aug. 6.

Village upgrade gets yellow light

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what's in the mitigation agreement.

The board also held off on the task force's request to build a sample section of sidewalk in front of Cards & Shards. The task force voted to recommend building a 60-foot section of brick sidewalk at a cost of $9,000 split between the CRC and the town. But Rizzo said the CRC would pick up the entire cost if the town allowed them to build three different samples 20-feet wide each instead.

Callahan opposed the task force's recommendation for brick sidewalk throughout the village saying brick sidewalks rarely settles properly. He also suggested presenting the village renovation plan to the Growth and Development Committee to be included in the upcoming master plan.

O'Brien said the task force will go back and try to provide the board with the information it wants. He also said despite three years of meetings, he was still optimistic that the project will eventually happen

"I'm not really discouraged, I'm kind of used to them looking for more," he said. "That seems to be the case every time we go in, so I wasn't surprised by it at all."

He said the task force plans to work with Rizzo to come up with cost estimates broken down into phases, and sidewalk materials.

O'Brien also though the board raised a good point in the need for an implementation plan for the project.

Overall though, he thought it encouraging that the board seemed to support the basic vision of the plan.

"They generally seemed to like the concepts," he said.

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Legislators: Let towns control affordable housing

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Reforms of the Affordable Housing Law passed by the state House of Representatives and to be debated by the Senate will aim to put the development of affordable housing under local control, while creating tools and incentives to encouraging affordable housing that adds to community life.

"This is a strong reform of the 40B process, a whole package of reforms sending the law back in the direction of local control," said state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth.

Chapter 40B allows developers to bypass local zoning ordinances in communities with less than 10 percent affordable housing, as long as 25 percent of the development's units will qualify as affordable under the state's definition.

Examples of the misuse of Chapter 40B are occurring all over the state, according to Hedlund.

In Hingham, a lot zoned for one single family home now has 25 townhouses, due to a developer who received a permit under Chapter 40B, Hedlund said.

In Weymouth, the AvalonBay complex was approved under the cloud of the developer reapplying under Chapter 40B.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, stressed that the House reforms are meant to make the law work better.

"We're trying to remove the element of using Chapter 40B as a threat. Suburban communities aren't against affordable housing, but the statute isn't being used as the original bill was intended," Bradley said.

There is bipartisan support for reform, and the Senate version will probably be pretty close to the version approved by the House, according to Hedlund.

"A lot of senators have filed bills that would change the whole process. This is one of those rare exceptions that members will vote with their districts rather than their leadership, and rightfully so," Hedlund said.

Hedlund is waiting for the Senate version to emerge from the Ways and Means Committee for discussion, expected to happen around Labor Day.

"I am disappointed that the Senate is not going to act upon this until the fall. I would have liked to get this on the floor for debate as soon as possible," Hedlund said.

One of the controversial provisions of the House version, not included in the version favored by the Swift administration, is an amendment that would allow in-law apartments, federally-subsidized Section 8 housing, and mobile homes to count toward a town's "affordable housing" stock. Under state law, each community is mandated to have 10 percent of its dwelling units as affordable.

This would give a more accurate picture of the quantity of affordable housing in a community, proponents said, but would put communities such as Weymouth over the 10 percent threshold.

However, Weymouth has done more than its share in providing affordable housing, Hedlund said.

"Weymouth is affordable because it does not have 'snob zoning' in place.' Weymouth also has one of the highest percentages of group homes in the area. The town also does a lot for senior housing. How much more can Weymouth shoulder?" Hedlund asked.

Hedlund thinks group homes should be counted as affordable housing. However, he does not think mobile homes are always part of the affordable housing stock.

"I don't necessarily agree with trailers," Hedlund said. "Many people who live in trailers do not consider themselves low income. It's a lifestyle choice."

Hingham and Cohasset both have under 3 percent affordable housing according to figures compiled in 1990.

The House amendment could help towns like Hingham and Cohasset, where only a small percentage of its current housing is "affordable," thereby making the town a prime candidate for the comprehensive permit process.

Cohasset has plans to put a by-law allowing accessory dwellings before its next Town Meeting. This would encourage the type of "in-law" apartments that allow an elderly couple to remain in the town they love. This would count toward Cohasset's affordable housing stock if the House amendment is included in the final version of the Chapter 40B reforms.

Should all the projects now on the drawing board become reality, Hingham would probably cross the 10 percent mark, according to Hedlund.

Once redeveloped, the Hingham Shipyard may offer some affordable housing.

Hingham already have a small mobile home park off Rockland Street as well as some accessory dwellings and federally-subsidized housing which falls under the Hingham Housing Authority.

A number of comprehensive permit projects are also on the table, including a 2,266-unit retirement community off Whiting Street in South Hingham. However, what portion of those will actually count as affordable units has not yet been determined. The project was designed to benefit an older couple who have a lot of equity in their home but have a problem with monthly payments. The retirement community would require a $100,000 to $300,000 down payment that would preserve the equity in couple's home, while providing housing they can afford. The state Department of Housing and Community Development is making a decision as to whether this type of arrangement will qualify as affordable housing, according to Bradley.

One of the complexities of the law is that what is affordable housing for one community is not affordable for another.

"You have to look at it on a town by town basis," Hedlund said.

One of the House reforms proposed by Bradley would establish a commission to define affordable housing. The committee, made up of members from the House and Senate and housing advocates, would reexamine how affordable housing is defined under the law.

One of the reforms Hedlund would like to see is that developers be required to have a higher percentage of affordable units in construction under a Chapter 40B comprehensive permit.

"If you can max out the land, you should have to build a higher percentage of affordable housing," Hedlund said.

The affordable housing reform will affect Weymouth, but will not change redevelopment at the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station, according to Executive Director Kenneth Goff.

When the reuse plan was voted in, the only criteria for the planned senior housing was that it be for people over 55. Where there is no requirement for affordable housing, the prices of the units will probably be market driven, although it is premature to determine what form the senior housing development Goff said.

Town looks into extra moorings

By Rick Collins
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The town is looking into an old agreement with the Cohasset Yacht Club that could create as many as 18 new moorings in crowded Cohasset Harbor.

In 1995, when the town was getting ready for the recent $1.2 million harbor dredging project, the yacht club asked for the town's support in lobbying Congress to push the federal waterway line farther out into the harbor. The club had encroached on the line, and the town would not have received permits for the dredging work until either the club no longer encroached the line or it was changed. Only an act of Congress can change the federal waterway line, and support from the local board of selectmen is needed.

The yacht club appeared before the board in March of 1995 to propose the line change, which also included a dock and float reconfiguration in order to provide additional moorings for its members. Part of the deal was that the reconfiguration would eliminate a "spider float" and that area would be given to the town for public moorings. A letter from then-yacht club commodore R. Gary Vanderweil said the new public area would have room for 18, 21-foot boats.

The plan was adopted unanimously, and the federally-funded harbor dredging project was completed early last year.

But the town has yet to see the new mooring spaces, and now officials doubt there is even room for 18 spaces.

"I talked to [Harbormaster John "Moose" Winters] and he said there just isn't room for 18 spaces," Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Tuesday.

"The 18 new spaces were definitely part of the deal," said Selectman Michael Sullivan, who was on the board at the time. "The issue was that everyone would have benefited."

At the request of selectmen, Haddad will review the plan as proposed in 1995 and report back to the board.

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Stars of the Week

Dave Ingber and Jeff Scribner

The Cohasset High first doubles duo was named to our All-Scholastic boys tennis team this week in tribute to their outstanding 10-1 season that helped the Skippers to their first post-season state tourney berth in several years.

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On the South Shore

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Tennis any... er, everyone

Annual event raises $16,000 for Children's Hospital

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Last Saturday and Sunday, the entire Cohasset tennis community got together for its annual Children's Hospital Benefit Tennis Tournament, amassing over $16,000.

The event, dating back to the 1950s, is played on the exquisite privately owned courts around town, 21 in all being used.

"That is half of the beauty of the tournament," said a smiling Daralynn Evans, the head coordinator of the tourney.

The tournament was played every year from the 50s up until the 70s, at which point, there was a "lull", as Evans called it. But about ten years ago, former ballboys and ballgirls from the original tourney resurrected the event, raising more money than ever before for the Children's Hospital.

In addition to the cover charge for playing in the tournament (the benefits going to the hospital), there was also a large silent auction last Friday night, doubling last years total money raised.

In the tournament, there were four different categories of skill levels, comprising all 100 mixed doubles teams which came to Cohasset for the tourney.

The least competitive level was the "C" group, which was won by local partners Shellanne Durkin and Donal Cahill. The pair took the championships in the C's, defeating Janet Robinson and Mike Rawson in three sets, also earning themselves an automatic berth in next year's "B-Level" competition.

The B's were won by Cohasset's Ralph and Nancy Froio, who survived a three-set match with Judy Armen and Doug LeBlanc.

The next category of players was the "A-Level," a highly competitive

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Shelanne Durkin, seen here making a volley in the shadow of a beautiful Cohasset mansion, and doubles partner Donal Cahill (background) won the C-level doubles championship at this weekend's annual Children's Hospital Benefit Tennis Tournament. ***For more tournament photos by Alan Chapman, see page 15.***

Picking up where they left off

Cohasset 9-year-old baseball All-stars off to a great start



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Connor Murphy brings the heat for Cohasset 10-year old All-Star team last week.

The Cohasset 9-year-old All-star Team, on the heels of their undefeated championship as 8-year-olds in 2000, have won their first four games in the District 8 travel season. Led by powerful hitting, superb pitching and graceful fielding, the youngsters have shown that their success last year promises even greater fortune this season. Playing in the Williamsport District 8 Little League, Cohasset has defeated Rockland (10-2), Braintree (14-7), Abington (8-5) and Stoughton (13-0).

The last game, held at the recently improved Beechwood Field in Cohasset, was highlighted by a combined no-hitter pitched by Eamon Davis, Robby McCunney and Jordan Berry. The three hurlers allowed only six runners -all through walks- to reach base, while each logged four strikeouts in their respective two inning stints. The infield handled every play flawlessly and allowed no Stoughton opponent to reach base. In a fitting display of fielding prowess, catcher

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Mariner All-Scholastic boys tennis team

Cohasset's team of Scribner and Ingber chosen among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process was not an easy one.

Several of the young men you see here as with "Honorable Mention" recognition were seriously considered for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

For example, Cohasset captain Chris Golden put together a laudable senior campaign playing in the top singles spots against premier competition and helping the Skippers to their first post-season state tourney berth in several years.

After consulting with area coaches, however, these are the choices we made for our 2001 All-Scholastic boys tennis team:

Singles

Brian Marsden - Sophomore
First Singles - Hingham



Brian Marsden

Unquestionably one of the most dominating forces on the South Shore's singles courts...Just a sophomore, Marsden has played at the number one spot for two years and went unblemished this season in the Patriot League at 14-0...Marsden is currently ranked 12th in New England among 16-and-under tennis players...His solid play on the court helped Hingham cruise to a league title and advance to the South Sectional finals for the second-straight year...Was a semifinalist in the South Sectional Individual tournament, where his only defeats in two years have come...Marsden was a defenseman on Hingham's Div. 1 State Champion hockey team this past winter...Marsden will spend the summer competing in New England and national tournaments, and will be the Harbormen's top returnee next season.

Ryan McDonald - Junior
(Capt.)
First Singles - Marshfield



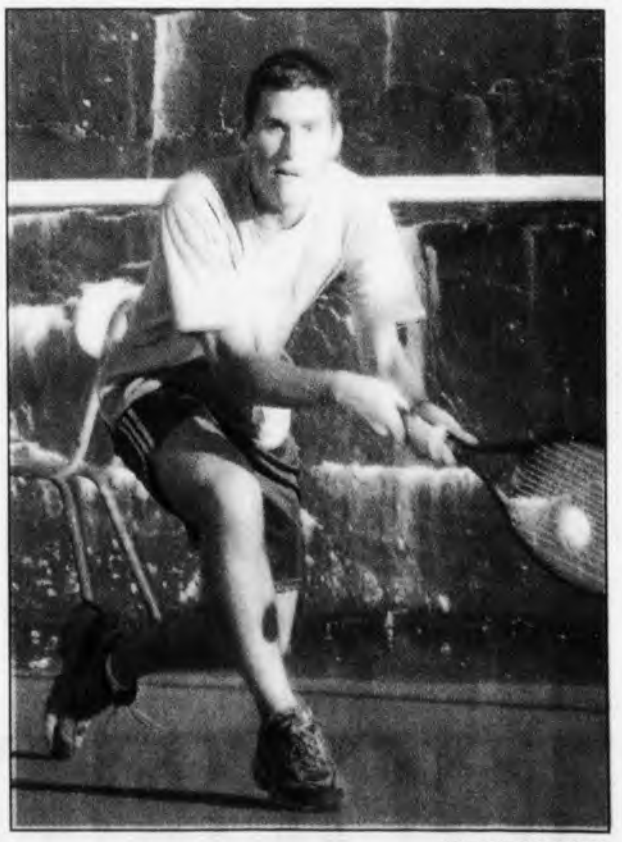
Ryan McDonald

Had a stellar season at the number one singles spot for the Rams, leading his team to the Div. 1 South Sectional semifinals...McDonald finished the year at 17-2, splitting matches against Atlantic Coast League champion Duxbury and his only other loss of the season came in the state semifinals against Newton North's number one man, who was second at the state individuals...An ACL All-star, McDonald gave up football to concentrate more on his tennis game and it showed...He had big shoes to fill in the number one spot with the graduation of Brandon Benbenek, who went undefeated for two years, and improved considerably over his 7-8 record at the number two spot a year ago...During the summer, McDonald attends the College Tennis Academy and is an instructor at the South Shore YMCA...He will be among the top returnees to the Rams tennis squad. Marshfield coach Glenn Ward: "The best things that have been said about Ryan have been from other coaches in the league. They were very impressed with how much he improved. He's deserved all recognition he's received because he's worked so hard."

Sam Bitetti - Sophomore
First Singles - Norwell

Posted a 20-1 record his sophomore season, the only loss coming in the semi-finals of the state individual tourney to Newton North's Luke Tedaldi...Did not drop a single set in posting a perfect 14-0 record in South Shore League play...Avenged two of the three loss-

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset captain Chris Golden received Honorable Mention recognition after drawing strong consideration for our All-Scholastic Team.

Legion team says wait 'til next year

With all but two players back next season, hope abounds for Post 118 squad

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset-Scituate Legion baseball team finished out its season at 7-12-1, but just you wait until this team takes the field again next year.

The majority of the players of this team, narrowly missing the fifth playoff spot in District 10 by a mere game and a half, will return for at least one more crack at a run through the Summer league playoffs.

Only two of the 18 members of this ballclub graduated High School this spring, Nate Walsh and Tim Duggan, both of Scituate.

Walsh was a utility outfielder both for the Legion and the phenomenal Scituate Sailors team, as he played in only his first season under venerable coach Scott Arnold.

Duggan was arguably the best all-around athlete on the field. In addition to his terrific pitching, hitting and defensive skills on the baseball diamond, he was also a Patriot League All-Star in hockey this past winter for Scituate High School.

"Timmy is just an unbelievable athlete," noted Arnold, who did not utilize Duggan's pitching much this past season, finding his rock-solid centerfield play much more valuable.

The pitchers of the team (the ones who actually were used as pitchers, that is) were the cornerstone of this team. Jessie Cole, Jason Connelly and Tom Fitzgerald, all of whom should return for next year, kept the C-S squad together with a workhorse attitude and an ability to stay in the game.

"We went to relief pitchers less than half a dozen times in a twenty game season," reported Arnold. "That's incredible. There were so many games where we just didn't hit for them."

Cole, the ace of the staff, did not have as fantastic a record as many would have thought, but that was largely owing to the fact that he was generally matched up with the mettle of the schedule. Even still, he managed to keep his team within striking distance in every game he pitched.

Connelly had a knack all year for stepping up in huge situations, including three very impressive wins over the powerhouse teams of Weymouth and Quincy.

Fitzgerald, the only lefty of the staff, showed Cohasset-Scituate why he was such an important part of the BC High State Championship run.

But truly, it takes a full team to have a successful season and, unfortunately, that was not what Arnold had on the bench often enough. He says that there were only six games where he had his full compliment of regulars.

"The [bench players] did a good job keeping us in it, but when we

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Cohasset's team of Scribner and Ingber chosen among area's elite

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Sam Bitetti

es he suffered as a freshman, bettering Hingham's Brian Marsden (a fellow Mariner All-Scholastic) and Wellesley's Tom Dohlman in non-league action, led the Clippers to their extraordinary sixth consecutive unbeaten season in South Shore League play. A two time South Shore League All-Star, also a SSL All-Star in cross country this fall, plays tennis year round, concentrating particularly hard in the winter months leading up to the school season, had his ranking as high as fourth in the USTA New England 14-and-under division last year... a Globe and Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic...Norwell tennis coach Jay Swartz: "Sam really came back focussed and ready for the challenges this season. He plays with as much intelligence as someone who has been playing this game for 20 years, but he's also got the enthusiasm and exuberance of a 16-year old."

Brian Holmquest - Freshman
Second Singles - Marshfield


Brian Holmquest

Provided an impressive one-two punch in the singles slots with fellow All-Scholastic Ryan McDonald and helped lead the team to the Div. 1 South Sectional semifinals. Holmquest went 16-3 from the Rams' number two singles spot, twice dropping matches to Atlantic Coast League champion Duxbury and his only other loss of the season came in the state semis against a Newton North player who finished first at the state individuals...An ACL All-star, Holmquest's straight-set win over BC High clinched the third point in a 3-2 win over the Eagles in the quarterfinals of the state tourney...In the fall, Holmquest was the number two runner on the Rams' ACL champion cross country team...He ranked among the top three in his freshman class...During the summer months, Holmquest plays in USTA tournaments and runs with friends...He will be one of the top returnees next season. Marshfield coach Glenn Ward: "Brian has an excellent attitude on the court. He talks to himself all the time and that keeps him calm. He has a great demeanor and is a very intelligent kid."

Mike Wiltshire - Junior
Second Singles - Norwell


Mike Wiltshire

An extremely pleasant surprise for coach Jay Schwartz this season at second singles...after being used as a part time doubles player during the 2000 season, Wiltshire emerged as rock solid compliment to Sam Bitetti this season, going 9-1 in South Shore League play and 13-2 overall, helping the Clippers to their sixth straight South Shore League championship...all but one of his wins was in two sets...South Shore League All-Star...would like to play tennis in college and is leaning towards a major in engineering...got better as the season went, according to Norwell coach Jay Swartz... first loss came in the second match of the season, while he was playing through a flu in the other...plays tennis year round as a member of the Weymouth Tennis Club and plays and has participated in several prominent tourneys, including the New England Open earlier this month...Norwell coach Jay Swartz: "It was obvious early o ntheat Mike had worked really hard on his game in the off-season and was very serious about this season. He also shot up in size and improved his conditioning a lot. As his confidence improved, he kept getting more aggressive and he just kept making progress. I look at what we have in the top two spots with Sam (Bitetti) and Mike for next year, and it's tough to imagine too many teams matching up with us there."

Chris Hickey - Junior
Third Singles - Silver Lake


Chris Hickey

Enjoyed a sensational 18-2 junior campaign playing second and third singles, helping lead the Lakers in to the second round of the Div. 1 state tourney...will likely play number one singles next year with the graduations of senior captains Lyon Carter and Patrick Bugbee...avenged both of his early season losses—to counterparts in Barnstable and Bridgewater-Raynham—by beating them the second time around...in fact, Chris also got the better of his B-R rival in a third meeting in the state tourney...posted several come-from-behind victories this season...consistency, focus and intensity are all said to be hallmarks of Chris' game...plays tennis year round...also a standout for the Silver Lake golf team, playing in the third and fourth spots this past fall, and likely to be one of the top two duffers and possibly a team captain this coming season...ranked 10th in his class of nearly 400...would like to play golf or tennis in college...has looked at the Universities of Virginia, North Carolina, Wake Forest and Boston College...Silver Lake tennis coach Craig Brown: "I was expecting a lot from Chris this year, but he really stepped it up even more than I'd hoped. He had so many big wins that made the difference between us winning and losing matches. He's a real competitor. I'm really looking forward to seeing what he can do as a senior."

Doubles

Justin Meddaugh / Rory O'Connor
First Doubles - Norwell

These South Shore League All-Stars went 12-1 in their first seasons as full-time members of the varsity squad, helping the Clippers to an amazing sixth straight unbeaten season in SSL play...Justin, a senior, who played tennis all four years at Norwell High, will attend Union College in Schenectady, New York this fall, where he hopes to play tennis...plans to major in computer science and minor in history...Rory, an honor roll student and sophomore, has also played basketball and run cross country in his two years at Norwell High, and is a member of the JSA debating club...communication and chemistry were the principal keys to Justin and Rory's success, according to Norwell Coach Jay Swartz: "Individually, Justin and Rory probably weren't as talented as a few of the teams they beat. But they just did the little things as a team that others don't do. They really became a great unit in a short amount of time."


Justin Meddaugh


Rory O'Connor

Dave Ingber / Jeff Scribner
First Doubles - Cohasset


Dave Ingber

Both of these young men started out the season with aspirations of playing singles, but agreed to play doubles when coach Pam Wilson convinced the powerful senior Scribner and baseline standout sophomore Ingber of how well they would compliment one another...finished the season 10-1, with their only loss coming in a heart-breaker to fellow South Shore League and Mariner All-Scholastics Greg Hughes and Matt Edwards of Hanover (6-4, 3-6, 5-7)...Dave and Jeff beat Edwards with another partner in straight sets in the first meeting with Hanover... handed another SSL and Mariner All-Scholastic tandem, Justin Meddaugh and Rory O'Conner, their only loss of the season (7-5, 6-4)...Scribner will attend Bryant College in the fall and major in marketing and finance...Ingber, who also plays basketball at Cohasset High and swims, has been a Mariner Correspondent for the last two years...Cohasset coach Pam Wilson: "You could see they both wanted to play singles this season, so I think they were a little disappointed when I asked them to (play doubles). But they obviously didn't let it affect their games. They both really took to it and got a sense of each other out on the court really quick."


Jeff Scribner

Matt Edwards / Greg Hughes - First Doubles - Hanover


Matt Edwards

This talented duo went 10-2 in the regular season for the South Shore League runners up...Both seniors, Edwards and Hughes caused fits for doubles teams in the SSL this season, defeating everyone but Norwell...In their two meetings with SSL champs Norwell, the duo pushed the match to three sets...The combination of Hughes' vocal leadership and Edwards' leading by example helped the Indians qualify for the South Sectional team tournament...Hughes, who also spent some time this season at second doubles, was a captain on Hanover's team and plans to attend UMass Lowell to study Engineering, while Edwards will attend UMass Amherst to study Computer Science...Both are considering continuing their tennis careers in college. Hanover coach John Schrader: "They're both very aggressive on the court. They attack the ball and they want to put it away. They're both hard hitters. Greg is more vocal and Matt's kind of quiet, but they both complimented each other and put together a nice match."

Seth Purcell / Nate Kingdon - First Doubles - Hingham

Talented duo went 9-0 in the Patriot League, as players at Hingham's top five spots went unbeaten in league play this season...Purcell, a senior, and Kingdon, a junior, with continually solid play at the first doubles spot helped Hingham advance to the Div. 1 South Sectional finals for the second consecutive year and helped the Harbormen run away with the league title...Purcell and Kingdon rolled through the opening rounds of the South Sectional tourney against Framingham and Brookline...Purcell is most proud of he and Kingdon's play in the semifinal match against Bridgewater-Raynham, when after dropping the first set 1-6, the duo charged back to force a third set and a victory, which advanced Hingham to the Sectional finals...Purcell will be off to Tufts University next year and is currently undecided on a major...He is looking into continuing his tennis career...Kingdon will be among the team's top returnees next season.


Seth Purcell

Honorable Mention:

Singles -

Adam Souza - Sr. (Capt.) - Hanover
Matt Muzrall - Sr. - Rockland
Scott Conroy - Sr. - Hingham
Rob Becker - Jr. - Hingham
Eric Goldman - Jr. - Abington
Ryan Cahill - Soph. - Scituate
Lyon Carter - Sr. (Capt.) - Silver Lake
Chris Golden- Sr. (Capt.) - Cohasset

Doubles -

Sebastian Giese (Jr.)/Bill Burke (Jr.) - Marshfield
Pete Brancale (Sr.)/Darrell Smith (Jr.) - Hingham
Doug Emmitt (Jr. Capt.)/Conrad Williams (Soph.) - Scituate

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John Englander stretches to make a return on Atlantic Ave. court overlooking the...Atlantic.





Doug Wilson sends up a lob on South Main Street Court.

At left, Class A mixed doubles winners Mike Davis and Sue Sookiasian.



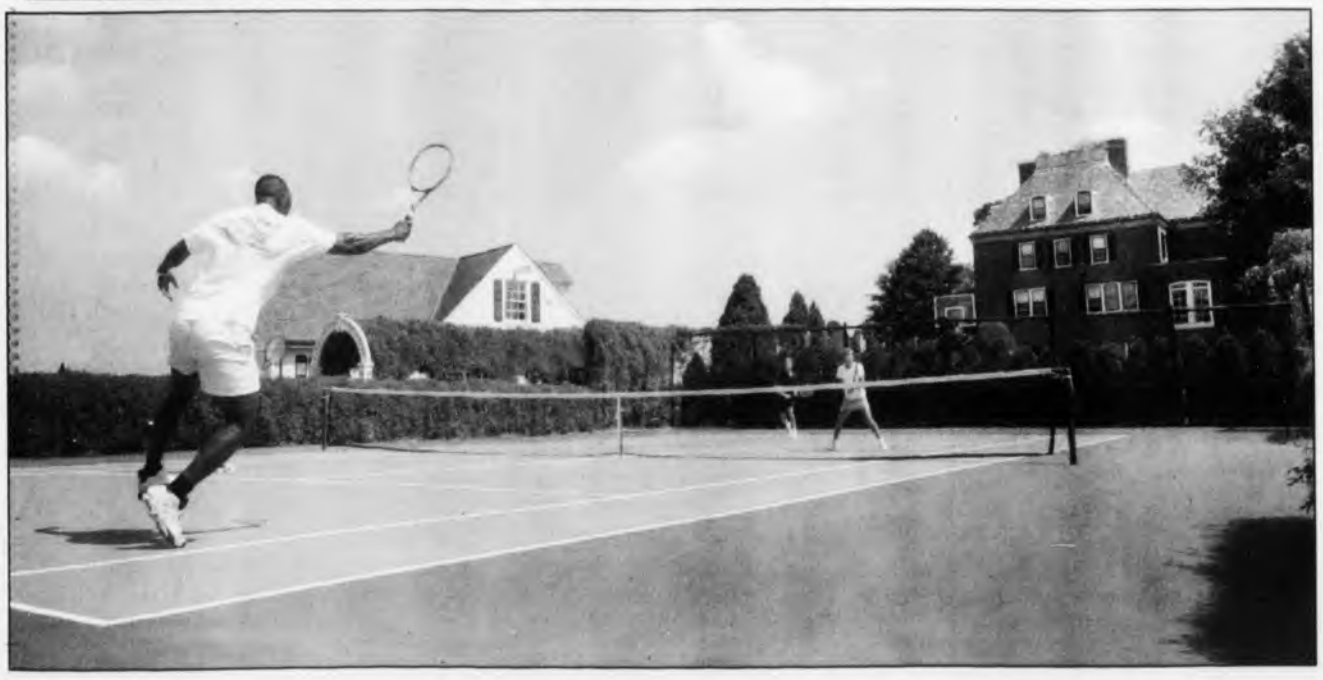


Above, Division A+ winners Steve Flanagan and Jamie Kenney on Margin Street courts during the thrilling championship match.

Below right, Cohasset High standout Elizabeth Stone lobs a returns in an "A" match on Stevens Lane.

Below left, Sosa Amadin returns serve in A+ level final held at Oaks Estate on Margin Street.

Left, Dee Dee Emanuelle volleys while partner Chris Neelon covers the ad court.





Swim team stays perfect

Wins over Eel River Swim Club and MASK up record to 5-0

By Eileen McBride
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Swim Team improved to a perfect 5-0 with their mid-week victory over Eel River Swim Club and a thrilling Friday victory over an impressive MASK squad.

The home town team came from behind in the latter meet in a breathtakingly close finish, to clinch the win and remain undefeated.

The afternoon got off to a winning start with a shut out from the eight and under boys in the 100-yards medley relay (1st: Carrier, Buckley; Shipp; Durkin, T., 2nd: Durkin, J.; Campbell; Mahoney; Durkin, T.; 3rd: Lynner; Murphy, J.; Murphy, C.; McCormack). The girls just missed the win but took second, third and sixth places (2nd: Karski; Fontaine; Musto; Michalowski; 3rd: Axelson; Donohue; Murphy; Farren, A.; 6th: Farren, N.; Serafkas; Berbe; Carrier). The ten and under boys and girls, again, were forced back into second place, but the twelve and under boys and girls bounced back with wins in both of their events (boys, 10 and under: 2nd: Connors; Porter; Doonan; Ulmer; 3rd: Hurley; Yeager; Daly; Harper; 4th: Stevenson; Whitney; Queenan; McCormack; girls, 10 and under: 2nd: Ryan; Lehr, S.; Lehr, T.; Mahoney, C.; 5th: Mahoney, M.; Sullivan; Meikleham; Libby; 6th: Costa; Coggins; Baumgarten; Dickinson; boys, 12 and under: 1st: Hunt; Daly; Dickinson; Conway; 2nd: Shipp; Musto; Doonan; Cunningham; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Hernan; Durkin; Garber; Englander; 5th: Sacks; Fortin; Swain; McCarthy; 6th: Campbell; Hurd; Anderson; Daly).

In the 200-yard relays the seventeen and under boys added to the score with first and third place finishes (boys, 17 and under: 1st: Bilton; Faber; Ingber; Tehranian; 3rd: Roach, K.; Roach; Flynn; Hughes). The girls were just a fraction of a second away from winning, but took second, fifth and sixth positions (2nd: Musto; Anderson; Jacobucci, G.; O'Brien; 5th: Orsini; Faber; Larson; Lehr; 6th: Regan; Hurley, K.; Ogrodnik; McCarthy). As the medley relays came to an end the score was tied at 48 points.

In the first of the 50-yard freestyles, the ten and under boys were pushed back into third, fourth and fifth places (3rd: Doonan, B.; 4th: Stevenson, G.; 5th: Hurley, P.). The girls had a little more success, securing second, third and fourth places (2nd: Lehr, T.; 3rd: Meikleham, A.; 4th: Ryan, K.), but without a win Cohasset slipped behind their competitors for the first time in the meet, and probably for the first time in the season.

The 100-yard individual medleys were up next and Cohasset was able to pull back a win in the both the 12 and under races and in the boys fourteen and under race (boys, 12 and under: 1st: Conway, C.; 3rd: Daly, B.; 4th: Doonan, P.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Durkin, J.; 5th: Englander, E.; 6th: Swain, K.; boys, 14 and under: 1st: Berg, P.). There followed a brief loss of pace in the fourteen and under girls event (3rd: Anderson, C.; 5th: Larson, J.; 6th: Ogrodnik, M.), but the seventeen and under boys and girls pulled back to win both of their races (boys, 1st: Bilton, B.; 3rd: Blackburn, C.; girls: 1st: O'Brien, K.; 4th: Orsini, M.; 6th: Foley, T.). With the first two events complete, Cohasset was still behind, but by a decreasing margin (86-81).

The eight and under boys started the freestyle event with their by now, characteristic enthusiasm. They swept the board, taking first, second and third places (1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; 3rd: Durkin, J.). The eight and under girls were less productive (3rd: Fontaine, E.; 5th: Michalowski, A.; 6th: Murphy, C.), and the ten and under boys and girls followed suit (boys, 10 and under: 3rd: Ulmer, W.; 4th: Porter, L.; 6th: Harper, W.; girls, 10 and under: 2nd: Lehr, S.; 4th: Mahoney, M.; 6th: Mahoney, C.). MASK moved ahead once again (109-94).

In the 50-yard event, the 12 and under boys started well with first, second and fifth place finishes (1st: Conway, C.; 2nd: Dickinson, R.; 5th: Musto, C.). The 12 and under girls managed to place third, fifth and sixth (3rd: Englander, E.; 5th: Sacks, M.; 6th: McCarthy, M.), and the 14 and under boys failed to make the win, but took second, third and sixth places (2nd: Roach, K.; 3rd: Berg, P.; 5th: Gammon, B.). The fourteen and under girls followed closely with second, fourth and fifth place finishes (2nd: Lehr, R.; 4th: Larson, J.; 5th: Musto, L.), and the seventeen and under boys finished second, third and fourth (2nd: Ingber, D.; 3rd: Tehranian, K.; 4th: Faber, S.). As the 50-yard freestyles were coming to a conclusion, the seventeen and under girls just managed to push ahead of MASK and secure the win for Cohasset (1st: Jacobucci, G.; 5th: Regan, D.; 6th: Foley, T.). The score was now MASK 138, Cohasset 119.

The butterfly event got off to an optimistic start with a win for the eight and under boys (1st: Shipp, M.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; 4th: Lynner, W.). The eight and under girls put in a good performance but fell behind to take second, fourth and sixth positions (2nd: Karski, E.; 4th: Musto, E.; 6th: Murphy, O.). The ten and under boys bounced back with a win, and the girls came close, but again took second, fourth and sixth places (boys: 1st: Doonan, B.; 5th: Daly, R.; 6th: Harper, W.; girls: 2nd: Mahoney, C.; 3rd: Lehr, T.; 6th: Meikleham, A.). Cohasset had one further win in the remaining four 25-yard butterflies (boys, 12 and under: 2nd: Dickinson, R.; 3rd: Doonan, P.; 4th: Faber, C.; girls, 12 and under: 2nd: Hernan, E.; Garber, C.; 6th: Swain, K.; boys, 14 and under: 1st: Berg, P.; girls, 14 and under: 3rd: Ogrodnik, M.; 4th: Faber, A.; 5th: Crowley-Buck, M.).

In the 50-yard races the seventeen and under boys were pushed back into second, third and fourth places, but Garet Jaobucci led the girls to a morale boosting win in their race (boys: 2nd: Ingber, D.; 3rd: Flynn, C.; 4th: Roach, J.; girls: 1st: Jacobucci, G.; 4th: Orsini, M.; 5th: McCarthy, K.R.). At the half way point Cohasset was trailing MASK, by nineteen points (162-181).

The eight and under boys once again got the breaststroke event off to a great start with first, second and third place finishes (1st: Buckley, T.; 2nd: Campbell, B.; 3rd: Murphy, J.). For the remaining three 25-yard breaststrokes Cohasset missed the win, but claimed second place (girls, 8 and under: 2nd: Fontaine, E.; 4th: Axelson, D.; 5th: Donohue, M.; boys, 10 and under: 2nd: Ulmer, W.; 4th: Porter, L.; 5th: Yeager, J.; girls, 10 and under: 2nd: Lehr, S.; 4th: McElhinny, C.; 5th: Costa, A.).

Spirits were raised again when the twelve and under boys finished first, second and fourth in the 50-yard event, and when the girls followed them with a win in their race (boys: 1st: Hunt, A.; 2nd: Daly, B.; 4th: Musto, C.; girls: 1st: Durkin, L.; 3rd: Swain, K.; 5th: Fortin, S.). The fourteen and under boys and girls couldn't quite keep up the winning pace (boys: 2nd: Roach, K.; 3rd: Gammon, B.; girls: 2nd: Anderson, C.; 3rd: Faber, A.; 5th: Ogrodnik, M.), but the event finished on a high with wins for both the seventeen and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Faber, S.; 3rd: Roach, J.; 4th: Blackburn, C.; girls: 1st: O'Brien, K.; 4th: Hurley, C.; 5th: Hurley, K.). The visitors still, however, maintained their lead with 221 points to Cohasset's 212.

The 25-yard backstroke was up next and the home team swimmers produced excellent performances to win two out of the four races (boys, 8 and under: 1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Buckley, T.; 4th: Durkin, J.; girls, 8 and under: 2nd: Karski, E.; 3rd: Michalowski, A.; 6th: Musto, E.; boys, 10 and under: 1st: Hurley, P.; 2nd: Queenan, C.; 5th: Daly, R.; girls, 10 and under: 4th: Ryan, K.; 5th: Mahoney, M.; 6th: Costa, A.). Cohasset was now just three points behind MASK.

In the 50-yard backstroke they did even better. The twelve and under boys and girls both took first place and for the first time in the meet Cohasset was ahead - by five points (boys: 1st: Hunt, A.; 2nd: Shipp, A.; 4th: Daly, B.; girls: 1st: Hernan, E.; 5th: Garber, C.; 6th: Campbell, A.). The fourteen and under boys added to the lead by producing another win (1st: Hernan, A.; 3rd: Faber, C.; 5th: Gammon, B.), and although the girls finished third, fourth and sixth (3rd: Lehr, R.; 4th: Musto, L.; 6th: Crowley-Buck, M.), success for the seventeen and under boys and girls put Cohasset seven points ahead (boys, 17 and under: 1st: Bilton, B.; 3rd: Tehranian, K.; girls, 17 and under: 1st: Jacobucci, G.; 3rd: O'Brien, K.; 6th: Foley, T.).

Entering the last leg of the meet, the eight and under boys gave their usual excellent performance to win the first of the 100-yard races and add a critical eight points to the score (1st: Buckley; Durkin, J.; Durkin, T.; Carrier, J.; 2nd: Campbell; Lynner; Murphy, J.; Shipp; 3rd: Whitney; Mahoney; Murphy, C.; Durkin, Je.). The eight and under girls missed the win, and took second, fourth and sixth places (2nd: Fontaine; Karski; Musto; Michalowski; 4th: Berbe; Donohue; Serafkas; Murphy; 6th: Farren, A.; Berbe; Farren, N.; Axelson). The ten and under boys and girls competed hard to protect the team's slim advantage but were unable to snatch the win from a determined MASK lineup (boys; 2nd: Ulmer; Daly; Porter; Doonan; 5th: Queenan; Stevenson; Harper; Hurley; 6th: Yeager; McCormack; McCarthy; Faber; girls: 2nd: Lehr, T.; Ryan, K.; Mahoney, C.; Lehr, S.; 4th: Libby; Zappolo; Coggins; Costa; 6th: Dickinson; Donohue; Meikleham; Mahoney, M.). The lead had now dwindled to a fragile three points.

Tension mounted as the twelve and under boys and girls took to the blocks. With everything to play for, the boys kept their nerve and finished first, second and fourth (1st: Conway; Dickinson; Cunningham; Hunt; 2nd: DeGiacomo; Shipp; Musto; Doonan; 4th: Wheelwright; McCarthy; Porter; Faber). Cohasset had crept ahead another four points. The twelve and under girls added again to the score with a breathtakingly close first place finish (1st: Hernan; Garber; Englander; Durkin; 4th: Regan; Lee; McBride; Plante).

The seventeen and under boys and girls were the last to swim. Cohasset had an eleven-point lead, but anything could happen. The boys were up first and their supporters watched anxiously as they held on to win the 200-yard event (1st: Bilton; Tehranian; Faber; Ingber; 3rd: Berg; Roach; Roach; Flynn). Cohasset had now effectively won the meet, but it wasn't until the seventeen and under girls completed the races (3rd: Anderson; Regan; Orsini; Hurley; 5th: Musto; Larson; Lehr; Hurley; 6th: Crowley-Buck; Muir, C.; Muir, Ch.; Faber.), and the scores were declared, that Cohasset's swimmers could truly celebrate.

What an exciting and highly entertaining afternoon. Congratulations are in store for the Cohasset swimmers, who competed right to the final whistle, and to their coaching staff, Alison Hughes, Ted Hughes and Garet Jacobucci, who helped get them there. Congratulations also to the excellent MASK squad who were such challenging competitors. We all look forward to the team's next meet against Scituate Yacht Club on Friday, July 27.

Cohasset divers make big splash

The Cohasset Diving Team kicked off its season with its first diving meet at Duxbury Yacht Club on Tuesday, July 10. As the temperature soared to 90, it proved to be a good day to be in the pool.

Coached by Amy Wojitasinski and her sister, Haley, the Cohasset Diving team features 18 children – 13 girls and five boys. They are:

Girls 17 & Under- Kate Carpenter, Marissa Evans, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Charlotte Sida, Lisa Spirito, Emma Weston.

Girls 12 & Under- Betsy Crawford , Sally Meehan, Carly Salerno, Sheelah Scott, Colby Smazel, Roxanne Tehranian, Michela Valente.

Boys 12 & Under- Devon Bell, Andrew McKenna , Sean McKenna, Wesley Medwid, Jay Salerno.

Each member of the team performed two dives at the meet. Scoring particularly in their categories were:

Boys 12 & Under- Devon Bell (first place with total score of 71.4) and Andrew McKenna (third place, 66.6).

Girls 12 and under- Sally Meehan (fourth place, 86.8).

Girls 17 and under- Lisa Spirito (third place, 115.2), Charlotte Sida (fourth place, 110.6), Emma Weston (fifth place, 108.35) and Marissa Evans (sixth place, 108.1).

The Diving Team has three more meets – July 24, 31 and August 7. All of them take place at the Duxbury Yacht Club at 4 p.m..

For more information, please call Amy or Haley Wojitasinski at 781/749-4556.

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Mariners are American League champs

Led by strong pitching and decisive hitting, the Mariners defeated the Indians 9-7 at Barnes field to win the Cohasset Little League American Minors championship. Each of the seven teams in the Minors consisted of about twelve children aged 9 to10.

The league, designed to be instructional in nature, helps prepare kids for the Major League Division by teaching fundamental skills and promoting the appeal of baseball. During the regular twelve game season, coaches attempt to give the players a chance to try various positions and learn different aspects of the game. In the playoffs, though, attention turns to the value of healthy competition.

The Mariners' final game capped a successful playoff run in which they won all but one of their games in the three round tourney. In the single elimination first round contest, they slipped by the Angels in a 2-1 nailbiter on Justin Yeager's double in the bottom half of the last inning. Pitching by McCunney and Andy McKenna held the Angels to only one run.

The Mariners then wasted no time in winning two straight shut outs over the Royals to take the semi-finals and earn the right to the finals. Pitching by McKenna, Robby McCunney, Justin Yeager, Andrew Graham and Eric Studley limited their opponents to no runs in the semifinals. Home runs by Yeager, John Maher and McCunney balanced the effort.

After losing the opener in the championship series to the Indians, 5-0, the Mariners came back in the second game led by strong pitching and hitting to force the finals to the third game. In the last game of the three game series, Adam Berger's triple to deep right center and Ross Collins-Wooley's triple off a powerful drive over the left fielder's head highlighted the Mariner's hitting. The defense was led by Sam Bilbo's impressive snag of a high fly to right to prevent an extra base hit.

During the regular season, which began in late April, the Mariners amassed 12 wins while losing four and tying one. As with all good teams, every player contributed to the success of the season. Effective teams also tend to be led by players with exceptional performances, and this team rose to the occasion. In fact, four of the Mariners were chosen to represent Cohasset on its twelve-player nine year old all-star travel team: Justin Yeager, Robby McCunney, Andrew McKenna and John Maher. All four of these boys hit extremely well while battign over .400.

Robby McCunney posted a phenomenal pitching performance. In 35 innings, he allowed only two hits, one run and five walks while notching 95 strikeouts. During one stretch of the season, he hurled 27 consecutive hitless, scoreless inning.

Throughout the season, all team members made winning contributions, including Tyler Durant as a catcher, Chase Stebbins as third baseman, Marcus Charles as a centerfielder and Andrew Graham as pitcher.

Bob McCunney, Doug Yeager and Bob Stebbins coached the team.



Cohasset Mariners- American League Minors Champions
Front (l-r) Chase Stebbins, Tyler Durant, Andy McKenna, Eric Studley, Justin Yeager; Middle (l-r) Marcus Charles, Robby McCunney, John Maher, Sam Bilbo, Adam Berger, Ross Collins-Wooley; Back (l-r) Bob Stebbins, Doug Yeager, Bob McCunney.

Legion team says wait 'til next year

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had the line-up I wanted, we dominated," affirmed the manager.

Dominate they did, as in those six games, the team was 6-0, including two wins over Weymouth, two over Canton, and one apiece over Milton and Quincy.

Since Arnold was able to hand pick the team himself, there really were no weak links in the starting line-ups, or on the bench. However, that is just a part of managing, said Arnold.

"That is one of the hardest things about coaching," he said. "We had 18 guys out there who could play ball."

Other potential key returnees for next year include Greg Levin (lead-off hitter, outfield), Alex Knight (second base), Mike Gulinello (infield), Eric Dmohowski (outfield) and Brian Wood (first base) from Scituate High School. Mike Snowdale (utility man) and Tim Straughn (catcher, utility man) from Cohasset High, catcher Brian Signorelli (Thayer Academy, Scituate) and first baseman Greg Smith (B.C. High, Cohasset).

Ever the optimist, Arnold managed to find one sunny spot of missing the playoffs.

"It is about time we get to go the beach," said the coach and father of young sons. "We are looking forward to enjoying the summer

He also commiserated with several of his players who would come straight from their summer jobs to the games.

"We had a great season, and everybody is happy," he concluded.

Picking up where they left off

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John Giuggio threw out a runner trying to steal second to end the game. Stoughton entered the game with a 3-0 record before encountering the hitting depth of the Cohasset squad. The 13 hit attack was led by Jordan Berry's three hits, Robby McCunney's 4 RBI's and two hits each by John Kearney, Eamon Davis and Todd Emanuelo.

A day earlier, the visiting Cohasset team beat Abington 8-5 on the strength of pitching by Tommy Buckley and Brendan Doonan. Chris Brown led the hitting with four RBIs including a double and a sacrifice fly. The Abington team had just completed a successful run in the Easton baseball tournament in which they reached the finals of the 16 team tourney before losing their first game of the season to Marlboro 2-1 in the finals.

The Cohasset squad opened their season with an impressive 10-2 win over a good Rockland team. Again the hitting attack was led by Brown (3 hits), and Buckley, McCunney, Berry and Kearney all of whom had 2 hits apiece. McCunney, Buckley and Berry shared the pitching chores and limited their opponents to three hits.

This season offers different challenges for the impressive youngsters. For the first time, they will enter two tournaments-one this weekend in Raynham and another, the following weekend in Middleboro. In these events, they will be matched against many different teams on the South shore ranging from South Plymouth to Bridgewater and Brockton. The competition is likely to be strong, but this group of boys has the talent, desire and potential to do well against any nine year old team. Newcomers Justin Yeager, and John Maher, along with veteran infielder Andy McKenna are expected to make major contributions to this year's team.

The team is coached by Bob McCunney, Mike Kearney, Peter Buckley and Ralph Berry.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Alice Monteiro

Mary Alice Monteiro, 95, of Cohasset, a former administrative assistant died July 21, 2001, at home after a long illness.

Miss Monteiro worked at Aetna Life Insurance Co. before retiring in the late 1960s.

She was a member of the Cohasset Historical Society and a daily communicant at St. Anthony's Church. She also regularly attended town meetings and enjoyed gardening.

She was born, raised and educated in Cohasset and was a lifelong resident of the town.

Miss Monteiro leaves a sister, Emma L. Reid of Cohasset; three nephews, Thomas Lydon of No. Marshfield, William J. Reid Jr. of Scituate, J. Woodworth of Brockton; two nieces, Sandra Barens of Cohasset and Janet O'Sullivan of Manchester, N.H.; and many grandnephews, grandnieces, great-grandnephews and great-grandnieces. She was also the sister of the late Adelaide Monteiro, Lynette Lydon, Laura Woodworth and Alvin Monteiro.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St Anthony's Church. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, in Cohasset.

Donations may be made to St. Anthony's Building Fund 129 S. Main St., Cohasset, 02025.

Francis D. Burke

Francis D. Burke, 64, a Boston attorney and business executive, died July 22, 2001, at his Hingham home following an extended illness.

Mr. Burke was born in Boston and graduated from Babson College and Suffolk Law School. A veteran, he served in the U.S. Army overseas.

He was a member of the Boston and American Bar Associations.

Mr. Burke was the former president of Vesper Properties Inc., a commercial and residential real estate firm, and Hemenway Management Inc.; senior vice president of Cannon, a national architectural and engineering firm; former president and board member of the National Housing & Rehabilitation Association; and chairman of the Board of Utility Marketing Corporation, a manufacturing firm serving the electric utility industry.

He was a member of the Hatherly Golf Club in Scituate and Indian Creek Country Club in Florida.

A former Milton resident, Mr. Burke was a resident of Hingham for 28 years and a summer resident of Scituate.

He leaves his wife, Joan; seven daughters, Kathleen Burke Howie and Mary Burke Roth, both of Hingham, Ann Burke and Joan Burke, both of Cambridge, Lynne Burke Lahive of Cohasset, Christine Burke Jones of Nantucket and Denise Burke Brisbane of Cohasset; a son, Michael Burke of Milton; a brother and sister, James of Marshfield and Mary Faddon of Norwell; and six grandchildren, Alix, Christina, Nicholas, Madison, Mackenzie and Lily.



Francis D. Burke

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The South Shore VNA, 100 Baystate Dr., Braintree, 02184.

Salt marsh project bugs mosquito control study

By Rick Collins
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The ongoing James Meadow salt-marsh restoration project has caused the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project to put a hold on its mosquito breeding control study of the marsh.

The group was studying James Meadow to create an Open Water Management Plan to help deal with the mosquito problem around the area. At the same time, the town, along with Tutela Engineering, has been working at creating a salt-marsh reclamation plan for the meadow that would help kill the tall reeds growing around the meadow, and restore the tidal flats — all while not flooding out the abutting residents.

But Tutela and the town have been at loggerheads with the Army Corps of Engineers over the proper method for reintroducing saltwater into the meadow. Last year, Tutela installed neoprene [rubber] wedges in order to keep the tidal gates slightly ajar, and earlier this month, the engineering firm told selectmen it believed the problem solved. However, the Army Corps contends that the best solution is to install self-regulating tide gates.

While the two sides battle it out, the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project has decided to put its study of the mosquito problem on hold until a solution is reached.

"We were told by the Army Corps of Engineers that they could possibly have the town install self-regulating tide gates and possibly have more water in the salt marsh, and we can't figure out what areas are most likely to produce mosquitoes until that is resolved," said Ellen Orrell, an entomologist with the mosquito control project.

Areas likely to provide a fertile breeding ground for mosquitoes, heavily depends on where the tidal waters go.

She said the areas most likely to provide a fertile breeding ground for mosquitoes in an area such as a salt marsh, heavily depends on where the tidal waters go.

"The areas that produce salt marsh mosquitoes are the areas that receive tidal flow in moon tides, and that would change from what currently exists," she said. As a result, until the mosquito control project knows what the water levels are going to be, it's unable to design an appropriate mosquito control system for the meadow.

The Open Water Management Plan system is actually fairly simple — control mosquitoes by using fish to eat the larvae.

"The old system was to take water off the marsh so that there wouldn't be water to produce," said Orrell. "But that has a negative impact on the fish and the birds, such as Great Blue herons and egrets, which depend on those fish."

She said by digging some shallow ponds for the fish to eat the larvae, it could also bring back some of the birds as well as keep water in the marsh.

The more complicated part, however, is figuring out where exactly those ponds should be located. For that, Orrell said she needs to know where the tidal water levels will be in Jacobs Meadow.

"Then we might decide that we can fill in a ditch, or need one somewhere else," she said.

The group recently received the needed permits for the study. Orrell said the mosquito control project had permits originally about 10 years ago but had allowed them to expire. In fact, it was Tutela Engineering that notified the group of the mosquito problem during its work last year on the wastewater plant off Elm Street, which is on part of the meadow.

Along with creating a management plan for mosquitoes, the group, which Cohasset belongs to even though it is part of Norfolk County, also does spraying in yards with mosquito problems. She said the main spraying season is usually from Memorial Day to Labor Day, but could be longer depending on weather.

Town health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said the benefit of a mosquito control plan, besides dealing with nuisance issues, is that it can also help control the spread of diseases. Some of the diseases spread by mosquitoes include West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Dange Fever and malaria. "Malaria was relatively common in the old days," he said, "but there really haven't been any outbreaks lately."

Besides Jacobs Meadow, Godzik said any area where there is standing water is a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes, particularly the town's swampy areas.

Two years ago, as part of the James Brook Flood Control project, the town installed a third out-fall drainage pipe from James Meadow into Cohasset Harbor. However, the Army Corps of Engineers contend the work was done without the proper federal permits, and that they would have required the installation of a self-regulating tide gate on at least one of the out-fall pipes.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, JULY 9

8:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:25 a.m. King St., disturbance.
12:05 p.m. King St., MV stop.
1:46 p.m. Atlantic Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
4 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.
5:09 p.m. Border St., officer wanted, arrest: James Stenson, 17, 12 Conahasset Rd., Scituate. Chgs.: tagging property.
6:42 p.m. North Main St., disturbance.
7:03 p.m. Hull St., annoying phone calls.
7:20 p.m. North Main St., annoying phone calls.
7:26 p.m. Stockbridge St., illegal dumping.
8:42 p.m. Stanton Rd., larceny.
9:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

1:16 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
1:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
1:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:58 a.m. Stop & Shop lot, suspicious auto.
6:11 a.m. Elm St., assist citizen.
8:58 a.m. Cushing Rd., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
12:26 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
12:41 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.
2:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.
2:49 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto, area search negative.
4:57 p.m. Elm Ct. and Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5 p.m. King St., animal control.
5:47 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:08 p.m. James Ln., assault, arrest: Thomas E. Turner, 57, 19 Beals Cove Rd., Hingham. Chgs.: armed assault in a dwelling, resisting arrest, assault and battery by dangerous weapon, wanton destruction of property $250 or less.
11:12 p.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance, peace restored.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

6:08 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control, area search negative.
6:58 a.m. Oceanside Dr., assist other police department.
7:18 a.m. King St., animal control.
9:05 a.m. Doane St., vandalism.
10:17 a.m. Stockbridge St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
12:33 p.m. Beach St. and Highland Ave., disturbance.
2:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.
3:30 p.m. Fairoaks Ln., animal control.
5:20 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:16 p.m. James Ln., disturbance.
11:04 .m. Lamberts Ln., burglar alarm, arrest: Jari R. Martin, 17, 67 Lamberts Ln. Chgs.: B&E nighttime with intent to commit felony, possession of burglarious tools, larceny in building, ship, vessel, RR car.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

8:46 a.m. Parker Ave., property damage.
9:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:01 a.m. North Main St., fire inspections, departmental action.
10:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, patient sign-off.
11:30 a.m. Lamberts Ln., fire inspections.
2:43 p.m. Ripley Rd., animal control.
6:39 p.m. Police headquarters, annoying phone calls.
7:02 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.
10:16 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.
10:16 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:26 p.m. Highland Ave., open door/window.
11:25 p.m. South Main St., assist motorist, services rendered.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

2:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:32 a.m. Margin St., disturbance.
9:56 a.m. South Main St., fire inspections.
10:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:28 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:42 a.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:50 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:50 a.m. South Main St., suspicious auto, area search negative.
11 a.m. Black Horse Ln., animal control, area search negative.
11 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.
12:30 p.m. King St., officer wanted.
1:05 p.m. Brook St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
1:07 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:20 p.m. Highland Ave., motor vehicle accident, arrest: Brenda M. Kelleher, 54, 29 Sohier St., Cohasset. Chgs.: operating after license or right to operate suspended, operating after revocation of registration, operating uninsured MV, leaving accident scene after property damage, warrant.
2:32 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:35 p.m. Summer St. and Black Horse Ln., wires down.
2:48 p.m. Beechwood St., fire inspections.
3:22 p.m. King St., MV theft.
5:06 p.m. Lamberts Ln., medical aid.
6:04 p.m. Sohier and North Main sts., motor vehicle accident.
6:13 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.
6:18 p.m. Rust Way, animal control.
9:47 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.
11:26 p.m. Cedar Ledge Vlg., suspicious auto.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

2:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.
12:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.
12:41 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.
5:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:30 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:14 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint.
7:34 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:50 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:03 p.m. Elm Ct., medical aid.
8:03 p.m. Elm Ct., reported death, investigated, arrest: James Bunner, 25, 44 Gilmore St., No. Weymouth. Chgs.: warrant.
8:59 p.m. Oak St., fire.
11:28 p.m. Norfolk Rd., suspicious activity.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

1:05 a.m. Hull and Cedar sts., disabled auto.
2:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, arrest: Ashley Marie Ersner, 17, 90 Beach St., Green Harbor. Chgs.: operating MV without license, minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage, passenger restriction violation, state highway marked lanes violation, state highway following too close. Also, Manuel A. Lopes, 17, 2103 Ocean St., Marshfield. Chgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage. And, Darrel Daniel Rodrigues, 20, 235 Hatherly Rd., Scituate. Chgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage. And one juvenile arrest.
2:50 a.m. South Main St., officer wanted.
11:54 a.m. Summer St., fire investigation.
4:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
4:46 p.m. Castle Rd., suspicious activity, area search negative.
4:56 p.m. Border St., disturbance.
5:13 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:59 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
8:12 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity, area search negative.
8:30 p.m. King St., disturbance, removed to hospital.
9:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

MONDAY, JULY 16

1:37 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.
2:51 a.m. Forest Ave., animal complaint, departmental action.
3:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8:13 a.m. Atlantic Ave., road rage, investigated/report filed/or to be filed.
8:45 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle accident/investigation.
9:08 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, taken to hospital.
10:19 a.m. Stanton Rd., fire inspections.
10:31 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted, departmental action.
1:34 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed.
1:42 p.m. S. Main St., vandalism, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.
5:38 p.m. N. Main St., message delivery, departmental action.
5:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity, investigated.
6:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, investigation. Arrest of Nicholas M. Mincolla, 20, of 537 Beechwood St., Cohasset. Charge: Illegal possession of a Class D substance.
Arrest of Lucius K. Caldwell, 20, of 433 King St., Cohasset. Charge: Illegal possession of a Class D substance.
11:53 p.m. Forest Ave., animal complaint, referred to other agency.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

6:24 a.m. Margin St., medical aid, to hospital.
6:45 a.m. Brewster Rd., annoying phone calls, advised legal help.
1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., illegal dumping, report filed/or to be filed.
4 p.m. Hobart lane, suspicious activity, investigation, report filed/or to be filed.
4:52 p.m. N. Main St. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:01 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:31 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:06 p.m. Cushing Rd., suspicious activity, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

1:07 a.m. N. Main St., general services, departmental action.
2:18 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, services rendered.
10:28 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation, departmental action.
1:52 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity, departmental action.
2:52 p.m. Summer St., property found, log entry.
4:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny, log entry.
4:31 p.m. Norfolk Rd., animal complaint, log entry.

POLICE BRIEFS

Stolen car found, suspect at large

Police recovered an SUV that was stolen a month ago from Majestic Motors on Route 3A..

At about 11 p.m., Friday, Hingham police notified Cohasset police they were trying to stop a Jeep Cherokee heading southbound from the vicinity of the Route 228/3A intersection.

Within minutes of the Hingham dispatch, Cohasset police used their emergency lights, sirens and spot lights to try to stop the vehicle. Police said the driver continued southbound on 3A passing other motor vehicles and operating recklessly.

Police lost sight of the vehicle but subsequently received a dispatch that a Jeep Cherokee had crashed on Sohier Street in the Music Circus parking lot. They found the jeep off the roadway and into the woods. A check of the registration revealed the SUV had been stolen, police said.

Security at the Music Circus said the driver climbed out of the drivers' window and approached him to ask for change for a $100 bill. The security guard replied he would check the office for change, according to the police report. The security guard called police and then the suspect fled on foot into the woods off Sohier Street. The suspect is described as a 5-foot, 10-inch white male, 20-25 years old, wearing black pants and a dark-colored shirt. Officers checked the area but were unable to find the suspect. The motor vehicle was towed, secured and processed for fingerprints, police said.

B&E at plaza

Police are investigating break-ins at three businesses and a jewelry store in Cohasset Plaza over the weekend. Police said the manager of one of the businesses discovered the break-in at 8 p.m. Sunday night.

"As a result of his call, Officer Garrett Hunt and Sgt. David Cogill discovered three businesses on the second floor and King Jewelers were broken into," Det. Rick Grassie said.

Grassie said "an undetermined amount of items" were taken from each business, including some jewelry, computer equipment, check books and a pocket knife. In addition to the jewelry store, Gear for Sports, Newark Dynamics Inc., and Pana Pesca were also broken into.

Det. Greg Lennon and the State Police crime team are also helping with the investigation. Police think the break-ins occurred at about 4:30 a.m. Sunday.

"We are considering the possibility that it was a professional break-in," said Grassie, who said he could not elaborate at this time. Anyone with any information about the crir should call the police at 781-38 1055.

Teens charged after traffic stop

Police placed two Cohasset tee under arrest after finding a sm amount of marijuana in their posse sion following a traffic stop f motor vehicle violations. Poli stopped the car driven by Nicho Mincolla, 20, of 537 Beechwood S for an expired inspection sticker a loud muffler at about 7:50 p.r Monday, July 16.

Charged with illegal possession a Class D substance (marijuar were Mincolla and his passeng Lucius K. Caldwell, 20, of 433 Ki St.

Sgt. Robert Jackson said both m were put into a diversion program the court prior to arraignment a required to pay a $50 fee to Mothe Against Driving Drunk (MADD).

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The Mohr, the merrier

Saturday Night Live veteran to play Music Circus

By Seth Jacobson
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He's worked side-by-side with comic legends like Chris Farley and Phil Hartman.

He's been in a number of major ollywood films. He's even starred in his wn television series. Now, comedian Jay lohr is coming to Cohasset. Mohr will eadline at The South Shore Music Circus dy 29.

Mohr said the Music Circus show is part of hat he's calling the "Filthy Clean Tour," hich got underway earlier this month. The ur, which will wrap up in October is the ical point of his schedule now.

"There's no classes you can take to learn about how to do comedy. You just walk into an open-mic club and start doing it. Once you try it, it's pretty overwhelming."

Comedian and actor Jay Mohr

"That's what I'm working on right now—the ur," Mohr said. "I'm pumped about coming to the lusic Circus because I'm looking forward to play- g in a tent."

And while he's busy with the tour, Mohr said he s other exciting projects he's recently wrapped up cluding a new film "Pluto" which he worked on ith fellow comedian and actor Eddie Murphy.

"It was amazing working with Ed," Mohr said. 'or the first couple days on the set, I couldn't even eak. On the third day, we hit it off really well when started talking."

Mohr said he loves doing movies and TV, but hen all is said and done, stand-up comedy is some- ing that's always been close to his heart.

"There's no classes you can take to learn about how to do comedy," he said. "You just walk into an open-mic club and start doing it. Once you try it, it's pretty overwhelming. I don't remember how well my first show went, but I guess it went well enough."

Mohr grew up in New Jersey, and he always dreamed about getting into comedy. He said he did his first comedy gig at age 15, and by age 20, he already had 10 national stand-up comedy shows under his belt.



Mohr's popularity and talent for the comedic craft soon steered him in another direction. He wanted to audition for Saturday Night Live, so he started compiling early stand-up clips of himself onto a video tape.

"I edited everything I had ever done into about four minutes," he said. "I sent it away, and I was called for an audition. I never thought I had a chance in hell."

He found out he got the Saturday Night Live job by phone while staying in a North Carolina hotel room. Mohr immediately found success on the show particularly with his impressions. He fine tuned his craft working with some great comedians including the late Phil Hartman, the late Chris Farley, and Adam Sandler.

"Those days took a lot out of me," Mohr said. "A lot of craziness came out. Working with that crew was great, but nothing will ever beat sitting in a room at 3 a.m. with Chris Farley and Phil Hartman telling stories. I mean, I got to work with those guys everyday. It was awesome."

Mohr's other accomplishments include being on TV shows like The Jeff Foxworthy Show and Local Heroes. He's also had roles in several hit movies — his best-known part being that of relentless sports agent Bob Sugar in "Jerry Maguire."

Other movie credits include, "The Barefoot Executive," "Picture Perfect" (with Jennifer Aniston)," "Suicide Kings (with Christopher Walken)," "Mafia," "Go," and "200 Cigarettes."

Mohr also recently starred in a short-lived TV series called "Action," which portrayed the life of a foul-mouth movie executive. But Mohr certainly knows how to take the good with the bad.

"I have no regrets," he said. "I wouldn't trade places with anyone. I've got the whole world ahead of me."

Mohr said he hopes a lot of folks will come see his show on Sunday, as he will be playing with another headlining comedian, John Pinnette.

"It's going to be Rock 'n' Roll, baby," he said. "It's going to be a great show with the same energy as a Black Crowes concert. No one loses."

For information and tickets to Mohr's show on July 29, call the South Shore Music Circus at (781) 383-9860.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

America's Sweethearts (B-)

"America's Sweethearts" opens brightly, inspiring hope that this movie about the selling of movies will elude the curse often afflicting self-referential material. The set-up is witty: The now separated but previously America's screen sweethearts are starring in a new film that needs a miracle: a junket that will keep the critics wined, dined and busily occupied while hiding the fact that there is as yet no movie — this because the crazed director (Christopher Walken) wants to withhold it until the junket itself — and convincing the gullible critics that our separated stars are on the road to reconciliation. The miracle worker is publicist Lee (Billy Crystal), pressed into this bleak and intricate task by the studio head (Stanley Tucci) who had just fired but has now rehired him. Even before we fully glom to all this, we are shown trailers from earlier films by America's sweethearts, each more ridiculous than the one before.



Catherine Zeta-Jones and John Cusack are, supposedly, America's sweethearts.

The in-joke is on the critics (not my close personal friend David Manning — see footnote 1 — and my even closer pal, film critic and veteran junketeer Ed Symkus — footnote 2), who, played by real critics, are shown to be such airheads that even the inanities of this junket don't seem farfetched. Harried Lee's job is made more onerous by the fact that while America's sweetheart Eddie (John Cusack, in his best swain-cum-neurotic persona) yearns to reunite with America's sweetheart Gwen (Catherine Zeta-Jones), she's with a dunderhead Hispanic actor, Hector (Hank Azaria), who pronounces junket "honket." Getting Eddie and Gwen to the junket is Lee's first miracle; keeping them and Hector from doing something nuts is his second.

Meanwhile, Gwen's sister and aide-de-camp, Kiki (Julia Roberts), much put-upon by her demanding shrewish sister but still dutiful, is of course the lady we want to come out on top and, as if you haven't guessed it by now, Eddie begins to realize this, too. The plot is predictably Hollywoodish though the intricacies are minorly inventive, the climax is frenzied and nicely nasty — we finally see a swatch of the movie within the movie, and it's better than the movie itself (huh?) — and the denouement is suitably romantic.

"America's Sweethearts" is insufficiently tart and knowing in its writing and its plot writhings, and Crystal's Lee, who, as a good publicist-in-chief, should be ruthlessly goal-oriented, is instead mushily tenderhearted. Cusack, a good physical comedian, is given too few opportunities to mug and cavort, Roberts' Kiki is unconvincingly a wallflower second-fiddle, though Zeta-Jones' Gwen is plausibly a harridan and fraud. Seth Green is fine as Lee's designated successor, learning to lie and delude the stupid critics, like his mentor; Tucci is adroit as the honcho; Walken excels in his goof on auteur hauteur; and Alan Arkin as an Indian empowerment guru masterfully weds pseudo-Eastern "wisdom" to unctuous sincerity. This sweet trifle masquerading as a biting satire has the look but lacks an all-out onslaught, an instinct for the jugular and take-no-prisoners zest.

(Footnotes: 1) David Manning is a distinguished critic. 2) Ed Symkus doesn't really exist.)

Written by Billy Crystal and Peter Tolan; directed by Joe Roth. Rated PG-13

Lingering 'Melody'

Righteous Brothers play Music Circus July 27

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Like countless couples before them, Kalin Hatfield and his fiance , Ellen, have chosen "Unchained Melody" as their wedding ong. Unlike other brides and grooms, however, Kalin and Ellen won't require the services of a standard wedding singer.

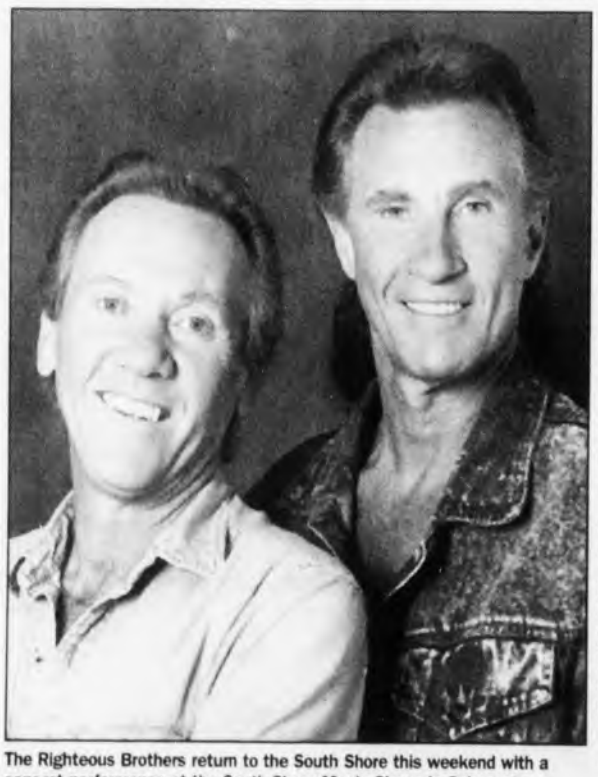
Instead, Kalin's father, Bobby Hatfield — alf of the legendary pop music duo The Righteous Brothers — will perform the ong live at the October 27 nuptials.

"I am looking forward to my son's wedding and feel honored that he has asked me o perform. It will be a pleasure to do the ong at such a special occasion," explained he elder Hatfield by telephone recently rom his home in Newport Beach, California.

First recorded by Hatfield and his fellow Righteous Brother, Bill Medley, 35 years go, "Unchained Melody" became a hit for he second time when it was included on the oundtrack of the 1990 film, "Ghost." Written by renowned film composer Alex North for the 1955 feature, "Unchained," he song has been recorded by many artists ver the years. It is the Righteous Brothers endition, with Hatfield's vocal, that remains lefinitive. Hatfield is pleased, if a bit surprised, by the tune's enduring appeal.

" I feel that the popularity of the song is ust a miracle. I've always loved it, but I never expected the public's reaction to it to e quite this feverish and strong. At our hows, it's mind-boggling to see teenage irls singing right along with the song," ays Hatfield who will join Medley for a Righteous Brother concert Friday evening at the South Shore Music Circus. "It's a great feeling to see a new generation get into our music. It makes you feel real good inside."

Hatfield, 61, has been making audiences feel good since he began performing with his own band while a student at Long Beach State in the early 1960s. Hatfield teamed with "brother" Bill Medley in 1962 when they sang together one night and strong audience response persuaded them to stay together. Not too much later, an appreciative African-American concert goer described the Hatfield/Medley sound as righteous. They have been known as the Righteous Brothers ever since, offering up a a blend of blue-eyed soul and rock 'n roll.



The Righteous Brothers return to the South Shore this weekend with a concert performance at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset

The duo scored their first hit with "Little Latin Lupe Lu." They subsequently joined forces with producer Phil Spector and recorded chart-toppers like "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," which was followed by "Just Once In My Life.," "Ebb Tide" and "(You're My) Soul and Inspiration."

"We happen to hit on the right songs. And, of course, 'Lovin' Feeling' was written for us," Hatfield explains of the duo's nearly 40 years in the business. The pair parted company in 1968, but reunited in 1974 and scored another hit with "Rock and Roll Heaven." The song may have put them back on top, but it has never been a favorite of Hatfield's.

"To me that song was always more Osmond Brothers than Righteous Brothers. It wasn't really us, but it became a hit anyway."

Although Hatfield freely acknowledges that the pair no longer has a recording contract, he says that it is just fine by him.

"We love being on the road now, because there is no pressure at this point in our careers. We have nothing to prove. If anyone had ever said in the beginning that we'd still be together 40 years later, I'd have told them to check into a rubber room. But back then, I'd never have thought we would still be having this much fun."

(The Righteous Brothers will appear at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset on Friday, July 27. For tickets and information, call 781/383-1400.)

Granitas made simple

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



A granita is nothing more than sugar, water, and lemon juice (and fruit purée for some variations). It is a relatively coarse frozen ice which, instead of being churned in an ice cream machine, is simply placed into the freezer in a shallow pan and then stirred and scraped every 20 minutes or so until it achieves the proper consistency, which can take 2 to 3 hours.

Although simple in concept, it turns out that granitas are relatively complicated and involve a bit of mathematics in order to achieve the perfect balance of sweet and tart and a texture that is icy and on the grainy side of smooth.

The major issue to be decided was sugar content. Recipes I checked ranged from 15 percent sugar concentration by weight up to 25 percent. Further reading turned up research by Harold McGee, the well-known food scientist and author of "On Food and Cooking," who states that anything less than 25 percent severely reduces the 'scoopability' of the dessert.

Since I favored a slightly softer dessert, I tried the higher percentage, 25 percent, which produced the texture I was looking for. The added benefit of this higher proportion of sugar is that the granita can be held overnight and, after a bit of thawing and additional stirring and scraping, can be served the next day. (This cannot be done with most traditional granitas.) It does lose a bit of its freshness in flavor and snap in texture, but it is still quite good.

The next issue was the ratio of lemon juice to water. (I was working on a basic lemon granita first.) After testing, I found the correct balance, the point at which the acidity of the lemon was held in check. In fact, I

ended up using only a half cup of lemon juice and sugar to 1 1/2 cups of water. This was surprising, since other recipes use half as much water.

However, it made the granita light and refreshing, rather than a heavy, sweet slush with a bitter undercurrent.

I was keen to find a way to avoid the frequent stirring. In a "Cook's Illustrated" article, it was determined that one could freeze the granita, throw it into a food processor, and then serve it. This worked just fine,

although I don't object to the occasional stir if I am going to be in the kitchen for a couple of hoursanyway. The recipe below provides both options. In addition, I found that the window was fairly broad for stirring/scraping, from 15 to 30 minutes, so it didn't matter if one was precise in one's timing.

I also wanted to test the issue of whether a sugar syrup was necessary. (Most older recipes suggest that this is an important step. Sugar and water are heated ahead of time to make a sweet syrup.) However, I discovered that simply stirring sugar into lemon juice and water before freezing worked just fine.

In addition to lemon, I tested other granita flavors and preferred lime, strawberry and pineapple since they have strong flavors.

MASTER RECIPE
FOR GRANITA

A simple lemon granita is probably the best approach for this simply, grainy, refreshing dessert. You could substitute a dry white wine for some of the water but if you use a sweet wine, such as a dessert wine, you would have to cut back on the sugar level to compensate. Champagne works well.

1/2 cup lemon juice (2 to 3 lemons)
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 1/4 cups water (you may substitute 1/2 cup of dry white wine or champagne for an equal amount of water)

In a large glass measuring cup, combine all ingredients and stir well to dissolve the sugar. (This will take up to 2 minutes.) Pour the mixture into a shallow pan or dish and freeze, stirring once after 45 minutes and every 20 minutes or so thereafter. When done, the mixture will be frozen but slightly mushy, about 2 to 3 hours total.

Serves 3 to 4

FOOD PROCESSOR
VARIATION

Simply freeze the granita mixture and then use a food processor to churn it into pieces. This method avoids stirring.

STRAWBERRY VARIATION

Make sure that you are using strawberries that taste as good as they look. Flavorless berries produce a lousy granita.

1 1/2 cups hulled, washed, and halved strawberries
7 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3/4 cup water

Purée the strawberries in a food processor, which should yield about 1 cup of purée. In a large glass measuring cup, combine all ingredients including the strawberry purée and stir well to dissolve the sugar. (This will take up to 2 minutes.) Pour the mixture into a shallow pan or dish and freeze, stirring once after 45 minutes and every 20 minutes or so thereafter. When done, mixture will be frozen a slightly mushy, bout 2 to 3 hours total.

Serves 3 to 4

Use variegated foliages for season-long accents

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the month of July draws to a close, our energy and enthusiasm for weeding, mulching and maintaining our landscapes tend to diminish as heat and humidity often prevail. Although the borders are not without their star performers, the riotous colors of spring - and early summer-blooming perennials wane as annual plants take center stage and foliage becomes the predominant player. Plant foliage plays a key role during the earlier intermissions, as well, as nearly all gardens have peak bloom periods interspersed with temporary lulls. The color, texture, and overall appearance of a plant's leaves should be paramount when selecting plant material, as a majority of perennials, trees and shrubs bloom for only a few weeks, while their leaves are likely to be prominent for six months or more.

The increasing demand for new plants in recent years, due to the growing popularity of gardening, has sparked an influx of attractive and often dramatic new cultivars into the nursery trade. Tremendous strides have been made in creating plants whose tinted leaves provide a colorful alternative to our reliance on flowers as more and more gardeners recognize the importance of foliage. Dozens of familiar plants now boast splashy, variegated cultivars with leaves of green, white and yellow. Diverse shimmering, silver-gray plants unify our borders, while dazzling yellows and golds, blues, and handsome, deeply-hued bronze, purple, or burgundy foliages are available to paint a colorful tapestry even when flowers have faded.

Even before I learned to appreciate the importance of foliage, I always gravitated toward plants having variegated leaves, relying on their cheerful countenances to brighten my landscape, especially in those dimly lit, shady corners. Whenever I visit a nursery, these plants seem to send me signals, as if possessed by an irresistible magnetism which beckons to me from afar. Fortunately, I have so many gardens that I have yet to totally saturate my beds with these striped, streaked and blotched plants thereby avoiding the polka-dot effect. It is possible to overdo these multi-colored specimens, thereby reducing or even eliminating their effectiveness in the border.

The term variegation refers to green leaves which exhibit blotches, markings or stripes of another color. Using foliages which are substantially infused with cream, yellow or white in a predominantly green border can really add *pizzazz* to an otherwise monotonous collection of plants which have finished flowering.

Leaves variegated with white tend to be the most effective for long distance viewing, particularly in the shady garden. White glows in the shade and stands out in the evening garden. A singular clump of white flowers has a tendency to act as a bull's-eye and interrupt the flow of a design, but the subtle touches of white provided by variegated foliage can balance and off-set these white flowers, producing rhythm and contrast to create a refreshing design. Even a solid border of a single variety of variegated hosta along a walkway, or as an edging to a shady garden, adds a crisp and attractive highlight.

In contrast, the strategic positioning of one dramatically variegated plant can also serve as a focal point in the garden or landscape. Variegated woody plants are stunning additions to a lawn or foundation planting. Several ornamental trees are available with boldly-marked foliage including variegated Japanese maples, a silver-edged Norway maple, variegated forms of flowering dogwoods (Corpus florida) and Japanese dogwoods (Corpus kousa), "Silver Cloud" redbud, and a variegated sweet gum, to name only a few.

A diversity of variegated deciduous shrubs can provide equally handsome accents during the growing season. Few shrubs rival the variegated red-twigged dogwood and its equally elegant cousin, the yellow-twigged dogwood for ease of culture and their ability to adapt to a wide variety of soil and light conditions. A single specimen in a shady corner can be seen from afar and provide dramatic spring and summer color with the additional benefit of brightly-colored red or yellow twigs during the colder months. Several hydrangeas, which produce lace-cap blooms, offer attractive foliage including H. "macrophylla Maresii Variegata" and the sensational new H. macrophylla "Lemon Wave", boldly splashed with yellow, white and cream markings. There variegated forms of Weigela, Viburnum, elder berry (Sambucus), Kerria, butterfly bush (Buddleia) and the Daphne. The selection continues to expand yearly as new cultivars are introduced and become available in the trade. My greatest difficulty is finding space to incorporate all these choice new variegated plants into my landscape and to do it without creating a checkerboard pattern.

As these plants are highly sought by many passionate gardeners, it is often necessary to shop early and often at many local nurseries. For the truly variegated plantaholic, a visit to the Variegated Foliage Nursery in Eastford, CT, is a must. Display gardens and the choicest of unusual, multi-colored, streaked and blotched plants are offered. Visit their web site at www.variegatedfoliage.com for more information.



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JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2001

Thurs. 26

The Systemic Arts Association Gallery will host "Marine Scenes" - a mixed media presentation by the Gallery members for the month of July. The Gallery is located at 132 Broad Street in Scituate and the gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information regarding workshops and classes at the Gallery, Studios please call 781-545-6350.

A Call to Artists and Volunteers for Duxbury Art Association's 84th annual Mid-summer Art and Craft Show from July 26 - 29 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St. in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-2731, ext. 15.

Borders presents Computer Surgeon Workshops on July 26 at 7 p.m. Computer surgeon has provided nationwide live technical support for any operating system/application and personalized training for hundreds of computer subjects for almost a decade. Located at 101 Independence Way, C113, Kingston.

Artists are invited to Sell their Artwork in conjunction with the Duxbury Art Association's 84th annual mid-summer Art and Craft Show from July 26 - 29 at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St. in Duxbury. All artwork must be matted and shrink wrapped for display in artwork bins. To participate you must be a member of the Duxbury Art Association. Membership forms are available by call the DAA or at artwork registration on July 22 from noon - 4 p.m. and July 23 from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

The Kendall Whaling Museum offers a Thursday morning film series featuring "The Great Ships: The Whalers." Located at 27 Everett Street, Sharon, open year round, Tuesday-Saturday, 10-5, Sundays, 1-5. Museum admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, $2.50 for children 6-16 and $10 for families. Also offered is a series of videos every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 781-784-5642.

Weymouth Recreation Department will sponsor the following concert and film series to be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater - next to Town Hall, 75 Middle Street. In case of rain the concerts and films will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On July 26: The MDC All Star Band at 6:30 p.m.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents James Golden. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust Fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M., Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On July 26: Legion Band Band.

Children's Art and Craft Day in conjunction with the Midsummer Art and Craft Show at the Duxbury Art Association. Activities planned for children ages 5 - 10 including art and craft projects, entertainment, snacks and more. Held July 26 from 9 a.m. - noon at Duxbury High School. The Duxbury Fire dept. will have a ping pong ball drop, pony rides, decorate a "Sweet Cakes" cookie, sing and dance to karaoke music or try making music of your own with South Shore Conservatory's Musical Petting Zoo. To reserve a space or for more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4. The fee is $22 for DAA members and $25 for non-members and includes all materials, snacks and entertainment.

Kid's summer Adventure Program sponsored by the Hull Lifesaving Museum will hold a kids' Sea Chantey concert at 2 p.m. Bring your pots and pans or whatever you would like to make music with Jerry Bryant. There will also be a concert at 7 p.m. Bring a blanket and a picnic supper. For more information call 781-925-5433.

Danskinetics Instructor Mamie Bacon invites the public of all ages to be part of the Magic of Dance on July 26 from 7 - 9 p.m. Help your body and soul remember the freedom of dance. Gather at First Unitarian Church, Route 3A in Duxbury. Pre-registration is not required. For more information call 781-910-6966.

Fri. 27

The Wizard of Oz will be presented by the Family Performing Arts/Kidspot. Performances are at Duxbury High School on July 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. All seating is general admission and tickets may be purchased at the door. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students and seniors. For more information or to reserve a ticket call 781-837-8900.

P.Anthony Visco Painting Exhibition will take place at the Sparrow House Museum beginning July 27 through Sept. 3. There will be an opening reception on July 27 from 6 - 9 p.m. All are welcome. P. Anthony Visco paints scenes that are familiar to those of us who live in New England, but brings to these everyday images a freshness and vitality that inspires one to look again. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wed. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Museum admission is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information please call 508-747-1240.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Love Dogs. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

The North River Arts Society is proud to present "Mostly Hunnirock" a collection of oils on canvas by Dick O'Brien at the Ventress Library Gallery through July 27. The Library summers hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. - Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

From Dine to Diebenkorn: Contemporary Master Prints, selections from the Collection of Eli Goldman and Judith Strull running through Oct. 14 at the Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000. Museum hours are Tues. - Sat. from 12 - 5 p.m. and Thurs. from 12 - 9 p.m. Admission is $3 for seniors and students, $5 for adults. Members and children under 18 are free.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts Recreation Center, Inc. presents the musical "Pooh" on July 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. and July 29 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill #1, lower level. Admission is $8 for adults and $5 for children. This project is supported in part by grants from the Kingston and Plymouth Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

South Shore Conservatory's Summer Music Festival wraps up its summer program with a final performance at 7 p.m. in the Jane Carr Amphitheater in Hingham. Summer Wind Ensemble and All-Star Band musicians present an evening of traditional and contemporary music. Parking is free at the Hingham Bus Depot at 19 Fort Hill Street. Shuttle buses will transport concert-goers to and from the ampitheater. For more information please call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Sat. 28

Double Comedy Double Header: John Pinette and Jay Mohr at the Melody Tent and the Music Circus. The Melody Tent date is July 28 at 8 p.m. and the Music Circus Date is July 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this show are $29.50 and are available through ticketing center or Ticketmaster. Cape Cod Melody Tent phone number is 508-775-9100 and South Shore Music Circus is 781-383-1400. The Cape Cod Melody Tent is located at 11 W. Main Street in Hyannis and the South Shore Music Circus is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset. For more information visit www.musiccircus.com or www.melodytent.com.

Shakespeare Collaborative comes to Bellingham Town Common to present "The Brothers Memaechmus." Shown at 5 p.m., be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and a picnic lunch. For more information call the local town hall.

"Mostly Mozart" conducted by Nicholas Palmer with "Evenings Under the Star Festivals" as part of the South shore Conservatory's concert series. Held at 7 p.m. at the Carr Ampitheater, South Shore Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Tickets can be obtained by calling 781-749-7565 ext. 14. Admission is $17 for advanced purchase pavilion seating or $20 at the door. $7 in advance for lawn seating and $10 at the door.

Historic Houses: The Old Ordinary is Hingham, 21 Lincoln Street will feature a special exhibit of antique toys call "The Children's Hour" which will include dolls from the Society's collection and furniture from the Tower Toy Guild. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 8. The house is open from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. - Sat. through Sept. 8. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12. For more information call 781-749-1851.



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Plymouth Family Fair from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Nelson Park (corner of Nelson and Water Street - on the Waterfront.) Donation of $1, children under 18 are free. Pony rides, crafters, animals, carousel, moon walks, fortuneteller, games and prizes, live music, lots of food and much more. For more information call the Plymouth Housing Authority at 508-746-2105 ext. 203.

Henry David Thoreau Returns to Hull for a Sesquicentennial Anniversary Walk with friends at 12:30 p.m. Actor Richard Smith will read from a journal pointing out the items that caught his interest so many years ago. This is event is free. For more information call Matt Tobin at Fort Revere Park, 617-727-4468.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents blues Wagon. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Sun. 29

The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury presents the second tea ceremony at 2 p.m. The simple ritual of the ceremony is based on hospitality. Utensils used for tea are often exquisitely beautiful. Allan Sosei Palmer, the Tea Master, is trained by the Uransanke School of tea and will explain the ceremony and answer questions. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

"Waterworks" - watercolor paintings by Maureen K. Brookfield will be presented by the Mansfield Music and Arts Society through July 29 in the Cote Gallery. Gallery hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Fri. from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. MMAS, Cote Gallery is located at 30 Reservoir Street in Mansfield. For more information or directions call 508-339-2822.

Travel To Tanglewood With South Shore Conservatory with Seiji Ozawa conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra with Yefim Bronfman on piano on July 29 when the South Shore Conservatory sponsors its annual Tanglewood trip. The concert features Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5. The cost for the day, including concert tickets, transportation, lunch and refreshments on the return trip, is $115 per person. Call Laura Carleton at 781-934-2731 ext. 14 to reserve your place. Seats are limited so call today.

Summer Concerts on the USS Salem located in Quincy, off Route 3A, next to the Fore River Bridge, Harbor Express entrance. On July 29, John Lincoln Wright and the Sourmash Boys, an outstanding country band, from 2 - 4 p.m. For more information call 617-479-7900.

Polish Organist Wlosek will be performing in Cohasset as part of the Sunday Concert Series. Held at St. Stephen's Church at 3 p.m., the concert will include compositions of Polish and Eastern Europe organists. Located at 16 highland Ave. in Cohasset, the concert is free of charge but donations will be accepted.

Art Auction, Wine Tasting and Door Prizes at CBJ Community Center in downtown Plymouth on Court Street - Route 3A - at the corner of Brewster Street. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with all art available for viewing for one hour. A 50/50 raffle drawing will be held around 8:30 p.m. For more information call Michael Rotman at 781-585-1088.

A Fresh Blueberry Breakfast will be served at the 1674 Major John Bradford House this Sunday from 9 - 11:30 a.m. hosted by Phil and Peg Burnham and friends. The menu includes pancakes with homemade blueberry sauce, baked ham and sausage links, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit cup, homemade breads and beverages. No reservations required. Cost is $7 for adults, $3 for children 4 - 10 years old. All proceeds benefit the barn fund.

Shakespeare Collaborative comes to Falmouth - Peg E. Noonan Park to present "The Brothers Memaechmus." Shown at 5 p.m., be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and a picnic lunch. For more information call the local town hall.

Nantasket Beach Concert Series schedule of events for Nantasket Beach and Fort Revere in Hull. There will be a weekly concert series at the MDC Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach as well as a

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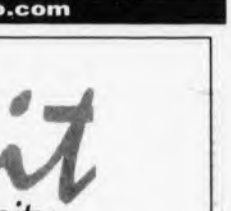
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family movie series at Fort Revere in Hull. Both series are free to the public and suitable for children and adults of all ages. On July 28: Movie Series at dusk. July 29: "Dave Foley Country" at King Pavilion at 2 p.m.

Mon. 30

Bridgewater State College Bears Basketball Camp will be held running from July 30 - Aug. 3. The clinic will run from 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. (Mon. - Fri.) The camp is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 8 - 18. Participants will be grouped by age and/or skill level. The camp fee is $160 per week or $300 for both sessions. To receive a clinic brochure or more information call 508-531-1352.

USS Salem to Host Summer Adventure Program designed to introduce young people to life onboard a real Navy ship. This program will bring boys and girls together from all over the Northeast and is sponsored by the United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum, Quincy. Participants will live on board the USS Salem, participate in fun activities from swimming to boating and much more. Also included are visits to historic sites in Quincy and Boston plus an overnight camping trip to one of the Boston Harbor islands. Program runs from July 30 - Aug. 3 and Aug. 6 - 10 and the cost is $250 per week. Space is limited to 100 adventurers. Please call 617-479-7900 for more information or to register.

"New Work...Old Friends" will be presented by the North River Arts Society at the Ventress Library Gallery from July 30 - Sept. 22. The exhibit is a collection of work by past and present members of the Board of Directors at the North River Arts Society. An opening reception will be held on July 30 at 7 p.m. The library summer hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. through Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Tues. 31

The Hull Lifesaving Museum invites all artists to enter the "Art Show" held through July 31. The theme again will be "Sea and Sky" with particular emphasis on small, regional wooden boats to complement the exhibit. "Feathering, Sweeping, and Laying Back, the small boat collection of the museum and its members. Limit will be 3 entries per artist and each entry fee is $6. For additional information call Barbie Guild at 781-925-5433.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents Drawings and Prints by Nancy Webb through July 31. Located at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street, Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-2721. Summer hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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The Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host "Local Scenes", a mixed media presentation by the Gallery Members for the month of August. The public is welcome to the opening reception on Aug. 4 from 6 - 8 p.m. The Gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 -5 p.m. closed on Mon. For more information call 781-545-6150.

Wed. 1

Summer Animal Shows at the Science Center on Aug. 1st, join Betsy Brewer of the Southwick Zoo to learn about animal adaptations, and the physical differences between mammals, birds and reptiles. Then join us on Friday, Aug. 17th for a return visit from professional herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptiles Shows, who will introduce his amazing menagerie of reptiles, including turtles, lizards, a Burmese python and an American alligator. Both shows begin at 1:30pm. Tickets are $5 members/ $6 non-members, and can be purchased by phone with a credit card, or with cash at the Science Center. Tickets are advance purchase only, as there are a limited number of seats available for each show. Please note that these shows are recommended for ages three and up, and that strollers are not allowed inside the hall. Children must be accompanied by an adult to attend. To order tickets, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

"Nature's Landscapes" Photography Exhibit at Science Center in August. The Photography of Susan White will be on display Aug. 1-31, 2001 in the Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. The show, entitled "Nature's Landscapes" features watercolor iris photographs depicting various environmental scenes. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, August 4th from 2:00-4:30pm. The exhibit can also be viewed during the month of August, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than one mile from Route 3's exit 13. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.

Father Bill's Place Annual Food Fest and Auction will be taking place. Call now to reserve your space. For more information call Linda Carberry at 617-376-2255.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month is Elizabeth Trubia. Her paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-1402.

Thurs. 2

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8:30 p.m. Award winning sculptor Nick Sevigney will discuss his work which is currently on exhibition in "The Yixing Effect." This program begins at 7:30 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Annual Outdoor Sunset Mass at the Portiuncula Chapel, located on the campus of Cardinal Cushing Centers at Hanover, 405 Washington Street at 6:30 p.m.

"Giving Birth: Challenges and Choices" - a free public showing of Suzanne Arms landmark film on how to achieve your optimal birth experience. Film will be followed by an open discussion with Childbirth educator Christina Conlon and Midwife Laura Donnelly. Held at Scituate Library at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Laura Donnelly at 781-544-3459.

Weymouth Recreation Department will sponsor the following concert and film series to be held at the Ralph Talbot Ampitheater - next to Town Hall, 75 Middle Street. In case of rain the concerts and films will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On Aug. 2: Band together Youth Bands 6:30 p.m.



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The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury presents the second tea ceremony Sunday, July 29 at 2 p.m. The simple ritual of the ceremony is based on hospitality. Utensils used for tea are often exquisitely beautiful. Allan Sosei Palmer, the Tea Master, is trained by the Uransanke School of tea and will explain the ceremony and answer questions. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents (TBA). Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On Aug. 2: Sounds of Yesterday.

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St. Stephen's carillon concert

Ellen Espenschied of Branford, Conn. will give a recital in the continuing 77th annual series of recitals on the Cohasset Carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Sunday Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.

Espenschied is a graduate of Yale University, where she was president of the Yale Guild of Carillonneurs while a student, and played regularly on the 54-bell carillon in Harkness Tower.

The program will include carillon compositions by Willem DeFesch, Ronald Barnes and Alice Gomez; and transcriptions of classics by Albeniz, Mozart, Bizet and Offenbach, and Scottish folk songs. She will be joined by carillonneur Roy Lee in "Carillon Concerto for Two to Play" by Ronald Barnes, and a duet arrangement of Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" will close the concert.

The hour-long recital will take place, rain or shine; in case of rain, concert goers can listen from their parked cars. Printed programs, recital schedules and a brochure describing the Cohasset Carillon will be available in the program stand at the church courtyard on Highland Avenue. Programs will also be distributed on Cohasset Common at the entrance to Stagecoach Way (the pedestrian walk on Main Street, opposite the church). Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers. Following the recital, a tour of the tower and carillon will be offered to all interested persons.

For information, call St. Stephen's at 781-383-1083 weekdays, 9-4; or John Seavey at 781-383-1782.

Polish organist at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church is presenting Elzbieta Wlosek in recital on Sunday, July 29 at 3 p.m. The afternoon's concert will include compositions by Polish and eastern European organists.

Ms. Wlosek was born in the Silesia region of Poland and studied at the Academy of Music in Katowice. She has performed widely in Europe and is a faculty member of the Music School of Raciborz and the Music School of Rybnik. She began performing at an early age and has since taught master classes in France, Germany, the Netherlands and Italy.

St. Stephen's Church is at 16 Highland Ave. The concert is free of charge but donations will be accepted.

Harbor workshop

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation will host a Cohasset Harbor Walkway Public Design Workshop on Tuesday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island.

Representatives of the Cecil Group, an urban landscape architectural firm, will present sidewalk improvement ideas for the creation of a safe pedestrian walkway around the perimeter of the harbor. CRC invites you to share your ideas on design elements created to address the demands of today's environment, and preserve the rich maritime history of the waterfront.

Items for discussion include an improved sidewalk design to provide a safe area for walkers, strollers, runners, and bikers of all ages and abilities; a review of the material options to be used; and an overview of additional amenities such as new railings and pedestrian scale lighting.

If you would like additional information, please contact the CRC office at (781) 383-2449.

Columbine recalled in special concert

Composer Frank Ticheli's "An American Elegy," written in memory of those who died in the tragic Columbine High School Massacre, will be performed by Summer Wind Ensemble (SWE) students at South Shore Conservatory's Summer Music Festival final concert Friday, July 27, at 7 p.m. at the Jane Carr Amphitheater.

The composition, which speaks out against violence in schools, was premiered by Columbine High School students in April of 2000. Summer Wind Ensemble music director Malcolm W. Rowell premiered this piece in Massachusetts this spring at the Massachusetts Southeast District Festival.

"It's a very powerful piece," says Rowell who is now in his 18th season with South Shore Conservatory.

"Bachelor's Lament," was developed based on several traditional folk songs about courting. The composer purposefully developed the piece so that the young musicians would become familiar with the older folk songs in their original context before beginning work on the newer composition.

The concert is free and the public is welcome. Parking for this event is at the Hingham Bus Depot at 19 Fort Hill St., next to Thomas Auto Body. Shuttle buses will transport concert goers to and from the concert.

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ALS brings the hospital to the patient

By Rick Collins
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In a medical emergency, seconds can make all the difference. And as crucial and important as cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid are, sometimes a patient needs a little more.

Until recently in Cohasset, that patient would have received Basic Life Support administered by town EMTs, but would have had to wait as much as 18 minutes for a paramedic unit from South Shore Hospital to meet up with the town ambulance for Advanced Life Support services, such as life-saving drugs.

But now residents can have the hospital brought right to them because Cohasset paramedics are now state-approved to offer ALS service to town residents in a medical emergency.

"We're a portable emergency room," said paramedic Rick Covino. "We can do high-end medicine, and come to you in the shortest amount of time, and people benefit from that."

Until last November, Cohasset paramedics were only allowed to provide BLS services, such as CPR and defibrillation. But now, the town's six trained paramedics can offer a wide-range of treatments competitive with the type of

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Paramedic Rick Covino and EMT John Dockray are inside the Cohasset ambulance which serves as a portable emergency room.

Sewer board e-mail votes questioned

Did commissioners break the rules?

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset Mariner has asked the Norfolk County District Attorney's office to look into a possible Open Meeting Law violation involving apparent deliberations and votes taken by the Cohasset Sewer Commission over e-mail.

Last week's Sewer Commission meeting agenda listed a confirmation of an e-mail vote under its new business.

When questioned this week on the vote, which involved an abatement request made by the Cohasset Historical Society for the Maritime Museum on Elm Street, commission chairman Gary Vanderweil said the board voted via e-mail to expedite the process.

He said the board had originally voted to grant the abatement from having to pay to hookup to the sewer early this year, providing that the society wrote into the deed that the building, which does not have any plumbing, would remain as is. However, town counsel balked at the deal.

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"I e-mailed the other commissioners asking them whether we should issue the abatement or not, and asked them to please send their vote by e-mail," Vanderweil said. "They voted not to issue the abatement and we confirmed that by

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Harbor plans search for theme

By Rick Collins
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Interested residents liked a "scaled-down" version of the harbor improvement plan and asked engineers to come up with a common theme for the improvements.

The comments came during a public forum held by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation at the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island on Tuesday.

The old plan had looked at creating a cantilevered promenade along the waterfront. But CRC Executive Director Dean Rizzo said money and permitting concerns, plus a less than lukewarm reception from the community, had the group's engineering firm, The Cecil Group, reexamine the area.

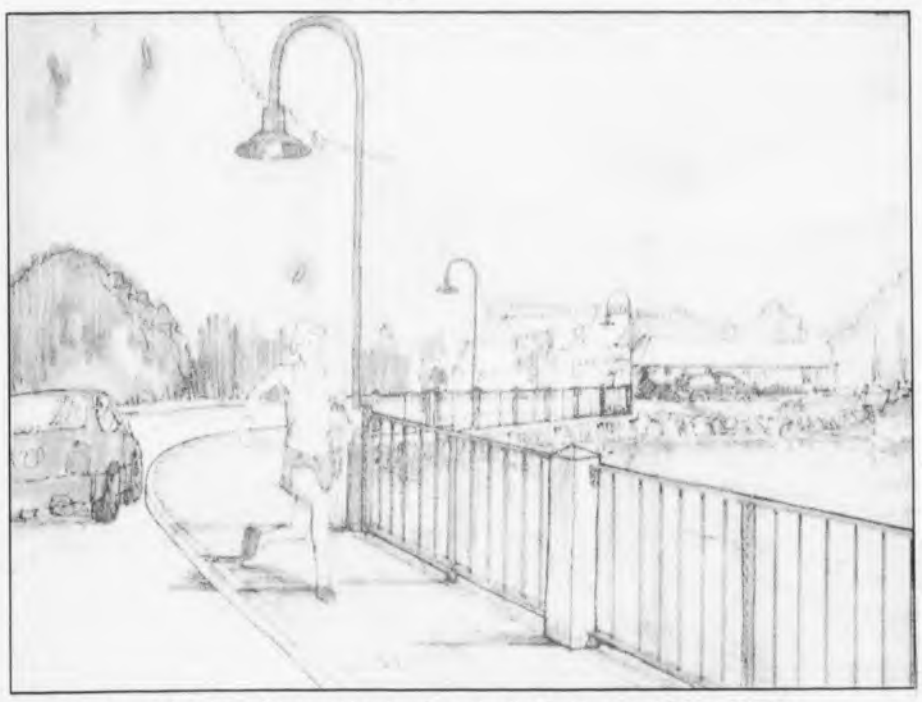
The new plan calls for a series of simple sidewalks around the harbor, from the town pier on Margin Street, to Government Island, with fencing or railings along the water. It would also create a defined, continuous sidewalk from Kimball's By the Sea, along Border Street, in front of the Olde Salt House and Atlantica, and over the Border Street Bridge.

"We've taken a more scaled down approach," Rizzo told the group of 30 residents gathered in Bancroft Hall.

When asked if they generally liked the changes, a wide-majority of the group verbally responded with a "yes."

Cecil Group engineer David O'Connor used a slide-show presentation to illustrate the possible changes. He proposed slightly widening the road on Margin Street, creating a five-foot sidewalk on the side across from the water, a seven-foot parking lane next to the water,

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An architect's rendering of one of the possible sidewalk construction designs around Cohasset Harbor.

Bill to ban at-grade crossings

By Rick Collins
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Local legislators, at the behest of a Hingham-based anti-train group, have filed legislation that would prohibit commuter rail lines from being built with at-grade crossings.

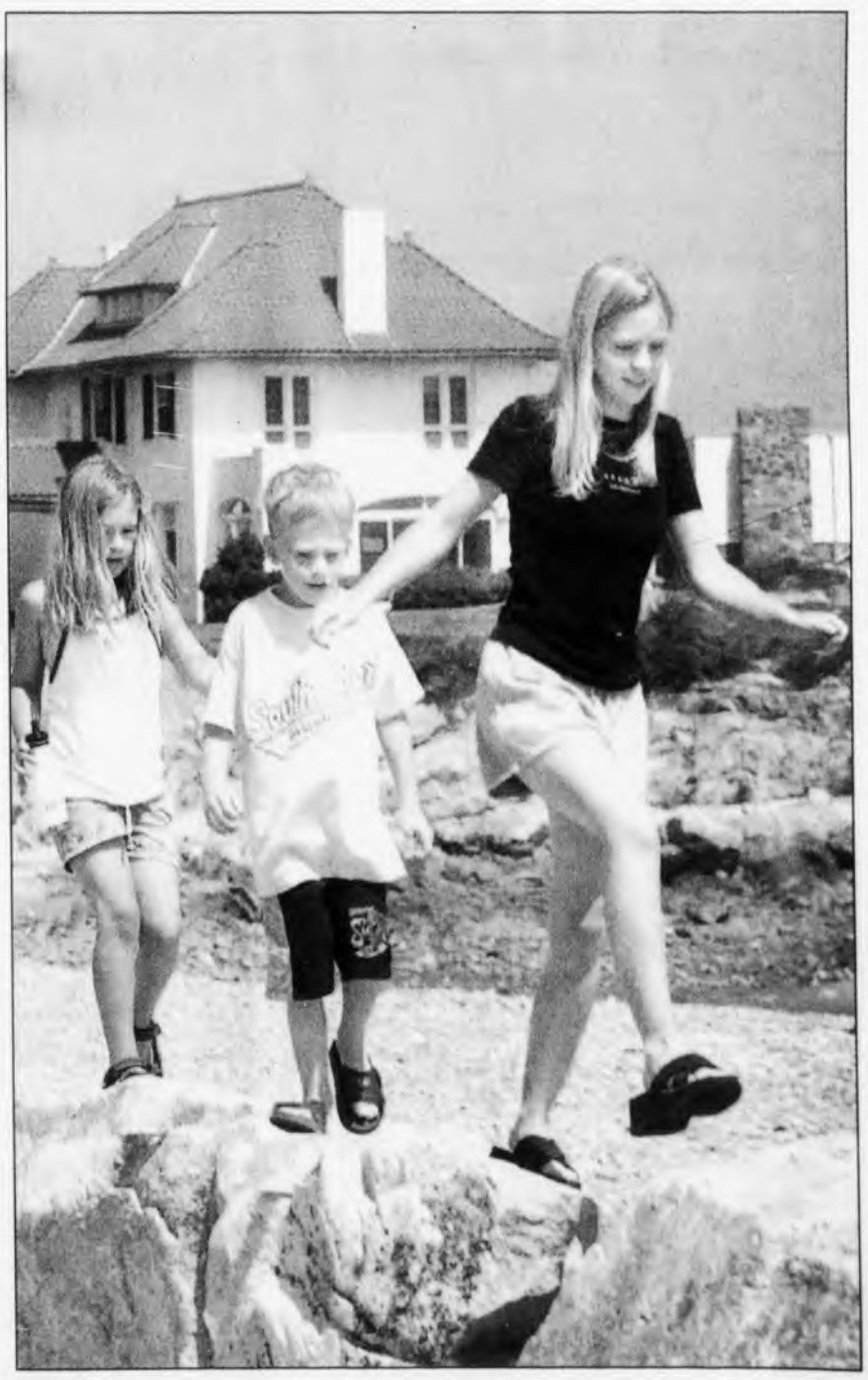
Hingham resident John Bewick, founder of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA), asked state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, to file the bill earlier this year. State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, also signed on as a sponsor of the bill. Both legislators are against restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail line.

Bewick, a former state secretary of environmental affairs, said the safety of residents along the long-dormant rail line "has been sort of neglected" in the recently released final draft of the environmental impact report on the project.

"We've been meeting with people who abut the track on North Street and South Street [in Hingham], and the issue is very scary," Bewick said. "They're just terrified. We had a booth at the recent Hingham Square festival and one woman burst into tears discussing the subject."

The 17-mile line has 53-grade

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FOLLOW THE LEADER

Isabelle Anderson, Devon Kennedy, and counselor Jenny Figueiredo walk along the stonewall at Sandy Beach during the South Shore Community Center's Coastal Camp.

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For tickets, contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103; Linda Bolster at 781-383-6148; or Linda Schultz at 781-383-0597.

St. Stephen's carillon concert

Ellen Espenschied of Branford, Conn. will give a recital in the continuing 77th annual series of recitals on the Cohasset Carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Sunday Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.

Espenschied is a graduate of Yale University, where she was president of the Yale Guild of Carillonneurs while a student, and played regularly on the 54-bell carillon in Harkness Tower.

The program will include carillon compositions by Willem DeFesch, Ronald Barnes and Alice Gomez; and transcriptions of classics by Albeniz, Mozart, Bizet and Offenbach, and Scottish folk songs. She will be joined by carillonneur Roy Lee in "Carillon Concerto for Two to Play" by Ronald Barnes, and a duet arrangement of Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" will close the concert.

The hour-long recital will take place, rain or shine; in case of rain, concert goers can listen from their parked cars. Printed programs, recital schedules and a brochure describing the Cohasset Carillon will be available in the program stand at the church courtyard on Highland Avenue. Programs will also be distributed on Cohasset Common at the entrance to Stagecoach Way (the pedestrian walk on Main Street, opposite the church). Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers. Following the recital, a tour of the tower and carillon will be offered to all interested persons.

For information, call St. Stephen's at 781-383-1083 weekdays, 9-4; or John Seavey at 781-383-1782.

Polish organist at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church is presenting Elzbieta Wlosek in recital on Sunday, July 29 at 3 p.m. The afternoon's concert will include compositions by Polish and eastern European organists.

Ms. Wlosek was born in the Silesia region of Poland and studied at the Academy of Music in Katowice. She has performed widely in Europe and is a faculty member of the Music School of Raciborz and the Music School of Rybnik. She began performing at an early age and has since taught master classes in France, Germany, the Netherlands and Italy.

St. Stephen's Church is at 16 Highland Ave. The concert is free of charge but donations will be accepted.

Harbor workshop

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation will host a Cohasset Harbor Walkway Public Design Workshop on Tuesday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island.

Representatives of the Cecil Group, an urban landscape architectural firm, will present sidewalk improvement ideas for the creation of a safe pedestrian walkway around the perimeter of the harbor. CRC invites you to share your ideas on design elements created to address the demands of today's environment, and preserve the rich maritime history of the waterfront.

Items for discussion include an improved sidewalk design to provide a safe area for walkers, strollers, runners, and bikers of all ages and abilities; a review of the material options to be used; and an overview of additional amenities such as new railings and pedestrian scale lighting.

If you would like additional information, please contact the CRC office at (781) 383-2449.

Columbine recalled in special concert

Composer Frank Ticheli's "An American Elegy," written in memory of those who died in the tragic Columbine High School Massacre, will be performed by Summer Wind Ensemble (SWE) students at South Shore Conservatory's Summer Music Festival final concert Friday, July 27, at 7 p.m. at the Jane Carr Amphitheater.

The composition, which speaks out against violence in schools, was premiered by Columbine High School students in April of 2000. Summer Wind Ensemble music director Malcolm W. Rowell premiered this piece in Massachusetts this spring at the Massachusetts Southeast District Festival.

"It's a very powerful piece," says Rowell who is now in his 18th season with South Shore Conservatory.

"Bachelor's Lament," was developed based on several traditional folk songs about courting. The composer purposefully developed the piece so that the young musicians would become familiar with the older folk songs in their original context before beginning work on the newer composition.

The concert is free and the public is welcome. Parking for this event is at the Hingham Bus Depot at 19 Fort Hill St., next to Thomas Auto Body. Shuttle buses will transport concert goers to and from the concert.

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ALS brings the hospital to the patient

By Rick Collins
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In a medical emergency, seconds can make all the difference. And as crucial and important as cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid are, sometimes a patient needs a little more.

Until recently in Cohasset, that patient would have received Basic Life Support administered by town EMTs, but would have had to wait as much as 18 minutes for a paramedic unit from South Shore Hospital to meet up with the town ambulance for Advanced Life Support services, such as life-saving drugs.

But now residents can have the hospital brought right to them because Cohasset paramedics are now state-approved to offer ALS service to town residents in a medical emergency.

"We're a portable emergency room," said paramedic Rick Covino. "We can do high-end medicine, and come to you in the shortest amount of time, and people benefit from that."

Until last November, Cohasset paramedics were only allowed to provide BLS services, such as CPR and defibrillation. But now, the town's six trained paramedics can offer a wide-range of treatments competitive with the type of

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PHOTO: FRED ROBERTSON

Paramedic Rick Covino and EMT John Dockray are inside the Cohasset ambulance which serves as a portable emergency room.

Sewer board e-mail votes questioned

Did commissioners break the rules?

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset Mariner has asked the Norfolk County District Attorney's office to look into a possible Open Meeting Law violation involving apparent deliberations and votes taken by the Cohasset Sewer Commission over e-mail.

Last week's Sewer Commission meeting agenda listed a confirmation of an e-mail vote under its new business.

When questioned this week on the vote, which involved an abatement request made by the Cohasset Historical Society for the Maritime Museum on Elm Street, commission chairman Gary Vanderweil said the board voted via e-mail to expedite the process.

He said the board had originally voted to grant the abatement from having to pay to hookup to the sewer early this year, providing that the society wrote into the deed that the building, which does not have any plumbing, would remain as is. However, town counsel balked at the deal.

"I e-mailed the other commissioners asking whether we should issue the abatement and asked them to send their vote by e-mail."
— Gary Vanderweil, chairman

"I e-mailed the other commissioners asking them whether we should issue the abatement or not, and asked them to please send their vote by e-mail," Vanderweil said. "They voted not to issue the abatement and we confirmed that by

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Harbor plans search for theme

By Rick Collins
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Interested residents liked a "scaled-down" version of the harbor improvement plan and asked engineers to come up with a common theme for the improvements.

The comments came during a public forum held by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation at the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island on Tuesday.

The old plan had looked at creating a cantilevered promenade along the waterfront. But CRC Executive Director Dean Rizzo said money and permitting concerns, plus a less than lukewarm reception from the community, had the group's engineering firm, The Cecil Group, reexamine the area.

The new plan calls for a series of simple sidewalks around the harbor, from the town pier on Margin Street, to Government Island, with fencing or railings along the water. It would also create a defined, continuous sidewalk from Kimball's By the Sea, along Border Street, in front of the Olde Salt House and Atlantica, and over the Border Street Bridge.

"We've taken a more scaled down approach," Rizzo told the group of 30 residents gathered in Bancroft Hall.

When asked if they generally liked the changes, a wide-majority of the group verbally responded with a "yes."

Cecil Group engineer David O'Connor used a slide-show presentation to illustrate the possible changes. He proposed slightly widening the road on Margin Street, creating a five-foot sidewalk on the side across from the water, a seven-foot parking lane next to the water,

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An architect's rendering of one of the possible sidewalk construction designs around Cohasset Harbor.

Bill to ban at-grade crossings

By Rick Collins
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Local legislators, at the behest of a Hingham-based anti-train group, have filed legislation that would prohibit commuter rail lines from being built with at-grade crossings.

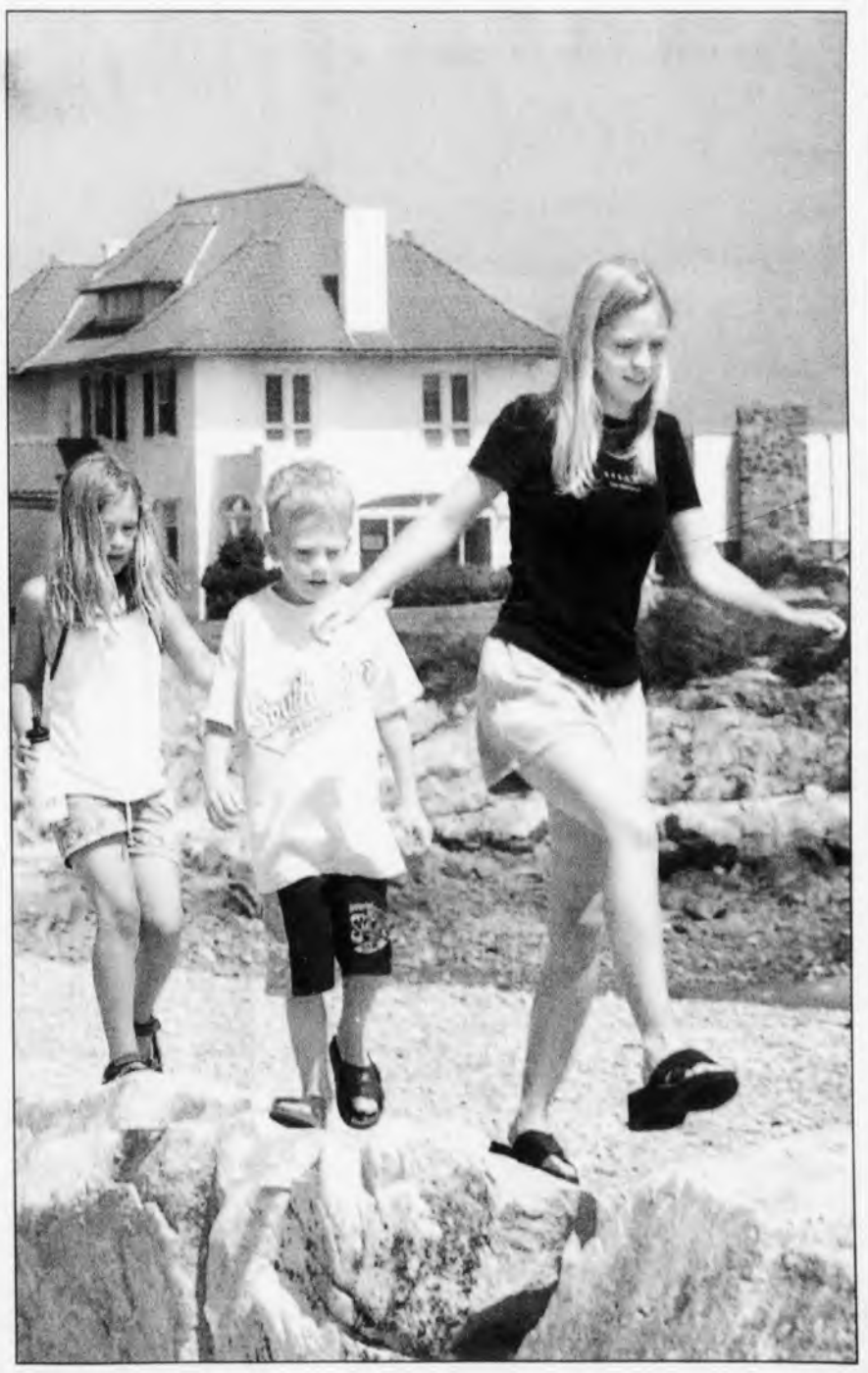
Hingham resident John Bewick, founder of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA), asked state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, to file the bill earlier this year. State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, also signed on as a sponsor of the bill. Both legislators are against restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail line.

Bewick, a former state secretary of environmental affairs, said the safety of residents along the long-dormant rail line "has been sort of neglected" in the recently released final draft of the environmental impact report on the project.

"We've been meeting with people who abut the track on North Street and South Street [in Hingham], and the issue is very scary," Bewick said. "They're just terrified. We had a booth at the recent Hingham Square festival and one woman burst into tears discussing the subject."

The 17-mile line has 53-grade

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Meeting schedule

The following is a list of all town meetings posted as of Monday, July 30. All meetings are held at town hall unless otherwise noted.

- Zoning Board of Appeals, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen, Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m.
- Police & Fire Station Building Committee, Aug. 8, 10 a.m.
- Conservation Commission, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 23, 8 p.m.
- Senior Housing Committee, Aug. 12, 9 a.m., Aug. 27, 9 a.m.
- Harbor Committee, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
- Planning Board, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m.

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Mon. 6	1:12	10.2	7:29	1:44	9.3	7:39
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New scheduling system helps fire department

By Rick Collins
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A newly implemented scheduling method at the Cohasset Fire Department is receiving rave reviews. The department has switched to 24-hour shifts, instead of the old method of varying shift times.

The 24-member fire department is broken up into groups of six, usually with at least one paramedic included.

"We've found it's more accommodating to peoples schedules," said Fire Chief Roger Lincoln.

The 24-member fire department is broken up into groups of six, usually with at least one paramedic included, and works a 24-hour shift. The group then gets the next two days off, followed by another 24-hour shift, two more days off, another 24-hour shift and then four days off.

Before the change went into effect on July 1, the old schedule had the firefighters working two 10-hour days, followed by two 14-hour days, and then two days off.

"Over the course of a year, it still works out to the same 42-hour work week," said Lincoln.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said one reason for the change, which was included in the fire department's recent collective bargaining agreement, was to allow the town's paramedics to work second jobs for private ambulance companies.

"It allows them to hone their skills," he said.

Five of the six paramedics work for private companies.

"They need to do that in order to keep their hand in it and stay current," Lincoln said. "But this job [with the Cohasset Fire Department] is their priority, their full-time job."

The new schedule, along with the hiring of four new positions in the fall of 1999 has helped slash a once exploding overtime budget. The department accrued more than $200,000 in overtime costs in fiscal year 1998, but just $109,244 in the most recent fiscal year which ended June 30. Haddad said the town spent less than $400 in fire department overtime in the week ending July 22.

Lincoln said he is also getting good reviews on the new town ambulance, which was approved at last October's special Town Meeting.

The new ambulance replaced an eight-year-old vehicle that had racked up 100,000 miles during its lifetime serving Cohasset.

Lincoln said the new $110,000 ambulance is smaller than its predecessor, but with the same amount of patient space and that it can better squeeze down some of the long, narrow driveways around town.

He also said the new, lighter ambulance has taken care of another complaint.

"We had heard the ride was very rough for patients and EMTs," he said. "The new one has a van-type chassis that's much more appropriate."

Lincoln thanked the town for both the increased department and new ambulance.

"None of this would have happened without the support of the townspeople, the town manager and selectmen, and we really appreciate it," he said.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset firefighters line up by the town ambulance. From left are, EMT John Dockray, EMT James Curley, paramedis Hugh Devlin, Randy Belande and Rick Covino and EMT Jackie Hernan. Not shown are paramedics Laura Morrison, Charles Hatch and Shawn Brennan.

ALS service brings the hospital to the patient

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care found in a hospital's emergency room.

"Almost everything that can be found being done in an emergency room, paramedics can do," said Covino, who has been a paramedic for 17 years. "But we can do it out in the field in an uncontrolled environment such as a burning car wreck or on the water."

The town's paramedics, part of the fire department, are trained enough medically to quickly recognize a problem, treat it, then stabilize and transport the patient to South Shore Hospital.

"Hopefully, we can provide the same level of care you can get in the emergency room, and that's what the town didn't have before," said Covino.

The movement towards offering ALS service began in 1998, when Town Manager Mark Haddad negotiated with the fire department union to have the next eight people hired be trained paramedics.

"The union has been unbelievably cooperative," Haddad said. "We couldn't have done it without their support."

Two were hired in early 1999 to replace two retiring firefighters, and then four were hired in the fall of 1999 after a special Town Meeting vote allocated the money to expand the fire department to 24 members.

Then Cohasset successfully lobbied the state Department of Public Health for a waiver allowing the town to offer ALS services with six paramedics, instead of the required eight.

"It needed to be signed off by South Shore Hospital, Metropolitan Boston Emergency Council Services [the guiding council of Region IV which includes Cohasset], and state Department of Public Health," said Fire Chief Roger Lincoln. "It was a long, difficult process."

In 2000, Lincoln said the department responded to 783 medical calls in Cohasset, including 123 car accidents, 290 calls that required BLS, and 208 calls that required ALS service from South Shore Hospital paramedics. That burden is now felt by Cohasset paramedics.

"The paramedics are kept very busy, a lot of times they'll work straight through lunch," Lincoln said.

Covino reported back-to-back-to-back calls during last week's heat wave that required ALS services.

"We were out straight," he said.

Covino added that when he gets a call from a Cohasset resident, he knows he's going to be busy. "When people in Cohasset call, they're usually pretty sick," he said. "That can differ from town to town, but here, when people do call for an ambulance, they need it, and we have a good idea we're going to be taking care of somebody."

Since ALS service started on Nov. 21, Covino said having such a high-level of emergency response in town has already paid off.

"I can think of at least 10 good cases where the person was helped out by having us right here in town," he said.

"South Shore Hospital could have been as much as 18 minutes away, and now we're based right here in town, available immediately and that's the difference, those precious minutes," Lincoln said. "The paramedics have stepped up the amount of services offered to the town."

Lincoln hopes to soon bring the number of paramedics on the town payroll up to eight, and help ensure paramedics are on every shift. He may not have to look much further than his own department for the additional help. The town will pick up the course cost of current firefighter/EMTs John Dockray and Jackie Hernan to go back to school this fall and start the training needed to become paramedics.

Covino sat in the back of the town's new ambulance, approved at last fall's special Town Meeting, and went through bag after bag of equipment he has available to him on a call.

One large orange box contains the different medicines he is authorized to administer, such as adrenaline. "These are just about all the same medicines you can find on an emergency room crash cart," said Covino. "We have medicines to speed you up and slow you down."

Another rolled-up pouch contains the tubes and tools needed to "intubate" a patient, or place a tube in a person's airway to create an extended trachea.

A giant blue bag contains everything from oxygen tanks to IV bags and is the first thing brought on scene when the paramedic arrives.

A paramedic also can read cardiac rhythms and treat a person's heart accordingly, whether it's with drugs, or with a quick shock from the defibrillator.

But Covino says the success of a paramedic depends on the people first on the scene.

"The job an EMT does is indispensable," he said. "They're essential. If you have a good paramedic crew, there usually is a good EMT crew to make them look good."

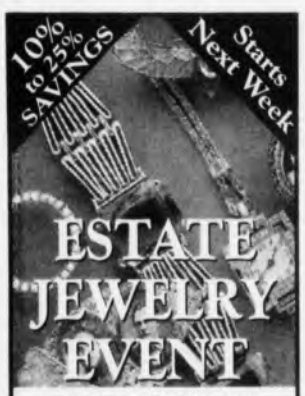
"We also still do fight fires," Lincoln added with a smile. "The paramedics are cross-trained to do all jobs. We can move people around, and can be extra flexible."

Frank Mahoney, an EMT and Covino's partner in the ambulance, said paramedics are more than able to help knock down a fire.

"They need to know everything about fire fighting, they need to know how to run every piece of apparatus," he said.

Although the state will review Cohasset's waiver in November, Covino is certain the department will show that the addition of a paramedic unit in a small town like Cohasset is a good one.

"People don't think about the level of care until its being provided to them, and then they want the best level of care possible," he said. "And the level of care depends on if you have good people. The commitment in the department is there. We're always looking for feedback. The guys want to see good things happen here and I think that says a lot."



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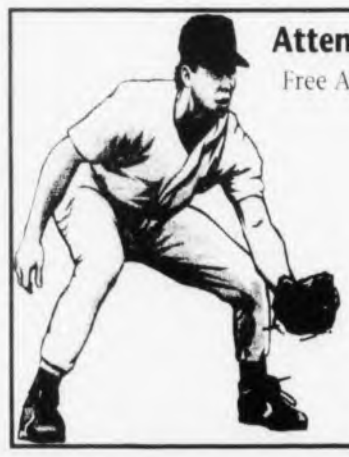
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GREAT WEATHER

Hello Cohasset. This weather is beautiful that is for sure. Can you believe that it is already into August? We have really had a wonderful summer to this point. Do you think it will continue? I hope so!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I want to send a very special Birthday wish out to **Jeff Johnson** from his son **Jake**, daughter **Abbie**, and wife **Deb**. I hope you enjoy the day Jeff. Happy Birthday from us all.

DEAN'S LIST

Tufts University sent news that **Rebecca Moje** earned honors on the dean's list for the spring semester at the Tufts School of Arts and Sciences. Good job, Rebecca.

Grace Gardener received dean's list honors from Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts this past spring. Grace is a sophomore majoring in communications design. Great work, Grace.

KENT SCHOOL HONORS

Melissa M. Bates, a member of the Sixth Form at Kent School in Connecticut, achieved high honors for the school year. At Prize Day ceremonies she was also awarded the Nicholas Bache Memorial Prize and the Headmaster's Prize, given to the outstanding senior girl. Melissa is the daughter of **Jeffrey C. Bates** of Cambridge and **Elizabeth M. Bates** of Cohasset. Great work, Melissa.

MASS MARITIME

The Massachusetts Maritime Academy recently graduated Cohasset student, **Matthew O'Sullivan**. Matthew received a marine engineering degree. Best of luck to you, Matthew; this is great.

READING CONTEST

Dependable Cleaners has been running a reading contest for the third year and a young Cohasset girl was a winner! **Olivia Adkins**, a student entering the third grade at the Osgood School read, "Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Gold Coins," by David A. Adler to win her brand new BIKE! Olivia's father, **Alex**, is a local architect and he said that her mom got the forms at the Cleaners as they are regular customers. Olivia, this is such a fantastic reward for such a great reader. I am sure that we will see you out and about riding on that brand-new bike. A special thank you goes to the teachers at the Osgood for reinforcing the importance of reading and this awesome program.



DERBY DAY

STAFF PHOTO/JEAN CARMAN

Mark McKenna Of Cohasset leads the procession of pre-kindergarteners on Derby Day in Hingham. Behind Mark are Thomas Middleton, Charlie Michalowski of Cohasset, Lauren Humphreys and Mark's twin sister, Kate McKenna.

UMASS GRADS

We have four recent graduate of UMass Amherst to talk about. **Bronwen Daley**, **Megan R. Fahey**, **Kevin D. Gentile** and **Laura A. Slotnick** all received diplomas from this school. Best of luck to all of you on your future endeavors.

TEACHER HONORED

Northeastern University recently honored **Joseph V. Stanford** for 35 years of teaching at University College! Mr. Stanford is a finance teacher and teaches at the Boston, Burlington and Dedham campus. He is also a professor of finance at Bridgewater State College. Congratulations on this honor!

DERBY HONORS

Derby Academy in Hingham recently held its 210th Derby Day Exercise and Last Chapel ceremony in which several Cohasset students were recognized. Receiving the Honor Book Award in recognition of earning A-'s and above were: **Christina Daniels**, daughter of **Richard and Mary Daniels**; **Jenna Larson**, daughter of **Donald and Mary Larson**; **Suzanne Lewis**, daughter of **Robert and Kearin Lewis**; **Maggie Pilczak**, daughter of **Kenneth and Jo-Ann Pilczak**; and **Callie Steele**, daughter of **Matthew and Marjorie Steele**. **Christy Mihos**, son of **Christy and Andrea Mihos**; **Doug Pearce**, son of **Peter and Ansley Pearce**; and **Callie Steele** were awarded diplomas. Congratulations to all of you on so many jobs extremely well done.

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GET WELL POLLY!

Cohasset's own **Polly Logan** is one the mend at Massachusetts General Hospital after undergoing cardiac surgery. We know Polly would enjoy hearing from all her "fans!" Tons of letters and well wishes would surely lift her spirits until she can come home. Cards can be sent to Polly Logan, Mass. General Hospital, Blake Building, 8th Floor, 55 Fruit St., Boston 02114. Polly, who is always doing for others, is one of those people who makes Cohasset such a special place. We miss you, Polly. Get well soon!

TAVERNA IS AUG. 25

Taverna 2001 (A taste of Greece) will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Sons of Italy, Route 3A, Hingham. Taverna has moved temporarily from its usual location at the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road. Mark you calendars and forget your diet on that day!

For information call **Greg Bukuras**, 781-659-0071.

I want to end this week's column by reminding us all to make sure to thank and recognize all people who are working to make everyone's lives better. Again, I am forced to see how much I have complained about the littlest of things when I am in a bad mood or having a bad day. Lately, it seems as though criticisms are flying whether it is related to public officials, teen-agers, teachers, counselors and more. Although sometimes warranted, most of these complaints are not and we as a society need to work on praise and "constructive criticisms" when needed. For every compliment and positive that someone hears, they have probably heard many more negatives.

Just a thought to keep in the back of our heads for the week.... Have a great one! Send in all your news and photos to me at...

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Director Marjorie Duffy and Associate Dean Todd Leach, right, of Northeastern University's Business Management Programs present Joseph V. Stanford with a certificate recognizing his 35 years as instructor at NU's University College.

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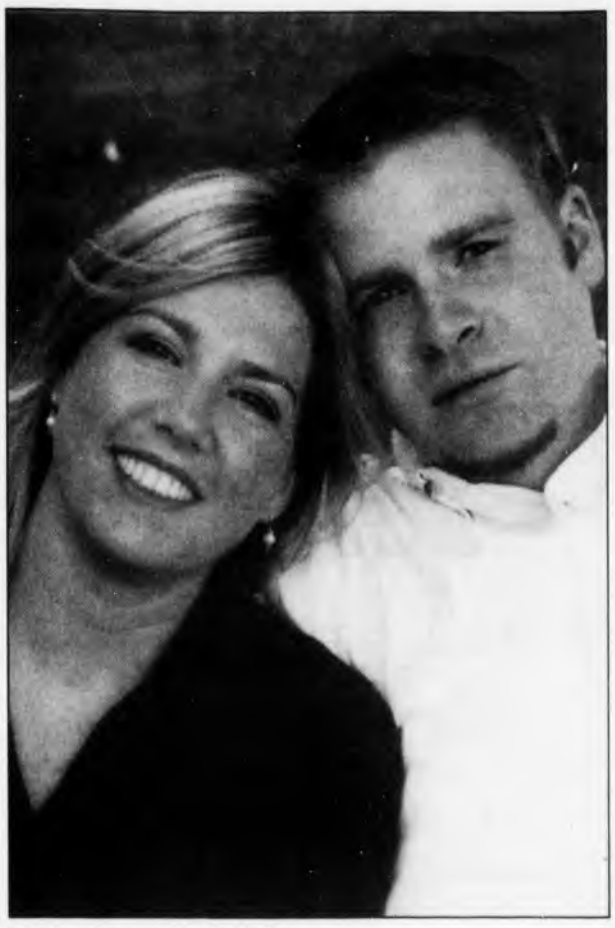
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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Candice Jones and Kevin Hachey

Jones — Hachey

Mr. Thomas W. Jones and Charlene Kurtz of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Candice Jones to Kevin Hachey of Beverly.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Cohasset High School and a 1995 graduate of Bridgewater State College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications. She is employed as Operations Manager at Brigham & Women's Hospital Center for Neurologic Diseases.

Her fiance, the son of Greg and Carol Hachey of Beverly, is a 1989 graduate of Beverly High School and a 1997 graduate of Bridgewater State College where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Communications. He is the owner of a shipping and packing firm in Beverly. Mr. Hachey is also a U.S. Air Force veteran of Desert Storm.

An August 3 wedding is planned.



Bronwen M. Daley and James D. Santacroce

Daley — Santacroce

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Daley Jr. of Cohasset, formerly of Hingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bronwen M. Daley, to James D. Santacroce, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Santacroce Jr. of Hingham.

The bride-to-be is a spring graduate of the University of Massachusetts/Amherst College of Nursing. She is employed as a pediatric oncology nurse at The Floating Hospital for Children, New England Medical Center in Boston.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Assumption College, Worcester, pursuing an MBA at Suffolk University, Boston. He is employed as a corporate trainer at Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare in Quincy.

A June 8, 2002 wedding is planned.



Michael Dirck Moyer and Anne Elizabeth Bukrey

Bukrey — Moyer

Dr. and Mrs. John Dirck Moyer of Yarmouthport, parents of the bridegroom, Michael Dirck Moyer of Chicago, Ill. announce the engagement of their son to Anne Elizabeth Bukrey of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ms. Bukrey is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Douglas Bukrey of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The bride-to-be graduated from Forest Hills Central High School in Grand Rapids and attended St. Mary's of Notre Dame in Indiana. She will graduate from Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Mich. in December 2001 with a bachelor's of art degree in history.

The groom-to-be graduated from Thayer Academy in Braintree and received his bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Kansas. He earned his master's of science degree at Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism/Integrated Marketing. He is employed by Hyperfeed Financial, Inc. of Chicago, Ill and is vice-president in charge of marketing.

A June 29, 2002 wedding is planned at Grace Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids, Mich.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Tax law comes of age

It's hard to believe but an entire generation of Massachusetts residents have been born since Proposition 2-1/2 became law some 20 years ago.

Those future homeowners could take the property-tax cap legislation for granted because they won't have known life any differently.

So as 2-1/2 comes of age, we think it's a good time to turn the clock back to the mid- to late-1970s, when Massachusetts was known as "Taxachusetts" and important industries and jobs were headed south to warmer climes and friendlier tax policy.

A taxpayer rebellion had been boiling just below the surface for some time when Citizens for Limited Taxation took the ball and ran with it. The grassroots group garnered enough signatures to get the tax-limitation question put on the November 1980 state ballot — on that same ballot Republicans Ronald Reagan and George Bush challenged President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale for the keys to the White House. The rest, to coin a phrase, is history.

Today, some 20 years later, taxes have still gone up but clearly not at the same soaring rate they would have without the law.

However, under 2-1/2, for taxes to increase beyond allowed limits — the people have to be asked permission. Voters must approve "overriding" the 2-1/2 tax cap at the polls. This can be a cumbersome task and oftentimes, the resulting debate pits interest groups such as parents of schoolchildren and senior citizens against one another. But nevertheless, we think Prop. 2-1/2 is a good thing because it makes government fiscally accountable.

We also think, as citizens and homeowners, it is crucial that we understand Prop. 2-1/2 is not an enemy to government but a control mechanism.

Barbara Anderson, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, puts it best.

"Before Prop. 2-1/2, government thought it was entitled to just take instead of ask," she says.

For many of us, a large portion of our hard-earned dollars pay for the privilege of living in our town. So it's incumbent on us to understand the laws that govern our property taxes, so we can make a fair determination when an override or debt exclusion is needed.

— Mary Ford
Editor
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Olde fashioned picnic basket auction

The Cohasset Historical Society announces an "Olde Fashioned Picnic Basket Auction," fundraising event, Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Lothrop House at 14 Summer St.

Bring a creative picnic lunch for two to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Then join the festivities by successfully bidding on and enjoying the picnic lunch of your choice. Suggestions include:

- In addition to lunch, customize your basket with an enticing extra, such as gift certificates, lottery tickets, free lessons, specialty items. The more creative the basket, the bigger the donation to the historical society.
- Basket essentials: appetizers/soup, sandwiches, munchies (veggies, chips), salad (pasta, Caesar, fruit), dessert, disposable utensils, dishes, napkins.
- Attach a note to the outside of your basket. Specify your basket's menu items and any special features so that the auctioneer can "sell" its virtues to the audience.
- Bring a blanket or lawn chair.
- Beverages will be provided by the society.

Don't forget, this is a fund-raiser — the more attractive the basket, the higher the bidding will go.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Village thoughts are clarified

TO THE EDITOR:

I was surprised to read your story on the village revitalization and see a boxed quote from me indicating that I didn't think price was the main concern with these proposals. Please allow me to clarify my thoughts on the revitalization of the Cohasset village and to thank the residents who have spent so much time and energy tackling these issues.

Let's go back to the beginning with the formation of a private group known as the CRC. Many of us were pleased by the proposal to spruce up the village area and perhaps address some safety concerns with the infusion of private funds. However, that concept has gone far afield. We are now looking at multi-million dollar proposals for changes that we don't need and there has even been some discussion that taxpayer money or Greenbush-related mitigation grants be used to implement these plans.

What happened to the offer to spruce up the village with private funds? That should be where we start. Some sprucing up and some cleaning up will accomplish a lot. It is true that sidewalks need attention, lighting needs improvement, etc. I suggest some flowers and a park bench or two will enhance the village area. These need not be big-ticket items. The CRC should let the town know if they still intend to finance these improvements, and if so, how much they will contribute. These need not be million-dollar fixes.

Safety, primarily of pedestrians, has been another focus of these efforts. We have found that, for the most part, things such as parking, the traffic flow and pedestrian access works pretty well as is. Nonetheless, there are some areas that need attention. I support making the simplest, least-expensive changes first. Let's see how they work before we examine more comprehensive plans. Angled parking spaces might be limited to smaller cars on a trial basis to find more space for pedestrians, before a decision is made to remove ledge. Those, like myself who drive vans and SUVs, might have more limited parking options, but that is preferable to changes that are permanent and expensive.

Since the village revitalization efforts were first begun we have seen not only the rebuilding of the Red Lion Inn, but a business in every storefront. Hopefully, through the continued efforts of the village task force and the CRC, that progress will continue. I was, however, shocked by the price tag attached to the package submitted to the selectmen last week for proposed village improvements. I hope that before any public monies are spent on "beautification" that we first address more pressing needs in the community, such as master planning and adequate police/fire facilities that provide minimum decent working conditions for those personnel.

On another note, it was my hope last week that the local press would help jump-start an "Adopt a Public Area Program," through which individuals and groups could continue to clean up, plant and tend public areas. Residents should let us know what areas are presently being cared for, and also if there is any area that they are interested in adopting. We are already enjoying the efforts of many, and I would like to see a more formalized program take off in Cohasset.

Ronnie McMorris
Doane St.

Ronnie McMorris is a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Repaving sought

TO THE EDITOR:

Mark Haddad
Town Manager
41 Highland Ave.

My name is Aisling Guinee and I am 12-years-old. I live on Surry Drive here in town. I will be entering seventh grade in September. I have been living in Cohasset for nine years and on Surry Drive for four years.

I have noticed that with the few harsh winters that we have endured recently that our street has been left very cracked and difficult to ride on. The town has tried to patch the very bad parts on our street, yet it has only made things worse.

I was wondering if Surry Drive was on your list for repaving the streets? If so, could you please tell me when you are expected to start the paving process? I can be reached at the numbers above. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Aisling Guinee
Surry Drive

Dear Miss Guinee:

I am in receipt of your letter dated July 12, 2001 requesting that Surry Drive be repaved due to its worsening condition. I appreciate you taking the time to bring this matter to my attention.

Please be advised that I have discussed this request with the DPW Superintendent, Harold Litchfield, and both of us agree that this road should be repaved. Therefore, we will be placing an article on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant requesting the necessary funds to complete the project. Should the article be approved, you can expect Surry Drive to be repaved either this fall or early next spring.

It is nice to know that someone your age has taken the time to bring this issue to the town's attention. I hope you always take an active role in your community. Please feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns.

Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

Editors Note: These letters were in selectmen's correspondence.

Mutual respect missing between youths, police

TO THE EDITOR:

Recent editorials in the Cohasset Mariner have discussed the issue of the current relationship between Cohasset's teenagers and the Cohasset Police Department. This is an issue that has often been discussed amongst myself and friends while growing up in Cohasset and it was actually very interesting to finally have someone step up to the plate and publicly present their take on the issue (letters written by Noria Morales and the Ernsts). It was equally refreshing to read the Police Department's response.

But sadly the issue appears to be no closer to a resolution as communication between both parties has led to an apparent increased bitterness between the two contending sides. To resolve a conflict of opinions such as this each party must give and take, however this conflict appears to be stubbornly rooted in a bitter, stagnant stand-off.

My name is Andrew Ross. I'm only 20 years old so yes, this letter is written under the burden and misconceptions of youth. That I will gladly admit. However, I also grew up in Cohasset and although never arrested (thanks to a little luck and occasionally some swift running) many of my friends have been, and so I feel that, although young, I have some experience in witnessing the relationship between our town's finest and our town's youth.

Let me begin by stating that there is really nothing to do in this town at night between the ages of 16 and 21. I cannot begin to count the number of times I've had to ask my friends what in the world are we going to do tonight. I tell you there is only so many times a man can enter Blockbuster before going crazy (I think my family's video count is close to a thousand) and before long one seeks alternative activities after hours. The Cohasset-500 (being out "driving around" with apparently no direct goal) is *not* an enjoyable activity but what else can be done? I guess one could go to the Teen Center and hang out with kids 5 or 6 years younger then you. But no wait, that would be painstakingly humiliating and I doubt you'd be too popular with your contemporary peers (and we all know how important your friends are in high school). Perhaps I could go into Boston and see a show. Wait no, you generally have to be at least 18 to go to clubs and that's generally expensive and out-of-the-way. But really what else is there to do legally in town once the sun goes down? The answer is absolutely nothing.

You see the root of the problem is that there is nothing to do when you're my age and younger in Cohasset. If I weren't playing music in a band right now and keeping myself busy through practicing and playing music I can't describe to you the boredom that would overtake me this summer. In fact, going to the beach and having a few beers or heading over to the town pool after hours

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HEALTH NOTES

Selected swimming ban on Bassing Beach

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Because of high enterococci bacteria counts, the Board of Health has issued a limited ban on swimming at Bassing Beach. The ban will take effect immediately after a rain event of 0.5 inches or more and will continue for 48 hours. Signs to this effect will be posted at selected locations on Bassing Beach near the opening of Bailey's creek, at the Sailing Club and on Government Island. The harbor master will be notified when rain exceeds the 0.5inch level.

The reason for this action, closing the beach after rain, is that it is after such a rain event that measurements of bacteria levels reach their highest levels, and generally exceed safe swimming standards. The levels have been increasing at the mouth of Bailey's creek for some time, probably because of the high bacteria levels being found in the ditch behind the homes on Parker Avenue. Several of these homes may have poorly functioning septic systems and a sewer hookup to homes on Parker Avenue, which should improve the problem, has been delayed.

We believe that the contamination is local and is mediated by tidal flushing, and hence represents only a minimal risk, but one of the popular ways to get to Bassing Beach is to swim across at the mouth of Bailey's creek.

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Mercury spill kits

The town has received mercury spill kits. These are available to residents to recover mercury which has been accidentally spilled. Such as from a broken mercury thermometer or light or thermostat switch. The kits are available at the Public Health Nurse Office or Board of Health at Town Hall, the Police and Fire Station and at the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF). Mercury affects the human brain, spinal cord, kidneys and liver. There is so much mercury pollution that the State has issued a warning about eating certain types of fish. Mercury gives off a vapor which can be harmful in minute concentrations. If you have broken a thermometer or suspect a spill, here's what to do:

- Don't touch the Mercury
- Never vacuum it up. It will contaminate your vacuum cleaner, and the motor will heat the mercury causing it to vaporize. Also, don't sweep it up.
- Obtain a spill kit from the above locations and follow the instructions which are in the Kit. If you can't get a spill kit, here are some tips on home cleanup. Try to disturb the mercury as little as possible as any movement causes mercury vapors to be released.

Different surfaces require different clean up procedures.

On a hard surface or tightly woven fabric use stiff paper to push beads of mercury together. Use the eyedropper to suction the beads of mercury, or working over the tray to catch any spills, lift the beads of mercury with the stiff paper. Carefully place the mercury in a wide-mouth container. Pick up any remaining beads of mercury with sticky tape and place contaminated tape in a plastic bag along with the eyedropper, stiff paper, and gloves. Label the bag as mercury waste. Place this bag and sealed container in the second bag. Label it as mercury waste and take it to the RTF for disposal.

On a carpet or rug, the mercury-contaminated section should be cut out. This cutout section, along with all cleanup items, should be placed in a plastic bag. Label it as mercury waste and take it to the RTF for disposal

In a sink of water mercury will fall to the bottom. Remove as much water without disturbing the mercury and recover the mercury with an eyedropper. Place in a wide mouth container, close the lid and seal it with tape. Label it as mercury waste and take it to the RTF for disposal.

In a drain, mercury will get caught in your sink trap. Working over a tray, remove the trap and pour the contents into large mouth container. Close the container lid and seal with tape. Label it as mercury waste and call your State agency for appropriate disposal.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Big Dig and Great Bore

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



They called it "the Great Bore," and it was like "the Big Dig" in more ways than just the cute nickname.

The year was 1854 and railroads were springing up in Massachusetts like dot.coms in the '90s only with a greater chance of permanence.

The Western Railroad had a virtual monopoly on rail traffic over the central route from Worcester west to New York State and the Troy & Greenfield Railroad figured it should have the same chance over the northern route.

The Western had gotten its start with a $2.1 million loan at 5 per cent interest from the state and not only had paid back the loan but was making money hand over fist and the T & G was ready, willing and eager to do the same.

Arming itself with the finest lobbyist of his day, P. P. F. DeGrand, the T & G went to the Great and General Court of Massachusetts demanding the same treatment. What could a legislator do but give them a $2 million loan, too.

The problem was that before the lucrative trips to the bank could begin, the T & G had to dig a four and three-quarter mile tunnel through Hoosac Mountain in the Berkshires in order to reach the New York state line.

Isn't that the way we've always done it in Massachusetts?

Now $2 million went a long way in the mid-19th century but not far enough for the T & G. By 1861, the road was bankrupt and the state took over the half-finished project in order to protect its investment.

The state protected its investment all right, only nobody protected the investment from the state. By the time the tunnel was completed in 1875, nearly 20 years after it was begun, the cost had risen to a point somewhere between $10 million and $20 million, no one was exactly sure and, eight years later, the state was still paying off the bonds.

Can you see now why I was not too excited when I learned that the cost of the Big Dig, which started out at $2.3 billion in 1984, reached $14.4 billion last week?

Isn't that the way we've always done it in Massachusetts?

How many of you remember the construction of the UMass-Boston campus on Columbia Point in Dorchester in 1971?

That was the time when the New York consulting firm of McKee, Berger & Mansueto got a $6 million contract, double the estimate, and Sens. Joseph DiCarlo and Ronald McKenzie went to jail over a $40,000 bribe.

And construction of the garage under Boston Common in 1956 when money exchanged hands in the awarding of the contract and George Brady, the first chairman of the Massachusetts Parking Authority, went into the slam. Brady, incidentally, was a former newspaperman. Once the best and the brightest fail you, who can you trust?

(I am indebted to Connie Dalton, a former colleague at the Boston Herald-Traveler, for the story of the Troy & Greenfield Railroad, which appears in his definitive history of the Massachusetts Legislature, "Leading the Way.)

Master plan or misplan?

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIBSKY



Cohasset has begun a master-planning process that may guide us toward a promising new future. Or maybe not. I suspect it will merely rubber-stamp the status quo. That would waste a rare opportunity and a lot of funding. These chances don't come often — Cohasset's last master plan was done in 1961.

The first of four public comment sessions was held last Thursday, July 26, at the Beechwood Church. Six non-committee members attended. Six. Pathetic. Don't you people care about what happens to this town? Haven't you noticed the air in Cohasset is too toxic to breathe more days every year? Haven't you noticed developers dynamiting Cohasset's irreplaceable rock ledge to put up ticky-tacky trophy houses? Beautiful old trees senselessly chain-sawed down? More asphalt. More gas-guzzling, air-fouling cars clogging the asphalt? More big-box stores? Haven't you noticed Cohasset beginning to resemble Nowhere, USA?

I think people's ideas about town planning are confined to a tiny box. The walls of the box look something like this: We should continue building single-family detached houses, because this is what people want, and it's the best of all possible lifestyles. The box excludes knowledge of the great environmental damage these houses cause and go on causing. We should continue driving cars, building more parking space and more highways. We should continue burning fossil fuels for heating and generating electricity. The box offers no alternatives.

But global climate change has reared its ugly head and is peeking into the box. People are beginning to realize we and our current town planning are the cause of the problem. Cohasset houses and cars generate a hefty tonnage of greenhouse gases. If we keep building the same kinds of houses that squander energy and require the same kind of driving, global climate change will worsen. We need to rear our collective heads and peek outside the box.

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What else can we do? How else can Cohasset develop? What should we be working toward?

Clean Air. We can ask the planning process to measure how much air pollution Cohasset now produces, and tell us, please, how much is sustainable? This is basic information we all need to know. What would it take for Cohasset to sign the Kyoto Accords?

Clean Water. Clean water means being able to go to a stream and, bending down, drink the water from cupped hands. Imagine that! But now our water is poisoned with acid rain, toxic chemicals, and bacteria. The planning process can inform us about our watershed and tell us what steps to take to have clean water.

Clean Houses. We need houses which don't pollute; which don't consume more energy than they produce. The planning process can measure the energy use of existing houses and inform us of sustainable options.

Renewable Energy. The planning process can guide us toward non-polluting, renewable energy. It can show us how Cohasset buildings can be heated with solar energy and powered by electricity from photovoltaic panels. No burning of fossil fuels; no generation of greenhouse gases. (A first step might be to require all construction in Cohasset to meet Energy Star standards.)

No Cars. Are there attractive ways people can live close enough to the places they need to reach daily that they can simply walk or bike to them? Is there any way Cohasset residents can work in Cohasset? What alternatives to gas-guzzling cars are possible?

Clean Public Transit. Planning can tell us what alternatives there are to heavy diesel trains, and guide us in a regional perspective. The transportation box needs to be bigger than Cohasset alone.

Cohasset Restored. Can Cohasset tract developments be removed and natural ecosystems restored? The planning process can guide us in the direction of greening our town, or allowing it to continue browning.

Nature Connection. The planning process can tell us how a Cohasset of the future might look if it were planned as if non-human life forms mattered. It can introduce the concept of humans regaining their long-lost personal connections to this planet we live on.

True Community. The planning process can illuminate for us the degree to which Cohasset has been planned for privacy, to the detriment of true community. Why not have both? The process can present alternatives built in recent years.

I want to encourage readers to attend at least one of the upcoming public comment sessions. Get your thoughts out of that deadly little box. Let yourself imagine a sustainable Cohasset and South Shore, and offer your vision and ideas to the planning committee. There will be neighborhood meetings the next three Thursday evenings. See elsewhere in this issue for times and locations. The committee wants your input. I'd love you to prove me wrong about rubber-stamping the status quo.

Increased density and controlled growth in Cohasset

MASTER PLAN

CLARK BREWER

Many believe that the answer to Cohasset's future growth and development concerns is to not have any growth or development. The Town's slow growth has been remarkable. Cohasset is as near perfect a Town as can be found, with rugged natural beauty, an abundance of open space and well cared for homes. So don't change thing, it works. This is a valid perspective but at the same time, there is enormous pressure to develop land for people wanting new and good places to live or raise a family.

The current Zoning Bylaws and the Zoning District Map pre-determines "as of right" development possibilities. This is the nuts and bolts of what can be done and where. Zoning has been adopted and has been modified over the years at Town Meeting. I believe that all residents and business owners have some investment in any Zoning Bylaw changes.

Increased density is one way to encourage controlled growth. Special zoning districts can be established in mixed-use settings. This model, if considered, requires meticulous planning and zoning changes to make it work.

The Residential Cluster Development District in the present Zoning Bylaw is an opportunity for development that preserves open space and can create diverse housing. A 10-acre minimum site is required. At that size and in a "Residence A" Zoning district the maximum number of dwelling units of 24. The site analysis includes identification of all trees with an eight-inch diameter.

The intent of this district is carefully considered and worded in the purpose section:

- To encourage the more efficient use of land in harmony with its natural features.
- To encourage creativity in the design of developments through a carefully controlled process.
- To encourage a less sprawling form of development, a shorter network of streets and utilities, more economical development of land with less consumption of open space.
- To permanently preserve natural topography and wooded areas within development areas and to preserve usable open space and recreation facilities close to homes.
- To provide an efficient procedure to ensure appropriate high quality design and site planning to enhance the neighborhoods in which they occur and to the Town as a whole.
- To promote diverse and energy efficient housing at a variety of costs.

The large parcel minimum encourages development in the most remote and inaccessible parts of Town. I believe, runs counter to the intent of this high-density model. The implementation section of the Master Plan may incorporate suggested changes to this development model in order the intended purpose to be realized.

The term "sustainable development" was first in used in the late 1970s. This became mainstream by the World Commission on Environment and Development in 1987. Sustainable development was adopted as "development that the meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Clark Brewer is an architect and vice-chairman of the growth and development committee.

Color — not always bright and beautiful

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON



A wide variety of colors, often brilliant and beautiful, occur in birds. Alcids, a group of seabirds, are almost totally black and white, except for some red or orange on the bills and feet of some species. The coloration of some shorebirds is so cryptic that they are completely camouflaged as they sit still in their preferred habitat. It is not only birders who can see and appreciate bright colors, but most birds have color vision as well. It is thought that birds which are active at night, such as owls, are colorblind.

Some colors are due to pigments; some are due to structure. There are three types of pigments: melanins, carotenoids and porphyrins. Melanins are the most common and are tiny granules synthesized by the birds themselves. These pigments show up in the skin and feathers and produce dark colors such as blacks, browns, grays, and dull reds. Carotenoids must be eaten, are fat-soluble, and produce reds, oranges and yellows. The variability in the coloration of House Finches is due to the variability in their diets. The more brightly colored males have redder feathers because of eating a carotenoid-rich diet. These are the birds which females find more attractive. Porphyrins are less common and are fluorescent under ultra-violet light.

Structure is responsible for blues, whites and iridescence. A Blue Jay's feathers are not blue at all. They look blue because the structure of the feather allows only the blue wavelengths to be reflected. Their feathers include a transparent layer on top of a middle layer of air pockets (vacuoles) over a third layer of melanin. When light shines through the feather structure, the melanin layer absorbs all wavelengths except blue. The blue light is scattered by the vacuoles, which is reflected back out. If you soak a Blue Jay's feather in alcohol until there is no air in the vacuoles, the feathers will look black instead of blue.

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Feathers structured to reflect all wavelengths look white. Iridescence is also due to structure, namely irregular barbules in feathers that interfere with the reflection of light waves. This accounts for the "now you see it, now you don't" characteristic of iridescent colors. Hummingbirds, grackles, and starlings all exhibit iridescence.

Usually males are more brightly colored than the females in species where the sexes do not look alike. Color can play an important role during courtship. The duller female is more likely to be the one sitting on the nest, not wanting to attract predators with bright colors. Distraction coloration refers to small, often white, "bannermarks" that show up as a bird takes flight. These may help to distract a predator briefly, giving the fleeing bird a slight advantage. Examples of these are the white tail spots of the robin, the outer white tail feathers of the junco, and the white rump patch of the flicker.

Abnormal coloration sometimes appears in birds. Albinism is the absence of pigment, turning feathers white instead of their usual color. Partially albino birds have only some white feathers. Complete albinos not only have

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A white Easter phoebe, which is usually an all-gray bird.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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for a refreshing, private swim are the sort of creative ideas that tend to come to mind when nothing else will. Necessity is the mother of ingenuity.

But I contend that us young people are not the only bored people in town. Cohasset is not Colophon and I feel that there is a strong possibility that the local police may also be searching for things to do after 10. Or, dare I say it, looking for people, probably young people, who are out "causing trouble". I have numerous tales of woe from friends who've described being pulled over for no apparent reason other then it was late and they looked young. I was once pulled over on 3A for driving while drinking a coke. He just wanted to make sure it wasn't alcohol.

I found it hard to believe, almost to the point of absurdity that Nick Mincolla and Luke Caldwell were recently pulled over for an expired inspection sticker and a "loud muffler." Was the car pulled over initially because of a loud muffler or because of the inspection sticker? And were the two men really searched because of their inspection sticker and a faulty muffler? I don't know about the rest of my friends but I'm going to make sure my muffler works before I head out again.

Another example is officers walking quite literally several miles into Wheelwright Park to find a few unfortunate, bored young folk gathered around a small fire sharing a couple cold ones and a few laughs. Isn't that a little bit out of the way from the usual patrol route? Everyone my age has many stories like these (Noria Morales' brother's is especially upsetting) and after a while one has to wonder at the department's definition of "patrol".

And from the other corner of the ring are the officers and they make just as many valid points. Officer Quigley wrote an excellent article this week that I feel deserves to be responded to (my primary reason for writing this). First of all, I think the police do a great job around town. I think most teens would agree with me. Yet the conflict remains. Why is there so much bitterness between both groups? I don't hear about other small towns having this problem. Why is there such conflict? I feel the problem lies with the way the police handle the situations they come across. Regardless of what happens, as many teens are brought in as possible. Usually, and commendably on the part of the police, those arrested are given lenient treatment and required to go through the usual DARE or MADD programs etc...However, is it necessary to arrest a designated driver for minor in transport when he was doing a great service for his friends that night by driving them safely around?

If it were me that was arrested I tell you that's the last time I would volunteer to drive. If I'm gonna get arrested I might as well have been drinking. That is a great way to discourage responsible driving. It is the drunk drivers that should be arrested (and occasionally are thanks to our police force), not the sober ones. If one wants to build quality, positive relationships with young people bringing a teen back home to his or her angry parents instead of to the station might be a better way to do that. By doing so the teenager would respect you much more for giving them a break and maybe even think twice about having to put you out and "forcing" you to arrest them if you caught them drinking again. This pro-active solution would let teenagers respect the police more for giving them a break here and there (instead of appearing Hell-bent on getting their prints downtown) and might help to curb their behavior voluntarily. In fact, if teenagers had a better relationship with the police you might even get a few of them to join the "Citizen's Police Academy", but don't hold your breath.

Anyway, this article wasn't intended to put down the police in any way. They do a good job here. It's just that when it comes to Cohasset's youth it is as if they look hard for a reason to bring teens in. I don't know if this problem can ever be solved but it can be controlled if the relationship between police and teens is made more positive and I feel the best way to do that is to have the police lighten up a bit while patrolling (this doesn't mean ignoring blatant illegal acts) and to find something for teens to do on a Friday night besides hit up the local video store. Teens are never going to give up testing the limits of the law, especially when it comes to drinking and trying to socialize after school.

If we want to ease the inevitable conflict that arises from those who test the laws and those who enforce them we have to respect each-other more and try and recognize where both sides are coming from. Teenagers need to respect police and understand their duties to enforce the law and police officers need to recognize that teenagers will always be testing their limits and that they need a certain degree of understanding and privacy, something which cannot be found even deep in the woods or along private beaches.

Didn't anyone on the force ever drink too many beers once, or break the law on occasion, or get with the wrong girl here or there or somewhere along the way while growing up? I'm sure they did but did they get arrested for it and then find themselves put on public display in the local town paper? That I can only conjecture at but I hope one day soon the police will regard Cohasset's teenagers with less suspicion and that Cohasset's teenagers will regard the police with a little more respect. Perhaps one will beget the other until at least a mutual understanding can be reached.

Until that day I will have to drive around town under the veil of suspicion that I am used to having grown up here. And of course I'd better check and make sure my muffler isn't too loud.

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Don't blame police

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is being written in response to Ms. Morales' letter to Selectman Merle Brown in the July 26 Mariner. Her brother was a designated driver, was arrested after a run-in with police at Sandy Beach on June 22. The kid was with his friends who were drinking. Police showed up, as they regularly do, and after finding liquor around the teen's car, all four were arrested and charged with "minor in possession" and "minor transporting alcohol." This case is not one that is shrouded in ambiguity, as she would like us to believe, but rather, it is a clear-cut case of a kid making a bad judgment call. The fact that he was the designated driver does not play into the situation at all; it does little to change the fact that he transported alcohol to the beach and was in possession of alcohol as it was in/around his car.

For Ms. Morales to first say that because the teen was from Hull, and had dreadlocks, [these] were the reasons for his arrest is absurd. Furthermore, to address her claim that "if this was Cohasset kids, they would have simply got a slap on the wrist" is again, utterly ridiculous. In fact, three Cohasset teens were arrested in the early morning of that same day for alcohol charges. Also, might I remind you that last year, 21 Cohasset kids were arrested in one night. This is not a case of the Cohasset Police Department discriminating against a kid from Hull because of a school sports rivalry; it is not the Cohasset Police Department's dislike of dreadlocks that led to an arrest. It is a case of someone getting caught breaking the law and being arrested for it.

What is probably the most disturbing part of this letter is the fact that Ms. Morales is looking to blame someone else for the mistake her brother made. The police officer was doing his job. He had every right to arrest the teen and made the right decision in doing so. As seems to be the case lately, everyone is looking to blame someone else for what they do wrong. I'm not saying that I'm the best kid or that I wouldn't be upset if I was in his shoes, but I also accept responsibility for my actions. Ms. Morales, your brother chose to drive his friends and the alcohol to Sand Beach. He allowed them to drink it in and around his vehicle. He got caught. Don't try to blame anyone, especially the town's police force or the selectmen for a clear-cut case of your brother breaking the law.

Robert C. Butman, Jr.
Spring St.

Teen garage summer hours

The Teen Garage will be open throughout the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m., Fridays from 4 to 10 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 6 to 10 p.m.

During these times, The Garage is open to all teens in Grades 6 and up. It is free of charge; however, snacks and drinks do have to be paid for.

Special activities and events will be planned during the summer. Stay tuned for the particulars of these events.

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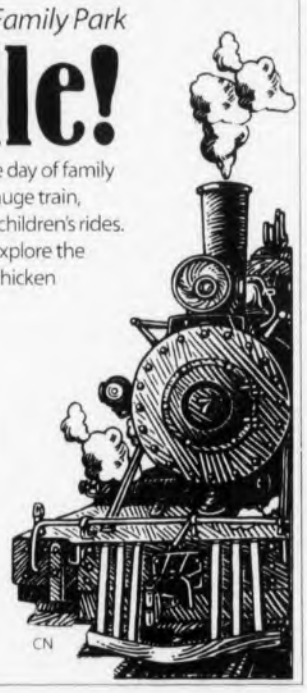
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Jan. 31 deadline for central sewer hookups

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Residents living within the Central Cohasset sewer district have until Jan. 31 to hook up to the system, the town Sewer Commission voted Thursday.

The commission hadn't previously set a formal deadline for hookups, although it had hoped to have a majority of residents on-line by the fall. However, between ongoing connections in North Cohasset as well as Central Cohasset, residents have had trouble lining up contractors to do the work.

Paul Davis, of Rosano-Davis, said his company has been swamped with requests to connect town residents to the town sewer systems.

Work on the Central Cohasset system finished last fall, and residents were told to hook up as soon as possible. North Cohasset residents have a deadline of Aug. 31to hook-up, but the commission said it would entertain extension requests. Sewer Commission chairman Gary Vanderweil said North Cohasset residents having trouble getting a contractor to do the work should contact the Sewer Commission office in town hall.

Vanderweil said about 200 homes in Central Cohasset were already online from the original system, and about 170 homes have come on-line since work finished last fall. However, approximately 500 homes have yet to hook-up to the Central Cohasset system. Close to 800 homes will be serviced by the system when all are on line.

Davis said his company has had two crews out doing connections. He said the work takes just a day or two to complete, depending on the house. Since most septic systems are located in the back of the house, homeowners have to first hire a plumber to reroute the plumbing to the front of the house. Davis estimated the average cost of a hookup to be between $2,000 and $3,000.

The sewer commission said it currently has no plans to institute penalties if residents don't connect by the deadline, but members are nervous about possible state sanctions. The North and Central Cohasset sewer projects were the result of a lawsuit the state filed against the town over pollution from residents' septic systems. The state had originally ordered the project be completed by June 2000.

Sewer commission e-mail votes questioned

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voice vote at the meeting."

He said it had been two or three meetings since the commission had given the society a tentative approval, and used the e-mail vote to be able to prepare the paperwork declining the society's abatement request.

"That's why we confirmed the vote in a public meeting so we could give the notification as soon as possible," he said.

This may not be the only incidence of the sewer commission voting by e-mail. A copy of the approved minutes from its June 5 meeting said "Abatement requests for I.D. # 86 & 89 were inadvertently omitted from the abatement package voted on. They were voted on by e-mail the week following the meeting, which vote is hereby certified."

Sewer Commission Vice-Chairman Ray Kasperowicz said he is familiar with the state's Open Meeting Law and doesn't think the commission violated any laws.

He said Vanderweil had drafted a document regarding the historical society abatement request and sent it to the board "to see if we had any problem with his wording."

Kasperowicz said the vote wasn't "an official vote," and that a formal vote didn't take place until the board's meeting Thursday.

"It was going to be up for discussion, and it was a preliminary handout," he said. "The only thing done by e-mail was to fax it in draft form and see if we had any problem with it before he presented it at the meeting."

The state's Open Meeting Law states, "No quorum of a governmental body shall meet in private for the purpose for deciding on or deliberating toward a decision on any matter except as provided in this section" and lists the reasons for executive sessions.

A representative from Norfolk County District Attorney William R. Keating's office said the agency will take a serious look at the matter. Although Norfolk County has no specific guidelines surrounding e-mail and its use under the Open Meeting Law — the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office has issued advisory guidelines.

That office said, while boards can use e-mail for "certain housekeeping matters" such as the scheduling of a meeting, or agenda items, "both boards and governmental bodies and town employees, however, must take care not to utilize such communications to poll board members and otherwise engage in deliberations."

"The advent of e-mail has opened new doors of possible abuse with the ability to easily transmit documents back and forth," said Mary Ford, editor of the Cohasset Mariner. "We feel this is something that local governments should look at, and we hope the district attorney's office takes a hard-line stance to prevent abuse.

"As a newspaper it's our job to be the governmental watchdog, and that's why we filed a complaint with the district attorney."

Harbor plans search for theme

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and crosswalk from the sidewalk to the town pier. The sidewalk would cross Elm Street by Kimball's, and wind around on the outside of the hotel, as well as Veteran's Memorial Park. O'Connor said he loved the rosebush lined path along the park and wanted to keep it in the plan.

A photo showing the common sight of cars parked along Border Street blocking the walking path drew a chuckle from those in attendance. The new plan would create a 5-foot, 6-inch wide raised sidewalk along Border Street, with granite curbing, and a seven-foot wide parking lane, while keeping two lanes of traffic.

O'Connor said the narrow road might have to be widened a foot or two in some spots, but would be within the town's easement. However, the group has not completed final engineering surveys.

The sidewalk would continue in front of the Olde Salt House and Atlantica Restaurant, and up to the Mill River Railway. The road then narrows from 28 feet at that point to 24 feet on the Border Street Bridge. But O'Connor hopes to be able to widen the road in front of the Lobster Pound enough to continue the sidewalk, and switch the sidewalk on the Border Street Bridge to the harbor side. He proposed a wooden walkway from Border Street to Government Island by the Harbormaster's shack, over a rocky ledge.

The bridge, a popular spot for area youth to jump into the Gulf River, became a source of contention. Most residents were apprehensive about moving the sidewalk to the opposite side of the road. Even though jumping from the bridge is illegal, residents still feel the town should provide some sort of safe area on the side of the road to keep the youths out of the street.

The new sidewalks would have also street lamps and the Captain's Walk historical markers built in along the fence or railing.

Rizzo said with the general concept agreed upon, the next task was to conduct official surveys, and come up with a detailed plan.

Althea Stamp said whatever is done should be done with an eye towards the future.

"It needs to last 50 to 100 years, not just look good for 10 or 20," she said. "It needs to still be special in 100 years."

Bob Deutsch said an important step was to come up with a collective theme for any improvements made.

"Ultimately that's what you as a town will have to decide," O'Connor said about a theme. "Right now we're talking about the broad technical aspects, where the sidewalk is, how wide it will be. The rest of it needs the broad input of the town."

He showed a sampling of different materials the sidewalks could be made of, such as concrete, brick, and paving tiles, and a wide range of railing styles.

Steven Cecil, a principal of the Cecil Group, said for safety and liability reasons, the current fence along Border Street would have to be replaced. Safety standards require a fence or railing 48-inches high and with no space wider than six inches.

Cecil said the town traditionally is "not highly decorative" and that whatever is done would be "very simple and very straight." He though the gray and white colors work well in the area.

O'Connor said looking at the harbor he saw a "working harbor" and any changes should be made with that in mind.

Rizzo said a lot of the work can be done without burying the utility lines, but ideally it should be included in the plans.

A few members of the crowd asked the Cecil Group to help lead the discussion around a common "theme" for the harbor improvements. The group said it could bring in different sections of railings and lighting around the harbor as a demonstration.

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Bill to ban at-grade crossings

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crossings, one of the highest amounts in the country.

The bill would ban the use of a commuter train with at-grade crossings — tracks that run across a road at street level. Trains would instead run in shallow-cut culverts, tunnels or raised viaduct.

"I came from Newton, and the Green Line in Newton is all below grade, you don't even notice there's a train," he said. "The commuter rail along the Mass Pike is below grade as well."

Bewick pointed out that there's an accident every 3.3 million train miles traveled, and the two other branches of the Old Colony Line have had five fatalities in less than four years of operation.

Because it was filed after the December deadline for new legislation, the bill is sitting in the Senate Joint Rules Committee waiting to be assigned to a committee.

The bill's chances for survival are slim. House Transportation Committee Chairman Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, is a prime backer of the train — but Bewick hopes it will increase awareness of some of the safety concerns associated with the train.

"People just aren't used to a train coming down the tracks," he said. "It's almost unprecedented in the country to introduce such a dramatic new hazard with so many families with small children along the tracks."

Hedlund pointed out that the federal tram authority is attempting to eliminate construction of trains with at-grade crossings.

"Greenbush flies in the face of what they're trying to do," he said.

Hearing request falls on deaf ears

By Michael Marotta
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A last ditch effort is being made by officials in towns along the Greenbush rail corridor to hold a public hearing with MBTA officials before the comment period on the $408 million rail project's Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) ends Aug. 10.

Selectmen from Scituate, Braintree, Cohasset and Hingham as well as members of the Weymouth Town Council have petitioned state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand and Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan, for the meeting, but have yet to hear a response.

On July 31, Senator Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) wrote a letter to both Durand and asking for the hearing. At press time, Hedlund said he had not heard back from either state official and was not optimistic about staging a public hearing in front of T officials.

"(The MBTA) are concerned that it would turn into a forum for anti-Greenbush activists."
— Senator Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth

"The response is that they are very concerned about doing it," Hedlund said. "They are concerned that it would turn into a forum for anti-Greenbush activists. The transportation people's focus is from a public relations standpoint and not to allow this to be used as a forum to generate bad press for the project."

Scituate Selectman Joseph Norton said if the MBTA is confident with the FEIR, they should have no problem giving residents an opportunity to voice their concerns.

"If you don't have anything to be bashed about, then you don't have anything to worry about," Norton said.

Norton said that it was "highly unusual" not to hold a public hearing for such a large project and it was "somewhat mystifying" that T officials have not responded to the towns' request.

"Historically, there's always been a public forum for any project of this magnitude," Norton said. "This affects a lot of people one way or the other and I hope the secretary would go along with out request."

In a the letter sent to Durand and Sullivan, Hedlund wrote that the Citizens Advisory Committee has found the FEIR "inadequate."

"The local communities," Hedlund wrote, "who have the knowledge of local conditions important in considering mitigation measures for the project, have not had an opportunity to be heard on the FEIR issues."

About a month ago, the Citizens Advisory Committee received word that a public forum would not be held before the Aug. 10 deadline for public comment on the FEIR. That spurred the town boards and local politicians into action.

"You have to consider that there was more public comment submitted in writing on this project early on during the draft EIR than the entire Big Dig project has received," Hedlund said. "So a significant amount of public concern has been expressed which warrants the opportunity for citizens to verbally make their case in addition to making it in writing in the presence of state officials."

Cohasset Heights ordered to clean-up dumping violation

By Rick Collins
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The state Department of Environmental Protection has ordered Cohasset Heights Limited to include a provision to clean up 2,600 tons of illegally dumped waste, in its closure plan.

CHL, which stopped serving as an active landfill in the spring of 1998, was cited by Robert Egan, the town zoning officer, in January of that year for dumping waste outside of its permitted area. CHL was ordered to remove the illegally dumped waste or face a fine of $100 a day. However, the waste still sits there, the subject of one of a number of lawsuits between CHL and the town. The fine was never enforced.

"As the zoning officer I wrote the letter and then the lawyers took over," Egan said this week.

The DEP order was included in a letter sent to CHL owner Paul Barry asking for more information regarding the site's closure and capping plan, specifically, the engineering plans and methods and materials to be used. The state agency also said the area Barry has already capped has to be recapped and included in the closure plan currently before DEP. It also asked for a current topographic survey showing the existing condition of the site, and a detailed plan describing the construction of a gas venting system already in place.

Barry's lawyer, Michelle O'Brien, of Moehrke, Mackie and Shea said she didn't want to comment on the letter, but was pleased to see negotiations with DEP moving forward.

"I don't think we can comment right now on whether we think the information requests are reasonable or unreasonable, that's all part of the process working towards closing and capping the landfill," she said. "We're just pleased DEP is taking the plan up again and are hoping to work with them towards getting a final closure plan."

The letter, dated July 19, was the first comment made on the closure plan since DEP met with CHL engineers on Sept. 28, 2000.

Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE) member John McNabb, also a Cohasset water commissioner, called DEP's inclusion of the illegally dumped waste cleanup-in the closure plan "terrific news."

The town order to clean up the half-acre of illegally dumped waste was appealed first to the Zoning Board of Appeals in April, 1998, and then to the state Land Court in Feb. 1999, which has made no decision.

O'Brien said CHL is working with the town and DEP for permission to keep the waste where it is. The area, denoted as Area IV-B, is lined.

"Frankly it doesn't make a lot of sense to reopen the landfill just to move the waste," she said.

CHL is currently entangled in four different lawsuits with the town.

Earlier this year, the Conservation Commission ruled that CHL would also need to file the closure plan with them.

Color — not always bright and beautiful

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totally white plumage, but also have pink eyes, legs and bills, because of the lack of color in those body parts as well. Leucism refers to paler than normal birds. The photograph shows a white Eastern Phoebe, which is ordinarily an all gray bird. It still has its dark eye, so it is either a partially albino bird, or a leucistic one. Melanism is a condition of more than usual melanins, resulting in a darker than usual bird.

Some birds, such as the Eastern Screech-Owl, have more than one color phase within the same species. Color phases have nothing to do with age, sex, or season. They are just different, in the same way that some people have red hair and some have brown hair. Red phase owls do not turn into gray phase owls.

In some species, males and females look alike. Others are sexually dimorphic, meaning that the males and females have different plumages. There are also seasonally dimorphic birds that go through seasonal molts for the purpose of camouflage. A prime example of this is the ptarmigan which is white in the winter to blend in with the snow-covered ground, and is brown in the summer when the snow has melted. Many small songbirds molt into bright colored plumages for the breeding season and molt back into more drab colors for the winter. Some birds accomplish this plumage change, not through molt, but through wearing down the tips of their feathers.

Bright colors are beautiful to look at. Birds with all black plumage display elegance. Cryptic coloration presents a challenge to those looking for the bird. Abnormal coloration adds a different challenge, requiring us to depend on shape, size, voice and behavior for identification. Plumage changes keep us on our toes as we learn to identify some of the most colorful animals of our world.

Joanne Norton is a licensed bird-bander, avid birder, and a member of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force.

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Artist of the month

Cohasset resident Patricia O'Neill is currently featured as artist the month at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. O'Neill's artistic history began seven years ago studying watercolor painting extensively with Virginia Avery of Marshfield, Tom Roche of Ireland and well-known South Shore artist, Roz Farbush.

In her artist's statement, O'Neill says, "Painting with watercolors is fascinating and fun, frustrating and familiar at the same time. Painting landscapes is an adventure that can take you anywhere. When the muse is upon you, you have the world in your hands as well as your paintbrush."

O'Neill has had showings across the South Shore and abroad at the Milton Art Museum, and in Clonmellon Art Gallery, Clonmellon, Ireland. She is affiliated with the South Shore Art Center, Braintree Art Association and the Aisling Gallery in Hingham.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

4:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, services rendered.

4:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:59 p.m. S. Main St. and River St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued

9:21 p.m. S. Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, services rendered.

10:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, services rendered.

11:47 p.m. North River Rd. and New Kent St., assist other police dept., departmental action.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

12:30 a.m. Smith Place, abandoned 911 call, departmental action.

12:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

12:57 a.m. Sanctuary Pond Rd., general disturbance, departmental action.

4:20 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed.

4:37 a.m. S. Main St., general disturbance, area search negative.

8:06 p.m. Elm St., property damage.

8:46 p.m. Nichols Rd., suspicious activity, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

9:19 p.m. Sandy Beach, message delivery, departmental action.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

1:24 a.m. Nichols Rd., violation of 209A restraining order.

8:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:58 a.m. Pond St., fire inspections, departmental action.

10:08 a.m. Town of Cohasset, missing person, log entry information.

10:18 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:28 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., property damage, departmental action.

11:55 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:05 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:14 p.m. Lamberts Lane, vandalism, departmental action.

3:33 p.m. Lothrop Lane, public service, other, log entry.

5:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled motor vehicle, departmental action.

5:59 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:14 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, services rendered.

6:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity, investigated.

6:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:06 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled motor vehicle, departmental action.

8:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window, secured building.

8:47 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

9:10 p.m. Rustic Dr., suspicious activity, investigated.

9:29 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., auto fire, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

10:03 p.m. Sandy Beach, motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

10:20 p.m. Holly Lane, barking dog, peace restored.

10:43 p.m. Sohier St. and Fairoaks Lane, motor vehicle accident, investigation.

10:50 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle violation/s, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

12:15 a.m. King St., general disturbance, services rendered.

1:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

1:49 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

11:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle accident/investigation.

4:05 p.m. Sohier St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

4:57 p.m. Summer St., general disturbance, investigated.

5:01 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning..

8:58 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

9:30 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint, services rendered.

9:49 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:15 p.m. Beechwood St., noise complaint, peace restored.

10:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:07 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

11:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Midnight. Headquarters, threats, bodily harm, departmental action.

2:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

8:44 a.m. Howe Rd., suspicious activity, auto, information taken/log entry.

1:52 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

2:26 p.m. Sandy Beach, parking complaint, log entry.

5:22 p.m. Beechwood St., animal complaint, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

5:50 p.m. Cedar St., disabled motor vehicle.

6:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general disturbance, investigated.

7:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary/breaking and entering, departmental action.

9:41 p.m. Nichols Rd., medical, to hospital.

11:45 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

MONDAY, JULY 23

12:37 p.m. Deep Run, fire investigation, referred to other agency.

1:11 p.m. Border St., traffic complaint, area search negative.

1:39 p.m. Bancroft Rd., property damage, area search negative.

2:04 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

2:49 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle theft, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

4:17 p.m. Brewster Rd., officer wanted, departmental action.

4:35 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance, referred to other agency.

4:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., disabled motor vehicle, departmental action.

5:28 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:24 p.m. South Main St., vandalism, departmental action.

6:30 p.m. Hill St., noise complaint, departmental action.

8:22 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint, returned to home/family.

11:59 p.m. Humarock Beach, assist other police dept., departmental action.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

12:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services, departmental action.

8:32 a.m. Beechwood St., investigation, departmental action.

9:44 a.m. Doane St., traffic complaint, departmental action.

9:55 a.m. Old Pasture Rd., motor vehicle violation/s, departmental action.

10:20 a.m. Parker Ave., medical aid, to hospital.

11:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., disabled motor vehicle, departmental action.

12:21 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, log entry.

12:40 p.m. Parker Ave., investigation, departmental action.

1:06 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident/investigation, report filed/or to be filed.

2:35 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident, departmental action.

3:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, departmental action.

3:49 p.m. Bancroft Rd. and Pond St., motor vehicle accident, departmental action.

5:04 p.m. South Main St., fire, services rendered.

6:35 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:04 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious activity/persons, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

8:30 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

8:30 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, services rendered.

8:44 p.m. Jerusalem Lane, animal call or complaint.

9:03 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

9:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

12:08 a.m. Headquarters, general services, departmental action.

12:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy, suspicious activity/persons, area search negative.

1:37 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen, remove to hospital.

2 a.m. North Main St., general services, departmental action.

5:56 a.m. South Main St., tree down, referred to other agency.

7:24 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen, departmental action.

9:52 a.m. Cedar St., medical aid, to hospital.

10:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., shoplifting, departmental action.

10:15 a.m. Bancroft Rd., vandalism, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

12:54 p.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid, to hospital.

2:21 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:10 p.m. Border St., officer wanted, departmental action.

6:33 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, services rendered.

9:03 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:19 p.m. King St., noise complaint, area search negative.

9:42 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

1:40 a.m. Lamberts Lane, burglary/breaking and entering, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

1:40 a.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle accident.

9:25 a.m. Hill St., larceny, departmental action.

10:15 a.m. Rose Hill Lane, fire, inspections, departmental action.

3 p.m. Highland Ave., traffic control, departmental action.

4:41 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/persons, log entry.

9:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:02 p.m. North Main St., fire investigation, report filed/or to be filed.

10:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/persons,, auto, departmental action.

10:57 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint, ticket issued.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

5:45 a.m. Atlantic Ocean, assist boater, area search negative.

6:48 a.m. Holly Lane, noise complaint, departmental action.

6:58 a.m. Holly Lane, noise complaint, departmental action.

6:58 a.m. Nichols Rd., animal call or complaint.

7:25 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen, departmental action.

9:54 a.m. Sohier St., officer wanted, services rendered.

11:47 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violation/s, departmental action.

POLICE BRIEFS

Clubs stolen from golf club pro shop

Upwards of 40 golf clubs including 30 drivers and 12 wedges were taken during a burglary at the Cohasset Golf Club in the middle of the night of July 26.

Police think the burglars used rocks to break a window to get inside the pro shop. The alarm company notified emergency dispatch of a possible break-in in progress and Officers John Small and James McClean went to the scene at about 1:40 a.m.

Police said the glass on the locked, pro-shop door was shattered. A rock was also found on the pro shop floor, as well as outside on the pro shop rear deck.

McLean, joined by Officer Garrett Hunt, searched the immediate area but were unable to find the suspect or suspects. During the search, the pro shop manager arrived and discovered numerous golf clubs were missing.

The burglary is still under investigation. Anyone with information, should call the police at 781-383-1055.

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Republicans wish senator a happy 40th birthday

Party also revs up volunteers for 'Hedlund's Army'

By Rick Collins

Just seven months after his being sworn in for a fifth term as state senator, supporters of Bob Hedlund used his 40th birthday as an excuse to kick off his fundraising campaign for the November 2002 election Sunday at Hingham's South Shore Country Club.

"We all know how Bob hates celebrating his birthday, so we turned it into a fundraiser," said Kathy Stacy who spoke "in proxy" of party organizer Polly Logan, who was hospitalized last week. "We need to build another army to go out and fight."

More than 100 local Republicans attended the event made bipartisan by a sprinkling of Democrats in the room, including former state senator Paul Harold of Quincy, who mentored Hedlund when he was first elected in 1990.

Jeff Granatino, who lost to Hedlund in the 1990 Republican primary and later served as his chief of staff, said he was "shocked" to hear he would be celebrating his birthday.

"I've only run unopposed once, in 1998, and that was the greatest year of my life."

— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

"Bob celebrating his birthday is like him rooting against the Phillies," Granatino said of Hedlund, a fan of the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team.

The country club function room featured a Phillies balloon, as well as pictures of a young Hedlund with his sister, Heather, playing softball, and as a baby-faced, 29-year-old, sans goatee, celebrating his 1990 win.

"I heard Polly Logan said, if there's another birthday party, the goatee has to go," said Granatino to applause. "There'd be no better recuperative treatment than to send her a picture of him without the goatee."

Logan, the grand dame of South Shore republican politics and parties, was hospitalized last week with heart problems, and is recovering from surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital. Hingham Republican Town Committee Chairman Jim Claypoole asked the group to "deluge" the hospital mailroom with get-well cards for Logan.

Hedlund took his turn at the microphone to set the record straight that he doesn't hate celebrating his birthday, instead, as with New Year's Eve, just doesn't get too "excited" over the day.

He also had his uncle and two other gentlemen – each with goatees – stand up and said, "Now don't they look distinguished?"

Hedlund compared the decision to have a birthday party thrown in his honor to when former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill traveled to Yorktown, Va., for a celebration of the American Revolution.

"He said, 'I'll be there, but I won't be celebrating.'" Hedlund said with a smile.

He called the birthday party "a shameless way to capitalize on raising some campaign funds."

Hedlund also said he has the distinction of being the only state senator with an announced opponent for the 2002 state election. Jim Cantwell of Weymouth, whom Hedlund defeated last November, has already made it known he will run again for Hedlund's seat.

"I've only run unopposed once, in 1998, and that was the greatest year of my life," Hedlund said.

An avid softball player, Hedlund compared his campaign team to his championship softball teams. "We won because we did the fundamentals. We've done it without mercenaries and without paid consultants," he said to the gathering, many of whom has worked on his campaigns.

"You've heard of Arnie's Army, the group of people that would follow golfer Arnold Palmer around? Well you're Hedlund's Army," he said.



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State Senator Bob Hedlund blows out the candles on the birthday cake at the fund-raising party in his honor at the South Shore Country Club on Sunday.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

James Clark, Michael Fechter, Jeffrey Goldstein, Michael Kearney, Ken Loffredo, Robert Mahoney, Susan McMackin and Peter Vitello

These eight Cohasset residents have agreed to make the grueling 192-mile ride by bicycle from Sturbridge to Provincetown this weekend in the Pan-Massachusets Challenge that raises money for the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

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On the South Shore
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The three amigos

Fechter, Beal and Goldstein ride for a cure

By Mike Spellman
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Bob Beal has a small divot on each arm that he figures are there for the duration of what should be a full, rich life. To the 37-year-old Scituate resident, however, these are scars he values deeply, representing as they do his role in extending the life of others who do not share his shake of good fortune.

Five years ago, Beal was talked into donating platelets to the Jimmy Fund for young cancer patients by long-time friend Michael Fechter, of Cohasset—or, more specifically, Michael's wife, Linda, a public relations coordina-

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STAFF PHOTO: MIKE SPELLMAN

Pan-Mass Challenge riders Bob Beal, of Scituate, and Michael Fechter and Jeff Goldstein of Cohasset.

Greg Smith flying high with Eagles

Cohasset baseball star basks in glory of championship season with B.C. High

By Mike Spellman
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The state champion B.C. High baseball team was top heavy with seniors this season — six of whom will play Div. 1 college ball next season and a seventh, Scituate's Mike Conroy, who will jump right to the pros after being selected 43rd overall in last month's Major League Baseball draft by the Cleveland Indians.

One junior from this bunch, however —Cohasset's Greg Smith — still managed to distinguish himself enough to be named to the Catholic Conference All-Star team ahead of three of his Division 1 bound teammates.

"Those guys hitting ahead of me were just incredible. They were getting on all the time, forcing pitchers to throw to me, and that's why I racked up pretty good RBI numbers. That had a lot to do with me being named (an All-Star)."

Cohasset's Greg Smith, on his B.C. High teammates

The lefty hitting and fielding Smith finished among the team leaders in hitting (.419) and RBI (26 this season) for the 25-4 Eagles, adding a pair of home runs. And yet the 16-year-old seemed embarrassed by the fact that he edged out teammates for post-season honors.

"Those guys hitting ahead of me were just incredible," said Smith, who generally hit seventh in the Eagles batting order. "They were getting on all the time, forcing pitchers to throw to me, and that's why I racked up pretty good RBI numbers. That had a lot to do with me being named (an All-Star)."

And that was simply the cherry on top of what was a dream campaign for the lifelong Cohasset resident and former perennial Little League All-Star.

"It was just unbelievable to be a part of something like that this season," said Smith, who attended Cohasset schools through the eighth grade. "We had so much talent and so many players come up big when needed. I can't describe how great it felt."

Although he has another year ahead of him, Smith is already look-

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Krupczak going... but not forgotten

Cohasset track/football star heads off to college

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

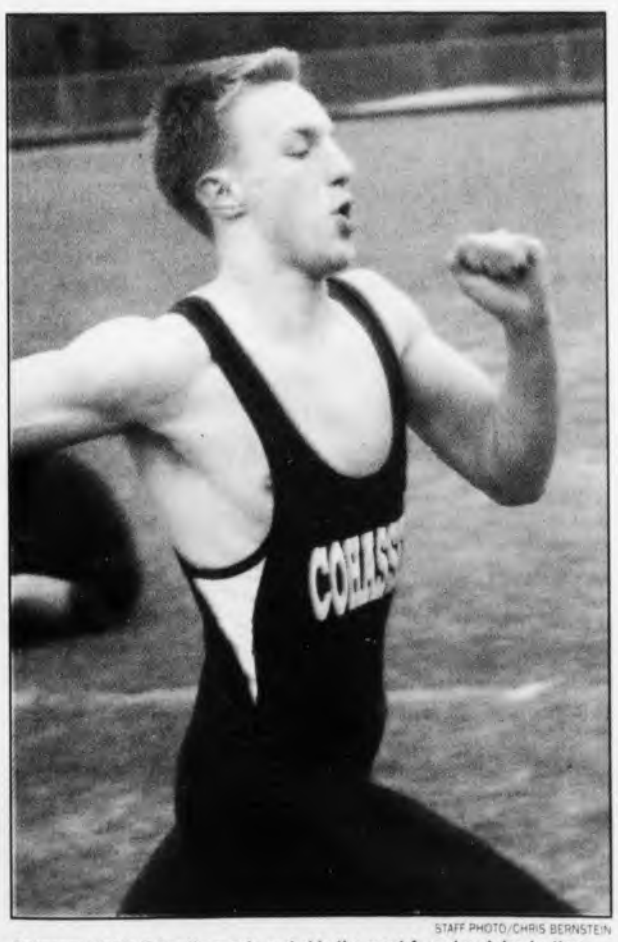
With another school year gone by, another wave of CHS student athletes will be heading from little Cohasset to bigger and better competition in college. One of those students is Brian Krupczak.

Krupczak was probably the most feared and dominating sprinter in Class D Massachusetts this past spring. This being his senior year, the area's coaches had learned to honor his abilities, often not wasting their best sprinters against Krupczak in the 200.

"It was really fun," recalled Krupczak, when asked about this respect bestowed upon him. "It was great that all the hard work paid off."

Many who have heard tales of Krupczak's vaunted work ethic no doubt suspect hyperbole. Those who know him best will tell you this is not the case. The truth is there are almost no high school athletes in the weight room as often as, working as hard, or striving to improve them-

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset High's Brian Krupczak, probably the most feared and dominating sprinter in Class D Massachusetts this past spring.

Mariner All-Scholastic girls lacrosse team

Cohasset's Sheerin named among area's elite

Junior Kristi n Sheerin was a rock solid lock for this team from the word go.

There were several other Cohasset High girls who received strong consideration for this team. After all, as the 9-6-1 record indicates— Sheeri n had plenty of help.

Honorable Mentions Julie Lordan, Katherine Coyne and team goalie Gia Petrakis, all sophomores, proved a formidable defensive front, keeping the Lady Skippers in several games this season, while a fourth Honorable Mention from Cohasset, Maura McKenney, was a key fixture in the middle of the field.

As is always the case with these kinds of things, however, there were several difficult choices that had to be made. Several of the young women you see here as with "Honorable Mention" recognition were seriously considered for All-Scholastic acknowledgement.

These are the choices we made for our 2001 All-Scholastic girls lacrosse team:

Kristin Sheerin - Junior (Capt.)
Midfield - Cohasset



Kristin Sheerin

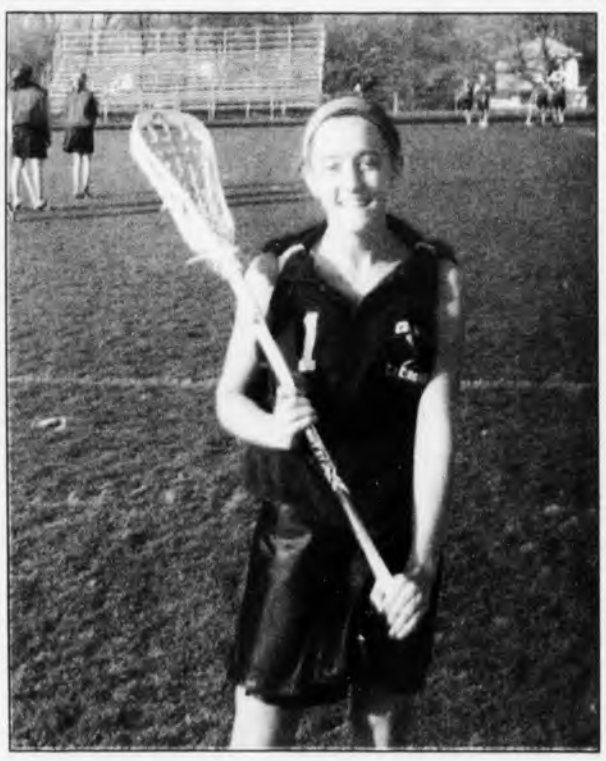
A two time Mariner All-Scholastic in 2001, Kristin also made our All-Scholastic Gymnastic team...the leading scorer for the Lady Skippers lax squad this spring for the third season in a row, with 58 goals and 10 assists...A Pilgrim Conference All-Star for the second year in a row...despite her small frame, plays extremely tough, as attested to by her team best total on ground ball pickups...endurance and explosive speed help set her apart... is already being recruited for gymnastics, but if she winds up at a Div. 3 college, says she'd like to play lacrosse as well, whether interscholastically or as a club sport...competed this weekend at national Junior Olympics Gymnastics Championships in Virginia Beach...was the overall champion in Pilgrim Conference 2 gymnastics this winter, and holds the majority of Cohasset High's gymnastics records...trains at the Ellis School of Gymnastics in Braintree...Cohasset girls lacrosse Coach Kathy Gadiano: "Kristin is really something to watch out there. She does it all for us. When we need a big play or a big goal, she's the one we look to."

Bridget Driscoll - Junior
Third man - Hingham



Bridget Driscoll

Selected as a first-team All-American this season, Driscoll's work in the defensive midfield helped Hingham clinch the State Championship...A Pilgrim Conference All-star two years running, Driscoll anchored the Harborwomen's impressive defense, but also provided some offense, scoring six goals and six assists...Ranked second in her junior class, Driscoll maintains a 4.0 GPA at Hingham High, where she serves as secretary of the National Honor Society...Driscoll plays soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter and will serve as captain of both teams next year...Driscoll was a recipient of the Harvard Book Award and is making her second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team as she made our basketball squad last winter...Her summer will be spent playing AAU basketball and playing summer league lacrosse...Driscoll will captain next year's team with fellow All-Scholastic Meaghan Marshall.



STAFF PHOTO: MIKE SPELLMAN

Cohasset's Kristin Sheerin was a one person wrecking crew for the Lady Skippers this spring, leading them in scoring (58 goals, 10 assists) out of a midfield position.

Meaghan Marshall - Junior
Third home - Hingham



Meaghan Marshall

No doubt one of the most dominating attackers in the state, Marshall's tenacious offensive techniques led Hingham to a State Championship this season...Still just a junior, Marshall continued her impressive career at third home as Hingham's leading scorer with 72 goals and 43 assists this season...Career stats find Marshall with 159 goals and 81...Marshall is a two-time Pilgrim Conference Plus League All-star and was an honorable mention for All-American this year...Marshall had multiple goals in the Harborwomen's historic 9-7 win over nemesis Needham in the South Sectional finals, and in the 12-10 win over North champ Winchester in the State Championship...Also a talented guard on the HHS basketball team, Marshall was selected as an honorable mention to the Mariner All-Scholastic basketball squad...She will no doubt return as one of the best attackers in the state next year and will captain the Harborwomen team with fellow All-Scholastic Bridget Driscoll.

Nicole Shairis - Senior
Defenseman - Marshfield

Was a talented standout on Marshfield's extremely young squad...A Pilgrim Conference All-star, Shairis led Marshfield's two-

ALL-STARS, PAGE 15



Cohasset's Sarah Motley (#17) was a member of the Southeast soccer team in the recent Bay State Games. Sarah attends Notre Dame Academy, in Hingham, where she plays midfield on the varsity team.

Youth Football equipment handouts

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football will hold equipment handouts Wednesday, Aug. 8 through Friday, Aug. 10, at the Storetr storage facility next to the Driftway Tennis Center on Old Driftway in Scituate.

Cheerleading handouts will not take place on these dates.

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PeeWees "B" team - Thursday, Aug. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mites "C" team - Friday, Aug. 10, 5 to 7 p.m.

Any questions, call Joe Obert at 781-545-0854

Fechter, Beal and Goldstein ride for a cure

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tor with the Jimmy Fund.

Beal admits today that he wasn't crazy about the process of having blood drawn (who is, after all) but did so at the appeal of Linda, who was helping to organize a platelet drive at that time. That was his first of 40 or so donations.

"Having blood drawn isn't exactly my favorite thing in the world, but when I went in there (on that initial visit) and read some of the stories they had available about the kids and saw some of the pictures of them with the bald heads...well, it just occurred to me what a small sacrifice it really was," said Beal, who has been married for two years and does not yet have children.

Platelets for those who don't know, are cytoplasmic bodies in the blood which promote clotting. Cancer patients often stop producing these life-essential elements.

The process of removing platelets from a donor involves drawing blood from one arm and passing it through a centrifuge which filters out the platelets. The stripped blood is then re-deposited back in to the donor's other arm. The process takes approximately an hour and a half, but is no where near as physically draining as donating whole blood.

"If you think about it, you're not really giving up much," continued Beal. "Healthy bodies just produce more platelets."

Beal will be donating another of part of himself this weekend when he, Michael Fechter and another friend, Jeff Goldstein of Cohasset, team to make the 192-mile trek by bicycle from Sturbridge to Provincetown in the annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge to raise money and awareness for the Jimmy Fund.

Beal and Fechter's friendship dates back to their days working together at State Street Bank in Boston. Goldstein and his wife have become friendly with the Fechters through various activities involving their children. Both couples have two young children approximately the same age.

Beal, 37, has been racing competitively on the mountain bike circuit for the last several years, so his personal perception on this ride in itself is "just for fun".

Goldstein, 40, is a running enthusiast who has participated in two New York City Marathons. He also used to bicycle quite a bit during his college days.

Fechter, the youngest of the trio at 35, is also the relative novice when it comes to "serious" physical fitness. He keeps himself in shape but, as near as he can recall, up until this past April when he began his training for the PMC, it had been close to 20 years since he'd last been on a bicycle for anything more than a brief jaunt.

"This was something I thought a lot about doing this year, so as soon as the weather got warm I pulled the bike out and I've been riding regularly ever since," said Fechter. "At this point, I feel pretty confident going in to the ride."

Fechter, a vice president at State Street Research, has been setting his alarm clock for the pre-daybreak hours two or three times a week over the last three months in order to pedal 10 to 15 "hard miles" before work.

Goldstein and Beal have established similar weekday regimens. The real heavy duty road work, though, takes place on the weekends. Over the last few months, the threesome has steadily increased the distance of their Sunday rides. Last weekend, the three pedaled from Cohasset to the Bourne Bridge and back with a few circuitous detours to push the total to the 100-mile mark.

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Smith (foreground, right) holds state Div. 1 Championship trophy as teammates whoop it up in the background.

Greg Smith flying high with Eagles

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"Sure, playing pro ball is always in the back of your mind, but right now I'd just consider myself lucky if baseball can help get me into a good college," said Smith. "I think it's best if that's what I focus on."

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"It's been hard for Greg not to play in those (legion) games with a lot of the kids he grew up with," said Greg's mother, Pearl Smith. "But you only get so many opportunities to impress college scouts. He knows how important it is to try to take advantage of this."



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Nicole Shairis

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Carrie Williams - Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Hingham


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Was the clutch player on offense who shined when she needed to…Scored multiple goals in Hingham's win over Minnechaug Regional in the state semi-finals and in the 12-10 win over Winchester in the State Championship…A Pilgrim Conference All-star, Williams scored 54 goals and 19 assists this season…A co-captain on the team, Williams received the Coaches Award at Hingham High…Williams also captained Hingham's Patriot League champion soccer team and was the team's MVP, earning her an honorable mention to the Mariner/Journal All-Scholastic soccer team…Williams will attend Ohio Wesleyan University in the fall and will continue her soccer career.

Ali Aucoin - Senior (Capt.)
Attack/Wing - Hingham

Voted MVP by her teammates, Aucoin had a great season at attack/wing for the State Champions…A two-time Pilgrim Conference All-star, Aucoin's great speed proved invaluable for Hingham


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in the South Sectional final against nemesis Needham, in which she continually broke up plays at one end only to head the offense on the other, scoring two goals in the process…Also one of the toughest players on the field, Aucoin took hard hits and shrugged them off…Aucoin captained Hingham's Patriot League champion soccer team with fellow All-Scholastic Carrie Williams last fall and was named to the Mariner/Journal All-Scholastic soccer squad…Aucoin plans to attend Assumption College where she will continue her lacrosse career.

Tara Cushman - Junior
Goalie - Scituate


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The only goalie the Scituate High girls lacrosse program has had in its three year history… Pilgrim Conference All-Star…made 172 saves for Lady Sailors in their first year of varsity competition this spring, backstopping a young defense…a well rounded goaltender and invaluable team leader, according to coach Paula Evans…plays lacrosse year round, going indoors with several of her S.H.S. teammates at the Canton Sports Dome in the fall and winter…has acted as Manager of the Scituate football team the last two years…would like to play lacrosse in college; and has participated in several showcase tourneys this summer…plans to major in sports management, and has already looked at Ithaca, UMass-Amherst and Springfield, among other universities…a member of the National Honor Society…on the staff of the Scituate High newspaper: "Scituation" and a member of the Student Council… Scituate lacrosse coach Paula Evans: "Tara is the key defensive figure on our team. You know you can count on her to come up with the saves we need, and when she's really on she can come up with one big save after another. She kept us in a lot of games this year. She really stays in the game mentally and communicates well with her defenders, which is key for a goalie. There are still parts of the games she's learning, but she made a lot of improvement this year, and I'm expecting even more next year."

Nicole Evans - Junior
Center Midfield - Scituate


Nicole Evans

The leading playmaker and most complete member of the Scituate High squad…finished junior year with 34 goals and a remarkable team high 28 assists… SHS's career points leader with 62 goals and 45 assists… Pilgrim Conference All-Star…the daughter of Scituate coach Paula Evans…possesses excellent stick skills, stamina and knowledge of the game…competed in second straight Bay State Games last month, playing for Southeast team that won the Silver Medal… plays lacrosse year round, going indoors with several of her S.H.S. teammates at the Canton Sports Dome in the fall and winter…ranks among the top 60 in her class with a 3.3 GPA… would like to play lacrosse in college, and is participating in several showcase tourneys this summer, including upcoming event in Lake Placid always well attended by college scouts…has already received letters from coaches at Canisisus and UVM…is leaning towards a Liberal Arts major…runs track at SHS in the winter and works out at Exceleration Sports Training in Norwell…Scituate Coach Paula Evans: "Nicole is a very unselfish player, sometimes maybe even a little too unselfish. Her abilities to see the whole field, make good decision and play at both ends of the field are crucial to us."

Elizabeth Ghilardi - Junior (Capt.)
Attack - Norwell


Elizabeth Ghilardi

A natural athlete who fell in love with lacrosse not long after first taking it up five years ago…also plays varsity soccer and basketball for Norwell High, but lacrosse is now far and away her first love (she's always got that stick in her hands," says her mother)… among the conference leaders in scoring this season with 55 goals and 29 assists, leading the Lady Clippers, remarkably, to a state tourney berth in their first year of varsity competition… Pilgrim Conference All-Star…played for the silver medal winning southeast team in last month's Bay State Games… sister of Dave Ghilardi, who graduated from NHS this spring after standout scholastic careers in hockey and baseball…Norwell Coach Jen Kent: "There's no doubt that Liz was our go to person this season. And she deserved to be. She's not only the most talented player on the team, but she's probably the hardest working one too. She's always the first one on the field and the last one off it. She just loves the game and that comes across all the time."

Meghan Dwyer - Junior
Goalie - Norwell


Meghan Dwyer

Coach Jen Kent called Dwyer "the main reason" for the Lady Clippers remarkable feat of qualifying for the state tourney in their first season of varsity play this spring…has been the starting goalie for the Norwell High team since her freshman year, the team competing in JV play only the previous two seasons…saved 71 percent of the shots she faced this season…athletic and well rounded goalie…a Pilgrim Conference All-Star…backstopped silver medal effort at Bay State Games for southeast squad… hopes to play lacrosse in college at a Div. 2 or 3 school…has attended several lacrosse camps this summer, including a highly acclaimed goalie camp this past week at Milton Academy… also plays varsity soccer…a member of the National Honors Society…plays cello for the Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra…sings for Norwell High's acappella musical group "The Decibells" made up of Norwell … Norwell coach Jen Kent: "I can honestly say Meghan was the main reason we made it to the state tourney. She just defends the net so well. It's scary to think where we would have been without her. She makes good decisions on when to come out with the ball and when to pass it. She also does a nice job of helping her defenders out, letting them know where to go."

Casey Logan - Junior
Attack - Scituate


Casey Logan

The leading scorer for the Lady Sailors this season with 54 goals and 11 assists…competed in second straight Bay State Games last month, playing for Southeast team that won the Silver Medal… good stick skills, strong moves and a quick shot make her deadly around the net…scored most of her goals early in the season, faking out defenders and goalies alike on drives to the net… plays lacrosse year round, going indoors with several of her S.H.S. teammates at the Canton Sports Dome in the fall and winter… would like to play lacrosse in college, and is participating in several showcase tourneys this summer, including upcoming event in Lake Placid always well attended by college scouts…has also run cross country and played basketball ant Scituate High…an Honor Roll student… Scituate Coach Paula Evans: "Casey has a knack for getting her shots off against pressure. She has some nice moves and a pump fake that gets defenders going the wrong way a lot. I think if she gets a little bit stronger and quicker this year, she could really have a great senior season."

Honorable Mention:

Colleen Lenhart - Soph. - Defense - Hingham
Emma Ross - Soph. - Home - Hingham
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Cohasset track/football star heads off to college

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selves as much as Krupczak does during the off-season.

"I feel I can always push myself to improve," said Krupczak, who spent most days last winter working with Cohasset High School utility coach Mark Hall.

Krupczak also wanted to thank his track coaches, Al LaFountain, as well as Hall.

With all the lifting he does, in addition to the extended work Krupczak completes with plyometric blocks, he still feels there are some technique problems he has, such as getting his knees higher when striding.

His technique is something he looks forward to improving upon when he heads into his freshman year at Washington and Lee University in Virginia, a school of only 2,000 students, but one with a very impressive track and field program.

Washington and Lee is a Div. 3 school, which is what Krupczak wanted: a highly competitive program where he would flourish. His best times in the 200 meter race might even land him a spot in the D3 nationals next year.

Also in college, Krupczak will be competing in winter track for the first time, as Cohasset High offers only spring track. The main difference will be the distance of races— instead running the 100 and 200 meters like he did for Cohasset on an outdoor track, it will be the 55 and 300 meter races.

"It should be a good challenge," Krupczak speculated. "I am really looking forward to it."

Krupczak also mentioned that, by doing winter track, he will be in peak condition at the start of the spring for the first time in his career.

"He is just an incredible athlete," lauded varsity football coach Tony Rolfe, who watched Krupczak develop into one of the best running backs in the area behind a very tough offensive line.

Krupczak, a captain of the undefeated South Shore League champion track team this past spring, was a member of one of the best 4x100 meter teams around.

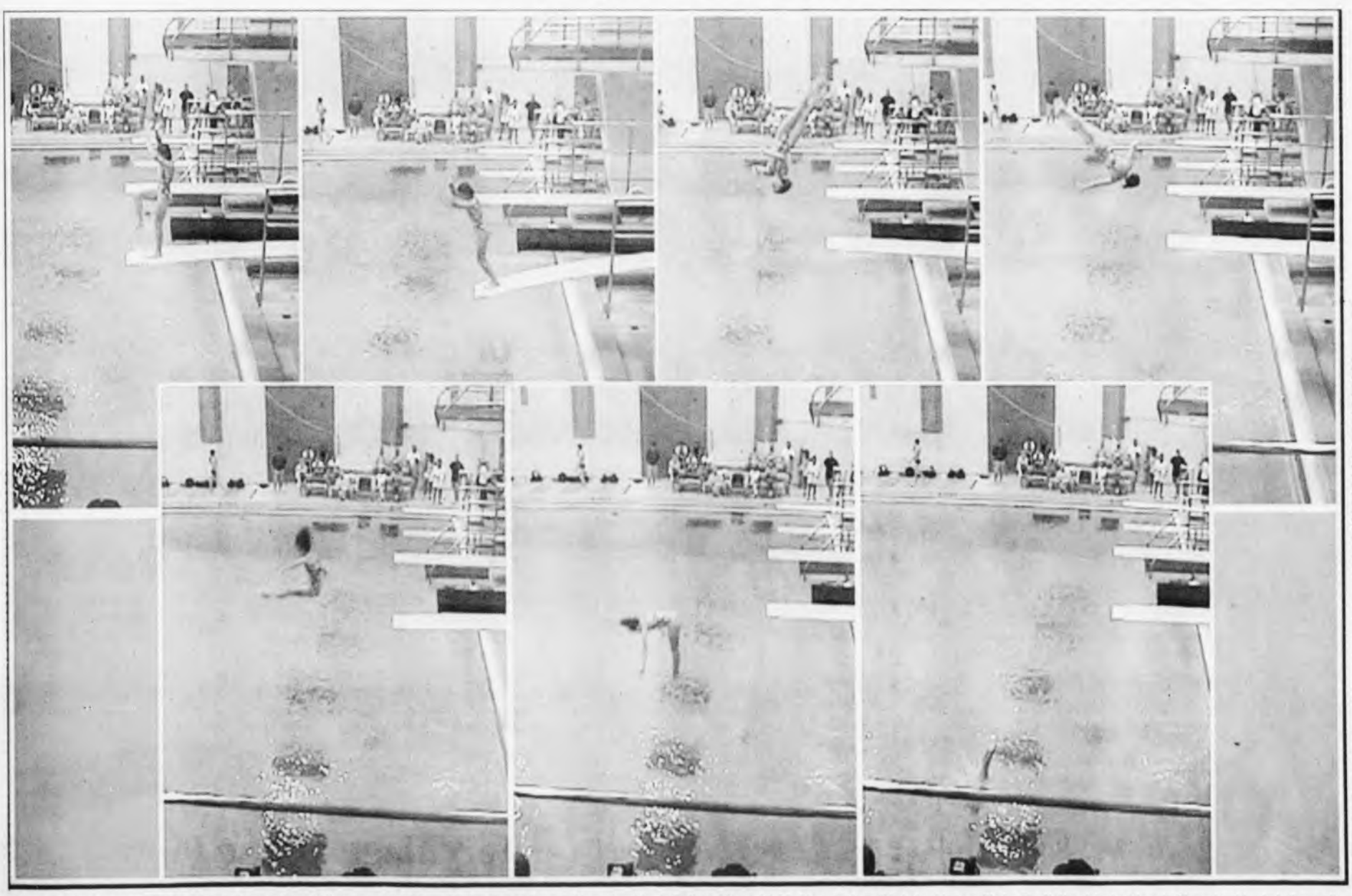
The team consisted of Jason Brown, Steve Laney (both will be seniors this fall) Krupczak, and his junior brother Jared.

"We had such a good team despite all the injuries," said Brian Krupczak, alluding to the maladies of Jared Krupczak and Laney, and of course the hamstring injury he sustained himself in the final league meet of the season.

In fact, that injury led to the only disappointing moment of the track season. After taping up the injury to not only compete in but win the state Class D 200 meters championship, Krupczak decided to pull out from the All-State Competition for fear of destroying a possible college career.

"I wanted to go out and compete, but I don't have any regrets," he admits. "I finished off strong."

And strongly he will head to Virginia, hoping to remove any doubt that he made the right decision.



Kelsey Bell is shown completing a forward one-and-one-half somersault with a full-twist dive at Zone A Championships in Buffalo, NY, on Jul 22. Dives such as this helped her qualify for The National Junior Olympic Championships in Indianapolis this week. Among others, the US's top 30 divers in Kelsey's age group will compete.



Cohasset's Sarah Motley (#17) was a member of the Southeast soccer team in the recent Bay State Games. Sarah attends Notre Dame Academy, in Hingham, where she plays midfield on the varsity team.

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Midget "A" team - Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

PeeWees "B" team - Thursday, Aug. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Fechter, Beal and Goldstein ride for a cure

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tor with the Jimmy Fund.

Beal admits today that he wasn't crazy about the process of having blood drawn (who is, after all) but did so at the appeal of Linda, who was helping to organize a platelet drive at that time. That was his first of 40 or so donations.

"Having blood drawn isn't exactly my favorite thing in the world, but when I went in there (on that initial visit) and read some of the stories they had available about the kids and saw some of the pictures of them with the bald heads...well, it just occurred to me what a small sacrifice it really was," said Beal, who has been married for two years and does not yet have children.

Platelets for those who don't know, are cytoplasmic bodies in the blood which promote clotting. Cancer patients often stop producing these life-essential elements.

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"If you think about it, you're not really giving up much," continued Beal. "Healthy bodies just produce more platelets."

Beal will be donating another of part of himself this weekend when he, Michael Fechter and another friend, Jeff Goldstein of Cohasset, team to make the 192-mile trek by bicycle from Sturbridge to Provincetown in the annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge to raise money and awareness for the Jimmy Fund.

Beal and Fechter's friendship dates back to their days working together at State Street Bank in Boston. Goldstein and his wife have become friendly with the Fechters through various activities involving their children. Both couples have two young children approximately the same age.

Beal, 37, has been racing competitively on the mountain bike circuit for the last several years, so his personal perception on this ride in itself is "just for fun".

Goldstein, 40, is a running enthusiast who has participated in two New York City Marathons. He also used to bicycle quite a bit during his college days.

Fechter, the youngest of the trio at 35, is also the relative novice when it comes to "serious" physical fitness. He keeps himself in shape but, as near as he can recall, up until this past April when he began his training for the PMC, it had been close to 20 years since he'd last been on a bicycle for anything more than a brief jaunt.

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Harbor Island Triathlon

On August 19 the Harbor Islands Triathlon will take place in Hull.

A half-mile ocean swim from George's Island to Pemberton Point will be followed by a 8.5 mile bike race from Hull Gut to the War Memorial and bandstand followed by a 6. 2 mile run from the High School to the War Memorial and along Hull Bay finishing at Hull High School. The event begins at 10:00 AM from George's Island with all participants arriving at Pemberton Point by 9:00 AM.

Call 617 223-8666 for information and registration.



Smith (foreground, right) holds state Div. 1 Championship trophy as teammates whoop it up in the background.

Greg Smith flying high with Eagles

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ing ahead to the possibility of playing at the next level. He has played in several showcase tourneys, including one earlier two weeks ago at Dodds Stadium in Norwich, Conn. — the home of the (boo) Yankees AA affiliate Norwich Navigators — in front of scouts from dozens of colleges.

There's still the possibility that with a monster senior campaign, the 6-foot-1 first baseman could travel the same path as Conroy, choosing between college and professional ball. However, Smith sounds as if he's trying hard not to get caught up in that fantasy.

"Sure, playing pro ball is always in the back of your mind, but right now I'd just consider myself lucky if baseball can help get me into a good college," said Smith. "I think it's best if that's what I focus on."

Given his busy schedule, Smith was only able to play in three of the Cohasset Legion team's 20 games this season. He missed the first half dozen or so tilts due to the state high school tourney. After that, it was the showcase tourneys and other obligations (such as the weeklong Appalachia Community Project) that interfered.

"It's been hard for Greg not to play in those (legion) games with a lot of the kids he grew up with," said Greg's mother, Pearl Smith. "But you only get so many opportunities to impress college scouts. He knows how important it is to try to take advantage of this."

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Nicole Shairis

year program on the defensive front, keeping the Lady Rams in a lot of games this season…Though mainly a defensive player, Shairis also managed to score three goals this season…But it was her work on defense that made her shine…Her ability to execute close man-to-man play on some of the South Shore's best scorers and impressive defensive stick skills made her a standout in the PC….Her good speed also came in handy during fast-break plays and in breaking up opponents' offensive strategies….Shairis plans to attend William and Mary College in Virginia in the fall where she will major in Biology and play club lacrosse. Marshfield coach Sue Collins: "She's a very strong defensive player and was instrumental in keeping our games close. She's clearly our most aggressive player and will leave a big hole in our defense. She was a nice team leader. She led by example. We'll definitely feel the loss."

Carrie Williams - Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Hingham


Carrie Williams

Was the clutch player on offense who shined when she needed to…Scored multiple goals in Hingham's win over Minnechaug Regional in the state semi-finals and in the 12-10 win over Winchester in the State Championship…A Pilgrim Conference All-star, Williams scored 54 goals and 19 assists this season…A co-captain on the team, Williams received the Coaches Award at Hingham High…Williams also captained Hingham's Patriot League champion soccer team and was the team's MVP, earning her an honorable mention to the Mariner/Journal All-Scholastic soccer team…Williams will attend Ohio Wesleyan University in the fall and will continue her soccer career.

Ali Aucoin - Senior (Capt.)
Attack/Wing - Hingham

Voted MVP by her teammates, Aucoin had a great season at attack/wing for the State Champions…A two-time Pilgrim Conference All-star, Aucoin's great speed proved invaluable for Hingham


Ali Aucoin

in the South Sectional final against nemesis Needham, in which she continually broke up plays at one end only to head the offense on the other, scoring two goals in the process…Also one of the toughest players on the field, Aucoin took hard hits and shrugged them off…Aucoin captained Hingham's Patriot League champion soccer team with fellow All-Scholastic Carrie Williams last fall and was named to the Mariner/Journal All-Scholastic soccer squad…Aucoin plans to attend Assumption College where she will continue her lacrosse career.

Tara Cushman - Junior
Goalie - Scituate


Tara Cushman

The only goalie the Scituate High girls lacrosse program has had in its three year history… Pilgrim Conference All-Star…made 172 saves for Lady Sailors in their first year of varsity competition this spring, backstopping a young defense…a well rounded goaltender and invaluable team leader, according to coach Paula Evans…plays lacrosse year round, going indoors with several of her S.H.S. teammates at the Canton Sports Dome in the fall and winter…has acted as Manager of the Scituate football team the last two years…would like to play lacrosse in college, and has participated in several showcase tourneys this summer…plans to major in sports management, and has already looked at Ithaca, UMass-Amherst and Springfield, among other universities…a member of the National Honor Society…on the staff of the Scituate High newspaper: "Scituation" and a member of the Student Council… Scituate lacrosse coach Paula Evans: "Tara is the key defensive figure on our team. You know you can count on her to come up with the saves we need, and when she's really on she can come up with one big save after another. She kept us in a lot of games this year. She really stays in the game mentally and communicates well with her defenders, which is key for a goalie. There are still parts of the games she's learning, but she made a lot of improvement this year, and I'm expecting even more next year."

Nicole Evans - Junior
Center Midfield - Scituate


Nicole Evans

The leading playmaker and most complete member of the Scituate High squad…finished junior year with 34 goals and a remarkable team high 28 assists… SHS's career points leader with 62 goals and 45 assists… Pilgrim Conference All-Star…the daughter of Scituate coach Paula Evans…possesses excellent stick skills, stamina and knowledge of the game…competed in second straight Bay State Games last month, playing for Southeast team that won the Silver Medal… plays lacrosse year round, going indoors with several of her S.H.S. teammates at the Canton Sports Dome in the fall and winter…ranks among the top 60 in her class with a 3.3 GPA… would like to play lacrosse in college, and is participating in several showcase tourneys this summer, including upcoming event in Lake Placid always well attended by college scouts…has already received letters from coaches at Canisius and UVM…is leaning towards a Liberal Arts major…runs track at SHS in the winter and works out at Exceleration Sports Training in Norwell…Scituate Coach Paula Evans: "Nicole is a very unselfish player, sometimes maybe even a little too unselfish. Her abilities to see the whole field, make good decision and play at both ends of the field are crucial to us."

Elizabeth Ghilardi - Junior (Capt.)
Attack - Norwell


Elizabeth Ghilardi

A natural athlete who fell in love with lacrosse not long after first taking it up five years ago… also plays varsity soccer and basketball for Norwell High, but lacrosse is now far and away her first love (she's always got that stick in her hands," says her mother)… among the conference leaders in scoring this season with 55 goals and 29 assists, leading the Lady Clippers, remarkably, to a state tourney berth in their first year of varsity competition… Pilgrim Conference All-Star…played for the silver medal winning southeast team in last month's Bay State Games… sister of Dave Ghilardi, who graduated from NHS this spring after standout scholastic careers in hockey and baseball…Norwell Coach Jen Kent: "There's no doubt that Liz was our go to person this season. And she deserved to be. She's not only the most talented player on the team, but she's probably the hardest working one too. She's always the first one on the field and the last one off it. She just loves the game and that comes across all the time."

Meghan Dwyer - Junior
Goalie - Norwell


Meghan Dwyer

Coach Jen Kent called Dwyer "the main reason" for the Lady Clippers remarkable feat of qualifying for the state tourney in their first season of varsity play this spring…has been the starting goalie for the Norwell High team since her freshman year, the team competing in JV play only the previous two seasons…saved 71 percent of the shots she faced this season…athletic and well rounded goalie…a Pilgrim Conference All-Star…backstopped silver medal effort at Bay State Games for southeast squad… hopes to play lacrosse in college at a Div. 2 or 3 school…has attended several lacrosse camps this summer, including a highly acclaimed goalie camp this past week at Milton Academy… also plays varsity soccer…a member of the National Honors Society…plays cello for the Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra…sings for Norwell High's acappella musical group "The Decibells" made up of Norwell … Norwell coach Jen Kent: "I can honestly say Meghan was the main reason we made it to the state tourney. She just defends the net so well. It's scary to think where we would have been without her. She makes good decisions on when to come out with the ball and when to pass it. She also does a nice job of helping her defenders out, letting them know where to go."

Casey Logan - Junior
Attack - Scituate


Casey Logan

The leading scorer for the Lady Sailors this season with 54 goals and 11 assists…competed in second straight Bay State Games last month, playing for Southeast team that won the Silver Medal… good stick skills, strong moves and a quick shot make her deadly around the net…scored most of her goals early in the season, faking out defenders and goalies alike on drives to the net… plays lacrosse year round, going indoors with several of her S.H.S. teammates at the Canton Sports Dome in the fall and winter… would like to play lacrosse in college, and is participating in several showcase tourneys this summer, including upcoming event in Lake Placid always well attended by college scouts…has also run cross country and played basketball ant Scituate High…an Honor Roll student… Scituate Coach Paula Evans: "Casey has a knack for getting her shots off against pressure. She has some nice moves and a pump fake that gets defenders going the wrong way a lot. I think if she gets a little bit stronger and quicker this year, she could really have a great senior season."

Honorable Mention:

Colleen Lenhart - Soph. - Defense - Hingham
Emma Ross - Soph. - Home - Hingham
Ashley Baxter - Jr. - Goal - Hingham
Hilary Lynch - Soph. - Goal - Hingham
Caitlin Fitzgerald - Jr. - Center - Hingham
Lauren Glancy- Jr.- Attack- Scituate
Maura McKenney- Soph.- Center- Cohasset
Julie Lordan- Soph.- Defense- Cohasset
Gia Petrakis- Soph.- Goalie- Cohasset
Emily Richardson- Jr.- Defense - Norwell
Lindsay Jebne- Jr.- Defense- Norwell

Cohasset track/football star heads off to college

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selves as much as Krupczak does during the off-season.

"I feel I can always push myself to improve," said Krupczak, who spent most days last winter working with Cohasset High School utility coach Mark Hall.

Krupczak also wanted to thank his track coaches, Al LaFountain, as well as Hall.

With all the lifting he does, in addition to the extended work Krupczak completes with plyometric blocks, he still feels there are some technique problems he has, such as getting his knees higher when striding.

His technique is something he looks forward to improving upon when he heads into his freshman year at Washington and Lee University in Virginia, a school of only 2,000 students, but one with a very impressive track and field program.

Washington and Lee is a Div. 3 school, which is what Krupczak wanted: a highly competitive program where he would flourish. His best times in the 200 meter race might even land him a spot in the D3 nationals next year.

Also in college, Krupczak will be competing in winter track for the first time, as Cohasset High offers only spring track. The main difference will be the distance of races— instead running the 100 and 200 meters like he did for Cohasset on an outdoor track, it will be the 55 and 300 meter races.

"It should be a good challenge," Krupczak speculated. "I am really looking forward to it."

Krupczak also mentioned that, by doing winter track, he will be in peak condition at the start of the spring for the first time in his career.

"He is just an incredible athlete," lauded varsity football coach Tony Rolfe, who watched Krupczak develop into one of the best running backs in the area behind a very tough offensive line.

Krupczak, a captain of the undefeated South Shore League champion track team this past spring, was a member of one of the best 4x100 meter teams around.

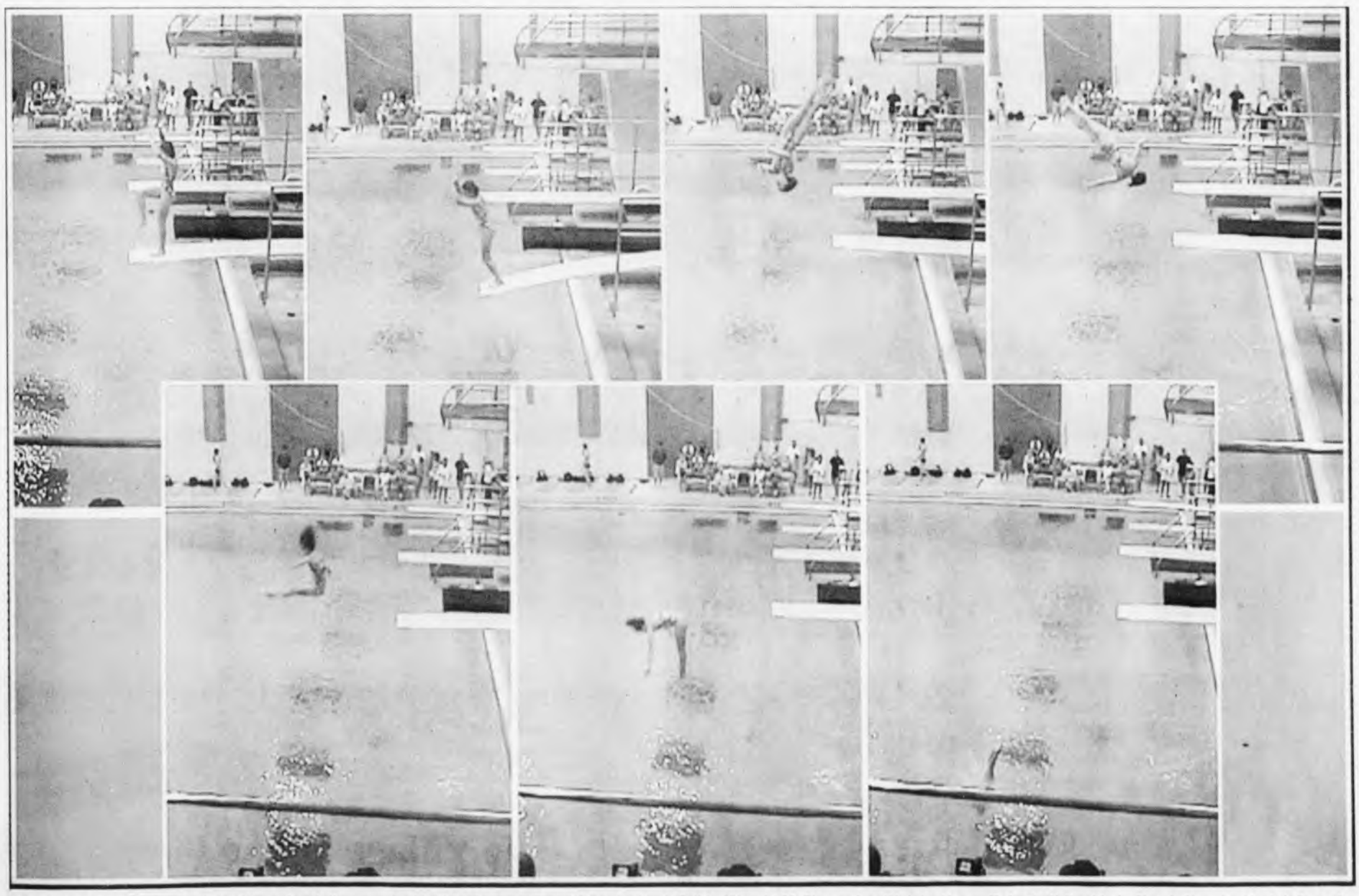
The team consisted of Jason Brown, Steve Laney (both will be seniors this fall) Krupczak, and his junior brother Jared.

"We had such a good team despite all the injuries," said Brian Krupczak, alluding to the maladies of Jared Krupczak and Laney, and of course the hamstring injury he sustained himself in the final league meet of the season.

In fact, that injury led to the only disappointing moment of the track season. After taping up the injury to not only compete in but win the state Class D 200 meters championship, Krupczak decided to pull out from the All-State Competition for fear of destroying a possible college career.

"I wanted to go out and compete, but I don't have any regrets," he admits. "I finished off strong."

And strongly he will head to Virginia, hoping to remove any doubt that he made the right decision.



Kelsey Bell is shown completing a forward one-and-one-half somersault with a full-twist dive at Zone A Championships in Buffalo, NY, on Jul 22. Dives such as this helped her qualify for The National Junior Olympic Championships in Indianapolis this week. Among others, the US's top 30 divers in Kelsey's age group will compete.

Cohasset Swim and Dive Team Award Night

The Cohasset swim and dive team will hold an awards night this Friday, Aug 3, at the Osgood Gym.

The awards ceremony gets underway at 6:30, and is expected to go until around 8 p.m.

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria after the ceremony.

A night of "Family Fun" is scheduled after the awards in the gym, with a DJ and entertainment.

Swim team pushes Yacht Club team under

What a great summer it has been for the Cohasset Swim Team. On Friday, the locals improved to 6-0 on the season, taking first place in 50 out of 64 races and defeating Scituate Harbor Yacht Club, at home, by more than 200 points.

This was a nice tune-up for the showdown with fellow unbeatens, the Scituate Knights of Columbus team, on Friday.

It was a beautiful afternoon on the harbor and it got off to an excellent start with wins for Cohasset in all of the 100-yard medley relays. The eight and under boys took first and third places (1st: Carrier, Campbell, Buckley, Durkin, T.; 3rd: Mahoney, Carpenter, Durkin, J.; Culhane) and the girls went straight into first and second places (1st: Karski; Fontaine; Musto; Michalowski; 2nd: Kucinski; Seraikas; Murphy; Carrier). The ten and under's maintained the momentum with a first for the boys (1st: Ofsthun; Porter; Doonan; Stevenson) and a first and third for the girls (1st: Meehan; Lehr, S.; Mahoney, C.; Lehr, T.; 3rd: Mahoney, M.; Teague; Dickinson; Hunt). And the 12 and under boys and girls finished in first and third places (boys: 1st: Dickinson; Daley; Doonan; Zappolo; 3rd: Kuppens; Musto; Stevenson; Porter; girls: 1st: Hernan; Durkin; Garber; Englander; 3rd: Plante; Previte; Teague; Campbell). The relays ended with a win for the seventeen and under boys in their 200-yard race (1st: McCarthy; Roach, J.; Flynn; Blackburn) and second and third place finishes for the girls (2nd: Jerome; Anderson; Daley; Lehr; 3rd: James; Swain; Ogrodnik; Orsini).

As the teams prepared for the individual medleys, the ten and under boys and girls swam their 50-yard freestyles. The boys finished second and third (2nd: Doonan; B.; 3rd: Stevenson, G.) and the girls claimed first and third (1st: Meehan, S.; 3rd: Mahoney, C.). Cohasset score was now 70 to Scituate's 41.

Cohasset's success continued with consistently strong performances in the 100-yard individual medleys, and a win at every age level (boys, 12 and under: 1st: Dickinson, R.; 2nd: Doonan, P.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Durkin, L.; 2nd: Hernan, E.; boys, 14 and under: 1st: Berg, P.; 3rd: McCarthy, D.; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Anderson, C.; 2nd: Daley, M.; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Ingber, D.; 3rd: Flynn, C.; girls, 17 and under: 2nd: Orsini, M.; 4th: Jerome, E.). With the medleys complete, Cohasset's lead had increased by a further thirty points.

The 25-yard freestyles got off to the usual productive start, with wins for the eight and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Durkin, T.; 2nd: Campbell, B.; girls: 1st: Michalowski, A.; 2nd: Fontaine, E.), and for the ten and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Plante, J.; girls: 1st: Lehr, T.; 3rd: Mahoney, M.). The 50-yard event continued the pattern. The twelve and under boys and girls won their races (boys: 1st: Zappolo, N.; 2nd: Porter, N.; girls: 1st: Garber, C.; 2nd: Englander, E.) and the fourteen and under boys and girls were close behind with first and second, and first and third place finishes (boys: 1st: McCarthy, D.; 2nd: Roach, K.; girls: 1st: Lehr, R.; 3rd: Ogrodnik, M.). The seventeen and under boys and girls completed the picture with a first and second for the boys and a second and third for the girls (boys: 1st: Roach, J.; 2nd: Blackburn, C.; girls: 2nd: Orsini, M.; 3rd: Sida, C.). Cohasset had now accumulated 179 points to Scituate's 78.

The butterfly was next up and, once again, Cohasset was off to a good start. The eight and under boys and girls took first and second in their races (boys: 1st: Carrier, J.; 2nd: Durkin, T.; girls: 1st: Karski, E.; 2nd: Musto, E.). The ten and under boys fell just behind with second and third places, but the girls came right back with first and second position finishes (boys: 2nd: Doonan, B.; 3rd: Stevenson, G.; girls: 1st: Mahoney, C.; 2nd: Lehr, T.). The twelve and under boys and girls repeated the pattern, with a second and third for the boys and first and second for the girls (boys: 2nd: Doonan, P.; 3rd: Musto, C.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Garber, C.; 2nd: Englander, E.). Cohasset went on to win three of the remaining four butterflies, taking their score to 242, to Scituate's 103 (boys, 14 and under: 1st: Berg, P.; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Daley, M.; 3rd: Ogrodnik, M.; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Ingber, D.; 2nd: Flynn, C.; girls, 17 and under: 2nd: Jerome, E.; 3rd: Orsini, M.).

In the breaststroke event the Cohasset swimmers kept up the pace to win three of the four 25 yard races (boys, 8 and under: 1st: Buckley, T.; 2nd: Durkin, J.; girls, 8 and under: 1st: Fontaine, E.; 3rd: Michalowski, A.; boys, 10 and under: 2nd: Porter, I.; 4th: Plante, J.; girls, 10 and under: 1st: Lehr, S.; 3rd: Teague, K.). And in the 50-yard event, Cohasset finished first in four of the six races (boys, 12 and under: 3rd: Zappolo, N.; 4th: Musto, C.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Durkin, L.; 2nd: Swain, K.; boys, 14 and under: 1st: Roach, K.; 2nd: Daley, B.; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Anderson, C.; 2nd: Sida, C.; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Ingber, D.; 2nd: Roach, J.; girls, 17 and under: 3rd: Previte, M.; 4th: Campbell, A.). With only two more events left, Cohasset led Scituate by 163 points.

Over the afternoon Cohasset had developed a very steady and productive rhythm, and it continued into the last individual event of the day. In the 25-yard backstroke Cohasset secured a win in three out of four races (boys, 8 and under: 1st: Carrier, J.; 3rd: Mahoney, R.; girls, 8 and under: 1st: Karski, E.; 3rd: Kucinski, K.; boys, 10 and under: 2nd: Porter, I.; 4th: Ofsthun, C.; girls, 10 and under: 1st: Meehan, S.; 3rd: Lehr, S.). The 50-yard events were equally productive, with wins in five out of six races (boys, 12 and under: 2nd: Dickinson, R.; 3rd: Daley, B.; girls, 12 and under: 1st: Hernan, E.; 3rd: Sacks, M.; boys, 14 and under: 1st: McCarthy, D.; 2nd: Berg, P.; girls, 14 and under: 1st: Daley, M.; 2nd: Lehr, R.; boys, 17 and under: 1st: Blackburn, C.; girls, 17 and under: 1st: Jerome, E.; 3rd: James, K.). Going into the final event the score was now Cohasset: 357, Scituate: 162.

It had been downhill all the way for Cohasset and as they came into the final leg of the meet they kept right on winning. The eight and under boys took first and second place while the girls took first and third (boys: 1st: Durkin, T.; Buckley, T.; Durkin, J.; Carrier; 2nd: Carpenter; Culhane; Mahoney; Campbell; girls: 1st: Karski; Musto; Michalowski; Fontaine; 4th: Seraikas; Teague; Carrier; Murphy). The ten and under boys slipped a little, finishing second, but the girls came back with first and third position finishes (boys: 2nd: Stevenson; Plante; Ofsthun; Porter; girls, 10 and under: 1st: Lehr, S.; Mahoney, C.; Lehr, T.; Meehan, S.; 3rd: Culhane, C.; Zappolo; Asnault; Regan). Both the twelve and under boys and girls won their races (boys: 1st: Dickinson; Daley; Doonan; Zappolo; 3rd: Musto; Kuppens; Stevenson; Porter; girls: 1st: Hernan; Garber; Englander; Durkin; 4th: Regan; McBride; Hurd; Smith) leaving the seventeen and under's to finish the meet with a win for boys and second and fourth places for the girls (boys: 1st: Berg; Roach, J.; Roach, K.; Ingber; girls: 2nd: Anderson; Ogrodnik; Lehr; Sacks; 4th: Sida; James; Madge; Swain). As the afternoon's activities came to an end Cohasset had secured another tremendous win, beating Scituate 413 to 202.

Congratulations to all the Cohasset swimmers who, once again, produced a great team effort. And to their coach Alison Hughes, and her assistants Ted Hughes and Garet Jacobucci, who have created such a winning formula. The team approaches the pre-Championship week undefeated, but this Friday they will take on the powerful Knight's of Columbus squad for what will undoubtedly be their biggest challenge of the season. We look forward to an exciting afternoon.



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Annual event raises $16,000 for Children's Hospital

By David Ingber
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Last Saturday and Sunday, the entire Cohasset tennis community got together for its annual Children's Hospital Benefit Tennis Tournament, amassing over $16,000.

The event, dating back to the 1950s, is played on the exquisite privately owned courts around town, 21 in all being used.

"That is half of the beauty of the tournament," said a smiling Daralynn Evans, the head coordinator of the tourney.

The tournament was played every year from the 50s up until the 70s, at which point, there was a "lull", as Evans called it. But about ten years ago, former ballboys and ballgirls from the original tourney resurrected the event, raising more money than ever before for the Children's Hospital.

In addition to the cover charge for playing in the tournament (the benefits going to the hospital), there was also a large silent auction last Friday night, doubling last years total money raised.

In the tournament, there were four different categories of skill levels, comprising all 100 mixed doubles teams which came to Cohasset for the tourney.

The least competitive level was the "C" group, which was won by local partners Shellanne Durkin and Donal Cahill. The pair took the championships in the C's, defeating Janet Robinson and Mike Rawson in three sets, also earning themselves an automatic berth in next year's "B-Level" competition.

The B's were won by Cohasset's Ralph and Nancy Froio, who survived a three-set match with Judy Armen and Doug LeBlanc.

The next category of players was the "A-Level," a highly competitive yet fun field.

This category was won by a pair of top-draw hitters, Sue Sookiasian, a member of the Cohasset Benefit Committee, and Mike Davis, a tennis pro from Scituate's Driftway Club. This terrific tandem took a two set win— 6-1, 6-3—over the very tough team of Deedee Emanualle and Chris Neelon.

Your reporter, teamed with high school freshman Elizabeth Stone, was knocked out in the first round of the A-Level by a pair of free swinging six-footers who were relentless at the net, 6-3, 6-4.

However, we managed to bounce back and take our next match in the Consolation Bracket— 6-3, 6-2. The win earned us ticket to some Sunday play, something I had not expected coming into the tourney.

After a semi-finals victory Sunday morning, we found ourselves in the consolation finals against Brian Hill and Brenda Hill. The unrelated Hills were fresh off their semi-finals victory over college junior Allison Walsh and my CHS doubles partner Jeff Scribner.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Lisa Tolen serves up a killer serve in the championship match in the A+ division of Cohasset's annual Children's Hospital Benefit Tennis Tournament last week. Tolen, a league player from Boston, and her partner, Sosa Amadin, lost in the finals to Jammie Kenney and Steve Flanagan. 0

The Hills, who on Saturday played what many considered the "Match of the Weekend" with a three set tiebreaker contest versus Carole Meers and Eric Braun, won the A-Level Consolation finals.

The highest level of competition in the tournament was the A+ category, also known as the "Super Pro Level." The winners of this bracket were Steve Flanagan, one of the top male singles players in New England, and his partner Jamie Kenney.

The runners up in this category were Lisa Tolen, a league player from Boston and her partner Sosa Amadin, an intimidating six-and-a- half-feet tall, 280 pounds, and a serve which had been clocked a 140 miles per hour.

Rumor has it, he will be trying out for the New England Patriots this summer. The two sport athlete collected more than 15 aces in the two set loss.

The third place team in the bracket was last year's A-Level champions, David and Margaret Barcumb.

The final A+ team was a very unique father-daughter team of Cohasset's John Englander and high school freshman Kate.

Many a thank you go out to the entire benefit committee for such a smoothly run tournament, most specifically to Soostaktian, Carole Meers, Barbara Dalrymple, Larraine Tarpey, Sandy Crough and Daralynn Evans.

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Docket No. 85P0907T1
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WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this Twelfth day of July, 2001.

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COLLINS ACCOUNT (2)
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Docket No. 85P0907T4
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In the Estate of MARY J. JASON

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, July 17, 2001.

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Norfolk Division
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Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

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WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this Nineteenth day of July, 2001.

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MCELWAIN ACCOUNT (2)
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Docket No. 144952T19
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To all persons interested in the estate of J. Franklin McElwain, late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk:

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 1st through 4th accounts (being the 28th through 31st accounts) of Horace S. Nichols and Grant H. Gray as Trustee (the fiduciary) under Article Sixth of the will of said deceased for the benefit of descendants of the testator's father have been presented to said Court for allowance.

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MCELWAIN ACCOUNT (3)
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Notice Of Fiduciary's Account

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MCELWAIN ACCOUNT (4)
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MCELWAIN ACCOUNT (6)
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AUGUST 1 - 3, 2001

'42nd Street' tap dances into town

Company Theatre stages hit Broadway show through Aug. 26

By Seth Jacobson
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It is one of the most well-known and loved Broadway shows of all time, and for the next month South Shore theater-goers will get a chance to take a walk down 42nd Street at the Company Theatre. The Norwell theater group will stage its ambitious production of the show Aug. 3-26.

More than 40 actors and dancers will be taking part in the production, a premise which presented a challenge to the show's directors Zoe Bradford, Jordie Saucerman, and music director Michael Joseph.

"Part of the challenge of putting on the show was working with so many people," Bradford said. "It's tough to get 40 people tap dancing in unison."

Bradford said the plot of 42nd Street is one people have come to love. It is about a young woman from Pennsylvania named Peggy Sawyer who dreams of going to New York City and acting on Broadway. At one point, she gets a chance to audition for a show, but unfortunately, she accidentally, breaks the ankle of the show's star during the audition. The production takes off from there.

"It's a very charming, old-fashioned type of theme," Bradford said. "But that doesn't stop it from being a fast-moving, well-paced show."

Although Bradford said the story line of 42nd Street is an entertaining one, she said the other magical aspect of the show is the dancing, singing, and overall musical element.

"The music in the production is pretty amazing," she said. "It's very addictive. It sticks in your head. It's really 1930s-sounding music, but it's got a contemporary feel."

Joseph said he thinks people typically love the show's soundtrack because of all the classic Broadway songs that have come out of it such as "We're in the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," and "42nd Street."

"The music reflects the concept of someone getting their big break on Broadway," Joseph said. "The songs in the show are definitely supportive of the story line."

Joseph described the different scenes in the play as being "really big, splashy production numbers." At the same time, he added there are a few songs which reflect the time period in which the show takes place, the 1930s.

"I think some of the songs really accent the Depression Era, but these particular songs evoke a positive attitude on a very trying time in history," he said.

Bradford said this will mark the second time that The Company Theatre has put on 42nd Street, the last time was in 1988. She added one of the most exciting things about putting in on this time around is that the same two people who had the lead roles in 1988, John King of Weymouth and Joyce Avitabile of Walpole, are starring in the show again.

"Those people who have already seen the show will be able to see our version of it, and for those who haven't seen it, you're in for a real visual treat. It's just great entertainment."
Music director Michael Joseph

Bradford said another neat aspect of the show is the costumes, which she described as "authentic, vintage clothing" styles.

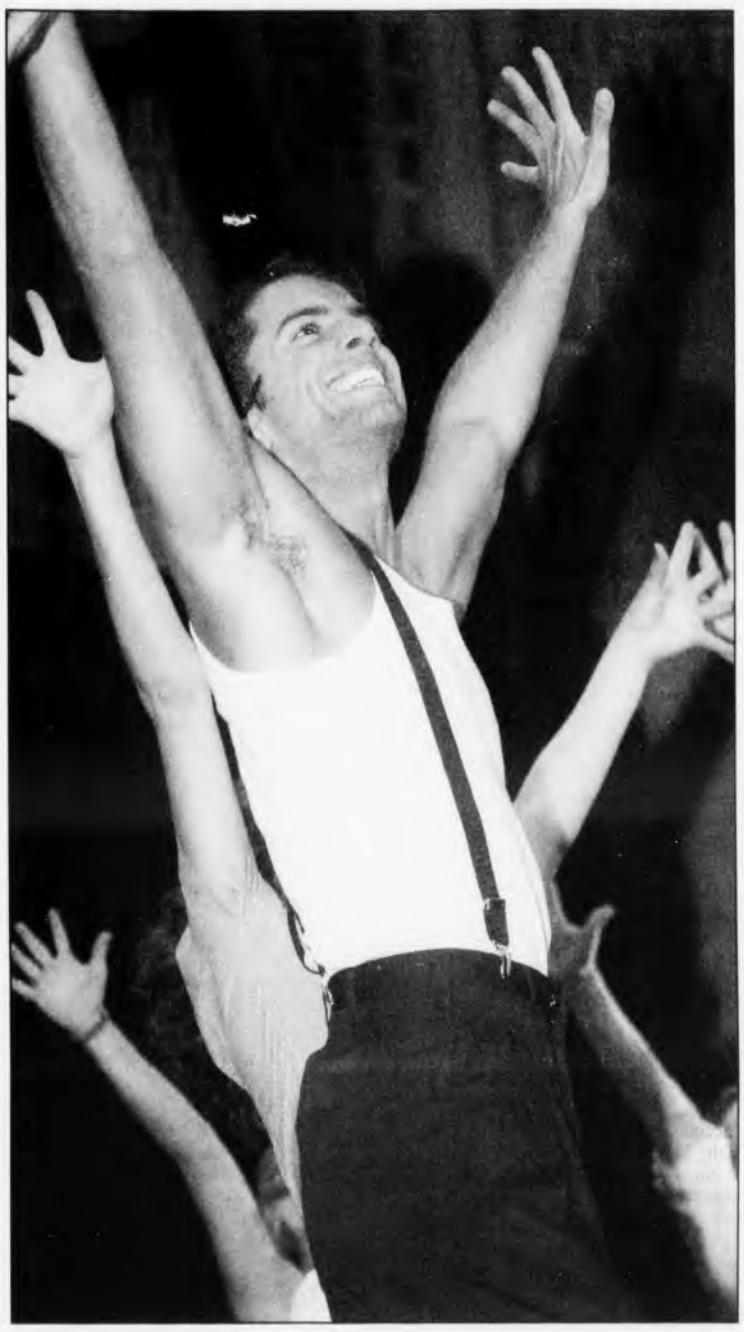
"Really, the show embodies all the wonderful aspects of the traditional Broadway musical," she said. "At the same time, it's got some wonderful character parts, great music, and comedy. The end is also really a trip."

Bradford explained in the show's last scene, scenery of Broadway was incorporated into the set design — more than 6,000 different lights were used for it.

"Those people who have already seen the show will be able to see our version of it, and for those who haven't seen it, you're in for a real visual treat," Joseph said. "It's just great entertainment."

"It's a show for everyone," added Bradford. "When people leave the show, they'll want to go out and learn how to tap dance."

For more information on tickets and times to The Company Theatre's production of 42nd street starting Aug. 3, call (781) 871-2787 or log onto the website at www.companytheatre.com.



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David Costa puts everything he has into his role as Andy.



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Planet of the Apes (C-)

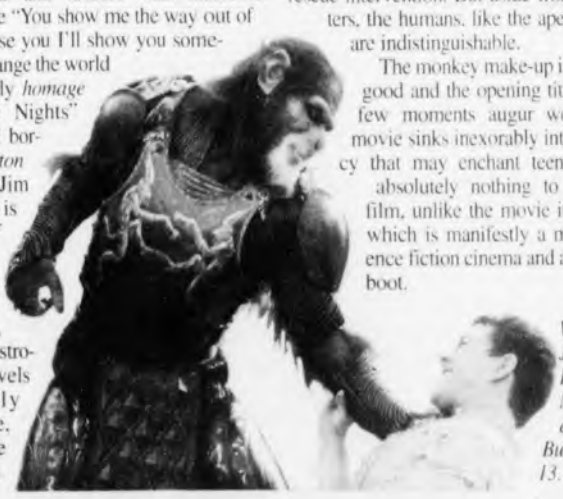
You have to admire a film that swipes libertarian guru Karl Hess's famous rallying cry for Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign and spews it out as "Extremism in the defense of apes is no vice!" And who could resist a flip-flop of Rodney King's plaintive, naive mumble-mope, rephrasing it as "Why can't we all just get along?" For that matter, huzzahs to a "re-imagining" – in the parlance of real people that means "remake," but the director isn't into remakes, just re-imaginings – of the 1968 classic that turns National Rifle Association honcho Charlton Heston into a dying chimp who gives his vile son (are you ready?) a *gun*, and has him exit with the one notable line from the original: "Damn them! Damn them all to hell!" This is a film for the ages.

Or at least for August, mopping up the summer movie season with a mediocrity whose silliness is alleviated now and then by these touches and by a finale so consummately stupid — derived from the original book but altered for the 1968 film — that you leave laughing the rueful laugh of the disenchanted. "Planet of the Apes" is so bad that at times it's guilty fun. Its star, Mark Wahlberg, who amply proved his acting skill in films like "Three Kings" and "The Perfect Storm," is reduced to two lame facial expressions and saddled with ludicrous gung-ho-isms like "You show me the way out of here and I promise you I'll show you something that will change the world forever." This sly *homage* to the "Boogie Nights" money shot — I borrow from the *Boston Herald*'s Jim Verniere here — is another niblet of corny writing that works in its own nutty way.

Our hero, Leo, is an American astronaut who travels unintentionally through time, winds up on the eponymous planet and meets an ape-ess (Helena Bonham Carter) advocate for the novel notion that people have souls and apes should treat homo sapiens better. Leo leads the humans in their desperate attempt to escape their masters and confronts the major villain, Thade (Tim Roth, malevolently awesome, the chimp you'd fear to bump into in a dark banana patch), a wry, comic-relief slave-trader (Paul Giamatti), and a gorilla (Michael Clarke Duncan) who utters this timely thought: "Take your stinking hands off me, you damn, dirty human."

Unlike Heston, who struggled in a loin cloth, Wahlberg is fully clothed throughout — an unkindness to moviegoers who might enjoy some titillating diversion from the preposterous chatter — although one oppressed female human (Estella Warren) *is* clothed in a chic little bust-enhancing frock and sports not only what appears to be lip gloss but also Sarah Jessica Parker-ish highlighted blonde hair, maybe periodically chooched up at the salon maintained by the ever-considerate monkeys for certain sub-apes? We've also a woeful dad (Kris Kristofferson) and an annoyingly brave lad who falls off his horse, which propels Leo into a rescue intervention. But aside from these characters, the humans, like the apes of all species, are indistinguishable.

The monkey make-up is eye-poppingly good and the opening titles and the first few moments augur well, though the movie sinks inexorably into a benign idiocy that may enchant teenagers but adds absolutely nothing to the history of film, unlike the movie it "re-imagines," which is manifestly a milestone of science fiction cinema and a helluva ride, to boot.



Written by Wm. Broyles, Jr., Lawrence Konner and Mark Rosenthal, directed by Tim Burton. Rated PG-13.

Wildflower Festival in bloom

Collins and company make Cohasset concert stop Aug. 8

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Judy Collins is doing something a little different on her current tour. Instead of solo concerts, the singer/songwriter is headlining the "Judy Collins Wildflower Festival," which also features Richie Havens, Janis Ian and Roger McGuinn.

"This is really a lot of fun," Collins said by telephone last week from New York. "It's great to out with these people, because I'm such a fan of what they do."

"People love this show. They are just blown away. They stand up and cheer, because it's just one hit after another."
Singer Judy Collins

Collins isn't the only one. Her tour mates have remained constants on the popular music scene since they first achieved fame in the 1960s. Like Collins, Havens was part of the early Greenwich Village folk renaissance, later scoring hits like "Here Come the Sun." Singer-songwriter Ian burst into the public eye in 1966 as a 15-year old with a song about an interracial family called "Society's Child," which she followed up with "At Seventeen." A guitarist, McGuinn was a cofounder of the rock band, "The Byrds," famed for their versions of "Turn, Turn, Turn" and "Mr. Tambourine Man."



"People love this show," explains Collins, 62, of the concert that comes to the South Shore Music Circus next Wednesday. "They are just blown away. They stand up and cheer, because it's just one hit after another."

Audiences have been applauding Collins for over 40 years. Her early musical background was classical piano. By age 10, she began studying with mentor Antonia Brico, the orchestral conductor famed for her work with major symphony orchestras. (The 1974 documentary "Antonia: The Portrait Of The Woman," which Collins co-directed and produced with Jil Godmilow, received an Academy Award nomination as Best Documentary.) Her father, Chuck Collins, was a singer, composer, and broadcaster during the golden age of radio. Born in Seattle, and raised in Los Angeles and Denver, Collins was 13 when she made her public debut performing Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos. By 16, however, she had moved from playing the Steinway to playing guitar.

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It is an association that began while Collins was in high school and singing at folk clubs in Denver, Boulder, and Central City, Colorado. By 1961, Collins had gone east to Boston and New York, where she signed what would become a 35-year contract with Elektra Records. Her first albums were comprised of traditional folk material. As the 1960s grew more rebellious, however, Collins was drawn to the social poets of the time: Tom Paxton, Phil Ochs and Bob Dylan.

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WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this Twelfth day of July, 2001.

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In the Estate of MARY J. JASON

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 13, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that BEVERLY M. GAUQUIER of ROCKLAND in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 29, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, July 17, 2001.

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WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this Nineteenth day of July, 2001.

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AUGUST 1 - 3, 2001

'42nd Street' tap dances into town

Company Theatre stages hit Broadway show through Aug. 26

By Seth Jacobson
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It is one of the most well-known and loved Broadway shows of all time, and for the next month South Shore theater-goers will get a chance to take a walk down 42nd Street at the Company Theatre. The Norwell theater group will stage its ambitious production of the show Aug. 3-26.

More than 40 actors and dancers will be taking part in the production, a premise which presented a challenge to the show's directors Zoe Bradford, Jordie Saucerman, and music director Michael Joseph.

"Part of the challenge of putting on the show was working with so many people," Bradford said. "It's tough to get 40 people tap dancing in unison."

Bradford said the plot of 42nd Street is one people have come to love. It is about a young woman from Pennsylvania named Peggy Sawyer who dreams of going to New York City and acting on Broadway. At one point, she gets a chance to audition for a show, but unfortunately, she accidentally, breaks the ankle of the show's star during the audition. The production takes off from there.

"It's a very charming, old-fashioned type of theme," Bradford said. "But that doesn't stop it from being a fast-moving, well-paced show."

Although Bradford said the story line of 42nd Street is an entertaining one, she said the other magical aspect of the show is the dancing, singing, and overall musical element.

"The music in the production is pretty amazing," she said. "It's very addictive. It sticks in your head. It's really 1930s-sounding music, but it's got a contemporary feel."

Joseph said he thinks people typically love the show's soundtrack because of all the classic Broadway songs that have come out of it such as "We're in the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," and "42nd Street."

"The music reflects the concept of someone getting their big break on Broadway," Joseph said. "The songs in the show are definitely supportive of the story line."

Joseph described the different scenes in the play as being "really big, splashy production numbers." At the same time, he added there are a few songs which reflect the time period in which the show takes place, the 1930s.

"I think some of the songs really accent the Depression Era, but these particular songs evoke a positive attitude on a very trying time in history," he said.

Bradford said this will mark the second time that The Company Theatre has put on 42nd Street, the last time was in 1988. She added one of the most exciting things about putting in on this time around is that the same two people who had the lead roles in 1988, John King of Weymouth and Joyce Avitabile of Walpole, are starring in the show again.

"Those people who have already seen the show will be able to see our version of it, and for those who haven't seen it, you're in for a real visual treat. It's just great entertainment."
Music director Michael Joseph

Bradford said another neat aspect of the show is the costumes, which she described as "authentic, vintage clothing" styles.

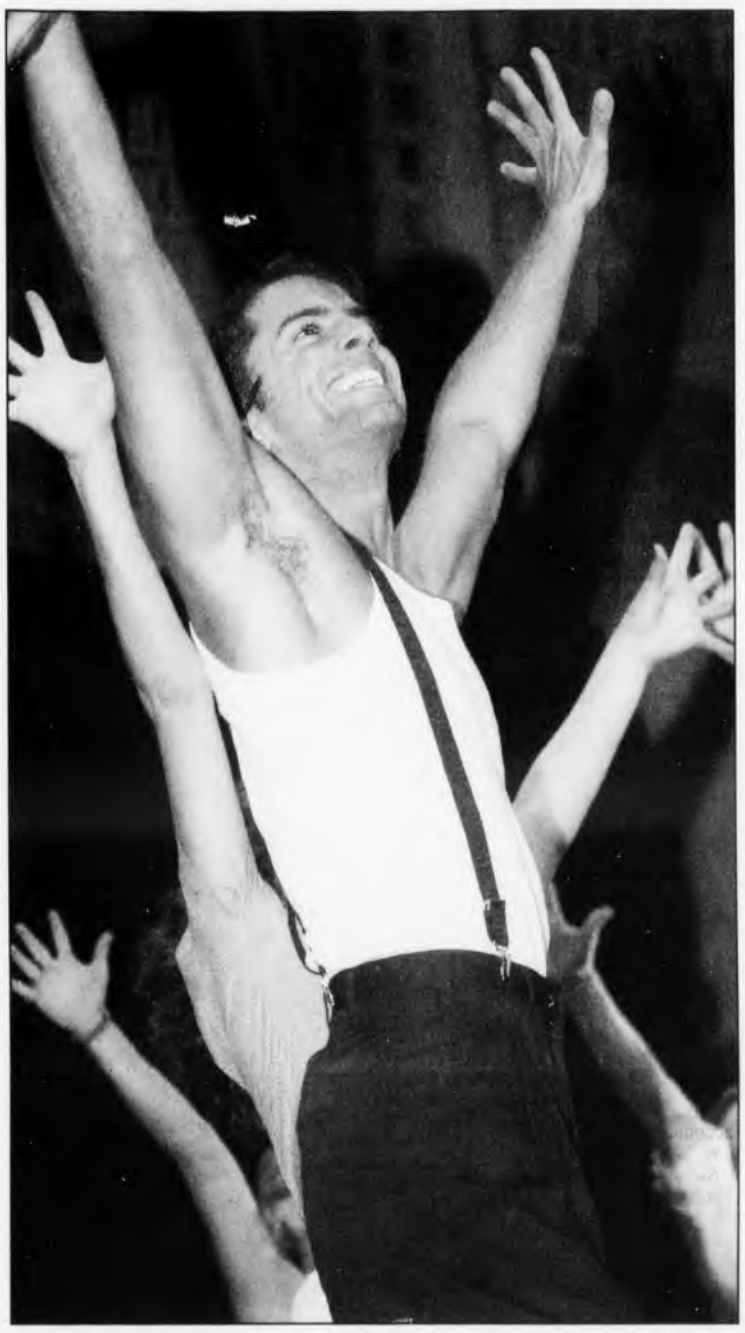
"Really, the show embodies all the wonderful aspects of the traditional Broadway musical," she said. "At the same time, it's got some wonderful character parts, great music, and comedy. The end is also really a trip."

Bradford explained in the show's last scene, scenery of Broadway was incorporated into the set design—more than 6,000 different lights were used for it.

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"It's a show for everyone," added Bradford. "When people leave the show, they'll want to go out and learn how to tap dance."

For more information on tickets and times to The Company Theatre's production of 42nd street starting Aug. 3, call (781) 871-2787 or log onto the website at www.companytheatre.com.



STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

David Costa puts everything he has into his role as Andy.



Paul Delorey hams it up as Abner along with Jackie Duffy as Dorothy.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Planet of the Apes (C-)

You have to admire a film that swipes libertarian guru Karl Hess's famous rallying cry for Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign and spews it out as "Extremism in the defense of apes is no vice!" And who could resist a flip-flop of Rodney King's plaintive, naïve mumble-mope, rephrasing it as "Why can't we all just get along?" For that matter, huzzahs to a "re-imagining" – in the parlance of real people that means "remake," but the director isn't into remakes, just re-imaginings – of the 1968 classic that turns National Rifle Association honcho Charlton Heston into a dying chimp who gives his vile son (are you ready?) a *gun*, and has him exit with the one notable line from the original: "Damn them! Damn them all to hell!" This is a film for the ages.

Or at least for August, mopping up the summer movie season with a mediocrity whose silliness is alleviated now and then by these touches and by a finale so consummately stupid — derived from the original book but altered for the 1968 film — that you leave laughing the rueful laugh of the disenchanted. "Planet of the Apes" is so bad that at times it's guilty fun. Its star, Mark Wahlberg, who amply proved his acting skill in films like "Three Kings" and "The Perfect Storm," is reduced to two lame facial expressions and saddled with ludicrous gung-ho-isms like "You show me the way out of here and I promise you I'll show you something that will change the world forever." This sly *homage* to the "Boogie Nights" money shot — I borrow from the *Boston Herald*'s Jim Verniere here — is another niblet of corny writing that works in its own nutty way.

Our hero, Leo, is an American astronaut who travels unintentionally through time, winds up on the eponymous planet and meets an ape-ess (Helena Bonham Carter) advocate for the novel notion that people have souls and apes should treat homo sapiens better. Leo leads the humans in their desperate attempt to escape their masters and confronts the major villain, Thade (Tim Roth, malevolently awesome, the chimp you'd fear to bump into in a dark banana patch), a wry, comic-relief slave-trader (Paul Giamatti), and a gorilla (Michael Clarke Duncan) who utters this timely thought: "Take your stinking hands off me, you damn, dirty human."

Unlike Heston, who struggled in a loin cloth, Wahlberg is fully clothed throughout — an unkindness to moviegoers who might enjoy some titillating diversion from the preposterous chatter — although one oppressed female human (Estella Warren) *is* clothed in a chic little bust-enhancing frock and sports not only what appears to be lip gloss but also Sarah Jessica Parker-ish highlighted blonde hair, maybe periodically chooched up at the salon maintained by the ever-considerate monkeys for certain sub-apes? We've also a woeful dad (Kris Kristofferson) and an annoyingly brave lad who falls off his horse, which propels Leo into a rescue intervention. But aside from these characters, the humans, like the apes of all species, are indistinguishable.

The monkey make-up is eye-poppingly good and the opening titles and the first few moments augur well, though the movie sinks inexorably into a benign idiocy that may enchant teenagers but adds absolutely nothing to the history of film, unlike the movie it "re-imagines," which is manifestly a milestone of science fiction cinema and a helluva ride, to boot.

Written by Wm. Broyles, Jr., Lawrence Konner and Mark Rosenthal, directed by Tim Burton. Rated PG-13.



Wildflower Festival in bloom

Collins and company make Cohasset concert stop Aug. 8

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Judy Collins is doing something a little different on her current tour. Instead of solo concerts, the singer/songwriter is headlining the "Judy Collins Wildflower Festival," which also features Richie Havens, Janis Ian and Roger McGuinn.

"This is really a lot of fun," Collins said by telephone last week from New York. "It's great to out with these people, because I'm such a fan of what they do."

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Singer Judy Collins

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CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Anyone can make and serve shrimp cocktail, right? Just boil some shrimp and serve them with cocktail sauce. True, but bad shrimp cocktail abounds because the shrimp is rubbery, tasteless, or mushy and the sauce is lackluster. I wanted to take an American classic and restore it to its culinary pedestal.

The first question is, what type of shrimp should I buy? After much testing, I determined that frozen shrimp purchased with the shell on is key. (Virtually all shrimp are frozen when caught. You have more control over the freshness of the shrimp if you thaw them yourself at home – don't let the retailer do it.) Pre-cooked shrimp are awful, and shrimp without their shells are bland.

In terms of size, size classifications such as "extra large" or "jumbo" mean little. Commercially, shrimp are classified by how many of a particular size it takes to make up one pound. (For example, 16/20s are large shrimp that require 16 to 20 individual shrimp for a one pound weight.) I preferred the 16/20 size for shrimp cocktail both because they are easy to grab hold of and dip into sauce but also because large shrimp require much less peeling per pound. (Note that size classifications are only a rough indicator. Some 21/25s may be the same size as 16/20s.) In addition to size, there are many varieties such as Mexican whites, Gulf whites, Chinese whites, and Black Tiger (an Asian farmed shrimp). The Mexican and Gulf whites are superior in flavor but you will have to go to a fishmonger to find them.

Now it was time to actually cook the shrimp. Most recipes call for boiling the shrimp, usually in water, for about 2 minutes. Mark Bittman's recipe in Cook's Illustrated (July 1997) suggested making a quick stock from the shells and then slowly steeping the shelled shrimp in this well flavored liquid. This turned out to be an excellent method although I did fiddle with the ingredient list. For the best flavor, I used a stock enhanced with parsley, tarragon, shallots, peppercorns, bay, white wine and a touch of lemon juice. Once the shrimp had been cooked, all recipes call for a water bath to arrest the cooking. Since I hated to rinse off a flavorful liquid with water, I skipped the cold water bath and used, instead, a freezer-chilled shallow baking dish. (A Pyrex rectangular baking dish or pie plate works well.) In a comparison test with shrimp that had been immediately plunged into a water bath, these shrimp were identical in texture but were clearly more flavorful.

Cocktail sauce is nothing new – it is a simple combination of ketchup or chili sauce, prepared horseradish, and lemon juice. Some other additions are chili powder, cayenne, Worcestershire sauce, and hot pepper sauce. Chili sauce (I liked Heinz just fine) was better than ketchup, the latter being darker, smoother, and more acidic. The chili sauce was brighter, a bit spicier, sweeter and had more texture. To one cup of chili sauce I added 2 1/2 teaspoons prepared horseradish—it can maybe be stretched to a tablespoon but any more takes away from the shrimp. (Remember to taste the cocktail sauce with the shrimp since you are aiming for a duet here, not a solo performance.) I found one tablespoon plus one teaspoon lemon juice was about right to balance the three main ingredients in the sauce. Chilis and chili powder were not welcome as was Worcestershire. Instead, I found a couple of dashes of Tabasco were a nice addition. Just a bit of salt and freshly ground pepper to round it off and the cocktail sauce was complete.

PERFECT SHRIMP-COCKTAIL

The stock can be saved and used with risotto, stovetop rice, or for braising fish steaks. You can purchase a 5-pound block of frozen shrimp, cut it into smaller pieces, and then place the pieces back in the freezer for later use. If you do not have all of the herbs on hand, don't let that stop you. The shrimp will turn out just fine.

1 1/2 pounds extra-large shrimp (16-20 count) peeled and deveined (the tail portion of the shell can be left on, if desired) shells reserved
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup dry white wine
1 small bay leaf
1 large or two medium shallots coarsely chopped
6 sprigs fresh parsley
1 sprig fresh tarragon
6 peppercorns
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1. Bring reserved shells, 4 cups water and salt to a boil in a medium saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover, and cook for 20 minutes. Strain, pressing on the shells to extract all liquid. Meanwhile place a shallow baking dish or pie plate in the freezer.

2. Place the shrimp stock in a medium saucepan (the diameter should be at least 8 inches) along with the wine, bay leaf, shallots, parsley, tarragon, peppercorns, and lemon juice and bring to a boil for two minutes. Turn off heat and stir in shrimp. Cover and steep for 10 minutes. Drain and place shrimp onto the chilled baking dish, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until well chilled. Serve with cocktail sauce. (See recipe below.)

Serves 4-6 as an appetizer.

COCKTAIL SAUCE

Heinz chili sauce works just fine with this recipe.

1 cup chili sauce such as Heinz
2 1/2 teaspoons to 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish, to taste
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 to 2 dashes hot pepper sauce such as Tabasco
Freshly ground black pepper

Stir all ingredients together and refrigerate until well chilled. Adjust seasonings and serve with prepared shrimp.

Use variegated foliages for season-long accents

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By: Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Several tiny, hovering forms dart about the garden, passing from flower to flower to sip sweet nectar from the abundant blossoms of bee balm, liatris, butterfly bush, and phlox. At first glance they appear to be bumble bees or perhaps half a dozen baby hummingbirds as they hang nearly motionless among the blooms. These fascinating little creatures are hummingbird moths, regular visitors to many of our gardens during the latter half of summer.

About half the size of our smallest hybrid, these two-inch, day-flying, clearwinged members of the sphinx moth family are buffy tan and burgundy. As they sip nectar from fragrant flowers with their long proboscis in hummingbird fashion, close inspection will reveal their pointed antennae and smaller size in comparison to their feathered counterpart. In caterpillar form, they tend to munch on viburnum, hawthorn, and honeysuckle, their green and white striped larva demonstrating the characteristic horn or tail associated with sphinx moths, the family to which the disgusting tomato hornworm belongs. High summer has arrived when these unique visitors make their appearance in our dens.

By midsummer, most gardeners settle in to the maintenance mode with the majority of digging, planting, and mulching complete. August is the month of weeding, watering and deadheading, although many of us still enjoy browsing through our local nurseries in our never-ending quest for just one more plant to fill a gap in the border. Summer vacations allow time to read all the back issues of horticultural magazines, look through catalogs and perhaps travel to more distant resources for that special, must-have, unique plant. With a little more time to really investigate and read labels, not to mention an occasional sale here and there, August is often the month when I have acquired some of my most unusual and satisfying plants. As in past seasons, I will be on the lookout for more variegated foliage plants to add sparkle and pizzazz to my borders, especially for those dimly lit corners of the shady garden. Last summer's acquisitions included several members of the Pulmonaria family, commonly known as lungworts. The species demonstrates large, coarse, hairy, silver spotted leaves with clusters of pink and blue flowers in springtime. Newer cultivars are more boldly marked with a greater diversity in flower color ranging from the typical blue and pink, to pure white, in addition to dazzling shades of raspberry and salmon. Pulmonaria "Excalibur" and P. "Majeste" demonstrate elegant, silvery leaves, a color often hard to find for the shady border, and P. "David Ward" is particularly unique with large, silvery, apple-green foliage bordered by a broad white band and stunning salmon flowers for several weeks in early spring. The devastating late frost took its toll on these handsome plants but they have slowly recovered d are beginning to look more robust as the season progresses. A moisture-retentive soil in dappled to moderate shade is essential for these hardy perennials to survive and thrive.

For a stunning addition to the back of the border, look for Fallopia japonica. This fairly recent introduction to the nursery trade seems to be equally adaptable to sun or shade given well-drained, moisture-retentive soils and the foliage is a knockout. Long stems, which may extend to four feet in length once established, display attractive, oval leaves splashed with white and hints of pink, red and coral, especially as the plant emerges in spring and again during the latter half of the growing season. Although the plant resembles a few invasive relatives, I have found it to be very restrained in growth and a must for the collector of variegated foliage plants. Perhaps one of the most adaptable variegated plants currently available, the five-leaf aralia (Acanthopanax or Eluthercoccus) has the look of an exotic house plant. Tolerant of poor soil and drought conditions with the added benefit of being deer proof, this shrubby, spiny perennial is clothed in divided green foliage with wide, creamy-white borders, which gives the appearance of being all white from a distance. It will reach a height of six feet at maturity and seems to thrive in sun or shade.

Another dazzler for the partially shaded border Persicaria "Painter's Palette" is a spectacular foliage plant which exhibits red-tinted stems and elliptical leaves heavily splashed with cream, white and red, highlighted by a dramatic red or bronze chevron in the center of each leaf. In late summer and early autumn, slender spikes of tiny, cherry-red flowers appear which then produce seed and often plentiful offspring in subsequent seasons. These can be easily extricated and eliminated, transplanted to other semi-shady locations or shared with friends, which is how I acquired my first treasured plant.

Some of these plants may require some searching should you wish to add them to your gardens. Local nurseries, especially those which offer a wide selection of perennials, may be a resource, but it may be necessary to seek the more unusual variegated plants through catalogs or more distant specialty nurseries. The quest and ultimate acquisition of hard to find plants is part of the satisfaction that passionate gardeners derive from their hobby.

Wildflower Festival in bloom

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"A friend introduced me to Joni. She didn't have a recording contract at the time. I used two of Joni's songs on my Wildflowers album in 1967. One was 'Michael from Mountains' and the other, of course, was 'Both Sides Now.'

I cried the first time I heard it," Collins recalls of the song that became her (and Mitchell's) first Top 10 hit.

The Wildflowers album also marked the first time that Collins recorded her own songs, including "Since You've Asked," "Albatross" and "Sky Fell."

Collins and Mitchell again collaborated on the 1969 hit, "Chelsea Morning." Years later, Collins performed the song at the first Inaugural Gala for the President and Mrs. Bill Clinton in 1992. "I was honored and thrilled when I found out that it was the Clinton's favorite song and the inspiration for their daughter's name."

The singer's recording successes have not been limited to the folk genre. In 1975, she released the album 'Judith' which included the song "Send In The Clowns." Stephen Sondheim's wistful tale of regret first appeared in the Broadway musical "A Little Night Music" and had already been covered by a wide array of artists before Collins tackled it. "I was very glad that the song worked so well for me. I think of it as my lifetime companion," she says.

The author of two autobiographies, an original novel and a children's book — and now in her fifth decade as a performer — Collins still relishes the challenge of a new project. She recently started her own label, Wildflower Records.

"My label will represent a re-launching of my recording career. I now have the rights to six of my Elektra albums which aren't currently available. I released two new albums on Wildflower Records last year. This fall, we will release a double CD of my first two albums, "A Maid of Constant Sorrow' and 'Golden Apples of the Sun'. The label will also give me the opportunity to present good, new artists. I'm the entrepreneur now.

(The Judy Collins Wildflower Festival will be at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset Aug. 8. For tickets and information, call 781/383-1400.)

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PLYMOUTH CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL will feature violinist Joanna Kurkowicz, violist Istvan Szabo, cellists James Fiste and Laurien Laufman, and pianist Melissa Marse Evans. The festival will include three concerts on Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth. Tickets are $8 and are available at the door or in advance through the Plymouth Chamber Music Festival Web site www.plymouthchambermusicfestival.org.

THE SPINDLES ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET will be held at the Marshfield Fairgrounds in Marshfield on Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is $5 (kids under 12 are free) Rain date is Sept. 3. Over 600 cars every year. Foods, music, live entertainment, and much more. For more information call 617-472-3572.

JOIN THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S NINTH ANNUAL MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK. Get the information and tools you need to be part of the American Cancer Society's ninth annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at the Kickoff Social on August 15 at the Holiday Inn, 195 Westgate Dr., Brockton from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Anyone is welcome. Please RSVP to 508-584-9600 by August 10. The 5.7 miles walk begins and ends at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade in Boston on October 14. Proceeds are dedicated to the American Cancer Society's breast cancer research, education and patient service programs. For more information please call the American Cancer Society at 1-877-338-WALK or send an email to strides.boston@cancer.org.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28, Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.

Thurs. 2

The Art Complex Museum will hold "First Thursdays" on August 2 during which the museum will be open an additional four hours from 1 - 8:30 p.m. Award winning sculptor Nick Sevigney will discuss his work, which is currently on exhibition in "The Yixing Effect." This program begins at 7:30 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Annual Outdoor Sunset Mass at the Portiuncula Chapel, located on the campus of Cardinal Cushing Centers at Hanover, 405 Washington Street at 6:30 p.m.

"Giving Birth: Challenges and Choices" - a free public showing of Suzanne Arms landmark film on how to achieve your optimal birth experience. Film will be followed by an open discussion with Childbirth educator Christina Conlon and Midwife Laura Donnelly. Held at Scituate Library at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Laura Donnelly at 781-544-3459.

Weymouth Recreation Department will sponsor the following concert and film series to be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater - next to Town Hall, 75 Middle Street. In case of rain the concerts and films will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On Aug. 2: Band together Youth Bands 6:30 p.m. and The Quintessential Brass (at Great Esker Park).

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Colonel Mustard & Friends. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On Aug. 2: Sounds of Yesterday.

The Jelly Rollers will be at Mount Blue Restaurant on Aug. 2 at 8:30 p.m. Located at Route 123 (Main St.) in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-0050.

Fri. 3

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Open Studio and Sale with Judy Rossman and Marj Bates with other award-winning artisans for Heritage Days 2001. Located at Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Lighthouse Point, Scituate. Aug. 3 after 6 p.m. and Aug. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Potters wheel and glass beadmaking demonstrations from 1 - 3 p.m. For more information call 781-545-3171.

Summer Shabat Services are held every Friday evening at the air conditioned Beth Jacob Community Center social hall on Court Street (Route 3A) at the corner of Brewster Street in downtown Plymouth. Services begin at 8 p.m. except Aug. 17 when service will be at the beach at Nelson Park in Plymouth beginning at 7 p.m. For more information call 508-747-0372.

The Red Lion Inn in Cohasset will present renown Boston blues vocalist/harmonica ace J. Place for an evening of swingin' blues starting at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 781-383-1704.

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Bridgewater State College Bears Basketball Camp will be held running through Aug. 3. The clinic will run from 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. (Mon. - Fri.) The camp is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 8 - 18. Participants will be grouped by age and/or skill level. The camp fee is $160 per week or $300 for both sessions. To receive a clinic brochure or more information call 508-531-1352.

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. On Aug. 3 "Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night" for pre 1976 street rods, classic, custom and antique cars. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website ate www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

Scituate Heritage Days 2001 schedule of events: Aug. 3., 7 p.m.: Boarding of the Dinner Cruise at Scituate Town Pier. Cruise cost is $30 per person. Price includes a hot and cold buffet, music, and a tour from the harbor to Humarock then back up the coast out to Minot's Light and then back to the Town Pier. The catamaran will accommodate 300 people. 8 - 8:30 p.m. At dusk people all along the Scituate shoreline light the luminaria. The candles illuminate the entire length of Scituate from the Cliffs to the Glades. Aug. 4, 8 a.m. The Rotary Club sponsors its traditional Pancake breakfast at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. 10 a.m. Scituate Lighthouse - dedication of the walkway between the house and the tower and of the graphic panels which tell the history. A 24-page guidebook about the Lighthouse will be available. 1 - 2 p.m. 4 Place Blues Band, 2 - 3 p.m. Gunamark Band, 3 - 4 p.m. Little Joe and the Thrillers. 4 p.m. - The Knights of Columbus sponsor the traditional pig roast at St. Mary's Hall. Aug. 5., 12 - 1 p.m. Java Swing Band, 1 - 2 p.m. Avenue-X, 2 - 3 p.m. Brook Street, 3 - 4 p.m. John Lincoln Wright and Sour Mash Boys (country).

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Reunions

THE SCITUATE CLASS OF '71's 30th Reunion will be held at the Golden Rooster on August 3 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and dancing $35. Reservations should be made and all classes are welcome for the dance at 9 p.m. For more information call Dottie Leach at 781-545-3756 or Marian Brown at 781-545-2120.

J E BURKE HIGH FOR GIRLS will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on November 4 at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information: 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.

Talent Search

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ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR VINE HALL GALLERY. The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking artists and/or photographers interested in exhibiting their work in Vine Hall Gallery during the upcoming year. Exhibits run on a monthly basis, with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Science Center. Proposals for exhibits must reflect a natural theme, and should be directed to Joan Reid, c/o SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061.

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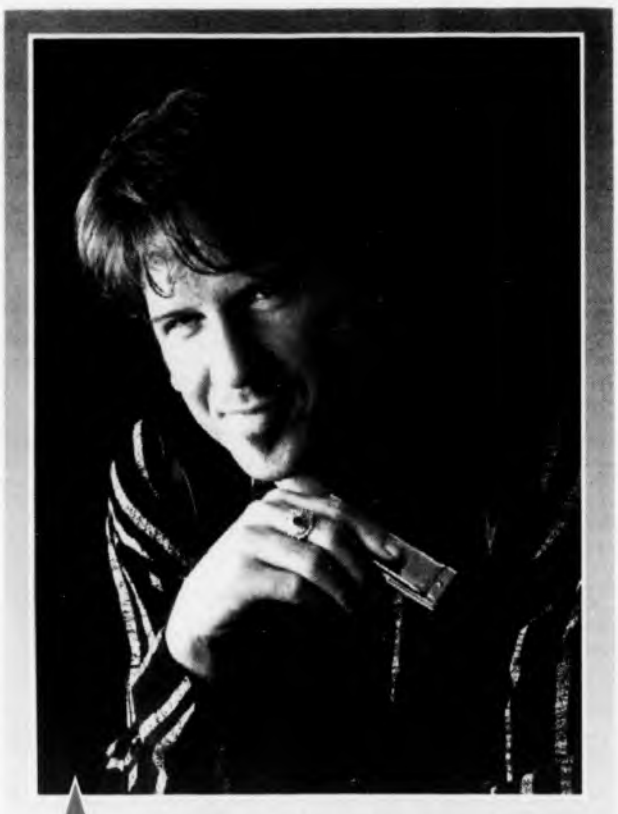
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MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN CLOTHES CLOSET OUTLET is seeking volunteers. Located at 19 Standish St., Hall's Corner in Duxbury. Help is needed Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 1 - 4 p.m. or all day. Please call 617-934-5535 for more information.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION in looking for volunteers in: Horticulture, office work, animals, maritime dept., data entry and hospitality. Please call 508-746-1622 ext. 8203 or email alane@plimoth.org.

VOLUNTEERS ARE BUSY PREPARING FOR DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION'S 84TH MIDSUMMER ART AND CRAFT SHOW sponsored by Manhasset Gardens of Kingston. The show is open to the public at no charge July 26 - 29 at the Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information on volunteering for this event please call 781-934-2731.



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The Red Lion Inn in Cohasset will present renown Boston blues vocalist/harmonica ace J. Place for an evening of swingin' blues Friday, Aug. 3 starting at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 781-383-1704.
Place will also perform Saturday Aug. 4 from 1-2 p.m. as part of Scituate's Heritage Days celebration.

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Sat. 4

A Weekend of Family Entertainment at Pembroke Arts Festival The 34th Pembroke Arts Festival will be held Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The festival will be held on the Town Green, Route 14 in Pembroke Center. Children's activities are planned for both afternoons. Volunteers are needed to help set up the art work the morning of Aug. 3. Please call Rita Ouellette at 781-294-8191 if interested.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host "Local Scenes", a mixed media presentation by the Gallery Members for the month of August. The public is welcome to the opening reception on Aug. 4 from 6 - 8 p.m. The Gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. closed on Mon. For more information call 781-545-0150.

"Nature's Landscapes" Photography Exhibit at Science Center in August. The Photography of Susan White will be on display through Aug. 31, 2001 in the Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. The show, entitled "Nature's Landscapes" features watercolor iris photographs depicting various environmental scenes. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, August 4th from 2:30-4:30pm. The exhibit can also be viewed during the month of August, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than one mile from Route 3's exit 13. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

Environmental Arts, Inc. at the Fuller Museum of Art will present its Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the grounds of the Fuller Museum of Art from Aug. 4 - Nov. 4. Environmental Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes site-specific art in natural settings. There will be a reception on the grounds located at 455 Oak St. in Brockton on Sept. 22 from 1 - 4 p.m. with a walk through and tour of the installations conducted by Martha Baskirk and the participating artists at 2 p.m. For more information please call 508-588-6000.

"Broadway Exchange" presents "Lullaby of Broadway", a sassy, sizzling sentimental trip to Broadway at the John Carver Inn, 25 Summer Street in Plymouth. Dinner show is $39. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call 508-746-7100 or 800-274-1620.

The J Place Band will perform at the Scituate Heritage Days Festival in Scituate by the harbor on Front Street on Aug. 4 starting at 1 - 2 p.m. For more information call 781-545-4952.

The Silver Ribbon - American Crafts and Art Gallery will be holding an Open House to celebrate their 13th anniversary on Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. there will be a gift certificate drawing. Any questions please call 781-826-1525. The gallery, located at 15 Columbia Road, Route 53 in Pembroke Crossing is handicap accessible and is open from 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Sat. For more information call 781-826-1525.

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Sun. 5

The Boston Jazz Society is proud to announce the upcoming celebration of One Quarter of a Century for presenting our Annual Summer Jazz Festival and Barbecue. Held on Aug. 5 from 1 - 6 p.m. at Stonehill College in North Easton, MA. The Jazz Artists include The New York Powerhouse Ensemble, Giacomo Gates, The Michael Herklots Quartet and Ellipsis. Tickets are available immediately at The Berklee Performance Center, Stereo Jacks and Stonehill College. For more information call 617-445-2811.

Blue Ribbon Members Show at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset from through August 5. All members including children and teens are invited to submit one work to this annual members show in the Bancroft and Dillon Galleries. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Peter Malick. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Basic Black with J on Harp will perform at 9:30 p.m. at the Purple Eggplant Restaurant and Blues Bar, 400 Bedford Street (Route 18, next to Ames) in Abington. For more information call 781-871-7175 and ask for Ray.

Borders presents Thaddeus Hogarth at 7 p.m. at the Independence Mall in Kingston. Soul, groove, jam, rock... all these words could be used to describe the music of Hogarth and his topnotch band. For more information call 978-532-7187.

Borders presents Madeline Storytime at 12 p.m. at the Independence Mall in Kingston. Every storytime is a celebration of the best new and classic picture books for kids. For more information call 978-532-7187.

Donna Rossetti-Bailey, of Marshfield, will be the Faculty Feature at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. Eighteen original pastel paintings will be on exhibit in the Manning Lobby until Aug. 5. Located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For more information call the center at 781-383-2787.

Boston Light Cruises on Aug. 5, 12 and Sept. 9 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $27, seniors are $24, members are $22 and children 3 - 12 are $15. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

Temple Beth Sholom's Annual Goods and Service Auction will take place on Aug. 5. Viewing at 6:30 p.m. and auction begins at 7 p.m. Located on 600 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Admission is $2, the facility is air-conditioned and refreshments are provided. For more information call 781-925-0091.

Summer Concerts on the USS Salem located in Quincy, off Route 3A, next to the Fore River Bridge, Harbor Express entrance. On Aug. 5, "Made in the Shade", New Orleans Jazz, from 2 - 4 p.m. For more information call 617-479-7900.

Thomas Hansen, one of California's most dynamic and distinctive pianists will perform at the Art Complex Museum at Duxbury on Aug. 5 at 4 p.m. Hansen, grew up in Duxbury and began teaching himself piano at the age of four. The program includes works by Franz Schubert, Frederic Chopin, Sergei Rachmaninov and Franz Liszt. Admission is free and open to all. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.

Nantasket Beach Concert Series schedule of events for Nantasket Beach and Fort Revere in Hull. There will be a weekly concert series at the MDC Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach as well as a family movie series at Fort Revere in Hull. Both series are free to the public and suitable for children and adults of all ages. On Aug. 4: Movie Series at dusk. Aug. 5: "Ray Cavicchio Band" at King Pavilion at 2 p.m.

Mon. 6

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. On Aug. 6 - "Golden Knights", the United States Army Parachute Team (with 2 jumps scheduled). Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website ate www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

USS Salem to Host Summer Adventure Program designed to introduce young people to life onboard a real Navy ship. This program will bring boys and girls together from all over the Northeast and is sponsored by the United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum, Quincy. Participants will live on board the USS Salem, participate in fun activities from swimming to boating and much more. Also included are visits to historic sites in Quincy and Boston plus an overnight camping trip to one of the Boston Harbor islands. Program runs from Aug. 6 - 10 and the cost is $250 per week. Space is limited to 100 adventurers. Please call 617-479-7900 for more information or to register.

Back-To-School Busload of Prizes Raffle at the Independence Mall, Kingston held from Aug. 6 - 31. One person will win an entire bus filled with merchandise, on display in Center Court from various stores throughout the mall on Sept. 1. To enter, participants must bring their Independence Mall receipts to customer service. For each $50 spent between August 6 - 31, customers will receive one entry form. For more information please call 781-582-2445.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a luncheon at Jimbo's Fish Shanty, Braintree Five Corners in Braintree. Preregistration: $15 members, $25 nonmembers, at the door, $20 members, $30 nonmembers. If you need directions call 781-848-0300. If you need for more information call 781-749-8883.

Tues. 7

Red Cross Course Offered for CPR and First Aid at the Brockton Red Cross Office on Aug. 7 and 9. This eight hour course which is taught in two sessions will teach students how to recognize and respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults as well as identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illnesses and injuries. Aug. 7 from 6 - 10 p.m. and concluding on Aug. 9 from 6 - 10 p.m., classes will be held at the Brockton Red Cross Office, 281 Pleasant Street in Brockton. Registration is $50 per person. To register or for more information call 800-232-8812.

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Sunset Cruise to Lovell's Island sponsored by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. from 7 - 10 p.m. Tickets are $16, seniors, $14, members $12 and children 3 - 12, $9. Children under 2 are free. The boat will leave from Boston Harbor Cruises at Long Wharf next to the New England Aquarium. More information call 781-740-4290.

Wed. 8

Annual Peddocks Island Row is offered by the Hull Lifesaving Museum on Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Members are $15 and non-members are $20. Meet at the museum's boathouse at Windmill Point (across from the Hull High School) and join a crew learning to row the museum's premier boats, Boston pilot gigs (and some that are old hands). The museum will provide a picnic, but please bring your own drinks. For more information call Barbie Guild at 781-925-5433.

Thurs. 9

South Shore Elder Services will hold their 9th annual picnic at Nantasket Beach Pavilion from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. A "Hawaiian Luau" style lunch will be served at 12 p.m. followed by fun games and prizes. Cost is $2 donation for lunch. Please call by Aug. 1 to make reservations at the Nutrition Department at South Shore Elder Services at 781-848-3910.

Braintree Art Association will meet at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. The public is invited to see work and demonstrations by teachers and will be able to sign up for fall classes at this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Weymouth Recreation Department will sponsor the following concert and film series to be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater - next to Town Hall, 75 Middle Street. In case of rain the concerts and films will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On Aug. 9: "Mary Poppins" at 8:30 p.m.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On Aug. 9: Legion Bud Band.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree 5 Corners beginning at 8:30 p.m. Featuring Bob Seibel along with T.J. Grifrin, Annette Pollack, Adam Pearlman, Bari Lee and Tom Caswell. Admission is $10 and reservations are recommended. Call 781-848-0300 for more information.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Buzz and Friends. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Fri. 10

Mayflower II hosts a New England Clambake on State Pier in Plymouth on Aug. 10 and Aug. 24, each beginning at 6 p.m. Costumed role-players will be on board throughout the evening to entertain and answer questions visitors may have about the Pilgrim's voyage in 1621. Guests will then return to the exhibit area to learn more about the Pilgrims while enjoying dinner on Plymouth's waterfront. The buffet style clambake includes everything from New England clam chowder, steamers and boiled lobsters for the adults and hot dogs and watermelon for the kids. The cost of this visit is $44.95 for adults (members $38.95) and $27.95 for children (members $19.95). Advanced reservations are recommended by calling 508-746-1622 ext. 8365.

Yoga at the River's Edge on Saturdays through Aug. 11 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at various sites along the North River. For more information or to receive schedules with class locations contact Kezia Bacon Bernstein at 781-837-7093.

Swim Across America Boston Harbor Island Swim to benefit cancer research in the sixth annual 22-mile relay style swim beginning and ending at Rowes Wharf in downtown Boston. Benefits the David B. Perini, Jr. Quality of Life Program at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. For more information or to register contact Kitty Tetreault at 508-660-1720.

Summer Encounters: Visiting Artists Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will open on Aug. 10 from 6 - 8 p.m. and will run through Sept. 9. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel printing, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography and impressionist still life painting. For more information or to register for any of these workshops call 781-383-ARTS.

"Working", the musical will be performed by The Family Performing Arts/Teenspot at Duxbury High School (St. George St.) on Aug. 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. All seating is general admission and tickets may be purchased at the door. If you wish to reserve tickets or would like more information call 781-837-8990. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students or seniors.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a semi-monthly smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 for SSS members and $8 non-members. Proper dress is required. For more information cal 781-331-0021.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fat City Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Watch the Perseid Showers at the Science Center for the Greatest Show Above Earth. This event occurs every year around the same time, dazzling observers with shooting stars. You can even make a night of it, pitch a tent and bring the family. Overnighters will enjoy snacks and a hike and breakfast in the morning. Evening program only: $5 per person/$15 per family of four members, $8 per person/$18 per family of four for non-members. The overnight and program combined is $45 per family of four members/$50 per family of four for non-members. Space is limited and preregistration is required. For more information or to register call 781-659-2559.

For Your Health

ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call us at 617-479-3040 (located at the Salvation Army in Quincy). Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

CLINIC FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SEEKS APPLICANTS. The Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at Bridgewater State College is now accepting applications for participation in the fall 2001 semester. The clinic is open to children ages 18 months through 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and or emotional disabilities. Inquiries and requests for applications for enrollment should be made to: Joseph H. Huber, Ph. D., CPDC Program Director, The Chiuldren's Physical Developmental Clinic, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA 02325. Tel. 508-531-1776.

FREE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT PROGRAM offered by Jordan Hospital. All breastfeeding mothers and expectant mothers are invited to attend the support group which is hosted by "Breastfeeding Peer Counselors" trained through the Lactation Center of the Birth Place at Jordan Hospital and the Plymouth WIC office. The group is held from 10 a.m. - 12 noon each Friday at 430 Plymouth Street, Halifax. For more information call JordanCall at 800-750-5343.

THE SOUTH SHORE HAS A NEW WEBSITE FOR WOMEN. We provide help and support for the many issues facing women today. Check the help line, sharing board, great local resources, on-going diaries and the monthly feature about outstanding South Shore woman. "Her Circle" is dedicated to connecting women to each other. You can visit this new non-profit website at www.hercircle.org.

NEW GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH MS MEETS AT JORDAN HOSPITAL affiliated with the Central New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Meetings take place every second Sunday of the month from 1 - 3 p.m. at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth in the Funkhauser A Conference Room. For more information about the group call Mari McCarthy at 781-834-6331.

Classes

DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION CLASSES: "Printmaking - Monoprint and Collograph" on Aug. 20 - 23. For more information please call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

NRAS SUMMER 2001 - CLASSES: Children's classes: Art Camp 3, Crazy Critters, Aug. 6 - 10, Five mornings, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fee is $125 members, $135 nonmembers, for ages 5 - 16. Adult classes: Painting phase 2: on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Oct. 22 - Dec. 18, fee: 8-week class, $85/members, $95/non member. "It takes a drawing to make a painting" on Aug. 16 an 17 from 12 - 5 p.m. Fee is $100 members, $110 for non members. "Introduction to Landscape Workshop" on Aug. 25 and 26 from 12 - 5 p.m., fee $100/member, $110/nonmember. For more information call 781-837-8091.

THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM is offering the following classes: "Yixing Clay Boxes" for children ages 10 and up from Aug. 7 - 10 from 9 a.m. - noon - fee is $40. "Art at the Complex for Complex Kids" for ages 4 - 7, creating art for a T-shirt or hat to wear; from 10 a.m. - noon, Aug. 1 and 2, fee is $20. "Birds Eye View Painting" for ages 7 and up, Aug. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. - noon, fee is $25, "Painting and Drawing at the Marshfield Fair" on Aug. 20 - 23 from 9 a.m. - noon, fee is $50. For more information please call 781-934-6634.

SUMMER ART ADVENTURE WEEKS at the Fuller Museum of Art through August 18. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Classes are available for children ages 5 and up. Some class choices are ceramics, Native American crafts, drawing and painting, paper crafts, art of the Aztecs, Mosaics and portraiture. To receive a brochure please call 508-588-6000 ext. 125.

INSYNC DANCE COMPANY located at 5 Thacher Street in Milton, is holding open registration for Summerdance 2001. This summer program includes clinics for all ages including preschool through high school. Summerdance fees range from $25 - $99. For more information on specific classes, dates and times please call 617-696-9331

Ongoing Events

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month is Elizabeth Trubia. Her paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-1402.

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.

"New Work...Old Friends" will be presented by the North River Arts Society at the Ventress Library Gallery through Sept. 22. The exhibit is a collection of work by past and present members of the Board of Directors at the North River Arts Society. The library summer hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. through Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY,.AUGUST 1

A mixed bag of planetary influences makes for an interesting month. August begins with a full moon, Venus-Jupiter and Saturn-Pluto alignment. Pluto remains in high profile during the month and begins direct travel on August 23. Today the moon continues inactive travel in the business-oriented sign Capricorn. That means that you can be most productive, if you work on projects that need follow-up and finishing. Venus enters the sign Cancer at 8:18 a.m., remaining there until August 27. This period is ideal for family reunions and get-togethers.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

The combination of an inactive Capricorn moon and Mercury-Neptune opposition places all important signings or practical decisions off limits today. Artistic sensitivity and creativity run high. You can find fresh inspiration to finish jobs that have been left hanging or need problem-solving. Follow your intuition. Create or appreciate art, music, poetry.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

The final windup to the full moon begins at 1:53 a.m., when the moon enters Aquarius. In addition, seven major planetary alignments occur this weekend. A full moon intensifies physical energy and drives; its outcome can go either way. Resolve to be constructive, positive, lighthearted. Sleep doesn't come easily in full moon periods. If you are working, you can be most productive. On the other hand, this is a wonderful evening to dance, laugh and play.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

The full moon culminates at 1:56 a.m., 12-degrees of the sign Aquarius. Planetary lineups set the stage for a spectacular social weekend. Plan to visit or entertain friends. Let your hair down and enjoy life to the fullest. The green light is on for new starts, particularly in your personal life. Pull out all the stops. The sun forms a harmonious contact to Saturn at 5:33 p.m. and to Pluto at 7:31 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Planetary action makes for another exciting day. Put domestic or business concerns on the back burner and go for the good times. Be more spontaneous and adventurous. The Aquarius moon becomes inactive at 12:52 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., when it enters Pisces. Mercury forms a harmonious alignment to Saturn at 7:11 a.m. and to Pluto at 7:27 a.m. The Saturn/Pluto opposition culminates at 1:03 p.m. The sun and Mercury conjoin at 5:51 p.m., and Venus aligns with Jupiter at 6:50 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

After the barrage of planetary activity in the past few days, a Pisces moon offers an opportunity to relax and unwind. Pay attention to your intuition; follow your instincts. There is a rough spot, however, in effect between 2:00-5:15 p.m., when the moon aligns with Pluto and Saturn. Avoid emotional thunderstorms. Think before you do or say something you will later regret.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

At 1:39 a.m. the Pisces moon forms a challenging 90-degree contact to Mars and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. This moon travels at the tail end of the zodiac, and does not interact with planets. However, a harmonious alignment of Mercury and Mars saves the day, generating energy, enthusiasm. It means that you can be productive. Creative projects, especially writing, will take shape easily. On the other hand, this is not a time to launch important ventures. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action until tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

At 3:05 a.m. the moon enters Aries, setting a quick pace today and tomorrow. The green light goes on for starting new enterprises. Go for the gold. Be sure to have a clear plan of action and stick to it, in order to avoid spinning your wheels. A lunar alignment to Jupiter at 2:27 p.m. warns against overdoing or going to extremes. Know your limits. A 90-degree contact of the moon to Venus may spark romantic fireworks this evening. Take a walk on the wild side.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Gear up for a hectic day. The Aries moon forms six major alignments to planets, all harmonious. That means that you can be most productive, if you are well organized. Energy and enthusiasm run high. An applying polarity of Mercury to Uranus warns against impulsive spending or decision-making, however. Take it slow and think things through. Planetary action promises an exciting, 'anything can happen' kind of evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

Slow down, pay attention, drive with care this morning. The Aries moon becomes inactive at 12:53 a.m. Mercury forms a 180-degree alignment to Uranus at 10:58 a.m. Projects may take unexpected turns. Give greater attention to accuracy, details. Storm clouds move out at 2:23 p.m., when the moon enters earthy Taurus, and the green light for new starts goes on. A harmonious alignment of the sun and Mars occurs at 5:46 p.m. The evening is prime for all social activities, romantic adventures.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

A Taurus moon sets the stage for a relaxing weekend. It is best to start major ventures or make important purchases or decisions before 1:02 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Venus. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can be most productive today. Influences are best, however, for kicking back and enjoying the good things in life.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:53 a.m. This month's new moon will culminate next Saturday, August 18, at 28-degrees of Leo. Today the Taurus moon forms challenging 90-degree alignments to Uranus at 10:02 a.m. and Mercury at 6:32 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Don't get involved in power struggles with others; sidestep stubborn, obstinate behavior. Pursue favorite leisure activities; treat yourself to a day of rest and relaxation. At 10:59 p.m. the moon enters Gemini.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

The combination of a Gemini moon and an applying sun/Uranus polarity sets a hectic pace today and tomorrow. Avoid rigid time schedules; things may not go as planned. It is better to handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands mental precision and focus. People will be talkative and easily distracted from practical matters. Lunar alignments to Pluto and Saturn may generate emotional thunderstorms this evening. Keep it light. Choose your words carefully.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

The planet Mercury enters Virgo at 1:04 a.m., remaining there until August 31. This is an ideal time to focus on physical fitness, health, diet; start new programs to help you eliminate bad habits and take better care of yourself. A lunar alignment to Mars can make for a rough start to this day. Stop, look and listen. Don't take risks. Fortunately, storm clouds move out by 11:00 a.m. You can initiate projects between 11:00 a.m.-3:42 p.m., when the Gemini moon becomes inactive. This is an especially favorable period for communicating new ideas, launching sales and promotion campaigns.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

A polarity of the sun and Uranus warns you to expect the unexpected this morning. Allow extra time to get where you are going. Take it slow and easy. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 3:55 a.m., placing the focus on home, family, domestic responsibilities. The best period for launching important enterprises occurs between 12:30-3:50 p.m., when the moon aligns with expansive Jupiter. Share a special dinner with friends and loved ones this evening.

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OBITUARIES

David Lloyd Woodland

David Lloyd Woodland, affectionately known as "Woody," formerly of Cohasset, died July 20, 2001 at his home in Bradenton Beach, Fla. He was 66.

Mr. Woodland was born in Cambridge and retired to Florida in 1998 from Cohasset. He was employed as general manager of Alexander Machine and Tool of Woburn.

He served his country in the Korean War and was a member of the D.A.V., American Legion.

"Woody" met and married June Monahan in 1958 and together raised four daughters. He was a generous man who led a life of integrity, courage and compassion — all of which were never more evident than his last two years as he battled illness.

He leaves his cherished wife of 43 years, June (Monahan) Woodland; and his "Girls Four": Dorinda Hartnett of Franklin; Brenda Woodland of Derry, N.H.; Nicole MacLaren of Carver; and Michelle Werth of Carmel, N.Y. He also leaves his beloved grandchildren, Pvt. Mark Leone, U.S. Army; Malinda Leone, Emily and Katherine Hartnett, and Tyler Ross MacLaren, all of whom brought him great joy.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made in Woody's name to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham 01701; or to the Arthritis Foundation, 29 Kraft St., Newton 02458.

Elizabeth Flint

Elizabeth (Timeson) Flint of Bedford, formerly of Cohasset, Melvin Village, N.H. and Old Saybrook, Conn., died July 24, 2001 at the Carlton-Willard Village in Bedford. She was 92.

Born in Schenectady, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Earl and Louise (Bensel) Timeson.

Mrs. Flint graduated from Schenectady High School and Syracuse University in New York. She was a retired nutritionist having worked at Bellevue Hospital in New York.

While living in New Hampshire, she was a member of the Melvin Village Community Church where she had enjoyed making flower arrangements for the church every Sunday for many years. She was active in the Old Saybrook, Conn. Garden Club and the Wolfboro, N.H. Garden Club. She was also an avid artist and tray painter.

Mrs. Flint was the wife of the late Clarence M. Flint. She leaves her daughter Nancy E. Buebendorf and husband Donald of Danbury, N.H.; and two grandchildren, Laurie Pallin and Jeffrey Buebendorf, both of Essex, Conn.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Bedford Funeral Home, 167 Great Rd., Bedford.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Flint's name to the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston 02130.

IT'S HAPPENING

St. Stephen's carillon concert

Ellen Espenschied of Branford, Conn. will give a recital in the continuing 77th annual series of recitals on the Cohasset Carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Sunday Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.

Espenschied is a graduate of Yale University, where she was president of the Yale Guild of Carillonneurs while a student, and played regularly on the 54-bell carillon in Harkness Tower.

The program will include carillon compositions by Willem DeFesch, Ronald Barnes and Alice Gomez; and transcriptions of classics by Albeniz, Mozart, Bizet and Offenbach, and Scottish folk songs. She will be joined by carillonneur Roy Lee in "Carillon Concerto for Two to Play" by Ronald Barnes, and a duet arrangement of Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" will close the concert.

The hour-long recital will take place, rain or shine; in case of rain, concert goers can listen from their parked cars. Printed programs, recital schedules and a brochure describing the Cohasset Carillon will be available in the program stand at the church courtyard on Highland Avenue.

For information, call St. Stephen's at 781-383-1083 weekdays, 9-4; or John Seavey at 781-383-1782.

'Little Mermaid' on stage tonight

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces performances for the Children's Drama Workshop's summer production of "The Little Mermaid." Based on the Disney animated feature film, it will be performed by Cohasset children, ages 5-13 at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight.

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Police have game plan for youth mass arrests

Party host charged under new law

By Mary Ford and Rick Collins
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Three Cohasset police cruisers, the police SUV and a paddy wagon from Weymouth ran a shuttle service from a house on Hillside Drive to the police station Saturday night to transport 32 teenagers and young adults being placed under arrest for alcohol offenses and disturbing the peace.

The 21-year-old party host also faces charges of furnishing alcohol to minors under the so-called "Social Host Responsibility" act – a state law that has its roots in a 1998 Cohasset-related tragedy involving under-age drinking.

"Our goal here is to keep kids alive, not to imprison them."
— Police Chief Brian Noonan

Police suspect that underage drinking at Saturday's party was also a factor in a single-vehicle accident on Beechwood Street.

"Our goal here is to keep kids alive, not to imprison them," said police chief Brian Noonan about the accident.

Police used the station's two garage bays as a holding area while each of the youths was booked, bailed and released to a responsible person.

"We've had over ten arrests at a time, a number of times," said Officer William Quigley. Last summer, police arrested more than 20 teens at two separate parties in a single weekend.

"We mark their names on Tupperware tubs for their personal belongings, so no one loses anything."

It all started at about 9 p.m. Saturday when police responded to reports of a loud, under-age house party on the small residential road off Beechwood Street, and ended with a mass arrest and arraignments at Quincy District Court on Monday.

Two of those arrested were from Cohasset, with the remainder from Abington Hull, Hingham, Norwell, Brockton and

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SEA HUNT

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Carmeron Steele beats the heat as he hunts for sea treasures at Sandy Beach.

Commercial land vs. affordable housing?

Loss of industrial land on Route 3A feared

By Rick Collins
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The Planning Board hopes the town's need for developable commercially-zoned land outweighs its need for affordable housing, and could be the basis upon which Cohasset could reject a proposed Chapter 40B comprehensive permit application along Route 3A.

Avalon Bay Communities is looking to build a 250-unit rental apartment complex at 155 King St., the 65-acre former Norfolk Conveyor site. If it is allowed to skirt local zoning laws and build the complex, it development would take up 17 percent of the commercially-zoned land in Cohasset — a fact that has town officials worried.

"Whether it be 40B affordable housing, or some wealthy fellow wanting to build starter mansions up there, I don't like getting rid of one of last little areas of industrial land we have left," said Planning Board chairman Al Moore.

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Commercial property accounts for just 7 percent of Cohasset's tax base. Of the 384 total acres zoned for commercial development in town, 171 remain undeveloped. The proposed complex would eat up 38 percent of the remaining undeveloped commercial land in town.

Because Cohasset is so far below the state's 10 percent minimum requirement for affordable housing units, it has next to no leverage when it comes to denying a comprehensive permit. Under a comprehensive permit, a development can skirt local zoning laws, such as density and land-use, as long as the developer reserves at least 25-percent of the total units for affordable housing. Any decision made by the town Zoning Board of Appeals, which oversees the permitting process, can be appealed to the state Housing Appeals Committee.

As a result, the Planning Board recently asked town counsel whether the town could deny ABC's request for a comprehensive permit based on the grounds that it is "inconsistent with historic land-use

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Duxbury woman takes over director's chair

Will head art center

By Mary Ford
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Anyone who works closely with the South Shore Art Center knows Sarah Hannan.

The Duxbury resident just completed four years serving as program director there — a job that entailed a lot of organization, hundreds of hours of planning — and no doubt, its share of headaches.

But luckily for the art center, Hannan isn't moving on — she's moving up.

Last month, the board of directors at the popular non-profit organization appointed Hannan as the new executive director of the art center. She replaces former executive director Dillon Bustin, who left the post last winter.

Seated in her Cohasset office nestled in a cozy corner of the

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Sarah Hannan, the new executive director of the South Shore Art Center, is right at home in the Bancroft Gallery.

Town, MBTA agree on right-of-way price tag

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen have agreed with the MBTA on a $1.6 million price-tag for the six-mile long, town-owned right-of-way that could house the Greenbush commuter rail line in the near future.

The board made the announcement Tuesday after calling a brief executive session to discuss the deal.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the amount was a fair split between the $1.1 million MBTA appraisal and $2.05 million town appraisal of the land. If the town and MBTA hadn't been able to come to an agreement, the recently signed mitigation agreement said a third, MBTA-approved appraiser would have had the final say.

The state is able to take the land by eminent domain, but is required to pay fair market-value for the land.

Haddad said the wide gap in the appraised value of the long-dormant railroad bed was the result of a disagreement in the amount of developable commercial land.

"That's really where the battle was," he said.

The MBTA had actually priced the amount per-square-foot at a higher rate than Cohasset: $15 per square foot, compared to the town's price of $12. However the town included 80,000 more square feet of developable land in its appraisal than was in the MBTA's. Haddad said the cost for residential land was "real close."

Haddad felt if it had come down to a third appraisal, the town would have not done as well.

The board voted unanimously 3-0 to accept the price. Board Chairman Fred Koed and Ronnie McMorris were not present at the meeting. Selectman Tom Callahan said he "reluctantly" voted to accept the price.

The $1.6 million sale price bumps the total value of the town's MBTA mitigation agreement, which it signed in May, to upwards of $6 million. It includes a $1.2 million reimbursement for the final phase of the James Brook Flood Control Project, backing of a $1.5 Public Works Economic Development grant, $500,000 for open space purchases, $250,000 to replace a well off Sohier Street, and a new town parking lot.

Callahan said the board has not yet decided what to do with the money, if the train comes, but added that a number of town groups have already inquired about it.

Greenbush, which has been mired in controversy, is the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration project and could start service in 2004, officials say. The Plymouth and Middleboro lines opened in 1997.

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Speedy selectmen

There were just a few good selectmen at Tuesday night's board meeting. Both chairman Fred Koed and Ronnie McMorris were absent, leaving vice-chairman Michael Sullivan, Merle Brown and Thomas Callahan to do the town's work. Sullivan filled in behind the gavel and, much to the delight of those who turned out on the sweltering night, adjourned the meeting by 9:15 p.m.

Woodside Cemetery

The town Veterans' Committee will dedicate the expanded Woodside Cemetery and new Gold Star Mothers Memorial on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, at 1 p.m. Committee chairman Glenn Pratt asked selectmen to lower all town flags to half-staff on the day.

Lambert's Lane

Responding to residents' concerns of speeders along Lambert's Lane, police have stepped up patrols along the narrow private way leading up to the Cohasset Golf Club. Town Manager Mark Haddad has also asked the Norfolk County Board of Engineers to set up a traffic study along the road. An informal monitoring by police recorded an average speed of 25 miles per hour. The road's speed limit is posted at 15 m.p.h. The town Department of Public Works has also ordered a "Dangerous Road" sign as an effort to thwart people from speeding.

Haddad also complimented the golf club for addressing the speeding problem. It has posted reminders to pay attention to the speed limit on its receipts, slips to vendors, and memos to employees.

"The golf course has gone above and beyond," said Haddad.

Selectmen Thomas Callahan said the club should be "commended" for its efforts.

School construction

Town Manager Mark Hadadd said, aside from normal construction problems, the school construction projects are proceeding on schedule.

"Knock on wood," he added, rapping his desk.

He said contractors have run into a few unexpected issues during the beginning stages of the renovation project, but nothing of any magnitude that would delay the project.

Haddad is also confident that contractors removing asbestos from the Deer Hill and middle/high school will be finished in time for the school year.

"Everything is going really smoothly," he said.

Summer heat

Selectmen Michael Sullivan, filling in as board chairman for Fred Koed, urged residents to check on any elderly neighbors during the ongoing heat wave.

"Heat can be just as severe as the cold," he said.

The mercury hit 90 for the third day in a row Wednesday, and is expected to remain as high until the weekend.

"Just check on your neighbors and make sure they're dealing with the heat OK," he said.

Neighborhood forums

The town Growth & Development Committee will hold two more neighborhood forums in an effort to gain resident input for the master plan process. Tonight, the committee will meet at St. Anthony's Church Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m. Next Thursday, Aug. 16, the committee will meet at Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church. All residents are welcome.

Sidewalk by St. Stephen's

At the request of selectmen, engineers for the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and Village Revitalization Task Force have marked where the curb line of the St. Stephen's sidewalk along South Main Street, would be.

The bright orange marks are located two to three feet behind the white fog line, much to the surprise of selectmen who were concerned the sidewalk would constrict an already narrow street.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said he was "surprised" by the marks location.

"It gives us some flexibility," said Selectmen Thomas Callahan.

The VRTF-approved plan calls for between three and four feet of ledge to be removed for the sidewalk.

The town approved the idea for a sidewalk along the granite ledge at a 1998 Town Meeting. The state has already awarded a $170,000 grant for the project. Selectmen urge residents to contact them with any feedback on the markings.

Parks guide

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SSL scholarships

This year there are two recipients of the Social Service League of Cohasset's Margaret F. Loud, R.N. Scholarship. At the Cohasset High School Class Night on June 6, League President Motoko Deane was pleased to announce that Margaret E. O'Connor and Jennifer C. Noon will each receive a $1,000 scholarship.

A graduating Cohasset High School senior, Margaret of 55 Lantern Lane, will enter Villanova University's nursing program in the fall. Jennifer of 11 North Main St., who intends to become a pediatrician, is a third-year student at Dartmouth Medical School.

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Hingham Lumber awaits ZBA nod

By Rick Collins
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Calling it a "great use for the site," the Planning Board last week approved Hingham Lumber's plan to move its 53-year old operation to Route 3A in Cohasset where the former golf driving range was located.

Now, lumberyard owners Tom and John McNulty's focus shifts toward the town Zoning Board of Appeals, as they await its ruling on two needed variances. The board met Monday night but hadn't had time to read over a draft ruling and delayed deliberations for two weeks.

The lumberyard needs two variances from the ZBA: one for the number of parking spaces and a second for a corner of the main sales building which encroaches into a flood zone.

When completed, the lumberyard will be a one-of-its kind facility in the area, with a 60,000 square foot drive-through warehouse for easier pickups of building supplies, and a 24,000-square-foot main showroom and retail store. Plans call for a total of 210 parking spaces with 170 spaces in front and behind the main showroom building, and 40 more inside the warehouse.

After continuing the plan's public hearing into a second night last Wednesday, the Planning Board quickly approved the site plan, asking only for an increase in the amount of landscaping, particularly between Route 3A and the front parking lot. The parking lot and showroom building will sit approximately four feet higher than Route 3A.

"There will be an awful lot of cars of Route 3A looking up at undercarriages instead of that nice building," said board member Bill Good. "That just doesn't do justice to all the hard work you've put into this plan. There just has to be something so you don't look smack dab into grills and bumpers all day."

Plan engineer Bill Buckley said he would add landscaping to the stretch of green space between the parking lot and Route 3A.

The board also recommended that Hingham Lumber bury as much of the utility wires going across Route3A to the rear of the building as possible.

The 13.4 acre parcel is owned by Crocker Realty Trust and had been considered as a possible expansion area for the neighboring Cohasset Heights Landfill. The Planning Board was thrilled that the new business would put and end to any potential landfill expansion on that site. Board member Peter Pratt said the plan would both take that option "right off the table" as well as add to the town's tiny commercial tax base. Just 7 percent of Cohasset's tax revenues are derived from commercial property.

Board member Chris Ford said if a Home Depot or Lowe's-type mega-facility had applied for the site, the board may not have been so welcoming. "Hingham Lumber is a known entity, we know their operating style and it's just going to be welcomed into the community," he said.

Board Chairman Al Moore called the site an "attractive nuisance" because of its potential to have attracted "the wrong sorts" of businesses to the area due to its prominent location. "As soon as we get something put to bed for that site, all the better," he said, calling the Hingham lumber proposal a "very good application."

McNulty told the Planning Board that provided it receives the ZBA's blessing, the business should be up and running at its new location, adjacent to Cohasset Collision, by fall 2002.

McNulty, who recently went through a long permitting process with the Hingham Zoning Board of Appeals over a now-abandoned plan to expand, said he would "reserve judgement" on the move until he had received a final approval.



An architect's rendering of the new Hingham Lumber site proposed off Route 3A.

Police investigating CHS coach charged in N.H.

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset Police say they are looking into additional incidents involving a Cohasset High School coach who was charged last week with inappropriately touching two young males at a popular overnight basketball camp in Henniker, N.H.

Lowell Mark Hall, 34, of Quincy, who is also a special education instructor in the school system and helps coach basketball and football, pleaded not guilty to two counts of misdemeanor unlawful touching and two counts of assault Thursday in Henniker District Court. The alleged incidents happened at the "Satch" Sanders Basketball Camp held on the campus of New England College.

Police Chief Brian Noonan confirmed that local police are investigating reports of inappropriate behavior involving Hall and Cohasset High School students.

"I've assigned Det. Rick Grassie and our sexual assault officer Shellee Peters to investigate reports of incidents that have occurred here," he said.

Noonan said so far the department has not found any incidents that reached the level of sexual assault, calling most cases of "inappropriate talk."

New Hampshire Police notified Grassie of Hall's arrest last week. Grassie said he has asked the school department for information regarding Hall and any complaints about his behavior.

Schools Superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey, middle/high school Principal Dr. Michael Jones, assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo, school Health Director Dr. Michael Gill, and Athletic Director Ron Ford were all on vacation this week and unavailable for comment. Grassie expects to discuss the case with school officials later this week.

Although the department has not received any formal complaints against Hall, Grassie has been advised to be ready.

"The Norfolk County District Attorney's sex crime unit feels there's a very good possibility that when this fully comes around and is fully made public that there could be additional people coming forward," he said.

According to Henniker Police Chief Tim Russell, Hall went into the rooms of two male campers on Sunday, July 29, the first night of the camp, at approximately 10:15 p.m. At around 10:30, Hall allegedly touched one of the males in the buttocks and groin area, and wrapped his arms around the other boy from behind, picked him up and shook him as if he was "trying to crack his back."

Both teens are under 16 and from Massachusetts. Russell said one of the boys had been attending the camp for four years and was familiar with Hall, who has been an instructor there for 10 years.

The teens immediately reported the incident to another counselor on the floor. Hall was fired from the camp, and escorted off the campus.

He was released on $25,000 personal recognizance. Because Hall is a Massachusetts resident, he also had to sign an extradition form. He was ordered not to have any unsupervised contact with a child under the age of 18. A trial date of Oct. 10 has been set. If convicted, he could face up to a year in jail for each count.

Russell said the basketball camp, run by former Boston Celtics great Tom "Satch" Sanders, is very popular and attracts girls and boys ages 8 to 18 from all over the country.

"It's very reputable and very well run," he said. "I've sent my own children to this camp."

Russell said this is the first problem he has heard of at the camp.

"It's been held on and off in Henniker for 15 years, but mostly here and we've never had any issues with the camp or with the administration," he said. "It's very unfortunate."

Russell also said he was "so glad" the boys reported the incident quickly.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said any disciplinary action against Hall will be taken after a full investigation by Jones and Malvey.

As the parent of two boys, DeGiacomo said the allegations have struck home.

"I think all parents have to be concerned when accusations are made of this nature," he said.

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Nobles grads off to college

AROUND TOWN



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HOT, HOT, HOT

Hello Cohasset. Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot is the phrase for this week. I love the heat but the humidity has got to go. Make sure to stay cool, try to keep your hot moods in check (easier said than done as I am finding out) and hit the pool or beach. As I am sure everyone is doing, drink a lot of water as well and load up on sunscreen. Other than that, just sweat it out.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to our sweet niece, **Kati Piepenbrink**, this week as she is turning six years old! Kati, I know we are going to have a really fun time jumping and splashing, we can't wait. Also celebrating her birthday is **Melinda Diguam**, a very special little lady in my life. Melinda is turning seven on August 12! Enjoy the day, Cutie! We all love you very much.

MILTON STAR

Kate E. Henderson graduated from Milton Academy in June and was granted a "Diploma with Distinction." Kate was elected into Milton Academy's Chapter of the Cum Laude Society for High Academic Achievement. On Milton Academy's Prize Day, Kate was awarded the school's science prize for outstanding ability in physics, chemistry and biology over four years. As captain of Milton's women's volleyball team, she received the team "MVP" and the "all-league" award. Kate is the daughter of very proud parents, **Jane and David Henderson**, and will be attending Brown University. Congratulations Kate!

XAVERIAN HONORS

John M. Dwyer, son of **Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer**, earned second honors for the third marking period at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood. Students who earn grades of 80 or above in all courses are bestowed with second honors. Great job, John.

MARKETING MAJORS

Bryant College had two Cohasset students to tell us about. **Elizabeth A. Mahoney** and **Chad W. Whitman**, both earned bachelor of science degrees with a marketing concentration this past spring. Bryant College in Smithfield, RI has a 138-year tradition as a premier business college. Congratulations to both of you.

FARMER'S MARKET

I am sure that many of you have had the chance to attend Cohasset's Farmers Market on the Common held every Thursday from 2:30-6:30 p.m. If you haven't been able to get there yet, you really should. Because of all the hard work from the vendors, sponsors and most importantly, the volunteers, this market was recently voted as "The Best (Farmstand) of Boston" by this month's Boston Magazine. This market is a great example of what can be done with community support from every angle. You can come down with your family, meet friends, dance and mingle and purchase some wonderful food and items and best of all, it is a hop, skip and a jump away! There is produce, pottery, crafts and baked goods from so many fantastic Vendors and more are always welcome. Come on and enjoy a Thursday afternoon on the Common! It is worth it.

WALKING ADVENTURE

Brad Ketchum, a former Cohasset resident, wrote to me recently about his recent adventure. As the founding editor of The Walking Magazine back in 1986, Brad became interested in long-distance multi-day walks organized by European and Japanese walking organizations. Within three years, he chalked up walks in six countries to become the first American to earn the International Walker Medal. Last week he completed the "super bowl of all international walks, the 85th Vierdaagse (four-day walk) in Nijmegan, Holland. Stepping off with 38,000 other walkers from 21 nations, he tramped through the Dutch countryside for more than 100 miles in 4 days! Despite the event's "worst weather in 38 years", some 34,000 walkers completed the course to earn the coveted Vierdaagsekruis or, THE GOLD MEDAL! Among them was Brad, currently working as the editorial director of Inc. Business Resources. This is a great accomplishment Brad; it was so great to hear from you and be able to let Cohasset know what you have been up to. Please let us know when you do some more of these great walks.

That is all for this week. Make sure to send me all your news, celebrations, photos and upcoming events in one of the following ways:
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Have a great (hopefully staying cool) week.

NOBLES GRADS

Noble and Greenough in Dedham also had some Cohasset graduates. **Ted Lubitz**, son of **Ed and Kyle Lubitz** received his diploma and has plans to attend Trinity College. **Meghan O'Sullivan**, daughter of **Jere and Betty O'Sullivan** also received her diploma and plans on attending American University. The school purchased a photograph by Meghan through the Bramhall-Bridge Purchase Prize for Excellence in the Visual Arts. **Mickey Palone**, son of **Michael and Margaret Palone** graduated with distinction and plans to attend Georgetown University. I am sure we will hear great things in the future in regards to you all. Best of Luck.



Ted Lubitz



Meghan O'Sullivan



Mickey Palone

IT'S HAPPENING

Picnic, auction

The Cohasset Historical Society announces an "Olde Fashioned Picnic Basket Auction," fundraising event, Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Lothrop House at 14 Summer St.

Bring a creative picnic lunch for two to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Then join the festivities by successfully bidding on and enjoying the picnic lunch of your choice. Suggestions include:

- In addition to lunch, customize your basket with an enticing extra, such as gift certificates, lottery tickets, free lessons, specialty items. The more creative the basket, the bigger the donation to the historical society.
- Basket essentials: appetizers /soup, sandwiches, munchies (veggies, chips), salad (pasta, Caesar, fruit), dessert, disposable utensils, dishes, napkins.
- Attach a note to the outside of your basket. Specify your basket's menu items and any special features so that the auctioneer can "sell" its virtues to the audience.
- Bring a blanket or lawn chair.
- Beverages will be provided by the society.

Don't forget, this is a fund-raiser — the more attractive the basket, the higher the bidding will go.

For reservations and information, call Tam Elliott, 781-383-2169; Barbara Elliott, 781-383-1154; or Kathy O'Malley, 781-383-9765.

Garage sleepover

Pack your bags, the Garage is having a sleepover. Both boys and girls are invited, but parents do not worry, they will sleep in different rooms, and it will be chaperoned the entire time.

It begins Friday evening, Aug. 17, at 6 p.m. and ends Saturday morning, Aug. 18, at 9 a.m. Everyone from grade six and up is welcome. The price of $15 per person includes a pizza dinner and donut/bagel breakfast. Participants should not bring any food or drinks, all other snacks will have to be purchased at the Garage.

For more details, there are fliers in front of the Recreation Office in the Town Hall and at the Garage. Permission slips are at these locations also. Every child must bring a completed permission slip in order to attend this sleepover.

Garage hours

On Friday, Aug. 17, the Garage will be closed to everyone who is not attending the sleepover. It will also be closed Saturday, Aug. 18, to everyone. The staff is sorry for any inconveniences.

It will be open Sunday, Aug. 19, at 6 p.m. for the Band Jam.

Normally, the Garage is open this summer Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m., Fridays from 4 to 10 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of every month from 6 to 10 p.m. It is open to everyone in grade six and up. It is free of charge; however, snacks and drinks do have to be paid for.

Band Jam

There will be a Band Jam at the Garage Sunday, Aug. 19. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Everyone from grade nine and up is welcome; however, no one younger than this. The bands playing include "Eat the Path," "Last Man Standing," "Irepress," and "Bliss." There will be a cover charge of $10 per person. Refreshments will be sold as well.

Visiting artists

The South Shore Art Center is becoming a summer destination for artists, art students and cultural enthusiasts. The center's summer initiative, Visiting Artist Workshops 2001 includes master classes in the visual arts. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel painting, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography, and impressionist still life painting.

The instructors include: Karen Christians, Jared Clackner, Stuart Baron, Annie Silverman, John Brooks Maginnis, Heidi Whitman, Tracy Spadafora, William Ternes, Peter Madden, Frank Gohlke, and Margaret McWethy. They are all practicing artists as well as instructors at some of the most highly regarded art schools in the area including Boston University, Harvard, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, the Massachusetts College of Art, the DeCordova Museum, and the Worcester Art Museum.

The exhibition will be on display until Sept. 9. For more information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org.

Diabetes fund-raiser

To benefit the American Diabetes Association and the Brian Marshall Scholarship for the Arts, a "Dance in Memory of Diga" will be held Thursday, Aug. 30 from 7 p.m. to midnight at The Barn in Cohasset's Red Lion Inn.

Music will be provided by the Marshalls, Jimo, The Armstrong Brothers, The Mark Chason Band, and others. Admission is $10 and there will be a cash bar. Tickets are available at Harborside Wine & Spirits, Bay State Athletic Club, Scituate Playhouse and Curtis Liquors.

Final carillon recital

George Matthew Jr., carillonneur of Middlebury College and Norwich University in Vermont, will play the eighth and final recital in the current series of weekly programs on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon at St. Stephen Church in Cohasset Sunday, Aug. 19, at 6 p.m. His program will include carillon compositions by Franz Vos, Edmons De Vos, Daniel Schroyens and Robert Starer, settings of Danish folk songs, a transcription of a suite by Enrique Granados and "Pastime Rag #5" by Artie Matthews.

The hour-long recital is free of charge and will take place rain or shine. In case of rain you may listen from your parked cars. Printed programs, recital schedules and brochures describing the Cohasset Carillon will be available in the program stand by the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, and will also be distributed on the Common and at the entrance to Stagecoach Way (the pedestrian walk beside Hunneman Realty on Main Street). Listeners are invited to bring picnic suppers, blankets and lawn chairs. Following the recital a brief tour of the tower and carillon will be offered to all interested persons.

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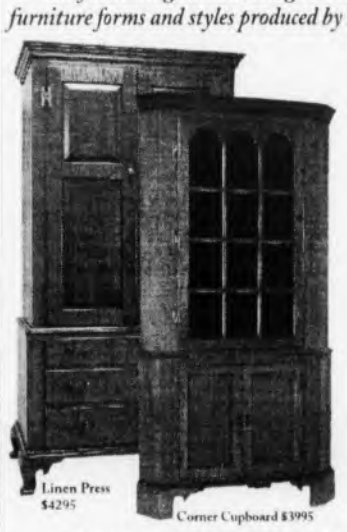
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Cohasset men share their love of sailing

By Rick Collins
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Whether it's a leisurely cruise out of Cohasset Harbor on a sunny Saturday afternoon, or one whipping across the water at speeds up to 15 knots, one thing is common along sailors — they love the sport.

Jim Hamilton of King Street, and Sam Wakeman of Jerusalem Road, both own sailboats, and both tie up at the Cohasset Yacht Club. But both men enjoy their boats differently.

Hamilton, perhaps better known as the Cohasset Mariner cartoonist, used to race, but now enjoys sailing his 32-foot sloop, Max, at a slower pace.

"Boating is boating, for me it's a casual avocation," he said.

Hamilton has sailed up and down the New England coast, from Stonington, Conn., to the rocky shores of Maine.

He learned how to sail at the Plymouth Yacht Club at the age of 10, using a small boat called a Duxbury Duck.

"We'd learn with an instructor, same as they do here [at the Cohasset Yacht Club], and then race," he said.

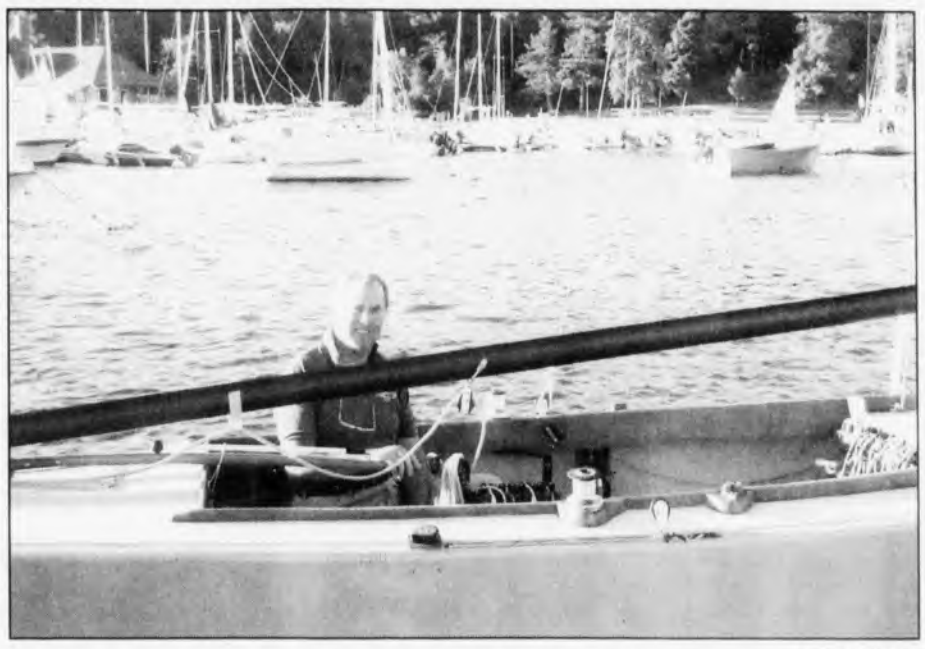
"I lived in Plymouth, and when you live next to the sea, you might as well take advantage of it," Hamilton said. "It's also a great program for a kid."

Hamilton owns Max with two other partners — in fact he said every boat he's owned he had a partner.

"From the Duxbury Duck to a little sailing Mercury I owned in Plymouth harbor," he said. He also owned a 22-foot Ensign racing boat before entering into a partnership with Max.

Hamilton did crew on a couple of 210s, a regionally popular 30-foot racing boat, with a flat bottom, and long keel that requires a three-man crew to sail. The 210 class, popularized in the 1950s, are found almost exclusively along the New England coast and in the Great Lakes region of the Midwest. The National Championships were held off the Cohasset coast in 1999.

"They're not set up for casual sailing," Hamilton said of the boats. "People that own those are extremely competitive."



Sam Wakeman grew up learning how to sail in Cohasset waters from the time he was four.

Competitive racing

Hamilton means they're set up for people like Wakeman, no stranger to fast speeds and competitive racing.

The life-long Cohasset resident helped run successful America's Cup campaigns as a crew member on the Intrepid in 1967, and Courageous in 1974. He has since downgraded to the 210-class, where he won the National Championship in 1972 off the Falmouth Coast.

In the right conditions, a 210 can cut through the water at between 15-18 knots. "And that's bordering on the edge of out of control," Wakeman said, adding with a smile, "which I like anyway."

"I like the challenge of making a boat sail up to its potential," he said about racing. "I also like the tactical challenge...You have to understand the boat, yourself, the sails, the conditions your competitors."

He said he enjoys "just sailing," as long as he is "sailing well."

Wakeman grew up learning how to sail in Cohasset waters from the time he was four.

His parents were skilled sailors and helped him get a position on the America's Cup boat Easterner in 1964. Along with the two winners, he also was on the crew of Valiant in 1970.

Wakeman said one of the reasons he likes sailing is the bond with the crew. "What sticks with you is the relationship you have with the crew, working all summer and getting the boat to a very high level of efficiency, where you don't have to say one word and everything goes flawlessly," he explained. "It's like a really good football team, working as one unit."

Although he has started to slide away from the competitive racing circuit, he occasionally takes part on his son Wiley's crew.

"Occasionally he'll let me drive," he said with a smile. "But I'm trying to encourage the younger generation."

Neither Hamilton or Wakeman get out as much as they would like to, but don't seem to mind.

"This has been a bit of an off-season for me," said Hamilton who hasn't been out since the beginning of July. "We've really been working on the boat, spending the summer to get her to look good."

Wakeman said he's become involved with "too many other things," but still relishes a chance to "go out and bang around the course."

The Cohasset Yacht Club has historically been a fertile breeding ground for champion sailors — particularly women. Wakeman's mother, Frances, won the National Sailing Championships four years in a row in the 1930's, a feat that has not been accomplished since. Ruth Sears, another Cohasset resident, won the championships twice in the 1920s. Gregg Bemis, according to Wakeman, a former yacht club commodore in the mid 1980s, "wrote the rule book" on yacht racing in the 1960's. The club has also had a number of 210 National Champs. This years competition will be held the week of Aug. 20 out of the South Boston Yacht Club.

Sailing club sees rise in participants

By Rick Collins
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The lack of rainy days and big, coastal storms this summer had helped translate into a successful boating season, particularly for the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Commodore Bob Deutsch reports a significant increase in certain areas of the club's programs. Participation in the Sunday Stanton Series has tripled this summer, and adult sailing classes have seen their numbers swell by a third. He also said the junior high sailing program has also seen a lot of growth.

"I feel very happy about the way this year has gone," said Deutsch, in his first year at the helm of the club.

He said 34 members have taken beginner-level adult sailing classes this year, and a number have moved up to the intermediate level.

"It's putting some planning issues in front of us in terms of upgrading the boats and the equipment," Deutsch said. "But those are good problems, wonderful problems to have."

He said the sailing club is taking on a community-sailing program feel to it, similar to the community boating program run in Boston on the Charles River, of which he is a former member.

"We have a lot of changes going on, we're really trying to bend over backwards to become user-friendly for the community," he said.

Deutsch pointed to the club's new Web site, and improvement in communication with the community as partial reasons for the increase in participation.

"People see us as up and coming, and we try to let the public know what we're doing," he said.

Contestants in the Stanton Series intergenerational races, where the parents are the crew and kids are at the helm, has consistently averaged around eight teams, and Deutsch expects that number to grow in upcoming seasons.

The club, which counts 230 members in its ranks, has made two changes this year. It now requires members to pass a helmsman test before taking a boat out on the water.

"I was heartened to see people took it seriously without complaining," he said. "The test can really give a sense of accomplishment.

The club also introduced a comprehensive water safety policy for its staff, covering incidents such as injuries on the water, and capsized boats.

"This way the staff knows what the club's policy and procedures are, and there isn't any second guessing," he said.

Deutsch said this year's staff has "really gelled," with a combination of returning members, and supervisor Torin Sweeney, a teacher in the Cohasset school system.

"What I found valuable about Torin is that he knows the kids. He's admitted to not being a sailor by trade, but he's a kid-person and he can manage a staff," said Deutsch. "The high school kids we have had on staff have really started to mature."

The kids' boating season ends on Aug. 26, but the club's docks won't be pulled out of the water until Columbus Day, he said. Over the winter, Deutsch expects the club to get involved in more fundraising efforts in order to buy newer, more advanced equipment. Right now the club owns 11 mercurys, four 420s, eight turnabouts, two lasers and three safety boats.

He said anyone who is a Cohasset resident can join the Cohasset Sailing Club. The yearly membership rate is $135, and all residents have to do is pass a swimming test.

"We don't anyone out on the water who can't swim," he said.

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EDITORIAL

What's wrong with this picture?

Down the road in Hingham there's a full-time DARE officer at the middle school, and starting in September a resource police officer will be assigned to Hingham High.

Part of the duties of Hingham Officer Kris Phillips, who will serve as the resource officer, will be to conduct the junior student police academy at HHS where he will also be a supportive influence.

Hingham's DARE officer Mike Peraino, a Cohasset resident, and DARE officer Dom D'Arcangelo in neighboring Scituate have be able to build a bond with students and parents over the years that goes way beyond the standard DARE curriculum.

It's no secret that Cohasset Schools don't have DARE and Cohasset's tailor-made program, PALS [Police Assisting Local Schools], has all but disappeared from the scene.

And efforts to start a Citizens Police Academy here [Hingham is currently taking enrollment for its 11th class] have stalled from lack of interest.

Although the mass arrests this weekend involved just a few Cohasset young people — the under-age drinking party and resulting rollover accident that could have ended in tragedy - both took place right here in town.

Despite numbers that might overwhelm much larger departments, Cohasset police have worked out a smooth system of dealing with group arrests through experience. Saturday night, the 32 youths were shuttled to the station in police cruisers, the police SUV and a paddy wagon on loan from Weymouth. They were put in the garage bays at the station as a holding area — then, like an assembly line — each was booked, bailed and released to a parent or other responsible person.

The picture it paints is almost funny, if it weren't so sad because the combustible combination of teenagers and alcohol will inevitably lead to heartbreak.

Some in town might say Saturday's fiasco was another example of over-zealous cops who are "out to get the kids." Those same people, we believe, want a baby-sitting service, not a police department, and wonder why each minor at the party wasn't escorted home without further incident.

Cohasset police afforded us the opportunity this week to conduct a one-on-one Citizens Police Academy by allowing reporter Rick Collins to take a ride around for several hours Friday night.

What he saw firsthand are officers who are dedicated to a job that isn't always fun, almost never glamorous and very often dangerous. Yet, they all chose to become cops because public safety is important to them and because at the very least, they thought they would be respected by the community they serve.

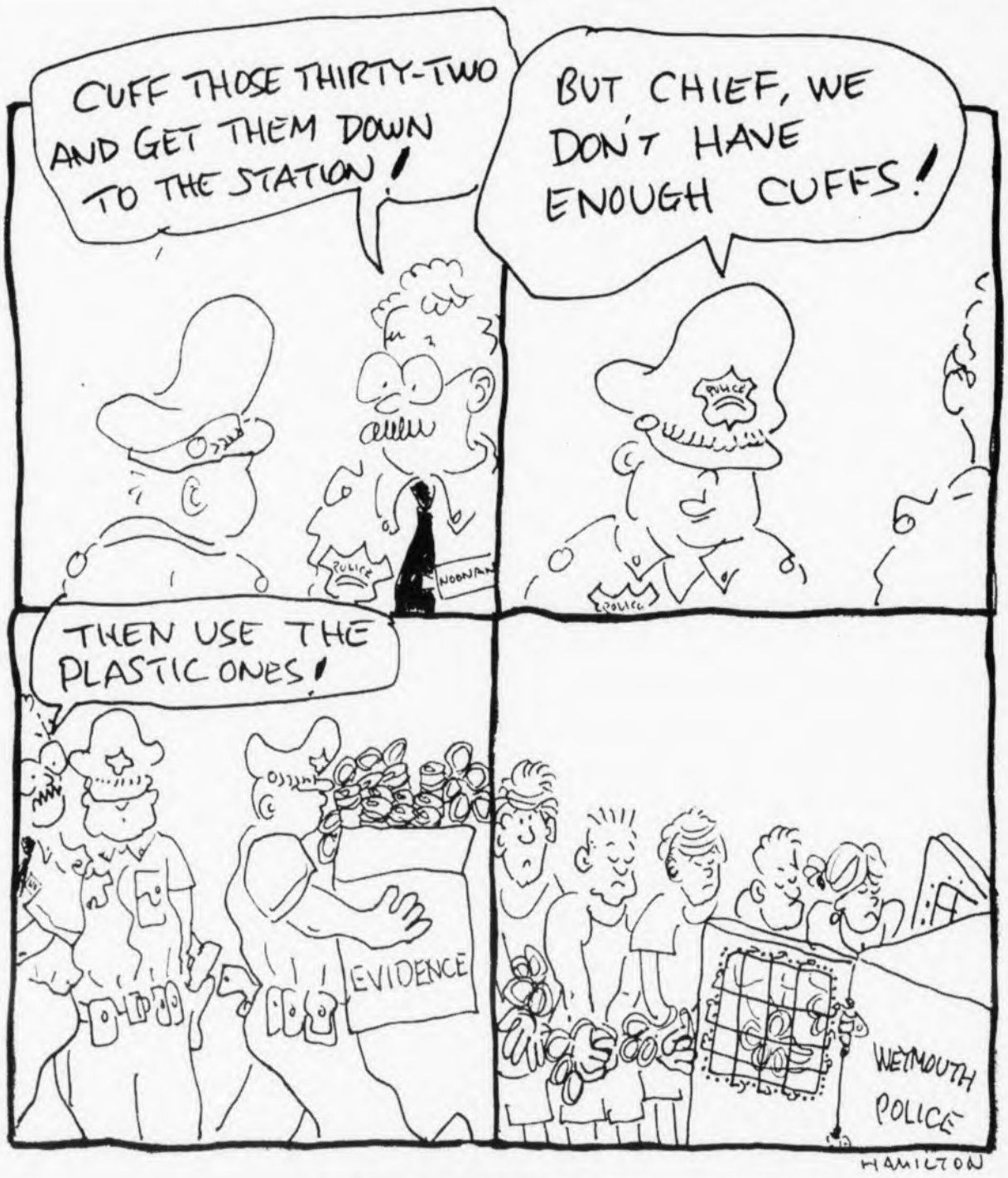
So what's wrong with this picture?

It's time for leadership from the Selectmen and School Committee to lobby for a consistent program, like DARE, to get the police into our schools — not as security guards but as professionals who have a lot to share and who can provide a valuable resource. As an added bonus, DARE programs are often funded through grants and private donations — not by the taxpayers.

Certainly for a town with as many smart people as Cohasset has — getting a positive police-student program underway is not rocket science.

If Scituate, Hingham and numerous other towns can do it — why can't we?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Privileged kids

TO THE EDITOR:

While I have been greatly entertained by the recent letters regarding the unfortunate plight of Cohasset teenagers, I am also greatly dismayed.

I just can't seem to muster up much sympathy for some of the most privileged kids in the *entire world!!* Wow! Nothing to do in Cohasset! What are you looking for? Should we fork over some giant bucks to build a special sports/entertainment complex for you in the center of town? Help me here.

Don't most kids in Cohasset have $500 plus bikes, ownership of or access to beautiful cars, gorgeous homes complete with family or recreation rooms filled with the finest entertainment systems – big screen TVs, VCRs, Nintendo, stereos, etc? Don't many of these kids' families own boats? Have I missed something? Does the South Shore not have miles of beautiful beaches, breathtaking scenery, gobs of restaurants, several movie theatres near by?

There are children all over Boston, the state, the country and the world who cannot even go outside because of crime in the streets, who have no access to a fraction of what teenagers in poor Cohasset have.

Here's a thought. Invite some of your friends over. Talk to them. Listen to music, play poker, watch a movie. Gee, if you're sick of watching movies, you can probably make a movie with a pretty simple camcorder and an ounce of creativity. Meet some friends on the beach, make a campfire, cook a meal over the coals.

If there is nothing to do but drink booze and smoke a little reefer, than frankly it doesn't matter where you live. Thanks for letting me vent.

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Sidewalks, parking

TO THE EDITOR:

The following comments are offered in reference to the recommendations made by the Village Revitalization Task Force.

Create five additional parking spaces on Depot Court: I do not feel that the present angle parking configuration should be changed. A change of the angle parking to the north side of Depot Court would necessitate the removal of the traffic island at the intersection of Depot Court and Main Street. This traffic island is a "traffic calming" measure and serves to channel traffic from North or South Main Street into the westbound lane of Depot Court. It also offers pedestrians a safe harbor while they are crossing Depot Court. Removal of the island will lead to drivers making faster and wider turns into Depot Court.

In addition, the present configuration affords drivers, who are slowing down for the intersection, a longer time to assess the situation of the angle parked cars and passengers getting out of the cars. Many of these cars are driven by parents bringing little children to the nursery school or gymnastic classes at the community center. There is a lot of hubbub associated with this process. Conversely, if the angle parking is moved to the north side of Depot Court, drivers will not have ample time to observe the angle parked cars and children exiting the cars and will be in the process of speeding up.

If a car or two cars are backing out of the present parking spaces traffic is only backed up in Depot Court; shift the parking to the other side and traffic might be backed up into North or South Main streets, which might have some effect on emergency vehicles.

Finally, a shift of the angle parking will adversely effect the visibility for pedestrians, again mainly parents and little children, crossing in the cross-walk from the community center to the sidewalk at Dramatic Kitchens and of drivers exiting the center's parking lot.

All in all, I think that the present configuration is a much safer situation.

Install a sidewalk on Ripley Road alongside the "Ford Building opposite the post office: I don't see what this would accomplish. I think this sidewalk is designed to "create a landing zone" for the present crosswalk. I would suggest that it would be simpler and cheaper to move the crosswalk, perhaps to line up with the entrance to the "Ford Building." If a sidewalk is installed at Constitution Park perhaps it would be in order to have another crosswalk to the building at 107-117 Ripley Road.

Sidewalk on South Main St. at Saint Stephen's: I would reiterate my belief that this area is a very dangerous place to walk because the traffic is too close to any pedestrians. Installing a 6-inch curb is not going to make much difference. From comments made at the Selectmen's meeting of July 24, I would bet that the removal of ledge will necessitate blasting which was not supposed to be necessary. There have been references to "rolling sidewalks" at many of the meetings held by the Revitalization Task Force. In essence, these are walking areas constructed of materials which allow drivers to encroach on the areas and alert pedestrians that this might not be the safest place to be walking. Does this sound like the present situation? There is a "rolling sidewalk" proposed for the north side of Brook Street. It would seem to be the perfect solution for this area of South Main Street and would be a lot simpler and cheaper than blasting out ledge and installing a curb and sidewalk for $170,000.

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Cohasset is now 'Housing Certified'

Rep. Garrett J. Bradley and Sen. Robert L. Hedlund along with the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announce Cohasset is "Housing Certified" under Executive Order 418 for the period ending June 30, 2002. Cohasset is now recognized as certified after the town has taken measures to improve housing in the community. This certification will allow Cohasset to receive discretionary grant funds that are only available to certified towns and will make it easier for the town to receive regular grants through a point system. The department uses this point system when deciding where funds are should directed.

Cohasset received this certification by fulfilling the 14 Proactive Step requirements outlined by the DHCD. These steps encourage housing for individuals across a broad range of incomes. The Town Planner, the Town Manager, the Building Inspector, the Board of Health, the Board of Selectmen, the Sewer Commission, the Senior Housing Committee, the Housing Authority, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Planning Board, were all cited by the DHCD as having taken very important steps to ensure that their community is open to all kinds of people, regardless of income. Among other things, they have made it economically feasible for developers to build low-income housing by lowering restrictions. They have also made housing issues a priority by participating in regional housing partnerships and hiring a full-time planner to work on housing issues. The town has located municipally owned or controlled land with the purpose of building lower-income housing, and they have increased funding for housing rehabilitation.

Time running out to comment on Greenbush

For those wishing to send final comments about the Greenbush Rail Project and the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), these comments and letters are due in the offices of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs by Friday, Aug. 10.

You can take a look at the entire FEIR, which includes the concerns expressed by the Citizens Advisory Committee, on the MBTA website at mbta.com/newsinfo/geninfo/projects/index.cfm, if you are seeking further information.

Letters can be sent to Secretary Bob Durand, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114. Faxes can be forwarded to Secretary Durand at 617-626-1181. Emails can be sent directly to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) unit: janet.hutchins@state.ma.us.

A day in the nightlife of Cohasset cops

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Like most boys, becoming a police officer is something I dreamed about growing up. But, not only have I not become one, I of the clean rap sheet, had never really seen one on duty behind the scenes – until Friday night.

That's when I jumped at the chance of being able to spend a few hours riding around with officers in the Cohasset Police Department — to be able to see a night in the life of a police officer, to experience what they do when a call comes over the radio ranging from a fight in progress to a possible trespasser in someone's yard.

10 p.m.

Despite a heavy downpour, and vivid ground-to-cloud lightning, Cohasset was quiet: no fires, no car accidents, no power lines down. The dispatcher on duty was watching a small television to keep himself occupied.

I followed Officer William Quigley out to his squad car – 757 – moved a bag full of law books onto the back seat ("You never know when you're going to have a question on the law," Quigley said) and took a seat in the front amidst a console full of radios and controls.

He showed me all the bells and whistles of the car, such as a red interior light to maintain night vision, and a 2-way, 100-channel radio that could also pick up signals from the surrounding South Shore towns. A separate panel controlled the numerous squad car lights, its alley spotlights, different flashing lights, different siren noises. A shotgun hung behind our heads, held firmly in place by an electronic lock.

As we started down Elm Street towards the common, Quigley, who is president of the Cohasset Police Association, said the department had recently filed for a $136,000 federal COPS that would help the town update the vehicle's computer systems. With the new system, police officers would be able to run license plates, check for warrants, and file reports, all from their car.

"It would really eliminate the need for us to return to the station house, except to book prisoners," Quigley said. "It would take a lot of pressure off the dispatchers, their hands can get really full."

On this night, Quigley was on duty along with Officer Jeffery Treanor, and Det. Rick Grassie. Det. Gregory Lennon was in the station doing some work. Two special officers were posted at the South Shore Music Circus where comedienne/lecturer Loretta LaRoche was entertaining.

Quigley's job for the evening was to patrol the town west of North Main Street. We headed down Route 3A and turned around once we hit the Scituate border.

Quigley, the grandson of a Boston cop, has been a Cohasset town employee for more than a decade. After graduating from Hingham High School in 1987, he was a special officer in Boston and then was Cohasset's Animal Control Officer until 1995 when he was hired as a full-time police officer.

"We have to make sure no one is parked helping themselves," he said glancing at the row of businesses along Route 3A.

At roll call earlier that evening, he had been advised to pay special attention to the town's three pharmacies in response to the recent rash of OxyCotin robberies in the state.

"You just have to be always looking," he said as he pulled in behind Tedeschi Plaza. "After a feeling you just get a feeling when something isn't right."

10:09 p.m.

Moments later, Quigley spied two teens standing outside of a car parked in the rear corner of Shaw's Plaza.

"See that? He's got something in his hand," Quigley said as he quickly pulled in behind the brown GMC Jimmy.

One teen male threw what was in his hand into some tall weeds. The other was relieving himself in the parking lot.

Quigley walked over to the car, and took a quick look inside. He saw an open 30-pack of Coors Light, smelled the distinctive scent of marijuana, and immediately called for back-up.

Grassie and Treanor arrived minutes later, and three males and one female, all from Westwood, were quietly arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol. One of the males was also charged with possession of a Class D substance.

Treanor grew up in Cohasset and has been a police officer since 1993.

"It's sometimes more difficult working in the town you grew up in. In a big city you're more anonymous, but here there's more people that know your parents and have watched you grow up," he said as he drove one of the teens back to the police station.

Back at the station, Treanor collected the teens belongings, and placed them in a holding call as he booked them individually and snapped quick photos. One teen asked if his parents would have to be notified because it might ruin his college chances. The teens, all of whom were 18 or older, posted the $25 bail later that night and appeared in Quincy District Court Monday morning.

11 p.m.

At this moment, with the three on-duty officers busy booking their prisoners, there were no officers on Cohasset streets. Man power has been an issue for the police department recently. With five officers out injured, everyone has been forced to pick up the slack. Quigley worked Friday night as overtime.

11:03 p.m.

As Treanor booked the teens, a call reported a black SUV at Aveni Cleaners on Route 3A whose occupants were throwing beer cans out the window. Quigley and I quickly hopped into his car and took off down Elm Street towards Lower King Street.

Quigley's siren wailed as he quickly topped 55 miles per hour going down the wet, narrow, curvy road. As I looked out the window and saw houses on North Main Street whiz by me in a blue blur, two thoughts popped into my adrenaline-fueled mind: "This is pretty cool!" and "I wish I had remembered to put on my seatbelt."

Aveni Cleaners' parking lot was empty by the time we got there, but the caller was following the SUV down Beechwood Street. North Main Street was a wide-thoroughfare compared to the trip down King and then Beechwood Street. As nervous/excited as I was, Quigley was the picture of calm.

"I'm on these streets eight hours a day," he said. "You get to know every bump and pothole."

The car got away into Scituate and we drove back down Beechwood Street. Two teenage girls in a car pulled out next to us at the Beechwood Street/Route 3A intersection and took a right. Quigley took a left.

I asked Quigley why Cohasset police take such a tough stance on teens and alcohol.

"If you give someone a break, and let them go, and something happens to them, it's going to come back on me," he said. Every time Quigley stops a car, he calls in the license plate. That number is fed into a computer and if the car is later in an accident, Quigley's stop is on the plate's record.

"This is a very litigious world," he continued. "I'm not going to risk my career, and my home. It's not worth it."

11:20 p.m.

Quigley heard an audible perimeter alarm from Stop & Shop while checking its parking lot. After a lot of banging on windows trying to get someone's attention, the shift supervisor said someone had accidentally hit an emergency door.

Because Treanor is still held up at the police station, Quigley started to patrol his area.

"We don't go out looking for trouble, you just come across things," he said, specifically mentioning the teen caught urinating earlier in Shaw's Plaza. "Sometimes they make it easy."

11:35 p.m.

Quigley drove by a green Subaru from Vermont parked on a crosswalk in Cohasset Village and quickly issued a ticket. He continued down Elm Street towards Government Island for a quick check.

11:50 p.m.

Det. Greg Lennon's specialty is drug investigations, but on this night, with a shortage of men, he is forced out to patrol the street. For nearly two hours Lennon spoke frankly about his job as we criss-crossed the town. Lennon is passionate about his job, and makes you glad he is on your side.

12:02 a.m.

A report of a fight in a parking lot near the Scituate line, but no one is around when we pull in.

12:11 a.m.

An abandoned 911 call from a payphone near the Harbormaster's Shack. Again, no one is around when we pull in — just a phone off its hook.

12:18 a.m.

Quigley radioed that he had come across a drunk driver rolling to a stop on Summer Street and asks for Lennon's assistance. The gentleman, whom we had just seen leaving the American Legion hall on our way to Government Island, was slurring his words, and could not say the alphabet nor count to four on his fingers. Quigley said he didn't have enough evidence to arrest him for drunken driving but took his keys away and gave him a ride to his house.

"This is your lucky night," he said.

12:39 a.m. - 1:22 a.m.

Aside from a routine traffic stop on Route 3A, the radio was quiet for the better part of an hour.

Lennon took a drive up Norfolk Road at about 1:22 a.m. and passed two teen males walking along the road.

"Did you see how interested they were in who I was," Lennon said as he drove up toward Milliken Field. "As part of my job, I want to know who's out walking around at 1:30 in the morning."

He swung around and headed back down Norfolk Road onto Cushing Road, again passing the teens. He drove to the end of the dead-end road and turned around. As he did, the teens darted into the shadows of a garage. Lennon quickly pulled up and asked what they are doing in someone's yard.

"We're not doing anything," they insisted.

"Then why did you run into the yard?" Lennon asked. After a few more questions he sent them on their way, but not before first checking to see if they disposed of anything in the garage's shadows. He turned up nothing.

1:27 a.m.

Quigley then radioed that he was chasing a car down Cushing Road towards James Lane.

"I'm right there," Lennon told him, as he threw on his lights and quickly headed directly towards the oncoming car. It quickly stops and is sandwiched between the two squad cars.

Quigley said he saw the gentlemen leaving the village area at a high rate of speed and tried to pull him over. He's let go with just a speeding ticket.

1:48 a.m.

While back riding with Quigley, a general bulletin came over the radio alerting area departments of an armed robbery in Hingham. The robbers were later captured in Weymouth.

1:50 a.m.

Dispatch relayed a report of a stranger with a flashlight in a Pleasant Street yard, and a green car parked outside. Quigley started to head over to the scene but stopped when Lennon radioed in to say it was just him.

2:03 a.m.

Lennon called in a verbal fight between a male and a female in the Stop & Shop Parking Lot. He followed the car and pulled it over feet away from the Scituate line. The driver immediately confessed to driving with a revoked license – an arrest-able offense. Quigley asks the male driver to step to the rear of the car, which he does. The driver automatically places his hands on the truck and spreads his feet.

"He's obviously done this before, because I didn't tell him to do that," Quigley said later.

Despite being able to arrest the male driver, Lennon chose not to, and instead issued a summons for him to appear in court.

"He was honest, and he was polite, and that goes a long way," Lennon said.

2:26 a.m.

As Quigley and I headed down Beach Street to check out the shore area, we're notified of a report of glass-breaking in the Beechwood Playground/Beechwood Cemetery area. Officer John Small responded first to the scene and reported nothing. We swung through the cemetery and came to the same conclusion.

3 a.m.

We took one last swing through the village and harbor area. Quigley talked about how he prefers working the graveyard shift over the day shift.

"Any calls we get are usually something, we don't get just parking complaints," he said. "It's usually some sort of real police matter, not that parking complaints aren't. It's usually breaking and entering or car accidents.

"Plus it's just a nice shift. It's cooler at night, and I get to see the sun come up on Cohasset Harbor. That's really the nicest part of the day."

We headed into the station house just before 3:30 a.m. as Quigley had yet to do his incident report from his arrests made five hours ago. With the town entering the dead time between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m. it gave him a chance to catch up, as well as get ready for his shift the following day.

As it turns out, he would need it [see related story on the mass arrest].

Identifying presidents

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I was reading the other day that in order not to confuse their administrations, George H.W. Bush (the elder) and George W. Bush (the younger) refer to each other by number, as in George H.W., the 41st president, and George W., the 43rd. They even wear numbered baseball caps so they'll know who's talking to whom.

That set me to thinking. How have other presidents handled this name business so that we, the voters, will know who exactly is responsible for the next scandal that comes out of the White House living quarters? Most of them have handled it well, although it has caused some confusion among the historians.

Take William Jefferson Blythe IV, for instance.

How about President Leslie Lynch King, Jr.?

What? You never heard of him? He occupied the White House for eight years under the name of Bill Clinton. Seems his birth father, William Jefferson Blythe III, died in an auto accident before Bill was a year old, and his mother married Roger Clinton. The future president changed his name when he was 16.

That was an easy one. How about President Leslie Lynch King, Jr.? He was our 38th president, the only one who was appointed rather than elected. Leslie Lynch King, Sr. and his wife were divorced when Leslie, Jr. was two years old, and his mother married Gerald Rudolf Ford, Sr. Young Leslie became Gerald Rudolf Ford, Jr.

Incidentally, Gerald, Jr. didn't take to the spelling of his middle name, so he changed it to Rudolph.

I'm betting that the president we know as Ulysses Simpson Grant was before your time, so you don't remember that his real name was Hiram Ulysses Grant. When he got an appointment to West Point, he didn't want to have the humiliating initials HUG stenciled onto his belongings, so he became Ulysses Hiram Grant.

When his congressman, Thomas L. Hamer, enrolled him at the academy, he made a mistake and called him Ulysses Simpson Grant. The future president had enough hassle about his name, so he let the matter drop and adopted the initials USG. Classmates dubbed him Uncle Sam, and he went through four years at the Point known as Sam.

Not many of us remember John Calvin Coolidge, who was called Cal to distinguish him from his father, John; or Thomas Woodrow Wilson, who called himself T. Woodrow Wilson as a Princeton grad and finally dropped the Thomas altogether, or Stephen Grover Cleveland, who became S. Grover Cleveland and then just plain Grover.

Dwight David Eisenhower was really David Dwight Eisenhower. His father was David, too, so the family called the youngster Dwight to avoid confusion. Pretty soon, he was signing papers Dwight, and Dwight he was. It really didn't matter. Everybody outside the family called him Ike.

And then there was Harry S Truman.

Naming Harry was a struggle for Martha and John Truman. John wanted the middle name to be Shippe after the paternal grandfather. Martha was partial to the name Solomon, who was her father.

So they compromised with S No period. Just S

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HEALTH NOTES

Local pond activists are making a difference

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

If a pond is ten acres or greater in area, according to the Paleys of Scituate, it may be classified as a Great Pond owned by the Commonwealth. Norm Paley and his wife, Joan are environmental activists around Musquashicut Pond in Scituate. They are good examples of what determined and interested citizens can do in helping our environment. Musquashicut Pond is fed by fresh water from Sheeps Pond at one end and Cohasset Harbor which feeds saltwater into the other. Because of the work by the Paleys, the pond has been declared a Great Pond which makes it subject to Mass General Laws covering state owned great ponds. If it interacts with the ocean in some way then it falls under the Clean water Act and federal statutes. According to the Massachusetts general laws, state-owned bodies of water must meet federal, state and local standards for water quality, and the responsibility for cleanup must be determined.

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Both ponds are more than 200 years old, and have a history of problems, mainly associated with very high nutrient levels from septic systems and lawn chemicals, and consequently suffer from algae blooms and midge swarming on a seasonal basis. Both are shallow ponds, although Straits is shallow because of ledge in its bottom, and Musquashicut was once filled in by barrier beach sand. Good solutions to the problems of both ponds are not simple or cheap. For the most part they consist of doing three things:

- Fix the septic systems bordering the ponds so that they don't provide nutrients to the ponds, or sewer the houses bordering the ponds.
- Conduct a program of lawn and turf management to reduce nutrients from garden fertilizers.
- Conduct a program of storm-water management. This mainly consists of upgrading catch basins around the ponds so that surface water is cleaned up before it reaches the ponds.

Most towns have a hundred items on their agendas, which are higher priority than these issues. That is why the listing of a pond as a Great Pond is so important, because it is therefore eligible for certain state grants it would not otherwise be eligible for. But still, the grant has to be aimed at solving the long-term problem. For years, residents have sought quick fixes such as larvicides and pesticides to control the problem of midges, and algae harvesting to solve the algae problem. Straits Pond missed out on a state grant because the grant request was mainly a program for continuing pesticide spraying; not an environmental cleanup.

Because of determined efforts by the Paleys and other interested and concerned neighbors, Scituate got a hearing with the Pesticide Board subcommittee of the legislature requesting that it review the use of pesticides in the pond. Work by the Paleys has shown that pesticides used in the pond have a harmful effect on shellfish and fish (midge predators). For example, the EPA is currently studying Methoprene (the pesticide used on Musquashicut) as one of the possible causes of the Long Island Sound lobster die-off in 1999, and the product safety data sheet states that it is highly toxic to fish and shellfish.

More important than trying to get rid of pesticides, the Paleys are making sure that sewering of the homes around the pond is on Scituate's agenda and doesn't fall through the cracks. Also, they have caused the Army Corps of Engineers to consider a study of Musquashicut and it's neighbor, Sheeps pond.

But even more important is the fact that a few dedicated citizens like the Paleys have gotten out and decided to do something about one of our major environmental problems.

The Pesticide Board will hold a hearing at the Statehouse in Boston in the Statehouse Annex Hearing Room A1 at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15. At this hearing, the board will discuss, ask questions and receive comments from interested and concerned citizens. If you'd like to learn more about the politics and technology of pond saving, you may want to attend.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Regional initiatives and Cohasset's master plan

MASTER PLAN

PATTI KEVILLE

In February 2000, I was appointed by the Town Manager as Cohasset's Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) representative. As the MAPC rep, I am a liaison member of the Growth & Development Committee.

Since I didn't know what the MAPC was or what it did before my appointment, I thought it might be helpful to share some of the things I've learned while on the Council and what they mean to Cohasset's Planning efforts.

Cohasset is part of the MAPC's South Shore Coalition (SSC), which includes 11 towns — from Weymouth to Duxbury and Rockland to Pembroke. We meet once a month where representatives from the state's Metropolitan Planning Organization and its affiliates present state-run initiatives and grant programs.

Executive Order 418, signed by Governor Cellucci in March 2000, is one such initiative.

EO418 provides towns with up to $30,000 for creation of a Community Development Plan (CDP), which focuses on housing, economic development, transportation, and open space & resource protection planning. As it happens, these are four major components of the master plan, which is now being addressed by the Growth and Development Committee.

Our Growth and Development Committee members have been able to learn from other MAPC representatives who are also creating master plans. Hingham, Weymouth, Duxbury and Marshfield have completed their master plans. Norwell and Scituate, like Cohasset, are just kicking off their visioning sessions and are conducting their neighborhood meetings. These public forums are the first crucial step in designing our comprehensive master plan.

The master plan, when completed, will serve as guidelines to help town officials in their decision-making process. It will not be a static 'rules of engagement' document. It will be a living document that, at best, reflects the goals and ideals of the residents of Cohasset and how they would like this beautiful town managed.

I've outlined below the four Community Development Plan components — and where state funding and MAPC initiatives may help us in pursuing our planning goals.

1. Housing. More specifically, Affordable Housing. MAPC data suggests that a full 42 percent of Cohasset residents will be over 55 years old in 20 years. State grants are available to help support building affordable housing. Controlling sprawl and preserving open space are key themes with MAPC in relation to housing. MAPC has held seminars on different ways to design housing to address this goal.

The Senior Housing Committee has been working on finding town land to develop affordable housing for our seniors (55 or over). Accessory dwelling options for seniors have been suggested as one alternative to meet this need. This proposal will be re-addressed for zoning by-law changes this fall.

Neighborhood forum participants have also expressed concern over the escalating costs of housing in Cohasset. Shouldn't Cohasset's children be able to afford homes in the town where they grew up? Shouldn't our municipal workers and teachers be able to live in the town they work? A plan for housing will identify priority needs and ways for the town to address them.

2. Economic Development. There are five areas of Cohasset now designated as commercial: Route 3A, the Village, the Harbor, West Corner, and the corner of Beechwood and Doane Streets. There is State funding available for re-development of "Brownfields," existing commercial sites that require rehabilitation or that are under-utilized. Preference for state funding will go to plans that support or create new employment opportunities, mixed use facilities, transit-oriented development, and commercial zones where local infrastructure already exists, as examples. Are there commercial areas about town that you know of which may benefit from these programs?

3. Transportation. Cohasset has five shuttle services available through the Community Center and Elder Affairs. These shuttles primarily serve our seniors for around town, medical runs into Boston, and other pre-scheduled services. We also have the Plymouth & Brockton bus service that provides two morning runs and one evening run to/from Boston.

Transportation money is available for inter-region (two or more towns) services. Would you use a shuttle between Cohasset and Hull, Hingham, and/or Scituate? Alternate modes of transportation (i.e., bike trails and shuttles to the ferry) are also encouraged and may be eligible for funding. Preservation and enhancement of scenic or historic routes may also be considered for state transportation programs.

[Note: Greenbush is not discussed at MAPC meetings because of its controversial nature.]

4. Open Space and Resource Protection. The Open Space Advisory Committee has just completed a comprehensive "Open Space and Recreation Plan 2002-2006," which has been submitted to the Selectmen and the State. In it, they offer suggestions on how the town –and its individual residents — can help create cleaner air, water, and soil.

The Water Commission and Board of Health are hard at work on source water protection and wastewater and storm-water management planning. Their work will help us better understand and mitigate the existing and potential pollutants that threaten our natural resources and environment. These important efforts will be incorporated as part of the final master plan along with development of various geographic information system (GIS) maps.

At the last Town Meeting, Cohasset passed the Community Preservation Act. A committee will be appointed by the Selectmen to help determine where this local and state-matching money should used. Affordable housing, open space, and historic preservation initiatives are the three areas eligible for this funding. Where would you like to see this money spent?

Commercial land vs. affordable housing?

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planning and/or severely restricts any future commercial development opportunities."

In other words, the town, which has less than 4 percent of its total housing stock classified as affordable housing, hopes its need for commercially-developable land outweighs its need to create additional affordable housing.

"It's a balancing act," said Town Planner Liz Harrington. "In this case, there has been a consistent policy of earmarking those particular areas for [commercial development], but then again, does that policy outweigh the town's need for affordable housing."

In a recent opinion, John R. Hucksam, an attorney working for town counsel Paul DeRensis, wrote that he did see case history where towns have successfully denied comprehensive permit applications that conflicted with a town master plan.

"Bona fide comprehensive planning concerns are an important factor to be considered in reviewing a comprehensive permit application," he said, citing cases in Barnstable and Pembroke.

He also referenced a case involving Hingham, and a developer who proposed a 288-unit complex on a portion of the former Hingham Ammunition Depot. However, because Hingham had had a master plan for the area, which included a 44-acre office park and 85 acres of affordable housing, it was able to deny the comprehensive permit because it was inconsistent with local needs.

But Hucksam pointed out the state added simply having a master plan was not enough to warrant the rejection of a comprehensive permit. It said if the master plan is "unrealistic," an "ancient planning exercise, ignored and gathering dust for years, and now dusted off to frustrate housing for which clearly there is a need," or "simply a sophisticated maneuver to perpetuate precisely the abuses" a comprehensive permit was designed to eliminate, then the master plan "will not prevail in the weighing process."

Because parts of the town's last master plan, 1961's Benjamin Report, was never implemented, Moore was unsure if it would qualify as a "bona fide," living master plan. However, he did point out that the area along Route 3A has been set aside for commercial development since the 1950s.

"It is safe to say that certain things in the Benjamin Report were ignored, but they had more to do with other parts of town and other zoning areas. The whole area of industrial zoning has held pretty true," he said, adding that a number of attempts to rezone parts of the area residential have failed.

"It's not as if we ran out last week and said, 'We'll make this an industrial area.' It's been part of the zoning map from the beginning...It's a use many communities blatantly left out."

Moore hopes that another industrial business could find a use for the area. "Norfolk Conveyor was wonderful," he said. "They weren't just McJobs, people earned a meaningful salary."

Both Harrington and Moore said the purpose of seeking the opinion wasn't to appear obstructionist, instead to fully research the issue.

"We have an interest in researching and understanding this proposal and how it's consistent with planning efforts," Harrington said.

"No one is trying to stand up and strongly argue that 40B in of itself is bad," said Moore. "If the opportunity to provide affordable housing and solve some of the problems that face society in general arises, it will be given real, fair consideration.

"We want to se what our options are. We're in no way trying to throw down any spear and say, 'Don't you dare cross it.'"

The state guidelines for local review of comprehensive permits say a town can deny a permit if it can prove the development would have a significant negative impact on local health, safety, environment, design, open space and planning concerns.

ABC has entered into a contract with the site's owners to buy the land, but won't complete the deal until the project is approved.



Police have game plan for youth mass arrests

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Weymouth.

The other adult involved, a 32-year-old Abington man, who allegedly ran off and later returned to the house where he got into a scuffle with the investigating police officer, was held on $5,000 cash bail and is being charged with resisting arrest and attempting to escape from police custody.

"We also had a call about a vehicle racing up and down the street its stereo blasting," said police chief Brian Noonan about the initial calls that came into headquarters. "When we got up there, the vehicle was gone."

But what officers did find were 10-15 vehicles parked on the roadway and a large group of youths on the lawn at 17 Hillside Drive. Then just as they arrived, the officers were called away to investigate, a bad accident at the corner of Beechwood Street and Norman Todd Road.

At the accident scene police found a Jeep Cherokee with its stereo still blaring, that had rolled over at least twice and landed on its roof in the middle of the road. Witnesses said three youths crawled out of the wreckage and ran down Beechwood Street. The youths ran off into the woods and got away, police said The SUV, which was later reported stolen, is believed to be the same vehicle racing up and down the street at the party.

"This is a prime example of why we do what we do," Officer Jeffrey Treanor said of the accident.

As officers cleared the accident scene at about 10 p.m., police received another complaint about the party and returned to Hillside where they found more cars had arrived and a house was full of alcohol and intoxicated youths, police said. There was also a strong odor of marijuana, police said. At that time, all 32 people in the house were advised they were being placed under arrest.



A suitcase of marijuana pipes and some cash was confiscated from the scene of an under-age drinking party Saturday night.

"When young people are all boozed up there is a potential for trouble."

— Officer William Quigley

Treanor said it was impossible to determine who had just arrived and who had been there.

"It was just safer to take everybody in," he said.

Due to the number of arrests, police used plastic ties instead of handcuffs to prepare the youths for transport to the station.

"When young people are all boozed up there is a potential for trouble," Quigley said, about using the plastic ties, as temporary restraints.

Police called mutual aid from Weymouth, which sent a paddy wagon and officers, and Hingham and Hull which provided officers to help with security at the police station. Cohasset off-duty officers were also called in and the midnight shift was called in early to help with the bookings. Two part-time matrons assisted with the female prisoners.

The youths were "uncuffed" at the station and told to sit down and wait. If they caused trouble, they were told the "cuffs" would be put back on, Quigley said.

One of the adults, Anthony Lucero of Abington, fled the house while the party-goers were being prepared for transport, but apparently returned later to encounter a detective who remained at the home to gather evidence. Police said a violent struggled ensued resulting in both Lucero and the officer falling down the stairs. Cohasset units were called to the scene to assist, a foot pursuit ensued and Lucero was captured but was able to break free. Despite the handcuffs he tried to run away again and was wrestled to the ground and taken to headquarters.

In the house, police also found a quantity of marijuana, upwards of $200 in cash and drug paraphernalia including a suitcase full of marijuana pipes collectively valued at $930. Police haven't been able to determine who the drugs and paraphernalia belong to, and therefore did not charge anyone with drug possession. That matter is still under investigation.

Sara Woods, the party host, was charged under the Social Host Responsibility act. If convicted Woods could face fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in prison. The law is a result of the death of a Marshfield teenager who was killed in a single-car accident on his way home from a graduation party in Cohasset where he had been drinking.

Quigley said the processing of the arrests went smoothly.

"It went as smoothly as possible considering we have such a small facility to accommodate 30 people," he said. "We done all kinds of contingency planning and we've found what works and have stuck with it."

32 arrested Saturday night

Police made the following arrests following an under-age drinking party Saturday night on Hillside Drive.

Sara Woods, 21, 17 Hillside Drive, was charged with keeping a disorderly house, disturbing the peace and furnishing alcohol to a minor. She is slated to Quincy District Court for a pre-trial hearing on Oct. 1.

Anthony Lucero, 32, 14 Winthrop St., Abington, was charged with resisting arrest, being a disorderly person, attempted escape, giving false name after arrest, and had an outstanding warrant. He is also scheduled to return to court Oct. 1.

All the following youths were charged with disturbing the peace and minor in possession of alcohol.

Put into a diversion program prior to arraignment were: Paul C. Castro, 17, of 175 Kingsley Road, Hull; Larry G. Nelson, 17, of 26 Emeline St., Randolph; Stephanie Wieners, 18, of 133 Nantasket Road, Hull; Angelette Howlett, 18, of 32 Porrazzo Road, Hull; Andrea M. Salvatore, 18, of 31 Atlantic House Road, Hull; John Paul Laugelle, 20, of 96 Pleasant St., Cohasset; Nicole Naumenko, 20, of 168 Samoset Ave., Hull; Laura E. Mann, 18, of Antioch, Calif.; Jessica Hastie, 17, of 35 Birchbrow Road, South Weymouth; Sara M. Erwin, 19, 193 Durdeck Road, Rockland; Marisa S. Lauria, 18, of 14 Stanley Road, Norwell; Karyn M. Watts, 18, of 149 Prospect St., Norwell; and Amanda Hall, 17, of 3 Albion St., Rockland. Police said the youths were also required to pay a $50 fee to Mothers Against Driving Drunk (MADD).

Those whose charges were continued without a finding for three months include: Mark Musco, 17, of 77 F St., Hull; Brian D. Hunter, 19, of 354 Cross St., Norwell; Luke A. Anderson, 20, of 24 Chittenden Lane, Norwell; Brian B. Flynn, 17, of 231 Beach Ave., Hull; David D. Brand, 20, of 597 Nantasket Ave., Hull; Charles Cowden, 19, of 151 Riverview St., Brockton; Rebecca R. Manning, 17, of 69 Gilford Road, Hingham; Daniel E. DiCesare, 20, 1010 Main St., Hanover, Matthew M. Anderson, 20, 24 Chittenden Lane, Norwell, and Matthew J. McWade, 17, of 42 Lincoln St., Hingham. The charges will be dismissed in three months if the youths stay out of trouble, police said. The youths were required to pay $85 in court costs, except for Hunter, who had to pay $135.

Those with a return court date of Oct. 1 include: Erik C. Smith, 20, of 270 Grove St., Norwell; Brian E. Gomez, 17, of 12 Rockway Ave., Hull; Patrick A. Carbone, 17, 74 High St., Norwell; Michael R. Gill, 17, of 34 Colonial Road, Hingham; Matthew J. Anderson, 20, of 24 Chittenden Lane, Norwell; Jeffrey P. Mills, 19, of 39 Vinson St., Weymouth; George D. Proctor, 18, of 17 Hillside Dr., Cohasset; and Kathleen J. Shaughnessy, 18, of 14 R. St., Hull.

A 16-year-old youth also faced charges with minor transport and disturbing the peace in juvenile court.

Fall programs at community center

The South Shore Community Center is offering a wide variety of classes for preschool, children, teens, and adults. Some of the classes offered are "gym dandy," gymnastics, classes for children in computers, cooking, dance, and crafts. Adult classes include computers, cooking, CPR, gardening and more.

Registration starts Monday, Aug. 20. Open house and sign-up for our gymnastics program will be Aug. 29 from 6-8 p.m. in the gym.

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Residents share what they like, dislike about Cohasset

Additional forums will be held tonight at St. Anthony's Parish Center and Thursday, Aug.18, at Nativity-Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

A neighborhood forum held at the Lightkeepers' Residence last Thursday produced much input on a vision for the future of Cohasset.

The meeting, hosted by the Growth and Development Committee, was the second in a series of four, the first being held in July at the Beechwood Church. The Growth and Development Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, is charged with developing a master plan for Cohasset. The forums provide residents from all areas of town a chance to get involved in the planning process early on. The meetings help the committee share relevant information on the issues facing Cohasset and gather ideas and input on a vision for the future of Cohasset.

Additional forums will be held tonight at St. Anthony's Parish Center and Thursday, Aug.18, at Nativity-Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Both meetings run from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The neighborhood forums are similar in format. At the start of each meeting, attendees use stars to locate where they live and to highlight favorite places on a map of Cohasset. A series of maps and images depict master plan elements including housing, economic development, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation, transportation and services and facilities. Historic land use, zoning, watershed protection and other diagrams also on view. Attendees are asked to complete a brief survey.

At the Lightkeepers' meeting Rick Swanborg, committee chairman, reviewed the planning process and then introduced Steve Fusco, Cohasset resident and volunteer. Fusco, a corporate trainer and facilitator, led the group in a brainstorming exercise that yielded pages of ideas and suggestions.

The exercise was structured around three questions. "What do you like about Cohasset?" "What do you dislike about Cohasset?" and "What is your vision for the future of Cohasset?"

Responses to what folks like about Cohasset from both the Beechwood and Lightkeepers' meetings included: Wompatuck, beauty and small town atmosphere, schools, history, variety of stores, recycling program and the "boutique", open town meetings, news media, collaboration of town committees, the ocean, public access to the water, care of personal property, open space, scenic views, friendliness, volunteerism, recreation and children's activities, town center close to Boston and the variety of ages, incomes and personalities.

Dislikes included the lack of coordination between town boards, needed repairs to Beechwood Street bridge, Bound Brook maintenance, dwindling open space, children not able to afford Cohasset, senior housing ignored, lack of public bathrooms, lack of diversity, transportation to Boston, dilapidated housing, lethal air quality due to present land-use patterns, maintenance of ponds and streams, volume and speed of traffic, lack of curbing, playground maintenance, enforcement of zoning, retention ponds as mosquito breeding places, lack of traffic light at Sohier Street/3A, over-development of land and lot coverage, taxes, SUVs, present zoning bylaws and destruction of natural environment.

When asked for their vision of Cohasset in 20 years, the responses ranged from very specific to broad. Specific visions included a new steeple at the Beechwood Church, biking and hiking trails along the railroad right of way, extending the sewer to existing homes, economic equity around sewering, use of organic products instead of chemicals, zoning bylaw revisions, more sidewalks, indoor recreation facility for all ages, school curriculum on environment, history and values, good tasting and safe water supply, reducing waste, regional cooperation, integration of CRC and Master Plan, developing a watershed perspective, town shuttle to Hingham boat and volunteer time for less taxes. Broader visions included a reconnection with nature, a cohesive network of resources for continuing education and community service, citizen stewardship, a return of developed land to its natural state, preserving the small town character of Cohasset and providing direction and opportunities for the youth of Cohasset.

The Growth and Development Committee is very encouraged by the rich quality of participation and ideas offered by attendees and invites others to come and be heard at one of the upcoming forums. Please contact Liz Harrington at ebhtownplanner@aol.com or 781-383-3517 for the minutes of each neighborhood forum.

Gravel pit use plan gets initial approval, but safety issues eyed

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The Gravel Pit Reuse Committee, which hopes to construct two new Little League baseball and softball fields in the town's former gravel pit site, won approval from selectmen to place a $27,000 article on the fall Special Town Meeting warrant to put the project out to bid.

However, selectmen asked the committee to reexamine safety issues involving children running between the parking lots and fields.

The board was wary of expanding the existing parking lot, which would be located in between the three fields. The expanded parking lots would get cars that currently park along North Main Street off the busy road. But at least one selectman said the complex would still have the same safety concerns.

"You still have the problem of children running in between cars," Selectman Michael Sullivan said.

He pointed out that children would also be forced to cross between fields near the main entrance of the complex.

"We need to keep kids out of the street area," he said.

The committee's plan calls for two additional fields to be constructed in the pit adjacent to Barnes Field. The area was recently filled with 20,000 cubic square feet of fill from the town school construction project. Plans are to also construct a 22-space lot parallel to North Main Street, and expand the existing lot to accommodate 50 cars.

Sullivan asked if the plan could cut down the amount of spaces in the back of the site in order to create a fenced-off area where children could safely cross between fields.

However, parking logistics may not allow that to happen.

"When you have three games going on, you're really going to need all 72 spaces," warned Town Manager Mark Haddad, who has worked closely with the committee.

The committee said it will go back and look for a way to improve safety.

Cohasset Youth Baseball President Mark DeGiacomo said the organization would also look into moving the complex's snack bar away from the entrance to the rear of the fields.

He also said the organization has committed $5,000 toward the engineering costs, and has begun a capital fundraising campaign.

The cost for building two top-quality fields could cost as much as $466,000. However, the committee is optimistic it could be done for as low as $280,000 by cost-cutting measures such as not paving the parking lots, and having the gravel base for the fields donated.

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New faces

Beginning in September, Sharon Moody of Cohasset will be the new children's librarian at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Moody will be a familiar face to many Cohasset children and their parents — she taught for a number of years in Cohasset's elementary schools. She has also been a volunteer at the library's circulation desk.

An avid reader herself, Moody has always aimed to bring the joy of reading to all of her students. She is looking forward to the new challenge of working in a public library setting. Her extensive knowledge and experience as a reading teacher and a special needs teacher will be invaluable in her new assignment at the library. Her love of children's literature is contagious.

Moody will replace Suzanne Terry who resigned from the Pratt Library in June to accept a position with the Boston Atheneum.

Another new face at the library is that of reference librarian Deirdre MacDermott. Many library users have already met MacDermott who began working on July 10. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts, MacDermott has her master's degree in library science from Simmons College. She has worked at the Boston Public Library and the Plymouth Public Library. Her training and experience, as well as her acquaintance with the South Shore area, will serve her well in Cohasset. MacDermott replaces Susan Watrous who retired in July.

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'Mariners Park' suggested for Hagerty site

By Rick Collins
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The Hagerty Committee has voted to recommend the Hagerty site off Parker Avenue be named "Mariner's Park" in memory of Cohasset residents who have died at sea.

The park, which is in the final stages of construction, will consist of a 27-space parking lot and boat turn-around, new town pier and dock, and wooden walkway over to Government Island.

With the eight-year project winding down, the committee had changed its focus from planning and permitting to planning a dedication ceremony.

Committee member Paul Pattison, who suggested the name "Mariner's Park," read a brief list of people he knew who had died at sea, including Tony and Rick Figueiredo, Peter Grimes, Jack Hubbard, Harold Hill and Paul Diamond.

"For a small town like this, the amount of people is unbelievable."
— Paul Pattison, committee member

"For a small town like this, the amount of people is unbelievable," he told selectmen.

Pattison also suggested erecting a small plaque memorializing people who have died at sea.

The landing at the end of the street was named by a Town Meeting vote in 1995 for longtime Parker Avenue resident R. Edward Maree, and was suggested by Glenn Pratt that the name be extended over the entire park.

But committee chairman Russ Bonetti said the board voted to keep the landing separate from the rest of the park, although they did suggest installing a new marker for the landing on the park.

Selectman Michael Sullivan thought the name should be approved by a Town Meeting vote, although the board has the ability to approve the name.

The board held off voting on the name until it receives some feedback from the community. They urge residents to call the selectmen's office at 781-383-4105 with any input.

A tentative dedication date of Saturday, Sept. 8 has been scheduled.



CONCENTRATION

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Dana Childs of Cohasset contemplates his next move in the chess program at the Scituate Public Library.

World War II memorial due soon

By Rick Collins
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The long-awaited additions to the honor roll of veterans who served during World War II could soon be on its way to Veteran's Memorial Park. According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, who has been in contact with Austin "Bud" Ahern, the head of the privately-funded Cohasset Military Memorial, Inc., the granite stone is being engraved in Vermont and should be shipped down to Cohasset soon.

In 1993, a battle broke out over the proper ending date of World War II. Though the military aspect of the war ended with V-J Day on August 14, 1945, Congress did not end the state of war until Dec. 31, 1946. The federal government recognizes those who served in the occupational forces, after V-J Day, as World War II veterans. But the Cohasset honor roll did not include those veterans' names. In 1995, an agreement was made by the town and Ahern, to add the missing names.

Last June, selectmen threatened to take over control of the stalled $20,000 project, but later backed off. A group spearheaded by Selectman Merle Brown gathered the remaining veterans names and gave them to Ahern who ordered the work done. After a series of delays, Haddad reported that he spoke to the Vermont company a month ago and expects it to arrive in the near future.

However some residents still are unhappy. Windy Hill resident Joe McElroy appeared before selectmen Tuesday to urge them to get more involved in the project and ensure it is completed.

"Promises have been broken," he said. "Last year we had reassurance it would be done by Memorial Day. Then it was by the end of June, and then by the end of July."

Selectmen argued they didn't have the ability to do anything about the delays.

"What leverage do we have?" asked Selectman Thomas Callahan. "It doesn't involve town money, it's not a town committee, all we can do is say you can't use town land, and then it just won't get done at all."

Some senate budget victories for Cohasset

HEDLUND REPORT

BOB HEDLUND

The Senate passed a $22.9 billion budget in June noteworthy for its fiscal restraint, increasing the bottom line over the House's version by only $565,000 in additional appropriations. This was remarkable considering what the budget accomplishes for education funding and support of the Clean Elections Law.

Budget deliberations opened with a Republican-led discussion of the sobering May tax collection figures, which were $154 million, or 3 percent below, expected revenues. Republicans urged the Senate to heed this early warning, and acknowledge the prudence of using the administration's lower growth rate forecasts to guide the debate.

School aid

I played a key role in assuring that increases to local education aid, and plans to further study changes to the Foundation Aid Formula, also prevailed. I co-sponsored an amendment to the budget, inspired by the League of Women Voters' proposal, which would have restructured the formula used for determining local aid so that annual distributions would be a truer reflection of each community's financial need. The formula remains under review, and a discussion of how to more fairly allocate funds to communities while taking into consideration town wealth, special education costs and available dollars for MCAS remediation funds continues.

Fiscal Year 2002's budget for education aid includes an additional $220,591,265 statewide over last year's allotment, and $671,998 over the House's proposal. Cohasset's Chapter 70 allotment is $1,434,091 in the Senate version of the budget, an 8 percent increase over last year. Additional assistance is $209,013, and the lottery distribution is $435,175, a 6.4 percent increase.

The Senate also passed a $50 million MCAS Remediation Package, $10 million greater than last year, to help more schools offer remedial test preparation to improve student achievement. The impending 2003 timeframe for passing the MCAS makes this funding crucial to our students' success, and parents' peace of mind.

The School Building Assistance Budget was also increased by the Senate by $40 million above the FY01 appropriation, bringing the total to $365 million in FY02 to reimburse school districts for school construction projects like the Cohasset Middle/High School project.

Clean elections

The Senate Budget includes $20 million to fully fund the Clean Elections Law through the next election cycle, in stark contrast to the House's zero funding. The Lees-Rosenberg amendment also made many necessary technical changes to the Clean Elections Law. I know from the feedback I've received from my constituents, fulfillment of the promise made regarding public financing of political campaigns is an issue of trust. This amendment cleared some very murky waters concerning implementation of the law. Some highlights of this amendment include: clarifying expenses covered and time limits on certain fund raising efforts; providing for study of: flexibility between primary and general election expenditures and allowing candidates to participate in the voluntary public financing system in the primary election only; and extending the beginning of the 2002 election cycle until 90 days after the budget becomes law.

Other budget highlights include $25 million in hospital rate relief beyond the House's provisions, an extra $40 million for certified nursing assistants at nursing homes, and $1 million to a new program for a statewide suicide prevention master plan.

Bob Hedlund is state senator for the Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Cohasset.

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Duxbury woman takes over director's chair

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facility on Ripley Road, Hannan seems to be a natural for the job.

She's served as acting director for the past few months since Bustin left in March — so Hannan has had time to fill her "new shoes" without publicly being introduced to the region as the head art lady.

But those tune-up days are over. Vcevy Strekalovsky, president of the center's board of directors, proudly heralded Hannan's appointment to the executive directorship last week. He praised her work as program director helping to increase course enrollments and expanding the visibility of the center within the community and throughout the area.

"We are very much looking forward to Sarah's enthusiastic leadership and energy," he said.

As Hannan takes on more of a public persona in her new role — she wants more visibility for the art center.

"I'd like everyone to be able to find us," she says. "We are off the beaten track and not right next to the highway."

However once art enthusiasts discover the center — they like what's available there. The center has a very high student retention rate.

"Once they find us, they tend to stay with us," Hannan says.

The glass front doors to the art center are deceptive. There's no way driving by or walking past, you can appreciate what's beyond them. The doors open up to a colorful world that includes spectacular gallery space, classrooms where creativity abounds and people coming and going with paintings and art supplies in tow. Hannan says she and the center staff love the sound of the pitter-patter of little feet in the classrooms upstairs.

"We love to have the building buzzing with activity," she says. "It's hard to get a thought done because there is always someone coming in doing something great."

Hannan also comes with the formal credentials for her new post. An art history major with a degree from Boston University, the married mother of two grown children recently completed a graduate certificate program at Northeastern in managing non-profits. The knowledge will help her lead the art center, which just completed a strategic plan to help it focus on the future.

Part of the plan is to get businesses hooked on art. Companies that become members can rent the facility free of charge for events and their employees can take classes at the members' discount rate. Hannan would like to see business involvement at the center all year round and not be limited to sponsorships for the annual Festival on the Common. A good example of how that's possible is Matrix2000, an Internet company, whose logo is colorfully displayed on cover of the new sketchbooks touting the Visiting Artist Workshops at the center along with a vivid abstract by artist Annie Silverman.

Hannan, who praises the team at the center that includes seven employees all working together in a collaborative effort, stresses the center has something to offer everyone.

Classes range from "Drawing and Painting for the Petrified" to the Visiting Artist Workshops taught by professionals for intermediate to advanced students.

"We have students here from Plymouth to Revere," she says. "I'd like to build on the fact we have classes for the absolute beginner to professional artist."

Hannan says she enjoys the way the center is constantly changing.

"One of the things I love is when a show closes and we take everything down and bring in new work," she says. "It is so exciting to put up a new show and have an opening reception."

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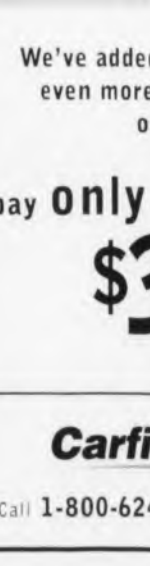


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The **Cohasset Swim Team**, which beat the Scituate Knights' of Columbus to finish its season undefeated, and the **eight Cohasset cyclists** who completed the 192-mile Pan-Mass Challenge last weekend are co-stars of the week. Both are great accomplishments and the participants deserve to share the honor.

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On the South Shore
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PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN

USING HIS HEAD

Daneil Shea, of Hull, tries to head the ball past goalkeeper Justin McCann, also of Hull, as Andrew Zaccardi of Scituate, assistant coach Matt Madden and coach Turi Lonero look on. Cohasset's Milliken Field played host to the South Shore Soccer Camp from Aug.3 to Aug. 6. Area boys and girls, ages 8 to 18 participated in the camp directed by Larry Shultz and Jon Anderson. For more scenes from the camp, see page 15.

Cohasset swimmers end season perfect

It was the most anticipated meet of the season. On Friday afternoon, Cohasset swim team competed against Scituate's Knights of Columbus in a meet that would determine which team would remain undefeated in the South Shore League's 2001 season.

It was a closely fought competition right to the final lap of the final race and, in a wonderful cliff-hanger of an ending, Cohasset pushed ahead of its rivals to win by a tiny but glorious margin of nine points ending the day with the honor of being the South Shore league's undefeated team.

The afternoon got off to an encouraging start with great performances from Cohasset's youngest swimmers who won the first two 100-yard medley relays (boys, 8 and under: 1st: Carrier; Buckley; Shipp; Durkin, T.; 3rd: Durkin, Je.; Campbell; Mahoney; Durkin, J.; 4th: Whitney, A.; Murphy, J.; Lynner; Murphy, C.; girls, 8 and under: 1st: Karski; Fontaine; Musto; Michalowski; 3rd: Kucinski; Axelson; Murphy; Farren, A.; 4th: Farren, N.; Donohue; Berbe; Seraikas). The ten and under boys lagged just slightly behind their younger teammates with a second and fourth place finish (2nd: Connors; Porter; Doonan; Ulmer; 4th: Queenan; Ofsthun; Stevenson; McCormack), but the girls pulled back with another win (1st: Meehan; Lehr, S.; Mahoney, C.; Lehr, T.; 3rd: Mahoney, M.; Sullivan; Baumgarten; McElhinny; 4th: Costa; Teague; Meikleham; Kells). The last two 100-yard races were equally productive, with wins for both the ten and under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Hunt; Zappolo; Dickinson; Conway; 3rd: Shipp; Musto; Doonan; Cunningham; 4th: Muir; Kelly; Faber; Drybanski; girls: 1st: Hernan; Durkin; Garber; Englander; 3rd: Plante; Fortin; Swain; Sacks; 5th: Madge; Teague; Hurd; Anderson).

In a cliff-hanger, Cohasset pushed ahead of its rivals to win by a tiny but glorious margin.

The 17-and-under boys added further to the score, finishing a split second in front of their powerful rivals (1st: McCarthy; Faber; Berg; Tehranian), and the girls collected an additional four points with second, fourth and fifth place finishes (2nd: Daley; Anderson; Jacobucci; Regan; 4th: Musto; Hurley; Jerome; Orsini; 5th: Harrington; B.; Sida; Ogrodnik; Foley, T.).

With the 100 and 200-yard medleys complete, Cohasset had edged ahead with 56 points to K of C's 40.

As the older swimmers prepared for the individual medleys, the ten and under boys and girls completed their 50-yard freestyles. The boys finished in third, fifth and sixth places (3rd: Doonan, B.; 5th:

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Eight Cohasset cyclists finish 192-mile Pan-Mass bike ride

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

"There is a cure for sore muscles," replied Cohasset native Peter Vitello upon being asked about his grueling weekend trek. "But the pain that the cancer survivors have endured—that's what motivates you."

Vitello was one of eight Cohasset cyclists who will joined 3,700 other riders this weekend in the Annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC). It is a 192-mile bike ride that serves as a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society.

"I think it is a great thing to do to find a cure for cancer," said first time rider Jim Clark of Cohasset.

The two day ride raised an estimated $13 million for the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The event started with a mere 36 riders making the trip from Sturbridge to Provincetown in 1980. But over the last two decades, the number of riders and, consequently, the amount raised, has increased every year. In total, PMC has raised nearly $55 million for the Jimmy Fund.

"The true experience is very moving," said Cohasset's Francois Nivaud, who completed the challenge every year from 1995-2000, but was unable to participate this year. "You have to get on the bike with 3,000 other riders to get the feeling."

Nivaud particularly remembers seeing Lance Armstrong as a guest speaker during the Annual Friday Night Kickoff Ceremony two years ago. Beyond the celebrities, though, Nivaud was very impressed with the amount of help required to make this as smoothly run as it is.

"What is amazing is the number of volunteers involved at the stations every twenty miles," he recalled.

This year, there were more than 1,800 men and women working these stations, giving the riders everything from water to energy bars to backrubs to bike repairs to clean bathrooms.

Vitello called upon a very touching anecdote at one such rest stop, a stop where he saw a chemotherapy patient cleaning out the portable bathrooms.

Vitello personally thanked the lady for the job she was doing, only to have her reply to the effect: "I am going to die of cancer soon. I want

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SWINGIN' FOR THE FENCES



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Cohasset's Justin "Tank" Hollis hits a drive into the outfield during the 11-year old All-Star game against Scituate. The Cohasset squad fell 4-1 in the game held last Thursday in Scituate.

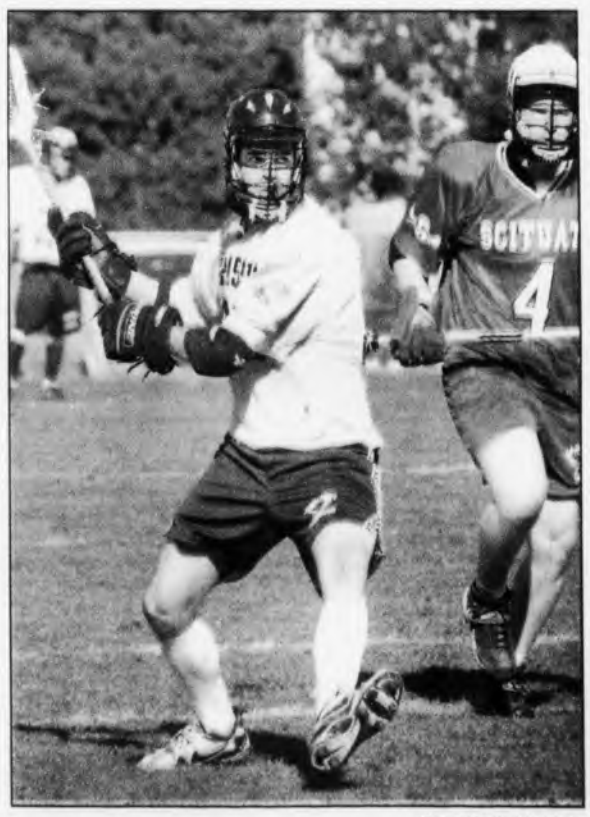
Mariner All-Scholastic boys lacrosse team

Four Skippers chosen among area's elite

Ronan Buick, Paul Previte, Geoff McWilliams and Kyle Weber may have played leads in the storybook run by Cohasset High's boys lacrosse team this spring, but there were several others who performed vital roles in helping the Skippers reach the state Div. 2 championship match with Hingham.

The aforementioned quartet were easy selections for our 14-member All-Scholastic team. There were several others from C.H.S., though, who also received strong consideration, among them captain Lane Forrier, Eric Libby, Jason Moore and Nick Spirito—each of whom deservedly received Honorable Mention recognition from us.

In the end, we limited ourselves to only 14 players. So, without further ado, here they are:

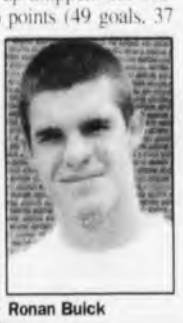


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Cohasset senior captain Ronan Buick gets ready to fire one of his 49 goals during a game against Scituate. Buick, who led the state finalist Skippers with 86 points, was chosen to the Mariner All-Scholastic boys lacrosse team, along with Geoff McWilliams, Paul Previte and Kyle Weber.

Ronan Buick- Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Cohasset

Leading scorer for the Div. 2 state runner-up Skippers this season with 86 points (49 goals, 37 assists) despite missing five games with a partially dislocated shoulder...the 6-foot-3-175 pound midfielder was regarded equally for his toughness and finesse...three-time Pilgrim Conference All-Star ...best output this season was an incredible 13 point effort against Hanover (seven goals, six assists)...is headed to Providence College this fall on a lacrosse scholarship...leaning towards majoring in math or computer science...Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic selection...twice played in the Bay State Games, helping the Southeast team to a gold and silver medal...recently played in pickup game with several college and high school All-Americans and more than held his own, according to Cohasset High and Bay State Games head coach Kevin Orcutt...also a standout in football, easily leading the Skippers in tackles this past fall on his way to earning team MVP and Mariner All-Scholastic honors...Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "Ronan was the heart and soul of our team this year. He is a great worker and he's very unselfish. He is just very determined to do well. I think he has the potential to do very well at the collegiate level."



Ronan Buick

Geoff McWilliams- Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Cohasset

An often dominant presence on

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the backline for the Div. 2 state runner-up Skippers this season…the 6-foot-3-inch 210 pound captain was both a well rounded defender and punishing hitter…improved considerably in his senior year, his first full season playing defense…a four year member of the varsity squad who moved from midfield to defense in his junior year…biggest area of improvement, according to coach Kevin Orcutt, was on clears…second team Pilgrim Conference All-Star…will attend U-Mass-Amherst this fall, and may attempt to walk on with the school lacrosse team…also played varsity lacrosse at C.H.S.…Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "A lot of times this season, Geoff was the catalyst for us. When he was on top of his game defensively, we were a real tough team to beat. His improvement this year was a huge factor in our turnaround this season."


Geoff McWilliams

Paul Previte - Junior
Attack - Cohasset

The leading goal scorer (53) and second top overall point producer (76 points) for the Div. 2 state runner-up Skippers this season…second team Pilgrim Conference All-star…utilizes quickness, agility and a quick release around the net to rack up his points…scored a pair of goals in four games to help the Southeast team to a gold medal at last month's Bay State Games…also a standout with the C.H.S. football team, having already been named to captain the team this fall…has attended several prominent lacrosse camps this summer, including the New England Premier, the Peak 2000 and Top Star Camp in Gettysburg, Penn.…cutting back on overly-aggressive play and retaliation fouls played a big role in his improved late season play, according to coach Kevin Orcutt…scored 19 goals in four game stretch prior to the state championship showdown with Hingham, including five of 10 against Milton in second round of tourney…would like to play lacrosse in college, and has already heard from several interested universities, including University of Vermont, Middlebury (Vt). Nazareth, Lafayette and Bowdoin…is leaning towards majoring in law or business…Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "When Paul's head is in the game, he can be as lethal as just about any attacker in our league. He's always had the ability to take over a game, and he showed that by really keeping himself focussed in the tourney."


Paul Previte

Kyle Weber - Junior
Goalie - Cohasset

The junior backstopped the Skippers Cinderella run to the state Div. 2 championship game this season with an outstanding .720 save percentage (236 saves)…followed that up saving 71 percent of the shots he saw in the Bay State Games to help lead the Southeast team to a Gold Medal…this marked his second time on the Bay State Games roster…at 5-feet-9- 145 pounds, speed and instincts are his leading attributes…played in the highly thought of Peak 2000 lacrosse camp recently…first team Pilgrim Conference All-Star…also started in net for the varsity squad as a sophomore…got to play on the attack in blowout situations this season, and compiled 11 points (six goals, five assists)…hoping to play lacrosse and study Pre-med in college…presently looking at Northwestern, Dartmouth and Swarthmore Universities…also played basketball for Cohasset High this year…Cohasset coach Kevin Orcutt: "When Kyle is really on his game, like he was in the Bay State's, he's about as good as anyone you'll see at this level. Everyone was really impressed with him there. He was just so solid for us all year. He's obviously a very strong goalie, but I think it's his stick skills that set him apart. He's got better stick skills that half the attack men I've seen. He was probably the best (goalie) with the ball I saw this year."


Kyle Weber

Sean Morris - Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Marshfield

Unquestionably one of the most talented attackmen on the South Shore, Morris scored 74 total points in 14 games this season on 47 goals and 27 assists…Career stats find Morris with 326 points…An All-American this season, Morris has been voted to the first team of the Pilgrim Conference All-star squad for the past three years…Morris has played on the varsity squad since his eighth-grade year…Also a talented football player, Morris was the Rams' star running back last fall rushing for 1,450 yards and scoring 24 touchdowns, which is a school record…Morris is making his second appearance on a Mariner All-Scholastic team, as he made our football squad last fall…Despite receiving numerous scholarship offers for football, Morris decided to take a full-scholarship for lacrosse from Rutgers University, which he will attend this fall. Marshfield coach Robby Robertson: "There are a couple of things about him that are unique. He's got a great first step and a quick move to the goal. He's got the ability to blast off and get past his man. He's able to take the ball in anytime. He also spent a lot of time distributing the ball this year because he knew we had to build an offense around him and he played into that very well. I think his potential in college is astounding."

Greg Sowyrda - Junior
Defenseman - Hingham

This All-American defenseman caused headaches for some of the South Shore's top attackers…Continually called upon to guard the opponent's best offensive player, Sowyrda was key in shutting teams down, particularly in Hingham's win over Cohasset in the State Championship…A Pilgrim Conference All-star, Sowyrda also scored three goals and eight assists this season…Sowyrda was voted by his teammates as Hingham's best defensive player…Sowyrda contributed to the Southeast team's gold medal winning performance in this year's Bay State Games…The junior—who played in the E Mass All-star game—is making his second appearance on a Mariner/Journal All-Scholastic team, as he made our basketball squad last winter…Sowyrda will be among the Harbormen's top returning players next season as one of the team's four captains. Hingham coach John Todd: "He's probably one of the top defensemen in the state. We had a few guys on defense, but Greg definitely anchored it. He always took the other team's toughest guy and had great games in the big games. He has an unbelievable takeaway check and moves the ball very well. I'm glad we have him back next year."

Nick Mayo - Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Marshfield

Was one of the Marshfield team's top goal scorers with 32 points this season on 22 goals and 10 assists…A Pilgrim Conference All-star, Mayo's tough play in the Rams' midfield proved invaluable for Marshfield this season…The senior co-captain's great speed in the middle came up big for Marshfield on fast-break plays…Although also a great defensive player, Mayo shined on offense for the Rams…Mayo will attend college next year and will continue his lacrosse career. Marshfield coach Robby Robertson: "His strength is offense. He's a very athletic player, he's very fast. He was a hard-nosed, committed player. He just flied around the field."

Pat Lenhart - Junior
Attack - Hingham

Was the leading scorer on Hingham's State Champion team, racking up 77 points on 44 goals and 33 assists…Career stats find him with 143 points…A two-time Pilgrim Conference All-star, Lenhart was voted by his teammates as the Harbormen's MVP and best offensive player…Was a force for the Harbormen not only in the post-season, but during the team's tough regular season contests as well, including Billerica and Lincoln-Sudbury, teaming with fellow All-Scholastic Connor Fitzgerald for one of the most productive offenses in the state…Contributed to the Southeast team's gold medal winning performance in this year's Bay State Games and participated in the E Mass All-star game…A Student Council member, Lenhart is ranked among the top 30 of his junior class…Lenhart will be one of the Harbormen's top returnees next season as one of the team's four captains. Hingham coach John Todd: "He's fast. He's tough. He really sees the field and he's a great finisher. He scores goals. He and Connor complimented each other well on the front line."

Pat Collins - Senior (Capt.)
Attack - Marshfield

For three years, Collins has combined with fellow All-Scholastic Sean Morris for one of the most productive front lines in the Pilgrim Conference…A PC All-star, Collins was the Rams' second-leading scorer behind Morris, with 70 points on 37 goals and 33 assists…The two provided the perfect one-two punch on the offensive front for Marshfield, causing fits for their opponents…Also an extremely good defenseman, Collins' ability to ride his opponents weakened their offensive strategies…A talented athlete, Collins also played football at Marshfield High…A senior lacrosse co-captain, Collins will attend Washington and Lee in Virginia next year, where he hopes to continue his lacrosse career. Marshfield coach Robby Robertson: "Pat and Sean worked well together as a pair. Pat is the best rider I've ever coached. He's an extremely intelligent and physical player and has a great ability to steal the ball."

Hardy Allen - Junior
Midfield - Hingham

Was a solid investment at midfield for the State Champions…An extremely tough player, Allen took his defensive strengths learned at Thayer Academy and developed his offensive strengths at Hingham, where he is known for his hard shot at the goal…Still just a junior, Allen was voted a Pilgrim Conference All-star for his play this season and has already been elected a captain for next year…Allen came up big in the big games for Hingham, devouring ground balls and producing plays…Allen was also one of five Harbormen players to participate in the E Mass All-star game. Hingham coach John Todd: "He's just a midfield power. He has the ability to just open up a game. He's tough. He's tenacious. He's a strong lefty with an unbelievable shot. It will be nice to have him back next year."

Matt Connelly - Senior (Capt.)
Midfield - Hingham

Was a four-year starter for Hingham and was a "great captain and leader" for coach John Todd's State Champions in his senior year…Connelly was Todd's coach on the field, anchoring a strong midfield for the Harbormen…A Pilgrim Conference All-star, Todd says Connelly—and fellow captain Steve Skinner—was responsible for the team's impressive turnaround following spring vacation…The senior was one of five Hingham players to participate in the E Mass All-star game…Connelly will be one of the biggest losses felt by Hingham next season, but the midfielder plans to continue his lacrosse career at Mercy Hearst College in Pennsylvania. Hingham coach John Todd: "The kind of captain and player Matt is, is what we expect from the kids at Hingham. He was a great captain and leader who understood what we needed to do and was able to bring the kids along. He led by example on the field and transferred that over to the kids."

Connor Fitzgerald - Junior
Attack - Hingham

Was Hingham's second leading scorer with 75 points on 39 goals and 36 assists this season…Three-year career stats find Fitzgerald with 112 points on 58 goals and 54 assists…Combined with fellow All-Scholastic Pat Lenhart for one of the most impressive attacks in the state…Fitzgerald's stellar offensive contributions were clutch not only during the Harbormen's impressive post-season—which ended with a State Championship—but also along Hingham's extremely challenging regular-season schedule against such teams as Weymouth…Fitzgerald is also a talented soccer player for Hingham High and will captain the team next season…Fitzgerald made key contributions as the leading scorer on the Southeast team's gold medal winning performance in this year's Bay State Games and played in the E Mass All-star game…The junior will be among the Harbormen's top returning players next season as one of the team's four captains. Hingham coach John Todd: "He and Lenhart were the perfect one two punch. They both averaged probably three points apiece per game. Connor is a great feeder, has great stick skills and a great fake to the goal and to his defenders."

Steve McDevitt- Junior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Scituate

After leading the Sailors in scoring each of the past two seasons, Steve finished second for the team title as a junior to Jared Dawson with around 40 points…became first Scituate High student to make Bay State Games team this summer, and tallied three goals and an assist in four games to help lead the Southeast team to a gold medal…only S.H.S. player named to Pilgrim Conference All-Stars, earning second team distinction…also a standout for Scituate in hockey and football…plans on attending a year of prep school after high school in the hopes of attracting more attention for collegiate hockey and lacrosse scouts… has been attending several lacrosse showcases over the summer…is slated to start at quarterback in football for S.H.S. this fall…younger brother of former B.C. High football star Kevin McDevitt…the high scoring center was a High Honorable Mention Mariner All-Scholastic in hockey this past winter… Scituate coach Chris Weber: "Steve's just an incredibly smooth player. He's the player everyone just tends to watch when he's on the field, even his own teammates. It seems he has the ability to raise his level of play against stronger competition, and that was definitely the case in the Bay State's."

Adam Grier - Junior (Capt.)
Midfield - Norwell

Finished second on the Clippers in scoring this spring with 41 points (32 goals, nine assists) in helping to lead the way to the first ever state tourney berth in the five year history of the program…a well rounded player who contributed in all important areas…doesn't shy away from contact despite giving away considerable pounds to many on the field, as witnessed by his team best total on ground ball pick-ups…second team Pilgrim Conference All-star…has played in several showcase tourneys this summer , including the Peak 2000 camp and in the Mass Bay Tourney…wants to play in college…little bother Jason is also a lacrosse and soccer standout for N.H.S. Norwell coach Jay Williams: "Adam was our most consistent offensive player, which isn't easy for a midfielder. He was a constant every game for us all over the field."

Honorable mention

Lane Forrer - Soph. - Middie- Cohasset
Eric Libby- Jr.- Attack- Cohasset
Jason Moore- Jr.- Attack- Cohasset
Nick Spirito - Soph.- Defense- Cohasset
Matt Davis – Soph.- Middie – Cohasset
Ryan Murphy - Jr. - Attack- Norwell
Brendan MacDonald - Jr. - Goalie - Norwell
Bryce Walker- Jr. (Capt.) - Defense- Norwell
Pete Donovan - Jr. - Midfielder - Norwell
Jared Dawson- Soph.- Attack- Scituate
Paul Lombardo - Sr. (Capt.) - Goalie- Scituate
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Eight Cohasset cyclists finish 192-mile Pan-Mass ride

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to thank the riders for their effort to finding a cure."

"I have probably told that story fifty times, and it still brings a tear to my eye," Vitello confessed.

In addition to the services they provide the riders, the volunteers contributed much needed moral support. The homeowners alongside the course also pitched-in in that respect by constantly cheering the cyclists on for what seemed like every inch of the nearly 200 miles.

"The support is so tremendous, you can't help but succeed with the crowds, the volunteers, and the whole spirit of the weekend," said Cohasset's Mike Kearney, smiling.

"They make the 192 miles that much easier," concurred Vitello. "I had chills the entire ride."

Nearly everyone of the cyclists dedicate their ride to someone who has survived, is currently fighting, or lost the battle with cancer.

Kearney, whose sister passed away to breast cancer last year, rode in her honor.

Robert Mahoney, who will be riding with Kearney, pedaled as a tribute to his mother-in-law, who died of cancer.

Clark rode in honor of, and with his friend Dave Drubo, a twelve year survivor.

Vitello went the distance in memory of his father-in-law, Bob Goyette, who died of cancer three years ago, and in honor of his mother, Mae Vitello, who has survived both breast and lung cancer.

In addition, everyone who made a donation to Vitello had the option of making it in someone's honor. The names they chose to honor were written on Vitello's shirt as he made the ride, so as to carry their spirit through the course.

"Everyone is motivated for different reasons," said Vitello, "but it is all for the same cause."

The other Cohasset riders are Mike Fechter, Jeff Goldstein, Ken Loffredo and Susan McMackin.

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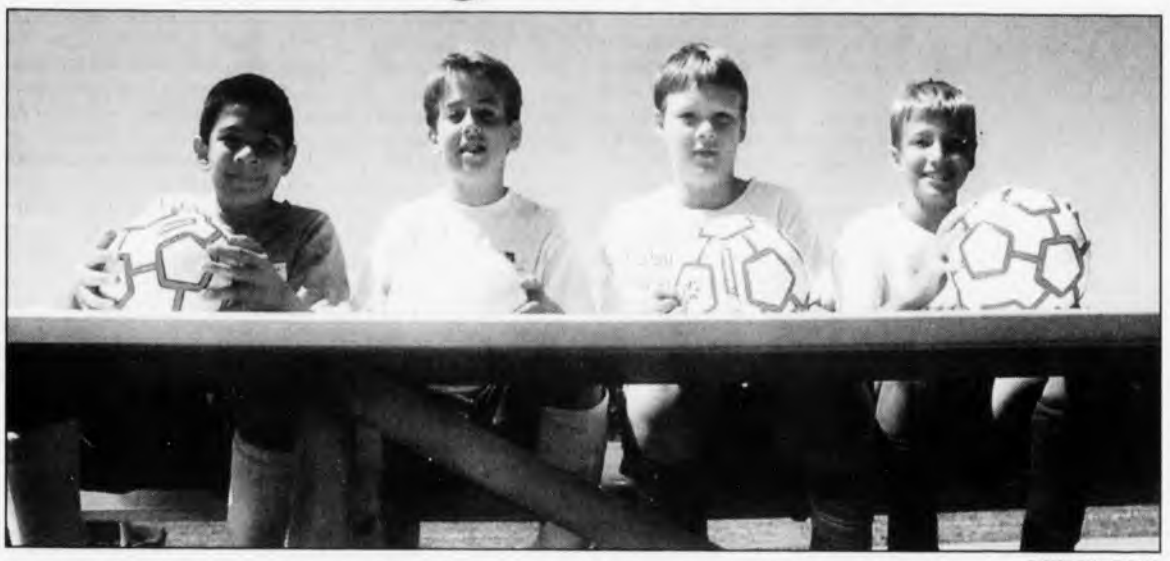


Coach Turi Lonero demonstrates the proper heading technique to a group of eight and nine year olds



Ali Tobin, of Scituate, Brittany Bergquist of Norwell, Charlie Neaves of Cohasset, and Will Enos of Scituate, are all smiles at the South Shore Soccer Camp held at Milliken Field.

Getting their kicks in



PHOTOS/TIM LLEWELLYN

Shaan Gajria, Scott Lipsett, Geoffrey Baltera and Danny Kindya, all from Hingham, take a break with their soccer balls.

Cohasset Sailing Club junior racing results

The Cohasset Sailing Club racing program has had a busy season competing in junior regattas in Boston, Marblehead, and around the South Shore. Second-year racing coach, Pat Rynne, reports that the team has more than doubled in size this year, and that the competitiveness of our junior sailors has improved over their successful 2000 season. The club is committed to providing a top notch-racing program for Cohasset's junior sailors, and this year outfitted the two Club 420 boats with new racing sails, and hired another experienced junior racer, Erin Clancy, to serve as the Assistant Racing Coach.

FINLAY CUP

Last month the MassBay Triple Handed Regatta for the Finlay Cup was contested at the Community Boating Center in Boston. Racing in Rhodes 19's against teams from the Scituate Frostbite Club, Pleon Yacht Club, Hingham Yacht Club, and Boston Community Sailing, the crew of Owen McDonald, Caroline Henderson, and Toby Norman sailed competitively with finishes of second, third and fourth places in the races held during the one-day event. Coach Pat Rynne was very pleased with the 3rd place overall finish against very experienced teams.

WASSER CUP

In the summer long Wasser Cup racing series, sailors in the Captain and Sailing Master classes have raced every Wednesday afternoon to practice their competitive skills. The races have all been close and well sailed with many teams still having a chance to win the Cup this summer. In racing through last week, the results are:

First: Jon McCarthy, Kurt Gritzan and Emilie Shea
Second: Alex Hunt, Ben Massotta and Tristram Norman
Third: Cassie Rosano, Michelle Lemaire and Marissa Evans
Fourth: Thomas Ross, Colin Smith and Elizabeth Landon
Fifth: Chris Reynolds and Toby Norman
Sixth: Matt O'Connell and Ben Libby

STANTON SERIES

The family racing competition held on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. got off to a great start on July 8. Seven boats raced in conditions that shifted from strong winds to light breezes during the races. The parent-child teams sailed four very close races with three different boats winning at least one race. The results of the July 8 races were:

First	Lemaire family
Second	Crough family
Third	Porter family
Fourth	Musto family
Fifth	Kusek family
Sixth	Shipp family

All club members are invited to come out Sunday, Aug. 19 to sail the final races of the season, and enjoy a cookout at the club after the races.

HINGHAM JUNIOR REGATTA

In the first local regatta of the year, ten junior racers attended the Hingham Junior Regatta, sailing in Club 210's and Turnabouts. The team of Owen McDonald and Toby Norman faced very tough competition in two days of Club 210 racing in Hingham Bay. In conditions ranging from high winds and big swells to very light air, the pair sailed well against crews with much more experience in racing Club 210's. By surprising many of the other boats with their successful starting tactics, Owen and Toby finished 12th in the fleet of 29 boats.

In the Turnabout fleet for younger sailors, four crews from the Sailing Club raced in the 12-boat fleet. For many of the sailors, this was their first regatta, and all of the crews gained valuable experience in this competitive event. The top Sailing Club boat was sailed by Matt O'Connell and Ben Libby, who finished in eighth place. They were closely followed by the crews of Jackie Flint and Emilie Shea, in ninth place. Cassie Rosano and Marissa Evans in 10th place, and Alex Hunt and Michelle Lemaire in 11th place.

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Cohasset swim team ends perfect season

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Connors, R.; 6th: Stevenson, G.) and the girls took first, third and fourth positions. (1st: Meehan, S.; 3rd: Lehr, T.; 4th: Micklebam, A.).

Individual medleys

The 100-yard individual medleys were more of a challenge than the relay medleys. In each of the first three races, K of C held Cohasset to second place finishes (boys: 12 and under: 2nd: Conway, C.; 3rd: Musto, C.; 4th: Doonan, P.; girls, 12 and under: 2nd: Durkin, J.; 5th: Swain, K.; 6th: Fortin, S.; boys, 14 and under: 2nd: Berg, P.). The fourteen and under girls were pushed back further into third, fourth and fifth places (3rd: Anderson, C.; 4th: Daley, M.; 5th: Lehr, B.). The seventeen and under boys also just missed the win (2nd: Faber, S.; 3rd: Ingber, D.), but the girls provided a more hopeful finish to the medleys with a win from Grace Jacobucci (1st: Jacobucci, G.; 3rd: Orsini, M.; 5th: Hurley, K.). K of C had pulled back to within one point of Cohasset, with 83 points to Cohasset's 84.

The eight-and-under boys started well in the 25-yard freestyle with first, second and fourth place finishes (1st: Durkin, T.; 2nd: Durkin, J.; 4th: Campbell, B.). The girls just missed the win, but took second, third and fourth places (2nd: Fontaine, E.; 3rd: Michalowski, A.; 4th: Murphy, C.). The ten and under boys had more trouble, with their heat, finishing fourth, fifth and sixth (4th: Porter, T.; 5th: Ulmer, W.; 6th: Queenan, C.). But the girls pulled back again to finish the event with a win from Sammy Lehr and third and fourth place finishes from Caitlin Mahoney and Kaitlin Ryan (1st: Lehr, S.; 3rd: Mahoney, C.; 4th: Ryan, K.).

Going into the 50-yard freestyles the 12-and-under boys took second, third and fourth places (2nd: Zappolo, N.; 3rd: Dickinson, R.; 4th: Doonan, P.) and the girls followed with second, fourth and fifth position finishes (2nd: Garber, C.; 4th: Englander, E.; 5th: Previte, M.). The pattern continued with the 14 and under boys and girls who finished second, fourth and sixth and second fourth and fifth, respectively (boys: 2nd: McCarthy, D.; 4th: Roach, K.; 6th: Porter, N.; girls: 2nd: Lehr, B.; 4th: Faber, A.; 5th: Musto, L.). The seventeen and unders continued the struggle, in each race, missing the win, but with the boys taking second, third and sixth place, and the girls taking third, fourth and fifth places (boys: 2nd: Ingber, D.; 3rd: Tehranian, K.; 6th: Cunningham, C.; girls: 3rd: Regan, D.; 4th: Jerome, L.; 5th: Foley, T.). Cohasset had now slipped behind by fifteen points (Cohasset 121, K of C 136).

Butterfly event

In the butterfly event the eight-and-unders again raised the home team's spirits and got them back on track with a win in both the boys and girls races (1st: Shipp, M.; 3rd: Carrier, J.; 4th: Durkin, T.; girls 1st: Musto, L.; 3rd: Karski, E.; 4th: Murphy, D.). The ten and under boys and girls followed suit with first place finishes in both their races (boys: 1st: Doonan, B.; 4th: Stevenson, G.; 5th: Ofsthun, C.; girls: 1st: Lehr, T.; 2nd: Mahoney, C.; 5th: Micklebam, A.). The twelve and unders were held to second place finishes (boys: 2nd: Conway, C.; 3rd: Dickinson, R.; 5th: Doonan, P.; girls: 2nd: Garber, C.; 3rd: Herman, L.; 4th: Englander, E.), but with the 25-yard butterflies complete, Cohasset had reduced K of C's lead by eight points.

In the 50-yard butterflies Parker Berg set the pace with a win in the fourteen and under race. The 14-and-under girls missed the win, but took second, fifth and sixth places (2nd: Daley, M.; 5th: Ogrodnik, M.; 6th: Faber, A.) and the seventeen and under boys finished second and third (2nd: Ingber, D.; 3rd: Blackburn, C.). But again Garet Jacobucci stepped in to win the girls' race (1st: Jacobucci, G.; 3rd: Orsini, M.; 5th: Jerome, L.) and end the event on a high. Cohasset had shaved another critical point off K of C's lead.

The breaststroke was the next event and right away the eight and under boys and girls went to work to secure wins in both the boys' and girls' races (boys: 1st: Buckley, T.; 4th: Campbell, B.; 5th: Shipp, M.; girls: 1st: Fontaine, E.; 2nd: Axelson, D.; 4th: Donohue, M.). The ten and under boys finished in second, third and fourth position and the girls pushed ahead to win their race (boys: 2nd: Ulmer, W.; 3rd: Porter, T.; 4th: Ofsthun, C.; girls: 1st: Lehr, S.; 5th: Teague, K.; 6th: Sullivan, O.).

In the 50-yard event Alexander Hunt led the way with a win in the 12 and unders race (1st: Hunt, A.; 3rd: Zappolo, N.; 4th: Musto, C.), and the girls kept up with a first for Lindsay Durkin (1st: Durkin, L.; 3rd: Swain, K.; 5th: Fortin, S.). The fourteen and under boys finished in second, fourth and fifth places (2nd: Roach, K.; 4th: Faber, A.; 5th: Gammon, B.) and the girls took second, third and fifth (2nd: Anderson, C.; 3rd: Faber, C.; 5th: Hurley, C.). The seventeen and under boys and girls produced excellent finishes to win both their races (boys: 1st: Faber, S.; 5th: Blackburn, C.; girls: 1st: Shea, E.; 2nd: Foley, T.; 3rd: Hurley, K.) and to push Cohasset back into the lead. Cohasset had now accumulated 224 points to K of C's 213.

Heroic performance

With one more individual event to go, the eight-and-under boys put in another heroic performance to take first, third and fourth places in their race (1st: Carrier, J.; 3rd: Shipp, M.; 4th: Buckley, T.). The eight-and-under girls went further, shutting out K of C and taking first, second and third places (1st: Karski, E.; 2nd: Michalowski, A.; 3rd: Musto, L.). The ten and under boys were less successful in their event (3rd: Connors, R.; 5th: Queenan, C.; 6th: McCormack, T.), but the girls charged home to take the win (1st: Meehan, S.; 3rd: Ryan, K.; 4th: Mahoney, M.).

In the 50-yard races, Cohasset had continued success with first place finishes for the 12-and-under boys and girls (boys: 1st: Hunt, A.; 3rd: Shipp, A.; 4th: Muir, K.; girls: 1st: Herman, E.; 4th: Sacks, M.; 6th: Teague, M.). The fourteen and under boys missed the win, but took second, fourth and sixth place (boys: 2nd: McCarthy, D.; 4th: Berg, P.; 6th: Faber, C.) while the girls finished third, fifth and sixth (girls: 3rd: Daley, M.; 5th: Harrington, B.; 6th: Shea, E.). The 50-yard races ended with a second and fourth place finish for the boys (2nd: Tehranian, K.; 4th: Blackburn, C.) and another impressive win for the girls (1st: Jacobucci, G.; 4th: Regan, D.; 5th: Musto, L.).

With only the free relays left, Cohasset was still ahead, but by only nine points. The win was still very much up for grabs.

As the relays began, the eight-and-under boys and girls put in their usual excellent performances to take first place in both their races (boys: 1st: Durkin, T.; Durkin, J.; Buckley, Carrier; 3rd: Mahoney; Murphy, C.; Durkin, Je.; Murphy, J.; 4th: Carpenter, C.; McCormack; Culhane; Faber; girls: 1st: Karski; Musto; Michalowski; Fontaine; 3rd: Berbe; Farren, A.; Axelson; Kucinski; 6th: Carrier; Farren, N.; Teague, M.; Kelly, K.). Cohasset was now 17 points ahead, but this was not the time to rest on their laurels. In the ten and under event, the visitors came right back with a win in the boys race (2nd: Ulmer; Stevenson; Porter; Doonan; 4th: Ofsthun; McCormack; Queenan, Connors), reducing the differential to 13 points.

The ten-and-under girls were next up and went straight to work to recover Cohasset's position with first, fourth and fifth place finishes (1st: Lehr, S.; Lehr, T.; Mahoney, C.; Meehan, S.; 4th: Asnault; Coggins; Dunn, Hunt; 5th: Dickinson; Jennings; Madge; Zappolo). The twelve and under boys swam well too, but missed the win, taking Cohasset's lead back to 13 points (2nd: Hunt; Dickinson; Zappolo; Conway; 3rd: Cunningham; Drybanski; Faber; Porter; 5th: Muir; Kuppens; McCarthy; Wheelwright). The meet could still go either way, but the twelve and under girls swam a close race to finish first, and the home team was now 17 points ahead (1st: Hernan; Garber; Englander; Durkin; 4th: Campbell; Hurley; Regan; Swain; 5th: Tehranian; Smith; McBride; Guince). Cohasset was now more or less home free. The spectators, of course, didn't know this, and the final two races had supporters from both camps crowding the edges of the pool to cheer on their 17 and under swimmers.

Final scores

The event ended with powerful performances from all the swimmers, but K of C finished strongly to take first place in both the girls' and boys' races (boys: 2nd: Tehranian; Blackburn; Faber; Ingber; girls: 2nd: Jerome; Orsini; Foley; Regan; 4th: Harrington, K.; Lieb-Lappen; Muir; Faber; 5th: Hurley, C.; McCarthy, K.R.; Muir; James). Supporters waited anxiously to hear the final tally that would decide the outcome of the meet and after a brief pause, in what had been an oppressively hot afternoon, the final scores were announced. Cohasset 316; K of C: 307. The home team had won the meet and finished the 2001 summer season undefeated.

What a successful summer it has been for the Cohasset swim team. In terms of their record, they finish the season with a clean sweep, and go into the Championship week having beaten the one team that defeated them last year. But there have been other successes. In six short weeks more than 170 swimmers have made friends, learned new skills, and been part of a wonderful team experience. The Cohasset Swim Team has become an institution in the town. Many children will look back on it as the defining experience of their summer vacation. Thanks to the support of so many parents and the leadership of Alison Hughes and her coaching assistants, Cohasset looks forward to many more successful seasons.

SPORTS NOTES

Youth Football equipment handouts

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football will hold equipment handouts tonight and tomorrow, at the Store-it storage facility next to the Driftway Tennis Center on Old Driftway in Scituate.

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Bring a $100 equipment deposit check made out to "SCYFC." This check will not be deposited, but rather returned to you when equipment is returned at the end of the season.

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Harbor Island Triathlon

On August 19 the Harbor Islands Triathlon will take place in Hull.

A half-mile ocean swim from George's Island to Pemberton Point will be followed by a 8.5 mile bike race from Hull Gut to the War Memorial and bandstand followed by a 6. 2 mile run from the High School to the War Memorial and along Hull Bay finishing at Hull High School. The event begins at 10:00 AM from George's Island with all participants arriving at Pemberton Point by 9:00 AM.

Call 617 223-8666 for information and registration.

Swim Center Course

Cohasset Swim Center will be offering a Lifeguard training course, starting next week.

Please call the C.S.C., at 781-383-9463 and ask for Darleen Koetsch-MacNamara for more information and registration. She is available Mondays thru Fridays from 2 p.m. -7 p.m. Space is limited so act now if you are interested. The deadline for registration is August 1st.

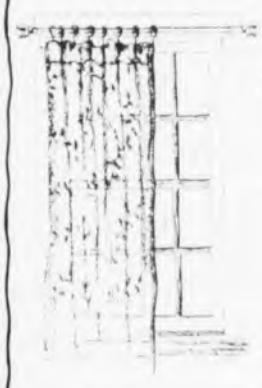
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Candidates must successfully pass a pre-skills test.

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SATURDAY, JULY 28

1:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

3:18 a.m. Lamberts Lane, general services, departmental action.

4:21 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity/persons, auto, area search negative.

5:46 a.m. Atlantic Ocean, assist boater, area search negative.

6:19 a.m. Atlantic Ocean, assist boater, investigated, report taken.

7:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Janet Patricia Pratt, 41, of 8-A Meadow Ave., Hull. Charge: Operating motor vehicle after license to operate was suspended, operate in violation of speed regulations.

8:52 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint, services rendered.

10:10 a.m. South Main St., harassment/annoying phone calls, departmental action.

10:18 a.m. Sheaf St., noise complaint.

11:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist, services rendered.

12:17 p.m. Sohier St., fire investigation, services rendered.

1:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

1:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint, services rendered.

2:03 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen, services rendered.

4:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police dept., area search negative.

4:45 p.m. Howe Rd., officer wanted, area search negative.

5:09 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

5:29 p.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle accident/investigation, report filed/or to be filed.

5:44 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity, auto, investigated.

8:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:25 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, noise complaint, log entry.

9:56 p.m. Sohier St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

10:11 p.m. West Corner, assist other police dept., services rendered.

10:38 p.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

12:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:17 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., officer wanted, area search negative.

11:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation, departmental action.

12:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, log entry.

2:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire extinguished, investigation.

2:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint, ticket issued.

2:52 p.m. Border St. general disturbance, log entry.

3:11 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, parking complaint, departmental action.

4:45 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle violation/s, ticket issued.

5:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., suspicious activity/persons, auto, log entry.

7:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglars/breaking and entering, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

9:19 p.m. Stoneleigh Lane, vandalism, log entry.

9:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:23 p.m. Parking Way, suspicious activity/persons, area search negative.

11:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/persons, log entry.

11:26 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

11:55 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/persons, log entry.

MONDAY, JULY 30

9:26 a.m. Border St., property lost.

11:49 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, vandalism.

1:36 p.m. Sohier St., fire investigation.

2:03 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint.

2:13 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:42 p.m. Border St. motor vehicle stop.

2:57 p.m. King St., fire investigation, extinguished.

4:08 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

4:21 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:58 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:58 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, noise, services rendered.

11:29 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

12:05 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious activity/persons, auto, departmental action.

9:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s, departmental action.

1:52 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance, noise, departmental action.

2:21 p.m. North Main St., illegal dumping, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

3:28 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop/impounded. Arrest of Boyd R. Simmons, 56, of 28 River St., #2, Quincy. Charge: Operating motor vehicle after revoked or suspended license.

5:52 p.m. Town parking lot, motor vehicle violation/s, services rendered.

6:20 p.m. Margin St., animal call or complaint, services rendered.

6:41 p.m. Beach St., animal call or complaint, area search negative.

8:10 p.m. Jerusalem Lane and Bow St., motor vehicle stop, parking ticket issued.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

1:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:44 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, fire investigation, departmental action.

9:44 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking violation, departmental action.

1:20 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident/investigation.

7:19 p.m. Brook St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

8:04 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal call or complaint, report filed/or to be filed.

10:04 p.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid, referred to other agency.

10:28 a.m. Lamberts Lane, vandalism, log entry.

THURSDAY, AUG. 2

8:41 a.m. Surry Dr., officer wanted, departmental action.

9:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, departmental action.

9:23 a.m. Henniker, N.H., investigation, report filed.

1:07 p.m. Stoneleigh Rd., assist motorist.

1:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s, area search negative.

2:01 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious activity/persons, departmental action.

2:07 p.m. Black Rock Rd., animal call or complaint, log entry.

2:13 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint, log entry.

2:25 p.m. North Main St., tree down, referred.

3:02 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance, investigated, report filed/or to be filed.

4:01 p.m. Sandy Beach, suspicious activity/persons, investigated.

4:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:30 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

6:59 p.m. Route 3A, investigation, towing, departmental action.

7:24 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Howe Rd., suspicious activity/persons, investigated.

9:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation warning.

9:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, AUG. 3

12:25 a.m. Cedar St., abandoned auto, departmental action.

1:05 a.m. Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:20 a.m. Howard Gleason Rd., vandalism, departmental action.

1:32 a.m. Pond St., general, Juvenile, age 15, taken into protective custody.

1:51 a.m. Elm Ct., general, departmental action.

2:20 a.m. Pond St., open door/window, departmental action.

3:06 a.m. HQ, assist citizen, departmental action.

3:19 a.m. King St., assist citizen, departmental action.

8:37 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, stored/impounded.

9:41 a.m. Border St., transport, services rendered.

10:46 a.m. Mendel Rd., suspicious activity/persons, investigated.

11:51 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint, ticket issued.

12:14 p.m. Sohier St., fire investigation.

1:04 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident, departmental action.

2:32 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Hull St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

2:33 p.m. Cushing Rd. and James Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:10 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

6:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint, departmental action.

10:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. suspicious activity/persons/auto. Arrest of Hillary A. Taglienti, 17, of 88 Westchester Dr., Westwood. Charge: Minor transporting, carrying alcohol.

Arrest of Patrick M. Moore, 18, of 168 Mill St., Westwood. Charges: Minor transporting, carrying alcohol; Illegal possession of a Class D.

Arrest of Matthew M. Anderson, 18, of 101 Lakeshore Dr., Westwood. Charge: Minor transporting, carry alcohol.

11:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s, area search negative.

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12:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general disturbance, area search negative.

12:18 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

12:39 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:15 a.m. King St., general services, departmental action.

1:27 a.m. Cushing Rd. and James Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:47 a.m. HQ., general info, departmental action.

1:50 a.m. Pleasant St., general services, departmental action.

POLICE BRIEFS

Man charged with exposing himself

A 40-year-old Salem dentist, who was staying with a friend in Hingham, faces charges of open and gross lewdness after allegedly exposing himself to a woman on Sandy Beach over the weekend.

William F. White and his friend Bradford K. Hurd, 37, of 180 Fort Hill St. in Hingham were charged with public drinking following the initial report of about a man exposing himself at the beach at 4 p.m., Saturday.

When police went to the beach, the witness was reluctant to provide a statement. But police arrested White and Hurd for public drinking, a town by-law violation.

However, later that day the lifeguard provided police with details of the alleged incident. The alleged victim and her husband also went to the police station and talked with sexual assault Officer Shellee Peters.

At the request of Cohasset police, a summons was issued on the new offense at White's arraignment at Quincy District Court on public drinking charge.

White is scheduled to return to court for a pre-trial hearing Oct. 1. The charge of public drinking against Hurd was dismissed, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

Beach patrols are increased

Police plan to have a greater presence at Sandy Beach, to alleviate residents' concerns about safety there, Sgt. Robert Jackson said. Saturday, a man was arrested after allegedly exposing himself to a woman at the beach. In an unrelated incident earlier last week, police investigated reports of that a 40-year-old man was hanging around and approaching children and making people feel uncomfortable. Police investigated but found nothing to charge the man with. However, the man's car, which had no sticker, was towed and police issued him a no-trespass order to keep away from the beach.

Youths arrested

Police arrested four teenagers from Westwood Friday night, who were parked in an SUV at the rear corner Shaw's Plaza parking lot. Investigation at the scene revealed open containers of beer and a 30-pack of beer. One of the teenagers also had a small amount of marijuana in his possession.

Arrested on charges of minor transporting alcohol were: Hillary A. Taglienti, 17, of 88 Westchester Dr., Westood; Patrick M. Moore, 18, of 168 Mill St., Westwood; David D. McDonough, 18, of 76 Greenacre Road, Westwood; and Mathew M. Anderson, 18, of 101 Lakeshore Dr., Westwood. McDonough was also charged with illegal possession of Class D (marijuana).

Taglienti was put into a diversion program prior to arraignment and will have to pay $50 to MADD. The charges against Moore, McDonough and Anderson were continued without a finding for three monthsIf the stay out of trouble the charges will be dropped at that time, Sgt. Robert Jackson said. . They were also required to pay $85 in court costs.

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Drumming up a career

Braintree's Brian Kelley and The Part Time Lovers have a feel for the blues

By Seth Jacobson
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They may be Part Time Lovers, but their love for playing jazz/funk infused blues is a full-time gig.

They are the members of the band The Part Time Lovers, managed by drummer and Braintree native Brian Kelley, and they're celebrating the release of their second album "Down for the Ride."

The band's growing number of fans are catching on to the group's upbeat, soulful, funky style.

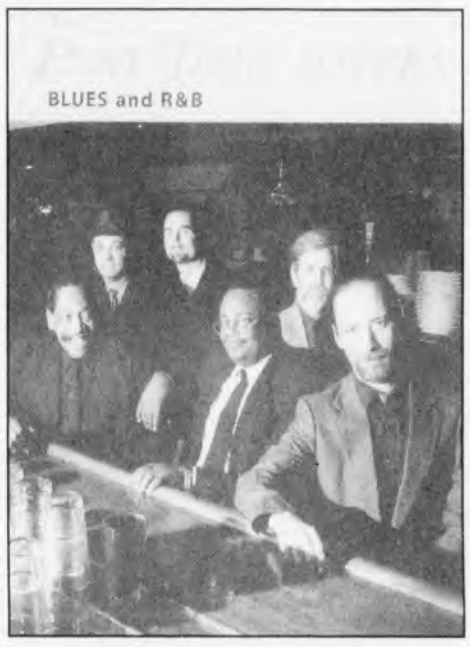
"The album seems to be doing well," said Kelley. "We've been selling a lot of them at gigs. That's where we sell most of them."

Band members for The Part Time Lovers include Cole Grinnell (bass), Stephen Matthews (vocals), Ron Chancey (guitar), Ken Cook (piano, organ), and Bruce 'Goose' McGrath (tenor).

Kelley said the new album is "a departure from the last record" in the fact that there are more original songs on the new release. The first album was a compilation of covers of old blues classics including "The Thrill is Gone" by B.B. King.

"On the new album, we also tried to develop more funk stylings, among other kinds of music," Kelley said, adding jazz and Latin music influences were also incorporated into the songs on the new record.

"It's basically a whole mix of things," he said. "I think one of the reasons for that is because everyone in this band has a distinct musical personality. If I had to describe the album as a whole, I'd say it's a real feel type of music, very soulful. But what we're ultimately trying to get across is that we're a funk band."



The Part Time Lovers have been playing for about 10 years. Kelley joined up with the group about six years ago. Since that time, he's been the drummer, but he's also been in charge of leading the group and taking care of all the management responsibilities like booking shows, and taking care of band business.

Kelley obviously has a knack leadership, because The Part Time Lovers have been busy this summer, playing about four nights a week on average.

And even though it may appear that Kelley has a lot to do, it does not stop him from playing with his other band called The Brian Kelley Quartet, a straight-up jazz group. This summer, he's performed twice a week with the quartet in addition to working with The Part Time Lovers. Kelley also has his own self-titled solo album called "Ketchup and Rivets," a collection of songs and music styles close to his heart.

"Everybody in The Part Time Lovers freelances," Kelley said. He added that he recorded "Ketchup and Rivets" at the same time the Part Time Lovers were recording the new album, and he noted it was a lot of work to be bouncing back and forth between recording sessions.

Aside from his live-music ventures, Kelley also has another side job—he teaches drums at DiCenso's Drum Shop in Quincy, and he has been doing so for the last five or six years.

"I don't know how I fit everything in," Kelley said. "Between the gigs, the teaching, the practicing, and the recording, I just find the find the time to do all of it. Music consumes my entire life and existence." Kelley said his passion for music began at an early age while he was growing up in Braintree.



"When I was five years old, I noticed I liked music, and I spent a lot of time listening to it," he said. "But as I listened, drums became more fascinating to me."

Over the years, Kelley played the drums, and kept getting better and better at them. He started joining bands, and the rest is history. Kelley said he has been in other bands including The Yard Rockers, and recently, he played on a new album by a rock band called Aunt Mary's Breath. He said that album is still in production.

But Kelley said his role as part of The Part Time Lovers is one he's very happy with.

"The people I play with in that band are very inspirational to me," he said. They are all tremendous musicians, and I learn something new every time I play with them."

And while musically he's on the right track, Kelley said he has other goals to achieve.

"Ultimately, I'd love to get a teaching position at a major college for music," he said. "And I'd like to put out another record under my own name. I'd also like to continue to play out as much as possible, and do a little more traveling with The Part Time Lovers. Most of our jobs are around New England right now. But either way, I'm very happy to be doing what I'm doing—I'm making a living as a working musician."

For more information on The Part Time Lovers, log onto the website at www.parttimeloversband.com. The band's new album can be purchased at any of their shows or on the website. The Part Time Lovers have two local gigs coming up—one at the Bridgewater Town Gazebo on Aug. 12 from 6-8 p.m., and one at the Pembroke town gazebo on Aug. 19, from 6-8 p.m.. For information about the Brian Kelley Jazz Quartet, e-mail Kelley at Brian_kenetzero.net. His jazz band's album is available at Border's Book stores in Braintree, Kingston, and Cambridge. For any other information, call (617) 257-3208.

A tribute in Taffeta

Quincy dinner theater serves up a taste of the '50s

By R. Scott Reedy
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Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly and Little Richard may come to mind first when you think of 1950s music. Some people, however, remember that decade more for its girl and doo wop groups and pop icons like Dinah Shore, Patti Page and the McGuire Sisters.



The Quincy-based J.M. Productions Dinner Theater at Raffael's is currently presenting a tribute to the era's easy listening chart-toppers with "The Taffetas," a musical revue that plays like a love letter to the 1950s.

As the show opens, Ike and Mamie are in the White House and Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher are still planning on living happily ever after. Meanwhile at a live broadcast of the fictional "Spotlight on Music" program, four sisters from Muncie, Indiana - Cheryl (Debi Habib), Peggy (Valerie Clark), Kaye (Brenda Chase McColgan) and Donna (Ellen Spadorcia) – are making their national television debut as the "The Taffetas."

Wearing dresses of sky blue taffeta, naturally, and sporting bouffant flips with matching bows, the four sweet-as-sugar sisters present a present a program of well-known songs from their opener "Sh-Boom" to "Mr. Sandman," and several clever medleys that showcase their well-rehearsed four-part harmonies

The Travel medley that closes the first act brings the quartet together for everything from "Around the World in 80 Days" and "Little Grass Shack" to "See the USA In Your Chevrolet." Equally entertaining is the second act's "Boys Medley" which intercuts "Johnny Angel," and "Old Cape Cod" with "Where The Boys Are," sung by Brenda Chase McColgan in her very best Connie Francis style, and a touching "This Is Dedicated To The One I Love," performed beautifully by Valerie Clark.

The girls also take a break from the music to answer questions from the audience in a humorous bit that seems only there to pad a show that, with intermission, runs a scant 70 minutes.

Director Doug Trudeau has traveled north from his Scituate-based Showstoppers troupe to helm this production and provides clever and crisp direction that keeps the action interesting even on Raffael's limited "stage".

Musical Director Donna Bacherman does a fine job as accompanist, but would benefit from period garb for those moments when the girls involve her in the act.

A final personal aside to my opening night table mates: the first names of the McGuire Sisters are indeed Phyllis, Christine and Dorothy. You were right! P.S. There is another Dorothy McGuire who is an actress best-known for films like "The Spiral Staircase."

("The Taffetas" will be performed at Raffael's, Enterprise Drive, North Quincy, through Aug. 23. For tickets and information, please call 617/328-1600.)

Above, the cast of "The Taffetas" includes, left to right, Valerie Clark, Brenda Chase McColgan, Ellen Spadorcia and Debi Habib. The musical homage to the 1950s continues through August 23 at Raffael's in North Quincy.

Toiling in oils and pastels

Norwell artist enjoys success of Boston show

By Seth Jacobson
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The career of Norwell-based artist Patricia Gray is moving right along. Gray was the featured artist at last weekend's Pembroke Art Festival, she teaches classes at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, she's frequently commissioned to do paintings, and she's got a brand new show of her own being exhibited at the Landmark Building in Boston showing through Aug. 25.

"It's a great place for a show," Gray said. "The exhibit is a combination of pastels and oils, all of them landscapes. It's a show about nature. Many of the paintings have marsh themes or beach themes," Gray said there are 20 paintings in the show.

As for her work, Gray said her mediums are pastels and oils — nothing else. She initially started painting with oils about 25 years ago before her first child was born.

"I was always an oil painter in the beginning," she said. "But when I had a baby, there was no time to paint with oils. There was too much clean-up involved. I was frustrated with the lack of time. I didn't want to give up painting at that point so I bought a couple of pastels so I could keep doing something."

Now Gray has more than 6,000 pastels in her collection, and the medium has become as much of a part of her work as oils ever were.

Gray said the current show at the Landmark Building reflects her love for both mediums. She added it was kind of a funny story on how she picked the location for the show.

Gray said her husband actually works in the building, and she actually did a show there once before in 1991. But as time went by, more and more New York artists were featured at the facility to the point where Gray felt more Massachusetts artists should be displayed there.

"I felt really strongly about that," she said. Now, many artists from the South Shore Art Center get to display their work there, including Gray, who is a member of the center.

Gray said she feels good about showing her work these days, as she said she's improved over the years.

"I think my work has a little more depth these days," she said, "a little bit more soul. The longer you work at painting, the better your work starts to look.. I'm always trying to push a painting to its limits, and I like them to look rich, thick, and wonderful."

Gray said she's been getting some good feedback on the show, and she's also been selling a number of her paintings.

"You just do your work and you hope that what you're doing has some sort of affect on people," she said.



"Calm at Water's Edge," pastel on sanded paper is one of 20 paintings Norwell artist Patricia Gray has on display at Boston's Landmark building through Aug. 25.

Gray said she has worked hard for a long time in order to get to this point in her life, and she feels that the current show is one of her best to date.

"Painting is something that takes dedication," she said. "You've got to try to work at it every day. I've also always been an observer, which I think is important. You've got to be looking constantly on the amazing impact of nature."

For more information on Gray's show, call the South Shore Art Center at (781) 383-2787. The Landmark Building is located at 160 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

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Sangria is a sweetened, fruity wine-based punch usually fortified with orange liqueur. It may also contain brandy, soda or sparkling water, sweet vermouth or port, and even tea or lemonade. Bad sangria is swill-a saccharine fruit punch laced with a bitter undercurrent of orange peel-, whereas well-made sangria is a delicate balance of fruit, wine, liqueur, and sugar.

The first thing to be settled was the type of wine. Prior testing done in our kitchen at Cook's Illustrated magazine indicated that when it comes to sangria, expensive wines are not as good as cheaper bottles. You want a light, fruity wine for this summer drink, not something redolent with the taste of oak and tannins.

I tried inexpensive bottles of Burgundy, merlot, zinfandel, and rioja as well as a Spanish grenache. (All of the wines cost less than $5 per bottle.) The merlot and grenache were fruity, the zinfandel acidic, and the rioja dull. The Burgundy, a Carlo Rossi jug Burgundy, was the winner- round and rich with lots of flavor. My second choice would be either a merlot or grenache. I also discovered that 1.5 liters of wine is the right amount, which means that a good jug wine, such as the Carlo Rossi, which comes in this size bottle, is ideal.

Next I tested orange liqueurs-Triple Sec, Cointreau, and Grand Marnier-using 1/4 cup per 750 milliliters (or half-jug) of wine. Grand Marnier was the strongest tasting, with a slightly bitter flavor. The Triple Sec contributed a sweet, orange-flavored punch to the sangria that was no more than acceptable. What I liked was the big, boozy flavor of the Cointreau since it boosted the overall flavor of the drink. I also tried adding brandy, vermouth, port, and even gin and felt that they simply complicated matters while offering no improvement in flavor.

As for the fruit, I made sangria with oranges, oranges and lemons, and oranges, lemons, and limes. For each 750 milliliters of wine I used a bit less than 1/2 cup of juice and ended up preferring sangria that used only oranges. The sour undertones from the lemons and limes got in the way of the other flavors. I tried using only freshly squeezed juice instead of whole slices but the sangria was lackluster-- bruising the orange rind with sugar released flavorful oils. Other fruit additions, such as peaches, berries, and grapes, simply crowded the glass and the flavor. Fillers such as soda or sparkling water were watery and merely diluted flavors.

Next I experimented with the sugar. I tried adding simple syrup, superfine sugar and plain old granulated sugar, all in 1/4-cup quantities, to the batch of sangria. The simple syrup was no better than the granulated sugar and, since it is more work, I opted not to use it. In addition, the granulated sugar dissolved perfectly well, so there was no need to use superfine. Finally, I wanted to see if a stay in the refrigerator would improve the flavor of the sangria. After a couple of hours, the flavors mellowed and became even more enjoyable. This improvement continued up to eight hours. However, at this point, the orange pieces must be removed for longer storage to avoid a bitter flavor.

THE BEST SANGRIA

Triple Sec may be substituted for the Cointreau in the recipe for a sweeter and less strong-tasting sangria. If you want to keep the sangria for more than eight hours in the refrigerator, strain out the fruit to avoid a bitter flavor.

2 oranges, washed, halved, and sliced

3/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice from about 2 additional oranges

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1.5 liter bottle medium-bodied, fruity red wine, such as Carlo Rossi Burgundy, or an inexpensive merlot or grenache

1/2 cup Cointreau

Place the orange slices, juice, and sugar in a large pitcher. Bruise lightly with a wooden spoon until the sugar is dissolved, about 1 minute. Add the wine and the Cointreau and refrigerate for 2 to 8 hours. Stir and serve over ice.

Makes about 8 cups, serving 6 to 8

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Gear up for a hectic day. The Aries moon forms six major alignments to planets, all harmonious. That means that you can be most productive, if you are well organized. Energy and enthusiasm run high. An applying polarity of Mercury to Uranus warns against impulsive spending or decision-making, however. Take it slow and think things through. Planetary action promises an exciting, "anything can happen" kind of evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

Slow down, pay attention, drive with care this morning. The Aries moon becomes inactive at 12:53 a.m. Mercury forms a 180-degree alignment to Uranus at 10:58 a.m. Projects may take unexpected turns. Give greater attention to accuracy, details. Storm clouds move out at 2:23 p.m., when the moon enters earthy Taurus, and the green light for new starts goes on. A harmonious alignment of the sun and Mars occurs at 5:46 p.m. The evening is prime for all social activities, romantic adventures.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

A Taurus moon sets the stage for a relaxing weekend. It is best to start major ventures or make important purchases or decisions before 1:02 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Venus. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can be most productive today. Influences are best, however, for kicking back and enjoying the good things in life.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:53 a.m. This month's new moon will culminate next Saturday, August 18, at 28-degrees of Leo. Today the Taurus moon forms challenging 90-degree alignments to Uranus at 10:02 a.m. and Mercury at 6:32 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Don't get involved in power struggles with others; sidestep stubborn, obstinate behavior. Pursue favorite leisure activities; treat yourself to a day of rest and relaxation. At 10:59 p.m. the moon enters Gemini.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

The combination of a Gemini moon and an applying sun/Uranus polarity sets a hectic pace today and tomorrow. Avoid rigid time schedules; things may not go as planned. It is better to handle a variety of jobs rather than one that demands mental precision and focus. People will be talkative and easily distracted from practical matters. Lunar alignments to Pluto and Saturn may generate emotional thunderstorms this evening. Keep it light. Choose your words carefully.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

The planet Mercury enters Virgo at 1:04 a.m., remaining there until August 31. This is an ideal time to focus on physical fitness, health, diet; start new programs to help you eliminate bad habits and take better care of yourself. A lunar alignment to Mars can make for a rough start to this day. Stop, look and listen. Don't take risks. Fortunately, storm clouds move out by 11:00 a.m. You can initiate projects between 11:00 a.m.-3:42 p.m., when the Gemini moon becomes inactive. This is an especially favorable period for communicating new ideas, launching sales and promotion campaigns.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

A polarity of the sun and Uranus warns you to expect the unexpected this morning. Allow extra time to get where you are going. Take it slow and easy. The moon enters the sign Cancer at 3:55 a.m., placing the focus on home, family, domestic responsibilities. The best period for launching important enterprises occurs between 12:30-3:50 p.m., when the moon aligns with expansive Jupiter. Share a special dinner with friends and loved ones this evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

If you plan to start major projects today, you must get them off the ground before 9:03 a.m., when the moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive. No major planetary activity occurs after that. The remainder of this day is prime for cleaning out the clutter, reorganizing, tying up loose ends. Take quiet time out for yourself this evening; meditate for inner peace.

Maintaining the landscape in high summer

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Brilliant flashes of lightning, a rumble of thunder, and the welcome sound of raindrops pelting against the windowpanes ushered in the first weekend of August. Mother Nature kindly delivered a little moisture to our thirsty plants and gardens just when many of them seemed on the verge of succumbing to our recent mini-drought. Throughout this growing season, rain has fallen on a fairly regular schedule, and in combination with slightly cooler than average temperatures, even those lawns which have not had the benefit of regular irrigation have managed to maintain a hint of the green carpet effect so many gardeners crave.

Unfortunately, many of us may have been deceived by the appearance of our lawns, and assumed that all our treasured plants were obtaining sufficient moisture, when, in fact, the month of July was significantly drier than normal. Combined with the five-week drought earlier this spring and our recent scorching heat, many woody plants, in particular, have started to show the effects of drought stress. Newly planted trees and shrubs may not have been able to adapt and may have even succumbed while some established plants have entered a premature dormancy. It is not uncommon for the foliage of many plants to wilt during the heat of the day, especially if exposed to direct sunlight, but if they do not recover at dusk or by early the next morning, they require immediate attention.

Most sprinkler systems do not provide adequate moisture to the deeper root systems of woody plants. For newly planted trees and shrubs or any woody plants showing the effects of drought stress, it may be necessary to form a shallow moat around the base of the plant and run a hose at a trickle to drench the root ball. Should your community have water restrictions which require hand-held hoses, small buckets of water can be gradually administered to this moat. Thoroughly soak the root-ball two to three times a week during dry periods and high heat. A watering can filled with a dilute, liquid soluble fertilizer may further help to revive languishing plants. If all the leaves have shriveled, scratch the bark of the branches with a fingernail; if there is fresh, green tissue beneath, you may be able to revive your plant. If all the leaves are crispy and the branches are dry, brittle and brown beneath the bark, your efforts are likely to be in vain.

Even some of our moisture-loving perennials have started to display brown, crispy foliage. The leaves on many of my clumps of tall garden phlox (P. paniculata) turned a sickly-looking lime green and brown, a condition which first became evident during the spring drought, which may actually have been more stressful to our plants than our recent heat and dry conditions. A closer inspection of the underside of their mottled foliage revealed a stippled appearance, a typical indicator of spider mites which thrive during periods of hot, dry weather. Severe infestations will produce tell-tale webs surrounding many of the leaves and stems. A stiff stream of water will dislodge the webs and help to alleviate the problem and an application of a light, horticultural oil is a safe and usually effective control for these microscopic pests which can barely be detected until much of their damage has been done. Daylily foliage is often susceptible to spider mites during the heat of summer, as well. Plants which exhibit mottled foliage should be investigated to determine the source of the problem or taken to your local nursery for their advice. Mites, in particular, can severely weaken even tough perennials making it more difficult for them to survive our challenging winters.

Lawns and gardens require a minimum of 1 inch of water per week during the active growing season. As a general rule, it is better to provide a deep, thorough soaking of your plantings once or twice a week, than to superficially water every day. Light sprinklings tend to cause plant roots to come to the surface looking for moisture, making plants more susceptible to drought, fluctuations in temperature, insects and diseases and eventually to winter damage. Heavy waterings promote deeper root systems where soil temperatures are cooler and plants are more likely to survive and thrive. Should your community be subject to water restrictions, try to focus your watering on one or two areas each time watering is permitted and thoroughly drench your plants rather than applying a light, superficial spray over your entire landscape.: When possible, water early in the day to enable plant foliage to dry off prior to darkness. Otherwise, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases, not to mention slugs and snails, are likely to flourish. When using a hand-held hose in the evening, try to water individual plants at the base rather than as an overhead spray. The acquisition of a rain gauge is an inexpensive, handy means of monitoring how much moisture your plants are receiving from the combined efforts of Mother Nature and sprinklers, but any straight-sided container can be used to collect water and a ruler inserted to determine the total accumulation.

The application of a summer mulch will greatly improve the moisture-retentive properties of your soil while reducing fluctuations in soil temperature. A 1- or 2-inch layer of shredded bark is an attractive and practical finishing touch to any garden or foundation planting with the added benefit of reducing weed germination. The time, effort and money expended to spread a layer of mulch will protect and rejuvenate your investment in plant material.

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JAZZ NIGHT on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Wilder Hall, 666 Main Street in Hingham. Featuring the popular Mark Kross "Five Piece Trio" including Herb Pomeroy, trumpet and Billy Novick, alto saxophone. Sponsored by the New England Friends Home. For tickets and information call 781-749-3556.

THE SPINDLES ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET will be held at the Marshfield Fairgrounds in Marshfield on Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is $5 (kids under 12 are free) Rain date is Sept. 3. Over 600 cars every year. Foods, music, live entertainment, and much more. For more information call 617-472-3572.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28, Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

4TH ANNUAL METROSOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL, an evening with Branford Marsalis presented by the Brockton City Arts. Held on August 18 under the stars at Marciano Stadium in Brockton. For more information call Paul Carchidi at (508) 588-1111. For tickets call 617-931-2000 or ticketmaster.com.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS beginning September 19. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Sept. 19: Jefferson Starship. Sept. 26: ABBA Again (A Tribute to ABBA). Oct. 3: Badfinger. Oct. 10: Southern Rock Rebellion Band. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

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Acclaimed actress and storyteller Joan Gatturna will be performing in Petticoats at Sea on Thursday, Aug. 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Norwell's James Library The program is free and a family event planned for adults and children ages 6 and up. To reserve your ticket please call the library at 781-659-7100.

Thurs. 9

Three Award Winning Artists will be exhibiting their work in the Pembroke Library, Center Street, Pembroke, during the month of August. Alison Davidson and Lilly Cleveland of Duxbury and Corinna Milliken of Kingston have been painting together and met in the Duxbury Art Association classes of Catherine Smit. The public is cordially invited to the reception on August 9 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Mary Kennedy Selected Duxbury Art Association Student of the Month for her outstanding work in watercolor class instructed by Katherine Smit. Mary's watercolor "Duxbury Scene" will be on display in the Lillian & Ture Bengzt Gallery at the Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

South Shore Elder Services will hold their 9th annual picnic at Nantasket Beach Pavilion from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. A "Hawaiian Luau" style lunch will be served at 12 p.m. followed by fun games and prizes. Cost is $2 donation for lunch. Please call by Aug. 1 to make reservations at the Nutrition Department at South Shore Elder Services at 781-848-3910.

Braintree Art Association will meet at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. The public is invited to see work and demonstrations by teachers and will be able to sign up for fall classes at this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Weymouth Recreation Department will sponsor the following concert and film series to be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater - next to Town Hall, 75 Middle Street. In case of rain the concerts and films will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On Aug. 9: "Mary Poppins" at 8:30 p.m.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On Aug. 9: Legion Bud Band.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree 5 Corners beginning at 8:30 p.m. Featuring Bob Seibel along with T.J. Grifrin, Annette Pollack, Adam Pearlman, Bari Lee and Tom Caswell. Admission is $10 and reservations are recommended. Call 781-848-0300 for more information.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Buzz and Friends. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Costumed Actress to Appear in Norwell at the James Library at 7:30 p.m. Acclaimed actress and storyteller Joan Gatturna will be performing in Petticoats at Sea. The program is free and a family event planned for adults and children ages 6 and up. To reserve your ticket please call the library at 781-659-7100.

Fri. 10

Mayflower II hosts a New England Clambake on State Pier in Plymouth on Aug. 10 and Aug. 24, each beginning at 6 p.m. Costumed role-players will be on board throughout the evening to entertain and answer questions visitors may have about the Pilgrim's voyage in 1621. Guests will then return to the exhibit area to learn more about the Pilgrims while enjoying dinner on Plymouth's waterfront. The buffet style clambake includes everything from New England clam chowder, steamers and boiled lobsters for the adults and hot dogs and watermelon for the kids. The cost of this visit is $44.95 for adults (members $38.95) and $27.95 for children (members $19.95). Advanced reservations are recommended by calling 508-746-1622 ext. 8365.

Yoga at the River's Edge on Saturdays through Aug. 11 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at various sites along the North River. For more information or to receive schedules with class locations contact Kezia Bacon Bernstein at 781-837-7093.

Swim Across America Boston Harbor Island Swim to benefit cancer research in the sixth annual 22-mile relay style swim beginning and ending at Rowes Wharf in downtown Boston. Benefits the David B. Perini, Jr. Quality of Life Program at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. For more information or to register contact Kitty Tetreault at 508-660-1720.

Summer Encounters: Visiting Artists Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will open on Aug. 10 from 6 - 8 p.m. and will run through Sept. 9. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel printing, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography and impressionist still life painting. For more information or to register for any of these workshops call 781-383-ARTS.

"Working", the musical will be performed by The Family Performing Arts/Teenspot at Duxbury High School (St. George St.) on Aug. 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. All seating is general admission and tickets may be purchased at the door. If you wish to reserve tickets or would like more information call 781-837-8990. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students or seniors.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a semi-monthly smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 for SSS members and $8 non-members. Proper dress is required. For more information cal 781-331-0021.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fat City Band. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Watch the Perseid Showers at the Science Center for the Greatest Show Above Earth. This event occurs every year around the same time, dazzling observers with shooting stars. You can even make a night of it, pitch a tent and bring the family. Overnighters will enjoy snacks and a hike and breakfast in the morning. Evening program only: $5 per person/$15 per family of four members, $8 per person/$18 per family of four for non-members. The overnight and program combined is $45 per family of four members/$50 per family of four for non-members. Space is limited and preregistration is required. For more information or to register call 781-659-2559.

Sat. 11

Shakespeare Collaborative comes to Halifax - Town Green to present "The Brothers Menaechmus." Show at 5 p.m. be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and a picnic lunch. For more information call the local town hall.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Young Neal and the Vipers. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

The J Place Boogie-Woogie Blues Duo w/Dutch on piano will perform at the Mill Wharf Restaurant (upstairs) in Scituate Harbor on Aug. 11 starting at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 781-545-3900.

Nantasket Beach Concert Series schedule of events for Nantasket Beach and Fort Revere in Hull. There will be a weekly concert series at the MDC Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach as well as a family movie series at Fort Revere in Hull. Both series are free to the public and suitable for children and adults of all ages. On Aug. 11: Movie Series at dusk. Aug. 12: "Greg Savage Band" at King Pavilion at 2 p.m.

Borders presents Sandy Prager at 2 p.m. at the Independence Mall in Kingston. Sit back and mellow out to the sounds of classical and jazz guitar stylings. For more information call 978-532-7187.

First Annual "Cruise For Kids" Benefit Gala held from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. The Cape Ann Cruise Ship, 290 Northern Avenue, Boston. Angels Helping Angels is all about raising awareness and funds for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for children with Cerebral Palsy and Brain Injury. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Ally Dryden at 508-498-1224. The cost is $45 per person made payable to the Angels Helping Angels Fund. C/O Ally Dryden, 220 Park Street - Unit 4, N. Attleboro, MA 02760.

"Hawaiian Romance" Singles Harbor Cruise and Dance will take place on Aug. 11 at Rowes Wharf in Boston from 7 - 10 p.m. Bon Voyage Party with complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Cruise and dancing on ship from 7 - 10 p.m. Limited to 375 single professionals 35 - 55 years of age. Cost is $40. For reservations call 781-283-0400.

Ames Nowell State Park Nature Programs are as follows: "Wild Edibles" from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. "Intrusive Species" from 3 - 4 p.m. Located at the end of Linwood Street in Abington. Parking is available at no charge and all park programs are free. For free private programs or more information call Zachary Brown, Park Interpreter at 781-857-1336.

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BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION is asking you to become a Big Sister. Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones in the Boston office. Call 617-236-8060 and visit www.bigsister.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES AT PLIMOTH PLANTATION and Mayflower II including gardening, animal care, collating and mailing, data entry, marine maintenance at Mayflower II, clean up and painting and much more. If you are interested please call Anne Lane at 507-746-1622 ext. 8203.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is seeking volunteers to help out at blood drives within your community. Help register donors or provide refreshments. Duties are light and we will train. Please call Laura O'Neal at 800-462-9400.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN CLOTHES CLOSET OUTLET is seeking volunteers. Located at 19 Standish St., Hall's Corner in Duxbury. Help is needed Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 1 - 4 p.m. or all day. Please call 617-934-5535 for more information.



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The second summer concert is Aug. 14 at 8 p.m. and includes Fanny Mendelssohn's Piano Trio in D Op. 11, Beethoven's Sonata for Cello and Piano in D, Op. 102 No. 2 and Schubert's Piano Trio in Bb, D.898. There is free parking and tickets may be purchased at the door on the evening of the concert or in advance by calling 781-837-2705.

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For more information call 617-479-7900.

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Sun. 12

Boston Light Cruises on Aug. 12 and Sept. 9 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $27, seniors are $24, members are $22 and children 3 - 12 are $15. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

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Summer Concerts on the USS Salem located in Quincy, off Route 3A, next to the Fore River Bridge, Harbor Expressway entrance. On Aug. 12, "Irish Group - Billy Walsh & John McGann" - An Irish Duo singing all your favorites, from 2 - 4 p.m.

Mon. 13

Mothers and More provide a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Busy Lady's and Co. Catering, 342 Washington Street in Norwell. On August 13 the discussion will be "Self Image" with guest speaker Frank Zona, held at Zona Salon, 10 Washington St. in Norwell. For more information call Jen Angelo at 617-328-5605 or Christine Oliveira at 781-544-4664.

Golf Tournament to Benefit the Talking Information Center on August 13 at the Country Club at Halifax. It is a Florida scramble with a 1:30 shotgun start, followed by dinner with prizes, silent auction and raffle. Player entry fee is $125. Hole sponsors fee is $175 and golf cart sponsor is $50. For more information call 800-696-9505.

2001 Panagia Golf Classic will be held on Aug. 27 at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate and compete for prizes of up to $100,000 cash. Luncheon follows at the Barker Tavern. Tournament fees must be paid by Aug. 13. $135 per golfer, $500 per foursome, includes luncheon. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Hospital Boston Hellenic Cardiac Fund and the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church Community Center in Cohasset. For more information call 781-337-5016.

Tues. 14

Art of Music Chamber Players "Concerts in the Country" series continues with two programs this summer at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. The second summer concert is Aug. 14 at 8 p.m. and includes Fanny Mendelssohn's Piano Trio in D Op. 11, Beethoven's Sonata for Cello and Piano in D, Op. 102 No. 2 and Schubert's Piano Trio in Bb, D.898. There is free parking and tickets may be purchased at the door on the evening of the concert or in advance by calling 781-837-2705.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a luncheon at Sivos on Main Street, 1217 Main Street in Hingham. Preregistration: $15 members, $25 nonmembers, at the door, $20 members, $30 nonmembers. If you need directions call 781-749-4500. If you need for more information call 781-749-8883.

Give the Lasting Gift of Life with the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Aug. 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 139 in Pembroke. Donor hours will be conducted from 3 - 8 p.m. Come in and pull up a sleeve and give the lasting Gift of Life.

Wed. 15

Join The American Cancer Society's Ninth Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Get the information and tools you need to be part of the American Cancer Society's ninth annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at the Kickoff Social on August 15 at the Holiday Inn, 195 Westgate Dr., Brockton from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Anyone is welcome. Please RSVP to 508-584-9600 by August 10. The 5.7 miles walk begins and ends at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade in Boston on October 14. Proceeds are dedicated to the American Cancer Society's breast cancer research, education and patient service programs. For more information please call the American Cancer Society at 1-877-338-WALK or send an email to strides_boston@cancer.org.

South Shore Conservatory's Flute Symphony program finishes its season with a performance in the Jane Carr Ampitheather in Hingham on Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Under the direction of Conductor Donald Zook, more than 100 flutists present the music of Mancini, Holst, Pachelbel, Vaughn-Williams and Ellington. Parking is free for this concert at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 Fort Hill Street. Shuttle buses will transport concert-goers to and from the ampitheather. For more information call 781-749-7565.

Pajama Party at Clift Rodgers Library, 540 Pleasant Street, Marshfield Hill, where young children with a parent are invited on Aug. 15 from 7 - 8 p.m. There will be bedtime stories and singing with Julie Zammarchi and Bruce Rogovin. Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. For more information call 781-834-4597.

Thurs. 16

A Visit with Paul Revere, a program will take place through Aug. 16 from 1 - 4 p.m. Come and tour Boston's fascinating North End with an experienced guide from the Paul Revere House. Visit the silversmith shop and foundry and discover how Revere began his career as an artisan, fashioning buttons, buckles, creamers and sugar bowls from silver. Later he became one of the country's first industrialists producing fittings for the USS Constitution, and enormous bells and canons. This program is free with admission to the museum: $2.50 for adults, seniors age 62 and over and college students is $2, and children ages 5 - 17 are $1. Open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. For more information call 617-523-2338.

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Fri. 17

Plymouth Chamber Music Festival will feature violinist Joanna Kurkowicz, violist Istvan Szabo, cellists James Fiste and Laurien Laufman, and pianist Melissa Marse Evans. The festival will include three concerts on Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth. Tickets are $8 and are available at the door or in advance through the Plymouth Chamber Music Festival Web site www.plymouthchambermusicfestival.org.

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Reunions

J E BURKE HIGH FOR GIRLS will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on November 4 at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information: 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.

QUINCY HIGH CLASS TO HOLD 40TH REUNION for the class of 1961. Held at the Phillips Old Colony House, Morrisey Blvd., Dorchester, MA on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person. For further information call Carol Bertoni Swett at 781-843-6546 or Donna Beers Anderson at 781-843-8143.

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Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Magic Slim & The Teardrops. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Children's Museum in Easton proudly presents Mike Meyers - The World's Oldest Five Year old on Aug. 17 at 10:30 a.m. This interactive performance is geared for children of all ages. Mike believes in the power of stories and strives to make it fun for kids and adults to use their creativity and imagination. The show is free with museum admission of $4.50 for adults, members and under 1 are free. For more information call 508-230-3789.

South Shore Conservatory's Musical Theatre Workshop presents its final performance on August 17 at 7 p.m. in the Jane Carr Ampitheather in Hingham. This year's theme is "Nifty Fifties" and features songs, dances and improvisational performances by the troupe of young actors. Parking is free. The south Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Dr. in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565.

Ongoing Events

The Olde Kids on the Block a 20 piece orchestra will be playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure at Striars JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. and admission is $5. Aug., 21, 2001.

Back-To-School Busload of Prizes Raffle at the Independence Mall, Kingston held through Aug. 31. One person will win an entire bus filled with merchandise, on display in Center Court from various stores throughout the mall on Sept. 1. To enter, participants must bring their Independence Mall receipts to customer service. For each $50 spent between August 6 - 31, customers will receive one entry form. For more information please call 781-582-2445.

"Nature's Landscapes" Photography Exhibit at Science Center in August. The Photography of Susan White will be on display through Aug. 31, 2001 in the Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. The show, entitled "Nature's Landscapes" features watercolor iris photographs depicting various environmental scenes. The exhibit can also be viewed during the month of August, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than one mile from Route 3's exit 13. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

Environmental Arts, Inc. at the Fuller Museum of Art will present its Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the grounds of the Fuller Museum of Art through Nov. 4. Environmental Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes site-specific art in natural settings. There will be a reception on the grounds located at 455 Oak St. in Brockton on Sept. 22 from 1 —4 p.m. with a walk through and tour of the installations conducted by Martha Buskirk and the participating artists at 2 p.m. For more information please call 508-588-6000.

Company Theatre Presents "42nd Street" continuing through Aug. 26. Shows are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. (tickets are $22 in advance and $24 the day of the show.) and Wed. at 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. (tickets are $19 in advance and $21 the day of the show.) Tickets are now on sale at the Company theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787 or you can visit www.companytheatre.com.

Classes

RED CROSS OFFERS PET FIRST AID COURSE at the Plymouth Library, 132 South Street on August 25 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The participants of this class will learn how to care for their dogs or cats in an emergency situation. Registration is $35 per person. To register or for more information call 800-232-8812.

CRYSTAL/REIKI, TAROT AND ASTROLOGY CLASSES are offered Mon., Tues. and Thurs. These daytime summer classes are offered from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and the cost is $20 per session. Held at Health and Healing Arts. For more information or to register call 781-545-0662.

DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION CLASSES: "Printmaking - Monoprint and Collograph" on Aug. 20 - 23. For more information please call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

NRAS SUMMER 2001 - CLASSES: Children's classes: Adult classes: Painting phase 2: on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Oct. 22 - Dec. 18, fee: 8-week class, $85/members, $95/non member. "It takes a drawing to make a painting" on Aug. 16 and 17 from 12 - 5 p.m. Fee is $100 members, $110 for non members. "Introduction to Landscape Workshop" on Aug. 25 and 26 from 12 - 5 p.m., fee $100/member, $110/nonmember. For more information call 781-837-8091.

THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM is offering the following classes: "Birds Eye View Painting" for ages 7 and up, Aug. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. - noon, fee is $25, "Painting and Drawing at the Marshfield Fair" on Aug. 20 - 23 from 9 a.m. - noon, fee is $50. For more information please call 781-934-6634.

SUMMER ART ADVENTURE WEEKS at the Fuller Museum of Art through August 18. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Classes are available for children ages 5 and up. Some class choices are ceramics, Native American crafts, drawing and painting, paper crafts, art of the Aztecs, Mosaics and portraiture. To receive a brochure please call 508-588-6000 ext. 125.

INSYNC DANCE COMPANY located at 5 Thacher Street in Milton, is holding open registration for Summerdance 2001. This summer program includes clinics for all ages including preschool through high school. Summerdance fees range from $25 - $99. For more information on specific classes, dates and times please call 617-696-9331

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month is Elizabeth Trubia. Her paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-1402.

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.

"New Work...Old Friends" will be presented by the North River Arts Society at the Ventress Library Gallery through Sept. 22. The exhibit is a collection of work by past and present members of the Board of Directors at the North River Arts Society. The library summer hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. through Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Historic Houses: The Old Ordinary is Hingham, 21 Lincoln Street will feature a special exhibit of antique toys call "The Children's Hour" which will include dolls from the Society's collection and furniture from the Tower Toy Guild. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 8. The house is open from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. - Sat. through Sept. 8. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12. For more information call 781-749-1851.

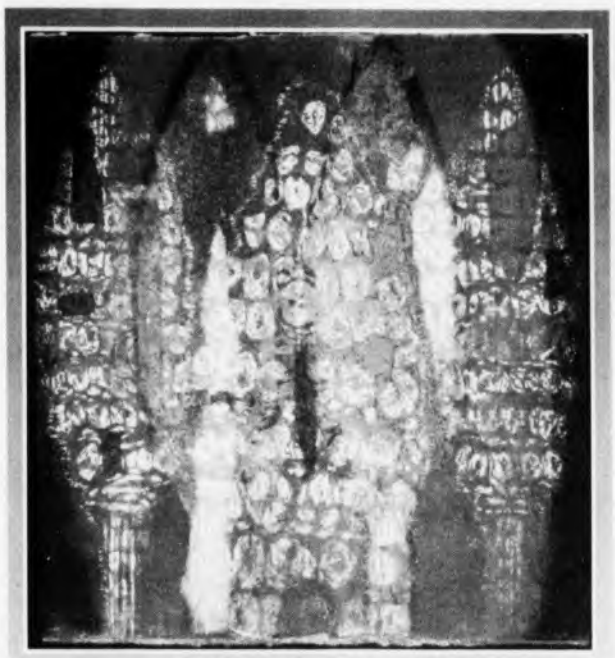
From Dine to Diebenkorn: Contemporary Master Prints, selections from the Collection of Eli Goldman and Judith Strull running through Oct. 14 at the Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000. Museum hours are Tues. - Sat. from 12 - 5 p.m. and Thurs. from 12 - 9 p.m. Admission is $3 for seniors and students, $5 for adults. Members and children under 18 are free.

P.Anthony Visco Painting Exhibition will take place at the Sparrow House Museum beginning through Sept. 3. All are welcome. P. Anthony Visco paints scenes that are familiar to those of us who live in New England, but brings to these everyday images a freshness and vitality that inspires one to look again. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wed. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Museum admission is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information please call 508-747-1240.

Choo Choo Barbeque Antique Fire Engine Ride in South Carver at Edaville Railroad. The 1952 Ford Fire Truck has been fully restored made to seat people and give them an inside tour of the Cranberry Plantation. The park is open Fri - Mon. during August from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is located on Route 58, exit 2 off I-495 in South Carver. For more information call 508-866-8190.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Bragging Rights Road Race Series to Benefit Talking Information Center and National Kidney Foundation. T-shirts go to the first 250 entrants in each race. Pre-entry fee is $18 and same day registration is $20. The 10K Loop courses will be run August 18 from Hingham High School at 8 a.m. and Sept. 22 from Norwell High School at 9 a.m. Race sponsors include Hyde Park Cooperative Bank, Alvin Hollis Company and Pearle Vision Center in Hanover. For an application or to help out call TIC in Marshfield at 781-834-4400 or 800-696-9505.



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Horse Tail Fern Tapestry — Twins 2000 by Annie Silverman

Summer Encounters: Visiting Artists Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will open on Aug. 10 from 6 - 8 p.m. and will run through Sept. 9. Eleven master art instructors including Annie Silverman of Somerville, are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel printing, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography and impressionist still life painting. For more information or to register for any of these workshops call 781-383-ARTS.



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Stolen Cohasset property found in Hingham house

Hanover, Hingham police find goods in home of bank robbers

By Carol Britton Meyer and Ed Baker

While arresting four men in Hingham in connection with Friday's armed robbery of the Rockland Trust Company, Hanover and Hingham police officers believe they discovered property taken during a series of Cohasset burglaries last month.

Police arrested Anthony Miele, 28, Thomas Miele, 26, and Robert McCarthy, 24, all of 64 Rhodes Circle in Hingham, and Michael Bocchino, 30, of Quincy, Friday afternoon in connection with the bank robbery after Hingham Officer Darren McAdams saw a vehicle matching the described get-away car parked outside the house.

Cohasset Det. Rick Grassie said he was notified by Hingham police Saturday that upon searching the Hingham house, they had seen "items in the house not consistent with the items they were looking for, and realized it was stolen property from burglaries in Cohasset and Quincy that had been reported back in July."

In addition to cash, Hingham Police Chief Steven Carlson said police also found a computer, savings bonds, jewelry, coins, a passport, and clothing believed to have been taken during a series of burglaries at Stop & Shop Plaza in Cohasset last month.

Cohasset police said King Jewelers, Gear for Sports, Network Dynamics, Inc., and Pana Pesca all reported being broken into sometime on Sunday, July 22.

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan said they don't have enough evidence to charge the four men with the break-ins, but said they expect to charge them with receiving stolen property.

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Group goes out on a limb to save ledges

By Rick Collins
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The name "Cohasset" says it all.

Derived from the Algonquin phrase "Quonahassit," meaning "long, rocky place," the town is both blessed and cursed to have been built upon a foundation of the hard rock. The dramatic ocean-front cliffs and little crowns of rock that poke through lawns throughout the town make it an aesthetic blessing. But it's a curse to anyone who has ever tried to squeeze in a septic system around a vein of granite, usually located just inches beneath the surface.

Love it or hate it, granite is a contributing factor to Cohasset's uniqueness, and a newly formed group is pushing for the preservation of the town's (in)famous granite ledges.

Called the Great Neck Ledge Preservation Group, the grass-roots organization is focusing on preserving 13.6 acres of land abutting Great Brewster Woods, while also raising awareness of other similar areas around town.

"When we destroy granite ledge, we are truly eradicating the essence of Cohasset."

Since Cohasset was originally subdivided in 1647, the wooded area between Little Harbor, the Town Common, and Sandy Cove has been known as Great Neck. About 25 acres of Great Neck is under the control of the Cohasset Conservation Trust, but the remaining 13.66 acres, most of which sits atop a granite outcropping overlooking Little Harbor, has been the focus of developers for nearly a decade, said group member Lincoln Bloomfield. Rumors have also been flying recently about a developer possibly filing a comprehensive permit with the town to allow a large-scale housing complex on the area.

"A number of residents have been attending meetings over a period of at least eight years with the Board of Health, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, because development plans kept coming up, and none of the boards have ever acted definitively," said Bloomfield, a Beach Street resident whose property abuts the area.

"The greatest thing about it was getting to know my neighbors better," he joked.

But what started out as a neighborhood contingent has now grown to include residents from the com-

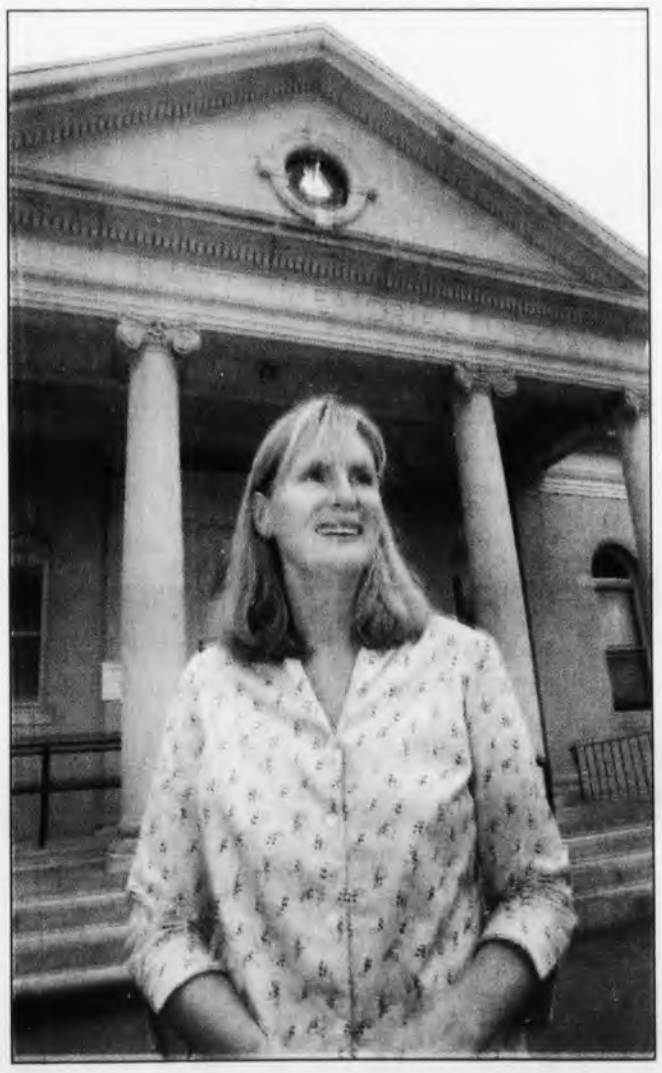
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BABY, IT'S HOT

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Alia Davis keeps an eye on the action while trying to stay cool on Sandy Beach with her mom, Karima. Last week's soaring temps drove the crowds to the beach.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Dierdre MacDermitt arrives armed with information.

New librarian arrives with references

Welcomes questions at reference desk

By Mary Ford
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Go ahead and try to stump Deirdre MacDermott with a question, she'll love you for it.

"There's no such thing as a stupid question," she says with a laugh.

But it's where the new reference librarian at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library looks for the answer that may surprise you.

Her first source won't be the Internet or an encyclopedia on CD-ROM — but the 2-1/2-in. thick, 1,000-page book of facts titled, "The World Almanac."

"I like to find information, so whenever I get a question — I *have* to know the answer," MacDermott says. "I get an Almanac for Christmas every year, it's the best book you can have in the house."

Location, location, location is the primary reason MacDermott, who came on board July 10, is becoming a familiar face at the library. MacDermott, her husband — a library media specialist with the Randolph Public Schools — and their two-year-old daughter are in the process of moving from Dorchester to Scituate. So for MacDermott, who is coming off a two-year "maternity leave" from work, the short commute to Cohasset will be a plus. When she saw the Cohasset position advertised, she jumped at the opportunity.

Returning to the South Shore is a true homecoming for MacDermott. As a young girl MacDermott lived on Hull Street in Hingham but because her mother, a nurse, worked the midnight shift at the hospital, she attended elementary school at the Jenkins School in Scituate where her grandparents lived.

MacDermott had no way of knowing at the time that those twice-daily car trips her mother and grandparents made back and forth between

LIBRARIAN, PAGE 12

Health Board told to butt out at Legion

By Rick Collins
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Town veterans ready to go to war to make sure smoking isn't banned in the George H. Mealy American Legion hall may be able to lay down their arms and light up their smokes.

The town Board of Health had recently questioned the legality of smoking in the town-owned legion hall building after receiving a complaint. A Cohasset bylaw passed in 1989 bans smoking in public buildings, and a recently passed state law bans it from municipal buildings. But the question before the board was whether the bylaw includes private clubs, which are excluded from the smoking ban, if the club is located in a public building.

The legion post pays $1 a year rent for use of the Elm Street building.

But in a recent opinion sent to the Board of Health, town lawyers said the state law that bans smoking from public buildings does not apply to the town-owned legion hall building because it is not occupied by a public group.

"In our opinion, [the law] indicates that the term public building is intended to apply to buildings which are occupied by public departments or agencies," wrote Richard Hucksam, a lawyer working for town counsel Paul DeRensis. "In our further opinion, the term public building does not apply to a building owned by a town which is leased to and occupied by a private entity."

Therefore, the opinion concludes, the legion post members can continue to puff away inside their building.

"In our further opinion, the term public building does not apply to a building owned by a town which is leased to and occupied by a private entity."
– Town counsel Paul DeRensis

Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo said he would recommend that no action be taken by the board on the matter. The board met last night after the Mariner went to press.

The opinion also said any smoking complaints should be made to the town zoning officer, in Cohasset's case, Bob Egan. Complaints involving only a restaurant, supermarket or retail food outlet should be heard before the Board of Health.

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Route 3A repaving

MassHighway Commissioner Matthew Amorello notified the town last week that the state is ready to repave Route 3A from the Hingham town line down to the Beechwood Street intersection which was recently repaved. He said all that is needed are the proper permits from the Conservation Commission, and work will begin.

The entire stretch won't be paved, however – just certain stretches.

Amorello said the work, to be done by Aggregate Industries, Inc., will consist of stripping the existing asphalt, resurfacing, adjustments to existing drainage structures and application of thermoplastic pavement markings, as well as loaming and seeding where needed.

Summer Street ban

Summer street residents have asked selectmen to ban heavy commercial trucks from traveling down their narrow street. Town Manager Mark Haddad recently asked for an opinion on the matter from Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, Police Chief Brian Noonan, and Department of Public Works Superintendent Harold Litchfield.

The matter is scheduled to be discussed at Tuesday night's selectmen's meeting.

School van

School Superintendent Edward Malvey has awarded the contract for a new 14-passenger school bus to Coastal Bus & Equipment Inc., out of Rowley. The bus, which has been delivered, was purchased for $33,134.22 and will be used to transport smaller athletic teams and school organizations.

Historical Society calendar

The Fall Lecture Series is still in development but dates have been set for events.

Oct. 3 and 11at 7:30 p.m. — lecture to be announced — held at the Lightkeeper's House; no charge; refreshments served.

Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. a "Mini Walking Tour of Cohasset Common Historic District #2," conduced by Curator David Wadsworth and the board of directors. No charge; refreshments served after the tour in the community center; in case of rain, a slide show version of the tour will be held at the center.

Oct. 12-14, the Lothrop Family Reunion will be held.

Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. — lecture to be announced — held at the Lightkeeper's House; no charge; refreshments served.

Sunday, Oct. 28 — Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner.

Thursday, Nov. 15 — 2001 Membership Drive Kickoff.

Sunday, Dec. 2 — celebrate with "Wassail"!

Farmer's Market

The Cohasset Farmer's Market is open for the season on Cohasset Common.. The cowbell opens the market at 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, bringing fresh produce, herbs, cuttings, music and activities.

Garage sleepover

Pack your bags, the Garage is having a sleepover. Both boys and girls are invited, but parents do not worry, they will sleep in different rooms, and it will be chaperoned the entire time.

It begins Friday evening, Aug. 17, at 6 p.m. and ends Saturday morning, Aug. 18, at 9 a.m. Everyone from grade six and up is welcome. The price of $15 per person includes a pizza dinner and donut/bagel breakfast. Participants should not bring any food or drinks, all other snacks will have to be purchased at the Garage.

For more details, there are fliers in front of the Recreation Office in the Town Hall and at the Garage. Permission slips are at these locations also. Every child must bring a completed permission slip in order to attend this sleepover.

Garage hours

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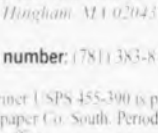
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The historical society hopes it won't have to pay betterment fees on these two museums

Historical society frets over sewer betterment costs

By Rick Collins
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The Cohasset Historical Society is worried that its denied request for an abatement of sewer betterment costs for two Cohasset Village museums will place an undue burden upon the historically rich, but financially poor organization.

The society had requested an abatement since neither the Capt. John Wilson House nor the Maritime Museum has any plumbing.

"We can't afford it and will never use it," historical society president Martha Gjesteby said of hooking up to the town sewer lines. "There will never be a plumbing system there."

The town Sewer Commission originally approved the abatement "in concept" in April, conditional upon the society writing into the buildings' deeds that they would never have plumbing installed. However, upon reviewing the document, William Studzinski, working for town counsel Paul DeRensis, recommended against the deal. He said the society would reserve the right to release the restriction and hook up if it chose to pay the betterment, and also because the buildings could be in violation of state codes by not having plumbing.

State law says "all premises intended for human habitation, occupancy, or use must be provided with a supply of potable water," and also says "in a building where people are employed, hot water shall be provided."

"If CHS refuses to equip its facility with plumbing, the sewer commission should at least not be seen as concurring with that decision by accepting the restriction," Studzinski concluded.

At its July 26 meeting, the sewer commission said it agreed with town counsel's opinion and denied the abatement request.

The vote has been under examination, however, because it was revealed the commission had already voted to deny the request over e-mail. The letter sent to Gjesteby denying the abatement is dated July 17, more than 10 days before the commission's July 26 meeting vote.

At the request of the Mariner, the Norfolk County District Attorney's office is looking at whether the e-mail vote violated the Open Meeting Law.

However, the vote still means the society has to come up with the $3,000 betterment for the Elm Street museums, as well as another $3,000 for the society headquarters located at the Lothrop House on Summer Street. Because that house is inhabited by the society's curator, the society has agreed to pay that building's betterment.

"We're not happy," she said. "I don't see how we can put in sewerage and hot water and all that stuff. If we had to adhere to all that we'd have to close them up."

The Capt. John Wilson House was built in 1810 and given to the society in 1936. The Maritime Museum was built in the mid-1750s as a ship chandlery, and was originally located across from Bates Wharf, where the Olde Salt House now stands. The building was given to the society in the mid-1950s and was moved from the harbor to the village in 1957. It is the sole remaining 18th century harbor-area structure in near original condition in the town.

"These are original buildings. By adding plumbing it would be doctoring the integrity of the original building," argued Gjesteby. "There's no sewerage down in Plimouth Plantation in their separate buildings."

Museum curator David Wadsworth said he only occasionally will have a visitor ask to use a bathroom, and in that instance he has to send them elsewhere. Both buildings are open only for a few months in the summer, and for three hours a day.

Gjesteby said there is a spigot outside one of the buildings but it is used only by the Cohasset Garden Club, and is turned off in September.

The historical society met Tuesday and voted to ask attorney Richard Henderson, who had written up the deed amendment, to give his opinion of town counsel's opinion.

"We just don't have the money, and won't ever use it anyway," said Gjesteby. "If we were eventually going to put a system in, then fine, we'd pay it. But we just don't think it's necessary."

She said the society is funded solely by memberships and gifts.

"It's very difficult to get grants because a lot of the money is taken by libraries and the Museum of Fine Arts, and other big institutions," said Gjesteby. "Then the other attitude is that since we live in Cohasset, we must have a lot of money, and we don't."

Charges against coach surprise school, athletes

By Rick Collins
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Accusations of improper touching leveled against Cohasset High School coach and special education aide Lowell Mark Hall have come as a surprise to those who know him.

Hall has pleaded not guilty to sexually assaulting one teenage boy and assaulting another at a popular basketball camp held at New England College in Henniker, N.H., two weeks ago.

Cohasset Schools Superintendent Edward Malvey, said he is "surprised and disappointed" in the accusations, but added that "everyone is entitled to their day in court."

He said Hall, who has been active in the system's athletic programs for upwards of a decade, has been a quality employee of the Cohasset school department.

"He has fulfilled his responsibilities and done everything that's been asked of him," said Malvey. "From all indications, he is well liked."

Malevy said Hall filled in last year as a substitute for a math teacher, "and filled in admirably." Hall, who is not a certified teacher, has substituted on other occasions for a number of years, and most recently become a part-time special education aide.

Hall has also been a junior varsity basketball coach and a strength and conditioning coach with the football team.

Class of 1999 graduate Jim O'Sullivan, who played basketball under Hall, called him "one of the best coaches" he had ever played for.

"He is a very smart guy, and has been a positive influence on a lot of people," said O'Sullivan.

O'Sullivan said Hall's main strength was developing athletes.

"He takes guys that have a desire to work and get better and turns them into successful athletes," said O'Sullivan who added that Hall had helped him as a pitcher for the CHS baseball team.

Malvey also noted Hall's work with the school's athletes.

"He works well with the student athletes, and goes out of his way in terms of assistance," he said.

Malvey said he is not aware of any other complaints made by students involving Hall.

Although he said he is taking the accusations very seriously, Malvey is not rushing to judgement.

"This is a difficult time for all individuals that come in contact with children, whether its recreational, educational...Everyone nowadays is susceptible to charges," he said.

Malvey said he and CHS Principal Dr. Michael Jones have not yet made any decisions regarding Hall's future with the Cohasset school system.

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan said no one has come forward to complain, and that the department has not conducted any interviews.

"It's still ongoing, but we really don't expect to get a lot," he said.

Athletic Director Ron Ford deferred comment to Malvey.

Scituate plans MBTA rail suit

By Michael Marotta
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Scituate is planning to sue the T over the Greenbush project.

Selectmen filed a notice of intent with the MBTA this week, alerting the transit agency to the lawsuit the town plans to launch over the train project.

Claiming that the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the proposed $408 million rail restoration does not adequately and properly comply with the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency's standards, the lawsuit will be filed by Oct. 5, at the Plymouth County Superior Court.

This is the latest wrinkle in what has been in a long-running dispute between the town and the MBTA over the rail project. Town officials have criticized the T for not addressing Scituate's environmental and safety concerns with the Greenbush line. Over the years, negotiations have been difficult, have stalled or broken down completely between the town and T. Scituate is not alone in expressing concerns with the FEIR which has been itself, years in the making.

Selectmen Joseph Norton did not wish to comment on the lawsuit, but has said in past interviews that the FEIR ignored repeated claims by town officials over safety concerns. Norton has floated the idea recently about taking legal action if the board deemed the FEIR unacceptable to the town.

The MBTA imposed a deadline of Aug. 10 to end public comment on the rail report. Requests for a public hearing on the report prior to the deadline, made by State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and selectmen from Scituate, Braintree, Cohasset and Hingham and the Weymouth Town Council in July have gone unanswered. The requests sent to state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand and Secretary of Transportation Kevin Sullivan was also forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Hello Cohasset.

I hope this finds everyone feeling well and for those who are not, I send some huge, get-well wishes to you all.

The Around Town news has slowed down a bit with the lazy days of Summer. Make sure to send me any of your wonderful Summer news; B-Days, celebration days, any happenings around town, news about any special friend or family who may be visiting and anything else that Cohasset would like to read. Also remember how much your children love to see their names and/or picture in the paper as well as the grown-ups who always say they don't!

APOLOGIES

I want to start this column with a huge apology to the Ketchum family from Red Gate Lane. I wrote **about Brad Ketchum** last week as a "Former Cohasset Resident" and I want you all to know(as I am sure most of you do) that they are alive and well on Red Gate Lane in Cohasset!!!!! I am so sorry for that mistake!

PONY LADY RETURNS

Great news for all of you who attend the Cohasset Farmers Market. This Thursday, **the Pony Lady (Kim Ferguson** from Shagbark Farm) will be back and a talented young lady, **Anna Buckley,** will be performing. Anna is only 10 years old and is a wonderful addition to the Market. It sounds like a great afternoon indeed! And by the way, Chester the Ballroom Jester will be in attendance.

CEREMONY FOR OLD GLORY

Cohasset Cadette Girl Scout Troop 4778 is collecting old/damaged American flags as a community service project. The flags will be honorably destroyed in a ceremony to be held at the Girl Scouts' town-wide encampment to be held at Camp Cedar Hill in Waltham, Sept. 14-16. Flags may be dropped off at 55 Hillside Drive (please leave in a plastic bag on the stone wall under the mail box) or call the Callahans at 781-383-1081 to arrange for pick-up(after Labor Day.)



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BEATING THE HEAT

Like many Cohasset residents, Brendan Noonan, making a diving catch here at Sandy Beach, headed to the shore for relief from last



Ken Ingber, Liz Bates and Selma Ingber, all of Cohasset, wait in line for the start of the River Race, a six-mile jaunt on the North River.

DALEY ATTENDS CAMP

Jeannette (Jenne) Daley is attending Interlochen Arts Camp, the first and foremost summer arts program for youth in the United States. Jenne, the daughter of **Helen and Tom Daley** is studying ballet at the camp. Jenne is a talented, rising freshman at Cohasset High School and studies dance at Boston Ballet. Hope that you are having a wonderful time.

AWARDS FOR BC HIGH STUDENTS

Boston College High School had four very busy young men this past school year. **Joel R. Carpenter** won an award from the Robotics Team for his hard work, perseverance, creativity and most of all, teamwork. The Robotics Team finished second in the National Competition in Orlando.

Christopher J. Carr won the coveted, "John A. Lahive, Jr. Memorial Award." This award, established by the firm of Lahive and Cockfield in memory of John A. Lahive, Esq. '45, is presented to a student who excels in Physics. Christopher also won The Eagle award for his contribution to the success of the school newspaper. He won the Rutgers University Book award and because of his exceptionally high score in the National Latin Exam, he received the Maxima Cum Laude-Silver Medal Score award. He also won(my goodness, these boys were busy) the Excellence in Two Subjects award for Advanced Placement Calculus AB and Physics Honors, naming him best in his class in these two subjects.

David Crowley-Buck won the Excellence in Two Subjects award for Algebra II ACC and Spanish III, naming him best in his class in these two subjects. David also won a Model United Nations Club award.

Last, but certainly not least, **Charles P. Kelley** won the Maxima Cum Laude Silver Medal for his high score in the National Latin Exam.

Congratulations to all of you, your hard work and perseverance certainly shined through.

YUMMY BLUEBERRIES

The Beechwood Congregational Church at 51 Church St. is holding a YUMMY Blueberry Festival on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Church. Blueberry pie, blueberry shortcake and blueberry sundaes will be served. For entertainment, a pound auction will be held after dessert. Ticket prices are $4 for adults and $2 for children. Call 781-383-9131 to reserve a seat. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

GROWING BRADLEY FAMILY

Some great news from state **Rep. Garrett Bradley**, D-Hingham, was recently announced. Bradley and his wife, **Heather**, are expecting their second child sometime in late January. The Bradleys have a two-year-old daughter, **Amanda**, and when she was asked whether she would like a brother or sister, she replied, "just a baby!" Congratulations to all of you on this wonderful news!

MACMORRIS HEADS TO EMORY

Karen McMorris, daughter of **David and Roseanne McMorris** plans to attend Emory College of Emory University this Fall. We wish you all the best in this upcoming school year.

Back to school, uggh. For some of us those words are music to our ears, for others, we just want to hang onto those hands of time! Just a reminder to all of us, now is the time to get all of those supplies that are needed because as I have found in the past, if you wait until the last minute, they are all gone.

A wonderful person and friend from town has given to me the idea of ending the column each week with a quote designed to make us think a little about what it means to us. If any of you have a quote that you think would be appropriate, please send them to me with the authors name.

"Be on doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand — and melting like a snowflake."

— Marie Bevon Ray

That is all for this week. Make sure to send in all of your news to me in one of the following ways. Please note that the phone number has changed. EMAIL: jenpiep@yahoo.com PHONE: 781-383-0143; FAX: 781-923-1057; MAIL: 622 CJC Highway

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Tour highlights history of farm

Holly Hill Farm will host a tour of its growing fields, barns and nearby woods on Sunday, Aug. 19. The program begins at 1:30 p.m. at the main barn just off the entrance to the Cohasset farm at 226 Jerusalem Road.

The program includes visits to the farm's greenhouse and current growing fields where visitors will learn about the principles of organic gardening and farming. The tour will also provide opportunities to learn more about the farm's history and its plans for the future. An optional walk along the farm's trails, through the woods and hayfields is also planned.

Farm Manager Martin Gursky and the Directors of Farm Operations, Frank and Jean White will lead the tour and answer questions. Several volunteers will also participate and answer questions.

Holly Hill Farm, which is owned by members of the White family is one of Cohasset's oldest active farms. Once the homestead of Henry Doane in the early years of the 19th-century, the farm, under the direction of Frank's father Dick White had, prior to its current usage, been the center of a vegetable-truck farm. Produce was sent nightly to the market at Faneuil Hall in Boston and later it served as the headquarters for a land-clearing and sawmill operation.

The farm's two main barns are believed to have been built in the 1780s and some of the other outbuildings around the time of the Civil War.

Besides serving as a "model for sustainable agriculture and organic farming," Frank White said, the farm's current goals include "becoming an educational resource for the area's schools and others."

As part of its commitment to community involvement, the farm to date, has conducted a small summer program for youths, an "introduction to farming" program for Cohasset's sixth-graders, a garden project at the Cohasset Middle-High School, and has also provided volunteer opportunities for adults.

"We hope, during the course of the tour, to discuss some of our plans for involving the community in the future," White said.



Visitors will get a chance to view the farm's rich crops as well as learn about the history of Holly Hill Farm on Sunday.



Holly Hill Farm's "Main Barn" is where Sunday's tour will begin.

Always in training

SHS Hall of Famer opens gym in Cohasset

By Michael Marotta
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Joe Hayes excelled in multiple sports during his career at Scituate High School in the early 1990s, so it's no wonder that now, as a personal trainer and training instructor, he's focused on working with athletes in every sport.

The Scituate High School Hall of Famer, who starred at football, track and wrestling during his days as a Sailor, is not your ordinary trainer. While spending time in Southern Florida attempting to make it in pro football, he established a rapport with many different trainers and fitness experts, and in the meantime continued a love for personal fitness, working with Anna Kournikova and Kobe Bryant, among others.

After returning to his hometown to be with his family, he worked at a gym in Norwell, where he began training 120 different athletes. Seeing the following he had, he decided to open up his own center in Cohasset, and Maxx Speed opened for business this past Tuesday, with many of his clients following him east.

"My gym is small, so I can pay a lot of attention to my athletes," Hayes said. "I'm just trying to tap into all different sports. I'd rather be doing what I'm doing now, owning my own business and dealing with many different athletes of different ages. Eighty percent of the people I train are athletes."

By eschewing health club training methods, Hayes trains his clients like the prototypical athlete in what he calls "functionally integrated training."

"Athletes have the best builds in the world," he said. "You can't compare to gymnasts bodies or even a track and field athlete, so why not train like that? The days of aerobics are over. Those classes are a waste of time. The people making gains in the gym are doing weight training."



STAFF PHOTO ALAN CHAPMAN

Joe Hayes, has Deanna Brown, a Cohasset High School gymnast, throw punches to sharpen her reflexes and improve her footwork. Kristin Sheerin and Jason Brown wait their turn.

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Trainer and Maxx Speed gym owner, Joe Hayes

In addition to basic weights, Hayes uses Swiss balls and medicine balls, much like professional athletes.

The 29-year-old trainer knows a thing or two about sporting excellence. A member of the first-ever Scituate Hall of Fame Class inducted last year, he holds myriad state records. For football, he was the Massachusetts Player of the Year as a running back and kicker in 1991 and broke the state record for longest field goal. He was the wrestling state champion and runner up in New England and in track he set records in the 100 and 200 meter run while becoming state champ.

And athleticism runs in the Hayes family. His sister was a state track star and father ran the Ironman Triathlon four times and the Boston Marathon 12 times.

Hayes said he uses his decorated past in his training with his clients.

"It's important that the kids respect me," he said. "They see I can perform at that level, and I'm still kind of young, so they look up to me in that respect."

Donna Devin, who trains with Hayes along with her husband and three children, said Hayes is right at home in the gym.

"He's a great guy, a hard worker," Devin said, noting that her husband used to train with Hayes in Scituate while he was in high school. "His dream is to get that place going in Cohasset."

To Hayes, he's just continuing a level of excellence that he's always maintained on the field.

"Just like with sports, I'm trying to be the best at this," Hayes said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

No time for summertime blues

Anyone who grew up in the late 1950s and early 1960s, when the hippie wave was just beginning to ripple, probably remembers a song about a guy who couldn't find a job and had the summertime blues.

August is the time of the year to let the blues go.

The month gets its name from Augustus Caesar (so memorably played by Brian Blessed in that masterful miniseries about Rome, "I, Claudius").

Anything "august" is something to be looked up to, something inspiring awe or veneration for reason of rank.

August, according to the Gregorian calendar we follow (sponsored by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582), is the eighth month of the year.

Yet, in many ways, it ranks at the top of the year.

August is summer at its peak.

August in Boston brings the mercury to the top of the thermometer.

Find a sunny day when the beaches aren't crowded. That's as hard as finding someone who understands the ending of the dreadful new version of "Planet of the Apes."

Sales must peak of ice cream, spring water, and all the hot-dog-and-hamburger accouterments of a cookout.

Vacations cluster, and meeting moths find their number of get-togethers melting away.

Kids are out playing and enjoying summer programs.

If we're lucky, as we are this year, the Red Sox are competing for a chance to play in the post season.

Only a couple of days ago, August reminded us what a great game baseball is when Scott Hatteberg hit into a triple play and belted a grand slam in the very same game at Fenway Park.

If there is any time of the year when the frantic pace of our workday world lets up a bit, it is August.

Whether you have a job and are looking longingly out the window, wishing to be out there, or you are watching the want ads, longing for a job, wishing to be in there, this is not the month to have the blues.

This is the month to give yourself a break.

Don't be dragged down by the pavements we must pound or the chores we must do.

Harking back to that tune of the '60s again, every hit record has its flip side.

August is butterflies and sunburns, picnics and ants, fresh-air walks and swirls of auto exhaust.

If you add a little sunshine-yellow to the blues of summer, you come up with green grass to stretch out on and just watch the breeze scuttle the gray clouds away.

Names sought for memorial at Mariners Park

Plans are underway to install a memorial at Mariners Park [formerly the Hagerty site] off Parker Avenue for those from Cohasset who lost their lives at sea.

If anyone has any additional names, please contact Paul Pattison at 781-383-6164.

These are the names that organizers have so far: Eagle McSweeny, Bill Grassie, Tony Figueiredo, Richard Figueiredo, Joe Figueiredo, Mary Figueiredo, Mickey Figueiredo, Pater Grimes, Peter Hutt's three-year-old daughter [anyone who knows her first name, please call], Sheldon Sladen, Robin Lagemann, Jack Hubbard, Harold Hill, Jack Curtis, Paul Dion and Charles Wasser.

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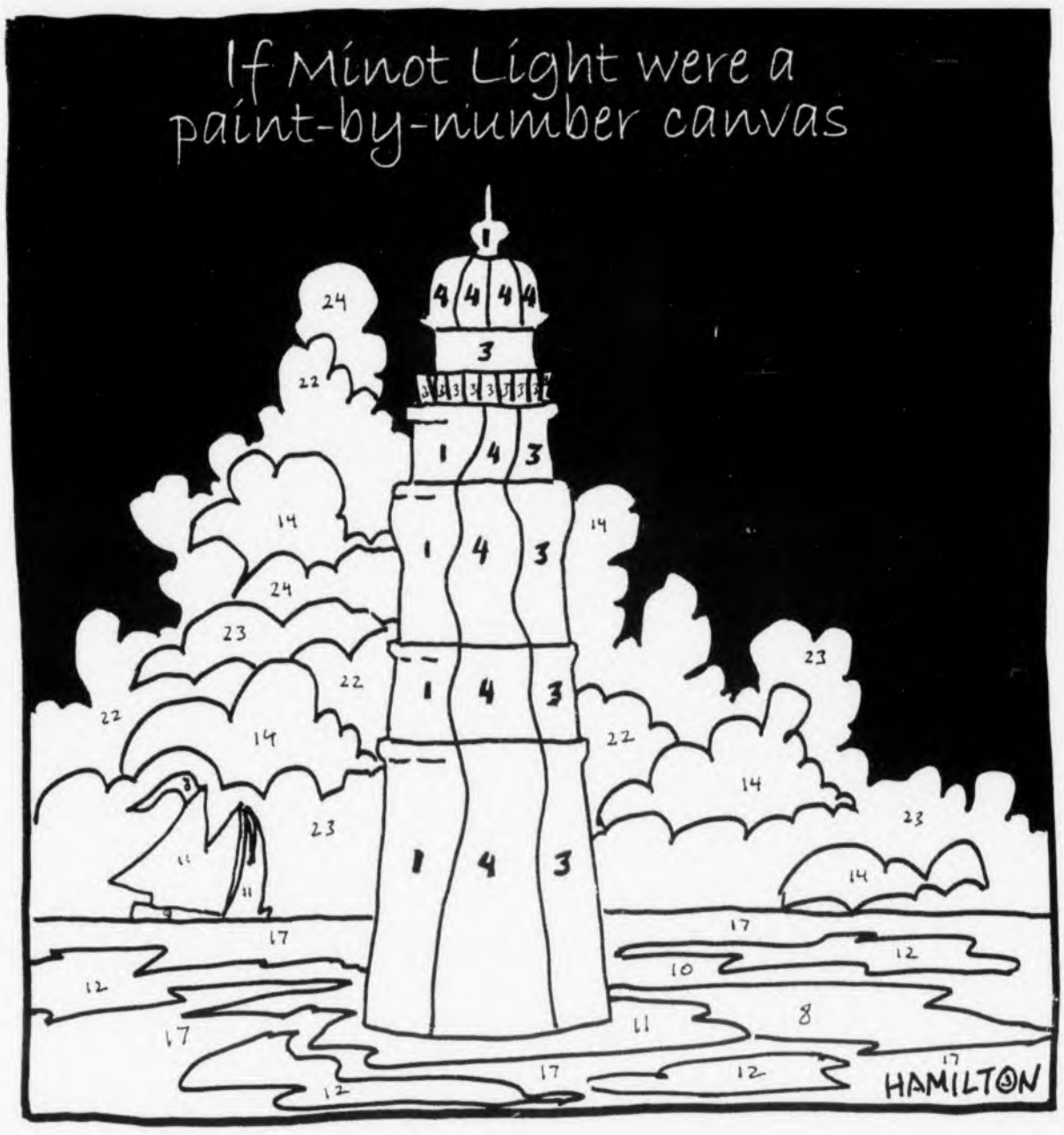
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Private ways

TO SELECTMAN MICHAEL SULLIVAN

I would like to elaborate briefly on the Private Ways issue. Clearly, roads such as Fair Oaks Lane, Linden Drive, Old Pasture and Windy Hill roads should be public. We all know that zoning ordinances should be the device to control growth and development. All I was suggesting at Tuesday's (Aug. 7) meeting is that the Norfolk County Engineers should be asked to do detailed assessments of Private Ways such as the aforementioned in order to get the process moving.

It was particularly distressing to hear Selectman Brown acknowledge that after seven and one-half years, there is no process established to accept new roads as public streets. Selectman Brown volunteered to be the Selectmen's "lead" on both the War Memorial and Private Ways projects seven-plus years ago. The subjects will continue to fester until due diligence is done.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Rd.

Editor's note: Mr. McElroy sent the Mariner a copy of his letter.

Lamberts Lane

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

I watched the Selectmen's proceedings on cable July 24 concerning Lamberts Lane and although I feel the meeting was productive and the board understands our concerns and is trying to address them, a couple of things need to be clarified.

Michael Sullivan stated that there is a debate regarding Lamberts Lane's status, public or private. There is no debate. Lamberts Lane is a private road with public access. We have had Mr. Henderson and Mr. DeRensis in their capacity as Town Counsel give written reports stating this. We have the Town Clerk's certified letter. We have contacted Norfolk County which has no listing of Lamberts Lane as a public road (neither does Plymouth County). Finally, John Englander, an attorney and Lamberts Lane resident who did Mr. Sturdy's legal research on Side Hill Road in Hingham (this is the basis of the continued debate), has said before the Planning Board that he did no research on Lamberts Lane, nor did he ever see anything in his research on Side Hill Road that would lead him to believe Lamberts Lane is a public road. A few years ago the town acknowledged the private road status of Lamberts Lane by requesting an estimated cost by Norfolk County engineers for upgrading Lamberts Lane to public road standards, this is in the town's files.

If we continue to give credence to this theory, the responsibility for Lamberts Lane continues to be clouded. The town and the golf club need to work with the residents to deal with our issues of safety, traffic and noise control. We appreciate the help that the board is giving us, but Lamberts Lane will be an ongoing problem until all parties make a firm and continuous commitment to impact the concerns of the residents.

Mary A. Foley
184 Lamberts Lane

Editor's note: This letter was in Selectmen's correspondence.

Train hearing

Bob Durand, Secretary
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
Kevin Sullivan, Secretary
Executive Office of Transportation

We are writing in regards to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed transportation improvements in the Greenbush Line Corridor. Previously, we have both requested a public hearing on this matter; to date we have not received a reply.

This project will have a significant impact on our districts and the surrounding environment. The outcome of this report will have a direct effect on our constituencies. After reviewing this project, there are still many outstanding issues relative to the proposed wetlands mitigation. Construction of the preferred alternative tunnel (underpass) through Hingham Square will impact the Town Brook and no doubt require waterways and wetlands relocation. Replication is proposed within the Town Brook Watershed We question whether there is sufficient land available within the watershed, especially since the right-of-way is so limited. Are there adequate non-wetlands within the Greenbush right-of-way to compensate for all the wetland alterations necessary to the project?

The West Hingham Station also has unresolved issues. This station abuts residential areas and the suggested wetland replication area appears to be some distance from the station. The Wetlands Protection Act, 301 CMR 10.00 states, "the replacement area should have an unrestricted hydraulic connection to the said water body or waterway associated with the lost area." Is this regulation being properly followed?

Furthermore, the Nantasket Junction Station appears to also have wetland issues. What replication areas are available and were other alternatives and mitigation possibilities considered? We feel these items have not been adequately covered in the FEIR. We do not consider these "small impacts" as the MBTA evaluation states, nor "minor" dislocations. We disagree with the MBTA classification of all CRR wetland impacts as negative but not at the "significant" level. All wetlands are considered important and significant, especially since they and other open spaces are rapidly disappearing under current development pressure.

We note that the MBTA has identified some eight vernal pools within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. We have been informed that they have identified three additional probable vernal pods along the Greenbush Rail Corridor in Hingham. Further, these parties intend to submit applications for the certification of these pools to the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. We would expect the MBTA to acknowledge and discuss these pools and any additional germane wetland information that it receives.

We hope that you will pay close attention to the issues we have raised. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Garrett J. Bradley
State Representative
Third Plymouth District
Robert L. Hedlund
State Senator
Plymouth Norfolk District

Editor's note: Bradley and Hedlund provided the paper with a copy of this letter.

LIBRARY CORNER

Children's programs

The summer is over and the staff of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library want to thank all the children who participated in this year's reading program, "Score Big with Books." Every child who participated is invited to come to the library beginning Monday, Aug. 20, to pick up his or her reading certificate and a prize for effort in this year's reading extravaganza.

The library staff also extends thanks to people who helped the Children's Summer Reading Program run so well. Friends of the Library volunteer, Jamie William, who was instrumental in ensuring that the children's needs were met by arranging signage for the library and attending and assisting all of the summer children's programs. Thank you summer elf!



Thanks also to Marcie Welch who jumped onboard to help the library and is now staying for a year. Marcie helped with all the summer publicity for the children's programs and continues to help with the children's area. Look for Marcie in the fall.

Come in and visit the library. It's a great place to visit during the sweltering heat.

Golden buttons, wild carrots and a coffee to go

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN



It is during these weeks of nature's abundance - when the growth is lush and entangling, when the fragrances are full-bodied, and when wildness can, in what seems to be the blink of an eye, take over even the most lovingly tended spaces —it is during these weeks that slices of neglected landscape — old pastureland, abandoned parking lots and roadsides — are spontaneously transformed into wildflower gardens. If I were in charge of roadway maintenance, I'd give our hardworking highway department employees these next few months off from mowing and weed-whacking to allow Mother Nature to do what she would if left alone - fulfill her destiny by giving us an explosion of flowers and color.

More than 1,500 different wildflowers live here in Massachusetts and many of our most common are aliens, foreigners arrived on our shores either purposely or as accidental tourists — and successfully established. Like people, wildflowers come in a whole range of appearances, habits and attitudes. Some are showy, others modest, some gregarious, others secretive, some simple, others complicated, some toxic, but most quite good company. While some wildflowers can make a home anywhere, others need their special place, a woodland of dappled sunlight, a spritz of salt spray or a mucky river embankment to thrive. Ask them to go against their nature and they'll wither and die.

If: there is any one quality I admire most about wildflowers, aside from their aesthetic beauty, it is their resilience. And few are as resilient as chicory, also known as coffeeweed, wild succory and blue sailors. This hardy perennial, with its stiff, nearly leafless (some would say scraggly) stems and milky juice, July-sky blue flowers spreading more than an inch across and deep, dandelion-like tap root, finds a foothold where little else can or will, sprouting happily from gravelly lots, cracks in sidewalk pavement and asphalt gutters, enduring drought conditions and searing sun.

Weed or wildflower?

Opinion is divided on whether chicory is a serious pest or an attractive wildflower. I vote for the latter but the categorizing of plants as wildflowers, weeds or herbs depends largely on who's doing the naming. You've heard the classic definitions of a weed — a plant that is growing where you don't want it to grow or a wildflower that people don't like. When it comes to wildflowers beauty and definition are, indeed, in the eyes of the beholder.

Chicory, a Eurasian native, is probably too common for its own good. It's everywhere and so, we take it for granted. But even its detractors have to admit that a mist of its flowers, a delicate heavenly blue, a tint far too rare in the home garden (in my humble opinion), is quite capable of stopping traffic. The flowers, which can occasionally be white and, rarely, pink, bloom from July through September and are unusual in their fleeting beauty. On sunny days the square-ended petals draw together and close up by midday. Those of us who have difficulty getting up and out in the morning will miss their superb display unless the day is overcast. Then, the open flowers stay with us into the afternoon.

Like people, wildflowers come in a whole range of appearances, habits and attitudes.

A member of the Composite family which includes daisies and asters, *Cichorium intybus* was popular with the early Romans who used the young leaves, a close relative of endive, as a salad vegetable, and with ancient Egyptians who believed the plant purified the blood and liver. The plant is today cultivated, easily from seed, in Europe and Egypt where its leaves - usually blanched first to remove bitterness - are still used in salads and eaten like spinach. Chicory is also a popular herbal remedy for jaundice, gallstones and rheumatism.

Even more useful than its leaves is chicory's root, used by early Americans as a coffee substitute and as an alternative to coffee during World War II when coffee shipments were disrupted. Kiln-dried, roasted and ground as a coffee additive and extender, caffeine-free chicory is, today, more popular in Europe than here at home though it has a faithful following in New Orleans and other southern regions. Another of chicory's innovative uses is as an ingredient in dog food. Shown to increase calcium absorption, chicory provides an important fiber source for dogs while helping to maintain strong bones.

Wild carrot

Fortunate is the roadside wanderer who finds the blue sailors mixed with fresh, unsoiled white puffs of wild carrot, a color palette with hints of old delft pottery. The name, wild carrot, tells us something about its relatives in the parsley family though it hardly does justice to the blossom clusters that are more poetically named Queen Anne's lace. An Old World invader, *Daucus carota*, has been successful in establishing itself in fallow fields and, like chicory, in the cracks of pavement. The plant, like chicory, also has its detractors, many of whom consider it the peskiest weed of all.

Either biennial or perennial, the wild carrot has an erect stem and fine-cut foliage and grows to a height of four feet. Its thick, woody root smells and tastes somewhat like a domestic carrot, though more bitter, and is high in vitamin A and fiber. Like the flowers of its caraway and poison hemlock relatives, the wild carrot's tiny blossoms are densely clustered in a flattened, umbrella-like head called an umbrel measuring up to four inches wide. The profusion of flowers forms a lace-like pattern, thus its common name, though the particular Queen Anne who lent her name to the plant has been lost to history. Characteristic of Queen Anne's lace is a tiny purple-colored jewel-like floret in the center of the lace.

As Queen Anne's lace ages, the umbels brown and curl inward forming; cup-like hollows that give the plant its popular country names, Bird's Nest or Bee's Nest. They make a nice addition to a dried flower arrangement.

Golden buttons

Add a colony of tansy to the roadside garden of chicory and Queen Anne's lace and you'll see why Monet so loved the blues and yellows together. Conspicuous in August and September, the dense clusters of round, flat yellow flowers identify tansy - *Tauacetum vulgare* - as another member, though a rayless member, of the Composite family (think of the ox-eye daisy without its white rays) and have earned it the folksy name, golden buttons.

A hardy perennial with pungently fragrant (though a hard to describe fragrance) fern-like foliage, tansy grows to a height of three feet. Used medicinally since the Middle Ages, infusions were thought to be effective in treating nervousness, epilepsy, fever and gout and in expelling worms. A poultice of tansy leaves was used for bruises and sprains, and Native Americans steamed the leaves in their foot baths. English country folk are said to have enjoyed a nip of tansy wine and tea. I am content to strip the foliage, dry the flower clusters and include them in a vase with Birds' Nests.

Many wildflowers, including Queen Anne's lace and tansy, come with cautions about their handling and ingestion. Though I have not had a problem with either plant irritating my skin, the Audubon Field Guide to New England lists both as poisonous. As for consumption, unless you are accompanied by an expert forager, the best advice is to let the wildflowers provide the spiritual cures and leave the physical cures to your favorite family doctor.

Amy Whorf McGuiggan is a freelance writer from Hingham.

Keeping the cops in check

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



It used to be, as some folks would have it, that when the cops busted a suspect, they would disappear for a few moments with him and a rubber hose into a secluded back room and emerge with a confession, the I's neatly dotted and the T's tidily crossed.

Then came Miranda, and the fuzz had to inform the perp of his rights, that he didn't have to talk to them if he didn't want to, that he could have his mouthpiece present when they asked him if he had done it, and that if he didn't have a lawyer, they'd check the Yellow Pages under attorneys for him.

Before the suspect went to trial, the cops were tried to see if they violated any of the Miranda rules, and if they did, the perp was likely to walk, although they were not required to give him back the loot as he went by.

Now, in the state of Oregon at least, they're making it even tougher for the cops to arrest a miscreant. The state Supreme Court has ruled that they can't lie to a suspect or give him a fake name, even when they are conducting a hush hush undercover investigation of a drug ring or child pornography or the Mafia.

(No, Judge Maria Lopez was not involved.)

"I am a drug cop, please sell me some heroin. That's literally what's required," said Joshua Marquis, the district attorney for Clatsop (Ore.) County. "The only people who really like this situation, aside from the drug dealers, are some of the criminal defense attorneys in Oregon."

Actually, the Oregon decision forbids federal and state prosecutors from approving "deceitful" tactics on the part of field officers under penalty of getting yelled at or worse by the local bar association, and not many undercover operations are even started without the advice of counsel on a highly complex law.

If the Oregon decision is extended to the rest of the country, there'll be no more officers posing as cokeheads ready to buy the latest shipment right off the boat from Colombia or waiting to scoop up a ton or two of weed as it's trucked over the border from Mexico.

There'll be no more 40-year-old cops identifying themselves on the Internet as 14-year-old girls to round up another practitioner of child pornography, which is one of the high tech crimes that a family is apt to acquire along with its new Gateway PC.

Whatever you do, don't use "dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation" to catch these perps, and be sure to give them back their PCs or maybe the next decision of the Oregon Supreme Court will require you to apologize.

But don't expect them to do the same for you, especially after the federal appeals court in San Francisco ruled the other day that it is all right to swear at police officers since "criticism of the police, profane or otherwise, is not a crime."

The decision, said Oliver Vallejo, attorney for the former miscreant, "keeps police officers in check."

Therapy with horse sense

By Michael Marotta
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As doctors and therapists continue to explore new ways to treat children stricken with illnesses, one technique is off and galloping on the South Shore. And to find the curative, patients need look no farther than a horse stable.

Many parents who have children with physical disabilities, cerebral palsy or other diseases that affect motor skills, or neuromotor dysfunction are turning to hippotherapy — the use of horse riding for physical therapy.

Proponents of hippotherapy say it improves strength and balance in children stricken with these kinds of ailments.

"It's a program that has had tremendous success with kids because of the three dimensional movement that's involved," said Norwell resident Susan Donahue, a volunteer at the River Wind Farm in Pembroke, where hippotherapy sessions have increased dramatically in the past year. "Usually you have a ball or are working one-on-one with a child, but this has been able to convey three dimensional moment and it's been enormously successful."

The three dimensional movement of the horse provides a challenging activity that can improve a child's balance, strength, sensory processing and self confidence.

Usually, children will ride without a saddle to allow for a variety of positions on the horse. A sidewalker walks alongside the horse while the physical therapist works with the patient, and a horse leader steers the horse.

The South Shore Therapeutic Riding Program is the first of it's kind in the area, following the successful programs run in Andover and Bridgewater. The program is held at the River Wind Farm, owned by Carlo Casarano and located on the Pembroke-Hanover town line. The farm houses two horses, Peaches, a former Scituate resident, and Harvey.

The program was started in May 2000 by Cindy Spooner, a certified hippotherapist who decided to operate full-time when she noticed the demand the activity had generated. She provides hippotherapy service to approximately 20 patients per week, with most of the riders ranging in age from 3 to 13.





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Above: Jamey Breen, 10, of Scituate riding Peaches checks out his reflection with therapist Cindy Spooner at his side, flanked by River Wind Farm volunteers Jackie Temple and Lesley Beszterczey, both of Scituate.

Left: Nicholas Baldassini,5, of Hingham gives therapist Cindy Spooner a high five while riding Peaches. Volunteer Lesley Beszterczey guides as the "sidewalker".

Donahue said that the treatment process is just more than riding horseback.

"It's very labor intensive," she said. "Some kids are picking up rings off a peg as they go by, and some are just laying down on the horse because they aren't capable of sitting up."

The riders can watch themselves in the mirrors located around the farm and Donahue said sometimes they forget about the therapy because they are so excited to be on a horse.

"It certainly has a big fun component to it, it's a great confidence builder and instead of dreading physical therapy it makes the kids proud," Donahue said.

It's a big deal for the others involved as well. Finding volunteers for the program has been troublesome, but Donahue said Scituate probably has given the greatest outpouring of support.

"Scituate's one of the strongest towns that volunteers," she said, adding that many of that town's volunteers who serve as sidewalkers are young and likely to tell their friends about it and get them involved as well. And the support of one volunteer goes a long way in helping a child dealing with a severe illness.

"It's having a cheerleader along," Donahue said of the sidewalkers. "It's not just to walk alongside for safety, but to help cheer the success because this is really courageous, it's hard work that these riders are performing."

Donahue said the program is always looking for volunteers and donations. With the help of organizations like the Genesis Foundation, a group that works with children with birth defects, they have been able to issue scholarships and keep the overall cost of the hippotherapy to a minimum.

"These families are already heavily burdened, so you try to make it as accessible as possible."

Donahue said she's sure the program will continue to grow, and she hopes to continue the success Spooner and the volunteers have experienced so far. And while she acknowledges the physical hippotherapy, she can't say enough about what it does for a child's confidence.

"For a lot of these kids, it's a half hour of freedom from a walker or a wheelchair," Donahue said. "It's a huge deal for them."

HEALTH NOTES

Heart disease is the number one killer of women and men in the United States. Each year, more than a million Americans have heart attacks, and about a half million people die from heart disease. Two of the major symptoms associated with heart disease are high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Blood Pressure According to the National Institute for Health, more than 50 million American adults — 1 in 4 — have high blood pressure. About 60 percent of all Americans age 60 and older have it, which increases the risk for getting heart disease and/or kidney disease, and for having a stroke. It is especially dangerous because it often has no warning signs or symptoms.

Cholesterol Your blood cholesterol level has a lot to do with your chances of getting heart disease. High blood cholesterol is one of the major risk factors for heart disease. A risk factor is a condition that increases your chance of getting a disease. In fact, the higher your blood cholesterol level, the greater your risk for developing heart disease or having a heart attack.

Judy Fitzsimmons, the Public Health Nurse at the town hall conducts blood pressure screenings for anyone requesting it during her regular office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, and the second Thursday in the month, from 11:00 to 1:00 PM at the Senior Center of the Community Center; and on the Fourth Thursday, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Senior Housing facility at 60 Elm Street.

More facts about high blood pressure. Most doctors will diagnose a person with high blood pressure on the basis of two or more readings, taken on several occasions. A consistent blood pressure reading of 140/90 mm Hg or higher is considered high blood pressure, another term for hypertension.

Some people experience high blood pressure only when they visit the doctor's office. This condition is called "white-coat hypertension." If your doctor suspects this, you may be asked to monitor your blood pressure at home or asked to wear a device called an ambulatory blood pressure monitor. This device is usually worn for 24 hours and can take blood pressure every 30 minutes.

Cholesterol screenings require taking a blood sample. The Town Health Nurse conducts free cholesterol screenings annually in the fall. Look for the announcement in a future Health Notes.

For more information about heart disease and how to detect, avoid and control it contact Judy at the Town Hall.

Trash system off to promising start

Committee wants to force private haulers to recycle

By Mary Ford
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Arthur Lehr, chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee, is setting the standard.

"I haven't filled up one 15-gallon bag in a month," he says proudly. "But I've brought 10 bags full of recyclables to the RTF."

Although the average resident isn't recycling as much as Lehr is, initial figures for the month of July show a promising trend at the Recycling Transfer Facility off Cedar Street, dubbed the RTF.

And now that the recycling committee has the residents in line as far as recycling goes – the committee plans to ask the Board of Health to force commercial trash haulers to recycle. Almost 20 percent of the town's trash doesn't go through the RTF but is shipped out of town by private companies.

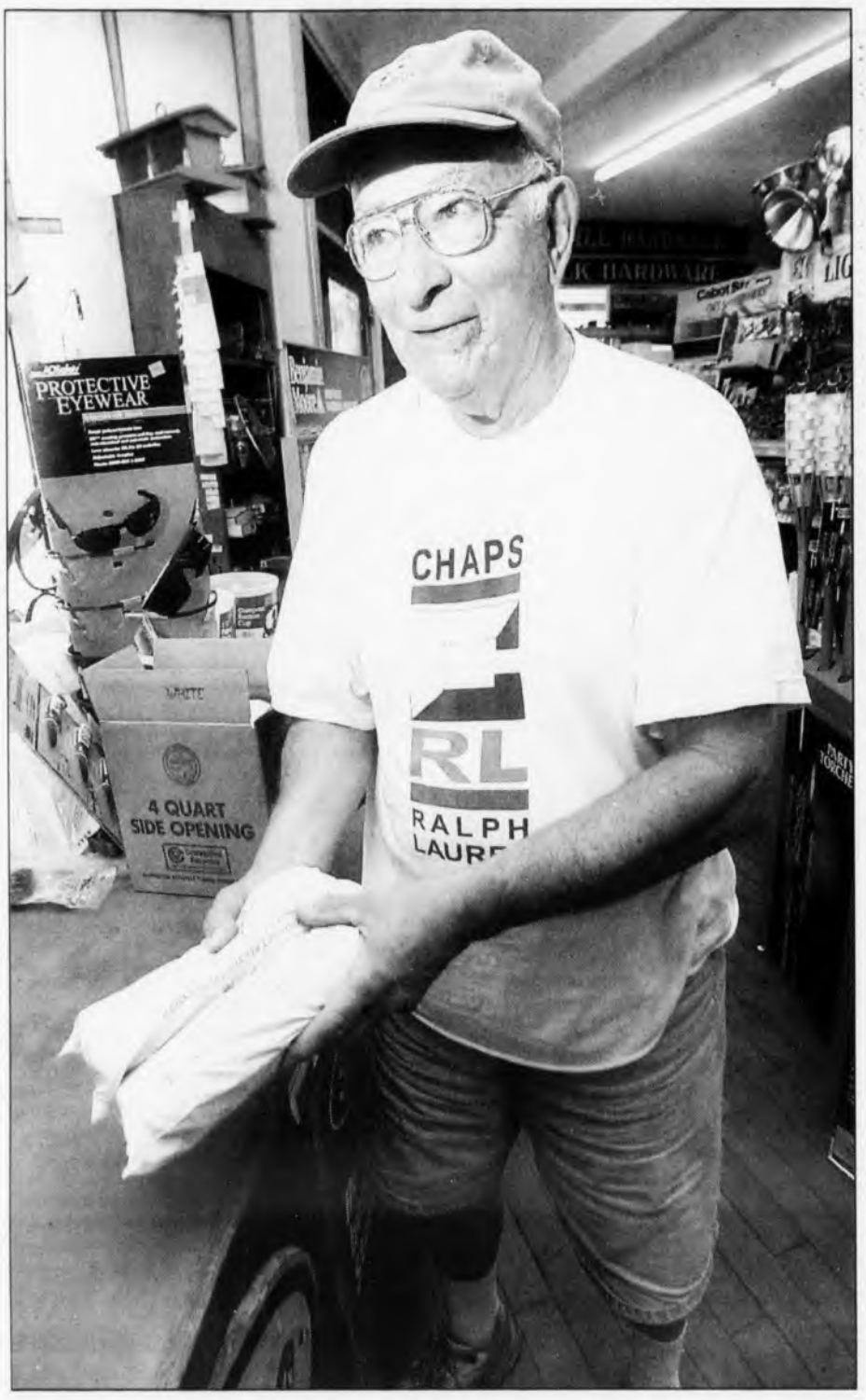
"It's going very well, people have adapted to it."
— Arthur Lehr, recycling committee

Cohasset trash tonnage sent to SEMASS, the incinerator in Rochester, Mass., is down. Pay-As-You-Throw — through which residents pay $1 for a 30-gallon trash bag or 50 cents for a 15-gallon bag — went into effect July 1. The program is intended to force residents to recycle more by making them pay for special, blue trash bags marked "Town of Cohasset." The philosophy behind the program if people recycle more, the less they will have to throw away.

"It's going very well, people have adapted to it," Lehr said.

Last month the town sent 116 tons to SEMASS which was less than half the average. July 2000 figures are not available, but the numbers for June and August 2000 were 260 and 279 tons, respectively. Average tonnage per month from January through June this year was 250 tons, recycling committee member Merle Brown said. The town pays about $100 a ton to dispose of trash, so when the total tonnage drops, the town saves money.

Brown said the July 2001 number might be artificially low because residents flocked to the RTF with all kinds of junk in June before the PAYT system took effect.



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Dr. Bill Corriveau picks up two rolls of Pay-As-You-Throw bags at Cohasset Hardware in the village. Early numbers show residents are adapting to the new trash disposal system.

Residents are not charged to recycle although the town does have to pay to dispose of newspaper. Residents must attach a 50-cent bag to large items that are not able to be recycled and won't fit in one of the bags.

Early figures indicate that residents are buying most of their bags at the local hardware stores. So far, Joseph's Hardware on Route 3A has sold 23 boxes full of the big bags and eight of the smaller bags, Brown said. Cohasset Hardware in the village has sold 23 boxes of the big bags and 15 of the smaller bags. There are 20 packs of bags in a box. The bags are sold in rolls of ten and include wire tires and an informational insert about what is recyclable and what is not. Bags are also available at Cohasset Food Mart in Jonathan Livingston Seagull Square off Route 3A, Leo's Exxon Station at the corner of Beechwood Street and Route 3A and the DPW garage off Cedar Street.

State grants

The committee said the town won't qualify for state grants under the Massachusetts Waste Recycling Incentive program because the commercial trash haulers don't have to recycle. There is one exception, however, Joe Laugelle who has 55 customers and makes them recycle. Laugelle brings his customers' trash to the RTF while the other companies can't because they are not recycling. Including Laugelle, there are five commercial haulers in town.

The recycling committee said the Board of Health gives permission to commercial haulers to pick up waste in town and plans to address the issue with the board this fall. Grants under the state program could amount to $4 a ton for all recyclables the town generates, said John McNabb of the recycling committee. The town meets all the requirements, except having the private haulers recycle, he said.

"If they don't recycle, they should not get a license to operate in the town," Brown said.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Police arrest two for drunken driving

Cohasset police arrested a Braintree resident and a Scituate resident this weekend for driving while drunk.

Peter J. McLaughlin, 42, of Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, and operating to endanger after colliding with a car on Route 3A Friday night.

Police say McLaughlin, who was driving a green GMC pick-up truck, hit Ralph Fraile, of Debary, Fla., as Fraile was attempting to make a left off Route 3A onto Lower King Street.

Officer William Quigley reported smelling a strong scent of alcohol from McLaughlin, as well as droopy eye lids, bloodshot eyes, and slurred speech. Quigley said McLaughlin originally denied having had anything to drink but later changed his story to "a couple."

Quigley said McLaughlin, who had graduated from high school and completed two years of college, refused to recite the alphabet because he "didn't know it," and also refused to take a numbers test. Quigley also said McLaughlin "had trouble standing up without supporting himself by hanging onto the bed of the pick-up truck."

McLaughlin pleaded not guilty in Quincy District Court on Monday. It was his second arrest for operating while under the influence.

David Williams, 27, of Liberty Street, Braintree was arrested early Saturday morning after driving Quigley off the road.

Shortly before 1 a.m. Saturday, Quigley said he was traveling northbound on Route 3A by Beechwood Street when he was faced with a landscaping truck driven by Williams, traveling southbound in the northbound lane. Quigley said he swerved off the road and then followed the truck with his siren on and lights flashing, but Williams did not pull over until the Booth Hill Road and Route 3A intersection in Scituate.

Quigley said he immediately saw an open 12-pack of Budweiser on the floor of the truck, and an open container on the passenger's seat and described Williams in his police report as "stupefied." Quigley said Williams told him he was swerving because he was tired. When asked if he knew where he was, Williams said, "Weymouth," and then later said he was "lost."

Quigley said Williams was unable to finish the alphabet, balance on one leg while counting, and walk in a straight line. Williams was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, operating to endanger, operating a vehicle while drinking, and failure to stop for a police officer.

While at Cohasset police station, Quigley and Officer Garrett Hunt described Williams as "uncooperative." Hunt said after making six phone calls, he refused to sign any forms, including a personal recognizance form, and was placed back into his cell. He was bailed later that morning for $500.

He pleaded not guilty to all charges Monday at Quincy District Court. He is due back Oct 5., for a pre-trial hearing. It was also his second arrest for operating under the influence.

Boston man charged with leaving the scene, drugs

Cohasset police arrested a Dorchester man on a bevy of charges Saturday night, ranging from leaving the scene of an accident, giving a false name, and possession of a class B substance (crack cocaine).

Christopher Thornton, 20, was discovered by police behind the Cohasset Medical Building off Route 3A, after two cell phone callers reported being nearly sideswiped by a car in front of Stop & Shop.

Officer Geoffrey Treanor said Thornton was found driving a gray rental car in circles behind the medical building. He said the car had a blown right front tire, blown right rear tire, bumper and panel damage along the right side and damage to the left front tire.

According to Treanor's police report, Thornton, who gave the name Christopher Walden, smelled of alcohol, had slow speech and glassy eyes. When asked about the damage, Thornton said he was in an accident on the Scituate waterfront.

Treanor said Thornton was able to say the alphabet, albeit softly and slowly, but was unable to balance on one foot, and walk in a straight line. Upon searching the car, police discovered a pay stub made out to Thornton, who admitted giving a false name to the officers. Police also discovered a "white, rock-like substance" inside a plastic bag, inside the envelope.

After being read his Miranda rights, Thornton admitted to smoking crack earlier that night. He also registered a .13 on a breathalyzer test at the police station. The legal limit in Massachusetts is .08.

Police charged Thornton with operating under the influence of alcohol and drugs, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, giving a false name to a police officer, leaving the scene of an accident where there was property damage, driving without a license, and possession of a class B substance. Police estimated the crack to be worth $50.

Thornton was bailed at $450 and plead not guilty to all charges Monday at Quincy District Court. He is scheduled for a pre-trial conference on Oct. 3.

Scituate woman seriously hurt in Pond Street crash

A 23-year-old woman was seriously injured after crashing into a grove of trees at the Pond/Pleasant streets intersection last Wednesday, and police suspect mechanical problems contributed to the accident.

Jean E. Piers, of Chet Way in Scituate, was med-flighted to Brigham and Women's Hospital after losing control of her 1991 Ford van and striking a tree. Investigating officer Sgt. Robert Jackson said Piers, who was not wearing a seatbelt, suffered "serious visible injuries" following what appears to be an out-on-control ride down Pond Street.

According to a police report, witnesses saw Piers run through a red light with her horn blaring while traveling southbound on Route 3A. Piirs took a left onto Pond Street, and rode her brakes but kept accelerating down the sloped road.

"She left about 70 feet of skid marks," said Jackson.

Although the tree suffered only approximately $100 worth of damage, Piers' van sustained heavy damage to the front end.

Jackson said police aren't sure what caused Piers to lose control, but thought a stuck accelerator could be to blame.

A hospital spokesman listed Piers in "good" condition Tuesday.

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Stolen Cohasset property found in Hingham house

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At the Hingham house, police also found two license plates, checks taken during three Quincy break-ins, statuettes taken during a Hingham burglary, burglary tools, steroids, a hypodermic syringe, and a list of police scanner frequencies for a number of departments in the South Shore area posted on the refrigerator.

Hanover and Hingham police have charged Anthony Miele, with conspiracy to commit armed robbery while masked and multiple counts of receiving stolen property. His brother, Thomas, is charged with conspiracy, accessory after the fact and multiple counts of receiving stolen property. Bocchino, is charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery while masked and multiple counts of receiving stolen property. Anthony Miele and Bocchino are being held without bail and face a dangerous person hearing. Thomas Miele is being held on $10,000 cash or surety bail. McCarthy, has been charged with conspiracy, accessory after the fact and multiple counts of receiving stolen property and is being held on $10,000 cash or surety bail. Police are looking into additional charges against the four men.

According to Hanover Police Lt. Walter Sweeney, the Rockland Trust Company in Hanover reported being robbed at 11:18 a.m. last Friday when a lone gunman, allegedly Bocchino, dressed in dark clothing and wearing a nylon mask, entered the bank and demanded money from the bank tellers.

Sweeney said Bocchino fled on foot and was later seen by a witness getting into a Maroon Lincoln Continental or Cadillac near the strip plaza's entrance. The car then reportedly fled the scene toward River Street in Norwell, in the direction of Hingham.

Hanover Police issued a general broadcast to neighboring departments about the robbery and motor vehicle involved.

According to Hingham police, McAdams discovered a vehicle matching the get-away car's description at the Rhodes Circle residence around noontime Friday while searching a number of Hingham neighborhoods. His curiosity was further aroused when he noticed the passenger-side lighted visor was down, keys in the ignition, no license plates, and a still-warm engine.

"It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time," said Carlson. "Officer McAdams exhibited the requisite amount of curiosity we want to see in all our officers and was able to put the pieces together."

McAdams was forced away to respond to an emergency call involving a car breakdown at Hingham Rotary, however, he notified the Hingham Police Department about his suspicions before answering the emergency call.

Back-up Hingham units were sent to the scene, where Officers Kris Phillips and David Jones and Sgt. Glenn Shaw assisted McAdams.

Hingham police placed the car and home under observation for 30 minutes and took the suspects into custody as they left the dwelling, one at a time, for receiving stolen property.

During the initial sweep of the house, McAdams and Shaw discovered large amounts of cash on a coffee table, gold jewelry on a bedroom floor and a crowbar.

"It looked like they had thrown clothing on top of the items to hide them," McAdams said.

Hingham police notified the Hanover Police Department, and Sweeney and Detective John Owens responded to the house. Upon receiving a search warrant of the suspect's car and house, police discovered a loaded .22 semi-automatic pistol, articles of clothing described by witnesses to the robbery and the nylon mask reportedly used by Bocchino. Police also recovered more than $20,000 in cash at the Rhodes Circle home, which is currently rented out to the suspects.

"Some of this money was still banded with Rockland Trust Company currency wrappers," said Sweeney.

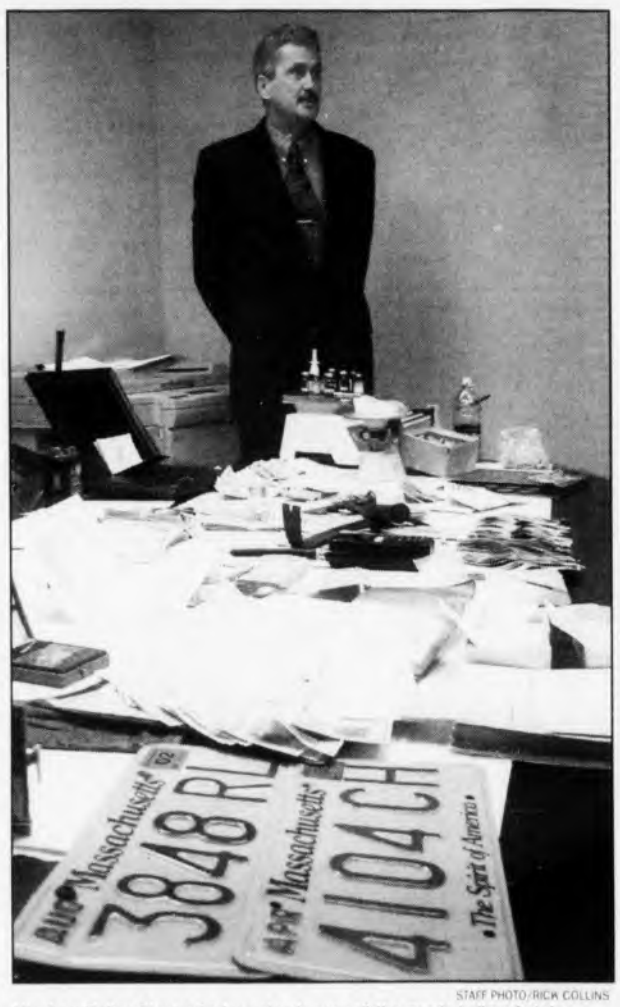
Hingham police are still in the process of examining evidence gathered at the scene.

"We hope people will come forward to help us find the rightful owners," Carlson said.

Sweeney said much effort by police from Hanover and Hingham went into the arrest of the suspects.

"The identification of the suspects and subsequent arrests were based on some fantastic cooperation between both police departments. This is certainly a very important and satisfying investigation to be involved with in taking suspects off the street who have committed armed robbery," he said.

Staff Reporter Rick Collins contributed to this article.



STAFF PHOTO/RICK COLLINS

Hingham Police Steven Carlson stands over all the goods believed stolen from Hanover, Hingham and Cohasset.

Group goes out on a limb to save ledges

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mon, village, harbor and Sandy Cove neighborhoods, all interested in preserving open space on Great Neck.

"The purpose of the group was to work toward preservation of the Great Neck area so that all citizens can enjoy this unique resource," said group member and Beach Street resident Mark DeGiacomo.

Bloomfield, a prolific author who usually focuses on international relations, is putting the final touches on the group's position paper, scheduled for town-wide distribution next month.

"We hope to educate Cohasset taxpayers and others of the situation in Great Neck as part of a larger issue," said Bloomfield.

The two-page handout describes in detail the general issue, its history, and proposed solutions. The group says it respects the right to private development, but "we also believe that to protect the character of Cohasset, now is the time to act for preservation of such core elements as ledge formations, points of geological and historical interest, and land abutting conservation areas."

The paper says the town Conservation Commission voted to acquire the land for open space in 1969, but the Town Meeting article was withdrawn after the land was sold.

The Cohasset Conservation Trust bought a majority of the land in the mid '70s, but the remaining parcels have remained in private hands. One house has been built on the ledge, but the group says the owner has agreed to restrict any additional development on the seven-acre plot, if the rest of the area is turned into conservation land.

The position paper contains a quote from a column written by Doane Street resident Jim Shipsky, which appeared in the Mariner, that says, "When we destroy granite ledge, we are truly eradicating the essence of Cohasset." The paper also touts the "connectivity" the area gives between the common, village, harbor and Sandy Cove.

The group proposes including natural resource protection measures in the new town master plan, currently being worked on by the Growth & Development Committee.

It also calls for town acquisition of the remaining acreage using money from the recently passed Community Preservation Act and any money received by the MBTA for the taking of the Greenbush right-of-way.

The town and MBTA agreed last week to a $1.6 million price-tag for the six-mile long right-of-way.

The Cohasset Conservation Trust has already committed $100,000 for the acquisition.

"This is a great opportunity to increase the size and scope of the existing Great Brewster Woods," said John Hartshorne, head of the trust.

Along with possible bylaw changes the paper calls on "all citizens to come to the fall Town Meeting and vote for this vital conservation effort."

Selectman Thomas Callahan, a former Conservation Commission chairman, said the issue of preservation has been a topic at the Growth & Development Committee's recent neighborhood forums.

"From the three forums we've had, we are certainly getting a sense from people around town that they appreciate the physical beauty of the town, and want to preserve it, and the ledge is a very big part of that physical attractiveness," he said. "We know people are concerned about ledge being chipped away in the village, which just plays into the sentiment of appreciation of the ledge that we are hearing."

A Town Meeting-approved sidewalk beneath St. Stephen's Church in the village would require the removal of up to four feet of ledge.

Although he wasn't aware of any town in the state with a ledge protection bylaw, he didn't see any reason why it couldn't be done, if town voters choose to do so. However he didn't believe in holding granite ledge "sacrosanct."

"For example, I support the sidewalk in the village," he said. "But I don't support trying to ram a driveway up the ledge on Beach Street."

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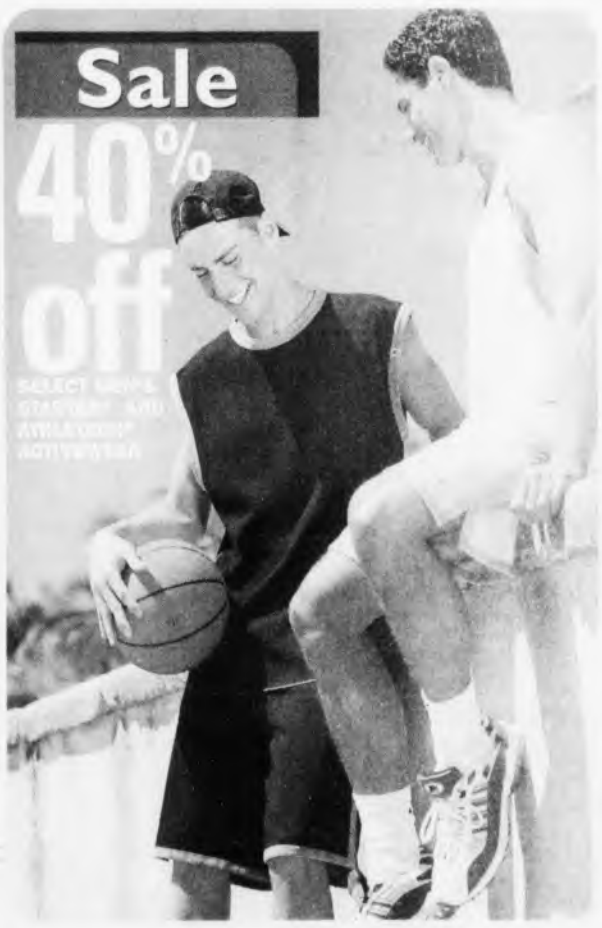
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Instructor Suzie O'Brien observes Kaci Kacinski's form on the balance beam at South Shore Community Center's gymnastics class.

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New librarian arrives with references

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Hingham and Cohasset along North and South Main streets took her right by the library where she would someday work.

And no one is more surprised than MacDermott, herself, about becoming a librarian — a calling she discovered in a serendipitous way.

Her family left the area and moved west, so MacDermott spent the rest of her childhood in California where she pursued a career in hairdressing.

"In high school, I was always doing everyone's hair, so I thought I might as well get paid for it," she recalls. Then with a smile, she adds, "It's a skill I'll have the rest of my life — and no one in my family has to go the hairdresser."

But a few years later, everything would change. Visiting a friend in graduate school at the University of California at Riverside, MacDermott walked over to the library school table where she picked up a brochure about library science.

"I thought, 'this is exactly what I want to do. I'll go to college next semester to become a librarian..'" she recalls. But her dream to attend a community college locally in California and eventually transfer to the University of California at Berkley had to turn eastward. Her mother moved the family back to Massachusetts where MacDermott later studied history at UMass Boston and obtained a master's degree in library science from Simmons College.

She worked at the South Boston branch of the Boston Public Library before her daughter was born. She loved the job but not the address [to work at the Boston Public Library, you have to be a resident of the city]. MacDermott is looking forward to the short walk to Sand Hills beach from her new home in Scituate, and the peace and quiet of small-town life.

While small in size, the Paul Pratt Library isn't all that different from the one in Boston — or the libraries in Plymouth and Peabody, where she also worked.

"It's the same in a way," MacDermott says. "The patrons are friendly and you get to know the corps group of people that come in all the time."

One difference between Boston and Cohasset, she points out, is the patrons here are "nicer about the fines," she says. "They'll admit when the book is overdue of if they've lost it."

MacDermott points out the new library — planned for the old Osgood School — will have a lot more space.

"My biggest challenge here is finding enough room on the shelves," she says.

Another challenge is to get more young people into the library. Younger children come in with their parents and to participate in special programs, but as children get older, they drift away from the library, she says.

The new library will have a young adult room, which should help.

"They [older kids] want to look in the computer for information, not books," MacDermott says. "Books are faster, trust me. Plus, you can verify where the information came from."

And as far as questions MacDermott's fielded at the reference desk over the years, there is one that has baffled her.

While at the South Boston branch of the BPL, MacDermott tried to help a young student find out who invented paper towels.

"Kids in South Boston had to write about an invention and find out all about it," she says. MacDermott said after researching as much as she could, she determined that paper towels must have been invented by one of the paper products companies, like Scott.

Then there are the "no-brainers."

"When I was in Plymouth, a man — who had a bar bet going that there were 51 states — called to ask if I'd look it up for him," she recalls with a laugh. "Of course, he lost the bet."

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Caren Garber, Kate O'Brien, Garet Jacobucci and Alexander Hunt

These for Cohasset Swim Team members each took multiple event first places in Saturday's South Shore Swim League Championship to help CST to a strong third place finish.

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Veterans keep swim team afloat

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

For many teens, the summer is a time to forget about organized sports. Quite a few prefer to wait until the end of August to start up double sessions for their high school sport.

However, for a surprisingly high number of Cohasset young adults, the town swim team is a perfect mix between summer fun and team athletics.

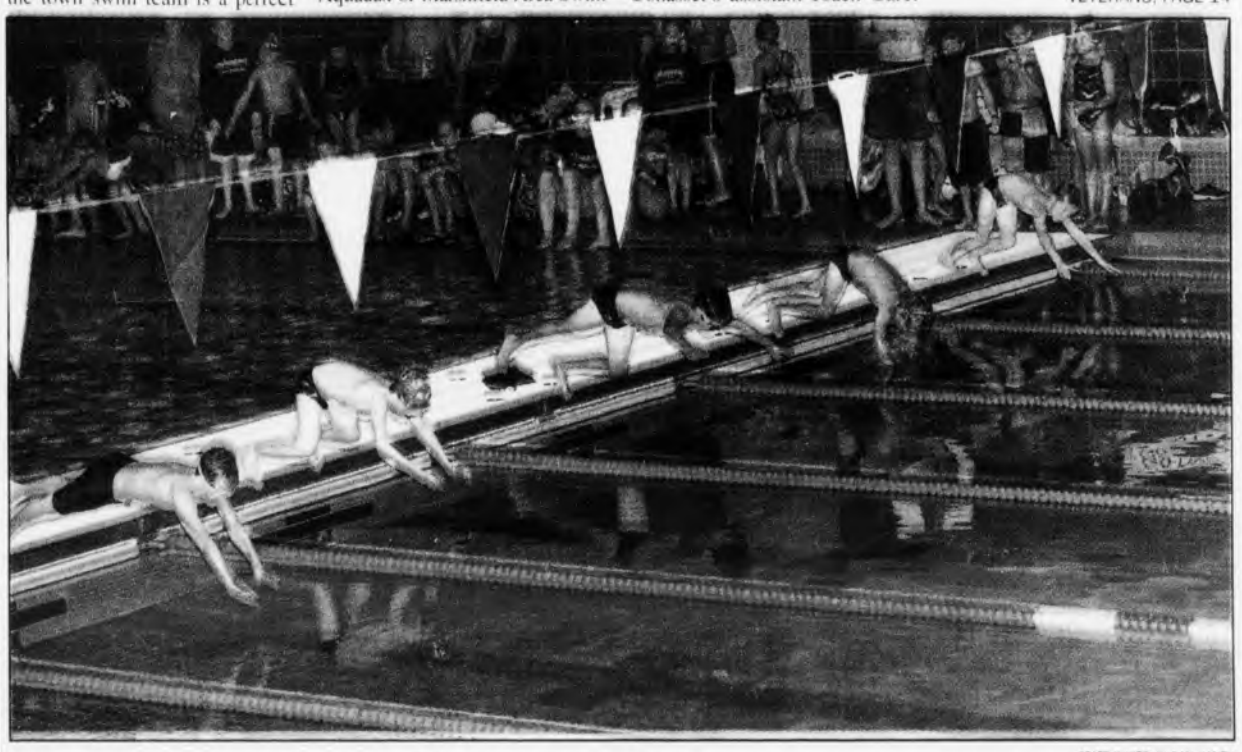
Over the last two decades, Cohasset has become one of the top local summer swim clubs on the South Shore. Even though Cohasset is not a private club, like the Duxbury or Scituate Yacht Clubs, or year-round team like Duxbury Aquadux or Marshfield Area Swim Klub (MASK), they have won more South Shore Swim League championships than any other team, including these four.

Many people attribute the success to the startlingly high number of teenagers represented on the team.

"That was one thing I was really impressed with," said Cohasset's assistant coach Garet Jacobucci, a Scituate native who used to swim for MASK and the 2001 league champion Scituate Knights of Columbus.

A swimmer for the elite Gators Club, Jacobucci led a very strong girls 17-and under section this year, a section that swept every individual event last Saturday at

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Go!...the 8 and under boys hit the water at the start of the 25-yard breaststroke. Cohasset Swim Team racer Thomas Buckley (third from left) took second in the race to earn points for the team.

Cohasset Swim Team takes 3rd

Knights nip MASK and Cohasset Swim teams at SSSL meet

By Mike Spellman
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The Knights of Columbus swim team won its first ever South Shore Swim League Championship, barely holding off the Marshfield Area Swim Klub team, 468-465.5. The Cohasset Swim Team, the lone team to beat K of C (6-1) in league meet competition this season, also kept things close to the end with 446 total points.

These three teams were easily the class of the eight team field at Saturday's SSSL Championships, held at Wheaton College in Norton. The Duxbury Yacht Club team finished a distant fourth with 282 points, followed by Aqua-Dux Swim Club (179.5), Eel River Beach Club (160), South Shore YMCA Sharks (144) and Scituate Harbor Yacht Club (103).

The swimmers arrived at Wheaton College to face seven other teams in the league. The cheering started at 7:45 a.m. and went nonstop until the finish of the meet after 1:00 p.m. Swimmers not competing in the meet came to cheer on their teammates. Excitement was high. Upon the announcement of the K of C victory all swimmers and coaches were in the pool celebrating.

The Cohasset Swim Team took a meet high 21 first places in the eight team championship meet, led by multi-event winners Garet Jacobucci (Women's 17 & under 50-yard freestyle, 50 butterfly and 50 backstroke), Kate O'Brien (Women's 17 & under 100-yard medley and 50-yard breaststroke), Caren Garber (Girls 12 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle and 25-yard butterfly) and Alexander Hunt (Boys 12 & Under 50 Yard Breaststroke and 50-yard backstroke). The team also took 17 second place finishes.

The Cohasset swim team enjoyed a perfect unbeaten season of 7-0, besting both the K of C and MASK teams in regular season meets.

Cohasset Swim team finishers:

Boys 8 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relay: 1. (Carrier, Jack 8, Buckley, Thomas 8, Shipp, Max 8, Durkin, Terrance 8)

Girls 8 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relay: 2. (Karski, Elena 8, Fontaine, Erin 8, Musto, Emma 8, Michalowski, Anna 8), 1:23.29

Girls 10 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relay: 1. (Meehan, Sally 10, Lehr, Samantha 10, Mahoney, Caitlin 10, Lehr, Victoria 9), 1:08.68

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CHS sports physical exams and practices scheduled

A physical exam is required for all students planning to play any of the following sports: football, boys soccer, girls soccer, field hockey, golf and cheerleading.

Dr. Steven Golden, school physician, will be in the Health Room at the Middle-High School on the following dates: male athletes, Monday, Aug. 20, 4 p.m.; female athletes, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 1 p.m.

This will be the only time physicals will be offered by the school before practice begins for all fall sports Thursday, Aug. 23.

Athletes unable to take advantage of the physical at this time will need to be examined by their family physician and get a note stating that they are in good physical condition to participate in athletics.

No student will be allowed to begin practice until he/she has had a physical examination.

Football conditioning will be Monday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m.

SPORTS OFFERED

Fall

First practice Aug. 23.

Football- conditioning only, Aug. 20-22, 6 p.m. @ Milliken Field

Field hockey- Aug. 23, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. @ Milliken Field

Golf- Aug. 23, 10 a.m., meeting @ High School Guidance Conference

Girls soccer- Aug. 23, 9-11 a.m., 2-4 p.m. @ Milliken Field

Boys soccer- Aug. 23, 4:40-730 p.m. @ Milliken Field

Winter

First practice Nov. 26.

Girls basketball, boys basketball, gymnastics, ice hockey, coed skiing*, coed swimming, wrestling.

*Privately funded by the Cohasset Ski Club.

Spring

First practice March 18.

Baseball, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, softball** girls tennis, boys tennis, girls track and field, boys track and field.

**Will compete at the junior varsity level.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Prior to the start of the season, each student must have had a physical examination performed by a physician within the previous 365 days. A student is not eligible to participate if he or she has not had a physical examination within the previous year. Students who have the exam performed by their own family physician must provide a note signed by their physician clearing them to participate in sports.

ELIGIBILITY

All student athletes must adhere to the eligibility rules outlined in the CHS Athletic Department Student Behavior Code. At the start of each season, the student-athlete and a parent or guardian must sign the Student Behavior Code Agreement, which applies to all eligibility rules regarding academics, chemical health, attendance, age and all MIAA and South Shore League rules.

All players, coaches and parents are expected to represent Cohasset High School as good citizens who display good sportsmanship at all times.

USER FEES

The Cohasset School Committee has established a user fee of $75 for the first sport, $75 for the second sport, and $50 for the third sport, per athlete, for a total of $200 per year if a student participates in three different sports. These funds will be utilized to offset the reductions in the athletic budget.

In order for a student to participate in a sport, the entire user fee must be received on or before the first day of practice; no exceptions will be made. This fee, which is non-refundable (after the first game), does not guarantee that a student receive equal playing time during each game of his/her selected sport.

If this fee poses an unusual hardship for any student's family, the parent/guardian should call either the principal or athletic director so that arrangements can be made for the student(s) to participate. Payment should be by check, made payable to Cohasset High School.

INSURANCE

All members of interscholastic teams representing Cohasset High School are covered by special athletic insurance. This insurance is "non-duplicating"; it is intended to provide coverage for expenses in excess of any personal or family coverage, but within limitations of the policy.

For questions or concerns, call Ron Ford, Cohasset Middle/Senior High School athletic director, 781-383-6103 or e-mail: rford@chs.ssec.org.

Amputee golf tourney a hit in Marshfield

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Things could have been a lot more hectic for a Kingston man than they turned out at the Marshfield Country Club last week.

Jim Kelly was in charge of publicity for the National Amputee Golf Championship held at MCC and had all he could do to keep up with the media and other little matters that needed attending. Besides, he also played in the scramble.

Had the National Amputee Golf Association got the man they were looking for to be the guest speaker at the event, Kelly's job would have been gargantuan.

The Association had sought golf great Jack Nicklaus as the guest speaker for the 53rd annual tournament. However, Jack was in Ireland last week for a previous commitment.

While Jack Nicklaus couldn't make the tourney, Geoff Nicholas of Australia did, and he won the tournament with a 210. In fact, Geoff has won all of the National Amputee Golf Championships since 1990.

"If we ever got Jack to come here, we would have really had a traffic jam at the club," said Kelly. "We gave it a good try, but Jack is a very busy man and much in demand."

Last week marked the third time Marshfield Country Club has hosted the event. The club was also the host in 1972 and 1997.

The tournament, which was started in 1949 had several local golfers competing among the 120 that made the cutoff. Included from the South Shore area were Fred Staples of Kingston, Mike Carey of Marshfield and Jim Kilroy of Hingham.

There's a good chance the tournament could return to Marshfield in five years.

"We like to move it around," said Kelly. "Obviously, players participate from just about everywhere you can imagine, and we like to give the different regions a chance to host the event.

"Marshfield, as usual has been very generous and likes hosting the tournament. We certainly would like to thank Bill Spears, the tournament chairman of MCC and Bob Mathews, the head groundskeeper at Marshfield Country Club for all the work they put into making this tour-

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Jim Kilroy, of Hingham, follows the flight of his drive in last week's National Amputee Golf Championship, hosted by the Marshfield Country Club.

Nine year olds are still tearing it up

Cohasset All-Stars extend perfect streak to 28-0

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset's nine year old traveling baseball team simply cannot be stopped.

Dating back to last year, the District 8- Division A team has won an unprecedented 28 games in a row, including two league titles and a tournament win.

"I have been around sports a long time, and these kids are exceptional," said team manager Bob McCunney, a former college baseball player for Drexel.

Cohasset youngsters had no trouble bullying their way to a perfect 9-0 record in the regular season, consistently scoring in the double digits of their six inning games. More than a couple times, the team even had to invoke the Little League slaughter rule when beating a team by more than 10 runs after four innings of play.

What was even more impressive about their league crown was the competition. They were not playing smaller towns, nor were they playing similar sized towns. The Cohasset baseball team was beating up on the likes of Weymouth, Braintree, Whitman-Hanson and Stoughton—all with much larger Little League programs, to be sure.

With the number one seed going into the playoffs, Cohasset dispatched Weymouth 8-3, behind strong pitching from Brendan Doonan, Tom Buckley and Robby McCunney, and a three RBI day by John Kearney.

In the semi-finals, Cohasset trounced Canton, 12-3, as the usually potent Canton line-up was kept under raps by Doonan, Buckley and Jordan Berry, who also helped his own cause with a run-scoring triple. Cohasset was powered by multi-hit games from Justin Yeager and McCunney and sharp hitting from Chris Brown.

Cohasset was scheduled to meet Abington in the championship game on Wednesday.

This past weekend, Cohasset beat the extremely high-level competition in the baseball tournament in Raynham.

Cohasset took it to such local giants as Brockton (Brendan Doonan was named game MVP for his efforts), Boxboro and Bridgewater to advance to semi-finals with the number one seed.

They went on to better their hosts, Raynham, then overcame some heavy odds to edge out Bridgewater for the second time in a three day span, 6-5.

"That's no small feat," said Coach McCunney of taking down one of the best baseball towns in the State.

John Kearney and Robby McCunney earned Game MVP honors for their superb outings in the Semi-finals and Finals, respectively.

Bob McCunney mapped out what he thinks makes a team as successful as his has been.

"In general in baseball," he began, "I think the keys to winning are in this order: 1. Pitching. 2. Defense. 3. Baserunning. 4. Hitting."

But there is something else that has set this team apart.

"This particular team has been suc-

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Cohasset swim team finishers

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Women 17 & Under 200 Yard Medley Relay: 2. (Jacobucci, Garet 17, Anderson, Casey 14, Jerome, Elisa 15, O'Brien, Kate 16), 2:03.00

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Girls 10 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle: 2. Meehan, Sally, CST 31.90

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Girls 10 & Under 25 Yard Freestyle: 1. Lehr, Samantha, CST 14.57

Boys 12 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle: 4. Conway, Colin, CST 31.11

Girls 12 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle: 1. Garber, Caren, CST 29.66

Boys 14 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle: 3. Roach, Kevin, CST 32.97

Girls 14 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle: 6. Lehr, Rebecca, CST 30.57

Men 17 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle: 2. Ingber, David, CST 25.44

Women 17 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle: 1. Jacobucci, Garet, CST 25.16

Boys 8 & Under 25 Yard Butterfly: 1. Shipp, Max, CST 18.53

Girls 8 & Under 25 Yard Butterfly: 4. Musto, Emma, CST 21.81

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Girls 10 & Under 25 Yard Butterfly: 6. Mahoney, Caitlin, CST 18.46

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Girls 12 & Under 25 Yard Butterfly: 1. Garber, Caren, CST 14.82

Boys 14 & Under 50 Yard Butterfly: 2. Berg, Parker, CST 31.59

Girls 14 & Under 50 Yard Butterfly: 5. Daley, Mamme, CST 35.81

Men 17 & Under 50 Yard Butterfly: 3. Ingber, David, CST 30.01

Women 17 & Under 50 Yard Butterfly: 1. Jacobucci, Garet, CST 27.69

Boys 8 & Under 25 Yard Breaststroke: 2. Buckley, Thomas, CST 24.47

Girls 8 & Under 25 Yard Breaststroke: 2. Fontaine, Erin, CST 23.87

Boys 10 & Under 25 Yard Breaststroke: 4. Porter, Ian, CST 21.34

Girls 10 & Under 25 Yard Breaststroke: 3. Lehr, Samantha, CST 19.46

Boys 12 & Under 50 Yard Breaststroke: 1. Hunt, Alexander, CST 38.29

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Men 17 & Under 50 Yard Breaststroke: 1. Faber, Scott, CST 33.70

Women 17 & Under 50 Yard Breaststroke: 1. O'Brien, Kate, CST 33.43

Boys 8 & Under 25 Yard Backstroke: 1. Carrier, Jack, CST 20.59

Girls 8 & Under 25 Yard Backstroke: 2. Karski, Elena, CST 21.48

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Men 17 & Under 50 Yard Backstroke: 2. Bilton, Bryan, CST 30.50

Women 17 & Under 50 Yard Backstroke: 1. Jacobucci, Garet, CST 30.10

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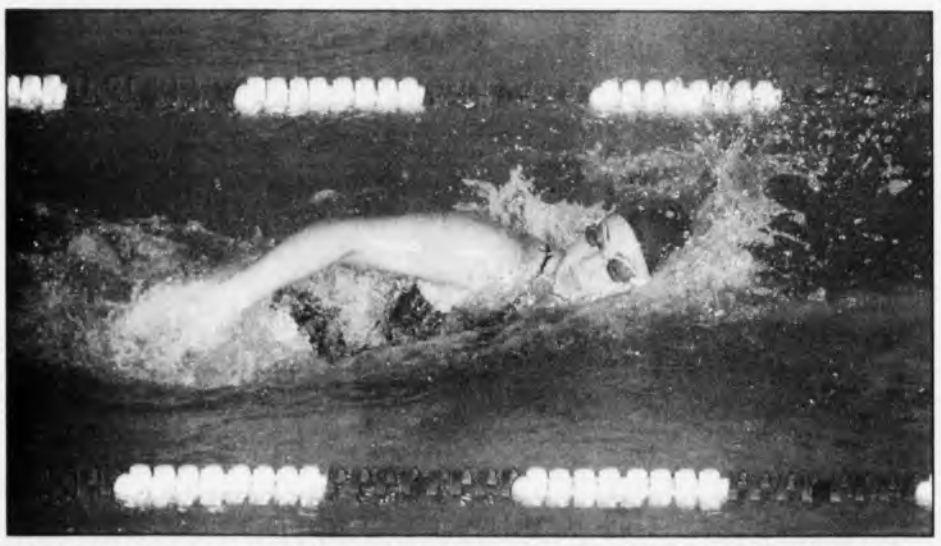
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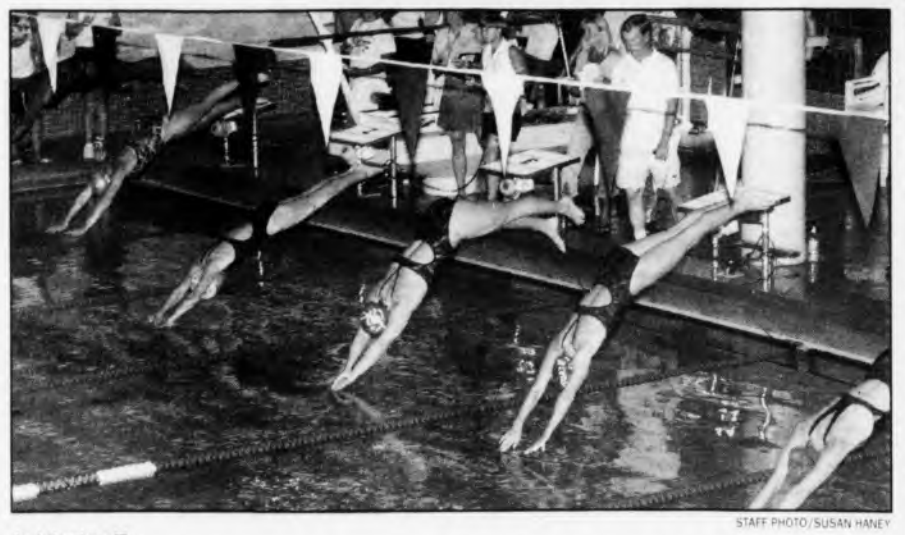


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Kate O'Brien looks to verify that she did indeed finish first in the 100-yard Individual Medley at Saturday's South Shore Swim League Championships. The Cohasset Swim Team member also took first in the Women's 17 & under 50-yard breaststroke.



Cohasset Swim Team coach/swimmer Garet Jacobucci heads down the stretch for a win in the 50-yard freestyle at Saturday's South Shore Swim League Championships at Wheaton College.



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And they're off!
Garet Jacobucci (third from right) hits the water first, and goes on to win the women's under 17 50-yard butterfly, one of three first place finishes she took at Saturday's SSSL Championships.

Jacobucci continues to set high water marks

By Mike Spellman
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It had been a few years since Garet Jacobucci swam competitively in the South Shore Swim League.

The soft-spoken teen would, of course, never even hint that she'd moved beyond that level of competition.

"I was just too busy with other swimming competitions," she offered modestly.

Not to imply that this is not a legitimate excuse. The recent Scituate High graduate has been a member of the nationally renowned Gators Club swim team since she was 12-years old, swimming year round against the best of the best both regionally and nationally.

Last week, Garet swam in what may well have been her final meet for the Gators— the Northeast Regional Junior Swim Championships in Buffalo (NY), where she advanced to the finals in the 50-meter freestyle.

Garet was also the one of the most dominant female swimmers on the Massachusetts high school scene this winter competing for the Cohasset-Scituate team, setting several league records and taking first place at the state championships in the 100-meter freestyle.

Her success on these stages earned her a very attractive offer from Emory University, a school that boasts one of the nation's premier swimming programs in addition to the highest GPA nationally for any swim team. Garet, who plans to major in Political Science, will be leaving for the Atlanta (GA.) school at the end of next week.

So, with that mission accomplished, Garet, like so many college students, figured she'd best use the summer to pick up a little pocket money. The offer to help coach the Cohasset Swim Team came along at the right time.

And the fact that she was not yet 18, and thus still eligible to compete in the 17-and-under division for the team, didn't exactly detract from the allure of the post.

"As jobs go, this was a pretty good match," said Garet, who competed years ago in the SSSL for the Scituate Knights of Columbus team and the Marshfield Area Swim Klub (MASK). "I had a lot of fun working with the younger swimmers, and getting to compete was a nice bonus."

Indeed, Garet didn't lose a race all summer, going 12-0 combined in the 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard breastroke, 50-yard butterfly and 50-yard backstroke to help lead the Cohasset team to a perfect 7-0 season. In the SSSL meet this past Saturday at Wheaton College in Norton, Garet posted three first places, including a league record setting time of 27.69 in the 50-yard butterfly.

Garet only took part in four of the team's regular season meets, including the leaguewide meet on Saturday that saw Cohasset finish third with 446 points, not far behind the first place Knights of Columbus (468 points) or second place MASK (465.5). She only competed in matches that head coach Allison Hughes figured would be closely contested, the regular season wins over the K of C and MASK teams being two of these.

Garet confessed that, up until this summer, she never envisioned herself as a coach. In fact, she admitted "I never saw myself having the patience for it."

So you can imagine her surprise when she "wound up loving it."

"Working with the younger kids was my favorite," she confided. "Seeing the way they improved as I worked with them was really great to see. I can't wait to do it again next year."

That's right, she'll be back at the Cohasset Swim Center next year, that is if she returns home for the summer—somethign that's probably a pretty safe bet.

"I'm really excited about going off to college, but I imagine I'll be home sick by the end of my freshman year," said Garet.

And there are worse ways to spend the summer than living at home and teaching swimming down the street, eh Garet?

Veterans keep swim team afloat

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Championships.

Also a major part of that squad was Hingham resident Kate O'Brien, a swimmer for Notre Dame Academy. O'Brien holds multiple league records, and swims for the Ocean Bay Squids in Rhode Island, the same year-round team as Olympic silver medalist Eric Vendt.

The 17-and-under mens' section was equally as impressive this year.

What they lacked in year round swimmers, they made up for in extremely large numbers.

In fact, while most opposing teams were hard-pressed to scrap together enough older men to put a relay team in the water, Cohasset often put two.

This year's championship relay—consisting of Scott Faber, Kayvon Tehranian, Bryan Bilton and this intrepid typist, finished second in the league, behind only Scituate Knights of Columbus. The K of C team featured two private school swimmers, a Gator, and an anchor who swam at Nationals timings.

Fifth year head coach Allison Hughes firmly believes that the presence of her older swimmers has a positive effect on the entire team.

"The younger kids look up to the older kids," she affirmed. "They way the 17-and unders work together: it really rubs off on them."

Year after year, coaches from all over the South Shore ask Cohasset officials how they manage to keep up the interest in the teenagers.

"Probably the reason is the fun and camaraderie that sustains itself from ages nine to 17," offered Bill Foley, a member of the Swim Team Committee. "It is also the success and history of the team that makes the older kids stay with it."

While it is true that swim team coaches are very lax about 17-and-unders missing practices, they know their swimmers will be there when needed.

"I know that the older guys have other commitments in the summer, so I am not terribly hard on them," said Hughes. "But come race-day, I know all of them are leaders."

"They always come through when we need them to," added Jacobucci.

Jacobucci is one of only two team members who will be missed next year, unable to participate due to age regulations. She will be heading to Emory next month, one of the top NCAA swimming programs in the nation.

"Just being a strong swimmer, she was nice to have," said Hughes.

The other 17 who will not be with the team next year is Jody Roach, who will enter his senior year at BC High in September.

"Jody was definitely a very enthusiastic team member," lauded Hughes. "In meets, he was a great influence on the younger kids."

This year, Cohasset finished third at championships. Though almost everyone on the team knew that the meet had been won by K of C, every last one of them stayed to applaud the champions while second place MASK had already cleared the building.

Another indication, arguably, that the leadership of the older kids really is rubbing off.

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Falmouth Road Race has taken on a life of its own

THE EXTRA MILE

WITH JOE REARDON



You know a road race has taken on a life of its own when so many applications come pouring in, a lottery-type format is necessary to determine who comes away with a prized official number. With a starting field estimated in the mid-9,000s and another 2,000 unofficial runners packed behind the drawbridge in Woods Hole, the Falmouth Road Race has become just that.

Everybody who is anybody in the world's running community has run Falmouth. Just take a gander at a few of the names and you realize an opening mile of 4:50 won't put you anywhere near the lead pack. Bill Rodgers, Frank Shorter, Alberton Salazar, Steve Jones, Joan Samuelson, Arturo Barrios, Rob de Castella, Craig Virgin, Greg Meyer, Lynn Jennings and a plethora of supreme Kenyan runners have all traversed the 7.1 miles from Woods Hole, along Surf Drive and up and over the final hill to the finish line in Falmouth Heights.

The last time I ran Falmouth, Rodgers, in the middle of an amazing string of road race victories, pounded along Surf Drive with a then 20-year-old Salazar, before pulling away from the tenacious University of Oregon running machine and breaking his own course record in 32:21. I remember struggling along the just past the halfway mark on Surf Drive when a spectator, listening intently to the radio, announced that "Rodgers won!"

I had caught a glimpse of Rodgers warming up in Woods Hole at the start. I watched him for a moment, the way a young Red Sox fan would watch Manny Ramirez take batting practice. After seeing Rodgers crest Heartbreak Hill, en route to a 2:10:13 win for his second Boston Marathon victory that spring, he instantly replaced Carlton Fisk as my sports "hero." For a 13-year-old budding cross country runner, could there be better role model?

Twenty-three years later, I stood at the starting line, rather, 50 yards arrears. Rodgers, now in his early 50s, but no less the road warrior when he was running elite fields into the ground in the 1970s, was somewhere in the throng of runners ahead of me. So much had changed, yet so much was still the same.

I was filled with self doubt. My training hadn't been exactly what one would call "consistent." Had there been a seven-mile training run that I hadn't struggled through? I frantically went through my training runs over the past three months, trying desperately to come up with a workout I could clutch onto, where I felt absolutely fantastic. I quit trying to remember after a minute or two. The vault was empty. It was obvious to me that this Falmouth was going to be a grind from the gun.

What an understatement.

I was struggling well before the first mile at the Nobska Point Lighthouse. I don't remember my time (thank God for selective memory) but do recall that Springsteen's "Born To Run", which was blasting from a speaker, seemed too loud. The first red flag went up. As far as I'm concerned, you can't play Springsteen loud enough.

The course headed into the two mile stretch of rolling hills and winding roads. Sparse crowds cheered us on as we wound our way along the quaint, tree-lined route. There weren't a lot of spectators roadside, but they cheered for us enthusiastically. When you're feeling lousy, like I was, cheers of encouragement go a long way and are not soon forgotten. Runners streamed past me as I struggled along, already falling victim to the pangs of oxygen debt.

Finally, the course opened up again at three miles and the crowds along the side of the road grew thicker along Surf Drive. The final four miles of Falmouth are flat and fast. The lone exception is the last 600 yards as the course winds up to The Heights before plunging down to the finish line in front of the ballfield.

I told myself next year would be different. I'd be lighter and have a bounce in my step at the starting line. I'll be picking up the pace at three miles and weaving by runners the rest of the way. I'll chew up the final hill as if it didn't exist and be airborne across the finish line.

Of course, that's all easy to say now. I've got 12 months and 50 pounds to go before the 2002 Falmouth Road Race. The real mission will be landing an official number. Once that's accomplished, the rest will be pure gravy, or so I hope.

JV boys box lacrosse players wanted

Any Cohasset boys—entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade— interested in playing JV box lacrosse at the Canton Sportsplex on Sundays this Fall, please call Lyn Previte @781-383-9723.

Entry for the team will need to be submitted in one week. Session I will begin September 9th.

Cohasset will have an indoor team for the varsity level (Grade 10 and up) at the Sportsplex.

Amputee golf tourney a hit

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nament so successful."

Nicholas' 210 was par for the course, shooting a 70 in each of the three days of the event.

The Australian golfer, who recently turned 40, lost a leg, below the knee when he was 13 as a result of a disease. He has developed into a solid golfer, participating in numerous tournaments throughout the world.

As for Kelly, he has participated in the national tournament once, in 1994. All he would say was that "It was a great experience."

He also competed last week in the scramble, the opening day of the event, which is held to familiarize the players with the course.

"We didn't do that well," said Kelly. "We turned in a one under, while the winning team came in at 12 under."

Kelly did note that the Association is looking for a sponsor. A big sponsor, like Nike, or Coke for example.

"We haven't had much luck, but we keep trying."

Nine year olds still tearing it up

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cessful because of the talented, motivated, well coached kids who practice regularly," McCunney continued.

The motivation is something he really stressed, as the team attends two to three games a week, with two formal practices every week, and another optional practice which nearly the entire team comes to.

The practices have a strong focus on defense, led by centerfielder John Giuggio and fellow outfielders John Maher and Todd Emanuello. Eamon Davis and Andy McKenna serve as utility fielders playing infield and outfield, with Davis also impressing people with his stints on the mound.

McCunney also attributed his teams winning to the parental support and the coaching staff. The experience of Mike Kearney and Peter Buckley, both high school standouts in baseball, and Ralph Berry, a college star who went on to the Mets organization, added expertise and experience to the aid in the development of the young players.

Meehan qualifies for Regional's

by Art Dunphy

SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Two women's tennis teams from Weymouth Club have won their Eastern Massachusetts divisional championships and will move into the USA Tennis' (formerly USTA) New England Regional championships that will begin Aug. 24.

The 3.5 and 4.0 Weymouth Club teams won their respective league titles, winning 10 matches each to earn the right to move on to Eastern District championships in Winchester. There, both teams continued their winning ways, winning six matches each to capture the District tiles during the weekend tournament, which was completed on Aug 5.

Among the members of the Weymouth Club winning 4.0 team is Cohasset's Sara "Gigi" Meehan, the coach of the Cohasset High girls tennis team. The team, coached by Steve Flannigan of Weymouth, is also comprised of Capt. Claire Ivil, Amanda Hickey and Cathy Turpel of Weymouth, Patricia Aizenstadt, Mary Ann Vierra and Eileen McGinnis of Norwell, Sara Meehan of Cohasset, Jaime Kenney of Hull, Shelly Harrison of Milton, and Susan Mielbye of Hanson.

Both teams will now move on to the new England Regional Championships beginning Aug. 24 against club teams from Western Mass., and each of the other five New England states. The winners in each division will qualify for the USA Tennis national championships later this year.

Cohasset finishers in Falmouth Road Race

John Cavanaro, 33, 50:09, 606
Edward Coveney Jr., 32, 51:19, 728
Chris Haggerty, 41, 53:53, 1097
Michael Savage, 51, 54:27, 1208
Melissa Coveney, 31, 54:54, 1298
William Cavanaro, 44, 55:15, 1370
Jeff Goldstein, 40, 56:51, 1746
Robert Schwandt, 33, 57:17, 1844
Michelle Buckley, 22, 1:01:19, 2946
Frank Vecchione, 45, 1:01:32, 3011
William Doyle, 38, 1:04:42, 3817
Jacqueline Burchill, 34, 1:12:28, 5798
Suzanne Means, 27, 1:14:12, 6093
Valeri Colliton, 42, 1:14:32, 6157
Robert Riley, 71, 1:15:17.00, 6287
Margaret Sullivan, 42, 1:16:18, 6430
James O'Sullivan, 20, 1:22:12, 6960
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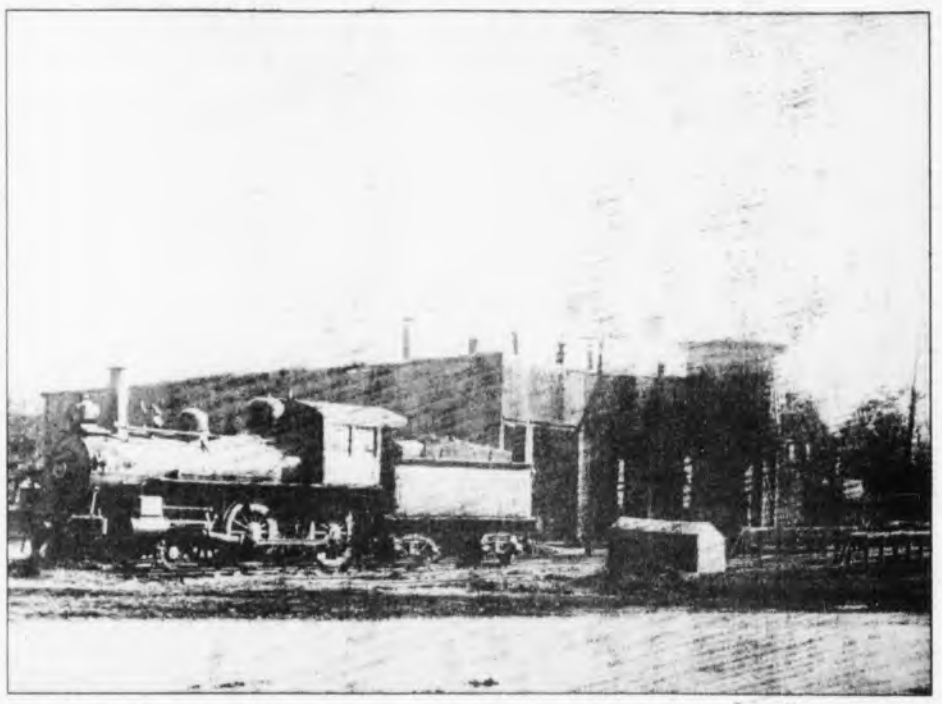
Archaeological excavation uncovers roundhouse

By David Wadsworth
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In the spring of 2000, an archaeological "dig" was made at the Cohasset municipal parking area. The goal was to locate remaining below-ground structures once associated with the early railroad that ran through Cohasset, adjacent to the center village.

In 1849, a group of local investors built a new railroad line extending from Braintree to Cohasset. With its southern terminus at Cohasset village, the new line was called South Shore Railroad and it linked coastal towns with an earlier railroad leading to Boston. Here at Cohasset, the railroad station was located at the business center.

The railroad's maintenance and storage facility was located in the area now occupied by the municipal parking lot near today's junction of Ripley Road, Depot Court and Pleasant Street. Main structures associated with that early railroad facility, in addition to the nearby station and freight buildings, were a 45-foot diameter turntable, a "roundhouse" and a water tank used to refill the locomotives' steam engines. An early photograph in the Cohasset Historical Society archives clearly shows the four-bay roundhouse and an engine with its tender resting on the large turntable in front of the roundhouse. Today the roundhouse, turntable and water tank have disappeared, probably in the 1920s, but evidence of their presence shows clearly on old maps of Cohasset village.



Cohasset's Roundhouse circa 1910.

In 1997, the first research began to locate and record possible remaining below-ground parts of those three structures, as part of the environmental impact study being made for the M.B.T.A. relating to its Old Colony Railroad reconstruction plan. Preliminary research, then later the actual archaeological excavation at the parking lot site, was made by a professional firm from Pawtucket, R.I., the Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL). Early atlas maps in society archives and more maps located elsewhere, as well as photographs, clearly show the location of those long-gone structures. Remaining to be learned, was the extent if any, of surviving below-ground foundations for water tank, turntable and roundhouse.

The estimated archaeological importance of the Cohasset Roundhouse site is great enough that it has been recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The project in spring of 2000 consisted of carefully digging several trenches with a backhoe and by hand, each at the suspected location of part of the underground structure.

First, near the southeast end of the parking lot, not far from the teen center, it was hoped to find evidence relating to the old water tank. None was discovered but perhaps the trench was not quite correctly positioned. Seven trenches in all were dug. Near the northwest corner of the parking area at the Pleasant Street end, a trench uncovered a significant part of the underground base of the old turntable several feet underground. Part of the stonewall forming the sidewall of the structure was uncovered; as were various other cut stone blocks associated with the turntable.

A second trench, some 50 feet away located the opposite sidewall. A section of iron bar also found there may be part of a system of underground radiating arms designed to help stabilize the turntable mechanism. Near the northeast corner of the parking area, trenches located several important features of the old roundhouse, mostly in the form of parallel brick walls that once supported the rails upon which locomotives or cars would be kept, awaiting the return trip to Boston. Between the walls supporting rails there were inspection pits where railroad mechanics could view and work upon the running gear from below. The bottoms of the pits had a brick floor. The Cohasset roundhouse had four such bays.

Today the tops of the brick walls are located just below ground level, to the front of today's Colonial-style medical building on Parkingway. Inspection pits have been filled with cinders and other types of fill, the surface above them leveled, and the parking area black-topped in the 1960s. The trenches dug during PAL's project uncovered only a small part of the original foundation structure; without doubt the surviving walls and floors extend far outside of the area actually excavated. A few scattered small artifacts were uncovered at the site, including a medicine bottle and a rum bottle, not identifiable as railroad-related items; also some pottery fragments and part of an old type of clay smoking pipe, the kind frequently found among discarded household items.

PAL's preliminary report of its work at the parking area has been issued and it describes in detail both the progress and the findings that emerged during the course of this unique project. Cohasset's surviving railroad structures are located beneath an area critical to the center village — its parking facility. But this, in itself, could help preserve the underground brick walls and stonework. The estimated archaeological importance of the Cohasset Roundhouse site is great enough that it has been recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is hoped the site will be marked by an appropriate sign indicating the importance of the archaeological features located there and the role they once played in the history of Cohasset.

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• Basket essentials: appetizers/soup, sandwiches, munchies (veggies, chips), salad (pasta, Caesar, fruit), dessert, disposable utensils, dishes, napkins.

• Attach a note to the outside of your basket. Specify your basket's menu items and any special features so that the auctioneer can "sell" its virtues to the audience.

• Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

• Beverages will be provided by the society.

Don't forget, this is a fund-raiser — the more attractive the basket, the higher the bidding will go.

For reservations and information, call Tam Elliott, 781-383-2169; Barbara Elliott, 781-383-1154; or Kathy O'Malley, 781-383-9765.

Maritime Museum open for summer

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum located at Elm St., Cohasset Center, is open for its summer season. Open times are Tuesday through Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission, and donations are accepted. The museum itself is an old Ship Chandlery, or marine supply building, built in the 1700's by Samuel Bates and originally located at Cohasset Harbor. It is the sole remaining 18th century maritime-related building in near-original condition found in Cohasset today.

The Maritime Museum is devoted to preserving and presenting Cohasset's history as a seafaring community during the latter 1700's and the 1800's. During the "Age of Sail" the town's principal maritime occupations were fishing and shipbuilding and its maritime activity centered around its harbor, then known as "Ship Cove." Peak years for Cohasset's fishing industry were the mid-1800's, when family owned schooner fleets fished for mackerel in Canada's Gulf of St. Lawrence

The Maritime Museum preserves and presents that part of Cohasset's own history with ship models, carvings, dioramas, documents and pictures relating to the town's "Age of Sail".

Additionally the museum holds numerous unique exhibits on general historical subjects relating to Cohasset's early years. Currently the Museum's building is in process of being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The Historical Society's telephone is 781-383-1434

Diabetes benefit

To benefit the American Diabetes Association and the Brian Marshall Scholarship for the Arts, a dance will be held Thursday, Aug. 30, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Barn at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset.

Music by the Marshalls, Jimo, The Armstrong Brothers, The Mark Chason Band and others will be featured.

There will be a $10 admission fee and a cash bar.

Tickets are available at Harborside Wine & Spirits, Bay State Athletic Club, Scituate Playhouse and Curtis Liquors.

Photography class taught by master

South Shore residents will be offered the opportunity to learn photographic techniques from master instructor and photographer, Frank Gohlke. Gohlke is recognized as one of the leaders in contemporary American photography whose work is presented in major national and international museums and galleries.

Gohlke will teach a four-day photography workshop, Aug. 18, 19, 22 and 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. The workshop will focus on observing the cultural and historical landscape. Students will take as their subject the complex web of human and natural features that make up the New England landscape. Field work, slide lectures, and darkroom work will be included in this course for intermediate and advanced students.

For more information about the workshop visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Taverna is Aug. 25

Taverna 2001 (A taste of Greece) will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Sons of Italy, Route 3A, Hingham.

For information call Greg Bukuras, 781-659-0071.

Slumber party planned

Pack your bags: the Garage is having a sleepover. Both boys and girls are invited, but parents do not worry — they will sleep in different rooms and it will be chaperoned the entire time.

It begins Friday Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. and ends Saturday morning, Aug. 18 by 9 a.m. Everyone from grades 6 and up is welcome. It costs $15 per person. This price includes the pizza dinner and the donut/bagel breakfast. Do not bring any food or drinks; other snacks can be purchased at the Garage.

For more details, there are fliers in front of the recreation office in the Town Hall and at the Garage. Permission slips are at these locations also. Every child *must* bring a completed permission slip in order to attend this sleepover.

Blueberry Festival

The public is invited to a Blueberry Festival on Sunday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street.

Blueberry pie, blueberry shortcake, and blueberry sundaes will be served. For entertainment, a pound auction will be held after dessert.

Tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for children. Tickets may be reserved or purchased at the door. For information and reservations, call 781-383-9131.

Band jam at Garage

There will be a Band Jam at the Garage on Sunday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. Everyone from grades 9 and up is welcome; however, no one younger. The bands playing include Eat the Path; Last Man Standing; Irepress; and Bliss.

There will be a cover charge of $10 per person. Refreshments will be sold as well.

Farmer's Market

The Cohasset Farmer's Market is open for the season on Cohasset Common. The cowbell opens the market at 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, bringing fresh produce, herbs, cuttings, music and activities.

Send us your news

The Cohasset Mariner welcomes information on local stories. The deadline for submitting community copy is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St., sent by fax to 741-2931 or emailed to mford@cnc.com. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

OBITUARIES

June M. Verrochi

A memorial service was held at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset for June Marie (Fitzpatrick) Verrochi of Boston who died Aug. 11, 2001.

She leaves a daughter, Marisa; two sons Matthew and Marc; their father, Paul; her mother Theresa (Fitzgerald) Fitzpatrick of Scituate; and a brother, Thomas Fitzpatrick of Foxboro. She was daughter of the late Thomas Fitzpatrick.

Funeral arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes of Cohasset, Brighton and Norwell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances may be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, 280 Hillside Ave., Needham, 02492; Alcoholics Anonymous, 368 Congress St., Boston, 02116; Harvard Eating Disorders, 366 Boylston St., Boston, 02115.

Richard Cavanagh

Richard Cavanagh, 58, of Mountain Home, Idaho, died Aug. 6, 2001, at a Boise hospital. Memorial services were held Friday, Aug. 10, at Christ Chapel on the Boise State University campus. Arrangements were made by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Mr. Cavanagh was born in Brookline, Mass. to Edith Belle (Whitcomb) Cavanagh and the late Charles Cavanagh. He attended school in Cohasset, and later attended Walter F. Dearborn Academy in Cambridge, where he graduated in 1962. He enlisted in the Air Force following graduation, retiring as a master sergeant.

In 1967 he married Shirley Hunt of Great Falls, Mont.

Since 1986 he was employed by Boise State University as an HVAC technician.

Mr. Cavanagh was an avid skier, motorcyclist, outdoorsman and backyard mechanic. He was known as "Mr. Fix It."

He leaves his children, Robert and Brenda Cavanagh of Mountain Home, Idaho, Jeanne and Jon Boggs of Ramstein, Germany and Cheryl Cavanagh of Mountain Home, Idaho; six grandchildren, Zachary, Angelina, Jesse, Jordyn, Joshua and Justice Richard Nathaniel Boggs; his mother, Edith Quigley of Groton, Conn.; a sister, Charlotte Quigley of Old Lyme, Conn.; and his wife, Shirley.

The family suggests memorial gifts may be made to the CCU, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, 190 E. Bannock, Boise, Idaho 83712.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, AUG. 4

2:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

2:26 a.m. Beechwood St. and Doane St., general disturbance, area search negative.

3:49 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:33 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

11 a.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint, log entry.

12 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint, departmental action.

1:57 p.m. Margin St., motor vehicle accident/investigation.

2:31 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., soliciting, log entry.

2:45 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

3:10 p.m. Well-being check, log entry.

3:55 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity/persons. Arrest of Bradford Kevin Hurd, 37, of 180 Fort Hill St., Hingham. Charge: Willful violation of town bylaw, public drinking.

Arrest of William F. White, 40, of 180 Fort Hill St., Hingham. Charge: Willful violation of town bylaw, public drinking.

4:15 p.m. Parkingway, suspicious activity/persons, area search negative.

8:14 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, animal call or complaint, barking dog, report filed/for to be filed.

9:09 p.m. Hillside Dr., noise complaint, report filed/for to be filed.

9:16 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle accident/investigation.

10:11 p.m. Hillside Dr., noise complaint. Arrest of Mark Musco, 17, of 77 F St., Hull. Charges: disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcohol.

Arrest of Paul C. Castro, 17, of 175 Kingsley Rd., Hull. Charges: disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcohol.

Arrest of Erik C. Smith, 20, of 270 Grove St., Norwell. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Brian D. Hunter, 19, of 354 Cross St., Norwell. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcohol.

Arrest of Luke A. Anderson, 20, of 231 Chittenden Lane, Norwell. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Brian B. Flynn, 17, of 231 Beach Ave., Hull. Charges: disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcohol.

Arrest of David D. Brand, 20, of 597 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; disturbing the peace.

10:30 p.m. North Main St., noise complaint, log entry.

10:40 p.m. Pleasant St., property lost, log entry.

11:27 p.m. Hillside Dr., general disturbance, departmental action. Arrest of Larry G. Nelson, 17, of 26 Emeline St., Randolph. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Brian E. Gomes, 19, of 12 Rockaway Ave., Hull. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Stephanie L. Wieners, 20, of 133 Nantasket Rd., Hull. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcohol.

Arrest of Patrick A. Carbone, 19, of 74 High St., Norwell. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Michael R. Gill, 17, of 34 Colonial Rd., Hingham. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcohol.

11:32 p.m. Hillside Dr., general disturbance. Juvenile Arrest of 16 year old. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Angelette Howlett, 18, of 32 Parrazzo Rd., Hull. Charges: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Matthew J. Anderson, 20, of 24 Chittenden Lane, Norwell. Charges: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Jeffrey P. Mills, 19, of 39 Vinson St., Weymouth. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcoholic beverage.

Arrest of George David Proctor, 18, of 17 Hillside Dr., Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Andrea M. Salvatore, 18, of 31 Atlantic House Rd., Hull. Charges: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage; disturbing the peace.

11:45 p.m. Hillside Dr., general disturbance. Arrest of JohnPaul F. Laugelle, 20, of 96 Pleasant St., Cohasset. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcoholic beverage.

Arrest of Nicole Y. Naumenko, 20, of 168 Samoset Ave., Hull. Charges: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Kathleen J. Shaughnessy, 18, of 14 R St., Hull. Charges: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Charles Cowden, 19, of 151 Riverview St., #2 Brockton. Charges: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Daniel E. DiCesare, 20, of 1010 Main St., Hanover. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcoholic beverage.

Arrest of Sara Woods, 20, of 17 Hillside Dr., Cohasset. Charges: Disorderly house; disturbing the peace; sell/deliver alcoholic beverages to a minor.

11:45 p.m. Hillside Dr., general disturbance. Arrest of Laura E. Mann, 18, of 512 Bluerock Dr., Antioch, CA. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcoholic beverage.

Arrest of Jessica A. Hastie, 17, of 35 Birchbrow Ave., South Weymouth. Charges: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Rebecca R. Manning, 17, of 69 Gilford Rd., Hingham. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcoholic beverage.

Arrest of Amanda Hall, 18, of 3 Albion St., Rockland. Charges: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage; disturbing the peace.

Arrest of Matthew J. McWade, 18, of 42 Lincoln St., Hingham. Charges: Minor transporting alcoholic beverage; disorderly person.

Arrest of Sara M. Erwin, 19, of 193 Dunbeck Rd., Rockland. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcoholic beverage.

11:45 p.m. Hillside Dr., general disturbance. Arrest of Marisa S. Lauria, 18, of 14 Stanley Rd., Norwell. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcoholic beverage.

Arrest of Karyn M. Watts, 18, of 149 Prospect St., Norwell. Charges: Disturbing the peace; minor transporting alcoholic beverage.

SUNDAY, AUG. 5

12:10 a.m. Hillside Dr., warrant arrest. Arrest of Anthony Lucero, 32, of 14 Winthrop St., Abington. Charges: Resisting arrest; disorderly person; attempted escape of prisoner; WMS warrant; false name/info following arrest.

2 a.m. Lamberts Lane, animal call or complaint.

2:30 a.m. Hillside Dr., assist citizen, departmental action.

2:46 a.m. South Main St., noise complaint, report filed/for to be filed.

4:30 a.m. North Main St., open door/window/departmental action.

6:04 a.m. Pond St., general services.

6:21 a.m. Elm St., general disturbance, departmental action.

9:50 a.m. Pleasant St., officer wanted, investigated.

12:08 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

12:38 p.m. Highland Ave., general services, area search negative.

1:42 p.m. Highland Ave., noise complaint, departmental action.

2:08 p.m. Hillside Dr., motor vehicle theft, log entry.

2:15 p.m. Police HQ, investigation, log entry.

4:15 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assault, departmental action.

9:56 p.m. Beechwood St., general disturbance, departmental action.

10:12 p.m. Hillside Dr., officer wanted, departmental action.

Police arrested 20 last month

July was a relatively busy month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 20 arrests, four for minor transport of alcohol, four for trespass on land, two for possession of class D substance, two for operating after license suspended, one for operating after license revoked, one for assault and battery, one for armed assault in a dwelling, one for tagging property, one for breaking and entering, and finally two for outstanding warrants.

During the month of July the police department investigated 10 motor vehicle accidents, two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 153 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $5,845 in fines. Additionally there were 331 parking tickets issued for $8,350 in fines.

Also in July the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 752 calls for police services, of those 142 were Emergency 911 calls.

Finally in the month of July, five criminal complaints were issued, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

Van schedule for seniors

Transportation services are offered by the Council on Elder Affairs. Call 24 hours in advance at 383-9112. Transportation is provided for essential needs to all Cohasset residents 60 years old and over.

• Senior Shuttle for local errands and appointments. Mon. to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Medical (FISH) for out-of-town medical appointments. Not handicapped accessible. Mon. to Fri. Call 24 hours in advance.

• Medical Access Program (MAP) for handicapped/non-handicapped out-of-town medical appointments. Cohasset residents only. Mon. to Fri. Call 24 hours in advance: 383-9112.

• Medical Transport to Boston for handicapped/non-handicapped medical appointments in Boston. Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Call 383-0220 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon. to Thurs.

AROUND TOWN

• Local Trips, Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Around town including hairdressers, banks, library, and post office.

• Stop & Shop, first Monday of month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

• All other Mondays of month, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Hingham Stop & Shop and Marshall's.

• Shaw's, every Wednesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

SHOPPING MALLS

• Hanover Mall or Kingston Mall, third Wednesday of the month, 12:30 p.m.

• Braintree Mall, first Monday of month 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• Hingham, third Friday of month, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• Pembroke, second Wednesday of month, 12:30 p.m.

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AUGUST 15 - 17, 2001

Extra special opening

Locals lined up for first showing of 'Osmosis Jones'

By Seth Jacobson
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They were exuberant.

Swarms of children, adults and senior citizens waited patiently in the long line at the ticket counter, breathless with anticipation. They were not waiting for a concert, and they were not lining up to meet any sort of celebrity. They were waiting to get into the new Farrelly brothers film "Osmosis Jones."

The movie, which features both live action and clever animation, was shot in Plymouth last summer and opened at the Hoyts Cinema at Independence Mall Friday at 11 a.m. In addition to showing local color on screen, those behind "Osmosis Jones," have local ties. Duxbury natives Peter and Bobby Farrelly, known for their work on "Something About Mary," "Dumb and Dumber" and "Me, Myself and Irene," produced the new movie.

Many of those that crowded into the lobby of the Kingston theater Friday morning had a special reason for wanting to see the first showing of the Farrelly Brothers flick shot in neighboring Plymouth — they were in it. Others just recall running into the film's star Bill Murray who was on location in their Plymouth neighborhood for nearly a month last year.

"I live two streets over from where it was filmed," said Maureen Curtis, who was eager to see familiar places and faces on the big screen. "They were filming there for about three weeks."

"It was exciting," Curtis said of the filming. "Having Bill Murray hanging around on your street is pretty neat." She said Murray, the star of the new film alongside Molly Shannon, made himself available to sign autographs while shooting the movie.

Others in line were looking forward to seeing themselves on the big screen after landing small roles as extras in the movie.

Plymouth residents Caitlin Roy, her sister Stephanie, and their mother Judy were all lucky enough to be chosen for on-screen appearances.

"I had written a letter to the Farrellys when I heard they were filming the movie in Plymouth," Caitlin said. However, after she sent it, she was not sure the letter had made it there successfully so she wrote another one.

"They eventually invited me down to the set," Caitlin added. And that was that.

Caitlin's sister and mother soon made it into the film, too.

"It was neat speaking to the Farrellys and Bill Murray in between takes," she said. "I just thought it was all amazing. I couldn't even talk when I first got onto the set. I want to be a director so this was awesome for me."

Duxbury resident Alex Peterson also made it into the movie. Peterson has a part in the science fair scene and a classroom scene shot at the Nathanial Hawthorne School. Alex's, mom, Marilyn also made the casting cut.

"I played one of the moms at the science fair," Marilyn said. "I actually got to have lunch with Bill Murray. He's just a regular guy...very funny though."

Fellow Duxbury resident Colin Brumley also has a role in the science fair scene. While the whole experience was a thrill, Colin said one part of the scene in particular was his favorite.

"I like it when Bill Murray threw up all over Molly Shannon," he said, pointing out that it happened in the film, *not* in real life. Colin's mother Laura shares the scene with her son.

"I go running from the room in disgust after (Murray) throws up," she said. "The whole experience was quite thrilling, and the Farrellys were very nice people. Bill Murray spent his time between takes telling jokes and signing autographs for the kids, and getting pictures taken with them. Everyone on the set seemed to just be making the most of it."

Clutching a photo of herself and Bill Murray taken last summer when she played a part in the film, Brianna Cabral of Kingston was another eager moviegoer Friday.

"It was very exciting," she said. "I've never been in a movie before, and I'm really looking forward to seeing how it looks." While working on the film, Cabral said she even got the chance to challenge Bill Murray to a game of basketball. Although they never actually played the game, Cabral recalls Murray's response to her challenge — "Bring it on girl, bring it on."

"Osmosis Jones" is now showing at Hoyts Cinema at the Independence Mall in Kingston, Showcase Cinemas in Randolph and Quincy and the General Cinema in Braintree.



STAFF PHOTOS/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Briana Cabral of Kingston, came to the opening of the movie with a memento from the set of last summer's film shooting in Plymouth.

All that jazz

Metrosouth festival goes big time

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

In its fourth year, the time is right for the Metrosouth Jazz Festival to attempt a big leap forward.

The Brockton outdoor live-jazz showcase, which debuted in 1998, has been a somewhat low-key affair in its first three years. Presented from the beginning by the Brockton Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs, the Metrosouth Fest was staged amid the county-fair atmosphere of tent venues set up on a section of the Brockton Fairgrounds, and featured mostly bills of talented, nationally and internationally heard but obscure jazz, ethnic and world music performers. From '98 to 2000, the event's best-known attraction was perhaps veteran Brockton-based saxophonist/bandleader Dick Johnson.

This year, the Metrosouth Fest moves to the full-fledged concert setting of Brockton's Marciano Stadium and headlines a bonafide world-class star performer in saxophonist/bandleader Branford Marsalis. The gala jazz event also features veteran combo the Yellowjackets, the noted vibraphonist/pianist team of Gary Burton and Makoto Ozone and singer/pianist Krisanthi Pappas, a Boston-based, award-winning jazz woman who was also born and raised in Brockton. This breakthrough edition of the fest hits the stage on Saturday evening, Aug. 18 and the Stadium gates open at 5 p.m.

One major reason for the fest's stepping up in stature this year was the Mayor's Office enlisting the experienced booking and promotional help of Brockton entertainment attorney Paul Carchidi. Carchidi is an established area lawyer and music-biz professional who spent most of the late 1970s and 80s as manager of the locally successful Boston club rocking band the Lines, and since 1992 has produced the locally syndicated alterna-rock video/club-scene TV program Rage!, hosted by on-camera emcee and ex-Lines singer/guitarist Eric Hafner.

"We're very excited about this year's Metrosouth Fest," said Carchidi, speaking of his latest venture into both the jazz realm and concert promotion.

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We started planning the event as far back as last September, and from the beginning, we've had our sights set on getting internationally known, name-recognition performers on the bill. It's very difficult, of course, to get the big-name performers of this level given the reality of the major corporate firms controlling the concert business. But we managed to outbid for Branford Marsalis against the Hartford Jazz Festival taking place on the same weekend."

Carchidi said he had also put first bids on Tony Bennett and Ray Charles to headline the Fest, but found Charles was booked at the Newport Jazz Festival and Bennett was scheduled to play with K.D. Lang at the BankBoston Pavillion and the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset..

"Then we finally found out Branford was available and landed him," Carchidi said.

The attorney/music fan explained that concert business contracts require that no dates by the same performer can be booked within 100 miles and 30 days on either side of each other. He also mentioned that he and the Mayor's Office promotion had also put early bids on booking fast-rising jazz chanteuse/pianist Diana Krall as well.

Marsalis may still be best known as Jay Leno's ex-bandleader on the Tonight Show, or as Sting's sax-playing sidekick in the rockumentary film Bring On the Night, but he's also enjoyed a stellar, award-winning career as an updated old-school jazz bandleader emulating the classic playing styles of John Coltrane among others. The Yellowjackets are a Los Angeles quartet originally formed noted jazz guitar ace Robben Ford in 1977, and have since gone on to an acclaimed career as an experimental jazz group including mainstay members Bob Mintzer (saxophone), Russell Ferrante (keyboards) and Jimmy Haslip (bass).

Burton is known as modern jazz's premier vibraphonist, and as vice-president of Boston's Berklee College of Music, and has frequently toured and recorded with his piano-playing mate for this occasion, Ozone. Pappas is a regular performer at Boston Sculler's and Regattabar jazz clubs as well as Foxwoods Resort and Casino and many other jazz concerts and festivals and has a critically praised recent CD, titled My Back Yard, containing jazzy arrangements of classic songs she grew up with as well as originals.

"We want to turn the Festival stadium into something on the level of the Tweeter Center. The stage for this show will look very professional, with lighting and sound by the same company that they use at the Tweeter Center," Carchidi said.

The Metrosouth Fest is expected to sell out and tickets, available through Ticketmaster, are limited. For more information, call (508) 580-7109

Wednesdays will rock at Vincent's

Randolph night club goes retro this fall

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

It might have been a preview of things to come when Randolph's Lombardo's/Vincent's complex hosted a sold-out presentation of Beatlemania last winter.

That show was in the Lombardo's ballroom venue of the multi-level nightclub/function facility. Moving next door to the Vincent's club wing, a newly hatched concert series slated for this fall looks to continue what the Beatlemania date started, to probe the retro-rock/pop concert market in the local area with performances by survivors of the 1960s and 70s music scenes, in the forms of both original and tribute acts alike. The series should also effectively fill a glaring Wednesday night void in Vincent's weekly entertainment schedule.

"Wednesdays Rock!" at Vincent's, as the series has been dubbed, has booked nine weekly shows for mid-September through November. The concert showcase, produced by Tiffanie Williams & Co., a Quincy public relations, advertising and event planning firm, invites 60s/70s rock/pop music fans from the South Shore and elsewhere to engage in sweet, or bittersweet, nostalgia with sounds from some of the era's most fondly remembered acts, and also to, as the series tagline beckons, "(K)ick your weekends off early!"

"I worked on promotion for Beatlemania at Lombardo's last February, and Beatlemania worked very well," said series booking and promotion coordinator Steve White of Tiffanie Williams & Co. "I'd known that Vincent's was successful with its Thursday-through-Sunday-night lineup including the Dance Party plus the Latin, Discotheque and Caribbean nights and the club packed with customers and live DJs. And I saw a great opportunity for putting live bands in on Wednesday nights. When I approached the Vincent's management to propose the idea for the concert series I dealt from the strength of classic rock, that it has a very strong demographic in people from the mid 20s to the late 40s, and also that there's not a lot of live music around in the fall."

The retro-concert fun kicks off Sept. 19, when Vincent's hosts Jefferson Starship, featuring original Airplane/Starship members Marty Balin and Paul Kantner ("Somebody To Love," "White Rabbit," "Miracles"). Following up the next week (Sept. 26) is ABBA Again, billed as the country's premier tribute act to the mega-selling Swedish 1970s pop phenomenon ("Dancing Queen," "Mamma Mia," "Fernando"), and second in the world only to the highly successful British ABBA homage group Bjorn Again.

The series continues into October with early 70s rockers Badfinger, featuring original member Joey Molland ("No Matter What," "Day After Day," "Come and Get It"). The spotlight heads south the next week (Oct.10) with Southern Rock Rebellion, featuring veteran Dixie rockers Charlie Hargrett, a founding member of Blackfoot, Buzzy Meekins of the Outlaws ("Green Grass and High Tides"), Steve Wheeler of Molly Hatchet ("Flirtin' With Disaster") and Shawn Beamer of the Stephen Stills Band ("Love the One You're With"). A 60s rockin' oldies night follows Oct. 17 with a double-bill of ex-Paul Revere & the Raiders lead singer Mark Lindsay ("Kicks," "Hungry") and Mitch Ryder ("Devil With a Blue Dress On," "Sock It To Me Baby"). Retro-glam rock is on the bill the following week (Oct. 24) with the Edgar Winter Band ("Free Ride," "Frankenstein").

In November, guitarist Jay Geils and harpist/vocalist Magic Dick mix classic J. Geils Band rock and contemporary blues with their current band Bluestime (Nov. 7). The next week (Nov. 14), the sounds turn to symphonic rock with Orchestra, featuring former members of the Electric Light Orchestra and the recently reformed ELO - Part II ("Turn To Stone," "Livin' Thing," "Roll Over Beethoven"). On Nov. 28, the fall series concludes with a show by the critically hailed Doors tribute act the Soft Parade.

"I think we have a great lineup of shows for this series, even though the Orchestra band coming in November will be without ELO mainman Jeff Lynne, who's out touring arenas with no members of the old band and has the rights to the actual ELO name," White said. "But everyone we have playing, including Orchestra, are strong concert draws in their own right, and in the case of both Mark Lindsay and Mitch Ryder, they've always been popular attractions on the road. Even back in the day Lindsay with the Raiders were one of the few American bands that didn't get killed by the British Invasion.

Altogether, the concert series is something unique for the fall on Wednesdays, for fans of true live music with no drum machines and no pre-tapes."

White also notes the series' co-sponsorship for selected shows from three Boston radio stations, Classic Rock WZLX, Rockin' Hits of the 60s and 70s WROR, and Oldies Radio WODS, all of whom will make in-house appearances at the shows with promos and ticket giveaways. Tickets for all shows are currently available online at www.ticketweb.com, by phone at 866 468-7619, or in person at all Strawberries Music & Video Stores.







Blasts from the past! Mitch Ryder, the tribute band ABBA Again, and Orchestra — featuring members of ELO will all perform during the Wednesday night concert series at Vincent's this fall.

Food & dining

Summer bread salad





THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Ripe, flavorful tomatoes tossed with chunks of bread and olive oil are just about all you need to make a great summer bread salad. Yet the simplicity of this summer dish belies all that can go wrong. If you follow an authentic Italian recipe, you might be tempted to soak the bread in milk, squeeze it, and then mash it with a fork. With the sort of bread available in this country, however, the result would be pastry, tasteless clumps of sodden dough. So, for starters, I focused on the choice of bread and how to ready it for the salad.

I purchased rustic loaves of white bread and, to solve the texture problem, toasted 3/4-inch cubes in a 350 degree oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown on the outside. The cubes were thrown into the salad and held up well. The bread was at once soft and crunchy and instead of having a pasty flavor it actually absorbed plenty of dressing making the chunks delicious. I found the loaves with the most chew and coarsest texture to work best-they hold up the longest in the salad without falling apart.

Having ripe, deeply flavored tomatoes is the single most important part of this recipe. (Forget about this recipe unless you are sure of your tomatoes.) With the bread cut into chunks I found the salad easier to eat if the tomatoes are also cut into chunks. (Wedges were too big). To gain the maximum amount of juice from the tomatoes, I found that salting them and letting them sit for 15 minutes was the best method. This liquid then soaks into the bread, adding flavor. A pound and a half of tomatoes - about 4 cups chopped - is enough to serve 4 to 6 as a salad or side dish when paired with 4 cups of bread cubes.

As for the other ingredients, vinegar was the first stop. Red wine vinegar was my favorite followed by balsamic which was a bit too rich for such a light dish. Three tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil was just right and I discovered that the oil and vinegar should be added to the tomato juice before tossing in the bread chunks. (Once the bread is in the salad it is difficult to evenly distribute liquid ingredients.)

My herb of choice was definitely basil and 1/4 cup thinly sliced leaves worked well. One quarter cup thinly sliced red onion or shallot was a nice addition but optional. I also tried olives, capers, anchovy, and tuna but found no improvement. The salad did taste great served on a bed of arrugula, however. The conclusion? This is a simple summer dish which is best kept quick and simple.

SUMMER TOMATO/ BREAD SALAD

This salad should be assembled shortly before serving and can sit for about 40 minutes or so before the bread starts to lose its texture.

4 or 5 slices of chewy rustic white bread cut into 3/4-inch cubes, about 4 cups

1 1/2 pounds vine-ripened tomatoes

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1/4 cup very thinly sliced shallot or red onion

1/4 cup thinly sliced basil leaves (you may substitute parsley, oregano, tarragon, chives or the herb or combination of your choice)

Freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and set a rack to the center position. Place the bread in one layer on a baking sheet and toast for 18 to 20 minutes or until the exterior is a rich golden brown and the bread is crunchy but not rock hard. Meanwhile, halve, core and cut the tomatoes into bite-sized chunks and place in a large bowl (you should end up with about 4 cups). Toss with the salt and let rest until a pool of liquid accumulates, about 15 minutes. (This step may be prepared up to 1 hour ahead of time.)

2. Add the vinegar, oil, and optional onion and toss to combine. Add the bread and basil and toss to combine. Let sit for 5 minutes, toss again, add a few grindings of pepper and serve at once. You may drizzle additional olive oil over individual servings if desired.

Serves 4 to 6

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

If you plan to start major projects today, you must get them off the ground before 9:03 a.m., when the moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive. No major planetary activity occurs after that. The remainder of this day is prime for cleaning out the clutter, reorganizing, tying up loose ends. Take quiet time out for yourself this evening, meditate for inner peace.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 5:25 a.m., when the moon enters Leo. Plan to finish projects already begun rather than starting new ones. An applying alignment of Mercury and Jupiter generates an optimistic mood. Be sure to take extra time out for fun and games; forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

This is a day that can go either way. The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect. Don't get caught up in minor hassles, worries. Maintain a sense of humor, look on the bright side of things. The new moon culminates at 10:55 p.m., and the moon becomes inactive. Relax, unwind, recharge your batteries.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

At 4:53 a.m. the moon enters Virgo, placing the emphasis on healthy eating and natural living. Get back on track with physical fitness, exercise regimens. Lunar alignments to Jupiter and Mercury this evening highlight all communications, study, mental activities. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can be most productive.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Gear up for a hectic week. A positive attitude is your ace in the hole. Don't allow minor obstacles or negative people to throw you off course. Today the moon continues to travel in Virgo, active until 4:21 p.m. Plan a busy schedule. Focus on jobs you've been putting off. You can get them out of the way today. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, forms stressful alignments to Pluto today and Saturn tomorrow. Signing contracts or making important decisions are off limits.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

The moon enters Libra at 4:19 a.m. The best way to handle today's planetary influences is to take on a full work agenda. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury to Saturn urges you to keep an open mind. Don't create problems for yourself by worrying about situations that are out of your control. Instead, zero in on matters you can do something about. Hard work will pay off. This influence is favorable for developing projects that need mental concentration and attention to detail.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

This is a great day for vacationing. The Libra moon interacts with Mars and Uranus in the afternoon, and Mars prepares to align with Uranus tomorrow. Give others lots of freedom and space. Change your routine; explore new horizons and develop new alliances. At 9:27 p.m. the sun moves into the sign Virgo, remaining there until September 22. The moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive at 9:34 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Planetary action makes for an intense day. Be sure to start off with an upbeat attitude. The moon enters Scorpio at 5:50 a.m. At 12:06 p.m., Pluto, the planetary ruler of Scorpio, begins direct travel at 12 1/2-degrees of Sagittarius. This is a potent combination. You may feel forced to deal with issues that just won't go away and make tough choices. Eliminate negativity in your life; let go of past hurts and resentments. Open your heart to higher visions. Because Pluto is a slow-moving planet, its influence has affected the last few days and will continue to linger.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Yesterday's advice pertains to today as well. The moon continues its travel in Pluto-ruled Scorpio. You may have to face the facts about situations that have been troubling you. This is a great day for tackling projects that need mental concentration, study, research. You can cut through obstacles and get to the bottom of things. Take quiet time out for yourself. Important insights and inspirations may come, if you have quiet space and time to listen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Wake up in a good mood. The Scorpio moon aligns with Venus at 7:16 a.m. and becomes inactive. Influences turn around completely at 10:59 a.m., when the moon enters ebullient Sagittarius. The remainder of the day rates high for enjoying favorite friends and pastimes. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:55 p.m. A full moon is building and will culminate September 2. A lunar alignment to Neptune this evening prompts you to forget your troubles and let the good times roll.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

The moon continues to travel in upbeat Sagittarius. However, it forms challenging contacts to Pluto and Saturn that are in effect between 9:24 a.m.-2:21 p.m. This can be a very emotional period, when deep feelings or hidden resentments surface. On the other hand, this interval is ideal for spending time alone. Look within for answers, and you'll find what you need to get back on track. By mid-afternoon the optimistic side of a Sagittarius moon returns, making the remainder of the day prime for socializing, enjoying favorite leisure activities.

Use variegated foliages for season-long accents

Green thumbs up

Part 3

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Monsoonal moisture and cool temperatures have brought welcome relief to our heat-stressed gardens and landscapes following several days of scorching temperatures. Despite a temporary return to more comfortable weather, by mid-August, even the most passionate gardeners have often lost their urge to plant, weed and cultivate. We may leisurely remove spent flowers, pull a few weeds and harvest the bounty of our vegetable gardens, but many a well-tended perennial garden suffers a little neglect during the latter half of the month as we recuperate from several months of hard work, take summer vacations and sit back and admire our efforts.

The summer dog days are an ideal time to document our successes and failures in this year's gardens, make note of changes which need to be made, and create a photographic record of our landscapes to study during the winter months. August is a prime time for observing butterflies flutter about our gardens as they sip nectar from butterfly bushes, stokesia, coneflowers, coreopsis and phlox. It is a time to delight in watching hummingbirds investigate everything tinted red, pink or orange in the garden, as they pause to partake of the sugary rewards found in fuchsia, cardinal flower, bee balm, butterfly bush, honeysuckle, trumpet vine and salvias. This is the month to relax and enjoy our gardens; the fall planting and transplanting season will soon be upon us.

When heat and humidity return, I will seek refuge in my shady borders where the lush green foliage and cooler temperatures offer relief both visually and physically. The presence of variegated foliage is particularly appealing, perhaps because the green leaves, splashed with white, create the illusion of frost, snow or ice. Their varied patterns brighten any dimly lit corner and provide a welcome contrast to an all green palette. In recent years, new plants have become available with nearly every conceivable combination of variegation possible. The value of these plants in either the sunny or shady garden cannot be understated.

Few plant families rival the ease of culture and diversity currently available from hosta. Improved varieties of the popular green and white forms include a series of the patriotically designated cultivars, "Minuteman", "Loyalist" and "Patriot". Additional variegated hostas are too numerous to list but a few particularly handsome varieties include "Brim Cup", "Robert Frost", "Antioch" and "Wide Brim". For the front of the border or smaller gardens, look for "Carrie Ann" or "Louisa", both of which boast lovely, pure white flowers, or my personal favorite, a new little one called "Pandora's Box". Several sensational, variegated, blue-tinted hostas contribute a lovely contrast to the predominance of green in the shady border including "Great Expectations", "Northern Exposure", and "Regal Splendor". Green and gold hostas offer an alternative variegated theme to the mixed foliage border with numerous representatives such as "Shade Fanfare", "Just So", "September Sun", "On Stage", "Gold Standard", or the unique, twisted leaves of "Medusa".

For a striking plant to combine with hostas and ferns, be on the lookout for variegated Siberian bugloss, Brunnera macrophylla "Variegata". In spring, small, green, heart-shaped leaves, boldly edged in creamy-white, are topped with sprays of tiny, bright, sky-blue flowers. As the season progresses, the leaves become larger and more dramatic, providing a stunning clump of handsome foliage. Cultivars include "Hadspen Cream" and "Dawson's White". Other notable introductions include Brunnera "Langtrees", which displays large silver markings on a green background, and an exciting new introduction, "Jack Frost" which boasts silver-frosted foliage with green veins. I have planted this latter treasured gift from a special gardening friend alongside a large gold-leafed hosta and eagerly await its reaching a mature clump. These plants prefer a humus-rich, moisture-retentive soil.

While the majority of ornamental grasses seem to prefer sunny locales, there are a few choice selections which thrive in the shady border. The queen of these grasses is the Japanese Hakonechloa macra "Aureola", its arching, 18-inch, yellow and green-striped foliage offering a marvelous contrast of form and texture to the broad leaves of hosta. An established clump never fails to elicit positive comments from garden visitors. The members of the Carex family, grass-like in appearance but theoretically sedges, are especially valuable plants in that many of them are variegated and semi-evergreen, thereby providing a source of winter interest. Carex "Ice Dance" is a stoloniferous plant which is an excellent semi-evergreen ground cover and C. morrowii variegata is a reliable, evergreen clump, gradually expanding each season to form a handsome mound.

Shade-loving groundcovers have numerous variegated representatives. There are gold and white-edged pachysandra and vinca which provide a reliable evergreen cover once established and the silver, green and white leaves of Lamium "White Nancy", "Pink Pewter" and "Pink Pearl" remain green well into the winter months. Several new introductions including Lamium, "Ann Greenaway" and L. "Golden Anniversary" exhibit serrated leaves splashed with gold, silver and white. The variety "Beedharm's White" glows across the garden with fabulous gold foliage and complimentary white flowers. Add a few of these colorful foliage plants to your shady borders for a long season of interest.

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JAZZ NIGHT on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Wilder Hall, 666 Main Street in Hingham. Featuring the popular Mark Kross "Five Piece Trio" including Herb Pomeroy, trumpet and Billy Novick, alto saxophone. Sponsored by the New England Friends Home. For tickets and information call 781-749-3556.

THE SPINDLES ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET will be held at the Marshfield Fairgrounds in Marshfield on Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is $5 (kids under 12 are free) Rain date is Sept. 3. Over 600 cars every year. Foods, music, live entertainment, and much more. For more information call 617-472-3572.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28, Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS beginning September 19. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Sept. 19: Jefferson Starship. Sept. 26: ABBA Again (A Tribute to ABBA). Oct. 3: Badfinger. Oct. 10: Southern Rock Rebellion Band. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.



"Fallen" photo by Lance Keimig

BEST BET

Pembroke artist Lance Keimig will show 14 of his award winning photographs in the Manning Lobby of the South Shore Art Center from Aug. 10 through Sept. 9. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 6 p.m. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org

Thurs. 16

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town by members of the Weymouth Art Association through August and September. In the Town Hall: Paintings by Hedda Zona, Paul Lindstrom, Martha Donovan, Marie Cassani, Gail Coyle, Josephine Bottari, Lauren Demore and Kay O'Brien. At Snyders Jewelers, Maureen Hardiman, Helen and John Shaw and Yvonne Gillis will have paintings displayed. At Jordan Insurance, Mary Maimiero, Kate Manning, Reva Gordon, Jean Clark, Isabel Shamitz and Arnold Turner will have paintings displayed. At Rizzo Insurance, the works of Jeanne Mulligan, Jospeh Nover and Anne Porter will be displayed. At Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Edwina Ciaci. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

A Visit with Paul Revere, a program will take place through Aug. 16 from 1 - 4 p.m. Come and tour Boston's fascinating North End with an experienced guide from the Paul Revere House. Visit the silversmith shop and foundry and discover how Revere began his career as an artisan, fashioning buttons, buckles, creamers and sugar bowls from silver. Later he became one of the country's first industrialists producing fittings for the USS Constitution, and enormous bells and canons. This program is free with admission to the museum: $2.50 for adults, seniors age 62 and over and college students is $2, and children ages 5 - 17 are $1. Open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. For more information call 617-523-2338.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fish Bowl/Adam Ainsle. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On Aug. 16: Sounds of Yesterday.

Weymouth Recreation Department will sponsor the following concert and film series to be held at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater - next to Town Hall, 75 Middle Street. In case of rain the concerts and films will be held in the Abigail Adams School Auditorium. On Aug. 16: "Toy Story" at 8:30 p.m.

Fri. 17

The Marshfield Fair will be taking place from August 17 - 26. The Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society invite you to show off your garden vegetable, flowers, fruit, etc. at the fair and the entry day is Aug. 16 from 2 - 8 p.m. Drive up to Aggi Hall and enter to win ribbons and prize money. Junior conservation. Veggie Creatures and Scarecrwos are some of the great catagories the Fair Grounds are located on Route 3A in Marshfield. For more information call 781-834-6629.

Plymouth Chamber Music Festival will feature violinist Joanna Kurkowicz, violist Istvan Szabo, cellists James Fiste and Laurien Laufman, and pianist Melissa Marse Evans. The festival will include three concerts on Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth. Tickets are $8 and are available at the door or in advance through the Plymouth Chamber Music Festival Web site www.plymouthchambermusicfestival.org.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Magic Slim & The Teardrops. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Children's Museum in Easton proudly presents Mike Meyers - The World's Oldest Five-Year-old on Aug. 17 at 10:30 a.m. This interactive performance is geared for children of all ages. Mike believes in the power of stories and strives to make it fun for kids and adults to use their creativity and imagination. The show is free with museum admission of $4.50 for adults, members and under 1 are free. For more information call 508-230-3789.

South Shore Conservatory's Musical Theatre Workshop presents its final performance on August 17 at 7 p.m. in the Jane Carr Amphitheater in Hingham. This year's theme is "Nifty Fifties" and features songs, dances and improvisational performances by the troupe of young actors. Parking is free. The south Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Dr. in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565.

Cape Breton's Barra Macneils Added To Saw Doctors Show At The Music Circus at 8:00 p.m. The pride of Nova Scotia joins the pride of Ireland for an evening of Celtic Music from two sides of the Atlantic on Friday, August 17 at the Music Circus. The award-winning Barra MacNeils, talented siblings from Cape Breton, will open for County Galway's The Saw Doctors. Tickets for this show are $25.50 and are available by calling 781-383-1400 or through Ticketmaster. The box office in Cohasset is open daily, from noon to 6:00 p.m. for in-person sales. The venue is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset, just 21 miles south of Boston.

Summer Animal Show at the Science Center. Looking for some summer entertainment for the family? The Science Center is offering a great animal show on August 17th for a return visit from professional herpetologist Michael K. Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptiles Shows, who will introduce us to his amazing menagerie of reptiles, including turtles, lizards, a Burmese Python and an American alligator. **Shows** begin at 1:30pm. Tickets are $5 members/ $6 non-members, and can be purchased by phone with a credit card, or with cash at the Science Center. Please note that these shows are recommended for ages three and up, and that strollers are not allowed inside the hall. An adult must also accompany children. To order tickets, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Sat. 18

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Meetings

THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTER CLUB OF WEYMOUTH - Meets from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., on the first and third Wednesdays each month at Tufts Library, Broad Street in Weymouth. We provide mutually supportive and positive learning environment to develop communication and leadership skills. Call 781-335-1676 to register or for more information.

MOTHERS AND MORE provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at 781-544-4664.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES a journey to inner peace will meet on Thursdays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 112 Randolph Ave. in Milton. Call 617-696-5685.

NEW BEGINNINGS - A support group for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Rte. 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-653-2887.

THE MOMS (MOMS OFFERING MOMS SUPPORT) CLUB will be starting a chapter in the Marshfield area. Anyone interested in joining call 781-837-2149.

WRITERS GROUP - Buttonwood Books has established the Buttonwood Writers Group to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing and meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. Call 781-383-2665 for more information.

WEEKLY WRITERS MEETING - Adult writers group meets weekly with facilitator Susan Dominguez from 1-3 p.m. in the reference area of the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Aspiring or published writers are encouraged to bring a sample of their work to share with the group. Call 508-830-4250 for information.

SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY - Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging facility, 293 Pine St., Norwell. Call 781-545-7067 for information.

QUINCY HOSPITAL - Offers the following support groups such as Al-Anon 617-843-6300, Bettors Anonymous at the Education Center, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Breast Cancer Support Group 617-696-8875, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Fibromyalgia Support Group 617-479-5034, Debtors Anonymous 617-728-1426, Emotions Anonymous 617-729-7011, Nicotine Anonymous 617-472-5628, Overeaters Anonymous 781-641-2303, Prostate Cancer Support Group 617-834-2818 or 617-471-4582, Stress Reduction/Relaxation Response Group 617-471-2595. The Hospital is located at 114 Whitwell St., Quincy.

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly by meeting at 6:30 p.m., every Thursday, in the Parish Hall of the First Congregational Church, Hanover.

SOUTH SHORE SPINNERS' GUILD - Meets at 7 p.m., the first Thursday of each month, in the South Shore Natural Science Center. For more information, call 781-837-8967.

THE QUINCY LEADS NETWORK - Meets from 8:15-9:15 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month and includes 20 non-competing business to business professionals in the executive conference room of the Roche Brothers supermarket, 101 Falls Boulevard, off Quincy Avenue, Quincy. Free, but must pre-register. For more information, call 508-583-5260.

NEW BEGINNINGS SINGLES GROUP - Support group for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults meets at 6:30 p.m., Mondays, for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs in the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Route 123, Norwell. For more information, call 781-653-2887.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - A support group for prostate cancer survivors and for those diagnosed with prostate cancer meets from 7-9 p.m., every third Wednesday of the month, in Quincy Hospital, 114 Whitwell St., Quincy, in Conference Room D. Membership is open and free to the public. Spouses, family members and health care providers are encouraged to participate. Meetings provide support and information from specialists in various fields related to prostate cancer, such as surgery, radiation medicine, nutrition and psychology. Call 617-376-4016 for more information.

Reunions

J E BURKE HIGH FOR GIRLS will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on November 4 at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information: 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.

QUINCY HIGH CLASS TO HOLD 40TH REUNION for the class of 1961. Held at the Phillips Old Colony House, Morrisey Blvd., Dorchester, MA on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person. For further information call Carol Bertoni Swett at 781-843-6546 or Donna Beers Anderson at 781-843-8143.

Talent Search

OPEN REHEARSAL/AUDITIONS with the Liberty Belle Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington is seeking adult singers of all ages. Weekly rehearsals every Mon. at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church Hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike in Arlington. For more information call 800-369-7400.

SOUTH SHORE BAY BAND a non-profit organization dedicated to giving musicians the opportunity to play and perform concert band music. Current members are from Marshfield, Plymouth, Duxbury and surrounding towns. All sections are open to new members. For more information or directions call 508-747-6460 or write to South Shore Bay Band, P.O. Box 139, Marshfield MA 02050.

COMMUNITY BAND SEEKS EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS to begin its thirteenth season. Percussion, double reed, low brass and saxophone players are especially needed. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 9 p.m. in the Sharon High School music room. For more information call Lorna Hurwitz at 781-784-6649.

ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR VINE HALL GALLERY. The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is seeking artists and/or photographers interested in exhibiting their work in Vine Hall Gallery during the upcoming year. Exhibits run on a monthly basis, with a percentage of the sales benefiting the Science Center. Proposals for exhibits must reflect a natural theme, and should be directed to Joan Reid, c/o SSNSC, P.O. Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061.

PERIOD DESIGN - Seeks artists of all mediums to display their creations in shops renovated, 19th century barn at 295 Washington St., Norwell. For more information, call 781-659-3321.

TOGETHER AGAIN IN HARMONY - The all male a cappella chorus is seeking singers through 7:30 to 10 p.m. open rehearsals, Thursday evenings in South Weymouth, Route 18, next to the Weymouth Air Base. Call 508-378-3553 for more information.

LOVE TO SING? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase its 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

LIVE OUTLET every Wednesday night at Laredo's Saloon, Rte. 53, Pembroke at 8 p.m. Musician reserve stage time in advance by calling 826-0405 or 826-9427. There is an open stage for live performance.



BEST BET

Magic Slim will bring is electrified, Mississippi-to-Chicago blues style and the Tear Drops to Hull's Sea Note at Nantasket Beach Friday, Aug. 17. Tickets for the 9:45 p.m. performance are $10. For tickets and information call (781) 925-4300.

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South Shore Residents will be offered the unusual opportunity to learn photographic techniques from master instructor and photographer, Frank Gohlke. Gohlke is recognized as one of the leaders in contemporary American photography whose work is presented in major national and international museums and galleries. Gohlke will be teaching a four-day photography workshop, August 18, 19, 22 & 25, 10:00 - 4:00, at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. The workshop will focus on observing the cultural and historical landscape. Students will take as their subject the complex web of human and natural features that make up the New England landscape. Fieldwork, slide lectures, and darkroom work will be included in this course for intermediate and advanced students. For more information about the workshop visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Toni Lynn Washington. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Shakespeare Collaborative comes to Nantucket - Children's Beach to present "The Brothers Memaechmus." Shown at 5 p.m., be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and a picnic lunch. For more information call the local town hall.

Nantasket Beach Concert Series schedule of events for Nantasket Beach and Fort Revere in Hull. There will be a weekly concert series at the MDC Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach as well as a family movie series at Fort Revere in Hull. Both series are free to the public and suitable for children and adults of all ages. On Aug. 18: Movie Series at dusk. Aug. 19: "The Swingers" at King Pavilion at 2 p.m.

The J Place Band will perform at Ricky T1's Blues Club Mill #3, Cordage Park, Plymouth at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 508-224-7879.

Marion Antiques Show at Tabor Academy will take place on Aug. 18 and 19. Tickets are $6.50 per person and show hours are 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. A gala preview party will be held on Aug. 17 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. The cost is $35 per person in advance, $40 at the door and the evening includes hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. There will be a lecture on Aug. 18 by Alfred J. Walker from 10:30 - 11 a.m. on what to look for when buying antique artwork. Cost is $15 and includes admission to the show. Aug. 19 is Heirloom Discovery Day when expert appraisers will be on hand from 1 - 4 p.m. to appraise verbally any antique article. There will be a charge of up to $15 for three objects appraised and includes admission to the show. For more information call 508-748-1116.

Ames Nowell State Park Nature Programs are as follows: "Story of a Stump" from 10 - 10:30 a.m. and "Owl Eats and Fowl Tweets" from 2 - 3 p.m. Located at the end of Linwood Street in Abington. Parking is available at no charge and all park programs are free. For free private programs or more information call Zachary Brown, Park Interpreter at 781-857-1336.

Sun. 19

The Plympton Historical Society invites all to join the residents of Plympton for a concert in dedication of the new gazebo on the Town Green, route 58, from 2 - 4 p.m. Music will be provided by Don Besegai and his band performing "Sounds of Yesterday." The gazebo was designed by Kim Sullivan of Pembroke, a junior at Silve Lake Regional High School and built by Gregory Black. For more information call Ms. Edwina Wood, 781-585-2725.

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. On Aug. 19 - "Antique Auto Show." Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website ate www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

Ames Nowell State Park Nature Programs are as follows: "Wintergreen and Wild Mints" from 11 - 11:30 a.m. and "Dragonflies" from 3 - 4 p.m. Located at the end of Linwood Street in Abington. Parking is available at no charge and all park programs are free. For free private programs or more information call Zachary Brown, Park Interpreter at 781-857-1336.

'Sunday Romance' Singles Dance held from 6 - 10 p.m. at the Pembroke Country Club, W. Elm Street in Pembroke. Tel. 781-826-4994. Dance music my Brian Milligan. For singles ages 35 - 60 years of age. Proper business casual attire is acceptable. Cost is $10 before 6:30 and $15 thereafter. Sponsored by the Singles Executives Club and the Single Golfers of New England.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Benefit. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Shakespeare Collaborative comes to Randolph - Town Green to present "The Brothers Memaechmus." Shown at 5 p.m., be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and a picnic lunch. For more information call the local town hall.

Summer Concerts on the USS Salem located in Quincy, off Route 3A, next to the Fore River Bridge, Harbor Express entrance. On Aug. 19, "Scott Douglas & The Memphis Connection". Elvis Impersonator singing all your favorites, from 2 - 4 p.m. For more information call 617-479-7900.

Basic Black with J on Harp will perform in the afternoon on August 19 at the North River Rhythm & Blues Festival, Marshfield Fair, Route 3A in Marshfield.

Music Show and Fund-Raiser for Wellspring, serving Hull and the surrounding area for 16 years. Domestic violence counseling, food pantry, thrift shop, adult learning and job counseling, crisis intervention. Held at the Sea Note in Hull. Events: John Sage, 3 p.m., Thunderstud, 4 p.m., Condition Blue, 5:15 p.m., Hostile Witness, 6:30 p.m., Mr. Orange, 7:45 p.m., and Motocops 2000 at 9 p.m. A door cover of $6 per person will be donated. For questions or comments email at VorgRobot@aol.com.

Mon. 20

Blue Hills Regional Technical School in Canton is currently offering ESOL classes at the George Willett Administration Building, 100 Westover Parkway in Norwood. Classes are Mon., Wed. and Fri. mornings. The program is funded by the Mass. Dept. of Education and is free to area residents. Fall registration will be held on Aug. 20 - 24 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. For further information call 781-762-6804.

Tues. 21

The Olde Kids on the Block a 20 piece orchestra will be playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure at Striars JCC/Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. and admission is $5. Aug. 21, 2001.

Sunset Cruise to George's Island sponsored by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. from 7 - 10 p.m. Tickets are $16, seniors $14, members $12, children 3 - 12 $89, Children under 2 are free. The boat will leave from Boston Harbor Cruises at Long Wharf next to the New England Aquarium. For more information call 781-740-4290.

Children's Museum in Easton proudly presents "Sculpt-A-Picture" using clay, created a sculpted 3D picture that you can paint. The program is free with museum admission of $4.50 for adults, members and under 1 are free. For more information call 508-230-3789.

Wed. 22

Cowboy singer Don Edwards will be at the Kendall Whaling Museum at 8 p.m. in Sharon. Advance tickets are $20 and $22 at the door. For tickets and more information call 781-784-5642. Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon.

Comedy Show at the Silver Star Restaurant, 920 Washington Street, Route 53 in Weymouth. Featuring Paul Nardadizzi (Winner of 2001 International Boston Comedy Festival with Annette Pollack and Bob Niles. Admission is $10. Call 781-843-4833 for details.

Children's Museum in Easton proudly presents "Gak, Slime, Play Dough". Dive right into this yucky, mucky stuff and have a blast creating a mess at the Museum - instead of home. The program is free with museum admission of $4.50 for adults, members and under 1 are free. For more information call 508-230-3789.

American Red Cross will hold an Infant and Child CPR Review from 6 - 9 p.m. at the American Red Cross office, 1495 Hancock Street in Quincy. Prerequisite: Current certification in infant and child CPR. Fee is $40. For more information call 617-770-2600.

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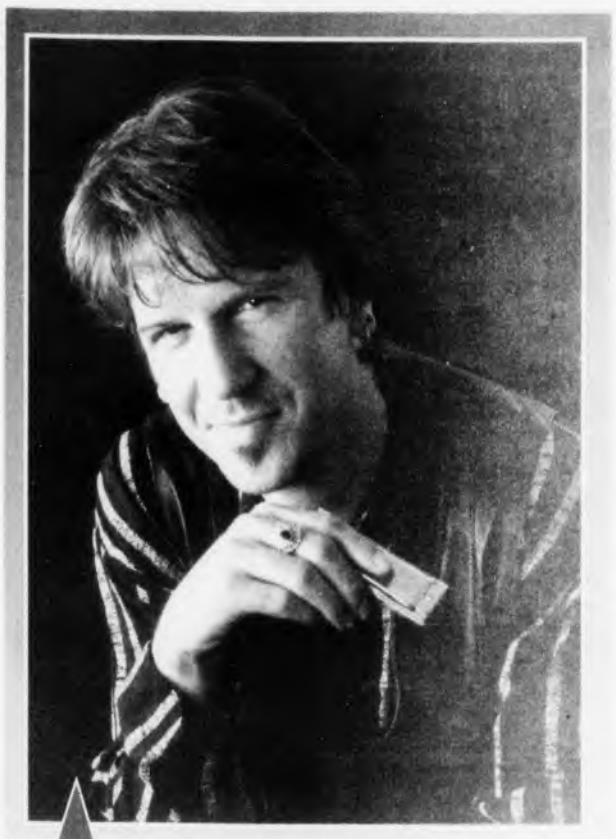
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Thurs. 23

Cruiser Quincy Crew Returns to Homeport for a reunion at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel in Braintree on August 23 - 26. Because many crewmembers came from this area, who are not on the mailing list, the reunion committee would like them all to this gathering. This may well be one of the final meetings. To sign up or obtain further details call 401-728-3063 or email at ca71reun@ptd.net.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Tootsie and Friends. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M. Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth On Aug. 23: Legion Band Band.

Children's Museum in Easton proudly presents "Playful parachutes" - make a working parachute by decorating a napkin with watercolors and attaching it to a painted clothespin "person". The program is free with museum admission of $4.50 for adults, members and under 1 are free. For more information call 508-230-3789.

American Red Cross will hold a CPR/FPR Review from 6 - 10 p.m. at the American Red Cross office, 1295 Hancock Street in Quincy. Prerequisite: Current certification for CPR for the Professional Re-scuer. Fee is $50. For more information call 617-770-2040.

Fri. 24

Mayflower II hosts a New England Clambake on State Pier in Plymouth on Aug. 24, each beginning at 6 p.m. Costumed role-players will be on board throughout the evening to entertain and answer questions visitors may have about the Pilgrim's voyage in 1621. Guests will then return to the exhibit area to learn more about the Pilgrims while enjoying dinner on Plymouth's waterfront. The buffet style clambake includes everything from New England clam chowder, steamers and boiled lobsters for the adults and hot dogs and watermelon for the kids. The cost of this event is $44.95 for adults (members $38.95) and $27.95 for children (members $19.95). Advanced reservations are recommended by calling 508-746-1622 ext. 8365.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a semi-monthly smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 for SSS members and $8 non-members. Proper dress is required. For more information cal 781-331-0921.

Impressionist Still Life at the South Shore Art Center with Margaret McWethy teaching a three day workshop from Aug. 24 - 26. Color will be the main focus of study as students learn how to recreate nature's varied light effect. Located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Crafters Wanted for the September 8, 2001 craft Fair sponsored by the South Shore Irish American Society. For applications for 8x4 tables call Pat at 508-523-1515 or Fran at 781-447-5304. Tables are $20. The event will be held at the K. of C. Hall on Bedford Street in Whitman. This is a craft fair only and will be held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, James Montgomery Band. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Lend a hand

EMPOWER YOUNG WOMEN! Women Express, Inc., publishers of Teen Voices magazine for girls, needs volunteers for graphic design, social work, mentoring and more! Check out our website at www.teenvoices.com for more information on our unique magazine. Fax resume and cover letter to 617-426-5577, attn: Juliette.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED for World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program. We are seeking local area representatives to volunteer their time and skills to provide students from several countries including Germany, France, Mexico and the former Soviet Union countries with local support. For more information please call Pam Neubauer at 315-637-2371.

BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION is asking you to become a Big Sister. Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones in the Boston office. Call 617-236-8060 and visit www.bigsister.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES AT PLIMOTH PLANTATION and Mayflower II including gardening, animal care, collating and mailing, data entry, marine maintenance at Mayflower II, clean up and painting and much more. If you are interested please call Anne Lane at 507-746-1622 ext. 8203.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is seeking volunteers to help out at blood drives within your community. Help register donors or provide refreshments. Duties are light and we will train. Please call Laura O'Neal at 800-462-9400.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN CLOTHES CLOSET OUTLET is seeking volunteers. Located at 19 Standish St., Hall's Corner in Duxbury. Help is needed Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 1 - 4 p.m. or all day. Please call 617-934-5535 for more information.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION in looking for volunteers in: Horticulture, office work, animals, maritime dept., data entry and hospitality. Please call 508-746-1622 ext. 8203 or email alane@plimoth.org.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS Southeastern MA chapter is presently seeking individuals who would be interested in volunteering at the Brockton office providing clerical assistance for the Health and Safety dept. Volunteers will be trained to perform typing, filing, copying and other necessary clerical duties. For more information please call 800-232-8812.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the South Shore Jewish Music Festival sponsored by the Shaloh House in Stoughton held at the Borderland State Park in Sharon/Easton on Sept. 3 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free and people of all ages are encouraged to attend. Arts, crafts, amusement rides, cultural displays and much more. Informational meetings will be held Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Shaloh House, 50 Ethyl Way, Stoughton. For more information about the festival or to volunteer please call 781-344-6334.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SEEKS DISASTER VOLUNTEERS If you've ever wondered what you can do to help when you see or read about human suffering caused by disaster, the Red Cross may have a job for you. If you are interested in volunteering please call (800) 2323-8812.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS EASTON OFFICE to join our Blood Service's team. Volunteers are needed to work at the mobile blood drive. If you are interested in volunteering please call 800-2323-8812.

Classes

RED CROSS OFFERS PET FIRST AID COURSE at the Plymouth Library, 132 South Street on August 25 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The participants of this class will learn how to care for their dogs or cats in an emergency situation. Registration is $35 per person. To register or for more information call 508-232-8812.

CRYSTAL/REIKI, TAROT AND ASTROLOGY CLASSES are offered Mon., Tues. and Thurs. These daytime summer classes are offered from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and the cost is $20 per session. Held at Health and Healing Arts. For more information or to register call 781-545-0662.

DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION CLASSES: "Printmaking - Monoprint and Collograph" on Aug. 20 - 23. For more information please call 781-934-2731 ext. 15.

NRAS SUMMER 2001 - CLASSES: Children's classes: Adult classes: Painting phase 2: on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Oct. 22 - Dec. 18, fee: 8-week class, $85/members, $95/non member. "It takes a drawing to make a painting" on Aug. 16 and 17 from 12 - 5 p.m. Fee is $100 members, $110 for non members. "Introduction to Landscape Workshop" on Aug. 25 and 26 from 12 - 5 p.m., fee $100/member, $110/nonmember. For more information call 781-837-8091.

THE ART COMPLEX MUSEUM is offering the following classes: "Painting and Drawing at the Marshfield Fair" on Aug. 20 - 23 from 9 a.m. - noon, fee is $50. For more information please call 781-934-6634.

SUMMER ART ADVENTURE WEEKS at the Fuller Museum of Art through August 18. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Classes are available for children ages 5 and up. Some class choices are ceramics, Native American crafts, drawing and painting, paper crafts, art of the Aztecs, Mosaics and portraiture. To receive a brochure please call 508-588-6000 ext. 125.

INSYNC DANCE COMPANY located at 5 Thacher Street in Milton, is holding open registration for Summerdance 2001. This summer program includes clinics for all ages including preschool through high school. Summerdance fees range from $25 - $99. For more information on specific classes, dates and times please call 617-696-9331.

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LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child is now enrolling for summer programs. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. The cost of the class is 6 weeks for $55. For more information call Denise Creedon at 781-834-7417.

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2001 Panagia Golf Classic will be held on Aug. 27 at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate and compete for prizes of up to $100,000 cash. Luncheon follows at the Barker Tavern. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Hospital Boston Hellenic Cardiac Fund and the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church Community Center in Cohasset. For more information call 781-337-5016.

Boston Light Cruises on Sept. 9 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $27, seniors are $24, members are $22 and children 3 - 12 are $15. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

Summer Encounters: Visiting Artists Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will run through Sept. 9. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel printing, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography and impressionist still life painting. For more information or to register for any of these workshops call 781-383-ARTS.

Three Award Winning Artists will be exhibiting their work in the Pembroke Library, Center Street, Pembroke, during the month of August. Alison Davidson and Lilly Cleveland of Duxbury and Corinna Milliken of Kingston have been painting together and met in the Duxbury Art Association classes of Catherine Smit.

Mary Kennedy Selected Duxbury Art Association Student of the Month for her outstanding work in watercolor class instructed by Katherine Smit. Mary's watercolor "Duxbury Scene" will be on display in the Lillian & Ture Bengzt Gallery at the Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

Back-To-School Busload of Prizes Raffle at the Independence Mall, Kingston held through Aug. 31. One person will win an entire bus filled with merchandise, on display in Center Court from various stores throughout the mall on Sept. 1. To enter, participants must bring their Independence Mall receipts to customer service. For each $50 spent between August 6 - 31, customers will receive one entry form. For more information please call 781-582-2445.

Ongoing Events

"Nature's Landscapes" Photography Exhibit at Science Center in August. The Photography of Susan White will be on display August 1-31, 2001 in the Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. The show, entitled "Nature's Landscapes" features watercolor or iris photographs depicting various environmental scenes. Susan White has had numerous one-woman shows in the area, as well as an ongoing display in her studio on West Elm Street in Pembroke. She has won many awards at Duxbury, North River, Pembroke, Norwell and South Shore Art Association juried shows. She has also won top honors from the Professional Photographers of Massachusetts, New England and America. The exhibit can also be viewed during the month of August, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than one mile from Route 3's exit 13. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

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For tickets, contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103; Linda Bolster at 781-383-6148; or Linda Schultz at 781-383-0597.

Fall programs at community center

The South Shore Community Center is offering a wide variety of classes for preschool, children, teens, and adults. Some of the classes offered are "gym dandy," gymnastics, classes for children in computers, cooking, dance, and crafts. Adult classes include computers, cooking, CPR, gardening and more.

Registration starts Monday, Aug. 20. Open house and sign-up for our gymnastics program will be Aug. 29 from 6-8 p.m. in the gym.

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Historical Society events calendar

The Fall Lecture Series is still in development but dates have been set for events.

Oct. 3 and 11at 7:30 p.m. — lecture to be announced — held at the Lightkeeper's House; no charge; refreshments served.

Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. a "Mini Walking Tour of Cohasset Common Historic District #2," conduced by Curator David Wadsworth and the board of directors. No charge; refreshments served after the tour in the community center; in case of rain, a slide show version of the tour will be held at the center.

Oct. 12-14, the Lothrop Family Reunion will be held.

Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. — lecture to be announced — held at the Lightkeeper's House; no charge; refreshments served.

Sunday, Oct. 28 — Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner.

Thursday, Nov. 15 — 2001 Membership Drive Kickoff.

Sunday, Dec. 2 — celebrate with "Wassail"!

D & A drug hotline

The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee operates a Drug and Alcohol Information and Referral Hotline on Tuesdays. Persons needing help with a drug or alcohol problem may call 383-4120. All calls are confidential, and staffed by a trained drug and alcoholism counselor on Tuesdays between 6 and 10 p.m.. On other days and at other times callers may leave a message.

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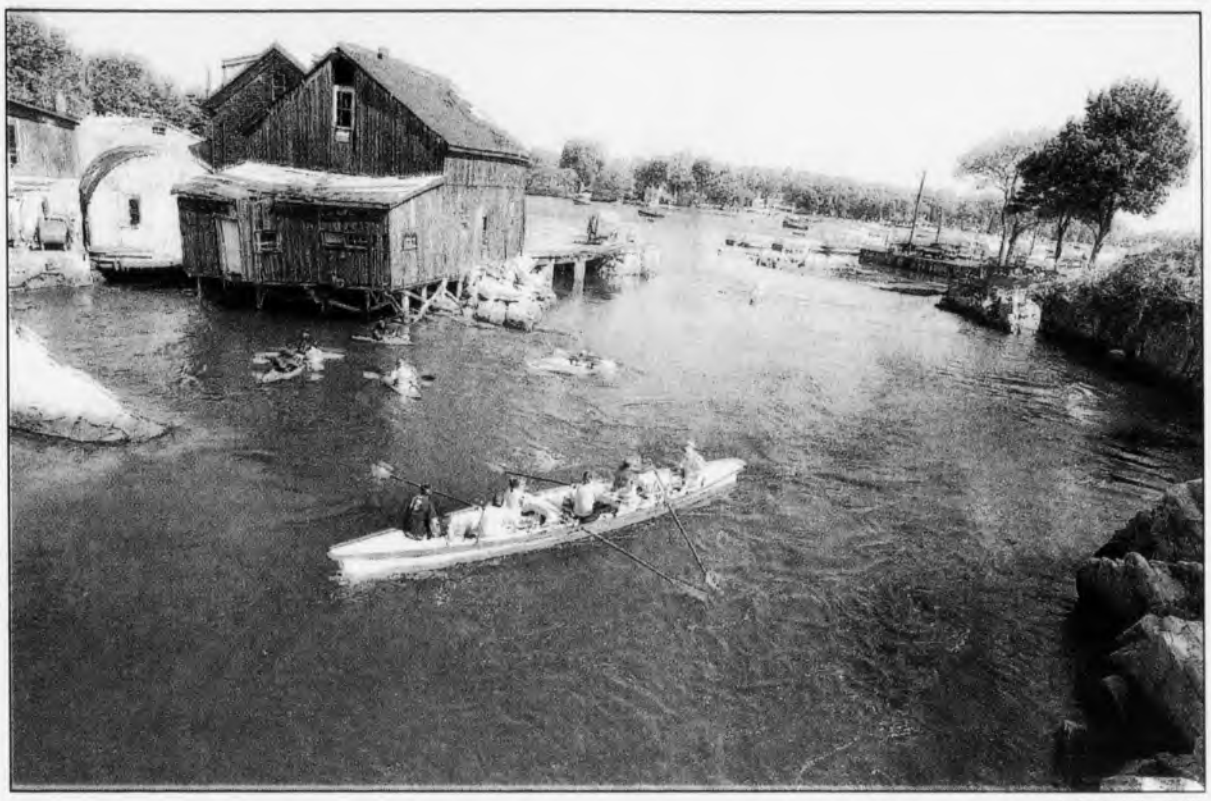
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Local businessman and property owner, Peter Roy, has a plan for Cohasset's "Motif #1", the building at left, that is in danger of falling into the Gulf River.

Planning board likes initial proposal for harbor boatyard

Project would add four condo units

By Rick Collins
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The Planning Board voiced its support last week for local businessman Peter Roy's initial plans to renovate the Mill River Marine Railway site on Border Street.

"We looked at the plan informally and thought it looked pretty good," Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said this week. "It would look nice and ensure that that part of town doesn't turn to rubble."

The meeting between the board and Roy attorney Charles Humphreys was described as an "informal review" of the plan before Roy begins the permitting process with local boards. Roy has not yet officially submitted any plans, and no official action was taken at last week's meeting.

The Mill River Marine Railway site is one of the most visually familiar, if not run-down, areas in town, housing the Lobster Pound, a boat repair yard operated for the past 31-years by Frank Carey, and Cohasset's "Motif No. 1," the storage building used in the 1987 movie "The Witches of Eastwick."

Roy's multi-million dollar plan would tear down all the structures on the site, except for the Lobster Pound, and the "Eastwick" building, and replace them with a new main three-story boat repair shop, a kayak sales and rental shop and an expanded deck area. Also, the project would renovate the dilapidated Eastwick building, add a public launch for canoes and kayaks into the mouth of the Gulf River, and improve the existing railway system.

"We really don't have any other plan, other than take it down or let it fall down.

— Linda Shropshire, spokesman for Peter Roy

The main change to the site would be the addition of four condo units above the boar repair building and Eastwick building, which Roy contends is essential to financially fuel the project.

"If this doesn't go through, the site's in real serious trouble," Roy spokesman Linda Shropshire said this week. "We really don't have any other plan, other than take it down or let it fall down. Nothing else will work in from our perspective."

Moore echoed Shropshire's contention.

"It's probably going to fall down in a few years if nothing is done. It would be great if we could freeze time and save the charming motif, but that's wishful thinking," he said. "The clapboards are the only thing holding it up — the internal supports are gone. It's probably take one good hurricane or Nor'Easter and it's gone."

He agreed that allowing condos as part of the plan is a "necessary trade-off" to ensure the long-term viability of the site.

"And my guess is that if the project went through with four condos, they'd sell in a hot minute," said Moore.

Shropshire said Roy, who also owns Kimball's By the Sea, the Atlantica and Olde Salt House, is fully committed to keeping the Lobster Pound and boar repair

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Not all are aboard on Greenbush decision

MBTA to go ahead; AfTA heads to court

By Rick Collins
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After 17 years of planning, hundreds of meetings, and thousands of pages of documents, restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail line could come down to a battle between former and current state officials.

This week, state Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand deemed the Greenbush final environmental impact report "adequate," alleviating the final, major environmental hurdle for restoring the third of the Old Colony commuter rail line through Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate. However, John Bewick, a former state environmental affairs secretary under Gov. Ed King, called Durand's approval "outrageous," and not only vowed to sue over the decision, but said he can't wait for his day in court.

"I'd rather be on my side of the case than on theirs by far," said Bewick, head of Advocates for Transportation Alternatives (AfTA), an anti-train group. "I look forward to the opportunity to cross-examine the MBTA in court."

The report is supposed to identify the environmental impacts a project will have, and the proposed actions that would either avoid, minimize or mitigate those impacts, in compliance with environmental standards and regulations under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act.

By issuing the certificate of adequacy, Durand said the MBTA has complied with state environmental laws. While giving the project a green light, Durand also threw out a life line to concerned environmentalists. He ordered the MBTA to implement a pilot program that would study the effectiveness of new technologies in reducing air pollution from diesel engine emissions.

"Opportunities may exist...to accelerate emissions reductions through the use of after-engine emissions controls, and/or fuel approaches," Durand said, specifically pointing out particulate filters and use of low-sulfur fuels.

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—John Bewick, president of AfTA

He also required a technical working group made up of representatives from state and federal agencies to study whether a shallow-cut tunnel would be feasible beneath Weymouth Landing, and recommended that the Greenbush locomotive layover site be moved off the banks of the North River to north of the Driftway, the connector road between Route 3A and Scituate Harbor.

Durand acknowledged the "long and contentious" process, saying his office has received thousands of comments during the environmental review period. But he backed the MBTA's contention that construction of the 17-mile rail line is the best alternative when it comes to increasing commuter access to Boston. (This is the MBTA's final phase in restoring commuter rail service; the

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Deer Hill, Osgood times have changed

Should keep buses on schedule

By Rick Collins
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Imagine you are waiting at work for the clock to strike 5 p.m., and then you find yourself forced to stay in your office for up to a half an hour later just because your ride home hasn't arrived.

"We're going down roads we never went down before, and the buses need more time to do their routes."

— Deer Hill School Principal Paul Callahan

Now imagine you're seven years old and you're stuck in school.

This is the problem plaguing Cohasset elementary school students, which can make going to school less enjoyable.

More students and longer routes have backed up the town's afternoon school bus service to the point where it isn't uncommon for students to have to wait in their classrooms for up to a half an hour until their bus arrives.

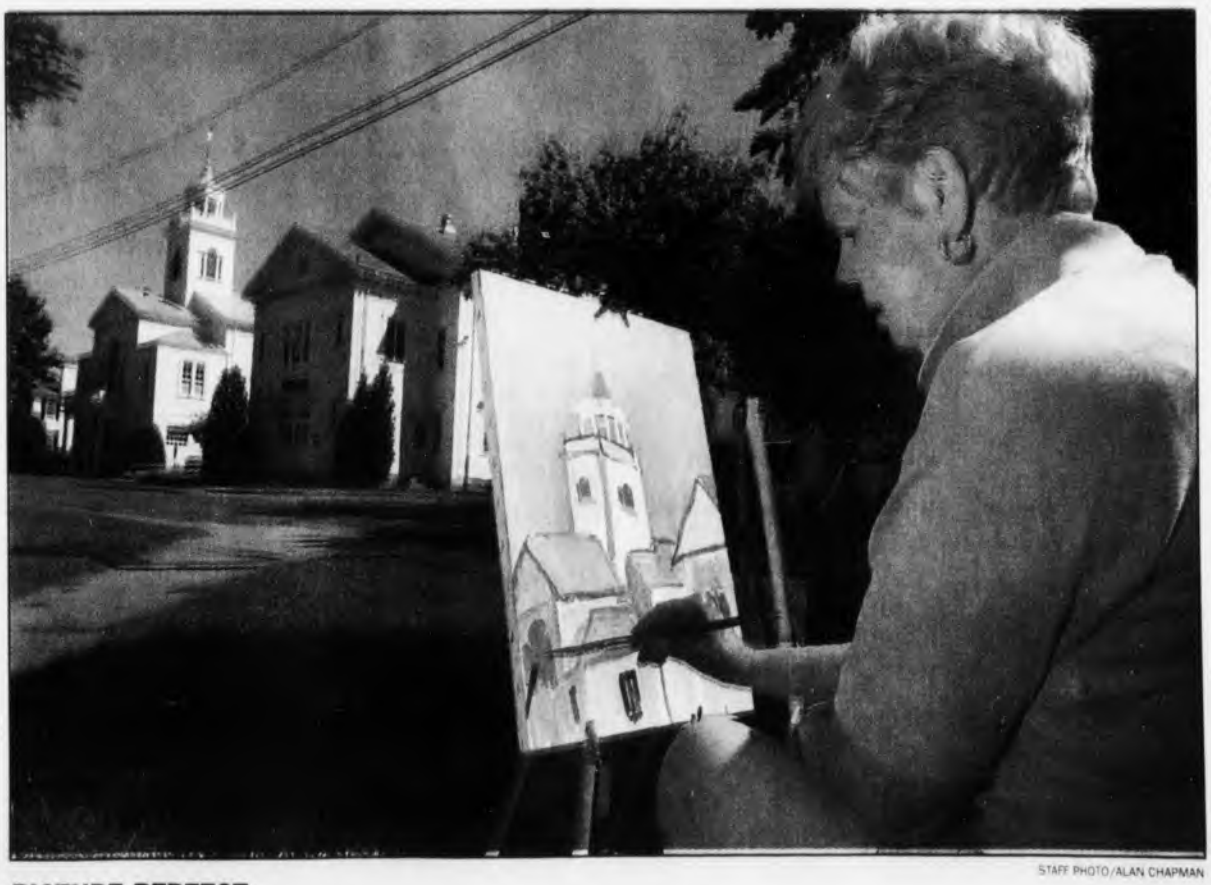
In an effort to have school buses actually at the Deer Hill and Osgood schools when class ends in the afternoon, the Cohasset School Committee unanimously voted last week to start and dismiss the school day 15 minutes later than last year.

Starting Sept. 5, the first day of school, Deer Hill students must be in their classrooms by 8:35 a.m., and will be dismissed at 2:35 p.m. Osgood students will be marked late if not in school by 9:05 a.m., and will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m. The start and finish times at the middle/high school will not change.

School officials say the 15-minute change should make a huge difference in the effort to get Cohasset's schoolchildren home on time.

"We're putting more kids on the bus, and it takes longer to drive the route," said Deer Hill School Principal Paul Callahan, who headed up the Transportation Study Committee, which looked at the

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Special Town Meeting

Selectmen are looking to hold the special fall Town Meeting on Monday, Oct. 29 in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset Middle/High School at 7: 30 p.m. Town Manager Mark Haddad will check with school officials to make sure the gymnasium is available, and report back to selectmen.

Residents have seven days after the Town Meeting date is set to submit citizens petitions. The petition must contain 100 valid signatures from town residents.

Playground closed

The town Parks Commissioners — also known as the Board of Selectmen — have closed the playground behind the old Osgood School for safety reasons.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he has received a couple of calls from parents reporting their children had been hurt playing on the community-built playground. He added that the town spent $1,500 last year on the playground, "and didn't make a dent."

Haddad estimated the cost to make the playground safe between $10,000 and $15,000. He said the playground would have to be closed for the upcoming library construction project anyway.

Protest letter

Selectmen voted Tuesday to join with the town of Canton in protesting the state legislature's adoption of an early retirement bill for teachers.

The board said they support the bill, but don't support the fact it is an unfunded state mandate, which are restricted under Proposition 2-1/2 regulations.

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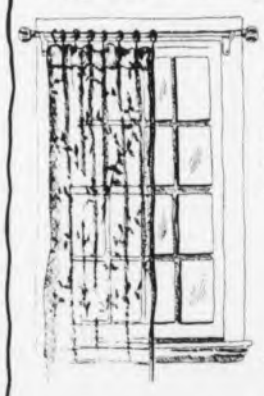
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Local group seeks grants to help cleanup Straits Pond

By Rick Collins
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Despite its natural beauty, Straits Pond can be a less than ideal place to live.

Algae bloom that has, at times, covered the entire surface area of the pond. Clouds of non-biting mosquitoes called midges can make it impossible for residents to step-outside and appreciate their view during warm months. And it's not unusual to find shopping carriages making a home in the knee-deep muck around the pond's edges.

All has contributed to Cohasset and Hull residents coming together in the form of the Strait's Pond Watershed Association and write two state grant applications that could one day help make the water clean enough to swim in, and allow residents to sit outside bug-free.

"To get Straits Pond back to being ecologically sound, there's not just one thing that needs to be done," said association president Lawry Reid, from Hull.

"We want to clean the pond and then keep it clean," added Merle Graham, of Jerusalem Road in Cohasset, also an officer with the association.

The first grant, a Lakes and Ponds Initiative grant offered by the state Department of Environmental Management, would provide up to $300,000 to increase tidal flow into the pond.

Two man-made barriers have essentially turned the 92-acre tidal area into a stagnant pond, said Reid. He explained that in the late 1940s, a temporary dam was built on a ledge across from the Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset, and then never completely removed. Also in the late '40s, a temporary footbridge from a peninsula to an island within the pond was replaced by a causeway with a set of 12-inch culverts.

"But the culverts were placed too high, and generally speaking, water doesn't flow through there at all," he said. "About one-third of the pond gets very little to no flow because of the blockage."

Reid said the only source of inflow and outflow into the pond is from the tide gates at West Corner.

"We have nutrient overload from algae and we need to flush it out," he said.

The grant would provide money to study the flow problems, and figure the proper amount of tidal water that could be allowed into the pond without flooding abutting homes, and then how much water can be let out to avoid fetid mudflats.

Simply breaching the landbridge between the pond and Black Rock Beach would cause another problem, according to Reid.

"At low-tide, the water at Black Rock Beach is about three feet lower than the bottom of the pond. If we opened it up, it would completely drain the pond," he said

The grant would also contain money for pest management.

"I've read in a legislative report from back in 1954 about midges around Straits Pond," Reid said. "There were years when you really couldn't go outside. You couldn't open doors. They would fly through screens." He said in the three years he has been around the pond, the midge problem has started to rear its head again.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Birdhouses in Straits Pond are helping control the midge population.

Graham said the problem was so bad last year, "you couldn't keep an outside light on."

Reid said the state originally used arsenic to kill the bugs, but has since switched a less-toxic chemical. The grant would look into a pest management program that could include increasing the pond's alewife stock.

The association has also installed birdhouses in the pond for tree swallows which feed on the bugs, and hopes to increase the number of birdhouses in the pond each year. He said the birdhouses have to be installed on top of plastic piping stuck into the bottom of the pond to prevent them from being taken over by sparrows.

Reid also said the grant has some money earmarked to harvest the existing algae from the pond.

However, he described competition for the three or four Lakes and Pond Initiative grants as "severe," and that 24 other ponds have applied.

"It's very stiff competition," said Reid.

The second grant the association has applied for is a $34,000 matching Coastal Pollution Remediation grant.

"We have a serious nutrient problem in the pond from sewer run-off," he said "About 48 percent of the phosphorous in the pond comes from septic systems."

Reid hopes most of the problem will be solved now that most of Hull and North Cohasset are on the sewer. However, he is still concerned with the 70 storm drains that flow unfiltered into the pond, as well as run-off from Rattlesnake Run.

"Generally, anything in the watershed area ends up in the pond," he said.

The grant would study two run-off areas in Hull, and then develop an implementation plan. The grant required a $3,500 commitment from both Cohasset and Hull, which both towns have approved.

"There's a tendency for both Hull and Cohasset to not think of the pond as theirs," Reid said. "It sort of gets lost in the shuffle."

But with both towns signing on in support, Reid was optimistic.

"We're very encouraged that the towns' selectmen have been very supportive of the effort to clean up the pond," he said.

The Lakes and Ponds Initiative grant also requires some contributions by the towns, but Hull and Cohasset will be able to count the money spent paying off the sewer projects as its match.

The association itself has taken steps, such as conducting annual clean-ups.

"This past spring we filled dump trucks with the stuff we had taken out of the pond," said Graham.

The formation of the Straits Pond Watershed Association itself is a recent positive sign for the pond.

"What was really needed was for residents to form an association," said Reid. "People have been trying to form one for 50 years and had never been able to establish one. The association was an association waiting to happen."

He said the association averages between 20 and 30 people at its quarterly meetings, 30 to 40 at its annual meeting, and an e-mail list of 60-70 names, not including town and state officials.

"Hopefully with the Straits Pond Watershed Association, we now have that vehicle through which residents are able to maintain a long-term commitment to the pond," said Reid.

Household hazardous product collections

Five have mercury thermometer swaps

Six regional household hazardous product collections will be held this fall in South Shore Recycling Cooperative member towns. Residents may attend their own town's collection at no charge. Visitors from the following member towns may also attend at no charge *with the permission* of their own town's Dept. of Public Works or Board of Health: Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth. Permission authorizes disposal at the expense of the resident's town; proof of residency is required. Some towns may limit subsidized quantities to 15 gal. or 30 lb. Visitors without permission may attend for a fee of $33/15 gal or 30 lbs. of waste. Commercial "Small Quantity Generators" may also call ahead to 978-683-1002 to arrange disposal and payment.

Collections are scheduled as follows:

Sept. 15, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. — Cohasset Transfer Station, Cedar Street *

Sept. 15, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. — Norwell DPW, Rt. 123 *

Sept. 22, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. — Marshfield, Furnace Brook School, Rt. 139* +

Sept. 29, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. — Plymouth DPW, Camelot Drive *

Sept. 29, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. — Hingham, Plymouth River *+

Oct., 13, 9 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. — Weymouth DPW

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AROUND TOWN

Christopher Pescatore earns awards at Camp Wachusett

A GREAT SUMMER

Hello Cohasset. Well, there is no denying it, school is almost here. The kids are starting to get into the back-to-school shopping and us parents are starting to get ready to a back-to-school bedtime schedule, homework time etc. Make sure to read next week's edition for all the latest and most current news from the schools. In the meantime, enjoy the final, lazy weeks of summer and make sure to slow down the pace enough so that you and your family can say, "This was a great summer!"

TOP CAMPER

Christopher Pescatore has some very proud parents indeed. Christopher was awarded the Henderson Award while away at Camp Wachusett this summer. Camp Wachusett is in Brandon, Vt. and the award is given to the top camper for citizenship and camp spirit. Out of 180 campers, Christopher was the one they chose! What a great honor for you, Christopher. Congratulations.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday wishes are being sent out this week to **Whitney Rose Jaffe** who celebrated her eighth birthday on Aug. 21! Hope you had a wonderful and special day, Whitney.

CAREGIVERS, ELDERS ALERT!

The Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-season program for Elders and Caregivers in the South Shore area on four Wednesday evenings in October. The sessions will begin with a light supper from 6-6:30 p.m., followed by the program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided to Cohasset residents.

Sessions will be held at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St. Session topics will be as follows: Oct. 3 — a panel of lawyers will discuss Legal and Financial concerns of Elders. Oct. 10 — a panel will discuss various Housing Options; including Public Housing, Assisted Living and Retirement communities and Nursing and Rest Home facilities. Oct. 17 — a panel will discuss various Community Resources available to Elders living at home. Oct. 24 — a presentation on Coping with feelings of loneliness, depression and isolation. Pre-registration is required. A donation of $8 for the entire series, or $2.50 per session is requested. For questions or more information, contact **Tish Clark** or **Carol Barrett** at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 781-383-9112.



JUMPIN' FOR JOY

Simms Aikers takes a leap off the apparatus in gymnastics class at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St. For information about the center's fall programs call 781-383-0088.

SWIM CENTER HOURS

The Cohasset Swim Center has asked that I let all of you know of the hours for the remaining time this summer. Starting Aug.25, the weekend hours for the Cohasset Swim Center will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. This will also include the holiday weekend and Labor Day. For the week of Aug. 27-31, the pool hours will be 1-7 p.m. with the first hour, 1-2 p.m. reserved for Adult Swim. Thanks to all of the members and the staff for a wonderful summer!

NURSING DEGREE

Alana O'Brien was awarded the degree of master of science in nursing from the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions at its commencement ceremony held May 12 on the grounds of the Harvard Medical School in Boston. Alana graduated from Cohasset High School and received her bachelor's degree from Stonehill College. At the hospital, Alana specialized in pediatrics and plans to practice her profession as a pediatric nurse practitioner. This was a wonderful piece of news Alana, best of luck to you in the future.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Here is something for all Girl Scout parents to mark in the date book. Girl Scout registration will be held at the Deer Hill Cafe on Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 7-8 p.m. for all levels of Girl Scouts. Girls may join the various levels of scouting. Daisies (Kindergarten), Brownies (grades 1-3), Juniors (grades 4-6), Cadettes (grades 7-9) and Seniors (grades 10-12). Registration fee for all Girl Scouts is $7 and a parents signature is required on all forms. We are also looking for ddults to lead our troops, especially at the Jr. fifth-grade level and the Brownies first-grade level. All interested adults may apply, not just a parent. If you have any questions, please call **Terry James** in the evenings at 781-383-9173. The Cohasset Service Unit is also looking for positions to be filled on our Service Team-Family Partnership Chairman and Girl Scout Coordinator. If anyone is interested please contact **Nancy Bartlett** at our Dedham Field Office at 1-800-637-0070.

SEMESTER IN PARIS

Sydney Johnston, daughter of **Diane and Robert Johnston,** spent the fall of 2000 studying in the Middlebury School in Paris as part of Middlebury College's Study Abroad Program. This was a great experience for Sydney and she will return to Middlebury's Vermont campus for her senior year. We hope you had a wonderful year!

HONORS GRADUATE

Nichole Santoro, who recently graduated magna cum laude from Salve Regina University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2000-2001 academic year. Nichole is the daughter of **Charles and Andrea Santoro** and is a 2001 inductee into Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. She is also a member of Kappa Delta Pi honor society that recognizes excellence in education. Congratulations, Nichole.

As I said in last week's column, I will be including a quote or saying at the end of each column. This idea was given to me by a friend and really allows us all to have something to think about as we look at our lives. Thank you so much Nancy for this great idea and thought and for the wonderful quotes that you have sent. Thank you also to the people who started sending quotes and sayings to me, keep them coming! Here is this weeks quote:

"The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs...one at a time." — Joe Girard

Keep the news and information coming to me in one of the following ways:

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Have a great week!

Sunset concert at Abbey

Treat yourself to a relaxing evening of jazz and light classical music, at the second annual Sunset at the Abbey concert, sponsored by the Hingham Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 4:30 p.m.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic. Light refreshments will also be sold. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd. (Rte. 228)

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The Ed Sorrentino Trio provides the jazz focus, with an emphasis on free-flow swing and jazz standards. Ed Sorrentino, percussionist and assistant director of the South Shore Conservatory, is joined by jazz pianist Mark Kross and Chris Rathbun on sting bass.

Cohasset. Tickets ($10 adult, $5 senior and youth under 19) are available at the gate or in advance at Noble's Hingham Square, Hingham Public Library, or the Abbey Bookstore. For more information, call 781-740-5694.



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Blueberry Festival

The public is invited to a Blueberry Festival on Sunday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street.

Blueberry pie, blueberry shortcake, and blueberry sundaes will be served. For entertainment, a pound auction will be held after dessert.

Tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for children. Tickets may be reserved or purchased at the door. For information and reservations, call 781-383-9131.

Diabetes benefit

To benefit the American Diabetes Association and the Brian Marshall Scholarship for the Arts, a dance will be held Thursday, Aug. 30, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Barn at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset.

Music by the Marshalls, Jimo, The Armstrong Brothers, The Mark Chason Band and others will be featured.

There will be a $10 admission fee and a cash bar.

Tickets are available at Harborside Wine & Spirits, Bay State Athletic Club, Scituate Playhouse and Curtis Liquors.

Family picnic

A parish Family Day Picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish on the grounds of the rectory. There will be food, including a dessert contest and games for the children. A $5 donation per person is requested, with a maximum of $20 per family. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses beginning Sept. 1. To volunteer to help out, call Rose Kierce at 781-383-0578.

Also, St. Anthony's religious education program is in urgent need of at least six volunteer teachers: three for grades six and three for grade nine.

The youth ministry is also in need of adults to help as chaperones and co-facilitators for weekly youth gatherings at the parish center.

For detailed information on volunteering, please call 781-383-0630.

Barnyard tours

There will be barnyard tours at Weir River Farm on Saturdays and Sundays throughout August. There will be two tours on each day, one at 11 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m.

Trustees of Reservation members free; non-members $2.

For information, call 781-740-7233.

Teachers wanted

Volunteers are needed to be religious education teachers this fall at St. Anthony Parish. No experience is necessary and teachers do not need to have a child enrolled in the program. Teacher training, handbooks and resource material are available. To help, call the religious education office at 781-383-0630.

Also, parents who have not yet registered their child for the fall religious education program are urged to do so now. Both the First Eucharist and Confirmation programs are two-year programs.

Taverna is Aug. 25

Taverna 2001 (A taste of Greece) will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Sons of Italy, Route 3A, Hingham.

For information call Greg Bukuras, 781-659-0071.

Visiting artists

The South Shore Art Center is becoming a summer destination for artists, art students and cultural enthusiasts. The center's summer initiative, Visiting Artist Workshops 2001 includes master classes in the visual arts. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel painting, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography, and impressionist still life painting

The instructors include: Karen Christians, Jared Clackner, Stuart Baron, Annie Silverman, John Brooks Maginnis, Heidi Whitman, Tracy Spadafora, William Ternes, Peter Madden, Frank Gohlke, and Margaret McWethy. They are all practicing artists as well as instructors at some of the most highly regarded art schools in the area including Boston University, Harvard, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, the Massachusetts College of Art, the DeCordova Museum, and the Worcester Art Museum.

The exhibition will be on display until Sept. 9. For more information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org.

Olde fashioned picnic basket auction

The Cohasset Historical Society announces an "Olde Fashioned Picnic Basket Auction," fundraising event, Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Lothrop House at 14 Summer St.

Bring a creative picnic lunch for two to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Then join the festivities by successfully bidding on and enjoying the picnic lunch of your choice. Suggestions include:

• In addition to lunch, customize your basket with an enticing extra, such as gift certificates, lottery tickets, free lessons, specialty items. The more creative the basket, the bigger the donation to the historical society.

• Basket essentials: appetizers/soup, sandwiches, munchies (veggies, chips), salad (pasta, Caesar, fruit), dessert, disposable utensils, dishes, napkins.

• Attach a note to the outside of your basket. Specify your basket's menu items and any special features so that the auctioneer can "sell" its virtues to the audience.

• Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

• Beverages will be provided by the society.

Don't forget, this is a fund-raiser — the more attractive the basket, the higher the bidding will go.

For reservations and information, call Tam Elliott, 781-383-2169; Barbara Elliott, 781-383-1154; or Kathy O'Malley, 781-383-9765.

Glastonbury Abbey priest helps save Vatican art

Celebrates 25 years at local parish

By Tim Llewellyn
CORRESPONDENT

The community of Glastonbury Abbey paused recently to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Father Richard Bourgeois' ordination as a Benedictine priest.

"In many aspects of life we fail to see the proverbial forest for the trees," said Bourgeois. "But moments like this, when we celebrate 25 years of anything, give us a clear view of the forest."

For Bourgeois, this forest has grown thick with a sense of community that he cultivated both on the South Shore and abroad for the past quarter of a century.

Recently, however, Bourgeois' role has changed. In December he was called back to Rome by Cardinal Szoka, President of the Governatorato, the equivalent of president of the Vatican City State. Szoka appointed Bourgeois to be the North American representative for the Patrons of the Arts office in the Vatican Museums.

The Patrons of the Arts office was established in 1995 to help raise money for the restoration and conservation of the Vatican's vast art collection. In its first six years, the new office has raised somewhere between seven and eight million dollars to help rescue the irreplaceable masterpieces housed in the Vatican Museums.

Bourgeois was ordained June 5, 1976 by Cardinal Medeiros for the Abbey in Hingham, ten years after joining the community at the age of 19. As a member of Glastonbury, he went on to study at St. Leo's in Florida, UMass Boston, the St. John's School of Philosophy and earned his License in Sacred Philosophy at the Pontifical University of St. Anselmo in Rome.

Bourgeois has put this extensive education to use in his varied and evolving missions as a Benedictine priest.

"On a pastoral level, in the course of my 25 years, I have basically been preparing people for marriage and celebrating their weddings... and consequently the baptism of their children," Bourgeois said of his work on the South Shore.

Bourgeois has also spent a good deal of his time traveling throughout the country speaking about the liturgy and preaching on living the Christian life.

"My goal," Bourgeois said, "was to serve in a capacity within which I would be able to activate and animate a realization of community."

The more than 200 people who came to celebrate his anniversary July 22 at the Abbey were certainly a testament to Bourgeois' commitment to community.



PHOTO/TIM LLEWELLYN
Father Richard Bourgeois

"I think Father Richard has a very good pastoral sense, and many people are attracted to his ministry," said Nicholas Morcone, the Abbot at Glastonbury.

Culturally ecumenical

Bourgeois points out that the fundraising efforts, while sponsored by the Vatican, is by no means limited to Catholics. He sees these restoration projects as a "culturally ecumenical" opportunity to save great art and, as the Vatican Museums receive no funding from either the Holy See or the Italian government, private patrons are critical to the survival of the collection.

And Bourgeois is certainly the right man for the job. With an encyclopedic knowledge of art and its history, as well as a high-energy, magnetic personality, Bourgeois should prove to be an effective fundraiser.

"Richard has the ability to make friends and speak to anybody on any level; that's his real skill," said long time friend Carol Stanton.

To learn more about the Patron of the Arts program, check out www.vaticanpatrons.org



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Father Richard Bourgeois provides communion to a parishioner at Glastonbury Abbey.

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No joy in Mudville

It's 6 p.m. Monday and a Channel 7 satellite truck is parked right outside The Hingham Journal office. This particular truck is equipped with a 20-foot pole that stretches toward the sky about five feet from our second-floor window. The hum of the truck's generator provides a kind of background music as we type away on our computer keyboards.

Channel 4 is around the corner on the old rail bed. And New England Cable News [NECN] is parked a little ways down South Street.

Television cameras are in Hingham Square *again*.

As local reporters, we don't have to ask why. There has not been a major accident, gas leak, fire or crime of any sort. The cameras are here for the same reason they were here from time to time last year, last decade and the decade before that: Greenbush is back in the news.

So why did the cameras whirl on Monday? Earlier that day, Environmental Secretary Bob Durand released his decision approving the Environmental Impact Report, dubbed an EIR, on Greenbush.

The long-anticipated finding sent off vibrations through the news media that would register on the Richter scale. But here in Hingham and environs, we all know it's too soon to celebrate or cry — no matter which side of the tracks you're on.

In essence by approving the EIR, Sec. Durand said the train meets the necessary environmental criteria with a few conditions and issued a certificate for the railroad line. Under almost any other circumstances this would be a homerun for a major project. You would think — because the Greenbush line would provide residents in Scituate, Cohasset and Hingham with commuter rail service to Boston for the first time since 1959 — the revelry would begin.

Yet there is no joy in Mudville tonight.

For those who want the train – the secretary has affirmed what they've known from the start: the train is the best, most efficient way to move large numbers of people to Boston and back.

But over 15 years of ups and downs, proponents know it's too soon to celebrate. Stuck in rush-hour gridlock on Route 3 and the Southeast Expressway, proponents yearn for an alternative but know when it comes to the controversial railroad line, there are no guarantees.

There have been years of environmental studies, federal involvement through the Army Corps of Engineers, historic impact reviews, mitigation deliberations, ballot votes, special Town Meetings and the Hingham town lawsuit.

Now the opponents, highly organized through AfTA [Advocates for Transportation Alternatives], are waiting for their day in court. The group, headed by John Bewick, a former secretary of environmental affairs, is poised to seek an injunction stopping the MBTA from proceeding with the rail project until a new EIR is conducted.

They claim the EIR is nothing more than an advocate's brief giving alternatives such as commuter boats short shrift. They say the train is an expensive throwback to times gone by and there are more efficient, cleaner alternatives.

Like a baseball game, AfTA plots strategy. It hurls accusations at the MBTA that paint the state authority as both inept and dishonest.

So where do we go from here?

At this point, it's not clear if the Town of Scituate will also sue the MBTA, as it threatened last week. It's also to soon to tell if Weymouth will agree with the secretary's plan for the Landing. But AfTA has made it clear it will head to court. Legal challenges can add considerable time to a project as evidenced by Hingham's lawsuit that stalled the train for years.

The secretary's decision is a big step forward and the progress that towns like Hingham and Cohasset have had with their respective mitigation agreements with the MBTA should also bolster the project. But until that first spade of dirt is dug or the first sections of track are laid – Greenbush is still anybody's bet.

Is the EIR a base hit, homerun – or will Greenbush ultimately strike out?

As they say in the TV industry, stay tuned.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mariners Park

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset Board of Selectmen,

I think "Mariners Park" is a great name for the harbour park at the end of my street.

I remember many Cohasset lobster fisherman fast at sea also, including Mickey Figueiredo, a very popular and well-loved native of the town.

Mariners Park would be most appropriate!

Margaret J. Bjorkgren
10 Parker Ave.

This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

CRC addresses McMorris letter

TO THE EDITOR:

Please allow me to address a few items raised in a letter to the editor submitted Aug. 2 by Selectman McMorris in reference to the Village revitalization initiative.

Since the revitalization initiative was formally established in 1996 by the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce (with encouragement from the long established Village Renaissance committee), and subsequently strengthened by the formation of the Village Revitalization Task Force in 1998 by the Cohasset Board of Selectmen, the goals to build new sidewalks, improve parking, and provide streetscape improvements to enhance the aesthetics of the village have remained constant. Selectman McMorris is correct that in 2000 the CRC was established through private donations to accelerate this ongoing initiative by offering the town assistance to fund the public visioning, design, planning and implementation of the village and harbor improvements. However, the concept has not gone "far afield" as Ms. McMorris suggests, it has indeed remained focused on improving sidewalks, parking, safety and accessibility, and aesthetics of the Village area.

Ms. McMorris is wondering "what happened to the offer to spruce up the village with private funds?" Well to date, the CRC has spent over $200,000 (of $420,000 raised through the generosity of over 50 local residents and businesses) towards the planning, design and administration of the village and harbor improvements. The CRC has coordinated six public workshops and numerous meetings with officials, residents and business owners in an effort to build a community consensus on the improvement opportunities. Though flower planting and new benches are important, the current objective of the CRC is to ensure the long-term economic and aesthetic viability of the village area by creating a plan to address safety and infrastructure deficiencies first, followed by long overdue aesthetic improvements.

However, well aware of the need for aesthetic improvements, the CRC initiated the joint purchase with the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Selectmen of six new village trash receptacles installed in May 2001, which can be seen around the village. Also, in early July of this year the Board of Selectmen accepted an offer by the CRC to clean and maintain the James Walkway, as well as areas within the rear parking lot and along the village streets. The CRC then arranged for and financed the cleanup and planting of the park area between Tedeschi's and French Memories and for the cleanup and ongoing maintenance of these village areas to compliment the established efforts of the Village Renaissance Committee. Clearly, the CRC embraces Selectman McMorris's idea of adopting a public area for beautification program.

Ms. McMorris's expressed a sense of alarm that "Greenbush-related mitigation grants" are being discussed to help implement the village improvement plans. The CRC does advocate for this and is simply echoing the position of the town's Mitigation Committee and the Board of Selectmen who have directed the MBTA to reconstruct the town parking lot and the Ripley Road and Pleasant Street intersection, a village focal point. The CRC also recently assisted the town in applying for a $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development Grant to specifically help pay for new sidewalks and streetscape improvements throughout the village in conjunction with the Greenbush project. Why piecemeal long overdue village improvements when the town has the opportunity, the funds and the engineering plans all in-hand to do a full context project?

Not only is it relevant to include these potential funding sources when discussing how to pay for the village improvements, other municipal funding for village area projects should be included as well. These include the $169,000 grant the town received in 1998 to construct a new sidewalk along South Main Street at the base of Saint Stephen's Church, and the sidewalk and road reconstruction funds included in the final phase of the James Brook Flood Control project which runs under the village. Linking these projects and integrating the funds will allow for design consistency and efficient expenditure of time and money.

To answer Selectman McMorris's question about whether such public funds should be used for these Town improvements within and around the village, I suggest that of course they should. These plans benefit the entire community by restoring and updating its unique and historic Town Center. Though the goal of the CRC is to have state and federal grants pay for 80 percent of the improvement costs, town funds and private donations should be expected to cover the balance.

Whether the town wishes to re-construct the village with asphalt, concrete or brick surfaces, a true public/private partnership on the local, state and federal level, is the best avenue to secure construction money for the community. The Town will decide the desirable degree and scale of improvements, and the manner in which mitigation funds, grant money, and town allocations are administered. To be successful, however, requires the patience, cooperation, and collaboration of the community as a whole, an objective the CRC will continue to facilitate.

Residents and public officials are needed at the public meetings and forums to directly express their ideas and concerns in the design process of improving the village area for not only today, but for future generations. Everyone should feel free to visit the CRC office at 87 Elm St. to review the current plans and to question and comment upon them. Afterall, simply planting flowers and applying Band-Aids to problem areas is no substitute for perceiving the big picture and planning soundly for long term, quality improvements.

Dean Rizzo
Cohasset Revitalization Corporation

Parents are setting the wrong example

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent Mariner editorial, "What's wrong with this picture?" regarding DARE and PALS "all but [disappearing] from the scene" coupled with the insightful letter from Jane Lanzillotti was good, but will the right people get it?

It's pretty hard to run programs which help associate the cops with their positive community efforts when the leaders are both disrespectful and condescending to them. Proof of this lies in the abandoning of DARE, PALS, and Academy efforts, as well as the reflex action of some kids and parents to sing the "do you know who I am?" "I know your Chief" songs when stopped. This demonstrates a "Camp Cohasset" mindset, where cops are considered contemptible guardians/counselors of errant children, rather then those who frequently perform pretty well substantiated interventions before something worse occurs, if all are lucky. Seems as if by the time the cops stop people they are one step away from some disaster, which if unabated, puts both victims and the cops in very difficult circumstances. You can't explain that to the my-kids-are-picked-on parents, however.

Ms. Lanzillotti's well chosen words about the amount of activities available to kids is also notable. However, the do-as-I-say-not-as-I-do mindset doesn't work. How many parents engage in the activities dealing with their big-screen TVs, VCR's Nintendo's, stereo's, etc.? Seems as if many parents get together for parties with friends and "drink booze and smoke a little reefer," so why shouldn't the kids?

The recent Little League fundraiser proved to be a bash which required police intervention on more than one occasion, showing not only disrespect for the neighbors, disturbed enough to call for intervention, but the same behavior we say is not acceptable for kids, the supposed beneficiary of the effort. It's not the first, last, or only party of this nature, but perhaps one of the most contradictory, and if you don't think the kids know about these bashes, you're just kidding yourself.

As the editorial stated: "Certainly for a town with as many smart people as Cohasset has — getting a positive police-student program underway is not rocket science." It's not. It *is* a matter of seeing that leaders set examples of what is expected from others. If they choose not to, then it's up to voters and citizens to choose what they want in leaders. That's not rocket science either.

Maybe, just maybe, future headlines about Cohasset will not deal with inappropriate executive interference with the police, Secret Service intervention with students, suspended athletes, drunken party arrests, petty administrative fights, and the other negative community tattoos.

We're just fooling ourselves to think expectations of the "privileged" kids are different than what we allow for the "privileged" parents.

Mark Bell
460 King St.

Three local teachers will learn about retired life

TEACHERS WITH CLASS

ELIZABETH OWENS-RIGBY

When school begins in Cohasset on Sept. 5, three teachers from the middle/high school will not respond to the ringing of bells as they have for so many years. Instead, Ron Emmons, George Fortin, and Dennis Walsh will be making their own schedules as they learn about living in retirement. All three men taught for more than 35 years and provided several generations of Cohasset children with important pieces of their education.

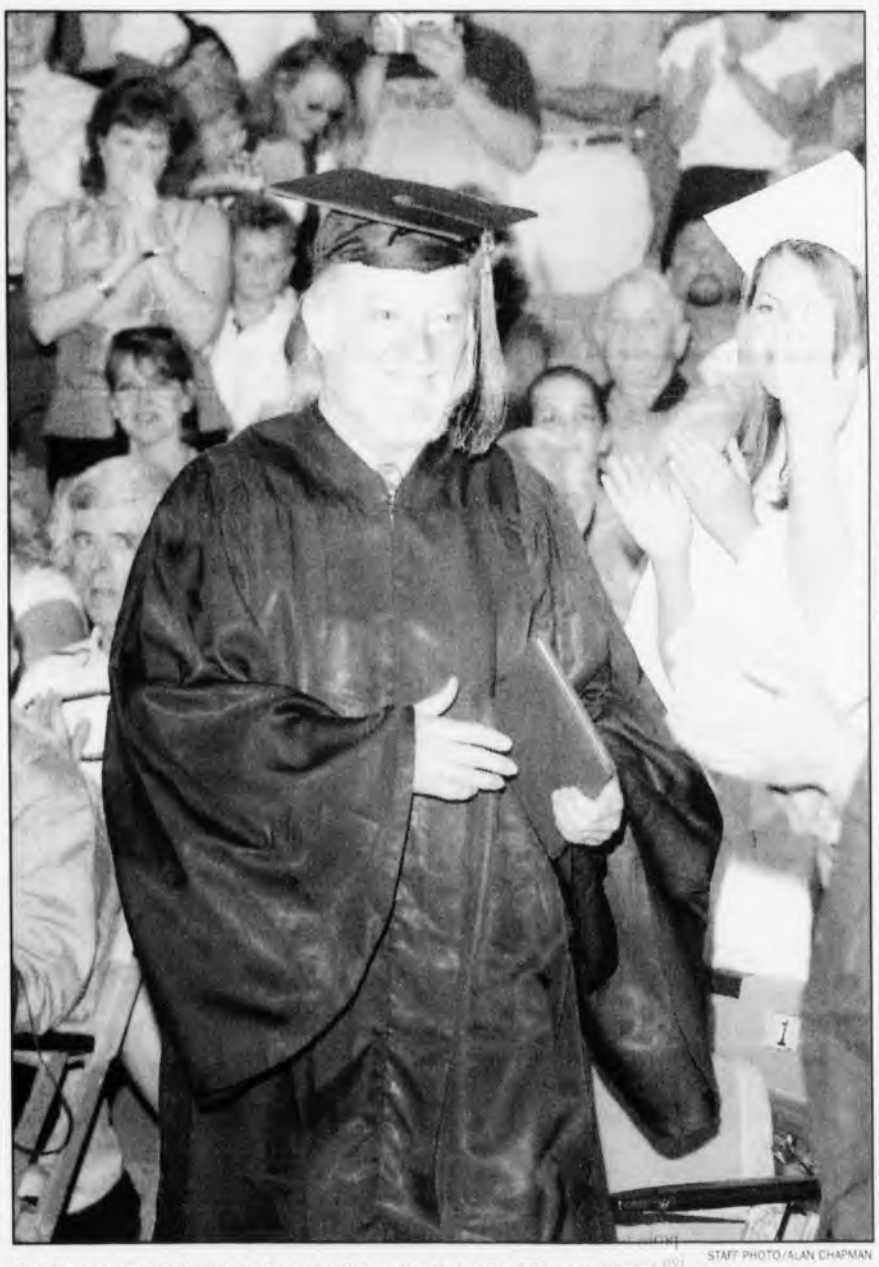
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Retiring Cohasset High School teachers George Fortin and Dennis Walsh at CHS graduation exercises in June.

Mr. Emmons was an English and drama teacher for 39 years and spent 33 of those years teaching at Cohasset High School. He ended his tenure as a Cohasset teacher and drama coach by staging his ninth production of "Godspell," which was also the first production he staged in Cohasset. Mr. Emmons thinks of teaching as a creative art where the teacher should inspire children to think and want to become life-long learners. He enjoyed the professional challenges he felt as a Cohasset teacher, which enabled him to continue learning for himself and his students. Some highlights of his career have been Cohasset High School's many years of participating in the Massachusetts Drama Festival, communicating with former students, who have been inspired by their teacher to go into careers in the arts or teaching, and sharing in the pride of his students' accomplishments. As Mr. Emmons begins his life as a retiree, he says he will miss his students and his supportive colleagues. He is looking forward to spending time at his new home in Wellesley with his wife, Linda French.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Retiring teacher Ron Emmons gets a standing ovation during the CHS commencement in June.

Mr. Fortin has been a world language teacher at Cohasset Middle School for 34 of his 35 years as a teacher. He has found his years as a Cohasset teacher to be very rewarding, and noted proudly that throughout all of the educational changes during his career, CMS continued to have a rigorous program and high expectations for its students. Some of his most rewarding moments occurred annually when students with no prior knowledge of a foreign language developed the ability to communicate in that language. Mr. Fortin remarked on his overwhelmingly positive experiences with his students in all of his roles as foreign language teacher, soccer and tennis coach, and guide for foreign travel or exchange programs. Although Mr. Fortin will miss teaching French, his students, and his supportive colleagues, he is looking forward to not being committed to a daily schedule. He plans to travel with his wife, Judi, and to spend a lot of time with his three grandchildren. In addition, he will have time to devote to his good-weather hobby, aviation and his bad-weather hobby, woodworking.

Mr. Walsh has been a math teacher for 38 years, and taught for 32 of those years at Cohasset High School. During his career as a teacher, he has found it particularly rewarding to assist his students through some of the more difficult math concepts and to work with his students outside of the classroom by coaching student athletes. Mr. Walsh has seen many changes in math education, most notably the ability of teachers and students to explore more diverse concepts with the aid of computers and graphing calculators. A highlight in Mr. Walsh's career occurred when he spent four years working at St. Michael's College School in Canada. During his tenure there he worked with Father John Egsgard, a former President of The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). The NCTM is the leading research organization regarding the best mathematics teaching practices and Mr. Walsh remembers these years as a time of great professional growth. Other highlights included helping Cohasset High School begin to offer computer courses to its students and coaching the 1988 hockey team to the state quarter finals. As a retiree, Mr. Walsh plans to spend more time with his family and to travel with his wife, Casey. His other retirement ideas include going back to college or perhaps working on a lobster boat.

These three retirees have devoted many years of their lives to the Cohasset Public Schools community. On behalf of the community, the Cohasset Teachers' Association thanks them for their professional service and wishes them many happy years of retirement.

Elizabeth Owens-Rigby is a member of the Cohasset Teachers' Association.

Swift's job performance a non-issue

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



MODERATOR - Good evening, fellow Bay Staters, and welcome to "Heed the Press," the weekly half hour in which the events of the past seven days are explained to you in a fair and balanced manner. Tonight the subject of our analysis is "Jane Swift — Can She Be Reelected in 2002?"

Our panel tonight is made up of Mr. Smith, the awarded-winning columnist of the Gazette, and Mr. Jones, who is known for his penetrating questions on station WHY-TV, and Mr . . . Mr . . . (aside to aide) Harold, who is that last guy? Oh, he's just a voter, eh? Good idea. We'll get some input from the public itself.

We'll start with you, Mr. Smith.

SMITH - I think the fact that her husband has been married four times is going to play a key role in gaining her the Republican nomination. It's a matter of family values. The people of Massachusetts simply won't stand for a governor whose husband has been married four times.

JONES - I think the fact that her husband has a homosexual son by a previous marriage will hurt her with the general population, which, our poll has determined, is mostly heterosexual. I'm sure the people of Massachusetts will never vote for someone whose stepson is homosexual.

Not only that, but she was going to drive to Rhode Island in her own gas-guzzling SUV.

VOTER - She's been acting governor for six months now, how's she been doing?

MODERATOR - A good question, sir. Mr. Smith?

SMITH - She started off her career as a statewide official by "borrowing" a state police helicopter to take her home to North Adams for Thanksgiving. That's an unheard of action by a politician in Massachusetts. Anyone who has had to drive a long distance to get home for the holidays will find it difficult to vote for her.

JONES - And she alienated mothers throughout the Commonwealth when she had her State House aides look after her daughter while she worked. Other mothers have to spend their hard-earned dollars hiring baby-sitters or putting their children out to day care. Next thing you know she'll be sending an aide out for her dry cleaning.

VOTER - But how has she been doing as governor?

MODERATOR - A good question, sir. (Aside to aide) Where did you find this guy, Harold?

SMITH - My paper exposed the fact that she was going to take her whole family — the twins, daughter Elizabeth and husband Chuck — on a state-funded junket to Providence for a three-day governor's conference.

Not only that, but she was going to drive to Rhode Island in her own gas-guzzling SUV.

JONES - And my TV channel exposed the fact that her campaign committee received a $1,000 contribution from the owner of a strip club that was trying open an adult entertainment center in Boston. She gave it back but what does that say for her family values?

VOTER - But how has she been doing as governor?

MODERATOR - (Aside to aide) Harold, get rid of this guy during the next break. I don't care how you do it. Tell him his house is on fire or his son has been kidnapped. Just get rid of his. He's spoiling this whole damn broadcast.

POLITICAL NOTES

GOP cookout

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will hold its annual cookout fund-raiser at the beautiful seaside home of Julie and Ted Guild, 365 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, on Sunday, Aug. 26, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Special guests will include GOP Senate Majority Leader Brian Lees, GOP House Leader Francis Marini, District Attorney Mike Sullivan, other elected officials of Plymouth and Norfolk Counties and the Cape, and a surprise guest.

To reserve a place or for further information call Janet Fogarty 617-786-8200 or Mike Smith 781-383-2387. Parking will be at Sandy Beach with a shuttle to the Guild home. In case of rain, the picnic will be held at Bates Hall, Second Congregational Church, 45 Highland Avenue (opposite Historic Cohasset Common).

Hedlund on racing bill committee

Senator Robert L. Hedlund was named to the Racing/Simulcasting Bill Conference Committee. The House and Senate passed separate versions of the bill, which makes a series of changes to horse and dog racing and simulcasting of races in the Commonwealth.

The bill was a byproduct of testimony given in front of a Special Racing Commission on which Hedlund sat, and deliberations that flowed from that fact gathering process. The Senate debated the last month, and adopted a version that differed from the House of Representatives' legislation in a number of ways.

The Senate version, for example, requires a study of temperatures at which it is safe to race greyhounds, an amendment offered by Hedlund and others. The Senate version also favors: adding representation from labor and the Wonderland and Raynham tracks to the Greyhound Adoption Trust Fund Board approved in the bill; including a 9-member commission to determine the viability of off-track betting; a different definition of "racing performance" and simulcast requirements than the House; provisions for purse increases dedicated to the Raynham Capital Improvement Trust Fund and greater purse increases than the House's version to the Wonderland Capital Improvement Trust Fund. The Senate's version also calls for a "sunsetting" of the bill (automatic repeal) in three years.

HEALTH NOTES

Rainy weather and water quality

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

You may have seen the recent notices at the Cohasset Sailing Club and at several sites on Bassing Beach stating that the beach is closed after rain events more than half an inch, although, they were torn down within a day of their placement. The fact is that this summer, with several wet spells, pollution has risen in many of our waterways. The most recent sampling of water quality (Aug. 14) showed enterococcus levels more than twice safe swimming levels at the sailing club, the Cohasst Yacht Club, and at Sandy Cove. This condition has prompted us to gather another round of samples and to take some additional steps:

First, both the yacht club and the sailing club will be requested to fly red flags at their yardarm on days when pollution levels are high. Also, the harbormaster will be notified. Secondly, Sandy Cove residents will be notified by a message system to be worked out. High readings are very sensitive to tidal flushing, and readings during incoming tides and at high tide will tend to be low. They will then rise, depending on mixing and other factors during falling tide and will reach their highest levels slightly after low tide. (high tide occurs at different times at each location in the harbor).

This summer, with several wet spells, pollution has risen in many of our waterways.

The origin of the problem is mainly from storm-water runoff. After a storm, millions of gallons of water from the Gulf River and James Brook watersheds are discharged into the harbor. A potential additional source, but on a much lesser scale, could occur in storms when groundwater enters the Town's older sewer pipes to such an extent that the treatment plant can't keep up with the additional flows. So far, this year the Sewer Department reports that it has been able to keep ahead of storm flows. Normally, during storm events, the plant settles out most of the pollution, and the effect on the harbor is probably negligible.

Wellness activities

The Board of Health will sponsor a health screening day in October. Cholesterol, blood sugar, osteoporosis and hearing screenings will be offered as well as current health information of interest to people of all ages. In conjunction with the Cohasset School system we will present a food allergy program, focusing on peanut allergies at the end of September. Flu Immunization clinics will be held in October and November. Please watch this column for the dates of all these health activities. For more information call the Public Health Nurse at 781-383-2210.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Deer Hill, Osgood times have changed

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problem and recommended the time change. "We're going down roads we never went down before, and the buses need more time to do their routes. If the buses are late to the Deer Hill, they're going to be late to the Osgood."

Stephen Ingle, representing Joseph Ingle Bus Service, Inc., the company in charge of Cohasset's school bus service, said the problem "starts by leaving the middle/high school late and mushrooms from there."

The old school schedule had Deer Hill students released just 14 minutes after the middle/high school — not nearly enough time for drivers to complete their routes to areas such as West Corner, and make it back in time for the Deer Hill students.

Callahan also said that the problem is worsened when parents, frustrated at not knowing when their child is going to get home, drive to the schools to pick them up.

"We'll have 50-70 cars picking up kids, and it only takes 20 to back up the line with the buses stuck in it," he said.

The transportation committee looked at a number of factors in making its recommendation, including the number of buses, the bus routes, how many stops on each route, how many kids on each bus, the learning time needed at each school, and driveway/parking issues at each school.

Two different proposals would have shaved five minutes off the middle/high school's day, but Principal Dr. Michael Jones was "equivocally opposed" to shortening the day.

"We currently try to teach a year-course in one semester, a 135-hour course in 108 hours," he said. "To cut it any further would be unconscionable."

Another proposal was to start and dismiss the middle/high school five minutes earlier, but Jones again opposed it, saying it was hard enough already to get teenagers to school by 7:20 a.m., let alone 7:15 a.m.

The proposal to move the Deer Hill and Osgood start times back by 15 minutes was supported both by Callahan, new Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan, and teachers' union president Ed Leonard.

"This has been an escalating problem over the years," Leonard said. He added by sending the students home on time, teachers would also be able to start their after-school meetings on time.

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo said some people would be unhappy "because it's change," but he thought for the most part people would support the time changes.

School Committee Chairman Stephanie Noble warned that the later start time could result in a bump in the before-school program. She also asked the elementary school principals to be "very, very, very, clear" what time parents could begin dropping their children off at school.

Noble also said that the time change was just one part of the overall busing puzzle, and that the transportation committee would continue to examine issues such as whether to expand or condense bus stops, or whether to change routes.

Schools finish fiscal year in black

Switch to new accounting system

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset Schools Business Manager Ivan Klimko expects to close the books on the 2001 fiscal year with the school department nearly $29,000 in the black.

Last year, Cohasset schools were allocated $9,598,759.40 for educating the town's 1,339 students. As of Thursday night, when Klinko appeared before the School Committee, the schools had spent $9,418,619.74. He expects to spend another $151,348.25 on outstanding bills.

Teacher salaries and benefits made up the biggest chunk of the budget, at $5,411,101.10.

The School Committee said the remaining $28,791.41 balance will be given back to the town.

"We have lived within the budget, thanks to the hard work by everybody," said Superintendent Edward Malvey.

He said the schools were able to save money by using "cost-saving strategies" when it came to bidding out school supplies, and "holding back" some expenditures. He also credited Student Services Coordinator Stephen Kaplan for "controlling the special education finances."

As for the current fiscal year, which began July 1, Klimko introduced the School Committee to the new state-mandated accounting system. He said in an effort to increase district accountability, school systems across the state have switched over to the same accounting system.

"There really was no choice," Klimko explained, flipping through the two-inch thick instruction manual he prepared and handed out to the board. But he called some of the changes "just good accounting," and said the old system had become "antiquated."

He gave the example that under the old system, the school was recording money spent on computers under "audio/visual."

The system breaks down into eight segments, with can then be further broken down into smaller accounts, although he said he wants to keep the number of sub-accounts to a minimum.

The conversion to the new system involved Klimko having to sort through the budgeted account and redistribute the money into the new system. He said there was $8,000 he wasn't able to find a proper home for, and simply created a "Business Office Account."

"But there is no more money or no less money, just new accounts," he said.

Truck ban on Summer Street rejected

Selectmen rejected a request by Summer Street residents to ban trucks from the narrow, winding road. Earlier this summer, dozens of residents petitioned the board to make a number of safety changes to the road, including redesigning the Summer/Border Street intersection, and banning trucks.

Police Chief Brian Noonan, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln and DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield all wrote letters against the ban.

A Norfolk County Board of Engineers survey reported the average speed to be about 20 miles per hour, lower than the posted 25 miles per hour. Police Chief Brian Noonan, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln and Department of Public Works Superintendent Harold Litchfield all wrote letters against the ban.

But the board said fighting MassHighway to institute the truck ban would be, in Selectman Merle Brown's words, "like beating your head against a wall."

Brown explained the town had tried to get a truck ban on Upper King Street, and presented evidence such as the close proximity to a reservoir, the narrow road, and a sufficient detour. But the request was ultimately denied. The only current truck ban is heading down Pond Street towards the harbor, because of the steep hill before the railroad tracks.

However, Selectman Thomas Callahan said the proposal did raise the issue of the need for safer sidewalks along the street.

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Planners like initial boatyard proposal

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business on the site, as well as expanding public access to the water. She also said renovations would keep the buildings on the site looking the same, and would not be painted black and gray, Roy's "corporate colors."

The project has not yet run into any snags in the state permitting process with the Department of Environmental Protection, and will be able to keep its Chapter 90 permits as a water-dependent use.

The plan does need approval from the town Conservation Commission because work would be done within a watershed area, and relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals for parking and to create the condos.

The site is currently zoned for water-front business, and does not allow for residential housing. It would also need a variance for parking. The site, as is, is an existing non-conforming use because its square footage would require 60 parking spaces under zoning rules, said Shropshire. The renovated site would reduce the needed spaces to approximately 20. However, because of space constraints, Roy is proposing to build just seven.

Shropshire said even if all Roy did was renovate the buildings he'd have to still provide 60 spaces.

Moore said the parking issue is one that he can see the town working with Roy on.

"Whenever we're usually dealing with a situation where people are seeking relief, they're usually seeking it from some sort of hardship they've created for themselves," he said. "This is probably a case where it at least deserves to be looked at."

As of Tuesday, Zoning Board Chairman Woody Chittick had not seen any plans and wasn't able to comment on the project.

Bids opened for Route 228 reconstruction

MassHighway Commissioner Matthew J. Amorello today announced construction bids for the reconstruction of Route 228 in Cohasset and Hingham have been opened.

Todesca Equipment Co. Inc. of Readville, submitted the apparent low bid of $2,297,723. Five other contractors also submitted bids.

Route 228 is an important roadway for commuters and commerce in Cohasset and Hingham, and this project will provide major improvement" said Amorello. "The Swift Administration is committed to projects of this type in every corner of the Commonwealth."

My thanks to Governor Swift and Commissioner Amorello for providing Massachusetts with a top-notch transportation infrastructure. The Swift Administration continues to ensure that road improvements such as the reconstruction of Route 228 are moving forward in Cohasset, Hingham and throughout the South Shore, said, state Senator Robert L. Hedlund.

The project consists of minor roadway and sidewalk widening and resurfacing from the Hull Town Line to Merrymount Road. Work also calls for drainage improvements, new traffic signs and pavement markings. The roadway work is expected to begin this fall and to be completed by mid-2003.

This project is part of an overall effort by the Swift Administration to dedicate more than $700 million a year over the next five years to road and bridge spending in Massachusetts. This amount is independent of Boston's Central Artery project.

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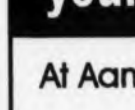
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Selectmen support village revitalization concept

VRTF estimates cost between $1.7 and $2.4 million

By Rick Collins
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Village Revitalization Task Force chairman Tim O'Brien didn't get the full support from Cohasset selectmen he had hoped for Tuesday, but it was a step in the right direction.

As Cecil Group representative David O'Connor went through a new, tweaked version of the proposed Cohasset Village improvement plans, selectmen voiced their support for a majority of the project's general concepts. The board did not take any official votes, and insisted the VRTF get additional comments from other town boards such as the Planning Board, and Growth & Development Committee before it makes a formal commitment to the project.

The VRTF also hopes to meet with the Design & Review Board, but it was not clear at Tuesday's meeting whether the board was still functioning. The task force presented its proposal alongside Dean Rizzo, who is the executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private-non-profit that has provided funding for a majority of the planning effort.

Selectmen supported such things as a crosswalk across Ripley Road to the post office, a redesign of the Pleasant Street/Ripley Road/Depot Court intersection, a more defined sidewalk along Elm Street, and the St. Stephen's sidewalk project [see related story].

However, they did not fully support the Depot Court plan, which would create angled parking by the South Shore Community Center, but force the removal of the island from the middle of the street. O'Connor said the P.O.W. Memorial could instead be moved to a "mini-park" created on the corner of North Main Street and Depot Court.

Selectman Michael Sullivan thought removing the island would result in drivers cutting the corner when turning onto Depot Court from the village.

But he was in the minority. Selectman Merle Brown said the reconfiguration would be safer for parents dropping off their children at the community center.

Selectman Thomas Callahan didn't see why the town should keep the island just to "accommodate bad drivers."

The VRTF's plan for a redesigned town parking lot had already been some-what approved — it was submitted to the MBTA as part of the mitigation agreement the town signed in May. The MBTA will pick up the cost for reconstructing the parking lot.

The board also said work on the parking lot would be done in conjunction with any work done on restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail line, and the last phase of the James Brook Flood Control project, which the MBTA has agreed to pay for also.

Additionally, at the request of selectmen, the task force presented a preliminary cost estimate of the improvements, broken into different phases, and by sidewalk materials. The estimated costs, not including money for contingencies and full-design plans, ranged from $1.7 million if done with concrete sidewalks to $2.4 million if done with brick.

Funding for the project could be a mixed blessing, however.

If restoration of the Greenbush line does happen, and recent developments suggest it will [see related story], the town would see a windfall of money. A combination of the MBTA-backed $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development grant for the downtown area, MBTA-funded reconstruction of the parking lot, the existing $170,000 MassHighway grant for the St. Stephen's walkway, and private donations could cover the entire cost of the project.

But if the train is scrapped, which many hope it will, the town is left with the task of figuring out a funding source.

Even if the project does not require any town money to be spent, selectmen will still require the plan to pass a Town Meeting vote.

Rizzo said he hopes to hold one more public forum after the task force has met with a few more various town groups. "The goal is to get enough input prior to presenting it at Town Meeting, that we have already basically reached a consensus," he said.

Village infrastructure improvement project

PRESCHEMATIC PHASE OPINION OF COST

	Phase 1 Rear parking lot Ripley/Pleasant Intersection, James Way	Phase 2 Depot Court Ripley Road	Phase 3 South Main St. Brook Street Elm Street	Total
Concrete Sidewalks				
Construction total with 15% Overhead/Profit	$662,614	$395,570	$677,535	**$1,735,719**
Add 24" Bluestone Border Sidewalks				
Add to Above Price	$39,883	$62,387	$375,602	**$2,213,591**
Full Brick Sidewalks				
Add to Above Price	$57,900	$90,562	$552,356	**$2,436,537**

ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCIES

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Total
Construction Contingency for unanticipated conditions	$84,769	$50,605	$86,678	$222,052
Design/Engineering	$56,513	$33,737	$57,786	$148,036

The above estimated pricing includes roadway reconstruction/rehabilitation, upgraded intersection geometry, curbing, drainage, decorative lighting, streetscape features, plantings, signage and other such streetscape amenities.

St. Stephen's sidewalk gets go-ahead

By Rick Collins
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Three years after it was passed at Town Meeting, Selectmen gave the go-ahead Tuesday for the St. Stephen's sidewalk project in the village.

The project, which will remove up to four feet of granite ledge and build a sidewalk connecting Elm Street and Cohasset Common along South Main Street, has already been awarded a $170,000 grant from MassHighway, and has just been awaiting design plans by the town.

Last night, during a presentation by the Village Revitalization Task Force — which has been working closely with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private, non-profit group consisting of town residents and business interests dedicated to improving the village and harbor areas — the board voted to finally get the project moving.

The task force had presented a set of plans created by their urban design firm, The Cecil Group, in the past, but both selectmen and residents were concerned the sidewalk would further narrow an already tight road.

"There had always been some controversy about removing the ledge and blasting and safety of cars driving up on the sidewalk, and as much as selectmen understand those concerns, we've decided to prioritize safety," said Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed. "I don't know if there is anybody in town who hasn't gone over the white line to avoid traffic the way it's currently configured. But we reached a point where we had to make a decision and the grant money is there to do it."

At the request of the board last month, the CRC marked off where the proposed curb line would be, and it turned out to be between a foot and two feet away from the existing fog line – much to the surprise of selectmen.

Selectman Thomas Callahan suggested last night that the task force has enough space to work with, that it should consider moving the curb out a bit, thus not having to chip away as much ledge.

CRC Executive Director Dean Rizzo said he would commission a formal set of sidewalk plans to be created, and would then present them to the task force and selectmen before sending them into the state.

The sidewalk's building material was not decided at last night's meeting. The task force has narrowed the options down to brick, blue-stone border, and concrete, and will seek an opinion from the public.

Cecil Group representative David O'Connor was not exactly sure how the ledge would be removed. Rizzo said it would more than likely be removed by inserting water into the ledge, letting it freeze and expand during the winter, allowing it to crack naturally.

Memorial planned at Mariners Park

Plans are underway to install a memorial at Mariners Park [formerly the Hagerty site] off Parker Avenue for those from Cohasset who lost their lives at sea.

If anyone has any additional names, please contact Paul Pattison at 781-383-6164.

These are the names that organizers have so far: Eagle McSweeny, Bill Grassie, Tony Figueiredo, Richard Figueiredo, Joe Figueiredo, Mary Figueiredo, Mickey Figueiredo, Pater Grimes, Samantha Hutt, Sheldon Sladen, Robin Lagemann, Jack Hubbard, Harold Hill, Jack Curtis, Paul Dion and Charles Wasser.

Town Meeting to vote on name

Selectmen decided Tuesday to file a special Town Meeting article that would name the new town parking lot and dock at the end of Parker Avenue, "Mariners Park," in memory of those who have lost their lives at sea.

The name was proposed by Hagerty Property Committee member Paul Pattison, and has received near unanimous support according to Town Manager Mark Haddad and committee chairman Russ Bonetti.

Haddad said since the dock's gangway wouldn't arrive until the end of the boating season, he recommended delaying the dedication until next year.

However, Bonetti was upset at the board's decision to put naming the park before a Town Meeting vote, and to not dedicate the park until the spring.

"You should just make a decision and get it over with," he said. "You've made a lot more important decisions with less consideration."

Selectman Michael Sullivan, who pushed to allow Town Meeting to vote on the name, said he didn't see the big deal waiting.

"Town Meeting bought it and I think we should let them name it," he said.

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Local Vietnam vet pushes to get memorial finished

By Mary Ford
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What started out as an effort to honor all town veterans has turned into a battle that has lasted longer than most wars.

To Joe McElroy, a retired US Army lieutenant colonel — who circulated a petition over the weekend to jump start the veterans memorial project at the harbor — that's just not right.

"The bottom line is the project ought to be moved forward," the Windy Hill Road resident said.

But World War II veteran Austin "Bud" Ahearn, who is spearheading the project, says the granite has been ordered and should arrive in about two weeks. Once it arrives, Ahearn will put the project out to bid. The WWII memorial will be finished, and the WWI and Spanish-American memorials will go up at the same time, he said.

However, McElroy, a Vietnam War veteran, said he won't hold his breath. Ahearn has promised progress on the memorials before and nothing has been done, he said. McElroy is also not satisfied with Town Hall's seemingly laid-back approach. Although selectmen threatened to take over the project 14 months ago, at a recent meeting, they said they had no leverage because the project does not involve a town committee or town funds. But the memorial is on town land, McElroy points out.

"It's like the world stopped spinning after V-J day – when since that time, 50,000-plus American soldiers died in Korea and 50,000-plus in Vietnam."
— Joe McElroy, Windy Hill Road

Back in 1992, Ahearn, who lives on Clay Spring Road, launched the non-profit Cohasset Military Memorial, Inc. to raise money for a memorial, which was to be built in phases, that would include the names of Cohasset veterans of all wars.

Ahearn built the first phase, the WWII memorial, but excluded names of those who served in the occupational forces from V-J Day, Aug. 14, 1945, until Dec. 31, 1946, even though the US Congress also considers those soldiers veterans.

The exclusion set off a firestorm of controversy among veterans that landed in the selectmen's lap. Not long thereafter, McElroy served on a committee appointed to mitigate the issue and get the project back on track.

"We came up with recommendations on how to proceed," McElroy recalled. "But the committee never had in its mission to execute the project."

Execution, however, appears to be under the sole jurisdiction of Ahearn, a combat veteran whose memories of serving with the 9th Army in Europe are as vivid today as they were more than 55 years ago. Ahearn has made no secret of the fact that he doesn't consider the occupational forces true war veterans because they could not have heard a shot fired in anger.

To date, neither the wording on the memorial to include all World War II veterans has not been changed nor have the missing names been added.

What has rankled McElroy even more was Ahearn's effort to solicit more funds last year for the WWI and Spanish-American War honor rolls – when the WWII memorial remained uncorrected.

Ahearn has reported total contributions of upwards of $25,000 for the memorials. He explained much of the delay was due to compiling names of the occupational forces and uncovering names of soldiers inadvertently left off the WWII memorial – efforts that were extremely time consuming.

McElroy recently wrote to the Division of Public Charities, state Office of the Attorney General, to complain about the project's lack of progress and asking that the money be expended on the memorial by Veterans Day, Nov. 11 of this year [see related story].

In a telephone interview, McElroy said many Korean and Vietnam veterans contributed to the project with the idea that their memorials would soon come to fruition. He pointed out Korean veterans, who are only five years younger than WWII veterans for the most part, are getting up there in years.

"It's like [for Ahearn] the world stopped spinning after V-J day – when since that time, 50,000-plus American soldiers died in Korea and 50,000-plus in Vietnam.

"It's as if in those wars, people who died and served, never existed," he said.

Ahearn said there won't be enough money to build the remaining Vietnam, Korea and Desert Storm memorials because his fund-raising effort last year only brought in about $5,000 in additional money.

"There won't be enough money to finish the project," he said. "If someone else wants to do it, that's fine. I'm 81."

Charitable organization hasn't filed with state

In answering a written inquiry by Joe McElroy of Windy Hill Road regarding Cohasset Military Memorial Corporation, the state Attorney General's Office stated the organization has not complied with state law governing public charities.

Sandra L. Cardone, assistant attorney general, wrote public charities are required to register with the Division of Public Charities before engaging in solicitations for funds and are also required to report annually to the Division – neither of which the Cohasset Military Memorial Corp. has done.

"While I do have reason to believe the entity is a 501 c3 tax exempt organization, it, nonetheless, must still must register and file with the Attorney General's Office," stated Cardone, who said she would notify the organization of its legal responsibilities.

Richard Leggat of Jerusalem Road, an attorney who is a director of the military memorial corporation, stated in a letter to the Attorney General's office that Cohasset Military Memorial Inc. is qualified as a 501 c3 corporation by the Internal Revenue Service. In a telephone interview, Leggat said the organization is manned by volunteers and Ahearn has done most of the work on the memorial himself.

"If there was some failure on the filings, it is not a big deal," he said. But Leggat said he planned to call the Attorney General's office and get the matter straightened out.

"This is a tempest in a teapot," he said.

Lambert's Lane speed patrols

A recent Norfolk County Board of Engineers traffic study of Lambert's Lane showed the average vehicle speed to be approximately 20 miles per hour, close to a similar study done by Cohasset Police.

Residents had appeared before selectmen to complain about speeding traffic along the road leading to the Cohasset Golf Club.

If the town was to change the speed limit on the private way, which is currently 15 miles per hour, it would have to be set at the 85th percentile in terms of average speed – in this case, 25 miles per hour.

"The road does have some cars that travel 40 miles per hour, but we have that on every street," said Town Manager Mark Haddad."

The board has asked police to step up patrols along the road, and asked the golf club to remind their visitors to observe the posted speed limit.

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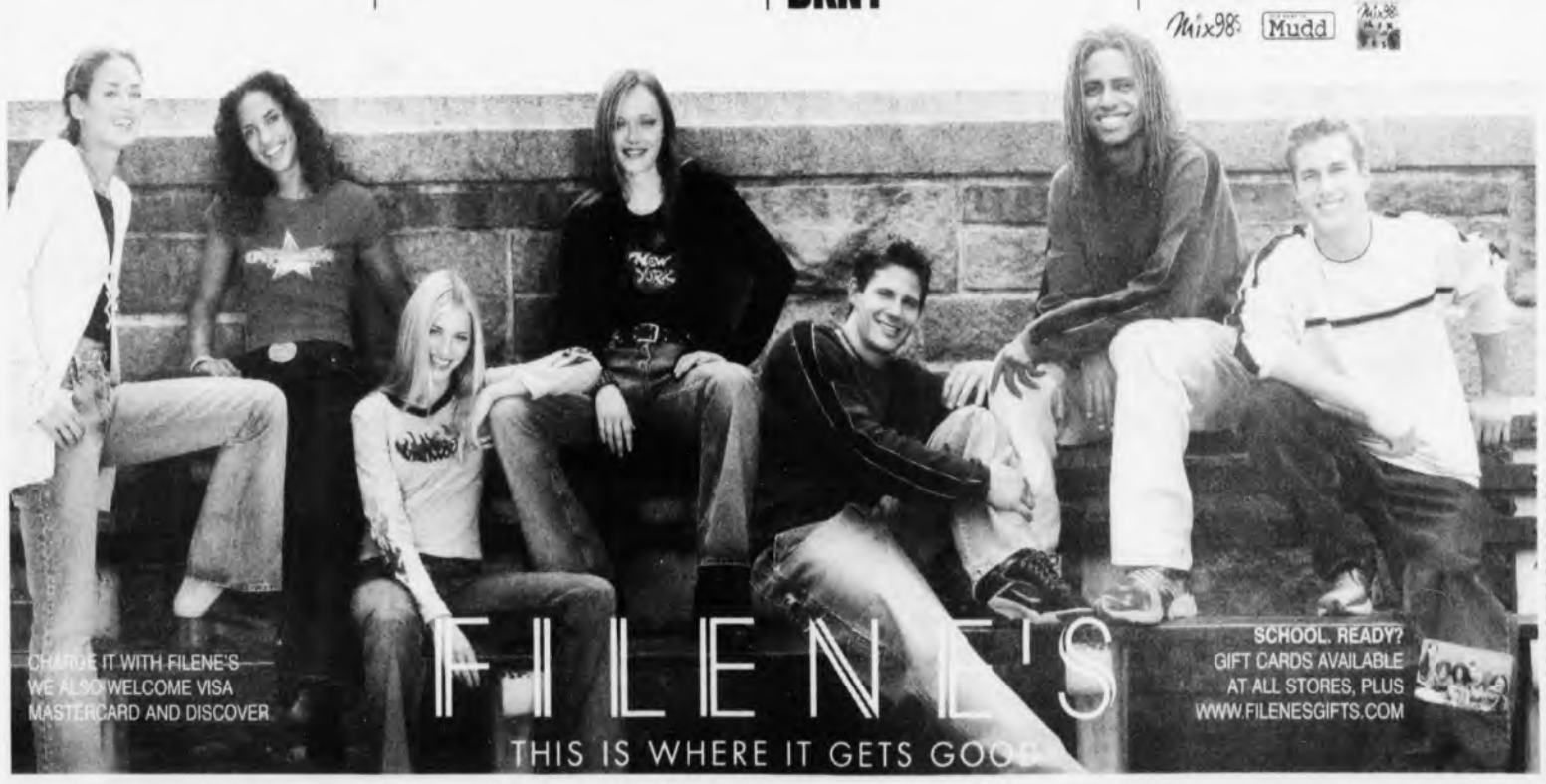
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Not all are aboard on Greenbush decision

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Plymouth and Middleboro lines were restored and up and running in 1997.)

He said ridership studies "show that at best, the boat alternatives achieve just-over one-half the ridership levels of the rail alternatives."

Durand also pointed out that the project is identified as an element of the State Implementation Plan under the federal Clean Air Act, and is also legally required as air quality mitigation for the Big Dig project.

However, Bewick, who said he has been reviewing environmental impact reports since 1970, called the Greenbush report "one of the most damaging and biased" reports he has seen. He said the MBTA underestimated boat ridership numbers, "loaded" the cost of constructing a commuter boat dock in Scituate, and "ignored" the damaging impact diesel particulates will have locally.

"The EIR is nothing more than an advocates brief in which the MBTA distorted the alternatives to make the train succeed," said Bewick.

He said the MBTA has a "tunnel" mentality, and is in the business to build and run trains, not boats.

Bewick was also concerned of the impact the project would have on wetlands and watershed areas along the line. He said AfTA consultants found 10 more vernal pools than were identified by the MBTA.

Wetlands variance

Durand did acknowledge that the project will require a variance from the Wetlands Protection Act regulations, which will require further study of impact on wildlife and rare species, and storm-water management.

But overall, Bewick said he wasn't surprised at the decision.

"Durand is just following the administration — he more or less has to," he said. "You're either part of the team of you're not."

However, Durand's office denied that the decision was rubber-stamped.

"The MBTA has complied with the laws of Massachusetts, and if somebody's going to challenge that, they're going to challenge it," said Doug Pizzi, spokesman for the office of environmental affairs. "The fact it's a state agency has nothing to do whether it gets approved or not."

MBTA deputy general manager Michael Mulhern said he was confident the MBTA's data would hold up under any scrutiny.

"We appreciate the concerns of local residents, and will work hard to allay those concerns," he said. "But we believe we have a strong legal basis to move forward and fulfill what is a legal required part of the Big Dig.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Scot Yount of NECN interviews John Bewick, president of AfTA and Greenbush opponent, on Central Street in Hingham Square on Monday evening.

"We'd much prefer not to have to debate the issue in court, but nonetheless are totally confident of the outcome, and will still move forward."

Greenbush Citizens Advisory Committee member Martha Gjesteby, who was part of the group's minority that supported the EIR, was pleased with Durand's decision.

"I can't wait to ride the train," the Old Pasture Road resident said.

Bewick said he will seek an injunction on the project, and has retained the services of Cambridge-based law firm Anderson & Kreiger, which specializes in dealing with MEPA lawsuits. The firm recently helped defeat a proposed sludge facility in Walpole and a prison in New Braintree.

"What we want is a fair comparison, to get a judicial review," Bewick said. "We have no doubt that when there is a fair analysis, alternatives to the train would be superior."

As Bewick and AfTA get ready to take on Durand and the EIR, the MBTA is getting ready to build a train.

Mulhern said the MBTA has "pre-qualified" four firms, based on size and expertise, who could complete the project by 2005. Originally, project bids were due in by Sept. 28, but Mulhern said firms have asked for more time.

He said the MBTA will also work on finishing the technical components of the project, such as the Scituate layover station and Weymouth Landing grade crossing as outlined in Durand's certificate, as well as "actively pursuing" lower diesel emissions standards.

Terry Fancher, who served on the Greenbush Citizens Advisory Committee appointed by Durand to study the EIR, was part of the minority opinion in support of the report. He complimented Durand's directives surrounding the Scituate layover station and Weymouth Landing grade-crossing, as well as the diesel emissions reduction pilot program.

"It's a very clean report, and everything in there is reasonable," he said. "Diesel-rail service has a proven ability to move people in and out of Boston, and I duly expect that to happen with Greenbush."

Neither state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, nor state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, both of whom are anti-train, were surprised by Durand's decision.

"He had to if he wanted to avoid walking into the next Governor's meeting and being a pariah," said Hedlund.

Bradley said the last three governors over the past 11 years have all affirmed their desire to see the Greenbush line restored, "and there hasn't been one voice from the administration in opposition."

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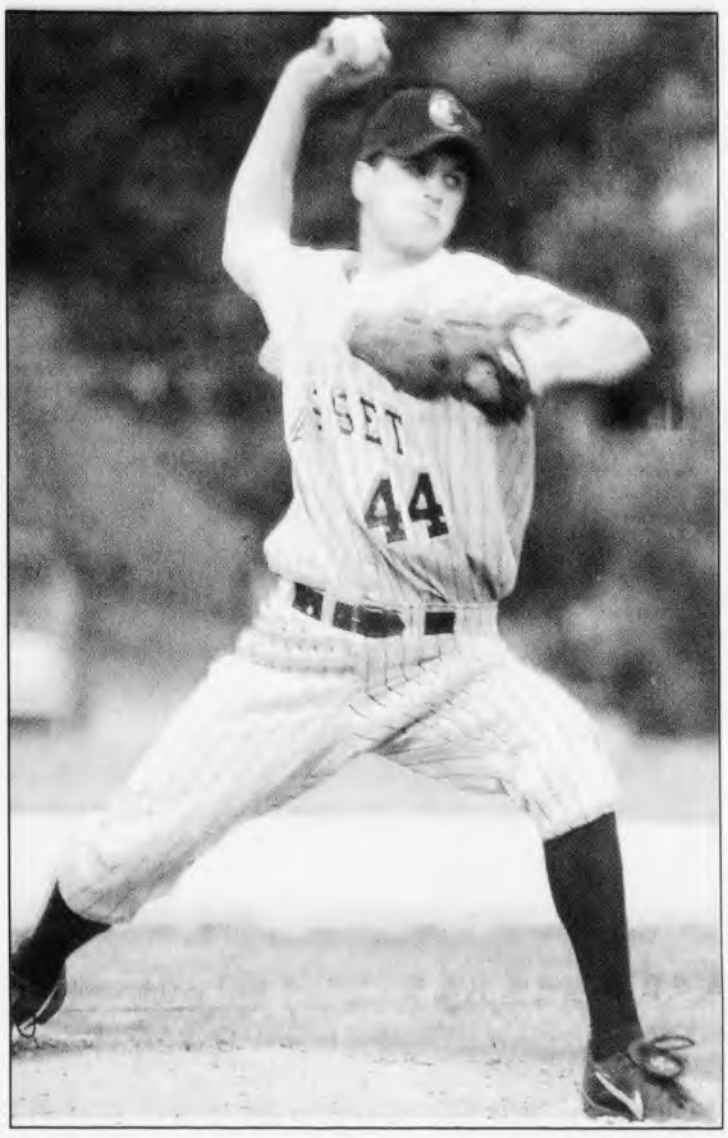
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Bolster looks to the future



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

It's still hoped that Nick Bolster will be able to end his outstanding athletic career at C.H.S. on the hardwood this winter and on the baseball diamond this spring.

Still recovering from eye surgery, Cohasset High star to sit out football season

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

A talented pitcher is unable to complete the baseball season after an injury to his eye. This is not the tale of former Red Sox reliever Bryce Florie, but the sad story of a Cohasset High School senior-to-be, Nick Bolster.

Last May, Bolster underwent two surgeries for his detached retina just a few weeks into his junior baseball season. Recuperating right on schedule over the summer, Bolster was looking forward a season of football, where he was tabbed to be the starting halfback and captain for the Skippers.

Last week, however, he got the call from his surgeon— Mackenzie Freeman, of Cohasset—informing Nick that this fall would be a lost cause.

"The impact of playing football would definitely be too much at this point in the surgeries," explained Bolster, noting that a mere hit to the head could cause a relapse of the tear in his eye.

The malady hit Bolster mysteriously at the beginning of the spring, when his vision started "getting hazy." He could not, however, think of a single incident where he might have scratched his eye.

His doctors have offered the theory that this condition is genetic, as Bolster's uncle had a full tear in his retina.

Genetically started or not, the only keys to the healing process are monthly check-ups and, more importantly, time.

"It's frustrating," began Bolster, "that there is nothing I did to make it happen, and there is nothing I can do to make it better."

It is possible that Bolster will undergo another surgery this September, but neither he nor his surgeon can be sure of what will and what will not be necessary in a month.

Although it was disappointing to have it confirmed, Bolster knew right from the time he had his surgery that football might not be in the cards for his senior year.

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> Nick Bolster

"Initially, they said I couldn't play any more contact sports," reported the three sport athlete. "They even said that I couldn't lift weights for two months because the strain would be too much."

This fall, Bolster's talent on the field will definitely be missed. He led the team in receptions and interceptions, and also became one of the top punt and kick returners in the South Shore League. Bolster still intends to contribute what he can to the team.

"I am still a captain, so I am going to be around helping out," said Bolster.

Bolster will try to stay active this fall, hoping to pitch every Sunday for a local fall baseball team.

He still does not know if he will be able to play basketball this winter for C.H.S., or even baseball in the spring. If he cannot clear it with Doctor Freeman, he may opt for track and field in the winter.

"What [Freeman] says goes," affirmed Bolster. "If he says no, then I don't play."

Last winter, Bolster was a big spark off the bench for the basketball Skippers, providing great rebounding and a strong inside presence.

For the baseball team, he was the number one starter, and one of the top hitters for the team, batting out of the three-hole and putting up All-Star type numbers.

For Bolster, missing baseball would probably be the hardest one to take, especially since he had the talent to possibly play in college. As of right now, Bolster is looking to apply to Boston College. Should he be accepted, he will try to make the team as a walk on.

"It is going to be tough, but I would love to go there," said Bolster.

Unfortunately, he notes, this injury has pretty much knocked him out of the running for any sort of baseball

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C.H.S Fall sports programs get under way today

Field hockey- Aug. 23, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. @ Milliken Field
Golf- Aug. 23, 10 a.m., meeting @ High School Guidance Conference
Girls soccer- Aug. 23, 9-11 a.m., 2-4 p.m. @ Milliken Field
Boys soccer- Aug. 23, 4:40-730 p.m. @ Milliken Field



Cohasset's Dennis Reardon (second from right) was a huge contributor to the U.S. Zonal championship tennis team, playing third singles for the team of top players from all over New England (pictured here). The members of the team were (L-R) Scott Denenberg (Trumbull, Conn.), Mark Santucci (Capachet, RI), Zachary Kurz (Westport, Conn.), Coach Nigel Griffith, Reardon and Andrew Singer (Wakefield, RI).

Reardon helps net Zonal crown

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Dennis Reardon just finished off the most competitive tournament of his young career with a team win at the Zonal Competition in St. Louis, Mo. last week.

The 16-year old Cohasset resident has been playing in many tournaments over the past few years, and his outstanding performances and steady improvement led him to a tournament in New Haven, Conn.

In this tourney, he needed to finish in the top 14 to move up to the Zonal team. He wound up placing in the top 10. This collection of 10 males who went to Zonals split into two teams, and headed down to St. Louis to go against other teams of five from all over the United States.

For six straight days in temperatures that were over 100 degrees, Reardon totaled a very solid three wins for his team at third singles. The wins were very impressive, especially since he had to struggle with a shoulder injury in addition to the oppressive heat.

Andrew Singer of Wakefield, RI won all five of his matches to lead the team to victory at the number one spot. Mark Santucci, a native of Chepachet, RI also went undefeated at the second singles position.

The other members of the team who were great contributors to the win were Scott Denenberg of Trumble, Conn., and Zachury Kurz, of Westport, Conn..

The other New England team went into the tournament looking just as impressive as their counterparts. However, their chances faded fast when two of their five players were rushed to the hospital due to dehydration.

One left on a stretcher, while the other left the courts under his own power. The unfortunate events demoralized Reardon and his team, but coach Nigel Griffith, a pro for the Sportsman's Tennis Club in Mattapan, had his players drinking a half gallon of Gatorade for every match in which they played in addition to an electrolyte supplement.

Oddly enough, the two young men were taken into medical treatment on the same tragic day that Korey Stringer of the Minnesota Vikings died in preseason training due to heat stroke.

The boys of the winning team will have a story written on them for the United States Tennis Magazine.

Even though Reardon finished up a fantastic undefeated season at fourth singles for Milton Academy, and is receiving many accolades for his recent tournament performances, he still remains a humble team-oriented player.

"I played on a great team," he said recently. "There are a lot of talented players on that team and they all deserve a lot of credit. The team comes first with me."

See ya, Jimy and Terry

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EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN



One of the truly enticing draws of professional sports is the license it grants us all to say pretty much whatever we feel. What more proof do we need of this assertion than the outrageous success of sports talk radio?

With youth, high school and other amateur sports, of course, discretion is always the better part of valor. Despite the poor examples we sometimes observe or hear about, civility and sensitivity are of the utmost. Anyone who doesn't realize this, shouldn't be allowed anywhere near these events.

However, once an athlete cashes that first paycheck, all bets are off. If these lucky/gifted individuals don't realize that going in, then reality generally comes crashing down in short order. If they can't handle it, tough luck.

These folks are, after all, living the dream of millions — collecting ludicrous greenbacks to play games many of us continue to play for fun (read: zero compensation) for as long as our bodies permit (and often times beyond). Critiquing and even tearing into them when they fail to meet our expectations, is altogether acceptable. In fact, it can be down-

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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL!?!

Cohasset High football hopefuls Mark Musco (near) and Matt Baroudi drive out of their three-point stance at the team's first practice session Monday night at Milliken Field.

Sailing Club Junior results

Wasser Cup

In the summer long Wasser Cup racing series, sailors in the Captain and Sailing Master classes have raced every Wednesday afternoon to practice their competitive skills.

In races held on Aug. 18, the results were:

Race One: 1st- Matt O'Connell & Ben Libby, 2- Jon McCarthy, Kurt Gritzan & Emilie Shea, 3- Cassie Rosano, Michelle Lemaire & Marissa Evans, 4- Alex Hunt, Ben Massotta, 5- Thomas Ross, Colin Smith & Elizabeth Landon, 6- Chris Reynolds & Toby Norman.

Race Two: 1st- Jon McCarthy, Kurt Gritzan & Emilie Shea, 2- Matt O'Connell & Ben Libby, 3- Cassie Rosano, Michelle Lemaire & Marissa Evans, 4- Alex Hunt, Ben Massotta, 5- Thomas Ross, Colin Smith & Elizabeth Landon, 6- Chris Reynolds & Toby Norman

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Stanton Series

The family racing competition held on Sunday evenings at 5pm is continuing to be very completive. Many of the boats are still in contention for the top finish in the Series.. The results of the August 4th races were:

Race One: 1st- Porter family, 2- Crough family, 3- Deutsch family, 4- Lemaire family

Race Two: 1st-Crough family, 2- Lemaire family, 3- Porter family, 4- Deutsch family

Race Three: 1st- Lemaire family, 2- Crough family, 3- Porter family, 4- Deutsch family

In the final races of the year on Aug. 18, seven boats enjoyed almost perfect conditions for racing Cape Cod Mercuries. The results are so close that the final standing will not be announced until Awards Day on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Race One: 1st- Porter family, 2- Crough family, 3- Cunningham family, 4- Deutsch family, 5- Lemaire family, 6- Oftshun family, 7-Tristler family

Race Two: 1st- Crough family, 2- Lemaire family, 3- Deutsch family, 4- Porter family, 5- Cunningham family, 6- Tristler family, 7- Oftshun family

Race Three: 1st- Oftshun family, Porter family, 3-Deutsch family, 4- Lemaire family, 5- Crough family, 6- Cunningham family.



Cohasset's Stephanie Noehring (seen here, in white, firing off a goal) was named Most Valuable Player of the ECAC Lacrosse Championships earlier this summer. She scored five goals to lead Williams College past Tufts in the championship game, giving her a total of nine goals and two assists for the ECAC Tourney. Stephanie, the daughter of Richard and Sabina Noehring, will be entering her junior year at Williams this fall.

A field of their own

Scituate's over-55 softball league draws big numbers

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

At this time last year, Scituate resident Jim Hyde and his newfound band of merry men (i.e., the eleven or so respondees to ads placed in South Shore newspapers, looking to recruit area residents for Hyde's dream of a local Over-55 softball league), were playing Sunday and Wednesday morning pickup games at Scituate's Gates school, recycling the same publications that first beckoned the "Diamond Dozen" out to play ball— transforming the weekly's into official league bases.

Well, a year later— while the same twelve are still heading out every Sunday and Wednesday, still trotting around the diamond and, still playing pickup contests— that's about the only semblance to last summer's endeavor which has still remained.

Everything else? Well that was 365 days ago.

Now?

Now…well let's just say it's a whole new ballgame these days.

"We're growing up," laughs Hyde, referring to the rapid changes his brainstorm "senior circuit" softball club has witnessed in but a season's span.

"At this time last year, we were a couple of guys grabbing whatever we could use to [act as] our first, second, third, and home plate, meeting as regularly as we could. Now, we've got the real things out there (bases), and we're there playing without fail every week. It might not seem like much, but a lot has already gone on since we first started this thing up."

"A lot" is an understatement. In the twelve months since initially pitching his idea to Director Joan Wright and Coordinator Mary Dean of the Scituate Council on Aging (C.O.A.), Hyde has seen his "baby" thrive into a nearly 70-member club- complete with hats and jerseys for each player; a far cry from the 12 people playing in street clothes in 2000.

"We had each guy pitch in a couple of bucks apiece, and got a sort of a uniform to have on when we're out there playing," says Hyde. "We're actually starting to look like a real league!"

Wright agrees. While both she and the entire C.O.A. thought the formation of a regional over-55 softball league would be good for the area— considering the closest semblance to anything like it was an hour's ride away on the Cape— no one ever expected things to catch fire like it did.

"We never anticipated this growing so fast, and so much," Wright says. "I think it illustrates just how active a lot of the senior population is around here. Too many times, when people see or hear the words 'senior citizen', they tend to think it's a term used to describe someone who's coming towards the end of their lives. I disagree. I think in fact it's just the opposite; I think for many, it's just the beginning."

One person who wholeheartedly concurs with this assessment is 80-year Frank Murano of Weymouth, the Over-55 league's "elder spokesman".

Does Murano feel he's closing in on the twilight of his career?

"Forget about that coming to the end stuff," insists Murano, who to this day gets out and walks 2-3 miles each morning, in addition to his softball adventures on Wednesday and Sunday over at the Gates School. The spry "young buck", also travels to numerous U.S. cities like Baltimore and L.A., where the former '43 Red Sox tryout competes in several seniors' tournaments nationally.

"Age? Hell, your age has nothing to do with things, so long as you just keep moving!" said Murano. "It's when you stop, that's when you need to start worrying. And I'm not just saying that either, see? That's the truth. It's when you feel like you gotta slow down and you do; that's when it's over."

Murano continues. "That's why I stay active. And going down to Scituate every Wednesday and Sunday to play ball, in addition to all the other things I got going on— with the other teams I play for and family— has been great for me. A [league] like this around here in the South Shore area has been needed for a while now. I'm having fun."

Another local who feels that organized ball like this for seniors has been long overdue, and is tickled about something finally getting done, is 67-year old Marshfield resident Bob "Murph" Murphy. Murphy states, he's been waiting for years to again have the opportunity and finally get back in competitive action, and to do so close to home.

For him, it's been a perfect chance to rekindle an old flame.

"I saw Jimmy Hyde's car parked one day, and there was this flyer on it, telling people to come out to Scituate and play ball on Wednesdays and Sundays," Murphy recalls. "He and I got to talking for a bit, and before I knew it I was at the park taking grounders. For me, I was real excited to be out there, and have been every week since. Before this league came along, it'd been close to 35 years since I last played ball at this kind of [spirited] level. This has been great. I wish we could keep playing all year long!"

Praises like Murphy's, Hyde states, have been commonplace when it comes to talking about the Scituate senior softball league. The response, as depicted by the staggering increase in attendance in just over one season, proves what in fact Hyde tells he knew along.

If it's built they will come.

And stepping out from the youthful cornfields, they're coming in droves.

"I realistically see us turning into a six or eight team league within a year or two, the way it's been going until now," offered Hyde. At present, the over-55 league still retains a 'sandlot' atmosphere, drawing informal squads via "ones" and "twos" from the roster that assembles each week.

"We are growing," Hyde jokes. "We just haven't grown that big; not just yet!"

So just how large will this dream of Jim Hyde's get? That remains to be seen. But if one can make predictions based on past performance, then a safe bet would be the Scituate over-55 softball league will continue to sprout.

The word is out: there's plenty of fun times and camaraderie to be had down at the 'ol ballyard these days, and just enough grind 'em out play to kick the competitive juices back into overdrive.

So if you happen to find yourself with a couple of spare moments this Sunday morning, you might just want to take a drive on over to the Gates School and take in a game.

The other word floating around on the streets is you won't be disappointed.

"People, and I really mean this, would be pretty surprised if they were to go down to the park and watch the guys play," Wright says. "There's an awful lot of talent out there on that field, and you also get to watch a lot of guys just having a lot of fun. I've gone down myself several times and, I can honestly say I've seen some terrific games."

"I'm always telling people I know from around here, they should come by [Gates] park on a Sunday morning and see things," says 57-year old Peter Andrew of Duxbury. "They'll really have a good time and enjoy themselves. It's just about a bunch of us guys making new friends, having a lot of laughs and playing ball. I think it's definitely worth the trip."

Judging by the numbers, it's pretty obvious to see Andrew's words are not alone.

Coby's Run set for Aug. 26

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

A field of 600-625 runners is expected for the Sixth Annual Coby's Run on Aug. 26 beginning at the Gates Intermediate School. The 10K and 5K races get underway at 9am. A 1K children's race for those 10 and under starts at 8:30 am.

The morning of races are held in the memory of Coby Cutler. Cutler, a 1995 graduate of Scituate High, died on Aug. 23, 1995 after being struck by lightning while directing his squad through an early-morning rifle-range session during marine basic training at Parris Island, SC. Four members of Cutler's squad were injured by the lightning.



Coby Cutler

"He wanted to be a marine since he was 4 or 5," said Coby's mother, Quincie-Ann "Q" Cutler, who serves as co-race director with her husband, Rick Cutler. "Race day is emotional for us because it's held the same time of year Coby was killed. We've met so many wonderful people through the race. We try to pull that out of the day."

Since the race's inception, more than $95,000 has been raised for the construction of a fitness center at the high school. This year's race should put the amount over $100,000 and will coincide with the $27 million renovation project earmarked for the high school.

Quincie-Ann said athletic director Kathleen Stewart has been a big supporter of the new fitness center. Rick, Quincie-Ann and Stewart will be visiting several different schools which have new fitness centers.

"She's absolutely fabulous," said Quincie-Ann of Stewart. "She's been really terrific."

During his senior year, Coby spent hours in the high school weight room in preparation for basic training and also ran several times per week. Several marines have participated in the race in past years and are expected again this year.

The 10K (6.2 miles) race follows a course to the waterfront and along Scituate Harbor. Both the 10 and 5K events head up the steep, Beaver Dam Road hill in the final half mile. Awards will be presented in several age groups, including a 14-and-under division that was added last year.

"We have a lot of kids like who want to run the race," Quincie-Ann said. "They do a good job."

Richard Peels of Plymouth bested the 269-runner 10K field last year in 34:10. Donna Mare of Silver Spring, MD was the women's winner in 37:50. There were 104 finishers in the 5K race, which was won by Rusty Dolleman of West Davis, ME in 17:15. Marshfield's Lucy Canavan claimed the women's title in 20:09.

Water will be available during the race, as well as post-race refreshments including juice, soda, fruit, granola bars and yogurt.

The entry fee, which has stayed the same since the inaugural race in 1995, is $12. T-shirts guaranteed to first 300 pre-registered.

Awards will be given to top three men and top three women in 10K and 5K runs. Each fun run participant will receive a ribbon and a T-shirt.

The race will start at 9 a.m. at Gates Intermediate School, Scituate Common. The fun run for age 10 and under will start at 8:30 a.m.

Check in Saturday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at Gates Intermediate School or race day beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Call 781-545-7116 or fax to 781-544-6086 for more information or for an entry form. or email qcutler@hotmail.com.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Swim Center hours

Starting Aug. 25, the weekend hours for the Cohasset Swim Center will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.. This will also include the holiday weekend and Labor Day.

For the week of Aug. 27- 31 the pool hours will be 1- 7 p.m..

From 1-2 p.m. will be adult swim and 2-7 will be open swim.

Thanks to all the members and the staff for a wonderful summer!

JV boys box lacrosse players wanted

Any Cohasset boys—entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade— interested in playing JV box lacrosse at the Canton Sportsplex on Sundays this Fall, please call Lyn Previte @781-383-9723.

Entry for the team will need to be submitted in one week. Session 1 will begin September 9th.

Cohasset will have an indoor team for the varsity level (Grade 10 and up) at the Sportsplex.

'Make a Wish' benefit

The Scituate Country Club Ladies Nine Hole Golf Association is holding their 9 and 18 Holers Closing Tournament on Aug. 30 to benefit the MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION.

Many of our local merchants as well as the Scituate Country Club staff have donated wonderful gifts for raffle prizes. The Men's Association has also make a generous donation. The Make A Wish Foundation provides an opportunity to children with life threatening diseases to fulfill a wish, such as going to Disney, a concert, a shopping spree, having a "Barney Party," or travelling to visit grandparents.

Senior men's softball

The Senior Men's Softball League, sponsored by the Scituate Council on Aging has started its second season. all South Shore men, age 55 and over are welcome to play.

The schedule is as follows: Sundays 10 a.m. to noon at the Gates School (First Parish Rd.) and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's Field (corner of First Parish Road and Kent St., adjacent to St. Mary's Church). Fee is $20, payable on the first day of play.

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Weymouth Club cuts ribbon on new facilities

by Art Dunphy
SPECIAL TO COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Weymouth Club owners Steve and Sally Goldman were joined by Mayor David Madden of Weymouth August 14, for the official opening of Weymouth Club's new Tennis and Aquatics Centers located adjacent to the Club's existing facilities on Finnell Drive in South Weymouth.

With more than 3,500 members and 6,000 active participants, Weymouth Club is the largest and most successful multi-purpose fitness and athletic club south of Boston.

With the addition of the six new all-weather courts, Weymouth Club becomes the largest tennis facility of its type in New England with 17 indoor/outdoor tennis courts.

The new Aquatics Center speaks to the Club's increased commitment to aquatics programs and includes a 25-meter, eight-lane pool, a warm-water exercise pool, a children's water park, and a new Jacuzzi.

Eight-five new parking spaces have also been added to accommodate the expanded facilities.

With the completion of Phase I construction, Weymouth Club will now move ahead with Phase II of its current $5-million expansion project this fall.

Included in the next phase of construction are a new Tennis Center Clubhouse, that will house additional locker rooms, a pro shop, and reception area, and a new Aquatics Center connector, that will include new locker rooms and parent-child changing rooms.

Also planned, but not yet scheduled for construction, are a full-size indoor gymnasium for basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and other team sports; expanded fitness and group exercise studios; and a new children's center with computer rooms, arts & crafts rooms, indoor recreation space, and expanded day-care services.

In 1988 the Goldmans, who live in Milton, purchased what was then the Weymouth Tennis Club and were quick to recognize the need to offer more than just tennis if their Club was to grow and prosper.

"Tennis-only had its limits," said Steve Goldman. "Sally and I felt there was a much broader market on the South Shore and in order to be a major player it would require taking the risk to think differently. Reinvestment is the key. You can't rest on your laurels and expect to remain competitive."

One needs only to observe the Goldmans' continuous expansion and upgrading of their Finnell Drive complex over the past 13 years to fully appreciate their management philosophy in action.

Art Dunphy is a freelance sports-writer and publicist from Scituate.



PHOTO: MARK BELL

Kelsey Bell, Tess Waresmith, Coach Agnes Miller and Ben Casavant, pictured above— of Charles River Diving, Cambridge— represented New England at the National Junior Olympic finals, held in Indianapolis at the beginning of this month. Bell, from Cohasset, in her first year, finished 20th of the 30 in her age group, competing on the 1-meter board. Waresmith, of Dover, a multi-year veteran, was superb in three events, placing fourth on 1-meter and sixth on 3-meter boards and platform. Casavant, from Acton, got a little too close on one dive and hit a platform, costing him a top placement. All three young athletes have tremendous hope and potential for success in future events.

See ya, Jimy and Terry

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right therapeutic.

Case in point: I have no qualms in freely admitting that I reacted with satisfaction last week to both the firing of Red Sox Manager Jimy Williams and the season-long suspension of Patriot man-child Terry Glenn.

I won't bore you with more background (indeed, can there by anyone out there reading a sports column who doesn't know the pertinent details?) or even my full explanations for these reasonings. Way too much newsprint has already been devoted to these matters, in my opinion. Any shot I might have had at creating a little thunder was swiped days before this deadline.

Still, I do feel the need to put my money where my keyboard is and offer a brief unmitigated blast of my straight off the cuff impressions.

Sometimes spectacular, more often invisible, the only consistent trait Terry Glenn has displayed in his five years of service to the Patriots is a high level of self-absorption. His seemingly unshakable lack of commitment to anything beyond his own interests has long flown in the face of everything being a "true team members" should be about.

Unity of purpose and commitment are essential building blocks for any team. And it is not impossible for one individual to devastate that pursuit. This is particularly true in football — the ultimate team sport, in my opinion — where the strength of spirit in rallying around the common cause is often the difference between whether a player even makes it on to the field.

For Patriots head coach Bill Belichick, delivering the harshest sanction he could on Terry Glenn became the only sensible course of action. Sure, he cost the team its most physically talented player for at least 20 games, but it's not that much of a stretch to say that in so doing he made each of his remaining 53 players just a little bit better. In short, this team will not only compensate for the loss of Glenn, it'll be better for it.

One final possible benefit to the full-season suspension: Glenn is almost assuredly going to emerge a stronger or weaker person for this. If, over the next 14 months of hanging around trying to figure out how his life got so messed up, Glenn happens to finally look in the mirror, a long-awaited realization of his potential may still be a possibility. If, however, he continues to play the blame game with chief agent/enabler Jim Gould, he'll emerge a weaker player and, it says here, will never play a full season in the NFL again.

As for Jimy, I'm so sick of his legion of supporters insistence on pointing only to what they perceive as "the bottom line." To a man, woman and child, they all reason that the Sox overachieved during Jimbo's five-year tenure, and make the conjecture from this conjecture that he must have done a good job.

Based on this reasoning, would these same people say Adolf Hitler, with East Germany's economy soaring during his term of office, did a great job?

OK, perhaps I'm being a bit extreme.

But be honest Red Sox fans: how many times over the last few seasons have you been left scratching your head over Jimy's moves or non-moves? I know it was almost a weekly occurrence where I was concerned. I still have relatively vivid recollections of the Zimmer, Houk, McNamara, Hobson and Kennedy regimes, and I honestly don't remember ever before being left so often confused.

This is not to say we should expect to always be on the same page with a manager. We should, after all, assume he knows the game better than us and that he knows the capabilities of his players *much better* than us.

Of course, it would be nice if reporters — who, I think at least in this regard, were representing our collective curiosity — were allowed to seek an explanation without being ignored or disparaged (remember the "What Little League team do you manage" retort?). These kinds of defensive reactions only strengthened the supposition that Jimy wasn't secure in his own convictions— a shortcoming that would be high on anyone's list of qualities NOT desired in a manager.

But I'm not gonna go there.

How well Jimy did or didn't do as a manager doesn't even factor into my support of the decision to replace him with Joe Kerrigan. In fact, I'm not even really considering anything that took place prior to the firing.

The only question I ask is this: Are the Red Sox a better team without him right NOW? In my mind, the answer is a resounding "Yes".

Even many of his diehard supporters will concede that Jimy had lost the ear of several of his players, thereby creating an untenable situation. Of course, most of them will lay the blame for this at the feet of the players, and I'd probably be willing to lean that way as well.

Bottom line: something had to give, and since you can't fire 25, or 10, five or (often) even one player as easily as you can a manager… sorry, Jimy, but that's the nature of the beast we pro sports fans have helped create and on the back of which you've grown rich.

Ah, that felt good, good enough to keep me smiling through another couple of Little League games anyway.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Unfortunately, Cohasset High sports followers have seen the last of Nick Bolster on the gridiron.

Bolster looks to the future

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scholarship.

"Not many coaches would want to invest in a player who missed his junior season with a detached retina," he notes.

Wherever Bolster ends up, the World of the Skipper hopes his journey begins with the basketball team this winter.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

High school 4th-quarter honor roll

HIGH HONORS

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HONORS

Grade 9: John Andrade, Christopher Bilodeau, Jesse Brewer, Conor Buick, Robert Carpenter, Kara Flint, Justin Girard, Caitlin Gontarz, Holly Graham, Andrew Hertig, Kathleen Hurley, Mariel Koed, Craig Laugelle, Meghan Marr, Leah McMorris, Sarah McMorris, Nicholas Murphy, Brenna O'Donnell, Ryan Ofsthun, Danielle Pinkus, Michael Rasmussen, Delia Regan, Julia Scribner, Anthony Truglia, Kristen Watts and Gillian Weber.

Grade 10: Yasmine Afshar, Thomas Anderson, Anne Barber, Bryan Bilton, Meredith Bixby, Sarah Brady, Nell Brewer, Alexis Bugley, Rebecca Butman, Cosimo Cambi, Mark Chapman, Megan Chastain, Matt Davis, Sera Genovese, Sarah Hassan, Robert Hickey, Terry Hurley, Curtis Kahn, David Kupsc, Julie Lordan, Amanda Maynard, Matthew O'Brien, Taylor O'Brien, Gregory O'Connell, Noah Pescatore, Gia Petrakis, Christina Sadler and Shawna Sullivan.

Grade 11: Courtney Anton, David Bouchard, Jason Brown, Brendan Fludder, Vincent Gratta, Stephen Laney, Nicholas Lesniewski-Laas, Mark Lehmann, Eric Libby, Peter Maitland, William McArthur, Maggie O'Neil, Matthew Ogrodnik, Robert Protulis, Rebecca Ross and Peter Whoriskey.

Grade 12: Aryanna Afshar, Elizabeth Anderson, Amy Devlin, Edward Gledhill, Heath Heinz, Kelly Lordan, Geoffrey McWilliams and Arthur Rasmussen.

CMHS opening day

Cohasset Middle High School will begin the fall term on Wednesday, Sept. 5 on a two-hour delay schedule for all, but the seventh-graders. The seventh grade will arrive at the usual time of 7:15 a.m. and will participate in an orientation program offered by faculty and student leaders. Grades 8 through 12 will arrive at 9:15 a.m.

Middle school 4th-quarter honor roll

HIGH HONORS

Grade 7: Brooke Allen, Kelsey Bell, Amanda Faulkner, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Kate McBride, Carolyn Muir, Emily Nash, Caitlin O'Connell, Christopher Ofsthun, Nils Sceery and Molly Tresler.

Grade 8: Jacqueline Blake, Jack Carroll, Katherine Englander, Andrew Flynn, Rachel Garber, Jonathan Grimm, Lindsey Kennedy, Toby Norman, Molly Ogrodnik, Thomas Ross, Elizabeth Stone and Domenic Strazzulla.

HONORS

Grade 7: Brendon Barrett, Rita Carpenter, Susan Curry, Amanda Daley, Kathleen DeWaal, Zachary Etkind, Kathryn Evans, Marissa Evans, Jacqueline Flint, Aileen Fortunato, Victoria Gavaza, Chelsea Grossman, Kaitlin James, Sam Kusek, Remy Lee, Michael Martone, Daniel McCarthy, Christiane Muir, Lisa Musto, Nathan Needle, Vanessa Plante, Christopher Reynolds, Jennifer Roche, Cassie Rosano, Emilie Savage, Kristen Schwerin, Emilie Shea, Stephen Simmons, Devin Smith, Lisa Spirito, Emma Weston, Jessica Wheelwright and Katherine Whoriskey.

Grade 8: Casey Anderson, Dominique Asnault, Chris Barber, Peter Bunstein, Cecelia Chapman, Elizabeth Condos, Jeannette Daley, Allison Dean, James DeGiacomo, John DeWaal, Colby Durant, Joseph Durkin, Nancy Durkin, Allison Fludder, Lucy Gardner, Danielle Hajjar, Rebecca Lehr, Jonathan Littauer, Colin Magruder, Jennifer Murray, Lauren Rizzotti, Christopher Simms, Christina St. Pierre, Edward Straughn, Domenic Strazzulla and Nicole Whitney.

Fall programs at community center

The South Shore Community Center is offering a wide variety of classes for preschool, children, teens, and adults. Some of the classes offered are "gym dandy," gymnastics, classes for children in computers, cooking, dance, and crafts. Adult classes include computers, cooking, CPR, gardening and more.

Open house and sign-up for our gymnastics program will be Aug. 29 from 6-8 p.m. in the gym.

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The Bright Horizons Child Development Center in Hingham will offer a new, optional program for its preschoolers this fall — a full-immersion Spanish language program for English-speaking children. Children at least 30-months-old and up to age five may enroll in the program.

Full immersion means that the center's current curriculum will be taught in Spanish. Everything in the classroom will be in Spanish — books, posters and games — and the teacher will speak only Spanish. Children will continue learning English from their parents.

Full immersion is the most efficient way to learn a new language," explains Jim Greenman. "We know it works because it is the way most of the world becomes bilingual — simply by going about life in multilingual societies. And Bright Horizons has experience with immersion programs because of the number of children who enter our care that do not speak English."

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Born in Sweden. Retired from General Foods. World War II Veteran.

Services will be private. Arrangements completed by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Homes, Cohasset, Brighton, Norwell.

Donations in memory of this truly exceptional man may be made to the Scituate Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 823, Scituate, MA 02066.

Giustina Saldi

Giustina (Truglia) Saldi, 74, of Cohasset, a former employee of Milham Products, died August 13, 2001, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston after a brief illness.

Born in Italy, she immigrated to the United States in 1947. She lived in Hingham before getting married and later moved to Cohasset.

Mrs. Saldi loved to cook and travel. She made a trip back home to Italy in 1972 and had traveled to Florida, Canada, and New York.

She worked for Milham Products, Deejay Corp., and Pyrotector Inc. for many years, retiring in 1989.

She was an avid gardener and she grew many of her own vegetables.

Wife of the late Domenic J. Saldi, she leaves one son, Domenic P. Saldi of Braintree; two daughters, Giustina Agostino of Hull and Maria Suzy Saldi of Cohasset; a brother, Pasquale Truglia of Hull; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Ann's Church. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to St. Ann's Parish Building Fund, Lewis Street, Hull 02045 or St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Judes St., RO. Box 985, Boulder City Nevada 89005-0985.

Marie J. Blante

Marie J. (LaRosa) Blante, 88, a 60-year resident of Cohasset, previously of Hingham died August 21, 2001, at Quincy Medical Center.

For 20 years she worked the snack bar at the former Woolworth's store in Cohasset retiring in 1974. During the summer she was employed at Angelo's Spaghetti House in Hull for 35 years.

Mrs. Blante was a member of the Hull Senior Citizens.

Wife of the late John F. Blante, Sr., she leaves a son John F. Blante, Jr. and his wife, Nancy, of Halifax; a daughter, Carol Burns and her husband, James, of Cohasset; a brother, Joseph LaRosa of Halifax; grandchildren, Robert Blante of California and Heather Blante of Halifax; a great-grandchild, Victoria Blante of California; several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be Thursday, Aug. 23, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St., Hingham.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, at Saint Ann's Church in Hull. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

Donations in her memory may be sent to Alzheimer's Disease Research, 15825 Shady Grove Road, Suite 140, Rockville, MD

Mary B. Williams

Mary B. Williams, 82, died July 3, 2001 at Quincy Medical Center.

Mrs. Williams was born in Pittsburgh, Penn. and lived in Tennessee before moving to Cohasset 12 years ago.

She worked in retail sales and was also a homemaker.

Mrs. Williams also enjoyed playing bridge.

Wife of the late John L. Williams, she leaves two grandchildren, J.L. Williams III and Garret B. Williams, both of Cohasset. She was the mother of the late John L. Williams, Jr.

Interment was in Athens, Tenn. Arrangements were made by the Cremation Society of Massachusetts.

John P. Volk

John Pierce Volk, 55, of Hull, an attorney, died July 10, 2001, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a battle with leukemia.

Mr. Volk was an attorney for the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He was a member of the Manuscript Club in Boston and received its award for best non-fiction for his series of letters to children.

His letters deal with issues of mortality by appreciating the simple joys of his day-to-day adventures on the beach with his two yellow Labrador retrievers while undergoing cancer treatment.

In his final weeks, he was seeking a publisher for the letters to help children facing their own battles with cancer.

Mr. Volk participated in The Hunger Project event in London in 1981. The project attempted to raise awareness of world hunger and the politics behind it. He graduated from Phillips Andover Academy, Yale University and Boston College Law School. He lived in Connecticut for many years before moving to Hull two years ago.

He leaves his wife, Mary Volk; two stepsons, Michael C. Sullivan of Washington, D.C. and Daniel L. Sullivan of Hartford, Conn.; two nieces; and many friends.

A funeral service was held at Old Ship Church in Hingham. Interment was private.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made to Massachusetts General Hospital Oncology Dept., 55 Fruit St., Boston, 02114.

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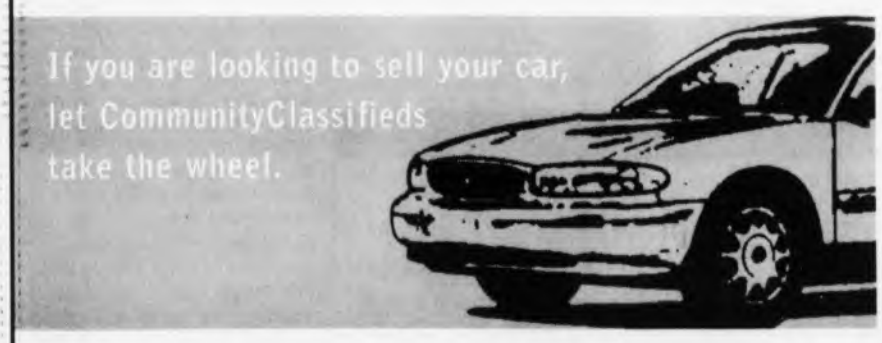
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Rosano pleads guilty to drug counts

By Rick Collins
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Howe Road resident Joseph Rosano pleaded guilty to two counts of drug possession with intent to distribute, following a three-year investigation of his drug activities by Cohasset Police and the Norfolk County District Attorney's Drug Task Force.

Rosano was arrested in April after Cohasset and Massachusetts State Police executed a search warrant at his home, and seized approximately half a pound of marijuana, a triple beam scale, more than three boxes of financial records, and cash, according to court records.

According to court records obtained by the Mariner, Cohasset Det. Gregory Lennon began investigating marijuana distribution activity involving Rosano in the spring of 1998. Using two confidential informants, police made four controlled marijuana purchases from Rosano, known as "Joal," either at his home or in an agreed-upon location, between January of 1999 and Rosano's April arrest.

> **"We knew from the outset of the case that from the amount of marijuana we confiscated, that this would be the normal conclusion,."**
> — Police Chief Brian Noonan

Cohasset police contended in the documents that Rosano had been "engaged in an ongoing, organized and disciplined conspiracy" to distribute marijuana in both Norfolk and Plymouth counties "for a significant period of time."

Rosano initially pleaded not guilty, but changed his plea on Aug. 8. The case was continued without a finding for 18 months, but Rosano will have to forfeit the $511 turned up in the search to the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, and submit to random drug tests.

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan said, although Rosano will serve no jail time, provided he stays arrest-free for 18 months, he was satisfied with the case result.

"We knew from the outset of the case that from the amount of marijuana we confiscated, that this would be the normal conclusion," he said.

Besides marijuana, the April 18 search also turned up .38 and .22 caliber revolvers, a .22 Derringer, a Crossman BB gun, .22 caliber rifle, Ithaca double barrel shotgun, a .22 caliber Winchester rifle with scope, and assorted ammunition. Noonan said Rosano did have a permit to own the guns.

Police also found Cohasset and Duxbury police badges. Noonan said Rosano was a part-time officer in Cohasset back in the mid-'60s, and was a full-time police officer in Duxbury.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, AUG. 6

8:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:49 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, fire inspections.

11:32 a.m. Beechwood St., animal call or complaint.

2:02 p.m. Brewster Rd., threats (bodily harm).

3:25 p.m. Atlantic Ave., by-law violation.

6:10 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal call or complaint.

8:12 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/persons.

8:38 p.m. North Main St., harassing/annoying phone calls.

9:03 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity, investigated.

9:56 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

10:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., suspicious activity/persons, area search negative.

TUESDAY, AUG. 7

12:41 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

1:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., suspicious activity/persons, investigated auto.

6:45 a.m. South Main St., officer wanted, referred.

8:16 a.m. Country Way and Booth Hill Rd., traffic control.

8:46 a.m. South Main St., trespassing, area search negative.

10:30 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity/persons.

11:07 a.m. Border St., fire investigation.

11:44 a.m. Cedar Lane, burglar alarm.

12:28 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

12:54 p.m. Cedar St., officer wanted.

1:55 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:35 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:54 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

3:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglar alarm.

3:43 p.m. Border St., general disturbance.

3:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident/investigation.

4:51 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint, ticket issued.

5:22 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

5:28 p.m. North Main St. and Joy Place, disabled motor vehicle.

8:34 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, burglar alarm.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8

2:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

5:52 a.m. HQ, property, found.

7:20 a.m. HQ, assist citizen, departmental action.

9:52 a.m. Lamberts Lane, vandalism.

10:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire investigation.

10:46 a.m. King St., fire investigation.

11:20 a.m. Lamberts Lane, investigation, report filed/or to be filed.

12:10 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation, extinguished.

3:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

4:44 p.m. Howard Gleason Rd., parking violation, stored/impounded.

5:22 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Hobart Lane, parking violation, ticket issued.

5:29 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:05 p.m. Red Gate Lane and Fernway, fire investigation.

7:08 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:54 p.m. Brook St., open door/window, secured building.

9:36 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:08 p.m. Sohier St., transport, departmental action.

10:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:08 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

THURSDAY, AUG. 9

12:54 a.m. HQ, registration inquiry.

1:05 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, vandalism.

1:14 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop., traffic citation issued

1:37 a.m. Kendall Village, burglar alarm.

10:17 a.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

10:19 a.m. Atlantic Ave., vandalism.

10:41 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident/investigation.

11:06 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious activity/persons.

11:29 a.m. North Main St. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued

11:51 a.m. Sandy Beach, parking complaint, ticket issued.

11:54 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., officer wanted, investigated.

1:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general disturbance.

1:42 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

1:46 p.m. Nichols Rd., burglar alarm.

2:53 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., property, lost, departmental action.

3 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/persons, departmental action.

3:20 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

6:11 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

6:30 p.m. Hull St., fire investigation.

8:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., animal call or complaint.

9:10 p.m. Sohier St., animal call or complaint.

9:25 p.m. Church St., assist other agency, area search negative.

10:06 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/persons. Arrest of James D. Coscia, 45, of 143 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Hingham. Charge: Warrant, default.

10:11 p.m. Hill St., 911 call verification, log entry.

10:18 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint, peace restored.

10:32 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle violations, departmental action.

10:38 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

FRIDAY, AUG. 10

6:29 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle violation/s, departmental action.

7:25 a.m. Border St., illegal dumping.

8:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglar alarm.

9:09 a.m. Sohier St., fire (misc.), departmental action.

10:25 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., harassing/annoying phone calls.

11:03 a.m. Rose Hill Lane, fire investigation.

2:45 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

2:25 p.m. Beechwood St., wires down, departmental action.

2:29 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., tree down, departmental action.

2:30 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

2:45 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle violation/s.

4:01 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

4:20 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/persons.

5:22 p.m. Old Coach Rd., tree down, referred to other agency.

5:41 p.m. South Main St., burglar alarm.

5:56 p.m. Pond St., parking violation.

6 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Jerusalem Rd., animal call or complaint.

6:22 p.m. King St. and Beechwood St., general, services rendered.

6:51 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., noise complaint, peace restored.

7:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle accident. Arrest of Peter J. McLaughlin, 42, of 360 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Scituate. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor, second offense; operating a motor vehicle negligently so as to endanger.

11:45 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

11:55 p.m. Route 3A, motor vehicle violation/s, log entry.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11

12:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s. Arrest of David Williams, 37, of 1434 Liberty St., Braintree. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor, second offense; operating a motor vehicle negligently so as to endanger; operating a motor vehicle while drinking alcohol; failure to stop for police officer.

2:06 a.m. Lighthouse Lane, general disturbance, log entry.

12:35 p.m. King St., property, lost.

4:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Rose Hill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued

4:56 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, log entry.

4:57 p.m. Margin St., parking complaint, departmental action.

5:02 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, unfounded.

6:20 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Christopher L. Thornton, 20, of 10 Westville St., #3, Dorchester. Charges: Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor; operating under the influence of drugs; operating recklessly so as to endanger; false name given to a police officer; leaving accident scene after property damage; illegal possession of a Class B substance; operating a motor vehicle without license in possession; WMS warrant.

8:08 p.m. Pleasant St., well-being check, departmental action.

9:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted, unfounded.

9:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violation/s, stored/impounded.

9:49 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle violation/s. Arrest of Stephanie L. Fassnacht, 22, of 44 Grove St., Scituate. Charge: Operating a motor vehicle after license/right to operate suspended.

10:30 p.m. Lamberts Lane, fire investigation.

11:09 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/persons, area search negative.

11:29 p.m. Elm Ct., vandalism, investigated/report filed/or to be filed.

12:27 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal call or complaint.

1:04 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

1:34 p.m. Hingham P.D., investigation, log entry.

1:40 p.m. Hillside Dr., investigation, report filed/or to be filed.

1:46 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

2:22 p.m. Ripley Rd., vandalism.

2:54 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

5:53 p.m. Forest Ave., illegal dumping, area search negative.

6:28 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

9:11 p.m. Highland Ave., general information, log entry.

9:27 p.m. Highland Ave., general information, log entry.

SUNDAY, AUG. 12

3:30 A.M. Lamberts Lane, fire investigation.

6:09 a.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/persons, area search negative.

11:29 a.m. Elm Ct., vandalism, report filed/or to be filed.

12:27 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal call or complaint.

1:04 p.m. North Main St., animal call or complaint.

1:25 p.m. Elm St., burglar alarm.

1:34 p.m. Hingham PD, investigation.

1:40 p.m. Hillside Dr., investigation.

1:46 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

2:22 p.m. Ripley Rd., vandalism.

2:54 p.m. South Main St., animal call or complaint.

5:53 a.m. Forest Ave., illegal dumping.

6:28 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation

9:11 p.m. Highland Ave., info, general, log entry.

9:37 p.m. Highland Ave., info, general, log entry.

MONDAY, AUG. 13

9:04 a.m. Cushing Rd. and Pleasant St., fire investigation.

10:02 a.m. Arrowwood Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:08 a.m. Ripley Rd., fire investigation.

11:34 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:55 a.m. Norfolk Rd., suspicious auto.

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The Norfolk County Criminal Justice Citizens Academy is offering a free judicial educational course for adults living in Norfolk County. The program, which is held in Dedham, will begin Sept. 26 and end Nov. 14.

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By Seth Jacobson
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What could be better than spending a summer night outside listening to the smooth sounds of classical music and jazz? The answer?— Making that concept a reality.

This Saturday (Aug. 25), beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, the Hingham Symphony Orchestra (HSO) will be sponsoring its second "Sunset at the Abbey" concert.

"Last year's themes were Celtic and classical music, but this year we're doing jazz and classical," said HSO managing director Nina Wellford. "The Abbey is just a beautiful outdoor amphitheater, and it's the perfect place for an end-of-the-summer concert. Last year, the weather was gorgeous. This year, we're hoping for the same."

This year's Abbey concert will feature the jazz-based Ed Sorrentino Trio, as well as the classical sounds of HSO oboist Andrew Price, HSO harpist Alicia Jones, and accomplished opera singer Mara Bonde. There will be different sets for the classical and jazz music, but interestingly enough, Bonde will be singing with both groups throughout the evening.

"At the Hingham Symphony Orchestra, music is universal," Wellford said. "The reason we like putting on the concert at the Abbey is that it's interesting and fun to put two styles of music together to see what happens, and to feature these local musicians."

"People who come for the jazz are going to find that classical music is way more accessible than they think. And people who come for the classical will just have a lot of fun with the jazz."

The performers themselves are also anticipating an enjoyable evening of great music.

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Wellford said she has high praise for all the musicians involved in the upcoming concert including the precision of Sorrentino's percussion skills, Bonde's illustrious voice, Price's oboe methods, and Jones' inspirational harp playing.

"I never knew what a harp could do until I watched her," Wellford said. She added Bonde has a lot of experience as a singer, and has even performed with the Boston Pops. All in all, Wellford said the public is in for a night of watching some extremely versatile musicians in a unique setting.

"By putting classical music together with jazz, we're going to make some connections," she said.

"It should really be a crowd pleaser," Price said. "The music will be very listenable and at the same time, very intriguing. I think that one of the most interesting things about the evening will be that people will be able to see some of the personalities within the orchestra (HSO). But I think the bottom line is that people will be able to hear some unabashedly beautiful music."

Sorrentino said he's looking forward to a good crowd, and he said jazz music is usually fueled by a good audience.

"Any time you have an audience that's appreciative, it really gets the band fired up," he said. "It gives us a chance to get really creative." Although the band does plan on being spontaneous, Sorrentino said he plans on playing some traditional jazz classics from greats like Benny Goodman, Cole Porter, and George Gershwin.

"We'll be playing some standard jazz, as well as some Latin-influenced music," he added. "There will be a good mixture of things in the jazz idiom."

Wellford said people will definitely enjoy the music that evening, but they will especially enjoy the atmosphere it's being played in.

"I think because the event is outdoors at the Abbey, people will find it's a very relaxing, mellow way to end the summer," she said. "It's going to be a night of fabulous music, so people should come with their friends and families. This is certainly a departure for us at the HSO, but we know we're going to have a lot of fun with it."

For more information on the "Sunset at the Abbey Concert," call (781) 740-5694. Tickets for the event cost $10 for adults and $5 for seniors and kids under 19. Tickets are available at the gate of the Abbey the day of the show or in advance at Noble's Hingham Square, Hingham Public Library, or the Abbey bookstore. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, Hingham.



Soprano vocalist Mara Bonde will be singing in both the jazz and classical portions of the Sunset at the Abbey concert this Saturday.

Revved up

Spindles Auto Club gets ready to host its 21st annual car show in Marshfield

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If you like cars of any sort, than you will love what will be going on at the Marshfield Fairgrounds in a couple of short weeks.

On Sept. 2, the Weymouth-based Spindles Auto Club will be hosting its 21st annual car show at the fairgrounds in which more than 600 cars of all different varieties will be featured.

What's more, the show is not being held simply for the purpose of providing amusement—a large percentage of the profits from the event will be donated to The Jimmy Fund and to the DARE organization.

"We'll have 50 different classes of cars," said 28-year Spindles member Warren Meyer, who is in charge of organizing the show each year. "We'll have antiques, street cars, trucks, four-wheel-drive vehicles, race cars, classics, you name it."

In addition to cars, there will also be live entertainment provided by the New Sensation Band (out of Plymouth), a disc jockey, and there will also be a judo exhibition. In addition, Meyer said DARE officers will be passing out stickers and pencils to kids while they explain the dangers of drugs.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE SPINDLES AUTO CLUB

A view of the Spindles car show held last year.

But the bottom line for the day will most certainly be cars. Hundreds of them.

"This show usually takes up most of the room at the fairgrounds," Meyer said. "We fill it up from one end to the other." Meyer said the amount of people that show up typically ranges anywhere from 1,000 to 10,000 individuals.

"It's well received every year," Meyer added, "and the neat thing is that we've never had a rainout." Not only is the show popular, but Meyer said in the May, 2001 issue of Rod and Custom Magazine, it was rated as "one of the greatest car shows going."

Meyer is especially proud of that statement because he was one of the founders of the event 21 years ago. During that time, the two official benefactors of the show were always DARE and The Jimmy Fund. The Spindles have raised "thousands of dollars" for both charities.

The Spindles organization has always been a charity-based group in the sense that it used to be a place where people sent kids who got in trouble.

"The club was started in 1957 by a local judge and some parents," Meyer said. "When kids would get into trouble, they would become members of the club" to keep them off the street and to learn about the discipline of driving.

As time went on, the emphasis of the club was, according to Meyer, to promote safe driving while at the same time offering a facility for automotive training and education. These days, the principal remains the same. For 21 years, the car show has been implemented with that principal in mind. It's an educational, interesting family event.

Some of the makes of the cars being shown this year include Corvettes, Camaros, Mustangs, Thunderbirds, all sorts of antique cars, and even kit cars.

"It's really an event for everyone," Meyer said. "While the adults check out the cars, there will be contests for the kids. Everyone can enjoy themselves." Meyer said to see all the cars at the show, one should be prepared to spend about four hours walking around.

"It's really a hell of a deal," Meyer said. "And it's all for a good cause."

The Spindles Auto Show is scheduled for Sept. 2 from 9 a.m.-to 4 p.m.. If it rains, the event will be held the next day at the same location. Tickets to the show cost $5. Children under 12 will get in for free. For more information, call (617) 472-3572 or log onto http://members.tripod.com/spindlescarclub/.



Antique cars will be out in full force at the Sept. 2 auto show. Pictured here a 1931 Oakland with a Hemi motor.



Powerful monster trucks are always popular at the Spindles Club Auto Show.



Another classic - a 1962 Chevy Impala

Living

Fresh Fruit with Zabaglione



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

A dollop of warm zabaglione spooned over chilled, freshly picked berries is one of my favorite summer desserts. It can be prepared in minutes using just three very basic pantry items - egg yolks, sugar, and Marsala wine - but Marsala tends to overpower delicate berries. I wanted something simple but fresher in taste, a sauce that naps the berries lightly, enhancing their flavor without overpowering it.

I started with the fundamentals of zabaglione. The basic ratios are one tablespoon each of sugar and wine or liquor per yolk. (I have also seen recipes which use an eggshell as a measure – half an eggshell of sugar and Marsala per yolk.)

I found that 2 1/2 tablespoons sugar (not 4) to 4 egg yolks and 4 tablespoons Marsala was a better ratio. The ingredients are then whisked together before being placed in a double boiler where they are gently heated and whisked until the mixture is light and frothy, usually 5 minutes or so. I found that, for best results, the ingredients must be combined just before the cooking process and the zabaglione should be served immediately. Yolks whisked with sugar must not sit around before cooking as they quickly turn lumpy and even the most vigorous whisking can't rectify the situation. Finally, it was important to keep the heat low and constant. If, at any time, the zabaglione starts to curdle, simply remove the bowl from the double boiler, vigorously whisk, and then resume cooking.

Although zabaglione is usually made with Marsala, it can also be made with fortified wines such as port or liqueurs. I started my tests with dark rum, sake, Triple Sec, Cointreau, and port. The Cointreau had a nice orange flavor but was not suitable for this recipe, the port was good but heavy and more suitable for a cold weather application, the dark rum was heavy and sweet - not as good as the Marsala, the sake was odd tasting, and the Triple Sec was a faint version of the Cointreau. I also tried a variety of white and fortified wines. Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc were excellent but Chardonnay was bitter and dry vermouth was both bitter and sour. Finally, I tested champagne which was my favorite. When using white wine or champagne, however, I found that the sugar had to be brought back to 4 tablespoons since Marsala is naturally sweeter.

One last word of caution. This is an extremely simple recipe but it does not tolerate interruptions! Don't answer the phone or doorbell if you want it a silky, light zabaglione, the perfect foil for ripe summer berries.

FRESH BERRIES WITH ZABAGLIONE This recipe could not be easier and makes a great substitute for a pie or cobbler when the fruit is really fresh and flavorful. You might also try a good fruity Sancerre or a well-balanced Gewurtztraminer in place of the champagne.

3 cups berries picked over and rinsed and dried if necessary, strawberries should be sliced or quartered, and fruit divided between 6 goblets or bowls

5 large egg yolks

5 tablespoons sugar

5 tablespoons champagne or light white wine such as Pinot Grigio or Sauvignon Blanc

1. Bring 1 inch of water to a simmer in a saucepan wide enough to accommodate a large metal or tempered glass mixing bowl resting on top. Whisk the egg yolks and sugar in the bowl until light, about 2 minutes. Whisk in the champagne or white wine.

2. Place the bowl on top of the saucepan with simmering water. (The water should not touch the bowl.) Whisk constantly for 7 minutes or until the mixture is light and frothy and the whisk leaves a trail through the mix. You may need to remove the bowl from the heat occasionally to avoid overheating. Vigorous whisking off the heat can remedy uneven or very slightly curdled zabaglione. Spoon over the berries and serve immediately.

Serves 6

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Planetary action makes for an intense day. Be sure to start off with an upbeat attitude. The moon enters Scorpio at 5:50 a.m. At 12:06 p.m., Pluto, the planetary ruler of Scorpio, begins direct travel at 12 1/2-degrees of Sagittarius. This is a potent combination. You may feel forced to deal with issues that just won't go away and make tough choices. Eliminate negativity in your life; let go of past hurts and resentments. Open your heart to higher visions. Because Pluto is a slow-moving planet, its influence has affected the last few days and will continue to linger.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Yesterday's advice pertains to today as well. The moon continues its travel in Pluto-ruled Scorpio. You may have to face the facts about situations that have been troubling you. This is a great day for tackling projects that need mental concentration, study, research. You can cut through obstacles and get to the bottom of things. Take quiet time out for yourself. Important insights and inspirations may come, if you have quiet space and time to listen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Wake up in a good mood. The Scorpio moon aligns with Venus at 7:16 a.m. and becomes inactive. Influences turn around completely at 10:59 a.m., when the moon enters ebullient Sagittarius. The remainder of the day rates high for enjoying favorite friends and pastimes. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:55 p.m. A full moon is building and will culminate September 2. A lunar alignment to Neptune this evening prompts you to forget your troubles and let the good times roll.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

The moon continues to travel in upbeat Sagittarius. However, it forms challenging contacts to Pluto and Saturn that are in effect between 9:24 a.m.-2:21 p.m. This can be a very emotional period, when deep feelings or hidden resentments surface. On the other hand, this interval is ideal for spending time alone. Look within for answers, and you'll find what you need to get back on track. By mid-afternoon the optimistic side of a Sagittarius moon returns, making the remainder of the day prime for socializing, enjoying favorite leisure activities.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Lunar alignments to Mercury and Mars may spark emotional fireworks this morning. Take it slow and easy. At 8:50 a.m. the Sagittarius moon becomes inactive, making this day ideal for vacationing. If you can, take extra time out for yourself; get back in the swing of favorite sports or exercise programs. Venus enters Leo at 12:12 a.m., remaining there until September 20. The moon enters practical Capricorn at 8:02 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Mars occurs at 8:42 a.m., warning you to slow down. Think before you say or do something you will later regret. The moon continues its travel in business-oriented Capricorn. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda. You can be most productive today and tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

Go with your ambitious side. A Capricorn moon makes this an excellent day for getting things done. The green light is on for making decisions, signing contracts. Zero in on duties and responsibilities you have taken on. Now is the time to follow through.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

The Capricorn moon aligns with Mercury at 2:28 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 7:48 a.m. an Aquarius moon takes over, generating an upbeat mood. Lunar alignments to Venus and Neptune make this a great day to network, brainstorm and dream, but get a reality check before making a major commitment. Gather with friends and enjoy life to its fullest this evening.

Uncommon trees and shrubs for the landscape

Green thumbs up

Part I

By Suzanne Mahler
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As the summer growing season begins to wind down, cooler temperatures and shorter day length seem to rekindle the gardening spirit. Before long, asters, mums, ornamental kale, and spring-flowering bulbs will entice us to return to our local nurseries as we endeavor to spruce up some of our tired, overgrown summer plantings. Many garden centers have reduced their prices on perennials, trees and shrubs as healthy, new nursery stock arrives for fall planting. Late August and September are usually ideal for renovating lawns, dividing and transplanting perennials and planting a wide range of trees and shrubs.

For those gardeners who feel compelled to grow every plant commercially available, the quest for the new and unusual is never-ending. Uncommon plants are sometimes the first treasures to be scooped up in the spring by discriminating gardeners like ourselves, but occasionally these plants are overlooked because they are unknown or perhaps more costly. Late summer sales may be your golden opportunity to acquire these unique or rare offerings at considerable savings, not to mention that these potential discounts are a wonderful excuse to browse for bargains through nurseries across the state and beyond.

Although I could not imagine my landscape without magnolias, crabapples, dogwoods and rhododendrons, I take special delight in those trees, shrubs, and perennials that are less commonly grown. Every year, exciting new plants are introduced into the nursery trade in addition to different or improved cultivars of familiar plants. If time, space, and my pocketbook would allow, I would collect dwarf conifers and woody plants in addition to the vast diversity of perennials I have already accumulated, but for now, I am content to grow a small number of less commonly known trees and shrubs while my wish list for other unusual plants continues to expand.

The golden ninebark (Physocarpus opulifolius) is an attractive deciduous shrub which produces small, lobed leaves on branches up to 10 feet tall. The pale, lime-green foliage serves as a handsome backdrop for plants having blue-green or burgundy foliage including large blue hosta and the bronze-tinted bugbanes, Cimicifuga 'Brunette' or C. Hillside Black Beauty'. Small, two-inch flower heads, reminiscent of Spirea 'Snowmound', appear in early summer and are white with just a hint of pink. When the foliage drops, peeling bark provides winter interest.

About this time last season, I discovered a new cultivar of this native shrub, P. 'Diablo', which now ranks near the top of my long list of favorite plants. As its name suggests, 'Diablo' boasts exciting chocolate brown to deep purple foliage providing season-long color and contrast and makes a dramatic statement when combined with the bright pink blooms of purple coneflower (Echinacea), black-eyed Susans (Rudbeckia goldstrum.) or practically any pale-colored flowers set against its deep bronze foliage.

Ninebark can be pruned severely in spring to produce dense, compact shrubs but the flowers will be sacrificed as the shrub blooms on old wood and is best pruned just after flowering if blooms are desired. Provide a moisture-retentive, fertile, acid soil in full sun to partial shade.

Another recent addition to my shrub border, the Seven-Son Flower (Heptacodium. miconiodes) offers numerous desirable attributes and fulfills my wish to grow plants which provide multiple seasons of interest. This little known, vigorous shrub from China can potentially reach a height of 15 feet and can be trained as a small tree as well as a multi-stemmed shrub. Shiny, pointed, dark green leaves, with wavy margins on arching stems, are attractive all season long with clusters of tiny, very fragrant, creamy white flowers appearing in late summer, and early autumn. Small purple fruit are formed but soon drop, leaving behind showy, reddish-pink sepals which persist into November. A mature specimen exhibits gorgeous, exfoliating bark which is gray, beige and brown for lovely winter appeal. Tolerant of drought and salt, Heptacodium will thrive in a wide range of conditions but prefers a moderately fertile, well-drained soil in sun to partial shade.

For smaller landscapes, the dwarf fothergilla (F. gardenii) provides delightful spring bloom and handsome fall foliage. Fothergillas prefer moisture-retentive, well-drained soils, rich in organic matter, in sun or shade but will produce more abundant flowers and demonstrate their spectacular fall color to greatest advantage given more sunlight. These dense, compact shrubs produce fragrant, silky, white bottlebrush flowers in springtime prior to the appearance of their attractive oval, toothed leaves which turn vivid shades of yellow, orange and scarlet in autumn. The cultivar, F. 'Blue Mist' features lovely blue-green foliage. Fothergilla major is a larger, more upright variety, reaching a height of 8 to 10 feet. Native to the Allegheny Mountains, these unique shrubs are ideal for the woodland garden or as a specimen plant in the perennial or shrub border.

Join the New England Daylily Society for its annual public plant sale and auction Saturday, Aug. 25 beginning at noon at the Waltham Field Station, 240 Beaver St. in Waltham. Come a little early to explore the bargain tables and get advice from members about the plants which are bare root and arranged by color.

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ADVOGUARD SPONSORS THIRD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT with the third annual Advoguard Invitational golf tournament will be held today (Aug. 22) at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham. Registration begins at 8 a.m. sharp.

Advoguard is a Rockland-based non-profit group founded for the purpose of providing guardianship, conservatorship, representative payee and legal custodian services for senior citizens.

The entry fee for the tournament is $125 per person. For more information call (781) 982-1577.

JAZZ NIGHT on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Wilder Hall, 666 Main Street in Hingham. Featuring the popular Mark Kross "Five Piece Trio" including Herb Pomeroy, trumpet and Billy Novick, alto saxophone. Sponsored by the New England Friends Home. For tickets and information call 781-749-3556.

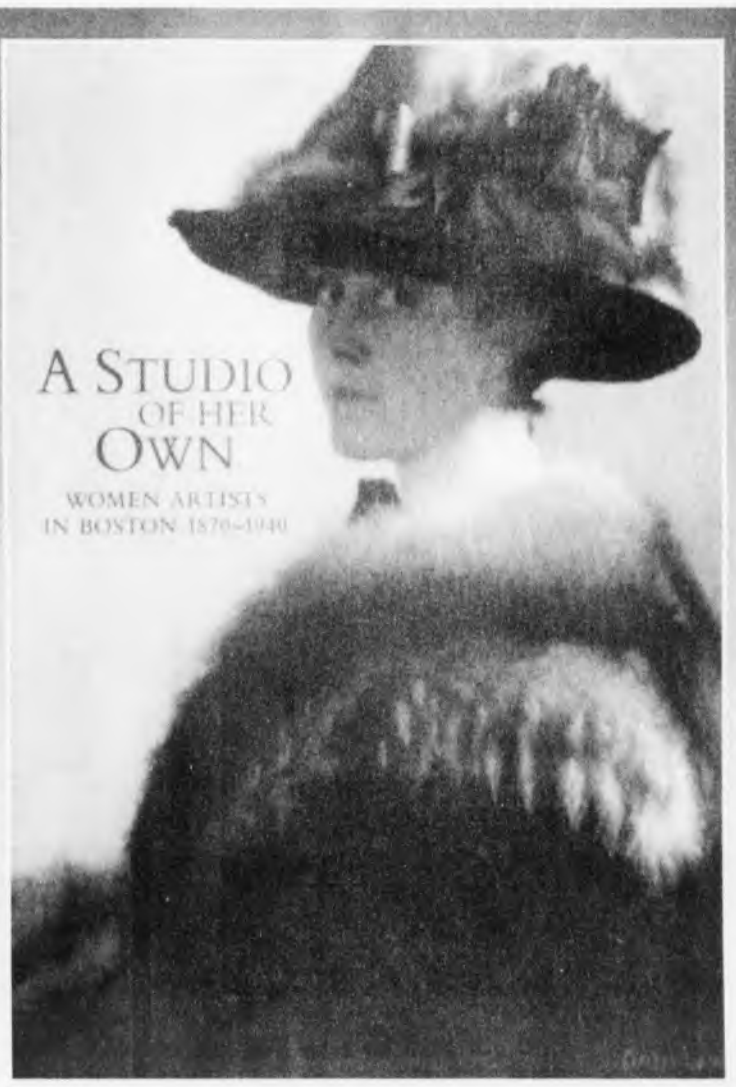
THE SPINDLES ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET will be held at the Marshfield Fairgrounds in Marshfield on Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is $5 (kids under 12 are free) Rain date is Sept. 3. Over 600 cars every year. Foods, music, live entertainment, and much more. For more information call 617-472-3572.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28, Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS beginning September 19. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Sept. 19: Jefferson Starship. Sept. 26: ABBA Again (A Tribute to ABBA). Oct. 3: Badfinger. Oct. 10: Southern Rock Rebellion Band. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

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"Woman in a Fur Hat," by Gretchen Rogers
A Studio of Her Own: Women Artists in Boston 1870-1940 is on display in the Torf Gallery of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston through Dec. 2.

Thurs. 23

Cruiser Quincy Crew Returns to Homeport for a reunion at the Sheraton Braintree Hotel in Braintree on August 23 - 26. Because many crewmembers came from this area, who are not on the mailing list, the reunion committee would like them all to this gathering. This may well be one of the final meetings. To sign up or obtain further details call 401-728-3063 or email at ca71reun@ptd.net.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Tootsie and Friends. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On Aug. 23: Legion Bud Band.

Children's Museum in Easton proudly presents "Playful parachutes", make a working parachute by decorating a napkin with watercolors and attaching it to a painted clothespin "person". The program is free with museum admission of $4.50 for adults, members and under 1 are free. For more information call 508-230-3789.

American Red Cross will hold a CPR/FPR Review from 6 - 10 p.m. at the American Red Cross office, 1495 Hancock Street in Quincy. Prerequisite: Current certification for CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Fee is $50. For more information call 617-770-2600.

Fri. 24

Mayflower II hosts a New England Clambake on State Pier in Plymouth on Aug. 24, each beginning at 6 p.m. Costumed role-players will be on board throughout the evening to entertain and answer questions visitors may have about the Pilgrim's voyage in 1621. Guests will then return to the exhibit area to learn more about the Pilgrims while enjoying dinner on Plymouth's waterfront. The buffet style clambake includes everything from New England clam chowder, steamers and boiled lobsters for the adults and hot dogs and watermelon for the kids. The cost of this visit is $44.95 for adults (members $38.95) and $27.95 for children (members $19.95). Advanced reservations are recommended by calling 508-746-1622 ext. 8365.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a semi-monthly smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 for SSS members and $8 non-members. Proper dress is required. For more information cal 781-331-0021.

Impressionist Still Life at the South Shore Art Center with Margaret McWethy teaching a three day workshop from Aug. 24 - 26. Color will be the main focus of study as students learn how to recreate nature's varied light effect. Located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Crafters Wanted for the September 8, 2001 craft fair sponsored by the South Shore Irish American Society. For applications for 8x4 tables call Pat at 508-523-1515 or Fran at 781-447-5304. Tables are $20. This event will be held at the K. of C. Hall on Bedford Street in Whitman. This is a craft fair only and will be held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, James Montgomery Band. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

"Into the Woods" will be presented by the Children's Theater at Massasoit Community college. Show dates and times are Aug. 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets sold at the door are $8 for general admission and $5 for children under 12 and seniors. For advance tickets or for more information call 508-588-9100 ext. 1542.

"Beauty and the Beast" will be presented by Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, Inc. Show dates and times are Aug. 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 26 at 4:30 p.m. at Cordage Park in Plymouth, Mill #1, Lower Level. Admission is $8 for adults and $5 for children.

Sat. 25

Ames Nowell State Park Nature Programs are as follows: "Wildflower Walk" from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and "Pond Study" from 2 - 3 p.m. Located at the end of Linwood Street in Abington. Parking is available at no charge and all park programs are free. For free private programs or more information call Zachary Brown, Park Interpreter at 781-857-1336.

Miss Millennium at Independence Mall on Aug. 25 from 1 - 4 p.m. Heather Schmid is touring the country with her 20-minute original pop/dance show. Come see the show and sign up to walk the catwalk with a free analysis of your potential. See Customer Service for details or call Pageant Productions at 617-847-1486.

Old Chiltonville Congregational Church Antiques Festival will be held on the meetinghouse grounds from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The address is 6 River Street in Plymouth. Lunch will be served and admission is $3.50. For more information call Donna Olson at 508-746-1677.

The Redcoats are Coming to Fort Revere in Hull on Aug. 25 and 26 to demonstrate their tactics. Since there will be a Colonial Militia present there is likely to be a skirmish between opposing forces. The encampment at Fort Revere is open from 9a .m. - 5 p.m. and on Sat. from 9a .m. - 4 p.m. Fort Revere is at the top of Telegraph Hill in hull and affords views of the Boston Harbor from Boston to Cape Ann to Cohasset and Hingham Harbor. For more information call Matt Tobin at Fort Revere Park 617-727-4468.

Sounds of the Big Bopper to Echo through Marshfield on Saturday, August 25th. The Big Bopper Junior, Jay Perry Richardson, will appear at the 134th Marshfield Fair along with rock and roll great Freddy Cannon. Ed Bowen and George Dunham will be presenting this year's second "Oldies" Saturday at the fair with shows in the afternoon and evening. The evening show will air on WATD (FM - Marshfield) as part of Ed and George's "Yesterday's Memories" weekly oldie radio program.

Sunset at Abbey where you can treat yourself to a relaxing evening of jazz and light classical music, at the second annual Sunset at the Abbey concert, sponsored by the Hingham Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 4:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic. Light refreshments will also be sold. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd. (Rte. 228) Cohasset. Tickets ($10 adult, $5 senior and youth under 19) are available at the gate or in advance at Noble's Hingham Square, Hingham Public Library, or the Abbey Bookstore. For more information, call 781-740-5694.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Roxy Perry Band. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Nantasket Beach Concert Series schedule of events for Nantasket Beach and Fort Revere in Hull. There will be a weekly concert series at the MDC Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach as well as a family movie series at Fort Revere in Hull. Both series are free to the public and suitable for children and adults of all ages. On Aug. 25: Movie Series at dusk. Aug. 26: "Jack Alessi Group" at King Pavilion at 2 p.m.

Sun. 26

Company Theatre Presents "42nd Street" continuing through Aug. 26. Shows are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. tickets are $22 in advance and $24 the day of the show) and Wed. at 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. (tickets are $19 in advance and $21 the day of the show.) Tickets are now on sale at the Company theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787 or you can visit www.companytheatre.com.

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Art Complex Museum artist in residence Christina Lanzl is right on schedule with her outdoor installation of "Topiary: Green Horses," a permanent site specific sculpture consisting of a small herd of life-sized horses covered in ivy. Stop by and pay the horses a visit. The Art Complex Museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

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Open house and Religious School Registration Day at the Temple Beth Sholom, 900 Nantasket Ave., in Hull. Grilled hot dogs with condiments and beverages will be served. Held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 781-925-1891.

Edward Rowe Snow Memorial Day held at 12 noon. Come celebrate the birthday of the man who saved our harbor islands, which became Boston Harbor State Park and are now a National Recreation area. There will be songs, Snow style tours of the island and more. Boats leave Boston Harbor Cruises Long Wharf at 10 and 11 a.m., Hingham at 10 a.m., Pemberton at 10 a.m. and Marina Bay at 10 a.m. Adults are $8 and seniors are $7. For more information call 781-767-4545.

The Bridgewater Antiphonal Brass Society will be in concert on Aug. 26 from 4 - 6 p.m. at Besse Park on Main Street in Wareham. Presented by the Wareham Village Association this popular ensemble has been performing throughout New England for over 20 years. Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic. For more information call 508-291-3667.

Borders presents Swing Set at 2 p.m. at the Independence Mall in Kingston. A thoroughly entertaining jazz experience, featuring extensive use of intricate guitar lines and vocal expertise by the local duo. Check out their Middle Street School of Music. For more information call 978-532-7187.

Shakespeare Collaborative comes to Hanson - Town Hall to present "The Brothers Menaechmus." Shown at 5 p.m., be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and a picnic lunch. For more information call the local town hall.

Summer Concerts on the USS Salem located in Quincy, off Route 3A, next to the Fore River Bridge. Harbor Express entrance. On Aug. 26, "Quintessential Brass", Jazz, Swing, Dixieland, rock and pop, from 2 - 4 p.m. For more information call 617-479-7900.

Ames Nowell State Park Nature Programs are as follows: "A Closer Look: Carnivorous Plants" from 1 - 2 p.m. and "Wild Edibles" from 3 - 4 p.m. Located at the end of Linwood Street in Abington. Parking is available at no charge and all park programs are free. For free private programs or more information call Zachary Brown, Park Interpreter at 781-857-1336.

Blueberry Festival on Sunday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. Blueberry pie, blueberry shortcake, and blueberry sundaes will be served. For entertainment, a pound auction will be held after dessert. Tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for children. Tickets may be reserved or purchased at the door. For information and reservations, call 781-383-9131.

Mon. 27

2001 Panagia Golf Classic will be held on Aug. 27 at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate and compete for prizes of up to $100,000 cash. Luncheon follows at the Barker Tavern. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Hospital Boston Hellenic Cardiac Fund and the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church Community Center in Cohasset. For more information call 781-337-5016.

American Red Cross Mass. Child Care First Aid class will be held from 6 - 10 p.m. at 1495 Hancock Street in Quincy. The fee is $45. This course teaches child-care safety and is recognized and approved by the Massachusetts Office for Child Care Services. Pre-requisites: Current infant and child CPR or Community CPR Certification. Pre-registration is required. Call 617-770-2600, Mon. - Fri., 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Epilepsy Awareness Night at the Pawtucket Red Sox on Aug. 27. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. EFM&RI's summer camp for kids, "Camp-Wee-Kan-Tu" will be guests of the Paw Sox and the Camp Video will be shown on the ball field projection screen. Tickets are $6 per person and can be purchased by calling Jo'Anne LaFontaine at 888-576-9996.

Mothers and More provide a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. On August 27 the discussion will be "At Home Business" with guest speakers. Located at 347 Washington St. in Norwell. For more information call Teri Angelis at 617-328-5605 or Christine Olivieri at 781-544-4664.

Tues. 28

South Shore Women's Business Network presents a monthly breakfast meeting at Ramada in Rockland from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Preregistration is $15 members, $25 nonmembers. At the door, $20 members and $30 non members. For more information call 781-749-8883.

Wed. 29

American Red Cross Mass. CPR/FPR Review class will be held from 6 - 10 p.m. at 1495 Hancock Street in Quincy. The fee is $50. Pre-requisites: Current certification for CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Pre-registration is required. Call 617-770-2600, Mon. - Fri., 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Thurs. 30

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree 5 Corners. Featuring D.J. Hazard at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $10 with specially priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. For more information call 781-848-0300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On Aug. 30: Sounds of Yesterday.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. Euonym and Friends. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Fri. 31

Back-To-School Busload of Prizes Raffle at the Independence Mall, Kingston held through Aug. 31. One person will win an entire bus filled with merchandise, on display in Center Court from various stores throughout the mall on Sept. 1. To enter, participants must bring their Independence Mall receipts to customer service. For each $50 spent between August 6 - 31, customers will receive one entry form. For more information please call 781-582-2445.

Three Award Winning Artists will be exhibiting their work in the Pembroke Library, Center Street, Pembroke, during the month of August. Alison Davidson and Lilly Cleveland of Duxbury and Corinna Milliken of Kingston have been painting together and met in the Duxbury Art Association classes of Catherine Smit.

"Nature's Landscapes" Photography Exhibit at Science Center in August The Photography of Susan White will be on display August 1-31, 2001 in the Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. The show, entitled "Nature's Landscapes" features watercolor iris photographs depicting various environmental scenes. Susan White has had numerous one-woman shows in the area, as well as an ongoing display in her studio on West Elm Street in Pembroke. She has won many awards at Duxbury, North River, Pembroke, Norwell and South Shore Art Association juried shows. She has also won top honors from the Professional Photographers of Massachusetts, New England and America. The exhibit can also be viewed during the month of August, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than one mile from Route 3's exit 13. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

Choo Choo Barbecue Antique Fire Engine Ride in South Carver at Edaville Railroad. The 1952 Ford Fire Truck has been fully restored made to seat people and give them an inside tour of the Cranberry Plantation. The park is open Fri - Mon. during August from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is located on Route 58, exit 2 off I-495 in South Carver. For more information call 508-866-8190.

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"Rhododendron and Blue Vase" by Margaret McWethy
Summer Encounters: Visiting Artist Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset continues this week with a three day workshop by Margaret McWethy from Aug. 24-26. The visiting artist show runs through Sept. 9. The art center is located at 119 Ripley Road. For more information call (781) 383-2787.



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Starcreations Theatre of the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center presents "Beauty and the Beast" at Cordage Park Aug.24 and 25 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 26 at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are $8, $5 for children.

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Gallery presents "Trailing Light" feature pastel artist Allison Krajcik. The exhibit will run through August 31. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot St. in Duxbury. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. Exhibit and reception are free. For more information call 781-934-0640.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Urban Renewal. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

The Three B...s to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at: 508-339-0033.

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town by members of the Weymouth Art Association through August and September. In the Town Hall: Paintings by Hedda Zona, Paul Lindstrom, Martha Donovan, Marie Cassani, Gail Coyle, Josephine Bottari, Lauren Demore and Kay O'Brien. At Snyders Jewelers, Maureen Hardiman, Helen and John Shaw and Yvonne Gillis will have paintings displayed. At Jordan Insurance, Mary Mainiero, Kate Manning, Reva Gordon, Jean Clark, Isabel Shamitz and Arnold Turner will have paintings displayed. At Rizzo Insurance, the works of Jeanne Mulligan, Jospeh Nover and Anne Porter will be displayed. At Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Edwina Caci. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Boston Light Cruises on Sept. 9 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $27, seniors are $24, members are $22 and children 3 - 12 are $15. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

Summer Encounters: Visiting Artists Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will run through Sept. 9. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal; landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel printing, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography and impressionist still life painting. For more information or to register for any of these workshops call 781-383-ARTS.

Mary Kennedy Selected Duxbury Art Association Student of the Month for her outstanding work in watercolor class instructed by Katherine Smit. Mary's watercolor "Duxbury Scene" will be on display in the Lillian & Ture Bengzt Gallery at the Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

Environmental Arts, Inc. at the Fuller Museum of Art will present its Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the grounds of the Fuller Museum of Art through Nov. 4. Environmental Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes site-specific art in natural settings. There will be a reception on the grounds located at 455 Oak St. in Brockton on Sept. 22 from 1 —4 p.m. with a walk through and tour of the installations conducted by Martha Buskirk and the participating artists at 2 p.m. For more information please call 508-588-6000.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month is Elizabeth Trubia. Her paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-1402.

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.

"New Work...Old Friends" will be presented by the North River Arts Society at the Ventress Library Gallery through Sept. 22. The exhibit is a collection of work by past and present members of the Board of Directors at the North River Arts Society. The library summer hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. through Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Historic Houses: The Old Ordinary is Hingham, 21 Lincoln Street will feature a special exhibit of antique toys call "The Children's Hour" which will include dolls from the Society's collection and furniture from the Tower Toy Guild. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 8. The house is open from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. - Sat. through Sept. 8. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12. For more information call 781-749-1851.

From Dine to Diebenkorn: Contemporary Master Prints, selections from the Collection of Eli Goldman and Judith Strull running through Oct. 14 at the Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000. Museum hours are Tues. - Sat. from 12 - 5 p.m. and Thurs. from 12 - 9 p.m. Admission is $3 for seniors and students, $5 for adults. Members and children under 18 are free.

P. Anthony Visco Painting Exhibition will take place at the Sparrow House Museum beginning through Sept. 3. All are welcome. P. Anthony Visco paints scenes that are familiar to those of us who live in New England, but brings to these everyday images a freshness and vitality that inspires one to look again. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wed. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Museum admission is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information please call 508-747-1240.

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RAD steel worker John Donovan guides the main beam into place on the new addition at the Deer Hill School.

Schools double as construction zones

Opening day is Sept. 5

By Rick Collins
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"It looks like an erector set."
—Town Manager Mark Haddad

Just two weeks ago, the quad at Cohasset Middle/High School looked like something out of a war zone. One side had been torn down, leaving piles of cement and bricks on the former grassy area. Twisted and bent steel support rods stuck out from the heaps of rubble.

Now the debris is gone, but the side of the school that use to house the school library is still missing, replaced by utility pipes held up by scaffolding and a bulldozed landscape.

Next week, life with the $41 million school construction project begins in earnest when students once again fill the school's halls, and attempt to carry on as if nothing has happened.

"This is a construction project, and I think most parents have an understanding of that," said School Building Committee Chairman Rob Spofford. "I hope parents would understand that our goal is not to have the students' education be disrupted at all. The building, while an integral part, is not what educates children. What educates are the teachers and students who come well prepared."

A recent walk through of the Deer Hill School and middle/high school showed two schools trying to look as normal as possible, despite being in a state of flux.

This past summer's asbestos removal left both schools, for the most part, with concrete floors. The old grassy knoll in front of the Deer Hill has been paved over to replace the parking lot that was sacrificed to the new wing which is currently taking shape.

"It looks like an erector set."

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Swift changes open door for permit reviews

Affects affordable housing count

By Rick Collins
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For some concerned Cohasset residents, the idea of a massive housing development on one of Cohasset's last stretches of commercially zoned land has become all too real.

Since June, Avalon Bay Properties has been in preliminary discussions with town boards about the feasibility of using a comprehensive permit to construct a 250-unit rental apartment unit complex at the former site of the Norfolk Conveyor property, on Route 3A across from Atlantic Bagel.

Under a comprehensive permit, a developer could skirt local zoning bylaws, such as density and land-use restrictions, by reserving 25 percent of the total units constructed for affordable housing.

The development would result in a 9 percent increase of the total housing units in town, along one of the most traveled roads in the region. But because less than 3 percent of the town's housing units are considered affordable, well below the state quota of 10 percent, Cohasset had few options to defeat the project.

However, changes to the affordable housing law recently unveiled by acting Governor Jane Swift could result in a scaled-down version of the project, and would give the towns like Cohasset more ammunition to shoot down proposals in the future. Swift's revisions,

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Amphipod holds up Hingham Lumber

By Rick Collins
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Hingham Lumber's proposal to move to Route 3A in Cohasset hit a snag last week when Conservation Commission approval was held up by the existence of a rare freshwater crustacean on the site.

The Mystic Valley Amphipod — a one-quarter to half-inch crustacean that lives in cool, shallow, slow moving water with leaf litter — is considered a species of special concern by the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP), a branch of the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. According to a NHESP Web site, "special concern species" are native species that have suffered a decline in numbers that could threaten the species if allowed to continue unchecked, or which occur in such small numbers or with such restricted distribution or specialized habitat requirements that they could easily become threatened within Massachusetts.

Only approximately 30 communi-

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Minot sending mixed signals



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Over the years, 1-4-3 signal from Minot Light has come to mean 'I Love You.'

Electrical short cause of technical difficulties

By Alice Coyle
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Minot's Ledge Lighthouse —with its powerful gray granite tower rising out of the sea — is an impressive sight to all mariners. But its most distinctive feature as an aid to navigation is the light sequence its lantern room beams out over the Atlantic alerting boaters to the rocky ledges along the Scituate and Cohasset coastlines.

"That history has made Minot's Ledge Lighthouse, one of the most romantic and tragic lights in the world."
John Galluzzo, Scituate Historical Society

An electrical short in the lighthouse flasher put its light out of sequence for a couple of days this week, a situation that's not all that unusual, say Coast Guard officials.

"It happens once in a while," said Petty Officer Geoff Mongillo in the Aids to Navigation office for Coast Guard Group Boston. "We had to replace the flasher, something had shorted out."

The electrical problem caused the light sequence to go from its usual 1-4-3 signal pattern to a steady

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Peggy Wheelwright, Cheryl Kristiansen, Janice Turner, Marilyn Hollis and Becky Bates-McArthur serve up the pie and ice cream at the Beechwood Church Blueberry Social on Sunday.

When Beechwood gets the blues

Parishioners cook up a storm

By Mary Ford
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"You just touch them and eight-to-10 fell off."
— Bud Hollis

If you were feeling blue Sunday night, then the best place to be was the Beechwood Congregational Church for the annual blueberry festival.

Diets aside, there was no better place to lift the spirits and cure a hankering for something sweet than in the church hall where blueberry delights were in abundant supply.

Like a friendly constable, Nancy Snowdale, former town treasurer, stood guard at the door and aptly collected the $4 admission fee from dozens of ravenous parishioners and visitors. Once inside, the hungry throng then queued up for a big slice of blueberry pie or blueberry shortcake topped with a healthy scoop of vanilla ice cream and smothered with homemade blueberry sauce.

The blueberries — by the quart — were courtesy of Nancy's son, Alan Snowdale, who offers the first pick from his 300 bushes off Mill Lane to the church each year.

"It was a real good crop this year, the weather was perfect for it," says Marilyn "Mel" Hollis, who picked 22 quarts with her husband Bud for the festival. "The bushes were loaded with berries."

"You just touch them and eight to 10 fell off," added Bud.

Cheryl Kristiansen, an orga-

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This week in COHASSET

Town has plenty of water, McNabb says

"We have more than enough water for Cohasset's needs for 2025 and beyond."
— John McNabb, water commissioner

Cohasset residents have plenty of drinking water in their municipal supply and are not facing a water shortage, said Water Commission Chairman John McNabb.

"Cohasset has plenty of water," said McNabb. "Cohasset residents have nothing to worry about. I need to set the record straight after the Boston Sunday Globe, citing a study by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), incorrectly gave the impression that Cohasset was facing a water shortage. They are dead wrong."

"The facts are," said McNabb, "that Cohasset's public drinking water supply has a safe yield of 3.5 million gallons per day, and we are only using at present about 680,000 gallons per day on average. We have a vast water supply. The Aaron River Reservoir can hold up to 323 million gallons. The Lily Pond Water Treatment plant has a design capacity of 3.0 million gallons per day. So, we have a long way to go before we put any strain on the water supply."

McNabb criticized the MAPC and the Globe for calling this a "water crisis" that "spells trouble," and "strains water supplies" in Cohasset when in fact, he said "Cohasset has no problem with the amount of water in its supply, which is not being strained at all. They have misled the people of Cohasset by crying wolf about a water crisis that does not exist."

McNabb said that MAPC made a major mistake by looking at just the state withdrawal limits, which Cohasset has been exceeding, and then concluding that meant there was a shortage. "While Cohasset has been exceeding the state withdrawal limit," he said, "that is not a problem, since we are still well below our safe yield. This limit is just a "paper limit" – which can, and will, be changed."

"We have not have a summer water ban since 1995," said McNabb, "and that ban was not because of a shortage of supply but because of problems with our distribution system – problems which have been rectified. We are virtually the only town in Southeastern Mass. that does not have a regular summer water ban. We have more than enough water for Cohasset's needs for 2025 and beyond."

"In fact," said McNabb, "Hingham Mass-American Water, which has a real water shortage problem (which MAPC and the Globe missed), has come to us to see if we could sell them 500,000 gallons of day – which we can, because of the abundance of our supply. We are exploring that possibility and expect to being the question to a vote at the October 29 Special Town Meeting."

Editor's note: This news release was provided by the Cohasset Water Department.

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Parks guide are available

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Mercury poses health threats

The Massachusetts Interagency Mercury Task Force is beginning a statewide public awareness campaign to deliver a message to residents – mercury is toxic and must be handled carefully.

"Without the facts, it is easy to mishandle mercury," a recent letter to local communities from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) states. "Exposure to mercury can be harmful to your health."

Mercury is harmful to developing fetuses and children and can damage wildlife, including birds and fish.

More than 40 percent of the Commonwealth's lakes and ponds that have been tested contain fish with unsafe levels of mercury. These fish pose health threats to humans when they are eaten.

According to the EOEA, mercury must be removed from the solid waste stream so it does not continue to be released into the environment.

Further information about mercury and its safe disposal is available by calling the toll-free mercury hotline, 1-866-9MERCURY.

Time for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

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Town wants homework done on early retirement plan

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset selectmen have signed on to a request made by their counterparts in Canton for the state to look into whether the Teachers Early Retirement Law violates the prohibition against unfunded state mandates found in Proposition 2-1/2.

The law, passed in 2000 as part of a package designed to stimulate teacher recruitment and retention in Massachusetts, allows those who contribute 11 percent of their weekly salary to a pension program to retire after 30 years with 80 percent of their salary.

However, according to Cohasset Town Manager Mark Haddad, the result of more teachers retiring sooner are increasing benefit costs to the town.

"Right now $298,000 is taken off our cherry sheet [Chapter 70 state school aid]," said Haddad, "and with this law, that number is going to go even higher."

Canton Executive Secretary William Friel said in a letter to Cohasset selectmen that his town will be hit with an additional $464,000 in health insurance costs when an estimated 62 eligible teachers opted for the program.

The situation is less dire in Cohasset, with just five teachers taking advantage of the program last year, and one this year.

The law allows those who contribute 11 percent of their weekly salary to a pension program to retire after 30 years with 80 percent of their salary.

Selectmen said last week, and Haddad reiterated this week, that by asking the state Auditor's Office Division of Local Mandates to look at the law, the town is not being anti-teacher.

"It's all nice and good...but the state cannot just pass along an unfunded state mandate," Haddad said.

Cohasset teachers union president Ed Leonard, a guidance counselor at the middle/high school, said he didn't feel the selectmen were being anti-teacher.

"That's not my sense here," he said. "I think it's a great thing, we need to make sure it's fully funded."

Haddad explained that under Prop 2-1/2 if the state Legislature does not include funding measures for its mandates, it has to include a local option allowing communities to decide whether to adopt the law.

"That way the town understands the costs," he said.

Glen Briere, spokesman for state auditor Joseph DeNucci's, said his office has received letters from "several" communities on the issue, and is waiting for some numbers from the Massachusetts Retirement Board before making a decision whether to conduct a review.

He said if DeNucci makes a formal determination that the law is an unfunded mandate, it can be used as prima facie evidence in court if a town decides to go that route. Other than that, the office has no enforceable power.

Attorney General approves 10 bylaw changes, rejects one

By Rick Collins
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State Attorney General Thomas Reilly's office approved 10 of the 11 general and zoning bylaw changes Cohasset voters passed at last spring's Town Meeting, and waved a caution flag on another.

The state Municipal Law Unit, which reviews all proposed changes to a town's bylaws, threw out warrant article 29 — a citizens petition that issued a number of conditions before a private landfill site assignment could be submitted — saying it was in conflict with state law and also poorly constructed.

The article, authored by Water Commissioner John McNabb, prohibited the Board of Health from accepting a site assignment, holding a public hearing, or approving a site assignment for any proposed private solid waste facility where it was not allowed as a matter of right, and required the plan receive zoning approval from the town Building Inspector before it could be taken up.

The bylaw change passed with the needed two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

But not so fast, said the AG's office.

Bob Ritchie, director of the state's Municipal Law Office, said each sentence and provision of the bylaw was flawed.

The first sentence, which prohibited the Board of Health from accepting a site plan, or holding a public hearing for a proposed landfill outside of an area zoned for that use, is a direct violation of a state law passed in 1987.

According to the AG's office, the sate law says "if the Department of Environmental Protection issues a report saying [state guidelines and regulations] have been met, then the Board of Health must accept the application and must hold a public hearing."

Ritchie said private landfill proposals have the right to ask for a special permit allowing them in areas where they are not allowed by right.

"That's where it was fatally flawed," he said.

Ritchie also had problems with "inconsistent language," and the singling out of "privately owned or operated" facilities.

The state Municipal Law Unit, which reviews all proposed changes to a town's bylaws, threw out warrant article 29.

"It's a uniformity problem," he said, explaining privately-owned facilities have the same rights and problems as publicly-owned facilities.

The AG's office also said the last two sentences, which require proposed sites to receive a favorable zoning ruling by the town Building Inspector, needs to be approved through a change in the zoning bylaws, not general bylaws.

"We would have stricken that part in any event," Ritchie said.

Although the AG's office approved article 15, which changed the town's hazardous materials bylaw, it did so with a caveat.

The town bylaw gave the town Board of Health or health agent's permission to enter privately owned property for the purpose of "performing its duties." However, according to the AG's office, the town does not have the ability to give such authorization.

"When entry upon private property is necessary or appropriate for the investigation or suspected violation of the bylaw, it would be necessary...to obtain an administrative search warrant to do so in the absence of express permission by the owner," the AG's opinion said.

The AG's office also approved:

- article 16, which expanded the town's Water Resource District
- article 18, which gave selectmen the power to set expiration dates for parking permits and stickers
- article 19, which made it illegal to dump private refuse in public containers, and established fine amounts
- article 20, which rezoned the Hagerty Property as open space
- article 22, which prohibited fences from being higher than six feet
- article 24, which changed zoning conditions for work done within 100 feet of a tidal area
- article 25, which prohibited common driveways from being constructed within five feet of the property line
- article 28, which banned mercury thermometers from being sold in Cohasset
- article 30, which prohibited land use-variances from being given by the zoning board of appeals

Household hazardous product collections

Six regional household hazardous product collections will be held this fall in South Shore Recycling Cooperative member towns. Residents may attend their own town's collection at no charge. Visitors from the following member towns may also attend at no charge *with the permission* of their own town's Dept. of Public Works or Board of Health: Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth. Permission authorizes disposal at the expense of the resident's town; proof of residency is required. Some towns may limit subsidized quantities to 15 gal. or 30 lb. Visitors without permission may attend for a fee of $33/15 gal or 30 lbs. of waste. Commercial "Small Quantity Generators" may also call ahead to 978-683-1002 to arrange disposal and payment.

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Town committee meeting schedule

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- Police and Fire Station Committee, Sept. 5, 10 a.m.
- Recreation Committee, Sept. 5, 6 p.m.
- Board of Health, Sept. 5, 7 p.m.
- Planning Board, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.
- Conservation Commission, Greenbush review, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Assessors, Sept. 11, 5 p.m.
- Sewer Commission, Sept. 11, 6 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.
- Conservation Commission, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.
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SUMMER'S END

Hello Cohasset Web. I have tried to stomp on the brake peddle and hold off the end of summer but it just didn't work! School is less than a week away, the nights are a little cooler and Sept. 11 is only a few days away.

The wonderful thing, however, about living in New England is that each season is so beautiful most of the time and fall is usually a great and pretty little do out year. I just wish it didn't sneak up each year quite so fast.

TOP EQUESTRIENNE

Congratulations to **Sarah Lambert**, a sophomore at Cohasset High School, who has been competing on the Arabian hunter/jumper horse show circuit this summer. Last week, she won the Massachusetts Horsemen Council junior medal and the New England Horsemen Council junior medal. These first-place ribbons qualify Sarah to compete against the top New England riders at the medal finals this fall. Sarah trains at River Wind Farm with **Carl Catani** and **Abby Greer**, another Cohasset equestrienne. This is awesome, Sarah!

SYRACUSE GRAD

Syracuse University in New York recently graduated a young lady from Cohasset in its May Commencement Ceremonies. **Andrea Grew** of Flintlocke Ridge Road received a degree in Marketing Management and was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2001 semester.

Congratulations.

DEAN'S LIST

Babson College also has some Cohasset students to brag about. **Lindy Ann Holway**, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. David Holway**; **Karen D. Niessink**, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Jan Niessink**; and **Mark A. Whitman**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Peter Whitman**, all were named to the dean's list for this schools Spring semester, 2001. Great job to you all!

YOUNG RACER

We have a graduate of another kind to talk about and I think this is really cool. **Ryan Kucinski**, a 12-year-old, graduated recently from the Junior Race School at F1 Boston, the region's only indoor race track. Great names like **Jeff Gordon**, **Tony Stewart** and **Michael Schumacher** all share one thing in common-they all started their careers behind the wheel of a racing cart. Boston's Junior Race School is the place for children to get a safe and thorough course on how to race carts, and also, the importance of confidence, coordination, discipline and control. Because Ryan successfully completed the Race School, he is now eligible to take part in F1 Boston's Junior Leagues and Practice Sessions. If any of you want to check out F1 Boston, you may go to their Web site at www.f1boston.com. Fantastic racing, Ryan!

ART EXHIBIT

Come to an opening reception on Sunday, Sept 2, at the Scituate Arts Association Gallery at 132 Front St., Cohasset artist **Don Paiva** will exhibit "A Shore Thing", a collection of recent works of watercolor. Among Mr. Paiva's favorite subjects are local scenes including lighthouses, harbors and lobster boats. A reception will be held at the Gallery at 132 Front St. in Scituate from 2-5 p.m. The show will be on display through Sept. 30. This would be a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon and view some wonderful art.



Sarah Lambert on Hans Anderson jumps one of the obstacles in a recent competition.



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HOMETOWN VISIT

Dana Doggett of Orem, Utah was in town on business and pleasure last week. He stayed with his parents, **Tom and Polly Doggett** of Hugh Strain Road and renewed friendships with high school friends and visited his aunts in New Hampshire. It is seldom that he is able to come alone without one or all five of his children to enjoy the beauty of Cohasset. Like a true New Englander, he managed while here to get his fill of yummy fried clams and lobster. Hope that you had a great week!

REGISTER FOR GIRL SCOUTS

Just a reminder to all the Girl Scouts out there. Registration will be taking place for girls in grades Kindergarten-12. This will take place at the Deer Hill School Cafe on Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 7-8 p.m. Anyone who is interested in leading a Troop may also attend this night or give **Terry James** a call at 781-383-9173.

SCHOOL DAYS

As all of us know quite well, school begins next Wednesday, Sept 5. Please remember to watch for the school buses and children who are waiting for them. It is time for us all to check our speeds, slow down when the buses ask us to with the stop lights and signs and overall, just be a little more aware of the kids. Also remember that the Deer Hill and Osgood have new starting times. The Deer Hill is at 8:35 and the Osgood is at 9:05. Make sure to welcome the new Joseph Osgood School principal, **Mrs. Janet Sheehan** who is very excited for the first day of school. Don't forget to gather together all the stuff that the kids need for a great first week! Starting next month, the Schools In page will begin. This page and column will happen on the fourth Thursday of each month and will feature news, celebrations of children from all the schools in the form of poetry, drawings or stories and much, much more. If you have any news or other items for this column, you may email it, phone it in, send it or fax.

It will be a great school year.

That is it for this week. I will close the column with another quote for us all to think about.

"Know that you are your greatest enemy, but also your greatest friend." — Jeremy Taylor

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When Beechwood gets the blues

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nizer of the event, said the church breaks even on the annual festival which provides a nice way for neighbors and friends to get together at the end of the summer. A former pastor started the festival about 10 years ago and was so popular, it kept on going, she said.

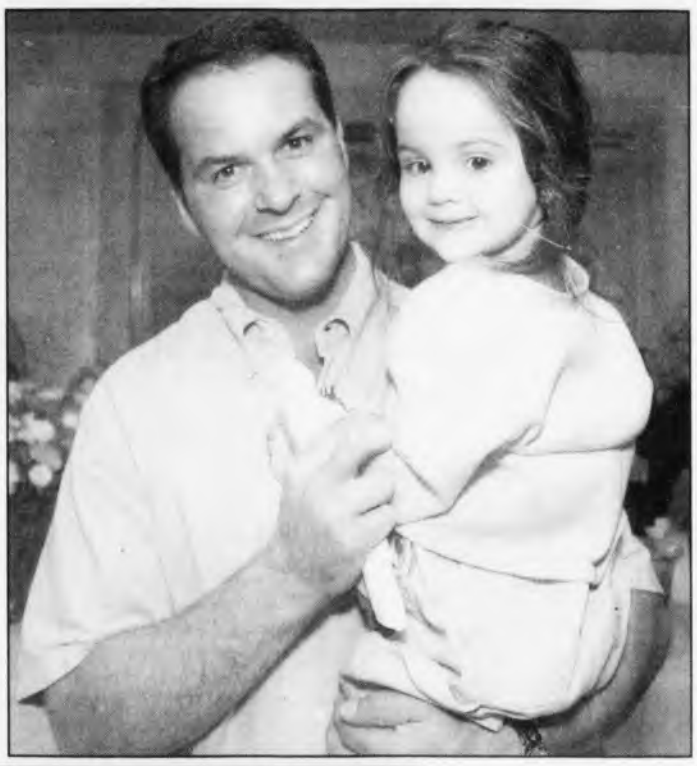
In addition to scrumptious desserts, the highlight of the evening was the "pound" auction during which all kinds of gifted-wrapped [and therefore, secret] delectable items that each weighed a pound were offered to the highest bidder, who had to rely on the shape of the article for clues to its contents.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, was on hand with his two-year-old daughter Amanda, who "loves blueberries," he said. Bradley, sporting a big grin, took home a blueberry pie from the auction.

Bud Hollis anted up enough to win two packages of blueberry muffins. Another bidder walked away with his wife's blueberry cake, while others bid on fresh quarts of "lovingly, hand-picked" blueberries, among other items. A woman won a pet rock with a gift certificate hidden under it to Bickfords restaurant – where no doubt she'll enjoy a breakfast of blueberry pancakes.

Lisa Brown made a honey wheat cake that was auctioned off for $5. But that was no match for the blueberry muffins made by her husband, Kishore Mohapatra, that sold for $8.

"It's a fun time," Bud Hollis said.





Above, State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, with his two-year-old daughter Amanda, is all smiles as he waits in line for blueberry pie and ice cream.

At left, Arthur Somerville watches his wife of 70 years, Jeanette, open one of the auctioned items at the Beechwood Church Blueberry Festival on Sunday evening.

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Minot sending mixed signals

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flashing mode of 1-1-1. A boater noticed the problem and reported it to the Coast Guard Sunday, Mongillo said. "We rely on local mariners to let us know if something is wrong with one of our lighthouses."

Rough seas on Monday kept the Coast Guard from getting out to the lighthouse, which is accessible only by boat, to replace the flasher. "We don't have the big Coast Guard vessels used for rescues," Mongillo noted.

But by 2 p.m. Tuesday the Coast Guard had fixed the problem and the lighthouse was shining its familiar 1-4-3 pattern once again.

Minot's 1-4-3 sequence has been the subject of local legend and lore. Some of the stories tell of a love-lorn lightkeeper sending the message I love you, back to his wife on shore. Others maintain the love signal was being sent out to fishermen and sea captains on their way out or back from some long journey. The supposedly symbolic sequence of numbers has made its way onto bumper stickers and T-shirts and a host of collectible lighthouse paraphernalia as well. It has become known to many as "the lovers light."

But beyond the legends and sentimentality locals like to perpetuate, lies the real reason Minot's light flashes the way it does. Cohasset Historical Society Curator David Wadsworth explains that in the late 19th century, the U.S. Lighthouse Service decided to assign a distinctive signal to each lighthouse to aid in the identification of its location.

"All lighthouses have different sequences," added Mongillo. "That's so mariners charting courses can tell what light they're near or passing."

Minot was in fact one of the first lighthouses to be given an identifying signal and it has held onto it years after the Lighthouse Service project was abandoned.

"The legend imputing some sentimental reason for the 1-4-3 pattern is pure fiction, invented and repeated by shore-side sentimentalists ignorant of the real facts of the case.," Wadsworth wrote in a Cohasset Historical Society newsletter. "No love-struck keeper invented the signal, just a large government agency in Washington.

While he thinks some of the songs, poems and stories are "corny", John Galluzzo, special projects coordinator for the Scituate Historical Society has no disdain for the myths surrounding the lighthouse and its signal. Indeed, Galluzzo said the legends and the people who perpetuate them are part of the history of the light itself.

The truth behind the signal is that it dates back to the 1890s, said Galluzzo. "It was a randomly assigned number." But Galluzzo can appreciate that it has come to mean much more to local and not-so-local lighthouse lovers. Galluzzo, who collects poems and songs from books and newspaper clippings, often gets calls from lighthouse enthusiasts with requests for copies of the music or sonnets written about Minot's Light. One particular ditty penned by D.M Stewart in 1916 is especially sappy, said Galluzzo, who has both the lyrics and music to the song. "Some of this stuff is really bad," he said.

Other clippings he's collected hold more local historic interest. Galluzzo noted that Thomas Lawson, Scituate's own "copper king," wrote a poem on the famous lighthouse for his daughter's wedding. "Lawson could see the lighthouse from the front of his Dreamwold Estate back before all the trees in the area grew up," Galluzzo said.

"It all has a purpose," Galluzzo said of the songs, and sonnets and stories that make certain lighthouses memorable.

"There's good value to it because it is now part of history, the history of the light. And that history has made Minot's Ledge Lighthouse, one of the most romantic and tragic lights in the world."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Summer diary

Why is it so hard to recall the month of June in vivid detail as the end of August approaches? By summer's end are we so awash in sunshine that we can't remember how beautiful the irises were in June, how perfect the green leaves were on the trees, so tall and full? The fireflies of June are long gone and in their place at night we can hear the constant chirping of the crickets, a reminder that the cooler days of fall will soon be here.

It's been a strange, sometimes bizarre summer here in New England. Yes, the irises were particularly gorgeous in June, but then there were the sniper attacks on Route 3. How to explain the random terror let loose on the area as people tried to figure out ways to avoid driving on Route 3? The sniper (or snipers) must have loved all the publicity, hiding in the woods along Route 3 during the day and then returning home at night to revel in all the TV coverage. The July Fourth holiday was uneventful, even as state police helicopters hovered over the busy highway, looking for the sniper. A lot of people just stayed home since the holiday fell in the middle of the week anyway.

The weather in July was delightful and if you picked a week or two to go on vacation, you were in luck. Closer to home, local beaches remained clean and open and Mother Nature served up day after day of warm temperatures and nearly perfect skies. Some complained it was too hot, but the really scorching days waited until the end of July and early August, allowing the South Shore to bask in a wonderful summer.

Although in truth, not an entirely wonderful summer. It's been a bad season for coyotes which have been attacking and eating area cats this summer. Evil walked among us for a time in the form of Gary Sampson, the drifter who is believed to have brutally killed two South Shore men and another in New Hampshire. His rampage was apparently fueled by madness, hatred and drugs and did much to take away the innocence of the friends and family of Jonathan Rizzo, his 19-year-old victim from Kingston. Anyone who has ever doubted the presence of evil in the world has been proved wrong by the actions of Gary Sampson.

The summer above all is the season to not let evil hold sway over goodness. There is much to be thankful for and summer reminds us of this fact. True, there have been tragedies in the human realm — a young man inexplicably drowned in Little Sandy Pond in Pembroke early one night while swimming with friends — and anomalies in the natural world. Churchill, the injured whale, is still swimming off the coast of New England even though experts who failed to save the creature said it could not live much longer. That was several weeks ago. Sharks are going berserk here and elsewhere, attacking swimmers. The Cape was terrorized for a time by close encounters with sharks.

Even so, there have been lighter moments. A young bald eagle accused of attacking people on Hampton Beach is being sent to rehab so he can learn a natural fear of, and proper respect for, humans. Wildlife experts say the bird is "a brat" and has "issues." But will rehab work? We'll just have to wait and see.

Perhaps President Bush had the best idea of all this summer. Take the month of August off. It must be nice.

— Paula Woodhull

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police acting appropriately

TO THE EDITOR:

Before I offer my two-cents to the ongoing discussion of the problem of underage drinking, two quick disclaimers: First, I don't pretend to be an expert in this area and second, I don't (yet) have any teenagers. Still, as a resident of this town who is concerned about this issue, I would like to make some general statements in the context of the news articles and letters to the editor which have appeared recently in the Mariner.

First and foremost, I think it is clear that nothing has been said which in any way suggests that our police officers, either collectively or individually, have done anything which even remotely might be construed as improper conduct. To, the contrary, our police department has acted legally and appropriately. I'm sure I speak for the vast majority of residents who support the way in which our police are handling these matters.

Second, the concept that a police officer should exercise some degree of discretion and not arrest those who are breaking the law ignores the reality of the typical situation. For openers, let's admit the simple fact that when a young person is arrested for the first time for underage drinking, the categorization of the arrestee as a "first-time offender" is a misnomer. This may be the first time that the youngster has been caught with alcohol, but the reality is that he or she has been a user of alcohol dozens of times before he or she was unlucky enough to have been arrested on that occasion.

Still, both the local police and the judge are willing to dispel with that reality and allow the so-called first-time offender to dispose of the matter by means of what is known as a pre-arraignment dismissal. The significance - and it is very significant - is that the arrestee does not have a criminal record which would follow him or her for the rest of his or her life. On the other hand, this lenient disposition is available only once to a person - and it is made clear in no uncertain terms to the young person that if he or she is arrested again, he or she will face the appropriate consequences. Presumably, to a rational-minded young person, this threat of future consequences hopefully will instill in him or her the commitment to take the underage drinking laws seriously. However, if the police officer does not make the arrest, the young person will not go through the judicial process - and thus there is no threat of future consequences which presumably will encourage law-abiding behavior.

Moreover, how can anyone seriously expect any police officer to do anything but arrest youths who clearly have been drinking, who are in some sort of state of altered consciousness, and who have alcohol in their possession? Is the officer just supposed to confiscate their alcohol, give them the proverbial stern warning, and let them go their merry way - thus leaving them free to drink some more and perhaps get behind the wheel of a car? Why are some adults blind to the possibility for tragic consequences - of the very sort which have occurred within our community in recent years - if our police were to adopt a non-arrest policy, not to mention the obvious liability to the town which would arise because an officer failed to act according to the law? Further, how can any police officer be expected to pick and choose whom to arrest without being subject to charges of favoritism? The law applies equally to all.

So third, let's stop blaming the police simply for doing their job by enforcing laws for which they have taken an oath to uphold. I would hope that any right-thinking adult realizes that if their under aged son or daughter is involved with alcohol, especially in a situation involving a motor vehicle, that police intervention and the subsequent wrist-slap by the judicial system for first-offenders might be a necessary first step in identifying a real problem.

Finally, this brings us to where this issue truly needs to be addressed - and that is in the home. Based upon my own admittedly narrow personal experience, it has been my observation that parents who do not set limits for their teenagers are asking for trouble. Further, as parents we can be the best - or worst - examples for our children, which is to say, that if we are party-types, then so will our children. Too many parents - everywhere, not just in Cohasset - have a laissez faire attitude toward their teens' drinking. But just because we may have grown up in an era when it was OK to be "young, stupid, and drunk" (in the words of Dean Wormer in Animal House), it does not mean that we should forebear from imparting the wisdom acquired from our mistakes to our children - and acting accordingly as parents.

A zero-tolerance policy by law enforcement alone never will solve any problem. But to the extent this policy may prevent some tragedies and, perhaps provide a wake-up call to some parents and some teens, it does serve a significant purpose and play a significant role in dealing with this issue.

Andrew Quigley
38 Jerusalem Rd.

P.S.: Despite by own admonition at the start of this letter, I do want to reply to the young man who concluded his recent lengthy letter by pithily noting that from now on he will be sure to check that his muffler is in working order each time he drives his car. First and foremost, it's good to see that he learned something from his friend having received a citation. Second, in addition to checking one's muffler, a motor vehicle driver should ensure that every vehicle he or she may drive is registered, inspected and insured; that the front lights, tail lights, brake lights, and directional lights are in working order; and that he or she obeys speed limits, stop signs, red lights, and all of the other rules of the road. This is not a comprehensive list by any means of what one's responsibilities are as a driver of an automobile, but the point is, whether a person is 20 years of age or 120, failure to obey the law does have consequences - there is no exemption for being young and possessing an attitude which suggests that young people somehow are above the law. All of us make mistakes. All of us do dumb things. And when we get caught, we must accept the consequences, hopefully learn from our mistakes, and move on - without blaming the police or anybody else for our own negligence/ignorance.

Walkers, joggers must be oblivious

TO THE EDITOR:

What an exciting town this is!

To witness death-defying acts each day, just drive along one of our narrow curving streets and observe walkers and joggers with their backs to the traffic, instead of using common sense and walking/jogging on the left so as to face oncoming traffic!

Apparently there is no law applying to pedestrians, but public safety professionals recommend facing the traffic, partly because the front view of a person is more visible, (or attention-getting) and partly because it gives the pedestrian an opportunity to step aside if he or she notes that the oncoming driver is inattentive, speeding, blinded by sun, babbling on a cell phone, meeting another vehicle, or otherwise looking a little threatening.

Here are just two examples recently observed of egregious risk taking:

Two young women pushing three-wheeled strollers, side by side, backs to traffic, on a winding and undulating section of Jerusalem Road, just north of Nichols Road, apparently oblivious to startled drivers coming round the bend and over the rise.

A deeply tanned male in dark clothes jogging into the setting sun on Atlantic Avenue near Beach Island, back to traffic, and close to invisible.

Ironically, it's probably only the drivers that experience the heart-stopping thrill of meeting a vehicle on a narrow road just opposite a pedestrian; any walker/jogger mindless enough to have his or her back to traffic must be oblivious.

R. Murray Campbell
Old Pasture Road

There is joy in Mudville, Mass.

TO THE EDITOR:

I take exception to your recent Greenbush editorial. In fact there is joy in Mudville. The real Mudville is across the street from our new house in Holliston, Mass. It was settled by Irish immigrants who built the railroad. Today, it is a quiet neighborhood with beautifully restored houses. Indeed, Mudville residents are quite happy to be train free. I understand that the town has contacted the Rails to Trails folks to help pull up the old tracks. (Many of the houses are close to the tracks, as are homes in Cohasset, Scituate and Hingham.)

But more to the point, I was not surprised by Sec. Durand's comments regarding Greenbush. In fact, I could have written them myself months prior to the release. How could he find otherwise? How can he bite the hands that feed him? Too many powerful people are involved...too many hands are in the till. Imagine the ruckus he would have caused had he discarded the EIR? Do you think he would still have a job this week?

You and I both know that *if* Greenbush is built, it will cost upwards of $600 million. Is this the best way to spend precious state money? I don't think so and many others agree. Other communities across the state are waking up to the Little Dig and asking hard questions.

I am still optimistic that logic will win out and that the project will be killed. In the meantime, we have the brave town officials in Scituate and Weymouth who are standing up to protect their communities. And now we have AfTA. Hurray for Mr. Bewick! I am proud to say that I know Mr. Bewick and find him to be an upstanding citizen. Even though I am no longer a resident of the South Shore, I will be sending AfTA a check. Why? Because it is the right thing to do. Because Greenbush costs too much, serves too few and pollutes too much. Because South Shore towns deserve better.

Thanks to the internet, I can read the local papers down there and follow the ongoing debate. I will continue to support the fight against Greenbush and would do so if we were living on the West Coast or the South or.... Mr. Brennan, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Moynihan, Mr. Kerasiotes...They are cut from the same cloth. I think you get my point.

Take care and keep those stories coming. There's plenty more action to come.

Peter B. Robb
Holliston

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COHASSET CARES

Vacation reentry can be a relief

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

If you left town for a vacation this summer, there's a re-entry situation. I'm not saying — it's a problem. It might well be as minor as merely picking up your held mail and greeting the neighbors. The reentry situation may well be considerable gratitude and relief to be back. I'm certainly not disputing Cohasset's beauty — we should be and probably are quite content here. And, I know, Cohasset has been called an escape, a buffer. We want to live this way and we've worked hard for it.

One cannot help noticing the increased volume of recyclables and the drastic decrease in trash at the RTF.

Despite the fact that one of our biggest jobs as CHS teachers used to be to make our kids more aware of the world outside Cohasset, there's a strong case for social crusaders coming out of comfortable backgrounds, the thinking somewhat analogous to the fact that hunger must be satisfied before we can think clearly; personal comfort must be obtained before we can think about the higher things in life, like the wellbeing of others. My returning from the woods and finding a package containing a gift "Compost Matters" T-shirt from a Mariner family is an example of extraordinary thoughtfulness from benefactors who have achieved the kind of inner peace possible in a place like Cohasset.

Perspective and change. Travel certainly is an education, and summer often is a time of marked change in our rhythms. The summer has seen a marked change at the RTF. One cannot help noticing the increased volume of recyclables and the drastic decrease in trash, so expensive for us to haul and to dispose of and such a glut on the earth. RTF employees and townspeople have adjusted quite well to the change. There are always a few crabby people, unfortunately — even a beautiful town does not exempt us from this aspect of reality. Employees have done what they could with antiquated machinery, very limited space, and added work. I have sensed a new satisfaction from people as they become more aware of the stuff of their lives and obtain more insight into environmental values, and so much of our lives is environment. What isn't? What doesn't come from the earth?

Perspective and change. I wonder about our exposure to nature during the summer, from smallest toddlers discovering water to Outward Bound-type experiences. Being fortunate to inherit a remote family camp Down East where the State of Maine says the lake is drinkable (probably because it's 200 feet deep) and being given a most remarkable book, "Ishmael," by Daniel Quinn, I return to town with a radical perspective that will have to be explained in a subsequent column. I hope your summer was educational. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Grateful for this summer paradise

LOCAL VIEW

LAURYN MITTLEMAN

There's a stretch of roadway that spans three coastal towns, and on it has bloomed the best years of my life.

It's summer there . . . always . . . and the rule is there's never anywhere you absolutely must be. It's all about sand-flecked roads and wherever it be that they carry you, and soaring 'round corners to discover somehow more magical late afternoon light. Here summer's songstress Joni Mitchell lends the soundtrack for dusk-time drives, suspending time and linking images, until all blends together and you're dizzy . . . and free.

I realize I was blessed to have been raised on scenes of still town commons lit by fireflies . . . sweat shirted little ones challenging sundown . . . and lofted bedroom windows beckoning the night breeze. And while since then I've traveled quite far, I return to report that pure Earthen Beauty has made her home here. A fellow writer once described an island I love as inhabited by spirits who skit about crafting perfect moments, and alas I can pen it no better. Scituate's moon-soaked sea walls, Cohasset's candle possessed porches, and Hingham's haven harbor, are for writers and artists as enchanted and inspiring as it gets.

In other cherished images, I shall never forget all those afternoons waiting for the beach to be mine. For the hours when the sole agenda is watching the strands grow more golden as they billow before my eyes, and for swearing I feel the freckles creep 'cross my face. Then there's that lazy stagger back to the car shoes-in-hand, the brush of sand from swollen soles, and the anticipation of sea treats to come. A quiet thank you tossed toward the stretch of sand that hosted me and my guest as a Joni slow one sends us off to garden studded roads . . . and that ultimate feeling of being awake, alive and ecstatic as my ever-young co-pilot grips my knee and smiles sideways. Throwing my head backward I stretch every last cell, and somehow manage to scream silently.

And then still other days are all about art fairs. About long, easy dresses, sun-kissed copper and shade. A spot on the lawn propped up against Love, lemon ice on the lips and my breathing as steady as the flag presiding over. Furry friends beneath lawn chairs hot but still happy, exploring crisp white tents and catching smiles in other artists' eyes. Pausing to ask of friends' flower beds. Another dream of a day . . . how lucky you recognize . . . as Love's fingers wind around that souvenir jewel.

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And finally, the ending you dream of all winter. You fasten heeled sandals to bare legs and hope they'll still inspire "that look." The chime of ice, and then glasses over a photo-perfect summer table, and yes indeed that smile that neither fades, nor fails to say it all. Time made for a linger by the docks, an impromptu slow dance to the tune of the sailboats, and the spirit of Summertime herself right there floating alongside. One last thank you . . . this time for all out there to hear . . . for this paradise we call Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate in summer.

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Terns are the swallows of the sea

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW



JOANNE C. NORTON



PHOTO BY JEFFREY A. SPENDELOW

Common Tern.

Terns are elegant to look at. They are graceful flyers. They plunge-dive in daring fashion to catch fish. They are famous for their long-distance migrations. They make a mess of moored boats. Terns are in the same family as gulls, but generally are smaller and more slender, with thinner, more pointed bills. Most have forked tails. They occasionally supplement their fish diet with insects, but are neither scavengers nor omnivores, unlike their gull cousins.

The active plume trade in the late 1800s resulted in declines in tern populations. Then came federal protection in the early 1900s, which helped to increase their numbers. Between 1920 and the mid-1970s, populations were again reduced, due to the great increase in the number of Herring Gulls. Gulls not only go after the eggs, but also will swallow young terns whole, not a pleasant sight to watch! Predation and other dangers come from foxes, rats, raccoons, owls, gulls, and human beach activity.

Terns nest in colonies near water, often saltwater. Their nest can be a shallow depression in the sand, a minimal nest in beach grass or marsh grass, a crack on a rocky ledge, or space on an unused pier or dock. Docks may provide safety from mammal predators, but no safety from falls into the water. As these old docks deteriorate to the point of being unsafe or even having to be removed, there is a movement toward building artificial platforms covered with a layer of sand. One such platform was built on Spinnaker Island (formerly Hog Island) in Hull, after the condominiums and a marina were constructed there. Common Terns adapted well to this structure, although in recent years, fewer are using it. According to Jeremy Hatch in a recent article published in the "Bird Observer", this may be due to predation by Black-crowned Night-Herons.

There are approximately 45 species of terns worldwide. Many of the 17 North American tern species are seen only rarely or infrequently in Massachusetts, while others may appear on a regular basis, but in small numbers. Only four species nest regularly in Massachusetts. These are the Common Tern, Least Tern, Roseate Tern, and Arctic Tern. According to Veit and Petersen in Birds of Massachusetts, there is one record of a Forster's Tern's nest with eggs, which was found at Plum Island in 1991. This would be the northernmost breeding location for Forster's Terns on the US Atlantic Coast.

Common Terns are indeed the most common terns along the Atlantic Coast. They are also the ones most often seen in Hingham Harbor. They are gray and white birds with a black cap and have dark, almost smudgy, areas on their primary wing tips. Their bills are usually red with black tips. They are very easily confused with Forster's Terns in spring plumage and with Arctic Terns.

The Least Tern is easy to distinguish from the others. It is much smaller, and has a yellow bill and a white forehead. (Other terns only have white foreheads when they are young.) It frequently nests in the same area with Piping Plovers, with some colonies being fenced and posted to increase protection. It is endangered in some states, but not in Massachusetts. Least Terns hover more than other terns. In fact, one of their defenses against predators is to hover above the intruder and defecate.

Arctic Terns

There are very few pairs of breeding Arctic Terns in Massachusetts now, mostly on Plymouth Beach, the Cape and the Islands. The majority breed in the Arctic as their name might indicate. They winter as far away as Antarctica, crossing the Atlantic to migrate down the West Coast of Europe and Africa. This migratory path means they may fly 22,000 miles or more a year. It also means they experience more daylight than any other animals. Their bills in breeding season are blood red to the tip, their legs are shorter than those of the common, and the only black on their wings is a narrow outline on the tips of their primaries.

The Roseate Tern became a federally endangered species in northeastern US in 1987. Massachusetts is home to about half the breeding population. It is this concentration in only a few selected areas which creates the biggest threat to their survival. These terns have a faintly rosy breast in the breeding season, black bills, tails which extend noticeably farther than their wings at rest, and wings which are very white.

The Forster's Tern, although not a regular breeder in this state does appear fairly regularly along the coast during migration, especially in the fall. It is not understood just why this should be, since most nest south of here. A popular place for Forster's Terns to build a nest is on top of a muskrat house. These terns are most easily identified in the fall when they are in winter plumage. Unlike Common, Arctic and Roseate Terns, adult Forster's Terns molt their black caps into distinctive black "ear patches" just behind the eye.

Terns will begin leaving soon, but many stay through September, with a few lingering until October or even November. For a special treat, plan a day trip to South Beach on Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge in Chatham. Chances are you will see a variety of terns as well as shorebirds. It is a 5-minute ferry run from Chatham across to South Beach. The fee is $5.00 for adults, and the ferries run hourly all day long. Call 508-945-5450 for more information.

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Taking revenge for tuna salad

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see that sharks are making it a miserable summer for vacationers by taking playful nips out of surfers and other swimmers in the waters around New Smyrna Beach in Florida. That's playful for the sharks but not so playful for the surfers who have to be hustled off to the hospital to be patched together again.

It got so bad after at least 19 shark attacks had been reported that a one mile stretch of New Smyrna Beach had to be closed for the past weekend after a helicopter survey had counted between 30 and 40 sharks just off the beach, presumably waiting for lunch, and an oil called "shark repellent" was selling like, well shark repellent.

The Breakers Restaurant and Ocean View Bar is offering shark meat appetizers "to get back at them," and I think that's just the problem.

After years of munching on tuna salad sandwiches for lunch and anchovy pizza for dinner, I think it's the fish that are getting back at us.

This thought occurred to me while I was reading my Sunday Herald and, in the same edition that reported the latest shark attacks in Florida, I found the recipes for grilled tuna with ginger and garlic, Block Island striped bass with brown butter, capers and lemon, and broiled bluefish with tomato basil relish.

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How would you feel if your old Uncle Jim was being grilled with ginger and garlic or Aunt Susie was tossed into the fry pan with brown butter, capers and lemon or Grandpa was broiled with tomato basil relish? It's enough to turn us all into Mary Tyler Moores. She's the one who wants us to stop throwing live lobsters into boiling water.

If I were Charlie the Tuna, I'd stop auditioning for the Chicken o' the Sea and the Geisha folks ("Sorry, Charlie"), get in touch with my local hit man (cousin shark), and put out a contract on them and anyone else caught eating grilled tuna with ginger and garlic — incidentally another reason for not going in the water too soon after eating.

Sharks themselves are not known to be particularly tasty, although some fishermen have been able to pass off mako shark and blue shark undetected as swordfish and dogfish, a local member of the shark family, has been promoted as a good source of protein.

The Chinese regard shark fin soup as a delicacy but they also eat roasted snails and soup made of bird's nests, which are prized for the delicate flavor lent by a gelatinous substance, extracted from a type of seaweed used by Chinese swallows to bind their nests.

But I digress . . .

I doubt if the hors d'oeuvres de shark served up at The Breakers Restaurant and Ocean View Bar will do anything to curb the attacks by sharks on swimmers at New Smyrna Beach.

In fact, if my researchers are correct, it might just whet the appetites of the sharks for more hors d'oeuvres de surfer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Local businesses make a difference

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the library's staff and board of trustees, the James Library and Center for the Arts would like to thank the following local businesses for their support of this summer's reading program for children, "First of All...READ!" Participants had the opportunity to win prizes donated from these businesses during our weekly raffles.

This summer more than 100 children participated in the library's new reading program and attended special storytime events. Hundreds and hundreds of hours were spent reading. Local business support does make a difference!

Thanks to: Storybook Cove of Hanover, The Toy Box of Hanover, Buttonwood Books of Cohasset, A Wing & A Prayer of Norwell, and Friendly's Restaurant in Hanover.

Caroline Chapin, Librarian
The James Library & Center for the Arts
Norwell

Swift changes open door for permit reviews

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which don't need legislative approval, allow communities to reject comprehensive permits if the community has increased its amount of affordable housing units within the past year, or if the proposed development is "inappropriately sized" for the community.

Cohasset is most immediately impacted by the change allowing the town to deny a permit to a project larger than 200 units, which Avalon Bay Properties' proposal is.

Michael Roberts, of Avalon Bay, said despite the change, his group still plans on submitting a plan for 250 housing units to the Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority for review.

Roberts said he is still committed to working with the town to see if the two sides can make the project work.

Once the plan is submitted to the MHFA, Cohasset will get an opportunity to formally comment on the plan.

In order to be able to issue a year-long blanket denial for all comprehensive permits, Cohasset would have to show "good-faith progress" toward meeting the 10 percent quota by building at least 55 units, or 2 percent of its total housing stock.

Other changes include allowing towns to count private housing for mentally ill or retarded residents toward its affordable housing stock, and to count affordable units upon approval of the plan, rather than having to wait for the building permits to be issued. Also, new units built with a comprehensive permit now have to remain affordable for 30 years.

The revised guidelines, which take effect on Aug. 31, are very similar to changes passed by the House in July. Swift's changes, unlike the House bill, does not count mobile homes, Section 8 subsidized housing, or accessory dwellings as affordable housing. The House version is also more proactive by setting a timetable for communities to meet certain affordable housing unit quotas.

Beth Bresnahan, spokesperson for the Department of Community Housing and Development — the executive branch office that oversees enforcement of the affordable housing law — said Swift's changes are the result of a number of outreach sessions the department held between local zoning boards, which oversee the permitting process, developers and affordable housing advocates.

"These changes have been a long time in the making," she said. "Chapter 40B is the best way to create affordable housing , and we're shaping it so it works for both towns and developers.

"We held numerous 40B workshops and sessions and went out and explained the process, and received a lot of feedback, and that helped shape what was unveiled."

Bresnahan said Swift left out mobile homes and Section 8 housing because of a lack of a tracking system. For example, she said, mobile home parks have no income restrictions, as exist with affordable housing, and people with Section 8 vouchers can move from town to town.

"They're not stuck in one place. They can live in Malborough, and then move to a different community," said Bresnahan. "It's not permanent housing."

Both state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said they liked most of the changes, but would still push to get the House bill passed into law.

"If she can get the changes done quicker, then all the credit to her," said Bradley. "But we don't want the House proposal to stop. Just like this governor changed the rules one way, another governor could change it back."

The existing affordable housing law contains a set of basic minimum standards, but the formal set of administrative guidelines and regulations, not officially outlined in the law, is left up to the executive office to develop.

Bradley said he liked "95 percent" of the changes Swift made, but was disappointed that Section 8 and accessory dwellings were not characterized as affordable housing.

"It's not as though we can put up a few new high rises, we need do as much small housing as we can, and think outside of the box," Bradley said.

Even though Hedlund agreed with Swift's decision to not count mobile homes as an affordable housing unit, he said he would push to have Section 8 vouchers included in a town's affordable housing count, and also to increase the amount of units a developer would have to reserve as affordable under a comprehensive permit.

He quoted a Department of Housing and Community Development survey that said most people who use Section 8 vouchers remain in the same town on average 25 years.

Hedlund also said increasing the number of required affordable units would also test a developers' commitment to the spirit of the affordable housing law.

"Given the precedent in my communities, it seems as though developers are using 40B to maximize their profit margin," he said. "And given that history, it may be appropriate to look at raising the figures."

Cohasset's Senior Housing Committee recently identified a parcel of land off Pleasant Street it is interested in developing into affordable housing, and is in the process of drawing up plans.

Developers filed two comprehensive permits in the late 1980s, but were never completed. Hingham currently has at least five ongoing comprehensive permit projects in various stages, and Avalon Bay Properties is in the middle of constructing a 304-unit development in Weymouth.

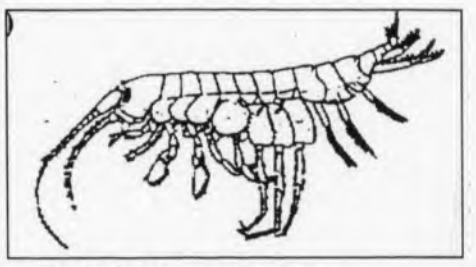
Amphipod holds up Hingham Lumber

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ties in eastern Massachusetts have reported seeing the crayfish-like critter since 1978.

The commission is now waiting for NHESP to approve the habitat protection measures proposed by the project's engineers.

Tom and John McNulty hope to build a new Hingham Lumber facility on Route 3A, next to Cohasset Collision center, that will consist of a 20,000 square-foot main showroom, and 60,000 square-foot, drive-in warehouse/storage area. The proposed Hingham Lumber site is within the Great Swamp watershed area, said project engineer Brian Buckley.



A drawing of the Mystic Valley Amphipod.

Although the amphipod is not considered endangered, it is protected under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act, and the NHESP requires a plan to protect the animal's habitat.

At Hingham Lumber's meeting with the commission last week, Roderick Gaskill, of the engineering firm SITEK, presented a proposed set of protective measures recommended by wildlife biologist John Jahoda. SITEK represents the site's current owner, Paul Barry, and has been involved in prior wetland delineation plans for Barry's Cohasset Heights Limited landfill.

Jahoda, head of the biology department at Bridgewater State College, recommended that the Hingham Lumber plan include a 50-foot, no-build buffer zone that will allow the existing meadow to continue to grow in between the lumberyard and the habitat.

He said in his letter that "10 feet is probably an adequate buffer to prevent disturbance...while 100 feet or more would be required for a larger more sensitive vertebrate species."

Gaskill said if left untouched, the buffer zone would "eventually all grow in and create a physical barrier."

Jahoda added the lumberyard should make sure any discharged storm water should be first directed through a filtered storm water management system.

The conditions have been submitted to the NHESP, and the commission is awaiting approval.

Gaskill said he was confident the protective measures would be found sufficient by the NHESP.

"I don't know on what basis we would have to do more than what we're doing," he said.

The commission, at the recommendation of conservation agent Paul Shea, voted to approve the business' application dependent upon the NHESP's approval of the protection plan.

Commission co-chairman Deborah Cook asked the McNultys to delineate the 50-foot buffer line, and also to consider planting wild flowers in the open area between the two buildings.

The plan has already received approval from the Planning Board, and is awaiting a decision from the Zoning Board of Appeals on two special permits regarding parking and a corner of the building that juts into the floodplain.

The MBTA plans to construct its Nantasket Junction Greenbush station on the lumberyard's current Summer Street site in Hingham , and Tom McNulty told the commission that the MBTA plans on taking the land sometime "mid-next year."

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Jury out on benefits of widening Route 3

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The state is considering widening Route 3 from Weymouth to Duxbury to make room for the increasing number of residents living in South Shore communities.

"This is the fastest growing area in the state," said Stephen Kelsch of Hingham, a member of the Route 3 Land Development Task Force.

But whether widening the highway is a worthwhile project needs further study, says the regional task force which was charged with taking a close look at the issue over the past year.

The group, comprised of residents from communities along the corridor, was created by Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) at the request of Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand.

"We need to protect the effectiveness of our public transportation investments and ensure we do not simply build ourselves into another cycle of congestion," Durand said.

The task force, serving in an advisory capacity, met monthly for nearly a year to make recommendations for strategies to "preserve the livability of the affected communities" in coordination with capacity improvements proposed for Route 3.

Task force members, who were also asked to discuss project alternatives and identify land use and open space resources along the corridor that would be affected by the project, recently released a draft report.

The study notes the diversity of opinion among communities along the Route 3 corridor, which posed a challenge. A lack of technical assistance was also a drawback.

Still, task force members gave it their all and forged ahead.

The Route 3 South corridor includes the towns of Weymouth, Rockland, Hingham, Hanover, Norwell, Pembroke, Marshfield and Duxbury, as well as communities further south which are not part of the current widening proposal of the highway from Weymouth to Exit 11 in Duxbury (including Rt. 18, Derby Street and Routes 228, 53, 139 and 14 exits).

In 1999, some of the exits were plagued with as many as 60,000 vehicles per day in both directions during peak traffic times.

Since that time, the population of the South Shore has continued to skyrocket.

Route 3 has a number of purposes, including serving large developments such as Hanover Mall; accommodating trucks related to the movement of goods; and connecting Boston to Cape Cod for major recreational uses.

All things considered, some task force members see an immediate need to expand Route 3 while others are concerned about the effectiveness of such an undertaking.

Some think the project would "not carry more traffic, will not create a safer highway and will encourage more suburban sprawl. . . ."

Overall, though, members readily agree traffic congestion on the existing Route 3 is bad and getting worse, particularly during peak morning and evening commuting times.

The crunch is worst between Exit 12 (Route 139 in Marshfield) and Exit 16 (Route 18 in Weymouth).

Still, a number of members doubt adding another lane to improve capacity in each direction would solve the problem. At the same time, they agree for the most part that allowing use of the breakdown lane as a travel lane during peak commuting hours is an unsafe practice.

"Much of the discussion focused on whether widening the highway will increase growth pressures in the region."

— Route 3 Land Development Task Force

"Much of the discussion focused on whether widening the highway will increase growth pressures in the region, which will cause even worse traffic congestion in the not-so-distant future, both on Route 3 and the roads leading to it," the draft report states.

Some feel the demand could be reduced by improving mass transportation, including ferry service, commuter rail and increasing parking at MBTA facilities.

Other suggested ways to reduce peak-hour demand include tax incentives to businesses to encourage telecommuting and flex-time and introducing a toll with peak-hour pricing.

In the meantime, MHD is committing funds for the repaving of Route 3 from Weymouth to Duxbury while holding off on a plan to widen that 14.2-mile section of the highway until about 2007.

While the task force did not endorse the widening proposal, its members made a number of recommendations to help mitigate the effects of the project in the event it moves forward.

Those revolve around planning-related and construction mitigation issues, open space and aesthetic and visual impacts.

"We felt the character of the area should be maintained," Kelsch said. "We don't want it to look like Route 1. More input is needed on how to develop along Route 3 or we'll see massive development like that which has already occurred on the way to Cape Cod."

Despite some differing opinions among task force members, a consensus was reached on several issues relating to the widening proposal:

• Impacts of major residential development further south in the region and the impact of the current condition of the Braintree split need to be included in the needs analysis.

"If nothing is done about the clog in the drain, why build a bigger pipe leading to the clog?" the task force draft report notes.

The widening proposal does not address that controversial area.

• Master plans must be developed within local communities, with the assistance of the state if necessary, to prepare for the impact of major transportation projects;

• A comprehensive transportation plan must be agreed upon by the state and local communities so future plans and zoning regulations can be made and issued in anticipation of transportation developments. Regional transportation should come from and be further encouraged by the state; and

• More emphasis should be placed on transportation alternatives.

Should the widening project move forward in the years ahead, task force members agreed unanimously that storm-water management, improvements to offsite intersections and roadways within the corridor, upgrades on all Route 3 interchanges and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes should be considered.

The task force also emphasized the importance of the aesthetic impacts such a project would have and the need to mitigate those by preserving the median strip, protecting "important vistas" and creating and implementing a comprehensive landscaping plan, with special consideration accorded the North River Bridge and vista.

Once the final draft is finished, the work of the task force will come to an end, but task force members are recommending the formation of a citizens advisory committee to ensure continued participation in the process.

Stephen Kelsch of Mallard Run and Town Administrator Charles Cristello represented Hingham on the Route 3 Land Development Task Force.

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OBITUARY

James E. Cahill, III

James E. Cahill, III, 42, of Pensacola, Fla., formerly of Cohasset, died August 26, 2001, by accident.

The son of the late James E. Cahill, Jr., and Sonja Maria Johannsdottir, he was born in Natick, and educated in Cohasset and at UMass in Amherst.

He was employed as a former case worker and an advocate for the mentally disabled, and was employed by Brett Robinson Co.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Cahill leaves three sisters, Gerda Sullivan of No. Marshfield, Kristin Murphy of Raleigh, N.C., and Maria Desmond of New Jersey; and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home One Summer Street in Cohasset. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery.

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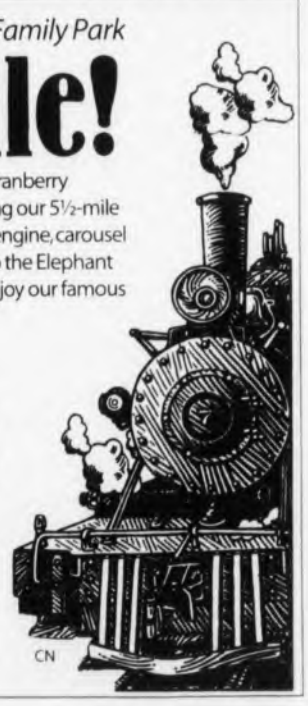
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Among children's and youth classes are Chess, SAT Prep, Bowling, and Babysitting.

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The Cohasset Historical Society announces an "Olde Fashioned Picnic Basket Auction," fundraising event, Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Lothrop House at 14 Summer St.

Bring a creative picnic lunch for two to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Then join the festivities by successfully bidding on and enjoying the picnic lunch of your choice. Suggestions include:

• In addition to lunch, customize your basket with an enticing extra, such as gift certificates, lottery tickets, free lessons, specialty items. The more creative the basket, the bigger the donation to the historical society.

• Basket essentials: appetizers/soup, sandwiches, munchies (veggies, chips), salad (pasta, Caesar, fruit), dessert, disposable utensils, dishes, napkins.

• Attach a note to the outside of your basket. Specify your basket's menu items and any special features so that the auctioneer can "sell" its virtues to the audience.

• Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

• Beverages will be provided by the society.

Don't forget, this is a fund-raiser — the more attractive the basket, the higher the bidding will go.

For reservations and information, call Tam Elliott, 781-383-2169; Barbara Elliott, 781-383-1154; or Kathy O'Malley, 781-383-9765.

Happy-Dog Training

The Cohasset Recreation Department is offering a dog obedience class taught by Happy-Dog Training.

This class is Good Manners for beginners, which will begin Monday, Sept. 10, at 5:30 p.m. It will be held on the Cohasset Common. The cost for this five-week program will be $90.

For more information, call the Recreations Office at 781-383-4109.

Family picnic

A parish Family Day Picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish on the grounds of the rectory. There will be food, including a dessert contest and games for the children. A $5 donation per person is requested, with a maximum of $20 per family. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses beginning Sept. 1. To volunteer to help out, call Rose Kierce at 781-383-0578.

Also, St. Anthony's religious education program is in urgent need of at least six volunteer teachers, three for grades six and three for grade nine.

The youth ministry is also in need of adults to help as chaperones and co-facilitators for weekly youth gatherings at the parish center.

For detailed information on volunteering, please call 781-383-0630.

Unblocking creativity

"The Artist's Way," a class based on Julia Cameron's book and the process of unblocking one's own creativity, begins Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset. The course runs 12 weeks and the fee is $65 for six weeks or $120 for full payment in advance.

No artistic background is required; but those who are in artistic pursuits are welcome for renewal and inspiration. "Wherever you are is the starting point," is the perspective of the course and it's followers.

For information and registration, call the class facilitator, Margot Cheel at 781-383-9184; or email her at MCheel@mediaone.net.

Audition for holiday show

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for its holiday show "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a heartwarming holiday story full of fun and favorite holiday songs. Cast consists of 12 children ages 5-14, plus additional angels, and shepherds, 5 women and 5 men.

Auditions will be held for children Sunday, Sept. 16 from 2-6 p.m., call backs if needed Monday Sept. 17, 6-9 p.m. and adults on Monday Sept. 17, 6-9 p.m. Auditions will be at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. The production will run for three weekends starting Thanksgiving weekend. Be prepared to read from a script. Singing ability is not a requirement, but knowledge of holiday songs is strongly suggested. For further information email Jean at mushidanki@aol.com

Exhibit stirs childhood memories

By Constance Gorfinkle
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

If the objects in the Exhibition Room of the Old Ordinary on Lincoln Street in Hingham weren't arranged so artfully, one could imagine he or she had stepped into someone's attic, where beloved toys of childhood lay waiting to stir long-forgotten memories. Dolls, more than a century old, books touting the moral ideals of another age, and a cunning toy made of wood, structured so that a marble can clatter down its slanted sides with a satisfying racket, summon up images of the simple existence once enjoyed by children who could indulge their imaginations free of the insidious influences exercised by today's electronic gadgets.

These are some of the pieces on display through Sept. 8 at the Old Ordinary, the house museum in downtown Hingham owned and operated by the Hingham Historical Society, in an exhibition called appropriately enough "The Children's Hour." Organized by Susan Zuger, a member of the society, the exhibition gives insight into a time when children minded their p's and q's, and, on Sundays, could play only with their miniature versions of Noah's Ark because more frivolous playthings might distract them from the contemplation of their moral responsibilities.

Among the items are those that were made by members of the Tower Toy Guild, a cooperative composed of Hingham artisans whose wares were sold throughout the region in the 19th century. Over time, many of the pieces that came out of the Tower Toy Guild have been donated to the Hingham Historical Society, which now has a good-sized collection of these works.

Several of those are in the current show, such as "this charming little, solid, painted church, with a weathervane on top in the shape of a fish," pointed out Zuger recently to a visitor to the exhibition.

Moving on to other items, Zuger indicated "a little, Native American doll that is in our collection. And this toy birch bark canoe dates from the early '20s. I know that," she laughed, "because it's mine.

"It's just fortuitous that these two pieces go together," she continued about the doll and the canoe.

Also, in the same area of the exhibition are some tiny terra cotta dishes that had been made by Native Americans, explained Zuger.

Interesting to note in the exhibition is how the dolls little girls played with long ago weren't cuddly baby lookalikes, or Barbie-type glamour fantasies. Instead, they were little-women replicas whose no-nonsense demeanors were meant to represent the serious, responsible housewives and mothers the little girls would one day become.

Boys, on the other hand, were allowed to be more fanciful in their play, as demonstrated by the toy weapons they brandished as they pretended to be soldiers. A modern parent would blanch at the lethal quality of the sharp little swords they would wave at one another. A more benign toy is a small drum beautifully rendered and in impeccable condition.

The books in the exhibition reveal how children in earlier centuries always were receiving instructions on how to live righteous lives. No matter how exciting the story, a moral nugget had to be at its center.

"The Children's Hour" is a delightful glimpse into a time of innocence before commercialism had begun to dictate how our children would spend the precious hours of childhood.

The Old Ordinary is at 21 Lincoln St. Hours are 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12. For group tours or more information, call 781-749-1851.



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Some of the pieces on display at the exhibit, "The Children's Hour," through Sept. 8 at the Old Ordinary museum on Lincoln Street in Hingham.

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Callie Scheft Sofis enjoys the ever-popular Greek dishes with her grandmother Mary Sofis of Hingham.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Animal shelter benefit at Siros

Siros Restaurant in Hingham will host the third annual benefit for the Scituate Animal Shelter on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 2-5 p.m. This gala event raises funds for veterinary care for the cats, dogs, and the occasional rabbit or ferret that wait at the shelter for adoption. The shelter serves not only Scituate, but also the towns of Cohasset, Hull and Norwell.

Co-hosts for the afternoon are Christine James of radio station WATD and meteorologist Mike Wankum of TV's WB 56. The afternoon includes delicious food prepared by Siros chef, Mark Vierbickas, beverages, and music by pianist Lenae Badger. Other highlights are the silent auction and the alumni table which features pictures of adoptees from the shelter.

Tickets are $50 each and are on sale now at the shelter at 61 Driftway. For information, call 781-545-8703.

Elder issues seminars to start

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session program for elders and caregivers in the South Shore area on four consecutive Wednesday evenings in October. The sessions will begin with a light supper from 6-6:30 p.m., followed by the program from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Transportation will be provided to Cohasset residents. Sessions will be held at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 Main St. Session topics will include:

- Oct. 3, a panel of lawyers will discuss legal and financial concerns of elders.
- Oct. 10, a panel will discuss various housing options, including public housing, assisted living and retirement communities, and nursing and rest home facilities.
- Oct. 17, a panel will discuss various community resources available to elders living at home.
- Oct. 24, a presentation on coping with feelings of loneliness, depression, and isolation.

Pre-registration is required. A donation of $8 for the entire series, or $2.50 per session, is requested.

For information, call Tish Clark or Carol Barrett at Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112.

Visiting artists

The South Shore Art Center is becoming a summer destination for artists, art students and cultural enthusiasts. The center's summer initiative, Visiting Artist Workshops 2001 includes master classes in the visual arts. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel painting, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography, and impressionist still life painting.

The instructors include: Karen Christians, Jared Clackner, Stuart Baron, Annie Silverman, John Brooks Maginnis, Heidi Whitman, Tracy Spadafora, William Ternes, Peter Madden, Frank Gohlke, and Margaret McWethy. They are all practicing artists as well as instructors at some of the most highly regarded art schools in the area including Boston University, Harvard, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, the Massachusetts College of Art, the DeCordova Museum, and the Worcester Art Museum.

The exhibition will be on display until Sept. 9. For more information or to register for any of the visiting artist workshops call 781/383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org.



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FLY-BY

Nathan McFall, 25, maneuvers a colorful kite along the Cohasset shore.

Telethon event begins Sunday

The 25th annual 24-hour Hingham Jay Tolman Muscular Dystrophy Association fund-raising telethon party kicks off Sunday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. at Hingham Community Center, 70 South Street, Hingham Square.

The event continues through Monday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m.

Activities are as follows:

- Party/dance, Sunday, with cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, dance contests, prizes and music with famous DJ Paul Ciccone, 7 p.m.-12 a.m.
- The party continues Monday, with "Stay Up and Watch the Stars Come Out," 12-8 a.m.
- Wake-up call includes a continental breakfast from 9-11 a.m. Monday, followed by a
- Labor Day cookout from 1-6 p.m., featuring music, clowns, balloons, pony rides, face painting, T-shirts, a raffle, food and lots of fun.
- Telethon finale from 6-7 p.m.

Autism Center fall get together

Autism Center of the South Shore will host a Fall Social on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 3-5 p.m. at the Allerton House, 15 Conditio Road in Hingham. Come meet other parents on the South Shore affected by an Autism Spectrum Disorder. For more information call (781) 749-7712.

Diabetes benefit

To benefit the American Diabetes Association and the Brian Marshall Scholarship for the Arts, a dance will be held Thursday, Aug. 30, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Barn at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset.

Music by the Marshalls, Jimo, The Armstrong Brothers, The Mark Chason Band and others will be featured. There will be a $10 admission fee and a cash bar.

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Turning it around

High turnout boosts optimism for girls soccer team

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

One year removed from a dismal season, the Cohasset High girls soccer program is looking to turn itself around.

When head coach Deb Beal took over the team four years ago, she had 26 participants come out. This year, she has seen that total nearly double, as 48 female athletes turned out looking to put some wins on the board for a team that has not done that too often in recent years.

"We had a huge turnout," said Beal, who reluctantly admits she will be forced to make some cuts. "We are just going to see who sticks it out."

In order to see who can stick it out, Beal has stepped up the fitness training of her team, beginning each practice with a three mile run, then moving into sprints. She also had 14 players weight train with her all summer, proving the motivation of the squad.

Leading the way for this motivated team will be a trio of senior captains: Maggie O'Neill, Kate Grimm and Carlie Carter.

A returning South Shore League All-Star who led the team in scoring last year, O'Neill has spent the past 10 months playing club soccer and competing in tournaments.

Grimm, a left-footed forward who will also see some time at midfield, adds experience and speed to the offensive side of the ball.

Unfortunately, Carter, one of the best defenders for the 2000 team, will be unable to participate this year because of a knee injury she suffered in the 2000-01 winter gymnastics season. Still, she has been doing all the running and plyometrics she can, hoping her dedication will rub off on the many underclassmen represented on the team.

"I call her my assistant coach," laughed Beal.

Carter will be sorely missed at the defensive end, but juniors Yasmine Afshar and Julie Lordan appear quite capable of helping to compensate for the loss.

Afshar has been moved from sweeper to stopper this year to encourage her offensive tendencies, and Lordan is a proven varsity defender, capable of filling the right outside back position well.

Sophomore Holly Graham will be new to the varsity defensive scene, hoping to provide protection for junior goalie Kelly Holway.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Becky Ross steps into one at Cohasset girls soccer practice last week.

Henry skippers way to national crown

Cohasset Yacht Club crew takes top prize at national 210 sailing championships

By Mike Spellman
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Charlie Henry can still remember the sense of excitement and exhilaration he felt watching the national sailing championships in Cohasset Harbor with his father as a young boy.

So you can probably imagine how the 32-year old Cohasset native felt last week when he captured the National 210 Sailing Championships, held last week at the South Boston Yacht Club.

"Yeah, obviously, it was pretty exciting," said Henry, with a laugh. "I guess you could say it really was the realization a lifelong dream."

Henry, a Cohasset Yacht Club member who now lives in Duxbury, captained the 30-foot 210 class boat "4" with his two man crew of Adam Durant and Eric Crews, chums who have been there for the long and short of his sailing career: Durant a rival dating back to their pre-teen years as members of the Cohasset Sailing Club, Crews a sailing team mate at St. Mary's University (Maryland).

Henry and crew finished 12th in the field of 26 on the opening day race, Aug. 21. They bounced back to take a first, two seconds and two thirds in the remaining five races held on the 23rd and 24th. Throwing out their worst finish, as permitted, these five high finishes were good enough to secure the top spot with a low point total of 10.75.

Henry edged out last year's winner, Mike Blackwood, of Milwaukee, who finished second with 14.5 points (two first places, a third and two fifth places). A pair of Hingham captains— John Matthews and Sue Epstein—finished third and fourth, with 22 and 22.75 points, respectively.

This was Henry's third year competing in the 210 Nationals. In 1999, he finished ninth with the Cohasset Yacht Club hosting the event. Last year, he and the crew traveled to the Gull Lake Yacht Club in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where they finished third.

"It was a nice progression for us," said Henry, who manages veterinary clinics in Buzzards Bay and Dedham. "It's rewarding to see how our hard work paid off."

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SSL football appears wide open

Cohasset gridders eye improvement

By Mike Spellman and Julie Ann Nevero
MARINER SPORTS EDITORS

Carver and Norton dominated the South Shore League a year ago, but both teams have been decimated by graduations. The result, at least by appearances, is a wide open division.

Abington, Hull and Cohasset were also hit hard by senior losses. The key losses continue to pile up for Cohasset, with news coming now that senior captain Nick Bolster, a deadly return man and wing back last season, will miss the entire season after surgery to repair a detached retina.

South Shore League – 2000 Final Standings

	League	Overall
Carver	**5-1**	**9-1**
Norton	**5-1**	**9-1**
Hull	**4-2**	**7-3**
Abington	**3-3**	**4-5**
Hanover	**2-4**	**5-5**
Cohasset	**1-5**	**5-5**
Norwell	**1-5**	**5-6**

**** New to the South Shore League this season is Mashpee (Last in the Patriot League at 0-6, 0-10 overall in 2000). Gone from the SSL is Hanover, who will move up to the PL this season.**

Norwell, a team that dominated the SSL for much of 90's, will look to bounce back from a disappointing 5-6 season, with only one of those wins coming in league play. Injuries and graduations took a heavy toll on the Clippers last season, but veteran coach Jim Sullivan is looking to build around his strong core of linemen and an infusion of young athletes.

One SSL team that appeared last season to be building toward bigger and better things with a new coach and several returning key players, Hanover, has moved up in division to the Patriot League as part of the Pilgrim Conference's four year realignment plan. The Indians swap leagues with Mashpee, which enters the SSL off of an 0-10 2000 campaign (0-6 in the Patriot League).

"I don't think there'll be any real surprises in the first few weeks," offered fourth year Cohasset High head coach Tony Rolfe. "With all of the graduations, it's real tough to figure who might emerge as the top few teams. I think Norwell should be better, and I think we might do well with a few breaks here or there. I also think Carver is going to be better than some people think. They lost a lot, but they've got a lot of kids to draw from."

Norwell

After several years of being the class of the SSL, Norwell took its lumps last season, as graduations, injuries and revenge-minded rivals all contributed to a last place finish (1-6 in league).

One of the most pressing matters for veteran coach Jim Sullivan will be replacing his entire starting backfield on offense—with quarterback John MacKenzie and halfback Mike Mohan lost to graduation, and fullback Steve Williams transferring to Deerfield Academy.

Mohan missed five games last season with a knee injury, which gave John Coleman plenty of opportunity to grow accustomed to the lead back role that now appears to be his to lose. The 6-foot-170 pound senior flashed some nice elusiveness and burst last season, and Coach Sullivan says that he appears much stronger this season. Junior Brendan Feldstein, the leading ball carrier with last year's 6-4 JV team, should push Coleman.

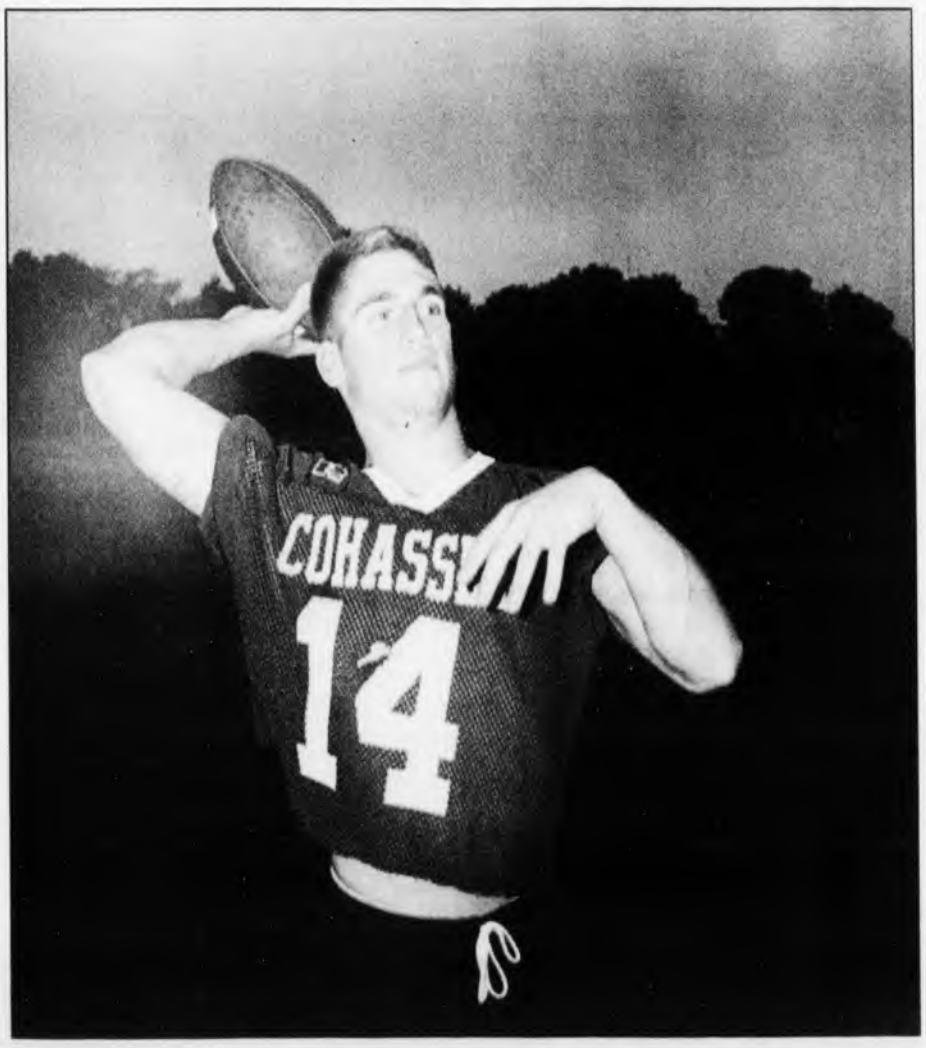
There is also competition at quarterback—sophomore John Mohan (Mike's brother and last year's JV starter) and junior Steve Sullivan—and fullback— junior Joe Doyle and sophomore Andrew Farinick, a couple of hard hitting 6-feet-175 pounders. This is the type of situation Coach Sullivan likes to see.

"Competition is almost always a good thing," said the 13th year head coach. "These kids are all competitive, so you hope it brings out the best in all of them."

What his team lacks in experience at the skill positions, Sullivan hopes to make up for in sheer athleticism. Based on what he's seen in the first week of practice, Sullivan believes this could be one of his most athletic teams ever, top to bottom.

And it's not like the team is hurt-

FOOTBALL, PAGE 15



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Senior captain Jason Brown has been asked to make the transition from quarterback to halfback this season.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset Yacht Club member Charlie Henry is only too happy to show off his C. Raymond Hunt Award, presented to him last week after he won the 210 National Sailing Championship, while posing in front of the sail that helped carry him to victory.

Golf team looks to overcome losses

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Losing five of the previous season's top six contributors is never a good way to start an athletic campaign. So, if nothing else, you've got to give Cohasset High's fall golf coach Torin Sweeney high marks for positive thinking.

"We have somewhat of a new group," conceded Sweeney. "That is what will be the challenge."

The primary reason for the "new group" is the change in season. Last school year, the golf season fell in the spring, but this year Cohasset and the rest of South Shore League have moved to the fall.

Because of the switch, Cohasset's golf team has been decimated, with several key duffers already having made commitments to other fall sports.

Formerly the number one, Will Prendergast, one of the top players in the area, and number three David Bouchard will be playing their senior years on the football team.

Last spring's number two player, senior Jay Bertovich, will play soccer for a very strong playoff contending team.

The team also lost their number four, Ted Gledhill, to graduation, and the number five/six, Rob Lehr, is still recovering from shoulder surgery.

Despite the losses, Cohasset is left with what could be a very competitive team in the SSL.

Though it may seem that the seasonal switch has brought nothing but misfortune to the Skippers, it is not a completely negative happening for the Blue.

"Fall is going to be a fun season

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FUTURE COMMODORES?



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Above, Cohasset Sailing Club members (L-R) Evan Deautsch, Eric McCarthy, Ryan Crough and Nate Porter mat be taking a work shift in the club launch a few years from now. Many Cohasset teens have grown into the club over the past 40 years, and have served the club well in its success and growth.

Nate Porter, Ryan Crough and Ryan Connors (L-R) take time to fill out forms for the Cohasset Sailing Club survey to help plan for future club activities. Surveys are available to all residents who wish to share opinions on the club's activities. Call Diane Shipp for a form at 781-383-9198.

Turning it around

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Holway performed well last year in the eyes of her coach, and she has worked hard recently to improve her skills.

"She put in two solid weeks of camp," lauded Beal. "She has also worked on her own to improve her reaction speed."

Sophomores Marisa Mellow and Brittany Novak will be battling out for the back-up goalie position for the next few weeks until the start of the season.

Although this is the first time since 1998 there has been no question over who would play goalie, Beal said the main problem in recent years has been the inability of her team to control the middle of the field. Fortunately, she sees reason for optimism on that front as she prepares for the campaign.

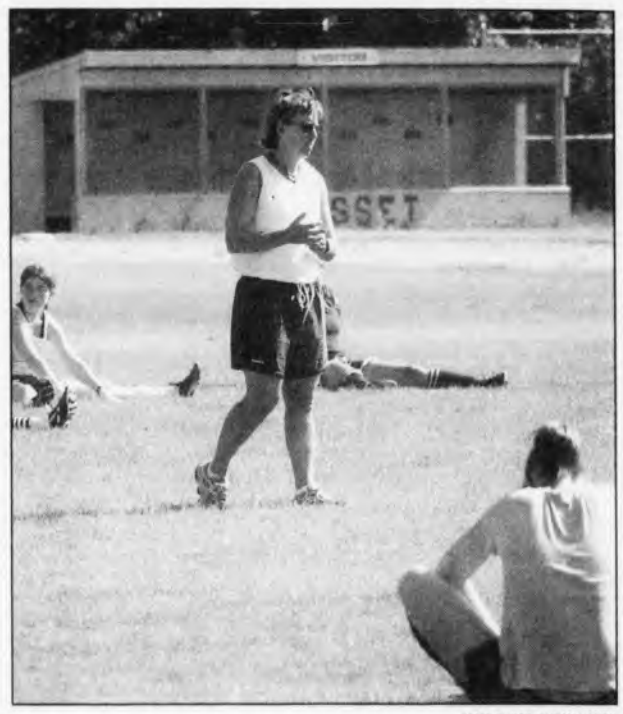
"We have some young kids who can run and dominate the midfield," observed the coach.

Among those fleet afoot newcomers are sophomores Jen Buckley, Nicole Turgiss and Brenna O'Donnell. Speedster sophomore Gillian Weber will be playing in her second year as a varsity forward.

Another area that Beal said her team needs to work on is finishing. Too many times last year, she noted, her team squandered offensive opportunities.

To help in that category, Beal may have a handful of offensive-minded freshmen swing between the varsity and junior varsity squads, namely Casey Anderson, Danielle Hajjar, Molly Kirk, Kate Englander and Mackenzie Holway.

Last year, Cohasset started off the season with a crushing 7-0 loss to Hanover, a game Beal feels that the team never quite recovered from. But with the Indians out of the league, the Lady Skippers will open their season against Norwell (Sept. 11), who they lost to twice last year, losing both games by one goal.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset High varsity girls soccer coach, Deb Beal, leads her charges through stretching exercise.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset girls soccer hopefuls practice at Milliken Field last week.

Coby's Run a hit again

Scituate race tops $100,000 mark in its sixth year

JoeReardon
CORRESPONDENT

Jamie Gallagher reached the mile mark of the Coby's Run 10K in a cool 4:55, the rest of the pack unable to keep pace with the Hull resident, a wisp in the background. Gallagher's game plan was perfectly clear: build the big lead to discourage any pretenders and cruise uncontested over the second half of the scenic course that follows Scituate Harbor and several of the town's quaint neighborhoods.

Gallagher's strategy was still working to perfection after racing by the 2-mile mark in 10:16, the 5K in 15:55. Given the fact that it was Gallagher's third race of the week, he felt surprisingly fresh through the halfway point, save for a slight upset stomach.

"I felt really comfortable," said Gallagher, winner of last Thursday's Jane's Chase Beach Race. "It was good because I was able to relax. I was surprised by the splits. It didn't feel like a 4:55 first mile. I did have a little stomach ache but there was no one in sight. Thank God."

Gallagher slowed, but never suffered a complete breakdown over the final 5K to win his first Coby's Run in his first attempt with a time of 34-minutes flat.

The race is held in memory of Coby Cutler, a 1995 graduate of Scituate High School, who died the summer after his graduation after being struck by lightning while conducting a rifle-range drill at the Marine training center at Parris Island, SC. Proceeds from the race will go towards the construction of the PVT. Coby M. Cutler Memorial Fitness Center at the high school. More than $95,000 has been raised since the event's debut six years ago. This year's race was expected to put the total raised for the fitness center over $100,000.

Dozens of sponsors and local businesses donated gift certificates and prizes for the top finishers and a raffle was also held. The course itself is a tough one, known specifically for the hellish climb up Beaver Dam Road in the final half mile of both the 10 and 5K.

Gallagher said he was very much aware of the hill at the end and wanted to conserve his strength for the final ascent to the finish at the Gates Intermediate School.

"It's not too bad," he said. "But it comes just when you're hurting the most."

Ironically, Gallagher planned to use the race as a training run after a racing season that started nearly nine months ago. He had a change of heart when he arrived, a mere 10 minutes before the start.

"I thought the race started at 10," he said with a laugh. "That was my warm-up, a sprint to my car and back."

Gallagher ran 70 and 50 miles the previous two weeks before the race, but admitted his training the week of the race was a little lean.

"I'm just taking it down now and want to build it back up for the Boston half marathon in October," he said. "It's going to be tough. I have to resist the temptation of racing."

Women's winner Shannon Siragusa was concerned with her fast start over the first half mile but settled down and ran comfortably through the opening mile in 6:10. Siragusa's long-term goal of making her marathon debut in the Cape Cod Marathon was one of the reasons behind competing in her first Coby's Run. She was well in the clear at 5K (19:15) and chugged up the final hill to take 13th overall in 40:22.

"This is the first race I've run in about five years," said Siragusa, a Boston College alumnus. "I just wanted to see what kind of time I could get. The start is really fast and I was afraid of going out too fast."

Siragusa said the race was well run and enjoyed the overall setting.

"It's such a pretty area around here," she said. "It's a nice race. I'd like to run it next year too."

Siragusa was one of those rare runners who actually felt strong heading up Beaver Dam Road.

"Right before it there's a slight downhill," she said. "I felt good going into it. Your adrenaline gets you through it because you're so close to the end."

In the 5K event, Quincy's Chris Fitzgerald topped the 219-runner field in 17:16 and Lucy Canavan of Marshfield won the women's division with a time of 20:03, good for 13th overall.

Henry skippers way to national crown

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Charlie and his father, William Henry, started the Cohasset High sailing team many years ago. Charlie went on to attend Brewster Academy in New Hampshire before moving on to St. Mary's. He was a team member and captain of both schools' sailing teams.

In addition to several East Coast and local entrants—from yacht clubs in Falmouth, Hingham, Hull, Quincy, Boston and Gloucester, among others—several boats and crews from the Great Lakes states made the trek to participate in the Nationals.

The 210 races are among the oldest and most honored in U.S. sailing circles. The sleek racing boat measures 30 feet in length and six feet across. "4" is owned by Cohasset's John Keane.

"I thank John every time he lets me sail it," said Henry. "I'm really going to be thanking him now every time I see him for a while."



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Charlie Henry, seen here captaining "4" (#444) at the Sullivan Cup races, held in Cohasset Harbor earlier this summer.

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SSL football appears wide open

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ing for experience, particularly in comparison to the rest of the SSL. In fact, the Clippers lost only two of its starting from six up front on offense. Senior captains Tim Hunt and Tom Hammonds return to start at center and right guard, respectively, as does junior John Chappell at right tackle. Tight end Brent Smith, another senior captain, who appeared well on his way to earning All-League honors last season before a season ending injury, is also back. The 6-foot-2-inch Smith and 6-foot-4 split end Ted Hughes should provide nice targets for whoever wins the starting quarterback job.

Hannon, Hunt, Chappell and Smith also form the core of the defensive front seven.

Cohasset

The main concerns for fourth year Cohasset head coach Tony Rolfe are on the defensive side of the ball, where the loss of leading tackler Ronan Buick at middle linebacker and top lineman Craig Davis have left some huge shoes to fill.

The coach likes the improvement shown in the early going by juniors Ben Lynner and Cosimo Cambi on the defensive line, as well as in seniors Paul Previtte at linebacker and Liam Martin in the secondary, but he sounds concerned about the depth around them.

"We're going to need some guys to step up in the next few weeks," noted Rolfe.

In the case of the offense, the coach clearly sounded more optimistic, even with the loss to graduation of 1,200-yard halfback Brian Krupczak and the removal by injury of Bolster, initially a strong candidate to succeed Krupczak as the featured back.

Rolfe's plan is to move senior captain Jason Brown from quarterback, where he started the two previous seasons, to tailback and replace him behind center with junior Mike Snowdale, the JV squad's starting quarterback last season. The 5-foot-9, 170 pound Brown had a couple of 100-yard rushing games last season while taking the snaps direct, and Rolfe sounds confident the transition to tailback for his captain will be a relatively smooth one.

Rolfe says he also believes Snowdale will make the necessary plays as his signal caller. The coach adds that having "quality receivers like (Liam) Martin and (junior) Chris Bilodeau split out should help a lot."

On the whole, Rolfe thinks his team might have a slight edge on many of the teams in the division in terms of experience.

"That's the thing about having the smallest team and smallest school in the league," said Rolfe, "everyone on your team gets some playing time. Most of our players have seen a good deal of field time, and I'm hoping that pays off."

Abington

Last year's young team got a little older this season. Comprised primarily of juniors and seniors, Abington is looking as solid as ever.

Despite the graduation losses of running back Rick Hall, linebacker Brian Kallenberg, and lineman Kyle Shepherd, coach Jim Kelliher's Green Wave team is being picked by many South Shore League coaches – and some from other leagues, as well – as a strong contender this season.

Kelliher's Green Wave is loaded with seniors. Among them is quarterback Bryan Wood, who earned the starting spot last year and will be at the post again this season for Abington. Fullback/linebacker Bob Lacerda will be a key player in the backfield for Abington.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior cornerback Mike Miller returns to his starting post, as will senior Mbela Kabongo at defensive end, and defensive back Christian Allen. Linemen Nick Hess and Tom McSharry will also be key players on defense for the Green Wave.

Last year's sophomore-dominated roster now features a slew of juniors. Among them are defensive backs Adam Bowser and Shane Crowley. Linebacker Kevin Spaulding and defensive lineman Jeffrey Walls also return.

Despite the changes in the leagues around them, the Green Wave will continue to play its Thanksgiving Day non-league opponent Whitman/Hanson (from the ACL). Other non-league matchups feature Bristol-Plymouth (Sept. 21) and cross-town rival and defending Div. 3 Super Bowl champs Rockland (Oct. 12).

Abington will open its 2001 season away at former SSL rival Hanover on Friday, Sept. 14.

SPORTS NOTES

Middle School Athletics information

Physicals

Dr. Stephen Golden will be available to perform physicals on students wishing to participate in any fall sports programs at Cohasset Middle School, on Wed. Sept. 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the Middle School Health room. This is the only time Dr. Golden will be available.

Any student interested in playing fall sports must have a doctor's note verifying that they've had a physical examination within the past few 365 days.

Fall sports sign-up meeting

Middle school students interested in participating in fall sports should prepared to attend a registration meeting on Sept. 10. Time and place will be announced by Athletic Director Ron Ford.

Middle School Sports offered

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New hours for the Swim Center

Starting Aug. 25, the weekend hours for the Cohasset Swim Center will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.. This will also include the holiday weekend and Labor Day.

For the week of Aug. 27- 31 the pool hours will be 1- 7 p.m..

From 1-2 p.m. will be adult swim and 2-7 will be open swim.

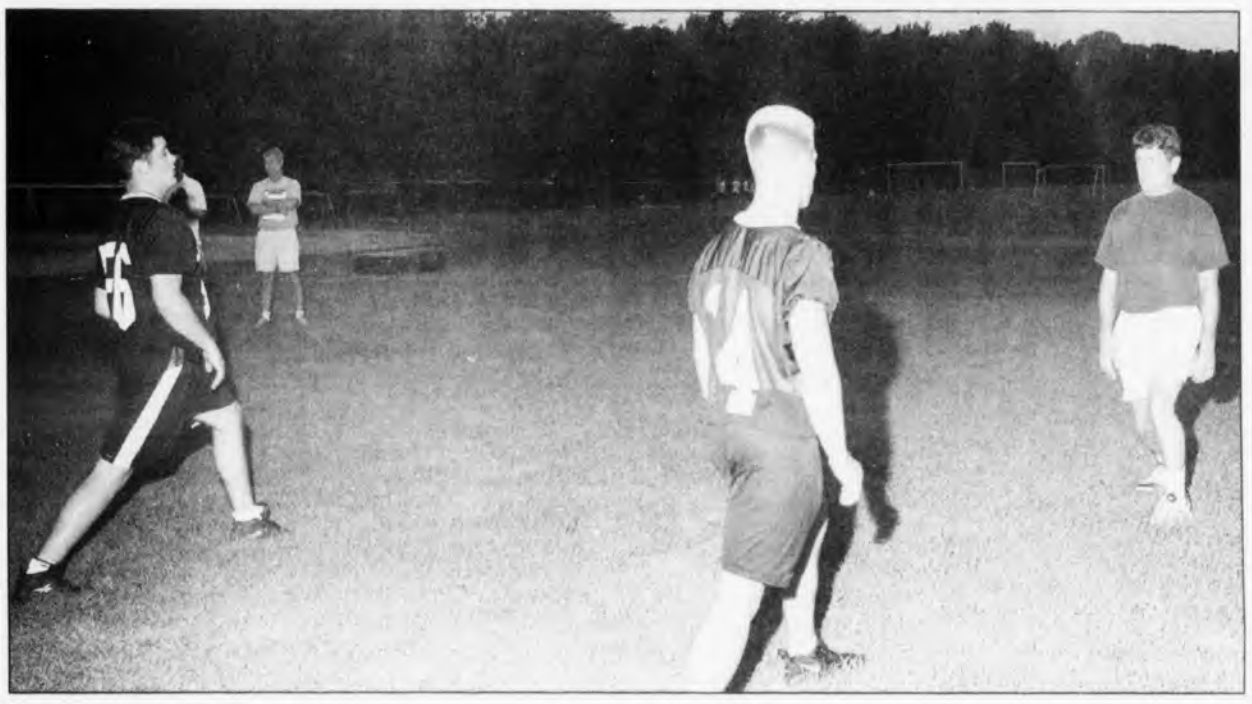
Thanks to all the members and the staff for a wonderful summer!

JV boys box lacrosse players wanted

Any Cohasset boys—entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade— interested in playing JV box lacrosse at the Canton Sportsplex on Sundays this Fall, please call Lyn Previte @ 781-383-9723.

Entry for the team will need to be submitted in one week. Session 1 will begin September 9th.

Cohasset will have an indoor team for the varsity level (Grade 10 and up) at the Sportsplex.



Cohasset High head football coach Tony Rolfe leads his players through stretching exercises last week.

Golf team looks to overcome

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to golf in," offered Sweeney, who will be in his second season as the golf coach. "The courses will be in better shape. The kids also have the opportunity to play all summer. I know at least half of them have."

Someone who has spent the summer honing his skills is senior Will Moody, who can be seen at Milliken Field at least a few times a week working on his short game. Moody likely will take Prendergast's spot, and has been named the team's captain.

Juniors Greg Griffin-O'Brien and Michael Caloiro saw some time in the top six last year, and will be a big part of this team.

There is also a possibility that seniors Tim Straughn, Matt O'Grodnik and Pete Whoriskey will play, even though they probably would not have if it were still a spring sport.

There are a few freshman joining the team as well, who will be very important to patching up the holes left by the lost players. However, Sweeney cannot be sure how they will handle the pressure of varsity play in their first years of high school.

"It will be interesting to see how they respond to it," he said.

From what Sweeney has seen of the league, Cohasset has the potential to once again make the state tourney.

Norwell is still the class of the league, with two-time defending State Champion Ben Spitz entering his senior year. But beyond that, Norton and Abington are still very young and inexperienced, while no one is sure what kind of talent Mashpee and Harwich, the new members of the SSL, have at their respective schools.

"Who knows what Mashpee and Harwich will bring to the league?" asked Sweeney.

Right now, not many people will know what Cohasset will bring to the league until they measure up with the best in their first SSL match of the season, Sept. 10 against Norwell.

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Schools start amid change

By Rick Collins
Mariner Staff Writer

When Cohasset schools open their doors this Wednesday, students, parents, faculty and staff will all have to adjust to a number of changes.

Most glaring is the $41 million school construction project that has now enveloped the Deer Hill School and middle/high school and will continue to do so for the next year and a half.

"It's going to be eye-opening at the Deer Hill and middle/high school," said School Committee chairman Stephanie Noble. "We're going to have to accept that our children are going to school in a work in progress and it's not always going to look great."

Although the Deer Hill layout remains relatively intact, the middle/high school has undergone a few changes[see related story]. The library wing has been torn down as the Dorr Gymnasium now hosts both the library and art rooms. A temporary walkway connects the middle school and high school, via a walkway through the auditorium.

Both schools have also had most of its tile floors ripped up during the asbestos removal phase of the project this summer.

Project Manager Simon Tempest said with school in session the construction project will now move outside. Students will not be allowed in construction areas, and construction workers will not be allowed in school areas.

"The workers and students will never come in contact with each other," he said.

"Once students get over the initial shock of the changes, it will become very normal for them."
— School Committee chairman Stephanie Noble

As a safety precaution, Tempest said workers will wear proper identification.

School officials don't believe the changes will prove to be a hindrance for the town's students.

"Once students get over the initial shock of the changes, it will become very normal for them," said Noble. "Children are very adaptable creatures. I wish adults were so adaptable."

She added, "I'm convinced with [middle/high school principal] Dr. Michael Jones and [Deer Hill principal] Paul Callahan at the helm that education has always been the number one priority, and that they have gone through great lengths to make sure the staff is prepared to handle whatever comes up."

Callahan said parents and students should find things as they were last year.

"The only thing that's different is that there are just no tiles and no rugs," he said.

The Osgood School won't feel any effects from the school construction project, but has a major change of its own to deal with. Janet Sheehan is the school's new principal, replacing Marilee Cantelmo.

Sheehan said parents shouldn't expect any changes in basic school policy, and that any changes would be made with the guidance of the school PSO.

She said one of her goals is to make sure the school remains as clean as it can be. The cleanliness issue has been brought up at past school committee meetings, and Sheehan said she is aware of parents' concerns.

Both the Deer Hill and Osgood have made a change to their school start and end times.

Because of a problem getting buses to the Deer Hill and Osgood in time to pick students up at the end of the day, the School Committee voted last month to push back the start time 15 minutes at both schools.

School at the Deer Hill now begins at 8:35 a.m. and ends at 2:35 p.m. Osgood students will be in school from 9:05 a.m. until 3:05 p.m. Sheehan said parents may drop their children off at school after 8:55 a.m. Middle/high school times have remained the same.

The school department will also welcome 17 new teachers to its classrooms, including a new first grade teacher, new second grade teacher, seven new middle school teachers and two new high school teachers.

Students in grades 1 through 12 will report to school on Sept. 5. Kindergarten students will be split up for the first two days, with half coming to an orientation on Wednesday and half on Thursday.

"This will allow them to get acclimated in small groups," said Sheehan. "It's a bit more manageable."



Fourth-grade teachers Victoria Sullivan, right, and Jennifer Gately set up a classroom at Deer Hill.

Schools double as construction zones

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Town Manger Mark Haddad has joked.

The large boulder that used to rest on the Deer Hill lawn now sits near the entrance.

Wrestling in the Dorr Gymnasium at the middle/high school will be much harder with the school library and art classrooms now relocated inside. Surprisingly, the exposed hardwood gymnasium floor with its bright red, blue and green painted lines doesn't look too out of place in the art room.

In charge of the project's daily oversight is a familiar face to town, Simon Tempest, who oversaw the Osgood School construction project. Tempest, an architect by trade who now specializes in construction management, came to the latest Cohasset school project after just having managed the multi-million dollar renovation of the Landmark Center in Boston's Fenway area.

His office, the first stop on a recent tour of the construction sites, is the former boat repair shop in the hall separating the middle school and high school. From his back door, Tempest is able to look out on just about the entire work site behind the middle/high school. Having removed 20,000 cubic yards of fill from the hill behind the school earlier this summer, workers are busy installing the rear wall of what will eventually become new classrooms and gymnasium.

From his front door, Tempest can see the staging area on the former lower field in front of the school. The hallway replacing the destroyed wing is on the left against the side of the auditorium. Students coming from the middle school will enter the walkway just past Tempest's office, walk in a weather-proof, heated walkway attached to the auditorium, enter a new hallway built in the rear of the auditorium, and out into the main building.

"We got a lot of work done," said Tempest. "We really had pretty good weather."

Traffic pattern

Parents and staff will have to deal with a new traffic pattern at the Deer Hill. The main traffic flow no longer travels in front of the school; instead vehicles will enter from Sohier Street and turn onto a new access road. Parents picking and dropping off their children will be able to take a right off the access road into the parking lot. Only buses will be permitted in front of the Deer Hill.

Deer Hill School Principal Paul Callahan said only specialization subject classrooms adjacent to the construction site will be immediately affected by the project.

"Other than that, parents and students will find everything where it was," said Callahan.

Tempest expects the new addition's steel frame to be in place by the time school starts, and enclosed by the winter. That's when the majority of work will take place.

"To people it looks like nothing is being done once the frame is up, but there's still about 60 to 70 percent of the work to do," he said. "We just move inside."

The main change at the Deer Hill involves the floor, or lack thereof.

During the school's asbestos removal, the school building committee decided to remove the asbestos-containing floor tiles immediately, rather than wait until next summer. On one hand, the school is now asbestos-free and has had its air quality checked and approved by the state. However, the school's floors are, for the most part, rough concrete.

The school building committee also decided against installing a temporary floor-covering until the interior work is done next summer.

"It would have been very expensive to do that, to carpet the entire building and then tear it up again in a year," said Tempest. "It would be burning money."

Callahan didn't think the floors would negatively impact the school's learning environment.

"It basically looks like your basement or garage floor," he said.

He also said because the school's brooms wouldn't push on the concrete floors, the schools had to invest in vacuum cleaners.

Because some halls and classroom floors were in such poor shape, contractors had to lay a new topcoat in certain areas.

Tempest said costs prohibited the schools from resurfacing all of the floors.

The majority of the middle/high school also has concrete floors, except for the main administrative hallway. Tempest said that part of the building will have its asbestos removed next summer. He added that the school is safe for students to be in health-wise.

"Anybody that has been through a home construction project knows that there are some compromises that need to be made," said Spofford. "We felt it was in the best interest of the town to take those tiles out, and instead focus on having the schools completed in a timely manner."

Overall, Spofford was very pleased with the projects' progress.

"We feel the projects are at this point on schedule and well within the budgetary amounts," he said. "We've had no major surprises to date, and that's a reflection on how well the architects [Hingham-based Strekalovsky & Hoit] had designed the plans, as well as the continued hard work of Tempest and Haddad."

"I'm very impressed by the way the project is going so far," Haddad said. "Knock on wood."

Parents with any questions, concerns or constructive comments are urged to contact the schools' principals or the School Building Committee via its Web site www.ssec.org/cohasset/buildingproject/index.htm

AAUW to meet

The Hingham area branch of AAUW, American Association of University Women, is excited about the plans for the upcoming year. There will be a presentation of its plans for this year, "Choices for a Changing World," at the annual pot luck dinner kick-off meeting Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Room of the Lincoln School Apartments on Central Street in Hingham. Call 781-848-8122 for information or to register to attend. The program is free and open to the public.

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South Main St. #207, #363, #431, #302; Beechwood St. #49; Norman Todd Rd./Norman Todd Ln.; Brewster/Ledgewood.

DEERHILL SCHOOL
Grades 4-6
7:45-8:15 A.M./2:35-3:05 P.M.
BUS 2

Sanctuary Pond Rd. #30; Forest/Cedar Acres Ln.; Forest/Heather Dr.; Forest/Old Coach Rd.; Forest Ave. #263; Linden Dr. #18; Linden Dr./Linden Cir.; Jerusalem/Deep Run; Jerusalem/Jerusalem Rd. Dr.; Jerusalem Rd. #322; Jerusalem Rd. #268; Nichols Rd. #32, #85; Nichols/Caravel Cove; Nichols Rd. #150; Atlantic Ave. #430; Jerusalem/Red Gate Ln.; and Jerusalem Rd. #11.

BUS 3

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BUS 4

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Grades K-3
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, AUG. 13

1:36 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., tree on.
2:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire inspections.
3:21 p.m. Pleasant St., fire inspection.
3:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.
10:37 p.m. South Main St. and Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto, area search negative.
11:29 p.m. North Main St., open door/window.

TUESDAY, AUG. 14

2:51 a.m. Hoover Ln., assist citizen, referred to other agency.
4:37 a.m. North Main St., well-being check.
6:43 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
7:26 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:30 p.m. Summer St., auto fire.
8:36 p.m. Highland Ave., medical aid, 62-year-old male in protective custody.
1:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.
5:37 p.m. Margin St., suspicious auto.
6:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, citation issued.
6:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:58 p.m. Hillside Dr., investigation.
7:40 p.m. S. Main St., disturbance, gathering.
9:22 p.m. Norfolk Rd. and Bancroft Rd., suspicious activity.
10:34 p.m. Hull St., barking dog.
10:44 p.m. Hull St., barking dog.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15

1:44 p.m. Rustic Dr., fire investigation.
2 p.m. Sohier St., found property, investigated.
2:20 p.m. Border St., arrest: Glenn L. Dukes, 32, 26 Bancroft Rd., Cohasset, Chief's warrant.
3:28 p.m. Ripley Rd., vandalism.
3:45 p.m. Sandy Beach, assist citizen.
4:20 p.m. North Main St., investigation.
4:31 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
6:42 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:10 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.
8:43 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. Dr., animal control.
8:45 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., suspicious auto, services rendered.
8:53 p.m. Ripley Rd., open door/windows.
9:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
9:14 p.m. Hull St., noise complaint, area search negative.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16

2:02 a.m. Parker Ave., officer wanted.
2:15 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal control.
5:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto.
10:13 a.m. Sohier St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.
10:16 a.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.
10:58 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop.
11:24 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
12:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
2:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto, investigated.
5 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:07 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.
5:26 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
10:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:38 p.m. Square, parking violation, parking ticket issued.
11:36 p.m. James Ln., medical aid, removed to hospital.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17

7 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., MV violations.
7:47 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.
9:45 a.m. King St., malicious destruction.
11:05 a.m. South Main St., illegal dumping.
3:28 p.m. Pleasant St., trespassing, investigated.
3:31 p.m. Cedar St., recovered MV.
7:56 p.m. Stevens Ln., fire investigation.
10:36 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint, investigated.
11:52 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint, peace restored.

SATURDAY, AUG. 18

1:27 a.m. Atlantic Ave., MVA, area search negative.
1:52 a.m. King and Beechwood sts., MV stop, arrest: Jennifer Powers, 29, 17 Collier Ave., Scituate, Chgs.: operating under influence of liquor, failure to stay within marked lanes, speeding, in violation of special regulations, operating MV with unnecessary noise.
7:17 a.m. Elm St., transport, services rendered.
10:25 a.m. Parker Ave., traffic complaint, parking ticket issued.
10:58 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint, investigated.
12:25 p.m. King St., open door/window, investigated.
1:18 p.m. Route 3, MVA.
3:26 p.m. Carbone Ln., fire investigation.
6:12 p.m. Pond St. and Virginia Ln., animal control.
11:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., building checks.

SUNDAY, AUG. 19

1:26 a.m. Sohier and King sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:51 a.m. Norman Todd Rd. and Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.
2:59 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking violation.
3:14 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.
4 p.m. Parker Ave., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.
4:38 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed.
5:56 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, no fire service necessary.
10:26 p.m. Nichols Rd., annoying phone calls.
10:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.
10:44 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Beach St., fire investigation.

MONDAY, AUG. 20

1:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:14 a.m. South Main St., medical aid.
11:39 a.m. Ripley Rd., fire inspections.
11:45 a.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop.
1:12 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop.
1:44 p.m. Nantasket Ave., fire investigation.
3:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.
3:17 p.m. Nichols Rd., suspicious.
7:33 p.m. South Main St., shoplifting.
7:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.
8:20 p.m. Hull St., barking dog.
9:33 p.m. Hull St., barking dog.
11:32 p.m. Ripley Rd., suspicious auto.

TUESDAY, AUG. 21

12:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:35 a.m. CHCH, motor vehicle stop., traffic citation, warning.
1:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic citation issued.
2:45 a.m. South Main St., building checks.
7:29 a.m. Border St., medical aid.
9:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.
9:34 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident.
9:39 a.m. South Main St., and River Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:05 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:06 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:03 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:31 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:45 p.m. North Main St., vehicle impounded/stored.
3:08 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.
3:16 p.m. Ripley Rd., medical aid.
4:03 p.m. Border St., suspicious activity.
8:17 p.m. Forest Ave., general services.
9:23 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/stop.
9:35 p.m. Ripley Rd., suspicious auto.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22

8:05 a.m. Beechwood St., disturbance.
8:53 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic citation/warning.
9:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:48 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
10:04 a.m. Forest Ave., and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:18 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:24 a.m. Linden Dr., fire inspections.
10:28 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation violation.
10:31 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

POLICE BRIEFS

Youths arrested after disturbance

Cohasset police responded to numerous reports of a large group of youths, who had apparently been partying inside Wheelwright Park, that were running through the callers' backyards and down Forest Avenue, screaming and causing a disturbance at 1:15 a.m. Thursday in the vicinity of Forest Avenue and Heather Drive.

An 18-year-old Scituate youth, whom police said was intoxicated, allegedly threw a cooler of beer at a police officer, breaking several of the bottles, and tried to run away all the while yelling obscenities at the officer, according to the police report.. A chase ensued and the suspect, Craig M. Sheerin of 8 Trudy's Lane, Scituate, eventually got himself trapped between a house and a fenced-in yard. At that point, the officer was forced to tackle Sheerin to the ground. In the scuffle, the officer's uniform pants were ripped beyond repair and the officer sustained a cut to his right leg, police said.

While officers were securing Sheerin, they were called to Heather Drive by a resident for an intoxicated girl who had entered his home, police said. The girl, Kathleen McCarthy, 18, of 155 Fair Oaks Lane in Cohasset, had only one shoe and mud and water stains on her pants up to her knees. Police said McCarthy, who admitted to having been drinking, tried to elude police by running through backyards. She told police she didn't know what to do, so she entered a stranger's home looking to hide from the officers, according to the police report.

McCarthy was charged with being a disorderly person and disturbing the peace. Both charges were continued without a finding for three months prior to arraignment Thursday at Quincy District Court, which means if McCarthy stays out of trouble, the charges will be dropped at that time. She was required to pay $170 in court costs.

Sheerin was charged with being a disorderly person, disturbing the peace, resisting arrest and wanton destruction of property valued at $250 or less. He is scheduled to return to Quincy District Court for a pre-trial hearing at 9 a.m., Oct. 15.

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Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 44A through Section 44J, inclusive, and Chapter 30, Section 39M, as amended.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this project, General Bidders shall submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management, and an Update Statement.

Sealed bids shall be submitted on a form furnished by the Awarding Authority and clearly identified as a bid, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and the name of the project, and submitted to:

TOWN OF COHASSET
c/o Mark Haddad,
Town Manager
41 Highland Avenue
Cohasset, MA 02025

and received no later than the times set forth below, when they will be forthwith publicly opened and read aloud at this location.

Sealed bids for the sub-trades designated below will be received until two o'clock PM (2:00 PM), on Wednesday, September 19, 2001.

Sealed bids for the General Contract will be received until two (2:00) o'clock, PM, on Wednesday, October 3, 2001.

All bids may be mailed or hand-delivered to the above specified receiving address prior to the time specified hereunder, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

Filed sub-bids will be required and taken for the following classes of work:

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Funding for the project was approved by the Cohasset Town Meeting in March, 2000, subject to conditions including the raising of $700,000.00 in private donations and the award of a Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Grant. The private funds have been raised and the Project is first on the list for an MBLC grant in its next round of awards. An amendment to the original Town Meeting approval is being sought to permit the Project to go forward prior to the actual award of the MBLC Grant. That amendment will be considered at the Fall Special Town Meeting in October, 2001.

General Bidders may obtain two (2) complete sets of Contract Documents, and Sub-Bidders may obtain one (1) complete set of Contract Documents, at the Office of the Town Manager, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts, upon deposit of $100.00 per set, in the form of cash, or a certified check, treasurer's check, cashier's check, or company check, made payable to the Town of Cohasset, after twelve (12:00) o'clock, Noon, on August 29, 2001; and on Mondays through Thursdays thereafter, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Copies of the FORM FOR GENERAL BID and the FORM FOR SUB-BID are available at no cost at the above-named location.

The full amount of the deposit will be refunded to all the bidders returning the Contract Documents in good condition within ten (10) days after date of General Bid opening. Otherwise, the deposit will become the property of the Awarding Authority.

If bidders wish to have sets of Contract Documents mailed, the request must be made in writing and sent to the Town Manager, Mr. Mark Haddad, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025, accompanied by the specified refundable deposit check payable to the Town of Cohasset, plus a separate check in the non-refundable amount of $50.00 per set, payable to the Town of Cohasset, for handling and postage costs. No partial sets will be issued.

The Contract Documents may be examined at, but not removed from, the following locations during normal business hours:

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A pre-bid conference will be held at ten (10:00) o'clock, AM at the project site, on Wednesday, September 12, 2001. Attendance is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

The successful Bidder will be required to provide a performance bond, and a labor and materials payment bond, issued by a company authorized to do business in Massachusetts and satisfactory to the Awarding Authority, each bond being in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract Amount.

The minimum wages to be paid for all labor on the project are established in a schedule issued by the Department of Labor and Industries, in accordance with Section 26A-27D, of Chapter 149 of the M.G.L. as amended, said schedule being made a part of the Contract Documents and is included therein.

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The recipe for love

New '8-Minute Dating' service on menu at Quincy restaurant

By Seth Jacobson
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Forget about bars, the personal pages, and all those names in your little black books. The latest love craze known as 8-Minute Dating is on its way to the South Shore.

Starting Sept. 11, the X&O European Trattoria in Quincy will host the first 8-Minute Dating session in the area. The event will be held every other Tuesday at the restaurant through Nov. 20.

"It's a big craze right now across the country," said Rebecca Hancock, a spokesperson for the X&O Trattoria. "Basically, 8-Minute Dating provides a good alternative for people who don't feel like dealing with the club scene."

Hancock said people can sign up for the program at the Web site www.8minutedating.net.

"After you sign up, show up to the event on Sept. 11, and the MC will explain what's going on," Hancock said. She explained those who sign up will be given three different kinds of cards on their arrival — a card with a code number on it, a table assignment card, and an 8-Minute Dating card to make notes or jot down names. They will also be given a list of eight different potential love interests.

"It's very new to me. It's kind of like musical chairs but it's musical dating instead."
Mary Gregoriades

During the course of the evening, each person involved in the program will have the opportunity to sit at different tables with those eight different prospective "dates." People will be timed during their respective conversations. They will have only eight minutes to talk before having to move on to the next table and the next person.

Hancock said when all is said and done, each participant will have met a good number of people in a single night, but then the people at 8-Minute Dating take care of the next step — playing matchmaker over the Internet.

After they have taken part in the event, participants can actually enter the code number of the person they are interested in, and find out if that individual shows mutual interest or not.

"If someone feels the same way about another person, the people at 8-Minute Dating will set up an official date," Hancock said. "It's a really neat program, and it's not some meat-market atmosphere. It's safe and civilized. People are welcome to either come by themselves or in groups."

8-Minute Dating has already been popular in cities like New York and Seattle, and it has also been written up in Boston Magazine. In addition, it has been featured on popular television shows like Frasier and HBO's Sex and the City.

8-Minute Dating is also a good alternative to not only the club scene, but to the singles pages and other dating services which tend to be cost hundreds of dollars.

"With other dating services, people have to watch a lot of videos, pay a lot of money, and do a lot of waiting," Whitten-Bunszel said. She added with 8-Minute Dating, it only costs $33.88 to take part.

"There's so much potential in meeting someone you click with," Hancock said. "There's nothing to lose and everything to gain." She added at each 8-Minute Dating session, there will be an average of 80 people in attendance, half males, half females. Typically, the service is for 25-35 year olds, but Hancock said it would be nice to have certain events for older people as well.

Tom Jaffee, the CEO and founder of 8-Minute Dating he's been very satisfied with the success of the program.

"People just seem to have a great time with it," he said. "We're starting to roll it out into cities everywhere. I think one of the reasons people like it so much it because there's really no pretense or bravado involved."

Manos Gregoriades and his mother Mary, owners of the X&O Trattoria, are also very enthusiastic about hosting the event. Manos will actually be acting as emcee for all of the different sessions.

"We think it's going to be a fun-loving atmosphere," Manos said. "At the same time, we're excited to expand it to people who wouldn't normally come to the restaurant. On the South Shore, there's not many ways to meet a lot of people. Usually, people end up having to go to Boston.

"It's very new to me," Mary said. "It's kind of like musical chairs but it's musical dating instead."

For more information about 8-Minute Dating call Tiffany Williams & Company in Quincy at (617) 786-0010 or log onto www.8minutedating.net. To contact the X&O Trattoria at its Quincy location call (617) 479-1900.



STAFF PHOTOS/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

X&O owners Mary Gregoriades and her son Manos plan to host the latest love craze —"8-Minute Dating— at their Quincy trattoria.



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Love isn't the only thing on the menu at X&O. Pizza chef Mike Cremone shows off a tasty Greek salad wrap and souvlaki.

Big Bopper Jr. rocks the fair

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Jay Perry Richardson stepped onstage as the Big Bopper Jr. with not just slight trepidation for the first time in September 1996. Five years later, the singer/guitarist's reverent tribute act to his late, famed father has become a full-time occupation, with more than sixty national concert dates a year.

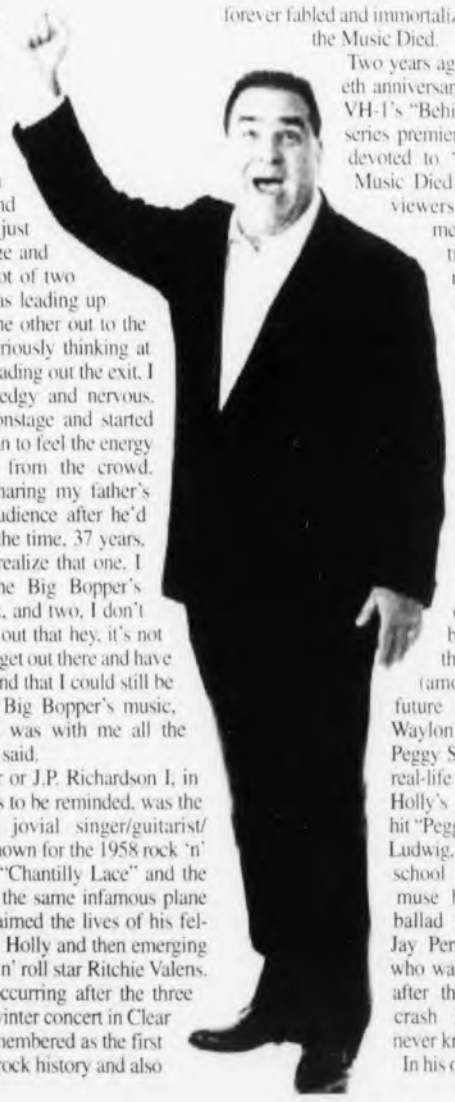
Richardson brought the act to the local area last Saturday, when he lit up the bill at WATD's "Yesterday's Memories" live oldies shows, emceed by "Memories" show hosts George Denham and Ed Bowen, at the Marshfield Fair. The fairgrounds concerts also featured headliner Freddy "Boom Boom" Cannon and local oldies cover band Brook Street, with another area oldies cover band, Wing It, plus Boston area, doo-wop era vocal group the Five G's, added to the afternoon show. The evening show was broadcast live on WATD, 95.9 FM.

Backed up by Brook Street, the Big Bopper Jr. carried the memory of his late father well before a large and excited fairgrounds turnout. Decked out in a glistening silk, leopard-spot jacket just like that the original Bopper wore, Richardson delivered afternoon and evening sets highlighting some of the best singing and songwriting gems of his father's career. Bopper Jr. recreated his father's act with reverence, but also lived up to his true spirit of loose and carefree good times.

"I started doing a nostalgic tribute act to my father to open for Fabian at some oldies shows, and I have to say that in the beginning I was skeptical about it at best," said Richardson, 41, by phone from his suburban Houston home the previous week. "I was not a professional musician and never performed live onstage until I was 37. But I had been really beginning to learn about my father and digging for information about who he really was, not just as a rock 'n' roller and musician but as a person, since I was about 28."

"The first show was at a theatre in South Carolina, and I remember being just about to go onstage and standing at the foot of two stairwells. One was leading up to the stage and the other out to the exit, and I was seriously thinking at that moment of heading out the exit. I was feeling that edgy and nervous. But when I got onstage and started playing I just began to feel the energy and appreciation from the crowd. That feeling of sharing my father's music with the audience after he'd been gone for, at the time, 37 years, made me finally realize that one, I can't truly fill the Big Bopper's shoes, so to speak, and two, I don't have to. I figured out that hey, it's not brain surgery, just get out there and have a good time. I found that I could still be me and play the Big Bopper's music, and the audience was with me all the way," Richardson said.

The Big Bopper or J.P. Richardson I, in case anyone needs to be reminded, was the booming-voiced, jovial singer/guitarist/songwriter best known for the 1958 rock 'n' roll/R&B classic "Chantilly Lace" and the next year died in the same infamous plane crash that also claimed the lives of his fellow Texan Buddy Holly and then emerging 17-year-old rock 'n' roll star Ritchie Valens. The fatal crash occurring after the three singers played a winter concert in Clear Lake, Iowa, is remembered as the first major tragedy of rock history and also forever fabled and immortalized as The Day the Music Died.



Two years ago, on the fortieth anniversary of the crash, VH-1's "Behind the Music" series premiered its episode devoted to "The Day the Music Died." Here, many viewers nationwide met for the first time a cast of real-life characters —family, friends, bandmates and musicians, all reminiscing on the lives and deaths of Holly, Valens and the Big Bopper. These included members of Holly's backing band the Crickets (among them, future country star Waylon Jennings), Peggy Sue Gerron, the real-life inspiration of Holly's classic rockin' hit "Peggy Sue," Donna Ludwig, Valens' high-school girlfriend and muse behind his hit ballad "Donna," and Jay Perry Richardson, who was born 84 days after the tragic plane crash in 1959 and never knew his father.

In his on-camera comments contained in the VH-1 program, Richardson remembers the period of his life when he began his long-term search into discovering who his father was. "I started asking questions, and wasn't being given answers," he recalls. What Richardson did find out eventually, among other things, was that the Big Bopper was far from just a party-hearty, rock 'n' roll novelty-type act famous for songs like "Chantilly Lace" and "The Purple People Eaters" among others. The junior J.P. emphasizes that even before Richardson had adopted the comedic Big Bopper character, he had been a modestly successful country/rockabilly singer, writing most of his own material and, most notably, penning and originally recording "White Lightning," the hit record that launched the career of country singer George Jones.

It was with this song that Bopper Jr. kicked off his sets in rockin' fashion last Saturday. Selections that followed conveyed the singer's ongoing commitment to showcasing the diversity of his father's music during his shortened career, ranging from the characteristically rootsy, such as the rockabilly swaying "That's Love" and the gospel-flavored "Someone Watching Over You," to the characteristically fun and goofy, such as "Big Bopper's Wedding." Of course, Richardson closed both sets with "Chantilly Lace," complete with his father's famous onstage "Hellooo Baby!" phone routine.

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Jay Perry Richardson
A.K.A. Big Bopper Jr.

Freddie "Boom Boom" Cannon rollicked with equal excitement through his sets which covered all his fondly remembered and rockin' early 60s hits, "Tallahasie Lassie," "Palisades Park," "Where the Action Is" and others. Cannon, a Revere native now living in California, turned 60 last year. Though graying and occasionally falling a tad flat on the high notes, the singer proved that he's lost none of the onstage energy and enthusiasm remembered in his heyday.

But the day's biggest surprise for the novice oldies-rock fan Saturday was the afternoon set by vocal doo-woppers the Five G's. A Boston-based vocal group from the original early 60s doo-wop era, the G's formed as the trio the Three G's by the brothers Ron, Al and Ed Gates during the era, and enjoyed notable area success with steady club dates and a regional 1963 hit single with "I Think I Know," while eventually adding new members to become Five.

Backed up by Wing It, the current reunited G's, including Ron and Al Gates, Jim Roberson and Al Feetham, delivered a smooth-harmonizing set under the midday sun including "I Think I Know" and other vintage originals penned by group leader Ron Gates, plus doo-wopified renditions of bigger-artist hits of the early 60s, such as Del Shannon's "Runaway" and country singer Jim Reeves' "He'll Have To Go."

Richardson has most recently begun writing and playing some of his own country-based music and is planning to head into the studio with his own band to cut original tracks next month. For more information about Richardson as well as the original Big Bopper, fans can go to the family's official Web site at www.officialbigbopper.com.

Food & dining



Cure the summertime garden blues

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

In August, when the thrill of planting the spring garden is long gone and one is faced with a discouraging abundance of large, rather dull vegetables, one is faced with the problem of how to prepare them yet again or send them packing to the compost bin.

Zucchini is perhaps the worst offender, and, having grated them for breads and cakes, I find I prefer to simply sauté or stuff them. The trick in stuffing is to prebake them. I tested this and found that simply stuffing and then baking results in a soggy texture. There is nothing sacred about the stuffing recipe, but I have found that strong flavors, such as the anchovies and capers, are important, since the vegetable itself offers more texture than it does flavor. A strong flavored cheese would also work nicely as a flavoring ingredient.

Sautéing either zucchini or yellow squash is a problem for many home cooks, due to the high water content of the vegetables. To solve this problem, I simply salt the sliced vegetable and let it sit in a colander for a half-hour. This dramatically improves the results, giving one a more meaty, less damp texture.

Finally, green tomatoes are abundant in August and are indeed worth trying. (I have tried just about every other approach, including pickling, stuffing, baking and using them for pasta sauces, but with little luck.) The secret is to use cornmeal instead of flour; this provides crunch. I have also tested buttermilk against milk, and the former provides a bit more flavor and a slightly thicker coating. Only a half-cup of oil is used, most of it remaining in the pan, so this is not a terribly unhealthy preparation. One can use hard red tomatoes for this recipe as well.

Master recipe for stuffed zucchini

Although this zucchini recipe takes a bit of work, it is one of the better ways of preparing this garden "weed." The stuffing has lots of flavor, and the baked zucchini isn't watery or bland due to the prebaking.

2 medium zucchini (1 1/2 to 2 pounds)
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup red bell pepper, chopped
1 tablespoon anchovies, minced
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 cups country bread, finely chopped or ground into coarse crumbs
1 cup lightly packed basil, chopped
2 tablespoons capers
1/4 cup imported olives, pitted and chopped
1 large egg
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Heat oven to 450 degrees. Trim ends off zucchini, cut in half lengthwise and then using a one-teaspoon measuring spoon, scoop out the center of each half, leaving about a 1/2-inch shell. Chop the scooped out flesh and reserve. Brush the outside of each zucchini half using 1 tablespoon of the olive oil and roast, skin side down, until barely tender, about 12 minutes. Remove zucchini from the oven and reduce temperature to 350 degrees.

2. Meanwhile, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil and butter in a large iron skillet over medium-high heat. When the foam subsides, add the onion, pepper and anchovies. Reduce heat to medium and cook for about 8 minutes or until very soft and lightly browned. Add the reserved zucchini and sauté for 3 minutes. Add the garlic and cook 1 additional minute. Remove from heat and transfer contents of skillet to a large bowl.

3. Add remaining ingredients along with plenty of salt and pepper to taste. Mix thoroughly (this is best done with your hands) to be sure that the egg is incorporated. Stuff the zucchini halves and bake in heated oven for 20 minutes or until the stuffing is golden brown and firm to the touch. Serves 4

Master recipe for sauté of zucchini or summer squash

This is a very simple recipe, but one that all cooks should have in their repertoire given the abundance of zucchini in the summer. By salting the zucchini and letting it drain in a colander, much of the excess water is removed, which dramatically improves this dish.

1 pound zucchini or summer squash
2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons high-quality olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
1 clove garlic, minced
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley or a combination of fresh herbs such as basil, tarragon, thyme, etc.
Freshly ground black pepper

1. Slice zucchini into half-inch thick rounds, and discard the ends. Place in a colander, and sprinkle with the salt. Toss to coat evenly. Leave for 30 minutes, and shake the colander occasionally.

2. Heat a heavy skillet or medium-high heat. Add the olive oil and butter. When butter stops foaming, add the garlic and sauté for 1 minute. Add the zucchini. Cook, stirring frequently, for 5-7 minutes until the zucchini is light brown, tender but not mushy. Remove from heat.

3. Add the parsley or other fresh herbs and the freshly ground black pepper. Stir to combine. Serve hot or at room temperature. Serves 6 as a side dish.

Master recipe for fried green tomatoes

I have tried ripening green tomatoes by wrapping each tomato in newspaper, placing them in large paper bags and storing them in the basement for a few days. This does work up to a point, but the tomatoes are still lacking in flavor. (That's why I have converted to growing yellow cherry tomatoes, which ripen quickly on the vine and have plenty of fragrant tomato flavor.) That said, green tomatoes are worth eating fried. This recipe also works with hard red tomatoes, the sort one finds most of the year in supermarkets.

4 green (or hard red) tomatoes
1 cup cornmeal
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon dried oregano or 2 teaspoons fresh, chopped
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/2 cup buttermilk or milk
1/2 cup canola or olive oil

1. Wash and dry tomatoes. Remove the stem area using a sharp paring knife. Cut into slices about 1/4-inch thick.

2. Mix together cornmeal, salt, sugar, oregano and a few turns of freshly ground black pepper in a large, heavy plastic bag. Pour buttermilk or milk into a bowl. Heat a 10-inch cast iron skillet. When hot, add the oil.

3. Dip slices one at a time in the buttermilk, and then toss with the cornmeal mixture in the bag. Only prepare as many slices as can be accommodated in the skillet at one time. Fry over medium heat, turning once when slices are golden. Drain on paper towels or paper bags and sprinkle with additional salt to taste. Serve at once. Serves 4 to 6.

Uncommon trees and shrubs for the landscape

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

During the latter half of August, even a brief leave of absence from your garden enables those sneaky little weeds to launch a major invasion. They grow by leaps and bounds and in what seems to be just a matter of a few days, they flower, set seed and begin to disperse their numerous offspring throughout the landscape. This year's crop of crab grass is especially prolific, having attained prize winning stature. Quick action is critical, especially for any plants bearing seed heads, to avoid a major weed infestation in the years to come.

As I ventured forth this week to inspect the consequences of several weeks of neglect, it became apparent that weeds were not the only intruders during my time away. Voracious, leaf-eating varmints had selectively pruned a variety of plants. Moments later, a rustling in the meadow revealed the probable source, as Bambi and a very large doe emerged to continue their midday snack. In several beds, annuals were uprooted and the soil was riddled with holes, most likely the work of foraging skunks. Caterpillars had decimated the petunias and a few of may choice perennials. Many trees, roses and their relatives displayed lacy foliage, the result of beetle attacks. Slug and snail damage was evident in the shady borders but thankfully, not nearly as widespread as it has been in other years, most likely due to the dry period we experienced in May. A few hours of weeding, pruning and deadheading produced a remarkably quick recovery of a few of the perennial borders and despite the relatively sparse bloom, the gardens looked quite respectable in short order. As I paused to admire their tidy appearance, my eye was drawn to the beautiful bark of a nearby Stewartia. This handsome tree should be more widely grown as it has so many positive attributes and few, if any, problems. The Korean stewartia (S. koreana) produces lovely, plump buds in late spring which open to three-inch wide, waxy white blossoms with a prominent cluster of yellow stamens in the center, around the 4th of July. Each elegant bloom resembles a camellia, or single white rose and seems to last only a day, but there is a succession of flowers at a time when few other trees are in bloom. In autumn, the attractive foliage turns shades of yellow, red and orange as the smooth, pewter gray bark exfoliates to reveal creamy white patches. Tolerant of partial shade, the stewartia performs best in moisture-retentive, well-drained soils. Its relatively upright, pyramidal growth habit makes it ideal for smaller properties or for use as a specimen plant. The Japanese stewartia (S. pseudocamellia) tends to grow somewhat larger with reddish-brown, peeling bark, bronze-tinted fall foliage and slightly smaller, cup-shaped white flowers.

The sourwood or sorrel tree (Oxydendrum arboreum) is an elegant specimen tree which is native to the eastern United States. Occasionally referred to as the lily-of-the-valley tree because it bears clusters of fragrant, creamy white flowers which resemble spring-blooming Japanese andromedas, its showy blooms are produced during the months of August and September. Lustrous green leaves, reminiscent of laurel, turn a vibrant scarlet red in autumn. The sourwood thrives in moist, humus enriched soils which are well-drained. Although it is shade tolerant, its spectacular fall color is best in full sun.

Several years ago, at the New England Spring Flower Show, I fell in love with a weeping Katsura tree (Cercidiphyllum japonicum) and proudly display a graceful specimen at one corner of a new addition to my home. It is always the source of comments and inquiries from visitors. Although it does not produce noticeable blooms, its attractive form and foliage more than make up for the absence of flowers. Quantities of small, heart-shaped leaves, on cascading branches, create a lovely effect, and its colorful, yellow fall foliage, set against shaggy brown bark, is an added bonus. The katsura is not susceptible to pests or diseases and adapts to nearly any soil, although it should be watered during periods of drought. Upright specimens, with single or multi-stemmed trunks, are equally attractive and tend to be more somewhat more available in the trade, but it is definitely worth the search for the pendulous form.

My most recent addition to the garden is a small ginkgo tree (Ginkgo biloba). Also known as the maidenhair tree, this prehistoric plant has remained relatively unchanged for 150 million years. Its fan-shaped leaves are distinctive and exquisite and are produced on many short twigs. I purchased a very slow-growing, dwarf cultivar named "Gay Butterflies" last season and have discovered several other new selections at a variety of local nurseries in recent years. Although the ginkgo prefers moist, well-drained soils in full sun, it will adapt to nearly any soil type. A popular street tree in urban environments, it is tolerant of pollution and immune to diseases or insects. The sexes are separate in these ancient trees, but in general, only the males are available in the trade as the fruit produced by the females is quite messy and foul-smelling.

There are many handsome, hardy, uncommon trees which are well worth searching for although it may be necessary to make a number of inquiries. Visit your local nurseries and if they do not currently stock these low-maintenance trees which offer multiple seasons of interest, request that they order them in the future. You will be rewarded with unique, year-round beauty for many seasons to come.

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JAZZ NIGHT on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Wilder Hall, 666 Main Street in Hingham. Featuring the popular Mark Kross "Five Piece Trio" including Herb Pomeroy, trumpet and Billy Novick, alto saxophone. Sponsored by the New England Friends Home. For tickets and information call 781-749-3556.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28, Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS beginning September 19. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Sept. 19: Jefferson Starship. Sept. 26: ABBA Again (A Tribute to ABBA). Oct. 3: Badfinger. Oct. 10: Southern Rock Rebellion Band. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.



BEST BET

The Spindles Annual Car Show And Swap Meet will be held at the Marshfield Fairgrounds in Marshfield on Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is $5 (kids under 12 are free) Rain date is Sept. 3. Over 600 cars every year. Foods, music, live entertainment, and much more. For more information call 617-472-3572

Thurs. 30

"Mamma Mia," the smash hit musical has been extended at the Colonial Theatre in Boston through Oct. 14. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $82 - $27 and are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and all Ticketmaster outlets as well as the Colonial Theatre Box office, 106 Boylston Street in Boston. For more information call 617-426-9366.

Immigrant Museum presents **Italian Art Exhibit and Literary Programs** through October 27. A Powerful and intimate exhibit on Italian immigrants by internationally recognized artist B. Amore. The exhibit runs at the museum's Chiu Gallery and traces seven generations of one family who emigrated from Italy to Boston. Dreams of Freedom, One Milk Street, Boston. 617-338-6022. www.dreamsoffreedom.org. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is $7.50 for general and $6.50 for senior citizens and college students, $3.50 for children between 6 - 18. Wheelchair accessible.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant in Braintree 5 Corners. Featuring D.J. Hazard at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $10 with specially priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. For more information call 781-848-0300.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On Aug. 30: Sounds of Yesterday.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Euonym and Friends. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

The **Museum Exhibits** of the **South Shore Natural Science Center** will be closed through Saturday, September 8th, 2001in order to prepare for building renovations and the preliminary construction of the new Ecozone exhibits. The museum will re-open to the public on Monday, Sept. 10, 2001. Vine Hall Gallery will remain open for viewing of our photography shows during this period, and classes will go on as scheduled. Our six trails will be open, as always, daily from dawn until dusk. Thank you for your patience during this transitional period, and look for Ecozone construction updates in the future. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

Seventh Annual Benefit Walk for Animals will be held on Sept. 30 (rain or shine) at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham. Registration is from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All donations will be used to provide shelter to homeless animals and to support our reduced sterilization program. For more information call 781-834-4663.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host "A Shore Thing", On and off the Massachusetts Coast, a collection of watercolors by gallery artist Don Paiva for the month of Sept. The public is welcome to an opening reception on Sept. 2 from 2 - 5 p.m. The Gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Gallery Hours are Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. closed on Mon. For more information call 781-545-6150.

Fri. 31

Craft Fair held Sept. 8, 2001 sponsored by the South Shore Irish American Society. For applications for 8x4 tables call Pat at 508-523-1515 or Fran at 781-447-5304. Tables are $20. This event will be held at the K. of C. Hall on Bedford Street in Whitman. This is a craft fair only and will be held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Back-To-School Busload of Prizes Raffle at the Independence Mall, Kingston held through Aug. 31. One person will win an entire bus filled with merchandise, on display in Center Court from various stores throughout the mall on Sept. 1. To enter, participants must bring their Independence Mall receipts to customer service. For each $50 spent between August 6 - 31, customers will receive one entry form. For more information please call 781-582-2445.

Three Award Winning Artists will be exhibiting their work in the Pembroke Library, Center Street, Pembroke, during the month of August. Alison Davidson and Lilly Cleveland of Duxbury and Corinna Milliken of Kingston have been painting together and met in the Duxbury Art Association classes of Catherine Smit.

"Nature's Landscapes" Photography Exhibit at Science Center in August. The Photography of Susan White will be on display August 1-31, 2001 in the Vine Hall Gallery at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. The show, entitled "Nature's Landscapes" features watercolor iris photographs depicting various environmental scenes. Susan White has had numerous one-woman shows in the area, as well as an ongoing display in her studio on West Elm Street in Pembroke. She has won many awards at Duxbury, North River, Pembroke, Norwell and South Shore Art Association juried shows. She has also won top honors from the Professional Photographers of Massachusetts, New England and America. The exhibit can also be viewed during the month of August, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The Science Center is located on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than one mile from Route 3's exit 13. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

Choo Choo Barbecue Antique Fire Engine Ride in South Carver at Edaville Railroad. The 1952 Ford Fire Truck has been fully restored made to seat people and give them an inside tour of the Cranberry Plantation. The park is open Fri - Mon. during August from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is located on Route 58, exit 2 off I-495 in South Carver. For more information call 508-866-8190.

Gallery presents **"Trailing Light"** feature pastel artist Allison Krajcik. The exhibit will run through August 31. The Artica Gallery is located at 22 Depot St. in Duxbury. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. Exhibit and reception are free. For more information call 781-934-0640.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Urban Renewal. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Nightlife Music Co. presents "TRAX" with Janelle Malafronte performance schedule is as follows: Aug. 31, Joes American Bar and Grill at 9:30 p.m. Routes 53 and 123 in Hanover. For more information call 508-747-7727.

Sat. 1

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is J. Marshall Dyke. His paintings will be exhibited for the month of September at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, The Love Dogs. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

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Blue Hills Adult Walking Club presents an easy walk, mostly level terrain for 4 miles on Sept. 1. Fowl Meadow along Burma Road. Meet at the Fowl Meadow parking lot on Brush Hill Road and Neponset Valley Parkway in Milton. Rangers recommend that you wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

Sun. 2

Blue Hills Reservations and South Region Sites presents its Fall Programs: Sept. 2, MDC Park Ranger Mounted Uni Stable Tours at 1 p.m. Meet at the Brian T. Broderick MDC Park Ranger Stable at 705 Hillside Street in Milton. Length is one hour. Also, Sunset of Summer Hike at 6:30 p.m. Meet at the north parking lot of Trailside Museum on Route 138 in Milton. Length is 1.5 hours. Please wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

Aviation Day for Kids will be held at the Plymouth Airport. This will be an introduction to Aviation with Model Aircraft flying, Paper Aircraft Contest, along with Bottle Rockets contest. Expect to see static display of Experimental Aircraft, Med-Flight Helicopter and other aircraft. Gates open at 10 a.m. and the events will last until 3 p.m. For more information call Airport Manager, Tom Mahler at 508-224-8227.

Shakespeare Collaborative comes to Plainville Town Park to present "The Brothers Menaechmus." Shown at 5 p.m., be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and a picnic lunch. For more information call the local town hall.

Nantasket Beach Concert Series schedule of events for Nantasket Beach and Fort Revere in Hull. There will be a weekly concert series at the MDC Bernie King Pavilion at Nantasket Beach as well as a family movie series at Fort Revere in Hull. Both series are free to the public and suitable for children and adults of all ages. On Sept. 2: "Greg Savage Band" at King Pavilion at 2 p.m.

Summer Concerts on the USS Salem located in Quincy, off Route 3A, next to the Fore River Bridge, Harbor Express entrance. On Sept. 2, "USO Show - For Sentimental Reasons - Encore Performance" A recreation of the 40's, from 2 - 4 p.m. For more information call 617-479-7900.

Wrentham Village Premium Outlets puts "Back to School" shopping to music featuring live performances by Top Jazz, R & B and Blues Bands. On Sept. 2, "Didi and the Road Kings" from 1 - 4 p.m. Located directly off Interstate 495, exit 15, just north of the intersection of Interstate 95. For more information call 508-384-0600.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Hypercane. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Mon. 3

P. Anthony Visco Painting Exhibition will take place at the Sparrow House Museum beginning through Sept. 3. All are welcome. P. Anthony Visco paints scenes that are familiar to those of us who live in New England, but brings to these everyday images a freshness and vitality that inspires one to look again. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wed. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Museum admission is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information please call 508-747-1240.

The Spindles Annual Car Show And Swap Meet will be held at the Marshfield Fairgrounds in Marshfield on Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is $5 (kids under 12 are free) Rain date is Sept. 3. Over 600 cars every year. Foods, music, live entertainment, and much more. For more information call 617-472-3572.

Summer Concert Series for 2001 presented by the Musicians' Performance Trust fund coordinator of Local 281, A.F. of M, Plymouth will be co-sponsored by L. Knife and Son. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. This most entertaining series will be held at the Plymouth Rock site in Plymouth. On Sept. 3, Legion Bud Band.

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Nightlife Music Co. presents "TRAX" with Janelle Malafronte performance schedule is as follows: Sept. 3, MDA Telethon, Citizens Bank, 20 North Park Ave., Plymouth (show begins at 10 a.m.) also, The Bermuda Strollers w/Gigi the Queens of the Limbo, The David James Duo, Lonesome Jukebox, The Voodoo Doctors, Jupiter Ray, Atlantic Blue, PT 109. For more information call 508-747-7727.

Tues. 4

Duxbury Ceilidh to Resume. An institution for over twenty years, will resume monthly meetings schedule on Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Church. The Ceilidh will meet on the first Tuesday of each month. For more information call 781-934-6613.

Thurs. 6

Wrentham Village Premium Outlets puts "Back to School" shopping to music featuring live performances by Top Jazz, R & B and Blues Bands. On Sept. 6, "Four Piece Suit" from 6 - 8 p.m. Located directly off Interstate 495, exit 15, just north of the intersection of Interstate 95. For more information call 508-384-0600.

Fri. 7

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Ride Far HIV/AIDS Benefit with Lucy Kaplansky and Cliff Eberhardt on Sept. 7. Tickets are $20 and all events are held at 8 p.m. at the Beal house, Route 106 in Kingston. For more information call 781-871-1052.

"Butterflies and Dragon Flies," a show of color photography by local photographers Matthew Zappala and Don Butler, on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center from Sept. 7 - Oct. 4. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

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The Singles Executives Club First Friday Cocktail Party and Singles Dance will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Trophy Room, 100 Cabot Street in Needham. Exit 19A off Route 128. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 - 10 p.m. free door prizes and DJ music. Event takes place from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. and is non-smoking. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 for more information.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. The Stompers. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

The Three B...s to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music. The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town by members of the Weymouth Art Association through August and September. In the Town Hall: Paintings by Hedda Zona, Paul Lindstrom, Martha Donovan, Marie Cassani, Gail Coyle, Josephine Bottari, Lauren Demore and Kay O'Brien. At Snyders Jewelers, Maureen Hardiman, Helen and John Shaw and Yvonne Gillis will have paintings displayed. At Jordan Insurance, Mary Maimero, Kate Manning, Reva Gordon, Jean Clark, Isabel Shamitz and Arnold Turner will have paintings displayed. At Rizzo Insurance, the works of Jeanne Mulligan, Joseph Noyer and Anne Porter will be displayed. At Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Edwina Caci. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Boston Light Cruises on Sept. 9 from 12:40 - 5:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $27, seniors are $24, members are $22 and children 3 - 12 are $15. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

Summer Encounters: Visiting Artists Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will run through Sept. 9. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel printing, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography and impressionist still life painting. For more information or to register for any of these workshops call 781-383-ARTS.

Mary Kennedy Selected Duxbury Art Association Student of the Month for her outstanding work in watercolor class instructed by Katherine Smit. Mary's watercolor "Duxbury Scene" will be on display in the Lillian & Ture Bengzt Gallery at the Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

Environmental Arts, Inc. at the Fuller Museum of Art will present its Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the grounds of the Fuller Museum of Art through Nov. 4. Environmental Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes site-specific art in natural settings. There will be a reception on the grounds located at 455 Oak St. in Brockton on Sept. 22 from 1 — 4 p.m. with a walk through and tour of the installations conducted by Martha Buskirk and the participating artists at 2 p.m. For more information please call 508-588-6000.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month is Elizabeth Trubia. Her paintings will be exhibited at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-1402.

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.

"New Work...Old Friends" will be presented by the North River Arts Society at the Ventress Library Gallery through Sept. 22. The exhibit is a collection of work by past and present members of the Board of Directors at the North River Arts Society. The library summer hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. through Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

Historic Houses: The Old Ordinary is Hingham, 21 Lincoln Street will feature a special exhibit of antique toys call "The Children's Hour" which will include dolls from the Society's collection and furniture from the Tower Toy Guild. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 8. The house is open from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. - Sat. through Sept. 8. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12. For more information call 781-749-1851.

From Dine to Diebenkorn: Contemporary Master Prints, selections from the Collection of Eli Goldman and Judith Strull running through Oct. 14 at the Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000. Museum hours are Tues. - Sat. from 12 - 5 p.m. and Thurs. from 12 - 9 p.m. Admission is $3 for seniors and students, $5 for adults. Members and children under 18 are free.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wood-en floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

New Family Program at the Fuller Museum of Art during the summer months. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. "Brown Bag Sundays" will be held the last Sunday of the month in August from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Children and parents can participate together in fun, exhibit related activities. Cost is $6 per family of two and $2 for each additional family member. For more information call 508-588-6000.

Boston Harbor Cruises Takes Boston by Sea through Oct. 1. Hours are Thurs. - Sun. from 1 - 3 p.m. Rate: Adults: $19, students and seniors are $17 and children are $10. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

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Classes

THE BRAINTREE ART ASSOCIATION will be offering eight weeks of Fall Art Classes for adults starting Sept. 10 at the Studio at Braintree High School, 128 Town Street in Braintree. There will be instructors in oil and watercolor painting and other media. For information on registration please call 781-843-6764.

STAINED GLASS CLASS will start on Sept. 12 with 8-week classes available. A 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and a 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. class will be available. Beginner, intermediate and advanced students are welcome. For more information call 781-982-6011.

FALL CLASSES AT THE YWCA IN MARSHFIELD will start on Sept. 10. There will be an open house on Sept. 6 from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. come meet the teachers and see some class projects. Register at open house or any weekday morning in person at the YWCA. For more information call 781-834-8371.

FALL REGISTRATION for the evening Adult Education classes is scheduled for Sept. 4 in the cafeteria at Braintree High School. A second session will be held on Sept. 6 from 4 - 7 p.m. 90 classes are available in a wide range of interests. Recreational courses in golf, yoga and kick-boxing. The 10 week courses range from $100 - $55 per offering. Courses begin the week of Sept. 17. For more information c all Rick Walsh, director at 781-848-4000 ext. 2251.

GROUP ICE SKATING CLASSES for children and adults are registering now for weekend classes at the Weymouth MDC Rink for late Sept. Lessons will be held on Sundays at 5 p.m. The fee for the seven weeks is $90 per child and $100 per adult. For information or to reserve your place call 781-890-8480 or log onto www.iceskatingclasses.com.

GET IN THE SWIM WITH EASTER SEALS. The spring session of Easter Seals adapted swim program for children with disabilities will be opening at Healthtrax Fitness and Wellness Center. The program offers swim instruction in a friendly social setting to meet the needs, abilities and interests of individual swimmers. Trained volunteers or family members work with each swimmer. Easter Seals swim programs are taught and supervised by qualified instructors. Registration is required by calling 800-244-2756 ext. 426.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS AT THE SCIENCE CENTER: Feed the Animals, every Wednesday at 3:00pm and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the Naturalist on Duty feed the animals! Tales from the Wild (For children ages 3-5) every Friday 10:30-11:00 a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission - Join us for a half-hour of storytelling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots Wednesdays, 9:30 -10:45 a.m. Session I: September 19, 26 and October 3/ $18 members/$21 non-members - per parent/tot pair. With refreshing fall weather, there will be lots of animal activity to investigate, along with colorful changes in the woods and at Jacobs Pond. Dress for the weather. We'll be indoors only if it's pouring. Adventures in the Autumn Woods (For Children in Kindergarten) Tuesdays - Please specify morning (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.) or afternoon (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) session. September 18, 25, and October 2, 9, 16, 23/ $78 members/$90 non-members. Through outdoor explorations, creative activities, stories and song, children discover the natural wonders of a woodland in fall and learn about wildlife who make their home in Jacobs Woods. Dress for the outdoors! Animal Tails (For children ages 31/2 to 5 years) Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. / Session I: September 13, 20, 27. $36 members/$45 non-members for each session. Join us in the afternoon for a special program featuring outstanding nature stories and activities. Afterschool Nature Programs (For children in grades 1-4) Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m./ September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25. Step into fall with an afternoon of exciting, hands-on nature activities! Sign up for individualprograms or the seven-week series. $10 members/ $12 non-members per program $64 members/ $78 non-members for the seven-week series. The series includes: Who Cooks for You? (9/ 13), Beaks, Feet and Feathers (9/ 20), Rock Around the Clock (9/ 27), Falling Leaves (10/ 4) Balancing Act (10/11), The People of the Setting Sun (10/ 18),Haunting Night Hike (10/25). Just For Teens (For 12 to 16 year olds). Surviving the New England Wilderness. Monday, September 17, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m./ $12 for members/$15 for non-members. What would you do if you were selected for "Survivor in the New England Wilderness"? Are your survival skills up to par? Would you have to eat rats? Come and learn all you need to know about wilderness survival. Adventures in the Greenhouse (For children in grades 2-4). Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. / September 19, 26 and October 3, 10, 17, 24. Come discover the incredible world of plants - from the tiniest to the driest to the hungriest! We'll explore both inside and outside of the Science Center and each participant will take a plant or seedling home from each meeting. $10 members/ $12 non-members per program $54 members/ $66 non-members for the six-week series Series includes: Meat Munchers (9/19), Wacky and Weird (9/26), Dinosaur Terrariums (10/3), Desert Wonders (10/10), Lunch Box Plants (10/17), Winter Windowsills (10/24). Wednesday Walk- Walk an Unspoiled Esker. Wednesday, September 12, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon/ Free for members/$3 non-members. Are you acquainted with Auntie Esker and Uncle Kame? Glacial geology terms might be new to you, but a walk along Jacobs Pond trails will familiarize you with some of our glacial heritage. Wear good walking shoes! All Walks meet at the Science Center. Nature Prints Tuesday, September 18th 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. /$25 members/ $28 non-members. Back by popular demand, the craft that requires minimal artistic ability and gives great results! Using natural plant materials, create a set of note cards and envelopes in this adult craft class led by Joanne Robinson and Rhonda Haavisto of Paper Petals. Learn how to use plants and herbs to make beautiful botanical prints. The fee includes all materials. Get started on your Christmas gifts early, or create some cards for yourself. Samples are on display at the Center. The South Shore Natural Science Center is a non-profit environmental education center serving the entire South Shore. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for all programs. We are open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m., and closed Sundays. Please call the Center at (781) 659-2559 for more infor-

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Boston Harbor Cruises Whale Watches through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $29, seniors are $25 and children are $23. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Cruise into the Sunset through Oct. 1. Length of tour: 90 minutes. Mon. - Sun at 7 p.m. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Historic Sightseeing with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Tours run seven days a week: 1:00 p.m. and 3 p.m. departure times. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through December 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.

Tours to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

Later History the Theme at Historic Plymouth Houses. Discover what happened in Plymouth after the Pilgrims. Two historic houses in the heart of the waterfront district are open for the season and tell the story of how Plymouth changed after the Pilgrim settlement. The 1749 Spooner House, 27 North Street and 1809 Hedge House, 126 Water Street will be open to the public Thurs. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Oct. 6. Admission is $4 per site for adults, $2 for children under 12. For more information call 508-746-0012.

The Music Circus Announces Its 50th Anniversary Season in grand style, with a full schedule of music, comedy, variety and children's shows. The following are just some of the great performances that will be featured. Bill Cosby, September 3, 5:00 & 8:00 p.m., $38.00. Tickets for these shows, whether available now or on a designated date, can be purchased by calling 781-383-1400 or visiting ticketmaster.com. Phone lines open at 9:00 a.m. The box office in Cohasset is open daily from noon to 6:00 p.m. for in-person sales. The venue is located at 130 Sohier Street in Cohasset, just 21 miles south of Boston.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury is celebrating its thirteenth anniversary with three very special exhibitions scheduled through Sept. 16. "The Yixing Effect" - the works of contemporary artists who are among the most highly regarded ceramists in the United States and whose traditions and techniques of Yixing pottery as inspiration. "Ma Qingxiong - Recent Work" the philosophy and technique of Chinese painting is blended with western art concepts to create breathtaking installation of umbrellas, all suspended from the galleries ceiling. "Co-Founders choice" features works of art chosen personally by Edith Weyerhaeuser in recognition of the museum's anniversary. She made these selections shortly before her death. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. Museum hours are 1 - 4 p.m., Wed. - Sun. Tel. 781-934-6634.



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The Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host "A Shore Thing", On and off the Massachusetts Coast, a collection of watercolors by gallery artist Don Palva for the month of September. The public is welcome to an opening reception on Sept. 2 from 2 - 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Gallery Hours are Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. closed on Mon. For more information call 781-545-6150.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call 617-479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Walk America's Hometown-Plymouth. Walk in the footsteps of the Pilgrims on a 10-kilometer walk in historic Plymouth. The start point is Wal-Mart, 381 Court Street. The walk box is located next to the service desk. The walk is sponsored by Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. For more information call Jean Jackman at 508-824-5906.

Special Olympics Offers Free Spring Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Mothers and More provide a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The new South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at The Two Lady's and Co. Catering, 347 Washington Street in Norwell. Please call Christine Olivieri at 781-544-4664.

Exciting Course Offered for Adults with Developmental Disabilities held at New England Village located on Route 27 in Pembroke. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Classes include Basic First Aide II, Clay Sculpture, Bicycle Safety, Restaurant Etiquette and an Acting Workshop. To register or for more information call Lisa Drennan at 17811 293-5461 ext. 119. Power Wheelchairs Available. The Senior Wheels USA Program makes power electric wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 years. old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost if you qualify. Available for those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair. If your need is for use in your home please call for more information at 800-246-6010.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Overeaters Anonymous is a twelve step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weighins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at 781-829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at 781-834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns, call 781-843-5300.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

The Capricorn moon aligns with Mercury at 2:28 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 7:48 a.m. an Aquarius moon takes over, generating an upbeat mood. Lunar alignments to Venus and Neptune make this a great day to network, brainstorm and dream, but get a reality check before making a major commitment. Gather with friends and enjoy life to its fullest this evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

The morning holds high potential for productivity. Plan to get an early start. Launch new activities before 12:49 p.m., when the Aquarius moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn. Mercury moves into Libra at 8:37 p.m., remaining there until November 7. Mercury will begin retrograde travel, when it reaches the last degree of Libra, October 1. Don't be a hermit tonight. This evening tops the charts for partying.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1,

September's planetary action may point you in new directions. Plan to get major ventures off the ground during the first three weeks, because a Mercury retrograde period affects the last few days. A full moon culminates in the middle of this holiday weekend, generating high energy, excitement. Today the Aquarius moon continues active travel until 1:36 p.m., when it aligns with Mars. An opposition of Venus/Neptune warns against taking anything or anyone too seriously. Keep it light; go for the good times. The final windup to the full moon begins at 8:32 p.m., when the moon enters Pisces. The stage is set for partying into the wee hours of the morning.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

A harmonious alignment of the sun and jovial Jupiter saves the day. The full moon culminates at 5:43 p.m., 10 1/2-degrees of Pisces. However, astrological storm clouds move in this evening, when the moon forms challenging 90-degree alignments to Pluto and Saturn. People may be hypersensitive, emotional, moody. Don't rock the boat. Pursue activities that help you to mellow out.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

The moon continues active travel in Pisces. This is not a favorable time for making important decisions or launching large-scale enterprises. Take a vacation from routine and responsibility; get extra rest, relax, unwind.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Gear up for a hectic day. There may be unexpected setbacks, breakdowns, obstacles. Instead of initiating new projects, this is a time to research, study, prepare. The Pisces moon aligns with Mars at 4:37 a.m. and becomes inactive. At 8:58 a.m. the moon enters fiery Aries. A 90-degree alignment of the sun and Pluto takes center stage, however, prompting you to clean house on all levels. Let go of old behaviors, habits, resentments; get your life in order.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Neptune this morning advises you to remember your dreams, follow your intuition. Tackle jobs that need your imagination and creativity. The Aries moon continues to set a fast pace. However, the moon forms easy contacts to planets. You can be most productive, if you carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. The green light is on for new starts across the board.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Planetary action continues to rate high this morning. The Aries moon is active until 6:31 p.m., when it aligns with the planet Mars. It is best to launch major ventures, sign contracts, make big purchases before 1:05 p.m., when Venus forms a harmonious contact to Pluto. All creative endeavors also get the green light. Go for the gold. Influences turn around completely this evening. The moon enters Taurus at 8:18 p.m. A 90-degree alignment of the sun to Saturn urges you to drop worries and self-doubts. Stay upbeat and go with the flow.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

A lunar alignment to Neptune can make for a slow start to the morning. Allow extra time to get where you are going. People may be feeling sleepy and can be careless, late for appointments. This influence eases off by 10:00 a.m., however, and the remainder of the day holds high potential for productivity. Start new activities before 5:42 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to expansive Jupiter. An applying alignment of Venus/Saturn makes this a wonderful evening to spend quality time with close friends and family.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

This is a great day for socializing, vacationing. If you are working, it may be difficult to focus on one job. The Taurus moon becomes inactive at 2:30 p.m., when it aligns with changeable Uranus. The planet Mars enters Capricorn at 1:51 p.m., traveling there until October 27. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Jupiter generates an upbeat mood. People will be friendly, agreeable, talkative. On the other hand, don't get carried away and go to extremes. Maintain a balance.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

This day rates high across the board. The moon enters Gemini at 5:41 a.m. Mercury, planetary ruler of Gemini, prepares to form harmonious contacts to Pluto and Saturn. That means that influences are prime for decision-making, contract-signing, launching new enterprises. Pull out all the stops. All communications are highlighted; send e-mails, faxes, write letters. Zero in on work projects that require mental precision, focus. You can cut through obstacles, see the reality of a situation and find solutions. On the other hand, if you prefer to play and party, this is a wonderful day for fun and games.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Above-average planetary activity continues. Read yesterday's advice. Mercury aligns with Pluto at 12:40 a.m. A lunar opposition to Pluto may generate emotional thunderstorms until 6:00 a.m. Take on a busy work schedule. You can be most productive. Handle a variety of jobs, errands. The green light for new starts remains on until 9:42 p.m., when the Gemini moon becomes inactive.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Carefully organize your time this morning; tackle a variety of jobs, errands. Finish old business rather than starting new projects. The Gemini moon continues inactive travel until 12:09 p.m., when a Cancer moon takes over. Keep a cool head and sidestep irritability between 12:56-3:56 p.m., when the moon opposes Mars. Influences turn around completely thereafter. Plan to sign contracts, initiate major projects between 4:00-6:06 p.m., when Mercury aligns with Saturn. Enjoy a special dinner with close friends and family this evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Start new activities before 8:32 a.m., when the Cancer moon aligns with expansive Jupiter. The moon continues active travel in the sign Cancer until 11:16 p.m. Focus on family and domestic responsibilities; give extra time and attention to loved ones. Go on a cooking or baking spree.

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Town wins uncommon $16K grant

Will help preserve Cohasset Common

By Rick Collins
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As one of town's crown jewels, Cohasset Common is in need of a long-term planning and preservation effort as much as any area in town.

The common, part of the Cohasset Common Historic District, a nationally recognized landmark, has been around longer than the town of Cohasset itself. It was part of the original 1769 land subdivision, made when Cohasset was still a hayfield for Hingham residents.

In order to help ensure the 232-year old common's longevity, the Department of Environmental Management announced late last month that the town has been awarded a $16,200 Historic Landscape Preservation Grant for Cohasset Common

"We're very excited," said Jacqueline Clark, head of the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission, which will oversee the grant and the planning effort.

"This planning grant will help us maintain one of the town's most vital assets," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "With it, we can put together a plan to make sure it looks the way it always has looked."

The grant was filed by the town, in conjunction with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, and is a matching grant. The $16,200 represents a 55 percent commitment from the state; the remaining 45

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Leaf it to them

New group wants to help choose trees

By Rick Collins
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Norway and red maples may look like great trees to plant. Their branches are ideal for climbing and their wide green or maroon leaves provide ample shade. However, to some, the trees are invasive grass killers, not worthy to hold a place on prestigious Cohasset Common.

Five of maple trees were planted on the common recently and a newly formed group hopes to ensure it never happens again.

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset has put together a tree advisory committee that the club hopes will be recognized by the town as a resource before selecting trees to be planted on public property. The group is scheduled to appear before selectmen on Tuesday.

"We hope they recommend this tree committee be contacted before any plantings are done on public property," said committee chairman Phyllis Peck. "We want to introduce more variety and more beautiful species to the town."

The problem the group has with the maples, is not aesthetic, but biological.

"The tree is so prolific with its seed-bearing capacity, birds and the wind help to spread the seeds to the ground and into the woods and eventually they crowd out other native trees and plants," she said. "The town is full of them."

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BYE MOM

Matthew Ford hugs his mother Christina for comfort before heading into Osgood School for his first day of Kindergarten on Wednesday. For more back to school photos see page 10.

Flush with 'free cash'

By Rick Collins
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Unlike most people, who suddenly find themselves with more than $1 million in cash and might be tempted go on a spending spree — the town of Cohasset is putting its money in the bank.

Haddad hopes to hold at least $400,000 to offset the next year's fiscal year 2003 operating budget to avoid the need for a Prop. 2-1/2 override.

A recent report by finance director Michael Buckley said the town's free cash reserve for the 2001 fiscal year "by far surpasses any previous balance" at $1,643,639, however much less is expected to be available for the fall Special Town Meeting.

Free cash is money available for the town to spend, but has not been allocated to a specific line item in the budget.

Extra revenues from sewer betterments and the Osgood School construction project have flooded the free cash reserves, with more than $700,000. But Buckley and Town Manager Mark Haddad said the money should be set aside and used to pay off the projects' debt

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SUMMER'S END

Cailee Hart takes advantage of the last few days of summer vacation by riding rings around the duck pond at Cohasset Common.

Like it or not: Winter's coming

By Mary Ford
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School's in and the leaves at the top of some trees are already starting to change color – two happenings that spell the end of summer and impending fall to most of us.

But to DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield, summer is as good as over on the Fourth of July. That's when he starts to think about Old Man Winter's return to the region.

And it's not a thought he relishes.

"I hate it with a passion," says Litchfield, who retires in April. "The one thing that is driving me away is those phone calls at 2-3 a.m."

It's usually the wee hours of the morning when the police call Litchfield to tell him the roads need sanding.

Litchfield was elected as highway surveyor back in 1978 and served six, three-year terms before Cohasset created a Department of Public Works and the position of DPW superintendent became appointed. So he's seen his share of walloping winter storms including cleaning up from the infamous Blizzard of '78 that shut down the state for a week.

So he doesn't pay much heed to predictions including the latest from the Farmers Almanac, which says the Northeast can expect an early winter this year.

"People ask me how much snow we're going to get," Litchfield says. "I tell them, 'I'll let you know on April 15.'"

The Farmers Almanac is now on sale at area stores. Its chief weather prognosticator Caleb Weatherbee writes, "according to our time-tested formula, winter will begin early.

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— DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield

"We expect another very active winter weather pattern, especially in the Northeast."

Litchfield says the DPW is ready for winter, no matter when it arrives. The Mass. Highway Department, which is constructing a new storage shed, gave the town 100 tons of salt, he said.

The Cohasset DPW, with its three big and five small sanders and four plows, is responsible for the 37 miles of accepted roads in Cohasset and 11 miles of private ways. MassHighway takes care of Route 3A, a state highway.

Litchfield also calls in seven private contractors to help with plow-

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MBTA to meet with ConCom tonight

By Rick Collins
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With the state permitting process under way, the MBTA will begin the local permitting process tonight when it presents its Greenbush commuter rail plans before the Cohasset Conservation Commission.

The meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, is the only scheduled agenda item for the two hour-plus meeting.

The MBTA filed its Notice of Intent forms with the commission last month. The two-inch thick document outlines the impact the rail bed, station, track drainage systems, bridge over Rocky Lane and fencing will have on the town's wetlands and watershed areas.

According to the document, 700,000 square feet of work will be done within a wetlands buffer zone, and "unavoidable impacts to wetlands and floodplain resources will occur."

The meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, is the only scheduled agenda item for the two hour-plus meeting.

Despite the magnitude of the project, co-chairman Deborah Cook said the commission plans on conducting the hearing as if it were a town resident looking to build within a wetlands buffer zone.

"We're going to treat it like any other NOI, although there will probably be a lot more people there," said Cook, who served on the Greenbush Citizens Advisory Committee for 14 years before resigning this year.

Cook was unclear exactly how much weight the conservation commission has in deciding conditions for the project.

"There are so many things they [the state] can override," she said. "I don't think we can stop it for wetlands…But we definitely want to have some input; we're one of towns most heavily impacted."

The several hundred page filing goes into detail about how the MBTA will clear brush from the long-dormant rail bed; how high overhanging tree branches must be to avoid the axe; and engineering data for storm water management systems.

Cook said the MBTA has presented the information in the past in a "generalized" manner and wasn't sure into how much detail the NOI hearing would go.

Cook did say residents will have an opportunity to comment as part of the public hearing, which she thought would probably continue into an another night.

The project, which is the third branch of the Old Colony Line, recently received an environmental green-light from Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand.

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This week in COHASSET

American Legion hosts scholarship clambake Sept. 8

The George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion will sponsor its 19th annual Christine Burke Scholarship Fund Clambake on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 12 noon until sunset at Sandy Beach. Proceeds will once again benefit worthy graduating South Shore high school students seeking higher education.

In addition to a traditional New England Clambake featuring lobster, steamed clams, chowder, barbequed chicken, favorite beverages and more; this year's event will include live entertainment by The Irish Volunteers, Burke's Babes and DJ, Jay Flori. Everyone is invited to compete in wiffleball, horseshoes, and volleyball tournaments as well as three-legged and sack races for the kids. Prizes will be awarded to all the winners. Raffles for deluxe weekend vacations and great gifts donated by local merchants round out the event.

Tickets are $35 for adults. Children not eating the clambake are free and there will be plenty of complimentary hot dogs and watermelon for them to enjoy.

For tickets or information, call the Post at 781-383-9657; or Neil Murphy at 781-383-6773; or John Covell at 781-383-0178. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 9.

Construction Web site

Parents looking for more information on the ongoing school construction projects at the Deer Hill and middle/high school can do so by logging on to the School Building Committee's Web site:

http:// www.ssec.org/buildingprojects/index.htm

Time for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays.

Board meetings

The following is a list of upcoming town committee meetings at Town Hall:

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 10

Board of Assessors, 5 p.m., Sept. 11

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., Sept. 11

Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 11

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 13

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 19

Board of Health, 7 p.m., Sept. 27

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 27

Elder issues

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session program for elders and caregivers in the South Shore area on four consecutive Wednesday evenings in October. The sessions will begin with a light supper from 6-6:30 p.m., followed by the program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 to sign up.

Transportation for Cohasset residents. Sessions will be held at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 Main St.

• Oct. 3, legal and financial concerns of elders

• Oct. 10, housing options, including public housing, assisted living and retirement communities, and nursing and rest home facilities

• Oct. 17, community resources available to elders living at home.

• Oct. 24, coping with feelings of loneliness, depression, and isolation.

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John Schiepers and Derek Manton (front) have a great time sliding after a January snowstorm. If Farmers Almanac predictions are true, there will be plenty more snow this winter.

British conglomerate buys out Mass-American Water Company

By Rick Collins
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Five months after receiving a 10-1/2 percent rate hike — Mass-American Water Company that serves Hingham, North Cohasset and Hull was bought by one of the largest water companies in the world.

Aquarion Company, a Connecticut based water provider, and its British parent company Kelda Group, agreed to buy Mass-American, along with subsidiaries in Connecticut, New York and New Hampshire, from American Water Works Company for $233 million.

Mass-American serves 26,000 people in Hingham, North Cohasset, Hull, Oxford and Millbury.

With the acquisition, Aquarion will now serve more than 650,000 people across New England and Long Island, N.Y., making it one of the largest privately-owned water providers in the country. Kelda Group provides water for 4-1/2 million residents in Yorkshire County, England.

"The basic major benefit is we're combining the skills and expertise and talents of American Water Works and Aquarion, in order to bring efficiencies toward being the best water utility," said Adrienne Vaughan, a spokeswoman for Aquarion.

She said the company doesn't plan on changing anything immediately, except that the customer call centers will be consolidated into Aquarion's existing center in Greenwich, Conn.

"Everything else will stay the same for the meantime," she said.

Keith Bossung, vice-president of Mass-American, said the company had not been up for sale, and Aquarion initiated the deal.

"It was a matter of Aquarion approaching the company with interest in acquiring New England-based companies," he said.

Bossung said the buyout must now receive regulatory approval on the state and federal levels, and estimated that process could take up to a year to complete.

Bossung will remain in his position as the liaison between the company and the towns for at least a year after the purchase is complete.

As for now, it's the status quo in terms of rates and service.

"If anything it will get better," he said.

Local officials were cautiously optimistic at the news of the purchase.

"I would hope the new company would come in and do things more efficiently, versus putting their efforts into seeking rate increases," said state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth.

This past spring's rate hike was a 10-1/2 percent increase over what were already some of the highest water rates in the country. The average family's annual water bill in the Mass-American service area is about $700 a year.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and a Mass-American rate-payer, echoed Hedlund's thoughts.

"My hope is that this company will be more concerned with its customers than its stockholders," he said.

Mass-American's parent company, American Water Works, is the largest publicly traded water company in the country. During last January's public hearing on the proposed rate hike, a Hull resident said the company had paid stockholders $83 million in 1999.

Bradley was also concerned about a foreign corporation coming in to take over a local utility.

"When we're dealing with utilities, I think it's better to have a local company with local roots controlling the local utilities," he said.

Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed, a former chairman of the Cohasset Water Commission that governs the town's municipal water supply, said he wasn't familiar with Aquarion or the Kelda Group.

"When there's a consolidation like this, it's very important who the buyer is and what type of service they'll provide," he said.

Approximately 700 North Cohasset residents use Mass-American water, rather then the municipal water supply.

According to a press release, the newly-acquired Connecticut company will become consolidated with Aquarion's existing Connecticut company. The rest will remain separate divisions with a new company name.

Legislature OKs cemetery bill

By Rick Collins
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A bill allowing Cohasset to repay the loan for the long-awaited expansion of the Woodside Cemetery over a period of 10 years, rather than five, was passed into law last week.

"It's been a long time coming and we're happy," said Woodside Cemetery Expansion Committee member Glenn Pratt.

The $700,000 expansion project, which is underway, will create 1,800 burial spaces for town residents when completed. It will also create a memorial to the town's Gold Star Mothers, who lost sons in war.

There are currently no spaces left in the existing cemetery.

Town Meeting approved the expansion project in April, ending a 24-year battle over where to build more cemetery space in town. The town plans to repay the loan over a period of 10 years through the sale of plots. If the bill had not passed, the town would have had to come up with the money sooner.

"We needed that change in the repayment terms, because we needed to know our plot sales would generate enough income to pay off the loan," said Pratt. "If we had to do it within five years, we wouldn't have been able to sell enough."

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, helped shepherd the bill through the state legislature.

"The ability to complete these improvements while spacing the repayment out over a 10-year period is very important to the town. I'm very glad that I was able to take part in this worthy cause," said Hedlund.

Rep. Bradley added, "I'm glad that the Legislature saw the merit of this bill and realized the need for this project."

Pratt said he expects most of the work to be completed by the beginning of October. He hopes to dedicate the new cemetery and Gold Star Mothers Memorial on Veterans Day.

Like it or not: Winter's coming

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ing if necessary. He explained the sand goes into the bodies of the sanders and the chains on the wheels of the truck the week before Thanksgiving.

"We have good kit here and good men," Litchfield says. "When I started years ago, we had punk trucks."

Litchfield came to work for the highway department as a laborer back on Nov. 10, 1960. He worked his way up the ladder to truck driver and heavy equipment operator before being elected to head the department.

The worst winter in recent memory was 1995, he recalls. And Litchfield won't soon forget the April Fools Day blizzard in 1997, when the day before the DPW crew got distracted by another job and didn't take the plows off the trucks.

"That was the only thing that saved me," he recalls.

When winter comes, the superintendent of schools checks in with Litchfield about 5 a.m. if it's been a snowy night.

"He asks, 'What do you think?'," Litchfield says. "I say, 'I won't tell you what I think, but I'll tell you what the conditions are.'"

Litchfield says the snowiest part of town is the Beechwood area from Mealy's Pond to the Scituate Town Line.

So even though fall has yet to arrive – Litchfield is thinking ahead.

"I was just telling one of my men it won't be long before I'm hollering it's time to put the sanders on," he says. "But I hope winter's not early. I hope we still get a little bit of good weather between now and then."

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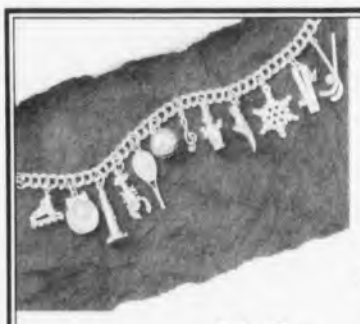
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Three beautiful baby girls bounce into town

AROUND TOWN



Jessica Processing

FIRST GRADER

Hello Cohasset. I hope that all students young and old had a wonderful start to this new school year. For me, it has been a little sad as my youngest is now in first grade. I cannot imagine what it will be like when they head off to college, yikes!

SESTITOS DELIVER!

As the saying goes, "Thank Heavens for Little Girls" and that certainly holds true this month. I have three little ladies to announce to everyone and they are all special, little princesses. **Joey**, 5, and **Domenic**, 3, along with Mom and Dad, **Joe and Lily Sestito** welcomed **Gabriella Mia** on July 12, 2001 into their home. This little girl is surrounded by family all over the place and will never want for a hug, kiss or cuddle. Congratulations to the whole Sestito family.

BABY BRIDGET

Kyle, 3, and **David**, 1, along with their mom and dad, **David and Ann Burke**, welcomed a beautiful new sister and daughter into their home on Aug. 28 at 6:03 am. **Bridget Ann Burke** weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and has a head full of black hair. I know that we will see this little one walking around town with her brother and sister, make sure to take a peek and pass on the congratulations.

LOVELY LAUREN

Last, but certainly not least is the announcement of baby number vie from big sisters **Amanda** (8), **Nicole** (6), **Valerie** (5) and big brother **Jimmy**, (2) and their parents, **Jim and Nancy Farren**. **Lauren Maria Farren** was born on Aug. 21, 2001, weighing 7 lbs. and was 20-1/2 ins. long. This family is so strong and filled with love that little Lauren is truly a lucky little girl. We know how happy everyone is with this little girl. Congratulations to the whole family! This is one of the best parts of this job, announcing the births of new additions. Congratulations to each family and I cannot wait to meet all these sweet baby girls.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mmm,Mmm, Mmm! The smell of pancakes will soon be in the air and everyone reading this should try to get a taste. The Cohasset Soccer Boosters annual breakfast will be held this year on Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Deer Hill School cafeteria from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Tickets are $5 a piece or a $20 maximum family donation and can be purchased from a varsity or junior varsity soccer player or call **Kathie** at 781-383-1237 for more info! Your support is much needed and the reward for support to this breakfast is delicious.

WALK FOR THE JIMMY FUND

Also happening on Sunday, Sept 30, is the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk and two Cohasset residents will be walking in it. **Dan and Judy Cellucci** will be walking to help raise money in this 26.2 mile walk. Participants can register as a team or as an individual and each person or team needs to raise a minimum of $100 in pledges. This would be a great way to enjoy Boston's "hometown walk", raise money for a wonderful cause and enjoy being part of a wonderful and beneficial day. Walkers can choose the 26.2 mile course from Hopkington, 13.1 mile walk from Wellesley or, they can join parents and families on a three-mile route that begins at Harvard Medical School Quad. All walkers will finish at the Copley Square finish line. To register, or make financial contributions, visit www.jimmyfund.org or mail them to Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, 375 Longwood Ave, 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02215. For more information call 617-632-3562.

MIT GRAD

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) held its commencement exercise on June 8, 2001 and Cohasset's own **Christopher T. Lesniewski-Laas** graduated with a bachelor's in mathematics. Christopher is the son of **Marek and Elizabeth Lesniewski-Laas** of Pratt Court. Great job, Christopher.

MIXING ART WITH WINE

Many people in town will remember this next woman, **Ms. Shirley Neer.** Shirley lived in Cohasset most of her life...she taught nursery school in the Cohasset schools and was an exceptional community leader serving on many local boards. The South Shore Art Center will hold a Wine Tasting and Art Exhibition to benefit the Shirley Neer Fund. Artist **Kerry Hallum** of Nantucket will have his work on exhibition at the South Shore Art Center, Cohasset from Sept. 13-16. This exhibition of paintings of internationally acclaimed Hallam will be held in conjunction with a benefit to augment the Art Center's Shirley F. Neer Teaching Chair in Children's Art. This event, a wine tasting, promises to be a unique opportunity to explore the fine wines of the Rhone Valley and view captivating artwork while helping to support art education on the South Shore. The wine tasting will take place on Friday, Sept. 14 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and the cost for this is $60. To make reservations for this wonderful event, call 781-383-2787 no later than Sept. 10.

SEND-OFF PARTY

Ian and Debbie Johnston hosted a "Where is Dianne Going?" barbecue at their home at Caravel By The Sea on Labor Day Weekend. **Dianne Hand**, Debbie's sister, left her position as controller for Turner Entertainment Network (TEN) in Atlanta and joined the U.S. State Department. She is assigned to Rangoon, Burma as the financial officer for the U.S. Embassy. Everyone wished her well as the Caravel Croquet Court was in full swing (literally) and **Bob Harden** proved to be the golf putting champion!

THANKS TO ALL

I would like to thank everyone who used the new email address this week. It is so much easier to have a separate place for all town information to go to as my main box was getting so full and cluttered. Make sure to notice it at the end of this column as well as the address for the school page and column. The quote for this week is a really cool one that has given me a lot to think about.

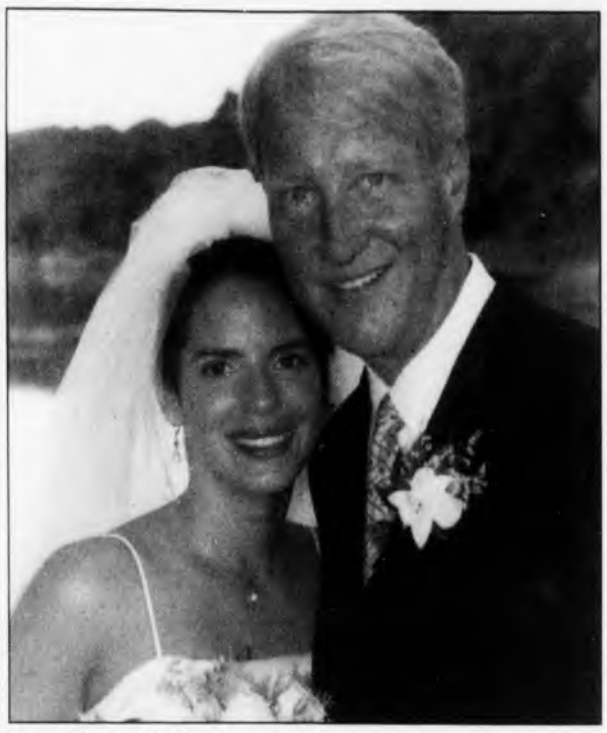
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That is it for this week. Make sure to send me all your news, events and information in one of the following ways:

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All items for the Schools In page and column should be sent to me in the same phone, fax and mail way as the Around Town items and can be emailed to me using: schoolsincohasset@yahoo.com. The deadline for the first school page is Friday, Sept. 21 by 9 a.m. Have a great week!

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Dr. and Mrs. David E. Strom

Strom — Avila

Elena M. Avila and Dr. David E. Strom were married July 14, 2001, at the home of the brides parents in Cohasset.

The bride is the daughter of Donna and Roger Saylor of Cohasset and Richard Avila of Las Vegas. The groom is the son of Helen and Edward Strom of Midland, Mich.

Given in marriage by her fathers, the bride was attended by her sister, Heather Saylor and friend Jackie Teekasingh.

The best men were the grooms two sons, Kevin and Brian.

A reception followed at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset.

The bride is a graduate of UMass Amherst and Duke University Medical Center. She works in Denver as a physician assistant.

The groom graduated from Wayne State University and is an orthopedic surgeon with his private practice in Denver.

The couple is making their home in Conifer Colo. and will be honeymooning in Asia later this year.

McCann — Grassey

Kristin Grassey, the daughter of Ernie and Norma Grassey of Cohasset married Christopher McCann, son of Gail and Joe McCann of Roaring River, N.C. on May 5, 2001 at the Second Congregational Church. The Rev. Gary Ritts officiated at the ceremony and the bride was given in marriage by her father.

Attending the bride was Lisa Vandam of Plymouth; and bridesmaids were Jocelyn Grassey of Franklin, Kerry Parks of Cary, N.C., Michelle Mazor of Branford, Conn., Julie Slattery of West Orange, N.J. and Stephanie Float of New York City.

Joe McCann, brother of the groom, served as best man and ushers were Matthew Grassey of Norwell, Timothy Grassey of Cohasset, William McCann and Daniel Parks, both of North Carolina.

The bride is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Wake Forest University, N.C.; graduate school was at Appalachian State University. She is employed as a second grade teacher at Reedy Creek Elementary in Cary, N.C.

Her husband graduated from East Wilkes High School in North Carolina and Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro, N.C. He is employed at Carolina Builders in Raleigh, N.C.

A reception was held at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, the couple resides in Cary, N.C.



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Putting on the dog

Scituate Animal Shelter hosts benefit at Siro's in Hingham

By Michael Marotta
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There will be television personalities and politicians in attendance, but the stars of this show will be walking on all fours.

Kyle and Nikki, two, 10-year-old Huskies, recently adopted from the Scituate Animal Shelter will make a guest appearance at the third annual shelter benefit, Sunday at Siro's Restaurant in Hingham. The afternoon fundraising event featuring appetizers, cocktails, a buffet and a silent auction will run from 2-5 p.m.

Kyle and Nikki, who were residents at the shelter from January until last week, will be walking, howling proof of the facility's good work at placing unwanted or abandoned cats and dogs in new, loving homes.

The cost of caring for these animals until they are adopted can be high which is why the mostly volunteer staffed shelter hosts fundraisers like the Siro's event annually. The March yard sale and successful house tour held in June also benefits the shelter, but Sunday's soiree is the biggest annual money maker for the shelter. Last year the $50 ticket event raised $18,000 and Director Joan McCafferty and the friends of the shelter are hoping to at least match that amount this year.

"This is our biggest benefit," McCafferty said. "If we could match (last year's figure) that would be great."

The money is desperately needed for food, supplies and costly veterinary care. McCafferty estimates the vet bills for the shelter alone top $25,000 annually.

Fortunately, the shelter can depend on volunteers from throughout the shelter's service area of Cohasset, Hull, Norwell and Scituate to lend a hand. Volunteers give their time to walk dogs, feed cats, and clean cages and more help is always welcome, McCafferty said.

The theme of volunteering has extended outside of the shelter's domain and into Siro's, where just about everything offered at the benefit has been donated. That way, all proceeds, go directly back to cover the shelter's operating costs.

"We've been very fortunate," said Diane St. Ours, a volunteer at the shelter and organizer of the event. "A lot of people have been really generous to us and every single penny that we make goes back to the shelter."

Siro's, who is hosting the event for the third year, was offered up by owner Chris Hendrickson free of cost. The invitations used were provided by John Bond of Bond Printing in Hanover, and all decorations have come from local business people with big hearts and a love of animals.

Some of the most prized donations for the event will be those up for grabs during the afternoon silent auction.

Four artists renderings, two of which are of lighthouses, will be available to the highest bidder. Last year, paintings auctioned off brought in a tidy sum.

Two miniature Teddy Bears will be auctioned off in memory of St. Ours' sister, Victoria Duffy, an avid bear collector and shelter benefit volunteer who passed away recently. Other items include gift certificates to restaurants, therapeutic massages and hand-painted furniture from Scituate resident Cheryl Coats.

What might be more appealing than actually winning an auction item might be the bragging rights that could possibly come with outbidding local politicians. State Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, will be in attendance, as well as Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth. Other well-known local celebrities include Channel 56's Mike Wankum, who has adopted a dog from the shelter and Christine James from WATD in Marshfield.

For information on Sunday's benefit or volunteering at the shelter call (781) 545-8703.

Pet pharmacy makes pills easier to swallow

By Michael Marotta
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Kathleen Taylor isn't too worried about dogs taking their medicine.

Cats, ferrets, gerbils and other pets are another story entirely.

"Dogs eat just about anything," Taylor said.

While anything somewhat edible will find it's way through a dog's digestive track, other animals are very picky about what goes into their mouths. So when it's time to give them medicine, most animals reject it, unless it's compounded with another flavor or reduced in dosage.

"I can make chew treats, so a cat or dog or ferret can eat them. It makes it a lot easier for the vet to prescribe something."

— Pet pharmacist Kathleen Taylor

When one of Taylor's cats, Fraiser, became sick and needed emergency treatment three years ago, the only medication the cats would take had to be overnighted from Wisconsin. If the treatment didn't make it to Robert's Animal Hospital in Hanover the next day, Frasier would have had to be put down.

That got Taylor thinking. She wanted to find a way to combine her love of animals with her career, which was specializing in nuclear pharmacy at Harvard Medical School's Joint Program in Nuclear Medicine as well as working compounding radioactive prescriptions for hospitals in the Longwood medical area.

Now, 13 years after she first began compounding nuclear prescriptions, Taylor has shifted her pharmaceutical focus to animals. On Tuesday, she opened up Animal Pharm on Front Street, which specializes in compounding veterinary prescriptions so they're easier to swallow, literally. By compounding the medication, she is able to alter the flavor to an animal's liking, making an easier experience for the pet as well as the pet owner who knows just how selective his or her pet is.

"About one in every for or five prescriptions that a vet writes needs to be compounded into either different dosage form or flavored suspension," Taylor said. "I can make chew treats, so a cat or dog or ferret can eat them. It makes it a lot easier for the vet to prescribe something. That way the pet owner is a lot more at ease and ultimately the animal gets the medication it needs."

Animal Pharm is the first veterinary compounding pharmacy in Massachusetts. After putting in a year of study with the American College of Veterinary Pharmacists, she polled local animal hospitals to see if such a service would be needed. The response was so positive it gave her the confidence to open up Animal Pharm.

But she stressed that Animal Pharm, which is designed at a retail establishment in that compounded medication can be picked up, dropped off or sent out by mail, is not intended to compete with local shelters and hospitals.

"The last thing I want to do is compete with them," she said. "They dispense most of their own prescriptions, I just want to help them out and compliment their practice."

As well as adding flavor to medication, Taylor also specializes in pluronic gels, which takes an oral prescription and compounds it into a substance that is then applied to an animals ear and absorbs through the skin. Taylor said the practice is uncommon among vets because of time constraints.

But the time factor isn't an issue for Taylor, who believes she can make a painful experience for a pet owner, not to mention the pet receiving treatment, a lot more bearable.

"If a vet tells a client to take a prescription to a pharmacy and have them flavor it, most of the time they will throw in a sardine or tuna based suspension," she said.

That might work for some dogs, she said, but not for cats raised on Fancy Feast.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Pharmacist Kathleen Taylor mixes up a tasty dose of medication at her new pet drug store "Animal Pharm." The Front Street store in Scituate Harbor is the only one of its kind in Massachusetts.

Happy-Dog Training

The Cohasset Recreation Department is offering a dog obedience class taught by Happy-Dog Training.

This class is Good Manners for beginners, which will begin Monday, Sept. 10, at 5:30 p.m. It will be held on the Cohasset Common. The cost for this five-week program will be $90.

For more information, call the Recreations Office at 781-383-4109.

Hull Seaside Rescue

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue, a non-profit group consisting entirely of volunteers, is seeking homes for more than 50 animals. The group is also dedicated to reducing the feral cat program through a humane trap, neutering and return program. Call 781-925-8584 if you can help or contact the group by e-mail at: seaside8584@aol.com.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Saving all creatures great and small

On any given week, they may be low on canned cat food. Sometimes it's kitty litter or even dog food they're running out of.

With the many canine and feline residents they house, feed and care for, staff members at the Scituate Animal Shelter often need a helping hand. And day after day, year after year, people from all over the shelter's service area of Scituate, Cohasset, Hull and Norwell, come through.

Throughout the year, dozens of volunteers give of their time to walk dogs, feed cats, and clean cages at the Driftway facility. Other friends of the shelter like Cheryl Coates have found additional ways to help. Coates hand painted furniture to raffle off at local gift shops to support the shelter. She also designed decorative wooden collection bins and placed them at area grocery stores so that shoppers can drop a can or two of dog food or a bag of kitty litter or a pet toy in the box on their way out of the store.

But food and pet supplies aren't the only thing the busy no-kill shelter needs to keep its residents wagging their tails. Veterinary care for the animals, many of them unwanted or abandoned, is by far the shelter's largest expense. Director Joan McCafferty estimates vet bills add up to more than $25,000 per year. Whether it's treatment for heart worm, spaying, neutering, vaccinations, or more serious procedures for injured and sick animals, McCafferty and her staff make sure the animals are in good health and good spirits before being adopted.

And the shelter's success rate is impressive. At last count the shelter had found homes for 1,671 cats, dogs and a few ferrets in between.

"Husband and wife" huskies Kyle and Nikki, both 10-1/2 are the most recent success story. The pair who arrived at the shelter in January, had to be adopted together. Kyle would cry in his cage if Nikki was taken out of her pen for even a short walk without him. It was a package deal. But the question was who would take two, larger, older dogs. Add to that tall order, Nikki's kidney troubles that require her to be on a special diet for the rest of her life and it seemed like the duo were going to call the shelter home for the rest of their lives. Last weekend two Rockland men adopted the husky pair after seeing them first on Petfinder.com and then in person at the shelter. Kyle and Nikki were able to trade in their cement pens for a sprawling 10 room Victorian home where we're told classical music plays all day long for the pampered pooches.

Happy endings like that make the work all worthwhile, said McCafferty.

But there are sad stories to tell, too. There was the litter of golden retriever/collie mix pups recently dumped at Hingham's Wompatuck State Park and left to fend for themselves. The shelter saved two of the skinny, flea-infested puppies and after a couple weeks of care placed both in good homes. Then there's Misty a sweet black lab mix badly abused by her last owners, who, when she first came to the shelter would cower in the corner at the sight of a leash in someone's hand. Two months later Misty is on the mend and doing a lot better, but still not quite ready for adoption. She lives with two other canine residents and about 60 cats now at the shelter waiting for homes.

On Sunday, the Scituate Animal Shelter will host its third annual benefit at Siro's in Hingham. It is the shelter's largest fundraiser of the year. Last year's benefit brought in $18,000 — a large chunk of the facility's annual veterinary costs — and McCafferty and the friends of the shelter hope to at least match that amount this year. Tickets for the afternoon of great food, wine and music are $50.

But if you can't make the event, there are still ways to help out our four-legged friends and those that care for them.

The shelter welcomes donations and is always looking for volunteers especially during morning hours.

For more information on Sunday's benefit or on volunteering at the shelter call (781) 545-8703.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pedestrian safety

TO THE EDITOR:

Murray Campbell is a reliable source of common sense and useful insights. His letter last week, cautioning pedestrians to act more safely while on potentially dangerous roads, of course was on target. However, a reader might infer from his focus on the pedestrian side of the equation that drivers do not carry a far greater burden.

Most of our streets have no sidewalks, so pedestrians appropriately use the roads. Even with sidewalks, bicyclists, typically slower than cars, belong on the road. It is perfectly obvious that the size, weight and speed of cars sharing the road are inherently very dangerous to pedestrians and bicyclists. Because cars are such an ordinary part of our lives, it is easy to forget that pedestrians and bicyclists are within inches of serious injury or death every time a car passes.

Part of the charm and history of Cohasset are the winding roads. But that makes for a lot of blind spots. I would caution drivers to always be prepared for a pedestrian or bicyclist just around the next bend. When necessary, drive at a crawl behind a pedestrian or bicyclist until it is safe to pass. It won't kill you to arrive 20 seconds later. And it won't kill a pedestrian or bicyclist.

Ken Ingber
Woodland Drive

Thanks for support

I would like to thank everyone who either attended the dance in memory of "DIGA" or who donated to its worthy causes, the American Diabetes Association and the Brian Marshall Scholarship for the Arts.

To all the musicians, Jimo, Wilson, Sonny, Ed, PJ, Kevin, Kenny, Ellie, Joe and Jim for playing Brian's (and our) favorite songs in such top form. To Sue for the beautiful flowers, Sharpless for the slide show equipment and to the Red Lion Inn for the barn, thank you.

Brian is very much missed, but his spirit was certainly alive and in attendance last Thursday night.

You could feel it in the room what with so many people whom he loved, enjoying the company of one another, and having a ball! Thank you all so much.

Billy Dowd
Scituate

HEALTH NOTES

Health issues in school

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

With the opening of School amid construction and other distractions, it promises to be a hectic year. This fall, as in every fall, Joe Godzik, the town's health officer makes an inspection of the schools in the Cohasset system.

Findings from these inspections are reported to the health nurse, and the respective school principals. If a health threat is found, an order is sent to the respective principal to rectify the situation.

In very few cases do conditions actually represent a health threat. One example is asbestos. In the Deer Hill and middle high school, large amounts of asbestos floor tile were removed. This material, although containing asbestos, represents an absolutely minimal threat, since the asbestos is bound up by a dense resin, and dust from the tiles contains very small and dense fragments of the asbestos/resin material. Asbestos pipe lagging, on the other hand, sometimes found in furnace installations, requires care in removal because of the light, volatile nature of the asbestos fibers. These fibers may be inhaled and are a definite carcinogen. The town takes very stringent precautions in removal of asbestos of the latter type.

Another problem is odors. Many children are susceptible to asthma and attacks may be triggered by strong odors and other allergens. For this reason it is appropriate for students to report unusual odors and possible allergens such as excessive dust to the school staff so that they may be evaluated and the Board of Health called if necessary. Most volatile organic compounds (VOC's) have strong odors. Inhaling such odors puts them rapidly into the blood stream, a practice that should generally be avoided.

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The Cohasset School System has had a very good record of responding to health threats in our schools, nevertheless, it's important for parents to be vigilant, since, according to the EPA, "Failure to respond promptly and effectively to poor indoor air quality(IAQ) in schools can cause severe consequences. These include an increase in short- and long-term health problems (leading to more absenteeism), a greater risk that school rooms or buildings will have to be closed and students and staff temporarily relocated, and potential liability problems." The EPA has prepared a kit for school officials to use in managing the indoor air quality of our schools. This kit, approved by the National PTA Association contains much information about managing IAQ in our schools.

The IAQ Tools for Schools Kit is a one-stop resource for a school building's health. It can be obtained at the IAQ web site: http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/index.html You may wish to recommend that our school system use these materials.

Student volunteer monitoring

This summer, the high school students again carried out water quality monitoring in Little Harbor and Cohasset Cove. The results are just now beginning to be received by the Board of Health, but the results appear to be sufficiently useful to be used in estimating the level of bacterial activity in our water bodies. As the results are analyzed and the results become more organized, the data will be reported in future health notes.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

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NRSWA director Bill Stanton (at the left of the car), addresses a group of interested citizens before touring the marsh area at the Driftway, where the MBTA is proposing a layover station for the Greenbush Line.

Greenbush layover site a victory for NSRWA

By Bill Stanton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

— COMMENTARY —

On Aug. 20, 2001 Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand issued his certificate relating to the MBTA's Final Environmental Impact Report relating to the Greenbush commuter rail line. The certificate allows the project to go forward with the following caveats: (1) the Weymouth Landing crossing must be given greater study; (2) the MBTA must look to alternatives that will create better air quality from the project; and (3) the layover in Scituate must be placed north of the Driftway.

Secretary Durand stated in his certificate that "the requirements of MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act)...compel the conclusion that the preferred alternative should be Option C (North of the Driftway)." The Secretary further directs the MBTA to "work with the town to take all feasible measures to minimize and mitigate the impacts of the north of Driftway site, including traffic and noise, and incorporate these commitments into the final Section 61 Finding.

We are grateful that the Secretary has thoughtfully considered our position and has decided to protect the North River by requiring the layover to be constructed north of the Driftway. We are encouraged by reports that indicate Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan is glad to comply with the recommendations of Secretary Durand and he felt the certificate's requirements were fair and relatively easy to accomplish. We are further encouraged by reports that Scituate officials, opposed to the restoration project altogether, do not plan to include the layover site as part of their mitigation discussions.

We are hopeful that the layover will now be constructed north of the Driftway. We cannot rest until we see the plans and they are made part of the Section 61 report that will be submitted by the MBTA in the fall. We all must remain vigilant to make sure that the layover does not once again slide south of the Driftway.

We all can take pride in being part of the process that has protected our river. Secretary Durand prefaced his comments on the layover by stating that, "By far, the largest volume of comments received on the FEIR concern the siting of the layover facility, within the Greenbush area of Scituate." Girl Scouts, fishermen, neighbors, senior citizens, activists, government officials, lawyers, doctors, everyday people, non profit organizations, concerned people who live on the South Shore....what do they have in common? We all came together on an issue. We saw that putting a train station on the edge of the North River marsh was a mistake that would last for generations. We saw that the economic answer was not the right answer. We saw the alternative, which has it problems, but not nearly to the extent of a permanent scar on the only scenic protected river in Massachusetts.

Hundreds of letters were mailed and e-mailed into the Secretary. The focus of these letters did not stretch the truth, they did not exaggerate the facts, and they were to the point. The tremendous outpouring of opinion focused on these simple facts, the North River is a precious protected resource; there was a viable alternative to the proposal that would forever scar the North River. Secretary Durand listened to you. He recognized the obvious. He made the courageous decision from which local officials shied. Secretary Durand told the MBTA that the layover must be located north of the Driftway.

We all need to recognize that this was not an easy choice. North of the Driftway has its problems as well. Nevertheless, those concerns can be addressed. The North River is a treasure that we all enjoy.

To everyone who wrote a letter, made a call, sent an email, signed a petition...take pride that you made a difference. Fifty years from now, your grandchildren will not look out over the river and say, "who let that happen?" No one individual, no one event caused this result. The reason trains will not be parked on the edge of the North River is that you took the time, made the effort and let your voice be heard.

We all must remain vigilant to make sure that the layover does not once again slide south of the Driftway.

Bill Stanton is Executive Director of the North and South Rivers Watershed Association

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association is a non-profit organization which focuses on the preservation, restoration, maintenance and conservation of the North and South Rivers and their watershed. For membership information, contact NSRWA at (781) 659-8168 or NSRWA@aol.com

Baseball and kids

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, there was no such thing as Little League baseball, and 60 years later, I can say I'm grateful for it.

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Oh, we played ball, all right, but it was on a vacant lot off Cedarcliff Road between the Nordahls house and the Teasdales residence. The bases were flat stones, and nine times out of ten the ball was wrapped in black tape. The first baseman and the catcher wore regulation fielders' gloves because we couldn't afford mitts.

The longest and loudest arguments involved close plays at first base and the calling of balls and strikes because we did it ourselves without interference from authority. Sometimes it was necessary to argue the score, too, because the game lasted all day and numbers tend to get a little vague after you reach 20 or 30.

Best of all, there were no adults around to mess things up. Like last week when the grownups were accused of falsifying a 14-year-old kid's birth records to make him eligible to compete against 12-year-olds in the Little League World Series, where they waved their bats futilely at his teenaged fastball as he pitched a no-hitter, striking out 16 of 18 hitters who faced him.

Dan Duquette may even have traded Pedro Martinez for Danny Almonte if he had been able to pass Pedro off as a 12-year-old.

May I venture the opinion that all this would never have happened if Danny had grown up playing baseball unsupervised in a T-shirt and dungarees on a vacant lot off Cedarcliff Road, rather than under the eyes of a coaching staff in full uniform on the carefully trimmed grass of a Little League diamond?

Baseball can be fun for the kids again if we observe two rules: Tell parents to stay away from their youngsters' games and let them enjoy themselves, and keep coaches and coach wannabes away from them until the kids have at least reached high school.

Only last summer, at least 20 men, most of them parents or uncles, charged out on a T-ball field in Miami and started a brawl over an umpire's decision while the four-and-five-year-old players watched in awe. For Pete's sake, that's T-ball, where the ball is hit off a tee instead of being pitched to the batter.

The summer before that, a man in Tamaqua, Pa., was convicted of assault by paying a 10-year-old Little League pitcher $2 to hit another player with a fastball.

James Michener, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his "Tales of the South Pacific," wrote another book, "Sports in America," in which he quotes the Hall of Fame pitcher Robin Roberts as saying this:

"I have four sons, and when my wife asked me about Little League, I told her, 'No way in the world.' Most professional athletes feel that way about kids under 14. If you try to make it serious before they're physically able to handle what they're doing, you run into all sorts of problems.

"Generally in the Little League, you're up against a good pitcher who throws like hell. What does the coach say? Get a walk. Isn't that a beautiful way to learn how to hit? For four years, you stand up there looking for a walk.

"Baseball at that age should be a softball thrown overhand where a boy can hit 15 times a game, with no walks and strikeouts. They should be running and sliding into bases. The score should be 42-38. That's what sports should be for kids that age.

"I'd certainly not let my boys enter a league where they'd be throwing curves at eight or nine years old, and I wouldn't want them all steamed up, headed for a pennant playoff at 11 or a World Series at 12. My father encouraged me to take it easy, and at 18, I had an arm prepared for the strain of real pitching."

14-year-old Danny Almonte may yet turn into a big league pitcher.

He may even make the Hall of Fame someday, but if he does, it'll be no thanks to the adults around him, the ones who are ruining baseball for the kids.

LIBRARY CORNER

New Museum Pass available

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is pleased to announce an exciting addition to its growing selection of passes for use by library cardholders. The Maritime & Irish Mossing Museum is the latest pass available to Cohasset library cardholders.

Located on the Driftway in Scituate and operated by the Scituate Historical Society, the museum provides visitors with a truly unique insight into the South Shore's rich maritime history. Visitors are welcome into the orientation room which sets your sights on to artifacts recovered from Scituate's treasure ship, the Forest Queen. Also exhibited is a model of the only 7-masted schooner ever built.

The museum passes, funded by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, now include: The Museum of Fine Arts; Boston Children's Museum; Boston by Foot, one of the newest offers; the Computer Museum; John F. Kennedy Library & Museum; The New England Aquarium, (passes are now available in September); The Museum of Science & the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Other passes to Plimoth Plantation and to the USS Constitution are available and a gift of Lucille McLoughlin.

For more information, contact the library to arrange for passes at 781-383-1348.

Tutorial program

Once again, Jim Benedict starts teaching the Internet Tutorial Program beginning Monday, Sept. 10, continuing to Thanksgiving.

The Internet Tutorial Program (ITP) is a teaching program designed for individuals who want to learn how to use computers to access the World Wide Web (www) on the internet.

The program is offered by libraries on their "in-house" computers. It is intended primarily for elderly persons who may not have acquired their own computer, but anyone may sign up for a class at any library that offers the program.

The ITP emphasis is on the word "tutorial". Teachers tutor each student by sitting at a computer with individual students going through each step. The student operates the computer and the instructor explains what to do and how to correct operational procedure. Sign-up sheets are available at the front desk of the library. Persons desiring to attend an ITP session are encouraged to sign up well in advance to ensure availability on specific dates. Call the library at 781-383-1348 for more information.

WORSHIP

St. Anthony's schedule

There will be a 5 p.m. Mass for First Friday, Sept. 7, followed by Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration until 10 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish.

Beginning this Sunday, Sept. 9, the first Sunday Mass will be at 8 a.m. rather than 7 a.m. The other Masses at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. will remain the same.

The first choir practice for the fall will be held Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome.

The parish picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 16 on the rectory grounds at 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up and to supervise children's games and activities. Call Nick Anderson at 781-383-2503 or Bill Coleman at 781-383-0219, Ext. 19.

Several more volunteers are still needed to teach religious education or to help in the office. For information if you want to teach or help run the office, call 781-383-0630.

POLITICAL NOTES

Hedlund praised for voting record

Senate Minority Leader Brian P. Lees, R-East Longmeadow, commended the voting record of state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, during the 2000-2001 formal legislative session. Hedlund maintained a 100-percent attendance and voting record during this period, as he has over the past several sessions.

"Sen. Hedlund is one of only a handful of senators who can claim such an accomplishment," Lees said. "I commend him for his obvious dedication and commitment to not only his constituents, but to all citizens of the commonwealth. I admire his conscientious efforts, and I am proud to serve with him as a member of the Republican Caucus in the Senate."

Hedlund is serving his fifth term representing the South Shore. He is a member of several legislative committees, including Commerce and Labor, Transportation, Government Regulations, Science and Technology, Criminal Justice, Post Audit and Oversight, and Energy. This term he was named to a leadership position in the Senate, Assistant Minority Whip. And earlier this year, Senate President Thomas Birmingham appointed him to represent the Massachusetts Legislature on the Conference of State Governments, Eastern Regional Transportation Committee. The committee is responsible for coordinating northeast regional transportation policy and funding issues with the federal government.

This month, Hedlund was also named to the Racing/Simulcasting Bill Conference Committee. The House and Senate passed separate versions of the bill, which makes a series of changes to horse and dog racing and simulcasting of races in the state. Committee members should begin conferencing the matter within the next few weeks.

Hingham native on senator's staff

The office of State Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, announces the newest member of his legislative staff is Maurajane Healey. Healey, a graduate of Hingham High School, holds a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, where she graduated summa cum laude.

While at UMass, Healey was actively involved in the theater program and participated in an internship with political analyst Jon Keller at Boston's WLVI-Channel 56. In October of 2000, Healey worked in conjunction with CNN for the first presidential debate at the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Healey joins the senator's staff after working in the Trial Court of the Commonwealth in Plymouth as well as the Plymouth County Correctional Facility under the administration of former Sheriff Peter Forman.

Forman at former air base Sept. 13

Governor Swift's Chief of Staff Peter Forman will visit the South Weymouth Naval Air Station on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. to participate in a discussion of present and future infrastructure funding needs with state Senator Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth, Tri-Town Development Corporation staff, and several other state and local officials.

Forman's visit was requested by Hedlund earlier in the year, during the beginning of the budget season, as earmarks were being discussed for a number of base funding initiatives. Also on the agenda will be a discussion of the proposed establishment of a permanent base for the state's Criminal Justice Training Council at the former air station. The corporation is seeking reimbursement for costs incurred by the corporation of $250,000, expended from its own reserves, to outfit barracks at the base for the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council and Massachusetts Police Corps so that they would be able to conduct training for police officers from throughout the state.

Hedlund met earlier this year with Secretary of Public Safety Jane Perlov to discuss consolidating the Criminal Justice Training Council activities at the Naval Air Station, and has been working with Rep. Ron Mariano to secure funding to facilitate the consolidation. The administration and training conducted by the training council is currently spread out over six locations throughout the state.

Hedlund met with Governor Swift last month to discuss the plan, and she assigned Forman to visit. The Executive Branch and Mass Highway oversees what highway funds may be released for infrastructure improvements, a major component of the base redevelopment plan. Previously Hedlund hosted a visit by Mass Highway Commissioner Matt Amorello to tour the base.

Earlier this month Senate President Thomas Birmingham toured the base with a group of state and local officials and heard their input concerning state funding.

Approval of a $500,000 unrestricted loan to the Tri-Town Development Corp. is still under consideration by the FY02 Budget Conference Committee.

The meeting will take place at the corporation's headquarters.

Garden club tree committee takes root



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Members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset pose for a photo on the common where they are interested in working with the town to make better tree selections. From left are: Ann Pompeo (president), Meg Moore, Terese Durso, Barbara Dillon, Phyllis Peck, Pat Stewart, Annette Sechen, Mary Eisenhaure, Fran O'Toole and Vivien Bobo.

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The group has been busy planting Elm trees around town to replace the ones lost decades ago to Dutch Elm Disease, and was also responsible for donating the trees at Constitution Park and the new Osgood School. Peck said the group also hopes to plant more at the Deer Hill and middle/high school once construction work there wraps up.

"We have trees scattered all over town, and we keep a record of what we have planted," she said.

Along with being a resource the town can look towards before planting anything, the group also hopes to catalogue the town's important trees, on both public and private property, and make the list available to the public. The catalogue will also contain a list of invasive trees to be avoided.

Peck's husband has been busy creating a surveyed map of the common's trees.

She said if the town is willing to remove four of the five maples — one tree is a memorial tree — the committee will donate replacement trees.

The group forwarded a list to selectmen with five replacement suggestions chosen for their rarity, size, durability and aesthetic value; Amur Maackia, Lacebark Elm, Goldenrain Tree, Red Horsechesnut, and Legacy Sugar Maple.

The selections were chosen by group member Ginny Norman, whom Peck said went through the horticulturist program at Radcliffe College, using a recommended list by Michael Dirr.

"We want to introduce more variety and more beautiful species to the town."

— Phyllis Peck, Community Garden Club

"He wrote the bible on trees and shrubs," said Peck, who has been involved with the garden club since she moved to town 16 years ago. "The trees are all tops on his lists, are attractive, most have a flower and aren't invasive."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he was looking forward to meeting with the group Tuesday at the selectmen's meeting.

"I'm very pleased, we like it when volunteers step forward to help the town," he said.

IT'S HAPPENING

Daniels resumes piano lessons

Priscilla D. Daniels, professional pianist and teacher of pianoforte, resumes her lesson-schedule at her Beach Street home in Cohasset. Her personalized instruction has attracted students who have had careers in music, while others play just for pleasure.

Mrs. Daniels is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music of Boston, magna cum laude. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, national sorority, and Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary professional society.

She has taught in Swampscott, Lincoln, Norwood, and currently in Cohasset.

As part of each lesson she incorporates music theory, harmony, rhythm study and expression. She encourages her students to improvise and compose, and strives to communicate a love and appreciation for the fine arts through the medium of the piano.

Family picnic

A parish Family Day Picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish on the grounds of the rectory. There will be food, including a dessert contest and games for the children. A $5 donation per person is requested, with a maximum of $20 per family. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses beginning Sept. 1. To volunteer to help out, call Rose Kierce at 781-383-0578.

Also, St. Anthony's religious education program is in urgent need of at least six volunteer teachers: three for grades six and three for grade nine.

The youth ministry is also in need of adults to help as chaperones and co-facilitators for weekly youth gatherings at the parish center.

For detailed information on volunteering, please call 781-383-0630.

Autism Center fall get together

Autism Center of the South Shore will host a Fall Social on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 3-5 p.m. at the Allerton House, 15 Conditio Road in Hingham. Come meet other parents on the South Shore affected by an Autism Spectrum Disorder. For more information call (781) 749-7712.

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Flush with 'free cash'

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service.

Buckley said in a report to Haddad that once that money is removed from the calculations, the remaining free cash balance is a "more normal" $858,810.

Haddad hopes to hold at least $400,000 to offset the next year's fiscal year 2003 operating budget, in order to avoid the need for a Proposition 2-1/2 override. Prop. 2-1/2 is the state law that caps the amount a town can raise its taxes in any given year to 2-1/2 percent without prior approval from the voters.

"We're not sure how much will be available for the special Town Meeting; we're still reviewing our capital budget numbers," said Haddad.

The town collected $557,028 more than the budgeted $405,785 in betterment revenue for the North Cohasset sewer project, mostly because many banks require homeowners to have paid the betterment in full, before lending any money for home refinancing or sales. Haddad said some residents also choose to pay their betterment off all at once instead of over a period of 20 years. Although excess revenue was collected last year, Haddad said that means not as much will be collected 15 years down the road. As a result, Haddad believes the money should be placed into the town's stabilization fund — its savings account — and invested to off-set long-term debt service.

Last year, the town collected $228,431 in interest from the money borrowed for the Osgood School construction project.

"Because of high transaction costs, we regularly do not borrow money for capital projects more than once a year. Therefore, at times we enjoy large surplus cash balances," Buckley said in his report. "Most, if not all communities, let these funds flow to surplus revenue and then spend them. In the case of debt exclusion override funded projects, we do not think that this is right. It is not fair to increase taxes to pay increased debt service costs and then not reduce taxes with any income that is generated."

Haddad and Buckley hope to also place the money into the stabilization fund and use it during the years before state reimbursement kicks in.

The state will pick up 60 percent of the project's cost, but reimbursement will not start until at least the 2004 fiscal year.

Buckley said the bulk of the free cash balance came from a surplus in local receipts. Aside from the sewer and school construction surpluses, an excess $311,760 was collected from excise taxes, $62,616 in penalties from back taxes, and $165,720 from town investments. Town departments returned $156,665 in unspent money — a relatively low number that Buckley chalked up to a tight operating budget.

Haddad and Buckley are also considering using the $1.6 million the town stands to collect from the MBTA for the purchase of the right-of-way to increase the town's credit rating for the $41 million Deer Hill and middle/high school projects.

Haddad said when Wall Street looks at the town to issue a credit rating, it looks at its reserve funds and ability to pay off its bills.

"The town has never had a problem paying its bills, the taxpayers have always stepped up to the plate when we've needed it," Haddad said.

By putting the money into the stabilization fund, Haddad hopes to knock off as much as two-tenths of a point on its interest rate.

"I want a AAA bond-rating," said Haddad. "And we'll do whatever it takes to get it."

The town currently has an "AA2" bond-rating, and the extra two-tenths of a point would save "a good chunk of change," according to Haddad.

Town wins $16K grant

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percent match will be split between the town and the CRC.

"The grant will enable the town to hire a preservation landscape architect for the purpose of looking at the existing conditions around the common – the green-space, the plantings and trees, the walkways, current parking around the common – and look at the entire common atmosphere," explained Dean Rizzo, executive director of the CRC, and the grant's chief author.

"Then we'll work with the community to develop a plan to further preserve and protect the common in the future."

Rizzo explained although the CRC is willing to pick up half of the town's match, the historic district commission will be calling the shots.

"They're going to be leading in its entirety the administering of the grant," he said. "We at the CRC wrote the application, got the materials together and submitted it on behalf of the town, and that's the end of our role."

DEM deputy commissioner Susan Frechette, who oversees the historic landscape preservation program, said the grants are "very competitive."

According to the award letter DEM received, 41 applications and chose just 20 for funding.

"These grants are designed to provide funding to help a municipality protect and preserve public landscapes that have an historic significance," she said.

Although she wasn't familiar with Cohasset's grant application specifically, she said the projects selected for grants have a cultural and historical significance, and have the long-term support and commitment from the town and community.

Rizzo attached letters from 16 civic groups in Cohasset in support of the grant, such as the town churches surrounding the common, the South Shore Arts Center, Planning Board, Historic Commission, Cohasset Historical Society, and the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission.

Clark said she is arranging a meeting of the historic district commission in order to discuss the grant. However, she said residents shouldn't expect any sort of drastic changes.

"It's very important that we make sure we stay within the parameters of the grant," she said. "Everything will be done in an appropriate way for the historic district."

Clark also said any proposed changes will find their way before the community before they are implemented.

Clark and Haddad plan to attend an informational meeting next week with the state to further discuss the grant and program restrictions.

The historic district commission will then look, with the help of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, for a qualified historic landscape architect.

Tuesday bowling league begins

The Early Bird Candlepin Bowling League will be starting again on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Colonial Bowl in Weymouth. There are a few openings on this 24-person women's league. The season is 31 weeks ending the first week in May. This league is made up of women from the South Shore area including Cohasset, Hingham and Weymouth.

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Back to school at Osgood







Clockwise beginning above:

Teacher Christine Ryan counts the heads in her first-grade class.

New Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan greets second-grader Jacob Moskow as he steps off the school bus on the first day of school Wednesday.

First-grader Christian Davis and third-grader Olivia Murphy come off the school bus on the first day of school.

Stephanie Briley gathers student in the staging area at Osgood before they head to their classrooms.

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Gridders look to experience, balance

Skippers open football season on Friday at Cardinal Spellman

By Mike Spellman
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One of the first things that will no doubt strike opponents of Cohasset High on the football field this fall is the low number of two-way players the team employs—a situation made particularly surprising given that CHS is, by far, the smallest school in the South Shore League.

Head coach Tony Rolfe presently has only three players penciled in to start on both offense and defense, a number far below the SSL average.

"We just feel we get more done in practice with players going one way and concentrating on one position," explained the fourth year head coach. "And it helps that we've had a couple of guys step up to give us that flexibility. Obviously, all things being equal, you like this because it gives you the chance to keep guys fresh."

The plan for now, just a few days before Cohasset opens the season in Brockton Friday night (at Cardinal Spellman, 7 p.m.), is to have Cosimo Cambi (offensive tackle, inside linebacker), Jason Brown (halfback, defensive back) and Liam Martin (wide out, defensive back) play on both sides of the ball. However, Rolfe noted that he'd try to get all three as much rest as possible.

On offense, Brown, a senior captain, should be the focal point, taking over for 1,200-yard rusher Brian Krupczak at tailback. The 5-foot-9-165 pound speedster (a star sprinter for the C.H.S. spring track team) showed good burst and surprising strength in scrimmages last week, and Rolfe sounds extremely optimistic about his prospects this season.

"Jason should give us everything we need at that position," stated Rolfe. "He gets away from people with nice moves, but doesn't shy away from contact, and he's got great acceleration."

This is the third year for Brown as a starter on offense, though the previous two had him lining up behind center at quarterback. He had a couple of 100 yard rushing games last season, but the challenge now will be to do it with everyone keying on him.

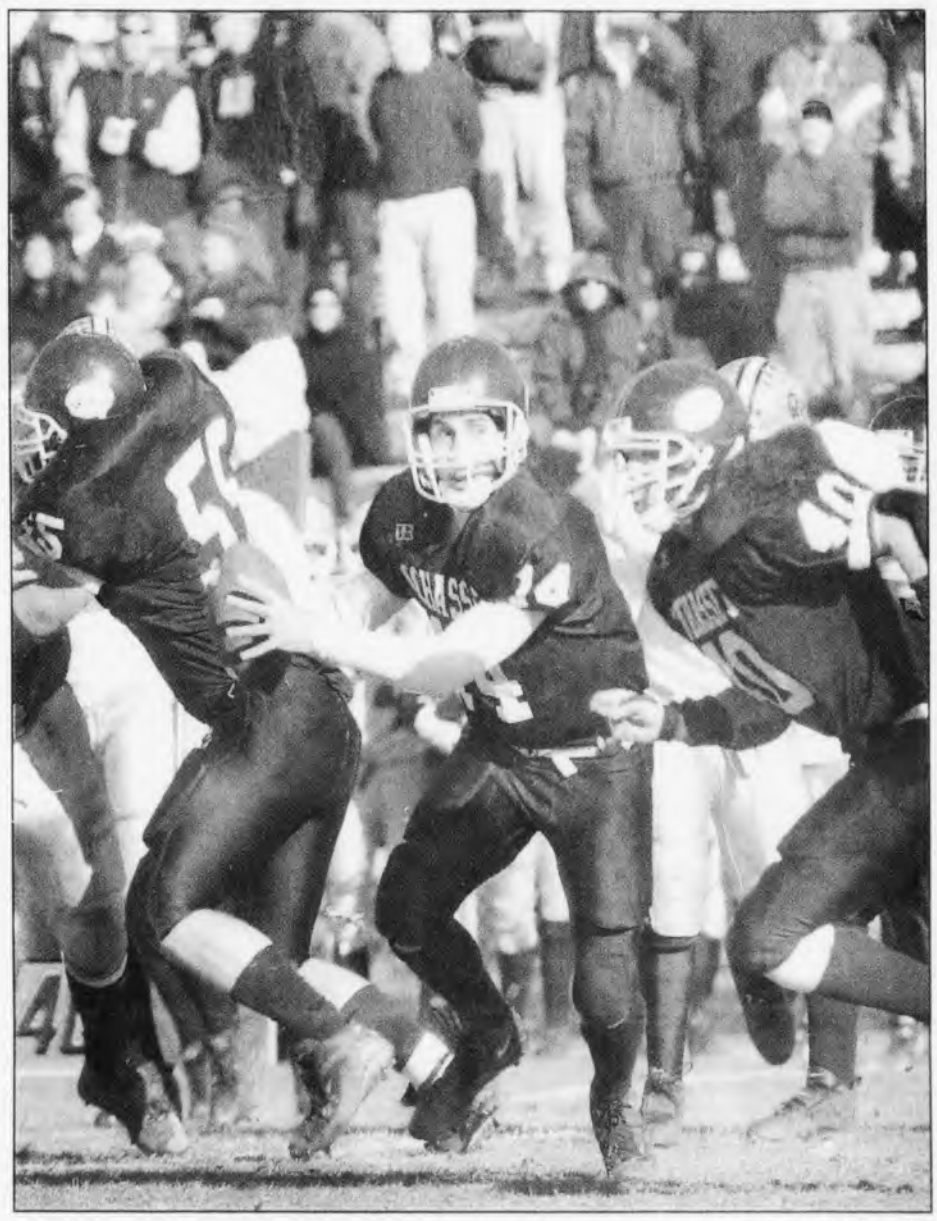
The signal-caller duties were expected to be assumed by junior Mike Snowdale, but a wrist injury has put him on the shelf for at least the opener. Sophomore Mike Dooley, who saw some time at backup QB behind Snowdale last fall with the JV squad, has, according to Rolfe, "really stepped up to do a nice job of directing the offense since (Snowdale) was hurt."

In two scrimmages played by the team last week—against South Shore Voke and Millis—Dooley moved the first team offense effectively, and even threw for three touchdowns.

Junior Braun Goodson (6'1-195) returns to start at fullback, and Rolfe is clearly thrilled with the improvement of his "big time lead blocker."

Blocking may well be a strength in general for the Skippers, with all six players up front having at least some

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Moving from quarterback to halfback this season, Jason Brown (#14) will have to adjust from taking the snap to taking the handoff, as he prepares to do here last season to Paul Previte- (#40).

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

JV FIELD HOCKEY

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
7	at Silver Lake	5 p.m.
10	at E. Bridgewater	5 p.m.
12	at Hanover	5 p.m.

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Date	Opponent	Time
6	Jamboree	5 p.m.
7	at Silver Lake	3:30 p.m.
10	at E. Bridgewater	3:30 p.m.
12	at Hanover	3:30 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Time
11	at Norwell	3 p.m.
13	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.

GIRLS JV SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Time
11	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
13	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.

GOLF

Date	Opponent	Time
6	at E. Bridgewtr	3:30 p.m.
10	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
11	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
13	at Norton	3:30 p.m.

BOYS JV SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Time
7	Milton	3:45 p.m.
11	Milton	3:30 p.m.
13	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Time
7	Milton (Milliken)	3:45 p.m.
11	at Norwell	5 p.m.
13	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.

FROSH/SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
22	at Cape Cod Tech	11 a.m.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
7	at Card. Spellman	7 p.m.

For full schedules, see page 13

Let's do it again

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Over the past few seasons, the boys soccer program has risen to the status of one of the top programs Cohasset has to offer. This year does not look to be any different.

Last fall, the Skippers pulled off multiple playoff upsets after a 13 win season to advance to the sectional semifinals. That success, however, has apparently not made second year coach Dave Nigro feel anxious about repeating this kind of performance; in fact, it has led him to eye loftier goals.

"I think it is just something bigger to shoot for," reported the coach. "I will definitely be disappointed if they don't."

This Div. 3 squad has been very impressive against some upper level competition. Scrimmaging the Div. 2 Quincy team last week, Cohasset walloped their hosts 6-1. Their first pre-season loss came against Marshfield, the defending Eastern Mass champs and still one of the top Div. 1 programs in the state. The Skipprs hung tough with the Rams, however, before falling, 2-1.

Seniors Matt Bilodeau and Pete Maitland will take over the captain responsibilities from last year's leaders Erik Shea and Doug O'Brien.

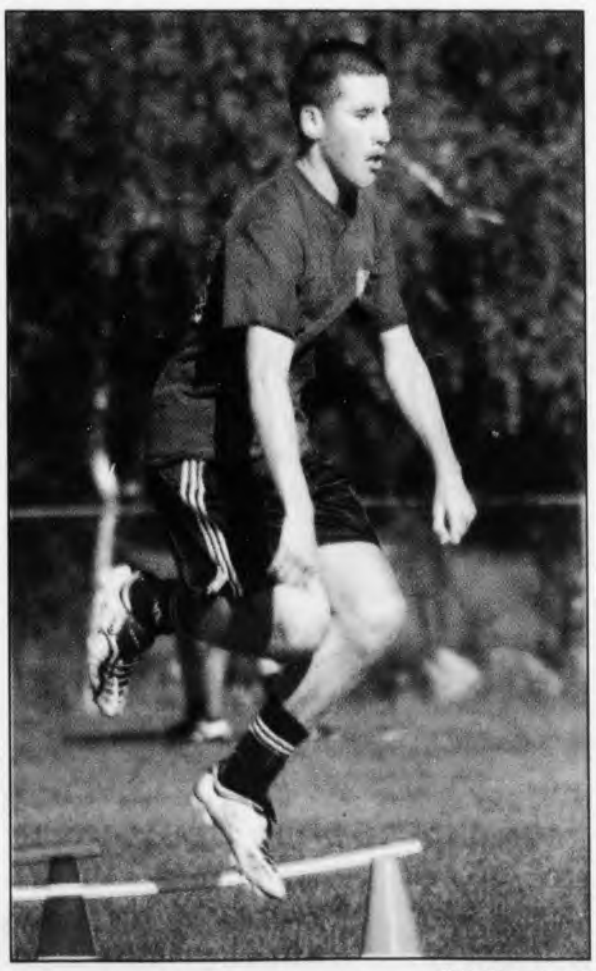
Bilodeau, leading the way from center midfield, is a national level club soccer playing, with excellent defensive and scoring abilities. Maitland is a tremendous athlete with great speed at the outside defensive back position.

Along with Maitland, senior Steve Laney adds great speed and strength to the defense at the other outside back position. Junior Robert Hickey, still recovering from an ankle injury, has the very difficult job of succeeding former All-scholastic soccer player Shea at sweeper.

"It is going to be a little different," conceded Nigro, referring to the absence of top players from 2000 such as Shea, O'Brien, John Hertig, Heath Heinz and Nick Pestone. "But the other kids are another year older."

With Bilodeau leading the way, Nigro really hopes to focus on controlling the middle of the field this season. To that end, he has resorted to the unorthodox five midfielder configuration.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain Matt Bilodeau, seen here doing footwork drills at practice last week, will be counted on for strong overall play this season, manning the all-important center midfield position.

Lady Skippers hope to reload

Stung by graduation, coach Bostwick tries to build on the fly

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Losing five quality seniors to graduation is tough enough, but eleven?

The Cohasset girls field hockey team was hit harder by graduation last year than any other team in the area, losing eleven seniors, nine of them starters and three of them All-Stars. But coach Debbie Bostwick feels quite confident that she still has a very good team on her hands.

This year, five seniors will lead the way for the Lady Skippers, all of them have already proved themselves at the varsity level.

To start, senior co-captain Abbey Coakley will step into the left forward position, where she started last year. Coakley is one of only two returning starters, along with co-captain, junior Heather Peraino.

Peraino, second on the team in scoring last year as a sophomore, will lead the midfield attack at the center position. Peraino is one of the better all-around athletes on the team with quick hands and very solid drive.

At the right wing position, senior Allison Scott looks capable of putting up some impressive scoring numbers. As of right now, it looks like junior speedster Deanna Brown will take the remaining spot on the forward line with Scott and Coakley

Leading the defense are a trio of seniors, Katie Silva, Jackie Goines and Suzanne Lynner. Silva has one of the best drives on the team, often the one to take the penalty hits. Goines and Lynner make up a tandem that has played together for a few years now, already impressive at the varsity level.

"Those two are going to have to keep the team morale going," reported Bostwick. "Those two are very vocal, trying to help the younger kids out."

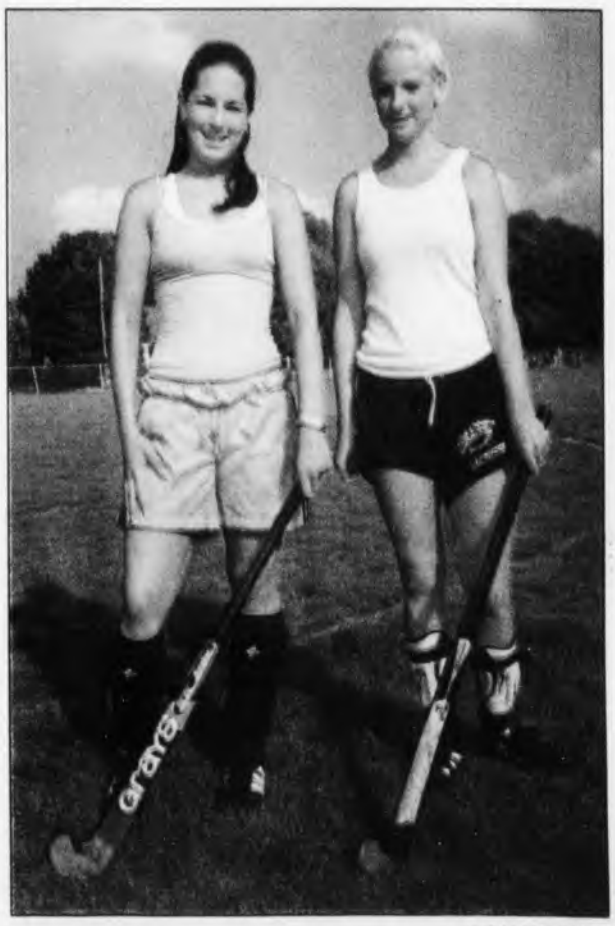
Behind the defense, there will be three goalies battling out for the top spot. This has become a very difficult spot to fill, with last year's All-Star netminder Krysten Considine lost to graduation.

Junior Sera Genovese was last year's back-up varsity goalie, while junior Kristen Lavigne had a good season at the junior varsity level.

New to the netminding scene is sophomore Caitlyn Condon, who played midfield for the JV last year, but has since gone to field hockey camp to learn how to be a goalie.

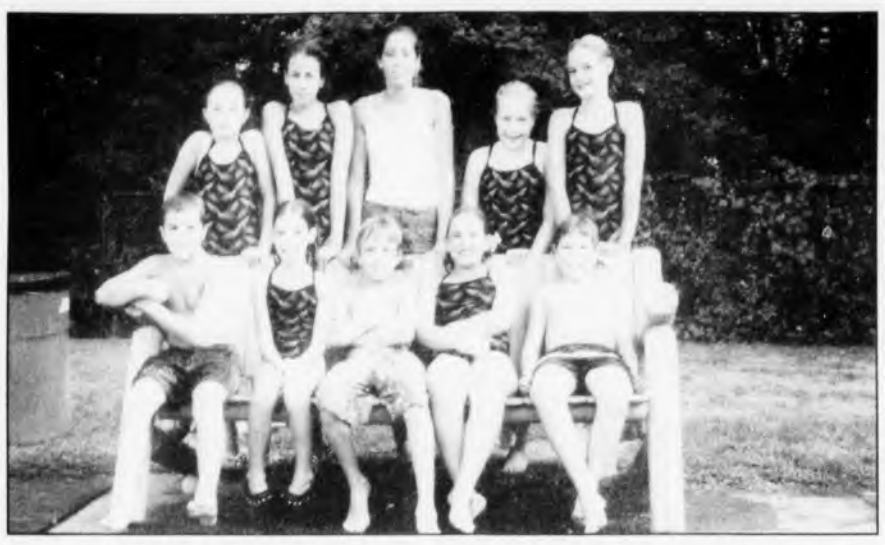
Beyond the five seniors, there are 14 juniors for vying spots on the top team.

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Cohasset field hockey captains Heather Peraino (left) and Abbey Coakley will be looked upon to "keep the team morale going," according to coach Deb Bostwick.



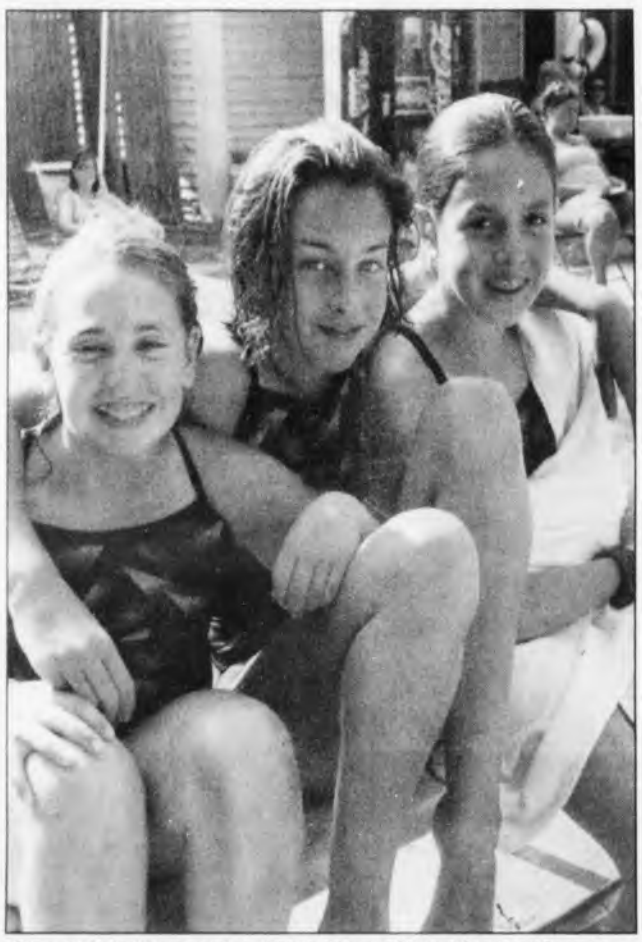
Standing left to right: Colby Smazel, Sheelah Scott, coach Haley Wojitasinski, Carly Salerno and Sally Meehan. Seated, left to right: Sean McKenna, Betsy Crawford, Devon Bell, Michela Valente and Jay Salerno.

Cohasset dive team wraps up successful season

The Cohasset Diving Team had a fun-filled, successful summer season, highlighted by four diving meets at the Duxbury Yacht Club. Most of the 18 members of the 2001 Cohasset team performed three dives at each meet.

In addition to the four meets at Duxbury, coaches Amy Wojitastwski and her sister, Haley held a "red, white and blue" fun meet at the town pool, and also hosted an awards reception, in which many members of the team received honors for outstanding performances. Additionally, two members of this team were given "Coaches Awards." Michela Valente was recognized by the coaches for her positive attitude and efforts as a new member of the team, and Colby Smazel received praise for continuously trying to master new dives.

Several members of the Cohasset team scored high enough in the Duxbury meets to merit an invitation to compete in the regional championships, which were held at Wheaton College in Norton. Charlotte Sida, Carly Salerno, Wesley Medwid and Jay Salerno all participated in the championships and fared well.



Cohasset Diving Team members Michela Valente, Sheelah Scott and Roxanne Tehranian taking a break at recent meet held at the Duxbury Yacht Club.



Charlotte Sida shows her "championship form" during competition at Duxbury Yacht Club.

Gridders look to experience

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prior starting experience.

Seniors Ari Martin (6-foot-1, 205 pounds) and Wil Prendergast (6-feet, 210 pounds) return as third year starters at center and guard, respectively.

At the tackle positions, both Cambi (6-foot-2, 200 pounds), a junior, and senior Brendan Goff (6-foot-1, 210 pounds) return to their starting positions. Both of these players have looked "very, very good in the scrimmages", said Rolfe.

"Brendan has really picked it up a notch this year, and Cosmo has improved too," lauded the coach. "I'm expecting a big year from both of them."

Sophomore Steven Davis is the least experienced of the crew, having started only a few games last season, but he comes from good stock. His brother Matt, a 2001 graduate, was a Skippers captain and South Shore League All-Star last year. In essence, Stephen (nicknamed "Baby Davis" at 5-foot-11, 190 pounds) now replaces his elder sibling.

Also returning to start at tight end is junior Tom Anderson (5-foot-10, 190 pounds), who should provide Dooley or Snowdale with a reliable target as well as consistent protection.

Of course, quality targets will probably be the least of the QBs worries, as Martin, sophomore Chris Bilodeau (last year's starters) and junior John Durkin will form a three player rotation at the wide out spots on which Rolfe sounds extremely high.

"Liam has got great experience and is a very sound receiver, and Chris has ice water in his veins," he said. "He can just flat out play, and now (Durkin) has really come along and given us another strong option there. There's not a lot of difference between those guys."

Rolfe confessed early last week that he was "a little concerned" about his defense. He is now happy to report, however, that his troops have made steady progress since then, something he said was particularly evident in the team's three scrimmages (against Hingham, Millis and South Shore Voke).

"We've had some people step up their level of play quite a bit, and the guys just seem to be getting more and more cohesive as a unit. We still need work on that side of the ball, but the signs are encouraging."

It has been expected since Day 1 that junior tackle Ben Lynner (6-feet, 200 pounds) would anchor the D-line at tackle, and he has certainly done nothing to change that prognostication in the pre-season, flashing the same combination of speed and strength that made him a standout on the gridiron last fall, as well as at power forward for the Skippers on the hardwood this past winter.

Lynner will be joined on the inside of the line by senior John Hussey (6-feet-1, 210 pounds). On the ends will be senior Tom Bilodeau (6-foot-2, 200 pounds, and no relation to Chris) and junior Mike Casey (5-feet-10, 180 pounds), who the coach calls "one of the most pleasant surprises" of the pre-season.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Captain Liam Martin (#81), seen here taking down a Hull ballcarrier last fall, is one of the few two-way players Coach Rolfe plans to emply this season.

"Things appear to be coming together pretty well up front," Rolfe said. "Casey has really come on to help solidify us. We're not biggest line, but I think we're strong enough to hold our own."

Paul Previte (5-foot-8, 175 pounds) and Cambi both saw extensive time last fall at linebacker, and will now be looked upon to fill much of the void created by the graduation of Ronan Buick, the team's leading tackler (by far) last season from his middle linebacker position.

At one of the outside spots, 5-foot-5-155 pound junior Chris McKenna has cemented his starting role, moving up from the defensive backfield—an area a player of his size (or, rather, the lack thereof) would seem to be better suited. Rolfe is quick to refute that notion, however.

"Once you see this kid [McKenna] play, you'll see that too," said Rolfe. "I think he shocks people with the way he flies around and hits people aggressively at his size. Honestly, I wouldn't trade him for a player twice his size right now."

Sophomore Tony Truglia was slated to start at the other outside linebacker spot, but an injury suffered by him in this past weekend's scrimmage has thrown that position back up for grabs. Rolfe said he expects the auditions for that job to be extremely heated over the final days of pre-season.

The defensive backfield should be an area of strength for the team with Martin and Brown returning to their starting roles. They will be joined back there by senior Eric Libby, a standout in hockey and lacrosse at CHS who decided to play football rather than soccer in his final year of high school and has managed to earn a starting job.

"Obviously, Eric is a real, real pleasant surprise," said Rolfe. "I don't know why he never played before now, but it's obvious he's got some natural ability. His addition, along with Jason and Liam, should give us a real solid unit back there."

Senior David Bouchard (5-foot-7, 160 pounds) will also likely see a good deal of time in the defensive backfield, likely shuffling in to give Martin or Brown a few much needed breaks.

As for predictions—bold or otherwise—coach Rolfe remains pretty reticent. He insists this is less a case of détente, however, than it is simply not knowing what the rest of the South Shore League will serve up.

"A lot of the top teams, like Carver and Norton, were hit hard by graduation, and we lost Hanover from our league, who looked like they were going to be pretty good this year," explained Rolfe. "Plus, right now, all of the coaches are more concerned with their own teams than the competition. It looks right now that the league could be pretty wide open."

And as for his own team.

"I feel pretty good about things right now," he said. "I'd like to say we'll be better than last year's team (1-5 in league, 5-5 overall), but you just don't know. I expect we'll be a lot better three weeks from now when we start our league schedule (Sept. 28, at home against Mashpee), but there's just no way for me to tell right now."

Let's do it again

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"We want to win the ball in the midfield," he said. "And with the players we have, we are able to do that."

Though the midfield roster is not set in stone, it appears senior TimBaird and junior Curt Kahn, both left-footed, will split on either side of Bilodeau. The other two spots are up for grabs, but first year junior Evan Pestone and sophomore Jesse Brewer are both making strong bids.

Attacking will be returning snipers, Dan Kinchla, now a senior, and Greg O'Connell, a junior. Sophomore David Santiago may earn himself a spot on the varsity as the third forward.

Junior goalie Nick Spirito appears to be the only one in contention to take over the job held last year by Nick Pestone. Though he is normally a defensive back or midfielder, Brewer has seen time in net playing club soccer, and seems to be the choice for varsity back up.

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CHS fall sports schedule

JV FIELD HOCKEY

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
7	at Silver Lake	5 p.m.
10	at E. Bridgewater	5 p.m.
12	at Hanover	5 p.m.
14	Hingham	3:30 p.m.
19	at Middleboro	5 p.m.
21	at Scituate	3:30 p.m.
24	Duxbury	5 p.m.
28	Carver	3:30 p.m.
Oct.		
1	Norwell	4 p.m.
5	Hull	4 p.m.
6	at Harwich	1:30 p.m.
10	at Mashpee	5:30 p.m.
13	at Carver	5 p.m.
15	at Norwell	5 p.m.
17	Harwich	5:30 p.m.
19	at Hull	5 p.m.
22	Mashpee	5 p.m.

Home site: Alumni Field
Coach: Danielle Shaugnessy

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
6	Jamboree	5 p.m.
7	at Silver Lake	3:30 p.m.
10	at E. Bridgewater	3:30 p.m.
12	at Hanover	3:30 p.m.
14	Hingham	4:30 p.m.
19	at Middleboro	3:30 p.m.
21	Scituate	5:30 p.m.
24	Duxbury	3:30 p.m.
28	Carver	4:30 p.m.
Oct.		
1	Norwell	5 p.m.
5	Hull	5 p.m.
6	at Harwich	Noon
10	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
13	at Carver	6:30 p.m.
15	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
17	Harwich	4 p.m.
19	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
22	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
26	Silver Lake	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Deb Bostwick

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
11	at Norwell	5 p.m.
13	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
17	Norton	3:30 p.m.
21	Abington	3:30 p.m.
25	at Carver	7 p.m.
29	Harwich	4 p.m.
Oct.		
1	Hull	7 p.m.
3	Norwell	7 p.m.
5	Mashpee (Milliken)	3:30 p.m.
9	at Norton	3:30 p.m.
11	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
13	at Scituate	4 p.m.
15	Carver	3:30 p.m.
17	Holbrook	7 p.m.
19	at Harwich	4 p.m.
23	at Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
25	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
26	Scituate	5 p.m.

Coach: Deb Beal
Home site: Alumni Field

GIRLS JV SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
13	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
17	Norton	3:30 p.m.
20	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
21	Abington	3:30 p.m.
25	at Carver	5 p.m.
29	at Harwich	11 a.m.
Oct.		
1	Hull	3:30 p.m.
3	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
5	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
9	at Norton	3:30 p.m.
11	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
13	Scituate (Alumni Field)	4 p.m.
15	Carver	3:30 p.m.
19	Harwich	4 p.m.
25	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
26	Scituate	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Kara Connerly
Home site: Milliken Field

GOLF

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
6	at E. Bridgewtr	3:30 p.m.
10	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
11	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
13	at Norton	3:30 p.m.
20	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
24	Carver	3:30 p.m.
25	at Harwich	3:30 p.m.
Oct.		
1	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
4	Abington	3:30 p.m.
9	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
11	Norton	3:30 p.m.
15	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
17	E. Bridgewater	3:30 p.m.
18	Harwich	

Coach: Torin Sweeney
Home site: Cohasset Country Club

BOYS JV SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
7	Milton	3:45 p.m.
13	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
14	at Sharon	3:30 p.m.
17	at Norton	3:30 p.m.
20	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
21	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
25	Carver	5 p.m.
29	at Harwich	11 a.m.
Oct.		
3	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
5	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
9	Norton	3:30 p.m.
11	Abington	3:30 p.m.
13	Scituate	1 p.m.
15	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
19	Harwich	4 p.m.
26	at Scituate	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Rick Dockendorf
Home site: Milliken Field

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
7	Milton (Milliken)	3:45 p.m.
11	at Norwell	7 p.m.
13	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
14	at Sharon	3:30 p.m.
17	at Norton	3:30 p.m.
21	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
25	Carver	7 p.m.
29	Harwich	6 p.m.
Oct.		
1	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
3	Norwell	5 p.m.
5	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
9	Norton	3:30 p.m.
11	Abington	3:30 p.m.
13	at Scituate	1 p.m.
15	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
19	at Harwich	6 p.m.
25	Hull	7 p.m.
26	Scituate	7 p.m.

Coach: David Nigro
Home site: Alumni Field

FROSH/SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
22	at Cape Cod Tech	11 a.m.
29	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
Oct.		
4	Carver	3:30 p.m.
18	Norton	3:30 p.m.
27	Nantucket	2 p.m.
Nov.		
1	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
8	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
16	Hull (Alumni Fld.)	6 p.m.

Home site: Milliken Field

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
8	at Card. Spellman	1:30 p.m.
14	Arlington Catholic	7 p.m.
22	at Cape Cod Tech	1 p.m.
28	Mashpee	7:30 p.m.
Oct.		
5	at Carver	7 p.m.
20	at Norton	1 p.m.
27	Nantucket Homecoming	Noon
Nov.		
2	Abington	7 p.m.
9	at Norwell	6 p.m.
22	at Hull	10 a.m.

(Thanksgiving game: admission $5)
Home site: Alumni Field
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Asst. Coaches: Bob Silvia, Bob Knurek, Brian Pattison, Dave Terry.

Lady Skippers hope to reload

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In addition, there are 22 underclassmen, including 16 sophomores.

"I have 41 girls I am trying to make spots for," reported Bostwick, who plans to hold less than half that number, 18, on varsity.

"I only have a nucleus right now," she said.

Juniors Sarah Dennis, Kimmy Ulmer, Mary Deveney and Lindsay Grossman have all put in an impressive pre-season, according to their coach. However, Bostwick does not know which of her players will go to which team, as she firmly believes it is better for a player to play JV than to sit on the bench on varsity.

"I am not going to sit a junior when I know they can start sub-varsity," she explained.

On that same note, there are a number of very talented sophomores who may or may not swing depending on their potential playing time at junior varsity.

At the JV level, there will be a new coach, Danielle Shaughnessy, sister of familiar face Andi Shaughnessy, a three-time All-Star for Cohasset who graduated last year. Danielle played for Bostwick in her first year coaching high school level field hockey.

Bostwick intends to set her full roster by Friday, after capping off the pre-season with two jamboree length games against SSL foes Hull and Norwell.

The team opens the season against a very tough Silver Lake team this Friday at 5:00.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset field hockey coach Deb Bostwick addresses her troops during practice last week.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Swim with a special child program seeks volunteers

The "Swim With A Special Child" program will hold orientation and training sessions for all volunteers Sept. 11 and 18 at 9:30 AM at the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton. Free child care is provided for training and for weekly classes beginning Sept. 25.

Swimmers of all ability levels are needed to swim one-on-one with students who have mental and/or physical disabilities. No special skills are required, and volunteers may swim for one, two or all three class sessions on Tuesdays from 9:15 to 11:45 AM.

SWASC welcomes non-swimmers to help with equipment and cheer leading on the deck, to serve coffee and refreshments, and to assist with child care for volunteers. Contact Mary Johnson at 617-472-0856 or June doherty at 781-335-3785 for more information.

"Swim With A Special Child," founded in 1971, is an all-volunteer program supported entirely through private contributions. Students come from public schools and mental health programs throughout the South Shore and neighboring towns.

Cohasset Soccer Club Meeting

The Cohasset Soccer Club will hold a Board meeting

Wednesday September 12, 2001,7:30pm, at the Deer Hill Cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting is a vote to add additional Board members. For more information call 781-383-7017.

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Norwell: Wednesdays & Fridays 7:45-8:45 pm

Hanover: Saturdays 5:45-6:45 pm

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Police chief asks for OT budget hike

Wants to add officer position to cut costs

By Rick Collins

Although Cohasset police have two injured officers back from the disabled list and will have another rookie fresh from the academy in its ranks later this month — the department is still behind the eight-ball when it comes to overtime costs, says Chief Brian Noonan.

As a result, Noonan has asked selectmen to include an article on the upcoming fall Special Town Meeting warrant that would add $60,000 to the department's overtime budget.

On July 1, the start of the current fiscal year, the department was down five officers. Sgt. David Pomarico, and officers Lisa Matos, Rick Yocum, and Thomas DaSilva were all out on disability. Officer Paul Laugelle left the department in June for undisclosed reasons.

"We were spending $5,000 to $7,000 a week on overtime," said Noonan. "We're still catching up from that time."

Pomarico and Matos recently returned from their leave, knocking the overtime costs down to approximately $4,000 a week. Brian Curran, the town's new officer, is scheduled to finish up his police academy training on Sept. 12 and assume a full-time shift by the end of the month — which will equate to a reduction of about another $1,000 a week in overtime on average.

Noonan said the situation could be helped if the town agreed to create a new police officer position.

But the damage has been done, said Noonan. The department has already spent $59,600 in overtime as of Aug. 26, and, according to the chief, is on pace to accrue $235,600 in costs for the entire fiscal year. Just $175,000 has been budgeted for police overtime.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he supports the request.

"They have some guys that are still out. They had the same problem last fiscal year, but now they don't need as much," he said.

Noonan said the situation could be helped if the town agreed to create a new police officer position. The department currently has 18 officers, including the four sergeants and two detectives, but Noonan said he'd like to eventually see that expanded to 20.

"It would just make overtime more manageable," he said.

Haddad said he is analyzing the pros and cons of hiring an additional police officer. He acknowledged that the town fire department's overtime problems were resolved a couple of years ago by hiring more firefighters.

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said he would wait until Tuesday's board meeting before making a decision as to whether to support the article.

"I've seen some memos, but I want to hear what Brian has to say on it personally," Koed said.

Noonan also asked that the department be reimbursed for the money it spent to install a new server for the fire and police department's computer system.

Last month, the police department spent $8,277.40 to build and install the new computer network that ties in the departments' different computers and workstations. The old system had become full and was in danger of crashing, and losing the departments' log records.

Selectmen have not yet formally set a date for the fall Special Town Meeting, but are looking at a date late in October.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22

10:55 a.m. South Main St. and Summer St., verbal warning.
11:10 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Tower Lane, motor vehicle stop., traffic citation issued.
12:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.
12:16 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.
12:43 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Black Rock Rd. motor vehicle accident.
1:45 p.m. North Main St., parking complaint.
1:51 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.
2:15 p.m. Linden St., traffic safety inspection.
3:13 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.
4:36 p.m. Border St., dispersed gathering.
5:18 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.
7:49 p.m. Church St., noise complaint.
9:48 p.m. Sohier St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.
9:57 p.m. Beechwood St. suspicious activity.
10:04 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
10:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, lost property.
10:55 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle accident.

THURSDAY, AUG. 23

1:15 a.m. Forest Ave., disturbance gathering. Arrest: Craig M. Sheerin, 18, 8 Trudy's Lane, Scituate. Chrgs: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage, disorderly person, disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, wanton destruction of property of $250 or less. Arrest: Kathleen C. McCarthy, 18, 155 Fairoaks Lane, Cohasset. Chrgs: disorderly person, disturbing the peace.
1:34 a.m. Heather Dr., disturbance.
1:40 a.m. Forest Ave., suspicious.
6:44 a.m. King St., medical aid.
8:45 a.m. King St., fire.
9:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
9:30 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., property lost.
9:36 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint.
9:52 a.m. Pond St., fire inspections.
10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop.
10:38 a.m. South Main St. and Stanton Rd., motor vehicle stop.
10:44 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, fire inspections.
10:52 a.m. Howard Gleason Rd., medical aid.
11:11 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle violations.
11:24 a.m. Brook St., fire investigation.
12:02 p.m. Nichols Rd., parking violation.
2:23 p.m. Lamberts Ln., vandalism.
5:35 p.m. Lighthouse Ln., fire investigation.
7:13 p.m. North Main St., fire investigation.
8:28 p.m. Flintlock Ridge Rd., animal control.
8:34 p.m. South Main St., suspicious.
10 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious.

FRIDAY, AUG. 24

12:52 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Linden Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.
6:16 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., by law violation.
7:13 a.m. Border St., animal control.
7:48 a.m. Hull St., parking complaint.
11:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.
3:06 p.m. Cedar St., officer wanted.
3:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle violations.
4 p.m. Cedar Acres Ln., restraining order served.
5:13 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:17 p.m. Forest Ave, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
5:27 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle accident.
6:25 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.
6:28 p.m. Aaron River Rd., and Flintlock Ridge Rd., illegal dumping.
7:46 p.m. Police HQ, serve restraining order.
8:32 p.m. South Main St., suspicious auto.
8:46 p.m. Holly Ln., general services.
9 p.m. Parker Ave., general services.
9:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:30 p.m. Beechwood St., parking violation.
10:51 p.m. Border St., general services.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25

12:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.
1:09 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
1:28 a.m. Beach St., medical aid.
7:15 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop., traffic citation issued.
10:26 a.m. Lamberts Ln., motor vehicle violations.
11:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.
12:22 p.m. Border St., medical aid.
4:09 p.m. North Main St., animal control.
5:48 p.m. North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:22 p.m. Sohier St., animal control.
6:36 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.
6:57 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:12 p.m. Sohier St. motor vehicle stop.
8:17 p.m. Ripley Rd., medical aid.
8:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
9:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:30 p.m. Forest Ave., noise complaint.
10:46 p.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SUNDAY, AUG. 26

3:07 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.
5:05 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire.
9:56 a.m. Sohier St, disturbance.
1:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St. motor vehicle accident.
2:01 p.m. South Main St., fire.
2:31 p.m. Border St., disturbance.
5:10 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious.
5:13 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious auto.
7:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.
8:12 p.m. Sohier St., general services.
9:26 p.m. Cushing Rd., medical aid.
9:46 p.m. Minot Light, general services.
10:10 p.m. 39-year-old male in protective custody.
10:57 p.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., traffic control.
11:18 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

MONDAY, AUG. 27

12:39 a.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
1:17 a.m. Cushing Rd. and Oak St., noise complaint.
1:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:12 a.m. Lamberts Ln., burglary/breaking and entering, investigated.
9:25 a.m. Sohier St., fire inspections.
9:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation.
10:02 a.m. Beechwood St., fire investigation.
10:04 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
10:28 a.m. Lamberts Ln., vandalism.
11:21 a.m. Beechwood and King sts., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
12:37 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.
1:11 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.
1:23 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.
1:43 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
1:51 p.m. Forest Ave., missing person, returned to home or family.
3:17 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.
4:18 p.m. Cohasset Police Dept., message delivery.
4:33 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
6:35 p.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.
7:18 p.m. North Main St., general services.
8:35 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28

6:48 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.
8:58 a.m. South Main St., officer wanted.
9:23 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, departmental action.
9:33 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.
11:32 a.m. Cushing Rd., assist citizen.
11:50 a.m. Wompatuck State Park, found property.
11:55 a.m. Nichols Rd., animal control.
12:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other agency.
12:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., shoplifting.
12:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.
1:15 p.m. Sandy Beach, animal control.
1:30 p.m. South Main St., medical aid.
2 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, departmental action.
2:21 p.m. Summer St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
3:09 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, departmental action.
3:16 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
3:52 p.m. Headquarters, animal control.
5:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.
5:33 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.
5:37 p.m. Brook St., vandalism.
7:28 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Black Rock Rd., MV stop.
9:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop., verbal warning.
10:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., MV stop, verbal warning.
11:49 p.m. Fernway, animal control.
11:54 p.m. South Main St., noise complaint, area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

1:58 a.m. Lamberts Ln., open door/window.
8:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
8:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Schofield Rd., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
9:07 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.
9:33 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA, investigated.

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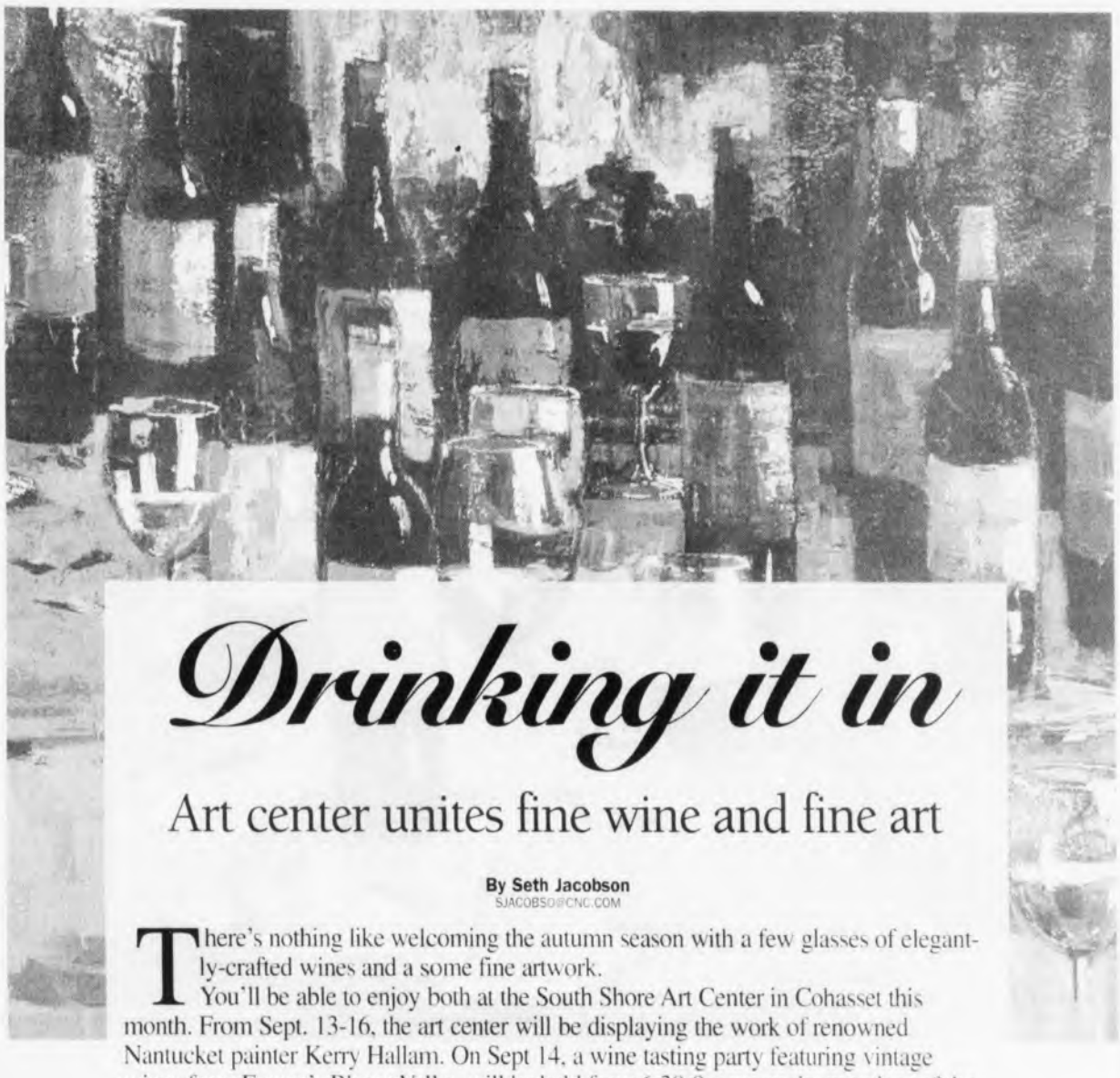
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Drinking it in

Art center unites fine wine and fine art

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There's nothing like welcoming the autumn season with a few glasses of elegantly-crafted wines and a some fine artwork.

You'll be able to enjoy both at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset this month. From Sept. 13-16, the art center will be displaying the work of renowned Nantucket painter Kerry Hallam. On Sept 14, a wine tasting party featuring vintage wines from France's Rhone Valley will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. on the premises of the art center in conjunction with Hallam's work.

Hallam will give a lecture on his work at 10 a.m. on Sept. 15 for those interested in knowing more about the artist or the Rhone Valley.

"The Rhone Valley is quite famous for its wines," said Monica McKenney, director of development at the art center. People will have the opportunity to taste these fine wines, and at the same time, view the artwork of an internationally known artist."

To add to the ambiance of the event, McKenney said the staff at the art center will be transforming the Bancroft Gallery into a virtual vineyard by building a large grape arbor in the center of the room as well as adding topiaries and twinkling lights.

While the event promises to be a tasteful, artful affair, it also will help support the center and its programs. McKenney said the proceeds will be donated to the Shirley F. Neer Teaching Chair for Children's Art, a foundation supporting children's programs at the art center. Neer was the center's board of directors president before she died in 1989.

"Her tireless efforts on behalf of the center will always be remembered as will her dedication to providing children with quality art education programs," McKenney said.

McKenney said the wine-tasting event will be educational with three distinguished Rhone Valley wine experts on hand to answer questions and give advice. Those people include Nantucket Wine Festival officials John Hayes, Denis Toner and Frank Neer (Shirley Neer's son) as well as David Turcan from the Gabriel Mefre Winery.

"We've selected a number of different whites and reds," Hayes said. "One of the main things we'll be speaking about at the event is the differences and subtleties in wines relative to different areas of the Rhone Valley."

Neer, who is vice-president of marketing for the popular annual Nantucket Wine Festival, also has a close connection to the art center because of his mother.

"My mom was very involved with the art center," he said, "and she just had a great love for art and education." Neer said he recently sat down with McKenney and art center executive director Sarah Hannan and planned the upcoming art/wine exhibition. When they talked about a possible artist who could display work during the event, both Neer and Hayes mentioned Hallam's name.

"He's been the featured artist at the Nantucket Wine Festival its last five years of existence," Neer said of Hallam. "He actually paints all the posters we use to advertise the event. We figured his art work would go hand in hand with what we were trying to do at the art center."

"Many of his paintings are of different vineyards, but he also does a lot of other kinds of work," Hayes added.

McKenney described Hallam as a "very multi-dimensional man." She said not only does he paint, but he is also a songwriter and a musician—she added Hallam also has a fantastic sense of humor.

"I've always had the idea that wine and the arts are intertwined," Hallam said. "And when I heard about this, it sounded great because I had painted the posters for the Nantucket Wine Festival."



Shirley F. Neer was the president of the South Shore Art Center Board of Directors when she died in 1989—much of her work there was dedicated to supporting children's art programs.

Hallam said about 50 of his works will be hanging in the Bancroft Gallery, all of them for sale. He said there will be a mix of oil paintings, acrylics, watercolors, and silk-screens.

"A day without wine is like a day without sunshine," Hallam added. "And a day without art is also like a day without sunshine."

Hallam has also had his share of fine wines—he's traveled with Hayes and Neer to France many times. He's also no stranger to displaying his art work, as he has been featured in art galleries all over the world. But he said one of the first shows he ever did in 1972 was held in none other than the Town of Cohasset.

"That show was held on the town green, and it was very enjoyable," he said. "This time, I'm back in Cohasset again, but the show at the art center will be a lot different than the one in 1972."

"We're really excited about this," McKenney said. "It's a very unique opportunity for people on the South Shore to see an artist and try some wines they normally wouldn't. I think it will be a very festive atmosphere."

Hayes said people will most certainly enjoy the artistic atmosphere during the wine tasting, but they will also enjoy learning about and simplifying the various tastes of different wines.

"A really good wine makes you silent," he said.

For more information about the art exhibition and wine tasting party, call the art center at (781) 383-2787. Admission to the wine tasting party costs $60 per person. Viewing Hallam's art at the center and attending his lecture on the premises Sept. 15 are free.

Above poster is one of the works artist Kerry Hallam painted for the Nantucket Wine Festival. Hallam has been the featured artist at the popular event for the past five years.

Summer of the shallop

Plimoth Plantation sails into past by recreating Pilgrim boat

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The people at Plimoth Plantation are recreating another significant piece of American history, but it is not an antique home restoration or a statue in the likeness of one of the first Pilgrim settlers.

They are building a shallop.

We're not talking shell fish here. A shallop is a boat, and it was a vessel that the Pilgrims found essential in exploring their new home when they got here.

When the Pilgrims first arrived at Plymouth on the Mayflower, they found that the large ship could only get so close to the shore. They needed another kind of smaller boat in order to be able to explore and investigate the shore and beyond. The boats they used were called shallops, which typically range anywhere from 20-40 feet in length.

"They were often used for coastal travel, but they were also used for fishing. Primarily, shallops were always considered to be rowing and sailing vessels."

Peter Arenstam, department head at Plimoth Plantation's Marine Artisans department

"In the 17th century, shallops had a lot of uses," said Peter Arenstam, department head at Plimoth Plantation's Marine Artisans department. "They were often used for coastal travel, but they were also used for fishing. Primarily, shallops were always considered to be rowing and sailing vessels."

Arenstam said there are already two other shallops which exist at Plimoth Plantation, but the new one being built will represent its own piece of history. Arenstam said in 1626, a carpenter from Plymouth needed a way to get to Maine in order to go on a trading expedition, but he needed a large-sized shallop in order to take a long voyage like that.

In order to do that, the carpenter took a shallop, cut it in half, put a deck on it and redeveloped the vessel so that it was at least six feet longer than it had been in its original form. When it was done, the new shallop measured up to a length of about 33 feet. The carpenter took the voyage to Maine and it proved to be successful.

The carpenter's vessel is the one Arenstam and his staff are re-creating, and he noted the project was undertaken for a specific reason. The new shallop is being constructed for the Howland Society of Plymouth, a group of descendants of John Howland, a servant on the Mayflower.

"They approached us about it last year," Arenstam said. He added some of the Howland descendants would like to take the new shallop on a re-enacted trading voyage to Maine when the vessel is completed next summer.

Everything about this 21st century shallop will be the same as the one after which its modeled — even its construction. Arenstam said the crew building the vessel will use the same techniques as the Pilgrim boat builders did nearly 400 years ago.

"We're really sticking with the 17th-century naval architecture methods," he said, "and we're trying to follow the old building methods as well." Arenstam said tp keep the building process genuine, he and his artisans are doing a majority of the work by hand with 17th-century tools. He said surprisingly enough, a lot of the old tools are easier to use than he thought.

"Several of the people from the village artisans department (at Plimoth Plantation) are also working with us," Arenstam said, "and they're supplying the ability for us to do period work." Arenstam said they have all been working on the boat since the end of July.

When the new shallop is complete, Arenstam said it will most likely be able to maintain a speed of two knots when it is being rowed, and four knots when it is in sailing mode. The shallop will also be very sturdy being constructed out of white pine and white oak.

"We're doing this for the Howlands, but we're also doing this so we can learn more about our past," Arenstam said. "It's hard to get a real sense of how things were done back then through a book. In order to understand it, you have to do it, and that's what we're trying to do. And we've already learned a lot of things we never expected to learn."

For more information on the new shallop, call Plimoth Plantation at (508) 746-1622 or log onto www.plimoth.org. The public is more than welcome to observe the building process.



A shallop similar to the one pictured here is being built by historians at Plimoth Plantation. The new vessel will be ready to sail next summer.

Living

Food & dining

4-minute chicken cutlets



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

I am appalled at the lengths some folks will go to get dinner on the table fast, gulping down frozen dinners, jarred spaghetti sauce, bad take-out Chinese food, and the ubiquitous Domino's pizza. I am no food snob – I love a burger as much as the next carnivore – but I am wedded to from-scratch home cooking for reasons of taste, health, and, well, philosophy. So, in order to compete with the likes of Wolfgang Puck's frozen pizzas, I set out with a near-impossible task. Could I create a recipe for a homemade chicken dinner that would take 20 minutes or less, including all preparation and cooking? The answer was a surprising and delicious yes!

My first thought was that skin and bones would have go in order to speed up cooking time. That left me with boneless, skinless cutlets. But chicken breasts can be quite thick, and they would never cook in just a few minutes. So after a bit of testing, I decided to slice them in half horizontally to make then thinner and quick-cooking. The next barrier to quick and easy cooking was the unevenness of the chicken breast. I found it necessary to quickly pound the thicker parts of the breast so that the sliced cutlets were an even 1/4-inch thick.

A hot saute pan was the likely cooking utensil because it is fast and easier to manage than a broiler or hot oven. But thin, naked cutlets would dry out quickly in a hot pan. My solution was to devise a simple coating for the cutlets to keep them juicy and add some textural contrast as well. The first choice was dried bread crumbs but they were a bit dull. A combination of grated Parmesan cheese and bread crumbs was better, providing both flavor and a crispy coating. I then tested egg whites, whole eggs, and then no eggs at all as a coating before adding the bread crumb/cheese mixture. The whites were the winner – the whole eggs made the coating too thick and heavy and without any egg, the cutlets were bland.

Because of the large amount of cheese, I found a nonstick skillet to be essential. Hot oil is crucial to developing a nice crispy crust. To determine whether the pan is hot enough is to add the olive oil, heat the pan over medium-high and wait until the oil starts to smoke. Now you know the pan is ready. The cooking time was fast, 3 to 4 minutes total, and I found that I could handle two cutlets at a time, enough for one person.

Now that I had a lightning-fast chicken recipe, I wanted to make a whole meal of it. A bed of arugula arranged on the plate with one sliced tomato worked nicely. These are then drizzled with extra-virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegar and sprinkled with fresh tarragon leaves. The hot chicken cutlets are then placed on top. Serve this quick dinner with a fresh baguette and a fruity wine and you have a quick from-scratch dinner, a whole lot better than any frozen pizza, even Wolfgang's!

4-MINUTE CHICKEN CUTLETS

A chicken breast is usually considered to include both halves which means two breasts. Use very fine store-bought bread crumbs for this recipe instead of fussing with homemade. You can skip the bed of greens if you like although peppery arugula adds a lot to this dish. The idea for this recipe was inspired by "New Food Fast," a wonderful cookbook by Donna Hays first published in 1999 in Australia.

4 split chicken breasts (2 complete breasts)
3 large egg whites
3/4 cups freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup fine dried bread crumbs
6 tablespoons olive oil
3 cups arugula or tender greens of your choice (optional)
4 small to medium tomatoes
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 bunch tarragon (or basil)
Extra-virgin olive oil for drizzling
Balsamic vinegar for drizzling

1. Cut each whole breast in half (ending up with 4 pieces) and cut each individual breast in half horizontally. Pound each of the 8 pieces to an even 1/4-inch thickness. (Pounding in between 2 pieces of plastic wrap works best. Use the bottom of a small saucepan in a pinch.) In a small bowl, lightly whisk the egg whites with a fork. Combine the grated cheese and bread crumbs in a shallow dish or pie plate. Make a bed of 3/4 cup of the optional greens on each of 4 dinner plates. Slice the tomatoes and place on top of the greens. Drizzle with oil and vinegar and season with salt. Scatter the tarragon leaves (or basil) over the tomato.

2. Heat 4 tablespoons olive oil in a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until just starting to smoke. Meanwhile, season two pieces of chicken on both sides with salt and pepper. Dip each piece into the egg whites and then into the cheese/crumb mixture, pressing on the chicken to collect a thick coating on both sides. Place the chicken in the heated pan and cook 1 1/2 to 2 minutes on each side, or until deep golden brown. You can cut into a piece of chicken to check for doneness—it should be just cooked through and juicy. Remove to paper towels to drain. Repeat with the remaining pieces of chicken, adding the additional olive oil when necessary. On each of the 4 dinner plates arrange 2 pieces of hot chicken over the tomatoes and arugula. Serve immediately. Serves 4

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Planetary action continues to rate high this morning. The Aries moon is active until 6:31 p.m., when it aligns with the planet Mars. It is best to launch major ventures, sign contracts, make big purchases before 1:05 p.m., when Venus forms a harmonious contact to Pluto. All creative endeavors also get the green light. Go for the gold. Influences turn around completely this evening. The moon enters Taurus at 8:18 p.m. A 90-degree alignment of the sun to Saturn urges you to drop worries and self-doubts. Stay upbeat and go with the flow.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

A lunar alignment to Neptune can make for a slow start to the morning. Allow extra time to get where you are going. People may be feeling sleepy and can be careless, late for appointments. This influence eases off by 10:00 a.m., however, and the remainder of the day holds high potential for productivity. Start new activities before 5:42 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to expansive Jupiter. An applying alignment of Venus/Saturn makes this a wonderful evening to spend quality time with close friends and family.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

This is a great day for socializing, vacationing. If you are working, it may be difficult to focus on one job. The Taurus moon becomes inactive at 2:30 p.m., when it aligns with changeable Uranus. The planet Mars enters Capricorn at 1:51 p.m., traveling there until October 27. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Jupiter generates an upbeat mood. People will be friendly, agreeable, talkative. On the other hand, don't get carried away and go to extremes. Maintain a balance.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

This day rates high across the board. The moon enters Gemini at 5:41 a.m. Mercury, planetary ruler of Gemini, prepares to form harmonious contacts to Pluto and Saturn. That means that influences are prime for decision-making, contract-signing, launching new enterprises. Pull out all the stops. All communications are highlighted: send e-mails, faxes, write letters. Zero in on work projects that require mental precision, focus. You can cut through obstacles, see the reality of a situation and find solutions. On the other hand, if you prefer to play and party, this is a wonderful day for fun and games.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Above-average planetary activity continues. Read yesterday's advice. Mercury aligns with Pluto at 12:40 a.m. A lunar opposition to Pluto may generate emotional thunderstorms until 6:00 a.m. Take on a busy work schedule. You can be most productive. Handle a variety of jobs, errands. The green light for new starts remains on until 9:42 p.m., when the Gemini moon becomes inactive.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

No sympathies

Captain Corelli's Mandolin (C+)

War is heck ... even on a captivatingly entrancing Greek island (Cephalonia), occupied during WW II by Italian and German troops, though nobody is fighting anybody, and the Italian troops idle away most days warbling opera arias and more popular ditties, while the most prominent German on view here, the polite and aw-shucks-y Captain Gunther Weber (David Morrissey), appears to have a not so secret desire to be an Italian and smoke cigarettes with the goombahs.

Derived from a successful novel by Louis de Bernieres, this seemingly endless melodrama tries to be travelogue, romantic triangle, tragic war story and celebration of the indomitable will of common folk to survive traumata with stamina, fetching peasant frocks, their accents intact.

Ah, accents. While European actors have a knack for sounding American — hear Irishman Colin Farrell in "American Outlaws" — most American actors, even the few who speak English comprehensibly, are lost ambling in the thickets of foreign accents. Nicolas Cage, as the title character, causes one to flash back to Chico Marx, though Penelope Cruz, who hasn't yet truly mastered English, can do only so much trying to transform her Spanish accent into Italian-accented English. She's Pelagia, the local beauty engaged to smoldering, illiterate fisherman Mandras (Christian Bale, Welsh-born, long since at ease in any accent), daughter to the wise old doctor (John Hurt, another Brit who can do any accent without embarrassment).

Do you need a guide-book here? Promised to Mandras but entranced by Corelli, Pelagia reluctantly but then fully throws herself into amour with the man of the mandolin, which is not OK with Mandras' formidable mamma (Irene Papas, the Greek cinema's one-person chorus of woeful tidings and vengeful recourses). But worse is yet to come, as Italy surrenders to the Allies while Germany plods on, involving for our idyllic island an awkward transfer of Italian weaponry to the snarling Germans, which may mean bad tidings for the Italians, thus inciting a rebellion. Mandras returns, still smoldering, now bearded and energized with the fervor of a committed partisan, spoiling for a fight on his home turf as he proved himself a man for all reasons and in all seasons when fighting on the mainland somewhere, never mind where.

So much going on, including ghastly behavior by the Germans — poor, civilized Captain Weber is mortified, but what's a sensitive soldier like Gunther to do in such circumstances? — and a parting that should propel our hands deep into our pockets to ferret out our Kleenex somehow doesn't.

Much of what's wrong with this excellently photographed movie is that even the most tear-jerk-worthy bits don't jerk our tears, and even the finest characters don't engage our sympathies. Hey, if Pelagia wanted to arrange a menage a trois with Mandras and Corelli, we wouldn't be scandalized. It all seems so by-the-book, and despite the lusty and the tender singing, and the peek-a-boo carnality, and the sexy bathing in the sea scene, and other rosy vignettes ripe for framing, the film is inert. The good guys won the war, by the way. *Whew.*

Written by Shawn Slovo. Directed by John Madden. Rated R.

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JAZZ NIGHT on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Wilder Hall, 666 Main Street in Hingham. Featuring the popular Mark Kross "Five Piece Trio" including Herb Pomeroy, trumpet and Billy Novick, alto saxophone. Sponsored by the New England Friends Home. For tickets and information call 781-749-3556.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28, Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS beginning September 19. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Sept. 19: Jefferson Starship. Sept. 26: ABBA Again (A Tribute to ABBA). Oct. 3: Badfinger. Oct. 10: Southern Rock Rebellion Band. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vin-

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Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their acappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

Wrentham Village Premium Outlets puts "Back to School" shopping to music featuring live performances by Top Jazz, R & B and Blues Bands. On Sept. 6, "Four Piece Suit" from 6 - 8 p.m. Located directly off Interstate 495, exit 15, just north of the intersection of Interstate 95. For more information call 508-384-0600.

"A Shore Thing" a collection of recent works at the Scituate Art Association Gallery, 132 Front Street in Scituate by Cohasset Artist Don Paiva, will be on display through Sept. 30. Gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-545-6150.

Fri. 7

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Ride Far HIV/AIDS Benefit with Lucy Kaplansky and Cliff Eberhardt on Sept. 7. Tickets are $20 and all events are held at 8 p.m. at the Beal house, Route 106 in Kingston. For more information call 781-871-1052.

"Lily pads and Dragon Flies," a show of color photography by local photographers Matthew Zappala and Don Butler, on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center from Sept. 7 - Oct. 4. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

The Singles Executives Club First Friday Cocktail Party and Singles Dance will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Trophy Room, 100 Cabot Street in Needham, Exit 19A off Route 128. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 9 - 10 p.m. free door prizes and DJ music. Event takes place from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. and is non-smoking. Cost is $10 before 9, $15 thereafter. Call 781-446-0234 for more information.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, The Stompers. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Sat. 8

Craft Fair held Sept. 8, 2001 sponsored by the South Shore Irish American Society. For applications for 8x4 tables call Pat at 508-523-1515 or Fran at 781-447-5304. Tables are $20. This event will be held at the K. of C. Hall on Bedford Street in Whitman. This is a craft fair only and will be held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Historic Houses: The Old Ordinary is Hingham, 21 Lincoln Street will feature a special exhibit of antique toys call "The Children's Hour" which will include dolls from the Society's collection and furniture from the Tower Toy Guild. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 8. The house is open from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tues. - Sat. through Sept. 8. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12. For more information call 781-749-1851.

Scituate Photographer Featured in September at the Science Center. The South Shore Natural Science Center is pleased to announce a photography exhibit by Scituate artist Peggy Roth Majors September 1-30, 2001 in their Vine Hall Gallery. Entitled "Natural Renditions", the exhibit features both traditional and digitally altered photography. This is Ms. Roth Majors' first solo show, and includes work that reveals her passion for nature. An unusual touch is a display oriented towards children. Her note card line, Windyworld Creations, as well as several unframed prints will be available for sale during the exhibit. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, September 8th, from 2:00-4:00pm. The exhibit can also be viewed free of charge during the month of September, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The Science Center is located in Norwell on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than a mile from the Route 3 interchange. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Center will be holding its annual Country Fair and Safety Saturday on the hospital grounds at 235 North Pearl Street in Brockton from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free. Featuring carnival rides, a crafts fair, clowns, games, music, cash and prize raffles, chicken barbecue and more. For more information call 508-427-2751.

Blue Hills Reservations and South Region Sites presents its Fall Programs. Sept. 8, Meet the Mounted Rangers at 2 p.m. Meet at the Brian T. Broderick MDC Park Ranger Stable at 705 Hillside Street in Milton. Length is one hour. Also, Brookwood Farm Ramble Meet at the Brookwood Farm parking lot on 11 Blue hill River Road. Length is 1.5 hours. Please wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

South Shore Genealogy Society invites the public to the Norwell Public Library, 64 South Street in Norwell at 1:30 p.m. for "Genealogical Sources in the National Archives" with speaker Walter Hickey, special collection librarian at the National Archives in Waltham, MA. For more information call 781-826-3952.

Artica Gallery presents "Anorando (Longing) Landscape Painting by artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann. The exhibit will run from Sept. 8 - Oct. 31 with an opening reception on Sept. 8 from 2 - 5 p.m. Located at 22 Depot Street, hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. For more information call 781-934-0640.

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Oktoberfest will be held on Sept. 8 from 12 noon - 11 p.m. and Sept. 9 from 12 noon - 6 p.m. at the Boylston Schul-Verein, 8 County St., Route 109, Walpole. Featuring beer, wine, cocktails, sausages, potato salad, sauerkraut, potato pancakes, hamburgers, hotdogs, homemade cake and pasteries, target shooting, dancing in the pavilion, children's games and activities and German vendor booths. Donation of $5 per person and children under 12 are free. For more information call 508-66-2018.

Sun. 9

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club presents a moderate walk, hilly terrain for 3 miles on Sept. 9. Headquarters path to Doe Hollow Path and return via Bugbee path. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Rangers recommend that you wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

Boston Light Cruises on Sept. 9 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the "Cruise with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands 2001 season." All cruises depart from Long Wharf in Boston and sail rain or shine. Adults are $27, seniors are $24, members are $22 and children 3 - 12 are $15. Children 2 and under are free. For reservations or more information call 781-740-4290.

Summer Encounters: Visiting Artists Exhibition at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will run through Sept. 9. Eleven master art instructors are offering an innovative array of workshop topics including photo etching on metal, landscape painting in oils, color woodcut printing, pastel printing, watercolor landscape, encaustic painting, book arts, photography and impressionist still life painting. For more information or to register for any of these workshops call 781-383-ARTS.

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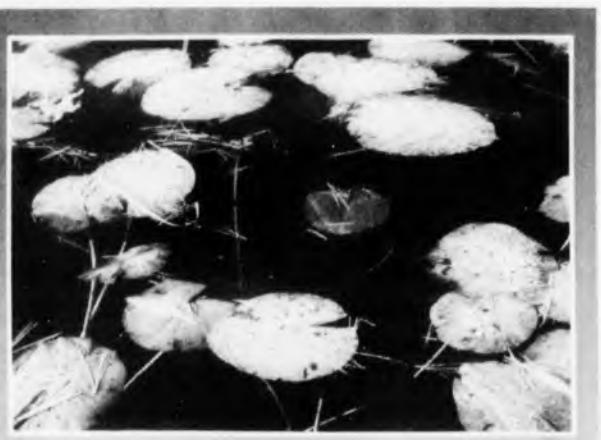


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"Music at the Gazebo" - Free outdoor family concert featuring the Gregg Savage Quintet, performing Swing and Big Band tunes. 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Gazebo at Veteran's Memorial Park in Hull intersection of Nantasket and Samoset Aves.) Special tribute to WWII veterans planned. Bring seating; handicap accessible; free parking. HRA hot. Sponsored by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home. For more information call 781-749-0310.

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The Greater Boston Antique and Collectible Toy Show will be held at the Holiday Inn Dedham from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Admission is $4.50 ($3.50 afternoon) and children 12 and under attended by an adult are free. For more information call Mrs. Devlin at 508-379-9733.

Mon. 10

Meet the Maestro, music director Steven Karidoyanes will present two free-of-charge previews of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's 86th season. Programs are Sept. 10 at the Duxbury Free Library and Sept. 11 and the Plymouth Public Library. Karidoyanes will play excerpts from the concert series, introduce the season's guest artists and recount humorous anecdotes and little-known facts about the composers. For more information call 508-746-8008.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a monthly luncheon at Jimbo's Fish Shanty, Braintree Five Corners in Braintree. For directions call 781-848-0300. Pre-registration: $15 members, $25 nonmembers, at the door: $20 members, $30 nonmembers. Held from 12 - 1:30 p.m. For more information call 781-749-8883.

Tues. 11

The Braintree Choral Society will hold its first rehearsal at Braintree High School at 7:30 p.m. Come and join in a group where you will be immediately welcomed as an integral part of an already existing successful and flourishing program. For more information call 781-335-9047.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. Guest speaker will be Gisela Lloyd who will discuss Entrelac and Noro yarns. New members are always welcome. For more information call Barbara at 781-834-8560.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a monthly luncheon at Sitos on Main Street, 1217 Main Street in Hingham. For directions call 781-749-4500. Pre-registration: $20 members, $30 nonmembers, at the door: $25 members, $35 nonmembers. Held from 12 - 1:30 p.m. For more information call 781-749-8883.

September Programs at the Kendall Whaling Museum: "Noboyuki Yagi, "Japan and Whales" at 8 p.m. As the First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C. will offer the Japanese government's perspective on modern whaling issues. Program is free with admission (adults $4, students/seniors $3 and children 6 - 16 $2.50) Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon, open Tues. - Sat. and Mon. holidays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-784-5642.

The Hingham Area Branch of AAUW, American Assoc. of University Women, will present plans for this year with "Choices for a Changing World" at the annual pot luck dinner kick-off meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Room of the Lincoln School Apartments on Central Street in Hingham. Call 781-848-8122 for information or to register to attend. The program is free and open to the public.

Fri. 14

The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset presents Frank Federico with a three-day workshop in pastel painting taking place from Sept. 14 - Sept. 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. each day. The workshop will encourage artists to use pastels in a "painterly" style. To register for this class or for more information call 781-383-2787.

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Ongoing Events

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is J. Marshall Dyke. His paintings will be exhibited for the month of September at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host "**A Shore Thing**", On and off the Massachusetts Coast, a collection of watercolors by gallery artist Don Paiva for the month of Sept. The Gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Gallery Hours are Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. closed on Mon. For more information call 781-545-6150.

"**Mamma Mia**," the smash hit musical has been extended at the Colonial Theatre in Boston through Oct. 14. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $82 - $27 and are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and all Ticketmaster outlets as well as the Colonial Theatre Box office, 106 Boylston Street in Boston. For more information call 617-426-9366.

Immigrant Museum presents Italian Art Exhibit and Literary Programs through October 27. A Powerful and intimate exhibit on Italian immigrants by internationally recognized artist B. Amore. The exhibit runs at the museum's Chiu Gallery and traces seven generations of one family who emigrated from Italy to Boston. Dreams of Freedom, One Milk Street, Boston. 617-338-6022. www.dreamsoffreedom.org. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is $7.50 for general and $6.50 for senior citizens and college students, $3.50 for children between 6 - 18. Wheelchair accessible.

The Three B...s to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

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Meet the Maestro — music director Steven Karidoyanes will present two free-of-charge previews of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's 86th season. Programs are Sept. 10 at the Duxbury Free Library and Sept. 11 and the Plymouth Public Library. Karidoyanes will play excerpts from the concert series, introduce the season's guest artists and recount humorous anecdotes and little-known facts about the composers. For more information call (508) 746-8008.



Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town by members of the Weymouth Art Association through September. In the Town Hall: Paintings by Hedda Zona, Paul Lindstrom, Martha Donovan, Marie Cassani, Gail Coyle, Josephine Bottari, Lauren Demore and Kay O'Brien. At Snyders Jewelers, Maureen Hardiman, Helen and John Shaw and Yvonne Gillis will have paintings displayed. At Jordan Insurance, Mary Mainiero, Kate Manning, Reva Gordon, Jean Clark, Isabel Shamitz and Arnold Turner will have paintings displayed. At Rizzo Insurance, the works of Jeanne Mulligan, Joseph Nover and Anne Porter will be displayed. At Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Edwina Caci. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Mary Kennedy Selected Duxbury Art Association Student of the Month for her outstanding work in watercolor class instructed by Katherine Smit. Mary's watercolor "Duxbury Scene" will be on display in the Lillian & Ture Bengzt Gallery at the Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

Environmental Arts, Inc. at the Fuller Museum of Art will present its Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the grounds of the Fuller Museum of Art through Nov. 4. Environmental Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes site-specific art in natural settings. There will be a reception on the grounds located at 455 Oak St. in Brockton on Sept. 22 from 1 —4 p.m. with a walk through and tour of the installations conducted by Martha Buskirk and the participating artists at 2 p.m. For more information please call 508-588-6000.

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.

"New Work...Old Friends" will be presented by the North River Arts Society at the Ventress Library Gallery through Sept. 22. The exhibit is a collection of work by past and present members of the Board of Directors at the North River Arts Society. The library summer hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. through Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

From Dine to Diebenkorn: Contemporary Master Prints, selections from the Collection of Eli Goldman and Judith Strull running through Oct. 14 at the Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000. Museum hours are Tues. - Sat. from 12 - 5 p.m. and Thurs. from 12 - 9 p.m. Admission is $3 for seniors and students, $5 for adults. Members and children under 18 are free.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

New Family Program at the Fuller Museum of Art during the summer months. Located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton. "Brown Bag Sundays" will be held the last Sunday of the month in August from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Children and parents can participate together in fun, exhibit related activities. Cost is $6 per family of two and $2 for each additional family member. For more information call 508-588-6000.

Boston Harbor Cruises Takes Boston by Sea through Oct. 1. Hours are Thurs. - Sun. from 1 - 3 p.m. Rate: Adults: $19, students and seniors are $17 and children are $10. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Tour the Islands with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $8, students and seniors are $7 and children are $6. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonharborcruises.com.

Boston Harbor Cruises Whale Watches through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $29, seniors are $25 and children are $23. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Cruise into the Sunset through Oct. 1. Length of tour: 90 minutes. Mon. - Sun at 7 p.m. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Historic Sightseeing with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Tours run seven days a week: 1:00 p.m. and 3 p.m. departure times. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through December 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.

Tours to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

Later History the Theme at Historic Plymouth Houses. Discover what happened in Plymouth after the Pilgrims. Two historic houses in the heart of the waterfront district are open for the season and tell the story of how Plymouth changed after the Pilgrim settlement. The 1749 Spooner House, 27 North Street and 1809 Hedge House, 126 Water Street will be open to the public Thurs. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Oct. 6. Admission is $4 per site for adults, $2 for children under 12. For more information call 508-746-0012.

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THE BRAINTREE ART ASSOCIATION will be offering eight weeks of Fall Art Classes for adults starting Sept. 10 at the Studio at Braintree High School, 128 Town Street in Braintree. There will be instructors in oil and watercolor painting and other media. For information on registration please call 781-843-6764.

STAINED GLASS CLASS will start on Sept. 12 with 8-week classes available. A 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and a 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. class will be available. Beginner, intermediate and advanced students are welcome. For more information call 781-982-6011.

FALL CLASSES AT THE YWCA IN MARSHFIELD will start on Sept. 10. There will be an open house on Sept. 6 from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. come meet the teachers and see some class projects. Register at open house or any weekday morning in person at the YWCA. For more information call 781-834-8371.

FALL REGISTRATION for the evening Adult Education classes is scheduled for Sept. 6 from 4 - 7 p.m. 90 classes are available in a wide range of interests. Recreational courses in golf, yoga and kick-boxing. The 10 week courses range from $100 - $55 per offering. Courses begin the week of Sept. 17. For more information c all Rick Walsh, director at 781-848-4000 ext. 2251.

GROUP ICE SKATING CLASSES for children and adults are registering now for weekend classes at the Weymouth MDC Rink for late Sept. Lessons will be held on Sundays at 5 p.m. The fee for the seven weeks is $90 per child and $100 per adult. For information or to reserve your place call 781-890-8480 or log onto www.iceskatingclasses.com.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS AT THE SCIENCE CENTER: Feed the Animals, every Wednesday at 3:00pm and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Free with admission. Come watch the Naturalist on Duty feed the animals! Tales from the Wild (For children ages 3-5) every Friday 10:30-11:00 a.m. (except holidays and vacation weeks) Free with admission - Join us for a half-hour of storytelling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Session I: September 19, 26 and October 3/ $18 members/$21 non-members - per parent/tot pair. With refreshing fall weather, there will be lots of animal activity to investigate, along with colorful changes in the woods and at Jacobs Pond. Dress for the weather. We'll be indoors only if it's pouring. Adventures in the Autumn Woods (For Children in Kindergarten) Tuesdays - Please specify morning (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.) or afternoon (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) session. September 18, 25, and October 2, 9, 16, 23/ $78 members/$90 non-members. Through outdoor explorations, creative activities, stories and song, children discover the natural wonders of a woodland in fall and learn about wildlife who make their home in Jacobs Woods. Dress for the outdoors! Animal Tails (For children ages 31/2 to 5 years) Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. / Session I: September 13, 20, 27. $36 members/$45 non-members for each session. Join us in the afternoon for a special program featuring outstanding nature stories and activities. Afterschool Nature Programs (For children in grades 1-4) Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m./ September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25. Step into fall with an afternoon of exciting, hands-on nature activities! Sign up for individualprograms or the seven-week series. $10 members/ $12 non-members per program $64 members/ $78 non-members for the seven-week series. The series includes: Who Cooks for You? (9/ 13), Beaks, Feet and Feathers (9/ 20), Rock Around the Clock (9/ 27), Falling Leaves (10/ 4) Balancing Act (10/11), The People of the Setting Sun (10/ 18),Haunting Night Hike (10/25). Just For Teens (For 12 to 16 year olds). Surviving the New England Wilderness. Monday, September 17, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m./ $12 for members/$15 for non-members. What would you do if you were selected for "Survivor in the New England Wilderness"? Are your survival skills up to par? Would you have to eat rats? Come and learn all you need to know about wilderness survival. Adventures in the Greenhouse (For children in grades 2-4). Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. / September 19, 26 and October 3, 10, 17, 24. Come discover the incredible world of plants - from the tiniest to the driest to the hungriest! We'll explore both inside and outside of the Science Center and each participant will take a plant or seedling home from each meeting. $10 members/ $12 non-members per program $54 members/ $66 non-members for the six-week series Series includes: Meat Munchers (9/19), Wacky and Weird (9/26), Dinosaur Terrariums (10/3), Desert Wonders (10/10), Lunch Box Plants (10/17), Winter Windowsills (10/24). Wednesday Walk- Walk an Unspoiled Esker. Wednesday, September 12, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon/ Free for members/$3 non-members. Are you acquainted with Auntie Esker and Uncle Kame? Glacial geology terms might be new to you, but a walk along Jacobs Pond trails will familiarize you with some of our glacial heritage. Wear good walking shoes! All Walks meet at the Science Center. Nature Prints Tuesday, September 18th 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. /$25 members/ $28 non-members. Back by popular demand, the craft that requires minimal artistic ability and gives great results! Using natural plant materials, create a set of note cards and envelopes in this adult craft class led by Joanne Robinson and Rhonda Haavisto of Paper Petals. Learn how to use plants and herbs to make beautiful botanical prints. The fee includes all materials. Get started on your Christmas gifts early, or create some cards for yourself. Samples are on display at the Center. The South Shore Natural Science Center is a non-profit environmental education center serving the entire South Shore. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for all programs. We are open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m., and closed Sundays. Please call

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ing at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury is celebrating its thirteenth anniversary with three very special exhibitions scheduled through Sept. 16. "The Yixing Effect" the works of contemporary artists who are among the most highly regarded ceramists in the United States and whose traditions and techniques of Yixing pottery as inspiration. "Ma Qingxiong - Recent Work" the philosophy and technique of Chinese painting is blended with western art concepts to create breathtaking installation of umbrellas, all suspended from the galleries ceiling. "Co-Founders choice" features works of art chosen personally by Edith Weyerhaeuser in recognition of the museum's anniversary. She made these selections shortly before her death. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. Museum hours are 1 - 4 p.m., Wed. - Sun. Tel. 781-934-6634.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call 617-479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Special Olympics Offers Free Spring Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

Exciting Course Offered for Adults with Developmental Disabilities held at New England Village located on Route 27 in Pembroke. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Classes include Basic First Aide II, Clay Sculpture, Bicycle Safety, Restaurant Etiquette and an Acting Workshop. To register or for more information call Lisa Drennan at (781) 293-5461 ext. 119. Power Wheelchairs Available. The Senior Wheels USA Program makes power electric wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 years. old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost if you qualify. Available for those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair. If your need is for use in your home please call for more information at 800-246-6010.

Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Overeaters Anonymous is a twelve step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at 781-829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at 781-834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns, call 781-843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

Old Ship Labyrinth Available For Public Use on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Located in the Old Ship Fellowship Hall across from the church at the rear of the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Walking a labyrinth can be understood as a path of contemplation or prayer for people seeking peace without regard to any particular religious tradition. For more information call Old Ship Church Parish Assistant or Minister Ken Read-Brown at 781-749-1679.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum program listing: Museum hours Tuesday through Sunday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Fees $3 adults (age 16 - 64), $2 seniors (ages 65 plus) $1.50 children (ages 3 - 15). Free for Massachusetts Audubon Society members with a valid membership card. Weekends programs: 11 a.m. - "Story time", (geared to ages 3 - 6) 1 p.m. "Live Mystery Animal", (geared to all ages) 3 p.m. "Theme of the month", (geared towards ages 6 and up). Located at 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton. For more information call 617-333-0690.

An evening of Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse on Bridgewater Common, every other Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Relax and enjoy coffee and pastry, hang out in the back room and search for greatness on the chalked walls or step up to the mike and read a poem on the open session. Admission is free but we pass a hat for the feature. For more information call Valerie at 508-833-3100 or vmuddypond@aol.com or The Daily Grind Coffeehouse at 508-279-9952.

Monthly Alzheimer's Disease Support Group at the Bay Path Rehabilitation & Nursing Center located at 308 Kingstown Way in Duxbury which meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. All family members and friends of Alzheimer's victims are welcome to attend. For further information all Sandi Wright or Nancy Lee Stowasser at 781-585-2397.



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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents a HIV/AIDS Benefit concert — in conjunction with the Ride FAR 7 bike-a-thon —with Lucy Kaplansky and Cliff Eberhardt on Friday, Sept. 7 at the Beal House. Tickets are $20 and all events are held at 8 p.m. at the Beal house, Route 106 in Kingston. For more information call (781) 871-1052.



South Shore Natural Science Center sponsors Feed the Animals every Wednesday from 3 - 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free with admission. Also Tales from the Wild: Fridays from 10:30 - 11 a.m. For children ages 3 - 5 - a half hour of story telling that will delight and surprise young listeners. Parents and Tots Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Afterschool nature programs: Thursdays, 4 - 5 p.m. For children grades 1 - 4. $10 members/$12 non members per program. Wednesday Walks: from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Free for members/$3 non members. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 - 4:30 and closed Sundays. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Italian Meal and Music Sing at Sheraton Plymouth on Thursdays and Fridays at the Harbor Grille and Pub featuring an Italian meal. Cost for the complete meal is $8.95 for lunch and $13.95 for dinner. Located on the Plymouth waterfront near the intersections of Routes 3A and 44. For reservations and more information call 508-747-4900.

Ralph Rotundo 7-String Guitarist performances are as follows: Sundays, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the New England Country Fair, 259 Union Street, Holbrook. Work 617-767-9782, Thursdays, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at The Flow Zone Cafe, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Work (781)925-5221, Fridays, 4 - 8 p.m. Starbucks, 980 Main St., So. Weymouth Work (781) 331-4851, Saturdays, 5 - 9 p.m. at Starbucks, 184 Lincoln St., Hingham Work 781-749-5474. For more information call (781) 331-3673.

Live Outlet every Wednesday night at Laredo's Saloon, Rte. 53, Pembroke at 8 p.m. Musician reserve stage time in advance by calling 781-826-0405 or 781-826-9427. This is an open stage for live performance.

Pilgrim Society Pilgrim Hall Museum located at 75 Court Street, Plymouth. Hours daily: 9:30 - 4:30. Admission: Adults $5, Seniors & AAA $4.50, Children 5-17 $3, Families $13. For more information call 508-746-1620 ext. 6.

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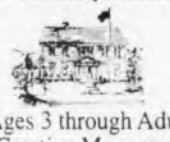
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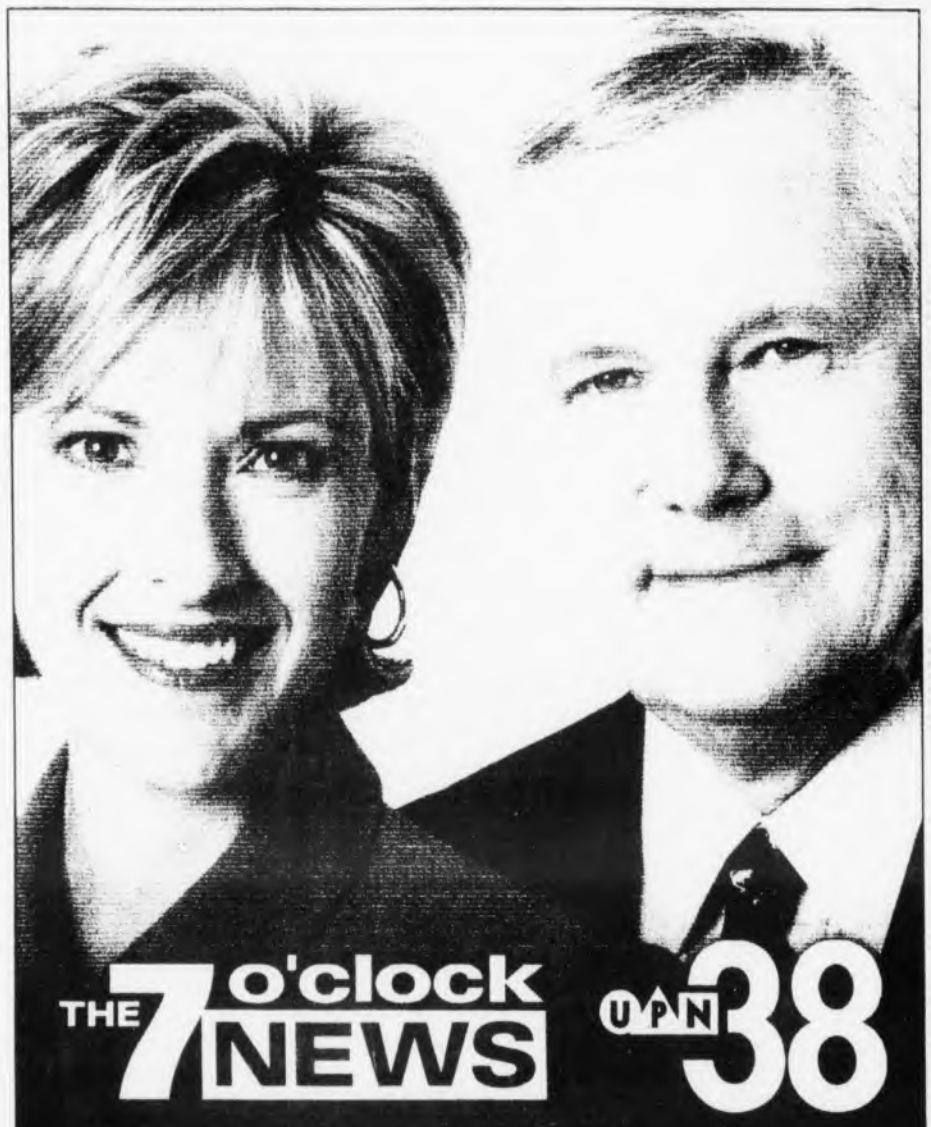
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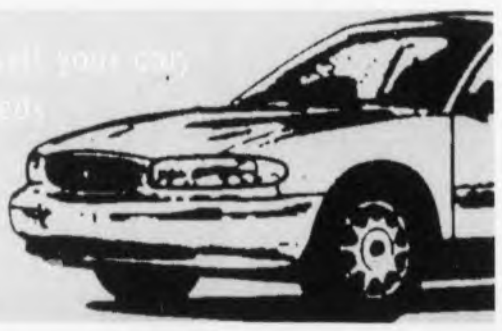
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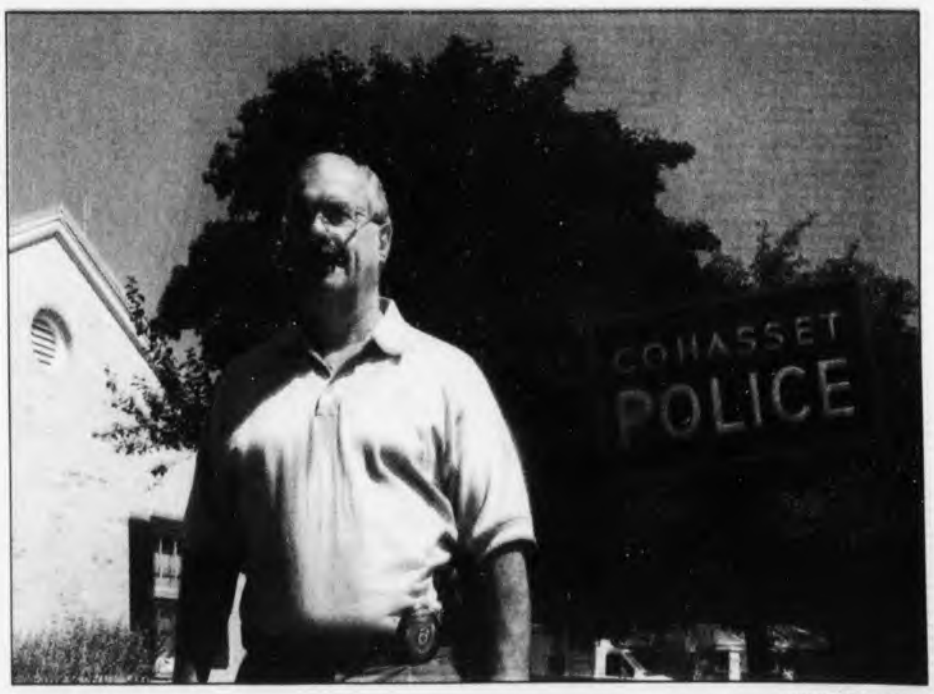
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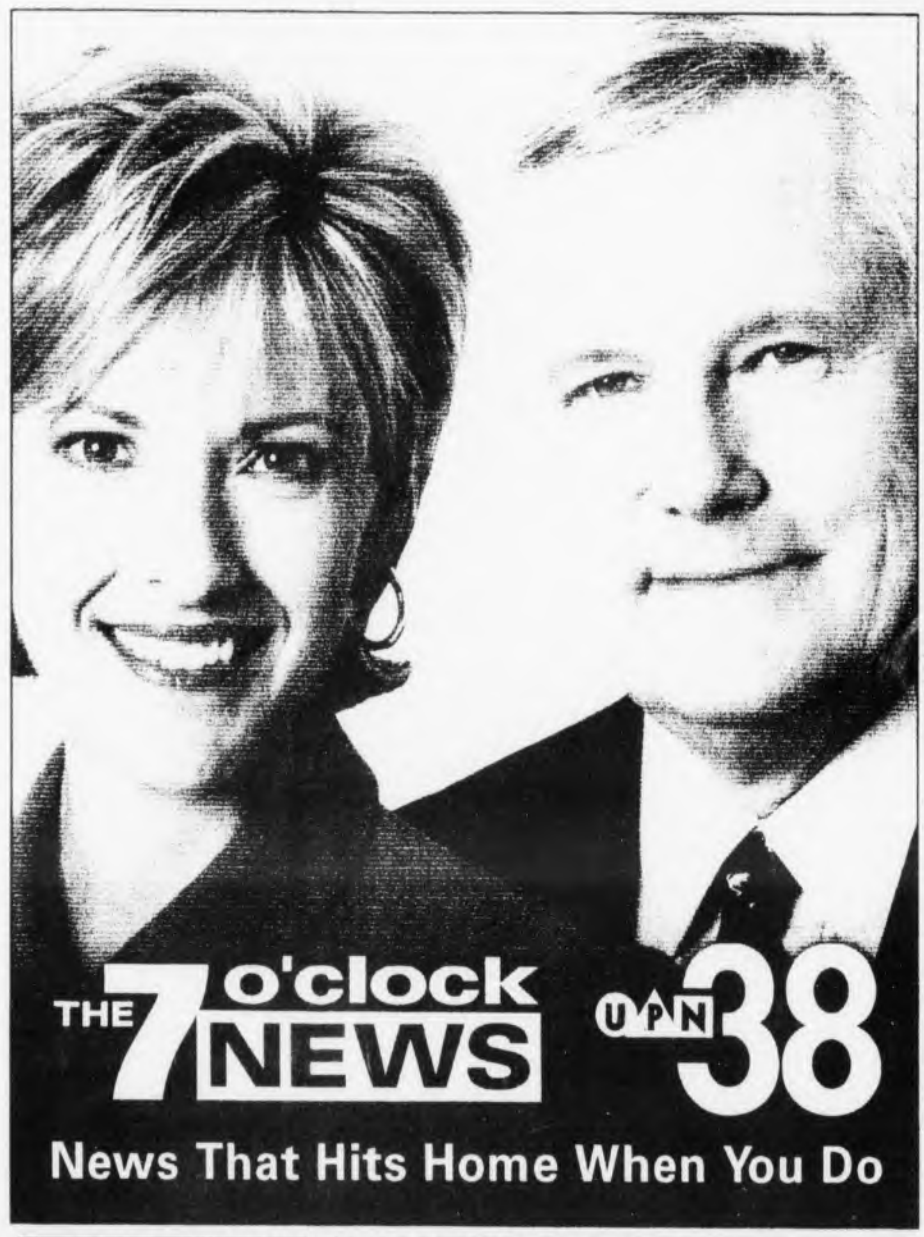
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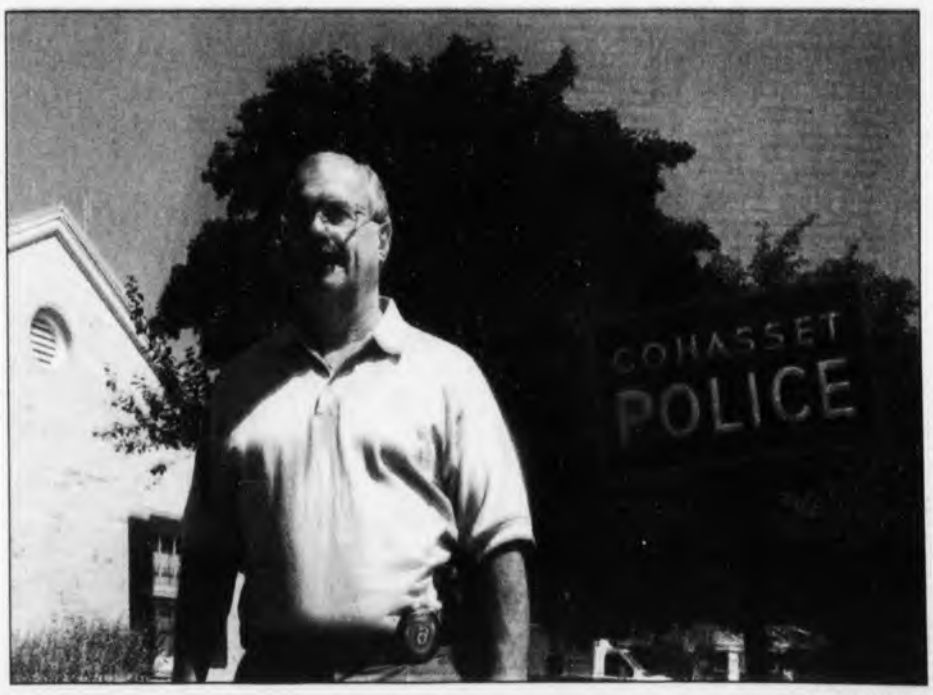
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Trustees push library expansion

Want to proceed even without grant in hand

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The Paul Pratt Memorial Library Board of Trustees hopes to proceed with the new library construction project this fall, despite not yet receiving a needed state grant.

But the library will need approval from the upcoming fall Special Town Meeting to do so.

When the library construction project was approved at the Annual Town Meeting in 2000, it did so with three conditions before $2.9 million could be borrowed for the project:

- Library trustees would have to raise $700,000
- The Paul Pratt Memorial Library building on South Main Street would be sold
- The library would receive a $1.5 million Massachusetts Library Construction Grant from the state.

According to trustees president Patience Towle, the Library Building Fund has raised $1.1 million in private donations, $400,000 more than what was required.

However, the Cohasset grant application did not receive immediate funding. It was placed first on the waiting list and will be the first project to receive funds when made available by the state legislature.

"It means we are going to get that money," Towle told selectmen last month.

But rather than wait up to a year to receive the funding, library trustees hope to strike a deal with the town to start the project this fall, borrow the money, and cover all interest charges for the first year. The library would also cover $9,180 in bid processing fees.

Towle said in a later interview the trustees are concerned if the project is delayed any further, the cost of the project would rise again. The original cost to renovate the former Osgood School into the new town library was $2.9 million, but has since risen $400,000, which was covered by an extended capital fund drive by the trustees.

"The project won't get any cheaper," she said. "The interest costs for the project are substantially lower than any rise in construction costs that we might see, even with a softening of the construction project market."

Selectmen unanimously agreed to sponsor a Special Town Meeting article that would amend the original article and allow the town to borrow the money before receiving the grant. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the change would still mean that the project will be done at no cost to Cohasset taxpayers.

Towle said bids for the project will be opened on Oct. 3, and trustees will be able to give Special Town Meeting voters a hard cost figure.

"If successful, we would get a contractor under agreement in November, and go right in to the construction and demolition phase this winter," she said.

Towle said the basic library plan has not changed since it was first presented to Town Meeting more a year ago, except some tweaking to the exterior landscaping.

"Other than that we haven't changed a hair on its head," she said.

According to a statement sent to Haddad and town finance director Michael Buckley, the Library Building Fund has $575,775.66 in its account as of Aug. 14, with additional committed donations arriving over the next three years.

The proposed Discovery Center — an interactive museum for children between the ages of two and eight — still is in the works to fill the 1929 wing of the old school.

Linda Shropshire, a spokesperson for Leah Taylor Roy, who proposed the center, said once the library project gets back on track, so will the center's fundraising efforts. She said Roy hopes to raise approximately $1 million for the center in enough time to start construction in conjunction with the library project.

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Option lost for changed 'use' in zoning district

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While the local jury may still be out regarding how the loss of flexibility to the Cohasset's zoning bylaws will affect town planning efforts, the state Attorney General announced it has approved the change in the town's bylaws that prohibits the Zoning Board of Appeals from granting use variances.

A "use variance" is needed to build in a zoning area where that use is not specifically allowed under town zoning bylaws, explained ZBA chairman Woody Chittick. For example, if a person wanted to build a housing complex in an area zoned light industrial, the developer would need a use variance.

Chittick said the bylaw change "takes away the option of granting a variance," even though the town rarely received requests for them.

"If there was a semi-related use that just seemed to make sense in a given district, but wasn't specifically permitted, the board would have been able to exercise their discretion," he said. "[The change] takes away the zoning board's ability to interpret the definition of a permitted use."

The bylaw was an amended version of a Town Meeting article that looked to ban use variances for landfills. The article was amended on the floor of Town Meeting by Planning Board member Robert Sturdy to ban all use variances, and received the two-thirds vote needed to adopt the bylaw change.

However, the bylaw change soon came under fire as some charged that not all of its implications were disclosed at the time of the vote.

The Senior Housing Committee went as far to write a letter to the Attorney General's Office urging it to void the bylaw change.

"There was a lot of heavy blinking that day," former committee chairman James Lagrotteria said in May. "There was a lot of zoning articles, and nobody paid any attention to it. It was proposed by the Planning Board, and everybody said, 'Oh, OK.'"

The committee was particularly concerned that it would prohibit residents from creating accessory dwellings, or in-law apartments, and would hinder the search for developable land for senior housing.

Chittick said converting a single-family house into a two-family house would only be allowed in zoning areas where conversions are permitted.

He also wondered if Town Meeting voters fully appreciated the impact of eliminating use variances.

According to Chittick, a use variance and a special permit is not the same thing. Some non-permitted uses are allowed with a special permit, which is "a lot less onerous to receive," said Chittick.

Last appeal for photos

This is a final appeal for photos for consideration for volume 3 of Cohasset town history. Author Jackie Dormitzer has almost finished her account of the last 50 years and the town history committee needs photos of town events, everyday life, town landmarks here and gone etc.

Please check your albums and contact Anne Pompeo (9585), Glenn Pratt (0048) or Wayne Sawchuk (0050) immediately with the results.

Send us e-mail

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Project's sewer issue could cause a stink

3A apartment developer to look at options

By Mary Ford and Rick Collins
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Cohasset is currently lacking a large, upscale apartment complex. But that could change if a Virginia-based developer is able to solve wastewater and septic issues at the 62-acre site off Route 3A.

"It's an up-market area that is attractive to us," said Michael J. Roberts of AvalonBay Communities, Inc. about the town. "We think it's a great piece of real estate."

AvalonBay, which has offices in Quincy, plans to submit a proposal to build a 254-unit residential development that will include some affordable housing on the former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor property, a large tract of industrial land off Route 3A across from Atlantic Bagel. Avalon will seek a comprehensive permit for the $43-million project under the state's "Anti-snob Zoning Act" that renders many of the town's zoning regulations inapplicable in exchange for a portion of the units set aside for affordable housing.

But a comprehensive permit that allows higher density housing than normally would be permitted under local zoning won't solve the biggest hurdle for Avalon, which is sewers, Roberts said.

"We deal with water and traffic issues at all our sites – but the biggest issue on this one is sewer," he said. "We've spent a lot of time talking about it."

He said ideally Avalon would like to connect to the Cohasset sewer system but realizes that may not be possible because the system, which was recently expanded, may be at capacity. Other options include installing about two miles of sewer main to connect to Hull, which has available capacity in its municipal sewer system, or installing an on-site treatment plant.

"Technology is such that we could make that an option," Roberts said about an on-site system. He explained the soils aren't great but by using state-of-the-art technology, wastewater could be treated before being discharged.

"We think it's a great piece of real estate."

— Michael J. Roberts of AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

The proposal — which is geared to both ends of the demographic spectrum from young professionals to "empty-nesters" — is to construct 23, two-to-three story wood-frame buildings with one-, two- and three-bedroom units. The complex would also include an outdoor heated pool, spa, exercise facility and clubhouse. Seventy percent of the affordable units would be given local preference. The affordable apartments would look the same as the market-rate units and be dispersed throughout the complex. Rents would range from $1,200-$2,100 for the market-rate units and about $700-$1,000 for the affordable ones, he said. The project would raise an estimated $400,000 a year in property taxes and is unlikely to attract families with children, who could flood Cohasset schools.

"Most people with children won't spend that much on apartments," Roberts said.

The buildings would be at least 350 feet from Route 3A, a state highway, and 40 percent of the land would remain as open space, Roberts said.

A possible incentive to Cohasset for the project is the way the state counts affordable housing units in rental projects. Under Mass. General Laws Chapter 40B — which sets a 10 percent goal of affordable housing in each community — all 254 units would count although only up to one-quarter would actually be affordable. Cohasset currently has about 3 percent or 76 units of affordable housing – the addition of 254 would put the town over the 10 percent threshold making it no longer vulnerable to comprehensive permits. Some towns like Hingham, which has only 2.4 percent affordable housing, are currently inundated with high-density comprehensive permit projects.

Even with the streamlined zoning process, Avalon plans to work with the town, Roberts said.

"We listen, we change, we try to get a project everyone is comfortable with," he said. "We like to operate on the theory there could be a chance for repeat business, although there really isn't an option for that in Cohasset.

"We see the project as a beneficial partnership."

Once Avalon receives preliminary approval from the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, a state subsidy program, — expected in the next 30-60 days — it will file an application for a comprehensive permit with the Zoning Board of Appeals. Avalon has the 62-acre property under agreement with the sale pending on obtaining the necessary approvals. According to the assessors' office, the site has an assessed value of $1,832,700.

Barry eyes transfer site off Route 3A

By Rick Collins
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Cohasset businessman Paul Barry hopes to expand his trash operation by opening a 299-ton, per-day construction waste transfer facility off Route 3A.

Barry, who owns Graham Waste Services and the closed Cohasset Heights Limited, told the Board of Health that no household trash would be brought in, and all materials would eventually be transported off the site.

He said he is currently working with engineers on plans for the facility, and has not yet filed for a site assignment with the state Department of Environmental Protection, nor with any local boards.

"There's a disposal crisis in Massachusetts," he said. "This is an opportunity to cut down on the mountains of trash."

Barry said up to 30 trucks a day would haul construction waste such as wood, cement, and bricks to an enclosed building adjacent to his closed landfill. He said workers would separate the rubble, find any reusable materials, and then ship it off site — in some cases out of state.

Barry was recently denied a permit to operate a transfer facility in Abington off Route 18. He said this facility would be similar to the Abington proposal, but much smaller and without household trash.

"For some reason there's a stigma when it comes to private transfer stations," Barry told the Board of Health. "If you notice, a lot of public transfer stations, including our own, is in a residential neighborhood. For some reason that's an acceptable process, but they're also dealing with household trash."

Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo said this week that he has asked town counsel about what jurisdiction the board has in the matter.

"If the jurisdiction is such that the board has to respond to Barry's initiative, we'll probably have something to say at the next meeting," he said.

The health risks are different than the ones posed by Cohasset Heights specifically, he new proposal would be a transfer station and not a landfill.

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Former diplomat urges response

By Rick Collins
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Though no longer in public service, Beach Street resident Lincoln Bloomfield still has lots to say on Tuesday's national catastrophe in New York City and Washington D.C.

Bloomfield worked in the State Department under John Foster Dulles, as well as helped set up the United Nations in 1946. He became Director of Global Issues for the National Security Council under President Jimmy Carter in the late 1970's, shortly after the Camp David Peace Accords between Israel and Egypt.

"If Pearl Harbor had been done in living color, on American television, with every detail visible, it probably would have had the same effect," he said of Tuesday's unexpected attack captured and broadcast live on television.

The root of the attack, apparently carried out by Islamic extremists, stems from the decades-old Arab-Israeli conflict, which is now as hot as ever.

"The Mid-East is a can of works, and has been for years," Bloomfield said Tuesday. "I've been marinated in that problem set too long, as a mid-level diplomat, as a lecturer and a student of conflict."

Unfortunately, for religious fanatics intent on carrying out their destructive message, death isn't a deterrent.

"The people there want to die, in the name of, what seems to me, to be a very flawed God," said Bloomfield. "It results in asymmetrical warfare."

The world was shown just how helpless a $300 billion military budget can be rendered Tuesday, when four groups of terrorists hijacked American planes and turned them into guided missiles.

"We had 12 carrier groups, and they had four suicide bombers," he said. "That is what it is, David versus Goliath, with the weapons on both sides totally different."

The David character, is in this case thought to be linked to Osama bin Laden, who has already shown what he can do. Bloomfield argued. Bin Laden claimed partial responsibility to the two U.S. Embassy bombings in 1998, and last summer's bombing of the U.S.S. Cole in a Yemen port.

"I just hope they can get a return address for these people," he said.

Bloomfield acknowledged he was throwing out diplomacy for a more hawk-ish stance.

"Normally, I'm a chicken on other things," he said. "But I would dearly love to see these terrorist groups of hard-line fanatics wiped out. They can't be converted to moderation, and their grievances are expressed in a way that damages thousands of innocent people."

Bloomfield may no longer have a voice in American policy making, but his namesake does.

Lincoln Bloomfield Jr., a member of the Cohasset High School Class of 1970, was tabbed this winter to be President George W. Bush's Assistant Secretary of State for Political/Military Affairs.

Bloomfield said his son was on a three-country tour of southern South America with Secretary of State Colin Powell when the attacks occurred. He said Powell had been recalled, but was not sure whether his son also had made his way back to the United States.

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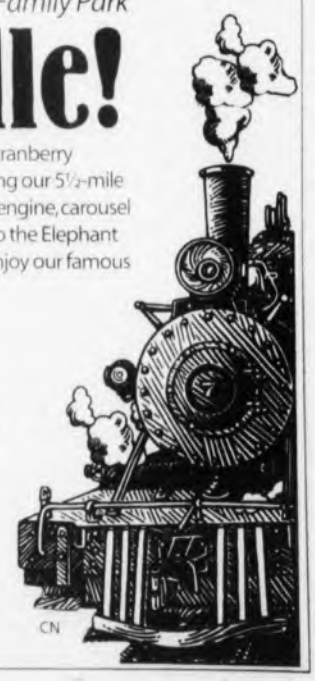
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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

MANY PRAYERS

Hello Cohasset. I as all of us are in complete and absolute shock as to what is taking place as I write and finish this column. My sincere thoughts, prayers and hope that this devastation ends. I know that I speak for us all as a town when I send prayers to all families and friends who have been directly impacted by these attacks. Life is bigger than what happens in our own small town and certainly has a greater impact than any of our problems and things that to us seem major. I do not even know where to start with this column, please understand if it is somewhat jumbled.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A huge happy birthday wish is being sent out to very special guy, **Colin Dignam** is turning 12 on Sept 16. I hope that it is a great day for you, Colin. Happy birthday!

CMHS HALF DAY

For all Middle/High School families, next Wednesday, Sept. 19 is a scheduled half day. The students will be dismissed at 11:20 am. Please make a note of this on your calendar.

SOCCER BOOSTERS

Hope everyone is buying their tickets for the Cohasset Soccer Boosters annual pancake breakfast. It is being held on Sunday, Sept. 30 for 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Deer Hill School cafeteria. Tickets are $5 a piece or a maximum of $20 per family. You can purchase them from any J.V. or Varsity soccer player or call **Kathie** at 383-1237. Please help support our soccer teams and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

GOING IN FOR REPAIRS

Cliff Dickson will be dry-docked for a short time. He'll be at South Shore Hospital for some repairs so he can kick the cane. His family and friends all want to wish Cliff a speedy recovery and best wishes. See you around town soon, Cliff.

GOLF ACER

Andrew Flynn, a 14-year-old, ninth-grader at B.C. High got a HOLE-IN-ONE on Aug. 30 at the Woods Hole Golf Club in Falmouth. Andrew shot this on the 17th hole and was golfing with his grandmother. This young man is certainly a talented one, he is also well-known for his sailing! Congratulations, Andrew.

GIRL SCOUT SIGNUPS

To all families of girls interested in Scouting the registration for this will be held next Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 7-8 p.m. at the Deer Hill cafeteria.

The cost for the registration is $7 and all forms need to be signed by a parent/guardian. Girls are eligible to become a Scout from the ages of 5 and up.



REVOLUTIONARY ENCOUNTER

New England goaltender Juergen Sommer is pictured here with Conor Duhane of Hull and Drew Cobin of Cohasset at "Meet the Revolution" night at Funway café. This exclusive glimpse of the players and coaches gave fans an opportunity to meet their favorite Revolution player.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

There is a wonderful selection of activities and meetings coming up for seniors in our town from the Cohasset Elder Affairs. Reading Club will begin on Friday, Sept 14 from 11am-1 p.m. Our first book choice will be your choice. Bring a favorite book for a five-minute discussion. The next meeting will be Oct. 12 at 11 am. Reading required is Tom Brokaw's "The Greatest Generation." The Boston Symphony Orchestra has open rehearsals on the following dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Feb. 7 and March 21. The cost for the series, including transportation in and out of Boston is $120. I will update next week's column with more great opportunities. Their is a wide variety of volunteer positions to be filled. People of any age who are interested in improving the life of older people should call Volunteer Coordinator, **Tish Clark** at the CEA Office at 781-383-9112.

PHOTOS WANTED

It is now crunch time for photos for the upcoming third volume of Cohasset history. Author **Jackie Dormitzer** has almost finished her stirring account of the past 50 years and the committee needs photos of everyday life, town events, school events, local landmarks or characters, etc. Please dig through your albums and contact **Anne Pompeo, Glenn Pratt** or **Wayne Sawchuk** immediately with the gems that come to light.

LOST EARRING

Lost earring with sentimental value. If anyone has found a gold hoop earring at Sandy Beach or the Second Congregational Church, please let me know in one of my contacts noted below.

EXCITING NEWS!

A Cohasset resident is being acknowledged by Gov. Swift's office. The governor's office is hosting a Cabinet Day, today [Sept/ 13], which will include a complete itinerary of visits throughout the South Shore. Included in this day is a site visit to Dependable Cleaners' corporate office in Quincy. That's where Jack King, director of the Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training will visit Cohasset's **Christa Hagearty**, who is president of Dependable. Mr. King will acknowledge the company's ongoing training program, titled "Training for our Future," which is paid for by the state Workforce Training Fund. Dependable applied for the funds in an effort to increase retention, which will in tern increase the number of potential assistant managers available to the company.

That is all for this week. I cannot find a suitable quote for how I am feeling right now with all the horrible events that we as a country are dealing with.

Instead, I am asking each one of us to stop and pray, think and remember all those who have lost their lives, the life of a loved one and to continue to remember those injured and affected in this week's tragic events. Make sure to hug and let all of those around you know how special and important they are, life changes in a matter of seconds.

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— Jennifer Piepenbrink



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New town employee could give geese the boot

By Rick Collins
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The new town employee doesn't need any benefits. He doesn't even talk back. Better yet, he loves his job.

He's Zinger, a year-old border collie, burdened with the duty of ridding neighborhoods around Lily Pond of "foul" packs of geese.

According to Lily Pond Lane residents, their neighborhood has been terrorized for years by flocks of up to 50 geese loitering and messing on their lawns.

"One goose drops half a pound of mess a day, now multiply that by 50," said Judy St. Peter, who has lived on the private way tucked along the edge of the pond for six years.

Every spring the birds come back to the pond and become unwanted visitors.

"They start nesting and won't leave," she said. "Kids can't go out and ride their bikes."

St. Peter said she and her neighbors have tried all sorts of different types of methods to shoo away the geese — wire fencing, decoys — but have been unsuccessful.

"Geese are very resilient, they become desensitized easily," she said.

The geese molt, covering lawns in feathers — that is if the lawn hasn't already been killed by the pounds of droppings every day.

"They're very messy," said St. Peter, a mother of two. "Kids can track it into the house on their shoes. If they're playing football, they can pick some up from the ball."

An Internet search of goose-shooing methods turned up an increasingly popular solution in municipalities across the country – border collies.

The medium-sized smart and agile dogs, usually used for sheep herding, have become a humane way of dealing with increasing geese problems.

Brian Mulkernan, course superintendent at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate, said the course used to employ a border collie with great success.

"They are amazing, they work really well," he said.

St. Peter, a dog lover, said she heard the testimony and bought a third dog for her family, the aforementioned Zinger.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Zinger, who lives on Lily Pond Lane, could be the solution to a fowl problem.

"It's unbelievable how big of a business [border collies for goose-shooing] has become," she said.

St. Peter explained that a border collie instinctively tries to round up other animals, circling their flanks, staring them in the eyes.

"However, geese see the dog as a predator, because it stalks down low to the ground like a coyote," she explained.

As she explained basic behavioral patterns of border collies, Zinger was running around the other two family pets, a pug named Xena, and a pure-bred boxer named Roxy.

"He'll circle them," St. Peter said. "They're really intelligent dogs."

> **"He'll circle them. They're really intelligent dogs."**
> — Judy St. Peter, Lily Pond Lane

Last week, before the town Board of Health, St. Peter proposed using Zinger to chase away the geese from Lily Pond, including the town water treatment plant. Because of their persistence, St. Peter said it would take multiple trips per day to chase the geese off for good.

"You really need to harass them," she told the board.

Board of Health Chairman Stephen Bobo liked the idea of Zinger joining the town payroll.

"There have been complaints from people essentially saying the ground was green from the droppings," he said this week. "That apparently is what happened on Lily Pond Lane, and there's concern about a number of places in town with both geese and swans."

Bobo said even though goose droppings tend to be more benign than other animals', in terms of containing pathogens harmful to humans, it will affect fecal coliform levels.

St. John said green algae tends to form around the edges of Lily Pond from the droppings.

But obviously, Bobo said, "kids shouldn't play in it."

However, that's exactly what kids were doing up at Cohasset High School.

"We had a real problem at Lillard Field," Athletic Director Ron Ford said about geese congregating on the old football practice field behind the high school. "Goose feces doesn't harm you, but it's pretty annoying to practice on a field filled with goose droppings...Up at Milliken and Alumni Field they were crapping everywhere."

The Board of Health voted to take St. John up on her offer, and allocated $200 for some preliminary visits. Bobo said the board would also discuss with Town Manager Mark Haddad the possibility of asking for some additional funds at the upcoming fall Special Town Meeting.

"We want to clear up the problem, but we don't want to spend a lot of money," he said.

Ford was all for letting Zinger run loose in the town fields.

"I would love to see a dog up here," he said. "The only things that scare [the geese] off is a dog. Someone can run at them, but they won't fly off."

St. John said border collies actually have no interest in catching the geese.

"They just want to herd," she explained.

St. John also said border collies tend to be shy, so children shouldn't run up to Zinger and expect to be covered in wet kisses.

"He's a work dog, not a lap dog for petting," she said. "If his concentration wanders off, he can get confused."

St. John said Zinger is still receiving some training twice a week, but should be ready come March and April to give the town's geese the boot.

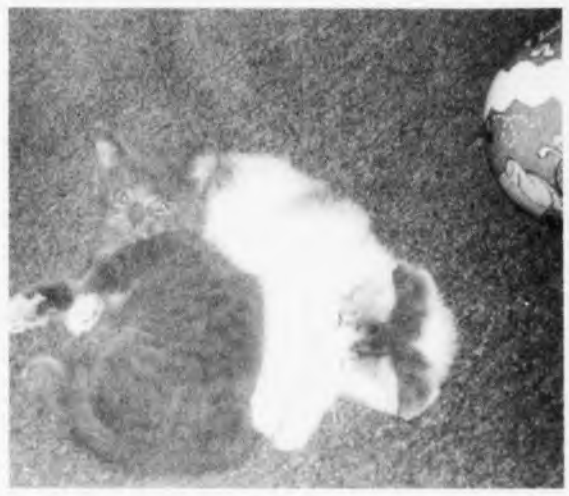
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Uneasy calm after catastrophe

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selor Ed Leonard stood in a hallway echoing Jones' comments about not "creating any hysteria," but local impacts soon took over.

As a female student walked by, he paused and told her that her mother had called and her family in New York was safe.

Leonard said some parents have called, and some students have made calls home.

"If something did happen to an uncle, their mom should tell them that, not me," he said.

Neither Osgood School Principal Janet Sheehan, nor Deer Hill School Principal Paul Callahan told their students, also choosing to let parents break the news to their children.

The parking lot shared by Hancock Paint and Atlantic Bagel Company off Route 3A was empty — strange for 1 p.m. on a nice afternoon.

Robin Bradshaw, manager of Atlantic Bagel, had earlier picked up her two daughters from school to spend the day with her in the store.

"If anything had happened, I wanted us to be together," she said.

"It's been quiet, we usually do a busy lunch hour, with teachers and high school students," she said. "I think everyone's glued to the television."

It was a bit busier inside the Red Lion Inn, where more than a dozen people sat inside the old, wooden bar watching a spokesman from the Afghanistan political group Taliban deny any involvement in the kamikaze pilots.

Owner Gerd Ordelheide said people have been inside watching all morning long.

"Everything came to a standstill, the construction workers stopped working and watched," he said.

He said what happened was bigger than the tragedy at Pearl Harbor.

"This is just an unbelievable situation...it's and act of war," he said.

By 2 p.m., as the first casualties were being confirmed, most of the town — Cohasset Village, Cohasset Harbor, Sohier Street, North Main Street, Pond Street, Route 3A — remained silent. But the doors to some of the town's churches swung open, allowing residents to begin their search for some answers.

St. Stephen's Church pastor, the Rev. Cliff Cutler, said he had seen several residents trying to find solace within the church's walls.

"Something like this really takes a person's faith to a deeper level," he said. "We generally think the innocent shouldn't have to suffer at the hands of terrorists as they have.

"We can't give up on non-violence. I know there's Palestinians, Muslims and Christians committed to non-violence," he continued. "And we can't give up efforts to resolve disputes that we face in the world today."

Second Congregational Church minister, the Rev. Gary Ritts, said, "At this time, it's best to just be together with people and pray for the victims."

Ritts announced that St. Anthony's Church will host an ecumenical service Sunday 6 p.m., and all town residents are welcome.

Emotions run high on South Shore

By Mariner staff

Tuesday morning was an emotional roller coaster for Bernice Brown. The assistant town clerk sat in the office at Scituate Town Hall, listening to a small black radio that relayed every last detail of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

But as she listened and more news came in, her concerns for those involved turned to tears for a loved one as reports of another attack, this one on Washington's Pentagon, came over the airwaves.

Brown's son, William R. Brown, a U.S. Marine Corps Major works on the A Ring in the Pentagon — the section of the building damaged most heavily in Tuesday's attack.

The 39-year-old Scituate native, however, wasn't in the building when the attack took place. Brown said her son had an insurance issue he needed to clear up with an adjuster, so he wasn't planning to be at work first thing in the morning as he usually is. As he rode the METRO to the Pentagon later in the morning, he witnessed first-hand the devastation that had taken place. He immediately phoned his family, including Brown at Scituate Town Hall, and his wife, who is a teacher in the Washington D.C. area.

Brown's voice cracked as she reflected on the moments between hearing the news of the attack and the news of her son's safety. As she paused, she covered her mouth with her hand, eyes starting to tear, and softly spoke of her son, thanking God that he was alright.

"He is safe and fine," Brown said of her son. "But now he's very anxious and concerned."

Brown said her son described this terrorist attack as "very well planned," and said he was worried now about the rest of his coworkers.

"His biggest concern is for the other people involved," Brown said. "He doesn't know if his colleagues survived."

Claudia Wait, of Duxbury, has been an American Airlines flight attendant for more than 20 years. She has had some scares and even some emergency landings, but never has she been as terrified as she was Tuesday.

Wait flew the ill-fated American Airlines flight 11 regularly. It was her route, Boston to Los Angeles. But this particular week, Wait had taken a vacation and was home in her kitchen as the jet crashed into the skyscraper.

"She answered the phone when I called," Wait's daughter-in-law Deirdre said. "She was just so upset because she normally flies that route. Nothing as awful as this has ever happened."

Wait told Deirdre she will most likely know some of the crew members aboard the flight, but was unable to find out any information yet.

Deirdre, who works in the Community Newspaper Company out of Marshfield, was one of many in the office with ties to the New York attack.

Mariner reporter Shanley Stern's mother and sister were stuck in the city, unable to escape the chaos as all bridges and highways were closed off. It was impossible for Stern to know if her family members were unhurt as cell phones and home phones were disconnected.

Toward the afternoon, calls started to come through and for the Mariner Newsroom employees, their families were among the lucky. The reporter's mother and sister were trapped in hours of deadlock traffic, but escaped the city unscathed.

"We were right near the World Trade Center 20 minutes before it happened," one relative said. "We were going to eat breakfast down there, but there was too much traffic so we turned around."

Just as Wait was waiting to hear from her peers, Cathy Conley, an editor at the Mariner, had just heard from her son, who sometimes worked out of the World Trade Center. He was on his way to work when the first explosion hit the building. He turned around and went home as soon as the events started unraveling. At the same time, Conley's second son was waiting to board a plane headed for New York City to attend a wedding at the World Trade Center scheduled for noon. His plane was rerouted and landed in Orlando.

The attack in New York concerned Hanover High School principal Peter Badalament because his brother-in-law works at the World Trade Center. Badalament later received word his in-law was safe.

Hanover Middle School teacher Alice Boyle was especially worried about the attacks against the airliners because her relatives were due to fly to Los Angeles yesterday afternoon. Her worries were eased when FAA officials suspended all flights across the U.S. "They won't be going anywhere for awhile," said Boyle.

"It's a terrible assault on what this country stands for," said State Rep. Robert J. Nyman, D-Hanover. "It's an assault on our democracy, our government and upon innocent people."

When The Mariner contacted officials from Norwell High School, there was too much happening at the time for people to even talk about it.

Hanover school principals canceled outdoor recess at all three elementary schools shortly after receiving news reports about the attacks. "Our doors are locked and our children are not going outside," said Cedar School principal Scott Borstel.

Kingston Intermediate School principal Bill O'Brien also took precautionary measures and secured the school.

"Basically, when we first got the news, I contacted the superintendent and the Kingston Police Department as well as securing all the doors at the school and arranged for indoor recesses and physical education classes," O'Brien said all TVs at the school were left off, as to not alarm the 700 children at the Intermediate School and the other 500 students at the neighboring elementary school.

"The phone was just ringing off the hook yesterday with calls from concerned parents," O'Brien added. "We gave parents the option of picking their kids up if they chose."

O'Brien said as of press time yesterday, he had not spoken to any of the students about the incidents as of yet, and he was not quite so sure he was going to.

"We are basically trying to keep a lid on things for the moment," O'Brien said. "We're just trying to be professional, keep the students safe and eliminate parents' anxiety. In terms of what I'll say to the kids toward the end of the day, I'm not so sure yet. I'll have to talk to the administrators to see if everyone thinks it's a good idea."

A question of whether to continue voting in the Democratic primary in the 9th District had Braintree' town clerk baffled. Just as town officials were watching acting Gov. Jane Swift encourage voters to go to the polls, vowing that no terrorist attack would prevent democracy in action, Braintree Town Clerk Joseph Powers learned via his cell phone that Secretary of State William Galvin's office planned to go to court seeking an injunction to stop the election.

Even as of late afternoon Tuesday, officials were still not certain what to do about the election. But they were certain of one thing: the day's events unfolding had an impact on the election to select a Democratic candidate to square off against the Republican vying for the seat of the late congressman, Joseph Moakley.

The Braintree Board of Selectmen held a swiftly arranged meeting with local officials at 12:30 Tuesday which concluded with a moment of silence in memory of the victims. A state of emergency was not declared, but Selectmen Chairman James Casey encouraged "a heightened level of awareness."

Evening activities at town hall, including a meeting of the Housing Authority, were cancelled, with the exception of voting in the Ninth Congressional District primary election. Police said every marked police unit was put out into the field.


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Schools deal with asbestos anxiety

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wall, moving them and putting them back."

He said the effort would have been redundant because next summer the interior of the school is going to be demolished anyway. Deer Hill renovations are part of the ongoing $40 million school project that includes expanding and refurbishing the middle-high school.

In a telephone interview Simon Tempest, school project manager, said the asbestos in the remaining tiles is not a problem. However to put an fears to rest, the school department did ask its consultant, Stoneham-based Universal Engineering Corp., which is experienced with asbestos removal, to review the situation.

"The consultant, who is familiar with the process, says it is not an issue," Tempest said. "They came down to review and said there is absolutely no problem.

"We knew it was not a problem and confirmed it again with the specialist we have."

However, plans may include covering the edge of the exposed tiles with tape to add to the comfort level. Tempest explained even though the tiles were cut, they would have had to be ground up for the asbestos to become airborne.

"The only reason we would cover the tiles is for cosmetic reasons," Spofford said Tuesday. "We could put duct tape over them, but there is no need." Spofford said the building committee, scheduled to meet last night after the Mariner went to press, would decide that issue.

Spofford said removal of asbestos from the school was monitored by the consultant and the state. He said Deer Hill and middle-high school passed air quality tests following asbestos removal with "flying colors" and the data is available at Supt. Edward Malvey's office.

"People hear asbestos and the natural reaction is fear," Spofford said. "But there is nothing to fear here."

Tempest, the project manager, thinks confusion arose due to the presence of excess dust, which is common at construction sites and likely came from the cement filler put on the exposed floor after the tiles were removed. Efforts to keep up with cleaning the dust are ongoing, he said.

At last week's meeting, school committee member Mark DeGiacomo said he told one caller that dust at the school might continue to be an issue.

"People have to understand we are trying to mitigate this as much as possible, but is going to be dust on occasion," he said.

Health agent warns schools about dust

By Rick Collins
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During his annual pre-start of school walk through of the town's three schools, town health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said he was concerned with the amount of dust present, particularly in the Deer Hill School.

The Deer Hill is part of the $41 million school construction project that also includes work at the middle/high school.

In his report of his Aug. 28 visit, Godzik reported that "many rooms still needed cleaning. The window curtains have large accumulations of dust."

But, Godzik said, since his inspection, the schools have "taken care of most of the serious problems."

He said that the main problem was in the Deer Hill School's library, which he called "very, very dusty" in an interview this week.

Godzik also reported many exhaust systems in the bathrooms both at the Deer Hill and middle/high school not working, as neither were some of the schools' main ventilation systems. Also, Godzik found problems in both schools' cafeterias that needed immediate attention.

At last week's school committee meeting, Superintendent Edward Malvey said he felt the schools had sufficiently addressed the concerns raised by Godzik.

"Stop by and look," he told the school committee. "We are staying on top of it, trying to stay ahead of the curve."

However he added that anyone with concerns should bring them to the attention of the school department.

Malvey also said rumors that there is asbestos dust in the air left from this summer's asbestos removal is not true. Any increase in dust particles are from the construction projects.

The school committee said they have been contacted by some parents.

"I told the caller there is going to be dust and we will do the best we can," said committee member Mark DeGiacomo. "We will try to mitigate as much as we can, but there is going to be dust on occasion."

"Just like in your home," added chairman Stephanie Noble.

Chief Noonan to call it a day

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Cohasset police department since 1974, said he was proud of all he has accomplished as chief since taking over as chief from Joseph Kealey eight years ago.

"When I started, the department was nothing more than a desk and key phone," he said. "We kind of brought it out of the dark ages."

"Whoever they hire is going to have some big shoes to fill."

— Officer William Quigley, union president

During his tenure, Noonan said he has proudly computerized the department, switched to civilian dispatchers, started the seasonal officer program, began billing for false alarms, and increased community police efforts with bike patrols and the town Police Assisting Local Schools [PALS] program.

"We've also been able to get quite a few grants," he said.

Cohasset Police Association President William Quigley praised Noonan.

"Noonan has done more for the department in his eight years than any other previous chief," he said. "He's modernized the department, been a great leader, has unbelievable integrity, and we hope he reconsiders.

"Whoever they hire is going to have some big shoes to fill."

Noonan was selected from field of six candidates for the job in 1993. Other in-house candidates at the time included Sgt. Robert Jackson and Sgt. Richard Abbadessa.

Noonan's salary last year was $69,572.85.

Haddad said he is in the process of setting up a search committee for Noonan's replacement.

"I think this is the most important appointment I make as Town Manager," he said. "I want to make sure I do this right, and am taking this very seriously. It's something that will have a major impact on the town of Cohasset."

Haddad has the authority to hire a police chief, but it is subject to a majority vote veto by the Board of Selectmen.

He said hopes to form a seven-member search committee, that would include a police chief and town manager from out-of-town, three town residents, preferably with teenage children, and somebody with long roots in the community. Two selectmen would serve in an advisory capacity.

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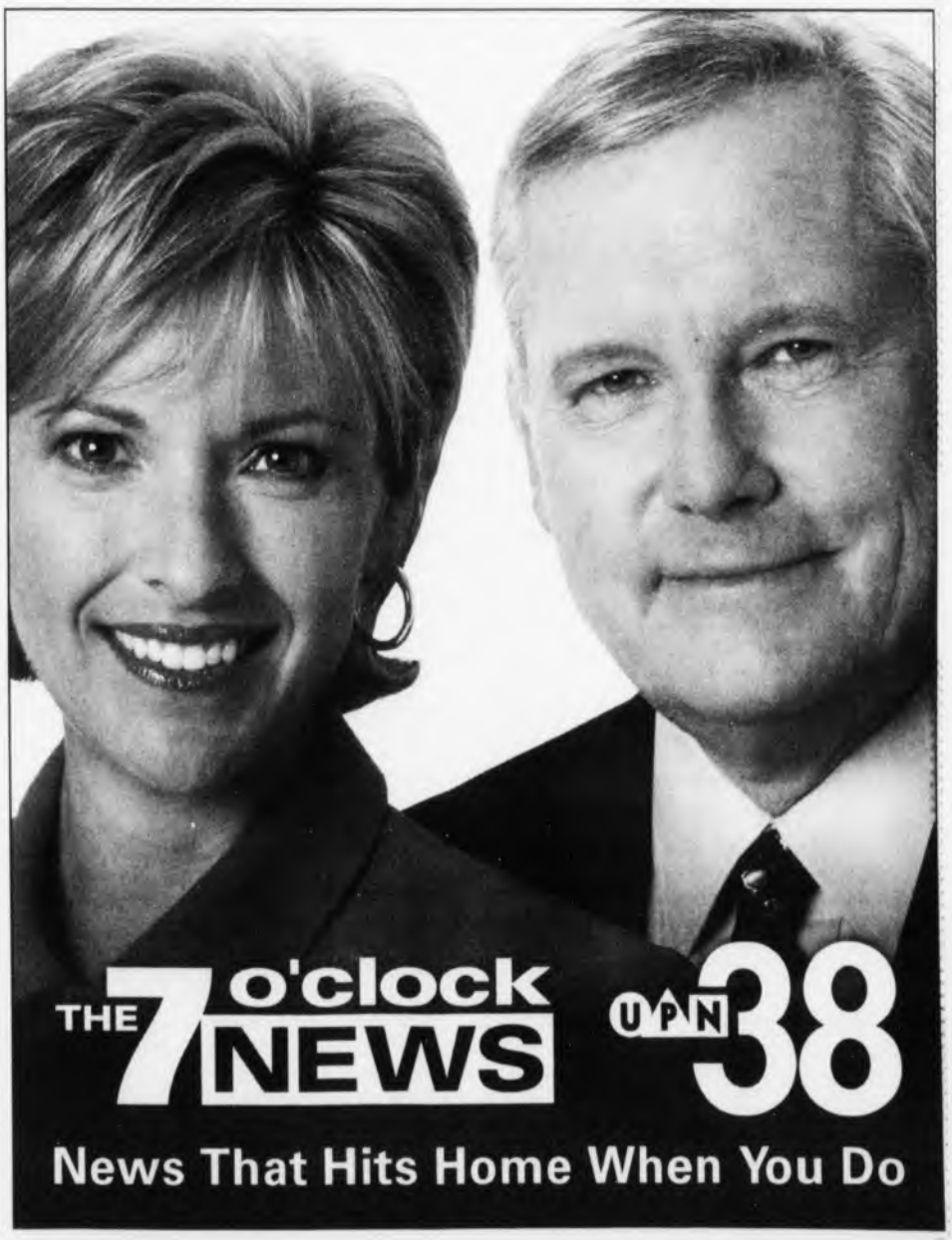
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EDITORIAL

Prayer and prudence as terror strikes

It is a moment for stunned silence. As dust and smoke billows from what used to be the World Trade Center, we stare at TV screens in awe. How could this happen?

It is a moment for questions. Who perpetrated these multiple acts of terror? The casualties number in the thousands. How many have been killed, in how many places?

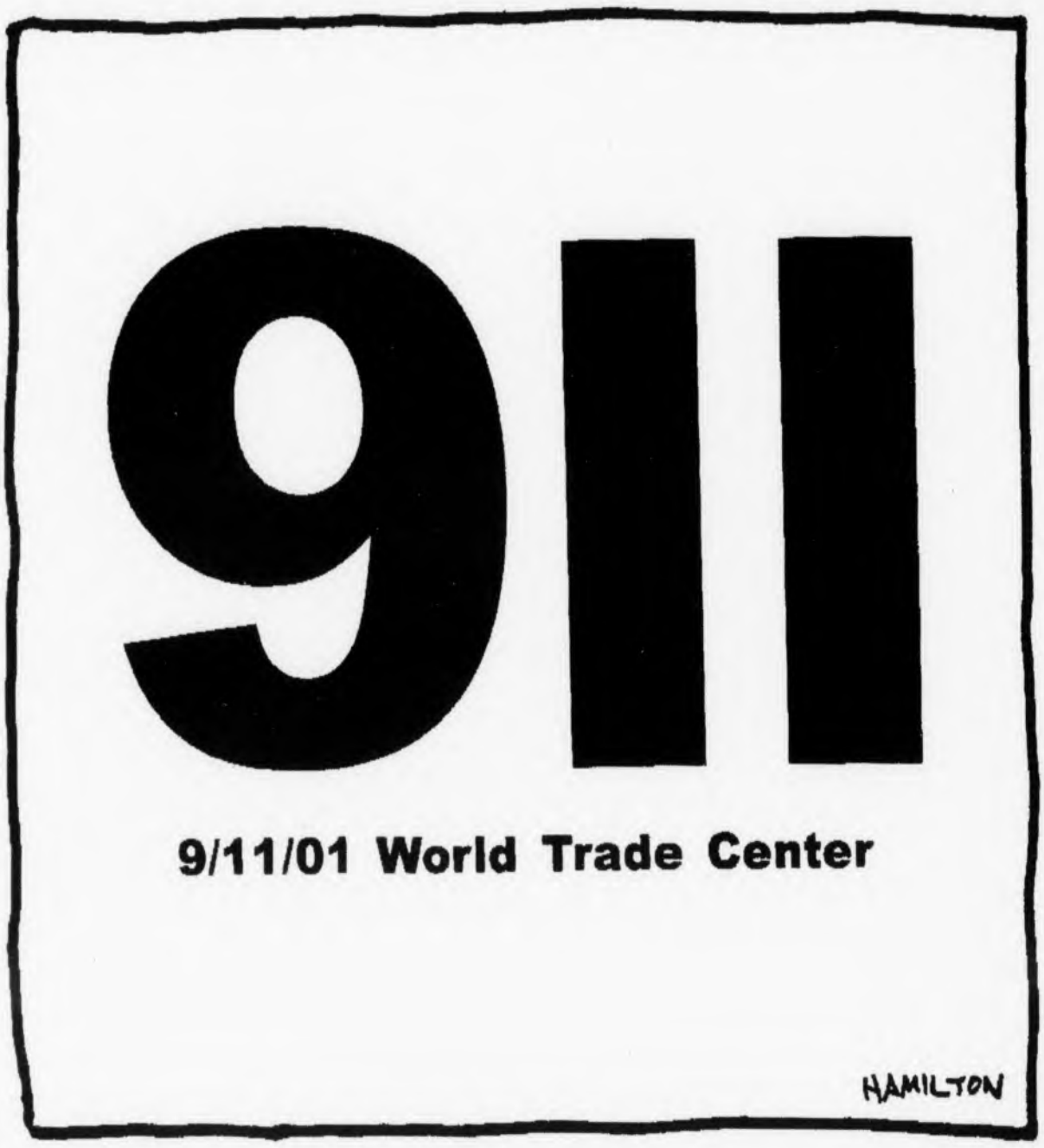
It is a moment for prayer. We scan our memory banks and wonder. Was anyone we know in lower Manhattan Tuesday morning? Did a neighbor or co-worker board American Airlines at Logan Tuesday morning, on a flight to Los Angeles that took a terrible detour? We pray for the safety of friends and relatives. We pray for all the victims we don't know. We pray for our country.

It is a moment for fear. We look for the next target, as if we could see into the minds of whatever unknown army has invaded the United States. We order evacuations of high-profile buildings, cancel public events. In this moment of terror, it is a time for prudence, not panic.

This moment of fear is also a moment for clear-headedness. It is not the time to jump to conclusions about who is to blame, or what should be done. When the responsibility for this assault has been pinned down, the United States should respond with strength and ferocity. This atrocity cannot go unanswered.

But let us not turn our anger on our neighbors. In the initial shock after the Oklahoma City bombing, some Americans directed their resentment toward people whose only crime was to share the religion or nationality of those mistakenly assumed to be among the suspects. Let us not make that mistake again, either in our official reactions or in our private conversations.

Let us instead join together, in prayer for the victims, in patience with the precautions that must be taken, and in the conviction that no suicidal terrorist can rattle American resolve and no fiery crash can damage America's greatness.



If you've got one, fly it

By Barbara McCarthy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This area is pretty affluent and many of us have traveled abroad. When home again on USA soil the first thing most of us do is to get a drink of water from a water fountain and quietly thank fate (or God) that we live here and wouldn't trade freedom for any wonder of the world.

That one more thing is to fly the American Flag — everyday.

There is no point in restating the obvious about the events that took place on Sept. 11 in New York, Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh and Boston. However there are things as citizens that we can do right now, donate money and blood and one more thing.

That one more thing is to fly the American Flag — everyday. Follow the rules for respect for our flag. To the best of my knowledge, here they are. Up at dawn, down at dusk unless illuminated. No flying in inclement weather, unless illuminated. No touching the ground. There are more rules, but this probably covers the basics.

So, if you have a flag, fly it. If not, get one. We are all in this together.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A way to help

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the staff at Goodwin Graphics, we wish to express sincere sympathy to anyone affected by the recent World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pittsburgh Tragedies. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have suffered. For those receiving this e-mail, we hope you are safe and with your loved ones.

As a concerned citizen, you may be asking how you can help the victims of the recent disaster. The answer is simple: Please give to the American Red Cross.

Your donation will help thousands of people in a time of great need. American Red Cross resources are strained during emergencies of this magnitude.

To make a blood donation, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or contact your local blood service organization. To help the victims of this and other disasters through a financial contribution, call 1-800- HELP-NOW to make a credit card donation or Internet users can make a secure online credit card contribution by visiting: http://www.redcross.org/donate/donate.html (copy and paste this link into your browser address bar.) You can also mail a donation to the American Red Cross, designating "Disaster Relief Fund" on the memo line of the check, at the American Red Cross, PO Box 37243 Washington DC 20013.

God Bless America.

Ron Goodwin
Goodwin Graphics

Train ridership on the rise

TO THE EDITOR:

Even at this late stage in the approval process for commuter rail restoration on the Greenbush Line, voices are still speaking to argue the respective merits and flaws in the issue. We still hear sweeping assertions and blanket denials concerning pollution, safety, popularity, ridership projections — while the Greenbush project slowly makes its tedious way past the scrutiny of one state or federal body after the other as its budget continues to climb. One point of disagreement has centered around the purported uniqueness of our town and area — supposedly vitiating any attempts by advocates to compare our situation with that of any other locality or region.

Nonetheless, the Greenbush project and, indeed, the entire Old Colony restoration are part of an ongoing nationwide groundswell in which commuter rail is gaining or regaining wide-scale acceptance as a viable and benign logistical mode.

I had occasion recently to peruse the August, 2001, issue of "Railway Age," a leading industry periodical, and found some items that create an interesting context for the issue at hand, including an article entitled "Beantown Boom" (pp. 49-51):

• Commuter rail ridership rose 4.3 percent nationally in the first quarter of 2001.

• The light rail increase reached 7.5 percent in Boston, making the MBTA a top performer in this category (tied with Portland, Ore.).

• The MBTA is now the country's fourth-largest public transit system overall, having grown by nearly 20 percent during the last decade, and it is expected to maintain that rate over the next 20 years. Two-thirds of its 1.2 million daily trips are by rail (streetcars, subway, commuter rail).

• MBTA commuter rail weekday ridership is nearing 133,000 — a 70-percent rise during the past decade. A roster of 80 locomotives and 362 coaches (with 15 additional bi-levels now starting to arrive) currently provides some 469 daily trains. Twenty-seven bi-levels are earmarked for the Greenbush Line operation.

• MBTA commuter rail parking lots currently offer 32,000 spaces, and the current capital campaign includes $19 million for parking expansion.

Like many statistics, these carry little weight when cited in isolation, but gain some heft in the context of a column by William W. Millar, president of the American Public Transportation Association (p. 68):

• U.S. commuter rail ridership rose 5.2 percent last year, to 411 million trips.

• U.S. commuter rail currently operates 3,825 route-miles, plus 134 miles being built and 300 under design.

• New commuter rail lines have opened in Burlington, Vt. and Seattle, with major expansions in planning or under way in Chicago, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Miami and Seattle, to name a few.

• New commuter rail systems are currently in development in Nashville, Anchorage, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, Kansas City, Denver, Houston, Charlotte and Portland, Ore.

Without suggesting that "it's happening all over the place" or equating our situation with those of other areas, I do find some reinforcement to my long-standing perception that a realization is forming in a sizeable number of communities that commuter rail service makes sense as auto traffic density continues to grow with no solution in sight within this mode (cf. the Journal's editorial of Aug. 31). And without denying the particular factors surrounding the Greenbush project, I stand by my personal prediction that, 1. those trains will fill quickly even as commuter boat patronage grows, and, 2. they will not destroy the towns they traverse.

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School work

TO THE EDITOR:

As I've had the privilege of occupying this space from time to time, I thought it is certainly in line for some praise to be delivered to so many in town.

The transition to the school year is amazing, and perhaps in Cohasset there hasn't been so much construction in half a century at the beginning of the school year. Heck, last year it was the roads under construction, now it seems to be everything else.

Headlines from other towns have indicated that the transition and the construction aren't easy, and certainly nothing which can be taken for granted. Kudos to those who planned for what was to occur, and carried it out very well. Nice going so far, and good luck in the days ahead!

Mark Bell
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PSO calendar is just terrific!

TO THE EDITOR

It didn't seem possible, but the Community Relations group has outdone itself on the PSO calendar! Those of you who have received it will agree that it's even better than last year's, and last year's was an absolute treat!

Please join me in thanking Beth Seraikas and Vicki Neaves for their help in pulling together the administrative details of the calendar. Sally Sisson is the talented artist who did the illustrations for the calendar, and I know you'll all want to recognize how very special her drawings are, particularly for this difficult year of living through the renovations at Deer Hill and the Middle/High School. My hope is that her whimsical portrayal of the elements of construction will remind us all that the end result will be worth the wait!

A very special thank you goes to Derry Schwantner for all of her talent and help in organizing the overall project with the Community Relations group. Both Derry and Sally spent hours putting together this calendar, and they deserve a "round of applause" for the end result!

If you would like a PSO calendar and didn't receive one in the mail, please contact the office at one of the schools; they have a few extras on hand. This calendar is just one of the many services the PSO provides for the schools and the community. For those of you with children in the system, and even those of you who don't have children enrolled in the schools this year, I hope you'll support the many functions of the PSO throughout the year and become active advocates for excellence in education in Cohasset.

Thanks again to Derry, Sally, Vicki and Beth for a wonderful calendar that will serve us well throughout the year.

Jane Pescatore
Chairman, Cohasset PSO

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How can we continue calling this development?

NATURAL VIEW



JIM SHIPSKY

These properties in the photos are currently being "developed". I put developed in quotes because the word development means to advance, to further, to promote the growth of. But from an ecological viewpoint the opposite is happening. Distinctive and beautiful Cohasset granite ledge has been destroyed forever, trees cut down, wildlife habitat erased, and rain runoff increased. The trophy houses to be built will consume enormous amounts of energy, increase global warming, and add poisons to the air we breathe. How can we continue calling this development?

If there were mental hospitals for towns we'd be committed to protect ourselves from ourselves.

A line from "Reflections on Bullough's Pond, Economy and Ecosystem in New England," by Diana Muir, University Press of New England 2000, p 254, expresses how many of us feel about this:

"An emerging consensus now views our common interest in the functional integrity of natural systems as more important than the right of individuals to extract a profit from those systems."

Before Earth Day 1970 most of us believed "development" was good for Cohasset, adding to the tax base, converting "raw land" into attractive suburban lots, making handsome profits for sellers, realtors, bankers and builders. Early English common law recognized the value of natural resources and protected them. But during New England's Industrial Revolution, laws were changed, allowing property owners to utilize the land for maximum profit. Cohasset's Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations, which actually *encourage* natural degradation, originated during this pre-1970 period of ecological innocence.



Beechwood Street: Granite ledge destroyed for a subdivision street



Jerusalem Road: Granite ledge smashed into gravel

After Earth Day 1970 we began learning that suburban sprawl, to give this so-called "development" its proper name, is destroying Cohasset. We're beginning to understand and accept that carbon dioxide is indeed bringing about global warming, while trees absorb carbon dioxide and produce life-giving oxygen. Cutting down trees is suicidal. We're learning that replacing natural vegetation with buildings, asphalt, and lawns prevents rainfall from being absorbed into the water table, instead hastening its runoff into the sea. Removing natural vegetation is suicidal. We're learning that building homes in locations where every trip requires the use of a car is worsening Cohasset's smog and accelerating global climate change. Sprawl is suicidal.

Thus we find ourselves in the awkward position of having land use regulations, economic structures, laws, and social customs that promote ecological suicide. If there were mental hospitals for towns we'd be committed to protect ourselves from ourselves. There was a television character in the 50s, Riley, whose oft-repeated line seems fitting: "What a humiliating situation this is!"

I don't have any easy answers. But we've got to start asking the right questions before it's too late. It's already too late for the age-old granite ledge in the photos. Cohasset's land use regulations must be brought into the post-1970 era and must recognize the value and sanctity of our natural world. There are ways for people to live in Cohasset without devastating the granite ledge, the air, the water, the soil, and the wildlife. Beautiful ways.

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Shaken to the core

MY VIEW



RICK COLLINS

I'll admit it, something just didn't feel right Tuesday morning. I had hoped to get up early and go running, but 7 a.m. quickly turned into 8:40 a.m. and I was running late. I began to rush, but during the course of my morning routine, I felt distant from what I was doing.

Maybe it was the pressure of being late and facing a crush of deadlines at work, combined with the need to pack for a planed golf escape to South Carolina that was supposed to start the following day.

I first got a hint of what had been going on when I flipped through the stations on my radio, and heard a morning talk show host commenting on smoke billowing from a building. In what would be the last moment of my blissful ignorance, I switched to WBZ-AM and began to hear about the amazing, yet horrifying and utterly catastrophic events developing in New York City.

The next two hours consisted of sitting in the Cohasset Mariner office, listening to a small radio. I sat staring at my desk, occasionally glancing up to watch my editor, Mary Ford, blanch with every new detail.

I'm 23 years old. I was born two years *after* the Vietnam War ended.

My stomach churned with every explosion and I further dislocated my gaping jaw when the Pentagon was hit.

I tried to rid the horrific story from my mind by banishing the radio to Mary's desk, putting on headphones and attempting to lose myself in Crosby Stills & Nash's first album.

But one of the two towers collapsed shortly after 10 a.m., and another around 10:30. Mary tried not to let her shock and near panic come through when her eldest son called from his military base in Germany.

About 11 a.m., I drove from Hingham Square down Route 3A and into Cohasset Village, a drive I have made hundreds of times since coming to the Mariner 15 months ago, but it had never seemed as surreal as it was on this day.

A gorgeous New England day, beautiful old towns, yet it was completely quiet.

Few cars were on the road, presumably a testament to the mesmerizing events unfolding in living color in people's living rooms. Even birds seemed to respect the situation by singing quieter.

Or maybe it was just always this way and Tuesday was the first day I was able to appreciate it.

I got my first visual images of what had happened while watching a network news recap on a small television in Cohasset Town Hall.

Like a scene out of a sci-fi movie, network television showed a large plane soaring, at full-speed, straight into the second tower, spewing forth a stories-high fireball. Read that again: A plane flew straight into the thousand-foot high tower.

Then I stared in disbelief as the towers simply crumbled, 100 stories down onto the streets below.

The worst part was realizing all of it was real.

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This isn't supposed to happen in America.

The America I know is supposed to be a bastion of refuge for those afflicted by political and religious conflicts in other parts of the world. We're not supposed to be the ones attacked.

Very few can remember the last time America's freedom was threatened so close to home.

I'm 23 years old. I was born two years *after* the Vietnam War ended. The only war action/semi-threat to American democracy I have experienced was the Gulf War — which ended as soon as it got started.

I was seven years old in the summer of 1984, the summer of the Los Angeles Olympics, Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A." and President Ronald Reagan — all making me proud to be an American.

USA! USA! USA!

And despite coming of age, developing a cynical side, and becoming aware of the nation's many flaws, I was always able to hold onto that shred of certainty that the United States was above the mass tragedies frequently seen in other countries.

I was relatively unaffected as a senior in high school in 1995 when the Oklahoma City bombing stunned the country. When bombers failed to blow up the World Trade Center in 1993, it further reinforced my feeling that we were invincible — or at least safe.

But this is unfathomable. A bad horror movie becoming all too real. A worst-case scenario coming true, live and in Technicolor, playing out above the crowded streets of downtown Manhattan. The twin towers are gone. The Pentagon was successfully attacked. The number of deaths will probably reach five-digits.

I have spent the hours since the attack, up until writing this sentence, watching television reports, talking to people, and trying to make sense of what has happened; what the long-term impacts will be; how our lives will never be the same; dreading the moment I hear about someone I know was killed in the attack.

I have been shaken to the core, and anyone who has experienced that feeling knows the fear that comes with it. An uncertainty of the future, a self-loathing feeling of gullibility. I wanting to cry on a few occasions, but was unable, still frozen in shock. I found myself sitting in my car outside of the Osgood School watching kids enjoy their recess period, jealous of their still intact innocence, wishing I could go back to being seven and care only about not breaking my glasses at recess. For the first time in recent memory, I, the agnostic and callused reporter, felt the urge/need to go to church.

But perhaps this is the unfortunate event needed to wake the American people up from their increasing complacency and apathy. In my gut, I truly believe the American response to this crisis will be impressive and overwhelming – a blue print of proper civil action to be admired by the world. People will remain in lines waiting to give blood until the need is no longer. Families will pull together, politics will be forgotten, and thousands of volunteers and millions of dollars will be sent to aid in the rebuilding effort.

And in doing so, America will remember how it got so great in the first place.

HEALTH NOTES

Town hires local goosebuster!

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

One issue, which has gone from a nuisance in town to a health threat, has been geese. Apparently, there are two strains of wild geese which are making their presence in town: Canada geese as they fly through on their way south in the winter and north in the summer, and local geese, originally raised by local farmers who used to use them as decoys.

Now some of these geese are wintering over, and becoming real pests. So have swans, in Straits Pond; more than 70 swans have been counted in that body of water. But the geese are all around Lily Pond, especially in Lily Pond Lane where scores are to be found leaving their feces adding to algae-causing nutrients in the pond.

Fortunately, with some small help from the Board of Health and possibly the Water Commission we may have a solution for a goose outbreak anywhere in town. With the encouragement of the BOH, Judy St. Peter has bought a dog, "Zinger". Zinger is featured elsewhere in the Mariner and you are urged to read more about the town's potential new employee. Zinger, a Border Collie, comes with impressive credentials, having trained on sheep, and also goose movements and identification. He is receiving further training by his current owner, who has researched the goose problem in considerable depth, cruising the Internet and doing much reading and study.

Now Zinger is ready. He's already started, and is clearing geese from Lily Pond Lane with great success. Zinger is taken out frequently to high goose areas and released. He chases the geese with great joy, and after several such forays the goose population begins to thin. Apparently, it's just a matter of keeping at it.

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The most important time of the year is early in the spring when nesting begins. The Board has had numerous complaints about geese and swans and feels that Zinger is a real asset to the town. Therefore if funding becomes available, the Board has agreed to pay for hourly visits to various areas in town where geese may be a problem, particularly to our water supply, and the middle-high school playing fields, which has been threatened in the past by high coliform readings from fowl.

Now when such a problem arises, we hope to have the staff on board to solve it: Zinger!

Hazardous product collection day

This Saturday is the day the South Shore Recycling Cooperative appears at the Recycling Transfer Facility on Cedar Street. All civic-minded citizens should recycle, but everyone should get rid of toxic and hazardous materials in their homes. It doesn't make sense to store potentially harmful stuff in your home. The hazardous materials collection will begin at the RTF at 9 a.m. and close at 1 p.m., but when they reach their limit, they will close, so it's better to get there early.

Mercury thermometer exchange

Also, this year we began a mercury thermometer exchange which will have its kickoff at the RTF on the 15th, and will continue thereafter at the Board of Health Office in Town Hall during regular working hours. You may receive a digital thermometer for any mercury thermometer you return. Sorry, only one to a family, regardless of the number of thermometers you return. We've talked about the harmful effects of mercury before, but you can pick up additional facts from the literature at the RTF or the Board of Health.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Careless drivers

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to my letter noting the needless risks taken by of pedestrians who walk or jog with their backs to traffic, Ken Ingber writes that motorists should drive carefully on our winding roads.

Well, sure, but that's like preaching to the choir. Careful drivers will remain so, but there will always be careless or distracted drivers, drivers with poor eyesight or reactions, drivers in a hurry etc.

Smart drivers are alert to the hazards of such drivers and are prepared to take evasive action. And so should pedestrians — by walking or jogging on the left, facing the traffic, rather than foolishly turning their backs to the unknown.

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Support 'Katie's Team'

TO THE EDITOR:

Autumn approaches, and our family is reminded of many things. As most of you know, in autumn of 1998, our daughter, Katie, was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, a childhood cancer of the bone. Katie endured major surgery and a yearlong protocol of chemotherapy that ended in autumn of 1999. She has remained "in remission" for almost two years now and we thank God every day. This autumn Katie will celebrate her 13th birthday.

Cancer is a dreaded disease that most of us are much too familiar with. It has touched the lives of millions of people. Most people remember feelings of fear and helplessness upon hearing the diagnosis of cancer. As parents, we will always remember.

But we also remember feeling so grateful, both then and now, to have the Jimmy Fund Clinic of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. There we received compassionate care, emotional support, medical treatment and especially a sense of hope. We are writing today to ask you to help us give back something to the place and people who continue to give us and so many others that hope.

On Sunday, Sept. 30, "Katie's Team" will again lace up sneakers to participate in our third Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk (which also turns 13 this autumn). The walk follows the historic 26.2-mile Hopkinton to Copley Square route of the Boston Marathon, with posters of "walk heroes," patients of the Jimmy Fund Clinic, along the route to inspire the walkers. In 1999, Katie was a "walk Hero"...to us, she still is. We will be walking to celebrate life, the power of family and friends, to honor the courage of the children and adults struggling with cancer and to honor the memory of those we have lost.

Many of you have given generously to the Jimmy Fund already and we appreciate your support more than we can say. Because of your generosity "Katie's Team" has been able to raise more than $33,000 over the past two years. We ask you to join us again this year in giving tribute to the "walk heroes" and all others who are struggling because of cancer. Checks can be made out to "Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk" and sent to us before Sept. 30 if possible. Each and every gift is critical. Great strides have been made in the search for a cure, but we still have a long way to go.

With heartfelt thanks for your contribution and support.

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Greenbush construction to disturb wetlands

But project will still move ahead

By Rick Collins
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As the Greenbush commuter rail restoration project continues to charge ahead like a bull — it's now up to town conservation commissions to play the role of the china shop owner and protect as much of their delicate merchandise as they can.

The restored commuter rail line will run through one of the wettest areas of Cohasset and could impact as much as 70,000 square feet of wetlands and vegetative area in the town. And although the Cohasset Conservation Commission is required under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act to deny any application that would disturb more than 5,000 square feet of wetlands — the MBTA expects to receive a waiver from the Department of Environmental Protection and continue to push the project through.

A look at a map of Cohasset shows that the town is essentially bisected by the rail bed, dormant since 1959. As it cuts its way through the heart of the town, parallel to North and South Main Street, past Woodside Cemetery, through Cohasset Village — the bed is shadowed by a series of wetlands.

For six miles through town from Hingham to the Scituate town line, a long thin wet area runs beside the planned path of the Greenbush commuter rail line. The trail follows the flow of James Brook from Sanctuary Pond into the village, before curving and heading out between Jacob's Meadow and Ellms Meadow.

The rail bed itself is under water thanks to a number of vernal pools along the way, particularly between the Beechwood Street grade crossing and Scituate town line.

Despite the predetermined outcome, representatives from the MBTA, and Sverdrup, its engineering consultants, formally kicked off the local permitting process of the Greenbush restoration project by appearing before the Cohasset Conservation Commission last week.

The MBTA expects to receive a waiver from the Department of Environmental Protection and continue to push the project through.

The MBTA's notice of intent was the only scheduled agenda item for the two-plus hour meeting held in the Town Hall Auditorium, and attended by a number of abutters.

Although the commission knows it will reject the application only to have it later overturned, co-chairman Jim Dedes said the board still plays a crucial role in the permitting process.

"The state law is administered at a local level," he said. "We'll deny it, but it will be sent to DEP with a list of conditions."

Dedes said the conditions will try to regulate work on the project to prevent any additional wetland and vegetative area damage, beyond the 70,000 square feet the MBTA has said it will impact. The conditions involve aspects of the project, such as erosion controls along the work site, the time of year certain work could be done, and work inspection and monitoring. The MBTA has agreed to replicate all impacted wetlands in a 2 to 1 ratio, in accordance with town bylaws.

Sverdup engineer Lars Carlson, who helped design the Old Colony Line's Middleboro and Plymouth branches, said the 800-foot long station platform will be sandwiched between a wetland area and two vernal pools.

Vernal pools

A vernal pool is defined as an area that is wet for just a few months a year, but hosts a number of amphibious animals and aquatic plants. MBTA engineers found 11 such pools along the rail line, including a5,000 square foot pool on the rail bed near King Street, which it called not much more than a "puddle," and two more vernal pools by the Castle Road grade-crossing.

Carlson also said there was an "extensive area of puddling" south of Beechwood Street on the rail bed. He contended that the area was formed when the old tracks and ballast were removed, causing the failure of the storm-water drainage system in that stretch..

"It's the single biggest wetland impact area in Cohasset," said Carlson. "There's 24, 500 square feet of impact in that area alone."

The MBTA plans to mitigate the impact by installing four, 12-by-12 foot culverts at the high water mark.

The MBTA has chosen three sites to host the required wetland replication areas; two of the sites used to be wetlands, and would actually be considered a wetlands restoration. One site is at the station, the former site of Winter Garden skating rink, and the other two will be behind the two properties adjacent to station.

Michael Dick, a former conservation commission member and former member of the town mitigation committee, questioned why the MBTA had chosen to replicate all of the wetlands in one area.

"You're impacting wetlands near Beechwood Street and replicating them two miles away," he said. "Is that really a fair exchange?"

Carlson reminded that the MBTA was replacing the wetland areas impacted at a two to one ratio, above what it's legally required to do, and that the ground near Beechwood Street was not conducive for wetland replication.

"If we could have found a suitable site, we would have, but that area is very rocky, with a high level of bedrock," he said.

Town conservation agent Paul Shea reminded the MBTA it needs approval from the state Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program for its plans to deal with spotted turtles and Mystic Valley Amphipods, two protected species found along the rail bed.

The hearing was continued until Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m., at Cohasset Town Hall, with the public welcome. The MBTA also plans to meet with the Hingham Conservation Commission on Oct. 1.

Hingham and Cohasset are the only towns two have signed a mitigation agreement.

Besides Cohasset, the project will also disturb more than 5,000 square feet of wetland and vegetative area in Hingham and Scituate.

Once the public hearing is completed, the commission will deny the permit, but attach a set of conditions. The application will then be appealed to the DEP commissioner's office where a waiver will be granted, providing the MBTA can show that there is no reasonable alternative to the project, it is in the best interest of the public, and adequate mitigation has been provided. The MBTA can also appeal any conditions made by the town. The state Dept. of Environmental Management [DEM] can also add conditions.

Once permitted, the project will be designed and sent back for approval at the 30 percent and 60 percent final design phase for town comment, and make sure the conditions are being adhered to. The plan is then subject to a final review when 90 percent completed.

MBTA explains Greenbush scheduling

By Rick Collins
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Aside from outlining its plans to deal with wetland issues, the MBTA also gave the Cohasset Conservation Commission an informal construction schedule Thursday [see related story].

The $410 million Greenbush commuter rail line will take approximately two years to build, and should haul its first riders in 2005, according to MBTA director of environmental affairs, Andrew Brennan.

The line will be built using the design-build method, where a contractor both designs and builds the project. The design-build method has never been used in Massachusetts to construct a rail line. The only public transportation project in the state using design-build is the Route 3 widening project north of Boston.

The MBTA has narrowed its list of potential contractors down to four. The project is currently out to bid, and a builder should be in place by December, Brennan said.

The project still needs a waiver of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act from the state Department of Environmental Protection, and Section 61 approval under the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act, which is essentially its building permit.

Lars Carlson, of Sverdup Consulting, the MBTA's engineering firm, gave an outlined construction plan:

- installation of erosion and sediment control along the work sites to help control storm water run-off
- clean-up of vegetation that has grown up along the rail bed during its 43-year dormancy
- sub-grade the foundation of the rail bed and build any-needed retaining walls. "It needs a lot of work," said Carlson.
- replace the 10 culverts found along the rail bed, and upsize where needed, such as along James Brook
- construct the catch basins and drainage systems
- Σ build the station parking lot, platform and drainage system
- fence-off the length of the right-of-way, leaving a four-inch gap at the bottom in certain areas to allow wildlife to cross
- install the tracks and ballast. Carlson said the ties will be made of concrete, except for the switches at the turnouts which will be wood.
- redesign the grade crossings, install gates, vibration mats, and median barriers.
- construct the new overpass at Rocky Lane
- make the needed intersection improvements at Route 3A, including installing a new traffic light and adding a left-turn only lane

Because its being built by the design/build method, the project can be designed and built in segments. Once each segment has reached the 30 and 60 percent design phase, it will brought before the town conservation commission for comment on whether all the conditions have been met. Once at the 90 percent design phase, it will be subject to a final review by the board.

Conservation Commission co-chairman James Dedes said the different levels of review are standard procedure.

"You don't design a house, and then bring it before the board for us to say, 'It's nice, but move it 50 feet to the left,'" he said.

Barry eyes transfer site off Route 3A

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Bobo said one health risk could be with gypsum found in plaster.

"When it breaks down, it gives up methane," he said. "Presumably, it would all be indoors, and the only health threat would be if the building wasn't built properly, or had floor drains."

John McNabb of SAFE [Stop Any Further Expansion], which opposed expansion of CHL, claimed Barry's plan also brings health dangers. McNabb participated in Abington's long battle against Barry's proposed transfer facility there.

"There are real substantive environmental issues that will show it's not a good idea to do it," he said.

McNabb said even without household trash, the transfer facility would still produce a type of leachate, especially when trucks are washed, and much like CHL, would produce considerable noise and odors. He was also concerned with the amount of traffic the facility would bring to an area already poised for a traffic explosion.

"You have Cohasset Colliston, you'll soon have Hingham Lumber and the MBTA, traffic at that location is congested even without the transfer station," he pointed out.

Town Meeting last year voted to rezone the area where Barry hopes to build the facility as a "Technology" district.

Zoning officer Robert Egan was not sure if a transfer facility is an allowed use in that district.

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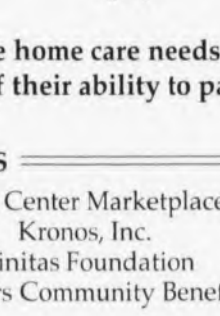
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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Matt Bilodeau and Greg O'Connell

These two midfielders for Cohasset's boys soccer team were instrumental in controlling the middle of the field in Friday's impressive 7-2 season opening win over Milton. Bilodeau set up five of the goals taking the kicks on set plays, and O'Connell wound up with a goal and two assists.

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On the South Shore
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Rebuilding? Perhaps not

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Lady Skippers of Field Hockey opened up their season with two games that clearly show that this is not a rebuilding year.

Eleven seniors removed from last year's 14 victory season, 2001 looked like it would be a chance for the Lady Skippers to reload for the future.

But after the season's two opening games, this does not appear to be the case.

Cohasset opened the season on Friday at the hostile home of Div. 1 Silver Lake. Cohasset then proceeded to shut down their host's offense on the way to a 1-0 win.

"I didn't expect to win," confessed Cohasset head coach Deb Bostwick, "but it was beautiful."

With a late arrival of the bus, Cohasset was forced to play with almost no warm-up time. But the visitors came out strongly in the first half, gaining many offensive chances.

The Skippers finally converted one of their opportunities when senior Suzanne Lynner's shot rebounded to senior captain Abbey Coakley. Coakley then tapped the ball to newcomer sophomore forward Kelly Hurley, who scored the tip-in with eight minutes left in the first half.

In net, junior Sera Genovese recorded a shut-out in her first career varsity start, making six "key saves", according to Bostwick.

"They would have scored at least four goals," lauded the veteran coach.

Bostwick was very pleased with

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Rachel Doyle (dark shirt) races Silver Lake's Nicole Godfrey to the ball in Friday's season opening win for the Lady Skippers.

Duffers re-tool on the fly

Coach continues to look to future as golf team starts 0-2

By Mike Spellman
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With more than half his team comprised of freshman, Cohasset High golf coach Torin Sweeney is obviously looking to the future.

Though the second year coach is still giving his 10 upperclassmen and handful of returning players first shot at playing in the top eight, he is also swinging his 11 freshman in and out of his lineup trying to find some consistency.

"We have some very promising freshman players and I want to give them a chance to show what they can do in varsity competition," Sweeney explains. "They're the future of the program, so you might say this is kind of a flux year for us."

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Cohasset High golf coach Torin Sweeney

This helps explain why the converted football coach didn't seem all that put out by the fact that his team dropped its first two matches of the 2001 spring campaign.

Last Thursday, the Skippers fell in their opener to East Bridgewater playing on the Vikings' home Ridders Country Club course, 37.5-16.5.

Senior captain Will Moody led the way, shooting a team best 45 for the nine holes. Playing from the number five spot, he was also the only C.H.S. player to get the better of his competition, winning the holes 5.5-3.5.

The top of the lineup card was filled out with the names of freshman D.J. Sylvia and Colin McGruder, who earned those designations based on their superior preseason rounds.

Senior Pat Reardon (number 3) and juniors Greg O'Brien (four) and Mike Calorio (six) rounded out the Cohasset lineup card.

With freshmen away at orientation on Monday, Sweeney was forced to face the mettle of the South Shore League—defending Div. 2 state champion Norwell—shorthanded.

To no great surprise, the Clippers took it to the Skippers, 8.5-0.5. Norwell was led by defending individual state champion Ben Spitz, who shot a 37.

Cohasset's lone half point was earned by Robin Murphy, playing out of the fifth spot. Moody, playing at number two, shot a team best 45 for the Skippers.

Gridders KO Spellman in opener

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It was an encouraging performance on many levels, but disappointing on one big one.

The Cohasset football Skippers opened their season with a tidy 7-0 win on Saturday in Brockton, pleasing the crowd with a well balanced offense, a punishing defense, and good execution on special teams.

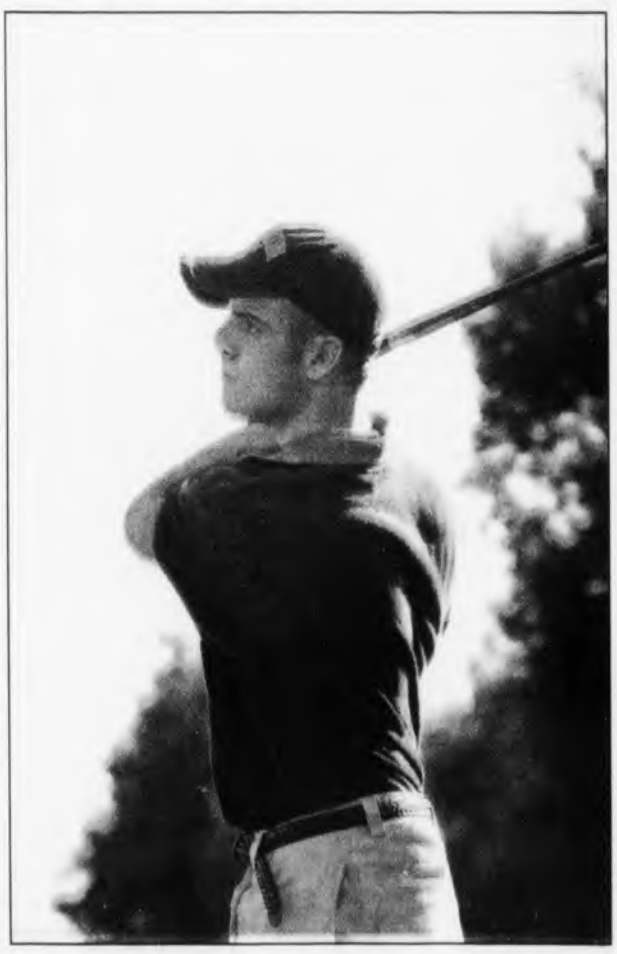
One might argue that the entire afternoon's heroics, however, was overshadowed by the team's second key loss of the year to injury.

Senior captain Liam Martin, an excellent athlete all of last year for football, basketball and track, broke his ankle making a side-line reception, and will be out for at least the football season. Martin was one of the few players who played on both sides of the ball, a talented wide receiver, cornerback, and return man.

The loss is especially brutal to the team since senior captain Nick Bolster, also a huge contributor on offense and defense, is unable to play because of a detached retina in his right eye.

"I can honestly say that we have lost the two best receivers in the league," reported fourth year

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain Will Moody follows the flight of his drive at Monday's match with Norwell. The senior has been the low total man for the Skippers in each of their first tow matches.

Skippers cast off Wildcats

By Mike Spellman
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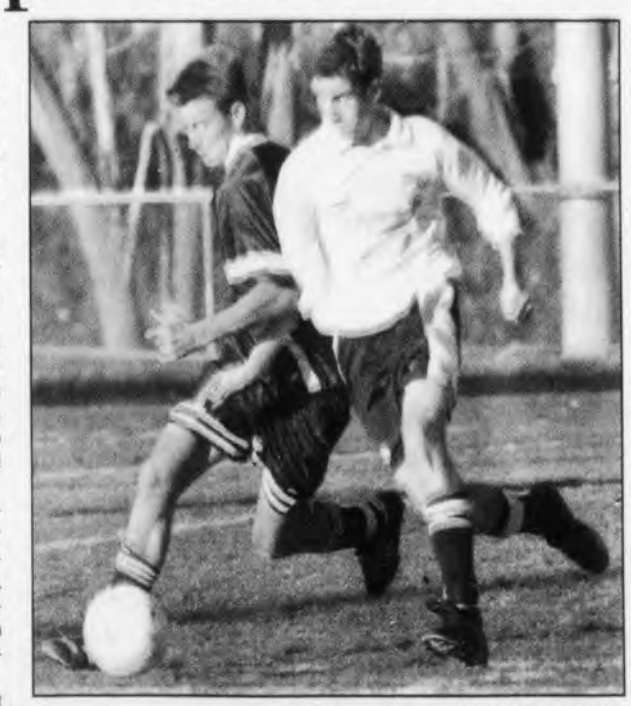
It seemed strange over the last few weeks to hear local high school soccer followers whispering that little Cohasset High might actually be the team to beat for the South Shore League boys soccer crown this fall.

A team from C.H.S.—by far the smallest school in the seven member league—"the favorite?!?" Well, that's almost unheard of.

Nevertheless, the decibel level on those whispers rose more than a little when the Skippers blasted much larger Div. 2 Milton in its season opener on Friday, 7-2, behind two goals apiece from senior Tim Baird and sophomore Chris Clark.

The host Cohasset squad dominated the middle of the field pretty much throughout the lopsided contest, with Greg O'Connell (one goal, two assists) and Matt Bilodeau controlling much of the tempo with their heads up play and steady playmaking.

Five of Cohasset's tallies against the Wildcats came off set plays and Bilodeau was the one taking all of those kicks.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Greg O'Connell (in white) was key to controlling the tempo in Friday's season opening 7-2 domination of Milton.

"Matt did a great job of putting the ball where we wanted it," said second year Cohasset head coach Dave Nigro. "He's just got great offensive instincts and touch."

In fact, the coach went even further in his praise of his two talented center-mids.

"Matt and Greg pretty much dominated the game," said Nigro. "It looks like that's going to be our strength this year, in the middle and up front."

This is a dramatic change from last year's Skippers team that reached the Southeast Sectional semifinals (where it lost to top seeded Norwell, 2-1) on the strength primarily of its defense.

But with most of the backliners from that squad lost to graduation and many of the key starters up front back for another go-round, the balance of power and experience had clearly shifted, making the altered approach a no-brainer to Nigro—a year round Club League soccer coach.

"Guys like O'Connell and Bilodeau and Baird all have a year under their belts, and it looks like

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Sept.	Opponent	
7	beat Silver Lake, 1-0	
10	tied E. Bridgewater, 1-1	
12	at Hanover	

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

12	at Norwell	
13	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.

GOLF

6	lost to E. B'water, 37.5-16.5	
10	lost to Norwell, 8.5-0.5	
11	Mashpee- postponed	
13	at Norton	3:30 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

7	beat Milton, 7-2	
12	at Norwell	
13	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

7	beat Cardinal Spellman, 7-0	



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Junior Greg O'Brien is one of the few returning golfers to this year's Cohasset High team.

TIC golf tournament re-scheduled

It is not often that you get a second chance in this life, but here is one of those opportunities. The 24th annual Talking Information Center (TIC) Golf Tournament was rained out in mid-August and has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the beautiful Halifax Country Club. Halifax is a closed course, so this is a chance to play a course that is not generally open to the public.

Play begins at 12:30 p.m., and the day includes contests, prizes, silent auction, raffle and a steak dinner. Player entry fee is $125, hole sponsor fee is $175, and golf carts can be sponsored for $50.

TIC is a non-profit radio reading service broadcasting newspapers, magazines and books 24 hours a day, seven days a week to more than 20,000 visually impaired Massachusetts residents. To enter, sponsor or volunteer call TIC in Marshfield at 781-834-4400.

Gridders KO Spellman in opener

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coach Tony Rolfe solemnly. "Liam was going to have a career year on both sides of the ball."

Despite the losses of Bolster and Martin (safety and cornerback, respectively), the secondary performed extremely well, with two first year starters recording interceptions. Sophomore Chris Bilodeau, who will replace Martin in both his cornerback and receiver responsibilities, and senior Eric Libby, a converted soccer player, had Cohasset's first picks of the year. The Skippers also recovered a fumble.

Cohasset's defense also shut down their hosts up front, with senior linebacker Paul Previte leading an attack that stopped a normally impressive Spellman running game cold. This was only the second shutout the Skippers have had under Rolfe's tenure as head coach.

"We are hoping the defense will just continue to get better and better," said Rolfe. "Any time you beat Cardinal Spellman is a good day."

On the offensive side of the ball, Rolfe was pleased with the adjustments of his first year running back and quarterback.

Senior Jason Brown—switching this season to tailback after starting the previous two years at quarterback—racked up 85 yards on 24 carries. Brown would have gone over the century mark in yards, but had one of his longer runs called back on a holding penalty.

The biggest surprise of the day was sophomore Michael Dooley at quarterback. He completed 10 of his 14 passes for 110 yards, including a seven yard touchdown strike to junior Tom Anderson.

"I gave him the game ball," beamed Rolfe. "Everyone had confidence in him from the get-go. He really kept his composure throughout the game."

Dooley was not expected to land in a starting role, but with junior Michael Snowdale day-to-day with a wrist injury, the sophomore stepped up.

Dooley had good protection from the newly retooled offensive line, consisting of seniors Jari Martin, Brendan Goff, and Will Prendegast (captain), junior Cosimo Cambi and sophomore Stephen Davis.

Although Rolfe is not one to make predictions about an entire season based on one outing, he was pleased at the launch pad this contest provided his team.

"It is a good start for us," he noted. "We are very pleased."



FILE PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Liam Martin, seen here hauling in a pass in last November's Thanksgiving game, will be deeply missed for the remainder of this season by the Skippers. The senior captain broke his ankle in Saturday's season opening win over Cardinal Spellman.

CHS weekly sports schedule

JV FIELD HOCKEY

Sept.	Opponent	Time
14	Hingham	3:30 p.m.
19	at Middleboro	5 p.m.

Home site: Alumni Field
Coach: Danielle Shaugnessy

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

14	Hingham	4:30 p.m.
19	at Middleboro	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Deb Bostwick

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

13	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
17	Norton	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Deb Beal
Home site: Alumni Field

GIRLS JV SOCCER

13	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
17	Norton	3:30 p.m.
20	Norwell	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Kara Connerly
Home site: Milliken Field

GOLF

13	at Norton	3:30 p.m.
20	at Abington	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Torin Sweeney
Home site: Cohasset Country Club

BOYS JV SOCCER

13	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
14	at Sharon	3:30 p.m.
17	at Norton	3:30 p.m.
20	Norwell	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Rick Dockendorf
Home site: Milliken Field

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

13	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
14	at Sharon	3:30 p.m.
17	at Norton	3:30 p.m.

Coach: David Nigro
Home site: Alumni Field

FROSH/SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

22 at Cape Cod Tech 11 a.m.
Home site: Milliken Field

VARSITY FOOTBALL

14 Arlington Catholic 7 p.m.
(Thanksgiving game: admission $5)
Home site: Alumni Field
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Asst. Coaches: Bob Silvia, Bob Knurek, Brian Pattison, Dave Terry.

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they've all worked hard to improve their soccer skills," said Nigro. "They're ready for a lot more responsibility this year."

Adding talented sophomores like Clark and Dave Santiago provide Nigro with the multi-pronged attack many feel can lift his team to the top of the always competitive SSL. And he's expecting even more depth to be added along the frontline by next week with the return from injury of Jay Bertovich and a waiver freeing Evan Pestone, a junior transfer from New Hampton, to play.

With four time defending champion Norwell decimated by graduation and perennial contender Hanover moving up in division to the Patriot League this year, the South Shore League does indeed appear to be there for the taking, and Nigro doesn't back away from those whispers.

"I don't think it's any secret," offered the coach matter-of-factly. "If we play up to our ability, I definitely think we can take the championship."

Soccer Notes

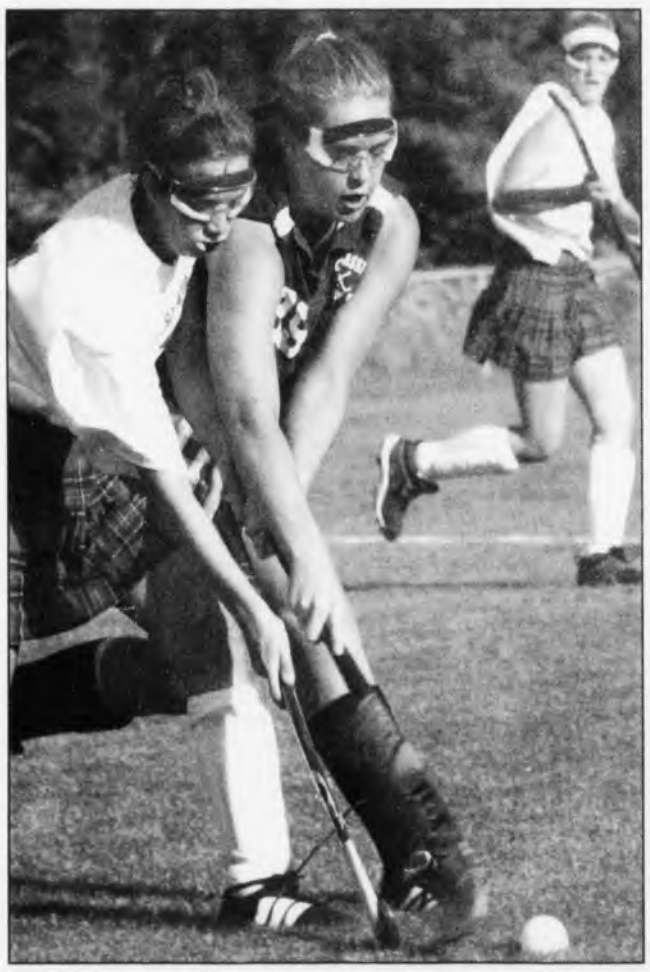
Both Cohasset varsity soccer teams were scheduled to play in Norwell Tuesday night, the girls at 5 p.m., the boys under the lights on the football field at 7 p.m.. However, because of the acts of terrorism perpetrated in New York and Washington D.C. earlier in the day, all extra-curricular activity was wisely postponed.

At the time of this writing, those games were slated to be made up Wednesday night.

For the girls, this game will be the season opener.

For the Cohasset boys, this game stands as a something of a watershed contest. It's been a few years since the Skippers have beaten Norwell, and last year they lost all three meetings (including the sectional semifinals) by a single goal. Although the Clippers have been stung by graduation and transfers, they are still considered a very sound team, and their 1-1 season opener against Scituate on Friday only lent further support to that assertion.

Rebuilding? Perhaps not



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Alexis Bugley (white shirt) battles Silver Lake's Christine Woll for the ball in Friday's season opener at Silver Lake.

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the defense in front of the net, with seniors Lynner and Jackie Goines leading the way.

"They were a little quicker than us on offense, but my defense is better than their defense," stated the Lady Skippers coach matter-of-factly.

In game number 2 on the season, Monday at East Bridgewater, Cohasset managed a 1-1 tie against another much larger Div. 1 team.

The Lady Vikings struck first, slipping a tap-in past Genovese with five minutes to play in the first half.

But the Skippers kept the ball in the offensive end for much of the second half, eventually scoring on their fourth corner of the game. The shot was set up when junior captain Heather Peraino slid her corner shot to Coakley, who made a thread-the-needle pass to senior forward Allison Scott through heavy traffic. Scott may have had the last touch on the ball before it scored, but it was junior Deanna Brown who ended the play with authority.

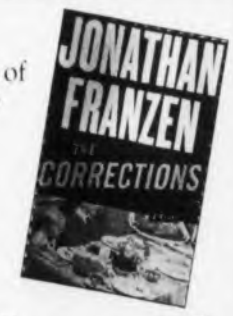
For the rest of the game, the Cohasset offense was noticeably slowed by senior sweeper Ryan Orcutt, the only male player Cohasset has seen in some time. His strength and high level of play warranted a pre-game phone call from the Viking coach to CHS Athletic Director Ron Ford, but Bostwick decided to play the game outright with no protest.

"He was their whole defense," noted Bostwick with a laugh. "He had good stick control, and a very powerful drive."

For the second straight game, Bostwick was very pleased with the defense. This time it was a pair of juniors stepping up in the absence of Goines. Sarah Dennis and Kimmy Ulmer, who both played the entire game at the fullback positions, were instrumental in cutting off EB's breakaways.

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SPORTS NOTES

Little League tryouts

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association (CYBSA) has announced tryouts for the 2001 Major League baseball season will be held Sunday, Sept. 30, at 1 p.m. at Barnes Field on North Main Street. Youngsters who will be 10, 11 or 12 years old on or before July 31, 2002, and are not currently playing at the Major League level, are invited and encouraged to participate in this once-a-year tryout event.

All those who are eligible should plan to attend, as this is the only opportunity to tryout. Applications are available at Town Hall or can be completed upon arrival at Barnes Field. Participants are requested to arrive at 12:30 p.m. to facilitate the registration process. There is no money required for this exercise but each participant should bring a baseball glove, hat and long pants.

Any questions regarding these tryouts may be forwarded to Mark DeGiacomo (6413), Dan Leahy (1005) or Bob Morgan (3265).

Flag football signup

Registration for Hingham Flag Football will be held on Sept. 15, from 9 am to 12 pm at Pal Field in Hingham.

This program is the only one of its kind on the South Shore. Boys and girls, ages 5-12, from all South Shore communities are welcome to participate.

Entry fees are $50 per person with a $90 cap per family.

Pal Field is on Beal St. in Hingham behind Lincoln Plaza. Take exit off 3A opposite the commuter boat exit. Pal Field is at the end of the street.

For more information, please call (781) 383-9122.

Fall baseball leagues start up

The South Shore Baseball Club's annual Fall Outdoor Baseball Leagues for players 7 to 18 in four different age groups, as well as its Rookie League for boys and girls 5-8 without experience in organized sports, swings into action in September.

More than 200 players participated in the SSBC Fall League last year. This season's five-week session is scheduled to run outdoors through Oct. 28.

"We have games, practices and quality instruction for everybody," SSBC president/director Frank Niles Jr. said. "Our leagues are designed for players who want to take advantage of New England's best baseball weather."

Ages 7-9: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m., Sept. 10 to Oct. 12, at Negus Park in South Weymouth. Players enter individually and are placed on teams by the SSBC staff. Niles is the head instructor.

Ages 10-12: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 11, start, at Negus Park and Gifford Park, South Weymouth. There will be six teams and a 14-game schedule for each club. Players enter individually and are placed on teams by the SSBC staff.

The defending two-time champion is the Hanover Braves. Anthony Melchionda, of Braintree, won last year's Home Run Derby on the final day.

Ages 13-15: Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at Stella Tirrell Park, South Weymouth. Players are assigned to teams and play a minimum of two or three games each week. Schedule includes between 10 to 15 games. Steve Almonte will be the director. Fee includes SSBC shirt, hat and umpire pay.

Ages 16-18 (high school varsity): Sunday doubleheader games, Sept. 9 to Oct. 28, four SSBC teams will compete against teams from Brookline, Silver Lake, East Bridgewater, Needham and Bridgewater. Fee includes an SSBC shirt, hat and umpire pay.

Rookie League: Each youngster (5 to 8) receives one hour of instruction each week and also plays in a one-hour game Saturdays (starting at 9 a.m.) for four weeks, Sept. 11 to Oct. 6, at Kress Field, Hingham. Practice sessions are slated for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays, 4 to 5 p.m.

All players will receive a T-shirt and hat. The ball will be pitched, no hitting off a tee.

SSBC is a full service, year-round club and training facility for baseball and softball players, ages 5 and older, in Holbrook and Hingham. For more information about SSBC, its Fall Outdoor Baseball Leagues or Rookie League call 781-767-1529/800-GO-4-HITS or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com

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Mike McClendon rounded the final bend to pop into view of those of us standing near the finish line at Friday's cross country race showdown between Norwell and Hanover. Suddenly, the Norwell High harrier went into what can only be described as a prolonged stumble—his legs flailing behind him for eight to ten steps as his upper body slowly keeled forward. Gravity finally prevailed, as Mike crashed hard onto the rocky dirt path approximately 50 yards from the finish line.

It was at about this point it became all too clear this was not a mere trip. It was obvious something more was wrong as Mike flopped about on the ground, a vacant expression on his face. Within a few second, however, one of Norwell's assistant coaches was alongside him to help him up and direct him back towards the finish line.

"What was he doing?!" my mind screamed, as I wondered if there was any way this coach might not have noticed the distressing signs I witnessed. I mean the race was pretty much over at that point, with Hanover having taken the top four spots overall and their decisive fifth runner having crossed the line just moments before Mike became the eighth runner to appear.

The wild-eyed look Mike had as he approached the finish line with the same awkward gait he had before he went down the first time, quite frankly, raised my concern to downright fright. He hit down hard on his knees for the second time some 10 feet from the finish line. He then started crawling and rolling towards the line. With the help of the assistant coach and a paramedic, he finally managed to cross the line—whether or not his official placing of 10th counted, who knows...much less ,who cares.

The paramedic made the quick verbal observation that Mike had stopped sweating, which allowed even me to diagnose dehydration...but that didn't explain the far-away look in his eyes, did it?

I moved over next to one of the Norwell parents I'd been talking to earlier and asked "can dehydration do that?!"

"He's autistic," the parent told me, sensing instantly what I meant. "It just looks like he pushed himself too hard."

Ooooh....

Mike, a junior, is fine today. It was discovered at the hospital that, in addition to dehydration, his blood sugar was below normal limits. The doctors want to follow up on that, but Mike's mother reports that he should be cleared for competition before too much longer.

"Mike just loves to run," said Carol McClendon. "We're a little concerned about the blood sugar count, but once (doctors) make sure it's nothing serious, he should be back. It's tough to keep him from running."

Mike has been running year round at Norwell High since his freshman year. He lettered as a varsity team member in cross country, indoor and outdoor track last year after running for the JV squads his first year.

Norwell High coach Chuck Martin has been watching Mike's progress as a runner for even longer than that. In addition to coaching the N.H.S. track teams year round, Martin runs a summer running program for Norwell grade schoolers (a nice feeder system, eh coach?), and Mike first joined on at the age of 12. Martin also let him run with his high school squads as an eighth grader, helping the shy youngster get a jump start in his acclimation to high school life and athletics.

Today, he is flourishing on both fronts.

"Chuck (Martin) has just been an amazing with Mike," said Mrs. McClendon. "As a parent, I can't express my appreciation enough for all he's done."

Mike is one of the Norwell team's top two-milers in both the winter and spring seasons, and also appears to be one of the key harriers for the cross country squad this fall. He was on his way to an eighth place overall finish, and third best among Norwell runners, among 30 or so runners when he collapsed in Friday's season opener.

He ran his fifth Falmouth Road Race last month with his father, Richard, finishing with an outstanding time of 55:19.

Mike has also been playing youth hockey with the South Shore Seahawks since the age of seven. He currently plays center in the Midget division. Carol McClendon said the only thing stopping him from trying out for the Norwell High hockey team is his involvement in winter track.



STAFF PHOTO/JERRY RANEY

Mike McClendon at the start of Friday's race.

In addition, he loves to swim and rollerblade.

Academically, Mike carries a full course load with some modifications. He reads and writes quite well, and takes regular high school level courses such as Math, English, Spanish and Marine Biology.

His verbal skills are a little behind those of most 16-year olds, which contributes to the shyness. That made talking to him for the purpose of this article difficult. It is reported, however, by people around whom he's comfortable, that he's quite capable of lighting up a room, or hallway or track facility.

"He'll walk across the room with a big smile on his face to shake your hand," said Norwell High Athletic Director Jim Sullivan. "Mike is just a super kid. You can't help smiling when you're around him. He's a real inspiration to anyone who knows him."

Principal Stephen Mahoney agrees.

"Norwell is a small enough school that everyone seems to know everyone, and people certainly know and like Mike," said Mahoney. "He really interacts well with a lot of the kids in the building, and I think he's an inspiration to us all."

Even Carol McClendon, who's around him every day, can't help but feel inspired by "Mikey's" continued growth as an athlete, but even more so a person.

"I think it's been pretty unbelievable for someone with Mike's disability to participate at the level he has," said Carol, who is also the mother of twin seventh grade boys, Andrew and Christopher. "I think he's an inspiration to parents of younger autistic children. We know a few through the inclusion program, and it's nice to think that Mike might help them feel better about what their kids are capable of."

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10:16 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire inspection.
10:50 a.m. Scituate Rd., fire inspection.
11:51 a.m. South Main St., vandalism.
12:58 p.m. Pond St., fire inspections.
1:49 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, patient signoff.
6:01 p.m. Forest Ave., suspicious activity.
7:43 p.m. Bancroft Rd., officer wanted.
7:44 p.m. Wheelwright Lane, well being check.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

1:46 a.m. Hull St., arrest citizen.
9:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window, attempted burglary.
9:18 a.m. Church St., 911 call, false alarm.
6:28 a.m. Howe Rd., medical aid.
6:54 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:46 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint, departmental action.
11:35 a.m. South Main St., parking violation, departmental action.
12:29 p.m. Rockland St., medical aid, referred to other agency.
1:03 p.m. Highland Ave., vandalism.
2:14 p.m. Lighthouse Ln., fire investigation.
2:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., arrest at service.
4:28 p.m. Lighthouse Ln., suspicious auto.
4:34 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed gathering.
8:01 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious person, area search negative.
11:05 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

FRIDAY, AUG. 31

7:36 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:29 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint, departmental action.
9:15 a.m. Margin St., officer wanted.
9:40 a.m. Smith Pl., fire inspections.
10:04 a.m. Deane St., fire inspections.
11:39 a.m. Headquarters to S. Main St., transport.
12:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., road rage.
2:53 p.m. Brook St., medical aid, patient sign off.
4 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
4:46 p.m. Forest Ave. and North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation.
5:06 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Atlantic Ave., MV stop, traffic citation.
5:07 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Rd., MV stop, verbal warning.
5:30 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:48 p.m. Hull St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
6:05 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:25 p.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
7:01 p.m. Beechwood St. and Hillside Dr., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
7:24 p.m. King St., fire investigation.
7:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation.
7:56 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation.
8:11 p.m. Forest Ave., M.V. stop, traffic citation, warning.
8:20 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
8:36 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:47 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
9:15 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
9:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Meindel Rd., MV stop, traffic citation warning.
9:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
10:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
11:50 p.m. King St., general services, departmental action.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

12:03 a.m. Woodland Dr., missing person.
12:07 a.m. North Main St., general services.
12:37 a.m. Lighthouse Ln., general services.
11 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
3:16 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious auto, investigated.
4:49 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
4:53 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, departmental action.
4:57 p.m. Sohier St., MV violations, area search negative.
6 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:16 p.m. North Main St., animal control.
8:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
10:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Brewster Rd., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
10:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
11:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA, removed to hospital.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

12:28 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint, departmental action.
1:19 a.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Rd., MV stop, arrest: Timothy Galligan, 21, 57 Dewey Rd., Braintree, Chgs.: operating after license or right to operate suspended, operating unregistered MV/trailer.
1:48 a.m. Hull St., assist other police department.
2:07 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.
5:02 a.m. Pond St., medical aid, patient signoff.
7:21 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.
10 a.m. King St., medical aid, patient signoff.
11:30 a.m. Border St., suspicious activity.
12:07 p.m. Border St., suspicious activity.
1:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA.
2:30 p.m. King St., fire investigation.
2:45 p.m. King St., brush fire.
4:10 p.m. Cushing Plaza, disturbance.
5:16 p.m. Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, arrest: Robin M. Ordelheide, 23, 8099 Williston Rd., Williston, Vt. Chgs.: non-resident operating MV without license in possession, operating MV without license in possession.
7:09 p.m. Elm St., noise complaint.
8 p.m. South Main St., medical aid.
10:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:45 p.m. King St., medical aid.
11:50 p.m. Elm St., annoying phone calls.

Police arrested 53 in August

August was a busy month for the Cohasset Police Department, Police Chief Brian Noonan said. There were 53 arrests, five for Protective Custody, three for Minor in Possession of Alcohol, one for Possession of Class D Substance, two for Public Drinking, 30 for Disturbing the Peace, one for Disorderly House, four for Disorderly Person, two for Outstanding Warrants, two for Operating Under the Influence second offense, two for Operating Under the Influence first Offense, and finally one for Operating after License Suspended.

During the month of August the police department investigated 14 motor vehicle accidents, eight of which resulted in personal injury. There were 176 Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $4,980 in fines. Additionally there were 260 parking tickets issued for $6,550 in fines.

Also in August our Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 794 calls for police services, of those 112 were Emergency 911 calls, Noonan said.

Finally in the month of August 10 Criminal Complaints were sought. Four of the complaints were sought in connection to the July 21 burglaries at four businesses located in Cohasset Plaza.

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OBITUARIES

Leonard Lawrence

Leonard Farrel Lawrence, 93, of Cohasset, died Sept. 7, 2001.

Husband of the late Adelle E. (Austakolins) Lawrence, he leaves two sons, Peter Lawrence of Duxbury and Paul Lawrence of Golden, Colo.; a sister, Mary V. Lawrence of Zellwood, Fla.; and four grandchildren, David, Peter, Jonathan and Amanda.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Cohasset Central Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Lawrence may be made to St. Anthony's Parish Building Fund, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

Anna C. Bartlett

Anna C. (O'Connor) Bartlett, 74, a homemaker, died Sept. 9, 2001, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born in Springfield, Mrs. Bartlett graduated from the High School of Commerce and Bay Path Junior College, both in Springfield. She lived in Cohasset for 38 years.

She enjoyed playing golf and bridge and was a member of the Cohasset Golf Club.

Wife of the late John E. Bartlett, she leaves four daughters, Linda A. Arnold and her husband Chris of Plymouth, Debra A. Bartlett-Smith of Cohasset, Pamela A. Bartlett of East Weymouth and Carol A. Harring of Woburn; a brother, Cornelius E. Sullivan of Springfield; a sister, Mary A. O'Connor of Springfield; and four grandchildren, Christopher and Craig Arnold and Jonathan and Charles Smith.

The Rev. John R. Mulvehill officiated at a funeral Mass at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Anthony's Parish Building Fund, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

Barbara Rogers

Barbara (Daughtrey) Rogers, formerly of Cohasset died September 2, 2001, in Salem.

Mrs. Rogers leaves a son, Brian Foley; two daughters, Robin Foley and Kim Cochrane; a brother, Jack Daughtrey; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in the spring in Virginia Beach, Va.

Donations may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, 02115.

William O'Connell, Jr.

William George O'Connell, Jr., 85, of Cohasset, a coach for many local youth sports, died September 1, 2001, at Marina Bay Nursing Home in Quincy.

Mr. O'Connell was a postal supervisor at the South Boston Postal Annex for 34 years and retired in 1973.

After his retirement, he was a coach for youth hockey and Cohasset Little League baseball team.

An avid golfer and bowler, Mr. O'Connell was active in the revitalization of the bowling alleys at the Cohasset Community Center.

Born Watertown, he was educated in Watertown Public Schools and graduated from Boston Latin School and attended Boston College.

Husband of the late Lillian F. (Brooks) O'Connell, he leaves six sons, William G. O'Connell, III and Brian T. O'Connell, both of Cohasset, Kevin P. O'Connell of Falmouth, and Forside, Maine; Daniel V. O'Connell of Scituate, Timothy E. O'Connell of Burlington; and David F. O'Connell of Plymouth; three daughters, Kathleen A. Nini of Concord, Eileen O. Meehan of Wollaston and Denise M. Williams of Phoenix; two brothers, Paul O'Connell of Melbourne, Fla., and Robert O'Connell of Chattanooga, Tenn., two sisters, Lorraince Beck of Baltimore, Md.; and Maureen O'Connell of Gaithersburg, Md.; 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A funeral Mass officiated by the Rev. John R. Mulvehill, was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund, 1309 Beacon St., Brookline, 02246 or to Francis Quimet Scholarship Fund, 190 Park Road, Weston, 02493.

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Four-alarm fantasy

Firefighter blazing new trail in party business

By Seth Jacobson
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Pembroke resident Mike Watts is a hard-working man who enjoys the simpler things in life.

He owns a cozy house, has a loving wife, two wonderful daughters, a steady job as a firefighter in Weymouth and has his very own big red fire truck.

Watts, 34, recently purchased the de-commissioned 1976 model fire engine and plans to put it to use for parties, fundraisers and other functions as part of his new business — A Fire Truck for all Occasions.

"I just figured that every one has jumped around in moonwalks (big trampolines), everyone has seen the clowns, and everyone has taken the pony rides," he said. "But what person has ever had their own fire department for the day for something like a birthday party?"

Because Watts is an avid collector of firefighting-oriented antiques, he always has extra supplies on hand that he brings to functions like old hoses, nozzles, helmets, fire hydrants, models, and even a stuffed Dalmatian for a mascot. Watts said many people in Pembroke know of his love of collecting firefighting paraphernalia, and people around the town are always dropping off old collectibles at his door.

But all this did not happen overnight, and Watts said he never planned any of it.

After spending time in the Army, college, and then the Coast Guard, Watts decided to take a job at the now-defunct Weymouth Naval Air Base. When the base closed, Watts found himself out of a job, so he flew himself to Orlando, Florida where he landed a job as a firefighter.



Collecting fire equipment and memorabilia has become more than just a hobby for Pembroke's Mike Watts — it's part of his business.

"People love it. I already get paid for something I love to do, but the truck has added a new level of excitement to my life."
Weymouth Firefighter and business owner Mike Watts

"Ten months later, that base also closed," Watts recalled. But he said before he knew it, Weymouth Mayor David Madden, who was the fire chief in Weymouth at that time, offered him a job as a firefighter, so he and his family came back to the South Shore and settled in Pembroke.

One day, Watts' wife told him about a friend at work who had a little boy who loved the firefighting profession. Watts' wife said her friend was looking for something special to do for his birthday.

Watts swung into action and helped arrange a party for the boy at the Old Fire Museum in Easton and made the event even more special by bringing along accessories like fire helmets, boots and other equipment for the children to try on.

When a week later, a thank you note arrived from the grateful mom along with a check for $65, Watts' idea for a party planning business ignited.



STAFF PHOTOS/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Firefighter and party planner Mike Watts shows off his 1976 fire engine. The decommissioned truck is the hit at a host of functions.

"It surprised me, because I never wanted any money for it," Watts said of the thank you payment. "But I started thinking that maybe I could do functions as a part-time job."

Before getting all fired up about the plan, Watts pitched the concept to people all over Pembroke — asking parents and other individuals what they thought of the firefighting-birthday concept. As more and more people became receptive to the idea, Watts decided to give it a go.

It wasn't long before he determined there should be more to the parties than hats, hoses and boots. Watts wanted his own fire truck to bring along, too.

"I started researching that possibility about three or four months ago," Watts said. "Eventually, I found this company in New York that sells fire trucks." Watts was told that there was one for sale at that facility so his vision kept getting close to reality.

"When I finally told my wife about it, she thought I was crazy." Watts said. But she agreed because she thought his concept was a great idea.

It was also an expensive idea, and with no extra spending cash available, Watts was forced to make a sizable sacrifice —he sold his beloved motorcycle. With the money from that and from another loan he took out, Watts and his wife went to New York and bought the truck.

The trip home was a tough one as the engine broke down twice on the way back from New York —once in the Bronx and once in Connecticut. But it turned out it was a big "engine that could" and the truck arrived on the South Shore about a month ago. Watts said the truck is now running just fine, and since he's been back, kids in his neighborhood and his own daughters are enthralled with it. He said he keeps the engine stored at the Bare Cove Fire Museum in Hingham, but he frequently brings it out for a little show and tell.

A large number of party requests has Watts fine tuning his function offerings. He offers three separate party packages which include an array of activities like fire-related games, truck demonstrations, and fire-prevention lessons.

"People love it," Watts said. "I already get paid for something I love to do, but the truck has added a new level of excitement to my life. It's just a great time. And it all just kind of happened."

With the fire truck business off and running, Watts is already moving on to another important project, he said.

"I've got to get another motorcycle as soon as possible."

For more information on scheduling and pricing for A Fire Truck for all Occasions call Watts at (781) 293-2900. Watt' business is available for birthday parties, weddings, surprise visits, graduations, business grand openings and other functions.

Starship lands at Vincent's

60s rock icons perform at Randolph club September 19

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The band is currently semi-reformed as Jefferson Starship, but there would have never been a Starship without the original Jefferson Airplane. And there never would have been an Airplane as we know it without the band's landmark, breakthrough album — Surrealistic Pillow.

That mid 60s LP classic is now 35 years old, and is one of the essential and defining rock albums of its day for good reason. Fusing the Airplane's bohemian folk-music roots with the era's wild anticipation of electric, psychedelic-inspired musical adventures to come, "Pillow," within months of its release became one of the flagship albums of 1967s youth counterculture explosion often fuzzily remembered as the "Summer of Love," taking its indelible place among such elite LP company as the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's, the Hendrix Experience's Are You Experienced? and the Doors' first album. It was also the Airplane's first album on which original members Marty Balin, Paul Kantner, Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Cassidy were joined by alluring new vocalist Grace Slick, whose two songs "Somebody To Love" and "White Rabbit" became instant crossover anthems with enough staying power to land in the regular rotations of classic-rock and oldies radio stations clear into the next century.

Jefferson Starship, reunited since 1992 with singers/guitarists Balin and Kantner and other artistically like-minded musicians/friends, has rocked on gracefully through the past decade, lighting up the national club, arena and festival scene with regular periodic tours that not only trade nobly on the band's legendary Airplane/Starship past but even attempt to expand on it as well.

In celebrating the Pillow album's silver-plus-ten anniversary, Starship's current summer-fall trek carries this added interest for long-time fans, and will be the main focus as the show flies into Vincent's, off Route 228, Randolph, to debut this fall's Wednesdays Rock! classic-rock concert series this week. The band's current stretch of shows is spotlighting the Pillow album in its entirety plus numerous other pickings from the vast three-decade Airplane/Starship catalog.



Jefferson Starship kicks off Vincent's in Randolph's "Wednesdays Rock" series Sept. 19.

"(Surrealistic Pillow) was the album that really got us attention back in the early days," said Kantner by phone from his hotel room just before a recent weekend show in Cerritos, CA. "No one could have predicted at the time just how popular or how much of an icon the album would become. We certainly thought we had a solid collection of songs, and most of the best material to showcase our new style with Grace (Slick) coming on for the first time. And for some reason, the album just struck a chord with our listeners, and brought us a whole lot of new ones as well."

"Music is such an unpredictable thing. No one can really touch upon why it works or it doesn't, or creates such a buzz in its time and either has or doesn't have a lasting effect after that. It's really like a luck of the draw sometimes. You put your music out there and hope for the best," Kantner said.

Kantner, now 60, was, along with Balin and Slick, part of the song-oriented creative force of the Airplane's overall vision back in its heyday, as opposed to the more expansive jam and improvisation tendencies of singer/guitarist Kaukonen and bassist Cassidy. As the band not only mirrored but helped galvanize the musical experimentation of its times, these collective creative personalities became ever more assertive and near uncontainable, an artistic Airplane of all pilots and no crew, as evidenced by such wildly "trippy" subsequent albums as After Bathing At Baxter's, Crown of Creation and the outspokenly political Volunteers.

Pillow in its time found the Airplane still mainly a song-oriented band. Kantner's songwriting efforts on the album include the gracefully psychedelic "D.C.B.A. - 25" and a collaboration with Balin, the emotive, mystical ballad "Today." Other Balin-vocal signatures such as "My Best Friend" and "Plastic Fantastic Lover" also highlight an album that is especially notable for every song being distinctive.

"The kind of experimentation we (the Airplane) did back then was simply the spirit of the times. All the members had incredible creative ideas and energy and went off in different directions. There were certainly musical and personal conflicts but I think we managed to hold it together for a long time as a band," Kantner said.

The current Jefferson Starship features vocalist/frontperson Diana Mangano, who by reports has quite capably stepped into the rather imposing role of Grace Slick onstage. "A very embracing, powerful vocalist. I met her in upstate New York," Kantner said. Also, the band includes ex-Tubes drummer Prairie Prince, guitarist Slick Aguilar, formerly of David Crosby's band, and keyboardist/bassist Chris Smith, also an industry veteran.

Recalling the spirit of what made the Airplane the sort of flag-flying hippie band it was in its time, Kantner cites perhaps an unlikely main influence.

"I always looked to Pete Seeger and the Weavers for inspiration of how to perform onstage. They sort of showed us how to essentially be a band and play to an audience. And to take serious concerns that are political, social or otherwise and still have fun with them in front of a crowd. I give a lot of credit for who we were to Pete and his original band," Kantner said.

The new Jefferson Starship has two newly released live multiple-CD sets covering shows recorded in New York and Florida last fall. They are both exclusively available by mail or internet order on the band's website at www.jeffersonstarshipSF.com.

For tickets and information on the Wednesday, Sept. 19 show at Vincent's in Randolph, call (866) 468-7619. Tickets for the Wednesdays Rock series are also available at local Strawberries Records and Tapes.



Two of a kind

Twin folk singers have date at Hingham coffeehouse

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They are the Thompson twins.

No relation to the new wave '80s group that brought us "Hold me now," these Thompson twins —sisters Chris and Meredith — started playing together in the early 1990s and folk music is their forte. The Rhode Island natives have received a lot of critical acclaim and a local following. In addition to being nominated for best folk act in Rhode Island, the pair were finalists at the South Florida Folk Festival and last year won the Boston-based Band and Songwriter contest. They'll make a South Shore appearance this weekend with a Saturday night concert at the Old Ship Coffeehouse in Hingham Square.

The small coffeehouse venue is a favorite for the Thompsons and they're looking forward to bringing their silky-smooth style of music to the South Shore.

"What we play is acoustic music grounded in the folk tradition," Chris said. "But we have a lot of Celtic, Latin, and Cuban influences in our music. We are also influenced by American folk." Chris said she and her sister love playing folk particularly because "it is music that tells a story." With Chris playing guitar, Meredith on flute and congas, and both women on vocals, the stories are told over a beautiful wall of choral sound.

The Thompsons have many stories to tell, and that's why they now have four albums out, the most recent — a live record. Their most recent studio album is called "Wood and Stone," released in 1999.

"Each of our songs has a specific story, and they have universal themes," Chris said. "The songs are a celebration of life that recognize people's strengths."

And those very songs have built up quite a following since the Thompsons' first album called "Ithaca" came out in 1996.

THOMPSON, see next page

Living

Rethinking corn soup



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

Corn soup and corn chowder are only worth making for a few weeks out of the year, when corn is so fresh and plentiful that one gets tired of simply eating it freshly boiled on the cob. But I am no fan of complicated recipes for corn soup since the very essence of corn is no-nonsense simplicity. My goal, therefore, was to pare this recipe down to its bones and then add in a flavor or two to make it more than a bowlful of cooked, pureed kernels.

In the past, I have authored corn soup recipes that require the cook to "milk" the corn which means to remove the contents of the kernel, leaving behind the outer shell. This is done with a corn "stripper," a foot-long metal trough with sharp blades that cuts open the kernels as one slides the cob down the chute. The other method is to use a sharp knife to slice the kernels and then the back of the knife is used to press out the contents. To simplify the process, I decided instead to use whole kernels that are pulsed in a food processor. Yes, the texture is coarser, but the time savings were worth it.

Next, I had to decide between a chowder and a soup. The former includes diced potatoes, the latter doesn't. Having tried the recipe both ways, I found that the potatoes were an unwelcome complication – they need to be washed and diced and their texture and flavor simply competed with the corn. So, soup it was.

Now I had a simple working recipe: corn kernels, diced onion, half and half, chicken stock, salt and pepper. I sautéed the corn in a bit of butter with the onion, added the half and half, and then puréed the mixture in a food processor. This mixture was placed back in the pan, chicken stock was added, and the soup was simmered. It was good but I wanted to make the recipe a bit more interesting. I added some diced ginger along with the onion and this made for a nice pairing. Finally, to give the broth more depth, I added one cup of coconut milk. This was too much so I stepped it back to 3/4 cup which was just right. A final garnish with snipped chives added color and a fresh accent.

The whole recipe can be made in less than half an hour and it is special enough to serve either mid-week or at a fancy dinner party.

CORN SOUP WITH COCONUT MILK AND GINGER

There is a lot of confusion about coconut milk, coconut cream, and cream of coconut. The latter, cream of coconut, is a sweetened product which is used primarily for making drinks – it contains thickeners and emulsifiers. Coconut milk and coconut cream are made by steeping coconut milk in either water or milk. These are unsweetened products and are somewhat interchangeable in terms of commercial nomenclature. I use Thai Kitchen Pure Coconut Milk which is available in supermarkets nationwide. An easy way to mince chives is simply to snip them with scissors. If you have a corn stripper and are inclined to use it, milk the corn kernels instead of using them whole. You will need about a dozen ears to produce 4 cups.

2 tablespoons butter
4 cups corn kernels (from about 6 large ears)
1 cup diced onion
2 teaspoons minced ginger
1 cup half and half
3/4 cup coconut milk or cream (NOT cream of coconut)
3 cups chicken stock
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/4 cup snipped or minced chives

1. Heat a 12-inch skillet or large saucepan over high heat for 2 minutes. Add butter. When melted, add corn kernels, onion, and ginger and sauté over medium-high heat for 4 minutes, stirring frequently. Add half and half and coconut milk and simmer for 10 minutes. Purée mixture in a blender or food processor until smooth.

2. Rinse out pan and return mixture to it. Add chicken stock, bring back to a simmer, and cook gently for 3 minutes. Add salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste. Garnish with chives and serve. Serves 6 to 8 as a first course.



Two of a kind

The Thompsons recalled how it all started.

Chris said before the two sisters went off to Cornell University, they were playing at open-mic nights at a Providence establishment called Stone Soup.

"From there, we both went to Cornell and we decided to play together full-time," Chris said. By 1996, both sisters graduated from Cornell and decided to start their recording career.

When writing songs, the sisters found their talents were in specific areas—Chris was good at writing music and Meredith, a poet, was excellent with lyrics.

"You can't really smush a poem into a song," Meredith said, "you have to write lyrics. Poems and songs are two separate things."

The Thompsons found by creating a simple guitar riff and a tranquil flute line, combined with soulful singing, bass, and congas, they could write great tunes.

"We always use different levels of sound when we play," Chris said. "Sometimes songs sound better if they are simple because they can be simple and powerful at the same time. We like creating soundscapes of audio imagery."

"I get the stories behind the songs by looking at neat things that are going on or at things that have already happened," Meredith added. "We like stories that need to be told and re-told. It's amazing what kinds of stories you can hear when you talk to people."

These days, the Thompsons are no longer strangers to the music business. They've traveled all over the country playing shows, released albums, got awards and received praise from critics. After all of their hard work over the years, they are still having fun.

"We'd like to start recording another album soon," Chris said. "We have enough material for it." Meanwhile, while they wait to record their new record, they are always finding new stories to write about.

"A lot of people in the industry write about things that have happened to them," Chris added. "We always try to step out of that by finding people who have stories of their own to tell. We just try to do things a little bit differently."

Chris said at the show in Hingham, she and Meredith will be playing songs from all of their albums.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," Meredith said. "It's always such a thrill to perform."

"We just hope people who come to the show will find the music uplifting," Chris added. "I want people to respond to our songs by saying 'I've felt like that' or 'Hey, I've made a decision like that.' But the best part is always playing live in front of an audience that's excited."

The Thompsons' Sept. 15 show at the Old Ship Coffeehouse starts at 8 p.m. For ticket information call (617) 623-1509 or log onto www.cmthompson.com.



Singing sisters Meredith and Chris Thompson will perform at Hingham's Old Ship Church coffeehouse Sept. 15.

Prioritize your fall landscape projects

Green thumbs up

Suzanne Mahler
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PART I

There is a touch of fall in the air as the last, unofficial weekend of the summer season comes to a close. The month of September is often the best month of the year to perform a wide range of gardening and landscape projects. Springtime in New England poses many challenges for sowing, growing and planting due to unpredictable weather conditions, cold, soggy soils and a lengthy checklist of gardening chores. The warm days and cool evenings of this month offer an ideal opportunity to get a head start on many of these landscaping activities and fall is generally considered the preferred time of year to renovate lawns, transplant perennials and prepare new gardens.

Take time this month, with notebook in hand, to stroll your grounds and critically view and analyze your lawn, gardens and shrubbery. A mature landscape may require considerable time and notations to specify those trees and shrubs which require pruning, transplanting or perhaps elimination. Jot down attractive plant combinations in your containers and borders and do headcounts on successful plantings of annuals you may wish to repeat next season. List changes to be made and open spaces which may need to be filled in this fall or next spring. Should time be an issue, take photos to document your container gardens and plantings and to remind yourself of the mature size of your perennials at season's end, a factor which many of us fail to recall during the spring planting season when there appears to be so much empty space between the plants in our borders.

Visit your local nursery for a wide assortment of fall-blooming perennials, decorative kale and cabbage, chrysanthemums, asters, sedums and ornamental grasses. Spring-flowering bulbs are beginning to arrive and although there is no immediate hurry to plant these harbingers of spring, shop early for the best selection.

Early September is the preferred time of year to install or renovate lawns. Warm soil temperatures facilitate the prompt germination of grass seed and Mother Nature usually assists with the important task of regular watering. Removal of weeds and crabgrass, either by hand or with the aid of selective herbicides, is usually recommended prior to undertaking any lawn project. In weedy areas which have very few grass plants, a broad spectrum herbicide, such as Roundup or Finale, which kills even the existing grass, may be the best course of action. If chemicals are used, be sure to read the label carefully to note the length of time required for the herbicide to dissipate prior to seeding.

For established lawns, a vigorous raking should remove light thatch, but a large or neglected lawn may require heavier equipment to remove a dense layer of dead grass plants which have become matted and reduce the ability of the surviving grass plants to secure moisture and nutrients. Once this process is complete, overseed, apply lime and a starter fertilizer and water regularly.

Aerating the soil at this time of year will also produce a significant improvement in your lawn's uptake of moisture and nutrients. This is particularly important for areas which may have become compacted by heavy foot traffic or cars and for lawns planted over heavy soils. An aerator which pulls small, round plugs of soil out of the ground is the most effective and is best employed when the lawn is damp. The unsightly plugs can be raked up and used to fill low spots or shredded with a rotary mower once they are dry.

For new lawn, at least 4 inches of good loam should be present to grow healthy grass plants and 6 inches or more is preferred. Select grass seed mixtures appropriate for your light exposure and your anticipated usage of the area. There are formulas for sun or shade, mixtures which produce-picture perfect lawns if they receive little traffic, or blends which provide a tough, resilient turf which can withstand considerable trampling. Inexpensive seed mixtures are rarely worth the time and effort it takes to spread them as the percentage of inert material or "other seed" can result in a sparse, weedy lawn that has to be re-seeded in the spring. Read the labels.

Newly seeded areas should be watered lightly several times a day, if possible, to keep the soil moist without allowing large puddles to form which will cause the seed to float into low spots. Once a large percentage of the seed has sprouted, then longer periods of watering every few days are suggested. Early seeding will promote a sturdier turf which will better withstand the unpredictability of our New England winter.

As the days grow shorter, the seed heads of annuals and perennials (and weeds) ripen rapidly. Many of these seeds will successfully germinate if left to their own devices but they always seem to reappear in the most inopportune places, usually at the front of the border. Collect and disperse seeds where you would like them to grow next season or dry and store them in plastic bags or envelopes in cool, dark environments to sow next spring. If time does not permit removal of weeds, cut off and dispose of the seed heads until the intruders can be extricated by their roots. A little weeding at this time of year may save hours of valuable time next season.

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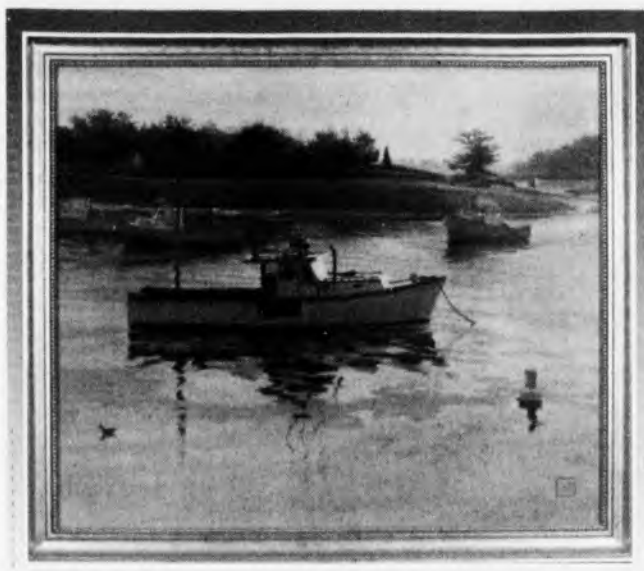
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The Extraordinary Oil Paintings of award winning South shore artist Lisa Johnson are presently being featured at Gallery-By-The-Sea in Plymouth. Her work captures a moment in time along the rocky coastline of Cohasset, the harbor of Scituate and the river inlets of the South Shore. Lisa Johnson will be featured through Sept. 30. Gallery-By-The-Sea is located at 44 Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sun. from noon - 5 p.m. For more information call 508-746-8823.

Thurs. 13

Ron Wilson Photography Exhibition, "The Art of Landscape" will be on view at the Sparrow House Museum through Oct. 28. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Admission to the historic house museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information or directions call 508-747-1240.

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Scituate Town Library will host Paintings of Robert Beaulieu during the month of September. His tremendous skill with light and color can be seen in all his oil landscapes. His work focuses on familiar areas in the South Shore including Young's Boatyard, the North River and Cohasset Harbor. For more information call 781-849-7380.

"Advantages of Breastfeeding" is the topic of the next La Leche League of Weymouth meeting. We will meet at the home of a member on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. Nursing babies are welcome. La Leche League is a non-profit organization that provides mother-to-mother

support and the latest information on breastfeeding research. We also offer a lending library for our member's use. If you would like further information or directions, please call 781-337-0145.

Fri. 14

The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset presents Frank Frederico with a three-day workshop in pastel painting taking place from Sept. 14 - Sept. 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. each day. The workshop will encourage artists to use pastels in a "painterly" style. To register for this class or for more information call 781-383-2787.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Chris Fitz Band. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members and $8 nonmembers. Proper dress required. For more information call 781-331-0021.

Sat. 15

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Lonni Shields. Tickets are $8. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Janet Feld returns to Joe Davies Folk Festival on Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday's headliner is Colleen Sexton. Ellis Paul plays the Sunday finale. Janet plays her set at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 15 on the North Meadow Stage. Admission is $5 for adults, $3.50 for seniors and students and children 13 and under are free. The concert will take place at the Soule Homestead Education Center, 46 Soule Street in Middleboro. For more information call 508-947-6744 or visit www.soulehomestead.org.

Free Gardening Lectures sponsored by the Tranquil Lake Nursery in Rehoboth. On Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. "A long Season of Daylilies" with Philip Boucher, horticulturist and co-owner of Tranquil Lake Nursery. The nursery is located 8 miles East of Providence, Rhode Island off Route 44. For more information call 508-252-4002 or visit the website at www.tranquil-lake.com.

Annual Craft Fair on Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. with the Ladies Group, South Shore Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Route 53 in Braintree. Donation of $1 and children are free. Many unusual and seasonal crafts, snack bar available. For more information call 781-337-0736.

Rexhame Chapter #103, Order of the Eastern Star is sponsoring a calendar dinner at the Marshfield Masonic Center, 420 Furnace Street. The dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. Cost is $8, children under 12 for $4. For more information call Carol at 781-837-2379.

Sixth Annual Brian T. Broderick Family Fire Safety Day at Houghton's Pond, MDC Blue Hills Reservation, Milton from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. This event is designed to promote fire awareness through safety activities, display, children's games, helicopter and fire engine demonstrations and tours. Antique and new fire engines will be on display along with Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog. The event is free. For more information call Maggi Brown at the MDC at 617-727-4573.

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BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK will take place on October 21 at 11 a.m. at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury. This benefit is in memory of 13-year old Brittany Lambert who died in Oct. 1998 after a 2.5 year battle with myelosdisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. Fee is $12 ($15 after Oct. 6). For applications visit the website at www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org call Linda Haehnel at 781-582-2598.

ARTREAT, a weekend retreat to inspire your creative spirit on Oct. 5, 6 and 7 in Sandwich. Enjoy the fall colors and beauty of Cape Cod through hiking and canoeing as well as outdoor drawing and painting. Five meals and two nights accommodations are included in the full weekend retreat running from 5 p.m. on Fri. Oct. 5 to 2 p.m. on Oct. 7. The cost is $215. (You may also register for Sat. only for $125.) To register or receive a detailed brochure call 508-747-5929.

JAZZ NIGHT on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Wilder Hall, 666 Main Street in Hingham. Featuring the popular Mark Kross "Five Piece Trio" including Herb Pomeroy, trumpet and Billy Novick, alto saxophone. Sponsored by the New England Friends Home. For tickets and information call 781-749-3556.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28, Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

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The Scituate Town Library will host the paintings of Robert Beaulieu during the month of September. His tremendous skill with light and color can be seen in all his oil landscapes. His work focuses on familiar areas in the South Shore including Young's Boatyard, the North River and Cohasset Harbor. For more information call 781-849-7380.

BEST BET

The Sea Note in Hull welcomes blues singer Lonnie Shields for a concert performance Saturday, Sept. 15 at 9:45. Tickets are $8. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300. The Sea Note is located at 159 Nantasket Avenue.



The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset presents Frank Frederico with a three-day workshop in pastel painting taking place from Sept. 14 - Sept. 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. each day. The workshop will encourage artists to use pastels in a "painterly" style. To register for this class or for more information call 781-383-2787.



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The South Shore Natural Science Center will host its 25th Annual Corn Festival Saturday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain Date is Sunday, Sept. 16). A celebration of the fall harvest and New England traditions, the Corn Festival features a variety of demonstrations and activities for the whole family including hayrides, farm animals, guided trail walks; musical entertainment and a Scarecrow Contest round out the fun. Enter the Scarecrow contest on Saturday, September 15 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission to the festival is $3 for adults, $2 for children. Parking is free. The Corn Festival is the Science Center's main fall fundraiser, and all proceeds will benefit the center's environmental education programs. The Center is located on Jacobs Lane, Norwell, just off route 123 and one mile from the Route 3 interchange (exit 13). For more information, please call (781) 659-2559.



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Science Center's 25th Annual Corn Festival. Discover fun facts about corn at the South Shore Natural Science Center's 25th annual Corn Festival on Saturday, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Rain Date is Sunday, September 16th). A celebration of the fall harvest and New England traditions, the Corn Festival features a variety of demonstrations and activities for the whole family. There are traditional craft demonstrations for Mom and Dad, games and corny crafts for the children, and the whole family will enjoy our famous corn chowder at the Kernel's Kitchen. Hayrides, farm animals, guided trail walks; musical entertainment and a Scarecrow Contest round out the fun. Enter the Scarecrow contest on Saturday, September 15th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission to the festival is $3.00 for adults, $2.00 for children. Parking is free. The Corn Festival is the Science Center's main fall fundraiser, and all proceeds will benefit the Center's environmental education programs. The Center is located on Jacobs Lane, Norwell, just off route 123 and one mile from the Route 3 interchange (exit 13). For more information, please call (781) 659-2559.

Wrentham Village Premium Outlets puts "Back to School" shopping to music featuring live performances by Top Jazz, R & B and Blues Bands. On Sept. 15, "Dennis Brennan Band" from 1 - 4 p.m. Located directly off Interstate 495, exit 15, just north of the intersection of Interstate 95. For more information call 508-384-0600.

Quincy ArtsFest "Call for Entries" Forms Available for artists and photographers interested in participating in the fourth annual Quincy ArtsFest. To receive a form call the Quincy Art Association at 617-770-2482.

Sun. 16

The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury is celebrating its thirteenth anniversary with three very special exhibitions scheduled through Sept. 16. "The Yixing Effect" - the works of contemporary artists who are among the most highly regarded ceramists in the United States and whose traditions and techniques of Yixing pottery as inspiration. "Ma Qingxiong - Recent Work" the philosophy and technique of Chinese painting is blended with western art concepts to create breathtaking installation of umbrellas, all suspended from the galleries ceiling. "Co-Founders choice" features works of art chosen personally by Edith Weyerhaeuser in recognition of the museum's anniversary. She made these selections shortly before her death. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. Museum hours are 1 - 4 p.m., Wed. - Sun. Tel. 781-934-6634.

Anne Henning Photography will be on exhibition at the Helen Bumpus Gallery through Sept. 23. There will be a reception on Sept. 16 from 2 - 4 p.m. Located at 77 Alden Street in Duxbury, hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2721.

The Company Theatre announces auditions for "Company for the Holidays" on Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. Call backs will be held on Sept. 17. We are looking for actors, singers and dancers. Please prepare a Christmas song for the audition. Production dates are Nov. 30 - Dec. 22. For more information call 781-871-2787.

The Massachusetts Archaeological Society presents a lecture series at the Robbins Museum of Archaeology from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Middleboro. The lecture is entitled "The Four Directions in Myth and Dream" by Dr. Curtiss R. Hoffman. For more information call 508-947-9005.

Free Gardening Lectures sponsored by the Tranquil Lake Nursery in Rehoboth. On Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. "Suzanne's Favorite Plants for Sun and Shade" with Suzanne Mahler, gardener and popular garden lecturer. The nursery is located 8 miles East of Providence, Rhode Island off Route 44. For more information call 508-252-4002 or visit the website at www.tranquil-lake.com.

The "South Shore Men of Harmony" Barbershop Chorus will present their 50th annual chapter show celebrating "50 Years of Harmony" at Sacred Heart Auditorium, Weymouth Landing, starring "Overdrive" 2000 Northeastern District Quartet Champions. Also featured will be the "Men of Harmony" Chorus, with "Yankee Ingenuity", "Spindrift", and Four Aces" chapter quartets. Tickets for one show only at 2 p.m. are $8 for seniors/students and $10 for adults. For more information call Rich Barry at 781-659-7463. For tickets call Ernie Krabisch at 781-878-6061.

"Music at the Gazebo" - Free outdoor family concert featuring the South Shore Stompers, performing Dixieland jazz and swing. 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Gazebo at Veteran's Memorial Park in Hull (intersection of Nantasket and Samoset Aves.). Bring seating; handicap accessible; free parking - HRA lot. Sponsored by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home. For more information call 781-749-0310.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club presents a difficult walk, strenuous and steep for 2.5 miles on Sept. 16. Great Blue Hill Red Dot Trail to the North and South skyline loop. Meet at the Trailside Museum north lot on Route 138 in Milton. Rangers recommend that you wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

Mon. 17

Do You Like To Sing? Come and join the Fine Arts Chorale for an open rehearsal on Sept. 17 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the Vestry at Old South Union Church on Columbian Street, South Weymouth. For further membership, rehearsal and concert information call 800-230-7555 or email at fineartschorale@aol.com and visit the website at www.finearts.choral.org.

Chorale Arts Society of Scituate seeks singers for its fall season. Music director Richard Bunbury will conduct open rehearsals for the non-audition community chorus on Sept. 17 and 24 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church on Country Way in Scituate. For more information call 781-837-5547 or visit the website at www.choralartsociety.org.

Congregation Beth Jacob, serving the South Shore Jewish community, will welcome the Jewish New Year, 5762 with a full calendar of High Holiday Services. Rosh ha-Shanah (the New Year) begins Monday evening, September 17; and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) begins Wednesday evening, September 26. Services will be held at Beth Jacob Community Center, in Plymouth center.

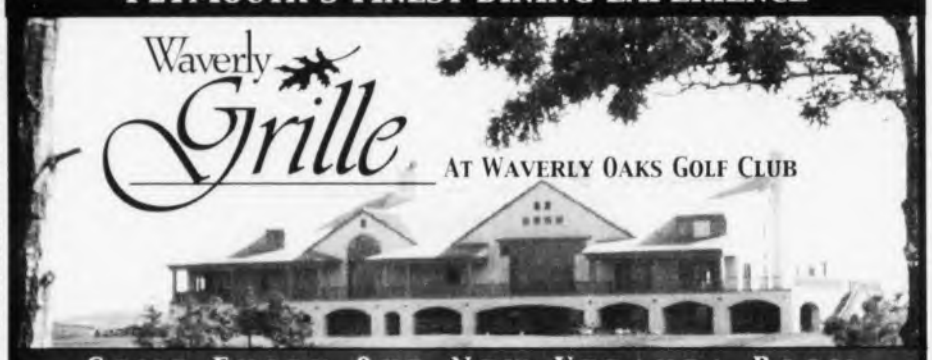
Childcare will be available during the morning services on September 18 and September 27. For information regarding purchasing tickets for services, call Elliott (508-224-2262).

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Roasted Tomato and Artichoke Bruschetta with Spinach and Infused Oils	$9
Grilled Pizza with Beefsteak Tomatoes, Garlic and Fresh Ricotta	$11
Fried Calamari with Jalapeno Peppers, Lemons and Vine Ripe Tomatoes	$8
Marinated Poached Jumbo Shrimp with Field Greens, Lemon and Tomato-Horseradish Sauce	$11

Salads

Caesar Salad of Romaine Crowns with Garlic Croutons, Lemon and Anchovies	$6
Field Greens with Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Red Onion and Carrot Tossed in an Apple-Soy Vinaigrette	$4
Tuscan Style Flank Steak with Arugula, White Beans, Goat Cheese and Truffle Mayo	$10
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Scituate Photographer Peggy Roth Majors is showing her work at the South Shore Natural Science Center's Vine Hall Gallery through the end of September. The exhibit "Natural Renditions," features both traditional and digitally altered photography. This is Ms. Roth Majors' first solo show, and includes work that reveals her passion for nature. The exhibit can also be viewed free of charge during the month of September, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30am to 4:30 pm. The Science Center is located in Norwell on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than a mile from the Route 3 interchange. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.



BEST BET



A Ron Wilson Photography Exhibition, "The Art of Landscape" will be on view at the Sparrow House Museum through Oct. 28. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Admission to the historic house museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information or directions call 508-747-1240.

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Wed. 19

Vincent's In Randolph Schedule Of Wednesday Night Live Concerts beginning September 19. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Sept. 19: Jefferson Starship. Sept. 26: ABBA Again (A Tribute to ABBA). Oct. 3: Badfinger. Oct. 10: Southern Rock Rebellion Band. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

The Holmes Public Library presents a free series of Financial Planning Seminars. On Sept. 19 "Retirement Planning and Personal Money Management" from 6:30 - 8 p.m. All seminars are at the library located on 470 Plymouth Street in Halifax. For more information call 508-293-2271.

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will host Sanford Auerbach, MD. Who will present "The Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease" on Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street in Hingham. For more information on monthly meetings of ADSGSS, call JoAnn Mitchell 781-749-5417.

Thurs. 20

The Braintree Association will meet on Sept. 20 at 7:15 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Bob Aiello will demonstrate a winter landscape in oils. The public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Fri. 21

Parent Support Group Open House. Local Plymouth Group invites parents/guardians and agency staff for an evening of parent information on Sept. 21 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. For further information call 508-830-9457.

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission to hold career fair for job seekers with disabilities on Sept. 21 at the Bayside Exposition and Conference Center from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Job seekers should bring resumes and dress professionally to meet employment representatives from the public sector, education, health care, business and social services. Employers will be conducting on-site interviews. For more information call 617-739-9080.

Singles Executive Club Cocktail Party and Dance at the Lafayette House Ballroom, Route 1 South in Foxboro. Award winning DJ, complimentary buffet, free door prizes for singles 30 years of age and over. Proper business dress required. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. and $15 after. Co-sponsored by the New England Association of Singles. For more information call 781-446-0234.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Kevin McCluskey, Matt Putman and Open Mike on Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. $4 for members and $5 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052.

The North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell presents "Here on the Flight Path" on Sept. 21, 22, 28 and 29 and Oct. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. Sept. 21 and 22 performances include a complete dinner and show at $40 per person. All other performances are $14 per person and reservations can be made by phone. For more information or reservations call 617-476-8947.

Curtain Call Theater announces the production of Alice in Wonderland. Performances are Sept. 21, 22 and 23 and 28, 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. with two performances on Sunday at 2 and 8 p.m. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree. All tickets are $10. For more information call 781-356-5113.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Fat City Band. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

Artica Gallery presents "Anorando (Longing) Landscape Painting by artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann, The exhibit will run through - Oct. Located at 22 Depot Street, hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. For more information call 781-934-0640.

Reunions

WEYMOUTH NORTH HIGH SCHOOL AND VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL, Class of 1981, will hold a 20th reunion on Saturday evening, September 15, 2001 at The Gazebo/Adams Inn in Quincy. Tickets are $37.00. The Reunion Committee has been unable to locate a number of classmates. If you have not been contacted and wish to attend the reunion, please call Jeanne or Bill at (781) 878-7324 to make arrangements.J E BURKE HIGH FOR GIRLS will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on November 4 at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information: 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.
QUINCY HIGH CLASS TO HOLD 40TH REUNION for the class of 1961. Held at the Phillips Old Colony House, Morrisey Blvd., Dorchester, MA on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person. For further information call Carol Bertoni Swett at 781-843-6546 or Donna Beers Anderson at 781-843-8143.
SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL class of 1946 to hold 55 year reunion on September 18. The Class of '46 will hold their 55 year reunion at Scituate's Pier 44. Prior to the dinner, a get-together will be held at the home of Jean and Gray Curtis on Ann Vinal Road in Scituate. According to Class President, Charles (Pete) Fleming, attendees will be arriving from Washington DC, Florida, Maryland, Indiana, New Hampshire and of course, Massachusetts. This class, which lists 53 original members, has had an unbroken history of reunions every five years, occasionally combined with other SHS classes. If you have questions: John McPherson, 6 Clapp Road Scituate MA 02066 or johndon@mediaone.net 781-545-3579

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

Storm clouds move in today. Wake up in a good mood. The Cancer moon is inactive until 3:16 p.m. Others may be moody, hypersensitive. Zero in on odd jobs, clean out and reorganize. Get your home or work area spic and span. Influences lighten up at 3:16 p.m., when the moon enters playful Leo. However, an applying opposition of Venus/Uranus warns you to expect the unexpected, particularly in relationships. Don't force issues; give others lots of space. On the other hand, the evening is prime for fun and games. Be more adventurous; go with your wild side.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

Fair and sunny astrological weather returns. Influences today rate high across the board. If you are working, you can be most productive. New starts are recommended, particularly before 3:27 p.m., when the moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn. Put on your party hat and let the good times roll this evening.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

Take extra time out for yourself this morning; relax and enjoy favorite leisure activities. At 4:35 a.m. the Leo moon forms its last major contact to a planet and becomes inactive. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 3:39 p.m., when the moon enters Virgo. Curl up with a good book or catch up on study or work projects this evening.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect today. Your attitude will make all the difference. Don't get caught up in worries, self-doubts, anger. Let go of situations you have no control over. Stay busy with practical projects; tackle jobs you've been putting off and get them out of the way. The Virgo moon forms challenging 90-degree alignments to Pluto at 11:42 a.m. and Saturn at 3:08 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17

At 6:27 a.m. the new moon culminates, when the sun and moon align at 25-degrees of Virgo. At this time the moon becomes inactive until 3:00 p.m., when it enters Libra. A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Uranus makes this period prime for troubleshooting, problem-solving. You can work out the glitches and find new solutions to old problems. The most favorable period for initiating new ventures occurs between 3:00-9:49 p.m. A lunar alignment to Mars at 10:58 p.m. may spark romantic fireworks this evening.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

A Libra moon generates an upbeat mood today and tomorrow. New starts across the board are recommended. Relationship issues may take precedence. Influences are prime for meeting people, establishing new alliances. If you have been experiencing problems with another, this is the time to clear the air and work out a compromise. Seek a creative or romantic outlet for your energies this evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

Yesterday's planetary influences are in effect today until 12:38 p.m. At this time the Libra moon aligns with Venus and becomes inactive. Be sure to start new activities before 12:38 p.m. The moon enters Scorpio at 3:27 p.m., bringing a change of pace and priorities. Plan a quiet evening. Meditate for peace of mind.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda today. You can be most productive. It is okay to start new activities before 1:03 p.m., when the Scorpio moon forms a harmonious contact to Jupiter. Tackle jobs that need repair, research, study. You can gain key insights and find important solutions. Venus enters Virgo at 10:09 p.m., remaining there until October 15.

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Fall Fixation at Garage

To celebrate the return of books and homework, there will be a Fall Fixation Dance at the Garage on Friday, Sept. 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone from grades 6 through 8 is welcome.

There will be a door charge of $5 per person. Refreshments will be sold for those growing scholars!

Pancake breakfast supports soccer

The Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Cohasset Soccer Boosters will be held at the Deer Hill School cafeteria on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast including a variety of pancakes, bagels, beverages, etc. while supporting the varsity and junior varsity soccer teams.

Tickets are $5 each or a $20 maximum family donation. When purchasing a ticket, you will also be entered in a raffle which will take place at the breakfast. Tickets will be available through soccer players, at local events around town. If you have any questions or would like to donate to the raffle, call Kathie O'Neil at 781-383-1237.

Blood drive is Wed., Sept. 19

The Red Cross has schedule the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 2-7 p.m. at the St. Anthony Parish Center. As in the past, babysitting will be provided from 3-5 p.m.

The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Cohasset area to give blood when the Bloodmobile comes to Cohasset.

The best way to give blood for the first time is to come with a friend who is experienced in the donation process. New donors usually find the procedure easy and painless and most come back regularly to donate.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have question, call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 781-383-1290. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-8318.

Scout registration

Register for Pack 38 Cub Scouts and Troop 28 Boy Scouts Sept. 19, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Deer Hill Cafeteria, grades 2 to 6 Cub Scouts and grades 7 to 12 Boy Scouts.

Further information call Linda Farrag at 781-383-9519 or Jeff Forsdick at 781-383-6329.

Family picnic

A parish Family Day Picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish on the grounds of the rectory. There will be food, including a dessert contest and games for the children. A $5 donation per person is requested, with a maximum of $20 per family. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses beginning Sept. 1. To volunteer to help out, call Rose Kierce at 781-383-0578.

Also, St. Anthony's religious education program is in urgent need of at least six volunteer teachers: three for grades six and three for grade nine.

The youth ministry is also in need of adults to help as chaperones and co-facilitators for weekly youth gatherings at the parish center.

For detailed information on volunteering, please call 781-383-0630.

Elder issues

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session program for elders and caregivers in the South Shore area on four consecutive Wednesday evenings in October. The sessions will begin with a light supper from 6-6:30 p.m., followed by the program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 to sign up.

Transportation for Cohasset residents. Sessions will be held at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 Main St.

- Oct. 3, legal and financial concerns of elders
- Oct. 10, housing options, including public housing, assisted living and retirement communities, and nursing and rest home facilities
- Oct. 17, community resources available to elders living at home.
- Oct. 24, coping with feelings of loneliness, depression, and isolation.

Pre-registration is required. A donation of $8 for the entire series, or $2.50 per session, is requested.

WORSHIP

'Darkness came over the whole land...'

By the Rev. E. Clifford Cutler
ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

"Darkness came over the whole land..." — this is how Matthew described Jesus' death. They are words that come to mind as I sit to write this word to you only moments after terrorist planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington. Like many of you we at church stopped for prayer, we have opened wide the doors of the church for others in town to come in; we have called parishioners and family to see that they were all right while at the same time mourning the terrible loss of life. We are all near tears. We are embittered, enraged, horrified, in shock. Such an act of terrorism may call into question all the truths of our conventional understanding of God. Why do the innocent suffer and die? Where is God when something like this happens? How does one respond to evil? These questions force us to take our faith to a deeper level.

In stark contrast to this morning's terrorism, a Palestinian Anglican priest commented recently, "there is now a new intention of trying to intensify a movement of nonviolence. This is the way Jesus lived and behaved, so we've been doing some reflection on the life of Jesus and nonviolence with our community... There are Muslims and Jews who are participating in (this nonviolent) movement." There are other, destructive forces arrayed against nonviolence because it takes power out of the hands of militant leaders and puts it into the hands of people who want peace and justice.

Faith declares unequivocally that life is stronger than death. After the darkness that covered the land came the dawning of the first day of the week, an empty tomb and an angel whose appearance was like lightening — "Jesus who was crucified has been raised!" We are to trust life, trust the compassion that Jesus showed, and know that nothing (no terrorism) can come between us.

Jesus was no stranger to terrorism. In the year of his birth the Roman armies swept through the countryside destroying everything in sight. Whole villages were laid waste. Those suspected of colluding against Rome were put to death on crosses, some 2,000 were crucified at one time outside the walls of Jerusalem. Crucifixion would be the bookends of Jesus' life. But in between what compassion he would show. It has changed the world. He is our Person of Sorrows, our Great Companion who understands. He stands for compassion, peace, constant union, life eternal.

A Welsh Anglican bishop once offered a prayer at a time of disaster that went like this: "O Lord Jesus, whose heart was pierced with a spear and by your love left open for all to enter in: bring us to your heart in the hour of trouble, and hold us there forever." Amen.

Students' Mass at St. Anthony's

Family picnic and more

A Mass of the Holy Spirit will be celebrated for a successful school year for all students and their families on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Church.

At 2 p.m., the parish will hold its fourth annual family picnic on the rectory grounds. Volunteers re needed to help run children's games and activities. High school volunteers should contact Bill Coleman or Nick Anderson at 781-383-2503. All other volunteers should contact Rose Kierce at 781-383-0578.

A mandatory meeting for grade 9 Confirmation candidates and their parents will be held Sunday, Sept. 16 from 7-8:15 p.m. at the Parish Center.

New baby items will be collected at a parish baby shower the weekend of Oct. 21 to benefit Friends of the Unborn and Pregnancy Help, two crisis pregnancy centers. The event is sponsored by the parish Respect Life Committee, which holds a pro-life rosary every Friday at 7:30 a.m. and again at 9 a.m. in the church.

Spiritual lifestyle

Storyteller and author Matthew Kelly will discuss how to improve your physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual lifestyle on Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish, 10 Summer St.

Kelly, 28, of Australia, has spoken internationally on how to solve the problems that our lifestyles can pose. His book, "The Rhythm of Life," focuses on the importance of what you become, rather than what you do or possess. For directions, call 781-383-0219.

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A certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on the southwesterly side of Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A), Cohasset, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, more particularly described in Article 1.1 of the Ground Lease and shown as Exhibit A of said Ground Lease, which is Registered as Document No. 724160 in the Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court.

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Town comes together at ecumenical service



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From left, Gina Giuggio, Casey and Cindy Cavanaro and Kathy Giuggio sing a hymn during Sunday's ecumenical service at St. Anthony's.

By Mary Ford
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In God We Trust.

That phrase, so familiar to all Americans, rang true for the nearly 1000 residents who packed St. Anthony's Church for a town-wide ecumenical service to share their feelings patriotism and personal faith Sunday.

"Our hearts are full of sadness and mourning."
— The Rev. John R. Mulvehill

The beautiful, cool late summer evening drew all ages. Some came in shorts and T-shirts or golf shirts, as if they'd just put down a rake and left their backyards, others wore suits and ties or dresses and heels, while still others sported red-white and blue ribbons or went into their closets for attire on any other occasion would be saved for the Fourth of July.

The range of dress nearly matched the myriad emotions that Cohasseters and their counterparts across the state, nation and the world were feeling less than a week after the deadly terrorist attack on New York City and Washington, D.C.

But sitting in St. Anthony's with their friends and neighbors guided by clergy from all the houses of worship in town – helped many come to grips with the tragic events of Sept. 11,

SERVICE, PAGE 10

Cohasset copes with tragedy, through aid efforts, support

By Rick Collins
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"It's good to play a part in any little way, knowing that the gloves I dropped off will help some worker digging through the rubble."
— Christine Fitzgerald, organizer of clothing, food drive

With the images of last Tuesday's tragedy still vivid in many minds, the town of Cohasset has helped the healing process by joining the national relief effort.

The Town Hall Auditorium became a drop-off site for a canned food and clothing drive, and other efforts are being planned at the town's schools.

"It's good to play a part in any little way," said Christine Fitzgerald, who organized the town hall-sponsored effort. "Knowing that the gloves I dropped off will help some worker digging through the rubble."

In order to help spread the word, Fitzgerald, who is the administrative assistant to Town Manager Mark Haddad, was able to get Stop & Shop and Shaw's supermarkets to announce the drive over the stores' public announcement system. A US flag was donated by Selectman Michael Sullivan to hang on town hall.

As of Tuesday night, Fitzgerald said residents have dropped off water, peanut-butter and jelly, an assortment of canned foods, work gloves, socks, jeans, and sweat-

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VETERANS PARK

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Kathy Connolly walks past Veterans Memorial Park where the American Legion is planning a prayer and remembrance ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday, the day before US flags will return to full staff.

Local EMT helps at Ground Zero

By Mary Ford
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Although the smell of burning jet fuel and acetylene torches used to cut through steel will stay with him for a while – the memories of "Ground Zero" in lower Manhattan will last a lifetime.

"I even put after-shave under my nose to get rid of the smell of the burning fuel," says Rich Bonanno, a local emergency medical technician, who helped at the scene. But, he's quick to point out, the inconvenience is miniscule compared to the ongoing nightmare in New York City.

Yet amidst all the tragedy, Bonanno says, is a tale of volunteerism and self-sacrifice evidenced by the hundreds and now thousands, rushing to the scene of the worst terrorist attack anywhere, ever.

Bonanno, an EMT who is a practical instructor at Eastern Medical Education in Hanover, was at Pat's barbershop in Cohasset Village getting a haircut when someone ran in and yelled to turn on the television because a plane had just hit the World Trade Center.

"We were glued to the TV when the second plane hit," Bonanno recalls. "Then I went home and saw the whole series of events unravel before my eyes."

But the Scituate resident couldn't just sit there – like countless thousands across the country, he wanted to *do* something.

Sept. 11 was the first of three days he would have off work in a row. By the next day, Bonanno had seen enough. "I couldn't stand it and as an EMT, I wanted to do something – so I told my wife I was going to go."

Bonanno took his two medical bags and left for the Amtrak station in Dedham where it was obvious where he was headed. The conductor told him to "use the ticket for the ride home."

"I couldn't stand it and as an EMT, I wanted to do something – so I told my wife I was going to go."
— Rich Bonanno

The train got as far as Providence where the FBI and other federal and state law enforcement officers boarded with their guns drawn to detain two men — a process that took two hours while the remaining passengers had to remain on the train.

Once at Penn Station in New York City, Bonanno met up with a nurse and a firefighter/paramedic. They decided to stay together and took the train to St. Vincent's Hospital. Once there, officials directed the nurse to help at the morgue and Bonanno and the paramedic were put in a vehicle that took them to the scene.

It was now 7 p.m., Wednesday. There was no power – only the very bright lights and smoke emerging from where the twin tow-

BONANNO, PAGE 11

Thousands line up for Old Glory

Patriotic spirit is widespread

By Rick Collins
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One result from last week's horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon has been a tidal wave of patriotism.

Store signs boast "United We Stand," and "God Bless America," on their marquees. "America the Beautiful," and the national anthem have received frequent airplay on radio stations. And American flags have popped up on cars, trucks and homes in numbers unseen since the beginning of the Gulf War in 1991.

As a result, Norfolk Road's Nancy St. John, owner of Eagle Flag of America, says business has never been better — unfortunately.

"This is very bittersweet," she said Monday night, hours after selling every American flag and flag-related piece of paraphernalia her Weymouth store had.

St. John said since last Tuesday afternoon, when America was stunned by the tragic events that unfolded in front of their eyes, her small store at the foot of Fore River Bridge has sold "thousands and thousands" of flags.

"On that first day, when it first happening, I was just so off-balance, I didn't know how I felt," she said.

FLAG, PAGE 11



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Cohasset's Nancy St. John, owner of Eagle Flag Company in Weymouth opens up a new shipment of flags as customers were lined up to buy them.

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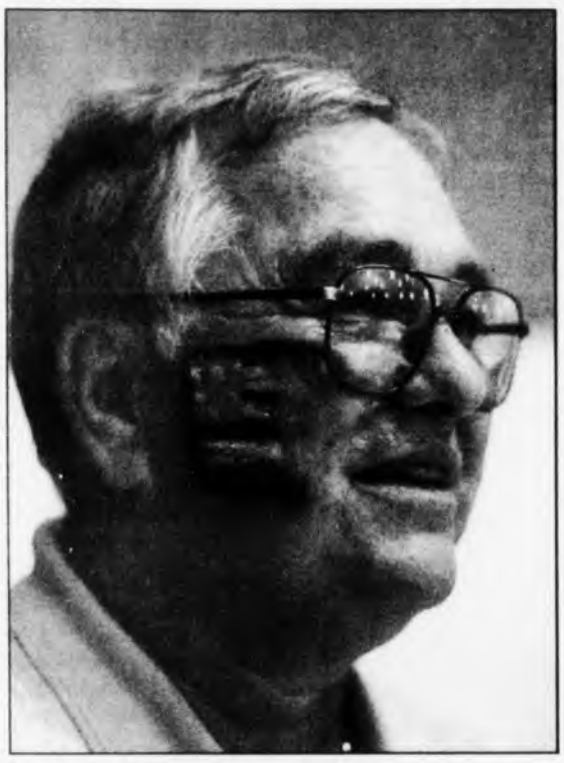
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STARS AND STRIPES

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'Captain' Hugh Morgan sports an American flag, slightly smeared from hugs during the ecumenical service at St. Anthony's on Sunday.

Thermal imaging camera arrives

Cohasset call firefighters presented the town with its new thermal imaging camera at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting.

The $20,800 camera, which registers different levels of heat, will aid the Cohasset Fire Department in rescue efforts, as well as locating fires behind walls. The call firefighters had recently engaged in a large fund-raising effort to purchase the camera, and raised more than $21,000.

"We hope we never have to use it," call firefighter Bruce Pratt said to the board.

The camera comes with rechargeable batteries good for up to three hours, and also a transmitter and receiver that allows the images to be transmitted to a small screen on a fire truck at the scene of an incident.

The board voted to unanimously accept the gift on behalf of the town and thanked the call firefighters for their efforts.

Dispatcher position

David Weeks has announced his resignation as a civilian dispatcher for the Cohasset Police Department.

"He was a fine employee and will be missed," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "He was a fine employee."

Haddad told selectmen that the department is currently interviewing candidates to replace Weeks.

Old Osgood play park to be razed

Town Manager Mark Haddad asked selectmen for permission to have the Department of Public Works tear down the playground at the old Osgood School on Ripley Road, because of safety concerns.

"I just want to take it down," he told the board. "We've had the police tape up there, but people just keep ripping it down."

Haddad said the playground would come down once construction began on converting the former school into the new town library. A children's "discovery center" is also planned for the rear wing.

Selectman Merle Brown hesitated on giving his approval because the cost of overtime and disposing of the materials.

But Selectman Thomas Callahan argued "if it's a hazard, it costs more to keep it up."

Selectman asked Haddad to find out how much it would cost to tear it down, and to also ask the organizers of the discovery center for any assistance.

Board vacancies

Selectman accepted the resignation of Mary Londergan from the Elder Affairs Board, and announced their is now a vacancy on the committee.

Also, Selectman Chairman Fred Koed announced their is one vacancy on the town Design & Review Board, and seven on the town Government Structure Committee.

Tree committee

Selectmen voted to recognize a town tree advisory committee Tuesday to review any planned tree plantings in town soil.

The Garden Club of Cohasset made the proposal after becoming upset that the town had planted four "invasive" Norway maples on the town common this spring.

Phyllis Peck, chairman of the club's tree committee, said non-native species, such as Norway maples, crowd out native species by monopolizing water, food and sunlight. The committee offered to replace the trees on Cohasset Common with more "underutilized," species, that are green-leafed, deciduous, and "appropriate for a colonial common."

Selectman Merle Brown said not only does the town plant the wrong type of trees, but also in the wrong places, mentioning the number of memorial trees in the quad at the middle/high school that are being protected from the ongoing construction project.

"I think it's great. It's something I've wanted to happen for a long time," he said.

The board voted to accept the club's gifts of four new trees for the common, as well as to form an official tree advisory committee to work with Tree Warden Andy Swanson. It also asked the committee to see if the other two garden clubs in town would be interested in forming a tri-club committee.

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Sun. 23	4:29	9.6	10:27	4:45	10.2	11:09
Mon. 24	5:29	9.0	11:24	5:44	9.7	——
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New Route 3A Cohasset police station recommended

Barry donates two acres for station

By Rick Collins
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The Police/Fire Station Study Committee has recommended separating the two public safety departments and constructing a new 11,000 square foot, multi-million dollar police headquarters off Route 3A

Committee chairman George McGoldrick also told selectmen Tuesday that Cohasset businessman Paul Barry has offered to give the town two acres of land across from the Upper King Street intersection with Route 3A for construction of the station.

"It would save the town almost a half-million dollars," McGoldrick said about the donation.

The committee has been meeting for more than a year, amidst complaints that the town fire and police departments have outgrown their currently shared building on Elm Street.

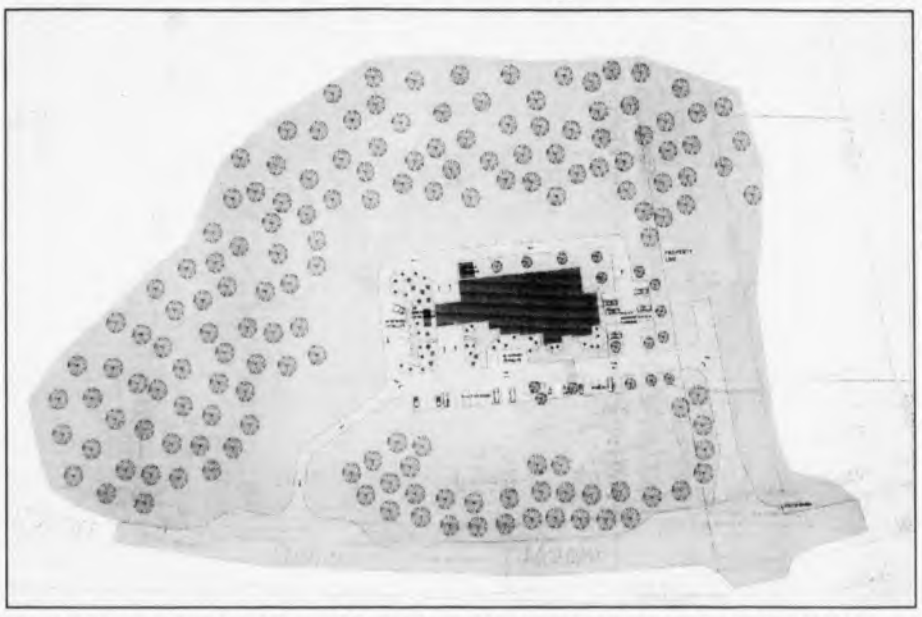
"The men and women of the Cohasset Police Department need and deserve a new facility," Police Chief Brian Noonan told selectmen.

Noonan brought with him a collage of photographs showing the cramped conditions inside the 4,200 square foot facility built in 1962.

He said when constructed, the station originally housed 10 full-time patrol officers, plus the chief. Now, it houses 18 full-time officers, a chief, five civilian dispatchers, a secretary, an animal control officer, and two seasonal police officers.

"In 1962, not only was there no detectives, but there was no safety officer, no school resource officer, no animal control officer, and most importantly, there was no police prosecutor," Noonan added. "We find ourselves attempting to allocate space that is not there."

Noonan said the two detectives share a 5-foot by 10-foot equipment room that also houses equipment for the 911 system; the four sergeants, prosecutor, and secretary share a 10-foot by 12-foot room, and the safety officer and school resource officer share a room in the cellar.



The site of the proposed police station is off Route 3A across from lower King Street near Sunrise Assisted Living.

"The building is structurally sound, but the department's needs have totally outgrown the building," he said.

The new police headquarters would be one floor, and could provide up to 15,000 square feet of space for the department. It would include a secured area for dispatchers, as well as separate space for the different officers and detectives, meeting rooms, an eating area, exercise space and separate locker rooms for men and women. It would also have a separately secured area containing a search room, booking room, four cells for male prisoners, once each for juvenile and female prisoners, and a holding tank for mass arrests.

The building's architect, Allen Lieb, said the size of the building is based upon the department's needs, the size of the town, and projected growth over the next 30 years. The floor plan presented to selectmen was for a 15,000 square foot station, but said eliminating one of the community rooms, the impound garage and combining the eating area and squad room, could cut nearly 4,000 square feet off the size.

Lieb added that the floor plan is still subject to further discussion about areas that can be condensed, according to departmental need.

He said certain aspects of the new building is dictated by state code, and others from safety concerns.

"Right now you book prisoners a few feet away from your computer equipment. If someone is messed up on drugs, with a few good kicks he could wipe out your entire emergency dispatch system," Lieb said.

The town is also required to either provide an exercise facility in house, or provide their police officers with fitness club memberships. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town currently spends $2,500 a year sending Cohasset officers to a local health club.

The committee estimated that, depending on the size, the station could cost upwards of $4 million, including design fees, and environmental work.

"We're hoping $4 million is a worst-case scenario," Haddad said.

The project wouldn't include the cost of expanding and renovating the fire station. McGoldrick said any initial work done once the police department moved out would be mainly "paint and paper" work, until a long-term plan is designed.

Haddad said, through some creative financing, he believes the town could afford to take on a $4 million project, and have it cost the average household a little more than $1,000 spread over 20 years.

He said the town could save $148,266 a year by combining interest accrued from investing the $1.6 million payment from the MBTA for the right-of-way, with the money freed up by retiring the debt from the town hall expansion project.

The debt exclusion override for the project would come to 17 cents per $1,000 the first year, and dwindle down in the following years. After 20 years, a house valued at $565,000 will have paid $1,014 for the project.

"We're trying to minimize the impact on the taxpayers," he said.

McGoldrick said the committee looked at a number of centrally-located properties around town, including the former Osgood School.

However, when the Route 3A location became available, the committee decided to recommend keeping the fire station where it is, and expand the current facility.

Haddad said because police are more mobile, a centralized location wasn't as crucial in finding a new police station.

The board welcomed Barry's offer of land, and will ask the fall Special Town Meeting on Nov. 5 to approve the gift.

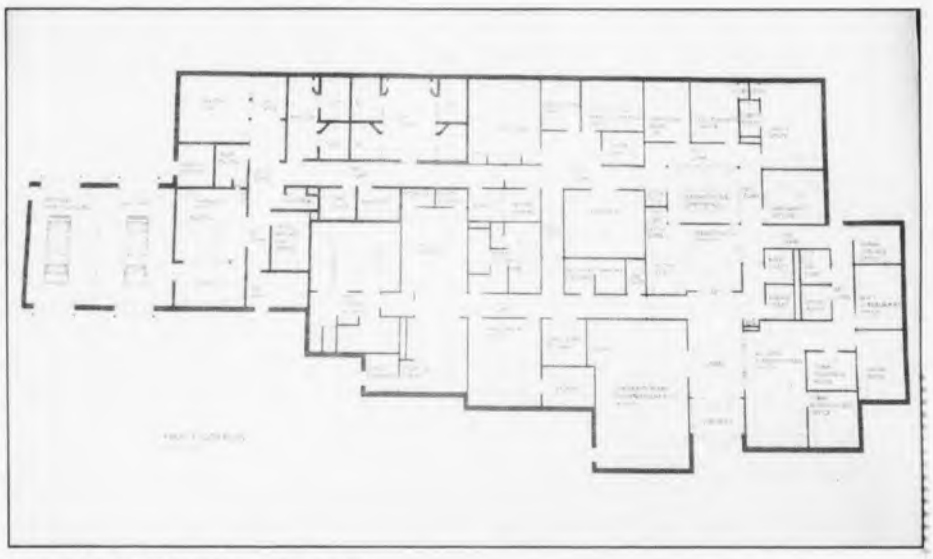
Haddad said Barry, who is involved in a number of outstanding litigation matters with the town regarding his Cohasset Heights Ltd. landfill and is looking to open a new transfer facility off Crocker Lane, didn't ask for any special considerations when he made the offer.

"It was never brought up," he said. "This is a resident of the town looking to help."

Selectman Michael Sullivan called it a "great gesture."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris echoed Sullivan's thoughts and added, "I don't know if we would be able to go through with this project without it."

The board said it may include a $212,000 warrant article for the Nov. 5 Special Town Meeting to pay for architectural and engineering drawings.



Floor plan for the proposed new police station.

Upcoming meetings

- Senior Housing Committee, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.
- Board of Health, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.
- Conservation Commission, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
- Conservation Commission, Greenbush hearing, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Last appeal for photos

This is a final appeal for photos for consideration for volume 3 of Cohasset town history. Author Jackie Dormitzer has almost finished her account of the last 50 years and the town history committee needs photos of town events, everyday life, town landmarks here and gone etc.

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Young people in town are making a difference

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PERSSON

SHARE LOTS OF HUGS

Hello Cohasset. Well, based on what has gone in the past week, my heart is just not into writing this column. I am going to include the information that I received as well as a few comments that were emailed to me. I know that we have all been urged to "go about our regular routines, work and life" but it still seems so hard.

Please continue if possible to light candles in the evening to show the support and sympathy that Cohasset has. I know I speak for us all when I say that our heartfelt sympathy and sorrow go to all the families who have been affected by this horrible tragedy. Prayers and thoughts also go out to all the men and women who are working so hard to clear out the rubble. Please remember to read and help in anyway you can.

Children need a lot of reassurance as well, give them a positive job that they can do to help them feel like they are doing something. Most of all, hug everyone around you as much as possible, let them know daily how important they are to you and don't let the feelings of despair win. Better said than done!



Sam Parker successfully completed F1 Boston's Junior Race School.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

I have had two stories about young people in our town making a difference! Students at the Deer Hill School donated $100 last Friday with no notice at all. **Nathan Porter** took it upon himself to bring a can to school and the children dug deep and the end result was $100 to the Red Cross! We are all very proud of you.

LEMONADE BENEFIT

Thirsty anyone? How about a nice glass of lemonade at a stand being run on the corner of Beechwood and Doane Street. This is by far the best lemonade stand in town and the reason is that all the proceeds are going to help the families of the victims in the Sept. 11 attack. **Andrew Liberty**, a 10-year-old fifth-grader is running the stand and this was his way of making a difference and helping. Andrew will be at the stand everyday after school until 5 or 6 each evening. I am sure that many children all around town are busy finding ways too help. Please send me all the great news about what they are doing to help. That alone can help to raise our spirits!

THANKS, DAVE

Dave Weeks, emergency dispatcher extraordinaire, is saying goodbye to the police-fire station to pursue another career! Over the years, Dave has answered innumerable emergency 9-1-1 calls with calmness and competence – he's also graciously handled all those non-emergency calls in his patient, unflappable manner! Here at the Mariner, will miss you Dave, good luck!

WAKEMAN COMPETES

Just in time before we went to press – we heard from the William Smith College field hockey team which will feature junior defender **Neely Wakeman** of Cohasset! Last year, the Herons captured the NCAA Div. III Championship with a 1-0 win over Springfield College in the championship game and finished the year with an awesome 20-1 mark, and school record 20-game winning streak. With Neely's help, the top squad is bound it repeat!

TRINITY SOCCER

The Trinity men's soccer team is looking good with junior co-captain forward **Morgan Sandell** of Cohasset sharing the helm. Morgan has been one of the top scorers in the New England Small College Athletic Conference for the past two seasons. He scored five goals with one assist in 2000 and had eight goals with six assists as a freshman. He was a first-tem all-NESCAC last season.

ROAD RACER

Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Michael Schumacher, Mika Hakkinen and Juan Pablo Montoya all share one thing in common – they all started their careers behind the wheel of a racing kart.

Sam Parker, 12, of Cohasset could be following in their footsteps. Sam successfully completed F1 Boston's Junior Race School, and is now eligible to take part in F1 Boston's Junior Leagues and practice sessions.

Way to go, Sam!

SUPPORT SOCCER TEAM

Don't forget to buy a ticket for the Cohasset Soccer Boosters' annual pancake breakfast. It is being held Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Deer Hill School cafeteria from 8 am-12 p.m. You can purchase tickets at $5 each or a maximum per family of $20 from any Middle/High School soccer player or call **Kathie** at 383-1237. We need your support for our soccer team.



RAISED $571

From left, Ryan Barrow (12), Gracie Clougherty (10), Cory Barrow (9), Heather Sestito (12), Alyssa Campbell (12), Flossie Clougherty (12), MaKayla Barrow (6) and (seated) Stephanie Sestito (10), spent two days raising $571 for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. The kids set up a stand at the corner of Pleasant Street and Cushing Road and gave out cookies and cupcakes to passersby in exchange for donations.

CAMP BOURNEDALE

I want to send a special "have a great week" message to all the sixth-grade students, teachers, parents and staff on their trip next week to Camp Bournedale. Make sure to read all information that is being sent home and get your child pumped up for a fantastic experience!

PET PARADE AT FARMERS MARKET

This just came in!

Next Thursday, bring your pets to the Farmers Market on the Common for a fun and festive Pet Parade. This event will start at 4 p.m. and prizes will be awarded for best dressed, best behaved and more! Any questions you may have can be asked of **Patty Keville** at 781-383-1200.

Our first Schools In page will be appearing in next week's edition. Please have all news and information to me no later than Friday morning at 9 am. This will be your place to find all the upcoming events, meetings, individual school information and a whole lot more!

Make sure to find things to do for yourself and your families this week. It is important for us all to seek out friends, go for a walk together and just be with each other.

I am looking ahead to next week and would really love to have a lot of news and stories to work on and include in both columns. Please send it to me in one of the following ways:

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TENNIS STAR

Elizabeth Stone (standing, second from left), a freshman at Cohasset High School, was chosen by the USTA to represent New England in the 14&U National Zonal Team. She is ranked as one of the top players in New England and is working towards participation in the Super Nationals to be held in Arizona.



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YOUNG PATRIOT



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Samantha Naples wears the Stars and Stripes as she and her Mom, Katie, leave the ecumenical service at St. Anthony's on Sunday evening.

Libbys celebrate 56 years together

The Libby Family, Glenn (Seal Beach, Calif.), Dennis (Guilford, Conn.), Kevin (Falmouth, Maine), Susan (Norwood), Frank Jr. (Needham), Nancy (Scituate), Michael (Cohasset), and Timothy (Hingham), wishes to announce the 56th wedding anniversary of their parents, Marguerite and Frank Libby on September 22, 2001. Longtime Cohasset residents since 1963, they will celebrate the occasion with their extensive family.

Frank and Marguerite are both natives of Boston. Marguerite grew up in Mission Hill and attended Mission Hill High School. Frank grew up on Binney Street and attended Commerce High School. They met while working at the Boston Envelope Company. After marriage, they were blessed with eight children. All eight are graduates of Cohasset High School.

Frank is a retired executive of United Liquors, and spends a good deal of time playing or thinking about golf. He is a member of the Hatherly Country Club. Marge enjoys walking, playing bridge and spoiling her grandchildren. They spend their winters in Naples, Fla. but always return to Cohasset for their home, family and friends.



Marguerite and Frank Libby, who have been married 56 years, are surrounded by their family.

Cavalcade of patriotic music

On Saturday, Sept. 22 at 4 p.m. at the Jane Carr Amphitheater in Hingham, South Shore Conservatory features an Evenings Under the Stars special performance, "Great Music for a Great Nation," a spectacular cavalcade of inspirational music by the conservatory's artist-educators and students. Admission to the concert is free, however, donations are requested. All funds raised by the concert will be sent directly to the American Red Cross.

The Hingham Police and Fire Honor Guard will also take part in the event to honor the fallen heroes and victims.

Response to the concert has been overwhelming according to conservatory director Jim Simpson. Not only have all performers come forward to donate their time, some of them passing up paid jobs to perform Saturday, but private citizens have offered to underwrite the cost of running the concert.

"The concert promises great music for a great nation."

—Jim Simpson, South Shore Conservatory

"South Shore Conservatory is grateful for the opportunity to help out in any way we can," Simpson says. "We have so many talented faculty members and students, the concert promises great music for a great nation."

Parking for the event is at the Hingham Bus Depot on 19 Fort Hill St., across from the South Shore Country Club and next to Thomas Auto Body. Concert goers will be transported to and from the Conservatory grounds by shuttle bus. Shuttle service begins one hour prior to the concert. With limited seating in the pavilion, those attending the concert are encouraged to arrive early or to bring a lawn chair.

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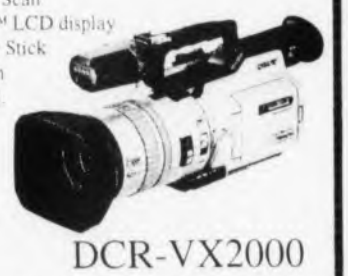


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EDITORIAL

Stars and stripes forever

Flags are flying throughout the country and all over the South Shore. Many are at half-staff and will remain so through Saturday (Sept. 22) at the request of President Bush.

Others are draped over garage doors or hanging from front doors. Some have been planted in summer's fading gardens; dozens more are waving from car and truck antennas on every roadway. Inundated by customers over the last week, flag stores like the Eagle Flag Company in Weymouth are sold out completely.

And flags aren't the only evidence of the surging patriotism we Americans are compelled to display at this time of deep national anguish, and indeed, anger. For as much as they wave in pride, our flags also defiantly fly in the face of terrorism.

It's far from business as usual for local businesses also making public expressions of patriotism and condolences. At the Mobil Station , the sign simply reads "God Bless America." At Hassan Woodcarving and Sign Company on Route 3A, there's an eye-catching American flag banner, the company made up in the shop, that fits on the base of the sign. Numerous other businesses and stores in our towns are displaying flags and messages of support.

As in the past our country is uniting in a time of trouble, but this is a trouble unlike any we've ever seen. We've been told we're at war and it will be a protracted conflict. It will be a war without clear boundaries against shadowy, elusive figures hell-bent on causing destruction and mayhem and terror with no regard for human lives, not even their own.

Not since the Gulf War has our nation rallied so strongly around our president asking more of him than perhaps we ever expected to. Our flag waving, our support for this crusade against terrorism will have to be an enduring patriotism. It must patiently prevail longer than the yellow ribbons we wrapped around trees during the Gulf War and perhaps longer even than the wars our parents and grandparents have fought against enemies we thought we knew.

There are those who say we don't have the attention span to follow and support a long fought war on terrorism. Some call this widespread show of patriotism a "spasm" — a knee-jerk response to last weeks devastation in New York and Washington D.C.; a case of stars and stripes for now, rather than forever.

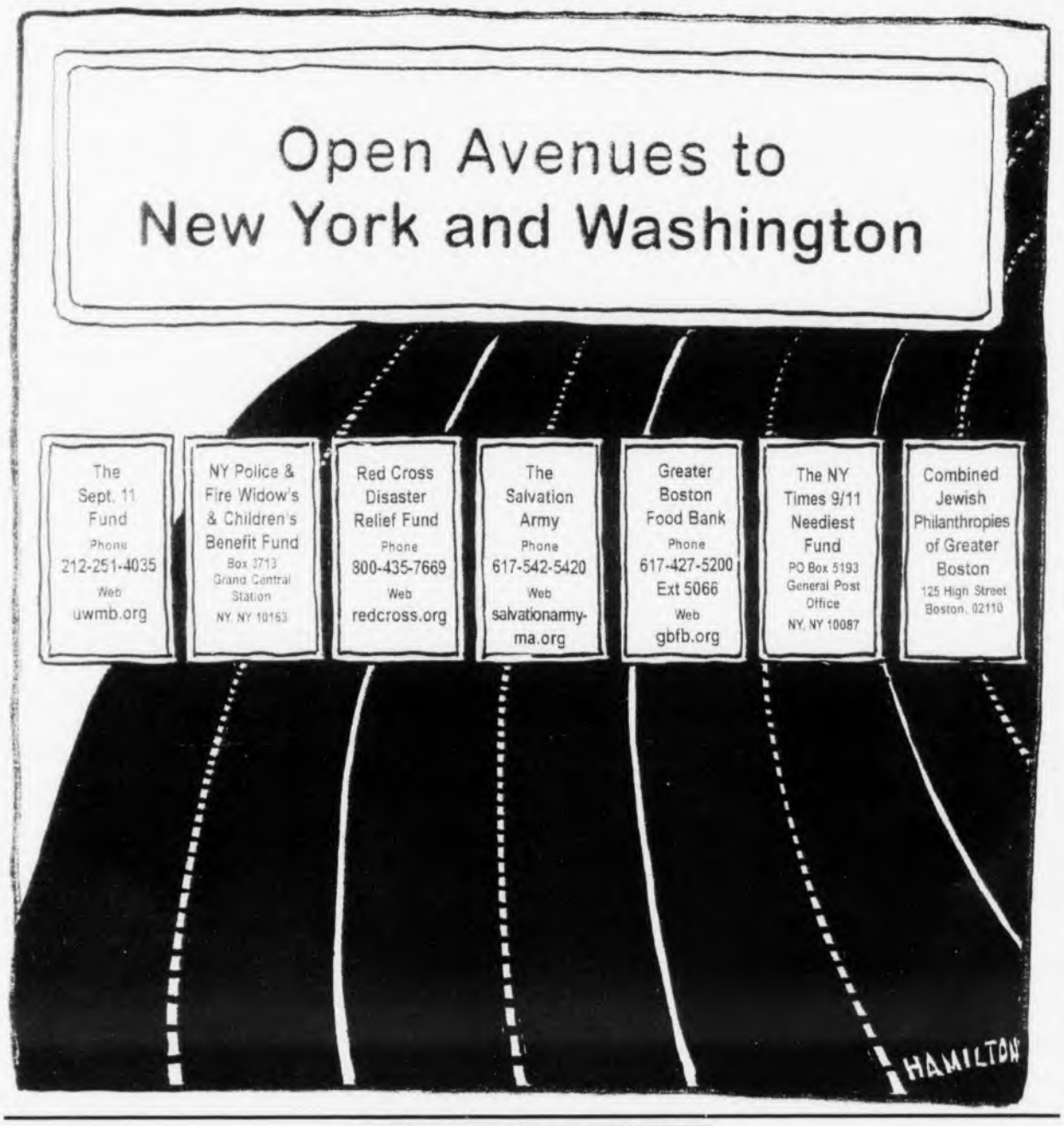
We believe they're wrong. It is impossible to compare this international situation to any thing that has preceded it. There simply has never been anything like the attack on America the world watched on TV last Tuesday. Our embassies abroad have been bombed, American citizens in the Middle East have been taken hostage and killed. But never has a terrorist group inflicted so much destruction on our own soil — claiming so many lives, so suddenly. As our intelligence groups try to ferret out terrorist cells in this country and abroad with the help of an international community of support, our government will need Americans to remain united behind the flag — behind the nation's resolve bring to justice those responsible for these heinous crimes and put an end to terrorism everywhere.

In the coming months, more troops may be called up to serve in this war on terrorism. Many will be stationed here to protect American citizens in airports and office buildings as we try to get back to living our lives. Others may be sent to fight in foreign lands on battle grounds we've never seen. Then, as now our support — the "warm courage of national unity," Franklin Roosevelt spoke of, and President Bush invoked last week, will be needed.

If that unity and support is best symbolized in displaying the flag, keep them flying. Those colors will strengthen our leaders' resolve, they will bolster our military where ever they serve, and carry us all through the uncertain days ahead.

— Alice Coyle

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.



Service planned at Veterans park

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post plans a prayer and remembrance service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park at the harbor – the final day American flags are to be flown at half-staff. Flags across the country return to full staff on Sunday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Given short shrift

TO THE EDITOR:

Imagine doing something you love for 10 years without asking for or receiving a cent in return. Where living off the occasional "thank you" or "great job" is all you need to fuel your fire. Where countless Friday nights and Saturday mornings stick out on your schedule more than any other event. And imagine, just imagine, that experience coming to an end for no reason at all.

Last Saturday, Aaron Berger showed up at Cohasset High School's Alumni Field to start his 10th season as announcer for the Skippers varsity football team. Since 1992, Berger's booming voice called just about every touchdown, interception and tackle. Fans loved hearing Berger call the game, and his reliable play-by-play accounts made you feel as if you were out on that field with the other 22 players.

However, this past weekend, Berger's voice and legacy was told to go elsewhere. While preparing to call the first home game of the season versus Arlington Catholic, athletic director Ron Ford pulled Berger aside to let him know his job had been given to someone else. Just like that, years of dedication to a school that he'd given so much to had given up on him.

Apparently, Ford said the Football Boosters Club had decided it was time for a change and it was "out of his hands." The Boosters were unhappy with some of Berger's "rousing of the crowd" antics in the past and thought it was best to bring someone new in. However, instead of telling Berger, they waited till 20 minutes before kickoff to break the news.

After doing something he loved for the better of the school and the town at no cost but his own free time, Berger was rushed out of the booth quicker than you can say "personal foul."

Berger never asked for anything from Cohasset High School. Five of his siblings and his own son have been through the Cohasset school system and he was just giving back to the school and kids he formed a bond with over the years. He was always ready and willing to bring the action to the fans. He lived for those games.

All Cohasset officials had to do was pull Berger aside before the season to tell him they made a change. All they had to do was give him a call or even write him a letter. Instead, they waited for him to show up to the first game to break the news.

Shame on you, Ron Ford and the group of Boosters who made this decision behind the back of a man who has given so much to thousands of students over the years. Shame on you for waiting as long as you did to make a decision like this. Shame on you for taking something so positive away from the school, town and football program that was much better off with him than without him.

Every now an then, we meet those rare people in this world who really do make a difference in the lives of others. As far as Cohasset High School goes, Aaron Berger was one of those rarities. It's just too bad that even after 10 years, they didn't realize it.

Jonah A. Berger
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PA announcer

TO THE EDITOR:

At the start of this football season, a joint decision was made by the Football Gridiron Club and myself to make a change in the Public Address Announcer position for the High School Football game. I regret that Aaron Berger was not informed in a timely manner and I take full responsibility for that miscommunication. I want to thank Aaron for all the years of service he has volunteered to the program. I have asked Aaron to return as the High School Basketball P.A. Announcer and I hope he takes me up on that offer.

I would also like to thank Dennis and Diane Dooley for their help in hanging the red, white, and blue bunting around Alumni Field last Saturday night. I want to thank Diane for donating her gardening skills and the flowers in the "CHS" bed at the entrance of Alumni Field. I also would like to thank Linda Bolster, who again assisted in the planting of the flowers around Alumni Field. And last but not least, I would like to thank Wallace St. John for donating the American Flags that the students from the C.H.S. Social Awareness Organization sold at the game. The money they raised at the game (including Rick Shea's generous donation of his Gridiron Club's 50/50 Raffle Winnings) was a large portion of the $1,200 the students raised over weekend. All of the proceeds will go to The American Red Cross's Disaster Relief Fund for the victim's of last week's tragedy. All of their efforts helped make last Saturday evenings football game a very special event.

Ron Ford
Athletic Director

From friends in Ireland

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted all the people in Cohasset (where we lived for two years) to know that everyone in Ireland is absolutely devastated, revolted and deeply distressed by the terrorist attacks that took place on Tuesday the 11th of September.

It is a day that will live in everyone's memory forever and one that we will tell our grandchildren about. But we will also tell them about the sheer bravery, coming together and support that Americans gave to each other in the aftermath of this atrocity.

Our Prayers and thoughts are with all Americans as they struggle in the days and months ahead. Our hearts also go out to those Irish families who have lost loved ones also.

Ireland is with you every inch of the way.

Linda O'Reilly
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Dalkey, Co. Dublin. IRELAND

'A must read'

TO THE EDITOR:

The letter portion of your newspaper is becoming a "must read" for me. Particularly, the information from Mr. Bobo and the opinions of R. Murray Campbell.

I should like to add one bit of description to Mr. Campbell's last note in that the one child pram has gone to a two-seater and now to a three-seater in which the seats are side-by-side. In addition, there is usually a dog, leashed or otherwise.

It seems inevitable that two such entourages are fated to be passing on one of our corners when a car comes around, also.

Mr. Bobo's information that we now have an ally in our geese chasing is most welcome. I hope the swans on Little Harbor will also be made to feel less welcome. I do miss the number and variety of the birds whom they appear to have evicted.

Wayne S. Dewald
40 Nichols Rd.

Displaying the flag

• On a vehicle – Attach the flag to the antenna or clamp the flagstaff to the right fender. Do not lay the flag over the vehicle.

• On a building – Hang the flag on a staff or on a rope over the sidewalk with the stars away from the building.

• Over the street – Hang the flag with the stars to the east on a north- south street or north on an east-west street.

• Above other flags – Hang the flag above any other flag on the same pole

• Other flags, separate poles – Hang all flags on equal poles. Hang the U.S. flag on its own right, hoist it first and lower it last.

• In a window – Hang the flag vertically with the stars to the left of anyone looking at it from the street.

• Half-mast – This is a sign of mourning. Raise the flag to the top of the pole then lower it to the half way point. Before lowering the flag, raise it to the top again at the end of the day.

• Upside down – An upside-down flag is considered a distress signal.

• Multiple staffs – If you display the flag on a staff with other flags around it, place the flag at the center and highest point. Crossed staffs – Keep the flagstaff higher and on its own right.

• In a hall or lobby – Hang the flag vertically across from the main entrance with the stars to the left of anyone coming through the door.

Source: Our Flag, US Congress

Grant puts village project on fast track

By Mary Ford
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The planned revitalization of Cohasset Village can speed ahead thanks to a $1.5 million state grant to pay for streetscape and other improvements.

But enhancing the village is only part of what the grant will do, state officials say. Improvements to the downtown area are also expected to generate as many as 100 new jobs.

State Secretary of Transportation Kevin J. Sullivan and state Highway Commissioner Matthew J. Amorello awarded the Public Works Economic Development grant to the town Thursday during a special ceremony on Cohasset Common.

Amorello said economic development and infrastructure improvements go hand in hand. He said streetscape improvements will help keep businesses in the village.

"As revitalization of the streetscape goes forward, it will make sure job retention is strong here," he said.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority agreed to write a letter supporting the town's PWED grant application as part of its mitigation agreement with the town for restoration of the Greenbush Line of the Old Colony Railroad Project.

Although the MBTA's letter gave the grant a boost – the money is the town's to spend regardless of whether the controversial train project becomes a reality.

Amorello praised the town for putting together a comprehensive application.

"This is one of the most competitive programs the state operates," he said.

The application was drafted by town planner Liz Harrington in conjunction with an independent consultant, the CRC and village task force, Rizzo said.

Dean Rizzo, director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, which is working in conjunction with the town on village improvements, said the money will be used for sidewalks in the entire village area from the post office to the Elm and Brook streets, new lighting and street paving.

"We can use it for anything and everything," Rizzo said. "The grant leaves it up to the community how to use the dollars."

All the selectmen were on hand for the ceremony,

"As revitalization of the streetscape goes forward, it will make sure job retention is strong here."

— Matthew J. Amorello, MassHighway commissioner

along with other town officials and representatives from state Rep. Garrett Bradley's and state Sen. Robert Hedlund's offices.

"Cohasset very much appreciates this grant," said Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed. "We have a lot of work to do and this will go into the downtown section along the rail bed to improve this part of town."

Sec. Sullivan said the PWED grant program, which allows municipalities to fill out applications to identify transportation projects that spur economic development either through job growth or job retention, started in the early 1980s. But when the economy soured in the late 80s and the state faced a $2 billion deficit, the program was put on hold.

Since the grant program was resurrected in the early 1990s, there have been $150 million in awards affecting about 6,000 jobs, he said. The state currently enjoys its highest employment levels ever and has a $4 billion surplus.

"We've come along way and we've got to continue to invest," Sullivan said. "Now is not the time to pull back and rein in costs because of an economic downturn. Now is the time to increase the program."

Work on the village could start by the end of 2002, Rizzo said. He said the estimated $2-1/4 million revitalization project could be paid for with no direct cost to Cohasset taxpayers. The $1.5 million PWED grant coupled with the $170,000 transportation enhancement grant for the sidewalk along South Main Street in front of St. Stephen's Church will pick up most of the tab. And the MBTA will pay to reconstruct the town parking lot and the Ripley Road intersection by the South Shore Art Center in the village as part of the Greenbush project.

The state Department of Environmental Management also recently awarded a $16,200 Historic Landscape Preservation Grant for Cohasset Common.

A public forum on village plans is slated for Oct. 11 with the time and place to be announced. After that selectmen will review the plans and could decided to take them to the Oct. 29 Special Town Meeting for approval.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

MassHighway Commissioner Matthew J. Amorello and state Secretary of Transportation Kevin Sullivan present a $1.5 million check to selectmen (from left) Tom Callahan, Fred Koed, Michael Sullivan, Ronnie McMorris and Merle Brown.

HEALTH NOTES

Keep well clinics are planned

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Keep Well Clinics for October are: Thursday, Oct.11 at 11a.m. and Thursday, Oct. 25 from 1-3 p.m. at the Senior Center Luncheon

Health Screening Day is Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church and includes:

- Cholesterol & Glucose Screening
- Osteoporosis - Bone Mineral Density
- Hearing Van
- Oral Cancer Screening
- Cataract & Glaucoma
- REIKI & Polarity Therapy
- Chiropractic Care
- Magnet Therapy
- Acupuncture & Massage Therapy
- Herbal Therapy
- Blood Pressure Screening

All screenings are free of charge - Please call 383-2210 for more information.

Flu Clinics to be announced.

Health news from Judy Fitzsimmons, RN, Cohasset Public Health Nurse

September is National Cholesterol Education Awareness Month

This week it may be appropriate to look more closely at our mortality. It seems odd that many of our friends are on cholesterol reducing medication, a clue that heightened awareness exists in good measure in Cohasset, and yet, the monthly morbidity report indicates that the greatest killer in Town is heart disease, more that twice as many deaths as the other deadly disease: cancer.

The disheartening fact, however is that high cholesterol levels are rising in people age 20 and over. The information out there is enormous about the risks you run if you loose sight of your lifestyle goals, such as diet improvement, increased physical activity, weight control, and, if necessary, drug therapy. If you'd like to have an estimate of your probability of dying from heart disease, go to our health screening day, and get a cholesterol screen, and your blood pressure taken; then go on the Web to:

"http://hin.nhlbi.nih.gov/atpiii/calculator.asp?usertype=prof" and get a calculation of your probability of dying in ten years from high cholesterol.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

New arrangement

Come in and take a look at the new set-up of the library room to the left of the front desk. Barbara Powers and Dick Whitley were instrumental in re-arranging the bookcases and furniture to provide more space for a speaker. They have also allowed for more comfortable seating. Hats off to these two trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Children's Room

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is now accepting registration for the fall preschool story hour. Children between the ages of three and five are welcome to participate. The program will consist of six sessions and will begin Oct. 15, and end Nov. 20. We will offer a Monday morning session from 10 to 11 a.m. and a Tuesday afternoon session from 1 to 2 p.m. You may register for either the morning or afternoon session by calling the library at 781-383-1348 or by signing up in person. Space is limited.

Sculpture at library

"Mask of Terror" by Mimi White of Cohasset is on display in the New Book Room of the library. White, a local sculptor, created this powerful work of art as a response to the tragic attack on the World Trade Towers. Her four-foot painted sculpture made of paper and cardboard conveys her sense of terror and devastation felt by all who have lived through this terrible event.

Elder issues

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session program for elders and caregivers in the South Shore area on four consecutive Wednesday evenings in October. The sessions will begin with a light supper from 6-6:30 p.m., followed by the program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 to sign up.

Transportation for Cohasset residents. Sessions will be held at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 Main St.

- Oct. 3, legal and financial concerns of elders
- Oct. 10, housing options, including public housing, assisted living and retirement communities, and nursing and rest home facilities
- Oct. 17, community resources available to elders living at home.
- Oct. 24, coping with feelings of loneliness, depression, and isolation.

Pre-registration is required. A donation of $8 for the entire series, or $2.50 per session, is requested.

'To the oceans white with foam'

MY VIEW

PATSY MURRAY

Until last Tuesday I thought the hardest thing I've ever done was to interview the parents of Sgt. Richard Fitts, the first young man from Braintree to die in Vietnam.

His parents had moved to Marshfield so I had to drive there to talk to them. The experience was unforgettable. To this day I have the bracelet bearing Dick Fitts' name. I value dearly, too, the photo of my nephew standing in front of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in the Nation's Capital looking at all those precious names.

I was wrong. Only 33 years later the unimaginable has happened. On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, our country experienced the unimaginable. An inhuman attack on our own land — on the city representing America to the entire world — stunned us into numbness.

I've told myself over and over now fortunate I am to be retired, not to have the responsibility for putting out a community newspaper, not to have to steel myself with the objectivity editors and reporters must impose on themselves to do their job. I can succumb to my feelings.

Since the morning of Sept. 11 I have cried so much surely the well of tears is empty. Yet over and over again during these terrible days, I have learned the well does not run dry.

I do not know a single person riding on one of those doomed plans. But I am an American. I am a human being. I love the Red Sox, the Notre Dame football team, the BC Eagles, the Duke basketball team

How lavishly we all use the word love. I love a cold beer. I love reading the papers with my coffee every morning. I love the first snow fall. I love the State of Maine, my native land. I love to go out on the porch at night to watch the stars sparkling in the sky and suddenly spot the twinkling lights of an airplane rising from Logan, headed for who knows where, climbing, climbing, challenging the stars to move over and make room.

All those loves, of course, become meaningless without the love of family, the love of friends and, yes, the love of country.

When the bombs fell on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 I was a little child. Still I understood something terrible had happened to my country and nothing would be the same again after that Day of Infamy.

But all of us kids could still walk to school, could play with our friends, could go to see the Buck Jones cowboy movie on Saturday afternoon. We knew no fear, our boys were fighting to keep America safe.

If anyone told me, they had dreamed a plane struck the Twin Towers in New York City, most likely I'd have said "What did you eat for supper?"

Tuesday morning I went to the 7 o'clock Mass at Sacred Heart to show my love for a dear friend who had just died. When I came home I sat down at the kitchen table with my coffee and donut and turned on the telly to get the news. My attention was on reading the papers and eating a bowl of cereal.

Then came those fearsome words: "We interrupt this program..." A plane, we were told, had plowed into the World Trade Center at the tip of Manhattan Island in New York City. Reporters scrambled to beat each other for the latest information on this huge "accident." Not one of them could anticipate in just a few minutes another plane, filled with gasoline, filled with ordinary folks going about the business of living their daily lives, would crash like a batting ram into the second tower.

Horror, disbelief, numbness followed step by step. We were reeling with numbness when we learned of the heroic passengers who chose to die on their own terms, on a field in Pennsylvania to save our country's beautiful White House.

We Americans realized, as the shock of these terrible moments stopped time, our country was under attack.

No one had to tell us, an attack on our country is an attack on each one of us, man, woman, child.

The Day of Infamy many of us still remember, however dimly, suddenly paled in memory. This new Day of Infamy stretched before us, hour after unbearable hour.

Once again, though, just as they did Dec. 7, 1941, Americans on Sept. 11, 2001 — so many more of us, so diverse in race, creed, color — we Americans refused to buckle under. The people of our country, all of us immigrants, showed the cowards who took out their wrath on innocent men, women and children, we will not cower. We are "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Cowards beware, justice will be served.

Each Friday night during World War II, as American boys fought in the jungles of the Pacific and the mud and mire of Europe, Kate Smith, the "Voice of America," ended her program by singing the song Irving Berlin wrote for her, "God Bless America."

President Bush could find no better words to end his remarks on the National Day of Mourning last Friday.

The cowards who inflicted this terrible pain on so many families, our brothers and sisters, our fellow Americans, are finding out hour after hour, day after day, there's nothing casual about those three words.

"From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home."

Patsy Murray is former editor of the Weymouth News, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

Jacobs Meadow restoration proposal gets high marks

Army Corps final ruling expected

By Rick Collins

Coastal Zone Management has agreed with some of the recommendations made by Tutela Engineering regarding the Jacobs Meadow Salt Marsh reclamation project — including keeping the tidal gates propped open with rubber wedges and allowing as much water into the meadow as possible without causing flooding problems.

CZM, a state agency, also offered its assistance in creating an Open Marsh Water Management program that would look at re-grading and configuring the salt marsh's channels in order to optimize tidal flow into the area.

The group did disagree with Tutela's proposal to cut down the existing invasive freshwater reeds, called Phragmites, and treat the area with rock salt.

"The rock salt treatment is not something we are familiar with, and to the best of our knowledge has not been pursued in New England," CZM said in a letter sent to a number of other state and federal agencies.

For the past year, Jacobs Meadow has been under the scrutiny of CZM, the Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Agency, state Department of Environmental Management and federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Tutela Engineering president Domenic Tutela said when he applied to the state for permits to add a third outfall pipe from the meadow into the harbor to help alleviate flooding problems, he was told he did not need federal permits. However, the Army Corps contends that he did, and it would have recommended installing self-regulating tide gates to help restore Jacobs Meadow as a salt marsh.

Since last year, the town, Tutela and the Army Corps have been engaged in a debate over whether the flapper-style tide gates installed two years ago allow enough saltwater into Jacobs Meadow to allow the salt marsh to come back.

Last fall, Tutela Engineering - which is serves as the town engineer for the project — installed neoprene wedges into the tidal gates and monitored the water levels in the marsh. In its findings, Tutela said the marsh routinely received three feet of saltwater every tidal cycle, and that any more water would result in abutters' yards becoming flooded.

CZM agreed with this level, and also urged the town to create an "operation and maintenance plan," for removing the wedges during a major flooding event such as a Nor'easter.

CZM concluded that although "this project has been less than ideal...with some coordination and additional efforts, the project as implemented, could achieve the mutual goals of flood control and resource protection/restoration."

The town and Tutela considered the letter good news in its ongoing battle with the Army Corps.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he was "very pleased," with its recommendations and that his only concern was making sure residents along Jacobs Meadow weren't flooded out.

Tutela said the letter echoed what he had been saying all along. "As far as we're concerned, [what it recommended] is what we've been doing," he said. "We totally agree with them."

Haddad and Tutela met with state and local agencies last week. Haddad said the town has been asked to do some additional studies examining exactly how much water can be allowed into the meadow, without causing property damage.

Lehr steps down as recycling chair

By Rick Collins
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After 19 years at the helm, Arthur Lehr has announced his resignation as chairman of the town Recycling Committee.

Lehr was one of the three original members of the committee when formed in 1982, and has been its only chairman.

"I've just decided it's time," he said this week about his decision. "I'm going to stay on the committee, just be more low-key."

Lehr said there are a couple of projects in the works that he wants to remain involved with, such as making improvements to some of the storage areas at the town Recycling Transfer Facility off Cedar Street.

He said he first became involved as a member of the building committee, when the town landfill was capped and converted into the current RTF.

"Recycling newspaper was probably our first start," Lehr said of the recycling committee's early days. "Back when you could burn year-round, the custodian up there used to just set the paper on fire, but the state put a stop to that."

The RTF, one of the oldest facilities of its type in the area, has expanded to now have sections where residents can recycle glass, cardboard, plastic, batteries, motor oil and brush.

"At one time for a couple years we almost led state in recycling percentage," he said.

"[Lehr] has been the driving force and made the committee what it is," said Selectman Merle Brown, who has served on the recycling committee alongside Lehr since 1982. "He has really worked hard."

Lehr said the success of the RTF, plus the new Pay-As-You-Throw program are two accomplishments he's particularly proud of.

"PAYT took two years to do, but it has proven very, very effective," he said. "In the first month, we had a 50 percent drop."

The PAYT program was adopted at the 2000 Annual Town Meeting as a way to increase recycling, and cut down on the total amount of trash being disposed. All trash must be stuffed into a 15 or 30-gallon town trash bag, that can be purchased for $1. Lehr said he expects the total reduction to level off at about 30 percent after a few months.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he was saddened to hear of Lehr decision.

"He has been a valuable asset to me in my four years here," he said. "I wish him the best."

Haddad also pointed out Lehr's efforts as the town's clerk of the works for the recently completed park at the Hagerty site off Parker Avenue.

"He didn't charge the town a dime for his work," he said.

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Town Meeting called for Nov. 5

Citizens' petitions due Tuesday; thick warrant expected

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen have called for a Nov. 5 Special Town Meeting to be held in the Sullivan Gymnasium at Cohasset Middle/High School at 7 p.m.

And although the warrant has just opened, it appears the meeting could be a lengthy one.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told Selectmen Tuesday that he could have as many as 30 articles for the board to review at its next meeting scheduled for Sept. 25.

All citizens' petitions must be received at the Town Clerk's Office by Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. and include 100 signatures from registered town voters.

The Town Meeting is expected to address a number of financial issues, such as departmental budget shortfalls, and investing extra free cash for the long-term. It also could see a number of big ticket items, such as the $1.2 million final phase of the James Brook Flood Control project, and the design costs for a new town police station [see related story, page 3].

Selectmen have placed articles on the warrant to name the former Hagerty property as "Mariner's Park," and to allow the library construction project to move forward without its construction grant money in hand.

According to an April 2000 Town Meeting vote, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library construction project at the former school site could only begin providing the current building is sold, that the library raised $700,000, and that it had received a $1.5 million library construction grant. The library project was put first on the waiting list for available construction grants, but trustees hope to move forward with the project before costs increase further.

Another article would establish a Community Preservation Committee, as required under the Community Preservation Act. The town adopted the act, which places a voluntary surcharge on resident's tax bills to be used to buy open space, recreational land, or for historic preservation this past spring. The appointed committee would consist of members of the town conservation commission, historical commission, planning board, board of selectmen acting as the town's park commissioners, housing authority, water commission and three residents at large.

Selectmen are expected to consider an additional article that would fund a sidewalk construction project along Forest Avenue.

The Norfolk County Board of Engineers gave selectmen a number of pricing options involving different construction options and materials. The prices ranged from $141,000 if built with asphalt, and using the South Shore Collaborative's materials,; and $325,000 if done through a hired contractor, with granite curbs, and a formal drainage plan for the low-lying area near Heather Drive.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris supported the project Tuesday, saying, "We've been talking about doing this for way too long."

But Selectman Merle Brown said the King Street stretch toward Lily Pond is much more dangerous and should be looked at first.

Selectmen also are debating whether or not to place an "advisory" article on the warrant regarding the Village Revitalization Task Force's village improvement plans.

The VRTF, has been working in conjunction with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a privately-funded non-profit group that has funded the task force's engineering and planning effort. Its plans include reconstructing the sidewalks throughout the village and redesigning the Ripley Road/Pleasant Street intersection.

Last week, the town received a $1.5 million state Public Works Economic Development [see related story, page 7], nearly enough to fund the VRTF's entire proposal.

Selectmen don't need Town Meeting authorization to spend the money, but said they will adhere to their promise to bring any village construction plans before the town.

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Town history set for June release

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The book 50 years in the making should be available in less than nine months.

The "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III," written by South Main Street resident Jacqueline Dormitzer, covers the events, happening and changes in Cohasset between 1950 and 2000, and is in the final stages of preparation.

Since being formed through a Town Meeting vote in October of 1996, the Town History Committee, chaired by Atlantic Avenue resident Wigmore Pierson, has sifted through 50 years of town history, including events, photos, maps and charts. Now the committee is able to narrow its focus on smaller, but still important, details such as the type of paper to print the book on.

The committee, which had at one time ballooned to nearly 20 members, has slimmed down to 10, with each member playing a crucial role.

"This is a terrific committee, with everyone able to take on different parts," said Pierson, who has chaired the committee since its inception. "This is without doubt the best committee I've ever worked with."

Dormitzer, who has attacked the book decade by decade, said she is currently working on a rough draft of the section covering the 1990s.

But that doesn't mean the previous 40 years are completely finished. Because history builds on itself, events sometimes require her to go back and insert additional information into previous sections, Dormitzer said.

"And then I still have to go back and make sure it reads smooth and that it flows," she said.

The 50 years worth of text is due to the publisher Dec. 15, as well as the 150 photographs that will accompany the words.

The book's editor, Atlantic Avenue resident Molly Hochkeppel Pierson, has the daunting task of pulling together the photographs of events such as blizzards, town Memorial Day parades, and Girl Scout outings from the past five decades, with much help from Ann Pompeo of Forest Avenue.

Pompeo said she gave Pierson 100 photographs to sort through this week, and expected to receive up to 500 more within the next week.

"They are coming in," she told the committee at its meeting Monday night.

Pierson said the book will contain about 15 black and white photographs per chapter, plus an inserted middle section of between 16 and 20 pages of color photos. The committee also discussed Monday night the possibility of inserting a fold out section showing the town's development over the course of 50 years.

Reservoir Road resident Harold Coughlin and Jim Hamilton of King Street have been organizing the technical aspects of the book, such as print style and design.

Coughlin, a book designer by trade, reminded the group of the importance of holding true to its deadline of Dec. 15, when all text, photos, maps, captions and photo credits are due to the printer. He said a book publisher considers a book a manufacturing process and not merely a printing process.

"We're buying a slug of time," he said. "If we miss our opening, it's gone for months and we go to the back of the line."

Coughlin and Hamilton also wowed the committee by showing off a dummy version of the book's dust cover, which features a dramatic view of the Town Common in relation to Little Harbor taken from the sky.

Absent from the meeting was Hubert Vanderlugt, who has taken on the task of corporate fundraising for the book, and Lou Harvey, who is working on the book's marketing and eventual web version.

The committee has already pre-sold 300 copies of the book for $20, and said town residents can still buy pre-sale copies until Jan. 1 for $27.50.

Three separate Town Meeting votes allocated a total of $65,000 for the book, but the committee said the money will eventually be repaid back through sales.

"The book will pay for itself," said Dormitzer.

Beach Street resident Louis Eaton said he hopes to prepare a series of articles promoting the book for the Mariner, starting around the beginning of the year.

The committee also thinks the third volume will spur interest in the previous two, written by E. Victor Bigelow in 1898, and Burtram Pratt in 1956, respectively.

The third volume will only go up until Dec. 31, 2000, and won't include the town's reactions to the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Dormitzer said she will mention last week's events in her author's preface and in the conclusion, and that they should be a "very interesting starting-off point" for the next volume in 49 years.

"It's just too soon to really look at how it will affect the town," she said. "The next person will be able to look back with perspective and say we rose to the occasion or something like that."

Anyone interested in ordering a pre-sale copy of the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III" is asked to contact Wigmore Pierson at 781-383-6940 by January 1.

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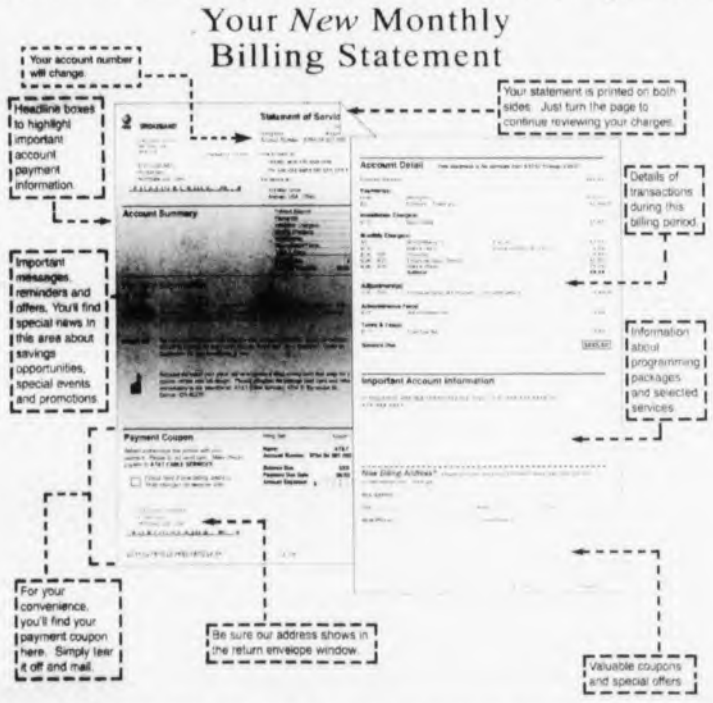
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Town comes together at ecumenical service

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2001 when U.S. airliners commandeered by hijackers flew into the twin towers of the World Trade Center and then the Pentagon, killing thousands innocent people and hundreds of rescue workers who came to their aid.

"Our hearts are full of sadness and mourning," said the Rev. John R. Mulvehill as he welcomed the throng that came from a range of faiths.

Mulvehill was joined for the service by the Rev. Gary Ritts, pastor, and Max Olmstead, associate pastor of the Second Congregational Church; the Rev. Jennifer Justice of First Parish; Father John Matheas of the Greek Orthodox Church; the Rev. Doug Fisher of Beechwood Congregational Church and the Rev. Cliff Cutler, pastor, and the Rev. Andy Shotsvel, associate pastor, of St. Stephen's.

All offering collected during the service will be donated to the Red Cross relief effort.

Each clergy member either read a prayer, psalm, poem or told a story. Their messages were interspersed with hymns including a rousing rendition of "God Bless America" where nearly all in attendance sang at the top of their voices.

The theme of the service did not focus on war or revenge but on faith and peace.

The Rev. Justice gathered all the children at the front of the church where she shared a true story about an Israeli soldier patrolling the West Bank, who, while being pelted by rocks by Palestinian children, managed to turn the incident around.

"How do I find love here instead of war?" Justice said the soldier thought. "So he started to juggle and turned the rocks into rubber balls." She said then the children started to laugh and were filled with love instead of hatred.

"I ask that you take that love the soldier found in his heart and pass it all around the room," Justice said.

Then in a touching moment, the dozens of children got up and walked throughout the sanctuary hugging everyone they saw.

The Rev. Ritts of Second Congregational said coming together in times like these is so important.

"One of the most wonderful gifts we have here in this community is the privilege and freedom to be together." He thanked the children for their spontaneous expression of love through their hugs.

"The children shared a gift that we adults are so often afraid of but so desperately need," he said.

Ritts also read "The New Colossus" by Jewish-American poet and philanthropist, Emma Lazarus, that is inscribed in bronze at the base of the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe Island, New York Harbor.

"She still stands and so do we, our arms outstretched," Ritts said.



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The Rev. Jennifer Justice of First Parish Church shares the story of an Israeli soldier who overcame hate to the gathering of children during Sunday's ecumenical service.

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Local EMT helps at Ground Zero in Manhattan

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ers of the World Trade Center once stood. While positioned near a building that started to shift – Bonanno and others were immediately moved to another location. In the rush, Bonanno was only able to grab one of his medical bags but not the other. The one that contained his wallet, cell phone, identification and ticket home had to be left behind.

"Then they put me in an aid station in the lobby of the American Express building at Ground Zero, 30 feet away from where the rubble landed," Bonanno said.

Initially he was told to "go outside and help out." So Bonanno, who runs his own photography business, spent several hours as part of a line of about 30 workers passing five-gallon pails full of debris from one to another.

"The debris was being picked up one shovel-ful at a time and put into a five-gallon pail, which was passed down the line and emptied into a big pile, which was eventually removed by a front loader," he recalls. "But if there was evidence of a body, the battalion chief yelled 'stop' — and the digging was done one handful at a time."



The lobby of the American Express building where Rich Bonanno volunteered is just 30 feet from Ground Zero. Here, firefighters and iron workers wearing face masks sleep on cots to get some rest between shifts.



The former twin towers of the World Trade Center, once 110 stories tall, are reduced to two stories.

Then about ten-to-12 people would work in a rectangle to excavate by hand and put any body parts into body bags. Bonanno said the area where he was working must have been a courtyard because the workers kept running into cement and grass.

Later, Bonanno went into the aid station where he helped irrigate the eyes of firefighters and iron workers with a saline solution for the next 10 hours. One volunteer would hold the eye open, while another would irrigate it.

"So much [dust] would literally flow out of their eyes, it was incredible," Bonanno says. "There was continuously someone in the seat to get their eyes irrigated."

"The firefighters were so gracious – thanking us for helping them," he recalls. "They were thankful for a wet towel to wipe their faces."

Some of the men couldn't hold back their emotions.

"As I was irrigating the eyes of an iron-worker, he just started to cry," Bonanno says. "He said, 'I come from a family of iron workers, my father built these buildings and now I'm cutting them up.'"

When the morning light on Thursday – Bonanno could truly see the devastation first-hand including the remains of the twin towers that once stood 110 stories tall – with their thousands of tons of steel and concrete and 50,000 acres of windows reduced to rubble.

"By that time, I left Ground Zero to head back home," Bonanno says. "I was exhausted and they had more help than they needed." There was only one problem – his ticket home, money and ID were back in that bag left by an ambulance which was still in a cordoned-off area.

So the former Cohasset call firefighter flagged down a vehicle that had N.Y. Dept. of Transportation written on its side.

"The driver asked where I was from," Bonanno said. "He said, 'you came up for this? I'll take you to Penn Station.'" Bonanno said the man walked him to an Amtrak officer, who wrote him a ticket home.

Once back at the station in Dedham, Bonanno had the same problem – no wallet and no money to retrieve his car from the parking lot. However, the conductor at the station remembered him from the day before and "took care of it" for him. But the story doesn't end there.

Later that evening, Bonanno received a call from New York from a member of the fire department who said, "I have your bag." He said he would give it to someone from Massachusetts and found a firefighter from Medford. Bonanno met the Medford firefighter at Archbishop Williams High School, which is just off Route 3 in Braintree, and retrieved his bag.

Bonanno said he could not have just sat in Pat's barbershop or at home feeling helpless.

"I was just a four-hour train ride away and it was worth every minute," Bonanno says about heading to New York to volunteer.

He also said he'll never listen to anyone who says New Yorkers are rude, ever again.

"I'll never think that again," he says. "I was treated like gold."



The former hotel at #7 World Trade Center collapses in the aftermath of last week's terrorist attack.



The gaping hole where the twin towers of the World Trade Center once stood.

Town copes with tragedy, starts aid effort

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shirts. All donations will be brought to the Salvation Army drop-off center in Quincy, and then straight down to New York City.

Nearly 1,000 people filled St. Anthony's Church Sunday for an ecumenical service led by local clergy [see related story.]

"The town should be proud of itself for the spirit it displayed last week," Selectman Thomas Callahan said at Tuesday's board meeting.

Cohasset Middle/High School Principal Michael Jones said the school's Social Awareness Group sold small American flags at last Friday's football game against Arlington Catholic, and that the middle school hopes to conduct some sort of fundraiser in the near future.

Fund-raising efforts are also being organized at the Deer Hill and Osgood schools.

Both schools' principals said their students were reacting well to last week's events.

"Right now we're settling in," Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan said Monday sporting a patriotic tie in accordance with the school's Red, White and Blue Day.

Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan said the school observed Friday's National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, as designated by President Bush, and then celebrated the 187th anniversary of the writing of the "Star Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key in 1814.

All three schools called a faculty meeting last Tuesday and had instructors read their students' an age-appropriate fact sheet, followed by some discussion.

"We have not had any students need to go to an adjustment counselor," said Callahan.

Sheehan said her students know the general details, but are unable at their age to grasp the full consequences of the terrorist attack. She said teachers have encouraged their students to ask any questions about what happened and to talk to their parents about it.

Unlike in other South Shore communities, Cohasset police said they have not received any reports of hate crimes.

Susan Etkind, head of the town's Diversity Committee, said people have to realize that Americans of all races and faiths have been affected by the attacks.

"People of all races and ethnic origins have been killed and are now supporting and helping us," she said. "We have all been traumatized by the recent events and are all living with a tremendous amount of anxiety and sadness and anger. We hope people will not strike out against American-Arabs or others of Middle Eastern heritage or anyone who just looks different.

"Anger is a normal and understandable reaction to this event, but we hope an entire country or entire religion is not judges harshly because of one militant faction," she added.

Some Cohasset businesses were bracing for the economic fall-out of the terrorist attacks.

Victor Vanderlugt, of the Cohasset-based Hub Shipping Company, said the company hadn't yet been impacted, but was expecting some ripples.

Hub Shipping transports raw materials from places such as Italy and China, and frequently uses New York City ports.

"Right now vessels aren't coming in or out," Vanderlugt said.

After four days off, Wall Street reopened with a predictable thud, falling more than 600 points, or 7 percent of its value.

John Flanagan of the Cohasset Edward Jones brokerage office said he had spent the non-trading days checking on his 650 clients, and reassuring them.

Flanagan said the market dropped quickly because of the sell orders that had accumulated last week. But he added that personally, he had only two sell orders.

"You shouldn't be investing in the short-term, you should have a seven to 10-year timeline," he said. "After most tough events the market always opens down, but comes back."

He pointed out that stocks were down early at the start of the Gulf War, but soon picked back up and segued into the longest era of prosperity the nation had ever seen.

"Time will always be our best ally," he said.

Local citizens line up for Old Glory

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Even though America has tried to adopt a "business-as-usual" atmosphere, St. John said she has made a conscious effort to make the flags available at a bare-minimum cost, while still covering her expenses, such as bringing in extra help to deal with the crush of people coming into her store.

"We've had lines out of the store all-day, non-stop," she said. "On Saturday, we had to have a police detail. People were parking on Route 3A."

Because the store only has one register, St. John said many sales receipts were written up by hand, and she has yet to figure out exactly how many flags she has sold.

"We are completely sold out of everything. It's all gone, decals, bins, bumper stickers, buntings," she said. "We were trying to limit what people could buy, but we still had to send people away unhappy."

St. John said she has no idea when she'll get her next delivery of flags.

"I'm in line with everyone else," she said.

She remembered the outburst of patriotism during the Gulf War, but also remembered how fast it dissipated when the United States rolled to victory after just a few months.

"I get the feeling this is very different," she said of the more recent outburst. "I think people appreciate what they have in a much bigger way, and they're using the flag as a symbol of that."

Even though it's difficult to enjoy her store's success in light of the tragedy, she said she can enjoy her role in the recent spate of patriotism.

"As I drive around and see all the flags on cars and houses and businesses, I'm really happy," she said. "I'm happy with the patriotism and that I'm able to play a part."

St. John said she plans on sending a donation from the flag store down to New York to help with the ongoing relief efforts.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Mike Snowdale

Making his varsity debut, the junior quarterback threw for a pair of touchdowns, and provided steady direction all game for the offense to lead the Skippers to a 28-6 win over Arlington Catholic Friday night.

Snowdale missed the season opening 7-0 win over Cardinal Spellman due to injury, last week, but showed no signs of rust in week 2. He also recorded an interception on the defensive side of the ball.

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Lady Skippers edged by Indians again

But JV team takes first win over Hanover in 13 years

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

With their minds burdened with the thoughts of the national crisis, the members of the Cohasset field hockey team were unable to overcome their strongest opponent yet in the early season.

Last Wednesday, Cohasset played Hanover, the only team to beat the Lady Skippers in the regular season last year. The host Indians took the decision, 2-1, in a somber, yet well played game.

"We were very quiet," noted coach Deb Bostwick, who is always proud of the high morale her team normally has. "I saw the girls, and they just didn't seem like themselves."

With 28 players carried on both varsity and JV, Hanover is once again considered to be among the state's elite field hockey contenders. Bostwick truly felt that hanging with them every step, and staying within a goal was a very good achievement.

"I am very proud of the team," she lauded. "We did very well in a back-and-forth, very fast game."

Hanover struck first, scoring the only first half goal with less

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Sarah Brady (right) battles Silver Lake's Hanie Scott for the ball.

Gridders triumph in wake of disaster

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

After a chilling moment of silence put a slight damper on the mood, the Cohasset football Skippers had the fans cheering from the opening kickoff.

Last Saturday, Cohasset triumphed over Arlington Catholic, 28-6, making this the second straight year they have opened their season with consecutive victories (they took the first three in 2000).

The night started with senior Liam Martin, who is out for the football season with a broken ankle, the late Clark Chatterton's granddaughter Kelsey, and the captains of both teams meeting at midfield to light candles and commemorate those who were lost in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. After the moment of silence, things resumed and the coin flip went on as normal.

And while Tuesday's practice was canceled, and Wednesday's was just a light workout, the Skippers showed no signs of rust. Also, none of the players seemed to be adversely affected by the tragedy.

"It was a nice release for everyone," offered Athletic Director Ron Ford. "We were able to forget about everything for a few hours."

Although the players were not distracted, fourth year head coach Tony Rolfe admitted that he and the rest of the coaching staff, especially fireman Bob Silvia, could not pay full attention.

Nonetheless, in his first varsity start, junior quarterback Mike Snowdale made the first of his two touchdown passes to junior wideout John Durkin.

Durkin has played a big role already in the young season, stepping up with the loss of Martin at wideout to become one of the primary receiving targets.

"Durkin has been filling in well for Liam," said junior tight end/kicker Tom Anderson of the speedy open field runner. "He knows the routes, and he gets there."

Anderson was perfect on all four of his extra point attempts, and has yet to miss one this year.

Sophomore receiver Chris Bilodeau caught a touchdown late in the game, to cap off Snowdale's outstanding debut (Snowdale even recorded an interception on the defensive side of the ball). Between the two starting quarterbacks this year, Snowdale and sophomore Mike Dooley, the Skippers have had three receiving touchdowns through two games.

"[Snowdale] is going to rapidly improve," stated Rolfe. "But I can honestly say that I have two quarterbacks that I have confidence putting in."

Complimenting the air attack has been a fast improving ground game, making this offense difficult to contain.

"That is a nice balance of talent they have there," lauded Ford. "They really stretch the field out."

The running game has been very strong this year, with a converted quarterback, senior Jason Brown, running for two touchdowns of 75

FOOTBALL, PAGE 14

Bad luck haunts girls' soccer team

By Mike Spellman
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If it's not one thing its another.

If they're not hitting goal posts, they're seeing referees hand out penalty kicks like penny candies.

Sooner or later, the members of the Cohasset girls soccer team figures the breaks are going to start going their way. Up until now, however, it's been pretty grim.

The Lady Skippers have started the season 0-2, but the only indications that they've been outplayed to date appear on the scoreboard. Just about everyone who attended either the 5-2 loss to Norton or the 1-0 heartbreaker versus Mashpee might have a few opinions that run contrary to that disheartening bit of empirical evidence.

"We could be 2-0 just as easily as 0-2," captain Katie Grimm lamented earlier this week. "We were right there in both of our games. We hoestly don't fee lwe were outplayed."

The difference in the girls season opening 1-0 loss to Mashpee was a fluke goal. The Lady Skippers had several opportunities to punch home the equalizer, but post and bad bounces kept intervening.

The difference in the 5-2 loss to Norton on Monday? Three controversial penalty kicks being awarded.

Throw those out, and you've obviously got a very different story. At the very least, two pretty goals from Gillian Weber aren't overshadowed.

Does this mean the girls have little

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Thank God for sports

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN



Letting kids go back to play was right call

OK, maybe some of you will see this headline and think me unforgivably insensitive or, at best, hopelessly myopic.

But please, hear me out.

In the midst of a national nightmare that goes well beyond the scope of anything most of us could ever have imagined, and with so many of us fixated on our fantasies of fitting reprisals, it is vital that we all recognize it is the little things in our life that will restore reason and, yes, even lasting happiness.

The simple pleasures and little diversions each of us enjoyed before these acts of unspeakable barbarism (indeed, won't time for all of us who are living through this be separated into two categories from this time forward: "before" and "after") are what will ultimately bring us through this seemingly impenetrable haze.

Hugging your child, popping in a favorite video, playing computer games, sitting around with friends, surfing the net…these and many other things we seldom thought much about "before" will put us on the road to personal recovery.

For me and many others, involvement in sports — as a participant or spectator — will aid considerably in putting us back on that road.

As beneficial as this diversion is

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Cohasset High golfer Pat Reardon lines up a putt in match play last week. Reardon was one of three individual winners in last Thursday's 4.5-4.5 tie against Norton at the Heather Hill Course in Plainville. Freshman D.J. Silvia and senior Robin Murphy were the other two winners, helping Cohasset improve to 0-1-1 on the season.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Tim Baird (right) set up the lone Skippers goal in Monday's hard fought 1-1 tie in Norton.

A hard lesson

Boys soccer team tries to get their edge back

By Mike Spellman
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Sometimes the worst thing that can happen to a team is for things to come too easily—and that is particularly true early in the season. Exhibit 1: the Cohasset High boys soccer team.

In the Skippers first two games of the season—wins of 7-2 and 3-2 over Milton and Mashpee, respectively—things went pretty much as they dictated. According to head coach Dave Nigro, his troops moved the ball virtually at will and were given lots of room to operate—in other words, they looked every bit like the offensive powerhouse many South Shore League observers predicted.

Don't let the Mashpee game fool you. The Skippers out-shot the visiting Falcons 17-3, and missed repeatedly on golden opportunities to blow the game open while playing three-quarters of the game within 40 yards of the opponent's goal. Cohasset was simply hurt by a couple of defensive lapses that led to bad goals.

Greg O'Connell led the way, notching his first ever high school hat trick…for soccer that is (he had one for the Skippers hockey team this winter). Matt Bilodeau assisted on two of the goals, Dan Kinchla the other.

As it turned out, however, the difficulty the Skippers had in finishing the deal might have been a precursor of things to come.

The Skippers again looked to be the better team from the get-go of Friday's non-league match in Sharon, as Curt Kahn, Tim Baird and Evan Pestone all scored in the game's opening 10 minutes to give the Skippers a quick 3-0 bulge.

The Cohasset players relaxed a little bit after that, and before they could turn it back on the host Eagles matched and then passed that output before halftime. Though the Skippers had several quality opportunities late in the game, there was no goal scoring in the second half from either team, the game ending

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CHS weekly scoreboard

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY
12 lost to Hanover, 2-1
14 Hingham
19 at Middleboro
13 tied Norton, 4.5-4.5.
20 at Abington 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER
13 lost to Mashpee, 1-0
17 lost to Norton, 5-3
20 at Norwell 3:30 p.m.

GOLF
11 at Mashpee- PPD

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
13 beat Mashpee, 3-2
14 lost to Sharon, 4-3
17 ties Norton, 1-1
20 at Norwell 3:30 p.m.

VARSITY FOOTBALL
14 beat Arlington Catholic, 28-7

Gridders triumph

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and five yards versus Arlington Catholic. His combination of strength and speed allows him to both hammer the ball into a pile on third and short, and break down field for long runs.

"He was even better this game than last game," said Rolfe. "His speed is instant. In two steps he is at full speed."

To help raise funds for the Red Cross, American flags were being sold for five dollar donations. A big thank you goes out to Wallace St. John for donating about 300 flags.

Despite the horrific events three days prior to this game, there was an especially large crowd on hand to witness the home opener.

"That was as good an opening night crowd as I have seen for football," said Ford.

Thank God for sports

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for all of us, it is even more vital for our youngsters, so many of whom simply cannot comprehend the evil that has invaded their world.

I know many of you did not agree with the decision to have high school athletes take back to the fields on Sept. 12 — "the day after." I, for one, did concur with this decision arrived at in individual cases by school administrators and supported by the MIAA.

A return to normalcy for our youngsters is essential. Why allow them the opportunity to dwell on all of this any more than they have to? What good could possibly come from that?

I did agree with the decision of Major League Baseball, the NFL and PGA for extended postponements of their scheduled play. Their activities are spectacles put on by adults specifically for our entertainment and for obscene amounts of money. Against this blackened backdrop, the triviality of this would have been so striking it would have likely tainted these ventures forever more. So it was a wise move, both from a sensitivity and business standpoint.

But high school and youth athletics are a different animal altogether — not only for the kids, but for all of us.

These venues provide smaller, much more intimate gatherings than the pro and college events. They allow us the opportunity to join together with familiar folks and show them, as they show us, that life will go on. These small displays of solidarity will go a long way for all of us.

One step at a time, we will all get through this.

A hard lesson

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with Cohasset on the wrong side of the 4-3 decision for its first loss of the season.

"I don't think we played all that badly," said Nigro, "even in the last 30 minutes of the half (when they surrendered the four unanswered goals). It just seemed like we pulled back on the attack a little bit. Now, hopefully, we know we can't do that."

One thing that clearly might have contributed to the loss of poise was the absence of Bilodeau, a team captain and arguably the central figure for the team's offense from his center-midfield position. The senior strained his back in the Mashpee game, and was forced to sit out the entire Sharon game.

"We're definitely a much more controlled team with Matt on the field," conceded Nigro. He quickly added, though, that this was no excuse for the let down.

"This isn't a one man team," he stated. "We have plenty of players capable of stepping up and taking a bigger role. If we're going to go anywhere, those players are going to have to step up."

The Skippers bounced back with a hard fought 1-1 tie in Norton on Monday that Nigro hopes is a step back in the right direction.

The Lancers play on the South Shore League's smallest field by far, and they almost always have a team well suited to these dimensions—with many big, physical players.

After 65 minutes of mucking it up, Norton broke the ice with 15 minutes remaining in regulation, beating Cohasset keeper Nick Spirito out of a scramble in front to take a 1-0 lead.

Nigro called a timeout not long after that, something he rarely does, in an attempt to rally his troops for one last push.

"I just thought I'd let them take a breather, get a drink of water and try to settle them down a little bit," explained the second year head coach.

How much of an impact that had on the game is up for debate, but Kinchla did tie it up a few minutes later, knocking home a rebound after a strong rush by Tim Baird up the left side.

"All things considered, I was happy to come away with a tie in this game," said Nigro. "Norton is never a fun place to play. They've always had a pretty good home field advantage on that field. I know we'll be looking for a better game when we get them on our home field (Oct. 9)."

As to the question of whether or not his players have worked the over-contentment out of their collective system, Nigro says he should get a pretty good indication of that on Thursday night when they play under the lights in Norwell against the same Clippers team that beat them three times by one goal last season, the final time in the southeast sectional semifinals of the state tourney.

"This game comes at a good time for us," said Nigro. "We should have no problem staying focussed from beginning to end in this one. The kids have been waiting a long time for another shot at them."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset boys soccer coach Dave Nigro takes in the action at a recent team practice.

Lady Skippers edged by Indians again

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than two minutes to play. This happened when a scramble in front of the net resulted in the ball being tapped into the corner.

"If we could have held them there, it would have been a tie," said Bostwick, who watched her defense step up in the second half.

Cohasset came very close to scoring in the first half, when junior Lindsay Grossman drove a bullet at the Hanover net, only to be denied by the goalie.

"Lindsay hit it so hard, that the girl just turned her leg, it hit her pads, and the ball cleared past half-field," remarked the coach.

Bostwick was very pleased with the resilience her team showed, even after Hanover padded their lead to 2-0 on a breakaway by the right forward. Cohasset shot right back to score on a corner, this goal by sophomore Kelly Hurley, who is the only team member with two goals.

"I have seen a lot of improvement from her since last year," said junior captain Heather Peraino. "She has really stepped up. We need that."

At the JV level, the Cohasset squad defeated Hanover's sub-varsity, 2-1, making it the first JV victory over the Lady Indians in Bostwick's 13 years as a coach.

Junior Rachel Smith, who is one of a handful of juniors to help out the JV by playing one half for each team, scored both CHS goals in the win.

The other juniors who are swinging as a means of helping the underclassmen along are Sarah Brady, Mary Devaney, and Alexis Bugely.

"The older players down there are all good players," reported Peraino. "They are all serious about field hockey."

In the JV win, sophomore goalie Caitlin Condon recorded seven first half saves, and junior netminder Kristin Levigne had four in the second.

Both of the teams have opened up the season with solid performances in every game, despite the high percentage of lower classmen. This prompted Bostwick to really think about the great teams she seems to have for the future.

"We are coming along as a program," she started. "It is going to be our time soon."



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Deanna Brown fires off a shot in action last week.

Bad luck haunts girls' soccer team

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to be concerned with regarding their collective game?

Of course not, and Grimm is the first to concede the point.

"Right now, we're trying to figure out why we're having so many breakdowns in transition," said the senior.

Specifically, Grimm and her teammates are working to smooth out their movement of the ball from the midfield to the front line.

As a starting forward, Grimm has been frustrated by her lack of opportunities. It's clear, however, that she's not getting discouraged, just as it's clear she's not assessing fault.

"I really believe we just need a little more work together for things to start clicking," she continued. "We have the talent to play with just about everyone. I think we've shown ourselves that already."

Captain Maggie O'Neil, the team's lone returning league all-star, is undoubtedly the key for the Lady Skippers in the middle of the field. She played club soccer all off-season, and figures to be a force once the girls work their way through their present difficulties.

Girls soccer notes

Yet another bad break for the Lady Skippers is the season long loss of the third team captain, Carlie Carter, an invaluable defender the last few seasons. The senior had surgery on her knee Wednesday to repair an injury suffered during the winter gymnastics season.

Cohasset Middle School sports schedule

BOYS SOCCER

A Team
Coach: David Buick

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
21	at Sacred Heart	3:30 p.m.
26	Carver	3:30 p.m.
Oct.		
2	Derby	3:15 p.m.
9	Sacred Heart	3:30 p.m.
11	at Derby	3:15 p.m.
16	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
25	at Sacred Heart	3:30 p.m.
Nov.		
2	Thayer	3 p.m.

B Team
Coach: Dan Jones

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
25	Catholic Memorial	4 p.m.
Oct.		
3	Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
5	St. Sebastian's	3:15 p.m.
10	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
12	at Catholic Mem.	4 p.m.
19	Thayer	3 p.m.
26	at St. Sebastian's	3:15 p.m.
30	at Holbrook	3:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

A Team
Coach: Michelle Murphy

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
19	at Thayer	3 p.m.
20	at Sacred Heart	3:30 p.m.
26	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
Oct.		
9	Sacred Heart	3:30 p.m.
25	at Sacred Heart	3:30 p.m.
Nov.		
7	Thayer	3 p.m.

B Team
Coaches: Greg Lessard and Sarah McGuiness

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
19	at Thayer	4:15 p.m.
Oct.		
3	Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
10	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
16	Carver	3:30 p.m.
30	at Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
Nov.		
7	Thayer	3 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Coaches: Al LaFountain and Tim Owen

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
28	at Thayer	3:30 p.m.
Oct.		
3	River's Weston	3:30 p.m.
10	Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
19	at Catholic Mem.	4 p.m.
24	at Wixon	3:30 p.m.
Nov.		
1	Mattacheese	3:30 p.m.
9	St. Sebastian's	3:30 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

A Team
Coach: Jeanne Marois

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
26	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
Oct.		
3	Derby	3:15 p.m.
11	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
16	Carver	3:30 p.m.
30	at Derby	3:30 p.m.
Nov.		
2	Thayer	3 p.m.

B Team
Coach: Laurel Hickey

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.		
20	Carver	3:30 p.m.
Oct.		
3	Thayer	3 p.m.
11	at Falmouth (Lawrence)	4 p.m.
23	at Carver	3:30 p.m.
Nov.		
2	Thayer	4:15 p.m.

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FROM THE SIDELINES



JULIE ANN NEVERO

It couldn't have been more picturesque.

As evening fell at the Stoughton High football field last Friday night, the gloomy, overcast skies that loomed all day finally began to clear. The clouds broke and revealed a glorious and blinding sunset. As it descended, the sky burst into fiery red clouds and a rainbow appeared in the distance.

The symbolism of these images moved me to tears as I stood, candle in hand, joining hundreds at the field and millions across the country in a vigil during the nationally proclaimed day of remembrance for those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack on America. However, my tears were not those of sadness, but rather tears of pride. For while the fiery red sky symbolized the horrific tragedy, the rainbow symbolized our nation's strength to endure, our hope for a peaceful future, and our unity.

"What this nation has endured over the past week is something I hope we never have to go through again," Stoughton High principal Daniel Davis said prior to the kickoff of the Rockland/Stoughton football game. "I know I join you all in saying God Bless America."

A pin drop could have been heard while observing a moment of silence at the field on which Rockland and Stoughton football players stood grasping American flags and candles. When the Stoughton High marching band began playing our National Anthem, I was touched to hear everyone singing. Often seen as simply a pre-game formality, the anthem appeared to mean much more to people that night, and perhaps forever.

Similar ceremonies took place on football fields across the nation as people came together to comfort each other and tried to come to grips with last Tuesday's horrendous act of war.

Yet, while the tragic event provoked Major League Baseball, NASCAR, PGA, National Football League, and Div. 1A college officials to postpone their weekend sporting events, those at the high school level continued. While most high schools halted play on the day of the Sept. 11 attack, many teams were back on the field the following day – a decision that not all coaches agreed with.

"I'm not quite sure they should have played," said Ken Owen, Rockland High football coach. "I personally feel the MIAA should have stepped forward and put a stop to all of the games."

Marshfield High football coach Lou Silva agreed.

"I think they should have let the kids have a little more time off," echoed Silva. "I don't think they were ready to come out here and play. Their minds just weren't in it."

Still, while they may not have agreed with playing the games, both Owen and Silva said they were touched by their pre-game ceremonies.

"I think they (Stoughton High) did a real nice job with what they did tonight," Owen said. "It was the least we could do."

"We observed a moment of silence and sang 'God Bless America' before the anthem. It was really nice," said Silva. "The crowd was very respectful. You could hear a pin drop the whole time."

Resuming play hasn't just been tough for coaches, it's also been hard on student-athletes.

"It's been very distracting," said Hanover High soccer forward Liz Woodward, "and it's a little hard to come out and play because we all want to be respectful."

Teammate Maureen Halloran agreed.

"We're still the same soccer players, but it's in the back of your head," she said. "You put it back there when you're playing soccer, but it there's no avoiding it. After the game, you still go home and turn on the TV and see more sad news."

The student-athletes have really been an inspiration to me over the past week. I've had a difficult time going out and covering these games, but I can't even begin to imagine what it must be like for these young athletes, who still have to try to go out and win. Their courage has given me the strength to get back out there and work.

Many of the athletes I spoke to said their sport provides a good release for them. Since the attack, local high schools have been giving students the opportunity to use their classes as open roundtables, discussing the event and voicing their opinions. Message boards outside of the schools offer words and phrases of encouragement. At Norwell High, it's "Sorrowful but strong." In Abington, it's "United We Stand, God Bless America." But, after school, the athletes say they are looking for some sense of normalcy.

"We really just try to get it out of our heads," said Woodward. "We talk about it at school so much that when we come out here, it's our time to play soccer."

The events of Sept. 11 are something America will never forget. Indeed, the images and aftermath of the cowardly attack will be forever burned into our minds and hearts and the senselessness of it might not ever be fully understood. But in this time of tragedy, I, like many others, am drawing on the strength of our unified nation, where freedom still rings loud and pride is displayed in the stars and stripes we hang on our homes and cars and wear on our chests.

Stay strong America. God bless us all.



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Candlelight vigils took place at football games across the nation last Friday night. Here, Jeff and Jean Peacock light a candle prior to the start of the Hanover/Abington game. Our nation's ability to unite in the face of tragedy has been an inspiration to many over the past week.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

A rainbow lit up the skies over football fields last Friday evening just before sunset. It was a symbol of hope as millions across the nation held candlelight vigils in honor of those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on America.

Cohasset High School weekly sports schedule

JV FIELD HOCKEY

Sept.	Opponent	Time
21	at Scituate	3:30 p.m.
24	Duxbury	5 p.m.

Home site: Alumni Field
Coach: Danielle Shaugnessy

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

21	Scituate	5:30 p.m.
24	Duxbury	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Deb Bostwick

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

20	at Norwell	5:00 p.m.
21	Abington	3:30 p.m.
25	at Carver	7 p.m.

Coach: Deb Beal
Home site: Alumni Field

GIRLS JV SOCCER

20	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
21	Abington	3:30 p.m.
25	at Carver	5 p.m.

Coach: Kara Connerly
Home site: Milliken Field

GOLF

20	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
24	Carver	3:30 p.m.
25	at Harwich	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Torin Sweeney
Home site: Cohasset Country Club

BOYS JV SOCCER

20	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
21	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
25	Carver	5 p.m.

Coach: Rick Dockendorf
Home site: Milliken Field

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

20	at Norwell	7:00 p.m.
21	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
25	Carver	7 p.m.

Coach: David Nigro
Home site: Alumni Field

JV FOOTBALL

22	at Cape Cod Tech	11 a.m.

Home site: Milliken Field

VARSITY FOOTBALL

22	at Cape Cod Tech	1 p.m.

Home site: Alumni Field
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Asst. Coaches: Bob Silvia, Bob Knurek, Brian Pattison, Dave Terry

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Extolling the virtues of a natural resource

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The Weir River provides bountiful canoeing and kayaking opportunities.

But underneath the peaceful, relaxing scene lies a murky challenge.

"The Weir River is drying down as a water supply, which affects the environment," said Scott MacDonald, a member of the Weir River Watershed Association (WRWA). The WRWA is a grassroots organization with members in Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

The group is hosting the first annual Weir River Awareness Day next weekend to bring some of the issues related to the river to the community's attention, while at the same time taking advantage of the recreational opportunities it affords.

A canoe/kayak trip along the Weir River from Steamboat Wharf in Hull to West Corner is planned for Saturday, Sept. 29, leaving Nantasket Pier next to Jake's Restaurant in Hull at 9:30 a.m. The event is being held in conjunction with the celebration of National Estuaries Day. The rain date is Sept. 30.

The Weir River is home to brown and brook trout, largemouth bass, sunfish, pickerel, eel, aquatic insects, blueback herring and rainbow smelt.

Those planning to take part in the tour should bring their own equipment. A two-for-one rental discount is also available at Harbor Cycle in Hingham. Call 749-1968 for early reservations.

For further information about the canoe/kayak trip, call Samantha Woods at 925-4690 or Scott MacDonald at 749-5572.

"We want to raise awareness of how to preserve these recreational opportunities and promote the environment as well," MacDonald said.

Earlier this year, the Hingham Water Resources Task Force recommended immediate action be taken to preserve the precious resources of the Weir River, which feeds into Foundry Pond.

Massachusetts-American Water Company serves the three communities included in the watershed association. Water company withdrawals from the watershed exceed the amount allowed by the state. The demand for water is expected to increase over the next two decades.

The average customer uses 112 gallons of water a day.

Norwell draws water from four wells in the upper portion of the watershed, which is a geographic area of land in which all surface and ground water flows downhill to a common point, such as a river, stream, pond, lake, wetland or estuary.

A recent study of the watershed, commissioned by the state, was undertaken by GZA of Norwell, water resource task force members and the WRWA. The four-inch thick report that came out of that study indicates the watershed is taxed in both its capacity to provide a stable public water supply and its ability to maintain adequate habitat for aquatic wildlife, which could eventually negatively impact quality of life.

Task force recommendations included:

• formation of a council made up of elected and appointed officials and citizens of Hingham, Norwell, Hull and North Cohasset — which are served by the 23-square-mile Weir River Watershed — and environmental organizations, water suppliers and state representatives. About 38,000 residents of those communities are provided with water from the watershed;

• development of a comprehensive watershed management plan for the overtaxed Weir River;

• educating the public about the issues;

• exploration of new water sources; and

• choosing appropriate ways to preserve the aquatic habitat.

The purpose of the WRWA is to promote awareness and stewardship of the Weir River Watershed.

The watershed includes Triphammer, Fulling Mill, Foundry and Straits ponds, the Weir, Plymouth and Crooked Meadow rivers and Accord Pond.

Among the tasks the watershed association is charged with are gathering data about the condition of the watershed using monitoring programs; designing and carrying out local projects to sustain and improve the natural resources, ecosystems, water quality and quantity, beauty and enjoyment of the watershed; reporting findings on the condition of the Weir River to the general public, government committees and other agencies; and building a partnership of schools, community groups, businesses and government entities committed to maintaining the Weir River Watershed as a "necessary and beautiful resource."

IT'S HAPPENING

Dog show

The Cohasset Farmer's Market invites the public to show off their dogs at the Parade of Dogs.. The parade will take place on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. on historic Cohasset Common.

There will be prizes for the best dressed and best behaved dogs.

Newcomers' Club announces events

The Newcomers' Club is an organization open to all residents of Scituate and Cohasset for both social and charitable purposes. Through its sponsored activities, the club offers members the opportunity to meet new people in the area.

Fall wine and cheese social

Sept. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the home, of Ellen and William Nesbitt, 376 North Main St., Cohasset. Get reacquainted with club members after the summer holiday and meet some new members that have recently moved to the area. All club members are welcome and encouraged to bring along any friends as prospective new members. Information on upcoming social and family activities will be available. Beverages will be provided and guests are asked to bring a ready to serve appetizer. RSVP Karen Loftus at 545-9230 or Karen Taber at 383-9622.

Mom and tots playgroups

If you are new to the area with small children, or just welcomed a new baby, this is a great opportunity to connect with other moms and share information. Become a Newcomer member and join the Moms and Tots Playgroups. From newborn to 5-year-olds, these are organized playgroups by age group preference and meet Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants in each group takes turn hosting. Children's activities are planned throughout the year such as a Halloween Party, Holiday Party and Springtime Egg Hunt. Caregivers caring for your children are welcome to participate. Stay at home Dads, you are welcome too! Should Wednesdays not work for you, there may be others interested in another day and time. Call Beth Compson at 544-0094.

Mens Basketball

All ages and abilities are welcome. Enjoy a good game and exercise! Call Michael Pasini at 544-3206.

Ladies night out

Planned monthly, these are casual nights out to get acquainted with members over dinner, coffee or a special craft event.

Pancake breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Cohasset Soccer Boosters will be held at the Deer Hill School cafeteria on Sunday, Sept. 30, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Breakfast will include a variety of pancakes, bagels, beverages, etc. while supporting the varsity and junior varsity soccer teams.

Tickets are $5 each or a $20 maximum family donation. When purchasing a ticket you will also be entered in a raffle which will take place at the breakfast.

Tickets will be available through the soccer players or at local events around town. If you have any questions or would like to donate to the raffle call Kathie O'Neil at 383-1237.

Baroque concert

As part of its Sunday concert Series, now in its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church is presenting a concert, "If It Ain't Baroque," on Sunday, Sept. 23 at 3 p.m.

The performers are Na'ama Lion, baroque flute; Julie McKenzie and Jonathan Friedes, baroque violins; Jane Starkman, baroque viola; Annika Pfluger, baroque cello; Janet Haas, violone; and Charles Sherman, harpsichord. All of the instruments played will be period instruments — the earlier version of the string and wind instruments we know today.

Th program will consist of Buffardin's "Concerto in E Minor," the "Sonata in Bb Major" of Scarlatti; Vivaldi's concerto, "Il Gardellino," and other works from the baroque period.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., in Cohasset, is handicap-accessible, and has plenty of parking at the village car park a block away. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

There will also be a reception following the concert. For information, call the church office at 781-383-1083.

Fall classes at the Community Center

The South Shore Community Center has openings in the following gymnastics classes stop by at 3 North Main St., or call 781-383-0088 to register MC, Visa or Discover are accepted.

Sports for kids ages 4 to 6

Monday, 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m.

Gym Explorers ages 4 to 6

Monday, 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, 2 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tumblebugs - Age 3

Monday, noon to 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, 11 to 11:45 a.m.

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BEG./Int. Girls ages 7 to 11

Monday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

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WORSHIP NOTES

Spiritual lifestyle

Storyteller and author Matthew Kelly will discuss how to improve your physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual lifestyle on Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish, 10 Summer St.

Kelly, 28, of Australia, has spoken internationally on how to solve the problems that our lifestyles can pose. His book, "The Rhythm of Life," focuses on the importance of what you become, rather than what you do or possess. For directions, call 781-383-0219.

Learn about Catholic faith

People seeking to learn about the Roman Catholic faith are invited to a meeting for inquirers on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Church. This is a meeting for both inquirers and those who are beginning the process called RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is a year-long process in which candidates prepare to enter the Church, usually during the Easter Vigil. Call the religious education office for information: 781-383-0630.

The religious education program for children has begun and will continue weekly as follows: grade 2 on Sundays from 10:20 to 11:20 a.m.; grade 3 on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m.; grade 4 on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.; grade 5 on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.; grade 6 on Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m.; grades 7 and 8 on Sundays from 5 to 6 p.m. Grade 1 will begin Oct. 2 and will meet on the first and third Tuesdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Garden clubs meet Sept. 25

"Rejoicing with flowers" is the theme of the combined meeting of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset and the Cohasset Garden Club as they showcase multi-award winning designer Pauline Runkle. Ms. Runkle will present a live demonstration using flowers in creative and imaginative ways to bring out the artist within us all.

The meeting will take place at the Second Congregational Church on Sept. 25 at 9 a.m.

OBITUARIES

John J. Corcoran

John J. "Jay" Corcoran, III of Norwell died September 11, 2001, in New York City.

A native of Western Massachusetts, he was raised in Boylston and graduated from Tahonto Regional High School, class of 1975. He was also a graduate of the Mass. Maritime Academy, class of 1979.

Mr. Corcoran, a longtime member of the Marine Engineer Beneficial Association AFL-CIO, was returning to work on the "APL Thailand." An engineer in the Merchant Marines since 1979, he was most recently employed by American Ship Management of California.

A strong supporter of Norwell Youth Sports, and Arts and Drama Programs, he was an avid fan cheering on his own children as well as their friends and classmates. Jay was actively involved in Norwell Youth Basketball and could frequently be found playing sports with his children and their friends in the neighborhood.

Mr. Corcoran leaves his wife, Diann L. (Burke), and two children, Meghan, a senior at Norwell High School, and John "Jake" Corcoran, an eighth grader at Norwell Middle School; his mother: Jean (Fortier) Corcoran of Hyannisport; four sisters, Sandy Corcoran of Houston, Texas, Donna Corcoran Schwartz of Amherst, N.H., Debbie Corcoran of Helena Mont., and Marcia Lichtenwainer of Howell, N.J.; parents-in-law, John and Anne (Finn) Burke of Hull, formerly of Cohasset.

Relatives and friends attended a Memorial Mass on September 18, at St. Helen's Church, in Norwell.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Norwell.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: The Jay Corcoran Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Norwell High School 18 South Street Norwell, MA 02061

Nellie M. Ulanowski

Nellie M. (Shereika) Ulanowski, 89 years old, died September 6, 2001 at Sunrise Assisted Living Center in Cohasset. She was formerly of Scituate and was a longtime resident of Marshfield.

Born in Cambridge, she lived in Marshfield for more than 50 years. She is the wife of the late John Ulanowski.

She leaves her son, John Ulanowski of Scituate; her two daughters, Susan Sparks of Hull and Frances Ahern of Venice, Fla.; her brother, Joseph Sherieka of Boston; and her five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Christine's Church, Marshfield. Interment was in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Marshfield. Arrangements were made by the MacDonald Funeral Home on Route 139 in Marshfield.

Ellen R. Bayles

Ellen R. (Riley) Bayles of Scituate died Saturday, September 15, 2001 at home after a long battle with cancer. She was 47.

The daughter of Doris Riley and the late Dr. James T. Riley of Cotuit, Mrs. Bayles grew up in Dover and settled in Scituate with her husband 18 years ago.

She was a graduate of UVM and received her master's at Boston University with a focus on special education. She was a member of the Scituate Yacht Club and the Driftway Tennis Club. Besides her love of tennis, she enjoyed golf, gardening, cooking and reading.

Mrs. Bayles leaves her husband of 25 years, Michael Bayles, and her two sons, Sean and Trevor Bayles. She leaves her sisters, Joyce Davis of Scituate and Barbara Riley of Belmont; several nieces and nephews; and she was the sister of the late Christopher Riley.

Arrangements by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home at 382 First Parish Rd. Funeral arrangement information may be obtained by calling 781-545-0196

Beatrice E. Collins

Beatrice E. (Huskins) Collins, 90, a resident of Cohasset since 1943, died September 14, 2001, at the Queen Anne Nursing Home in Hingham after a long illness.

Mrs. Collins was born and raised in East Boston. She was a graduate of East Boston High School and Boston State College.

She was a school teacher by profession and taught in the Boston and Weymouth schools during the 1930's. She then taught in Cohasset from 1944 to 1952 and in Hingham from 1953 until her retirement in 1983.

Mrs. Collins was a member of the Hingham Retired Teacher Association and the Canton Chapter of the Eastern Star.

She was a volunteer at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth and enjoyed traveling, reading and handicrafts.

Wife of the late James F. Collins, she leaves two daughters, Joan D. King of Concord, N.H. and East Falmouth and Judy E. Walling of Rockland; two brothers, Arnold Huskins of Pittsfield and Lloyd Huskins, Sr. of Cohasset; four grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted at the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, in Hingham. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Old South Union Congregational Church Scholarship Fund, 25 Columbian Street, South Weymouth 02091.

Patricia M. Buckley



Patricia M. (Chase) Buckley of Cohasset and Eastham, died in the home of her daughter in Hanson, September 12, 2001.

She was born in Canton and graduated from Canton High School and Emmanuel College.

Prominent in South Shore politics, Mrs. Buckley was the Conservation Commissioner for 15 years, serving as Chairwoman several times.

She was active in the Republican Party, a member of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee for many years. She served as a 1980 Reagan Alternate in Detroit, a 1984 Reagan Delegate in Dallas, and a 1986 Reagan Delegate in San Diego.

A Cape Cod developer, Mrs. Buckley owned and donated open land on Route 6 in Eastham.

She was a member of the Community Garden Club and past Awards Chairwoman. Her husband, Raymond G. Buckley was an American Prisoner of War and Mrs. Buckley was active in its organizations.

She was a member of Saint Anthony Parish in Cohasset for 52 years active in parish government.

Mrs. Buckley enjoyed tennis and walking.

She leaves one daughter, Michele A. Millis of Hanson; three sons, Gerard A. of Cohasset, Brian D. of Eliot, Maine, and John R. of New Britain, Conn.; a brother and a sister, Edward Chase of Cohasset and Elizabeth Clark of Eastham; and seven grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was held in Saint Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

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- Allerton House at Central Park located at 45 School House Road in Weymouth. 781-335-8666. Meets 3rd Thursday monthly. Begins: Sept. 20th.
- Allerton House at Harbor Park located at 15 Condino Road in Hingham. 781-749-3322. Meets 4th Thursday monthly. Begins: Sept. 27th.
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

2:20 a.m. Hull St., assist other police department.
8:25 a.m. Lamberts Lane, tree down.
8:55 a.m. Reservoir Rd., medical aid.
9:29 a.m. Headquarters, found property dropped off.
9:41 a.m. Brewster Rd., officer wanted.
9:47 a.m. Cohasset Harbor, general services.
11:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, property lost.
11:39 a.m. Reservoir Rd., medical aid.
12:29 p.m. Jerusalem Road and River Way, suspicious activity.
1:43 p.m. Elm St., general services.
2:47 p.m. Muzzy Corner, general services.
3:49 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.
6:07 p.m. Rustic Dr., assist citizen.
8:03 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle accident.
10:22 p.m. Howe Rd., medical aid.
10:42 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, suspicious activity.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

12:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.
12:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop.
7:16 a.m. North St., abandoned 911 call.
8:15 a.m. Elm St., general services.
11:22 a.m. North Main St., general services.
11:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, lost property.
1:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
1:26 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
1:30 p.m. Norfolk Ln., officer wanted.
1:58 p.m. Sohier St., officer wanted.
3 p.m. Lamberts Ln., motor vehicle violations.
3:42 p.m. Border St., parking violation.
4:01 p.m. Atlantic Ave., well being check.
6:18 p.m. King St., suspicious activity.
6:20 p.m. Beechwood St., serve restraining order.
7:30 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., serve restraining order.
9:28 p.m. Norfolk Ln., officer wanted.
9:30 p.m. Norfolk Ln., well being check.
10:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle accident.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

1 a.m. King St., open/door window, secured building.
7:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal control.
7:41 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
10:41 a.m. Atlantic Ave., larceny.
12:16 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle accident.
1:31 p.m. Norfolk Ln., well being check.
1:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
1:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.
4:09 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop.
4:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted, 18-year-old Duxbury woman in protective custody.
3:41 p.m. Hull St., and Jerusalem Rd., suspicious person.
4:51 p.m. Lamberts Lane, vandalism.
6:22 p.m. Elm St., transport.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

7:26 a.m. King St., medical aid.
8:12 a.m. King St., medical aid.
9:14 a.m. Pond St., wires down.
11:31 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
1:36 p.m. Sohier St., fire.
4:26 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.
4:31 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.
9:13 p.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance gathering.
10:24 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious auto.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

12:40 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.
1:41 a.m. Whitney Woods Lane, medical aid.
4:39 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.
6:45 a.m. Highland Ave., noise complaint.
7:19 a.m. Headquarters, noise complaint.
8:13 a.m. Aaron River Rd., animal control.
9:15 a.m. Pleasant St., civil offense.
10 a.m. Sohier St., fire.
11:31 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire inspections.
12:04 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
12:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious activity.
1:17 p.m. Pond St., fire.
1:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident.
2:44 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.
3:10 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.
4:28 p.m. Border St., disturbance gathering.
4:36 p.m. Bancroft Rd., medical aid.
5:50 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
6:06 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., animal control.
6:26 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop.
9:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle accident.
11:28 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop.
11:50 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

12:58 a.m. Beechwood St. and Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle stop.
4:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
6:18 a.m. South Main St., and Spring St., motor vehicle stop.
7:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
10:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.
10:44 a.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint.
11:03 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
11:44 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
1:06 a.m. Atlantic Ave., abandoned auto.
3:52 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.
4:47 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious.
5:07 p.m. Fire HQ, medical aid.
5:13 p.m. Sohier St., disturbance.
7:30 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop.
8:23 p.m. South Main St., and Spring St., suspicious activity.
8:38 p.m. Border St., parking violation.
9:22 p.m. Town Lot, motor vehicle stop.
9:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway officer wanted.
11:43 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.
11:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

12:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop., verbal warning.
1:23 a.m. Beechwood St. and King St., motor vehicle stop.
1:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd. traffic citation issued.
2:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Sara Woods, 21, 17 Hillside Dr., Cohasset. Chrgs. WMS warrant.
7:10 a.m. Elm Ct., medical aid.
7:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.
8:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., disabled auto.
9:49 a.m. Border St., medical aid.
11:45 a.m. Hill St., medical aid.
12:25 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.
12:30 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.
1:02 p.m. Summer St., fire investigation.
1:45 p.m. Beechwood St., violation restraining order.
2:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious activity.
6:42 p.m. Border St., parking complaint.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

3:27 a.m. Ripley Rd., fire, referred to other agency.
9:37 a.m. King St., fire investigation, area search negative.
12:09 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle violations, traffic citation/warning.
1:53 p.m. Sohier St., fire, department action.
2:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled motor vehicle.
5:50 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, auto, services rendered.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

God Bless America.
2:49 a.m. King St., suspicious activity/person(s); area search negative.
8:42 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.
9:21 a.m. Sohier St., fire.
9:35 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.
10:28 a.m. Stockbridge St., fire, inspections.
10:48 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, inspections.
12:32 p.m. King St., larceny.
2:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:30 p.m. King St., medical aid.
4:34 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted, services rendered.
4:36 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed.
4:48 p.m. Parker Ave., officer wanted, area search negative.
4:57 p.m. Border St., general disturbance, dispersed.
6:11 p.m. Howe Rd., fire, investigation, services rendered.
6:31 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., general services.
6:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.
8:04 p.m. South Main St. and Summer St., general services.
8:33 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist.
9:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).
11:32 p.m. Sohier St. officer wanted, area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

1:53 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.
2:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., registration inquiry.
3:26 a.m. Cedar St., registration inquiry.
7:20 a.m. Schofield Rd., traffic complaint.
8:37 a.m. Lamberts Lane, parking complaint.
9:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.
9:18 a.m. Schofield Rd., motor vehicle violation.
10:07 a.m. Summer St., parking complaint.
11:18 a.m. South Main St., malicious destruction, investigated.
11:32 a.m. Beechwood St., parking complaint.
2:46 p.m. Pleasant St., parking complaint.
4:32 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/person(s).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

7:37 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/person(s), area search negative.
8:42 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:28 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint; ticket issued.
9:32 a.m. Beach St., parking complaint.
9:36 a.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:56 a.m. Hull St., parking complaint.
9:58 a.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:17 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.
10:38 a.m. North Main St., parking complaint.
11:12 a.m. North Main St., notification.
2:37 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:42 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
2:43 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
3:04 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., parking complaint.
7:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
8:02 p.m. Elm Court, medical aid.
9:19 p.m. Sandy Beach, suspicious activity/person(s).
11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), investigated.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

1:06 a.m. HQ, motor vehicle stop.
2:23 a.m. King St., open door/window secured.
2:31 a.m. King St., general services.
6:01 a.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:34 a.m. Clay Spring Rd., medical aid.
7:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

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CHIEF JUSTICE CUSHING HIGHWAY

LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Leasehold Mortgage and Security Agreement given by NEWBERG, LP to Bank Rhode Island, dated January 10, 2000, said mortgage being filed with Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 848248 on Certificate of Title No. 157387, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 12th day of October, 2001, upon the mortgaged premises located at Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, Massachusetts, all and singular the **leasehold** premises described in said mortgage:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on the southwesterly side of Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A), Cohasset, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, more particularly described in Article 1.1 of the Ground Lease and shown as Exhibit A of said Ground Lease, which is Registered as Document No. 724160 in the Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court.

The above described premises are subject to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions, agreements and rights of record insofar as the same are in force and applicable.

The above premises will be sold and conveyed subject to the above and subject to all unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TERMS OF SALE: Twenty-five Thousand ($25,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

1. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of the bid.

2. If the successful bidder fails to comply with any term of the Memorandum of Sale, by failing to complete the purchase or otherwise, the Mortgagee retains the option, at Mortgagee's sole discretion, to complete the sale by selling the Premises, subject to the terms and conditions of sale stated therein, to the next highest, qualified bidder.

3. The Premises shall be conveyed subject to any tenants in occupancy and subject to any leases, if any, affecting said Premises.

4. Mortgagee reserves the right to adjourn and continue the auction at a later date to be specified by Mortgagee at any time throughout the foreclosure proceedings prior to the sale and conveyance of the premises.

5. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BANK RHODE ISLAND
Present Holder of said Mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP

By /s/Mark C. Michalowski, Esq.
10 St. James Avenue
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Dated: September 11, 2001

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P2218AD

In the Estate of RALPH E. KEEGAN

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 22, 1973

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF DMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that NANCY K. JENKINS of CAMARILLO in the State of CALIFORNIA be appointed administrator of said estate to serve without surety.

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In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, September 10, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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Reviving the Renaissance

By Seth Jacobson
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Bonnie Shapiro has accomplished a lot in life. She's a talented actress with a head for business. But beyond those skills, Shapiro is best known as the founder of the legendary King Richard's Faire in held every autumn in Carver.

A few weeks into its season which wraps up the weekend of Oct. 21, the faire is an event that has become a South Shore tradition, drawing visitors from around the state and the region.

"Once you walk into King Richard's Faire, you're transported to a different time, which is a good thing" Shapiro said, noting the event is reflective of the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries. "It gives people a chance to get away from today's craziness for a while."

It took a great deal of work to make King Richard's Faire what it is today. And for Shapiro, things have certainly changed over the years. In 1996, Shapiro lost her husband Richard, who founded the faire with her back in 1972 in Chicago.

"He passed away in 1996," Shapiro said of her husband. "He was a dynamic man."

In 1972, Richard was working as an actor while Bonnie studied journalism. The couple both loved the arts, whether it was dancing, singing, theater or film.

"When we got engaged, we both knew we were on the same wavelength," Bonnie said. Soon after that, the couple attended a Renaissance fair and decided to start their very own in Chicago.

"We were having a great time, and we were foolish," Bonnie quipped. "But we started it, and we really learned the hard way." The first year the fair was open, a tornado ripped through the grounds, but it was repaired. The couple ran the fair at the Chicago location for the next 10 years. Then, in 1982, the couple decided to branch out and open the South Shore location.

"We wanted to expand," Bonnie said. "We wanted to see what other areas of the country had to offer." She said the weather in New England is what really attracted them to the area, but they also viewed New England as a place with deep roots in culture and education.



Royal revelry:
The king and queen sing and dance to "Brother of the Bride" on stage at King Richard's Faire.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The South Shore show grew and grew, but the couple was finding themselves financially strapped from running two huge operations in different areas of the country. Eventually, they decided to sell one of them, and so they said goodbye to their Chicago location.

"That other one still exists but it's under a different name now," Bonnie said. "The bottom line was that we wanted one of the locations to survive, and we chose the one in Massachusetts. Twenty years later, I'm still having fun." These days, Bonnie's business partner happens to be her daughter Aimée.

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> King Richard's Faire founder Bonnie Shapiro

"She's my right arm," Bonnie said. "But I also have a wonderful staff." Bonnie said she spends the whole year preparing for the faire, gathering the best actors, musicians, and chefs money can buy.

"The faire is always a work in progress," she added. "It's never a completed thing because it's always changing." And although it is a highly popular event, Bonnie said King Richard's Faire has not grown into something that's too huge or too crowded. It's just right. She said about 200,000 people walk through the gates every year.

Shapiro said Faire-goers will feel as if they've stepped into medieval and Renaissance times by watching jousting, jugglers, different kinds of games and even magicians. All of the people who work at the faire are seasoned actors in costumes who look like and act the part of Renaissance men and women, she said.

"The event is held on 80 acres of pine forest," Shapiro said, noting only about 30 of those acres are actually used for the faire. "When you walk in, you'll meet some very funny characters who speak in old English dialect."

But it's more than the just the individual people who make the event as successful as it is. All around the fair grounds are fun activities and food sure to provide a taste of times gone by.

There are the jousters, dancers, singers and musicians who play the instruments of the past including harps, violins, trumpets and drums. There is an animal training exhibit featuring an exotic Siberian tiger as well as 11 other stage shows.

Visitors can observe authentic medieval craftspeople in action including potters, blacksmiths, wood-workers, glassblowers and mask-makers. In addition, there will be a number of craft merchants on hand selling their respective wares.

Don't expect ordinary burgers and hot dogs on the menu at the Carver festival. The Faire's fare includes two-pound turkey drumsticks, stuffed baked potatoes, corn on the cob, shrimp, fish and chips, pig sandwiches, and sausages. There are also plenty of drinks on hand, alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

"I know it's cliché to say but there's something for everyone here," Shapiro said.

"It really is a riotous, fun, family event where you can forget the rest of the world for the day," she added. "You just walk in and you're surrounded by talented people and great events. It really is a great escape.

For more information on King Richard's Faire call (508) 866-5391 or log onto www.kingrichardsfaire.net. Tickets are $20 for adults, and $10 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 get in free. Parking for the event is also free.

Taking aim at guns

Cheryl Wheeler rolls into the Company Theatre

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

New England-based singer/songwriter Cheryl Wheeler has grabbed some national headlines in recent years, as much for her political activism as her music. While she may welcome the widespread exposure for herself and her music, she's likely also hopeful its particular circumstances don't overshadow and already long, acclaimed and multi-dimensional musical career.

Wheeler's song "If It Were Up To Me," with its title answered by the line "...I'd take away the guns," was a trenchant anthem more pro-gun control than anti-gun included on the singer's 1999 Sylvia Hotel CD, released on the Philo/Rounder label. A few months later, the song received unexpected and significant media attention in Colorado when TV, radio and newspapers seized on it as an anti-gun theme following the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton. Wheeler suddenly found herself thrust into a rather uneasy public spotlight. She performed the song at a Denver Handgun Control rally preceding a march to the site of the annual NRA (National Rifle Association) meeting, which many residents had requested not be held on a date only days after the shootings. But many others in the gun lobby misinterpreted the song's lyrics as advocating a complete ban on all guns and voiced their criticisms. In addition, the state school system used the song in an anti-violence promotional video without Wheeler's or Rounder Records' permission, adding some further tension to the controversy.

Fortunately, Wheeler made it through the storm and, while still a gun control activist, is now back to a career pretty much as normal, with a regular schedule of recording and touring. The singer's current road trip brings her to the Company Theatre in Norwell, for an 8 p.m. show, Saturday, Sept. 22.

For Wheeler, the brooding gun-issue musical commentary in question could bring more critical feedback yet, as recent tragic international terrorism acts against the United States have again sparked the public outcry for gun protection. But the singer's well-praised talent as a diverse and multi-faceted songwriter as well as engaging, emotionally ranging singer and performer should, among other things, offer listeners a welcome temporary relief from the hard times of recent days at her area show on Saturday.

That multi-facetedness and emotional range of Wheeler's songwriting covers a wide spectrum indeed. Picking from a plentiful source of original material in concert (including six previously released albums on Philo/Rounder and other labels plus many unreleased songs), the singer moves easily from songs recalling childhood and adolescence ("I Know This Town," "Music In My Room"), to the natural surroundings at her area home in Wareham, MA ("When Fall Comes to New England," "The Storm"), to intimate, deeply felt ballads about relationships ("Arrow," "Aces," "Silver Lining," "Mrs. Pinocci's Guitar").

But at anytime in front of an audience, Wheeler can then pull a complete about-face of emotion and subject matter with a choice from her wellspring of humorous songs, which often have a cuttingly ironic, slightly cynical edge. Some of the best of these include "Estate Sale," with the gleeful chorus "Going through dead people's houses/Wonderful things they have collected," the country-twangin' "Don't Forget the Guns," which urges to "get the kids and pack up the car...Bring the pistols, bring the ouzi and the old AR-15," and the anti-political right rant "Makes Good Sense To Me" - "Our contract here is well defined/With a stingy hand and a narrow mind." Other song titles simply speak for themselves, such as "Cow Pattern Clothes" and "Is It Peace or Is It Prozac?" A Maryland native, Wheeler began playing music at age ten and performing professionally by her late teens. After beginning her career as an original singer/songwriter in 1976, she was more or less discovered by singer Jonathan Edwards (of "Sunshine" fame), who invited Wheeler to join his band on bass and has subsequently produced most of her albums. Along with her own career as a recording artist, Wheeler has penned #1 country hits for Dan Seals and Suzy Bogguss and her own albums have featured guest appearances by Mary Chapin Carpenter and Alison Krauss among others.



Singer/songwriter Cheryl Wheeler will perform Saturday night at Norwell's Company Theatre.

"If It Were Up To Me" was written by Wheeler as a response to the Jonesboro, Arkansas high school shootings, which took place in 1998. Lyrically, the song runs through an exhaustive litany of the oft-debated causes of the dramatic increase in violence among children, and in society in general — "Maybe it's the movies, maybe it's the books...the bullets, the drugs, the Bible, the music, the TV, the lawyers, the prisons, the Senators, the system, the magazines, the internet, taxes, big business" and numerous others from the feasible to the ridiculous. But the underlying message is finally and obviously that the only logical solution is to keep guns out of the hands of unsupervised children.

More information about the song and its public and media responses, and more details about Wheeler's career, can be found at the singer's website at www.cherylwheeler.com.

Living

Food & dining



No-Cook cucumber soup

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Cucumber soup may not be at the very top of anyone's soup list but a cold soup which requires only a few ingredients and no cooking is a recipe worth having. If I could only punch the flavors, this 10-minute recipe could be a real standout.

Most cucumber soups are made from raw ingredients including cucumbers, chicken stock, yogurt, garlic or onion, and assorted other flavorings (white wine, vinegar, Tabasco, dill, mint, radishes, etc.). The one cooked recipe I found (from James Beard) tasted more like chicken stock than cucumbers, others were too thick and yogurty, while still others were vinegary with an overwhelming blast of garlic. This is one recipe that needs a delicate hand in the flavoring department otherwise the mild flavor of the cucumbers quickly takes a back seat to the other ingredients.

My first test was to determine whether chicken stock was my only option to thin out the cucumbers. I tried water, half-and-half, and buttermilk and none of them worked. The water made a flat-tasting soup, half-and-half added an unpleasant dairy flavor, and the buttermilk was too sour and thick. Chicken stock was, indeed, the winner but I was careful to add just enough to avoid overpowering the taste of the cucumbers. This meant that a 3 1/2 cups of peeled, seeded, and diced cucumber was married to a mere 3/4 cup chicken stock. This was enough liquid to easily purée the cucumbers in a food processor and give the soup a hint of flavor. Next, I added 1 1/2 cups yogurt and gave it a brief spin in the processor. The yogurt and cucumber combined for a refreshing, soothing summertime soup. (Whole milk yogurt was my favorite since it is smoother and richer than low fat.)

I wanted to add additional flavors and textures to this simple base so 3/4 teaspoon salt and a bit of freshly ground pepper was a good start. I tried both cumin and coriander and neither worked since they diminished the soup's fresh taste. Almost all of the recipes garnish the soup with thinly sliced or finely chopped cucumber but I found that this addition was worthless - it added nothing in terms of either flavor or texture. I did find, however, that a great addition was finely chopped shallot. It gave the soup great flavor, a bit of crunch, and even a hint of color. (Finely chopped red onion or scallion are acceptable substitutes but their flavors are a bit strong for this recipe.) I also liked chopped radish as a garnish, an ingredient suggested in the "New Basics" cookbook. Other garnishes that did not make the grade included chopped tomato, pepper, and avocado. I also experimented with fresh herbs - dill was the winner with mint taking second place. As for vinegar and lemon juice, both were overpowering for the mild taste of cucumber. This soup keeps well overnight but it is better to add the shallot or radish and the herbs at the last moment for the freshest flavor and texture. It is best to make this soup on the day you plan to serve it but the soup can be stored in the refrigerator for 24 hours without great loss of flavor.

NO-COOK CUCUMBER SOUP

This soup can be prepared in just minutes but don't skip the garnish of shallots or radish – either adds both texture and flavor.

3 medium cucumbers, peeled, seeded and diced, about 3 1/2 cups
3/4 cups chicken broth, low sodium or homemade
1 1/2 cups yogurt, whole milk preferred
3/4 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
1/4 cup finely chopped shallot or radish
2 tablespoons finely chopped dill or mint or a combination

Place the cucumber and chicken broth in the bowl of a food processor. Process until the cucumbers are pureed about 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Add the yogurt and salt and pulse for about 5 seconds or until just mixed. Transfer to a bowl, stir in a few grinds of pepper, and refrigerate until very cold. (The soup may be prepared a day ahead to this point.) Once chilled, adjust the seasonings with additional salt and freshly ground pepper if needed. Ladle the soup into chilled bowls or mugs and top each serving with 2 teaspoons chopped shallot or radish and 1 teaspoon chopped herbs.

Serve immediately.

Serves 6

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda today. You can be most productive. It is okay to start new activities before 1:03 p.m., when the Scorpio moon forms a harmonious contact to Jupiter. Tackle jobs that need repair, research, study. You can gain key insights and find important solutions. Venus enters Virgo at 10:09 p.m., remaining there until October 15.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Wake up in a good mood. An intensive Scorpio moon continues to generate a serious mood. The best way to channel today's energies is to work. You can initiate new activities until 5:09 p.m., when the moon becomes inactive. A Sagittarius moon at 7:02 p.m. spells r-e-l-a-x-f-. In addition, a lunar alignment to Venus prompts you to forget your troubles and go for the good times this evening.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

A Sagittarius moon sets the stage for an upbeat weekend. This is an exceptionally favorable period for traveling out of the town or pursuing a new adventure. Keep it light this evening, however. Lunar alignments to Pluto and Saturn may bring up deep feelings, intense emotions. The Autumnal Equinox arrives at 7:05 p.m., when the sun enters Libra.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

The day rates high across the board, whether you plan to work or play. Today's planetary influences offer a last chance to initiate new projects before Mercury retrograde begins to take effect. If you are working, projects should come together easily, and you can get them out of the way in short time. People will be enthusiastic, friendly, cheerful. Get back in the swing of favorite sports. All social activities are highlighted. The Sagittarius moon aligns with Mercury at 8:32 p.m. and becomes inactive.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

The moon enters pragmatic Capricorn at 2:48 a.m., urging you to take on a full agenda today. Hard work will pay off. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 5:31 a.m., signaling the full moon buildup until October 2, when it culminates. Business or career issues can no longer be swept under the rug. Now is the time to act. A rough spot occurs between 6:15-9:15 p.m., when the moon and Mars align. Sidestep arguments, power struggles with others. Know when it's time to call it a night.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

A Capricorn moon all day urges you to keep your nose to the grindstone. You can be most productive. Zero in on promises, commitments you have made to others and formulate a plan to follow through. Be extra patient and focused. Maintain a positive attitude.

Prioritize your fall landscape projects

Green thumbs up

Part 2

By: Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

During this past week of tragic events and national mourning, it has been difficult for most of us to focus on our usual daily activities. So many routine tasks seemed trivial and inconsequential in the grand scheme of life. Numb with horror and grief, many of us have felt a compelling need to spend hours watching our televisions or listening to the radio, reliving the chilling scenes over and over again. From time to time we escaped the spell, only to be mesmerized, once again, hours later by the days and events which have changed all of our lives forever.

It was during one of these brief departures that, I noticed the negative impact our recent prolonged period of dry weather was having on my plantings. Limp leaves, wilted plants and shrubs, and crispy turf were all evidence of the need for immediate action. As I dragged hoses to refresh my parched borders, I paused to extricate an enormous weed. Lost in thought, before long this one intruder become five, then 10, and soon, a sizeable heap of weeds had accumulated, then another, and yet one more. As I hauled the interlopers to the compost pile, I was reminded of the many benefits gardening affords its advocates; it provides us with a time for reflection and serves as an escape from stress and the hectic daily lifestyles in which so many of us engage. Planting, growing and weeding offer us an opportunity to create a beautiful, tranquil setting in which to observe and enjoy nature, hear birds singing, and find peace. For so many gardeners worldwide, working the soil and nurturing plants are not only sources of relaxation, they are our salvation.

Geese honk from high above the garden as quantities of Monarch butterflies can be seen floating from flower to flower as they gather together to sip nectar and prepare to migrate to their winter home in Mexico. The chill, in the evening air creates a sense of urgency to begin the process of preparing the garden for colder weather ahead. High on this week's priority list is my determination to address the needs of my houseplants which were enjoying a summer vacation outdoors, to take cuttings of selected tender annuals to root, and to pot a few special tropical plants to grow and enjoy as houseplants indoors.

Any plant which has been growing outdoors should be closely inspected for unwanted pests that may be lurking among their leaves or in the drainage holes before bringing them inside. It is rather unappealing to discover sow bugs, worms, slugs or snails crawling about your home and many insects seem to target house plants outdoors as if they have a sixth sense, knowing that they have an opportunity to spend a comfortable winter indoors sucking the vitality out of our houseplants rather than face the harsh realities of our New England winters. One or two applications of a light horticultural oil spray will usually eradicate aphids, scale, mealy bugs, white flies, and spider mites. An occasional caterpillar can be removed by hand.

Unless you will be transferring these plants to a brightly lit greenhouse, it is advisable to gradually acclimate them to the lower light conditions generally found in our home environments. Even house plants which spent the summer in the shade received much brighter light than they are likely to find indoors. By moving these plants into a sunroom or porch, the gradual reduction in light will be less of a shock and fewer leaves will turn yellow and drop, although nearly all plants experience some leaf-drop or dieback as they adjust to lower light and humidity in our dry, heated indoor spaces.

Each spring I fill my gardens and containers with dozens of tender annuals at a considerable cost. During the latter half of the summer, while in their glory, I vow to propagate them in the fall to save a few pennies the following season, but each autumn, time seems to run out as cold temperatures cause their leaves to fall or frost turns their foliage black. Taking cuttings of many of these tender plants is one of my highest priorities this week.

Specialty coleus have become one of my many passions and root easily, especially if the stems are dipped in a rooting powder and inserted into pots of perlite or vermiculite. Multiple cuttings can be inserted into the same container. Many other trailing plants and tender annuals, including impatiens, can be propagated in the same manner. It is usually best to take short, two or three inch tip cuttings, preferably with at least one node; cut off the lower leaves and reduce the size of the upper leaves by trimming with a scissors to enable most of the plant's energy to be directed into making new roots. Be sure to inspect these cuttings for pests before bringing them indoors. Grow in bright light but out of direct sunlight, at least until roots have formed which tends to take several weeks. Cuttings will usually survive in perlite for months, but once well-rooted, they can be transferred to individual containers of sterile potting soil. Some of these plants, including ivy and vinca can be rooted in water.

Geraniums and begonias will flower all winter on a sunny windowsill. Small specimens can be lifted and transplanted into containers filled with potting soil. Bring a little of your summer splendor indoors to enjoy through the winter months.

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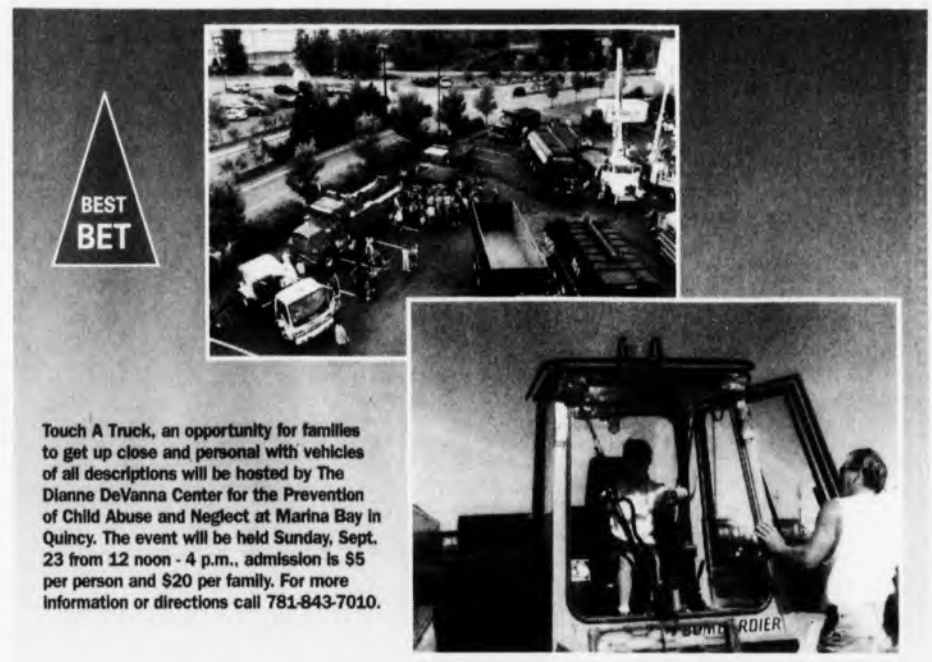
SILVERWOOD TRIO TO PERFORM AT SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY on Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Admission is free. Formed in 1995, the Silverwood Trio is a classical ensemble with Cindy Woolley, flute and soprano, Walter Halvorsen, cello and Paul Hoffman, piano. The Trio is committed to performing a wide range of musical styles from Baroque to contemporary as well as original compositions by pianist/composer, Paul Hoffman. For more information call Laura Carleton at 781-934-2731 ext. 14.

BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK will take place on October 21 at 11 a.m. at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury. This benefit is in memory of 13-year old Brittany Lambert who died in Oct. 1998 after a 2.5 year battle with myelosdisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. Fee is $12 ($15 after Oct. 6). For applications visit the website at www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org call Linda Haehnel at 781-582-2598.

ARTREAT, a weekend retreat to inspire your creative spirit on Oct. 5, 6 and 7 in Sandwich. Enjoy the fall colors and beauty of Cape Cod through hiking and canoeing as well as outdoor drawing and painting. Five meals and two nights accommodations are included in the full weekend retreat running from 5 p.m. on Fri. Oct. 5 to 2 p.m. on Oct. 7. The cost is $215. (You may also register for Sat. only for $125.) To register or receive a detailed brochure call 508-747-5929.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Oct. 3: Badfinger. Oct. 10: Southern Rock Rebellion Band. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vinarthall.com.



Touch A Truck, an opportunity for families to get up close and personal with vehicles of all descriptions will be hosted by The Dianne DeVanna Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect at Marina Bay in Quincy. The event will be held Sunday, Sept. 23 from 12 noon - 4 p.m., admission is $5 per person and $20 per family. For more information or directions call 781-843-7010.

Thurs. 20

Fall Foliage and Cranberry Harvest will take place at Edaville Railroad from mid September through October 21. Come and experience the process of harvesting cranberries and enjoy the 5.5 mile narrow gauge train ride through acres of cranberry bogs, around the reservoir and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. Edaville USA is open weekends and holidays through Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is located on Route 58 in Carver. For more information call 508-866-8190.

Crafters Wanted! For Glastonbury Abbey Attic Sale in Hingham on Oct. 13. Please call 781-925-5821.

The Braintree Association will meet on Sept. 20 at 7:15 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Bob Aiello will demonstrate a winter landscape in oils. The public is welcome and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served.

Braintree Art Association member Ottilie Brown will be displaying her paintings for the month of September at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street in Braintree.

Fri. 21

Parent Support Group Open House. Local Plymouth group invites parents/guardians and agency staff for an evening of parent information on Sept. 21 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. For further information call 508-830-9457.

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission to hold career fair for job seekers with disabilities on Sept. 21 at the Bayside Exposition and Conference Center from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Job seekers should bring resumes and dress professionally to meet employment representatives from the public sector, education, health care, business and social services. Employers will be conducting on-site interviews. For more information call 617-739-9080.

Singles Executive Club Cocktail Party and Dance at the Lafayette House Ballroom, Route 1 South in Foxboro. Award winning DJ, complimentary buffet, free door prizes for singles 30 years of age and over. Proper business dress required. Cost is $10 before 9 p.m. and $15 after. Co-sponsored by the New England Association of Singles. For more information call 781-446-0234.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Kevin Connolly, Matt Putman and Open Mike on Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. $4 for members and $5 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052.

The North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell presents "Here on the Flight Path" on Sept. 21, 22, 28 and 29 and Oct. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. Sept. 21 and 22 performances include a complete dinner and show at $40 per person. All other performances are $14 per person and reservations can be made by phone. For more information or reservations call 617-476-8947.

Curtain Call Theater announces the production of Alice in Wonderland. Performances are Sept. 21, 22 and 23 and 28, 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. with two performances on Sunday at 2 and 8 p.m. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree. All tickets are $10. For more information call 781-356-5113.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Fat City Band. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Sat. 22

Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop, Inc. fall semester will be held at the Wollaston Congregational Church, 48 Winthrop Ave./Lincoln Ave., Quincy from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 617-472-9233.

Musician Judith Gordon will make a rare South shore appearance at the James Library and Center for the arts at 8 p.m. with a piano recital. The James Library is located at 24 West Street in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Blue Hills Reservations and South Region Sites presents its Fall Programs: Sept. 22, Upper Charles River Greenway Trek. Meet at the Cutler Park parking lot on Kendrick Street in Needham. Call to register and for directions. Hike an 8 mile loop through Cutler Park, Millennium Park and Brook Farm Historic Site on both sides of the Charles River. Bring your stamina and lunch. Please wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

"New Work...Old Friends" will be presented by the North River Arts Society at the Ventress Library Gallery through Sept. 22. The exhibit is a collection of work by past and present members of the Board of Directors at the North River Arts Society. The library summer hours are Mon. - Wed. from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thurs. through Fri. from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091.

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Folk Singer Cheryl Wheeler Appearing at The Company Theatre: Sept. 22 at 8 p.m., bringing to the Norwell stage her unique blend of music and comedy. Tickets are $25 in advance and $28 day of show. VIP tickets are $50, which gives you a reserved seat and a reception with Cheryl Wheeler. Tickets at the Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, or by calling 781-871-2787. Check out the website at www.companytheatre.com.

The Massachusetts Archaeological Society presents "Flintknapping with Duncan Ritchie and Friends," a lecture series at the Robbins Museum of Archaeology from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Middleboro. For more information call 508-947-9005.

Free Gardening Lectures sponsored by the Tranquil Lake Nursery in Rehoboth. On Sept. 22 at 11 a.m. "Dividing Perennials and Tips for Putting the Garden to Bed for the Winter" with Philip Boucher. The nursery is located 8 miles East of Providence, Rhode Island off Route 44. For more information call 508-252-4002 or visit the website at www.tranquil-lake.com.

A Piano Recital at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West Street at 8 p.m. The 2001 - 2002 chamber music season begins with a performance by award winning pianist Judith Gordon. The program includes works by Stravinsky, Ravel and Brahms. Tickets are $25 and seating is limited. Call 781-659-7100.

Nightlife Music Co. presents "TRAX" with Janelle Malafronte performance schedule is as follows: Sept. 22, Bert's Cove Restaurant, Route 3A, Plymouth at 9 p.m. For more information call 508-747-7727.

Rockland VFW Auxiliary Penny Sale will take place at 1 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 22 Church Street, Rockland, to benefit local charities of the auxiliary. Call Joan at 781-878-2354 or Sophie at 781-878-2336.

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Bragging Rights Road Race final race of the series will be run in Norwell on Sept. 22 from Norwell High School starting at 9 a.m. For more information call TIC at 781-834-4400.

North River Arts Society invites you to take a trip to Peabody Essex Museum (China Trade Museum) at 8 a.m. at G.A.R.Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. This wonderful museum is famous for its Asian Fine & Decorative Art, is hosting "Painting With Thread: The Art of American Embroidery." R.S.V.P. promptly, space is limited for Museum Tour. There is an $8 museum fee. For more information call the NRAS office at 781-837-8091.

The Weymouth Art Association will meet on Sept. 22 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth. Mary Callahan will demonstrate painting in watercolors. The meeting is open tot he public and free. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 781-337-1402.

Sun. 23

Baroque Orchestra Concert at St. Stephen's will take place as part of the Sunday Concert Series presenting a concert entitled "If It Ain't Baroque" at 3 p.m. in Cohasset. The program will consist of Buffardin's "Concerto in E Minor", the "Sonata in Bb Major" of Scarlatti, Vivaldi's "Concerto II Gardellino" and other works from the Baroque period. The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset. Admission is free but donation will be accepted. For more information please call 781-383-1083.

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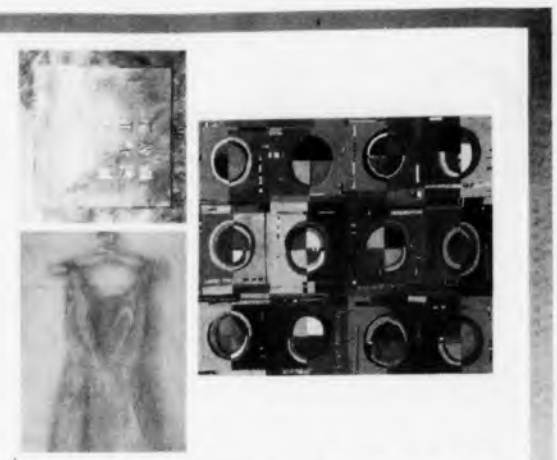
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Gallery AA/B in Milton presents "Life's Fabric: Mixed Media Group Exhibition," Sept. 19 through Oct. 26. View recent quilts by Mary Gattis and Rosemary Hoffenberg and recent paintings by Jean Sbarra. An opening reception will be held Thursday, Oct. 4 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 11 High Street in Milton Village. For more information call (617) 698-9700.

Anne Henning Photography will be on exhibition at the Helen Bumpus Gallery through Sept. 23. Located at 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. Hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-934-2721.

Bike, Hike & Roll For Sight to benefit the Foundation Fighting Blindness, will take place on Sept. 23 at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham. The Bike, Hike and Roll provides a full day of entertainment and fun for the whole family and raises money to help find a cure for blinding diseases such as Retinitis Pigmentosa, Macular Degeneration, Usher's Syndrome and other related retinal diseases. All participants receive a complimentary lunch, door prizes, and in every town a mountain bike. Participants are encouraged to raise a minimum of $90 in sponsorships from family, friends and co-workers or employers. Starting times are bicyclists at 9 a.m. and walkers and skaters start at 10 a.m. Call 781-826-4299 to register.

"Music at the Gazebo" - Free outdoor family concert featuring The Pixels, performing Big Band and Broadway show tunes. 3 - 4:30 p.m. at the Gazebo at Veteran's Memorial Park in Hull (intersection of Nantasket and Samoset Aves.). Bring seating, handicap accessible, free parking. HRA not. Sponsored by Pyne Kochanek Funeral Home. For more information call 781-749-0310.

A.L.S. Family Charitable Foundation, Inc. will host the "Cliff Walk" sponsored by Superior Rail & Iron Works. The seven-mile "Cliff Walk", now in it's fifth year, is a walk-a-thon along the Cape Cod Canal in Buzzards Bay, MA to help raise money for the fight against A.L.S. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (A.L.S., better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease), is a fatal neuromuscular disease that leads to total paralysis and the inability to speak or swallow. The mind and senses remain intact and unaffected. There is no known cause or cure. Entertainment at the "Cliff Walk" will be provided by "The Cape Cod Conservatory Jazz Ensemble" and "The Mike Dumas Band with Platform Soul". There will be t-shirts for the first 600 people who register to walk the day of the event. Refreshments and lunch will be served. There will be plenty of activities for the kids, and prizes will be awarded to those who raise the most money. For more information on the "Cliff Walk" or the A.L.S. Family Charitable Foundation, Inc. please call 508-563-5502 or visit the website at www.alsfamily.org. Please help us send a message of hope.

Boston's Newest "Shining Stars" performing favorite Arias and Songs to benefit The Fine Arts Chorale's 36th Concert Season at 5 p.m. at the First Parish Church, Tremont Street in Duxbury. Tickets are $15 for adults, $12.50 for seniors and students. For more information call 800-230-7555.

September Programs at the Kendall Whaling Museum: "Dick Russell, Eye of the Whale" at 2 p.m. Program is free with admission (adults $4, students/seniors $3 and children 6 - 16 $2.50). Located at 27 Everett Street in Sharon, open Tues. - Sat. and Mon. holidays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-784-5642.

Touch A Truck, an opportunity for families to get up close and personal with vehicles of all descriptions will be hosted by The Dianne DeVanna Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect at Marina Bay in Quincy. Held from 12 noon - 4 p.m., admission is $5 per person and $20 per family. For more information or directions call 781-843-7010.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club presents a moderate walk, hilly terrain for 3 miles. Wolcott Path to Wildcat Notch and return via Halfway Path. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Rangers recommend that you wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. On Sept. 22 - "Antique Steam Gas and Machinery Meet and Antique Truck Show." Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website ate www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

Mon. 24

Chorale Arts Society of Scituate seeks singers for its fall season. Music director Richard Bunbury will conduct open rehearsals for the non-audition community chorus on Sept. 24 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church on Country Way in Scituate. For more information call 781-837-5547 or visit the website at www.choralartsociety.org.

Jewish National Fund of New England Golf Tournament will be held at the Blue Hill Country Club where over 150 golfers and friends will participate in a day of golfing and dining. Enter to win a one-week time-share vacation at any destination of your choice, win a car or simply play golf and meet people. For more information call Sharon Freedman at 617-423-6999.

Tues. 25

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a breakfast meeting at Lantana in Randolph from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration: $15 members, $25 non-members and at the door, $20 members and $30 non-members. For directions call 781-834-7877. For more information call 781-749-8883.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a dinner where State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien will speak at Lantana in Randolph. The event begins with registration at 5 p.m. and O'Brien will speak at 6:30. Tickets: $35 for chamber members, $45 non-members. Tickets may be obtained by calling the South Shore Chamber of Commerce at 617-479-1111. For directions call 781-834-7877. For more information call 781-749-8883.

Talking Information Center Golf Tournament was rained out in mid-August and has been rescheduled for Sept. 25 at Halifax Country Club. Play begins at 12:30 p.m. and the day includes contests, prizes, silent auction, raffle and a steak dinner. Player entry fee is $125, hole sponsor fee is $175 and golf carts can be sponsored for $50. To enter or sponsor please call TIC in Marshfield at 781-834-4400.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Shade-Grown Coffee Talk & Coffee Tasting" on Sept. 25 from 7 - 9 p.m. $8 non member, $6 Mass Audubon Society. Held at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave., Milton. Did you know that our native bird species lose vital wintering ground each time a coffee plantation is cleared? Join Wayne Peterson and Massachusetts's shade grown coffee distributors for a coffee discussion and taste-test. To register call 617-333-0690 ext. 223.

Third Annual Plymouth Area Mental Health 5K Run/Walk and One Mile Fun Walk on Oct. 13 at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School, Long Pond Road in Plymouth at 10 a.m. Entry fees are $12 non-refundable pre-registration by Sept. 25, $15 day of race registration from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. For additional information call 508-732-3014.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Discovering Nature Together" - a series for six Tuesdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Fee per adult/child pair is $72 non-member, $60 Mass. Audubon. Held at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center. For more information or to register call 617-333-0690.

Wed. 26

Vincent's In Randolph Schedule Of Wednesday Night Live Concerts Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Sept. 26: KISS Army. Oct. 3: Badfinger. Oct. 10: Southern Rock Rebellion Band. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

Fri. 28

Fifth Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28. Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members and $8 nonmembers. Proper dress required. For more information call 781-331-0021.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. The Grandsons. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

Ron Wilson Photography Exhibition, "The Art of Landscape" will be on view at the Sparrow House Museum through Oct. 28. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Admission to the historic house museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information or directions call 508-747-1240.

The Extraordinary Oil Paintings of award winning South shore artist Lisa Johnson are presently being featured at Gallery-By-The-Sea in Plymouth. Her work captures a moment in time along the rocky coastline of Cohasset, the harbor of Scituate and the river inlets of the South Shore. Lisa Johnson will be featured through Sept. 30. Gallery-By-The-Sea is located at 44 Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sun. from noon - 5 p.m. For more information call 508-746-8823.

Scituate Town Library will host Paintings of Robert Beaulieu during the month of September. His tremendous skill with light and color can be seen in all his oil landscapes. His work focuses on familiar areas in the South Shore including Young's Boatyard, the North River and Cohasset Harbor. For more information call 781-849-7380.

Artica Gallery presents "Anorando (Longing) Landscape Painting by artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann. The exhibit will run through - Oct. Located at 22 Depot Street, hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. For more information call 781-934-0640.

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The Boston Ballet opens its 38th season with performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream and "Suite Saint-Saens" on stage at the Wang Theatre. Performances run Sept. 20-30 and tickets are $25 to $78 and are available through telecharge by phone at (800) 447-7400, on the Internet at www.telecharge.com or in person at the Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, which is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



BEST BET

Vincent's in Randolph Schedule for Wednesday's Rock includes the Kiss tribute band Kiss Army in concert, Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are $20 in advance, $23 the day of the show and area available at Strawberries records and tapes or by calling (866) 468-7619. Tickets are also available online at www.ticketweb.com Vincent's is located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128.



BEST BET

The South Shore Folk Music Club presents Matt Putman and Kevin Connolly Friday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Tickets are $4 for members and $5 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052.

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Scituate Photographer Featured in September at the Science Center. The South Shore Natural Science Center is pleased to announce a photography exhibit by Scituate artist Peggy Roth Majors through September 30, 2001 in their Vine Hall Gallery. Entitled "Natural Renditions", the exhibit features both traditional and digitally altered photography. This is Ms. Roth Majors' first solo show, and includes work that reveals her passion for nature. An unusual touch is a display oriented towards children. Her note card line, Windyworld Creations, as well as several unframed prints will be available for sale during the exhibit. The exhibit can also be viewed free of charge during the month of September, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The Science Center is located in Norwell on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than a mile from the Route 3 interchange. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

"Lily pads and Dragon Flies," a show of color photography by local photographers Matthew Zappala and Don Britler, on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center through Oct. 4. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

"A Shore Thing" a collection of recent works at the Scituate Art Association Gallery, 132 Front Street in Scituate by Cohasset Artist Don Paiva, will be on display through Sept. 30. Gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-545-6150.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil paintings of Plymouth Artist Rita Brace until the end of Oct. Brace and her paintings expand a wide range of subject matter, from still lifes to landscapes. The Staircase Gallery is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their acappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is J. Marshall Dyke. His paintings will be exhibited for the month of September at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

The Scituate Arts Association Gallery will host "A Shore Thing", On and off the Massachusetts Coast, a collection of watercolors by gallery artist Don Paiva for the month of Sept. The Gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Gallery Hours are Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. closed on Mon. For more information call 781-545-6150.

"Mamma Mia," the smash hit musical has been extended at the Colonial Theatre in Boston through Oct. 14. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $82 - $27 and are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and all Ticketmaster outlets as well as the Colonial Theatre Box office, 106 Boylston Street in Boston. For more information call 617-426-9366.

Immigrant Museum presents Italian Art Exhibit and Literary Programs through October 27. A Powerful and intimate exhibit on Italian immigrants by internationally recognized artist B. Amore. The exhibit runs at the museum's Chiu Gallery and traces seven generations of one family who emigrated from Italy to Boston. Dreams of Freedom, One Milk Street, Boston. 617-338-6022. www.dreamsoffreedom.org. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is $7.50 for general and $6.50 for senior citizens and college students, $3.50 for children between 6 - 18. Wheelchair accessible.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town by members of the Weymouth Art Association through September. In the Town Hall: Paintings by Hedda Zona, Paul Lindstrom, Martha Donovan, Marie Cassani, Gail Coyle, Josephine Bottari, Lauren Demore and Kay O'Brien. At Snyders Jewelers, Maureen Hardiman, Helen and John Shaw and Yvonne Gillis will have paintings displayed. At Jordan Insurance, Mary Mainiero, Kate Manning, Reva Gordon, Jean Clark, Isabel Shamitz and Arnold Turner will have paintings displayed. At Rizzo Insurance, the works of Jeanne Mulligan, Joseph Nover and Anne Porter will be displayed. At Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Edwina Caci. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Mary Kennedy Selected Duxbury Art Association Student of the Month for her outstanding work in watercolor class instructed by Katherine Smit. Mary's watercolor "Duxbury Scene" will be on display in the Lillian & Ture Bengzt Gallery at the Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

Environmental Arts, Inc. at the Fuller Museum of Art will present its Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the grounds of the Fuller Museum of Art through Nov. 4. Environmental Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes site-specific art in natural settings. There will be a reception on the grounds located at 455 Oak St. in Brockton on Sept. 22 from 1 - 4 p.m. with a walk through and tour of the installations conducted by Martha Buskirk and the participating artists at 2 p.m. For more information please call 508-588-6000.

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.

From Dine to Diebenkorn: Contemporary Master Prints, selections from the Collection of Eli Goldman and Judith Strull running through Oct. 14 at the Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000. Museum hours are Tues. - Sat. from 12 - 5 p.m. and Thurs. from 12 - 9 p.m. Admission is $3 for seniors and students, $5 for adults. Members and children under 18 are free.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

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LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at 781-834-7417.

'AIRPLAY': The wonders of the wind and Jon Goldman's inflatable art blows into the Children's Museum in Boston. The exhibit is open through the end of the year and offers visitors the opportunity to experiment with air and wind, create whimsical pieces of art and play in an inflatable wonderland. Admission to the museum is: Children (2-15) and senior citizens, $6; other adults $7; Fridays from 5 - 9 p.m. all visitors are $1. For more information visit http://www.bostonkids.org.

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL CENTER AND THE NORTH RIVER SANCTUARY located at 2000 Main Street in Marshfield offers the following: Preschool Nature Stories are read every third Friday from 9 - 10:15 for ages 3 - 5. There will be a short nature outing related. Come prepared $3/$5 non-member. For more information please call the Massachusetts Audubon Society at 781-837-9400.

'KIDS WORKOUT' a program offered by the South Shore YMCA for girls and boys ages 8 - 11. Classes consist of fun aerobics, fitness games, sports play, learned nutrition and weight training. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. For more information call Gayle Laing at 479-8500 ext. 135.

'DROP-IN STORYTIME' - Children ages 3-1/2 to five are invited to a half-hour of stories, songs and fingerplays at 2 p.m. each Monday in the Plymouth Public Library's Manomet Branch, Point Road and at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings at the Main Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. For more information or to register, call 508-830-4250.

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is seeking volunteers to help out at blood drives within your community. Help register donors or provide refreshments. Duties are light and we will train. Please call Laura O'Neal at 800-462-9400.

WALKERS/VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ANNUAL ALZHEIMER'S WALK, the only national walkathon for Alzheimer's disease, sponsored locally by Carita Norwood Hospital and area social service agencies. The 3.5-mile walk, starting at Bird Middle School on Washington Street in Walpole takes place 9 a.m. - noon on Sept. 29, rain or shine. Potential walkers and volunteers may call 781-278-6029 for more information, a brochure and pledge sheet.

EMPOWER YOUNG WOMEN! Women Express, Inc., publishers of Teen Voices magazine for girls, needs volunteers for graphic design, social work, mentoring and more! Check out our website at www.teenvoices.com for more information on our unique magazine. Fax resume and cover letter to 617-426-5577, attn: Juliette.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED for World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program. We are seeking local area representatives to volunteer their time and skills to provide students from several countries including Germany, France, Mexico and the former Soviet Union countries with local support. For more information please call Pam Neubauer at 315-637-2371.

BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION is asking you to become a Big Sister. Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones in the Boston office. There will be an informational session in the Boston office on Sept. 25 from 6 - 7 p.m. Call 617-236-8060 and visit www.bigsister.org.

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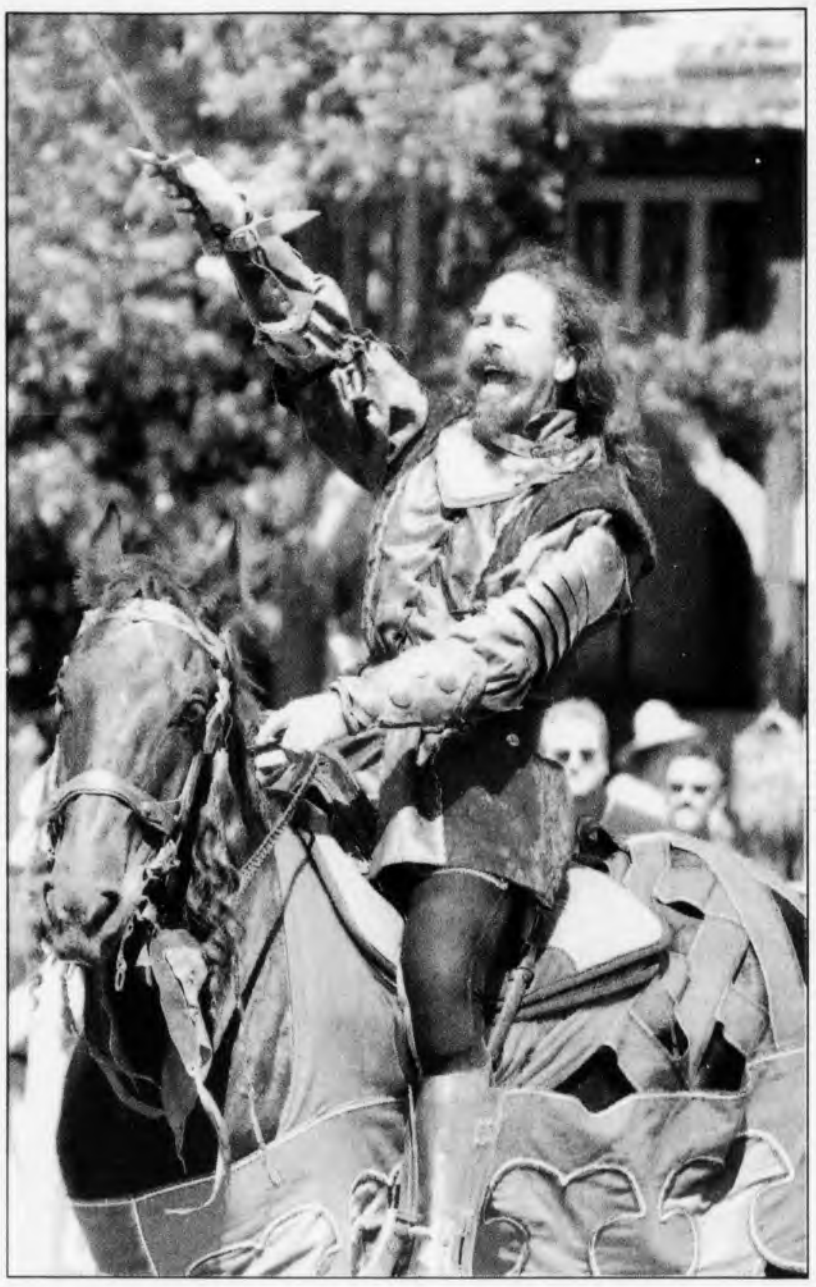
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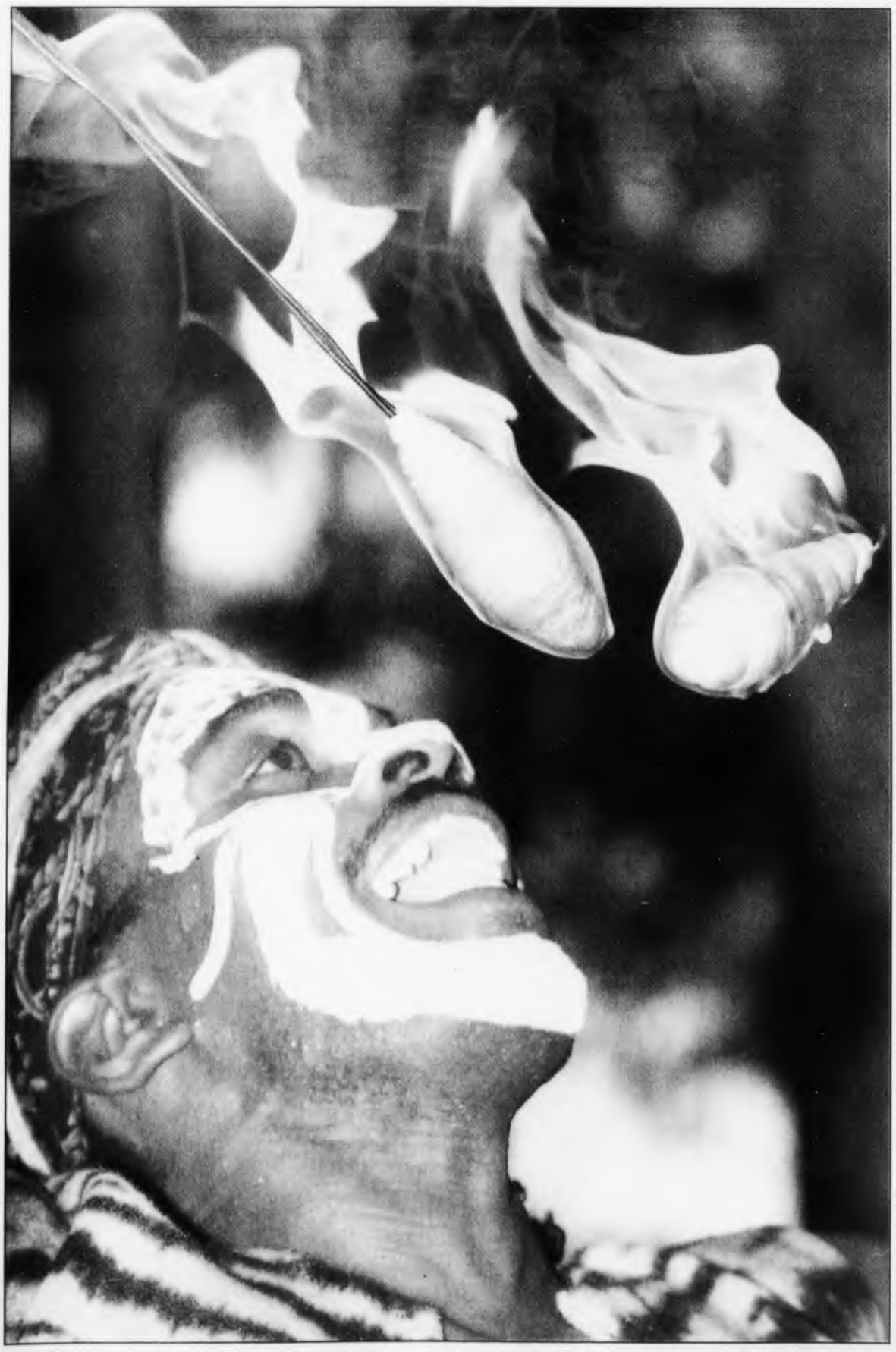


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Capital projects fill town's plate

Municipal properties rebuilt or upgraded

By Rick Collins
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Another Town Meeting, another capital project is staring the town in the eyes.

On Nov. 5, the fall Special Town Meeting will debate whether to begin the process of funding a new multi-million dollar police station. In April 2000 it was $41 million for the renovation and expansion of the middle/high school and Deer Hill School. Before that, the town agreed to build a new Osgood School. And let's not forget the two sewer projects, the James Brook Flood Control project, and a new Department of Public Works building prior to that.

Since the town decided to add a wing onto Cohasset Town Hall in 1991, the town has undergone a near complete capital renovation, encompassing its municipal buildings, sewer department, water department, schools and roads. But its debt for the various capital projects now stands at $93.8 million.

As many homeowners know, put off a project long enough, and a drip will become a pour. And after a near 20-year lull in capital projects within the town, the past 12 years have been hit hard.

"Unfortunately everything came due at the same time," said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Not since the period between 1950-1962 has Cohasset seen this much money invested into capital improvements. That decade saw a minor expansion of the Osgood School in 1950, a new junior/senior high school in 1951,

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Timing of work is top priority

James Brook, parking lot, train, need coordination

By Rick Collins
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It's shaping up to be a busy next couple of years for Cohasset Village and the town parking lot.

Aside from a major overhaul of the downtown street-scape that is currently being planned, the area also gets to look forward to three major construction projects: The final phase of the James Brook Flood Control project, construction of the Greenbush commuter rail line, and reconstruction of the town parking lot.

And town officials are in the process of coordinating all three efforts so that, unlike in the past, the new work won't have to be torn up to do the next project.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he has received a lot of flack for the water commission tearing up parts of Elm and Summer Streets to refurbish the water mains, just months after the roads were repaved from last summer's sewer construction project. Even though Haddad has no jurisdiction over

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Steve Wigmore, commander of the George H. Mealy American Legion Post, salutes as Taps is played during a special prayer and remembrance service at Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday.

Vets rally support for new American heroes

By Mary Ford
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"We pause to honor the new American heroes and pray for those who sail in harm's way."
— Robert Jackson, US Navy veteran

They may no longer be young, but they haven't forgotten. Cohasset veterans, who assembled at the harbor Saturday morning, remember well the sacrifice that war asks.

"We're here to honor those who died or are still missing after the tragic events of Sept. 11," said Steve Wigmore, commander of the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118. "In my lifetime, I've seen a lot from World War II until what happened that day. It doesn't seem real that these things can happen, but unfortunately they do."

The legion planned the prayer and remembrance service for the last day of the national period of mourning following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on America. Flags returned to full staff Sunday.

Standing in front of the veterans memorial that lists the names of Cohasset soldiers, who lost their lives in our nation's wars from World War I through Vietnam, local veterans paid tribute to those who may be called to action in the war on terrorism. They also remembered those who died or are missing in the attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon and praised those who tried to rescue them.

The peaceful scene was in sharp contrast to the emotion of the moment. Flags representing the 50 states were waving in the warm breeze on the last day of summer and Cohasset lobster boats were at rest on their moorings in the nearby harbor. But as patriotic music blared, local veterans struggled to hold back tears.

"We feel safe here every day, but are we really safe?" asked Wigmore, who was driving to Town Hall and heard over the radio that a plane hit the World

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AfTA files anti-train lawsuit

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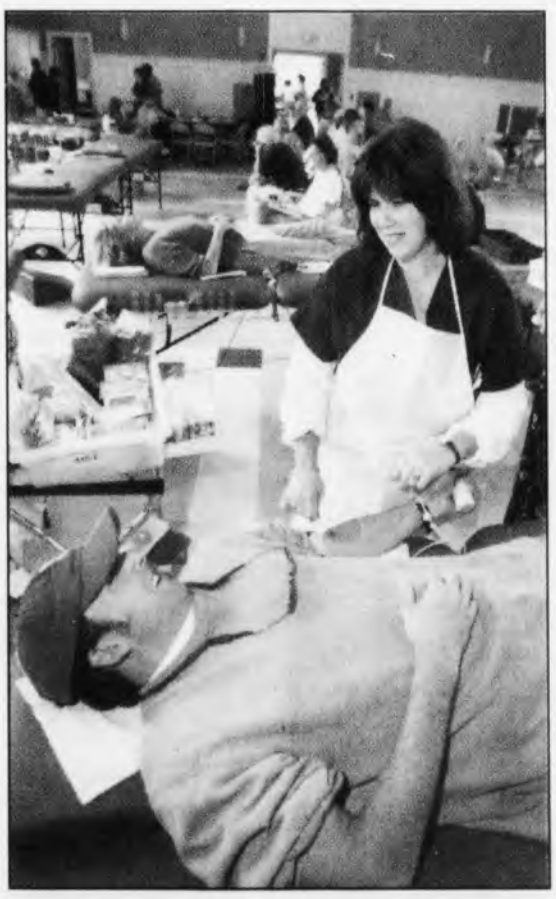
As promised, Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, with John Bewick at the helm, filed a lawsuit in Plymouth Superior Court Friday, with the hopes of forcing the MBTA to reexamine less environmentally damaging alternatives to the Greenbush commuter rail line.

"We have met every challenge so far, legislatively, legally and environmentally."
— Brian Pedro, MBTA spokesman

In its environmental impact report, the MBTA said constructing the $408 million Greenbush line is better for the environment and would attract more commuters than increasing commuter boat service, or implementing a feeder bus system.

But Bewick, who served as Secretary of Environmental Affairs in the late 70s, has slammed the MBTA's analysis of the alternatives, calling it biased and an "advocates' brief" for commuter rail construction.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Maureen Zuzevich takes blood from Mark St. Onge of Cohasset during the Red Cross blood drive at St. Anthony's parish hall last week as others wait their turn. Thousands of Americans are donating blood in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the nation.

Newport Creamery closes its doors

Leaves a void at the plaza

By Mary Ford
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Hungry area residents were still driving up to the Newport Creamery at Shaw's Plaza this week hoping to stop in for a grilled cheese sandwich or hot fudge sundae.

Slowly the cars pulled into the empty parking lot and swung around by the front door at the eatery's entrance where they discovered why there wasn't a single vehicle parked outside.

"Due to Newport Creamery's Chapter 7, our store will be closed. Sorry for any inconvenience. Thank you, the management," read a lime-green, poster board that could be seen through the glass door inside the vestibule.

Expanding its reach, the Rhode Island-based Newport Creamery acquired Bergson's Ice Cream about two years ago and opened in Cohasset at the former Bergson's site. It carried much the same fare and price range as its predecessor. The restaurant filled the gap between fast food, such as McDonald's, and more expensive establishments, and offered an alternative to pizza. It was popular with senior citizens and young families who could get a meal there for $20-30.

The company is in bankruptcy proceedings.

But due to financial pressures, the chain closed 19 of its under-performing stores last week including Massachusetts stores in Swansea, Worcester, New Bedford and Cohasset, which shut its doors Sept. 17. Twelve restaurants remain in operation as the company looks for a buyer.

Cohasset Treasurer/Collector Joseph DiVito says Newport does not owe any back real estate taxes but does have an outstanding water bill of $4,151 – money which the town will eventually recoup. It also owes $71.61 in personal property taxes on equipment, furniture and the like, he said.

The 2-1/2-acre parcel, which is valued at $752,900, is owned by the California State Teachers Retirement fund and also includes the driveway up to the building and

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Selectmen evict Lobster Lab

By Rick Collins
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Selectmen, fed up with the lack of progress, voted Tuesday to terminate its lease with Kevin Ulmer and his Cohasset Lobster Lab proposal.

For the past 3-1/2 years, the town has leased the house on the former Hagerty Property off Parker Avenue to Ulmer for $1 a year, with the promise that it would become a maritime research lab for schoolchildren.

However, aside from an exterior paint job and Ulmer's insistence that construction was imminent, the project had remained mainly a concept on paper.

Last spring, selectmen gave Ulmer final notice that if he didn't provide a list of financial supporters and begin construction by Oct. 1, they would revoke the lease.

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Tuesday that he had left a couple of messages for Ulmer over the past week, and had not heard back from him. Haddad also said, he never received the financial information.

Even with a week until the Oct. 1 deadline, selectmen Michael Sullivan and Merle Brown said they had had enough.

"As far as I'm concerned it's gone," said Brown.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris suggested just waiting the extra week before canceling the lease.

"We gave him until Oct. 1, why not just wait the week?" she said.

"It's been three and a half years," argued Sullivan. "He has not even told us how he's funding this."

Selectman Thomas Callahan voted with Brown and Sullivan. Koed voted against revoking the lease, along with McMorris.

Ulmer could not be reached for comment as the Mariner went to press.

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THERMAL CAMERA

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On behalf of her fellow Cohasset Call Firefighters, Kathy Maguire, third from left, presents permanent firefighter Ed Struzik with a new thermal imaging camera for the fire department on Saturday. Also in attendance was Selectman Chairman Fred Koed, far left. The call firefighters have raised more than $21,000 in the past year to buy the camera, which helps firefighters find victims trapped in a smoky room or a fire behind a wall by detecting differences in temperature.

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- Conservation Commission, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
- Water Commission, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m., 339 King Street
- Board of Selectmen, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Board, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.
- School Committee, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., Middle/High School
- Conservation Commission, Greenbush hearing, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.
- Paul Pratt Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Oct. 10, 7: 30 p.m., 106 South Main Street
- Open Space Committee, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Board, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
- Special Town Meeting, Nov. 5, 7 p.m., Sullivan Gymnasium

The School Building Committee meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office.

Osgood playground

Town Manager Mark Haddad reported that neither the Paul Pratt Memorial Library construction committee, nor the proponents of the children's discovery museum had plans to demolish the playground behind the old Osgood School on Ripley Road.

"They were under the assumption that we were going to do it," Haddad told selectmen Tuesday.

Selectmen, acting as the park commissioners, authorized that the playground be shut down out of safety concerns earlier this month. Haddad told the board last week that people had been ignoring the police tape around the site, and he wants to tear it down before library construction begins at the site.

"I just really want to get it down," he told selectmen again this past Tuesday.

"And I just really want to know how much it's going to cost," selectman Merle Brown responded.

Haddad said he will have the town Department of Public Works raze the playground, and find the cost of hauling the materials away.

Gas main work

Selectmen on Tuesday gave the go-ahead for Keyspan Gas to do gas main work on Cedar Street.

During a public hearing, Keyspan representative Francis X. O'Leary said the company will install 400 feet of two-inch gas main, from the four-inch gas main at the intersection of Cedar and North Main Street.

Village workshop open to the public

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and the town's Village Revitalization Task Force will hold a Village public work shop on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Parish Hall at the corner of South Main and Summer streets.

Representatives of the Cecil Group, an urban landscape architectural firm, will give an overview of the latest village infrastructure improvement plans under consideration. Discussion will focus on a variety of items including circulation patterns, parking configurations, sidewalk designs, lighting amenities, and the conversion of overhead utility lines to underground service. The CRC and the town's Task Force are seeking community input as the designs reach their final stages of development.

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Sewer, traffic, taxes are some issues facing $43M project

Planning Board grills AvalonBay

By Rick Collins
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Location, location, location. The old realtor's mantra seemed to be the main reason why the majority of Planning Board members are against the 254-unit rental complex proposed by AvalonBay Communities for Route 3A.

Board Chairman Al Moore, and members Bill Good and Peter Pratt, also cited issues such as lack of sewer hook-ups, impact on municipal services, and pedestrian safety in speaking out against the plan. However, the board appeared to say that its feelings for the plan, which would provide up to 35 affordable housing units and help Cohasset meet its state-required quota of affordable housing stock, would be different if it wasn't proposed for one of the last industrially-zoned parcels of land in town.

AvalonBay representative Michael Roberts said his company has entered into agreement to buy the former home of Norfolk Conveyor — a 60-acre hillside across from Atlantic Bagel & Coffee Co. The development would be built using a comprehensive permit, which allows a developer to skirt local zoning laws, in exchange for dedicating a certain number of units for affordable housing.

Both Moore and Good said they generally liked the plan, but that feeling was overwhelmed with a desire to keep the land reserved for industrial or commercial use.

"If we had 100 acres located somewhere out in the back 40, I might say, 'Now this is something I might go look at for myself,' but this isn't the case," said Moore.

He pointed out the three previous failed attempts to rezone the land residential, saying it shows the town's desire to keep it industrially zoned.

"If someone wanted to build starter mansions up there, I'd find it even more repulsive," said Moore. "It's an inappropriate site for that kind of use, regardless if it's affordable or not. At the least that's where we have a problem with it."

Pratt raised the point that one of the potential after effects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City is that businesses may look to move out of the city and into the suburbs.

"You're probably going to continue to see growth in towns like Chelmsford, and Billerica and Braintree, as opposed to downtown Boston," he said. "Most companies would love a little office space in Cohasset."

Good echoed Pratt, saying "I just don't feel the site is a right fit for the project. Recent events indicate there could be some good opportunities."

Because most of the development will take place on the front one-third of the site, Roberts did leave the door open for the potential of constructing a small office park on another part.

"Maybe we can give up part of the land for future commercial development," he said.

Pratt was also concerned with the amount of school-age children the project would bring to the town. Roberts said other projects his company has constructed averaged 10 children per 100 units, with that number increasing to 20 children per 100 in the affordable units. He said the company's recently completed project in Hull has six children per 100 units and estimated that the Cohasset project would put 30 additional children into the town's schools.

"It's an inappropriate site for that kind of use, regardless if it's affordable or not. At the least that's where we have a problem with it."
— Al Moore, planning board

Roberts said the project would create $400,000 in new growth, plus excise taxes from cars.

He also said he has had discussions with the town of Hull about connecting in with their sewer system. If not, Roberts said the company would have to look into constructing an on-site wastewater management facility.

Water Commission Chairman John McNabb said AvalonBay's proposal had "glaring deficiencies," in that it failed to show it was located inside one of the town's watershed districts. He also expressed his concern with ground contamination from previous owners and Cohasset Heights Limited landfill, located adjacent to the property.

He said he was concerned that because AvalonBay neglected to note the property was in a watershed district that the land "wouldn't get cleaned to the correct standard."

Both Moore and Good said they were concerned about the amount of traffic the development would add to Route 3A.

Roberts said AvalonBay is currently building a development off Route 20 in Marlboro, which is as congested as Route 3A, and that initial traffic studies didn't show the project would add a large amount of traffic to the highway.

The project also received opposition from Jerusalem Road resident Julie Guild, Nancy Butler of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and, Ernesto Belo, a New England Regional Council of Carpenters representative.

Belo accused AvalonBay of unfair business practices, being anti-community, and claimed the company had a number of unhappy tenants in the Greater Boston area.

"They're only about the bottom line, it's all about the dollar for them," he said.

The plan did receive support from Planning Board member Chris Ford.

"I think we need more housing choices in town," he said. "It's starting to become an unaffordable community."

The project is currently being reviewed by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority, the first step in the comprehensive permit process. If the MHFA approves the plan, AvalonBay will then file for the permit with the Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals. The Planning Board has no formal jurisdiction in the permitting process.

Nonetheless, both the board and Roberts said they hoped to work closely over the course of the project.

"Our regulations usually have a purpose," Moore said. "I know a lot of local boards tend to be power-hungry little devils that like to make people jump and hop, but I honestly don't think that's us."

Roberts said his company's goal was to "get approval on a project that we all agree with."

Roberts said his company has never been turned down by the MHFA and expects to receive a decision in early-October.

AvalonBay is a $5 billion company, with 40,000 rental units nationwide, according to Roberts.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
The empty parking lot says it all: Newport Creamery, which has filed for bankruptcy, has closed its doors at Shaw's plaza on Route 3A.

Newport Creamery closes its doors

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some of the parking area on the west side of the shopping plaza, according to the assessors' office. Although tucked in on the hill by the plaza entrance, the parcel was not part of what Shaw's supermarkets owned when it built the shopping center. Last year, California Teachers Retirement bought the rest of the plaza from Shaw's, which is now a tenant like the other stores.

Bernie Rogan, Shaw's spokesman, said Shaw's got out of the real estate business to concentrate on the food retail business "first, last and always," he said. However, Rogan expects that the Newport Creamery site would be attractive for another establishment.

"We would like to see someone in there, but we have no control over that other than we are a bright, shiny face there," he said, explaining that potential tenants should benefit from Shaw's presence. Rogan hopes the bankruptcy doesn't interfere with getting a new tenant in there quickly.

Michael Warren, a consultant brought in by the bankruptcy trust to run day-to-day Newport Creamery operations, said the latest store closings resulted in the loss of about 750 jobs. He guessed the Cohasset store employed about 30 full-time and part-time workers. He said it is unlikely Newport will reopen the Cohasset store. Warren explained because Newport does not own the Cohasset site, if the landlord wants to lease the building to another entity, the process should not be tied up by the bankruptcy proceedings.

"Chapter 7 shouldn't affect that because we don't own the real estate," he said.

According to published reports, Newport Creamery filed for bankruptcy in June and at that time planned to keep 30 of its 43 stores open. The purpose of a Chapter 7 bankruptcy is to protect the debtor from its creditors. A hearing on the matter was held in US Bankruptcy Court last month, at which time company executives said Newport Creamery could operate profitably if it closed more stores.

But the Providence Journal reported last week that Newport Creamery is in dire financial straits and a US Bankruptcy judge appointed a lawyer as an independent trustee to investigate the company's finances and either find a buyer for the company or liquidate its assets. After hearing concerns from the investigator, the judge placed a temporary restraining order on the chain's owner, Robert Swain, to prevent him from draining money out of the business. Swain bought Newport Creamery in 1999 for $7.5 million.

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Second-grader, Julia Canney, wins reading contest

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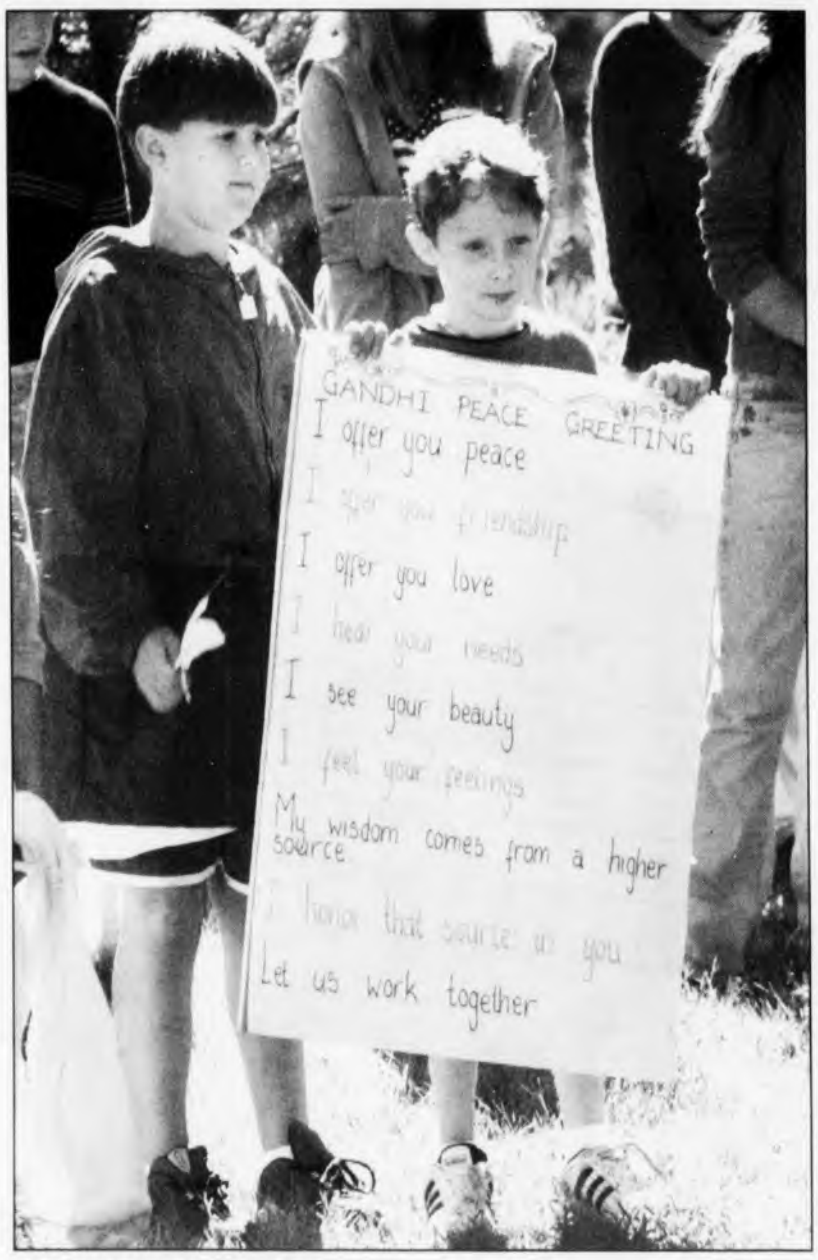
Hello Cohasset. I hope this week's column finds all of you doing better and starting to move forward in the day-to-day things that life brings to us. It is still so hard for me to enjoy most things in the same way I would have a month ago but I know that we all need to go on and try. With October right around the corner, we have so many great events and activities that can be enjoyed with family and friends from apple picking, haunted houses and Octoberfests. Please send me all the information, pictures and notes of some of the things that you have done so we can all read about them.

BAYDAY AT ABBEY

One such event could be this weekend's BayDay taking place on Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. The hours for this are from 11:30-4:30 p.m. and will include such things as Hug-a-Bunny, Pony and Cart Rides, Moon Walks, food and a wonderful $10,000 silent auction. The price to get in is $5 a carload and promises to be a fun and enjoyable way to spend a Sunday afternoon while helping to raise money for the Association for Retarded Citizens. Hope to see you there.

HARVEST FAIR

Another wonderful day to enjoy is on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the annual Derby Academy Harvest Fall Fair being held from 11 am-3 p.m. rain or shine! This is being held at the school on Burdett Avenue in Hingham. The entire family is bound to find something to enjoy whether it is a haunted house, listening to some great sounds from a favorite DJ, climbing the rock wall or many other exciting things to do. They will have the popular art tent and several tempting food selections, sure to please all palates. You can also do some shopping while you are there and purchase such things as plants and topiaries, home-made baked goods and used sports equipment. Admission and parking are free.



PEACEFUL THOUGHTS

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Brett Noble of Pembroke and Patrick Cantillon of Cohasset hold up a Ghandi peace greeting during a special ceremony at the Montessori School in Scituate.

YOUNG READER

We have a great reader here in town who won a prize for her hard work. **Julia Canney**, a second-grade student at the Joseph Osgood School, was among the winners of this summer's Mass Teachers Association Summer Reading Contest. Julia read nine books, filled out the postcard shaped like a baseball diamond and actually won four tickets to a Boston Red Sox Game! The night included a reception before the game at Staples Inc.(one of the sponsors). Julia attended the game with her mom, aunt and cousin, **Hannah Rawson**. A wonderful time was had by all, even thought the Sox lost. Congratulations Julia and keep on reading!



This hawk paid the Bells a visit.

NEW ADDITION

Very soon we will see another baby carriage wheeling through Cohasset and this one will belong to **Tyler Raymond Berndt.** Tayler was born on Saturday, Sept. 15th to Mom and Dad, **Jeff and Kristin(Ellinger) Berndt** of Scituate. Tayler weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. and his very proud grandparents are **George and Pat Ellinger** of Cohasset, **Ernie and Joan Berndt** of Lexington and **Marti and Dave Budding** of Medfield. Congratulations to all of you on this wonderful addition to your family.

GIRL SCOUT LEADERS

We had a wonderful turnout last week at Girl Scout registration here in town and now we are turning to any of you out there who are interested in being a mentor to a wonderful group of girls. Adult leaders are needed for Kindergarten, first grade and fifth grade. You do not need to have a girl in scouting to help girls develop and learn the skills that they are looking for. It is a great way to volunteer and know that the rewards you will gain are awesome. If you are interested please call **Terry James** in the evening at 781-383-9173 or **Nancy Bartlett** in Dedham at 1-800-637-0070 during the day.

LOST EARRING FOUND!

I would like to thank the **Whilton family** for the wonderful discovery of the earring that I wrote about in this column. I had received a phone call about a earring that had a lot of sentimental value that had been lost at Sandy Beach. When I heard this, my first thought was, "oh what a shame, it can never be found in all that sand." Well, the power of positive thinking prevailed and Anne Marie Whilton gave me a call to say that her daughter had in fact, found an earring that matched the description on the same day it was lost! Thank you so much for taking the time to make someone's day, those are the stories that we all like to hear.

UNUSUAL VISITOR

Mark Bell was on the telephone with a client and walked into the kitchen area to discover a huge hawk perched atop the patio umbrella! Stumbling through the conversation with excitement and disbelief, as the hawk was only 10 feet away, Mark managed to get his camera out and snap a few quick shots, one of which he e-mailed to his laughing client!

"The more you listen to the voice within you, the better you will hear what is sounding outside."
— Dag Hammarskjold

That is all for this week. Please send me all your celebration news, events and stories, as well as any photos you may have in one of the following ways.

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Cohasset canines go back to school



Alex D'Amato and his beagle, Kelsey, show off their new skills at the end of the first night of dog obedience training. The class is sponsored by the recreation department.

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Alyssa Campbell greets Bailey, the Wheaton terrier, and Bailey's people, Katie [center] and Julie DeWaal at the first day of Happy Dog Training on the common.

Far left, Denise Coffman and Parker, who looks poised and ready to learn, at Happy Dog Training. At immediate left, Kristin Tracey and her rescued greyhound, Ripley, in class on the common. For more information, call the rec. dept., 383-4109.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

No Place For Hate

Cohasset has not had any reported incidences of hate crimes as has been the case elsewhere. But just one mean-spirited misdeed is one too many in this beautiful town of some 7,000 people.

Sadly, neighboring Hingham hasn't been immune. A Hingham resident, who left a message on the Hingham Journal voice mail last week, reported a rock had been thrown through the glass door at his home. We could hear both the shock, anger and sadness in his voice. Another incident, reported to police, involved a business in town, which was also attacked by a rock-thrower. Both hate crimes appear to be the result of some perceived "middle-eastern" connection, either by the way someone looked or the spelling of a name.

As we recoil from the horror inflicted upon our nation Sept. 11 – we must keep in mind the blind hatred involved. We were targeted because we were Americans. Whether the victims were law-abiding citizens or innocent children – mattered not a whit to the terrorists.

Therefore, it would be a cruel irony for any of us to react toward someone merely because of their ancestry or name. Such senseless acts do a disservice to the memory of those who perished in the horrific tragedies at the World Trade Center, Pentagon and in a field in Pennsylvania.

With the exception of Native Americans — let's remember we are all immigrants in America. We don't lash out at anyone Italian because of the Mafia or anyone Irish because of the IRA, so let's not start pointing fingers at anyone from the Middle East or of middle-eastern descent solely because of their religion or where their families come from.

We recall a story from years ago about a little boy in the first-grade in a nearby town who was bewildered when the teacher asked the children where they hailed from. One child said, "I'm Irish." Another said, "I'm English." While another said, "I'm Italian." And still another said, "I'm Portuguese."

When it was the little boy's turn, he stood up and said, "I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm American!"

This is a good time to repeat the poem written in bronze on the base of the Statue of Liberty.

The New Colossus

These words by Emma Lazarus are inscribed in bronze on the Statue of Liberty, Bedloe Island, New York Harbor.

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Thanks, Rick

Staff reporter Rick Collins will become a Cohasset Mariner alumni tomorrow. On Monday he starts his new job with the Statehouse News Service. Rick has "paid his dues" here and has done a stellar job of covering our town. We wish him well. For us here at the Mariner, Rick will only be an e-mail away. As subscribers to the Statehouse News Service, we'll be able to read his stories and will use those that pertain to Cohasset. So you may see his byline on the pages of the Cohasset Mariner from time to time. In the meantime, he deserves our heartiest congratulations on his new position. We wish him the best of luck and know he has a bright future ahead.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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Christine Fitzgerald, administrative assistant, and Selectman Ronnie McMorris carry donated items from Town Hall to a waiting SUV for transport to the Salvation Army. More than 500 pounds of groceries and food was donated.

Coming together

TO THE EDITOR:

In the wake of the World Trade Center tragedy, the Salvation Army put out an urgent call for donations of supplies for rescue workers. Cohasset residents promptly and generously responded, and the Salvation Army asked me to convey their thanks and appreciation to all who donated as our contributions helped to fill their warehouses with these essential supplies. In addition, they asked that I communicate the need for financial support, as the Salvation Army continues to serve 100,000 meals a day to workers.

I also want to express my personal thanks to Christine Fitzgerald in the Selectman's office for all of her work with publicity and town hall organization; Fire Chief Roger Lincoln for his department's assistance with the collection; high school seniors Cara Foley and Suzanne Lynner for their help getting the flyers around town; and Mary Foley for her help delivering all of the donations to Quincy. My thanks also to Shaw's Supermarket for donating two boxes filled with work gloves.

As we cope with this terrible time in our nation's history, it is heartening to see people of all ages coming together with efforts both large and small.

Ronnie McMorris
89 Doane St.

Cohasset Common, a rare gem in today's world

MY VIEW

DAVID CROWLEY-BUCK

Nestled in the center of the small coastal town of Cohasset lies an area where the rules of time do not apply and where words like "routine schedule," and "pressure" are seldom mumbled by the astonished visitor. The only possible way of distinguishing between the 1700s and the year 2001 would be to notice the automobiles that pass by or the modern convenience of electricity. The Cohasset Common is that timeless area which stands today as a bridge between the old and the new.

Viewing the Common for the first time; raises the question as to why Norman Rockwell himself never thought to paint such an "All-American" location. At one end of the Common, the American flag waves majestically over the town, representing both a united past and an optimistic future. The pearl-colored pole upon which the dignified symbol stands towers so high that it would be easier to lie down in order to view the golden ball which crowns the top. At the center of the Common stands the First Parish Church, one of the oldest Unitarian churches in the United States of America. Its white color matches that of each and even other building around the Common. The uniform white bones with black shutters that surround the Common stand independently behind their white picket fences with special plaques, worn like medals of honor, on their front doors which let all who pass by know that the homes have stood for more than 200 years. On the other side of the First Parish Church, the green grass slowly dips into an oval duck pond. In the center of the pond, a stone water fountain releases its pattern into the air, inviting people to step out of their lives for a moment and experience New England.

At one end of the Common, the American flag waves majestically over the town, representing both a united past and an optimistic future.

The Cohasset Common is a center for activity and excitement in the town. It has been featured in Hollywood films and numerous television commercials. The Common is often an arena for a spirited game of Frisbee or touch football. The open lawns invite many sunbathers while the cool shadows of the trees invite those who wish to forego the embarrassment of being in a bathing suit in public. Walkers and joggers often stop on the wooden benches that surround the pond in order to catch their breath. The Common is also a political meeting ground as people caucus before entering the Cohasset Town Hall for a Town meeting or a gathering with the Selectmen. The annual Festival on the Common attracts local artists of all mediums to display their talent for an excited audience.

Although constantly alive with activity, the only changes that occur on its grounds come and go with the seasons of the year. In the winter, the common is often blanketed in snow and inhabited by snow angels, snowmen and small forts to protect against incoming snowballs. When the winter melts away the color green returns to bring a contrast to the completely white common. As time progresses, the trees bloom and the festivals begin. However, when the ducks begin to migrate south and the unmistakable New England foliage begins its transformation to reds, oranges, and browns, it is apparent that fall has begun and another summer has slipped by too soon.

The Cohasset Common stands as a symbol of the small New England town. Its white churches and open green lawn attract a multitude of people who wish to experience its beauty and "small town" charm. The Common is a haven for artists and writers who seek inspiration from its patriotic aura. The Cohasset Common offers a person the chance to step out of the modern fast paced world, if only for a second, and experience the charm of history alive and thriving today.

David Crowley-Buck, a Cohasset resident, is a junior at BC High.

Update on the Master Plan for Cohasset

MASTER PLAN/Growth & Development Committee

This summer's Neighborhood Forum meetings underscored the interest and concerns about our future on the part of many residents of Cohasset. The Growth and Development Committee would like to thank everyone who attended these four discussions, a critical part of the Committee's effort to develop a vision and a master plan. This is a quick summary of what the committee has heard so far.

Background

For those unfamiliar with the Growth and Development Committee, we were chartered by the Cohasset selectmen to help draft a master plan which will provide a long-term strategic platform for the town's future. This plan is comparable to a strategic plan found in most towns, organizations and non-profit institutions. This will eventually guide future development and decisions about growth and transportation as well as infrastructure, education, and environmental protection. As part of this process, the committee has been interviewing various stakeholders in the town (town committees, organizations, residents, municipal employees), working with state and regional planning groups and conducting neighborhood forums and surveys. The following is a brief summary of the four brainstorming discussions conducted in July and August.

Neighborhood Forum Results

Nearly 100 residents attended the four forums. Facilitated discussions were conducted on what attendees liked about Cohasset, what they disliked, and their thoughts on the future. It was a great dialogue that spanned specific suggestions (add traffic lights at the intersection of Sohier Street and 3A), to broader suggestions (improve environmental quality). The following table summarizes the top likes, dislikes and individual visions for the future.

These forums were yet another step in gathering information to help build a vision we can all live with. And as you can see, there was no lack of ideas or conflicting points of view. It was quite evident that many felt that Cohasset was a community that they wanted to stay in forever. One participant said that it was one of the few towns on the South Shore with ocean access, a central village, a small town feel, great schools, and nice people. Many thought Cohasset was "unpretentious" with a strong sense of community.

Many thanks to Bet Baker, Steven Fusco, and Nancy Herlin for their terrific facilitation, and to Clark Brewer and Patti Keville for the extra effort in preparation for the neighborhood forums.

Category	Likes	Dislikes	Vision for the Future
General comments	Size of town Beauty & tranquility Proximity to Boston Ledges Waterfront Diverse population The village	Airport runway pollution & air quality Lack of diversity	More diversity Keep town small
Town services & facilities	Town meeting format Recreation department Town volunteers Safe community Schools Recycling Community center Media & cable coverage Intra-departmental cooperation	Weak zoning enforcement High taxes Lack of town meeting participation Poor long range planning Disconnected with teenagers	Keep town meeting Revise & enforce zoning bylaws Create a year-round recreation facility Encourage teen events Better maintain school facilities Keep budget level Provide interactive cable for town meetings Merge CRC/other efforts with town master plan
Economic development	Variety of businesses	Lack of commercial development Limited town parking	Increase commercial base Provide continuing education
Housing	Diversity of Housing	Lack of Affordable & Senior Housing Overdeveloped Lots No Diversity of Housing	Create More Affordable Housing Create More Senior Housing
Open space, recreation, natural & cultural resources	Open space and wildlife South Shore Art Center Accessibility of ocean Historic resources Town common Straits pond	Destruction and loss of natural resources Lack of boat facilities and mooring rules	Preserve open space Improve cleanliness and safety of water Create viewing easements (ocean and harbor) More harbor parking and access
Transportation & infrastructure	Commuter boat	Public transportation to Boston lacking Limited sewer Hazardous walking and biking Limited parking	Sewer entire town More sidewalks Make private ways public More bike trails Improve town-wide transportation

Neighborhood forum participants also completed a preliminary survey in preparation for our town-wide survey this fall. We will report on these findings and the upcoming town wide research in next week's Mariner. Please note that this is a small (but important) sample of the town's opinion. This work has helped us develop a final survey that will be sent to all registered Cohasset voters in the coming weeks. Please look for it, respond and make your voice heard.

The Growth & Development Committee: Rick Swanborg, Chairma; Clark Brewer, Vice Chairman; Tom Callahan, Margy Charles, Debbie Cook, Bill Good, Patti Keville, Peter Pratt, Ronnie McMorris, Michael Westcott, and Liz Harrington, Town Planner.

Good old Denmark!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Since I can remember my father talking back to FDR on our old Philco and Wally Berger playing center field for the Boston Braves I feel I am eminently qualified to take advantage of the latest development in health care.

No, it has nothing to do with any Medicare enhancement package enacted by the Congress, although several of the members would no doubt be willing to give it try; it has to do with a discovery in a Danish nursing home.

Caregivers at the Thorupgaarden Nursing Home in Copenhagen have found that pornography is better than drugs in calming elderly patients and they have been showing it on an internal video channel for the past three years with only one complaint.

Hot diggity damn! I knew I had a therapeutic reason for watching all those Shannon Tweed flicks after midnight on Cinemax! I haven't seen the calming effect yet so I guess I'll just have to keep on trying.

It has to do with a discovery in a Danish nursing home.

Lars Elmsted Petersen, spokesman for a Danish seniors group, says pornography is healthier, cheaper and easier to use than medicine, which is what Larry Flynt, Bob Guccione and Hugh Hefner have been telling us for years.

Even the Danish government has gotten into the act with a report reminding those of us who need to be reminded that sex is still a part of life for seniors and caregivers should be ready at a moments notice to provide it.

Good old Denmark! That's the place where George Jorgenson went to become Christine in 1953, leading to one of the truly great newspaper headlines of the Twentieth Century in the New York Daily News.

When Christine applied for a marriage license sometime in the 1960s, the city of New York turned her down and the News reported the story under the headline: "'53 Convertible Denied License."

But I digress . . .

Actually, pornography is on the way to becoming respectable in the United States, too, what with the subject being taught for credit at UMass-Amherst, MIT and the Women's Studies Department at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Call it Porn 101.

Hope Weissman, the professor at Wesleyan, requires her students to produce a work of pornography themselves for the final exam in her class, which is called "Pornography: Writing of Prostitutes."

English Professor Richard Burt, uses Shakespeare to teach students in his porn classes and MIT Professor Henry Jenkins has his classes analyze photos from Hustler magazine and clips from the film "Deep Throat."

"To not study pornography is to ignore a pervasive phenomenon in our culture," Linda Williams of the University of California at Berkley told the Globe (the Boston, not the National), noting that Hollywood makes only 400 movies a year while the porn industry turns out about 1,000.

Sorry. I have to close now. A Shannon Tweed flick is on Cinemax and I have to watch. It's therapeutic for us old codgers, you know.

HEALTH NOTES

On the lookout for water pollution

Volunteers can help

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last week, your board of Health made its annual pilgrimage to the high school to talk to Mr. Buckley's class about community service. In this class, the students are exposed to many of the elements of town government, its workings, purpose and the relationship between each of its functions and the hierarchy of state and federal relationships. For example, the Board of Health represents the oldest state health agency in the country and is linked to the National Public Health Service. But in addition to explaining the many functions of the local board, we tried to give the students a picture of how they could help their many local agencies in service to the town. Examples were given of students collecting water samples to keep track of the safety of our town water bodies for swimming and fishing. And the assistance by students to our elderly by shoveling out paths to the sixty four elderly housing units behind the police station so that Meals on Wheels can get through to those who depend on the town for a hot meal, their major source of nutrition.

I have yet to see a volunteer effort that does not give as much to the volunteer as to his recipient.

What I fear was lost to these kids, however is the most important lesson: that their own personal health can depend on their feelings of self worth gained by helping others. I have yet to see a volunteer effort that does not give as much to the volunteer as to his recipient.

The Board of Health has engaged in promoting volunteer participation in environmental matters because if we can get more people thinking about their environment they will change some of the things they do which may add to an unhealthy environment. Sometimes our volunteer programs are a success, and sometimes they fail. I believe our efforts to heighten awareness about the relationship between lawn management and pollution in our water bodies has been a success. Similarly, the student water quality monitoring was successful from the standpoint that it got numerous kids really engaged in environmental assessment, and hopefully, they will go on to be environmentalists. But, in general, our water quality volunteer programs, although successful for the kids, have not met Town needs to gather pollution data on our water bodies. Accordingly, in the next few months, the Board will be asked to sponsor two new initiatives which, hopefully will give us much more information on the actual state of our various water bodies.

First, we will expand our planning for storm-water management. Storm water is surface water which runs off into our streams during heavy rain events. Studies show that roughly half of the pollution entering our streams occurs from storm water runoff during rain events. This will be an internal program, mostly funded by state grants and will deal with upgrading our catch basins and other storm water collection systems. Secondly, we are considering structuring an adult volunteer program, also funded by state grant money to capture data from our water bodies during rain events. These new initiatives, coupled with a continuing student volunteer program should meet both state and town water quality assessment needs. As these programs develop, we will keep you informed and probably ask you to be a volunteer.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

COHASSET CARES

Fairness and resources must go hand in hand

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

First of all the Cohasset Recycling Committee recognizes the fact 101 townspeople have rallied around Pay-as-you-throw since July 1: townspeople see the common sense of the system as well as feel pride in the personal accountability or personal responsibility of PAYT that clear-headed people would. [Cohasset is now recycling about 35 percent of its trash. Nantucket recycles 80 percent) It's individual actions that enable a big world to function.

Now is the time for all people to think as hard as they can, first priority being the terrorist situation. It's a matter of life or death. We try to think of what is wrong.

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The problem starts with the sense of fairness. When the basic concept of equality among all people is transgressed — when one person or group decide they need or deserve more resources than another person or group, conflict arises. What could be simpler - or more difficult, it has appeared, for humans. Other species, when left alone, seem not to have had this problem.

Oil has taken over from trees as the world's prime source of energy. Taking more than one's fair share of this oil, contributes to the degeneration of the planet and exacerbates international relationships.

A big question is whether natural resources should be locked up - sold - or not. As Daniel Quinn says in "The Story of B" a fair, equal, and natural use of resources is what has enabled tribal communities to exist for three million years While we agriculturists who have "locked up the food" are running short in the span of 10,000.

Our schools, especially, have a tremendous challenge - not with MCAS but with, of course, values. Right off the bat, our actions bespeak our values. As we remind ourselves of the quantities of resources used in the production of paper - for instance, from the oil used to cut down the trees to the oil used to haul off the paper [almost all of it used just on one side], we realize the common-sense urgency to use both sides, to collect and re-use paper only used on one side.

The present situation is more than just a throwback to World War II when we re-used and recycled as much as possible for the war effort, today is an international war—of values. Equality—freedom—justice—fairness—of people and of resources.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

LIBRARY CORNER

Are you ready for Bistro?



The Cohasset Library, along with the 25 other members of the Old Colony Library Network, will be switching to the new cataloging/circulation system on Oct. 29.

Bistro is a product of the SIRSI Company, one of the leading automation vendors in the country. Over 20 other library networks are using SIRSI systems, including the SAILS network in southeastern Massachusetts.

New features will include:

- More complete information about books, including book covers, summaries and reviews, where available.
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- Customizing options for your library account.
- A special "kid-friendly" children's catalog.
- And, of course, at home access to all resources, including selected databases.

Beginning Oct. 29, staff will be available to answer questions and familiarize users with the new search screens.

Numerous capital projects are currently before town

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and the original construction of the Deer Hill school in 1955. The current joint police/fire station building was built in 1962, the same year nine additional classrooms were added onto the Deer Hill.

The late 1960s saw a major expansion project at the junior/senior high school, which added a separate junior high wing, and a new library and gymnasium and construction of the first town sewer system around Jacob's Meadow.

"People were really reluctant to spend a lot of money, they wanted to keep the tax rate down," said Jacqueline Dormitzer, who is currently engaged in authoring the third volume of the town's history spanning the past 50 years. "It was a conservative town that didn't spend money too freely. It tended to make due with what it had, and when the schools got bad and really became overcrowded, that's when they began to consider a building."

The town did undertake a massive public works project in the early 1970s, when it dammed the Aaron River and flooded part of Wompatuck State Park to create the Aaron Reservoir, at a cost of near $4 million.

"It was very necessary," said Dormitzer, "there had been a number of summer water bans."

But Selectman Merle Brown remembers that once Proposition 2-1/2 became law, municipal projects took a vacation.

"Lots of things got carried away," he said.

"The 60s and 70s were a very quiet time in town," Haddad said. "In the 70s things were still relatively in good shape, and in the 80s, Prop 2-1/2 put any project on the back-burner because of costs.

"Unfortunately, everything came due in the 90s."

The first debt exclusion override, which allows towns to exempt debt service for large projects from the tax cap limit, was voted in 1988 and allowed the town to spend $70,000 on improvements to the school science labs and $550,000 to build the transfer station. Subsequent overrides included three separate votes totaling more than $400,000 for school repairs, $775,000 for improvements to the town athletic fields in 1994, $752,000 for a new DPW garage off Cedar Street in 1995, three separate votes totaling $24 million for the sewer projects, and last year's $41.8 million vote for the Deer Hill and middle/high school project.

Of the current $13.13 per $1,000 tax rate, $1.03 is used to pay off the town debt accrued through the debt exclusion overrides.

However, some capital projects aren't reflected in the exclusion debt override tax rate. Construction of the new Bear Hill water-tank and the ongoing pipe maintenance project was paid for by water rates; the Woodside Cemetery expansion project, will be funded through the sale of burial plots, and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library construction project at the former Osgood School will be paid for through private donations, a state grant, and the sale of the current building. None of the projects will have an impact on the tax rate.

But the question is, whether there's a light at the end of the tunnel, or whether the town will face another round of projects in 50 years, and a sustained high level of taxes.

"We've updated all the schools, we've updated the DPW building, we're going to be redoing the town library, we're hopefully going to redo the police and fire station — what's left to do?" Haddad asked.

The answer could come in how the town maintains its new property.

"The town needs to make sure everything is maintained as we go along, and appropriate the funds wisely," said Jerusalem Road resident Leland Jenkins, a member of Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers. "Make sure we don't do half-jobs; that when something needs to be fixed, we don't rubber band it."

"It all had to be done," Jenkins said of the recent projects. "The schools needed to be rehabbed, but not to this extent. But there's no question the schools needed work."

Partially out of concern of the sheer cost, and partially concerned about the long term costs of maintaining the larger buildings, Jenkins and nine others supported a citizen's petition warrant article at the April 2000 Annual Town Meeting to instead spend $800,000 on the first-phase of a lower-scale, school renovation plan. It was defeated.

Jenkins' strategy of better maintenance is also backed by Brown and Haddad.

"My hope is now we can maintain things a little better, now that we have a maintenance department," Brown said. "I also think by having a town manager we now have better control on the day to day operation.

"Sometimes we can still put things off, but other things we can't because they're only going to cost more at a later day," he added, specifically pointing out the need for a new police station.

Haddad said he is working on a long-term maintenance plan.

"We've learned how to better plan and prepare for these maintenance issues," he said.

"The residents of this town have done an outstanding job in upgrading the infrastructure, and town officials need to make a commitment to maintain these projects so we don't have to do them again."

AfTA files anti-train lawsuit

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Bewick warned of an imminent lawsuit last month when current Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand deemed the impact report "adequate."

"Basically we think they need to restart the process, starting with the scoping of alternatives," he said this week. "They need to go back to ground zero. There have been faults from the beginning."

An AfTA release this week said a multi-modal public transportation system of buses and commuter boats is significantly more cost efficient, and less environmentally damaging — in direct contrast to MBTA claims.

In court, it would be up to Hingham-based AfTA to prove that the MBTA's impact report is deficient, but Bewick feels if AfTA can get a judge to hear the suit, that it has an "extremely strong" chance of succeeding.

AfTA has retained the services of Cambridge-based law firm of Anderson & Kreiger, which has drawn recognition through its successful defeats of a proposed prison in New Braintree, and proposed sludge facility in Walpole.

Bewick said AfTA is also considering filing an injunction to prohibit construction from going forward.

MBTA officials have said that they expect to have a contractor on board by December and begin construction next summer.

MBTA spokesman Brian Pedro said, as of 4 p.m. Monday, the agency had not seen a copy of AfTA's lawsuit, but that he was still confident in the outcome.

"We have met every challenge so far, legislatively, legally, and environmentally," he said. "We'll meet this one and go forward with the project."

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham — both train-opponents — support Bewick and AfTA's lawsuit.

"This is a guy qualified to weigh in on the issue and the process, given his former position," said Hedlund. "That combined with the fact that the law firm they have retained has a tremendous track record, there is a good chance the lawsuit could proceed."

Bradley said the lawsuit could shed some light on the method used by the MBTA to analyze the alternates.

"This lawsuit, whatever may come of it, may at least bring to the forefront the evidence and data used in the conclusion, which is important to review," he said.

Projects' timing is top priority

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what the water commission does, he said the town has learned it needs to better communicate what projects are done when.

"Timing is crucial," Haddad said of the projects. "We want to make sure we have the drainage in the ground before they start the restoration of the commuter rail."

The final phase of the James Brook Flood Control project consists of replacing an undersized drainage pipe running under the town parking lot into Jacob's Meadow. The MBTA, as part of its mitigation agreement with Cohasset, has agreed to reimburse the town up to $1.2 million for the project. An article authorizing the town to borrow the money for the work has been placed Nov. 5 fall Special Town Meeting warrant.

Haddad said he included language in the article that would prohibit the town from spending the money until the MBTA starts work, in case the project fell through.

The MBTA has also agreed to reconstruct the town parking lot according to town specifications.

With all the work being done free of charge, all town officials have to do is coordinate the projects – something they have admittedly had trouble doing in the past.

"Coordination wasn't strong on Summer Street and Elm Street with the water and sewer projects," said Haddad. "I think we need to have better communication – better communication leads to better coordination."

Cost may not be a factor, but time is, Tom Gruber, chairman of the town's mitigation committee, told selectmen last week.

Greenbush is being built through the design/build method, where the contractor both designs and builds the project. One of the results is that construction can begin before the final plans are drawn.

"This is going to move very fast," Gruber warned.

MBTA Project Manager Jamie Jackson told Haddad that the agency plans to have a contractor on board by December, and start construction next summer.

That time frame is what prompted Haddad to put the article authorizing the town to borrow the money needed to do the work on the November warrant, instead of waiting until the Annual Town Meeting in April.

"It's crucial that that pipe goes in before work starts," he said.

On Tuesday, selectmen voted to unanimously recommend adoption of the article.

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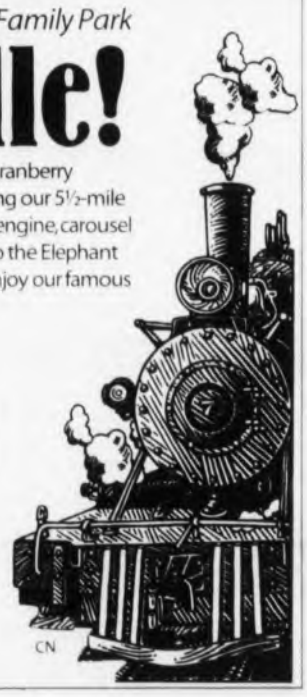
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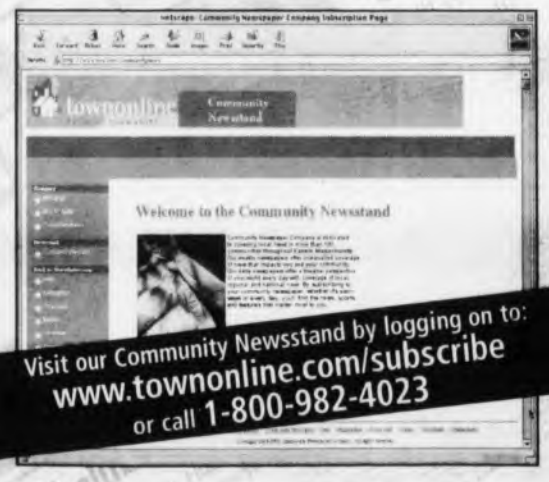
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Cohasset pushes for Greenbush quad gates at crossings

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Cohasset's mitigation agreement with the MBTA about restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail line requires the state to consider installing quad gates at the town's at-grade crossings, in accordance with federal safety regulations.

The Army Corps of Engineers and Massachusetts Historical Commission urged the MBTA to give the use of quad-gates "utmost consideration," in its Section 106 findings, especially in historic districts.

Use of quad-gates was even included in Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand's acceptance of the MBTA's environmental impact report on the project.

However the town is still concerned that the MBTA is pushing forward with the project without sufficiently considering the use of quad-gates.

The difference between quad-gates, and the more-common segmented gates, is that four arms come down to fully block the road, thus preventing cars from swerving around the arms, in an attempt to beat the train across the tracks.

The MBTA has said it will consider quad-gates once regulations from the Federal Railroad Authority are handed out. However, the regulations, contained in what is known as the Swift Act, is currently held up in Congress, thanks to Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, R-Illinois, according to published reports.

According to Selectman Thomas Callahan, Chicago-area trains currently have a waiver allowing them to operate without horns and without quad gates, and the Swift Act would remove that waiver.

Tom Gruber, head of the town's mitigation committee, said "Hastert is worried of the onerous expenses the regulations would put on the Chicago area, which has many more commuter rail lines than Boston," and added that "it could be a long time before anything definitive comes out."

"If we don't get quad gates looked into before next year, we aren't going to get them."
— Tom Gruber, mitigation committee

In the meantime, the MBTA expects to open bids for the $408 million project in October, and start construction by the summer. Greenbush is being constructed using the design/build method, which allows the contractor to both design and build the project. The result is, construction can begin without the project being designed in its entirety.

"The MBTA is on a very fast track," said Gruber. "If we don't get quad gates looked into before next year, we aren't going to get them."

At last week's selectmen's meeting, Gruber asked the board to step up the lobbying effort at both the federal and state levels, including letters to U.S. Senators Ted Kennedy and John Kerry, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, state Rep. Garrett Bradley, top state transportation officials, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Callahan agreed with Gruber's urgency at the meeting.

"Let's talk to the MBTA now, because if they're going to change the rules, it's better before than after," said Callahan.

In order to provide a horn-less train without using quad gates, the MBTA would have to construct four-foot wide, 60-foot long berms at each grade-crossing to prevent vehicles from crossing over and zig-zagging through the segmented gates.

However, a number of properties around Cohasset will either lose land to make the road wide enough, or have access inhibited by the berm.

"It will just be incredibly intrusive in those areas," said Gruber. "And just about every crossing [in Cohasset] is in an historic district."

MBTA spokesman Brian Pedro said the agency is looking into using quad gates, but have so far not been convinced they are any safer.

"It's written in the mitigation language that we have to consider them, and we will do that," he said. "But I'm not sure how far along we are in the design process yet – we haven't even yet picked a construction firm."

Pedro said the MBTA did ask for an alternate cost for quad gates be included in the perspective contractor's bids.

He added that the MBTA conducted a trial period in Abington along the commuter rail line using quad gates, and "didn't find them to be an improvement" in the level of safety along the tracks.

But state Sen. Robert Hedlund and state Rep. Garrett Bradley disagree.

"It's something that should be done for pure safety reasons," said Bradley. "And it's something I'll continue to push [Executive Office of Transportation and Construction Secretary] Kevin Sullivan, and [House Transportation Committee Chairman] Joseph Sullivan for."

"I absolutely support the town's position and I think it's the correct one," said Hedlund.



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Hingham interfaith program touched many hearts



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Rabbi Stephen Karol speaks at the interfaith service held at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham on Friday.

By Polly Doggett
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The program offered that Friday night to a grieving community brought healing and hope to the hearts of the many who were present. Led by our host, Rabbi Steve Karol, the interfaith group of Hingham-Hull Religious Leaders sang and prayed and participated in a litany that would warm the hearts of all after suffering the most faith-shaking events of Sept. 11.

As president of this interfaith group, I was asked to welcome all to the service. As I looked out into the faces of those who filled the sanctuary and those seated way back in the cultural hall — possibly 300 souls — my heart gave thanks to these friends and neighbors who came together upon short notice to this special service. We were all brothers and sisters, all who loved our country, and grieved over the horror that had befallen it.

There was a oneness among us, a true feeling of brotherhood — Protestant, Catholic, Jew, and yes, a special guest, Mr. Samuel Hassan, invited from the Islamic Center of Quincy. Sam has devoted his life to serving his God and helping his fellowman. Although old and bent, he came forth to lend his full support. I had known Sam personally since first coming to live on the South Shore in 1954. His devoted wife, Peggy had been my very first friend here and her children played with my children. That was in another time, another place. And so it was with great joy that I found this dear couple in our midst once again under these very special circumstances.

We were all brothers and sisters, all who loved our country, and grieved over the horror that had befallen it.

Just before the service began, an older man popped up and greeted me warmly. It had been close to 20 years since we had seen each other. He was Gene Greenblatt of Hull, my old druggist/pharmacist in Cohasset. Gene was back in the days of the long-gone "corner drug store," and we had been such good friends in the past. Yet here we were, Mormon and Jew, meeting and rejoicing at seeing each other again.

Those of the Religious Leaders Association made an impressive sight amongst the congregation in their church vestments: the Rev. Ken Read-Brown of Old Ship Church; the Rev. Robert Edson of St. John's Episcopal Church; Rabbi Steve Karol, our gracious host; the Rev. Diane Mix of Congregational Church; the Rev. James Rafferty of St. Paul's Catholic Church; the Rev. Gary Ludwig of First Baptist Church; the Rev. Clyde Grubbs of Second Parish Church and his wife Marjorie, who with enthusiasm, led the congregation in singing one of the songs; Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz of Temple Beth Sholom in Hull; the Rev. Paul Peterson of House of Prayer; Mrs. Molly Larsen of the Church of Christ Scientist; the Rev. Victoria Gaskell; and Mrs. Polly Doggett of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon).

At the conclusion, the association stood arm-in-arm on the platform and sang along with the entire congregation the much-loved song, "We Shall Overcome." It was indeed an evening of healing and hope. The strains of "We Shall Overcome" will remain in my heart forever. Praise be to God and may we remain true to Him always.

Polly Doggett is a Cohasset resident and member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Age of Sail is meeting topic

The Cohasset Historical Society's annual meeting and fall dinner is Sunday, Oct. 28, at Kimball's By the Sea.

Commander Thomas Bushey of the Training Ship Enterprise will talk on Massachusetts Maritime Academy - a History from the Age of Sail to the Present.

There will be an introduction by society member, Thomas Burke. Social period is 5:30 p.m. - dinner at 6 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Cohasset Historical Society, including election of new members of the board of directors and its officers, will be held before the lecture.

Please make checks payable to Cohasset Historical Society and return with your reservation indicating your entrée choice of either broiled Atlantic scrod or Kimball's special stuffed chicken to the Society at 14 Summer St. Tickets are $30 for members; $35 non-members. Reservations due by Oct. 24.

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Newcomers' Club announces events

The Newcomers' Club is an organization open to all residents of Scituate and Cohasset for both social and charitable purposes. Through its sponsored activities, the club offers members the opportunity to meet new people in the area.

Mom and tots playgroups

If you are new to the area with small children, or just welcomed a new baby, this is a great opportunity to connect with other moms and share information. Become a Newcomer member and join the Moms and Tots Playgroups. From newborn to 5-year-olds, these are organized playgroups by age group preference and meet Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants in each group takes turn hosting. Children's activities are planned throughout the year such as a Halloween Party, Holiday Party and Springtime Egg Hunt. Caregivers caring for your children are welcome to participate. Stay at home Dads, you are welcome too! Should Wednesdays not work for you, there may be others interested in another day and time. Call Beth Compson at 544-0094.

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Ladies night out

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Derby fall fair

The annual Derby Academy Harvest Fall Fair will be held Saturday, Oct., 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school on Burditt Avenue, rain or shine.

Once again the entire family can enjoy a fall fair that will include a Haunted House and sounds from "DJ.". Returning fair favorites include rock climbing, the giant slide, The bungee cord, face painting, a fabulous raffle and many more games and prizes. The art tent will be back as well.

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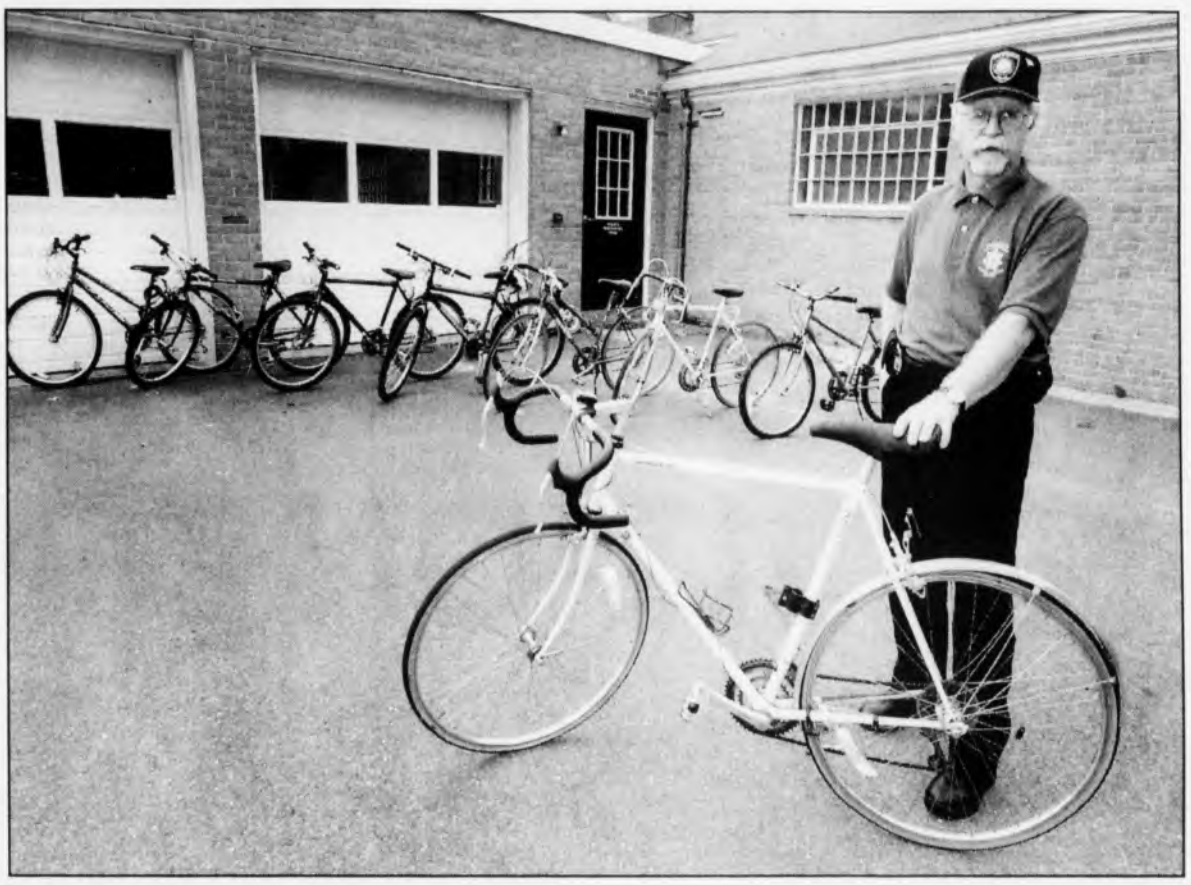
Furniture history

A slide lecture, "A Primer of Antique American Furniture" will be given by Emmet Eldred on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St. in Hingham.

Focusing on the New England cabinetmakers of the 18th and early 19th-centuries, Eldred will discuss regional design preferences and also the construction methods and materials used during that period.

The lecture is the sixth in a popular series of morning talks sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the lecture begins at 10 a.m. Admission is $10 per person in advance, and $12 at the door (if seating is still available). Please send your check for the number attending, by Oct. 15, payable to the Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham 02043. Reservations will be held at the door.

For more information, call 781-749-0144.



LOST BIKES

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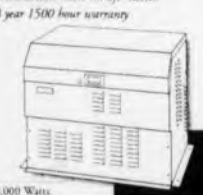


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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Tom Anderson

The junior wideout/kicker for the Cohasset High football team caught two more touchdown passes in this week's 21-6 win over Cape Cod Tech, and converted on all three of his point after kicks (making him 7-for-7 on the season). This ranks him near the top of the Division 5 Eastern Mass scoring leaders with 35 points.

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On the South Shore
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Gridders keep rolling

Skippers stay perfect with 21-7 win over CCT

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset football Skippers continued their unbeaten season last Saturday, steamrolling past Cape Cod Tech, 21-7.

Allowing only two touchdowns thus far through three games, the Skipper defense was once again the story in this game.

Cohasset pinned down the Cape Cod running game up front, thanks in large part to senior linebacker Paul Previte, and junior linebackers Cosimo Cambi and Chris McKenna.

"They are tenacious and tough," lauded fourth year head coach Tony Rolfe of his linebacker core. He also went on to make note of how well McKenna and Previte make up for their smaller stature.

Continuing to stay among the team leaders in tackles, junior Ben Lynner contributed up front as both a pass rusher and run stopper. Lynner knocked the ball loose from the hands of the Cape Cod quarterback, leading to Previte's fumble recovery for a touchdown.

"Ben more than just knocked it loose," said a grinning Rolfe of the ferocious hit.

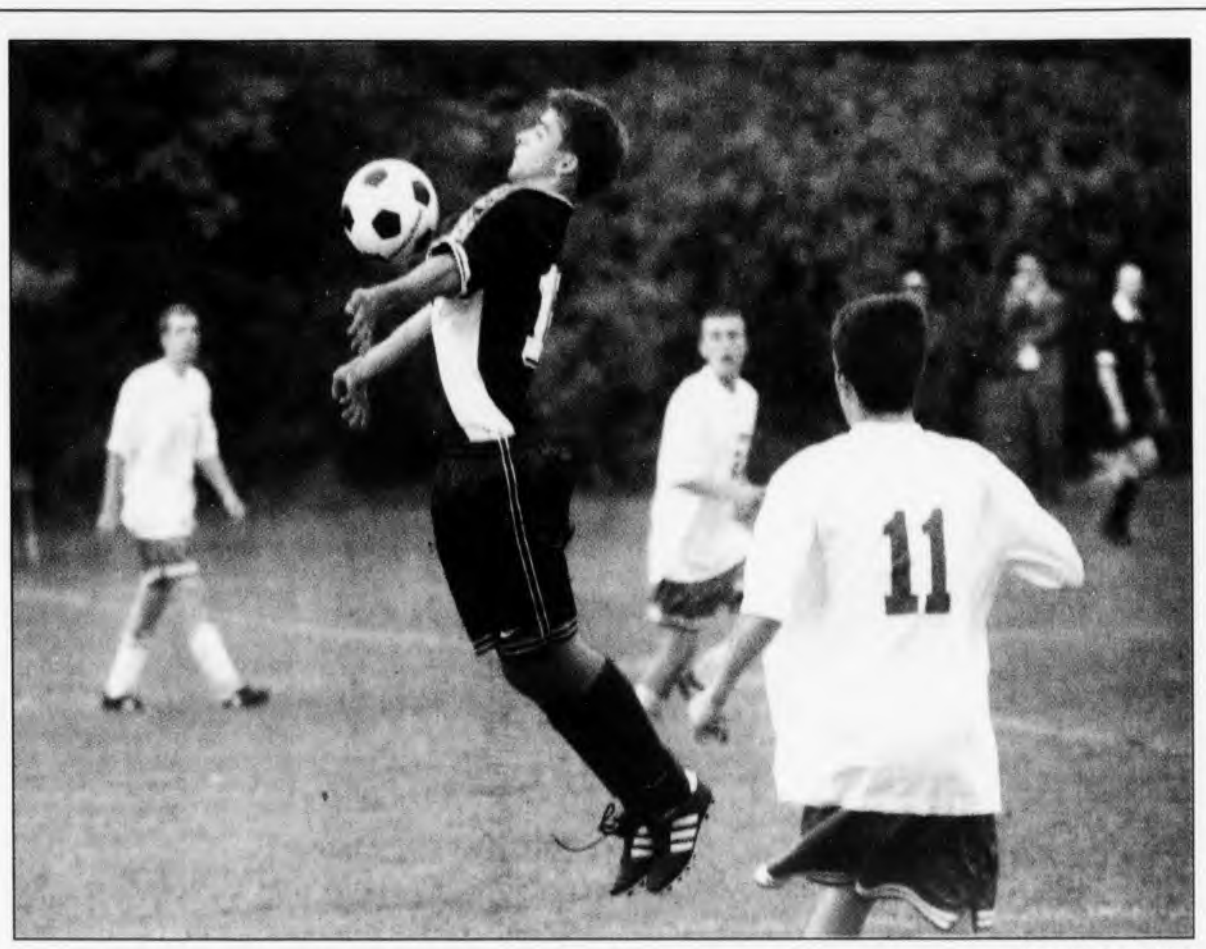
Defensively, the Skippers did a good job containing the passing game for the third week in a row. Senior Eric Libby and sophomore Chris Bilodeau protected against a high number of downfield attempts.

On the offense, junior quarterback Mike Snowdale threw two touchdown passes to junior tight end Tom Anderson. Coach Rolfe feels there has been improvement in his passing attack every game.

Mike Snowdale "is getting more and more confident," lauded Rolfe of his first year starting QB. "He is improving from quarter to quarter."

With the two touchdowns in this game and 35 points on the year, Anderson is now among the league leaders in scoring. Anderson also is

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Tim Baird plays the ball off his chest during Friday's match with South Shore League rival Abington. The Skippers won the game, 3-1.

Frustration mounts for Skippers

Boys fall by one goal for fourth straight time to Norwell

By Mike Spellman
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It was a tale of two halves.

The end result, however, was all too familiar: relief for Norwell, frustration for Cohasset.

A Shawn Collins header off a of a perfect cross by Brent Pulsifer with 15 seconds left on the game clock lifted the Norwell boys soccer team past Cohasset, 2-1, on Thursday night. This marked the fourth game in a row the Clippers have bested the Skippers by one goal— going back to last year's three meetings, the final one a 2-1 triumph in the semifinals of the state tourney's southeast sectionals.

Cohasset, favored by many to win the South Shore League this season, came out the aggressors against the four time defending league champions, obviously looking to send a message.

The Skippers sustained a decided territorial advantage for most of the half, but could beat Norwell's returning league All-Star keeper John Conlan (11 saves) just once, that on a putback from Dan Kinchla during a flurry in front created on a nice play by Tim Baird to keep the ball alive.

Conlan came up with several big saves for the half, including a fully outstretched diving stop of a low bullet from Skippers captain Matt Bilodeau near the end of the period. Two other Cohasset shots late in the half sailed just inches over the crossbar.

It almost seemed as if the two teams switched uniforms during the halftime break, as the home-

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CHS weekly scoreboard

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY
19 tied Middleboro, 2-2
21 tied Scituate, 3-3
24 lost to Duxbury, 4-0

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER
20 lost to Norwell, 4-1
21 lost to Abington, 3-0
25 at Carver- Postponed

GOLF
20 lost to Abington, 6-3
24 beat Carver, 7-2
25 at Harwich- Postponed

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BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
20 lost to Norwell, 2-1
21 beat Abington, 3-1
25 Carver- postponed

VARSITY FOOTBALL
22 beat Cape Cod Tech, 21-7

Bad breaks haunt Lady Skippers

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Certain sports are said to be a "game of inches." But a game of minutes?

Each time out, the girls soccer team has competed well against their opponents for virtually the entire game. However, there have just been certain inevitable pockets of time where nothing seems to go the Lady Skippers' way.

"It seems every game we have a five to seven minute breakdown," said fourth year coach Deb Beal.

Most recently, Cohasset lost to the divisional opponents Norwell and Abington, each game containing a share of Skipper misfortunes.

Against the Lady Clippers of

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's Holly Graham leans into one in action last week.

Learning curve

Coach Bostwick tries to shape a winning field hockey program

By Mike Spellman
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After last year's magical campaign that saw Cohasset High's field hockey team advance to the quarterfinals of the state tourney, and the loss of 11 key players to graduation, coach Deb Bostwick knew she would have to adjust her expectations considerably this fall.

Now, instead of talking about building toward tourney time, as she was at this time a year ago, the veteran coach is talking about "building toward the future."

Monday's 4-0 non-league loss to Duxbury dropped the Lady Skippers record through six games to 1-2-3.

On the whole, Bostwick was happy with her team's performance against the perennial Division 1 powerhouse Green Dragons , and in particular with the work done in the defensive backfield by Suzanne Lynner, Jackie Goines and Frannie Noble.

"Jackie and Frannie kept us in the game with their drives out of our

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Sarah Dennis (#3) tries to clear the ball upfield against Duxbury on Monday, as teammates Frannie Noble and goaltender Sara Genovese look on.

Griswold-Johnston takes two riding championships

Diane Griswold Johnston did it again! She won two championships in a row.

On Sept. 1, at the 101st Myopia Horse Show, Diane competed on her Palm Beach Championship horse, Viking, her Selle Francais show jumper, competing on a grueling round of cross country four foot fences including telephone poles, stone walls, snake fence, log jumps and water, all tricky fences for a show jumper.

Viking, being an ex grand prix jumper, took all the jumps in perfect stride winning himself first place in the Medium to Heavyweight Jumpers, first in the Ladies Jumpers and First in the Equitation on the Flat— winning Diane the "Myopia Sporting Horse Champion 2001." Then, after walking Viking across Route 1A to the "Mini Prix" against all the professional riders, Viking held his own, winning a clear round over his four foot three inch obstacles. Unfortunately, a rail in the jump off reduced him to third place.

Again, on Sept. 5, Diane rode to victory at the Fidelity Jumper Classic (The Boston Jumper Classics) in Ipswich. Here, she com-

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Cohasset's Celuccis join in the fight against cancer

Cohasset will have two residents raising funds for cancer research by walking in the 13th annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, presented by MFS Investment Management, on Sunday, Sept. 30.

Ask anyone who has loved someone with cancer and they will explain: cancer is a family disease. From brothers and sisters to mothers, fathers, and grandparents, when cancer strikes one, it strikes us all.

Daniel and Judith Celucci have agreed to join the more than 8,500 people who know that cancer cannot be fought sitting down, and will take to the historic 26.2-mile Boston Marathon route to walk in the most famous hometown walk of them all — The Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk. The Jimmy Fund welcomes more walkers from Cohasset and thanks the community for its support in the fight against cancer.

Together they expect to raise more than $4.5 million for the world renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, which treats adult and child oncology patients, and is the home base for some of the most innovative cancer researchers in the field today.

The 8,500 who will be walking in honor or memory of friends, family, co-workers, and child patients of the Jimmy Fund Clinic can't think of *anything* more important to do on a Sunday afternoon.

The Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk is the only event other than the Boston Marathon itself that is sanctioned by the Boston Athletic Association to use the historic route.

"Almost everyone you know has been touched by cancer in some way," says Emily Swymer, Walk director. "The Walk is a chance for people to do something... to take an active role in the fight to beat this disease."

Walkers may choose to walk the entire route from Hopkinton to Boston, walk 13.1 miles from the half-way point in Wellesley, or join Jimmy Fund Clinic patients and their families as they walk the final three miles in the Patient / Family Walk from the Harvard Medical School Quad, 200 Longwood Ave., to the Copley Square finish line.

Walkers are treated to a lunch party at Wellesley High School and a victory party at the Copley Square finish line complete with food, music, and a speaking program. Walkers begin in Hopkinton at 7 a.m., in Wellesley at 11 a.m., and at the Harvard Medical School Quad at 2 p.m. The heart and soul of this emotional and energetic event, the Patient / Family Walk begins as a party with food, games, and music for the children, and ends when hundreds of Jimmy Fund Clinic "Heroes" walk across the finish line behind a banner that reads: "We Are The Jimmy Fund."

Participants can register as a team or as an individual; each participant must raise a minimum of $100. Pacesetters, those who raise more than $750, receive special recognition from the Jimmy Fund, and are invited to a celebration at the start of the next Walk season. Participants are encouraged to form teams and walk in honor of those who have been affected by cancer.

"Every community can really make a difference for their family or friends by walking or supporting a walker," says Emily Swymer, director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. "The Walk is a proactive way for people to support cancer research and honor those affected by the disease."

The Jimmy Fund is a major fundraising arm of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Over the past 12 years, walkers and supporters have contributed more than $18.2 million to the world-renowned cancer research center. Dana-Farber Cancer Institute treats people with both childhood and adult cancers. It is among the nation's leading research centers for all forms of cancer. The Jimmy Fund is the official charity of the Boston Red Sox.

Be a hero. Walk or support a walker. To register, or make financial contributions, visit www.jimmyfund.org. Contributions can also be mailed to: Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, 375 Longwood Ave., 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02215. For more information, call 617-632-3562.



STAFF PHOTO/ CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset coach Deb Bosworth (white shirt, middle) tries to rally her troops at recent field hockey game.

Learning curve

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zone and Suzanne did a great job in front of the goal," said Bostwick. "There were some breakdowns too, but that's part of the learning curve."

Another lesson that has apparently yet to take root is protecting a lead. Twice last week, the Lady Skippers carried leads into the final minutes of games and twice they allowed their opponents — Middleboro and Scituate — to battle back for the tie.

On Wednesday, Bostwick's charges were 3:49 away from the win when host Middleboro punched home the equalizer.

The Skippers led twice in this game. Senior captain Abbey Coakley scored the game's first goal off of a nice free hit from Deanna Brown. After Middleboro tied it at 1, junior captain Heather Peraino scored on a nifty drive, the assist going to sophomore wing Kelly Hurley.

The Skippers carried a two-goal lead into the second half of Friday's home tilt with Scituate — Peraino scoring a pair, sophomore Danielle Pinkus the other — but the visiting Sailors potted two in the latter stages, the tying tally coming with just 2:30 showing on the clock.

"That was a little bit frustrating for the girls last week," said Bostwick. "We could easily have three wins right now, but learning to play with a lead is part of that learning curve too."

"Learning curve," as you may have discerned, has become a favorite catch phrase for the veteran coach this fall, and she applies it to all facets of her team, both on and off the field.

"If these girls want to be part of a winning program like we had last year, they're going to have to commit themselves like that group did," stated Bostwick. "To be honest, I have some questions right now about how committed some of these players are."

Understandably, Bostwick would not name names. She only said she would like to see team unity in general improve.

"These really are good kids I have, and a lot of them are working really hard," she continued. "I guess I just want it to become more contagious. I think this is part of the learning curve too, though. Hopefully, over the course of the season, we'll see an improvement in this area."

Bostwick pointed to the level of commitment displayed last week by Peraino, one of her few returning starters, who showed up to play despite suffering from laryngitis.

"That was a great example of leadership Heather set for the girls," said Bostwick. "She was a big part of last year's team so she knows what it takes. I don't even want to think about where we'd be without her right now."

Griswold-Johnston takes two riding championships

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peted over four days in the Amateur Owner Modified Jumpers Division with all four of her competition horses. Diane won first place on her French horse Viking on Thursday, second place on Viking on Friday and first place on her Oldenberg Mare Ariel on Sunday, winning not only the Championship but Reserve Champion as well.

Diane and both her French horses, King and Viking, had a very successful showing in June and July this summer after traveling to the Canadian National Horse Show in Calgary, British Columbia, competing in the Amateur Owner Jumper Division. After two weeks of competition July 4, Diane won not only one but two championships - one at the 3-foot-6-inch level and one at the 4-foot division.

She was the member of two teams competing in the Pris des Nations Cup, two perpetual trophies held permanently in the Spruce Meadows Championship Display Case. Team "Georgy Girls" consisted of four members: Mrs. Robi Greenberg from Far Hills, NJ, Donna Marki of Bedminster, NJ, Tracey Topping of Wellington, Fla., and Diane Johnston. Each rider had to have a clear round in the International Ring, with one to three 3-foot-6 jumps. There were 650 competitors.

Diane was again on another winning team— "Georgy's Hotcakes", where her teammates were all outstanding juniors, age 16, 18, 21 and Diane, respectively. Again this division had 60 competitors including the Canadian National Champion League. This was all achieved over a highly competitive 4-foot course, requiring not one but two clear rounds.



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Diane Griswold-Johnston poses with one of her horses at recent horse show

The season is over now and Diane has gone back to designing jewelry and tables at her worksite at the Lapis Tree, her jewelry-manufacturing firm in Boston.

Stay tuned for more news in 2002 in Palm Beach.

Bad breaks haunt Lady Skippers

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Norwell last Thursday, the hosts got the better of their guests, 3-1.

The Breakdown: trailing 2-1, and with a chance to tie the game in the second half, Cohasset senior captain Maggie O'Neill scored on a breakaway with a Clipper defender hanging all over her. Although O'Neill scored, and the rules of refereeing clearly state that advantage goes to the victim, Cohasset was awarded a penalty kick instead.

After a miss, the Clippers quickly jumped on the ref's miscall and scored soon after to give themselves a two goal cushion.

A bright spot of the game was junior forward Molly Flanagan scoring her first goal of the year. She finished second on the team in scoring in 2000.

One day removed from the Norwell game, Cohasset was dispatched by the female Green Wave, 3-0.

The Breakdown: occurring on the same day that rain canceled junior varsity field hockey games, Cohasset was slowed by the muddy field, and the extremely fleet-a-foot Abington team struck for two goals within four minutes.

The Lady Skippers clearly suffered throughout this game on defense, where they were without the services of three of their top backliners. Senior captain Carlie Carter is out for the year with knee surgery. Ailing junior defensive backs Maura McKenney and Julie Lordan will return to action next week.

With McKenney and Lordan out, midfielders were forced to move to defense. Fortunately, the midfield will be back up to full strength next week, something Beal said was very important to turning the team around.

While Beal has said that controlling the middle of the field is essential, she acknowledges that most of the goals her team has set for this season are not as concrete.

"When we met as a team to decide our goals, they weren't tangible goals," she explained. "They were more like 'we want to be committed to this team.' They are the little things that culminate in winning."

CHS fall sports schedule

JV FIELD HOCKEY

Sept.	Opponent	Time
28	Carver	3:30 p.m.
Oct.		
1	Norwell	4 p.m.

Home site: Alumni Field
Coach: Danielle Shaugnessy

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Sept.		
28	Carver	4:30 p.m.
Oct.		
1	Norwell	5 p.m.

Coach: Deb Bostwick

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Sept.		
29	Harwich	4 p.m.
Oct.		
1	Hull	7 p.m.
3	Norwell	7 p.m.

Coach: Deb Beal
Home site: Alumni Field

GIRLS JV SOCCER

Sept.		
29	at Harwich	11 a.m.
Oct.		
1	Hull	3:30 p.m.
3	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Kara Connerly
Home site: Milliken Field

GOLF

Oct.		
1	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
4	Abington	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Torin Sweeney
Home site: Cohasset Country Club

BOYS JV SOCCER

Sept.		
29	at Harwich	11 a.m.
Oct.		
3	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Rick Dockendorf
Home site: Milliken Field

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Sept.		
29	Harwich	6 p.m.
Oct.		
1	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
3	Norwell	5 p.m.

Coach: David Nigro
Home site: Alumni Field

FROSH/SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

Sept.		
29	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
Oct.		
4	Carver	3:30 p.m.

Home site: Milliken Field

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept.		
28	Mashpee	7:30 p.m.

Home site: Alumni Field
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
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At left, Cohasset junior varsity player Andrew Wise (white shirt) is tripped up by Norwell's Gery Good.

On right, Cohasset's John Andrade (white shirt) keeps the ball away from Norwell player in JV action last week.

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Frustration mounts for Skippers

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town Clippers clearly began to carry the play right from the opening kick. This got one to wondering just what rookie head coach Jack Browne said (shouted?) during the 15 minute break in action.

"I just told them that we needed to get to the loose balls a little quicker," said Browne innocently.

"I give the kids the credit," the 14 year assistant to legendary Norwell High soccer coach John Osgood continued. "They're the ones who went out an got it done."

Speed appeared to be the primary advantage forced by the Norwell players in the early stages of the second half, with Norwell forwards Pulsipher, Matt Hunt and Jason Grier leading several hard pushes deep into Cohasset's territory, seeming to force Skipper defenders back on their heels. One shot by Grier near the five minute mark flew just over the crossbar past clearly been Cohasset keeper Nick Spirito.

Cohasset had one golden opportunity to deliver a backbreaker not long after that when a steal near midfield led to quick break-in, and a nice short distance chip by Skipper forward Greg O'Connell over the head of Conlan. It was Norwell sweeper Pete Donovan who prevented the score from going to 2-0, though, arriving just in time to boot it wide of the goal mouth.

It was a fast hitting Norwell push a few minutes later, 16 minutes in, that led to the game-tying goal.

Hunt got the angle on his defender coming in from the right sideline, and slipped a pass across as both the sweeper and Spirito reacted, giving Pulsifer the room to drill it home from 20 yards out with his left foot.

Norwell continued to apply heavy pressure, but Spirito held fast in net, going high near the 20 minute mark to pluck a bullet from straight out 25 yards away off the foot of Norwell sophomore Ryan Henry, and charging the ball aggressively on several occasions to break up rushes.

There was simply nothing he could do about the game winner, however. Pulsifer initially tried a straight-on shot from 30 yards out that was blocked. The quick- thinking Norwell junior collected the carom, though, using his body well to hold off a defender as he dribbled to the left of the net and lofted a perfect cross-crease pass to a hard rushing Collins, who got over his mark on the fly to head it back the other way just inside the left post for the winner.

"You couldn't have asked for a much prettier or dramatic goal than that," said Browne, following the game. "Brent really did a nice job of staying under control and making that play and I give Shawn a lot of credit too because he did just what you're supposed to do with that kind of pass."

Understandably, Cohasset coach Dave Nigro was disappointed with the outcome, but even more so over the second half letdown.

"It just looked like (Norwell) wanted it more, and that's why they won," said the second year coach, now 0-4 against Norwell for his career. "They got to the loose balls faster than us, and they worked harder.

"We had some opportunities in the first half. If we'd capitalized, it might have been a different game, but we didn't get it done. You can't give away chances like those to a team like Norwell."

The Skippers entered the game with several of its top players dinged up. Captain Matt Bilodeau had sat out the Tuesday's game against Norton with a back sprain, and O'Connell re-aggravated his own back injury early in the second half, forcing him to the bench for the remainder of the game. Sweeper Robert Hickey was also ailing in this game, clearly favoring his left ankle.

"We have a lot of guys capable of stepping up, and they didn't," responded Nigro, when asked about these possible excuses. "The bottom line is that Norwell just outhustled us, and there's no excuse for that."

Nigro was appeased somewhat by Friday's 3-1 win at home over Abington, particularly over the second half showing, in which goals by Bilodeau and Kinchla broke the 1-1 halftime deadlock. The other score came from senior Dave Krueger, his first varsity tally. The win improved the Skippers to 3-2-1 on the season (2-1-1 in league).

"Things seemed to click for us a little bit better in the second against Abington than they have for a while," said the coach. "We'll move on from there, and hopefully build on that."

Looking to cut down on O'Connell's running, Nigro moved him to sweeper in place of the dinged up Hickey for the game. He also had to shuffle a lot of bodies in and out to compensate for the loss to injury of his most experienced defender, senior Steve Laney. Sophomore Chris Clark played the entire game on the backline, and Nigro said he did "a nice job of stepping up his performance."

The Cohasset boys were scheduled to play Carver at home Tuesday night, but that game was postponed due to rain and rescheduled for Oct. 29. They next play on Saturday night at home against Harwich (6 p.m. start).

Gridders keep rolling

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the Skipper kicker, and is a perfect seven for seven on extra point record this season. He also booted a kickoff into the endzone, a rarity in high school football.

With Anderson's kicking and very strong return and coverage units, Rolfe has been extremely pleased with his special teams.

"This is by far the best special teams I have had as a head coach," reported Rolfe.

Senior tailback Jason Brown is one of the main reasons the return game has been so solid. As the ball carrier, he floated up towards the 100 yard mark behind some very good holes produced by the offensive line.

"We had a marked improvement from last week," noted Rolfe, regarding his O-line. "We are going to go as far as the offensive line takes us."

What has also helped Brown is the nicely balanced offense, one that spreads out the defense. Twice in this past week, Rolfe had his receivers and quarterbacks stay later to practice, and he felt that the work paid off in Saturday's win.

With three straight wins to open the year, Skipper fans cannot help but be reminded of last year, where they ran into a brick wall in game four. After beginning 3-0 in 2000, the Skippers were beaten up by a Super Bowl-bound Carver team, and wound up the season 5-5.

This week, the Skippers have what could be another daunting week 4 task, taking take on Mashpee, a team that pummeled the Skippers 33-0 two years ago.

"We have got to have a clean game to beat them," Rolfe said.

Cohasset 21, CC/Harwich 6

Cohasset	**(3-0)**	**7**	**0**	**7**	**7—21**
CCT	**(0-3)**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**0— 6**

Co- Tom Anderson 6 pass from Mike Snowdale (Anderson kick)
CC- Frank Correia 6 pass from Bryant (run failed)
Co- Anderson 17 pass from Snowdale (Anderson kick)
Co- Paul Previte 11 fumble recovery (Anderson kick)

Cohasset golfers win first match

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset golf team picked up its first win on Monday over league rival Carver, 7-2, at the Cohasset Country Club to move to 1-3-1 on the season.

Number one Cohasset golfer D.J. Silvia shot a match best 2-over-38 to earn the win over his Carver counterpart.

Pat Reardon, Matt Ogrodnick and Robin Murphy also contributed points to the Skippers winning effort.

The win was notched in the absence of head coach Torin Sweeney, whose wife, Rebecca, gave birth to the couple's first child on Saturday. Olivia Mary Sweeney checked into the world at just a little over six pounds.

C.H.S. Athletic Director Ron Ford took over the reins from Sweeney to record the win.

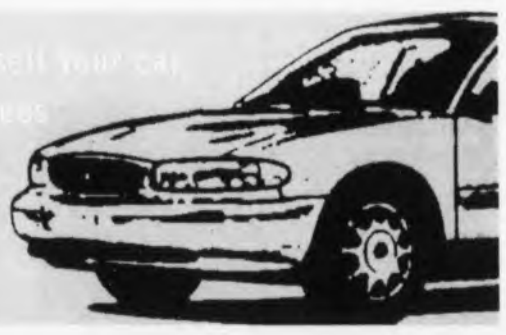

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Post Prom Party planning

It is that time again to start planning this year's post prom party. Planners are meeting at the South Shore Community Center on Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the senior room.

All senior parents are encouraged to attend and sophomore and junior parent involvement is also encouraged. Anyone from the community with artistic, creative, or construction skills is also welcome!

A site is needed to store all supplies for the prom party. The high school is not available due to renovations. A large room for storage needs to be found quickly. It would be ideal if the committee could work there all year too.

If you have any questions or ideas call Mary Sullivan at 383-6666 or Pat Baird at 383-6997.

'School and Community Profile' report completed and accepted

Since last January, Cohasset Middle-High School's professional staff, parents, and students have been working on a self-study in preparation for a formal accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in the fall of 2002.

At a meeting held June 5, Ed Leonard, chairman of the School and Community Profile committee, reported the results of a comprehensive statistical survey of the characteristics of the community and the needs, goals, and abilities of the students at the middle-high school. The report was accepted by vote of the middle-high school faculty. The other members of the School and Community Profile committee were Ron Emmons, Dennis Walsh, George Fortin, Debbie Beal, Alice McCarthy, Ellen Nesbitt, and Debbie Niessink. This report was the first of a series of self-study reports that will be used as part of the formal accreditation of the school by the Association.

A series of professional development dates have been scheduled for the present school year so that the professional staff members may continue their work: Oct. 5 (full day), Oct. 17 (early release day), Nov. 14 (early release), Dec. 12 (early release), Jan. 9 (early release), Jan. 28 (full day), Feb. 6 (early release), March 13 (early release), April 10 (early release), and May 1 (early release).

For more information contact: Marie Schleiff, or Michael Gill (383-4205), co-chairmen of the Accreditation Steering Committee, or Michael Jones, principal (383-6100).

School menu

MONDAY, OCT. 1
Fried chicken, mashed potatoes or tuna sandwich, carrots, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, OCT. 2
Chicken patty or seafood salad roll, vegetable cookie, milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3
Pasta with meatballs, dinner roll or ham and cheese sub, tossed salad, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4
Cheeseburger on a bun or wrappable sandwich, vegetable fruit, milk.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5
No students, Professional Day.

Kids classes at the Community Center

The South Shore Community Center has openings in the following gymnastics classes stop by at 3 North Main St., or call 781-383-0088 to register MC, Visa or Discover are accepted.

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Monday, 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m.

Gym Explorers ages 4 to 6
Monday, 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, 2 to 3 p.m.
Wednesday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tumblebugs - Age 3
Monday, noon to 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, 11 to 11:45 a.m.
Friday, 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

BEG./Int. Girls ages 7 to 11
Monday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Ages 5 to 8
Tuesday, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, 4 to 5 p.m.

Ages 6 1/2 to 11
Thursday, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Pancake breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Cohasset Soccer Boosters will be held at the Deer Hill School cafeteria on Sunday, Sept. 30, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Breakfast will include a variety of pancakes, bagels, beverages, etc. while supporting the varsity and junior varsity soccer teams.

Tickets are $5 each or a $20 maximum family donation. When purchasing a ticket you will also be entered in a raffle which will take place at the breakfast.

Tickets will be available through the soccer players or at local events around town. If you have any questions or would like to donate to the raffle call Kathie O'Neil at 383-1237.

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Hello to all the staff, students and families of the Cohasset schools. This page and column is dedicated to all of us who want to have another way for communication to be shared about our schools. The page will be in the fourth Thursday of each month and all material needs to be to me no later than the third Friday of the month. This information and news can be student notes, important dates and upcoming events, photos, fundraising news and so much more. All the news can be delivered to me in several ways.

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I am very excited to develop and maintain this page as I truly believe that positive communication is essential to us all. I am also looking for all feedback, suggestions and ideas as we move forward to enhance the information shared in Schools In Cohasset. All items for November need to be to me no later than Oct. 19.

I want to take this time to thank all of the staff and support people for handling the news of our country in such a professional way. To have this support for us as parents and for the students means so much to us all. It is also reassuring to know that safety measures at all schools are in effect and that we are working together as a school community in the months to come. As always, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the victims and the families involved.

METCO Host families needed!

METCO(Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity) is the longest-running inter-district voluntary school desegregation program in the nation. Thirty-two suburban communities participate in METCO. The Cohasset School System has been a host to Boston students for the last 30 years.

The Cohasset PSO organizes a "host family program" that matches Boston students with a local classmate. This year, they are looking for 10 new host families. If you would like to know more about being a host family or would like to be involved in this enriching exchange in any other way, please contact Lisa Dunne at 781-383-1596.

Fundraising programs

The gift-wrap program is coming to a close. Please turn all orders into the appropriate school on Friday, Sept. 28. If you wish to order any of these great items, you can call **Karen** Doonan at 383-2070

The Deer Hill School students will be out selling some yummy Little Caeser's Pizza starting on Oct.12. Make sure to find a Deer Hill student or, if you miss them contact **Adrienne MacCarthy** at 383-1028.

The high school will sell magazines starting on Oct.11 and the middle school will begin selling on Oct. 22. We all read magazines and this is a great way to do some wonderful holiday shopping!

Debate team

The Cohasset Debate Team is always welcoming students interested in current events and this year's topic is, "stopping the spread of weapons in mass destruction." Last year, the varsity team placed third in the league tournament held at Tabor Academy in March. The Eastern Mass Interscholastic Forensic League, incorporates the Towns of Cohasset, Foxboro, New Bedford, Scituate and Somerset. It also includes Bishop Feehan, Bishop Stang, Notre Dame Academy and Case Parochial schools. Tabor Academy is the lone independent school in the league. A variety of schools makes for good competition, that is for sure.

What is limiting the team is that each four-person team, also needs to send a judge to each of the five meetings in order to debate. There have been years where entries have needed to be limited because of the lack of judges. Any Cohasset parent or resident who would like to be a judge should get in touch with **Mr. O'Neil** at the Cohasset Middle/High School for more information, at 383-6100. This sounds like a fascinating way to keep informed in todays current issues and to hear what our teens feel about them.

Making a difference

Make A Difference Day, a day that is shared across America is being held on Saturday, Oct. 27. Make sure to watch for all notices and information sent home with your child and in the upcoming editions of the Mariner in the next few weeks. This day has such a tremendous value for so many reasons and in light of the recent events in our country, it will have so much more of a value in our society. Please mark it on all your calendars and date books and whatever the day has in store, know that you and your family can indeed, "Make A Difference!"

PAC to meet

All families with children who have a special needs issue with their children should make sure to mark your calendar for the kick-off meeting of the Parents Advisory Council, otherwise known as PAC. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month and the October meeting will be held on Wed., Oct. 3 at 7:30 in the Osgood School Music Room. This is a wonderful way for you to ask questions, find the answers and know your child's rights. If you have any questions or comments, call **Jamie Williams** at 781-383-3075 or **Allison Moskow** at 781-383-9242.



BIG DIG BEGINS

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Principal Paul Callahan is joined by Evan Deutsch, Alex Laas, Alexandra Boehmke and Charlotte Glick during the ground breaking for the new addition and renovations to the Deer Hill School last spring. Stay tuned to the Mariner for lots of school photos this year.

Open houses a success

I would like to commend the staff at both the DeerHill and Joseph Osgood Schools for the exceptional jobs they did for the Open Houses held this past week. Both schools had such a positive feeling that was evident in the hallways, classrooms and teachers. Particularly touching to me was the effort put forth at both schools to honor and remember the tragedies that our country went through, in so many beautiful ways. At the Deer Hill, donations were given in exchange for a ribbon and at the Osgood School, awesome flags, wind socks and other Red, White and Blue beautiful decorations. I just want to thank all of the people involved for their hard work anddedication to our children and I am sure I speak for many!

JOSEPH OSGOOD SCHOOL PRIVATE

The Joseph Osgood School is off to a wonderful start of the school year. Under the direction of new school principal, Mrs. Janet Sheehan, the students, staff and parents have all adapted to the new school start time and developed a great routine in their day.

The PSO served a wonderful breakfast to the staff at the Osgood recently and it was so good. They had fresh fruit, baked goods, juice and coffee and lovely bouquets of flowers. It was enjoyed immensely by all.

Bus monitors have been in place for the start of the year and a special thanks goes out to all of you. Although their are still a few kinks that need to be worked on, the overall bus service is great. Dismissal and drop-off procedures are being adjusted as needed and with a little more time should be A-OK. Please contact the school office at 781-383-6117 with any questions or comments you may have.

The staff at the Osgood has done such a wonderful job in dealing with the tragedies that have happened in our country over the last few weeks. On Friday, Sept.14 at noon, a statement was read and the school had a moment of silence as part of the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the victims of Sept.11. After that, the entire school sang the National Anthem. Did you know that Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" 187 years ago on the day of our observance, Sept. 14?

Please make sure to watch for news and information on the Character Education Program. The topic for the months of September and October is *empathy*. The meaning of empathy will be explored through classroom discussions, bulletin boards, stories, quotes and take-home activities for families to do together. This fantastic program is a great opportunity to involve children, parents and staff in learning ways to develop character. Please encourage and work with your child at home, it does make a difference.

All emergency forms, medical forms and other important information should be returned to school as soon as possible. With the number of families in the school system, it is so important to take care of this right away in the event of an illness or emergency.

DATES TO REMEMBER
FOR OCTOBER

10/2 — Osgood PSO Meeting, 9:15 am. Call Sarah Porter at 383-2029 for location.

10/2 — Osgood School Council Meeting

10/4— School Pictures, watch backpacks for information

10/5 — No school, ALL SCHOOLS, Professional Day

10/8 —No School Columbus Day

10/11, 10/18 —Early release days, No Kindergarten.

DEER HILL SCHOOL

All of the staff, students and parents seem to be having a great start to the school year and have been relatively calm amidst all the construction that is taking place. The staff have worked very hard in making the adjustments as painless as possible and Principal Mr. Paul Callahan has been instrumental in that effort. Please continue to help in the drop-off/pick up lines and follow the proper flow patterns. If everyone works together it makes each day a lot nicer for bus drivers, teachers and students to deal with.

Our sixth-grade students will return tomorrow from their week-long trip at Camp Bournedale. This experience is such a wonderful and memorable part of school. I remember when I was in sixth grade going to Camp Wing and it was super. I am sure that next month's school page will have some pictures and memories to tell.

Please remember to turn in all health and emergency forms as soon as possible. This helps to make everyone's job a little easier and smoother.

The PSO held a wonderful breakfast here for the staff on Friday, Sept.14. It was a great way to show the staff how much they are appreciated and welcome them all to the start of the 2001-2002 school year.

A few welcomes are in order to Miss Jennifer Gately, a new fourth-grade teacher and to Mrs. Donna Lowd who will substitute for Mrs. Suzi Corkhum while she is on maternity leave. Welcome to you both!

A call is going out to the residents of Cohasset for some extra rugs. If anyone has a rug that is hanging around without a use, why not consider donating it to the floors at the Deer Hill School? Also, if you happen to have an old sofa that needs a new home, the library at the school would be a great place for it. Call the office at 781-383-6115 for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER
FOR OCTOBER

10/5 — No School, Professional Day

10/8 — No School, Columbus Day

10/9 — Deer Hill PSO meeting, 9 am

10/11, 10/18 — Early Release Days

10/12 — Deer Hill Pizza Sales begin

10/16-10/18 — Deer Hill Book Fair

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

The staff and students at the Middle/High school have had a great start to this school year as well. So many programs, opportunities and events are happening and have happened that the students are exposed to many areas of learning. Make sure to read ahead and learn about a few of these opportunities.

A strong and cheery hello goes out to the new staff members at the Middle/High School. We will spotlight some of the new faces and people in upcoming school pages. At the High School, Penelope Brindley, a mathematics teacher and Nancy Hanson, an English teacher have joined the ranks.

At the Middle School, many new people have joined the staff.

Carolyn Crimmons, English; Jonathan Fortin, mathematics; Cynthia Gordon, social studies; Janice Rosenburg, science; Heidi Olson, Spanish; Richard Smith, technology; Kerri Ann Conley, Laurel Hickey and Kathleen Mirachi, special needs; and Laura Swartz, art. METCO Coordinator is Aleisa Gittens-Carle and shcool psychologist is Deborah Reutzel. Welcome to all of you and when any parents have the opportunity to meet these great new staff members, make sure to say hello and welcome.

Mr. Jack Buckley let us know about the Summer Institute program that runs in the summer and one of the wonderful adventures that they took part in was aboard the "Ernestina" a sail boat in which students went for three days and learned so much. , If you go to www.ernestina.org, click to enter and look on the right side of page where you will find the word, *welcome*. Find August 2001 and click on Aug. 18, 19 and 20! It is amazing and well worth the internet visit. The kids had a fantastic time and literally, "learned the ropes" of the ship, learned how to handle sail, climb aloft, raise sails and navigate. The did scientific investigations of the marine life in Vinyard Sound, plankton identification and otter trawls. It sounds amazing and a trip is tentatively planned for next summer during the week of July 24, 2002. What a great and worthwhile program for our students to do.

Another great opportunity was when 12 students from Scituate and Cohasset embarked on an adventure for nine days to study the Glacier National Park. The guide for this was science teacher, principal and former national park interpreter, Jude Chauvette of Manchester, N.H. The goal for the students was to learn the geology, ecology, natural history and human history of the Park and Waterton Park, Canada, the International peace parks. Students took part in hiking, camping, horse-back riding, educational center tours and daily classes on associated topics. This was the second in a series of four national parks that they plan to use as Summer Institute study sites. Next summers destinations are tentatively, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Canada.

Another group of students involved in this institute program worked on the Little Harbor Water Quality Study, an ongoing project that began three years ago. Four students took weekly water samples from designated test sites and conducted microbiological tests, the results of which will be used by the Cohasset Board of Health to monitor the quality of water in Little Harbor. This project was funded in part by a grant received from MIT.

Learning definitely happens in so many ways and to have these kinds of wonderful opportunities in addition to the in school learning is awesome.

DATES TO REMEMBER
FOR OCTOBER

10/3 — Middle School Back to School Night

10/4 — High School Back to School Night

10/5 — No School, Professional Day

10/8 — No School, Professional Day

10/12 — Middle School Fall Fling Dance, 7:30-10 p.m.

10/16 —PSO Middle/High School meeting, 7 p.m. in the guidance office

10/17 — M/HS Early Release Day, 11:20 am.

Middle School Picture Day

10/22-10/26 — Spirit Week

10/27 —HS Football vs. Nantucket Homecoming Game, 2 p.m. Homecoming Dance 7:30-10 p.m.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

7:29 a.m. Cedar Ledge Village, abandoned 911 call.

8:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:32 p.m. Rustic Dr., fire investigation.

12:40 p.m. Black Horse Lane, suspicious activity/person(s), investigated.

1:20 p.m. Nichols Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:13 p.m. Spring St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:27 p.m. Holl St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:34 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:42 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:05 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

5:19 p.m. Elm St., general services.

5:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

6:13 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

7:32 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

9:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

1:17 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:24 a.m. South Main St., general services.

4:49 a.m. King St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

8:17 a.m. Beechwood St., general services.

9:53 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., traffic control.

10:35 a.m. Norfolk Rd. and Cushing Rd., suspicious activity/person(s).

10:43 a.m. North Main St., fire investigation.

11:49 a.m. North Main St., larceny.

1:21 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle, area search negative.

5:30 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., traffic control.

6:27 p.m. Clay Spring Rd., fire investigation.

8:16 p.m. South Main St., parking violation, ticket issued.

10:06 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s), area search negative.

11:07 p.m. Sankey Rd., medical aid.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

12:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Sean M. Daggett, 21, of 236 Taylor Ave., Plymouth. Charges: Operating after license was suspended/revoked; expired inspection sticker; failure to display plates while operating a motor vehicle.

2:21 a.m. North Main St., assist citizen, advised civil action.

3:36 a.m. Hull St., fire, misc.

3:57 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, misc.

5:31 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, misc.

10:42 a.m. Elm St., missing person, departmental action.

11:14 a.m. Highland Ave., fire, investigation.

1:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

3:45 p.m. Ripley Rd., suspicious activity/person(s), area search negative.

4:14 p.m. Howard Gleason Rd., parking complaint.

8:05 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint, services rendered.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17

8:39 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:22 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop traffic citation/warning.

10:15 a.m. North Main St., fire investigation.

2 p.m. Beechwood St., officer wanted.

6:23 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:40 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious activity.

7:26 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist other police department.

8 p.m. Deane St., notification.

8:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, notification.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

12:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window.

7:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic control.

9:01 a.m. Parker Ave. and Border St., fire investigation.

10:49 a.m. Grace Dr., fire inspections.

10:50 a.m. Tower Ln., fire inspections.

10:51 a.m. Summer St., parking violation.

2:22 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:33 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity.

7:19 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious activity.

10:39 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

12:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, registration inquiry.

12:29 a.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

1:17 a.m. North Main St. and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:38 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop.

7:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop.

12:49 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

1:44 p.m. North Main St., well being check.

2:51 p.m. Brook St., animal control.

3:05 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle violations.

5:11 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.

5:33 p.m. South Main St., suspicious person.

6:52 p.m. Linden Dr., fire investigation.

7:43 p.m. Beach St., and Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, investigated, report taken.

8:05 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:36 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious activity.

8:57 p.m. South Main St., disturbance.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

1:01 a.m. Pleasant St., open door/window.

2:38 a.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle accident.

7:22 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic warning.

8:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:42 a.m. Beechwood St., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:45 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

10:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle accident.

10:55 a.m. Jerusalem Ln., and Atlantic Ave., property found.

11:30 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:32 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

11:43 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

2:16 p.m. Bancroft Rd., wires down.

5:31 p.m. Atlantic Ave., well being check.

6:29 p.m. Reservoir Ave., animal control.

7:20 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

7:26 p.m. Nichols Rd., fire investigation.

8:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

7:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general info.

9:33 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:16 p.m. Surry Dr., wires down.

POLICE BRIEFS

Dangerousness hearing held on Cohasset man

A dangerousness hearing was being held yesterday at Quincy District Court as the Mariner went to press at which police requested Robert A. Paton, 40, be held without bail. Paton, who, as a condition of his probation was ordered to stay out of Cohasset and have no contact with his mother, was back in town and staying at his mother's apartment at 60 Elm St., police said. Police may also seek a warrant charging him with violating his probation, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

Police, while on routine traffic detail, spotted Paton driving his mother's car last Tuesday and checked to see if he was allowed back in town and was informed by dispatch that he was not.

After further investigation, police charged Paton with threats to kill, assault, extortion by threat of injury and disorderly person. Police said Paton has a history of abusive behavior toward his mother.

OBITUARIES

Beatrice E. Collins

Beatrice E. (Huskins) Collins, 90, a Cohasset resident since 1943 and a retired teacher, died Sept. 14, 2001, at Queen Anne Nursing Home in Hingham after a long illness.

She taught in Boston and Weymouth schools during the 1930s. She taught in Cohasset from 1944 to 1952 and in Hingham from 1953 until her retirement in 1983.

Mrs. Collins was a member of the Hingham Retired Teachers' Association and the Canton Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was a volunteer at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth and enjoyed traveling, reading and handicrafts.

Mrs. Collins was born and raised in East Boson and was a graduate of East Boston High School and Boston State College.

Wife of the late James F. Collins, she leaves two daughters, Joan D. King of Concord, N.H., and East Falmouth and Judy E. Walling of Rockland; two brothers, Arnold Huskins of Pittsfield and Lloyd Huskins Sr. of Cohasset; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was celebrated at Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham.

Donations may be made to the Old South Union Congregational Church Scholarship Fund, 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth 02091.

Gertrude E. Young

Gertrude Elizabeth (Karl) Young, 98, of Cohasset, an elementary school teacher, died Sept. 3, 2001, at Norwell Knoll Nursing Home.

Mrs. Young was a second-grade teacher at the Joseph Osgood School from 1948 to 1969.

She previously taught in Fairhaven and Acushnet schools for seven years.

Mrs. Young and her husband, Clark N. Young, who died in 1986, owned a boat in Martha's Vineyard where they spent their summers. They belonged to a group called Vineyard Voyagers and cruised together in the summer. She continued boating activities until 1980.

She and her husband also took cruises to the Caribbean, Alaska, Hawaii and Europe and would take at least one cruise each year after their retirement.

Mrs. Young was active in Cohasset elder affairs, the Garden Club, the Amateur Garden Club and the Cohasset Discussion Club. She was prompter for the Cohasset Dramatic Club.

She volunteered for many years at the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset.

Born in Fairhaven, she graduated from Fairhaven High School in 1920 and received a teaching certificate from Bridgewater State College in 1922. She had lived in Cohasset since 1944.

Mrs. Young leaves a son, Clark N. Young Jr. of Cohasset, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Carolyn Young.

A memorial service was held at Second Congregational Church, Cohasset. Rev. Gary Ritts officiated.

Arrangements were handled by Mortimer N. Peck-Russell Peck Funeral Home, Braintree. Donations may be made to Trustees of Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 106 South Main St., Cohasset.

WORSHIP NOTES

Spiritual lifestyle

Storyteller and author Matthew Kelly will discuss how to improve your physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual lifestyle on Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish, 10 Summer St.

Kelly, 28, of Australia, has spoken internationally on how to solve the problems that our lifestyles can pose. His book, "The Rhythm of Life," focuses on the importance of what you become, rather than what you do or possess. For directions, call 781-383-0219.

Abbey interfaith lecture series

The Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, announce the beginning of their third annual series devoted to inter-religious conversation, "Listening to Other Voices," beginning on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7:15 p.m. at the abbey.

Glastonbury Abbey is committed to fostering mutual understanding among faith communities in the local area. This series is one effort to provide the space and impetus for people to come together locally.

The overall theme of the 2001-02 series, "Spirituality in Everyday Life." The first speaker is Ellen Kushner, host of WGBH's popular series, "Sound and Spirit." Kushner hosts, writes and produces the segments for this program which airs on more than 100 stations. Kushner is a graduate of Bryn Mawr and Barnard Colleges in Anthropology and the Arts and worked in New York in publishing. Her second novel, "Thomas the Rhymer," won the 1991 World Fantasy Award and the Mythopoeic Award.

Future speakers in the 2001-02 series include Maya Tiwari (Maya Ma), a Vedic Hindu monastic healer; Charles Clough, Jr., a CEO and Deacon on Wall Street; Victor Kazanjian, Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life at Wellesley College; Allan Palmer, a teacher of Chanoyu, the Japanese art of tea; and Tom Beaudoin, author of "Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X."

All events are held on Thursday evenings from 7:15-9:15 p.m. Reservations are strongly recommended and may be made by calling Glastonbury Abbey at 781-749-2155. The lectures are free. Donations are welcome.

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CHIEF JUSTICE CUSHING HIGHWAY

LEGAL NOTICE
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A certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on the southwesterly side of Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A), Cohasset, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, more particularly described in Article 1.1 of the Ground Lease and shown as Exhibit A of said Ground Lease, which is Registered as Document No. 724160 in the Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court.

The above described premises are subject to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions, agreements and rights of record insofar as the same are in force and applicable.

The above premises will be sold and conveyed subject to the above and subject to all unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TERMS OF SALE: Twenty-five Thousand ($25,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

1. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of the bid.

2. If the successful bidder fails to comply with any term of the Memorandum of Sale, by failing to complete the purchase or otherwise, the Mortgagee retains the option, at Mortgagee's sole discretion, to complete the sale by selling the Premises, subject to the terms and conditions of sale stated therein, to the next highest, qualified bidder.

3. The Premises shall be conveyed subject to any tenants in occupancy and subject to any leases, if any, affecting said Premises.

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ELLMS MEADOW WELL FIELD

Sealed bids for the **"ELLMS MEADOW WELL FIELD"** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, until **October 24, 2001** prevailing time on **10:00 AM.** The sealed bids will be public opened and read aloud at the office of the Town Manager at 10:00 AM prevailing time on **October 24, 2001.**

The work includes replacing the existing well field with six new wells and an aboveground manifold pipe, in addition to miscellaneous appurtenances. The project also includes developing the new well field and testing.

This project is the first stage in the Town's effort to replace the existing Ellms Meadow Well Field water supply source. The second phase will replace the existing pumping facility and structure.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

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2) Dodge Reports

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Contract documents and plans will be mailed upon request and receipt of a **separate** non-refundable check made out to Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc. for $50.00 to cover handling and mailing costs.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition will be refunded his payment. Any non-bidder shall forfeit his deposit if he does not return the documents prior to the bid opening.

A certified check or satisfactory bid bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, payable to the Town of Cohasset in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Price must be furnished by each bidder together with a letter of intent on the form provided. This proposal guarantee will be returned after the Contract has been executed.

Work is conditional upon receiving authorization of funding at the November Town Meeting. The project is scheduled to be completed during the coming winter season (2001-2002).

A performance bond and a labor-material payment bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required of the successful bidder. These bonds and the certificate of insurance on form ACORD 25-S (3/88) as amended MUST be delivered to the Town of Cohasset Town Manager within ten (10) days of award. The five percent (5%) bid bond will not be returned to the successful bidder until the one hundred percent (100%) performance bond has been established in satisfactory form. The performance bond is to be in effect for one year beyond completion of the project.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening thereof without permission of the Town of Cohasset Town Manager.

The Town of Cohasset Town Manager reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informalities in the bidding, or accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the Town of Cohasset.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 AM** on **October 16, 2001** at the Water Department, 339 King Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The successful BIDDER shall be required to comply with the applicable State and Federal prevailing wage laws.

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Mystery in Scituate

Novelist gives nod to South Shore town in new book

By Seth Jacobson
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A new mystery novel aimed at the younger generation by Scituate native John Prophet pays tribute to the town he loves so much. As a matter of fact, Prophet will tell you the story actually takes place in a "fictionalized Scituate."

The book "Mystery at Salt Marsh Bridge," focuses on two teens trying to unravel the mystery of a girl from the area who mysteriously disappeared in 1898. The story is not based on actual occurrences, but even so, Prophet said his new book will provide young readers with some good storylines and some interesting twists.

"I never intended to make this some sort of historical novel," Prophet said. "And even though the book is aimed at young adults, I think everyone will enjoy reading it."

The two main characters in the book are Casey Miller and his friend Lexie. As the boy and girl team looks into that mysterious disappearance, they start seeing strange things happen. They begin to get death threats, for instance. The local librarian dies. They also stumble upon a cache of gold coins.

"It's not a very complicated story," Prophet said. "But when Casey and Lexie start trying to figure out what's going on, they find themselves in a bunch of dangerous episodes. With this book, I really wanted to show teens in a positive light."

Prophet, now 68, said he started writing "Mystery at Salt Marsh Bridge" back in 1994 when he was living in California. The first thing he wanted to do was find the perfect setting for the story, and he immediately thought of Scituate, the town where he lived for 30 years.

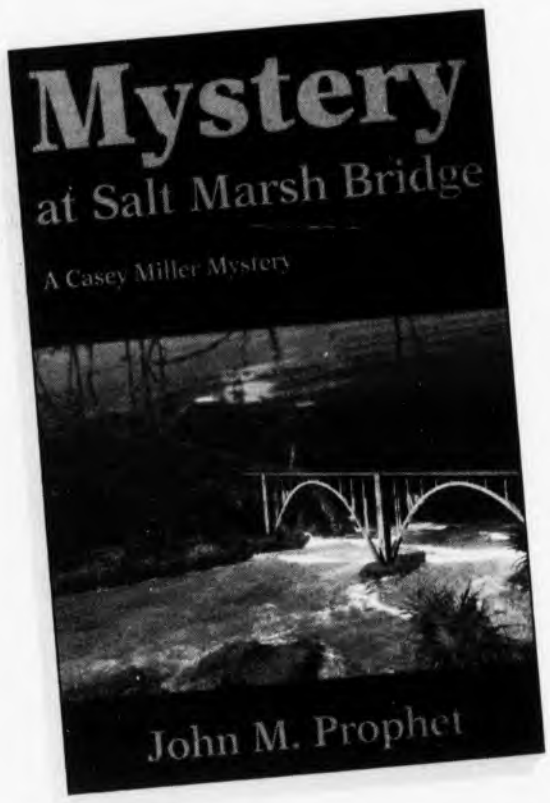
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In order to establish characters for the book, Prophet found himself reaching back to his childhood days in Waltham where he grew up. Initially, he created two male characters based on two of his old friends, but as he thought more about it, he figured he should have one boy and one girl for the story.

When it came to deciding on a plot line back in 1994, Prophet was influenced by some of the scandals going on in the news.

"It seemed like there were a lot of cover-ups going on at the time," he said. "I didn't use the actual incidents I saw on television for the story, but cover-ups are the main themes of the novel. As I kept writing and developing the plot, I never knew how the book was going to end."



The book was finished in March and since its release, Prophet, who is now living on Cape Cod, has been getting a great response from readers of all ages.

"It was hard work," he said of the writing process. "The most difficult part was being able to stay organized. I've never written a book before. I used to be a stockbroker, so the things I read were a lot of financial textbooks. To put the book together, I had all kinds of writing guidebooks right next to me. I had something like 15 books on fiction writing." During the course of writing the book, Prophet said he also took a children's literature course.

But he has never been a stranger to personal writing. Over the years, he has written volumes of journals with funny poems and short stories. However, while he was writing his new mystery, he found himself overly-discouraged at times.

"My confidence was low when I was writing the novel," he added. "I never even expected to finish, and I never thought I'd be able to get it published anyway. I also didn't think I'd be able to accept too much criticism."

But Prophet was able to overcome those feelings, and in the end, he was able to self-publish his book through I-Universe.com. With that book under his belt, Prophet already has another in the works.

"The new book will have the same two characters," he said. "It's going to be called 'Body in the Marsh,' and it centers on an art-theft ring." He said his goal is to finish the book by December. He added he has the blueprint of a third novel in his head.

Nowadays, Prophet only has one problem. He can't stop looking at copies of his freshly-published book.

"Having it in print is like having a new baby in the house," he said. "I just can't keep my eyes off it."

To order a copy of Prophet's book, call (877) 823-9235 or log onto Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com and Iuniverse.com.

Badfinger's back

70s rockers headline at Vincent's Oct. 3

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

For those who still couldn't get enough at the time, Badfinger was the band that carried the Beatles' musical torch into the 1970s.Or so it seemed for a few years.

The phenomenal success of the Beatles during the 60s spawned legions of bands who were stylistic followers, and even outright imitators. But none could claim the genuine personal and professional Fab Four connection of Badfinger.

The British quartet was the first band signed to the Beatles' Apple Records label. Paul McCartney wrote and produced their first U.S. hit single, "Come and Get It," which highlighted the band's debut album, based on their soundtrack music for the Peter Sellers — Ringo Starr film The Magic Christian. From there, the group played on George Harrison's All Things Must Pass album and later supported the singer onstage at his benefit concert for Bangladesh. They also backed up John Lennon on his Imagine album and Ringo on his hit single "It Don't Come Easy." All the while, the band itself scored three more major U.S. hits — "No Matter What," "Day After Day," "Baby Blue" — and generated one more, "Without You," written by Badfinger member Pete Ham and a 1971 chart topper for Harry Nilsson and, more recently, a hit for Mariah Carey.

Apple Records proved a fabulous launching pad for Badfinger, but it also threw the band into turmoil when the label fell apart under mismanagement and confusion. Through the mid 70s and 80s, Badfinger experienced label switches, bad business deals, lost recording and publishing royalties, legal entanglements that delayed or halted album releases and less successful albums and singles that were released, all of which led to the depressions and eventual suicides of two band members, singer/guitarist Ham and singer/bassist Pete Evans.

Singer/guitarist Joey Molland eventually picked up the pieces and has sporadically regrouped Badfinger with various sidemen for club and arena tours through the 80s and 90s. Despite the pain and tragedy of the band's past, Badfinger and its music have maintained a strong, devoted following all along. Now touring as Joey Molland's Badfinger, the band is sure to attract many of its area fans once again when it pulls into Vincent's, in Randolph, for an appearance in the club's Wednesdays Rock! concert series on Oct 3.

"Badfinger did try to be pure about the music," said Molland in an interview quote to lead off the liner notes of a newly released Capitol Records band compilation CD, The Very Best of Badfinger. "I don't think Pete Ham wrote 'No Matter What' to make money out of it. I think he wrote it because it was a genuine song that he had," Molland said.



Badfinger with founding member Joey Molland (right), John Richardson and Mark Healey, will perform Oct. 3 as part of Vincent's in Randolph's "Wednesdays Rock" series.

Straight from the source, Molland's words probably best describe Badfinger's enduring artistry and appeal. The band's four major hits all reached the U.S. Top Ten in the early 70s for good reason. They were perfect car-radio, rock/pop hits with distinctive vocals, guitar hooks and production that simply jumped out of the speakers.

Badfinger released other singles, less popular but nearly as skillful and inventive. The band's 1968 debut single, the chamber-strings ballad "Maybe Tomorrow," was issued on Apple under the name the Iveys and became a British hit. Other songs such as "Name of the Game," "Midnight Caller" and "We're For the Dark" tastefully blend surefire Beatlesque pop hooks with artsy, English Reniassance folk-style production.

The original "Without You," first released on Badfinger's 1970 No Dice LP, lacks the radio-ready atmosphere of Nilsson's #1 hit, but features strong vocals by Ham and melancholy lead-guitar adornments. OK, but could Badfinger rock? Well, maybe not with the world-dominating abandon of Led Zeppelin or Aerosmith, but a riffy workout such as "Rock of All Ages" manages to kick out a trashy good time, and "I'll Be the One" even serves up a touch of harmony-rich, Eagles-style country-rock.

All of these tracks and more are included on the new compilation disc. Together, they offer an engaging portrait of a troubled but memorable career. More information about Badfinger can be found on the band's webpage at www.hollywoodandvine.com/badfinger.

Leaf peeping from on high

Blue Hills hosts fall foliage festival Oct. 6-7

By Seth Jacobson
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The days are getting shorter.

The nights are getting colder.

Drew Bledsoe keeps throwing interceptions.

It must be the time of the year for fall foliage.

And this year local leaf peepers shouldn't rush off to New Hampshire or Vermont to catch the colors of autumn. Blue Hills Ski Area in Canton will be giving foliage enthusiasts a lift, literally. On Oct. 6 and 7 the ski area will open its main chair-lift to give visitors a bird's eye view of the turning leaves during its first Fall Foliage Festival.

"The festival basically centers on the beauty of the area," said Bryan Eckert, one of the planners of the event. "People will just be able to see the whole reservation from the chairlift, and they'll be able to catch some of the season's best views."

Eckert said he doesn't know how many people to expect this year, but he said the staff will be able to accommodate all those who show up throughout the course of the weekend.

In addition to having the chairlift available at the event for the public, there will also be plenty of refreshments and grilled food. There will also be a snowmaking demonstration with the facility's newest snowmaking machine which has a 150-pound water pump installed in it.

"It'll just be neat for people to see how that thing works," Eckert said. He added the facility's ski shop will also be open, offering plenty of pre-ski season deals.

Eckert said the new fall foliage festival was the product of a lot of recent brainstorming with Blue Hills general manager Dennis Byers and many other members of the Blue Hills staff.



On Oct. 6 and 7, the public is invited to take a chairlift tour of the foliage at Blue Hills Ski Area in Canton. The event is the first one of its kind at the facility.

"We all got together and decided we should definitely do something for the fall," Eckert said. "We all knew we wanted to capitalize on how beautiful this place is in the fall. When all was said and done, the festival is what we came up with."

"It gets so beautiful here. It's spectacular scenery."
Tammy Woodbury, Blue Hills staff member

"What better way to exploit our natural resources?," added Tammy Woodbury, another member of the Blue Hills staff who helped plan for the event. "It gets so beautiful here. It's spectacular scenery."

When the staff planned the event, they knew Columbus Day Weekend would be the perfect time for the festival, because many people go to Blue Hills anyway to do things like hike and take bike rides.

"We want to see how it goes this year, and then we'll probably try to expand it a little more," Eckert said. He added he and the staff would like to make the festival an annual phenomenon.

"I think people are just going to love being able to get around easily on the chairlift and see all the spectacular sights. There are so many different colors. It's breathtaking when you see it for yourself. Blue Hills is close and easy to get to. This will be a great way to kick off the fall season."

For more information call (781) 828-5070 or log onto Thenewbluehills.com. Admission to the festival is free, but there is a $5 charge for chairlift rides.



Folks who decide to join in the foliage festivities can either take a chairlift ride, or they can take a moment to absorb the glorious scenery on foot.

Living

Farmstand tomato sauce



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Tomato sauce made with fresh farm stand tomatoes sounds simple, quick, and easy and produces a wonderful companion to pasta when tomatoes are flavorful, and local. However, many cooks overcook the tomatoes, draining them of their fresh flavor and texture, creating a sauce that is no better than tomato paste, a culinary faux pas when tomatoes are ripe and luscious.

First, however, I set out to test four types of tomatoes: canned, supermarket, farm stand, and those fresh from my own garden. When tasted both raw and in a tomato sauce, the grocery store tomatoes were slightly sour and not nearly as good as Muir Glen canned tomatoes. Both fresh varieties were wonderful. The conclusion? Never make a fresh tomato sauce with store-bought tomatoes - either buy them fresh locally or use canned. (The latter, however, lacks the bold, rich flavor of just-picked garden tomatoes.)

The next question was whether the tomatoes had to be skinned and seeded. I made a batch of sauce using peeled tomatoes, a batch using peeled and seeded tomatoes, and one with tomatoes that were not seeded or peeled. Unfortunately, the skinned and seeded tomatoes were the winner. When cooked, tomato skin curls up which is unattractive and it tastes papery. The good news is that skinned tomatoes cook faster, in about 10 minutes instead of 15. Using a sharp peeler (I like the Oxo model), I found that tomatoes can be peeled just like an apple. If you don't have a sharp peeler, you can make a cross-hatch cut in one end and plunge the tomatoes into boiling water for 30 seconds. For my money, I find this process too much work for a simple sauce so either use a good peeler or live with the skins. The seeds are quickly removed by cutting the tomatoes in half through the equator, holding one half firmly, and throwing the tomato away from you (don't let go) with a quick jerking motion. The seeds and liquid will fly right out. (I prefer plum tomatoes for this recipe since they have fewer seeds and are less watery.) For this recipe, I preferred a half-inch dice once the tomatoes are peeled and seeded for a quick-cooking but chunky sauce.

Many folks muck up a good fresh tomato sauce with too many ingredients. Having tested scores of recipes, I have come to the conclusion that olive oil, garlic, fresh basil, and salt are all that is necessary to complement quick-cooked tomatoes. I prefer the garlic pressed, not diced, since it produces better flavor and diced garlic is more likely to burn. Heating two tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet, I found that the garlic is best when cooked only one minute. You want to remove the harsh, raw garlic flavor without losing its fresh flavor. The tomatoes needed 1/2 teaspoon of salt to bring out their best flavor. To finish, I added 10 or so ripped fresh basil leaves, about 3 tablespoons, and also finished the sauce with one tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil. (As a general rule when making sauces using olive oil, it is best to reserve some of the oil until the very last minute in order to preserve its fresh taste.) I found cooking the tomato sauce in a large skillet minimizes the time it takes for the tomatoes to break down and the sauce to thicken. The final touch is to add the cooked, drained pasta to the skillet and cook the sauce with the pasta for just a minute. If necessary, a bit of the pasta water (always reserve a cup or so) can be added to thin out or stretch the sauce to coat the pasta. Finally, for a quick variation, I add 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes to the olive oil along with the garlic.

FRESH AND QUICK SKILLET TOMATO SAUCE

Peeling and seeding the tomatoes is an important step. The easiest method is to use a very sharp peeler such as the Oxo brand although tomatoes can also be boiled for 30 seconds and then placed into ice water. The outer skin will then come off easily.

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 medium garlic cloves, preferably pressed (or minced)
2 pounds (8 to 10 medium) garden fresh ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and cut into 1/2 inch pieces
1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
3 tablespoons (about 10 leaves) fresh basil ripped into pieces or roughly chopped Italian parsley
1 pound pasta

1. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a 10-inch skillet or sauté pan over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute or until fragrant but not browned. Stir in the tomatoes and salt and increase the heat to medium high. Cook until the tomatoes have broken down and the liquid has thickened to form a sauce, about 10 minutes. Add the basil or parsley.



2. Meanwhile, bring 4 quarts of water to a boil over high heat. Add 1 tablespoon of salt and 1 pound of pasta to the water and cook until al dente (start checking about 4 minutes before the package directions). Drain, reserving 1 cup pasta cooking water. Add the pasta and remaining tablespoon olive oil to the skillet. (If you don't think the skillet is large enough to hold the pasta you may add the pasta and sauce back into the pasta pot.) Reduce the heat to low and toss the pasta and sauce for 1 minute adding some of the reserved water, if necessary, to thin out the sauce. Serve immediately with Parmesan cheese and freshly ground black pepper.

SPICE FRESH TOMATO SAUCE

Add 1/4 teaspoon (or to taste) red pepper flakes to the olive oil along with the garlic.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

An Aquarius moon today and tomorrow generates an upbeat mood. All group activities, team sports, community endeavors are highlighted. You can make gains networking and collaborating with others to achieve common goals. Focus on humanitarian, environmental concerns; this is a favorable period for promoting and developing programs or causes.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

A lunar alignment to Uranus warns you to expect the unexpected this morning. Go with the flow; change your routine. Be open to new ideas, experiences. The moon continues active travel in Aquarius, and an alignment of the sun and Neptune occurs a few minutes after midnight. This combination enhances creativity and may inspire new discoveries. Follow your intuition; pay attention to your dreams. The evening is prime for gathering with friends and enjoying the good things in life.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

At 1:27 a.m. the Aquarius moon becomes inactive. A Pisces moon takes over at 2:50 a.m., setting the stage for a relaxing weekend. Put career or domestic worries on the back burner; rest, unwind, recharge your batteries. If you have work projects to accomplish, plan to get them out of the way today. It may be difficult to focus and easy to overlook important details; double-check for accuracy. On the other hand, you can make gains developing projects that require your imagination and creativity.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

A 90-degree alignment of the moon and Saturn warns you to start this day with a positive attitude. Count your blessings. Others may be moody, hypersensitive. Don't make waves. At 9:02 a.m. the Pisces moon becomes inactive; traveling at the tail end of the zodiac for the remainder of the day. No major planetary activity occurs. That means that this is a day to kick back, veg out, enjoy leisure activities.

MONDAY, OCT. 1

October begins with a barrage of planetary activity. Mercury starts retrograde travel at 3:23 p.m., the last degree of Libra. Mercury will turn direct October 22. The planet Venus is also in high profile, bringing a focus on relationship matters, financial issues. Venus interacts with Pluto and Mars today, Jupiter tomorrow and Saturn Wednesday. The moon travels at the tail end of the zodiac, inactive until 3:08 p.m., when it enters Aries. A full moon buildup may generate restlessness, sleeplessness. It's okay to burn the midnight oil catching up on work or study projects.

TUESDAY, OCT. 2

Gear up for a busy day. You can be most productive, if you carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. The full moon culminates at 9:49 a.m., 9 1/2 degrees of the sign Aries. Sidestep irritability, impatience. Use extra caution when driving or operating machinery. Slow down. The Aries moon continues active travel, forming major alignments to Pluto, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

An Aries moon continues to set a fast pace. Channel high energy constructively. Be sure to have a clear plan of action; pay extra attention to details. Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, opposes Jupiter at 1:09 p.m. Don't take risks or overdo on any level. Know your limits. Get back on track with exercise programs. Tackle projects that need physical exertion, stamina. You can be most productive.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

Storm clouds begin to move out at 12:44 a.m., when the Aries moon becomes inactive. An earthy Taurus moon takes over at 2:01 a.m., and a 90-degree alignment to Neptune occurs midday. Others may be sleepy, careless, forgetful. Things may not go as planned. On the other hand, influences are prime for developing creative projects. Follow your first impression; your instincts are on target. Plan a romantic evening with the love in your life.

Fall-blooming favorites for the mixed perennial border

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the month of September draws to a close and the days grow shorter with the passing of the autumnal equinox, even the most meticulously maintained perennial borders tend to lose their overall, tidy appearance. Many plants seem to flop and sprawl as they don their varied autumn tints. My eloquent friend, Sydney Eddison, garden writer and lecturer extraordinaire, likens the appearance of the fall perennial garden to a "proper lady removing her girdle," a portrait which ideally describes the transition of our gardens during the fall season. Even the most stalwart, upright plants are inclined to relax as they prepare for their winter's nap after a long season of colorful splendor.

The perennial garden in autumn is not without its star performers, with daisy-like flowers leading the parade. In the sunny border, billowing clouds of tiny white daisies glow across the landscape on the perfectly upright, 4-foot tall, blue-green stems of Boltonia "Snowbank," a hardy perennial which seems to thrive in nearly any soil. Hardy asters offer a wide range of colorful daisies ranging in height from 6-inch dwarfs to 6-foot giants. Flowers may be pink, red, lavender, purple, blue or white and are highly favored by butterflies. The variety, "Alma Potschke" is particularly appealing with its unique shade of strawberry-pink flowers. These native perennials perform best in moisture-retentive soils. Montauk daisies (Nipponanthemum, formerly Chrysanthemum nipponicum) provide showy, 21/2-inch blooms reminiscent of shasta daisies, set against glossy, dark green, leathery leaves. These shrubby perennials are ideal candidates for seaside gardens or sandy, well-drained soils; their woody stems should be cut back severely in early spring to promote compact growth.

A bounty of bees and butterflies are beckoned by the spectacular mounded domes of the upright forms of fall-blooming sedums. Flowers of pale to deep pink are to be found in the varieties "Brilliant," "Matrona," and "Neon"; "Stardust" dons sparkling, white umbels. Variegated cultivars, such as "Frosty Morn," are grown for their attractive foliage, their flowers having less decorative value than their more colorful cousins. Queen of the sedums is the variety "Autumn Joy" which resembles broccoli in mid-summer, becomes pale pink as the season progresses, intensifying in color to a deep, russet-red in autumn, and finally forming dense, sturdy rusty-colored domes which persist through the winter months providing attractive winter forms in the dormant garden. Sedums prefer full sun, well-drained soils and minimal quantities of moisture.

The fluffy, tall spikes of Liatris scariosa "White Spires" offer another welcome source of early autumn blooms. Less well known than its earlier-blooming cousins which have denser clusters of rosy-purple, this late-blooming gay feather shares the same fairly unique habit of opening from the top down, the reverse of the majority of spiky blooms. Give these American natives very well-drained soils, particularly during the winter months.

By mid-September, many shady borders become a monotone of lackluster green. A majority of our handsome hostas begin to fade, their decorative leaves start to shrivel, blue-leafed cultivars turn to deep green, and spent flower stalks, often covered with seed pods, rise above the declining foliage, but the shady garden still boasts several colorful, late-blooming stars.

A personal favorite, the unique, deep pink flowers of turtlehead, Chelone obliqua, are dazzling at the back of my shady borders. Each blossom resembles a turtle's head. The flowers appear on compact terminal spikes, rising from 3-foot stems clothed in dark green, lustrous, serrated leaves which are handsome in all seasons. These native wildflowers require moist soils but are otherwise carefree, hardy perennials.

Few perennials offer the intense, cobalt-blue flowers of the fall-blooming leadwort (Ceratostigma plumbaginoides). Its brilliant blue flowers appear above mats of deep green foliage which gradually turn to a deep bronze or red as the season progresses. An excellent groundcover for dappled shade in well-drained soils, it is particularly lovely when grown in combination with the charming flowers of the Japanese anemones whose loose clusters of round, single or semidouble flowers in pink, rose or white appear to dance on wiry stems, hence the common name of windflower. Members of the anemone family produce mounds of attractive, compound leaves and thrive in deep, moisture-retentive soils.

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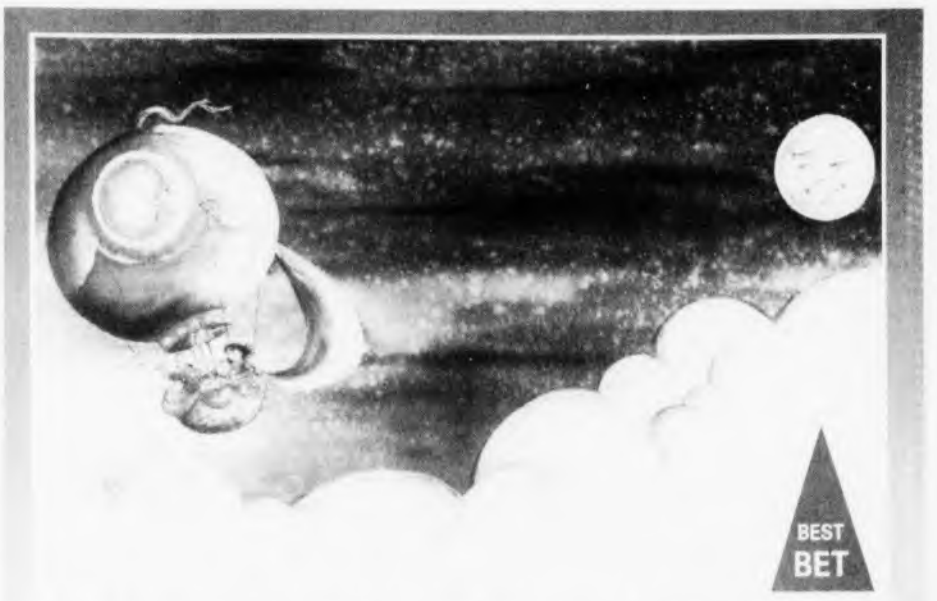
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THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH presented by Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey at the Fleet Center from Oct. 12 - 21. Performances are scheduled Tues. - Fri. evenings at 7 p.m. (except Fri. Oct. 19 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) Sat. at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37 - $11 for all performances and are on sale at the FleetCenter box office and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at 617-931-2000. For group rates call 617-624-1805.

BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK will take place on October 21 at 11 a.m. at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury. This benefit is in memory of 13-year old Brittany Lambert who died in Oct. 1998 after a 2.5 year battle with myelosdisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. Fee is $12 ($15 after Oct. 6). For applications visit the website at www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org call Linda Haehnel at 781-582-2598.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Oct. 10: Southern Rock Rebellion Band. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.



The Helen Bumpus Gallery at the Duxbury Free Library presents Illustrations by Joan Drescher, author of The Moon Balloon from Sept. 28 - Oct. 31. There will be a Family Workshop and Reception on Sept. 30 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. The Library is located at 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

Thurs. 27

Crafters Wanted! For Glastonbury Abbey Attic Sale in Hingham on Oct. 13. Please call 781-925-5821.

Museum of Fine Arts. Boston provides respite after Tuesday's tragedy with free admission through Sept. 30. The museum's galleries and three gardens will be open for visitors who wish to find a place of peace and reflection during this painful time for our community and the world at large. The MFA is open seven days a week and the hours are: Mon. - Tues., 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 9:45 and Sat. - Sun., 10 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. Located at 465 Huntington Ave. For more information call 617-369-3448.

The Art Complex Museum presents "A Novel Idea" at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury through Nov. 30. There will be a reception on Sept. 30 from 2 - 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibition features images of books in all mediums by thirty-two artists. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4

Gallery AA/B Exhibits Recent Works of Three Massachusetts Artists entitled "Life's Fabric", showcasing Mary Gattis, Rosemary Hoffenberg and Jean Sbarra. The exhibition will be up through Oct. 26 on Wed. and Fri. from 12 - 5 and by appointment. An opening reception will be held from 5:30 - 8 p.m. on Oct. 4. The Gallery is located at 11 High Street in Milton. For more information call 617-698-9700.

Fri. 28

Fifth Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Hospice of the South Shore in sponsorship with T.K. O'Malley's in Scituate Harbor taking place on September 28. Widow's Walk, Scituate. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., Shotgun Tee-off at 8:30 a.m., Cash bar at 1:30 p.m. and awards luncheon at 2 p.m. Prizes include: Team prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Gorilla, hole-in-one prize on all par 3 holes, longest drive, male and female, closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, raffles and par 3 poker. Sponsorship information, corporate advertising information and registration forms can be obtained by calling Nancy Testa at 781-545-8374 or Judy Huxley at 781-337-4067.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members and $8 nonmembers. Proper dress required. For more information call 781-331-0021.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach. The Grandsons. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

The North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell presents "Here on the Flight Path" on Sept. 28 and 29 and Oct. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. All performances are $14 per person and reservations can be made by phone. For more information or reservations call 617-476-8947.

Curtain Call Theater announces the production of Alice in Wonderland. Performances are Sept. 28, 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. with two performances on Sunday at 2 and 8 p.m. The CCT Clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commercial Streets in Braintree. All tickets are $10. For more information call 781-356-5113.

"Basic Black" will perform Sept. 28 at 9pm at The Red Lion Inn, 71 Main St., Cohasset, 781 383 1704.

AD-IN of Plymouth (Attention Deficit Information Network) presents speaker Robert Doyle, MD, Pediatric Psychopharmacology Clinic, Massachusetts General Hospital with an update on ADHD Research. All meetings are held on Fridays at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School on Long Pond Road in Plymouth beginning at 7:15 p.m. A $3 donation at the door is suggested, an annual family membership is $15.

Sat. 29

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club presents a moderate/difficult walk, some hilly terrain for 3 plus miles. Bugbee Path to Buck Hill. Return by Doe Hollow and the Massachusetuck Trail. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Rangers recommend that you wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

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BEST BET

Bay State Stompers Dixieland Band will perform a concert Saturday, Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Bridgewater Center. Bring the family to the Bridgewater Downtown Business Association's Annual Autumnfest Celebration. For more information call (508)279-1100.

Events and Place Courtesy Photos

Immigrant Museum presents Italian Art Exhibit and Literary Programs through October 27. A powerful and intimate exhibit on Italian immigrants by internationally recognized artist B. Amore. The exhibit runs at the museum's Chiu Gallery and traces seven generations of one family who emigrated from Italy to Boston. Dreams of Freedom, One Milk Street, Boston. Visit the website at www.dreamsoffreedom.org. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is $7.50 for general and $6.50 for senior citizens and college students. $3.50 for children between 6 - 18. Wheelchair accessible. On Sept. 29, Italian Poetry and Family Readings with Robert Viscusso, president of the Italian-American writers association from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more information call 617-536-6622.

North and South Rivers Watershed Bike Tour will take place from 9 a.m. - noon. Meet at the YMCA on Ferry Hill Road in Marshfield and depart at 9 a.m. for a 20 plus mile bike tour of the Watershed. We will cover this challenging distance at a leisurely pace to Hanover and back. Please no children under 15. Helmets are required and please bring your own drinking water and snacks. Suggested donation is $5 per person. Register by calling 781-659-8168 or e-mail rsrca@aol.com.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra presents pianist Marina Lomazov for the 86th season opening concerts on Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. in the Duxbury High School Auditorium. Single tickets range from $20 - $28. Senior, youth and group discounts are available. $5 student "rush" tickets are sold at the door one hour before performance. Tickets may be purchased at 16 Court Street in Plymouth at the Snow Goose Shop, The Studio of Duxbury, and Noble's Camera Store in Kingston. For more information call the office at 508-746-8008.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street in Duxbury, 781-934-6634. Sept. 29, the Duxbury Bay Maritime School will hold it's a Classic Boat Day from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. On Sept. 30, the Antiquarian Book Fair at the Alden house Museum from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. will kick off a schedule of events. From 1 - 4 p.m. the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society offers "Pages from History." Ship Logs and Sailor's Hymnals. There will be an opening reception for "A Novel Idea" at the Ellison Center from 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibition features images of books in all mediums by thirty-two artists. All programs are free except where noted.

Rockland Library announces Appraisal Day Fundraiser where area residents can learn the value of porcelain, pottery, toys, dolls, silver, paintings, furniture and rugs from Skinner's appraisers from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Rockland Memorial Library on the corner of Union and Belmont streets. Pre-registration at the library is encouraged with donations of $10 per item or three items for $25 recommended. Good quality photographs, including one of the entire object and another of the detail should be substituted for fragile items or for larger pieces of furniture.

16th Annual Oktoberfest will take place at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church Tavern, 916 Main Street in Hingham on Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sept. 30 from 12 noon - 4 p.m. Free admission. King Ludwig's Bavarian Band. Dancing. Children's Table, authentic Oktoberfest food and drink, bake table, prize and more. This event will benefit the Local South shore and Boston charities.

Daniel Webster Farm Day will take place on Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Rain date is Sept. 30. Admission is $5 and children 5 years and under are free. Hayrides, farm animals, over 40 crafters and exhibitors, farmer's market, a giant hay maze and munchkin maze, games of chance, a chili fest and homemade baked goods at Janet's Country Kitchen plus foot stomping music with the Back Eddy Bluegrass Band. Volunteers are needed. Please call for registration forms or more information at 781-837-9400.

Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Benefit to be held on Sept. 29. The benefit is to raise awareness and research funds for this rare disease in which symptoms include persistent burning, pain, swelling, muscle spasm and skin discoloration. For more information check out the RSDS website at www.rsds.org.

A four mile "Hike for Habitat" will be held by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth on Sept. 29. Walk will begin at 9 a.m. in the WalMart parking lot, Route 3A, North Plymouth. Route is to Plymouth Rock and back. Sponsor sheets are available at local libraries or by calling the Habitat office at 508-866-4188.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Bellevue Cadillac. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. On Sept. 29 - "Family Kite Festival." Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website ate www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

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Sun. 30

The Mass Bay Road Club presents a Fall Harvest Tour that begins at Cranberry Crossing in Kingston at 8:30 a.m. Choose a 30 mile or 50 mile ride where the routes wind their way through the cranberry bog filled towns of Kingston, Plympton, Halifax, Carver and Middleboro. Bicyclists are also welcome and helmets are required. Meet behind the Exxon and Dunkin Donuts. For more information call Claire Connolly at 781-749-6410.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents Illustrations by Joan Drescher, author of The Moon Balloon from Sept. 28 - Oct. 31. There will be a Family Workshop and Reception on Sept. 30 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Located at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-2721.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month is J. Marshall Dyke. His paintings will be exhibited for the month of September at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street in Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

"A Shore Thing" a collection of recent works at the Scituate Art Association Gallery, 132 Front Street in Scituate by Cohasset Artist Don Paiva, will be on display through Sept. 30. Gallery hours are Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. For more information call 781-545-6150.

Scituate Photographer Featured in September at the Science Center. The South Shore Natural Science Center is pleased to announce a photography exhibit by Scituate artist Peggy Roth Majors through September 30, 2001 in their Vine Hall Gallery. Entitled "Natural Renditions", the exhibit features both traditional and digitally altered photography. This is Ms. Roth Majors' first solo show, and includes work that reveals her passion for nature. An unusual touch is a display oriented towards children. Her note card line, Windyworld Creations, as well as several unframed prints will be available for sale during the exhibit. The exhibit can also be viewed free of charge during the month of September, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30am to 4:30pm. The Science Center is located in Norwell on Jacobs Lane, off Route 123, less than a mile from the Route 3 interchange. For more information, call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

The Extraordinary Oil Paintings of award winning South shore artist Lisa Johnson are presently being featured at Gallery-By-The-Sea in Plymouth. Her work captures a moment in time along the rocky coastline of Cohasset, the harbor of Scituate and the river inlets of the South Shore. Lisa Johnson will be featured through Sept. 30. Gallery-By-The-Sea is located at 44 Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sun. from noon - 5 p.m. For more information call 508-746-8823.

Scituate Town Library will host Paintings of Robert Beaulieu during the month of September. His tremendous skill with light and color can be seen in all his oil landscapes. His work focuses on familiar areas in the South Shore including Young's Boatyard, the North River and Cohasset Harbor. For more information call 781-849-7380.

Braintree Art Association member Ottilie Brown will be displaying her paintings for the month of September at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street in Braintree.

Local Artists Displaying Work Around Town by members of the Weymouth Art Association through September. In the Town Hall: Paintings by Hedda Zona, Paul Lindstrom, Martha Donovan, Marie Cassani, Gail Coyle, Josephine Bottari, Lauren Demore and Kay O'Brien. At Snyders Jewelers, Maureen Hardiman, Helen and John Shaw and Yvonne Gillis will have paintings displayed. At Jordan Insurance, Mary Mainiero, Kate Manning, Reva Gordon, Jean Clark, Isabel Shamitz and Arnold Turner will have paintings displayed. At Rizzo Insurance, the works of Jeanne Mulligan, Joseph Nover and Anne Porter will be displayed. At Colonial Federal Savings Bank will display a painting by Edwina Caci. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Silverwood Trio to Perform at South Shore Conservatory on Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. Admission is free. Formed in 1995, the Silverwood Trio is a classical ensemble with Cindy Woolley, flute and soprano, Walter Halvorsen, cello and Paul Hoffman, piano. The Trio is committed to performing a wide range of musical styles from Baroque to contemporary as well as original compositions by pianist/composer, Paul Hoffman. For more information call Laura Carleton at 781-934-2731 ext. 14.

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Jacqueline Kennedy - The White House Years at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point in Boston on Sept. 30 from 4- 5:30 p.m. with Betty Monkman, White House Curator. The forum is entitled: The White House: Its Historic Furnishings and First Families. The exhibition is open daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information or reservations call 617-929-4571.

Blue Hills Mountain Bike Day sponsored by the MDC will take place on Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Take exit 3 off Route 93 and follow signs. Helmets are required for all rides and eye protection and gloves are recommended. There will be special rides and events for kids, expo area with bike repair demonstrations. Bring your own bike. For more information call 617-698-1802.

The Standish Humane Society will hold its Seventh Annual Walk for Animals at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham on Sept. 30, rain or shine. The route is paved and handicapped accessible. The registration for this walk will be from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every participant with a registration donation of $40 or more receives a free T-shirt. For more information call the Standish Humane Society at 781-834-4663.

Jimmy Tingle to headline "Celebration of Compassion" at Lombardo's in Randolph from 5 - 8 p.m. The benefit dinner will raise funds to support the Esther R. Sanger Center for Compassion, a Quincy charity that serves the needs of those in crisis on the South Shore. Reservations, at $35 per person, may be made by calling 617-847-6967.

Mon. 1

Boston Harbor Cruises Takes Boston by Sea through Oct. 1. Hours are Thurs. - Sun. from 1 - 3 p.m. Rate: Adults: $19, students and seniors are $17 and children are $10. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Tour the Islands with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $8, students and seniors are $7 and children are $6. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonharborcruises.com.

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Comedian and commentator Jimmy Tingle will be the guest speaker at the 3rd Annual Celebration of Compassion, Saturday, Sept. 30 at Lombardo's in Randolph from 5 to 8 p.m. The benefit dinner will raise funds to support the Esther R. Sanger Center for Compassion in Quincy, a charity serving the needs of those in crisis on the South Shore. Reservations are $35 per person and can be made by calling (617) 847-6967.

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Boston Harbor Cruises Whale Watches through Oct. 1. Rate: Adults: $29, seniors are $25 and children are $23. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Cruise into the Sunset through Oct. 1. Length of tour: 90 minutes. Mon. - Sun at 7 p.m. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

Historic Sightseeing with Boston Harbor Cruises through Oct. 1. Tours run seven days a week: 1:00 p.m. and 3 p.m. departure times. Rate: Adults: $17, students and seniors are $14 and children are $12. Located at Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. For more information visit www.bostonboats.com.

The Nantucket Arts Festival will take place from Oct. 1 - 7. Celebrating the arts on Nantucket representing all media and disciplines. Venues available throughout the town of Nantucket. For more information call 508-228-1700.

Christelle Cumbow-Holland will be exhibiting her artwork at the Scituate Town Library over the month of October. For more information contact the Scituate Town Library.

Tues. 2

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Discovering Nature Together" - a series for Tuesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Fee per adult/child pair is $72 non-member; $60 Mass. Audubon. Held at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center. For more information or to register call 617-333-0690.

Wed. 3

Vincent's In Randolph Schedule Of Wednesday Night Live Concerts. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Oct. 3: Badfinger. Tickets are $23 in advance and $26 the day of the performance. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com or by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries outlets. For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

James Library and Center for the Arts present Storyteller Steve Harvester to kick off the storytime schedule beginning on Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. This event is designed for preschool-age children, older siblings and their parents. Located at 24 West Street in Norwell. Phone registration is available by calling 781-659-7100.

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session program for Elders and Caregivers in the South shore area on four Wednesday evenings in Oct. The session will begin with a light supper from 6 - 6:30 p.m. followed by the program from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided to Cohasset residents. Sessions will be held at the Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset. Oct. 3: a panel of lawyers will discuss Legal and Financial concerns of Elders. Pre-registration is required. A donation of $8 for the entire series, or $2.50 per session is requested. For more information call Tish Clark or Carol Barret at 781-383-9112.

Reunions

THE QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956 will hold their 45th reunion on Nov. 10 at the Quincy Sons of Italy Hall, 120 Quarry Street in Quincy. The cost is $40 per person which includes dinner, music and dancing. Please RSVP to Jim Tantillo at 781-585-4315 ext. 14.

J E BURKE HIGH FOR GIRLS will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on November 4 at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information: 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.

QUINCY HIGH CLASS TO HOLD 40TH REUNION for the class of 1961. Held at the Phillips Old Colony House, Morrisey Blvd., Dorchester, MA on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person. For further information call Carol Bertoni Swett at 781-843-6546 or Donna Beers Anderson at 781-843-8143.

The Holmes Public Library presents a free series of Financial Planning Seminars at the library, 470 Plymouth Street in Halifax from 6:30 - 8 p.m. On Oct. 3: "Women and Money" Issues, opportunities, choices. To reserve a space call 508-293-2271.

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood For Kids are hosting T.M. Murphy, author of "The Belltown Mystery Series", at Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. Mr. Murphy will talk about mystery writing, read from his latest book, "The Secrets of Code Z" and sign copies of the Belltown Mysteries. Reservations are requested for seating purposes. Please call 781-749-2665 or 781-741-1406 to reserve or order your signed copy.

Thurs. 4

"Lily pads and Dragon Flies," a show of color photography by local photographers Matthew Zappala and Don Butler, on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center through Oct. 4. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

"Help The Quincy Fire Fighters Make Children's Wishes Come True" One event to assist this worthy cause has been scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001 at 7 p.m. The Quincy Fire Fighters Association is hosting a fundraiser at the Lantana function facility in Randolph. The evening will consist of a silent, local interest auction followed by a night of music performed by the Beatles tribute band "GET BACK". The night promises to be filled with fun to benefit such a wonderful organization. Tickets are only $20 per person and may be obtained by calling 617-376-1027. Donations for this organization are also accepted by making checks payable to the Make A Wish foundation and sending them to The Quincy Fire Fighters Association, P.O. Box 690737, Quincy, MA 02269. Please help the Quincy Fire Fighters make children's wishes come true.

Feng shui workshops on creating more love, passion and romantic happiness in your relationships conducted by Mary Kathleen Stewart, president of Feng Shui Boston, will be held on Oct. 4 and 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center at 45 Pond Street. Cost $28. Registration required. Call 781-982-1616.

Fri. 5

Artreat, a weekend retreat to inspire your creative spirit on Oct. 5, 6 and 7 in Sandwich. Enjoy the fall colors and beauty of Cape Cod through hiking and canoeing as well as outdoor drawing and painting. Five meals and two nights accommodations are included in the full weekend retreat running from 5 p.m. on Fri. Oct. 5 to 2 p.m. on Oct. 7. The cost is $215. (You may also register for Sat. only for $125.) To register or receive a detailed brochure call 508-747-5929.

"A Touch of Whimsy...Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly", a show of recent acrylic and collages by local artist Brooks Kelly will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center from Oct. 5 - 31. An opening reception for the public will be held on Oct. 12 from 7 - 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located at 24 West Street in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-7100.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Priscilla Herdman on Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. $13 for members and $15 non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Barrence Whitfield, Groove Juice Symphony. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham are proud to host JohnHenry, a professional magician, actor and entertainer. JohnHenry will be in Hingham for a 10 a.m. show followed by the making of balloon animals. He will then perform two shows at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. For more information call 781-383-2665.

Ongoing Events

Third Annual Plymouth Area Mental Health 5K Run/Walk and One Mile Fun Walk on Oct. 13 at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School, Long Pond Road in Plymouth at 10 a.m. $15 day of race registration from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. For additional information call 508-732-3014.



Fall storytime at the James Library and Center for the Artss kicks off Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m with guest storyteller, Steve Harvester. The minister at Church Hill United Methodist Church in Norwell, Harvester has performed across New England since 1989, spinning lively tales for children of all ages. The event is free and open to the public. To register by phone call (781) 659-7100.

Meetings

MOTHERS & MORE: South Shore Chapter. If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about MOTHERS & MORE!!! Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers", those who have altered their career paths to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Teri Angelis at (617) 328-5605 for meeting location and additional information.

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WRITERS GROUP - Buttonwood Books has established the Buttonwood Writers Group to encourage, motivate and support adults interested in creative writing and meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. Call 781-383-2665 for more information.

Fall Foliage and Cranberry Harvest will take place at Edaville Railroad from mid September through October 21. Come and experience the process of harvesting cranberries and enjoy the 5.5 mile narrow gauge train ride through acres of cranberry bogs, around the reservoir and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. Edaville USA is open weekends and holidays through Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is located on Route 58 in Carver. For more information call 508-866-8190.

Ron Wilson Photography Exhibition, "The Art of Landscape" will be on view at the Sparrow House Museum through Oct. 28. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Admission to the historic house museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information or directions call 508-747-1240.

Artica Gallery presents "Anorando (Longing) Landscape Painting by artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann. The exhibit will run through - Oct. Located at 22 Depot Street, hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. For more information call 781-934-0640.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil paintings of Plymouth Artist Rita Brace until the end of Oct. Brace and her paintings expand a wide range of subject matter, from still lifes to landscapes. The Staircase Gallery is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their acappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

"Mamma Mia," the smash hit musical has been extended at the Colonial Theatre in Boston through Oct. 14. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $82 - $27 and are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and all Ticketmaster outlets as well as the Colonial Theatre Box office, 106 Boylston Street in Boston. For more information call 617-426-9366.

Immigrant Museum presents Italian Art Exhibit and Literary Programs through October 27. A Powerful and intimate exhibit on Italian immigrants by internationally recognized artist B. Amore. The exhibit runs at the museum's Chiu Gallery and traces seven generations of one family who emigrated from Italy to Boston. Dreams of Freedom, One Milk Street, Boston. 617-338-6022. www.dreamsoffreedom.org. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is $7.50 for general and $6.50 for senior citizens and college students, $3.50 for children between 6 - 18. Wheelchair accessible.

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Cohasset vets honor new American heroes

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Trade Center. "A few minutes later, we knew exactly what had happened that this country was deliberately attacked."

The assembled veterans and crowd numbering about 100 joined post chaplain Charles Daly in prayer and also sang together "Amazing Grace" and "God Bless America." A firefighter tolled the bell on the Cohasset ladder truck. Taps was played by Carly Pipes.

Police Sgt. Robert Jackson, a US Navy veteran, said the tragic events essentially made everyone an American veteran.

"New heroes went to help with quiet resolve to right the wrong," Jackson said. He then talked about the task ahead.

"The conflict we find ourselves in won't be short and certainly won't be pretty," he said, adding that a lot would be asked of the American people who would prevail.

"We pause to honor the new American heroes and pray for those who sail in harm's way," Jackson said. "Tomorrow the flags go to full staff and we as an American people will work together to eradicate this horror."

Thomas Wigmore, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, said the American Legion would become a support center for any families of US service men and women who may be deployed. He asked that "everyone keep an eye on the kids and family members."

"I'd hate to see a child go without Christmas gifts or a family sit down without a supper," he said.

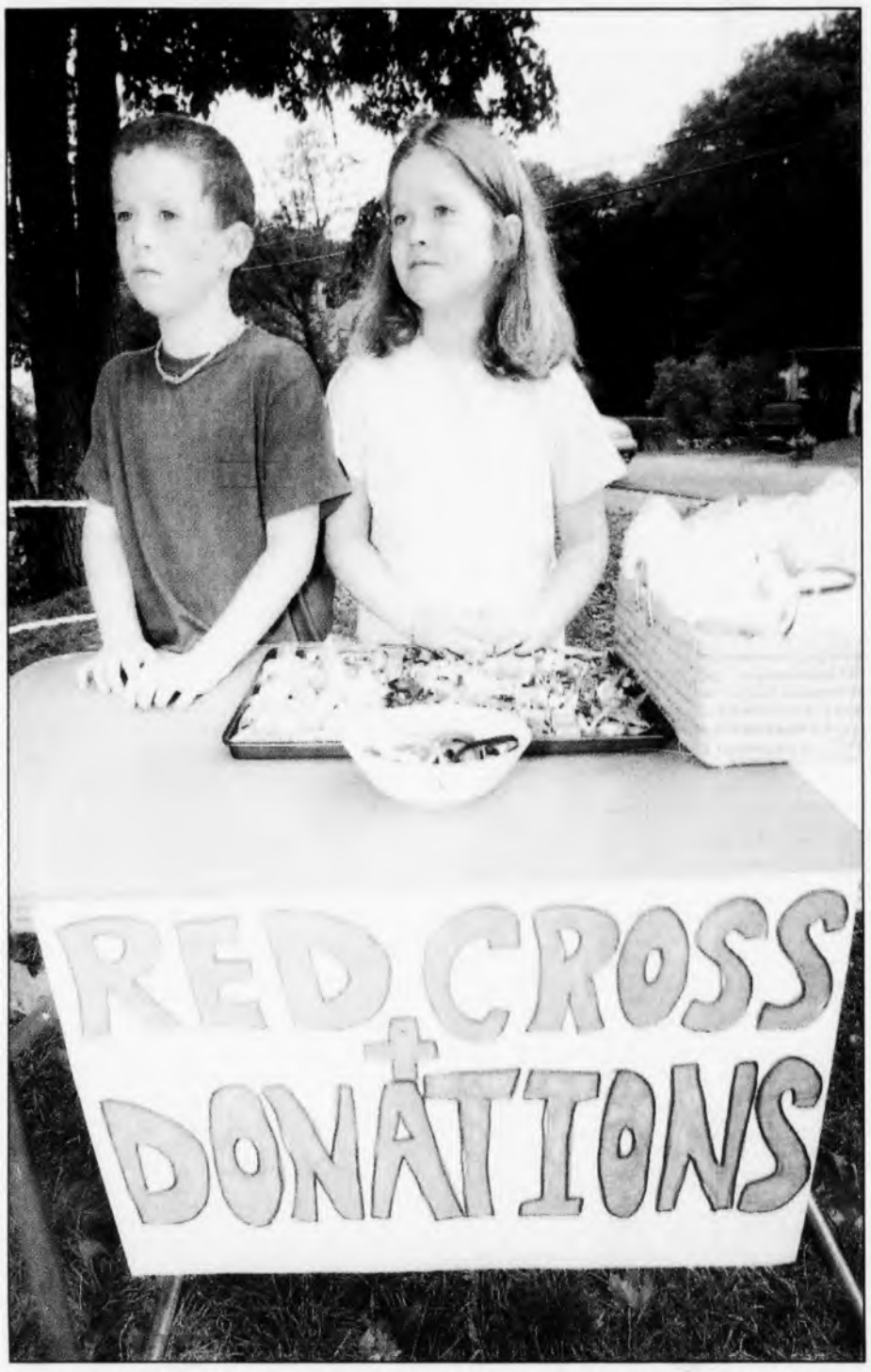
Although Tim Toomey, 12, of Border Street, was one of the younger people present, he was among the most patriotic. He and his siblings set up a table to get donations for the Red Cross and when the songs played, he sang the loudest.

"We live on Border Street and I felt we should come out," Tim said.

His mother, Sheila, said Tim, a seventh-grader, is a history buff and was very inspired by the president's speech to the nation last Thursday. "He wishes he was old enough to serve," she said.



Fred Piepenbrink sings "God Bless America."



David and Emily Toomey distribute candy and popcorn for donations for the American Red Cross during Saturday's ceremony.



American Legion Post chaplain Charles Daly and US Navy veteran Robert Jackson stand at attention during Saturday's prayer and remembrance service.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



Deirdre Brady sings the National Anthem.



Vets stand at attention and salute during the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

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DOGGED DETERMINATION

Deer Hill sixth-grader R. K. Quebec tries to retrieve his ball from a stray dog during tennis time at Camp Bournedale. Students go to the camp to study nature, science, art and enjoy the camaraderie with classmates faculty and family. For more photos, see page 11.

Lawsuit looms over rail bed

AfTA says town can't give up right-of-way

By Mary Ford
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Add Greenbush lawsuits to the list of sure things in life, including death and taxes.

An attorney for anti-train group, AfTA [Advocates for Transportation Alternatives], has notified Cohasset selectmen and state officials of the group's intent to sue over the abandoned Cohasset rail bed.

As part of its mitigation agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Cohasset agreed to a "friendly land-taking" of the railroad right-of-way. The MBTA, which would take the land by eminent domain, will pay the town $1.6 million for the six-mile stretch in exchange for the town not opposing the land-taking in court.

But a letter from Douglas H. Wilkins of the Cambridge law firm Anderson & Krieger, which is representing AfTA, contends the town does not have the right to give up the right-of-way without a two-thirds vote of both houses of the state legislature. According to Wilkins, the state constitution prohibits sale of conservation land without Statehouse approval.

This is the third lawsuit filed by AfTA, whose president, John Bewick of Hingham, is a former state secretary of environmental

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Indoor plumbing plug not pulled

Puts historic museums at risk, society says

By Mary Ford
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Back in the 1700s and 1800s – people didn't worry about indoor plumbing. When nature called, a trip to the outhouse was all that was required. But some 200 years later, life is a lot more complicated as evidenced by a feud brewing between the Cohasset Historical Society and the Sewer Commission.

On advice of town counsel, the Sewer Commission is requiring the historical society hook up its two Elm Street museums – the Capt. John Wilson House [1810] and Maritime Museum [1750] — to the sewer and pay the required betterment of about $3,000.

The historical society says it can't afford the betterment and there's no point because the buildings don't have bathrooms or kitchens. Society president Martha Gjesteby said modernizing the two antique buildings with indoor plumbing would be costly and destroy their character. She explained the museums are only open for a few hours a day during the summer and therefore, toilet facilities aren't needed. Requiring expensive upgrades would effectively close the museums, she said.

The historical society has even

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Church didn't have to go fishing for new minister

Pastor preached there occasionally

By Evan Schiff
CORRESPONDENT

When the Rev. Douglas Fish was offered the position of pastor Beechwood Congregational Church, he knew it would be a good fit.

"I let the Bible speak for itself...with humor."
— The Rev. Douglas Fish

"While working part-time at the church I really got to like the people and the type of worship that they practice," he said.

The Hull resident emphasized the congregation's more traditional style of worship was something he really enjoyed. So the transition from filling in sporadically to preaching every Sunday was an easy one.

Fish, who stands over six-feet tall, believes that he was a strong candidate for the job because, "they knew me, and enjoyed my preaching and sense of humor." In his sermons he tries to amplify what the scriptures

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

The Rev. Douglas Fish of Beechwood Congregational Church at home in his library.

A garden, 40 years in the making

Featured on NECN

By Rick Collins
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Tucked away in the woods separating North Cohasset from Forest Avenue is Russ Lennon's yard.

More than 40 years ago, the land off Tad Lane was part of the Ledge Acres chicken farm, built on top of a granite outcropping, which lurked just inches beneath the surface.

Lennon bought the house in the early 1960s, and after many years and thousands of hours of work, he almost has the yard looking as he wants.

"I'm not afraid of a little hard work and it keeps me out of trouble."
— Russ Lennon, Tad Lane

"I'm not afraid of a little hard work," he said strolling through his nearly two-acre, walking garden. "And it keeps me out of trouble."

His hard work garnered his some unexpected attention recently. New England Cable News found out about Lennon's garden and came down last month ago to film a piece for its "New England Gardens" segment, which aired a couple of weeks ago.

Behind his 1893 house — originally one of the farm's large hen houses — is a multi-level yard built into a gently sloped-hill. Crushed stone paths lead down past a small waterfall, which Lennon constructed

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Russ Lennon feeds the fish in his garden that caught the attention of New England Cable News.

Town's character not rock solid

Group wants ledge saved

By Mary Ford
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Prominent ledge outcroppings give Cohasset its unique character and should be preserved, says a local citizens' group.

To that end, the Great Neck Ledge Preservation Group lobbied selectmen to support amending the zoning by-law to make it more difficult for developers or homeowners to remove or blast away ledge that is eight feet or higher off the ground.

To be adopted, the amended by-law requires a two-thirds vote at the Nov. 5 Special Town Meeting.

Mark DeGiacomo of Beach Street, who acted as spokesman, said preserving the "more magnificent ledge" is the group's goal.

"We want to craft a by-law that preserves the meaningful ledge that contributes to the character of the town," he said.

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>
> — Mark DeGiacomo, Beach Street

If the by-law amendment passes, a builder or homeowner would need a variance before altering the ledge in any manner. Zoning variances are difficult to obtain.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the issue needs to be further defined before he could support it. He questioned whether the amended by-law would apply equally to blasting away a large piece of ledge to make room for a new house, for example, or just removing a "nub" or corner of ledge in someone's backyard. He was also concerned about ledge that crosses property lines and may vary in height from one parcel to another.

DeGiacomo said the proposed by-law, as drafted, would apply to any situation involving ledge eight feet or higher. He added the group was somewhat flexible on the eight-foot ledge restriction. The initial proposal of a three-foot height restriction was changed because members thought the higher number would make it more palatable to townspeople, he said.

DeGiacomo explained ledge preservation has become an issue in town because through today's technology, it is possible to build homes through blasting in areas that were before thought not build-able.

Selectman Tom Callahan agreed saying marginal land that is more "ledgy" is now attractive to developers.

Selectman Merle Brown said he wasn't sure how many people in town really cared about the issue.

"The one that makes the most noise gets the grease," he said about the lobbying effort.

"We'll find out at Town Meeting, just how important it is," DeGiacomo said.

Selectmen agreed to keep the article on the warrant and a 3-2 majority will recommend it pass muster at Town Meeting. Sullivan and Brown voted not to recommend it at this time.

This week in COHASSET

All meetings at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated. Specific room locations are posted in the vestibule inside the front door on the day of the meeting.

Village workshop open to the public

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation and the town's Village Revitalization Task Force will hold a Village public work shop on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Parish Hall at the corner of South Main and Summer streets.

Representatives of the Cecil Group, an urban landscape architectural firm, will give an overview of the latest village infrastructure improvement plans under consideration. Discussion will focus on a variety of items including circulation patterns, parking configurations, sidewalk designs, lighting amenities, and the conversion of overhead utility lines to underground service. The CRC and the town's Task Force are seeking community input as the designs reach their final stages of development.

The plans and design ideas are available for your review at the CRC office located at 87 Elm St., or a copy can be mailed to you upon request. For further information please call the CRC office at (781) 383-2449.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Oct. 1:

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 4 and Oct. 11;

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 10 (at the library);

Senior Housing Committee, 9 a.m., Oct. 15 and Oct. 29;

Open Space Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 10;

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 17;

School Building Committee, 6 p.m., Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Oct. 31;

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 15.

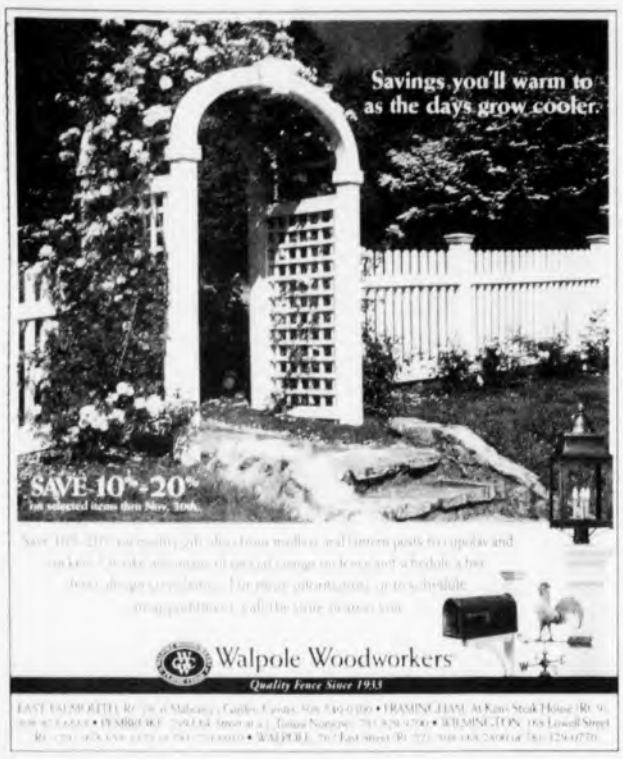
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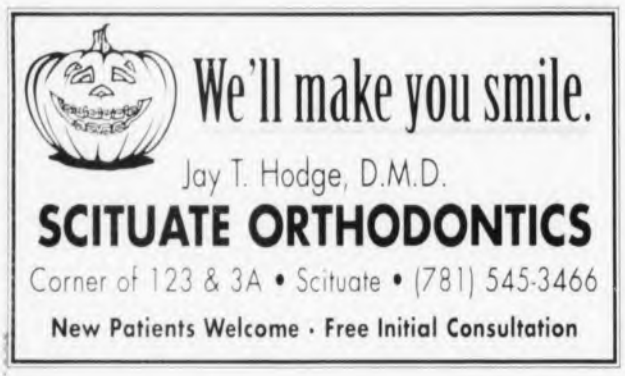
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Special Town Meeting could be a whopper

Lots of issues before voters

By Rick Collins
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If last week's selectmen meeting is a sign of things to come, the Special Town Meeting slated for Nov. 5 could be long and contentious.

The board reviewed the 26-article draft warrant, held 11 for discussion this week and removed two altogether. The board held lively discussions on many others ranging from department budget increases, capital improvements, Little League field construction, and a new police station.

If all articles were to pass, the town would approve just under $500,000 in new spending initiatives, borrow $1.6 million, including $1.2 million for the James Brook Flood Control project which the MBTA has agreed to reimburse. The town would also squirrel away more than $500,000 into its savings account and keep another $500,000 to offset next year's operating budget.

The board recommended a $441,100 increase to departmental budgets, that includes an extra $100,000 for the school department; $50,000 for town field maintenance; a $30,000 increase to the legal budget; $72,000 for the police department to cover overtime costs; and $10,000 for an increase in salary in accordance with the newly-settled library union contract. The increases would be partially offset by a proposed $231,000 reduction to the sewer budget, because the wastewater treatment facility is not yet running at full capacity.

The increase is also minus Town Manager Mark Haddad's proposed $4,000 salary increase for Town Finance Director Michael Buckley. Haddad told selectmen that Buckley's duties had expanded since he was hired, and wanted to reward his hard work and good attitude by naming him assistant town manager, and giving him a 5 percent raise.

"When I have an employee like that, he should be rewarded. He's been the de facto assistant town manager and I just want to formalize it," said Haddad.

Selectmen balked against the salary increase and the creation of a new title.

"We're just institutionalizing another position that we're going to end up paying for," argued Selectman Michael Sullivan.

Selectmen voted unanimously to take out the money from the article, but suggested Buckley be given a stipend if named acting town manager in Haddad's absence.

Selectmen also asked Haddad to conduct an analysis study to see if additional officers would help reel in the ballooning police overtime budget.

The board also voted to recommend an article that would institute a 4 percent hotel tax.

Haddad said the tax is just another way for the town to increase revenues, and estimated the town could collect as much as $25,000 a year from the tax.

Attorney Charles J. Humphreys, representing Kimball's By the Sea owner Peter Roy, argued that the tax would make it tougher for the hotel to compete with the cheaper and larger hotels located in Hanover and Rockland.

But the board still voted unanimously to support the article.

Selectmen also voted to recommend articles that would:

Σ change the new park of the former Hagerty property site to "Mariner's Park."

Σ authorize the town to borrow $212,000 to draw up architectural plans for a new police station. This passed by a 3-2 majority vote.

Σ change an April 2000 Town Meeting vote and allow the Paul Pratt Memorial Library construction project to proceed without the $1.5 state library construction grant in hand.

Σ put $567,281 raised from interest on money borrowed for the Osgood School and sewer construction projects, into the town's stabilization fund – its savings account.

Σ place $35,000 into the Private Way Repair Capital Account fund.

Σ approve the general concept of the village improvements plans, as voted by selectmen and the Village Revitalization Task Force and created in conjunction with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation. The plans will be on display at the Town Clerk's Office before the Town Meeting.

Σ buy $74,000 worth of equipment for the Department of Public Works, including two new trailers, a new mower, and $25,000 worth of equipment for the newly expanded Woodside Cemetery.

Σ authorize the town to borrow $1.2 million for the final phase of the James Brook Flood Control project [see related story].

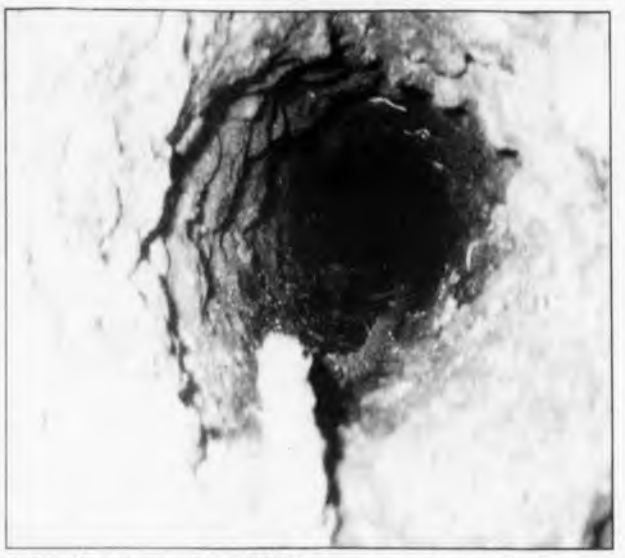
Σ allow the town to borrow $100,000 for the construction of a new sidewalk along Forest Avenue.

Σ waive all sewer fees and sewer assessments for the Cohasset Historical Society's Wilson House and Maritime Museum. This was the lone citizen's petition.

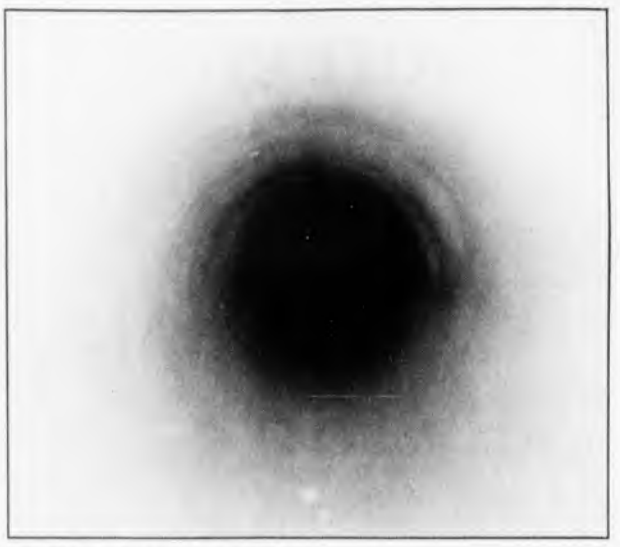
Selectmen voted to not include an article that would ban boats larger than 45 feet from docking at private docks, calling it discriminatory, and an article that would impose a moratorium on new growth until the master plan was finished and could be implemented.

The board also hopes to also remove articles that would give $20,000 for the creation of a new town Web site; $5,000 to the Conservation Fund; and authorize and require utility companies to charge a 2 percent surcharge onto utility bills in order to bury their lines within the village area.

The Nov. 5 Special Town Meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and be held in the Sullivan Gymnasium at the middle/high school.



A water pipe before cleaning and lining.



A water pipe after cleaning and lining.

Water pipes suffer from 'tuberculation'

Affects fire flow

By John McNabb
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, the Water Department contractor, Bizco, has laid bypass pipe on both sides of Elm and Summer Street, cut holes in the street, and been interrupting traffic flow while they clean and line the water pipes under the street.

These activities have been disruptive for many Cohasset residents, especially since that area was torn up just a few years ago first for the town drainage project at the intersection of Elm, Summer, and Border Street, and the more recent sewer installation project.

The two pictures shown here show clearly why this water department project is needed. The "before" picture shows the water pipes before the cleaning and lining project. As you can see, the water pipe is heavily encrusted with "tuberculation" which is made of sediment, mineral deposits, and corrosion byproducts. Many water pipes in Cohasset still look like this.

This project was funded at the Oct. 23, 2000 Special Town Meeting, after flow tests showed that fire flows at a fire hydrant at Elm Street and Border Street was only 1,472 gallons per minute (gpm) much lower than the required 3,000 gpm needed for fire protection. Fire flows at Parker Ave and Border Street were also too low – 351 gpm when 1,500 gpm are needed (which we will help rectify by also replacing water pipe at the end of Border Street very soon).

Tuberculation reduces fire flows, since it reduces the size of the inside of the pipe, and also degrades water quality, since it collects solid matter that, while not a health threat, causes discoloration in the water that can make it unpleasant to drink.

The cleaning and lining process consists of either mechanically or hydraulically scraping the inside of the pipe to remove all of the tuberculation. Once the pipe is sufficiently cleaned and de-watered, a thin lining of cement mortar is centrifugally applied to the pipe and is smoothed. After the mortar cures, the pipe is inspected, tested, disinfected, and placed back into service.

The "after" picture here shows a part of the Elm Street pipe (the project is partially complete) after it was cleaned and lined. As you can see, all of the tuberculation is gone and the inside of the pipe is smooth, allowing greater water flow with less resistance, which improves water service. This will increase the fire flows – to the required levels (along with all the other improvement projects we have scheduled).

This cleaning and lining project also improves the water quality, to people of this area but also to people all over town, because of this reduction in tuberculation. People all over town have already noticed improvements in quality from the improvements we have made since 1994. A total of 12.1 miles of water mains, about one-third of the 36-mile system, have been replaced or cleaned & lined, since 1994. As we continue to clean and line and replace more water mains, everyone will see even more improvements in water flow and pressure and in water quality.

John McNabb, Jr. is Chairman of the Water Commission

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October has entered with some beautiful weather and a pretty calm beginning. Please keep your thoughts and prayers for all the families and victims of the tragedies in our country and also, for reassuring and moving forward for us all. Although the unknown is very scary, it is important for us as a community to work together and move forward in all aspects of our lives. Our children also look to us for guidance and support and reassurance that we as adults are doing everything in out power to make sure that they are safe. By allowing them to show and voice their fears, addressing them in a loving and caring way and also letting them find ways that they feel will help are all beneficial for all. If any of you have done something to raise money or "make a difference" with your family, please note that several area banks are matching donations that are made. I hope that everyone enjoys this upcoming Columbus Day weekend.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

I want to remind all the families of Cohasset schoolchildren that there is no school on Friday, Oct. 5 due to a planned professional day!

BEST WISHES

I would like to send out a very special and heartfelt congratulations to **Jean Bailey** and her fiancé, **John Sweet,** as they get ready for their wedding this weekend. You have both found a wonderful person to share the rest of your lives with. Enjoy your special day, it goes so quick but is such a fantastic way to begin the rest of your lives together.

RELIEF EFFORT

Here is a great story about a neighborhood that worked together to raise money for the American Red Cross. The weekend immediately following the attacks, the children of several families from the Brewster/Ledgewood Road area made and sold ribbons to the neighbors and then, sold them at the Shaw's and Curtis Liquors plazas. The three-day effort, along with the donations from the "Winning Foursome" in a golf tournament and the matching gift program from Sovereign Bank totaled $1300! What a great job and show of neighborhood spirit from the **Mahoney, Richardson, Donahue, Goltz** and **Jaffe** families!

ATTIC SALE

Anyone in the mood for an "Attic Sale?" On the grounds of the Glastonbury Abbey on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. will be a wonderful attic sale featuring arts & crafts, live music, food, raffle prizes, soap, aprons and more made by the monks and miscellaneous "attic treasures" including books, glassware, trinkets, furniture and so much more! The Abbey is located at 16 Hull St., (Route 228) about a 1/4 mile from Route 3A.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Hey all you children and readers out there, guess who is at the Paul Pratt Library waiting to see your smiling, happy faces? **Sharon Moody** is the new children's librarian and cannot wait to have you visit her at the library. She says that new books are arriving all the time and she would love to show you your favorites. Also, any child who completed their summer reading goals who has not picked up their certificate and complimentary books should pick it up soon. Welcome to the library, Sharon!

CHURCH SUPPER

A contemporary worship at the Second Congregational Church is being held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy this worship and a church supper! A meal will be shared and all will be able to sing some songs, pray, hear the Word and break bread among family and friends. Please call the church office at 383-0345 to arrange food and ask any questions you may have.



Bob and Ginger King of Cohasset accept a gift of appreciation from the United Way of Massachusetts for hosting the South Shore Leadership Committee party. From left are, Christopher Gabrieli, chairman of Keeping Kids on Track; Ginger King; Bob King, retired executive of the Gillette Company; Sheri Adlin, executive director of South Shore Day Care Services; and UWMB president and CEO Marian L. Heard.

RACING DUO

Whoever said race cars were just for boys hasn't met sisters, **Shanna**, 10, and **Katherine Scafuri**, 13, of Cohasset, who are recent graduates of the Junior Race School at F1 Boston! Now the girls are eligible to take part in F1 Boston's junior leagues and practice sessions. The race school is for kids age 7 and up and combines theory sessions in the classroom with practical sessions in the pits and out on the track. You go, girls!

OFF TO COLBY

All the best to **Lauren M. Smith** of Cohasset who has enrolled at Colby College in Maine as a member of the Class of 2005. A Thayer Academy grad, Lauren is the daughter of **William and Maureen Smith**. Before classes got underway, Lauren attended a three-day campus orientation and prior to that, she took part in a four-day Colby Outdoor Orientation Trip with about a dozen other students. Have a great year, Lauren!



Shanna Scafuri (in kart) and Katherine Scafuri at the f1 Boston Junior Race School.



Lois and David Weltman of Cohasset enjoy the United Way South Leadership Party. Eight years ago, the Weltmans hosted the first South Shore United Way Leadership Party.

I am including a quote that was sent to me yesterday that really inspired me as I hope it will for you. Thank you again to a wonderful person and friend for this.

"The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving." Oliver Wendell Holmes

That is it for this week. Please send me all news, information, celebrations and more in one of the following ways.

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Also remember the Schools In Page which will run this month on Oct. 25. All material for this needs to be to me no later than Friday, Oct. 19 by 9 am. You may submit it to me in the above ways with the exception of the email which is:

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Scout's Eagle project brings a playground back to life

By Mary Ford
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Will McArthur grew up near the Beechwood Ball Field where he hung out with his friends and played baseball like all the other kids

But as a youngster, he couldn't have imagined that he would one day become so familiar with the playground at the Bates Lane end of the neighborhood field.

And like most kids, when he signed up for Cub Scouts – he had no goal of taking scouting right to the top.

Now that's ancient history. Today, what makes Will different from most other 17-year-olds, is his commitment to scouting and community service – the combination of which has led to his current perch on the edge of achieving Eagle Scout rank.

As part of his march toward the highest achievement in scouting, Will, who is a member of Troop 28, earned some 32 badges [11 more than required] along the way. Then he had to come up with a community service project that wasn't related to scouting, document all that's involved and see it through to fruition.

First, the Cohasset High School senior investigated constructing a wheelchair ramp at the Beechwood Congregational Church as an Eagle Scout project but discovered it would be nearly impossible to make the ramp work right on the historic building.

"So I looked around something else and thought this could be done," Will said about the Beechwood playground with its rusty equipment. What lay ahead was writing up a proposal, obtaining approval from the town, getting the necessary money and materials, organizing a small army of volunteers and doing the work. In June, with all the approvals in hand, Will — with the help of fellow scouts and other volunteers — set about painting, repairing and replacing the playground equipment.

"It's nice to see kids helping kids."
— Jack Worley, recreation department director

There has been great support — both of the moral, monetary and "pitch-in" variety — from many, Will said. The Beechwood Improvement Association, the Cohasset Firemen's Benefit Association, the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 and individuals donated money. Others, like Wayne Sawchuk, came down with a backhoe to help; 3A Towing tore down the dilapidated second swing set; and PA Landers, a construction company, provided about 40 tons of sand at cost. Neighborhood feedback has all been positive, Will said.

Cohasset Recreation Department director Jack Worley said the old playground, which was in need of repair, has been there at least 25 years.

"It's nice to see kids helping kids," Worley said. "Will is helping out younger kids through his Eagle Scout work."

Saturday, Will was hard at work with a little help from his parents, Bill and Becky, spreading two truckloads of sand around the base of the swing set, slide and other equipment. [The rest of Troop 28 was away on a camping trip for the weekend.]

After the finishing touches are put on the playground, including painting the old bench, Will has to complete his book documenting the project, write and essay, and obtain five references. Once the book is finished, it is reviewed by the Eagle board of review at the local Boy Scout Council in Canton and sent on to the national council in Texas for final approval. Once the national council gives the okay, the scout has qualified for Eagle Rank which is bestowed at a court of honor. An Eagle Scout candidate must complete the book and project must before he turns 18.

When he isn't at school or busy with scouting activities, Will works part-time at CVS in Cohasset. He also plays the trumpet in the school band; took part in the Appalachia Service Project, which is a house-repair ministry sponsored by the Second Congregational Church, and as for college, he plans to apply to the University of Maine at Farmington.

Will said scouting has provided him with opportunities he would not have had otherwise, such as participating in national scout jamborees where he met other scouts from across the country.

Merle Brown, a selectman and assistant scout master, said when boys turn 16 and get their driver's licenses, it's difficult for them to find the time for scouting let along Eagle projects.

"I commend any kids who put the time and commitment to it," Brown said. "It's a tough thing."

Cohasset Troop 28 has had nearly 80 members become Eagle Scouts in its 80 year history.



PHOTO BY ALAN CHAPMAN

Will McArthur with the new playdome at the Beechwood Ball Field playground.

Mariner quilts is lecture topic

"The Cohasset Mariner Quilts" is the topic of a lecture tonight by Penny Prudden Myles at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers Residence. No charge. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments. The event is sponsored by the Cohasset Historical Society. Call 781-383-1434 for more information.

Arts and crafts

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for ages 4 and 5 and grades K through three arts and crafts programs by calling 781-383-4109.

Arts and crafts for ages 4 and 5 will be held Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and the grades K through 3 program will be held from 3 to 4:30 pp.m. Wednesdays. Both programs will be held at the Joseph P. Osgood School.

The programs will be five weeks in duration, costing $40 per child. Programs are scheduled to begin Tuesday/Wednesday, Oct. 23 and Oct. 24, continuing through Nov. 20 and Nov. 21.

For more information, details and registration, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109.

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The Cecil Group will present the improvement ideas developed as a result of this outreach program, which are endorsed by the Village Revitalization Task Force and the CRC.

This is the final workshop in preparation for a presentation at Special Town Meeting.

Items for review will include:

- Sidewalk, Crosswalk & Lighting Designs
- Parking and Circulation Patterns
- Aesthetic & Safety Improvements
- Removal of Overhead Utility Lines
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Growing pains

The average Cohasseter may not have a clue what the Benjamin Report is.

Suffice it to say, it was the town's last try at a Master Plan — one that has been sitting on the shelf collecting dust for the past 40 years.

Luckily, the Benjamin Report missed the mark on at least one issue: town growth. It predicted little Cohasset would be about the population of Hingham right now.

That didn't happen and Cohasset, tipping the scales at about 7,000 people, has remained a small town.

But just because uncontrolled growth hasn't happened in the past doesn't mean it won't in the future.

As was abundantly clear at the selectmen's meeting this week, during which the board grappled with a range of articles for the upcoming Special Town Meeting, growth is pounding at our door.

The issue before the town is not to prevent growth, but how to manage it — so the town ultimately benefits and maintains its character.

As Growth and Development Committee member Clark Brewer said, "Good planning can help reduce anxiety about what might happen to Cohasset in the future."

With that in mind, we bet that anyone reading this editorial will agree on one thing — they don't want much to change here. Cohasset is one of those special places that people — not lucky enough to have been born and raised in town — choose to move to. Once here, they don't want to go anywhere else.

There are several issues before the Nov. 5 Special Town Meeting that will affect how Cohasset moves into the 21st Century. A comprehensive Master Plan is being drafted and voters will be asked to give the project a financial boost to help pay for mapping, reports on traffic issues and the like.

Another article related to the Master Plan process, would restrict the number of building permits for a couple of years, until the Master Plan comes together.

And as technology makes more and more "marginal" land appealing to builders, a citizens group hopes the town will support protecting prominent ledge from blasting or removal through an amendment to the zoning by-law.

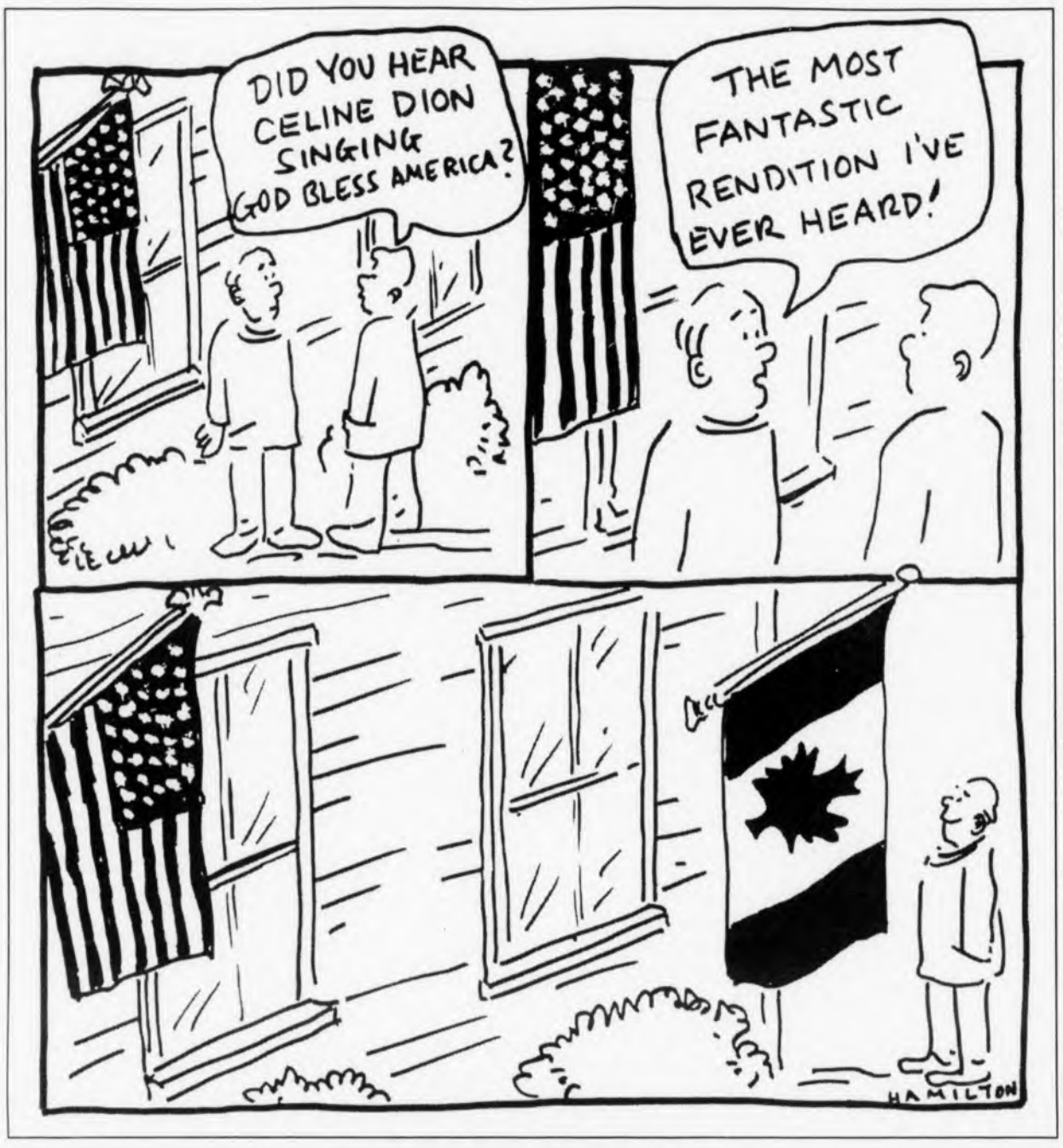
Another issue is how to create affordable housing for senior citizens through the possibility of cluster developments on various tracks of land around town.

Still another topic is how to handle the police and fire departments, which have outgrown their tight quarters on Elm Street.

The Special Town Meeting will also set up the Community Preservation Committee charged with making recommendations for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, open space and affordable housing as required under the Community Preservation Act, adopted by the town last spring.

Although some might want to, Cohasset is not going to be able to pull up the drawbridge and prevent growth. However, it's incumbent that we all pay attention in the weeks and months ahead so the town is well equipped to face the challenges that new development presents.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Osgood Playpark

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Selectmen:

Three years ago, my family relocated to Potomac, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C. after living in Cohasset for 14 years. I have many wonderful memories of our time in Cohasset, especially the time I spent in community service in support of students with special learning abilities, of my choral group, "Allegra;" of the many musical activities of the schools and the town and in the various ways I got involved with the citizens of Cohasset who believed in working hard to enhance the way of life in this beautiful community. A recent article in the Mariner about Mr. Haddad's recommendation to raze the Osgood Playpark really got my attention and has prompted my letter to you.

I was the coordinator of the fundraising, design, labor, equipment, materials and construction of the Playpark in 1988-89. It was a remarkable time of cooperation in Cohasset as so many—old and young, big and small, skilled and unskilled—joined forces to raise funds and work together to provide the youngsters of the town with a valuable learning environment.

I remember Fr. Keohane from St. Anthony's urging his parishoners, from the pulpit no less, to go down to the site and get involved in one of the most ecumenical things he'd seen in Cohasset. Not a bad recommendation. People worked side by side, amazed by the talents of the people of this town. I recently came across a letter I sent to the Mariner in which I remarked that the finished product represented not only a space for children to grow and develop, but also as a model of unity. That was 12 years ago. A lot has changed.

At the completion of the project, the designer of the Playpark presented me with a thorough plan for maintenance—daily, weekly, monthly and annually—which I passed on to the Osgood School. This plan didn't cost a lot of money, but in my budget, I had provided fund to support the cost of equipment replacement and maintenance for a few years and enlisted voluntary help for the first year. The Playpark became not only a center for the youngsters of Cohasset, but was enjoyed by many from miles around. It seemed to never be empty. But the will to maintain it by "the powers that be" wasn't there.

Before I left Cohasset, I had a meeting with Mr. Haddad to give him this list of maintenance activities. I was concerned, not only about a child being injured, but also about the Town of Cohasset's moral and financial responsibility. I'll never forget his response.

So it doesn't surprise me to read that Osgood Playpark, after years of neglect, is referred to as a "hazard." But I rejoice that so many have seen its beauty, have enjoyed its harmony and have felt the temporary peace of a wonderful and worthwhile accomplishment. I wish you the best in your decision-making.

Anne Whiteley
9709 Wilden Lane
Potomac, MD 20854

Mrs. Whiteley provided the Mariner Newspapers with a copy of her letter.

Pancake breakfast

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Soccer Booster Club would like to thank all who supported the Booster pancake breakfast held this past Sunday at the Deer Hill School.

More than 500 hungry people walked through the doors looking for food, friendship and a great way to help fund the school's soccer program. Some even walked away with cleaner cars thanks to the soccer players' car wash or even one of the many raffle prizes donated by local business people. The proceeds from the event are used to fund the two scholarships awarded annually, soccer banquets a t the season's end and also to purchase warm-up suits for the new varsity members added each year to the squads.

We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their support in this very successful endeavor: Atlantic Bagel, Buttonwood Books, Joe Coggins, Boston University, Boston Breakers, Cohasset Hardware, Good Sport, Melinda and Brad Murray, Gotshalks, Stop & Shop, Dunkin' Donuts, Village Deli, the O'Connell Family, United Foods, Fitness First and Tina Watson.

K. O'Neil
for the Soccer Boosters Club

Oh, only for a second chance!

TO THE EDITOR:

Near the end of his long life, Winston Churchill was asked what he might have done differently. His succinct reply: "I might have played the red instead of the black at Monte Carlo"!

What might a long time homeowner say if asked what should have been done differently? One answer is "I should have spent a few dollars on professional landscape advice when I first bought the property. Then I would have had a long-term plan which could have been executed by degrees whenever I could afford to do something. The trees and shrubs I could have bought for peanuts now would have grown big, valuable, beautiful and in the right places, and the result would be pleasing, rational and practical."

Young homeowners too often (just as I did) lug home a few shrubs bought impulsively, then wonder where to plant them, and end up too close to foundations and otherwise in the wrong places. Too bad, because there isn't a better return on investment than small trees and shrubs that grow big, beautiful and valuable as part of a coherent long-term plan.

Our Board of Selectmen wisely accepted the public-spirited proposal from the Community Garden Club to provide a Tree Advisory service to help the Town choose desirable trees and con-

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Is cutting back un-American?

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

To question our way of life right now seems not only un-American, unpatriotic, but perhaps even heartless, callous, and maybe even, to some, demonic and evil.

I abhor the terrorism — obviously. I cry for the victims and am grievously heart sore. Like most of us I find it very difficult to return to our normal way of life.

When I heard President Bush's speech, my immediate reaction was relief in vengeance; might is right; death to the assassins. That was all that mattered at the time.

A few days later I was caught short when my daughter-in-law, who recently returned from five years in Saudi Arabia, asked me what I thought of the speech. Just the way she asked the question reminded me that I have two grandsons nearing military age, that it has been said the war would last a long time, and that ground troops would be used.

To progress we obviously must ask ourselves why we are hated.

To progress we obviously must ask ourselves why we are hated. It has been said, because of our presence in Saudi Arabia [Mecca]. It has been said, because of our appetite for oil. It has been said, because of our sense of dominance.

Someone especially concerned about nature thinks about the oil and in the same breath thinks about the other natural resources that our technology requires. We realize the world's resources are limited. Either we cut back or we expand — into other people's space. To cut back is to curtail our comforts and our pleasures, our normal American way of life. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Survey provides insight and ideas

MASTER PLAN

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Cohasset Growth & Development Committee is nearing the end of the first step in developing the Master Plan for Cohasset. Neighborhood Forums conducted over the summer gathered numerous ideas from nearly 100 residents on their vision for the future of town. The participants also completed a preliminary survey in preparation for our town-wide survey this fall.

These findings reflect a small (but important) sample of the town's residents in attendance at those Forums. This work has helped provide a foundation for a final survey that will be sent to all registered Cohasset voters in the coming weeks. Please look for it, respond and make your voices heard. Here are some of the findings:

Σ When asked "How long do you plan to stay in Cohasset?" — 77 percent answered 'forever'.

Σ When asked "What do you think are the most important issues or challenges facing Cohasset in the next 5–10 years?" the list provided dozens of answers, with the top three as follows:

Growth & development (12 percent)
Sewers (8 percent)
Zoning revision/enforcement (7 percent)

Σ The top areas of concern (somewhat or very concerned) about the future of Cohasset included:

Wastewater management (89 percent)
Environment (89 percent)
Open space management (85 percent)
Commercial development (82 percent)
Housing development (78 percent)
Fiscal management (77 percent)
Historic preservation (74 percent)
Town government/services (70 percent)
Town governance/management (70 percent)
Transportation (69 percent)
Housing variety (69 percent)
Village revitalization (68 percent)
Harbor utilization (63 percent)
Public education (62 percent)

Σ The most important issues residents felt that Cohasset should address (agree or strongly agree) include:

limit the size of houses on present properties (88 percent)
pursue more communal solutions to wastewater treatment (84 percent)
purchase more open space and properties (70 percent)
add more sidewalks (64 percent)
offer more variety in housing (63 percent)
limit population growth (63 percent)
revitalize the town center (57 percent)
pursue more regionalization of town services: fire, police, schools (56 percent)
encourage the train to return to Cohasset (54 percent)
allow more commercial development (44 percent)

Σ The top three issues that gained 'strong agreement' presented a slightly different picture:

open space (48 percent)
limiting size of homes (46 percent)
train return (42 percent)

Please note that the above is a small (but important) sample of the town's opinion. This data has helped us prepare a final survey that the town will be sending to all registered Cohasset voters in the next two weeks. Please look for it and make your voice heard!

Cohasset Resident Survey – The Town will be sending out a detailed survey to all registered Cohasset voters to collect ideas and opinions on a wide variety of issues. Please look for it in the mail in Mid-October. Your input is critical to helping establish a vision for Cohasset's future.

Funding – The committee has completed work to date with minimal cost to the town, but the next phases will require expert help and some funding to complete the Master Plan, including:

Preparing detailed computerized mapping of the town's geography

Studying the options and impacts of change to various growth (or non-growth), economic, traffic, budget and environmental issues.

Crafting the final Master Plan from the work of numerous other town boards and committees

Additional Interviews – More interviews are also planned with town stakeholders over the coming weeks, including such groups as the Chamber of Commerce, high school students, additional town committees, town employees and numerous special interest groups. These will be important to make sure all viewpoints are heard.

Draft Vision – A draft of the vision that includes important areas of agreement and principles for guiding the plan will then be drafted for presentation to the Town at a future Town Meeting.

We thank you all in advance for your interest and your patience with this process and for your future support in developing a vision for the future of Cohasset. Comments on the ideas and the process are welcome. It is important to all of us. Please contact Liz Harrington, Town Planner or any of the members of the committee.

The Cohasset Growth & Development Committee: Rick Swanborg, Chairman; Clark Brewer, Vice Chairman; Tom Callahan,, Margy Charles,Debbie Cook, Bill Good , Patti Keville, Peter Pratt, Ronnie McMorris, Michael Westcott, and Liz Harrington, Town Planner.

Missing the pay phone

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, I used to make sure I had a couple of nickels to rub together in my pocket in case I was called upon to make a telephone call.

A nickel! That shows you how long ago it was.

But before you could place the call, you had to find a phone, usually in a drug store or a saloon, and you had to tell the pleasant female voice on the other end what number you wanted, although dials were just coming in.

I see by the papers that Verizon Communications, the name under which the telephone company describes itself these days, is boosting the price of a pay phone call to 50 cents and you punch in the number like a bingo card.

Fifty cents! That was a half day's pay for those of

A nickel! That shows you how long ago it was.

us who picked beans on Arnold's Farm in the "good old days" before the war.

The reason for the hike in price, which already went from a dime to a quarter in 1997 and to 35 cents a year later, is the proliferation of the latest instrument of torture devised by the progeny of Alexander Graham Bell — the ubiquitous cell phone.

Jack Hoey, the spokesman for Verizon, says pay phone use has declined 23 per cent in the past two and a half years, which, by coincidence, corresponds to the rise in the popularity of the cell phone.

Cell phones may well be the Walkmans and the Volkswagen Beetles of the 21st century. There are an estimated 114 million cell phones in use in the United States alone. And teenagers haven't really put them into full use yet.

Every investor with five shares of Disney has one so he can keep in touch with his broker. Every mother has several for her children so she can keep them out of trouble. Ha! Every drug lord and every working girl has one so that . . . well, you get the idea.

Some cell phone companies are now selling advertising on their service so you may pick up your ringing phone someday and find it's not the little woman reminding you to bring home a loaf of bread but Jim Sokolov, esq., urging you to sue a doctor.

Such junk calls are known as "spam," which is a slander on the foodstuff that everyone knows won the war.

So many cell phones have been ringing at crucial moments in movie houses in Hong Kong, which has 64 phones for every 100 residents, that the Office of the Telecommunications Authority is thinking of allowing theaters to install jamming systems.

Cell phones are not only an annoyance but can be danger as well as New York lawyer Jane Wagner found out when she ran down a pedestrian while talking business on her cell phone and driving at the same time. Her company is being sued for $30 million.

The investment firm of Salomon Smith Barney settled a suit for $500,000 when one of its brokers killed a motorcyclist while trying to drive and pick up a dropped cell phone at the same time.

That never happened when pay phone calls were a nickel and that got you a pleasant female voice that inquired, "What number, please."

HEALTH NOTES

Cohasset health screening day

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Board of Health will offer free health screenings on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church. Plan to attend; it's only good sense to take an active role in your health.

Take advantage of the services featured in the Health Screening day. These are listed below:

FREE SCREENINGS	DEMONSTRATIONS
Cataract & Glaucoma	Reiki
Cholesterol &	Massage Therapy
Blood Sugar	Holistic Health
Hearing	Herbal Therapy
Osteoporosis –	Natural Healing –
Bone Mineral Density	Acupuncture
Oral Cancer	
Chiropractic	

Then continue to learn about good preventive health practices, and turn that knowledge into action. Reap the rewards of good health.

• Work closely with your doctor
• Keep a written record of your immunizations and share it with your doctor
• Check with your doctor during your annual visit to find out if you need any booster shots

The major goals of public health are to promote good health practices, prevent illness and injury, and to keep the environment clean, healthy and safe. Life expectancy has increased greatly during this century. Much of that increase is due to public health efforts.

Food allergy

The Board of Health will also sponsor a food allergy program, focusing on peanut allergy, on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 4:30 p.m. at the Joseph Osgood School. Lisa Stieb, RN, BSN, food allergy support group coordinator for the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, will present the program. The program is free of charge and the public, especially parents of young school age children, are urged to attend.

Flu clinics

Annual Flu Clinics will be scheduled later in October and November.

All people 65 Years and older are urged to get a yearly flu shot as well as the case with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, pulmonary conditions or cardiac disease. As soon as the vaccine is available the clinic dates will be published in our local newspapers, church bulletins and posted in local store windows and businesses. Information on the flu and pneumonia vaccine is available through the public health nurse at 781 383-2210.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

How amateur birders can help science

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON



Do you have bird feeders in your yard? Do you enjoy watching birds which come to your feeders? Would you like to add a little purpose to your hobby? If so, you might like to consider signing up to participate in Project FeederWatch. PFW is one of the citizen-science projects run by Cornell Lab of Ornithology in partnership with the National Audubon Society, Bird Studies Canada, and Canadian Nature Federation. It is about to begin its 15th season.

The science of ornithology uses amateurs to collect data for scientific projects.

The science of ornithology is different from most sciences in that it extensively uses amateurs to collect data for scientific projects. Volunteers with an interest in birds help all the time with ornithologic research. Last year PFW had more than 15,000 people spread across Canada and the United States counting birds on a regular basis, using a well designed scientific protocol. It would be impossible to collect such massive amounts of data if one had to rely on scientists stationed in 15,000 places across North America.

Cornell offers complete instructions to participants, including tips on identification of similar species. People doing the survey send in their results, either on paper forms at the end of the season or on the Web after each count period. Participants in PFW agree to count the birds coming to their feeders for two days out of every ten days between November and April. This does not mean you have to stay glued to the window all day, but you do keep track of the number of hours spent watching. If your viewing area happens to be outside a window where it is easy to watch during breakfast or while working in the kitchen, that simplifies the effort. Although it is discouraging to count on days when not many birds appear, it is as important to know where the birds are not as to know where the birds are.

You keep track of the highest number of each species you see at any one time. This way you don't count birds more than once. If one chickadee lands on a feeder, for instance, but there are others flying back and forth from the bushes, you count the total number in the area. If you see a male and female cardinal at different times, you still record only one bird, even though you know two have come to the feeder. This is because for some species it is impossible to distinguish between males and females, and it is important to keep the method the same for all species. Information about the weather, including the amount of snow cover, gets recorded. A site description form is filled out, including the kinds of vegetation, number and types of feeders, and which kinds of food are offered.

What can be learned from such a continent-wide survey? A lot has been learned about the abundance and distribution of birds as well as population shifts. Irruptions, or irregular movements of large flocks of birds, can be tracked and followed from year to year. The gradual expansion of winter ranges can be documented. Outbreaks of avian diseases can be traced. PFW surveyors are now asked to report any instances of mycoplasmal conjunctivitis (a type of eye infection) in House Finches or other birds. As soon as enough significant data have been collected, the investigators present them in scientific journals.

If one looks at the "percentage of feeders visited" as reported by 269 FeederWatchers in Massachusetts, the top five birds are Black-capped Chickadee, Mourning Dove, Blue Jay, Dark-eyed Junco and Tufted Titmouse. The actual numbers of Mourning Doves and Blue Jays visiting feeders have been declining in recent years. Cornell has devised a formula to calculate the "abundance index". By this formula, the five most abundant birds in Massachusetts are slightly different. These are Dark-eyed Junco, Mourning Dove, Black-capped Chickadee, American Goldfinch and Blue Jay.

In recent years, the option to record counts directly online has become available. This allows the scientists to analyze the data more quickly and allows the participants to follow what is happening on the Web. By visiting the FeederWatch Map Room at http://birds.cornell.edu/PFWMaproom/, it is possible to follow winter movements of birds. Various graphs, charts and summaries of data can be found on the Cornell web site. Two FeederWatch books have appeared recently: "The FeederWatcher's Guide to Bird Feeding" by Barker and Griggs, and "Birds at Your Feeder" by Dunn and Tessaglia-Hymes. These are both available through Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The latter book is in the Old Colony Library System, but neither is in the Hingham Public Library.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Amateur birders can help Project FeederWatch by observing what happens at their bird feeders, like this triple feeder in the Nortons' yard.

To sign up for Project FeederWatch, call the Cornell Lab at 800-843-2473, or sign up over the Web at http://birds.cornell.edu/pfw/, or send a check for $15 ($12 for members) to PFW/Cornell Lab of Ornithology, P.O. Box 11 Ithaca, NY 14850. They will send a packet which includes some identification helps, detailed instructions on how to conduct the counts, forms for recording the data, and a calendar with pictures of common feeder birds. Teachers who would like to involve their students in FeederWatch can ask for a class kit.

Joanne Norton is a licensed bird-bander, avid birder, and a member of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oh, only for a second chance!

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sult on plantings. We all will live with the plantings for a long long time, and it's well to get it right. Knowledgeable advice is precious!

On revitalization: many have noted that the harbor area is no longer looking so tired and scruffy, and there is increasing interest and some positive progress in rescuing the village area from slow decay. A few diehard naysayers still mutter and attempt the impossible i.e. being cynical and looking wise simultaneously. But enough people with vision have got in on the act to keep up the momentum. Whether revitalization is a new idea or merely a revival of previous vision doesn't matter much. Establishing goals and a plan will turn out to be a good investment, whether for the Town or for one's personal half acre.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

POLITICAL NOTES

Democratic candidates to gather in Hingham

The Hingham Democratic Town Committee will sponsor an evening with elected officials and candidates on

Several Democratic candidates for governor in 2002 are scheduled to attend.

Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the of Dawn and David Sibor, 3 King Phillip Path, Hingham. In addition to many elected Democrats in Plymouth County, several Democratic candidates for governor in 2002 are scheduled to be present along with other candidates for state-wide office. The event is intended to provide an opportunity for interested Democrats to meet their elected officials and to discuss issues of importance in next year's state-wide and local races. All interested democrats are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Hingham Democratic Town Committee Chair Tom Vangel at 781-740-2757.

Indoor plumbing plug not pulled

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offered to have a deed restriction on the buildings stating it would never have plumbing installed there.

The Sewer Commission says it's just trying to follow state code that requires all premises intended for "human habitation or occupancy" have potable water. The only water at the buildings is an outside spigot for the grounds.

The Nov. 5 Special Town Meeting may get the final word. The historical society obtained well over 100 signatures in time for a Citizens Petition to be placed on the warrant asking the buildings be exempt from all sewer betterments and fees.

Although Sewer Commission chairman Gary Vanderweil offered to arrange a conference call with himself, town counsel, and Gjesteby to discuss the matter – the consensus at Tuesday's sewer commission meeting was to let the people decide.

"If the town's wisdom says grant the exemption, then town counsel will be there to debate it," commissioner Ray Kasperowicz said.

The sewer line has been installed along Elm Street since the 1970s but the buildings were not required to hook up until recently because the sewer treatment plant has been expanded.

Nancy Gilmore of the historical society asked why the buildings couldn't maintain the status quo.

"We've been open for over 40 years. Why are we just being required to do this?"

— Nancy Gilmore, historical society

"Why did this not happen before now?" she asked. "We've been open for over 40 years. Why are we just being required to do this?"

Vanderweil, the commission chairman, explained that all houses that were not hooked up to the old system are getting betterments.

"The advent of the sewer project brought this forward," he said.

Attorney Richard Henderson, speaking for the society, said there may be some wiggle room. He disputed the verbiage "human habitation" meant "people passing through for a few hours during the day."

"It's reasonable for people to read the same regulations and come up with a different conclusion," Henderson said about town counsel's letter interpreting the plumbing code.

Henderson also said it is apparent any requirement to hook up to the sewer line must have been waived back in 1973 when it was installed, and therefore, could be again.

David Pottinger, a past president of the historical society, also pointed out the deed to the buildings restricts what can be done to them.

The Sewer Commission initially approved the abatement request in April as long as the society agreed never to have plumbing installed in the buildings. But commissioners changed their minds when town counsel recommended against the deal, saying the buildings would be in violation of state codes.

Elder issues topic of seminar

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session program for elders and caregivers in the South Shore area on four consecutive Wednesday evenings in October. The sessions will begin with a light supper from 6-6:30 p.m., followed by the program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 to sign up.

Transportation for Cohasset residents. Sessions will be held at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 Main St.

Remaining sessions include:

- Oct. 10, housing options, including public housing, assisted living and retirement communities, and nursing and rest home facilities.
- Oct. 17, community resources available to elders living at home.
- Oct. 24, coping with feelings of loneliness, depression, and isolation.

Pre-registration is required. A donation of $8 for the entire series, or $2.50 per session, is requested.

Lawsuit looms

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affairs. Saying there are better alternatives to the train such as commuter boats and buses, the group is trying to stop the planned 17-mile restoration of the Greenbush rail line because of its cost, safety issues at numerous grade crossings and environmental effects. Other AfTA legal action includes forcing the MBTA and other state agencies to release all Greenbush documents and more recently, a lawsuit over the conclusions of the Environmental Impact Report, dubbed an EIR, which gave the project a green light.

The Town of Hingham, which alleged the MBTA was paying for Greenbush with state dollars to avoid tougher federal environmental standards, settled its lawsuit with the MBTA in May 2000 as part of an agreement that includes a $40 million tunnel under Hingham Square.

In the letter to selectmen, Wilkins said unless Cohasset agrees to refrain from selling or transferring the land in the absence of the two-thirds approval of the legislature, "we intend to pursue litigation against the town, as we have already pursued against the MBTA." Other officials sent the letter by certified mail include: state Sec. of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand; Attorney General Thomas Reilly; state Sec. of Transportation and Construction Kevin J. Sullivan; Robert Prince, general manager of the MBTA; and Lauren A. Liss, commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said he was "disappointed that AfTA is choosing to involve Cohasset" in its legal action..

Koed said he believes the MBTA has resolved any issues relating to the right-of-way.

"And the fact the town never said it was recreation land or took it as such would affect the argument" [that's it's conservation land], Koed said.

But in his letter Wilkins claims otherwise. He stated a review of the history dating back to 1965, including minutes of Conservation Commission meetings, shows the town discussed acquiring the right-of-way because it was a valuable property for conservation reasons. Discussions continued over the years with the 1981 Town Meeting voting to appropriate $140,000 to purchase the railroad right-of-way through the Cohasset. The deed transferring the land to the town was executed on March 12, 1982 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds.

The right-of-way is not zoned as conservation land or open space, according town zoning officer Robert Egan. The zoning along the right-of-way varies and matches whatever zoning district it passes through, such as residential or business.

But Wilkins stated AfTA is concerned the town may be treating the land as unused land when in fact, it is used for recreation including walking, hiking and cross-country skiing.

"If, in fact, the town and MBTA are treating this land as unused, we call upon you to rectify this erroneous characterization and not dispose of the land or otherwise use it without obtaining the necessary Legislative authorization by a two-thirds vote," Wilkins stated.

Bewick, the AfTA president, said legislative approval is required for land to be transferred from conservation or parkland use . The prior and future uses must also be explicitly identified, he said. Bewick said AfTA also believes there is a home-rule issue involved in that a Town Meeting vote may also be required to transfer the land.

"It is clear from the agreement Cohasset selectmen signed with the MBTA, they did not follow procedures," he said. "We are trying to insist that proper procedures be followed."

Jon Carlisle, spokesman for the state transportation office, said while the threatened lawsuit is an issue between Cohasset and AfTA, the office's legal counsel does not think the claims will "not hold much water at all."

He said at the time the town purchased the right-of-way there were no indications that the land be reserved as open space.

"The onus is on AfTA to prove the parcel was open space," Carlisle said. "We've looked over the records and don't see anything to indicate that and from the information sent us, neither does AfTA."

Carlisle said despite legal action – Greenbush is moving ahead.

"This line is going to be built and built soon," he said.

Scituate and Cohasset are the only two towns that own the abandoned rail bed. Limited freight service continued on the Greenbush Line to Hingham through the late 70s and the town did not have the opportunity to buy the right-of-way. Passenger service on the line ended in 1959.

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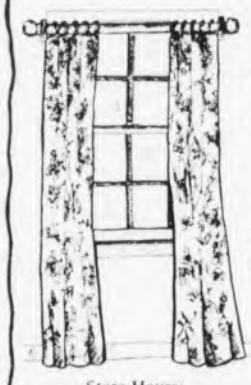
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Keeping ponds and streams healthy

Too much nitrogen can be nasty

By Mary Ford
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When most people look at a peaceful body of water, they don't think about what might be lurking just below the surface. But the Board of Health has to think about how to tackle dangerous, unwanted intruders from taking root in the town's fresh and brackish water bodies to insure their survival.

To that end, the board has a regulation that deals with how to control substances called nitrates that ooze through the ground into ponds and streams thanks to septic systems that aren't geared to control the offshoots of nitrogen.

Nitrates encourage the wrong kind of growth — noxious weeds and grasses — that can choke off the oxygen to a pond and also, radically decrease its depth when they die and fall to the bottom taking up space, says health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik.

"A pond that was ten feet deep can be reduced to five feet deep and the process can continue until there is no pond anymore," he said.

Upgraded or new septic systems within 400 feet of water bodies such as Lily Pond, the Gulf River and James Brook, must comply with new town standards that greatly reduce nitrates. The health board monitors the state-of-the-art septic systems to make sure they are doing the job.

The board tests the affected septic systems on a regular basis increasing monitoring if unacceptable nitrogen levels show up. The board must also grapple with what to do if a system consistently fails. There are four such nitrate-limiting systems in town and one is problematic, Godzik said. The board is still deliberating on how to handle bringing the problem system into compliance.

Also, there are likely dozens more septic systems that haven't been upgraded within the 400-foot set back that could be adding to the nitrate problem in local water bodies. However, there is little the board can do about those. Under Title 5 — the state environmental code governing septic systems — septic systems don't even have to be inspected unless the property is sold or transferred. Only if the system fails does the homeowner have to fix or replace it. Even then, conventional Title 5 systems don't have to control nitrogen, that's why the Board of Health adopted its own nitrogen standards about two years ago.

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— Dr. Joseph Godzik, health agent

"There could be quite a few septic systems in the Aaron River Road and Doane Street areas [contributing to nitrogen levels]," Godzik said. Other problematic areas in town, such as Summer Street and Blackhorse Lane are being added to the sewer.

However, when those "un-sewered" properties near water bodies do change hands, the Board of Health will require a different type of septic system to be installed if the existing system does not pass Title 5 — one that can handle nitrogen.

Godzik said the real push behind adding the homes near Straits Pond in North Cohasset to the sewer was the sorry state of the brackish pond. Due to years of nitrogen problems from failing septic systems, the pond had almost no depth and no oxygen to support life, he said. About 600 homes in North Cohasset are being connected to the wastewater treatment plant in Hull through an inter-municipal agreement. Sewering the homes should help return the pond to a healthy state because the failing septic systems will go off-line. Atlantic Avenue in Hull also borders Straits Pond.

Common sources of nitrogen include urine, food waste [especially from peas, legumes and soybeans], and cleaning products that contain ammonia, Godzik said.

Old voting booths put out to pasture

By Mary Ford
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Inside their walls, voters have set the course for the town by deciding on Prop. 2-1/2 overrides, who should be the next selectman, and whether the Greenbush line should be restored.

They've also played a role in many a state and national election — all the while providing privacy while citizens do their civic duty.

Now the old voting booths could actually become part of the history they helped create.

For safety reasons the 25-30 year-old portable structures need to be replaced.

"Voting booths are very expensive and they are not getting any cheaper," Town Clerk Marion Douglas told selectmen this week. "The current ones are in bad shape."

She explained that some of the booths have collapsed from time to time and she is concerned that a child accompanying a parent to the polls might get hurt.

Douglas said prices for new booths range from $137 each with no lights, to more than $300 with lights.

She recommended the town purchase the $199 model that is equipped with lights.

"Voting booths are very expensive and they are not getting any cheaper."

— Town Clerk Marion Douglas

By state law, the town is required to have one voting booth per every 125 voters. Therefore, the town needs 43 but Douglas would like to buy 48. The old booths number 48.

The Nov. 5 Special Town Meeting will be asked to appropriate $9600 for the new booths. Douglas said this is a good fiscal year to purchase them because there will only be one election. Elections cost the town about $3,000 each, Douglas said.

Selectmen will recommend voters appropriate money to buy new voting booths.



ROTARY CLUB
Cohasset Rotary Club members Arne Gjesteby (left) and Ronnie Goodwin (second from right) pose in front of the Lightkeepers House with Rotary District Governor Peter Carnavale and Assistant District Governor Paul Welch. Rotary's governing body was very impressed after Cohasset Rotary reported its $21,000 in Cohasset student scholarships and $3157 in Cancer walk donations last year, which were among other funds raised from many Cohasset businesses and citizens, then distributed into the community. The popular Cohasset Rotary Phone Book and Road Race are the club's main fundraising activities.

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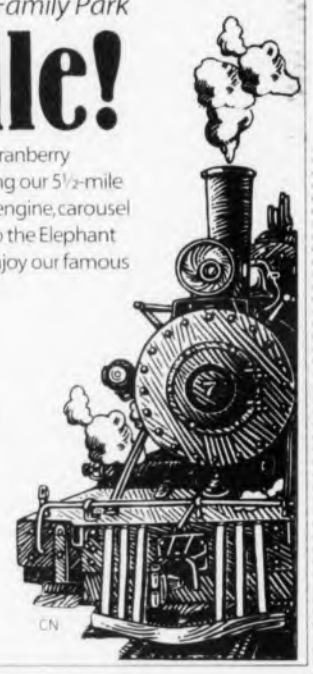
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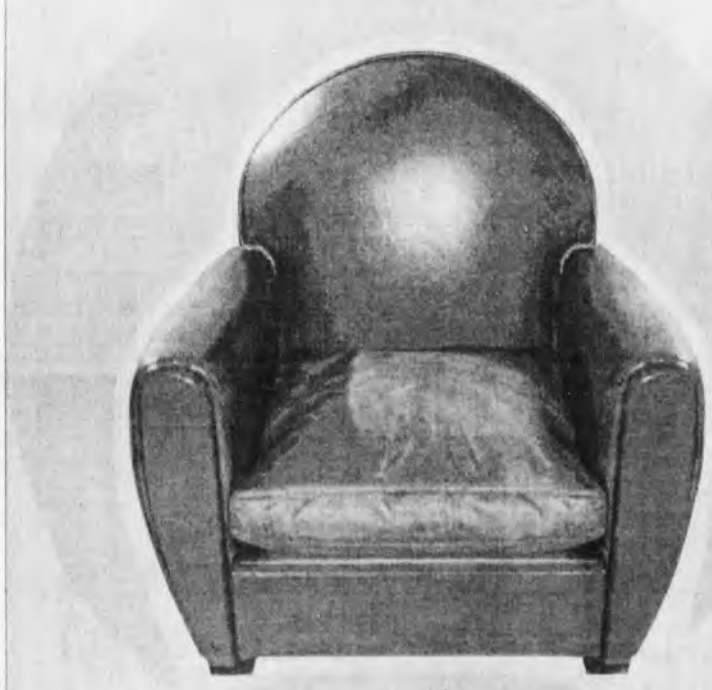
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A garden, 40 years in the making

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Russ Lennon stands by some of the impatiens he planted in his garden that continues to evolve.

mental to his work ethic, as well as his originality and resourcefulness.

One summer, Lennon hand dug the foundation for an addition, only to come across two six-foot by six-foot granite boulders. He took some spare firewood, built a large fire around the boulders and let it burn for a weekend, heating up the rocks. "On Sunday, I put the hose on and you could hear it crack," he said. "I hit it with a sledgehammer and turned it all into small rocks. In two weekends I had it all out."

His greenhouse windows are built from two old sliding doors originally from the house. Small tables on his porch are built from ship portholes.

"Those aren't ever going to break," said Lennon, a member of the Navy Sea-Bees from 1950 to 1954.

Lennon said his wife, Jean, doesn't posses the same love of gardening as he does.

"She'll sometimes come down here and walk around, but her interests aren't in gardening," he said. "And this allows me to be able to keep out of her hair."

Lennon said he'll spend up to eight hours a day weeding, watering, trimming and feeding the fish. This past summer he laid down 60 new yards of gravel with the Honda tractor he bought himself as a retirement present in 1991.

"You never really finish with the work," he said. "But I hate the winter because then I can't work out here."

Lennon was surprised that his garden attracted the attention of New England Cable News.

"I never thought it would come to that," he said, with a smile. "But I enjoyed it."

New minister found for church

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say and apply them to everyday life. He wants to turn people towards God and make them feel a part of something bigger.

"I let the Bible speak for itself... with humor," says Fish, who has a deep, warm voice. He believes humor is essential to life and tries to bring a smile to the face of the people he meets.

Lloyd Prescott, a trustee of the church, identified Fish's experience as one of his strengths.

"He brings an evangelical message...something we are very interested in hearing," he said.

For the past 13 years, Fish resided in Philadelphia, Penn, where he ministered for the Church of Nazarene. When Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy offered him a position he jumped at the opportunity and moved his family to Hull. Branson Roberts, the former minister of the Beechwood Congregational Church, works with Fish at Eastern Nazarene and helped to bring him to the church. Fish is currently the director of student accounts and financial aid for the college.

Two of the pastor's five brothers also work at Eastern Nazarene College. Fish also teaches part-time in the LEAD program at Eastern Nazarene for continuing education students.

Three jobs are enough for the new minister and he feels very content with where he is in life. Fish has been married to his wife Barbara for 25 years. Barbara teaches fourth grade at Brockton Christian School. His oldest son, William, is married and working on a master's degree in education. His daughter, Heather, teaches fourth and fifth grade in Woburn, while his youngest son, Dan, attends Eastern Nazarene and is majoring in sociology.

Fish received a bachelor of arts in general science from Eastern Nazarene College. He studied for his masters of business administration at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and received a master of divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

His hobbies include reading, and collecting old books and letters. The new church leader is particularly interested in anything that has to do with the families of John Quincy or Sam Adams. He enjoys Cohasset and relishes the fact that clergy members within the community have a positive relationship, which he sees as a significant benefit of the job. He sees the Sunday School program growing at Beechwood as well as the Bible study program.

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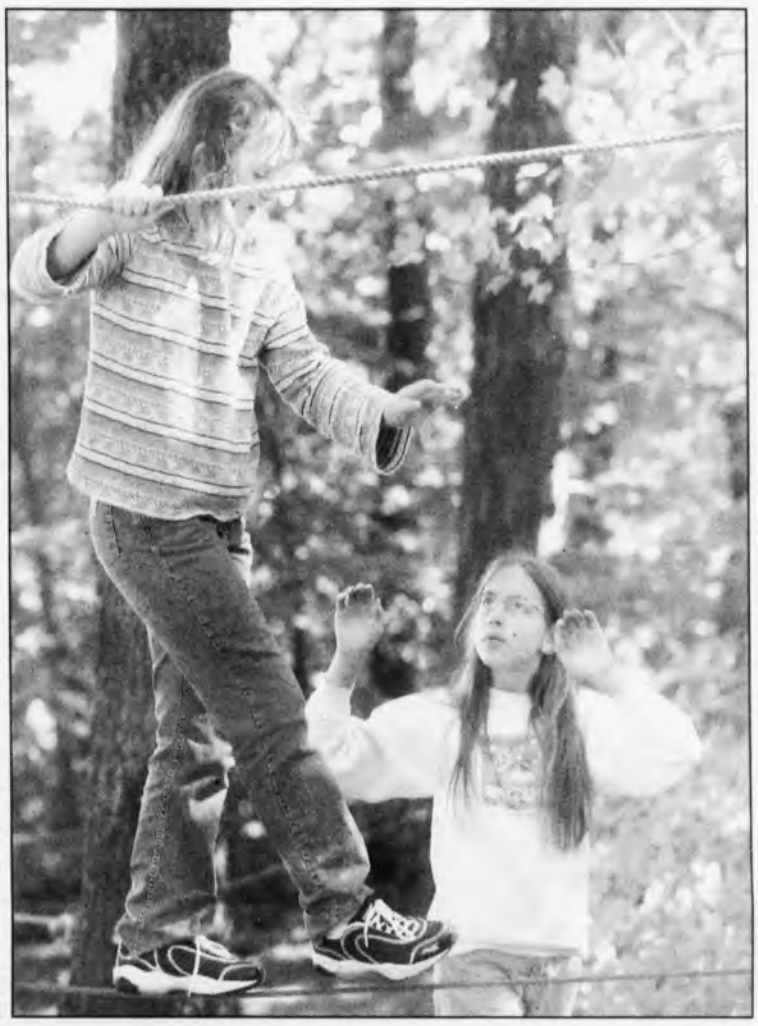
Getting acquainted

Kids bond at Camp Bournedale

Staff photos by Alan Chapman

At right, Devon Bell prepares to chase down the projectile he made in rocketry class as it takes off. Below, Alex Laas spots for Charlotte Glick on the rope walk in adventure class.







Clockwise from below, Ali Giroux prepares to swing in adventure class. The mess hall is everyone's favorite including Samantha Fortin who chows down a chicken sandwich. Kali Devaney and Maura Regan work on a rope project. Teacher Larry Shultz climbs the wall with a lot of help. The annual camp for sixth-graders gives the class an opportunity to develop camaraderie while enjoying some outdoor adventure.







SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

NDA open house

Notre Dame Academy, a Catholic, college preparatory high school for young women, will host an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 1-3 p.m. and on Thursday evening, Nov. 8 from 6-8 p.m. Prospective students may tour the school and register for the Archdiocesan Entrance Exam, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 8.

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Weir River race

The Head of the Weir Race will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, at 11:30 a.m. The entry fee is $15, registration is required. The race will start from the West Corner Hingham-Hull line, to Windmill Point Boathouse, Hull, at Hull Gut.

One of the Hull Lifesaving Museum's most beloved events, the Head of the Weir, is a celebration of open-water rowing and both the beautiful Weir River Estuary and Boston Harbor in autumn.

The boats in Head of the Weir River Race jockey for position as they race out of the estuary and into the open water from West Corner (on the Hingham/Hull/Cohasset line), past Bumpkin Island, across Hingham Bay, to the museum's Windmill Point Boathouse.

A highly contested 51/2-miler, the Weir draws coxed youth and adult crews, single and double scullers, curraghs, and Alden ocean shells. It is an exceptionally exciting race and a great spectator event, featuring, typically, more than 30 boats and 150 of the region's finest rowers, including youth and adult crews from Boston Harbor, Maine, Vermont and New York.

Best views are from the bridge on George Washington Boulevard (5-to-15 minutes after the start), at the tip of Hull's Sunset Point, or at the boathouse finish line. Spectators should show great care crossing the road on George Washington Boulevard, watching for fast moving traffic.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. behind the Hull Public Works building at the Hull town line on Route 228. For more information call Ed McCabe, maritime program director, at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 781-925-5433.

Derby fall fair

The annual Derby Academy Harvest Fall Fair will be held Saturday, Oct., 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school on Burditt Avenue, rain or shine.

Once again the entire family can enjoy a fall fair that will include a Haunted House and sounds from "DJ.". Returning fair favorites include rock climbing, the giant slide, The bungee cord, face painting, a fabulous raffle and many more games and prizes. The art tent will be back as well.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Jason Brown

The senior tailback ran roughshod over the Mashpee defense all night in the football Skippers 35-6 Friday win, finishing the game with 204 rushing yards and four touchdowns.

Living

On the South Shore

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

This is a view Mashpee defenders had of Cohasset tailback Jason Brown (#14) most of the evening—from the rear. The senior finished the game with 204 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

Gridders keep on rolling

Football team goes to 4-0 with 35-6 whitewash of Mashpee

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It's official: the Cohasset football Skippers are a South Shore League force to be reckoned with.

After three season opening wins over weaker non-league opponents, the Skippers had their first SSL match-up last Friday. And they passed their test with flying colors, pummeling the Mashpee Falcons, 34-6.

"It's a great start for us," said fourth year coach Tony Rolfe. "We have always done well outside of the league, but the momentum really helped us get through Friday night."

Cohasset set the tone early, forcing the Falcons to punt on their first possession. It didn't take long after that for senior tailback Jason Brown to begin taking over the game.

Behind outstanding holes from his offensive line, Brown amassed 136 yards and two touchdowns...on his first three carries! He finished the game with 204 yards and four TD's, all of his scores coming in the first half. Behind Daniel Trowers in 1999, Brown became the second Cohasset player in three years to be named Boston Globe star of the week.

"He is taking it to another level," effused Rolfe of Brown's game-breaking speed.

One of the unsung heroes of Brown's success has been the powerful lead blocking of junior fullback Braun Goodson. His combination of size and speed out of the backfield compliment Brown's attack very well.

"This was the best game of a fullback I have seen since I have been here," lauded the coach.

Junior quarterback Mike Snowdale completed five of his nine pass attempts to keep the Mashpee front line honest. His two touchdown passes— to Brown and sophomore wide out Chris Bilodeau— pushed his season total

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Quick turnaround for Lady Skippers

Cohasset girls soccer wins first two of season

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It is truly amazing how quickly things can change in the sports world.

Starting off the season with four straight losses, all to league opponents, the girls soccer team looked to be well on their way to another season in the South Shore League basement. But with two straight SSL wins, things might just turn around.

Cohasset downed Harwich last Saturday, 1-0, and Hull this past Monday, 2-0. The two wins have given new life to the team, possibly to even make a run at the playoffs.

"It is a tremendous load off," confessed fourth year coach Deb Beal following the first win. "Not just for me, but for the girls."

In the Harwich game, the Lady Skippers clearly outplayed the Lady Rough Riders, keeping the ball in Cohasset's offensive end a large portion of the game. In fact, Cohasset opened the game by connecting eleven passes before the opposition even touched the ball.

"We dominated 80 to 90 percent of that game," affirmed Beal.

Although Cohasset had opportunity after opportunity, they were denied time and time again by Harwich's outstanding keeper. With seven minutes left in the game, sophomore Gillian Weber finally sneaked one through, giving her team the win.

Beal noticed the attitude change of her team when it was certain that their zero would be erased from the win column.

"It looked like they were having fun," she explained. "This was 80 minutes of fun."

In the game against the neighboring rivals to the north, Cohasset took down Hull for the second time this year (the girls also beat Hull in a pre-season scrimmage, 4-1).

The first goal was scored on a seemingly impossible shot by senior Becky Ross. Connecting for her first goal of the year, Ross lined up her shot from the touchline and it curled in off the far post.

Weber again scored the backbreaker in this game, increasing her team scoring lead off senior captain Kate Grimm's assist.

Weber is one of four sophomores to start for the squad, along with Jen Buckley, Brenna O'Donnell and Holly Graham. Beal feels their presence has been the driving force behind Cohasset's recent charge.

"The spark is definitely being lit by the sophomores," lauded Beal. "Their attitudes and play on the field have been contagious."

This is Weber's second year as a starter, and her big contributions are now pretty much expected.

"I knew we would get this from Gill," said her coach. "She really wants to win."

Buckley, one of the fastest members of the team, has rapidly improved her game along the sidelines.

"She will make the outside runs, and her crosses are getting much better," Beal complimented.

O'Donnell and Graham form a defensive duo that proved extremely important in cutting off Hull's strikingly speedy forwards.

"Brenna has been huge back there, and there are not many people faster than Holly at [the sweeper] position," said Beal.

Cohasset will try to pull to the .500 mark with games this week against Norwell on Wednesday and Mashpee Friday. Cohasset lost to both of these teams by one goal in the first meetings this season, both extremely hard-fought matches.

"Momentum is behind us," offered Beal after the second win. "Now we have a little wind in our sails."

Skippers-Clippers showdown

Cohasset vs. Norwell boys soccer showdown played last night

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The Cohasset boys soccer team was clearly not clicking on all cylinders in their first go-round this season against Norwell.

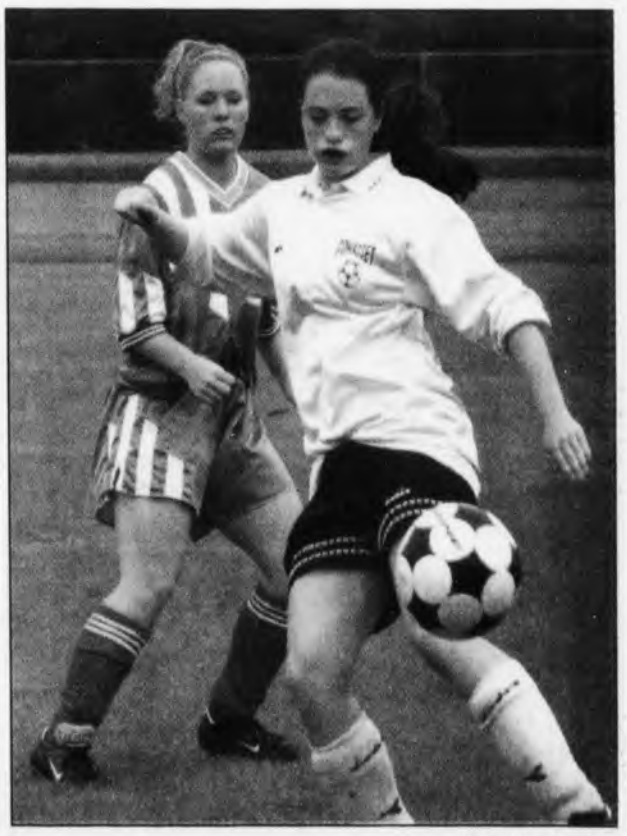
Injuries and inconsistent play were the bane of coach Dave Nigro's existence back then. And the 2-1 loss, brought about by a Norwell goal with just 15 seconds remaining on the game clock, certainly didn't improve his outlook much—particularly with this making the fourth straight meeting in which the Clippers had prevailed by one goal.

Two weeks later, however, on the eve of the return match with the Clippers in a game that could very well determine the South Shore League championship, the second year Cohasset coach sounded decidedly more at ease with his squad.

"I think Norwell is going to see a different team than it saw a few weeks back," said Nigro. "We've got a few new looks, a few new wrinkles. Bottom line, though, is that we're healthier now and just playing better."

Standouts Matt Bilodeau and Greg O'Connell were each dragging considerably with back injuries in the initial Norwell match, both reduced to shadows of themselves on the field. Fullback Steve Laney and sweeper Dave Hickey were also far from 100 percent, each playing with a leg injury. According to the coach,

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset sophomore Brenna O'Donnell, seen here trying to control a bouncing ball, has been a defensive force in the Lady Skippers back-to-back wins.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset's Sarah Brady (white shirt) fights for the ball with Duxbury defender in action last week. Brady scored her first varsity goal in a 3-1 loss to Hingham on Saturday.

Forget the record

C.H.S. field hockey coach sees results that don't show up in standings

By Mike Spellman
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Though the Cohasset field hockey team has been looking for its second win since ever opening this season with a 1-0 decision over Silver Lake on Sept. 7, coach Deb Bostwick insists that her girls are still making steady progress.

Monday's 0-0 tie against South Shore League rival Norwell (2-4-3) bolstered that argument, in the veteran coach's opinion.

"That was absolutely the best game we've played this year," raved Bostwick, whose team moved to 1-4-4 with the tie. "Everything just finally came together for us in that one. In terms of team unity and hard work and passing the ball and creating opportunities and defense, everything just seemed to start rolling our way."

The tale of the tape would seem to bare this out. Cohasset out-shot the visiting Lady Clippers, 13-5, and had 10 corners to Norwell's three.

"We just dominated that game," said Bostwick matter-of-factly. "We did everything right but put the ball in the net."

Indeed, Norwell goalie Emily Hurley turned out to be the star of the game, several of her 13 stops being of the outstanding variety.

The best of several quality Cohasset scoring opportunities came midway through the second half when a penalty strike was awarded to captain Heather Peraino. The junior midfielder labeled the ball for the top right corner, but Hurley flashed out her blocker at the last instant to deflect it wide.

"Obviously, we're all a little disappointed not getting the win,"

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VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Sept.
28 lost to Carver, 2-0
28 lost to Hingham, 3-1

Oct.
1 tied Norwell, 0-0

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER
29 beat Harwich, 1-0
1 beat Hull, 2-0
3 Norwell

GOLF
1 lost to Mashpee, 9-0
4 Abington

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
29 beat Harwich, 1-0
1 beat Hull, 6-1
3 Norwell

VARSITY FOOTBALL
28 beat Mashpee, 35-6

Coach Bostwick sees results not shown in standings

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said Bostwick. "But I think we know there are a lot of positives we can take from this game that mean more than one win."

The question now is can these Cohasset girls sustain this recent surge?

"I'll probably piss them by saying it, but yes, I think they can," replied Bostwick. "I feel like we've turned a corner. The girls seem more focused over the last three or four games. I can see it."

This might have something to do with Bostwick's brash move a couple of weeks back made after what the coach perceived to be some warning and inconsistent efforts from her charges — to come up with a contract for her players to sign that formally committed them to "100 percent effort."

"I've started to come down on these girls a little harder than I have on previous teams," admitted Bostwick. "I think it's what they need. We've got a lot of first year players here, and I think I needed to get their attention."

Bostwick still believes this team is capable of making a run to get into the post-season.

"We're only three games under .500 and we've still go half a season to go," she noted. "We've been on the wrong side of a lot of close games. Hopefully, if we continue to show the improvement we have over the last few games, we can gain an edge over those same teams we played tough against the second time around."

Prior to the tie with Norwell, the Lady Skippers had dropped three games in a row against powerhouse squads—Duxbury on Wednesday (a 4-0 loss), Carver on Friday (a 2-0 loss) and Hingham on Saturday (3-1)—who, combined, have half the number of losses as Cohasset.

Cohasset actually took a lead into halftime against Hingham, first year varsity player Sarah Brady redirecting a feed from Peraino into the net two minutes before the break. Seeing her first varsity action in net in place of regular starter Sara Genovese (away for the weekend), sophomore Caitlin Condon came up huge for the Lady Skippers in this first half, turning away several Hingham rushes.

However, Hingham came out flying to open the second half, throwing a merciless barrage at the untested keeper. As Bostwick's put it: "the sleeping giants woke up."

The Harborwomen tied the game at the 7:10 mark off of a corner, and then took the lead for good on another corner 11 minutes later. The real backbreaker came with just over two minutes remaining, however, with the Skippers taking chances as they pushed hard for a rush that might net them the equalizer.

With defensive stalwart Jackie Goines out of action due to illness for this game, coach Bostwick had particularly strong post-game praise for fullbacks Suzanne Lynner, Sarah Dennis and Kimmy Ulmer, and, of course, Condon.

"I know Caitlin was down on herself after those three second half goals, but she really shouldn't have been," said Bostwick. "For her first time out at the varsity level she did a remarkable job, and everyone there agreed with that. Her teammates, the opposing coaches, and even the refs said that."

Summing up the week's worth of action, Bostwick said: "I was proud of the way the girls battled in all of these games. They showed some character by fighting all the way to the end. In the end, that's what's going to make us a better team."



PHOTO: ROB KEANE

Cohasset's Danielle Pinkus ties into one in Monday's 0-0 tie with Norwell



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Deanna Brown fires off one of Cohasset's 10 corners on Monday.

Field Hockey Notes

Lack of practice facilities a factor

Having lost 11 key plays to graduation from the team that advances to the sectional quarterfinals last fall, Bostwick was been forced to teach on the fly most of this season.

"We have talent, but it takes time to develop the type of skills we had last year," she said. "and the types of skills teams like Duxbury and Hingham have now."

That process has been impeded somewhat this fall be the lack of adequate field facilities. One of the early casualties of the ongoing construction projects at Cohasset High was the elimination of the field hockey team's practice facility at the front of the school. Now, the girls are forced to utilize unused corners at Milliken Field, doing their best not to get in the way of the other C.H.S. fall athletic teams.

"It's no one's fault," asserted Botwick. "This project is necessary for the betterment of the school, but right now it's hurting us. The terrain we've had in practices has just been terrible. That really hurts when you're trying to work on your drives and passing."

Bostwick couldn't help but to feel a little envious when she saw the plush and finely manicured practice field at Duxbury High last week.

"You see the way Duxbury moves the ball so smoothly and so quickly, and you know having a field like that to practice on has so much to do with it," she reasoned.

Genovese shines

In the 2-0 loss to South Shore leading Carver (6-1, 3-0), Cohasset goalie Sara Genovese was immense, stopping 20 of the 22 shots thrown on net by the high flying Crusaders.

"Sara came to play in this one," said Bostwick. "Carver is a much improved team, and Sara was the player who kept us in it to the end."

Picking it up

Bostwick also wished to acknowledge the improved play of late by Brady, Deanna Brown, Lindsay Grossman, Jessie Guild and forward Rachel Smith.

Skippers-Clippers showdown, part II

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these four are now all the way back or close to their pre-injury form.

By the time anyone reads this, unfortunately, this showdown will have been played. It was scheduled to go off at 5 p.m. Wednesday, about the same time this paper went to print—so coach Nigro could come out looking real good.

Chances are, he won't come out looking too bad regardless of how the game plays out. After all, the way his team has been playing of late, who can blame him for feeling a trifle more optimistic than he did two weeks ago?

On Saturday, the Skippers played arguably their best 80 minutes of the season in beating Harwich, 2-1. The game was not as close as the score might indicate. Cohasset maintained a decided territorial edge throughout the contest, and only the white-hot play between the pipes by Harwich sophomore keeper Joey Zabielski kept the score respectable.

"We were just moving the ball so well in that game and against a good team," said Nigro. "We were consistently creating nice opportunities, but I've really got to hand it to (Zabielski). He came up with 10 or 11 quality stops in that game, which is something you hardly ever see in a high school soccer game."

Dan Kinchla finally broke through three minutes before halftime, finishing off a nice feed from captain Matt Bilodeau.

The Skippers continued to mount the pressure in the second half, but a Tim Baird tally near the midpoint was all they could sneak past the whirling dervish in goal. With Harwich joining the South Shore League this season, the Skippers can look forward to at least five more meetings with Zabielski.

Harwich finally managed to break through on a direct kick from just outside the box with approximately two minutes remaining in the game. The Rough Ryders live action opportunities were few and far between, though, and this game never truly seemed to be much in doubt.

The story in Monday's 6-1 win over Hull was similar, even after the host Pirates scored a quick goal at the start of the second half to tie it at 1-1. The Skippers bounced back quickly to score three goals in the next 10 minutes to take statistical control of the game they seemed to have well in their grasp almost from the opening whistle. Chris Clark led the way with a pair of tallies, and teammates Bilodeau, Kahn, Baird and Dave Hickey all chipped in one apiece.

With the win over Hull, Cohasset improved to 5-2-1 overall on the season and 4-1-1 in South Shore League play, the Norwell setback standing as the lone loss on their the league mark. Norwell is 6-0-1 in league (7-0-2 overall), so a win by the Skippers Wednesday night would knot up the two teams in the tie and loss columns, as well as negate the head-to-head advantage.

Golfer shutout by Mashpee

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset golf team fell to 1-4-1 on Monday, as they proved no match for Mashpee.

"Those Cape teams are tough," said Cohasset head coach Torin Sweeney, referring to South Shore League newcomers Mashpee and Harwich. "They've definitely changed the landscape of our league. Their kids all belong to country clubs, and golf just seems to be a big part of the culture down there with all those courses around."

Cohasset freshman DJ Silvia continued his excellent campaign as the Skippers top golfer, shooting a three-over-par 39 at the Cohasset Country Clubm, but his counterpart got the better of him with a nine-hole round of 37.

The C.H.S. golfers host Abington today (Thursday) and travel south to take on the other cape monster, Harwich, next week in the makeup of a Sept. 25 rainout.

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Gridders keep on rolling

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to seven, tops among Div. 5 QBs.

Bilodeau and junior receiver Tom Anderson combine to make one of the highest scoring receiving tandems in the division. Their presence has been enormous this year, since the losses of seniors Nick Bolster and Liam Martin made many think that a legitimate passing game was a lost cause.

"I feel like we lost the two best receivers in the league, and replaced them with the next best two," assessed Rolfe.

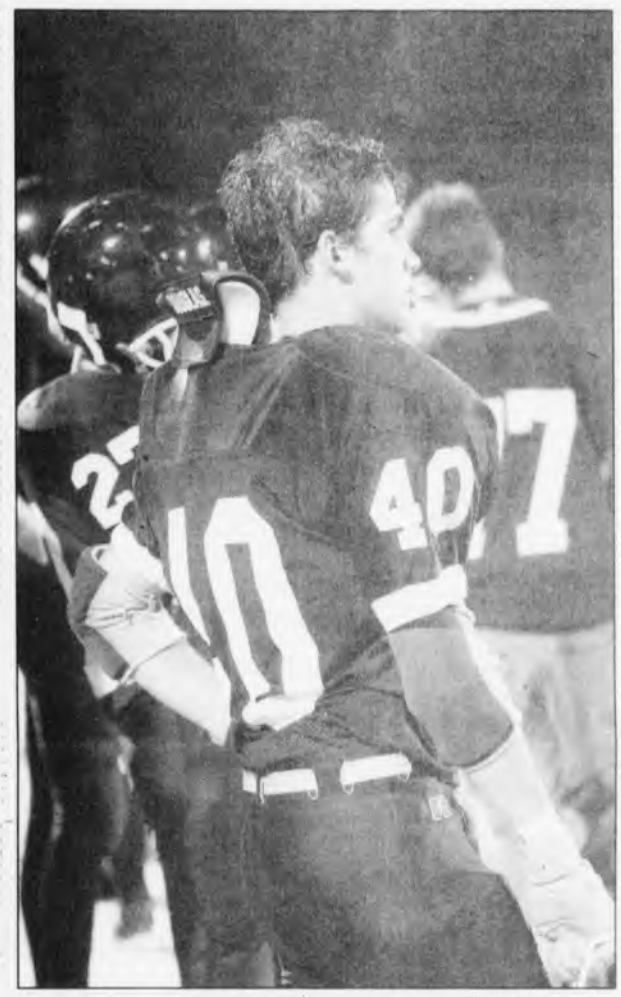
Cohasset's defense again kept their opponent to only one score, a 57-yard touchdown scamper by senior halfback Dan Holt. Other than that, Mashpee's ground game was shut down. Falcon senior quarterback Jeff Young was held to two completions on 11 tries.

"The defense really did an outstanding job," complimented the coach, whose squad has given up a total of 19 points through four games. "We are at a point where we are upset when we give up first downs."

This week, Cohasset has the opportunity to get into a good position to contend for a South Shore League crown, taking on defending SSL champion Carver. Though Carver was hit extremely hard by graduation and already has one league loss, Rolfe knows this is not the time to slack off.

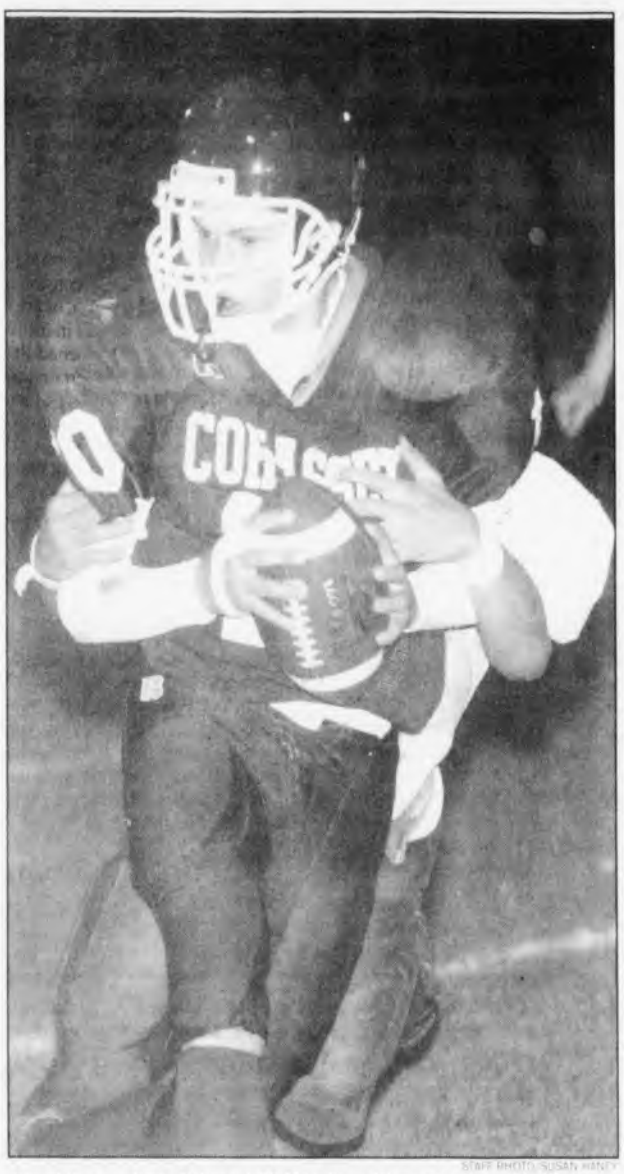
"I think we have to maintain this level of play," he said.

With the level of play this team has right now, that should prove to be winning advice.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

But it's a good tired. Cohasset senior linebacker Paul Previtte looks on with satisfaction in the waning moments of the Skippers 35-6 demolishment of Mashpee on Friday.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

One of the rare times Cohasset QB Mike Snowdale was contained by Mashpee Friday night, or, for that matter, all season.

Football game Notes

(Yes, the inevitable return of the "fun facts" section.)

- In the first half, Mashpee fumbled on three consecutive possessions, totaling four in the game.

- In the first quarter, Anderson missed a PAT for the first time this year. He is now 12-of-13 for the season.

- The teams combined for only three penalties, Cohasset only getting charged with a pass interference call late in the third quarter.

- This was the first game no Skipper recorded an interception.

- Junior John Durkin caught only one pass, but it was enough to give him more receiving yards than all other Skipper receivers combined.

Coastal Stars "Game of the Week"

There is a comforting familiarity shared by several Marshfield and Cohasset parents as a result of their many hours of huddling with each other at frozen rinks from Martha's Vineyard to Lake Placid.

For the past few years, the Bents, Crowleys, Gomez's, Hernons, Kelleys, Labos and McPhersons of Marshfield, along with the Ulmers of Cohasset, have cheered their children through their Mite years to this years Squirt level, where their children make up the core of the Coastal Stars' elite Squirt team, the Squirt A team.

In this season's inaugural game, this past Sat. evening, the Stars gave their parents plenty to cheer about as they beat the Taunton Brewins 4-0.

Head coach Joe McPherson, who is assisted by his longtime colleagues, John Hernon and Dan Bent, was thrilled with the team's effort , particularly the defensive play of Max Labo, Pat Lema, Rich Cuqua and David Gomez who held the usually potent Taunton attack scoreless.

Coach McPherson said the game's defensive tone was set by goalie Shane Ricci, an import from Pembroke, who stopped a 2-on-0 breakaway at a critical point in a scoreless game.

Having established themselves defensively, the Stars set about creating some offense. After a scoreless first, the Stars got two quick goals. Eric Wiedemann got the first tally off of a beautiful pass from winger Korey McPherson who dug the puck free from a pile up in front of the net. Dan Bent followed with his first goal two minutes later.

The hustle of first year players Brendan Doonan and Mike Sweeney combined with the always dependable effort of Paul Kelley kept the score in the Stars favor up to the end of the second period.

Shortly after the puck dropped to start the third period , veteran Bryan Hernon, who for years has demonstrated an ability to put the puck in the net, put the Stars up 3-0 on a power play goal. The game was put away later in the third period when Korey McPherson notched his second assist, laying a pass into the slot for hard charging defenseman Pat Lema, who rushed in from his position on the blue line to roof one past the sprawling Taunton goalie.

Veterans John Crowley and Tim Grahm contributed greatly to the effort with their aggressive two-way play.

An exuberant coach McPherson said: "This was a fantastic game with a superb team effort."

For this hearty group of parents this was another game at another frozen rink with an outcome that had them all smiling.

—Peter J. Buckley

CHS weekly sports schedule

JV FIELD HOCKEY

Oct.	Opponent	Time
5	Hull	4 p.m.
6	at Harwich	1:30 p.m.
10	at Mashpee	5:30 p.m.

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

5	Hull	5 p.m.
6	at Harwich	Noon
10	at Mashpee	4 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

3	Norwell	7 p.m.
5	Mashpee (Milliken)	3:30 p.m.
9	at Norton	3:30 p.m.

GIRLS JV SOCCER

3	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
5	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
9	at Norton	3:30 p.m.

BOYS JV SOCCER

3	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
5	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
9	Norton	3:30 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

3	Norwell	5 p.m.
5	at Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
9	Norton	3:30 p.m.

FROSH/SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

4	Carver	3:30 p.m.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

5	at Carver	7 p.m.

GOLF

4	Abington	3:30 p.m.
9	at Carver	3:30 p.m.

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WORSHIP NEWS

First Friday Mass

A First Friday Mass will be held at St. Anthony Church on Friday, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. The Mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 p.m. A weekly holy hour is also held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with Exposition and the Rosary.

The 152nd anniversary of the shipwreck of the Brig, St. John, off the coast of Cohasset will be observed with a 1 p.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 7. Following the Mass, there will be a short reception and talk in the parish center. Guests are welcome to proceed by car to the Central Cemetery where a wreath will be placed at the foot of the large granite Celtic Cross that was erected in 1914 to honor the shipwreck victims.

And people seeking to learn about the Roman Catholic faith are invited to ongoing faith-formation meetings each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. These meetings are for both inquirers and those who are beginning the process called RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is a year-long process in which candidates prepare to enter the Church, usually during the Easter Vigil.

For information, call 781-383-0630.

Abbey interfaith lecture series

The Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, announce the beginning of their third annual series devoted to inter-religious conversation, "Listening to Other Voices," beginning on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7:15 p.m. at the abbey.

Glastonbury Abbey is committed to fostering mutual understanding among faith communities in the local area. This series is one effort to provide the space and impetus for people to come together locally.

The overall theme of the 2001-02 series, "Spirituality in Everyday Life." The first speaker is Ellen Kushner, host of WGBH's popular series, "Sound and Spirit." Kushner hosts, writes and produces the segments for this program which airs on more than 100 stations. Kushner is a graduate of Bryn Mawr and Barnard Colleges in Anthropology and the Arts and worked in New York in publishing. Her second novel, "Thomas the Rhymer," won the 1991 World Fantasy Award and the Mythopoeic Award.

Future speakers in the 2001-02 series include Maya Tiwari (Maya Ma), a Vedic Hindu monastic healer; Charles Clough, Jr., a CEO and Deacon on Wall Street; Victor Kazanjian, Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life at Wellesley College; Allan Palmer, a teacher of Chanoyu, the Japanese art of tea; and Tom Beaudoin, author of "Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X."

All events are held on Thursday evenings from 7:15-9:15 p.m. Reservations are strongly recommended and may be made by calling Glastonbury Abbey at 781-749-2155. The lectures are free. Donations are welcome.

Simchat Torah

Come celebrate Simchat Torah on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham. At 7 p.m. there will be an Erev Simchat Torah service with music and dancing around the sanctuary. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

Non-members are always welcome! The temple is wheelchair accessible.

For questions or directions, call Congregation Sha'aray Shalom at 781-749-8103.

Family History

The U.S. Senate has voted unanimously to declare October as Family History Month. The resolution was sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) who commented: "It is only natural that we want to find out more about our ancestors. What better way to bring families closer together than by discovering more about the story of their own family? Like it or not, who we are today is, in large part, a product of our ancestors."

The resolution also encouraged President Bush to issue a proclamation urging Americans to participate in genealogy activities. For assistance in locating your ancestors, you may want to find help at the nearest Family History Library at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ; in Hingham, call 781-749-4815.

OBITUARIES

William Colwill

Memorial services for William "Bill" Colwill, 61, of Pottsboro, Texas, who died recently at Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident Labor Day, were held at the Dannel Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Neill Morgan of Covenant Presbyterian Church officiated.

Mr. Colwill was born in Boston, the son of John and Mary Ganey Colwill. He graduated from Don Bosco Technical School in Boston. He served in the U.S. Army with the 166th Engineering Battalion at Fort Polk, La. prior to a 13-month tour of duty in Cameron Bay, Vietnam.

A technical genius, he managed operations of Squirrel Brand Company for 16 years before bringing the company to Southern Style Nuts in Denison, Texas, two years ago and was currently serving as vice president of operations for Southern Style Nuts. A devoted husband and father, he was passionate about his family, work, friends, golf and was a die-hard Harley Davidson enthusiast.

Mr. Colwill leaves his wife of 31 years, Ilene Grosky Colwill of Pottsboro, Texas; three daughters, Loni Colwill of Sugarland, Texas, Jodi Colwill of Atlanta, Ga. and Elaine Ann McGinis of Braintree; a brother, Jack Colwill of Hudson; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Red Cross or to the charity of one's choice.

S. Regina Dunlap

S. Regina (McHale) Dunlap, 93, of Cohasset, a cook and waitress in many local restaurants and owner and operator of the Sandwich Shop in North Scituate, died Sept. 25, 2001, at Life Care Center of the South Shore in Scituate following a brief illness.

Mrs. Dunlap worked at Kimball's by the Sea, Hugo's Lighthouse, Sargent's and Bucky's Sandwich Shop. During her time as a waitress, she was affectionately known as "Ma Dunlap" to many customers.

She also worked at the Woodworth's store in Cohasset.

She was a member of the Cohasset and Scituate Grange and recently received her 50-year pin.

Mrs. Dunlap was a communicant of St. Anthony Church.

She was an avid Red Sox fan and enjoyed basketball, horse racing, sewing, cooking and Scrabble.

Mrs. Dunlap was born in Booneville, N.Y., where she was raised and educated. She lived in Boston before moving to Cohasset more than 65 years ago. She was a graduate of Booneville High School.

Wife of the late George W. Dunlap, she leaves three sons, George A. Dunlap of Scituate, John P. Dunlap of Biddeford, Maine, and Henry S. Dunlap of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; four daughters, Mary M. Barbiere of East Weymouth and Elizabeth A. Dwyer, Viola W. Holbert and Caroline A. Morris, all of Scituate; 36 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.

Elizabeth W. Freeman

Elizabeth "Betsy" Weeks Freeman, 74, of Fearrington Village, N.C., died Sept. 7, 2001, at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Mrs. Freeman was daughter of the late Elizabeth Blum Weeks Zollars and Conrad Schweitzer Weeks of Canton, Ohio, granddaughter of Dora Alice Blum and Dr. Edmund Arthur Weeks of Cleveland, Ohio and stepdaughter of noted local artist, Charles Parsons Zollars of Canton, Ohio.

A graduate of Hathaway Brown School in Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Freeman received a B.A. in history and Spanish from Smith College. She briefly taught Spanish at Warrenton Country Day School, Warrenton, Va., prior to a foreign service life overseas with her husband of 50 years, James Benjamin Freeman, formerly of Akron, Ohio, and now of Fearrington Village, N.C.

The musical friendship of her grandmother and her husband's mother was the catalyst for their initial meeting at Princeton University and subsequent romance.

She also leaves three children, Allison Weeks Freeman Ulmer of Cohasset, born in Asuncion, Paraguay, Diana Alexandra Freeman Dempster of Bethesda, Md., born in Frankfurt, Germany, and Lt. Col. James Benjamin Freeman Jr., U.S. Air Force, of Wichita, Ks., born in Djakarta, Indonesia. In addition, she leaves two sons-in-law, Dr. Kevin M. Ulmer of Cohasset and William J. Dempster, Esq.; a beloved daughter-in-law, Bette-jo Snider Freeman; and nine grandchildren, Ashley Weeks Ulmer, Kimberly Maxwell Ulmer and Wesley Allison Ulmer of Cohasset, Alexandra Elizabeth Dempster, William Weeks Dempster and Cameron Bain Dempster of Bethesda, Md., and Laura Elizabeth Freeman, Caroline Victoria Freeman and Garrison James Freeman of Wichita, Ks.; many friends and neighbors; and her Old English sheepdog, Miso.

Mrs. Freeman, a former member of the Canton, Ohio, Junior League and the Daughters of the American Revolution, was a voracious reader, gourmet cook and avid patron of the arts. An amateur opera buff, she was introduced to opera before the age of 12 by her late father, Conrad "Chub" Weeks.

A graveside service and interment took place at West Lawn Cemetery in Canton, Ohio, and a memorial service and reception at the Episcopal Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.

Julia M. Dormitzer

Julia M. (Murphy) Dormitzer, 89, of Cohasset, a member of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, died Sept. 29, 2001, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born and raised in Cambridge, Mrs. Dormitzer lived in Cohasset for more than 40 years.

Wife of the late Henry Dormitzer, she leaves two sons, Ralph Dormitzer and his wife Jacqueline of Cohasset and Gregory Dormitzer and his wife Elizabeth Bulette of Swampscott; a daughter, Jane Dormitzer-Keenan and her husband Peter of Greenwich, Conn.; a sister, Rita Curran and her husband James P. Curran of Woburn; seven grandchildren, Philip, Paul, Henry, Ellen, Juliet, Rudy and Kristen; and five great-grandchildren. She was mother of the late Henry Dormitzer II.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill officiated. Interment was private.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in memory of Mrs. Dormitzer may be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

9:58 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.
9:58 p.m. Black Horse Ln, medical aid.
10:26 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Gregory F. Brown, 54, 121 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Chrgs. operating after license or right to operate suspended.
10:49 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:50 p.m. Border St., assault.
11:01 p.m. South Main St., and West Gate Ln., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
11:35 p.m. South Main St., malicious destruction.
11:59 p.m. King St., medical aid.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

1:16 a.m. Rose Hill Ln, assist citizen.
2:41 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire.
3:57 a.m. Pond St., fire.
7:17 a.m. Milliken Field, vandalism.
8 27 a.m. Elm St., suspicious.
9:50 a.m. North Main St, parking complaint.
9:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist motorist.
10:36 a.m. Border St., animal control.
10:51 a.m. Briarwood Ln., and Bancroft Rd., parking complaint.
11:09 a.m. Norfolk Rd. general services.
11:17 a.m. Elm St., fire.
12:47 p.m. Ripley Rd., officer wanted.
1:30 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted.
2:30 p.m. Beach St., parking complaint.
2:30 p.m. Spring St., general services.
3:58 p.m. Sohier St., and Fairoaks Ln, notification.
4:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop., verbal warning.
6:29 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious activity.
6:51 p.m. King St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.
7:24 p.m. Border St., suspicious activity.
8:04 p.m. Summer St., and Sankey Rd., officer wanted.
8:35 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.
9 p.m. Doane St, suspicious auto.
9:33 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.
9:45 p.m. Sandy Beach, assist citizen.
9:49 p.m. Atlantic Ave,. motor vehicle accident. Arrest: Joseph D. Mead, 48, 3 Cricket Cir. Scituate. Chrg. operating under the influence of liquor, operating a motor negligently so as to endanger, failure to stay within marked lanes.
10 p.m. transport to South Shore Hospital.
11:03 p.m. Sohier St., officer wanted.
11:19 p.m. Forest Notch, noise complaint.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

2:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:25 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.
3:25 p.m. Elm St., suspicious person.
3:43 p.m. King St., suspicious person.
4:15 p.m. Elm St., family disturbance.
4:33 p.m. Norfolk Rd., parking complaint.
4:34 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.
4:52 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.
5:13 p.m. Elm St., disturbance. Arrest: Robert A. Paton, 39, 60 Elm St., Cohasset. Chrgs. threatening to kill, assault, extortion by threat of injury, disorderly person.
9:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:43 p.m. Elm St., open door/window.
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MONDAY, SEPT. 24

6:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:55 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.
9:26 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle accident.
1:35 p.m. Grace Dr., medical aid.
3:11 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
3:23 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:24 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s).
5:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:40 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., harassing/annoying phone calls.
6:44 p.m. King St., medical aid.
7:13 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:25 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:25 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

8:18 a.m. Lamberts Lane, breaking and entering, burglary.
9:49 a.m. Riverview Dr., animal call or complaint.
10:25 a.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:09 a.m. South Main St., general services.
11:49 a.m. Grace Dr., wires down.
12:25 p.m. Linden Dr., fire investigation.
1:36 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.
1:31 p.m. Sohier St., summons service.
1:38 p.m. Pond St., fire investigation.
2:40 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
3:06 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s).
4:15 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance, gathering.
5:36 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., investigation.
7:32 p.m. King St., medical aid, hospital.
9:43 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s).
11:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle violations, traffic citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

12:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vandalism.
3:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., tree down.
7:55 a.m. Elm St., general information.
8:47 a.m. Summer St., general services.
9:44 a.m. Border St., found, property.
9:52 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.
1:25 p.m. Cedar St., general services.
2:06 p.m. Mariner Hill Dr., suspicious activity/person(s).
2:30 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle violations.
2:58 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:30 p.m. Depot Court, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5 p.m. Pond St., lost, property.
5:14 p.m. Parking Way, suspicious activity/person(s). Arrest of Matthew M. Corry, 17, of 81 Pleasant St., Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; illegal possession of a Class D substance; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.
Arrest of Joseph J. Niessink, 17, of 40 Forest Ave., Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; illegal possession of a Class D substance; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.
Arrest of 16-year-old/juvenile. Charges: Minor transporting alcohol; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws; illegal possession of Class D substance; possibly Class B substance with intent to distribute.
5:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:57 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:40 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
11:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
11:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
11:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general information.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

7:50 a.m. Ripley Rd., general information.
8:26 a.m. Ripley Rd., general services.
10:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.
10:43 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:36 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
3:25 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:03 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:09 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8:49 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation.
9:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
9:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

1:22 a.m. Beechwood St., general information.
7:11 a.m. HQ, registration inquiry.
7:26 a.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:31 a.m. HQ, registration inquiry.
8:12 a.m. Aaron River Rd., medical aid.
8:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., fire investigation.
9:03 a.m. North Main St. and Highland Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:10 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:14 a.m. Stockbridge St., well-being check.
9:15 a.m. Beechwood St., wires down.

POLICE BRIEFS

Youths arrested

Police say a clearing in a wooded area along the old rail bed in the village between the town parking lot and Spring Street is a gathering place for youths with alcohol and drugs.

During an investigation in that area at 5:15 p.m. last Wednesday, police discovered three Cohasset youths, who now face charges of minor transport alcohol and illegal possession of a Class D substance [marijuana]. The 16-year-old juvenile was also charged with possession of a Class B substance [Dexedrine tablets] with intent to distribute. Initial charges of conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws against all three youths were withdrawn because after review, there was not enough evidence to support the allegation, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

Arrested were Matthew M. Corry, 17, of 81 Pleasant St.; Joseph J. Niessink, 17, of 40 Forest Ave., and a 16-year-old boy of Cohasset, whose name is withheld because of his age. Police say all three showed signs of intoxication.

At the scene police found a half-full liter bottle of gin and a two-liter bottle of ginger ale. Further investigation revealed a quantity of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia. The 16-year-old also had a quantity of what police believe were Dexedrine tablets on his person. Dexedrine is a stimulant and can be abused. Police also said the manner in which the tablets were packaged led them to believe they were intended for sale to others.

The arraignment for Corry and Niessink was continued until Oct. 9 at Quincy District Court. The juvenile was scheduled to be arraigned yesterday [Oct. 3] in juvenile court as the Mariner went to press.

Paint ball rules

Cohasset police say groups of minors have been discharging paint-ball guns in public places in violation of state law. Sgt. Robert Jackson said paint-ball guns have been determined to be the equivalent of air guns by the State Police Ballistics Lab. Therefore, it is illegal to sell a paint-ball gun to minor under the age of 18 and it is illegal for these guns to be discharged in public places unless the minor is accompanied by an adult. Police can confiscate the guns being used in violation of state law, identify the violators and forward incident reports to the prosecutor for review.

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BUSINESS

POST helps people get back on track

Physical therapy business opens

By Jim Logan
CORRESPONDENT

Whether you're a 16-year-old high school football star, a 40-, 50-, or even 80-something athlete, there's a new, four-letter acronym around town you might want to keep handy for future reference.

The name of the entity is POST (Prescription, Orthopedic and Sports Training) and owners Al Blaisdell and Peter Stone, who together share more than 35 years experience in the area of physical therapy, want to help you get back on track and stay on track.

"That's really our main goal, our focus," says the 36-year-old Blaisdell, whose 10-plus years of expertise in the field of "PT" [personal training] includes Blaisdell's role as the present-day trainer for athletes at Hingham High School. "No matter what a particular person is in need of, whether it be say, massaging or therapy for someone who's sustained injury — or training someone to [optimize] their abilities — our job is to provide a continuum of the best care possible for the people who see us."

Stone, who brings more than 25 years of skill and knowledge to the POST practice, says customer service is one of their strengths.

"We like to think of ourselves a sort of a throwback to older times, when 'patient care' really meant that," says Stone, 47. "Patient care really does matter to us."



Cohasset's new sports therapy and training center combines hands-on treatment and supervised exercise therapy. Here Peter Stone, front, and Al Blaisdell, rear, assist clients.

Stone and Blaisdell say they saw a need for the type of one-on-one therapeutic services they provide on the South Shore area and, in April opened the doors to POST's second facility in Cohasset. [Stone opened up in Brookline a few years ago]. Both men agree the latest POST endeavor presents a great opportunity— not only for them, but the community as well.

"We feel like we're going to be [valuable] to the area in that, in addition to working with someone's primary-care physician or other doctor, people will also have somebody else whose goal is to say, work with them from the acute onset of a problem and, continue helping until they're able to go back to wherever they were and whatever they were doing," Blaisdell says.

When one first walks through the door to POST (in the new Cohasset Family Health building off Rt. 3A), Stone says one can be assured of not only receiving a complete and thorough assessment of his or her particular case — be that a problem or a desire for more strength and conditioning — but also a personalized program custom-tailored his or her particular needs.

"From the very beginning when we work with someone, whether it's through exercise or [therapies], we really want to help people get back (to normal)," Stone says. "When you're working with somebody, and they have that sense that you really care about the things that are going on it makes them feel very good. Very comfortable."

Though relatively new to the South Shore region from the POST business perspective, Blaisdell and Stone have ties to the community. Stone resides in Cohasset; Blaisdell in Hingham.

"In the six months since we've opened, we've already started building a name through the doctors who've referred us, plus through the [contacts] Al has as the physical trainer for Hingham High School," Stone says. "People are getting to know who we are and what we do and, things have been very good so far. We're very happy with how the business has already grown down here."

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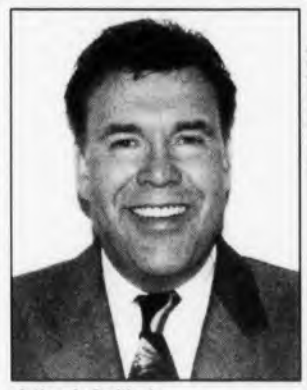
NETWORKING



SPECIAL VISIT

Adrian Morris and Karen Orente of Adrian Morris Salon in Cohasset pose with Giulio Veglio, master associate of John Paul Mitchell Systems. Veglio spent some time training the salon personnel with some of the newest products and innovations from John Paul Mitchell Systems.

New construction company formed



Arthur A. Smith, Jr.

Arthur A. Smith, Jr., a Cohasset resident and builder/developer, has formed a new Cohasset-based company, Excel Holdings, Inc., to handle his construction, development and renovation projects.

Excel Holdings, Inc. will specialize in high-end residential construction in Cohasset, Norwell, Hingham and Scituate, along with renovations, subdivisions, the purchase and management of real estate, and commercial construction.

Smith is the sole proprietor and owner of the new company, which has opened an office at 20 Elm St. in Cohasset Village.

He brings more than 30 years experience to this venture, and is well-known in Cohasset for his development and residential work along the town's scenic Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue.

Smith, who has been a builder and remodeler since 1970, has also developed a number of commercial projects, including Factory Outlet Shopping Centers in North Conway, N.H., and several large automobile centers in Florida. He is a licensed real estate broker and a member of the Greater Boston Builders Association.

He formed the new company to dedicate a larger portion of his time and energies to local projects as opposed to some out-of-state work that he has done in recent years.

Excel Holdings, Inc. maintains offices at 20 Elm St., Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-1111.

Market Message starts operations

The Market Message Company has formally launched operations in Cohasset.

Market Message is an editorial service for marketing and public relations in technology companies and emerging ventures. It specializes in clarifying sophisticated technical subjects and communicating complex business concepts.

Market Message helps companies reduce outside agency costs while continuing to communicate high-level concepts effectively to key audiences.

Michael McWilliams said, "The tightening economy is having a surprising effect in many companies. Marketers now find that bringing their public relations and marketing communication programs in-house does a lot more than just reduce costs. It's often far more effective than leaving these functions to outside agencies."

"What they need most is high-caliber content without the complications and high costs of traditional agencies. That's where we come in," he said.

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Cartoons meet canvas

Pembroke artist Brooks Kelly creates 'A Touch of Whimsy'

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Brooks Kelly will always be a cartoonist at heart, but his real passion these days is painting with acrylics.

Kelly, 66, a Pembroke resident for nearly 40 years, began his art career as a hobby at the age of 15, but it has blossomed into something much bigger.

Recently, Kelly celebrated his third "Best Pembroke Artist" award from the Pembroke Arts Festival and right now he's being featured in a one-man show called "A Touch of Whimsy" at the James Library in Norwell through Oct. 31.

"There's about 50 pieces in the show," Kelly said. "There's a lot of colorful stuff included."

When Kelly was 15, he discovered his talent for being a cartoonist, and he started doing a weekly sports cartoon for a for a newspaper in Cape Cod, where he was living at the time. Even though drawing cartoons is only something he does in his spare time these days, Kelly said the cartoon style is incorporated into many of his works.

"I still see things through a cartoonist's eyes," Kelly said. "Much of my work is very colorful, and it has become much more colorful in recent years. Some people have described my work as impressionistic expressionistic."

Kelly works in acrylics for his paintings, but he also enjoys using innovative techniques. In addition to paint, he uses materials like paper doilies, wallpaper, sand, boxes, movie tickets, and even the daily personal pages for texture.

"When I first started painting, I found myself unsatisfied with just using paint," Kelly said. "I wanted to do something extra."

Kelly said he uses a lot of his life experience to influence his work. After he left his home on Cape Cod, he went to college in Pittsburgh where he majored in graphic design. In the 1950s, Kelly joined the U.S. Army and found himself stationed in Paris. While he was there, he discovered he had a lot of free time, so he started exploring museums and fell in love with art.

After he got out of the Army, he went back and finished his college education, receiving his degree in 1960. By that time, Kelly had moved to the South Shore, and he started getting back into the cartoon industry. He drew a weekly cartoon for the Silver Lake News.

In 1974, Kelly became executive director of the Plymouth County Development Council. During that time, Kelly was painting on the side because his job kept him extremely busy. But three years ago, Kelly retired and began a full-time career in painting.

"I've been painting up a storm ever since then," he said. Within the confines of much of his work, there is a lot of humor, and artistic audiences around the South Shore have responded to his unique style.

"I think paintings are to be enjoyed, not things which should be awe-inspiring," he said. Kelly said he enjoys using loud colors in his work, a technique he picked up on the Caribbean island of Anguilla where he visits every year.

"When I go to the Caribbean, I find myself overwhelmed by the colors that exist there, and that certainly has influenced my palate," he said.



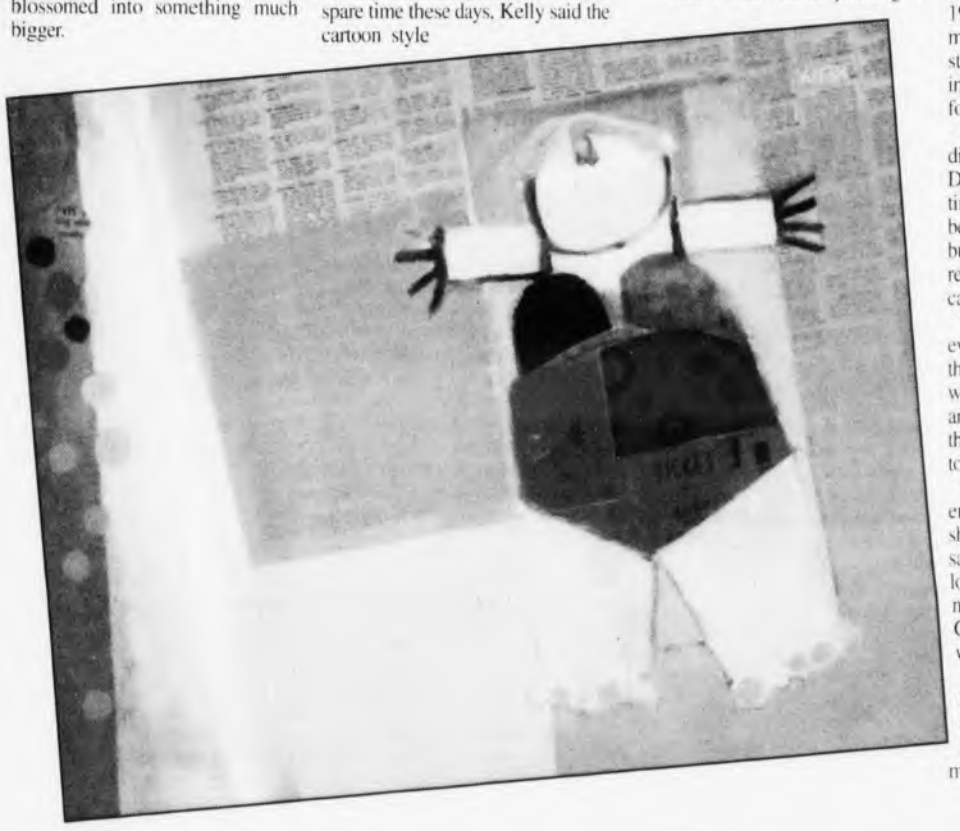
One of Kelly's most famous works to date is called "Pink Lady," a Picasso-like portrait of an overweight woman lying down on a towel at the beach. The painting is a fine example of Kelly's work as it uses his traditional sense of texture and color. And like much of his work, "Pink Lady" has a story behind it.

"One time I was at the beach smoking a cigar, and the next minute, a large woman came over to me and told me she objected to my smoking it," Kelly said. "I've been getting vengeance ever since with the painting."

Kelly said there are many paintings of "fat ladies" at the James Library show and a number of other painting he has done. He has another show coming up at the Silver Spoon in Cohasset in early October.

"I'm just going to keep painting, and keep trying to get a little better every day," he said.

For more information on Kelly's show, call the James Library at (781) 659-7100. The opening reception for the show is on Oct. 12 from 7-9 p.m.. To view Kelly's work online go to http://members.aol.com/bkellyart.





Brooks Kelly's cartoon-like artistic style is in the forefront at the James Library in Norwell through the month of October. The public will be able to check out some of his most famous works including the "Pink Lady (far left).

Southern rock heads north

Southern Rock Rebellion headlines at Vincent's Oct. 10

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

"Our show is not just a tribute to Southern Rock as people sometimes think of it, but to straight-out, good-time, high-energy rock 'n' roll of the era that just happened to be from the South. But we haven't mellowed over time. We're playing the music the way it was meant to be played, with the vocals, guitars, rhythm section, everything strong."

That's Charlie Hargrett, former lead guitarist with 1970s-80s Dixie rockers Blackfoot, on his current band project The Southern Rock Rebellion, an homage to the golden era of Southern rock also containing ex-members of two other major bands of the sub-genre, The Outlaws and Molly Hatchet, and currently on a club tour of the East Coast that swings into Vincent's in Randolph Oct. 10 as the next installment of the Wednesdays Rock! series

But as Hargrett's words imply, don't expect any stale nostalgic tribute or Southern rock "oldies" show from this ensemble of veteran Rebel-rockin' brothers. The ex-Blackfoot axe man promises fans old and new that the music will be as alive, vibrant and high-powered as it was when the Southern sound rocked arenas and festivals two to three decades ago.

Along with Hargrett, Southern Rock Rebellion includes guitarist/bassist/vocalist Buzzy Meekins, an original member of the Outlaws ("Green Grass and High Tides," "There Goes Another Love Song"); guitarist/vocalist Steve Wheeler, a veteran of Molly Hatchet ("Flirtin' With Disaster") and the self-named band of Hatchet lead vocalist Danny Joe Brown; lead vocalist Harlie Perryman, a seasoned frontman formerly of the regionally popular Dixie-rock band Arson; and drummer Shawn Beamer, who's performed behind Southern blues legend Lazy Lester, Stephen Stills and Jerry Lee Lewis among others. SRB's live sets draw from a wealth of Southern rock repertiore including songs by Blackfoot, the Outlaws, Molly Hatchet and the Brown Band as well as Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Allman Brothers, Atlanta Rhythm Section and more.



Buzzy Meekins, Harlie Perryman, Steve Wheeler, Charlie Hargrett and Shawn Beamer make up the Southern Rock Rebellion. The group will perform Oct. 10 as part of Vincent's in Randolph's "Wednesdays Rock!" series

"This band reminds me of Blackfoot more than anything," said Hargrett. "In Blackfoot, we certainly had all the classic Southern rock elements — blues, country, gospel and rockabilly — that came together and created a whole new interesting sound back in the 70s. Onstage, the band format is familiar, with two guitars, bass, drums and a vocalist/frontman, with lots of interplay and a strong sense of musical adventure, like the double-guitar harmony leads that were always a signature of Southern rock, for example."

"But we're not necessarily limited to what people knew then and now as Southern rock. Blackfoot, for instance, was more than most of the other Southern bands influenced by the heavy British bands of the era, such as the Who and Led Zeppelin at first and later bands like Iron Maiden and Motorhead. We toured the U.K. and Europe quite a bit and met and played with most of these bands. And we tried to take the Southern sound and match it with their power and musical styles. This new band project has a lot of those same values, and so onstage, our set's not always carved in stone and we don't necessarily do what people expect," Hargrett said.

Formed in Jacksonville, Florida in 1969, Blackfoot enjoyed a gold- and platinum-selling career through the 70s and early 80s, led by singer/guitarist front man Rick Medlocke, who was the original drummer with Lynyrd Skynyrd before deciding to step to the front of the stage and form his own band. Hargrett, a founding member, was a transplanted New Yorker who earned the distinction of being the lone Yank in a band of proverbial wild-eyed Southern boys.

Many of Blackfoot's best-remembered songs also highlight SRB's live sets. Among them, "Highway Song," which for Blackfoot was a show stopping guitar-jam epic much like "Free Bird" for Lynyrd Skynyrd and "Green Grass and High Tides" for the Outlaws, plus the 70s-80s Top 40 hits "Train Train" and "Fly Away."

One more early Blackfoot song, first released on the band's Strikes LP in 1979, will offer a timely theme for the current crisis, a cover of Free's "Wishing Well," which contains the lines "But I know what you're wishing for/Life in a peaceful world." Knowing Southern rock by its very nature as a Rebel music, in regard to the present sociopolitical climate, SRB's set will surely convey an overall feeling of peace but pride.

Near Dead experience

Cohasset's deLima takes the stage in James Joyce drama

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

It may be an understudy's dream to go on for the lead in a play or musical, but actress Sarah deLima's recent experience at the Huntington Theatre would have been most actor's worst nightmare.

The South Shore audience favorite is an understudy in the current Boston production of "James Joyce's The Dead." Since understudy rehearsals are not held until after a show's first preview, deLima was forced to memorize her lines and go on with virtually no rehearsal when actress Alice Cannon temporarily left the show just before the musical's first performance.



Cohasset native Sarah deLima plays Aunt Kate in the Boston production of James Joyce's "The Dead."

"As an understudy, you are not even required to know your lines or learn the blocking before the first preview," deLima explained by telephone last week from her Cohasset home. It was Thursday, Sept. 6, when deLima learned that she would be going on as Aunt Kate in that evening's invitation-only final dress rehearsal and the show's first weekend of previews. (As Living went to press, deLima had appeared in seven performances of "James Joyce's The Dead.)

"Fortunately for me, I had sat in on virtually every rehearsal," deLima recalls. "I was very interested in the director, Richard Nelson, and seeing how he worked. So luckily, I had been privy to the creative process from the very beginning. Indeed, the entire company had been wonderful to me. They had gone out of their way to include me, even though I was just an understudy."

The actress is not alone in her admiration for Richard Nelson, who also adapted the short story by James Joyce to its current theatrical format and earned a Tony award nomination for his efforts.. The show features music by Shaun Davey, with lyrics by Davey and Nelson. Presented last season on Broadway, "James Joyce's The Dead" comes to Boston following an acclaimed national tour. The musical takes place during a Christmas party on a snowy Dublin night and is a touching journey into love and laughter, melancholy and music.

"This is a play about family and friends," deLima says. "In many ways the cast has become just that to me, too. This production came here, fully cast, from New York so I've been very lucky to be a part of it in any way. I was also very fortunate to get an unexpected, unusual gift from the director. Normally, an understudy is supposed to just emulate the actor he or she is replacing. Richard Nelson, however, encouraged me to do my own take on Aunt Kate. Richard trusted me and showed me a huge kindness. He helped to give me an experience I will never forget."

("James Joyce's The Dead" is being presented at the Huntington Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston. For tickets and information, please call 617/266-0800.)

Living

Food & dining

The cream cheese soufflé



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Most soufflés are no more than whipped egg whites folded into a simple white sauce (a bechamel) or a similar mixture of milk, flour, and butter. The mixture is then baked and the resulting dessert is light, creamy at the center and delicate. However, soufflés can also be made with a variety of "alternative" bases.

I tested a few, including applesauce, pureed bananas, and even apricot baby food (it seemed like a good idea at the time) but the one ingredient that outshined the rest was cream cheese. It has enough substance to work much like a béchamel, but it provides more flavor and texture.

However, a cream cheese soufflé is quite different than the standard French construct so I needed to perform a series of tests. For starters, I found that, to lighten the mixture, I had to beat the egg yolks with sugar and then add the cream cheese which is also whipped. When I simply added yolks to the cream cheese and then tried to fold in beaten egg whites, the mixture was much too heavy. I also found that room temperature cream cheese was essential since cold cheese is difficult to aerate while beating. I then experimented with other ingredients and found that a half cup of heavy cream was helpful in lightening the cream cheese mixture. I also liked just one tablespoon of melted butter for flavor along with a teaspoon of vanilla. Finally, I played around with additional flavorings and remembered a recipe from Cook's Magazine from the 1980's that called for ground cardamom. I tried it here and loved it. It adds an unusual but complementary flavor to the cream cheese. You can, if you like, serve this dessert with a fruit sauce. (puree fresh or defrosted frozen fruit with some superfine sugar.) However, it is perfectly fine on its own with a good cup of coffee or espresso.

CREAM CHEESE SOUFFLE Note that cream cheese soufflés have a rather smooth, tough-looking top, unlike the more extravagant visuals offered by classic soufflés. Inside, however, the soufflé is rich and exciting. It is very important to leave the center of this soufflé runny; the still liquid cream cheese makes its own sauce.

Butter and sugar to coat soufflé dish or ramekins
3 egg yolks, room temperature
1/2 cup powdered sugar
8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
1 tablespoon flour
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon melted butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
Pinch of salt
5 egg whites, room temperature preferred
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 tablespoon granulated sugar

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat soufflé dish or ramekins with butter and sugar.

2. Beat the yolks and powdered sugar together with an electric mixer until light yellow and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add cream cheese and continue beating until light and fluffy, another 2 minutes. Add flour, heavy cream, melted butter, vanilla, cardamom, and salt. Mix until just combined.

3.Add the egg whites to a large metal mixing bowl. Whip on medium high speed (setting 6 on the KitchenAid) for 30 seconds, add the cream of tartar, and then add the 1 tablespoon sugar gradually, beating until the whites hold a 2-inch peak. They should still be soft and glossy.

4. Fold the egg whites into the cream cheese mixture with a large rubber spatula. Gently add the soufflé mixture to the prepared dish(es) and bake for about 18 minutes for individual ramekins and 20 to 25 minutes for a soufflé dish. The center should still be very moist and a bit loose. (Soufflés may be checked. Remove from oven, use two large spoons to cut a small hole in the center. If not cooked, place back in oven.)

5. Serve as is or with a fruit sauce. Serves 6 to 8

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

Storm clouds begin to move out at 12:44 a.m., when the Aries moon becomes inactive. An earthy Taurus moon takes over at 2:01 a.m., and a 90-degree alignment to Neptune occurs midday. Others may be sleepy, careless, forgetful. Things may not go as planned. On the other hand, influences are prime for developing creative projects. Follow your first impression; your instincts are on target. Plan a romantic evening with the love in your life.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

Get an early start to the day. The morning is best for beginning new activities, making decisions or plans, appointments. An applying alignment of the sun and Pluto prompts you to tackle old abandoned projects; you can see them in a new light and find fresh solutions. At 6:33 p.m. the Taurus moon aligns with Uranus and becomes inactive. Kick back and enjoy the good things in life this evening.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

An inactive Taurus moon sets a relaxed, leisurely pace this morning. Take it slow and easy. Influences turn around completely at 11:12 a.m. when the moon enters lively Gemini. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, travels in retrograde motion. That means that there are likely to be unexpected delays, changes in plans, breakdowns. Be more spontaneous and easygoing. Keep it light.

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

This day has its ups and downs. The dualistic Gemini moon forms challenging alignments to Pluto at 11:31 a.m. and Saturn at 2:48 p.m. The Libra sun aligns with Jupiter at 4:08 p.m. and Saturn at 9:56 p.m. To get the best of today's influences, change your routine and do something different. Forget recent pressures and concentrate on recharging your batteries.

MONDAY, OCT. 8

The moon continues to travel in Gemini, prompting you to let fun and games top your agenda today. Sleep on new ideas; don't make important decisions or purchases. Instead, pursue favorite sports, hobbies; spend quality time with friends and family. The moon aligns with Mercury at 12:24 p.m. and becomes inactive until 6:19 p.m., when it enters the sign Cancer.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

The moon travels in the sign Cancer today, placing a focus on home, family, domestic responsibilities. Influences are prime for making repairs, remodeling, renovating. Clean out and reorganize; beautify your surroundings. A lunar alignment to Jupiter makes this evening prime for sharing a special dinner with friends and loved ones.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 12:20 a.m. The moon will decrease in light until October 16, when the Libra new moon occurs. Today the Cancer moon continues active travel until 1:47 p.m., when it aligns with Mercury. Others may be moody, hypersensitive. Choose your words carefully. Give loved ones extra strokes. Cleaning and repair projects continue to get the green light. The moon enters playful Leo at 10:54 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

It may take a while for the morning fog to burn off. A lunar opposition to Neptune is in effect until mid-morning. Slow down and allow extra time to get where you are going. Potentially difficult influences pass over by 10:30 a.m., and the remainder of the day rates high for getting things done. Take on a full work agenda; you can be most productive. The moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn this evening, offering an opportunity to compose your thoughts, reflect, refocus.

Fall planting projects

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

A sweet perfume permeates the air, drifting from a myriad of starry white blossoms which completely smother the twining stems of the sweet autumn clematis (C. paniculata) as it gracefully cascades over silver-gray fence rails, spilling into the garden below. Large, satiny goblets of lavender-pink autumn crocuses (Colchicum) glisten in the morning sunlight. Cinnamon-tinted, feathery plumes sway in a gentle breeze above the finely-textured blades of Japanese silver grasses (Miscanthus spp.). Elegant, architectural clumps of these handsome ornamental grasses serve as focal points throughout the landscape providing sound, motion, color and texture during the stark, gray days of winter. While many plants in the fall landscape are in decline, others continue to flourish, contributing fall beauty through colorful flowers, fruit or foliage, exfoliating bark and attractive seed pods.

Autumn is an ideal time for planting. Take advantage of warm, dry, workable soils to divide and transplant perennials, plant bulbs, relocate a variety of trees and shrubs and prepare new gardens. Although air temperatures may become rather chilly in the weeks to come, soil temperatures drop more gradually and the roots of seemingly dormant plants continue to grow and absorb water and nutrients until the ground freezes.

Daylilies, Siberian iris, and Japanese iris can be divided in either spring or fall, but those which are separated in autumn are more likely to bloom the following year. Large clumps of hosta may be easier to split when their noses are just poking through the soil in spring, but fall division enables hosta plants to regain their symmetrical form and stature by the next growing season. As a general rule, divide and transplant spring blooming perennials in fall and fall-bloomers in spring. Those which produce flowers in midsummer may be separated in either season. Perennials which are divided later in the season will benefit from the application of a light winter mulch to prevent heaving due to alternate freezing and thawing cycles.

Autumn is the preferred season to transplant or divide peonies. These long-lived perennials rarely require division but are easily propagated should you wish to establish new clumps. Plants which fail to produce flower buds may be planted too deeply, receive insufficient sunlight or may be starved of nutrients due to excessive root competition from nearby plants or soil depletion over many years.

Lift the entire clump with a spading fork and air dry until the soil can be carefully brushed away from the tree-like roots to reveal their reddish-pink buds, referred to as "eyes". Use a sharp knife or clippers to cut the fleshy roots into smaller pieces. Each division should contain at least three to five eyes to ensure flowering the following spring.

Peonies prefer a deep, rich, well-drained, slightly acidic loam generously amended with organic material in the form of compost or well-decomposed manure. While they tend to perform best in sunny locations, they can tolerate light shade as long as they are not planted too closely to large shrubs or trees which will compete for moisture and nutrients. Prepare a hole twice as wide as the peony's root system. The addition of superphosphate to your amended soil will promote a strong root system and maximize flower production. Planting depth is critical to ensure blooms in subsequent years. Hold the peony roots with one hand while backfilling with the other. The pink eyes should be facing upward at a depth no more than one to two inches below the surface. Gently tamp the soil and water well. Apply a light, airy mulch of pine needles, salt marsh hay, shredded leaves or evergreen branches in December after the ground freezes to prevent heaving during the first winter.

No garden seems complete without quantities of spring-flowering bulbs and fall is the season for planting these springtime miracles. Success with bulbs begins with the all important process of selecting healthy, top quality stock. Choose firm bulbs which are free of soft spots, deep cuts or blemishes. Do not be concerned by small nicks or the loss of the papery brown covering known as a tunic found on tulips, daffodils or crocuses as this will not adversely affect the development of the bulbs. Select the largest specimens of each type of bulb or in the case of daffodils, ones having multiple noses as these will most likely produce larger or more flowers.

All bulbs prefer loose, porous soils with excellent drainage to prevent rotting during dormancy. Soils comprised of sandy loam are ideal. The addition of organic material, including peat moss or compost, will improve drainage in heavy soils. Raised beds may necessary in low, damp locales. Loosen and prepare the soil prior to planting so the roots of the bulbs can develop easily.

While bulbs contain all the nutrients they require to flower the first year, to continue healthy growth and flowering, bulbs need phosphorus, a mineral which moves very slowly through the soil. To ensure its availability in future seasons, mix a teaspoon of superphosphate or bulb booster in the soil at the bottom of the planting hole. Although bone meal serves as an alternative, organic source of this nutrient, you may wish to avoid its use as animals often detect its scent and dig up your newly planted bulbs. Be sure to firm the soil and water well after planting.

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'A STREET CAR NAMED DESIRE' will be performed by the Company theater in Norwell from Oct. 12 - 28. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are $16 in advance and $18 day of show for Thurs. and Sun., $18 in advance and $20 day of the show for Fri. and Sat. Tickets are available at the Company theater box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787.

BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK will take place on October 21 at 11 a.m. at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury. This benefit is in memory of 13-year old Brittany Lambert who died in Oct. 1998 after a 2.5 year battle with myelosdisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. Fee is $12 ($15 after Oct. 6). For applications visit the website at www.BrittanyLambert Foundation.org call Linda Haehnel at 781-582-2598.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

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The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury presents the award-winning Ariana Duo, popular flute/harp in classical music Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. Harpist Goulnara Mashourova, a native of Kazakhstan, was a finalist in the World International Harp Competition in Cardiff, Wales. Flutist Keren Schweitzer was a First Prizewinner of the National Flute Talk Competition and has performed as soloist with both the Manhattan School of Music and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music Orchestras. Admission is free. The Art Complex Museum is ocated at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 781-934-6634.



Thurs. 4

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery, corner of School and Summer Street in Bridgewater presents Mike Hansel through Oct. 26. Selected sculptural works from the artist's first museum retrospective show. In his mixed media sculptures, Hansel creates industrial looking forms, which serve only aesthetic purposes. He attempts to satirize function while suggesting a conceptual relationship between life and industry. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 508-531-1359.

"Burn the Floor" Hot ballroom dance sensation returns to Boston at the Wang Theater through Oct. 7. Performances are at 8 p.m. with matinees on Sat. at 2 p.m. and Sun. at 1 p.m. Sun. evening performance at 7 p.m. Tickets are $65 - $35 and can be purchased through the Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont Street or through Telecharge at 800-447-7400 or online at www.telecharge.com. Discounted tickets are available for groups of twenty or more by calling 617-350-6000.

MADD Plymouth/Norfolk Victim Support Group (no fee) will hold its monthly meeting on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at South Shore Hospital, 55 Fogg Road, South Weymouth. Victims, family members and friends of those injured or killed in a drunk driving crash are invited to attend. For further information call 781-585-1888.

Plymouth Area Chamber Expo 2001 is bigger and better than ever with over 100 booths and featuring goodies from local restaurants and a new website www.plymouthexpo.com promoting the show. Keynote speaker is Ed Harding, morning news anchor for WCVB Channel 5, Boston. Tickets for the luncheon are $30 and can be purchased by calling 508-830-1620. Exhibit halls open at 1:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Admission to the hall is free from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. The Taste of Plymouth begins at 4 p.m. and tickets are $5 after 3:30 p.m. For more information call 508-830-1620.

"Looking Forward to a Change," an evening program for women approaching menopause presented by South Shore Hospital on Wednesday, October 3, from 7-9 p.m. The program will offer mid-life women strategies to guide them in the transition into menopause. Attendees will learn about nutrition and exercise, personal comfort measures and how to successfully manage the many challenges, which surround this new phase of life. Cost for the program is $30 and seating is limited. Call (781) 340-8332 to register or for more information. Call South Shore Hospital at 1-800-325-5454 for a physician referral.

Crafters Wanted! For Glastonbury Abbey Attic Sale in Hingham on Oct. 13. Please call 781-925-5821.

Christelle Cumbow-Holland will be exhibiting her artwork at the Scituate Town Library over the month of October. For more information contact the Scituate Town Library.

"Lily pads and Dragon Flies," a show of color photography by local photographers Matthew Zappala and Don Butler, on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center through Oct. 4. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

"Help The Quincy Fire Fighters Make Children's Wishes Come True" One event to assist this worthy cause has been scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001 at 7 p.m. The Quincy Fire Fighters Association is hosting a fundraiser at the Lantana function facility in Randolph. The evening will consist of a silent, local interest auction followed by a night of music performed by the Beatles tribute band "GET BACK". The night promises to be filled with fun to benefit such a wonderful organization. Tickets are only $20 per person and may be obtained by calling 617-376-1027. Donations for this organization are also accepted by making checks payable to the Make A Wish foundation and sending them to The Quincy Fire Fighters Association, P.O. Box 690737, Quincy, MA 02269. Please help the Quincy Fire Fighters make children's wishes come true.

Feng Shui Workshops on creating more love, passion and romantic happiness in your relationships conducted by Mary Kathleen Stewart, president of Feng Shui Boston, will be held on Oct. 4 and 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center at 45 Pond Street. Cost $28. Registration required. Call 781-982-1616.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month Donna Lucas will exhibit her paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

Fri. 5

Hunter Education Course sponsored by the MassWildlife Hunter Education Program will be held on Oct. 5, 8 and 12 from 6 - 9 p.m. at Hanson Rod and Gun Club, Davis Road. This program is free but you must pre-register by calling 508-792-7434.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Priscilla Herdman on Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Located at The Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Route 106 Kingston. $13 for members and $15 for non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052.

The North River Theater, 513 River Street in Norwell presents "Here on the Flight Path" on Oct. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. All performances are $14 per person and reservations can be made by phone. For more information or reservations call 617-476-8947.

Artreat, a weekend retreat to inspire your creative spirit on Oct. 5, 6 and 7 in Sandwich. Enjoy the fall colors and beauty of Cape Cod through hiking and canoeing as well as outdoor drawing and painting. Five meals and two nights accommodations are included in the full weekend retreat running from 5 p.m. on Fri. Oct. 5 to 2 p.m. on Oct. 7. The cost is $215. (You may also register for Sat. only for $125.) To register or receive a detailed brochure call 508-747-5929.

"A Touch of Whimsy...Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly", a show of recent acrylic and collages by local artist Brooks Kelly will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center from Oct. 5 - 31. An opening reception for the public will be held on Oct. 12 from 7 - 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located at 24 West Street in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, Barrence Whitfield, Groove Juice Symphony. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham are proud to host JohnHenry, a professional magician, actor and entertainer. JohnHenry will be in Hingham for a 10 a.m. show followed by the making of balloon animals. He will then perform two shows at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. For more information call 781-383-2665.

"The Soprano's Last Supper" a spoof on the HBO hit series, debuts in Boston's Theatre district with an interactive dinner theatre show opening Oct. 5 at the Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont Street in Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are $49 per person for the dinner and show. Show dates are Oct. 5, 6, Nov. 11 and Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For tickets call 800-944-5639.

Sat. 6

Country Dance with Down East Dancers, Inc. at Bridgewater Vets Club, Rte. 18 and Cottage St. Free Beginner Two-Step lesson: 7:30 to 8 p.m.; Dance: 8 p.m. to Midnight. Admission: $5. DJ, Jason Desrosiers. Raffles, snacks, cash bar. Info: 781-925-9066.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club presents a moderate walk for 4 plus miles. Loop around Ponkapoag Pond on the green dot trail. Meet at the Ponkapoag Golf Course parking lot on Route 138 in Canton. Rangers recommend that you wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Slippery Sneakers. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

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Plimoth Plantation presents "Pilgrims and Dutch Visitors on Columbus Day Weekend" on Oct. 6, 7, and 8, role players will celebrate the presence of both English and Dutch to offer to show visitors the more cosmopolitan side of life in the 17th-century Plymouth Colony. The Dutch and English Harvest Dinner is $16.95 for adults, $13.95 for museum members and $7.95 for children. For information and reservations call 508-746-1622 ext. 8366. Plimoth Plantation is an hour south of Boston in Plymouth, exit 4, Route 3 south.

Poetry at the **Daily Grind** Coffeehouse, 23 Central Square, Bridgewater, presents Tommy Mendez, Connecticut's Good Bye Tour beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Valerie at SeaShorePoet@aol.com or call the Daily Grind 508-279-9952. Visit the website at www.geocities.com/dailygrindpoetry.

Sun. 7

Sea Sote (earlier at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach) presents CD Workshop Showcase Music Finals. Tickets are $10. Food and beverage charges varies and all ages welcome at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Blue Hills Reservations and South Region Sites presents "Foliage Photography Tips and Tricks" Call 617-698-1802 to pre-register and meeting place from the Canton Company of Arts and for an autumn photography walk along the Neponset River.

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Tues. 9

Come **Celebrate Simchat Torah** on Oct. 9 at Congregation Shir Aray Shalom, 1112 Main Street, Hingham. At 7 p.m. there will be an Erev Simchat Torah Service with music and dancing around the sanctuary. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. For question or directions please call Congragation Shir Aray Shalom at 781-749-8103.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "So You're Afraid of Snakes?" from 7 - 9 p.m. Fee per person is $8 NM and $6 MAS. Held at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave., Milton. Pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Discovering Nature Together" - a series for Tuesdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Fee per adult/child pair is $72 non-member; $60 Mass. Audubon. Held at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center. For more information or to register call 617-333-0690.

Immigrant Museum presents Italian Art Exhibit and Literary Programs through October 27. A Powerful and intimate exhibit on Italian immigrants by internationally recognized artist B. Amore. The exhibit runs at the museum's Chiu Gallery and traces seven generations of one family who emigrated from Italy to Boston. Dreams of Freedom, One Milk Street, Boston. Visit the website at www.dreamsoffreedom.org. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is $7.50 for general and $6.50 for senior citizens and college students, $3.50 for children between 6 - 18. Wheelchair accessible. On Oct. 9, Lifeline Roundtable Discussion from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more information call 617-338-6022.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. The guest speaker will be Gisela Lloyd who will talk about Noro yarns and entrelac knitting. Refreshments will be served. New members are welcome. For more information call Barbara at 781-834-8560.

Financial Well-Being: "What Every Woman Should Know" is the topic for the Oct. 9 meeting of the Hingham area branch AAUW, American Association of University Women. Ara L. Medinaceli, a financial advisor with American Express financial advisors will speak at 7:30 p.m. at American Express Financial Advisors, Seminar Room, 25 Braintree Hill Office Park, Braintree. The program will cover investing for women in all life stages. It is a general presentation and there will be no sales or obligations. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 781-843-7262.

Wed. 10

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session program for Elders and Caregivers in the South shore area on four Wednesday evenings in Oct. The session will begin with a light supper from 6 - 6:30 p.m. followed by the program from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided to Cohasset residents. Sessions will be held at the Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset. Oct. 10, a panel will discuss various Housing Options, including public housing, assisted living and retirement communities and nursing and rest home facilities. Pre-registration is required. A donation of $8 for the entire series, or $2.50 per session is requested. For more information call Tish Clark or Carol Barrer at 781-383-9112.

Vincent's In Randolph Schedule Of Wednesday Night Live Concerts Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets ($23 in advance, $26 the day of the performance) are available online at www.tickerweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Oct. 10: Southern Rock Rebellion Band. For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.



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Thurs. 11

"The Family & the Breastfed Baby" is the topic of the next La Leche League of Weymouth meeting. We will meet at the home of a member on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. Nursing babies are welcome. La Leche League is a non-profit organization which provides mother-to-mother support and the latest information on breastfeeding research. We also offer a lending library for our members use. If you would like further information or directions, please call (781)337-0145.

Nationally Renowned Fashion Consultant to Speak in Duxbury at the Duxbury Art Association. Mary Lou Andre will lecture on "The Art of Wardobing" from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Located at 64 St. George Street, for ticket information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4. The ticket cost is $45 for DAA members and $55 for non-members and includes a wine and cheese reception.

Fri. 12

Third Annual Plymouth Area Mental Health 5K Run/Walk and One Mile Fun Walk on Oct. 13 at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School, Long Pond Road in Plymouth at 10 a.m. $15 day of race registration from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. For additional information call 508-732-3014.

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Davis, and DooWop stars, The Belmonts, in a dinner-dance party in the ballroom at the Massasoit Community College Conference Center, 770 Crescent Street, Brockton. Tickets for dinner and show: $38, general public; $35, Massasoit students, staff and senior citizens. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Blues Food. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

The North River Arts Society presents "The Friends of NRAS Silent Auction, 2001" on Oct. 12 from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. There will be a preview and bidding on Oct. 10 and 11 from 3 - 5 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. This is a great opportunity to purchase a painting to start or add to a collection plus meet artists and support this arts society's mission to foster the arts. For more information call 781-837-8091.

The Greatest Show On Earth presented by Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey at the Fleet Center from Oct. 12 - 21. Performances are scheduled Tues. - Fri. evenings at 7 p.m. (except Fri. Oct. 19 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) Sat. at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37 - $11 for all performances and are on sale at the FleetCenter box office and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at 617-931-2000. For group rates call 617-624-1805.

'A Street Car Named Desire' will be performed by the Company theater in Norwell from Oct. 12 - 28. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are $16 in advance and $18 day of show for Thurs. and Sun., $18 in advance and $20 day of the show for Fri. and Sat. Tickets are available at the Company theater box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787.

Ongoing Events

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James Library and Center for the Arts present Storyteller Caroline Chapin to tell "Halloween Spookies" on Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. This event is designed for preschool-age children, older siblings and their parents. Located at 24 West Street in Norwell. Phone registration is available by calling 781-659-7100.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents Illustrations by Joan Drescher, author of The Moon Balloon through Oct. 31. There will be a Family Workshop and Reception on Sept. 30 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Located at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-2721.

Immigrant Museum presents Italian Art Exhibit and Literary Programs through October 27. A Powerful and intimate exhibit on Italian immigrants by internationally recognized artist B. Amore. The exhibit runs at the museum's Chiu Gallery and traces seven generations of one family who emigrated from Italy to Boston. Dreams of Freedom, One Milk Street, Boston. Visit the website at www.dreamsoffreedom.org. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is $7.50 for general and $6.50 for senior citizens and college students, $3.50 for children between 6 - 18. Wheelchair accessible. On Sept. 29, Italian Poetry and Family Readings with Robert Viscussi, president of the Italian-American writers association from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more information call 617-338-6022.

The Art Complex Museum presents "A Novel Idea" at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury through Nov. 30. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibition features images of books in all mediums by thirty-two artists. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4

Gallery AA/B Exhibits Recent Works of Three Massachusetts Artists entitled "Life's Fabric", showcasing Mary Gattis, Rosemary Hoffenberg and Jean Sbarra. The exhibition will be up through Oct. 26 on Wed. and Fri. from 12 - 5 and by appointment. An opening reception will be held from 5:30 - 8 p.m. on Oct. 4. The Gallery is located at 11 High Street in Milton. For more information call 617-698-9700.

Fall Foliage and Cranberry Harvest will take place at Edaville Railroad from mid September through October 21. Come and experience the process of harvesting cranberries and enjoy the 5.5 mile narrow gauge train ride through acres of cranberry bogs, around the reservoir and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. Edaville USA is open weekends and holidays through Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is located on Route 58 in Carver. For more information call 508-866-8190.

Ron Wilson Photography Exhibition, "The Art of Landscape" will be on view at the Sparrow House Museum through Oct. 28. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Admission to the historic house museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information or directions call 508-747-1240.

Artica Gallery presents "Anorando (Longing) Landscape Painting by artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann. The exhibit will run through - Oct. Located at 22 Depot Street, hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. For more information call 781-934-0640.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil paintings of Plymouth Artist Rita Brace until the end of Oct. Brace and her paintings expand a wide range of subject matter, from still lifes to landscapes. The Staircase Gallery is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their acappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

"Mamma Mia," the smash hit musical has been extended at the Colonial Theatre in Boston through Oct. 14. Performances are Tues. - Fri. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $82 - $27 and are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and all Ticketmaster outlets as well as the Colonial Theatre Box office, 106 Boylston Street in Boston. For more information call 617-426-9366.

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The Three B...s to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music. The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home. Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Mary Kennedy Selected Duxbury Art Association Student of the Month for her outstanding work in watercolor class instructed by Katherine Smit. Mary's watercolor "Duxbury Scene" will be on display in the Lillian & Ture Bengzt Gallery at the Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

Environmental Arts, Inc. at the Fuller Museum of Art will present its Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the grounds of the Fuller Museum of Art through Nov. 4. Environmental Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes site-specific art in natural settings. For more information please call 508-588-6000.

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.

From Dine to Diebenkorn: Contemporary Master Prints, selections from the Collection of Eli Goldman and Judith Strull running through Oct. 14 at the Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000. Museum hours are Tues. - Sat. from 12 - 5 p.m. and Thurs. from 12 - 9 p.m. Admission is $3 for seniors and students, $5 for adults. Members and children under 18 are free.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

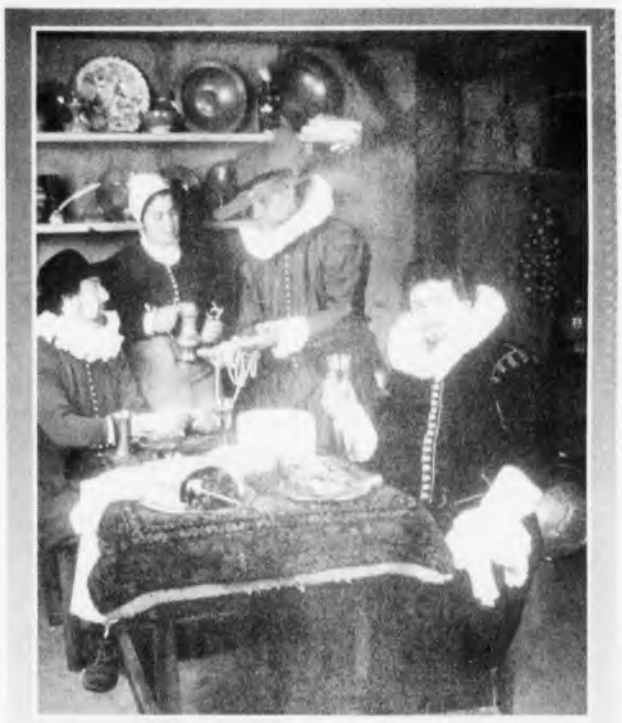
Reunions

1961 REUNION with the Weymouth High School Class planning a 40th reunion at the Weymouth Elks Club on Nov. 24, 2001. For information call Mike Grable at 781-826-3535 or Brian Dunbar at 781-337-6490.

THE QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956 will hold their 45th reunion on Nov. 10 at the Quincy Sons of Italy Hall, 120 Quarry Street in Quincy. The cost is $40 per person which includes dinner, music and dancing. Please RSVP to Jim Tantillo at 781-585-4315 ext. 14.

J E BURKE HIGH FOR GIRLS will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on November 4 at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information: 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.

QUINCY HIGH CLASS TO HOLD 40TH REUNION for the class of 1961. Held at the Phillips Old Colony House, Morrisey Blvd., Dorchester, MA on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person. For further information call Carol Bertoni Swett at 781-843-6546 or Donna Beers Anderson at 781-843-8143.



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Plimoth Plantation presents "Pilgrims entertain Dutch visitors on Columbus Day Weekend." On Oct. 6, 7, and 8, role players take on the personae of both English and Dutch in order to show visitors the rarely seen, festive side of life in the 17th-century Plymouth Colony. The Dutch and English Harvest Dinner is $16.95 for adults, $13.95 for museum members and $11.95 for children. For information and reservations call 508-746-1622 ext. 8366.

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through December 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.

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Pure gold

Memorial to be dedicated Nov. 11

By Evan Schiff
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With America waking up to the dawn of new war, the remembrance past hostilities seem ever more important. The dedication of the Gold Star Mothers Memorial is a month away, a sobering reminder of the tragedy of war.

"There's a whole generation who do not know the importance of veterans. It's always been something past generations had to keep in mind," explained Glenn Pratt, a Woodside Cemetery Expansion Committee member.

The monument at Woodside is designed to be the focal point of the expansion of the cemetery which is underway.

The American Gold Star Mothers is an organization open to any mothers who have lost children in the service since World War I, and works closely with and is respected by all veterans organizations Cohasset has had a total of 22 Gold Star Mothers, three of whom — June Simeone, Elizabeth Maree, and Mary Reardon — who lost sons in Vietnam, still live in town.

The non-profit, patriotic organization was granted a charter in 1929, in order to perpetuate the ideals of America for which their children had died.

The monument at Woodside is designed to be the focal point of the expansion of the cemetery which is underway. A large stone,

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FUTURE FIREFIGHTER

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Noel Hart mans a fire hose with his dad, Paul, during the Cohasset Fire Department open house Saturday. From 10 a.m.-4p.m., today [Oct. 11], the fire department is conducting a "Fill the Boot Drive" at Shaw's and Stop & Shop with proceeds going to the wives and families of New York City firefighters killed in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Shopping for water

Mass-American looks to buy from Cohasset

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset has plenty to spare and Hingham potentially won't have enough. That's the scenario setting the stage for the possibility of Cohasset's municipal water department selling some of its treated water to Massachusetts-American Water Company.

Mass-American, a private company, serves about 38,000 residents in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset.

John K. McNabb Jr., chairman of the Cohasset Water Commission, said Mass-American approached the commission back in July to talk about buying water from Cohasset.

"There are a number of development projects in Hingham that take more water than they have," he said. McNabb said Mass-American would like to buy 500,000 gallons of water a day.

Eileen Commiane, operations manager at Mass-American, confirmed the "main driver" behind the request, which she describes as "preliminary," are some of the proposed projects including the Hingham Shipyard.

Cohasset, whose water supply includes the Aaron River Reservoir and Lily Pond, uses an average of 680,000 gallons a day. The system has a "safe yield" of 3.5 million

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Security conscious

Town says it's ready for potential problems

By Evan Schiff
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Although it's business as usual in Cohasset, there is an uneasiness behind the scenes.

Meetings still take place at Town Hall and firefighters and police officers work their usual shifts. Schoolchildren still play at recess in the crisp fall air. And the foliage looks as if a paint store exploded at Lily Pond.

But no one can escape the news about America's new war, one that has already hit home with the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

"Life has changed forever," Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said. "Everyone is on a heightened state of alert — all you have to do is watch TV to see what's happening."

For the younger generations, these attacks have served as a wake up call from the dreamy peacefulness that they formerly knew. For older generations the attacks were reminiscent of previous wars, something they wished their children would never have to fathom.

"The country has a lot to learn about protecting itself," said Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed. He also said he's confident that Cohasset has planned ahead in case of an emergency.

Furthering the paranoia is the threat of chemical and biological weapons. Police Chief Brian Noonan said the police have a supply of US military-issue, surplus gas masks that one of the officers picked up a year ago. At the time, police thought they might be useful in a situation involving tear gas.

Noonan has since taken them out of storage.

"Police and fire are the first to go

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Too many kids at AvalonBay?

School officials worry about financial impact

By Mary Ford
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There will be no welcome mat from the school department for the proposed 254-unit apartment complex off Route 3A.

Although the developer, AvalonBay Communities Inc., says the luxury project with heated pool, spa, exercise facility and clubhouse is geared toward "empty-nesters" and young professionals with no kids — school officials fear it would flood the schools with more children than they can absorb. Many of those children could come from about 50 units in the complex which are being earmarked for affordable housing as part of the company's comprehensive permit requirement.

And schoolchildren in "low-income" apartments often need additional support and services, including those of a social worker and psychologist, Supt. Edward Malvey said.

"You typically find these youngsters come to school not with all the readiness skills," he said.

Avalon estimates the project would add an additional 30 schoolchildren to Cohasset. But the Virginia-based developer and the superintendent are miles apart on the numbers.

"You typically find these youngsters come to school not with all the readiness skills."
— Edward Malvey, superintendent of schools

"A conservative estimate would give us 268 new students in one fell swoop," said Malvey, saying that would equate to 10 additional classrooms. Malvey said his guess was based on the total number and size of the apartments.

AvalonBay is proposing building 23, two-to-three story wood-frame buildings with one-, two- and three-bedroom units at the former 62-acre

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PUMPKIN PICKING

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Alica Asnault and Olivia Murphy choose from a selection of fall's harvest at the Cohasset Farmers Market on the common. For photos of the annual Dog Parade at the farmers market, see page 24.

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Ann Daley demonstrates the power of magnetic wellness to Janice Liechenberger during the Health and Wellness Fair on Tuesday.

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Thurs. 11	6:35	8.9	12:19	6:50	10.2	12:38
Fri. 12	7:38	9.3	1:21	7:55	10.4	1:42
Sat. 13	8:38	9.8	2:22	8:57	10.8	2:44
Sun. 14	9:34	10.4	3:19	9:56	11.1	3:42
Mon. 15	10:27	11.0	4:13	10:51	11.4	4:38
Tues. 16	11:17	11.5	5:04	11:44	11.4	5:30
Wed. 17	—	—	5:52	12:05	11.8	6:21
Thurs. 18	12:35	11.3	6:40	12:53	11.8	7:11

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Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Oct. 8:

Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Oct. 11

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 11 & Oct. 25

Growth & Development Committee, 7 p.m., Oct. 11

Board of Assessors, 3:15 p.m., Oct. 15

Board of Health, 7 p.m., Oct. 17

Senior Housing Committee, 9 a.m., Oct. 15 & 29

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 24

School Building Committee, 6 p.m., Oct. 17, 24 & 31

Recycling Committee, 10 a.m., Oct. 13 at the DPW

Water Commission, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11, King Street plant

Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 16

Zoning Board, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 15.

All meetings at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Housing authority

Margaret R. Charles of Linden Drive is interested in filing a vacancy on the Cohasset Housing Authority.

In a letter to selectmen, Charles says she has become aware of the complex issues facing the elderly through her visits to residents at 60 Elm St., a housing project for senior citizens.

Charles, who has lived in town since 1958, is on the Council on Elder Affairs and the Senior Housing Committee.

Resurfacing sought

In a letter to selectmen penned by Mary Hardwell, 54 Rust Way, and signed by five of her neighbors, the residents asked that Rust Way be considered for resurfacing.

Field hockey boosters club

School Committee Chairwoman Stephanie Noble said a boosters club for the varsity field hockey team has been started. She said there has not been one in the past because field hockey is not under the umbrella of a boys varsity team, as is the case with the other girls' sports teams.

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The homefront

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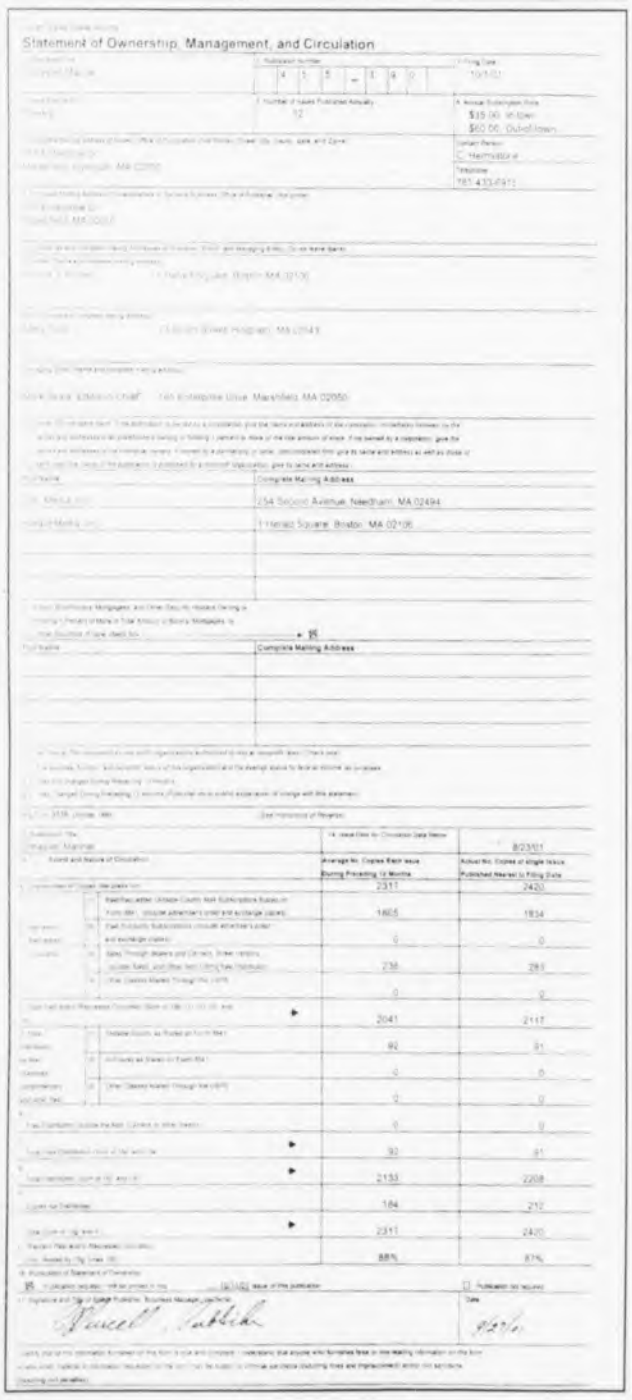
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A special gift for New York City's fire chief

Local man paints elaborate helmet shields

By Mary Ford
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When the World Trade Center towers burst into flames on Sept. 11, hundreds of firefighters were dispatched to the scene. Then with little concern for their own safety, the firefighters ran into the burning skyscrapers and up the stairwells, while thousands of people were running the other way.

Upwards of 340 New York City firefighters gave their lives and another 186 were injured that morning in a valiant effort to rescue others. Estimates are they may have saved 25,000 people from certain death.

Bob Stella wasn't surprised at their bravery because he's witnessed firefighters' heroic acts time and time again. Armed with a camera, the Weymouth resident has covered innumerable fire scenes in the past 20 years on a part-time, freelance basis for local newspapers. Over the years, he's also become friends with many in the various fire departments.

"I hang around with them and go fishing with them," Stella says about local firefighters. "Then you see them run into a burning house and you get a lot of respect for someone who can do that."

So like so many others, Stella wanted to do something to help in the aftermath of the terrorist attack.

"I could have written a check, but I wanted to do something different," he says.

Stella, a 1979 Braintree High School graduate who works as a custodian at the Plymouth River School in Hingham, is also an artist — a "hidden" talent, he discovered by accident a decade ago.

As a hobby, Stella paints helmet shields, a painstaking labor-of-love that captures the individual firefighter's town or department and often, his or her personality.

Stella's most recent creation is a shield for Daniel Nigro, the new chief of the New York City Fire Department, who was at the scene but survived the collapse of the towers. Peter J. Ganci, Jr., the former chief, perished that morning in the line of duty.

The 24-karat, gold-leaf shield features a Dalmatian, looking sad, in front of the two World Trade Center towers burning in the background. The words Chief and FDNY are in black letters with red background. The sad Dalmatian is a traditional firefighter symbol, that has its roots in an editorial cartoon following a fatal fire in Detroit some time ago, Stella explains.

Stella, who is on the Board of Directors of Hingham's Bare Cove Fire Museum, is also a student of the history of the fire service. About 10 years ago, Stella was painting some detailing on one of the museum's antique engines when Hingham's Deputy Chief Mark Duff asked him if he would paint his helmet shield.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln's helmet shield, painted by Bob Stella, shows the symbol of a fire chief, five crossed trumpets.

Helmet shields are made of several layers of leather and bolted onto the front of a helmet.

Duff liked the results and soon the word spread.

"He showed it to an officer in Abington, who got one and he showed it to a firefighter in Duxbury, who bought one, and it took off from there," says Stella, who has painted shields for firefighters in Braintree, Holbrook, Weymouth, Abington, Rockland, Marshfield, Norwell, Hanover, Cohasset and Scituate — to name a few. And through his Web site, firefighters from as far away as California and several foreign countries have contacted Stella for his services. Stella, who is among only a handful of helmet-shield painters in the country, says most firefighters purchase their shield, which is already painted, from the factory. But those lack the unique detail, he says.

Nothing new

Elaborate helmet shields and even, fancy fire engines are nothing new. Stella explains in years gone by, engine companies competed with one another by elaborately painting their fire trucks. It was a way of showing pride in their work, he says.

Some even had landscapes or panoramic scenes in gold leaf. "It proved to be too costly for the town to do it," Stella says. But as early as 1900, the firefighter's helmet shield could be really ornate.

Firefighters either provide Stella with a photo or send him a fax indicating what they want on the shield and he takes it from there. The possibilities are endless. Some feature cartoon characters, others have "trumpets" which officers used as megaphones in the days before radios to call orders to the front lines, and still others have town seals. One firefighter, who works in farming on the side, wanted a John Deere tractor on his shield. Another features Santa Claus, because the firefighter played Santa every year for the department at Christmas. Stella charges $95 for a chief's shield, which has golf leaf, and $70 for other shields.



Bob Stella, a Weymouth resident, is hard at work painting a new helmet shield in his workshop. Firefighters usually design their own shields but Stella has created a special one for the New York City chief. The shield shown at right, features a sad Dalmatian, a symbol indicating a tragic fire, standing in front of the burning World Trade Center towers.

Stella, who also paints firehouse signs, says the shields hold up under some of the toughest conditions.

It's through his contacts in New York City that the helmet shield will be hand delivered to the new chief.

Stella was on the telephone Sept. 11 with a firefighter from Norwood when they both watched the events unfold on TV.

"The first tower was on fire — it was a 'big job', a five-alarm fire," Stella recalls the conversation. "Then the second tower was hit and we both said, 'this was no accident.'"

While bravery is obvious, Stella says the generosity of spirit and camaraderie are part of the fire service that many never see.

"They invite me back to the firehouse to have supper with them," he says about his spot news photography. "I throw them a few pictures and they love you for it.

"If you eat a firehouse supper, you never go home hungry." Stella's photos have also helped fire departments determine how certain fires got started and where.

Stella hopes in the aftermath of the tragedy, more people will support their local fire department, which is often at the victim of cuts at budget time.

"It's not unusual for the old police cruisers to be handed down as fire cars," says Stella, pointing out that many departments have to raise money privately for life-saving devices, such as thermal imaging cameras. And then there's the manpower issue.

"When three guys pull up to a house fire, there's a lot to do," Stella says. "I recall at a house fire in Weymouth — the guys were inside the house trying to pull the hose which was 'kinked' outside.

"I put my camera down to help. There was no one else there to help them."

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AUTUMN SPLENDOR

Hello Cohasset. October is a great month and we have had a beautiful first week in terms of weather. It was a little on the chilly side at the beginning of the week but this warm up that we are having now is just perfect! The leaves are so pretty to look at with all the changing colors. The other day, I found myself lost in thought about all that is going on with the country and drove around in circles. While I was doing this, I stopped and looked up at the most gorgeous display of colors in the trees and was able to change my thoughts if only for a few minutes. As much as I wish that life could freeze for a little bit as the unknown is so scary, seeing the change in the seasons reminds us that life will continue on and so must we. Take the time to see and enjoy all that this new season is bringing, the leaves, pumpkins, scarecrows and the lead up into the holiday season.

GET WELL SOON

I received a special "Get Well" message to **Mr. John Maynard** of Locust Road. John suffered a serious heart attack about a month ago and his two friends, **Byron** and **Milton** are wishing him the very best and hoping for a speedy recovery. Byron and Milton met John several months back and since that time, John had been to Ninety Six, S.C. to visit with them and they in turn, were able to come here to Cohasset for a visit with John. Byron wanted us all to know how blessed he feels we are to have such a beautiful, seaside town. I have to say I agree! Get well soon, John.

ON THE MEND

Speaking of getting well, **Polly Logan** of Nichols Road is back home. She's busy making calls and sending our press releases for the Cohasset Consignment Shop. She is such a grand lady and we're so happy she is feeling better and getting back to her busy schedule.

TROOP 28 CELEBRATES

Boy Scout Troop 28 is celebrating its 85th Anniversary (1916-2001) on Sunday, Oct. 21 from 3-5 p.m. at Kimball's By The Sea. This event is a way for the more than 1000 past and present residents of Cohasset who have contributed to and benefited from their associations with scouting, to join together for an afternoon of reminiscences, acknowledgements and renewed camaraderie. A reception will be held from 1-2, followed by a Chicken Dinner and a Scouting past, present and future program from 3:30-5 p.m. If you feel that you should have an invitation or know someone who should, please contact **Merle Brown** at 781-383-1625 or email him at Mbrown02635@mediaone.net.



HEALTH FAIR

SANDRA FOLEY/MARINER STAFF

Corinne Cahill takes Mary Andrea chair's blood pressure at the annual Health and Wellness Fair Tuesday.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Jackie Kahn, who graduated from Cohasset High School in 2000, was named to the Centennial Conference women's soccer honor roll last week. Jackie, a two-sport sophomore standout for Swarthmore College, scored the game-winning goal in Swarthmore's 1-0 upset of Washington College. It was Jackie's second goal of the season and the first game-winning goal of her career. Jackie, who was co-captain of the Skippers' Varsity girls' lacrosse team for two years, also had a fine rookie season last spring for Swarthmore in that sport, scoring 12 goals and 3 assists for the 10-5 Garnet Pride squad. Fantastic news about a very talented young lady!

HOCKEY BOOSTERS

Hooray, it is time to get ready for the Hockey Boosters Second Annual Holiday Calendar Raffle. The Cohasset Hockey Boosters have completed the calendar for this fun and exciting fundraiser with even bigger and better prizes than last year! Every day during the month of December a ticket will be drawn for that days winning prize. Each ticket has 31 chances to win! Local businesses have been very generous this year with donations of money, goods and services. Each day's prize is valued between $25 and $200. On Sunday, Nov. 4 between 12 noon and 5 p.m., members of the Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team and JV Hockey Team will sell the tickets for $5 each to family and friends. They will also distribute calendars showing all of the prizes to be awarded. Remember, any day in December could be your lucky day!

All proceeds go directly to provide Cohasset Hockey. The players, Coaches and Hockey Boosters appreciate your support.

PIZZA FUN-RAISER

On another fundraising note, the current fifth-grade class is starting the wonderful and delicious Little Caesar's Pizza Sales to help in their money raising efforts for Camp Bournedale next year. Make sure to watch for a fifth-grade student and order some of the delicious kits that are available. This sale begins on Friday, Oct. 12 and will run for a week. If you cannot find a fifth grader in your neighborhood, call **Mandy Mahoney** to place your order at 781-383-9812. Happy eating!

ATTIC SALE

Don't forget to go and find some awesome treasures at this Saturday's Attic, Arts and Craft Sale being held at the Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Here you can find handmade items, books, raffles, music, food and so much more.

DEER HILL BOOK FAIR

If any of you are looking for a way to purchase some early holiday gifts, why not head to the Deer Hill School next Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for the Deer Hill Book Fair? This is a great way to purchase all those titles that you are looking for and it all helps to benefit the library at the school. Make sure to mark it on your calendars.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Shelley Donze of Cohasset was recently named as a co-coordinator of the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program. Road To Recovery is a free program provided by the American Cancer Society committed to providing cancer patients with rides to and from cancer treatments through the services provided by volunteer drivers. To volunteer or to learn more about the Road To Recovery program, please contact the local American Cancer Society at 1-888-648-4880.

That is the news for this week. Please make sure to send in all of your Around Town and Schools In news and information to me in one of the following ways.

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the day.
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away.
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fade.
As they watched the destruction
of what they had made.

It will never be the same or so
it seems.
Our prayers are with you, our
hopes and dreams.
Time heals all, or so they say,
but this is a memory that will forever stay.

Hour by hour, day by day.
Things will get better, we'll
find a way.
United as one, together we'll
be.
A force to overcome these bad
times, this tragedy.
Hand in hand we'll show no
fear.
Such evil is not wanted here.
Shoulder to shoulder we'll help
you through.
Rebuild a world that's honest
and true.

From this cruel life their souls
depart.
There'll always be a place for
them in our heart.
All the screams we hear, all the
tears that we cry,
All our memories of you shall
cease to die.

To all those families who have
lost and now grieve,
Your pain though we try, we
can never perceive.
Don't give up hope, and never
lose face,
Your loved ones lie in a peaceful place.
In a world of happiness, harmony and freedom.
God cradles their souls in his
golden kingdom.
Remember their smiles,
remember their laughter,
Love them dearly, now and
here after.

Tony and Edna Finegan of Doane Street share this poem written by Nicola Harrison and friends of Wigan, Lancashire, U.K. Nicola is the 15-year-old grand niece of Sam Wood, a buddy of Tony's from World War II. Tony served in the US 8th Air Force and was stationed in England where he met Sam, a flight sergeant in the RAF.

Newcomer's club events

Moms and Tots Playgroups: It's not too late, sign up now. From newborn to 5-year-olds. Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Caregivers and dads are welcome. If Wednesday is not good ask about a different day. Call Beth Compson at 544-0094.

Book Group: Will meet once a month to discuss the latest selection. Next meeting is Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. to discuss "The Many Lives and Secret Sorrows of Josephine B." R.S.V.P. to Lisa Mullen at 544-0336.

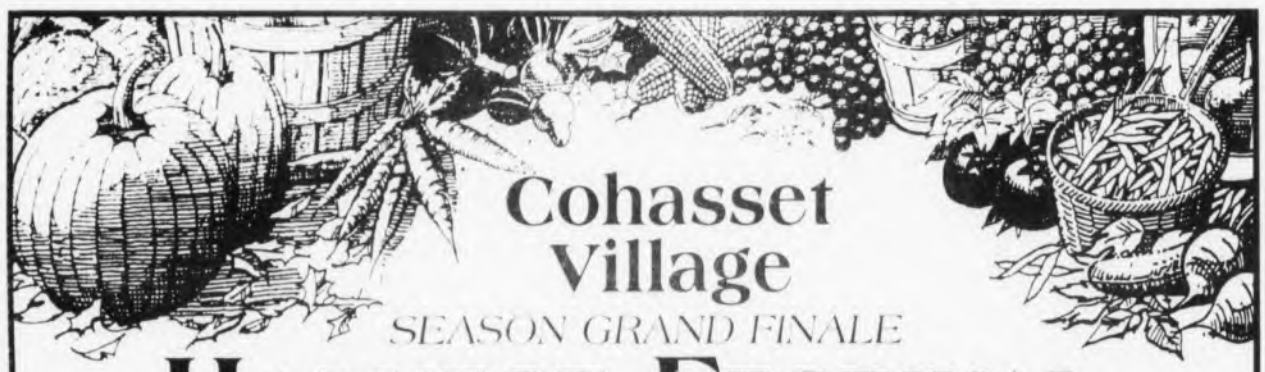
Men's Basketball: Has organized pickup games at Cohasset High School. Time is 8 to 9:30 p.m. Drop in or call Michael Pasini at 544-3206 for more information.

Men's Poker: Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Call Chris Knight at 545-6059.

Ladies Night Out: Please R.S.V.P. to Beryl Campedelli at 383-0706 for information on the next night out.

Ladies Coffee: Will be at the home of Mary Pilsbury, 8 Cliff Estates Rd., Scituate. A recipe swap beginning at 7:30 p.m. will be held Thursday, Oct. 25. Please bring snack or dessert. Beverages provided. R.S.V.P. to Pilsbury at 545-4254.

Children's Halloween Party: Dress them up and join the group Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset (next to Town Hall), from 10 a.m. to noon with snacks and drinks provided. All club members and their guests are invited, however, there will be a $5 charge at the door for those not enrolled in the Moms and Tots program. R.S.V.P. to Beth Compson at 544-0094.



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New children's librarian loves her job

By Evan Schiff
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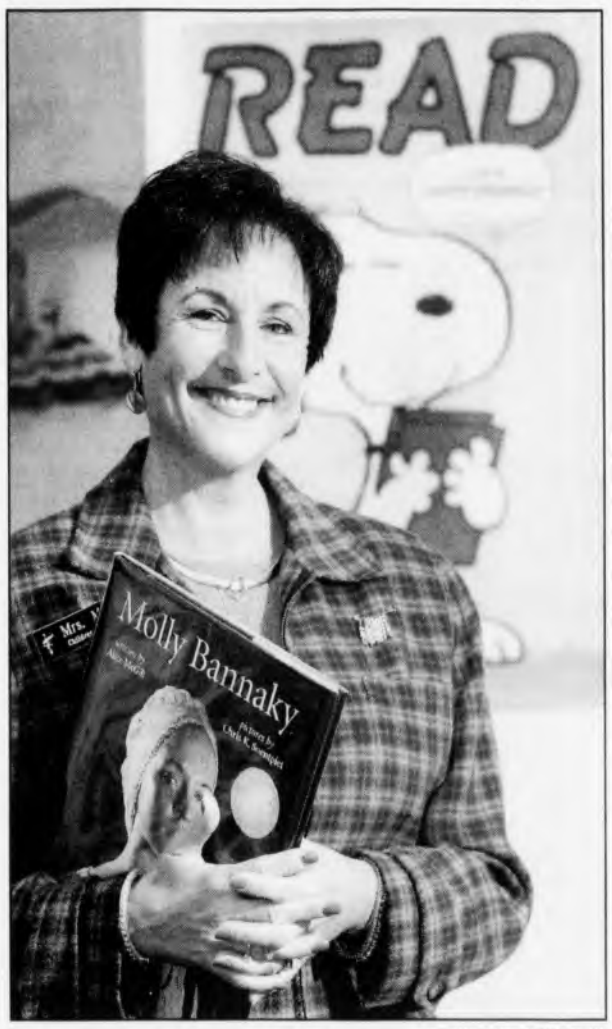
There's a new face a the children's library desk in the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, one that many may remember her from 15 years ago.

Sharon Moody of Cohasset is excited about the opportunity to work in the library. "There's a lot happening with the library. It's a great fit for me." Having taught kindergarten at the Joseph Osgood School for 15 years Moody is quite comfortable with her surroundings.

Moody received a bachelor's in science in Education from Eastern Nazarene College and a master's in childhood development from Suffolk. She is looking forward to the challenge of working in a public library setting. "I'm really committed to literature and literacy for all children. It was my favorite part of the day while I was teaching so I was naturally drawn to the job."

"I'm really committed to literature and literacy for all children"

— Sharon Moody, Children's librarian



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Sharon Moody is the new children's librarian at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

An avid reader herself, Moody has always aimed to bring the joy of reading to all of her students. Her extensive knowledge and experience as a reading teacher and a special needs teacher will be invaluable in her new assignment at the library. Her love of children's literature is contagious.

Moody has been a volunteer at the library's circulation desk and is enjoying her full-time position in the children's room.

Moody replaces Susanne Terry who left after more than 15 years at the library. Terry is working for the Boston Atheneum, a private library, and helping put their children's collection together.

Patience Towle is the chairwoman of the library trustees and believes Moody is a great fit. Towle says that the library is, "very enthusiastic about having her aboard. She's wonderful with children and understands the community."

Moody wants all parents and kids to know that the library is a comfortable and safe place. She emphasizes that she can help children find a book to read for pleasure, or help them with a book report. She also feels that once the children realize she's working at the library they'll start coming more often. One of the library's goals is to be an exciting place that keeps people coming back. "We want people to realize what we have here," Moody said.

The library boasts three internet stations where one can sign up and surf the net. Although most children in Cohasset have internet at their house, Moody says some still filter in to research projects and email friends.

The library is quickly running out of space and Moody hopes the town approves the new library slated for the old Osgood School building. "It would be very exciting to plan and put together a children's room," Moody said. The children's room is filled to the brim with children's books and videos, as well as a large selection of books for young adults but has quickly run out of space.

Moody is the proud mother of two boys, William is a senior at Cohasset High School, and Robby is a senior at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

GEMS of Hope, hopes to help

By Evan Schiff
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It's fashionable to donate money to a worthy cause. On Oct. 26, GEMS of HOPE will be sponsoring a fashion show with proceeds being donated to the needy.

Mary Larson and Leah Taylor Roy, both of Cohasset, started GEMS (Global Economic Medical Self-Sufficiency) six years ago. In an effort to, "help the poorest of poor. We wanted to focus on women and children," explained Larson.

GEMS strives to teach underprivileged women to become self-sufficient. With a very small amount of money the organization can give a woman, who has nothing, an education and a business plan.. GEMS also funds medical programs, aids in the delivery of medical supplies, and helps to build schools and libraries.

Larson and Roy first opened up a partner organization in Brazil but now operate in many countries including, Colombia, Nicaragua, Romania, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and locally they fund the Mary Martha program in Hingham and ODWIN (Opening Doors Wider in Nursing) in Dorchester. Larson has visited some of these countries after donating the money and said the changes she has seen have been overwhelming.

Larson is worried that the recent tragedy in New York has deterred people from donating to charities outside of the city. She believes that hunger spawns anger and violence. "All over the world people are in desperate situations, if you could see these people one would realize that as long as people are hungry there will be violence," she says. Larson is worried that unless, "we all think on an international plane who knows what is going to happen? Today it's Afghanistan, tomorrow it may be Haiti unless something is done."

However, because of the Sep. 11 disaster, Larson has decided that the fashion show will benefit at least two New York tragedies, the Family for Freedom Fund, which helps to give scholarships to those who lost their parents, and the Fireman's Association, which donates money to the firefighters' families.

She feels, "the greatest weapon to combat terrorism is to reach out to these people and give them hope and life." Larson believes that the proceeds from the Oct. 26 could help up to 1,000 people.

"It's not about the fashion show, but about starving women," Larson said. The show will be the largest fund-raiser in the organization's history.

The show is going to be held at Atlantica Restaurant and is being run by Neiman-Marcus which marks the first time the department store has participated in such an event. Henry Dunay a renowned jeweler, and Jeffrey Sebora, a prominent furrier will be at the show leading a silent auction.

The night entails an open bar from 6:30 to 7:30pm followed by the fashion show and dinner. Dancing and the silent auction will follow. Call 781-383-2165 for information on how to get tickets. They are priced at $125 and are tax-deductible.

Special evening hours to consign

Manager Andi Merrill of Scituate announces special evening hours 6 to 8 p.m. every Thursday during the month of October for consignments to accommodate those who work during regular hours at the consignment shop in Tedeschi Plaza, Route 3A.

Merrill added that regular hours for consignments are Monday through Friday 10 to 11:30 a.m. Shoppers hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

Merrill also pointed out that there is a wide selection of fall and winter suits, blazers, slacks, sweaters for men and women as well as infant and children attire to size 10.

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Antique lovers will not want to miss the rare circus posters, bronze colored set of five carved Roman plaques. Teenagers will want to try on the assorted attire from "Express" and a rabbit-lined denim jacket.

To dress up your table for Thanksgiving come view the colorful, imported Italian plates, silver plates and crystal wine glasses.

Since the shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, Merrill encourages men and women to register for three hour shifts as it is rewarding, and helps countless worthy programs sponsored by the social service league that serves the towns of Scituate, Hull, Norwell, Hingham and Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-0687.

SOS for volunteers

Since its beginning in 1912, the Social Service League's Cohasset Consignment Shop has relied on volunteers. Manager Andy Merrill is sending out an SOS to all retirees — men and women — along with newcomers in the towns which benefit from the services of the Social Service League mainly, Hingham, Scituate, Hull, Norwell and Cohasset.

All that are interested should call 383-0687. Proceeds from the shop benefit the flu shots, meals on wheels, battered women, keep well programs to mention only a few.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Stereotypes

We certainly understand the school department's fears of overcrowding by an influx of new students from the 254-unit apartment complex being proposed off Route 3A.

The town is in the throes of expanding and rehabilitating two schools to the tune of $40 million and just built a brand-new $10 million school three years ago — so throngs of unexpected youngsters flooding the system is a legitimate concern.

But what is disconcerting is the school superintendent's and school committee's reaction to the prospect of the "affordable housing" mix in the proposed AvalonBay development.

For a moment, we had to remind ourselves we were covering a Cohasset School Committee meeting and weren't eavesdropping in on a discussion about government housing, dubbed "the projects," in the inner city. We take exception to the assumptions at a recent meeting that children in low-income and moderate-income families will require additional services, such as special education or a school psychologist. It is quite a leap to take and we wonder what the superintendent and others base their information on.

Even the wealthiest of families have their share of educational and psychological needs which must be met by school officials. It is disconcerting to hear school officials try to paint "low-income" students with such a broad brush.

Yes, AvalonBay is proposing that 20 percent of the units – about 50 – would be affordable for a family making 50 percent of the median income of the Greater Boston area. But that translates into about $33,000, which is without a doubt very low by Cohasset standards, but just might open up housing opportunities for young families whose bread-winners are new schoolteachers, firefighters or police officers.

Unless a town has 10 percent affordable housing, it's vulnerable to projects like AvalonBay that can skirt local zoning laws. Of Cohasset's 2,752 housing units in town, only 76 or 2.76 percent qualify as "affordable" to low- or moderate-income persons by state standards. All 76 are in the complex on Elm Street behind the police/fire station.

The statistics don't mean the town lacks people who could benefit from more affordably priced housing. Many here in town could not afford to buy the houses they live in, at today's prices. And still others, especially senior citizens, are being forced out of town because the property values have driven their taxes up.

Unfortunately, the superintendent and school committee — save Chartis Langmaid who tried to put the matter into perspective — gave credence last week to the stereotype that Cohasset is only for the rich.

The state recognizes that towns like ours aren't doing their fair share to create affordable housing so it created the so-called "Anti-snob Zoning Act" and, now we have AvalonBay knocking at our door.

Ironically, if AvalonBay goes through all its 254 units would count toward the town's 10 percent threshold of low- to moderate-income housing even though only 50 units would actually be affordable. The state counts both subsidized and market-rate units in eligible, subsidized rental projects.

That means AvalonBay would put us over the 10 percent benchmark — and Cohasset schools wouldn't have to worry about any more low-income families with kids.

Mary Ford
editor
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Democratic candidates to gather in Hingham

Several Democratic candidates for governor in 2002 are scheduled to attend.

The Hingham Democratic Town Committee will sponsor an evening with elected officials and candidates on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the of Dawn and David Sibor, 3 King Phillip Path, Hingham. In addition to many elected Democrats in Plymouth County, several Democratic candidates for governor in 2002 are scheduled to be present along with other candidates for state-wide office. The event is intended to provide an opportunity for interested Democrats to meet their elected officials and to discuss issues of importance in next year's state-wide and local races. All interested democrats are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Hingham Democratic Town Committee Chair Tom Vangel at 781-740-2757.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Better use for grant money

TO THE EDITOR:

David C. Soule, Executive Director
Metropolitan Area Planning Council
60 Temple Place Boston, MA 02111

Dear Mr. Soule:

The $169,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant from the MassHighway Dept for the Town of Cohasset is still very much opposed by town businessmen and by a large number of town residents. This opposition exists whether it is the center or the harbor area of Cohasset being affected. We, as concerned residents hardly think it is necessary to 'fix' the flow pattern or the infrastructure, nor do we feel we need streetscape improvements.

We duly understand that this grant has already been awarded, but sincerely feel that this money should and could be put to much better, more effective, more needed, compelling, constructive use. Our question to you then is: How do we, as a community with genuine concerns, turn this money back to TIP, MA Highway Department, MAPC, or MPO — whomever it is we need to communicate with or funnel this money to laudable projects? How can we even talk about sidewalks and streetscapes, when lower Manhattan has no sidewalks, and certainly no fitting streetscapes? How can we even think of using this grant for such frivolous projects when there are many more compassionate and valid endeavors that need our attention and ultimately benefit a far greater number of citizens?

Valerie A. Lipsett
85 Elm St.

Valerie Lipsett provided the Mariner with a copy of herletter.

Plumbing code

TO THE EDITOR

In response to your recent article detailing the " brewing feud between the Cohasset Historical Society and the Sewer Commission " let me quote from the Massachusetts State Plumbing Code 248 CMR 2.02 Basic Principles [1]

All Premises intended for human habitation, *occupancy, or use* must be provided with a supply of potable water... 248 CMR 2.10 [19] [a] [1] Application of Changes: the requirements set forth in 248 CMR 2.10 [19] and Table 1: Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy Other Than Residential shall apply only to plumbing system installation, alteration or extension projects in which the process of designing the plumbing work to be performed begins on or after the date on which these new requirements are published as final in the Massachusetts Register [June 3, 1994]

As you can see the Plumbing Code does require potable water but does not require that it be connected to any plumbing fixture

Might I suggest the Historical Society petition the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters through the Board of Health for a variance as provided in 248 CMR 2.01 [5]

William Higgins
Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Town of Cohasset

COHASSET CARES

'Mr. Cohasset' is quite a guy

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

During this challenging period of family pressures, substance abuse, and other difficulties, it is appropriate to recognize Scouts/Explorers who have dedicated themselves to God, our Country, and our Community as reflected in the Scout slogan "Do a Good Turn Daily."

So reads the Troop 28 Memorial Scholarship Fund flier for the Oct. 21 dinner. We may substitute the name "Arthur L. Lehr Jr." for "Scouts/Explorers" above.

Imagine if you will — and if you can — America without any recycling. Specifically think of Cohasset without the RTF, or without the Boy Scouts. One quiet, utterly unassuming, but idealistic person has been the prime mover behind these activities, and that's Arthur Lehr, who recently stepped down as chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee, an organization he started years ago. Back in the days when Cohasset just had a dump. Arthur cared enough to do something better. In 1999 Arthur received recognition as the outstanding recycler in the state. But at home here Arthur embodies the phrase "Cohasset cares."

Arthur attributes both his love of nature and his concern for people to his grandfatherly mentor the Rev. Fred Stanley, a fellow Mainer [though born in Maine, Arthur came to live here in Cohasset near Wheelwright Park at the age of five]. Like some other fortunate ones, Arthur had access to his relatives' Maine farm as well as The Oaks Farm on Sohier Street. The Rev. Stanley impressed on Arthur "the need to respect the rights and feelings of others."

Arthur saw every island in the Pacific and much of the rest of the world during his four and a half year World War II service in the Navy. He found himself with others ready to invade Japan when the war ended.

It was easy for Arthur to see that "our environment was a utopia; we have so much," he says. To help preserve and protect, it was "second nature" for Arthur to put in 30 years as a safety engineer ensuring safe working conditions - and to get into Scouting, which he continues proudly, where the motto 'Be prepared' fits his other volunteer work as Cohasset's Emergency Management [formerly Civil Defense] chief.

Arthur's words to us in these regards, in addition to being prepared, are for us to "take reasonable precautions without being hysterical. Stay home with our supplies. Use your hurricane checklist. The high school is for emergency use only."

Timely advice from the Master of Ceremonies at the 85th anniversary of Cohasset's Troop 28 on Oct. 21, is that "there are no quick solutions to our problems. Use common sense. Think about what we have and be ready to take care of our natural resources. By and large people are considerate. Keep a positive feeling. Don't let discouragement get you down. If you help others, life is fun."

Amen. Thank you, Arthur. You're quite a guy.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

How to display Old Glory

• On a vehicle – Attach the flag to the antenna or clamp the flagstaff to the right fender. Do not lay the flag over the vehicle.

• On a building – Hang the flag on a staff or on a rope over the sidewalk with the stars away from the building.

• Over the street – Hang the flag with the stars to the east on a north- south street or north on an east-west street.

• Above other flags – Hang the flag above any other flag on the same pole

• Other flags, separate poles – Hang all flags on equal poles. Hang the U.S. flag on its own right, hoist it first and lower it last.

• In a window – Hang the flag vertically with the stars to the left of anyone looking at it from the street.

• Half-mast – This is a sign of mourning. Raise the flag to the top of the pole then lower it to the half way point. Before lowering the flag, raise it to the top again at the end of the day.

• Upside down – An upside-down flag is considered a distress signal.

• Multiple staffs – If you display the flag on a staff with other flags around it, place the flag at the center and highest point. Crossed staffs - Keep the flagstaff higher and on its own right.

• In a hall or lobby – Hang the flag vertically across from the main entrance with the stars to the left of anyone coming through the door.

Source: Our Flag, US Congress

Recalling life on Lincoln Hillside

MY VIEW

KATHLEEN O'DONNELL

The first in a series of reflections

I grew up in the 1960s in a special old Cohasset neighborhood known as Lincoln Hillside.

Lincoln Hillside was a term used only by people of my grandparents' generation. As far as I know, it referred to a grid with Cushing Road on the bottom and the hills of Pleasant Street, Norfolk Road, Oak Street and Ash Street leading off from it, including Hill Street.

My little world comprised only a small part of it. It was, and is, a lovely area of farmhouse-style homes, with abundant flower and vegetable gardens, lawns that were mowed each week. In many homes, my generation (babies of the 1950s) represented the third and fourth generations of that family in that neighborhood, or in some cases in that house. The parents of many of the children that I played with on Lincoln Hillside grew up and played in the same yards that we played in.

The children of my generation had ancestors who didn't come to America with the Mayflower. They had great-grandparents who came to Cohasset from Italy, from Portugal, the Pico Islands, from Ireland. They came seeking better opportunities for work, for their families, for their futures. They were hard working fishermen, lobstermen, furniture makers, caretakers, gardeners. Their wives in many cases worked as nurses, in child care, as laundresses, seamstresses and cooks for other, wealthier Cohasset families. With each succeeding generation their opportunities for work and education became wider.

In my own family, our links with other people in our neighborhood of my parents' and grandparents' generation was valued. I remember many warm smiles from Mary Rooney, sitting under Tony Barrows' grape arbor, sitting in church next to Margaret Buckley, and lovely cards and gifts from Mary and Pauline Keating to celebrate all our special milestones.

We threw socks with tennis balls tied in them deep into the evening sky to attract bats.

From a distance of many years and many miles I look back on a childhood spent largely on Lincoln Hillside as a very good one. It was a safe and peaceful time for children. We played in each other's yards, rode our bikes on Short Street, we walked to the library and in the summertime our mothers (God bless them) took carloads of us to Sandy Beach for days of sunshine and sandwiches. We bought penny candy and pencils at Ruth Simeone's store. We took part in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League and we went to Sunday School. We were Rooneys and Curleys, we were Fitzpatricks and Healys, we were Contes and Protulises.

This was a time when children's television was limited to a few daytime hours. In the summertime, children naturally drifted outdoors after supper to play for another few hours, to see who else might be out. We threw socks with tennis balls tied in them deep into the evening sky to attract bats. We looked for fireflies. We pulled ripe raspberries, green beans and tomatoes from our parents' and grandparents' vines to snack on.

A few parents had brass ships' bells attached outside their doors. When it was getting late, they would ring these bells to call their children home. Each one had a different tone. I can still hear those lovely bells, and feel the warmth of walking toward a well-lit house from a darkened yard on a summer evening.

As summer drew to a close we prepared for school. After a few years of waiting at the Protulis' driveway to watch all the older children march onto the yellow school bus, it was finally my turn to start school. A new school year was beginning. I had a new red dress and a yellow pencil case. The pencil case had a moving mechanism on the top which magically slid back to reveal two new pencils and a sharpener. It had been bought especially for me by my dad. It was the most beautiful and prized piece of molded plastic ever owned.

We waited in line that first morning, some relaxed, some afraid. Finally, our yellow school bus pulled up at Norfolk Road, and with a great whoosh and a metal squeak the door opened. There in the front seat, with large and gentle dark brown eyes, our driver Manuel Marks smiled and welcomed use to a new school year and a new chapter in our lives...

Kathleen O'Donnell, a CHS graduate, grew up in Cohasset and now lives and works in the UK with her family.

Rocky Top top honors

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Well, the final results are in and the winner is — the envelope, please — the University of Tennessee.

No, it's not the vote of the Associated Press sports writers' panel ranking the Tennessee Volunteers football team, which used to be pretty good but lost to a team from an institute of higher learning in Georgia Saturday.

A hell of a game, incidentally, won with a touchdown by Georgia in the last six seconds. But I digress . . .

No, it's not a rating based on the number of Nobel Prize winners on the payroll who fiddle with test tubes in the labs and write books while their graduate students lecture their classes.

No, it's better that.

The University of Tennessee has been chosen by the Princeton Review as the nation's No 1 party school.

I'm not sure what the Review takes into account when it compiles its list of party schools but I rather suspect that beer-drinking and hard liquor consumption figures heavily in the formula.

Also the number of female students who appear au natural in Playboy's "Girls of the Southeastern Conference" issue.

The Review's research also turned up the information that the best party school in New England is the University of New Hampshire, 11th on the national list, which I am sure drew a protest from UMass-Amherst, I know, I've been there.

The Princeton Review, incidentally, is a New York publishing house that has no affiliation with the university of the same name, which, was named the No. 1 academic college in the country by the magazine U. S. News & World Report.

The Review picks a list of party schools every year and each year I follow it closely on the off chance that I may someday wind up in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, or Iowa City, Iowa.

Last year's No. 1 party school was Louisiana State University, which didn't sit very well with officials of the university in Baton Rouge. Nor did its second place finish in the 2001 rankings.

"I think the whole survey would be very laughable if it didn't misinform people about the university's environment," huffed Chancellor Mark Emmert. "LSU is no more of a party school that any other American university."

Oh, yeah! The Princeton Review also lists its choices as the "stone-cold sober" schools, headed each year by Brigham Young University, the Mormon school in Provo, Utah, where firewater is banned.

The year before that the top party school for a second time was Florida State, which so rattled the chain of FSU President Talbot D'Alemberte that he created an award of his own for the Princeton Review.

"We're going on the offensive this year with our 1999 Golden Gargoyle Award for the most manipulative, bogus research," he said.

But, alas, Florida State was still in the Top 10 two years later and promised to remain for years to come. After all, isn't it the alma mater that taught Party 101 to that old Hollywood party animal, Burt Reynolds.

HEALTH NOTES

Being prepared to combat bioterrorism

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

One bright spot in the planning against terrorism is the preparation by the National Health Service. The NHS Center for Disease Control (CDC) may not be able to predict the exact biological or chemical mechanism or location, but the agency's Bioterrorism Program is designed to help prepare for a deliberate attack so that the nation can respond quickly and reliably if an attack were to occur. The framework for this preparation lies in the work done to protect against the flu. In 1999, after an outbreak of flu believed to have the potential for a full scale pandemic (epidemic in many countries) which health authorities were able to control, the CDC began planning for a Flu pandemic. The planning extended to local health organizations and many in Cohasset participated.

The framework for this preparation lies in the work done to protect against the flu.

There was a reason to get serious about the Flu. In 1918, there was an outbreak of Flu that killed an estimated 40,000,000 people world wide. Soldiers brought it back from Europe, and almost every town in the land had flu deaths. In Cohasset, it was winter, and Lot Bates remembers that there were traveling embalmers who would go to peoples houses to embalm the dead, some going for weeks before they could be interred, because the soil was too frozen to accept the bodies. "Many were buried in home burials," according to Lot. The CDC has learned its lesson from the repeated return each year of the Flu virus; each time in a different form and level of severity. They know there will be another pandemic and are working to be prepared. Similarly, the preparation provides the basis for the war on terrorism.

In the event of a bioterrorist attack, the first line of defense will be rapid identification of the agent so that exposure can be limited and those affected can be treated. To accomplish this, CDC has developed a rapid toxicology screen that can identify many different agents in a single blood sample. Regional and state laboratories have strengthened their capacity to detect different agents and to communicate the results to CDC and others. Also, the CDC has upgraded the capacity of state and local health agencies to detect and communicate different health threats —including not only bioterrorism but also emerging infectious diseases, chronic diseases, and environmental hazards. This means that we reap the benefits of these investments every day, not just in the event of a bioterrorist attack.

Finally, to help treat victims of a bioterrorist attack, CDC has worked with pharmaceutical companies and other partners to create regional stockpiles of the drugs that would be needed quickly to treat man-made outbreaks of anthrax, plague, tularemia, or other diseases.

Locally, the CDC has developed a Health Alert Network (HAN) to organize local communities which will identify hospital overflow facilities, triage centers, medical pools, etc. all of which aid the community and provide the tools to fight bioterrorism.

For more about bioterrorism, try the web at: http://www.cdc.gov/programs/bio.htm

Flu Clinics

Annual Flu Clinics will be scheduled later in October and November. The reason for the late date is that the vaccine will not be available as early as it has in past years. However, there is still time for you to be fully protected. The flu season really begins in January and continues into April, with February and March being the months where the disease reaches its peak.

All people 65 years and older are urged to get a yearly flu shot as well as anyone with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, pulmonary conditions or cardiac disease. As soon as the vaccine is available the clinic dates will be published in our local newspapers, church bulletins, and posted in local store windows and businesses.

Note: Those wishing flu shots who are enrolled in Medicare B are requested to bring their Medicare Cards with them, since the town is authorized to bill Medicare for these shots.

Don't Get Caught Off -Guard! The best defense against pneumonia and influenza (the flu) is a combination of education and immunization. It may be difficult to avoid getting the sniffles during cold and flu season, but by knowing your risk factors and understanding the benefits of immunization, you can prevent serious complications:

- Immunization is a safe, effective way to help prevent influenza, pneumonia and many other contagious diseases. However, incorrect information regarding the vaccines can prevent people from taking this important step toward good health. Make sure your decisions are based on fact, not myth.
- Pneumococcal pneumonia is a common complication of the flu and may itself be complicated by meningitis and bacteremia (blood infection)
- The flu vaccine is 50%-60% effective in preventing hospitalization
- Some forms of pneumonia immunization are 60-70 percent effective against pneumococcal diseases

Myth: Most diseases that are vaccine-preventable have been wiped out in the United States.

Fact: It is true that vaccination has enabled us to reduce most vaccine-preventable diseases to very low levels in the United States. However, some of them are still quite prevalent — even epidemic in other parts of the world. Travelers can unknowingly bring these diseases into the United States, and if we were not protected by vaccinations these diseases could quickly spread through the populations causing epidemics here.

Myth: Vaccines may cause harmful side effects, illnesses, and even death.

Fact: Most vaccine-adverse events are minor and temporary. More serious adverse events occur rarely (on the order of one per thousands to one per millions of doses), and some are so rare that risk is extremely minimal..

Source: *Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, National Immunization Program*

Ask your doctor if you have any risk factors that require you to get additional immunizations

For more information please call Judy Fitzsimmons, the Public Health Nurse at 781-383-2210

Heavy jet traffic has returned to our towns

LOGAN VIEW

MARY ANN FRYE

My neighbor called this morning and told me he was waked by planes at 3 a.m. and 5 a.m., and the Massport noise complaint line didn't answer. One thing has not changed in the wake of Sept. 11. Starting the second week after the attacks, heavy jet traffic returned to Cohasset, Hingham and Hull. "Peak period" traffic, from before 6 a.m. and then from early evening until after 11 p.m. has been incessant over these towns almost every morning and night. FAA traffic controllers at Logan were already putting all midnight to 6 a.m. traffic over the South Shore towns, whenever physically possible, and it is back, too. The European Court of Human Rights has ruled that flights between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. infringe a persons right to have a good night's sleep, covered by article eight of the Convention on Rights, and the South Shore deserves at least the same protection!

Where does the South Shore's jet pollution problem stand, now that Massport's operations are under national investigation and subject to review by the governor's panel? Should we "wait and see"? Will our problems go away by themselves? There is no reason to expect it. President Bush and Senator Kerry are urging us to hurry back into the air, when flying is still repeatedly demonstrated *not* to be "safer than ever" from Logan. Airlines said recently that they are up to more than 80 percent of pre-disaster flight volume, though the planes fly more than half empty. The pressure is on to get volume up.

A senior official in the FAA regional office told me more than a year ago that his goal is to put at least 70 percent of low arriving and departing Logan traffic to the south, rather than the west, north or east. Putting most traffic on the South Shore is justified, he said, because it *could* be put instead on higher density populations — though South Shore proposals to the FAA show "our" traffic could be moved without putting it on

The pressure is on to get volume up.

any other people! During the recent scare that a weekend attack was planned for Boston, newspapers reported that all traffic might be sent over the Massachusetts Bay — Massport's "over the water," which means "over the South Shore towns" — and South Boston. If routes are changed to separate planes from populations because the planes might be the source of terrorist acts, planes should be separated from people south of Logan, too. And our elected officials need to hear it from us.

That the South Shore will cease to look so tasty to Logan Airport after Massport is investigated and new security plans are implemented nationally is magical thinking. The Massport "over the water" chorus would have to go and all the regional and Logan-based FAA personnel, who like the South Shore for night flights and peak-hour shortcuts and dogged expansion plans and expansion boosters. One week after terrorist attacks originated at Logan, the president of the Massachusetts High Technology Council spoke to the press about the need to push on with Logan runway expansion.

More than 20 years ago, Massport agreed to a permanent injunction against runway expansion at Logan. This year Massport filed a court case to overturn the injunction. On the hotseat locally for hiring and management irregularities and with revenues down, Massport has opted to postpone its court case but not to end it. The Logan expansion proposal is "on hold" again, but for how long? 14/32 proponents might hope to postpone the expansion argument to try to get it past the taint that is on all Massport's other decision-making, but there is no evidence they have relinquished it.

The South Shore Jet Pollution Council began because the South Shore was and is getting massive jet traffic, much of it in defiance of published routing rules. Towns and citizens need to use the powerful critique of Massport's proposal already assembled to persist in vigorously pressing legal actions against the fraudulent proposal for runway expansion pointed at the South Shore and Greater Boston. They need to energetically encourage the FAA to implement true over the ocean routes that pass to the north and east of our Towns, now more than ever. Join us at:

southshorejetpollution.org

Mary Ann Frye is a member of the South Shore Jet Pollution Council.

LIBRARY CORNER



Magazines

Did you know that magazines at the library circulate? All of our magazines circulate, including most current issues. You can take them home for a whole week. In the coming weeks we will highlight some of the magazines you might not know that the library carries.

Whether you own your own yacht, are thinking of buying one or just daydreaming about the possibilities, the library has the perfect magazine for you: "Yachting." Full of advice about the best equipment, prices and destinations for your yacht, "Yachting" is packed with colorful pictures and useful information.

True to it's name "Practical Sailor" is full of practical information for sailors. From boat reviews to hull blisters to fixed-mount VHF radios, this semi-monthly magazine covers what sailors need to know.

Only a Sunday

Join the staff, Friends & Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library for an early evening presentation by local WBUR/NPR radio-talk host, Bill Littlefield of "Only A Game" on Sunday, Oct. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Littlefield will entertain with excerpts from his books, and general knowledge of Boston sports. Refreshments will be served.

This will also be an opportunity to meet with the newest employees of the Cohasset Paul Pratt Memorial Library. All residents are invited.

Hingham may buy Cohasset water

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

gallons a day. McNabb said. Safe yield is the maximum capacity of the water supply — in other words, how much water can be withdrawn without depleting the supply.

"The bottom line is Cohasset would like to do it," McNabb said. "We have the capacity."

Officials from the Cohasset Water Department and Mass-American met with the state Department of Environmental Protection last month to see what permits would be needed.

According to McNabb, the engineering involved would be "a snap." Optimally, Mass-American could run up to 2,000 feet of pipe along Route 3A from the new Cohasset water tank to Hingham's water main near the Cohasset Knoll, a nursing home at the town line, and install a booster pump. Another option is connecting at the base of Forest Avenue at Jerusalem Road where there is an emergency connection to Mass-American.

"It would all be on Mass-American's nickel," he said about any expenses related to hooking up. "If we paid for it, we'd include it in our rate — so it would be cheaper for them to do it."

McNabb would not estimate how much profit Cohasset would make by selling water to Hingham but did say the revenue would be significant.

"We don't want to speculate on how much," he said. "But if it helps pay for the cost of our system then it's a good use of our supply."

The Cohasset Water Department is hiring a rate specialist who will determine how much to charge Mass-American.

> **"The bottom line is Cohasset would like to do it. We have the capacity."**
>
> — John K. McNabb, Jr., Cohasset Water Commission

"It's an intricate rate-setting issue," McNabb said. He explained the rate would include the cost of the treated water and some maintenance of the plant and distribution system. He said the composition of the water from both facilities is compatible because both supplies are chlorinated and fluoridated.

Commane of Mass-American said there has been no evaluation done on whether buying water from Cohasset would affect Mass-American's water rates, which are among the highest in the country. She said "at first blush" she did not think there would be an impact.

McNabb said the potential sale wouldn't be possible without Cohasset's second water tank, which came on line last year.

"Without two tanks, we couldn't do it," he said. "It would put too much strain on the fire flow in the system."

A potential roadblock in obtaining state approval is the fact that Mass-American has a high amount of "unaccounted for" water, as much as 20 percent. But in its favor, the company has a leak detection program and has also instituted conservation measures, such as eliminating a declining rate structure and institution of conservation-based rates.

An inter-basin transfer from the state would also be needed because Cohasset is in the South Coastal Watershed and Mass-American is in the Weir River Watershed.

"Permission is needed to transfer water across basins," McNabb said.

Also, Cohasset's water department is prohibited from the long-term sale of water through a special legislation. At the March 2002 annual Town Meeting, the Water Commission will ask voters to approve amending the law that governs the commission so it can sell water on a long-term basis, McNabb said.

Commane said Mass-American — whose local customers use 3.51 million gallons per day on average — has enough water for its current needs. She explained the company is maintaining the status quo and that every gallon currently proposed for a new development must be offset through reductions elsewhere in the system.

"New development won't change our current delivery of water," she said.

But Mass-American is concerned it won't be able to obtain a permit from the state to withdraw additional water given a recent draft report from GZA of Norwell, an environmental consulting firm, on the 23.4 square mile Weir River Watershed. Mass-American accounts for 85 percent of the Weir River withdrawals.

Back in 1998, Mass-American withdrew more than its "withdrawal limit," which was derived by water use patterns from the early 1980s, and set by the state Water Management Program in 1986.

Hingham's Water Resources Task Force listed exploration of new water sources as one of its recommendations to save the Weir River Watershed, which the task force says is over-taxed, along with conservation measures, education, and development of a watershed management plan.

Focus is on affordable housing

THE HEDLUND REPORT

SEN. ROBERT HEDLUND



Late last month the Senate passed its version of an "omnibus" housing bill dealing with a number of issues affecting affordable housing. The legislation consisted of two bills. Senate 2110 makes changes to affordable housing policy in the state.

Senate 2109, known as the "Housing Bond Bill," is a $508 million bond bill that will provide funding for the production and preservation of affordable housing across the Commonwealth.

HOUSING POLICY BILL

Senate 2110, the policy bill, included many legislative changes to the Chapter 40B affordable housing laws of the Commonwealth. Under the Senate proposal mental health and mental retardation group homes would be counted toward a community's Chapter 40B count. Also, the Senate adopted a "cooling-off" period provision which will require developers to wait 12 months after a recent denial for a permit application for a similar project before filing for a comprehensive permit. The Senate proposal will also allow local zoning boards to deny 40B applications for projects proposing an unreasonably large number of housing units in any one year, which will be determined by the size of the community.

The Senate proposal also includes a provision not included in the House version establishing a 40B incentive program in which DHCD will award cities and towns $4,568 for each affordable unit that is developed in that community.

Two other provisions are unique to the Senate proposal. One would allow cities and towns to adopt so-called "inclusionary zoning" bylaws, which would allow the communities to require any project with ten or more units to include up to 10 percent affordable units. Secondly, the Senate proposal includes a provision that streamlines state laws regarding state-foreclosed tax delinquent properties. Under this provision these properties, which have been taken by the state due to failure to pay property taxes, will be returned to productive use as affordable housing quicker by allowing municipalities to enter into agreements with developers to abate up to 75 percent of the outstanding property tax obligations and up to 100 percent of the outstanding interest and penalties, thus encouraging their development.

HOUSING BOND BILL

The $508 million Housing Bond Bill contains a $350 million appropriation for public housing modernization and renovation. This appropriation will allow local housing authorities to make much-needed repairs and improvements to public housing units. The bill also contains a $35 million appropriation for the Housing Innovations Fund, a state fund that supports development of affordable housing for homeless families in transition, as well as homeless individuals, domestic violence victims and AIDS victims. This appropriation will be used to provide grants to non-profit organizations to develop innovative forms of housing development for these individuals and families. Examples of innovative housing include single room occupancy units, employer-assisted housing, transitional housing for homeless families and battered women's shelters.

In addition, there is a $50 million appropriation for the Housing Stabilization and Investment Program, a state program designed to revitalize and improve broken down, abandoned property to be

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used as affordable housing development sites. This funding will also be used to provide grants to non-profit or for-profit developers to acquire and renovate abandoned buildings to be developed as affordable housing. Any unit built with grants from this program would have to remain affordable for at least 40 years.

Senate 2109 also includes a $35 million appropriation for the Capital Improvement and Preservation Fund, which will be used to help address the issue of so-called "expiring use" properties. "Expiring use" properties are developments that have been built with public subsidies and publicly assisted mortgages that are at risk of prepayment of mortgage or that are nearing the expiration of federal project-based rental assistance. This $35 million appropriation is an attempt to maintain the affordability of some of these units and keep them from going to market rate.

Two distinct appropriations are provided to spur community development as well as the production of affordable housing. First, there is a $25 million appropriation for the Community Development Action Grants Program, a state program that provides grants to municipalities to improve infrastructure on publicly owned land. Secondly, there is a $10 million appropriation to create affordable housing in so-called "Urban Center Housing Zones."

Under the provisions of the housing policy bill mentioned above, municipalities can designate urban center housing zones in which they hope to spur development of affordable housing. These urban housing zones will typically be areas in which there is a predominance of commercial land uses, a high daytime or business population, and which demonstrate a need for multi-unit residences. Additionally, it is hopeful that these housing zones will be near public transportation.

In order to spur development of affordable housing in these zones, the companion housing policy legislation authorizes cities and towns to use tax increment financing, which allows the municipalities real estate tax exemptions to developers who will develop or redevelop downtown areas for use as residential or mixed-use areas. In exchange for these real estate tax exemptions the developers will keep the units affordable for at least 20 years. The $10 million appropriation will complement these legislative changes.

While the final bill did not include all that I wished, such as an increase in the tax credit for de-leading of housing units, and included some things that I did not like, I fully supported the Bond Bill, as well as the companion housing policy legislation. Both bills will now have to go to a conference committee comprised of House and Senate appointees who will resolve differences between the House and Senate versions.

Bob Hedlund is state senator for the Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Cohasset.

Scituate keeps promise to sue MBTA over Greenbush

By Michael Marotta
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Scituate has followed through on its promise to sue the MBTA.

On Friday, Scituate selectmen filed a lawsuit against both the MBTA and state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Robert Durand stating that the final environmental impact report on the Greenbush rail restoration project does not adequately and properly comply with the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act's standards.

Selectmen first planned to file suit following Durand's approval of the FEIR in August and set an Oct. 5 deadline for the MBTA to reexamine the environmental impact of the proposed $408 million train project on Scituate. No new negotiations have taken place with the MBTA since then.

"We hope the courts will rectify what we perceived as a wrong being done to the town of Scituate," Selectman Joseph Norton said. "There would be a chance, if we prove successful, that we would get more mitigation, we would get more of what we are looking for."

Scituate selectmen stressed that the decision to sue the MBTA is not an effort to try and prevent the train from being built nor is it a delaying tactic to stall the project.

"We have reached a point on the board of selectmen where we recognize that Greenbush is coming and we have to get the best deal for the town, and use whatever means necessary to get that best deal," Norton said.

The MBTA set an Aug. 10 deadline for public comment on the FEIR. Several requests were made for a public hearing prior to the deadline, but were unanswered. State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and selectmen from Scituate, Braintree, Cohasset and Hingham, and the Weymouth Town Council all made requests for public hearings in July.

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> — Joseph Norton, Scituate selectman

Norton said he did not expect a direct response from the MBTA over the lawsuit, instead he is anticipating they will seek a summary judgement and get the case dismissed.

Braintree also filed suit against the MBTA in an effort to resolve the issues concerning how trains will run through Weymouth Landing.

While Braintree is concerned about passing trains, Scituate is concerned about where they end up. Durand has asked that the Scituate layover station be north of the Driftway rather than to the south of it, as originally planned. While less environmentally damaging the north of Driftway plan would have a negative impact on Greenbush businesses.

These suits join three separate suits filed by the anti-train group AFTA, which most recently plans to sue over the abandoned Cohasset rail bed. AFTA attorneys say Cohasset cannot transfer the right of way because it is conservation land and any transfer would require a two-thirds vote of both houses of the state legislature.

Unemployment insurance rates won't change

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, announced Massachusetts House of Representatives approved legislation freezing the current unemployment insurance rate schedule at its current rate, Schedule "B". This legislation will help maintain the stability of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, and prevent further financial burden on Massachusetts business currently struggling in the slowing of the economy.

"It is critical that we act now to help business remain viable through these difficult times," said Bradley.

Also approved was an amendment, which sets aside the one-week waiting period for collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

For nine of the last ten years, the Legislature has set the rate below the rates required by the decades old rate setting statute. Under state law the present unemployment rate, 3.9 percent, would trigger a change in the amount businesses are required to pay into the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Currently operating under Schedule "B" the shift to Schedule "C" would cost employers an extra $40 a year. Over the past ten years of economic growth the Fund has grown to almost $2 billion. This is enough to cover 17 months of Unemployment Insurance costs at projected rates.

The Commerce and Labor Committee has received support for this legislation from both Associated Industries of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts AFL/CIO.

Halloween Fair Oct. 28

Pumpkins and cornstalks are appearing at local farm stands. Orange and black decorations are showing up in stores and plans are being conjured up for the South Shore Community Center Nursery School's annual Halloween Fair. This year's fair will take place on Cohasset Common on Oct. 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. A South Shore tradition for more than 20 years, the fair offers Halloween fun for the entire family. Spooks and cartoon characters of all shapes, sizes and ages are encouraged to begin preparing to join in the howlish fun.

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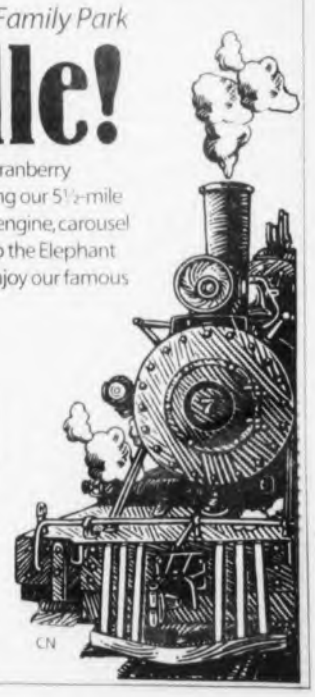
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standing eight feet tall, will be at the center of the memorial. Extending 50 feet on either end of the large stone will be 22 individual stones listing the mother's name, the son's name, and the war in which they perished. A path that is flanked by pillars that gradually fade in color, will lead up to the memorial. The monument was designed so it will never be obstructed by grave stones. Pratt emphasized that no town can ever do enough to honor its veterans.

Pratt expects the dedication, which is schedule for 1 p.m. on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11 to be very dramatic. There will be a parade leading to the memorial with the Color Guard, Cosmo Legion Band, dedication speakers, and family members all expected to take part in the ceremony.

Town Meeting approved the cemetery expansion project in April, ending a 24-year battle over where to build more cemetery space in town. The expansion was necessary because the Woodside Cemetery had been sold out of plots for 10 years. The expansion has allowed for double-depth plots which will double the amount of people that will be able to be buried there. The expansion has created space for 814 casket burials and 1,000 urns. Interestingly, according to Pratt, Cohasset averages 20 percent more cremations the rest of Massachusetts.

Pratt estimates that the Cemetery will need to sell 50 to 60 plots a year to repay the loan of $700,000. The cheapest plot available to purchase is $1,300.

Because the revenue generated from plot sales will repay the loan, construction will have no impact on the town tax base. After the loan is paid off, the town could earn up to $2 million in perpetual care fund.

Town is ready for emergencies

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to the scene," Noonan said.

In other steps taken, police Sgt. Robert Jackson and Det. Gregory Lennon have received training in incident command and terrorism by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

Jackson said in light of current world affairs, all officers have been asked to pay particular attention to any suspicious activity around any of the town's infrastructure or facilities. They will also be on alert where large groups of citizens gather.

"Any suspicious activity will be thoroughly investigated and documented and put into our date base," Jackson said.

He also said police will take a hard line on parking violations in fire lanes because it is a security issue.

Police have also handed out copies of training books on combating terrorism issued by MEMA. Two officers are trained in the use of the gas masks and will train the other officers, Jackson said.

School Superintendent Ted Malvey said the schools are well prepared should anything happen. Parents would be notified through the long-standing phone chain and the bus service would continue to take their children home. Malvey also said the high school, which would be used as a shelter in case of an emergency, is equipped with generators and provisions.

The threat of chemical warfare hangs over the head of every American. Along with American flags, gas masks are sold out around the country. The recent cases of Anthrax in Florida (the first reported cases in the US since 1976) have many worried that an attack could come in the form of a biological or chemical contaminant.

With that in mind, many communities have been focusing on shoring up security around water supplies. But John McNabb, the town's water commission chairman, said it is unlikely Cohasset's system would be threatened.

Since Sept. 11 he has been reviewing and upgrading the equipment for the water storage plant. McNabb said the first step is to restrict access and have better security.

The plant is in the process of installing an upgraded alarm system and is keeping the doors locked at all times. McNabb emphasizes that the possibility of any contamination is very low. "There are very few biological and chemical threats. The process of chlorination and filtration eliminates 99.9 percent of dangerous toxins."

Addressing the issue of whether Lily Pond or the reservoir could become contaminated, McNabb says thousands of pounds of toxins would be required to infect a body of water that large. He said that there are daily drives by the reservoir looking for suspicious activity.

Town manager Mark Haddad said he has talked with various agencies and feels there's no immediate danger. "The town of Cohasset is prepared for any emergency," Haddad said.

Too many kids at AvalonBay?

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Webb-Norfolk, site, a large tract of industrial land, across from Atlantic Bagel. Avalon will seek a comprehensive permit for the $43 million project under the state's "Anti-snob Zoning Act" that renders many of the town's zoning regulations inapplicable in exchange for setting aside 20 percent of the units for affordable housing.

Avalon says rents will range from $1,200-$2,000 for the market-rate units and $700-$1,000 for the 50 or so affordable ones, which would look the same as the other units and be dispersed throughout the complex.

Malvey told the school committee last week, the project could end up costing the schools $400,000 [for 10 additional teachers]; up to $250,000 [for additional transportation], and $100,000 [for more special needs services].

"That brings the total up to $750,000 in a flash if it happens that way," he said. Even if the project were phased in the schools aren't equipped for that kind of growth.

"We'd have to house them somehow," he said. Malvey said he passed his concerns on to the town planner, Liz Harrington, who is studying the potential impact of the project.

School committee member Mark DeGiacomo, who served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 14 years, said the project still has a long way to go in the process. But he conceded the state statute governing comprehensive permits is "pretty strong stuff" for towns under a certain threshold. The statute — Mass. General Laws Chapter 40B — sets a 10 percent goal of affordable housing for each community. Cohasset only has about 3 percent or about 76 units of affordable housing in town.

"They can pretty much bulldoze past local regulations," he said.

School committee member Chartis Langmaid said she didn't think children in the affordable units would necessarily require special services because they would come from local families. The moderately priced apartments would typically be filled by families who currently live in town or nearby, or by their children; and there could be local preference for the affordable units. It would not be the same as inner city apartments that might house kids in need of more special services, she said.

But member Pat Martin, a social worker, said the need for affordable housing is so great that a single mother from out of town with two children wouldn't hesitate to rent a one-bedroom unit.

Malvey said the project could deliver a "one-two punch" to Cohasset, which is in the throes of expanding and renovating two of its three schools based on a steady rate of growth.

School board chairman Stephanie Noble acknowledged the need for low-income housing but she was concerned about the scale of the Avalon proposal.

"If they could do in on a scale that's not so huge, we wouldn't be inundated like that," she said.

Member Rick Flynn said the town needed to recognize the budgetary impact of the proposal.

"This is not just a school issue," he said.

SENIOR SCENE

Elder issues

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session program for elders and caregivers in the South Shore area on four consecutive Wednesday evenings in October. The sessions will begin with a light supper from 6-6:30 p.m., followed by the program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 781-383-9112 to sign up.

Transportation for Cohasset residents. Sessions will be held at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 Main St.

Remaining sessions include:

- Oct. 17, community resources available to elders living at home.
- Oct. 24, coping with feelings of loneliness, depression, and isolation.

Pre-registration is required. A donation of $2.50 per session, is requested.

Excursions

Shopping Tour of the North End is Wednesday, Oct. 31, leaving at 9:30 a.m.

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High school French connection cancelled

By Mary Ford
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A handful of French students won't be coming to Cohasset and Scituate this month as was planned. And it's unlikely their high school counterparts will fly to France this spring for the annual exchange program.

At a meeting in Scituate last week, parents discussed security precautions surrounding sending 18 Scituate and Cohasset high school students to Normandy in April.

Pat Jacquart, foreign language director in Scituate, stopped short of canceling the second part of the exchange.

"Safety is a main concern," she said.

The French trip isn't the only field trip impacted by world events. A planned 10th-grade field trip to the Caribbean for science students has been cancelled, principal Michael Jones told the school committee last week. The annual biology trip to Belize over April vacation could be in jeopardy.

In fact Jones and Supt. Edward Malvey suggested the school committee prohibit any field trips requiring air travel because the safety of the students couldn't be guaranteed due to the potential of terrorism.

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The school committee, however, opted to review the field trips on a case-by-case basis rather than issue a blanket denial.

"This is a tough one," member Mark DeGiacomo said. "Part of me says this is exactly what the terrorists want — for us to curtail our normal activities.

"Are we sending the wrong message to kids and parents that they should be afraid?"

Last week's meeting took place several days before the United States and Great Britain started air attacks on terrorist strongholds in Afghanistan.

Several members said last week a lot might happen in the weeks and months ahead.

"We'd love to say 'let's just go forward and not let this stop us,'" chairwoman Stephanie Noble said. "But a lot might happen in the next few months."

The board suggested teachers planning field trips involving air travel to come before them early in the process before any deposits are made.

The school committee did approve an eighth-grade middle school French trip to Quebec slated for May and a high school science daytrip to Northeastern University's Marine Science Center in Nahant this week.

In the meantime, Scituate's language department head Jacquart is busy canceling the many excursions planned for the visiting French students who were due to arrive next week. Those activities included a trip to New York City and local trips to Salem and Plymouth.

Scituate Mariner reporter Michael Marotta also contributed to this report.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

School lunch menu

FRIDAY, OCT. 12
Pizza or grilled chicken salad, vegetable, fruit, milk.

MONDAY, OCT. 15
Meatball sub, potato wedges or chef's salad, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY, OCT. 16
Grilled cheese or turkey and cheese sub, sweet peas, pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17
Macaroni and cheese or tuna sandwich, veggie sticks, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18
Chicken nuggets with fries or fish sandwich, Jello and milk.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19
Pizza or chicken salad roll, carrot sticks, fruit and milk.

Post prom meeting

Post prom meeting, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center. All senior parents and others from the community who would like to participate are welcome. Any questions, call Mary Sullivan at 383-6666.

A site to store all of the post prom materials is needed. A space where everyone could work on props all year would be ideal. Any suggestions, call Sullivan at 383-6666.

NDA open house

Notre Dame Academy, a Catholic, college preparatory high school for young women, will host an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 1-3 p.m. and on Thursday evening, Nov. 8 from 6-8 p.m. Prospective students may tour the school and register for the Archdiocesan Entrance Exam, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 8.

Academic departments, athletics and student groups will offer informational displays and will be available for discussion. Applications will also be distributed. Call the Admissions Office at 781-749-5930 ext. 222

Garage fun

Many happenings at the Garage this month. For those aspiring singers, there will be a Karaoke night on Friday, Oct. 12, from 7 to 10 p.m. Finally, to celebrate the day of witches and pumpkins, there will be a Halloween Dance/Party on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Derby fall fair

The annual Derby Academy Harvest Fall Fair will be held Saturday, Oct., 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school on Burditt Avenue, rain or shine.

Once again the entire family can enjoy a fall fair that will include a Haunted House and sounds from "DJ.". Returning fair favorites include rock climbing, the giant slide, The bungee cord, face painting, a fabulous raffle and many more games and prizes. The art tent will be back as well.

Bring your appetite as many food selections will be available from the East Food Grill and Derby's famous Gourmet Galley featuring homemade selections. Sno-cones, popcorn and cotton candy could please the kid in all of us!

Items for sale include many plants and topiaries and scrumptious homemade baked goods. Flowers, antiques, and specialty items, as well as used sports equipment and more will also be available.

Admission and parking free. Sponsored by Derby Academy, 56 Burditt Ave., Hingham.



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Reid Koropey, accompanied by his mother Bettine and brother Adam, is greeted by Sparky at the fire department open house on Saturday.

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The Cecil Group will present the improvement ideas developed as a result of this outreach program, which are endorsed by the Village Revitalization Task Force and the CRC.
This is the final workshop in preparation for a presentation at Special Town Meeting.
Items for review will include:
❖ Sidewalk, Crosswalk & Lighting Designs
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Lecture on building antique furniture

A slide lecture on the design and construction of antique American furniture will be given by Emmet Eldred, co-founder of the Eldred Wheeler Company of Hingham on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Old Derby Academy on 34 Main St., Hingham. The company creates handcrafted reproductions of the 18th and early 19th-century furniture, employing many of the same techniques used by the original New England cabinetmakers.

Titled, "A Primer of Antique American Furniture," the lecture is the sixth in a popular series of morning talks sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the lecture begins at 10 a.m. Admission is $10 per person in advance and $12 at the door, if seating is still available. Please send check for the total amount of the number of people attending to the Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham 02043 by Oct. 17. Reservations will be held at the door.

For information, call 781-749-0144.

Gospel choir concert

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting the Geoff Hicks Inspirational Choir in a concert on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m.

The choir was founded by Geoffrey Dana Hicks in 1999 and is comprised of singers from many different ethnic backgrounds, and ranging in age from 13 to 64. The choir has enjoyed a successful tour of Italy and is planning a tour of France.

The joy of Gospel music can touch and unite across barriers of race and class — and who knows what strength there is in this message to unite various nations and ideologies?

A free-will offering will be taken. Also, there will be a reception following the concert.

The church at 16 Highland Ave. is handicap-accessible and there is plenty of parking in the village lot. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Crisis pregnancy

St. Anthony Parish will hold a baby shower to benefit crisis pregnancy centers the weekend of Oct. 20. Parishioners are asked to bring new infant and baby items (clothing, diapers, crib sheets, etc.) to any weekend Mass. The gifts, which may be wrapped or unwrapped, will be given to Friends of the Unborn, to Pregnancy Help and to Birthright. Coffee and refreshments will be served to in the parish center after the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The shower culminates a nine-month-long Spiritual Adoption Program, during which parishioners were invited to spiritually "adopt" an unborn baby in prayer. The parish respect life committee also hosts a weekly pro-life rosary every Friday after the 7:30 a.m. Mass, which will continue throughout the year.

Historical lecture

Cohasset Historical Society Lecture Series to be held Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers featuring Anne Montague "Central Cemetery place in History."

Learn to relax

Mary Buxton, B.S., R.N., the director of South Shore Hospital's Stress Reduction Clinic will offer effective techniques for stress management on Monday, Oct. 15 from 7-9 p.m. in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church at 43 Highland Ave.

The clinic's advertising brochure explains that "Stress is the result of our reaction to all the events in our lives. Whether stress is helpful or harmful depends on the way we respond to these varied events." Unmanaged stress can result in physical illness — and physical illness and chronic pain can be sources of stress. People of all ages are encouraged to attend this informative presentation.

This program, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Social Service League of Cohasset. For information, and directions, call 781-383-0771; or by email at sslcohasset@aol.com.

Weir River race

The Head of the Weir Race will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, at 11:30 a.m. The entry fee is $15, registration is required. The race will start from the West Corner Hingham-Hull line, to Windmill Point Boathouse, Hull, at Hull Gut.

One of the Hull Lifesaving Museum's most beloved events, the Head of the Weir, is a celebration of open-water rowing and both the beautiful Weir River Estuary and Boston Harbor in autumn.

The boats in Head of the Weir River Race jockey for position as they race out of the estuary and into the open water from West Corner (on the Hingham/Hull/Cohasset line), past Bumpkin Island, across Hingham Bay, to the museum's Windmill Point Boathouse.

A highly contested 51/2-miler, the Weir draws coxed youth and adult crews, single and double scullers, curraghs, and Alden ocean shells. It is an exceptionally exciting race and a great spectator event, featuring, typically, more than 30 boats and 150 of the region's finest rowers, including youth and adult crews from Boston Harbor, Maine, Vermont and New York.

Best views are from the bridge on George Washington Boulevard (5-to-15 minutes after the start), at the tip of Hull's Sunset Point, or at the boathouse finish line. Spectators should show great care crossing the road on George Washington Boulevard, watching for fast moving traffic.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. behind the Hull Public Works building at the Hull town line on Route 228. For more information call Ed McCabe, maritime program director, at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 781-925-5433.

Special exhibit open to all artists

The South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition entitled Planes, Trains and Automobiles in the Bancroft Gallery, Nov. 9, 2001 - Jan. 5.

Jeffrey Keough, director of exhibitions for Massachusetts College of Art, will jury this exhibition.

The Planes, Trains and Automobiles exhibition continues the art center's initiative of presenting two national shows each year, juried by widely-acclaimed artists and curators. Last year's national exhibitions, Works on Paper, juried by New York artist and professor Howardena Pindell, and Photography Now, juried by Frank Gohlke a leader in contemporary American photography, had entries from more than 30 states. Entries are still being accepted for this year's exhibition. The show is open to all artists and all media with the work reflecting the theme of planes, trains and automobiles. Cash awards totaling $1,200 will be distributed. Jurying will be done on the basis of 35mm slides. Up to five slides may be submitted for consideration and entry forms and slides must be received by Oct.15t. For more information call 781-383-2787 or for an entry form visit www.ssac.org.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Maggie O'Neill

The senior captain of the Cohasset girls soccer team has been a force from her center-midfield position all season. And now that the Lady Skippers are playing their best soccer in years, she is finally getting some of the recognition she deserves.

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On the South Shore

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Gridders take down defending champs

Skippers prove they're for real with 14-8 win over Carver

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset High's football Skippers continued their perfect season last Friday, taking down the reigning South Shore League champions, Carver, 14-8.

Cohasset's defeat of Carver is the first in the 10 meetings they have had since the Crusaders entered the SSL in 1991. Fourth year coach Tony Rolfe had called this their first real test of the season.

"I'll stand by that," reported Rolfe. "What this game means is that we can match anybody physically."

This was the first close decision for the Skippers since week one, when they defeated Cardinal Spellman, 7-0. In fact, when the host Crusaders opened the scoring with a touchdown on their third offensive play, it was the first time all year that the Skippers had been trailing.

"I don't think anybody panicked," said the coach, whose team trailed 8-6 at halftime. "We just made some defensive adjustments."

The adjustments proved very effective, as the Skippers held the Crusaders scoreless for the final three and a half quarters.

The defense focused on shutting down Carver's running game. The Crusaders only attempted two throws downfield, and one was intercepted by senior corner back Eric Libby, his second of the season.

"He is the real deal," lauded Rolfe of the first year football player, a transfer from soccer.

Carver did threaten to score on several of their lengthy drives. However, Rolfe said that Carver's extended offensive possessions did not fatigue his defensive unit.

"I think we played out best defense in the fourth quarter," he effused.

On offense, senior running back Jason Brown got Cohasset on the board when he broke loose for a 60 yard touchdown run in the first half.

"He can score every time he touches the ball," said Rolfe. "Our job is to put him in a position to score, and we did that."

Cohasset continued its success in mixing up the run with the pass, with junior quarterback Mike Snowdale connecting to fellow junior Tom Anderson six times. Snowdale finally produced the game winner midway through the final quarter, a 33-yard touchdown strike to sophomore wide receiver Chris Bilodeau.

Snowdale notched his eighth touchdown pass of the year, tops among all Div. 5 Massachusetts quarterbacks.

"Our passing game was as strong as it has been," Rolfe was pleased to report. "Mike is so steady, and I don't see that changing."

Cohasset did not have its cleanest game two weeks ago, racking up four fumbles and an unnecessary pass interference penalty. Rolfe felt that this game was very different, because his team knew how impor-

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STAFF PHOTO/ SUSAN WADE

Cohasset's Tim Baird gets a step on Norwell defender in Wednesday's huge win for the Skippers. Baird scored the game's lone goal to lift Cohasset to its first win over Norwell in eight years.

Skippers clip Clippers

Late Baird goal lifts Cohasset boys past Norwell, 1-0

By Mike Spellman
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After what happened in the first of their two regular season showdowns, the one thing that seemed certain going into game number two was that Cohasset would not be outworked.

Both the Norwell and Cohasset boys soccer teams played hard for all 80 minutes in last Wednesday's eagerly awaited rematch— leaving it all on the field, so to speak. It was everything a fan could want in a game between longtime league rivals fighting for first place.

Unlike the first go round— a 2-1 Norwell win on Sept. 20— the Cohasset players seemed to have just a little more in their tanks. They clearly won the battle for more of the 50-50 balls and created more quality scoring chances. In the end, they earned the 1-0 win—Tim Baird kneeing home the game's only goal in the 67th minute off of a flurry in front fol-

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PHOTO/ROB KEANE

Cohasset's Heather Peraino (#13) pursues Norwell forward in South Shore League action last week, as teammate Deanna Brown (far left) looks on. Peraino, a junior captain, scored the lone goal for the Lady Skippers in their 1-0 win over Hull on Friday.

Field hockey team continues to progress

By Mike Spellman
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Although the results were 50-50 for the Cohasset field hockey team this past week, the impressions were all positive from coach Deb Bostwick, who continues to insist she sees better and better things from her young, rebuilding squad virtually every time out.

The girls got their second win of the season on Friday, a 1-0 decision over Hull that wasn't as close as the score might indicate. A first half Heather Peraino goal off of a nice corner pass from Sarah Brady provided all the offense the Lady Skippers would require.

The host Cohasset squad dominated the proceedings in every area, as attested by their 11-2 advantage in corners for the match.

"This was a great effort to build on," Bostwick said following the game. "The only thing missing was the goals, but those will come if we keep working at it like we have been."

The veteran coach had particular praise following this game for junior fullback Kimmy Ulmer and sophomore halfbacks Danielle Pinkus and Rachel Doyle.

The Lady Skippers made the long trek south on Saturday for a match with Harwich (8-0-3, 5-0 in league), an instant powerhouse in their first year of South Shore League play.

From the tone of Bostwick's post-game remarks, one might have thought the Skippers had actually handed the host Rough Ryders their first loss of the season. As it turns out, Cohasset lost, 4-0, but the coach couldn't have been any prouder of the effort put forth by her charges.

The game was scoreless at half despite the fact that Cohasset was without three of its starting defenders: senior Suzanne Lynner was off checking out potential colleges, Frannie Noble was at a family reunion and Sarah Dennis was lost five minutes in when she took a smash off the thumb.

Harwich piled it on in the second half, earning the bulk of its 26 corners for the game, and converting on four of them. Cohasset goalie Sara Genovese was immense throughout, according to Bostwick, as were the replacement defenders.

Bostwick sounded especially pleased over the jobs done by Katie Silvia and Holly Dinsmore off the bench, as well as of Ulmer's ability to take her play to an even higher level to compensate for the huge voids.

"The girls who were out there today just did an incredible job," concluded Bostwick.

These girls just wanna have fun

Cohasset soccer team keeps on rolling

By Mike Spellman
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There is real honest to God excitement building around the Cohasset girls soccer program for what seems the first time in recent memory.

Certainly, at the least, this is the first year in recent times that anyone has seriously been mentioning state tourney and Cohasset girls soccer in the same breath.

With a huge tie against Norton on Tuesday, the Lady Skippers moved to two wins, five losses and two ties.

That may not sound like much, but when you consider the girls' record for the last five games is now 2-1-2, and that they finish the season with a whole bunch of seemingly winnable games…well, you get the point.

"More than anything else we're just really having a lot of fun right now," said fourth year head coach Deb Beal. "It's like all of a sudden the girls are getting it. We're doing things we've never done in my time here. We're playing real good team soccer."

If you're looking for more palpable evidence of the Cohasset turnaround, you need search no further than Tuesday's Norton game.

Three weeks ago, Norton absolutely lambasted the Lady Skippers at Cohasset High, 5-2.

On Tuesday, the girls made the nearly hour long bus ride to Norton High after school let out, were forced to start the game less than 15

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A Silvia lining for golf team

By Mike Spellman
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The search for optimism can not be easy in the midst of a 2-7-1 season. Fortunately, Cohasset golf coach Torin Sweeney doesn't have to look too hard to find a Silvia lining.

Nope, that's not a typo.

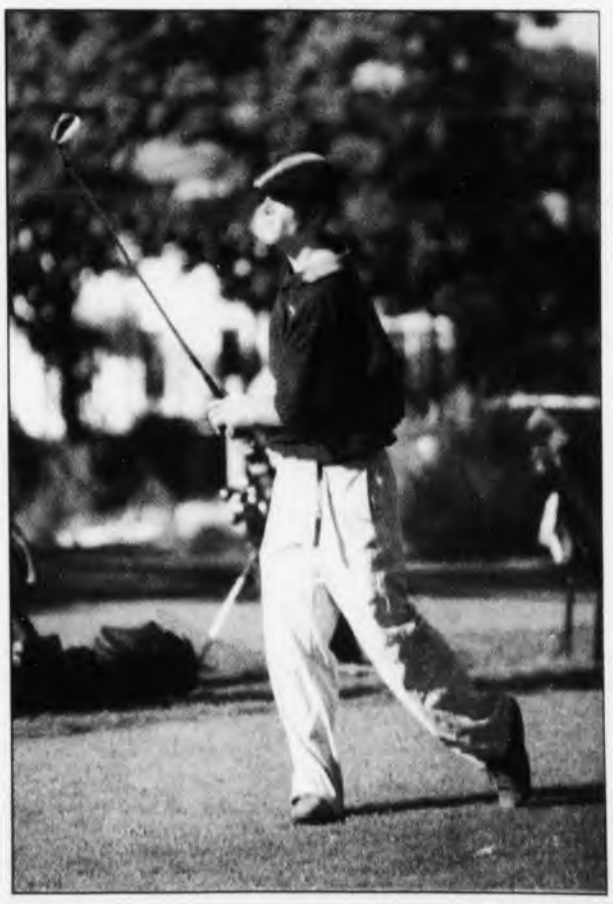
Cohasset High freshman DJ Silvia has emerged as Cohasset's undeniable top golfer this season, which has provided Sweeney at least the comfort of knowing he doesn't have to worry about the top of his lineup card for the next three years.

"DJ approaches the game very seriously and is constantly working on his game," reported the second year head coach. "He's not quite there with the top tier players in our league yet, but he's made steady progress this year, and I'd say he's right there with that second tier of players at this point."

Silvia will join team captain Will Moody and one other Cohasset golfer (still to be determined) at the South Shore League tourney on Oct. 24. As it looks now, he'll also be likely be the Skippers lone representative at the Div. 2 Eastern Mass state tourney at the Easton Country Club on Oct. 23.

"The way he's going right now, I'd say that's a good bet," said Sweeney, pointing at the solid rounds of 39 and 40 he shot at Mashpee and Abington last week.

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset captain and number two golfer Will Moody follows the flight of this fairway drive in match play against Abington last week.

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For more information, details and registration, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109.

Lecture on building antique furniture

A slide lecture on the design and construction of antique American furniture will be given by Emmet Eldred, co-founder of the Eldred Wheeler Company of Hingham on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Old Derby Academy on 34 Main St., Hingham. The company creates handcrafted reproductions of the 18th and early 19th-century furniture, employing many of the same techniques used by the original New England cabinetmakers.

Titled, "A Primer of Antique American Furniture," the lecture is the sixth in a popular series of morning talks sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the lecture begins at 10 a.m. Admission is $10 per person in advance and $12 at the door, if seating is still available. Please send check for the total amount of the number of people attending to the Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham 02043 by Oct. 17. Reservations will be held at the door.

For information, call 781-749-0144.

Gospel choir concert

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting the Geoff Hicks Inspirational Choir in a concert on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m.

The choir was founded by Geoffrey Dana Hicks in 1999 and is comprised of singers from many different ethnic backgrounds, and ranging in age from 13 to 64. The choir has enjoyed a successful tour of Italy and is planning a tour of France.

The joy of Gospel music can touch and unite across barriers of race and class — and who knows what strength there is in this message to unite various nations and ideologies?

A free-will offering will be taken. Also, there will be a reception following the concert.

The church at 16 Highland Ave. is handicap-accessible and there is plenty of parking in the village lot. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Crisis pregnancy

St. Anthony Parish will hold a baby shower to benefit crisis pregnancy centers the weekend of Oct. 20. Parishioners are asked to bring new infant and baby items (clothing, diapers, crib sheets, etc.) to any weekend Mass. The gifts, which may be wrapped or unwrapped, will be given to Friends of the Unborn, to Pregnancy Help and to Birthright. Coffee and refreshments will be served to in the parish center after the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The shower culminates a nine-month-long Spiritual Adoption Program, during which parishioners were invited to spiritually "adopt" an unborn baby in prayer. The parish respect life committee also hosts a weekly pro-life rosary every Friday after the 7:30 a.m. Mass, which will continue throughout the year.

Historical lecture

Cohasset Historical Society Lecture Series to be held Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers featuring Anne Montague "Central Cemetery place in History."

Learn to relax

Mary Buxton, B.S., R.N., the director of South Shore Hospital's Stress Reduction Clinic will offer effective techniques for stress management on Monday, Oct. 15 from 7-9 p.m. in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church at 43 Highland Ave.

The clinic's advertising brochure explains that "Stress is the result of our reaction to all the events in our lives. Whether stress is helpful or harmful depends on the way we respond to these varied events." Unmanaged stress can result in physical illness — and physical illness and chronic pain can be sources of stress. People of all ages are encouraged to attend this informative presentation.

This program, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Social Service League of Cohasset. For information, and directions, call 781-383-0771; or by email at sslcohasset@aol.com.

Weir River race

The Head of the Weir Race will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, at 11:30 a.m. The entry fee is $15, registration is required. The race will start from the West Corner Hingham-Hull line, to Windmill Point Boathouse, Hull, at Hull Gut.

One of the Hull Lifesaving Museum's most beloved events, the Head of the Weir, is a celebration of open-water rowing and both the beautiful Weir River Estuary and Boston Harbor in autumn.

The boats in Head of the Weir River Race jockey for position as they race out of the estuary and into the open water from West Corner (on the Hingham/Hull/Cohasset line), past Bumpkin Island, across Hingham Bay, to the museum's Windmill Point Boathouse.

A highly contested 51/2-miler, the Weir draws coxed youth and adult crews, single and double scullers, curraghs, and Alden ocean shells. It is an exceptionally exciting race and a great spectator event, featuring, typically, more than 30 boats and 150 of the region's finest rowers, including youth and adult crews from Boston Harbor, Maine, Vermont and New York.

Best views are from the bridge on George Washington Boulevard (5-to-15 minutes after the start), at the tip of Hull's Sunset Point, or at the boathouse finish line. Spectators should show great care crossing the road on George Washington Boulevard, watching for fast moving traffic.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. behind the Hull Public Works building at the Hull town line on Route 228. For more information call Ed McCabe, maritime program director, at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 781-925-5433.

Special exhibit open to all artists

The South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition entitled Planes, Trains and Automobiles in the Bancroft Gallery, Nov. 9, 2001 - Jan. 5.

Jeffrey Keough, director of exhibitions for Massachusetts College of Art, will jury this exhibition.

The Planes, Trains and Automobiles exhibition continues the art center's initiative of presenting two national shows each year, juried by widely-acclaimed artists and curators. Last year's national exhibitions, Works on Paper, juried by New York artist and professor Howardena Pindell, and Photography Now, juried by Frank Gohlke a leader in contemporary American photography, had entries from more than 30 states. Entries are still being accepted for this year's exhibition. The show is open to all artists and all media with the work reflecting the theme of planes, trains and automobiles. Cash awards totaling $1,200 will be distributed. Jurying will be done on the basis of 35mm slides. Up to five slides may be submitted for consideration and entry forms and slides must be received by Oct.15t. For more information call 781-383-2787 or for an entry form visit www.ssac.org.

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Stars of the Week

Maggie O'Neill

The senior captain of the Cohasset girls soccer team has been a force from her center-midfield position all season. And now that the Lady Skippers are playing their best soccer in years, she is finally getting some of the recognition she deserves.

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Gridders take down defending champs

Skippers prove they're for real with 14-8 win over Carver

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset High's football Skippers continued their perfect season last Friday, taking down the reigning South Shore League champions, Carver, 14-8.

Cohasset's defeat of Carver is the first in the 10 meetings they have had since the Crusaders entered the SSL in 1991. Fourth year coach Tony Rolfe had called this their first real test of the season.

"I'll stand by that," reported Rolfe. "What this game means is that we can match anybody physically."

This was the first close decision for the Skippers since week one, when they defeated Cardinal Spellman, 7-0. In fact, when the host Crusaders opened the scoring with a touchdown on their third offensive play, it was the first time all year that the Skippers had been trailing.

"I don't think anybody panicked," said the coach, whose team trailed 8-6 at halftime. "We just made some defensive adjustments."

The adjustments proved very effective, as the Skippers held the Crusaders scoreless for the final three and a half quarters.

The defense focused on shutting down Carver's running game. The Crusaders only attempted two throws downfield, and one was intercepted by senior corner back Eric Libby, his second of the season.

"He is the real deal," lauded Rolfe of the first year football player, a transfer from soccer.

Carver did threaten to score on several of their lengthy drives. However, Rolfe said that Carver's extended offensive possessions did not fatigue his defensive unit.

"I think we played out best defense in the fourth quarter," he effused.

On offense, senior running back Jason Brown got Cohasset on the board when he broke loose for a 60 yard touchdown run in the first half.

"He can score every time he touches the ball," said Rolfe. "Our job is to put him in a position to score, and we did that."

Cohasset continued its success in mixing up the run with the pass, with junior quarterback Mike Snowdale connecting to fellow junior Tom Anderson six times. Snowdale finally produced the game winner midway through the final quarter, a 33-yard touchdown strike to sophomore wide receiver Chris Bilodeau.

Snowdale notched his eighth touchdown pass of the year, tops among all Div. 5 Massachusetts quarterbacks.

"Our passing game was as strong as it has been," Rolfe was pleased to report. "Mike is so steady, and I don't see that changing."

Cohasset did not have its cleanest game two weeks ago, racking up four fumbles and an unnecessary pass interference penalty. Rolfe felt that this game was very different, because his team knew how impor-

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STAFF PHOTO/SAM HAMEY

Cohasset's Tim Baird gets a step on Norwell defender in Wednesday's huge win for the Skippers. Baird scored the game's lone goal to lift Cohasset to its first win over Norwell in eight years.

Skippers clip Clippers

Late Baird goal lifts Cohasset boys past Norwell, 1-0

By Mike Spellman
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After what happened in the first of their two regular season showdowns, the one thing that seemed certain going into game number two was that Cohasset would not be outworked.

Both the Norwell and Cohasset boys soccer teams played hard for all 80 minutes in last Wednesday's eagerly awaited rematch— leaving it all on the field, so to speak. It was everything a fan could want in a game between longtime league rivals fighting for first place.

Unlike the first go round— a 2-1 Norwell win on Sept. 20— the Cohasset players seemed to have just a little more in their tanks. They clearly won the battle for more of the 50-50 balls and created more quality scoring chances. In the end, they earned the 1-0 win—Tim Baird kneeing home the game's only goal in the 67th minute off of a flurry in front fol-

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PHOTO/ROB KEANE

Cohasset's Heather Peraino (#13) pursues Norwell forward in South Shore League action last week, as teammate Deanna Brown (far left) looks on. Peraino, a junior captain, scored the lone goal for the Lady Skippers in their 1-0 win over Hull on Friday.

Field hockey team continues to progress

By Mike Spellman
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Although the results were 50-50 for the Cohasset field hockey team this past week, the impressions were all positive from coach Deb Bostwick, who continues to insist she sees better and better things from her young, rebuilding squad virtually every time out.

The girls got their second win of the season on Friday, a 1-0 decision over Hull that wasn't as close as the score might indicate. A first half Heather Peraino goal off of a nice corner pass from Sarah Brady provided all the offense the Lady Skippers would require.

The host Cohasset squad dominated the proceedings in every area, as attested by their 11-2 advantage in corners for the match.

"This was a great effort to build on," Bostwick said following the game. "The only thing missing was the goals, but those will come if we keep working at it like we have been."

The veteran coach had particular praise following this game for junior fullback Kimmy Ulmer and sophomore halfbacks Danielle Pinkus and Rachel Doyle.

The Lady Skippers made the long trek south on Saturday for a match with Harwich (8-0-3, 5-0 in league), an instant powerhouse in their first year of South Shore League play.

From the tone of Bostwick's post-game remarks, one might have thought the Skippers had actually handed the host Rough Ryders their first loss of the season. As it turns out, Cohasset lost, 4-0, but the coach couldn't have been any prouder of the effort put forth by her charges.

The game was scoreless at half despite the fact that Cohasset was without three of its starting defenders: senior Suzanne Lynner was off checking out potential colleges, Frannie Noble was at a family reunion and Sarah Dennis was lost five minutes in when she took a smash off the thumb.

Harwich piled it on in the second half, earning the bulk of its 26 corners for the game, and converting on four of them. Cohasset goalie Sara Genovese was immense throughout, according to Bostwick, as were the replacement defenders.

Bostwick sounded especially pleased over the jobs done by Katie Silvia and Holly Dinsmore off the bench, as well as of Ulmer's ability to take her play to an even higher level to compensate for the huge voids.

"The girls who were out there today just did an incredible job," concluded Bostwick.

These girls just wanna have fun

Cohasset soccer team keeps on rolling

By Mike Spellman
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There is real honest to God excitement building around the Cohasset girls soccer program for what seems the first time in recent memory.

Certainly, at the least, this is the first year in recent times that anyone has seriously been mentioning state tourney and Cohasset girls soccer in the same breath.

With a huge tie against Norton on Tuesday, the Lady Skippers moved to two wins, five losses and two ties.

That may not sound like much, but when you consider the girls' record for the last five games is now 2-1-2, and that they finish the season with a whole bunch of seemingly winnable games...well, you get the point.

"More than anything else we're just really having a lot of fun right now," said fourth year head coach Deb Beal. "It's like all of a sudden the girls are getting it. We're doing things we've never done in my time here. We're playing real good team soccer."

If you're looking for more palpable evidence of the Cohasset turnaround, you need search no further than Tuesday's Norton game.

Three weeks ago, Norton absolutely lambasted the Lady Skippers at Cohasset High, 5-2.

On Tuesday, the girls made the nearly hour long bus ride to Norton High after school let out, were forced to start the game less than 15

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A Silvia lining for golf team

By Mike Spellman
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The search for optimism can not be easy in the midst of a 2-7-1 season. Fortunately, Cohasset golf coach Torin Sweeney doesn't have to look too hard to find a Silvia lining.

Nope, that's not a typo.

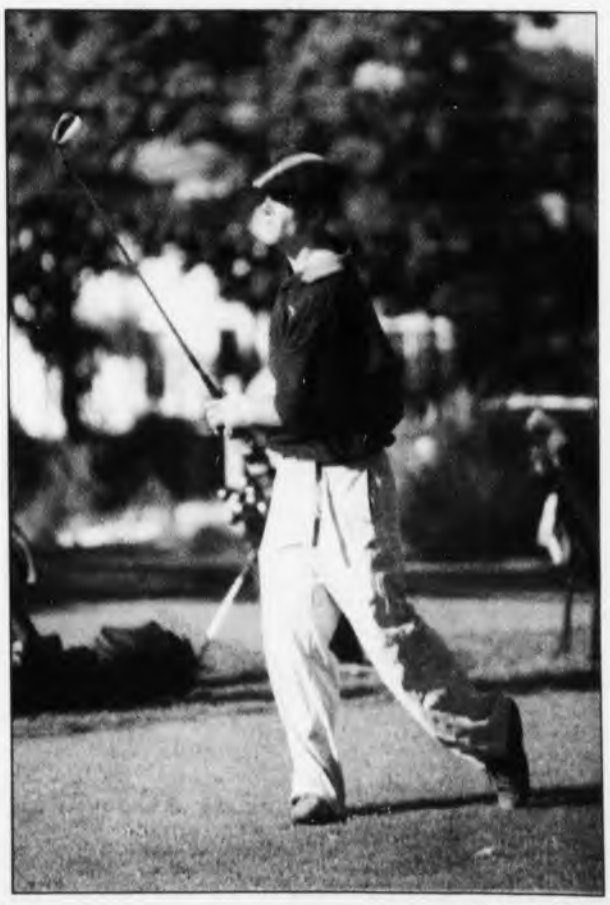
Cohasset High freshman DJ Silvia has emerged as Cohasset's undeniable top golfer this season, which has provided Sweeney at least the comfort of knowing he doesn't have to worry about the top of his lineup card for the next three years.

"DJ approaches the game very seriously and is constantly working on his game," reported the second year head coach. "He's not quite there with the top tier players in our league yet, but he's made steady progress this year, and I'd say he's right there with that second tier of players at this point."

Silvia will join team captain Will Moody and one other Cohasset golfer (still to be determined) at the South Shore League tourney on Oct. 24. As it looks now, he'll also be likely be the Skippers lone representative at the Div. 2 Eastern Mass state tourney at the Easton Country Club on Oct. 23.

"The way he's going right now, I'd say that's a good bet," said Sweeney, pointing at the solid rounds of 39 and 40 he shot at Mashpee and Abington last week.

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PHOTO/TRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset captain and number two golfer Will Moody follows the flight of this fairway drive in match play against Abington last week.

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freeing a corner kick from Matt Bilodeau.

These were points conceded by first year Norwell head coach Jack Browne. "Our kids played hard but it just seemed like (Cohasset) wanted it a little more. They kept getting to the ball first, and they did a nice job of controlling the tempo. I've got to give them their due."

After what happened on Sept. 20, the fire exhibited by the Skippers on Wednesday couldn't have been considered a surprise to anyone. Cohasset also came out like gangbusters that night under the lights at Norwell High, pushing the advantage for practically the entire opening 40 minutes, but could sneak just one past Norwell's All-Star goalie John Conlan. It seemed as if the two teams switched uniforms at the half, because Norwell dominated right from the starting kick. The Clippers scored twice in this second frame, the second coming on a Shawn Collins header with 15 seconds remaining.

"I think that first game was still fresh in our minds," said Cohasset senior captain Matt Bilodeau, moments after the final whistle Wednesday night, basking in the glow of his first win over Norwell in nine attempts. "We didn't want another let down. This was a win we really needed."

Norwell had its chances in the first half, but not nearly as many as the opportunistic Skippers. If not for a couple of cat-like quick reactions by Conlan (10 saves for the game) in the early going, this game might have well been determined by halftime. The returning league all-star was particularly sharp in blocking a couple of in-close headers by Greg O'Connell and Evan Pestone off of beautiful set kicks from Bilodeau.

"He's an outstanding goalie, and he showed it tonight," said Cohasset head coach Dave Nigro. "I thought we created a lot of nice opportunities, but (Conlan) did a great nice job of covering up."

Cohasset was even more dominant in the second half, maintaining decisive edges both in terms of possession and territory.

Several deep Cohasset pushes were thwarted by another Norwell returning All-Star, Pete Donovan. The senior sweeper repeatedly frustrated the Skippers forwards by muscling them off the ball and stepping into passing lanes at just the right moment, and then using one of the strongest legs in the SSL to boom the ball well out of harm's way.

It was a relentless push from Cohasset junior Kurt Kahn one-one-one with Donovan that set up the game's lone goal with just 13 minutes remaining. The two players wound up wrestling for the ball to the left of the goal near the end line for several seconds before Kahn gained an edge and tried to cross it. Donovan stuck his leg out, deflecting it over the end line.

Bilodeau served up a near perfect ball into the middle of the box. O'Connell broke diagonally towards the near post on the boot, just missing as he went high for the header with a defender on his back. However, Dan Kinchla, taking a path five feet to the rear, managed to get his head squarely on the ball to put it over a quick-reacting Conlan. The shot caromed off the inside of the cross bar and came almost straight down, bouncing two feet out from the goal mouth as Conlan hit the ground. With bodies colliding left and right in the ensuing scramble, Baird somehow managed to take the ball chest to knee to top left corner.

The goal did not come without controversy, as many on the Norwell side complained that Baird used his arm to direct the ball to his knee – Conlan among the most vociferously.

To his credit, coach Browne would not comment on the non-call following the game.

"When you keep giving up good opportunities like we gave them, sooner or later you're going to get burned," was all Browne would say about the goal.

Donovan, a Norwell tri-captain along with Conlan and injured stopper Jason Kustka, followed his coaches lead.

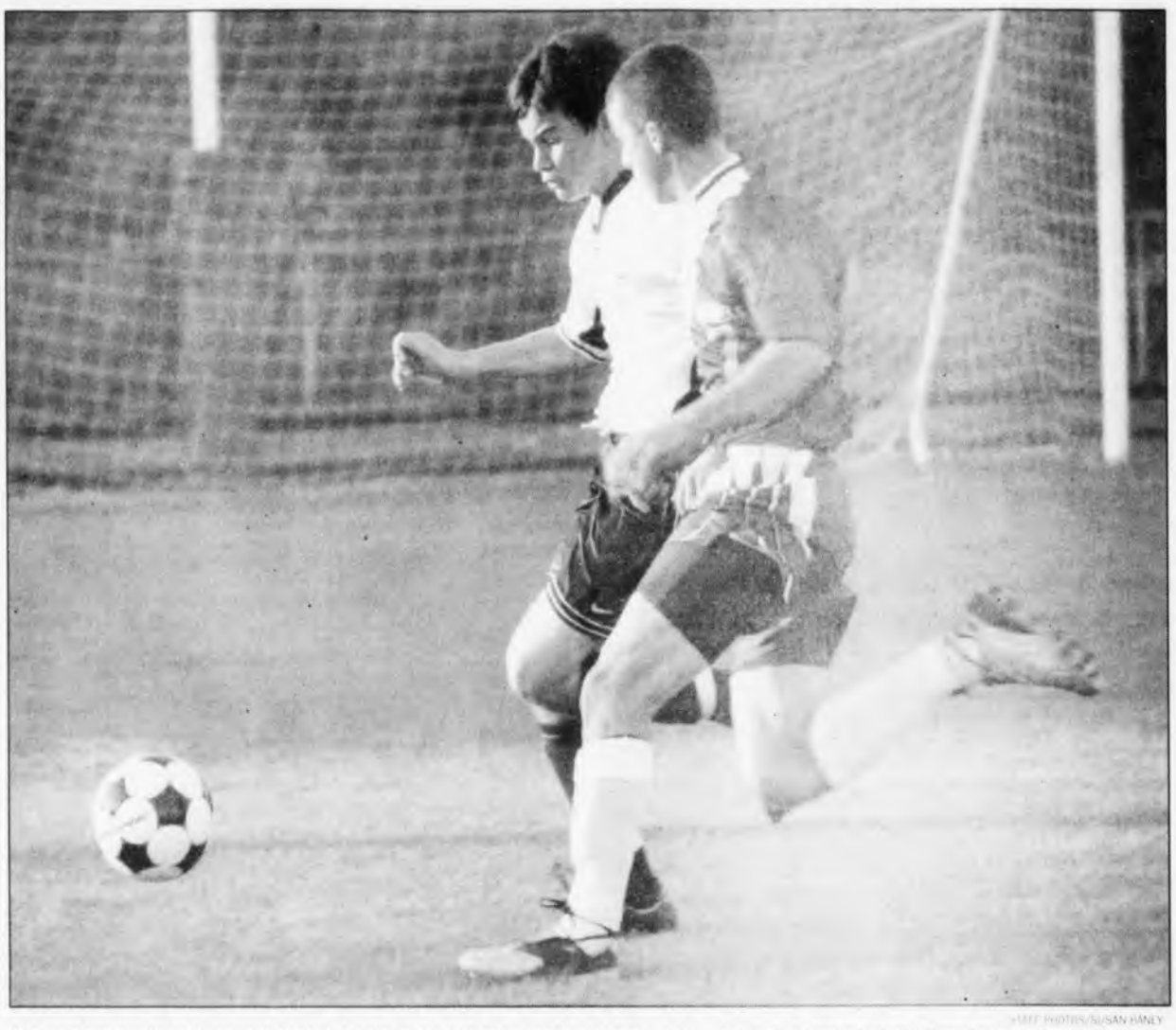
"That was just a hard fought game between two real evenly matched teams," offered Donovan. "It was the type of game where you knew it would be decided by one nice bounce or big play. There's just not much of a difference between us. It would be nice to get them again."

The only way that happens is if the two teams meet in the Div. 3 Southeast sectionals.

As to the matter of fortuitous bounces, Bilodeau was quick to point out "it's about time we got one of them."

The Clippers bested the Skippers by just one goal in each of the four meetings prior to this past Wednesday's tilt. The loss on Sept. 20 was perhaps the most dramatic, but the 2-1 loss 11 months earlier, in the semifinals of the southeast sectionals, was decidedly more painful.

"This (win) doesn't make up for that," said Bilodeau. "But it does feel good for now."



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Cohasset fullback Jesse Brewer (white shirt) breaks up the rush of speedy Norwell forward Jason Grier in Wednesday's South Shore League showdown.



Midfielders Chris Clark (white shirt), of Cohasset, and Pat Manning, of Norwell, battle for the ball.

Boys soccer notes

Skippers fall to Norton

Unfortunately, the Skippers run at first place in the SSL came up short on Tuesday, as they fell to Norton (8-0-2) at home, 2-1, to fall to 7-2-1.

A couple of defensive breakdowns let the visiting Lancers take a quick 1-0 lead in the first half, and then score the game winner with eight minutes left in the game.

Kahn scored the Skippers lone goal on a pass from Baird 10 minutes into the second half.

"We had plenty of opportunities in the game," said Nigro, following the loss, pointing at shots from O'Connell and Bilodeau that flew just over the cross bar. "Against a team like Norton, you don't get too many chances. If you don't cash in on them, you're in trouble."

Norwell (8-1-1) now sits all alone in second place between Norton and Cohasset. The Clippers will get their shot at regaining first place next Friday when they travel to Norton.

Cohasset took down Mashpee on Friday, 2-1, thanks to a pair of second half goals by O'Connell, both of them assisted by Bilodeau. The game winner was delivered with just five minutes left in regulation.

The game was not as close as the score might indicate, as the Skippers again maintained a strong territorial advantage throughout the contest.



Cohasset captain Matt Bilodeau takes his time trying to set a play near midfield. Bilodeau assisted on the game's lone goal, serving up a perfect corner that Tim Baird eventually managed to knock home.



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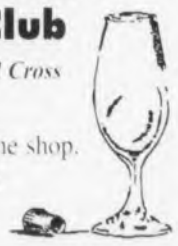
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Coastal Stars Game of the Week

The life of a youth hockey player is marked by a series of transitions.

The fledgling skater goes from pushing a crate under the watchful eye of his parents to an instructional player. The instructional player transitions from a small instructional ice surface to the "big" rink for the start of the Mite year. The Mite transitions to Squirts, where the focus moves from instruction to development. The Squirt moves into their Pee Wee years where they learn to check. The Pee Wee sees the game intensify and speed up once they become Bantams. And finally, the committed few who still remain are ready for their rock and sock "em Midget years.

While each new level brings with it new challenges, there is no transition as exciting as the instructional player becoming a Mite-C.

Seeing a first year Mite getting accustomed to a larger ice surface while trying to master icing and offsides makes for the some of the most enjoyable hockey moments that parents, players, and fans will experience.

This past weekend was the opening weekend for the five Coastal Stars Mite - C teams. While all the C teams played well, it is Coach Dave Denton's Mite C-1 team that makes it to this week's game of the week.

At a pre-dawn match up this past Saturday morning in Raynham the Coastal Stars' Mite C-1 team defeated a Duxbury C team 5-1 .Coach Denton who is assisted by Vern Langley and Joe Redfearn, attributed the victory to his dedicated core of parents who ensure that their children attend and prepare for every practice.

The Stars began their offensive attack early in the first period when Patrick Cull, on his first shift, scored two quick goals. Cull's first goal was the fruit of line mates Jamie Faber and Austin Hale's hustle and effort. His second goal came off of an unassisted break-away.

The Stars started the second period with a two goal cushion and quickly saw the lead expand with Ryan Talanian registering his first of two goals.

Duxbury finally answered the Stars tallies with a goal of their own to close the deficit to two by the end of the second period.

The third period saw a continuation of the Stars' offensive dominance, as Talanian notched his second of the day with help from line mates Willie Brown and Zach Monaco. Brown, the gritty Cohasset winger, put the game out of reach later in the third with help from Cohasset neighbor Vinnie Calario as he scored his first goal.

And so in this first game- in this first in a series of youth hockey transitions, the Coastal Stars marched triumphantly into their Mite years with a hard fought victory.

— by Peter J. Buckley

These girls just wanna have fun

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minutes after disembarking and then gave up the game's first goal just 3:25 in.

Deb Beal swears her old team would have collapsed at that point. Not the new and improved "getting it" Lady Skippers, however. The local girls composed themselves, stayed patient and finally cashed in when the right opportunity was there. Approximately three minutes before half time, captain Kate Grimm notched the equalizer.

That would be all the scoring on this cold afternoon, though the visiting Skippers did manage to ring a couple shots off the crossbar in the second half. No one on Cohasset's side was complaining afterwards, however.

"This was a continuation of the good things we've been doing in the last few weeks," lauded Beal. "If we keep this up, I see us making a very strong run at the tourney."

Of the nine games left on their schedule, Beal feels Friday's showdown with first place Abington (8-0-1) is by far the most difficult. She is looking at it, first and foremost, though, as a litmus test to see how far her girls have really come since being whitewashed by the Green Wave, 3-0, in the first go-round back on Sept. 21.

"I told the girls a tie would be great and a win would be unbelievable, but more importantly I told them I want to see how they battle against a very tough team," said Beal.

Following this "test," the Lady Skippers are slated to finish up in-league play with Hull (1-8-1) and Carver (1-6-2) twice (one being a makeup game). They also have Scituate (4-5-2) and Holbrook (7-2, but playing in a weak Mayflower League) scheduled for a pair of non-league home-and-home series.

"Obviously, it's a lot easier said than done, but I feel like we have a shot at winning any or all of those games," said Beal. "And, more importantly, I think the girls believe it themselves right now."

So what exactly are the girls doing so much better these days than they were earlier in the season?

A lot of little things, according to Beal, but they all add up to one big thing.

"Everyone is getting involved," offered the coach. "The defenders are getting the ball to the midfielders, the midfielders are getting it to the forwards and we're finishing our opportunities."

Captain Maggie O'Neill, at center-midfield, has been called "the glue" by Beal since day 1. The senior continues to own the middle of the field in most games, but now she is getting plenty of help – which takes a lot of pressure off her, and thus makes her even more effective.

Jen Buckley and Yasmine Ashfar impress Beal more and more every game with their play at the outside mid spots. They are, in the coaches estimation, the best conditioned athletes on the team, and now that the team has a game plan that's working, this is an asset that's really starting to pay dividends.

"Those two can run all day, and their ability to get the ball from the defense at anytime and just go with it up the sideline to get our transition going is huge," said Beal.

Fullback Julie Condon has been one of those chiefly responsible for starting the break, her tough tackles and long clears proving instrumental in quick field reversals. And the other fullback, sophomore Brenna O'Donnell, is one of the most improved players on the team, according to Beal.

Meanwhile, Holly Graham at sweeper and Maura McKenney at stopper have been the keys to stopping the opposing breaks.

"The defense Holly and Maura have given us in the middle of the field has just been incredible," said Beal. "I can't imagine there are too many stopper/sweeper combinations playing much better than them right now."

And the contributions are from many different sources – Grimm, Nicole Neville, Molly Flanagan, Becky Ross, sophomore Gillian Weber.

"That's what's so good about this right now," concluded Beal. "So many people feel like they're contributing. That's one of the things that is making this so fun right now."

A Silvia lining for golf team

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Unfortunately, the rest of the team hasn't rounded into form quite as well.

The Skippers fell at their home Cohasset Country Club course to a much improved Abington team last Thursday, 8.5-0.5. Cohasset's number four player, Greg O'Brien, earned the half a point by tying his match with a round of 52.

Despite the difficulties of late, coach Sweeney remained upbeat about the team.

"This is obviously a rebuilding year with a lot of first year players, but I give the kids a lot of credit for the way they've hung in and competed," said Sweeney, who is also Cohasset High's head wrestling coach and assistant athletic director.

Specifically, Sweeney says he has been pleased with the progress in recent weeks shown by senior Ian Kidder and sophomore first year player Mike Hajjar.

Cohasset did manage to pull out a big 7.5-1.5 victory over Carver on Tuesday, at Carver's home Squirrel Run par-3 course.

Silvia was low man out of his number one spot with a 35, followed closely by Moody at number two with a 36. Pat Reardon (39), Greg O'Brien (40) and Hajjar (42) also managed to earn points from the numbers three, four and six positions, respectively.

Cohasset High weekly sports schedule

FIELD HOCKEY

Oct.	Opponent	Time
10	at Mashpee	5:30 p.m.
13	at Carver	5 p.m.
15	at Norwell	5 p.m.
17	Harwich	5:30 p.m.

Home site: Alumni Field
Coach: Danielle Shaughnessy

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

10	at Mashpee	4 p.m.
13	at Carver	6:30 p.m.
15	at Norwell	3:30 p.m.
17	Harwich	4 p.m.

Coach: Deb Bostwick

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

11	at Abington	4:30 p.m.
13	at Scituate	4 p.m.
15	Carver	3:30 p.m.
17	Holbrook	7 p.m.

Coach: Deb Beal
Home site: Alumni Field

GIRLS JV SOCCER

11	at Abington	3:30 p.m.
13	Scituate	4 p.m.
	(Alumni Field)	
15	Carver	3:30 p.m.

Coach: Kara Connerly
Home site: Milliken Field

GOLF

11	Norton	3:30 p.m.
15	Norwell	3:30 p.m.
17	(- Bridgewater	3:30 p.m.
18	Harwich	

End of Regular Season
Coach: Tom Sweeney
Home site: Cohasset Country Club

BOYS JV SOCCER

11	Abington	3:30 p.m.
13	Scituate	4 p.m.
15	at Carver	6:30 p.m.

Coach: Rick Dockendorf
Home site: Milliken Field

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

11	Abington	3:30 p.m.
13	at Scituate	4 p.m.
15	at Carver	6:30 p.m.

Coach: David Nizzi
Home site: Alumni Field

FROSH/SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

18	Norton	3:30 p.m.

Home site: Milliken Field

VARSITY FOOTBALL

20	at Norton	7 p.m.

Home site: Alumni Field
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Asst. Coaches: Bob Silva, Bob Knurek, Brian Panseno, Dave Terry

Gridders take down defending champs

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tant it was.

Cohasset could put itself in a very good position to compete for the League Crown with a win over Norton in two weeks. Although the always competitive Norwell and Abington teams stand in their way, Cohasset has already doubled its SSL win total from last year.

The way the team is playing, Cohasset seems to be clicking in all facets of the game: offense, defense and special teams.

Said Rolfe of his success at that halfway point of the season: "That is what is making us such a good team right now."

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY
5 beat Hull, 1-0
6 lost to Harwich, 4-0
10 at Mashpee

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER
3 tied to Norwell, 2-2
5 lost to Mashpee, 3-2
9 tied Norton, 1-1

GOLF
4 lost to Abington, 8.5-0.5
9 beat Carver, 7.5-1.5

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
3 beat Norwell, 1-0
5 beat Mashpee, 2-1
9 lost to Norton, 2-1

VARSITY FOOTBALL
5 beat Carver, 14-8

SPORTS NOTES

Widow's Walk Golf Course, of Scituate, has launched a new web site on the World Wide Web. The site, www.widowswalkgolf.com, was developed by Art Dunphy of Scituate, in association with Cyber Golf a national service provider located in Edmonds, WA..

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Beechwood has lots of secrets to share

By Rebecca Bates-McArthur
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Stonework on Tuttle Island, Beechwood, the former site of a gristmill, sawmill and ironworks.

The Beechwood section of Cohasset comprises the area defined by the upper end of Beechwood Street, Doane Street, Church Street and the neighborhood developments off these streets. Depending on which people you talk to, Beechwood ends at the Beechwood River (Bound Brook) or at the intersection of Beechwood and King Streets (Reed's Corner). Beechwood was named after the Beech Woods, the clusters of Beech trees found in the area. Beech trees have smooth bark (great for carving names) and grow tall and straight. The area was originally part of the Third Division of Hingham.

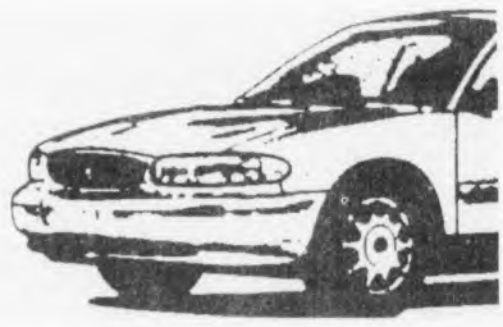
The early settlers of Beechwood were involved with survival, farming and products of the soil. Because of the distance from Hingham, some nine miles, and from Cohasset center (known as such after 1770), the people of Beechwood established many of their own village resources. A mill was put into operation in 1703, a cemetery was established in 1737, a school in 1757, a general store and post office in the mid 1800s, a fire station, a church in 1859 and a neighborhood hall and library in 1912.

In 1703, Mordecai Lincoln, ancestor of Abraham Lincoln, built an iron works along the river on Tuttle Island, at the end of Mill Lane. In the past 300 years, there had been many mills at this site. Daniel Lincoln operated a sawmill at this site in 1704. A tannery and grist mill run by John Wheelwright was built in 1750. Another sawmill operated from 1814 to 1930. Most recently, lobster traps were produced here.

The Beechwood cemetery was built on land donated by the early settlers, Aaron Pratt and Isaac Bates. It was administered by a group of residents. The original section was divided into six lots, one for each family group. In this section, Isaac Tolman is buried. At the age of 24, he traveled to Boston with two other boys from Cohasset to take part in the Boston Tea Party. The cemetery has been expanded recently, and in the early 1900s the cemetery was squared off and in the 1990s an additional section on Beechwood Street was cleared. Wrought iron gates guard the entrance to the cemetery. A brick building crypt at the top of the hill, where bodies were placed in the winter, was restored by the historical commission. In 1958, the Beechwood Cemetery Association turned the cemetery over to the town. Each Memorial Day, the families, friends and neighbors of Beechwood pay homage to those who fought and died and are buried in the cemetery.

A school was established in 1757 to educate the children of the neighborhood. Children from the age of five and up were schooled there. According to the Bigelow town history, 63 children attended this school in 1796. When a centralized high school was established in the mid-1800s, the older children went to the new school by "barge," an open wagon fitted with wooden benches and stools for the children to sit on. When the elementary school on Ripley Road opened in 1927, the Beechwood school closed and it was auctioned off and converted into three residential apartments. *To be continued.*

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

10:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

11:16 a.m. Elm St., 39-year old Holbrook man taken into protective custody.

1:19 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire structure, extinguished.

1:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

1:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen.

3:30 p.m. Cedar St., general services.

4:44 p.m. Kendall Village, lost, property.

5:18 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, well-being check.

5:55 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, well-being check.

9:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

9:13 p.m. South Main St., general services.

9:27 p.m. North Main St., general disturbance, gathering.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

2:42 a.m. North Main St., open door/window.

8:50 a.m. Highland Ave., burglary, breaking and entering.

9:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

10:17 a.m. Country Way, fire, structure.

10:30 a.m. Hillside Dr., general services.

10:49 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

12:46 p.m. Norfolk Rd., parking complaint.

1:10 p.m. Bancroft Rd. and Briarwood Lane, parking violation, ticket issued.

2:50 p.m. Ripley Rd., suspicious activity/person(s).

4:44 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, hospital.

6:42 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:33 p.m. Brewster Rd., medical aid and 209A restraining order served in hand.

8:29 p.m. Hillside Dr., suspicious activity/person(s).

9:45 p.m. Elm St., open door/window.

11:09 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

12:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled motor vehicle.

2:18 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.

7:29 a.m. Elm St., open door/window.

12:40 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist citizen.

2:32 p.m. Red Gate Lane and North Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

2:44 p.m. Summer St., parking complaint.

3:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., wires down.

5:36 p.m. Reservoir Rd., fire investigation, referred to other agency.

6:34 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious activity/person(s).

7:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, OCT. 1

8:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

2:42 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

2:52 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:30 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious auto, area search negative.

8:16 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity.

8:44 p.m. Elm St., MVA.

9:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., auto fire.

11:52 p.m. Elm Ct., general services.

TUESDAY, OCT. 2

12:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

3:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:03 a.m. Whitney Woods Ln., animal control.

7:24 a.m. Pond and King sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:39 a.m. Elm St., general services.

10:20 a.m. Cedar Acres Ln., fire inspections.

10:27 a.m. Brook St., parking complaint.

11:11 a.m. Summer St., MV stop, verbal warning.

12:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

1:13 p.m. Sohier St., suspicious person.

4:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, verbal warning.

4:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MVA.

5:50 p.m. Forest Ave., officer wanted.

6:48 p.m. South Main St., vandalism.

7:07 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

8:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

8:48 p.m. Beach St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

12:51 a.m. South Main St., general services.

1:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:46 a.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:22 a.m. Rust Way, fire investigation.

8:30 a.m. Highland Ave., investigation.

9:27 a.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

9:36 a.m. Cedar St., parking complaint.

9:45 a.m. South Main St., suspicious person.

9:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

2:53 p.m. N. Main St., abandoned auto.

3:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA.

5:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.

5:33 p.m. South Main and Beechwood sts., officer wanted.

6:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

2:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

2:25 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.

7:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

7:44 a.m. Lamberts Ln., general services.

8:10 a.m. Forest Ave., reported death.

8:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

8:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations.

8:24 a.m. Linden Dr., general services.

9:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

10:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

11:01 a.m. Square, found property.

11:41 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

11:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

1:46 p.m. N. Main St., threats.

2:47 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., MV stop, verbal warning.

3:50 p.m. Doane St., well-being check.

4:12 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

8:55 p.m. Arrest: Mary Beth Christian, 38, 155 George Washington Blvd., Hull. Chgs: warrant.

9:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:58 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

12:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

2:71 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.

6:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

7:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:57 a.m. South Main St., suspicious person.

11:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., threats to do bodily harm.

11:37 a.m. South Main St., general services.

2:01 p.m. Border St., disturbance, gathering.

4:18 p.m. Pleasant St., officer wanted.

7:39 p.m. Elm St., assist citizen.

POLICE BRIEFS

September was quiet for police

September was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department, Police Chief Brian Noonan said. There were thirteen arrests, three for Operating After License Suspended, two for Protective Custody, two for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, two for Possession of Class "Y Substance, one for Possession of Class "B" Substance, one for Extortion by Threat of Injury, one for Outstanding Warrant, and finally one for Operating without a License, he said.

During the month of September the police department investigated 15 motor vehicle accidents, 10 of which resulted in personal injury. There were (165) Motor Vehicle Citations issued totaling $2,520 in fines. Additionally, there were 73 Parking Tickets issued for $1,925. in fines. There were six Criminal Complaints issued.

Also in September the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 675 calls for police services, of those 112 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of September there was one Breaking & Entering in a business, Noonan said.

This year's South Shore Music Circus season was uneventful from a public safety standpoint, with only one Protective Custody of one arriving patron. This season included 34 evening shows and nine children shows, he said.

Finally in the month of September Brian Curran graduated from a 22 week Police Academy sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Council. He is currently assigned as a Patrol Officer on 4 p.m. to midnight shift.

OBITUARIES

Jean Cotton



Jean Cotton

Jean Elizabeth Barton Cotton, of Cohasset, died surrounded by her family on Oct. 6, 2001, at Cohasset Knoll. She was 87 years old.

Officially recognized in 1991 by the Town of Cohasset for her many years of dedicated service, Jean served six years on the advisory committee, four and half years as chairman. She was a founding member of the Cohasset League of Women Voters, a member and president of the PTA, and a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader. Active in the Social Service League, she served on and chaired the nursing committee for many years. She co-founded and served as volunteer manager of the Cohasset consignment Shop for 20 years.

Over her 55 years as a member of the First Parish Church, Jean Cotton co-founded the Osgood Club (for young couples) and the Evening Alliance (for young women), taught Sunday School, and was chairman of the Parish Committee.

Born in Newport, N.H., to Judge Jesse M. Barton and Emma Byars Barton, Jean graduated from Kimball Union Academy and Middlebury College (A.B.) She worked as an English teacher, drama coach, and girls basketball coach at Whitefield High School in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Cotton leaves her husband of 64 years, Daniel C. Cotton of Cohasset; two daughters, Elizabeth Sherblom and her husband, John Sherblom of Stillwater, Maine, and Mary Jane Low of Albuquerque, N.M. and Montville, Maine; three grandsons, William D. Gause and his wife, Alyssa, of Beverly, John P. Gause, and his wife Phoebe of Bangor, Maine, and Richard B. Gause of Scarborough, Maine; and three great-grandsons.

Visiting hours will be 2 to 4 p.m. only on Friday, Oct. 12 at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St., Cohasset.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the First Parish Church in Cohasset with a reception following. Interment will be private.

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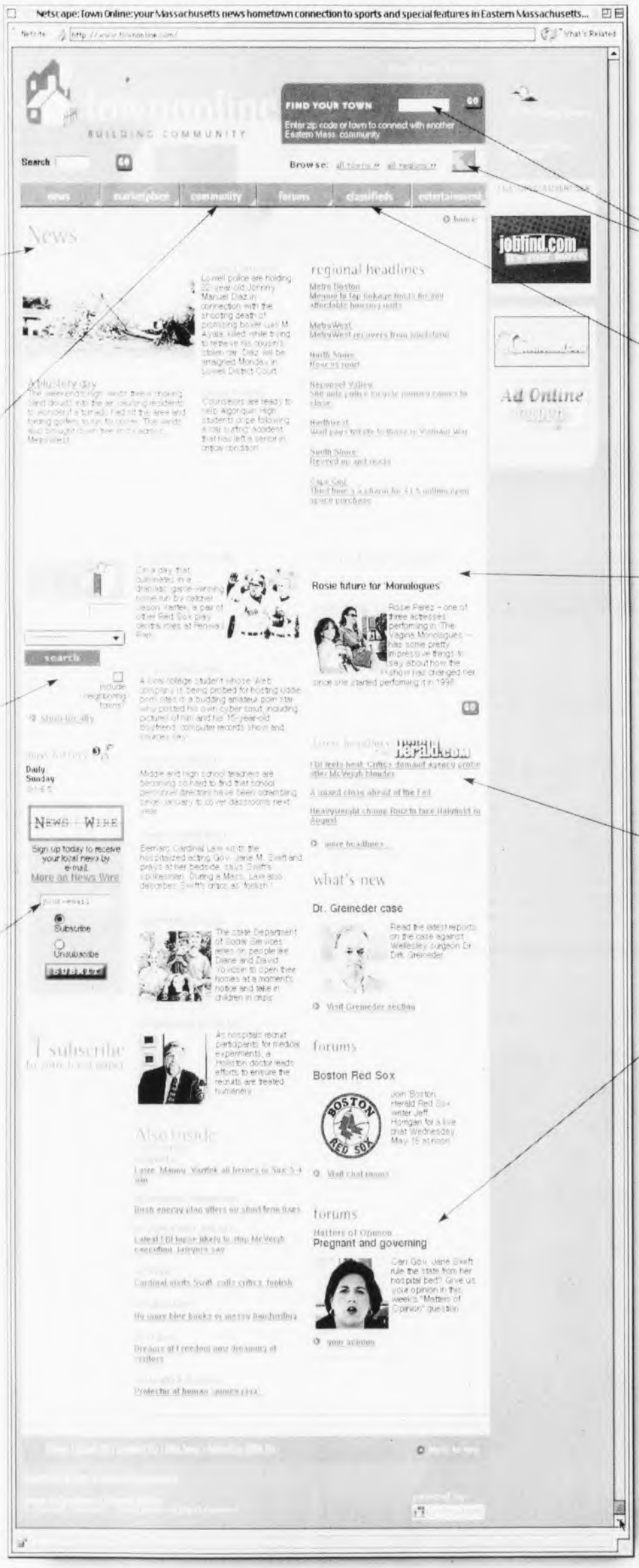
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Major views

Nature photographer is shooting for success

By Seth Jacobson
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Puppies. Plants. Landscapes. Seascapes.

Scituate resident Peggy Roth Major likes to capture them all on film. Taking pictures is her passion.

Major, 45, has been a photographer for the past 25 years and during that time, her style has not changed. She has always been a nature photographer, and she said she will remain a nature photographer as long as she is able to pick up a camera.

"I think my style is the same it always has been, it's just gotten more fine-tuned," she said. "My work always has and still does showcase my love for nature. I've always loved taking pictures outside, and I think nature is really the ultimate teacher."

Major is not the only one who enjoys her work—the public loves it too. At a recent solo show Major had at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, she sold a large portion her work on display.

"It went better than I expected," she said. "For a long time, I was doing photography for my own selfish pleasure, and it was only recently that I decided to start showing my work." She added the show at the science center was her first one.

In addition to the successful show, Major has also been making "note cards" out of her photos, and she is selling them in stores across the South Shore in towns like Quincy, Hull, Scituate, Humarock, Cohasset, and also in Boston.

At the same time, Major also has an extravagant web site illustrating many examples of her work. But her photography work isn't the only thing that fills her days. Major works at Boston Gear in Quincy during the day, but when she has free time, she heads outdoors with her camera and starts shooting again.

"I take my camera with me as much as possible," she said. "I'm always keeping my eyes open."

When she started taking pictures Major said she seemed to have a knack for spotting a good shot, and that has lasted throughout her career.

"Instinctively, I've always been a very visual person," she said. "I've always been able to capture the moment and interpret what I see in my own way. I like to capture things that the ordinary person would not necessarily see."

Major likes to feature a number of different elements in her photographs, but some of her favorite pictures she has taken illustrate the changing of seasons. She said she's never done much in the way of photographing people, but she's thinking about getting into that realm.

Major has embraced digital photography, a development that has revolutionized the field.

"I love the instant gratification of digital photography," she said. "You can work with the pictures you take right away. It makes taking pictures a lot easier in terms of not having to shoot a whole bunch of different rolls of film."

But Major said she still has a 35mm camera, and she still uses regular film some of the time because she does not have a computer handy all the time, which is required for digital work.

Her love of digital photography is what led to her making her note cards and starting up her web site.

The sky's the limit for Major it seems, but she says she still has many goals to accomplish.

"I'd like to have some larger-scale presentations and shows," she said, "and I've even considered opening my home by appointment for people to see my work. I'd also just like to spend more time taking pictures, and then get more visible in the Boston area, maybe even New York. I'm in no rush, though. I'm just going to take it one step at a time, and I want to continue making people happy with my work."

To check out Major's web site, log onto www.townonline.com/south, you'll find some of her note cards, visit The Welch Company (Scituate, Hanover), the Armstrong (Cohasset), Humming Rock Gifts (Humarock), the Furniture Gallery (Scituate), Mermaids (Hull), or Presidential Camera in Quincy. For any further questions call (781) 545-5444.







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Photographer Peggy Roth Major

Photos: Here are just a few examples of some of the many moments Scituate photographer Peggy Roth Major has captured on film.

Doing time, writing 'Crimes'

Hingham novelist to release second book

By Seth Jacobson
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Hingham author Dan Harris has a problem—he can't stop writing books.

Next month, Harris will celebrate the release of his second novel called "Capital Crimes," a story focusing on high finance and murder. But it was less than a year ago that Harris was celebrating the release of his first novel "Goodbye, Dearie," which is selling well and earning good reviews.

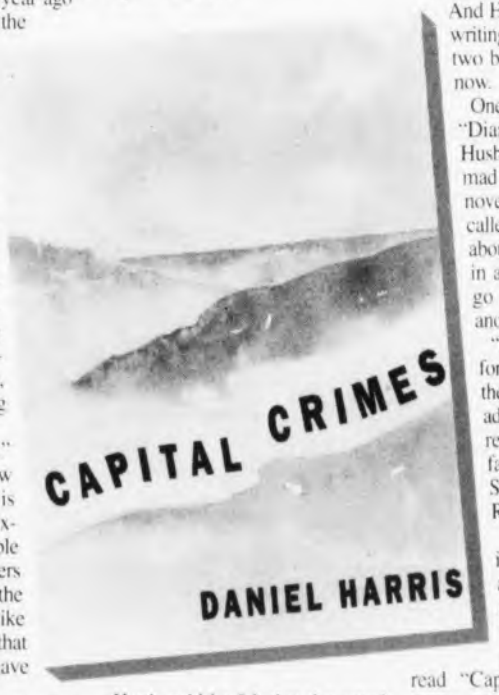
"I guess you could describe the new book as a murder mystery that follows the money trail," Harris said. "Capital Crimes" is set in a fictional Cape Cod town. The story focuses on a construction company trying to build a housing development when all of a sudden, dead bodies start showing up a the site.

"Wild things happen," Harris said, noting the new book, like the last one, is laced with humor and unexpected twists. "I think people will really like the characters and the dialogue within the book. I think people will like the characters so much that they hope none of them have committed the murders."

Harris said the idea for "Capital Crimes" came to him by watching local planning board meetings and observing how the audience and the board members interacted. In the end, Harris decided that interaction could provide the basis for a good story.

At the same time, writing "Capital Crimes" was a lot different than writing "Goodbye Dearie" for Harris, because of the two novels' respective styles.

"'Goodbye Dearie' was somewhat autobiographical," Harris said, "and in fact, that book was made up of a number of different styles of writing. The new book is a total work of fiction. But at the same time, if I hadn't written 'Goodbye Dearie,' I would've never been able to write 'Capital Crimes.'"



Harris said he felt that the actual writing process of "Capital Crimes" was a lot more difficult because he was writing it in the third person, rather than the first person style contained in "Goodbye Dearie." In order to maintain his grasp on the story when he was writing the new book, Harris depended on the characters he created rather than himself.

"I depended on my characters and their dialogue to dictate the flow of the story," he said. "That's really how I kept the story together. A lot of authors like to outline their books before they start writing them. I put two characters together, have them start talking, and then they take me where I want to go."

Harris' characters have led him down the right roads, at least when it comes to his first two novels.

And Harris says he's not done writing books. He has another two books in the works right now.

One of the books is called "Diary of a Madhouse Husband" which focuses on a mad housewife. The other novel he is working on is called "Blood Feud," a story about people working within a supermarket chain and go to court against one another.

"If anyone has any ideas for a fifth book, I could use them," Harris quipped. He added he is influenced by reading many of his favorite authors like Stephen King, Richard Russo and Leon Uris.

"My goal for the future is to have fun doing this, and to avoid being a couch potato," he said. "In the meantime, I hope people take the time to read "Capital Crimes" when it comes out. It's got murder, mystery, and best of all, it's from a local author. Hopefully, people will like it."

For more information on Harris or to order one of his books, log onto Publishamerica.com or Amazon.com.

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What's oldies is new at Vincent's

Mitch Ryder, Mark Lindsay make Randolph stop Oct. 17

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

In the mid 1960s, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels were about as wild and frenzied as rock 'n' roll could get, and on a particularly good night, it could get even wilder.

These days, the Detroit Wheels are long disbanded. But Ryder himself has for the past three decades carried on an off-and-on career as solo artist and frontman with other band projects in musical contexts ranging from confessional songwriter rock to contemporary, high-energy, house-shakin' rock 'n' roll to trading on the glories of his hit-making past on the oldies circuit, with varying degrees of critical and commercial success.

Ryder has spent most of the past decade touring internationally on various officially-billed Sensational 60s oldies-show packages, with his own current band as well as guest spots with ex-Paul Revere & the Raiders frontman Mark Lindsay and on double-bills with the present, oldies-circuit version of Gary Lewis & the Playboys among others. Ryder will once again be teamed up with Lindsay and his band as the two 60s-rock legends swing into Vincent's, off Route 128, Randolph, in the next installment of the club's Wednesdays Rock! concert series this week (Oct. 17).

"I've done these oldies show packages with Mark (Lindsay) and Gary (Lewis) and their bands since the early 90s, and it's been great," said Ryder. "I have my own band, and we work a great deal on our own. But I really enjoy these dates that I work with Mark, not only because I don't have the overhead costs that I have when I'm fronting my own band, but because musically our sets work together so well onstage. As headliner, Mark comes out and does solid, hard-driving rock 'n' roll for ninety minutes, singing both his old Raiders and solo hits and other rock standards, and I've found I can work my set into the program very nicely. I think our musical styles are similar and very compatible."

Ryder's hometown, Detroit, is famous for two major rock 'n' roll contributions during the 60s and 70s. First came the Motown hit-making factory, arguably the predominant force of 60s black soul/R&B. Later years brought the heavy, sweat-packed, guitar-grinding rock of Iggy Pop & the Stooges, MC5, Ted Nugent and Bob Seger.

Ryder and his Detroit Wheels stood as the vital link between the R&B roots and expression of Motown and the raw-power, Motor City Madness of those homegrown bands to come. The singer/frontman matched the gut-wrenching vocal skills of his greatest R&B influences (mainly James Brown and Little Richard) with the sonic, proto-punk/metal roar of the Wheels, featuring two well-noted members, guitarist Jim McCarty and drummer John Badanjek. Ryder and band parlayed their high-octane sound into three Top Ten 60s hits, including the power medleys "Jenny Take a Ride" (combining the 50s R&B hits "C.C. Rider" by Chuck Willis and "Jenny Jenny" by Little Richard) and "Devil With a Blue Dress On/Good Golly Miss Molly" (both of which Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band would later turn into a 60s-rock-celebrating magnum opus in concert), and the explosive, salacious "Sock It To Me Baby."

Ryder, now 56, this year celebrated forty years in show business, which began when he recorded his first R&B single, under his given name William Levise, at age 16 in 1961. The Detroit Wheels formed under their original name Billy Lee & the Rivieras three years later.

"We were just a bunch of crazy white boys from Detroit. We loved to rock and roll and drink and have a good time. But we always leaned a lot more toward black soul and R&B than most of the other bands who worked the clubs with us. Looking back, I think it really made the difference in getting us noticed. And the buzz among our hometown fans back in those days was amazing," Ryder said.



Mark Lindsay

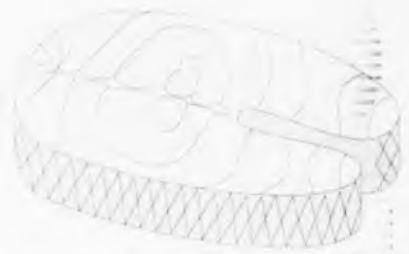
Touring these days with his own band as well as the other Sensational 60s stars, Ryder is perhaps most appreciative of his versatility and flexibility as a performing act.

"I've found that we can play all kinds of venues. We'll play at some sweaty country roadhouse on one date, and then the next we'll be at Disneyworld.," said Ryder. "We're able to move easily from one atmosphere to the next, and I find them all to be credible cultures and venues. They're good for rock and roll but still have that common touch."

Living

Food & dining

6-minute tuna steak with spice crust



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



Christopher Kimball

Tuna is the seafood equivalent of beef since it is cut into thick, dark steaks and tastes rich rather than fishy. It poses two problems, however. It is pricey – over $15 per pound – and, for the most part, it can use some dressing up without overpowering the flavor of the fish. So I set out to find a recipe that added a modest amount of complementary flavor while also making the fish special enough to serve in modest portions.

The first question was the basic cooking method. I like simple so a sauté seemed best. Since a one inch thick steak is the most common size, I tested a variety of cooking times and found that 3 minutes per side was about right if cooked in a hot pan. This turns out a tuna steak that is the equivalent of medium-rare – merely browned on the outside yet still red in the middle.

The most obvious method for adding flavor was to use ground spices for a simple crust. I began with a combination of cumin, fennel, white peppercorns, and coriander but I had a hard time making this work since the cumin was overpowering and the white peppercorns had an unpleasant flavor. After much testing, I finally settled on 1 tablespoon fennel seeds, 1 tablespoon coriander seeds, and 1/2 teaspoon black peppercorns – each ingredient maintained its character as did the tuna steak. I found that either a spice grinder (a coffee grinder works well) or a simple mortar and pestle helped to grind the whole spices without turning them into a powder. (A rough texture improves the dish.) Some recipes suggest using egg whites to help bind the spices to the steak. I tested this and found them unnecessary. Other recipes suggest coating only one side of the fish with spices but I preferred coating both sides since the flavor of these spices was understated.

Next, I considered adding a simple sauce that could be drizzled over the finished tuna that had been sliced and fanned on a plate. However, I had to keep it simple since the recipe itself could be made in less than 10 minutes. A colleague at Cook's Illustrated suggested a simple maple syrup/soy sauce combination that is simmered for a few minutes and then allowed to cool. After testing various proportions as well as the addition of rice wine vinegar, mirin, and sherry, I finally settled on 1/4 cup maple syrup and 1/3 cup soy sauce. I combined the two ingredients in a 10-inch skillet over moderate heat. Once the sauce started to boil, I reduced it by half in just 2 to 3 minutes. At that point, it had thickened but was not quite syrupy. (It thickens further as it cooled.)

Finally, a few pointers. The time it takes to cook the tuna may vary a bit based on your pan and your stovetop. Some folks like their fish very rare - if that is your preference, 2 minutes per side is enough. However, I prefer 3 minutes on the first side and then 2 to 3 minutes on the other. Be prepared, however, to check the tuna at this point and continue the cooking process until is cooked to your satisfaction. A single large steak works best in this recipe since it makes for the nicest presentation - the slices are long and look pretty fanned out onto the plate. I also found that the tuna was juicier and easier to slice if the cooked steak sat for about 3 or 4 minutes before slicing. The tuna and sauce can be served alone but it is can easily be stretched to serve 6 people if you accompany it with a bed of greens or a salad.

6-MINUTE TUNA STEAK WITH SPICE CRUST

This recipe is equally good served alone, over a bed of greens, or along side a simple salad.

For the sauce
1/3 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup maple syrup, the darker and more flavorful the better

For the tuna
1 tablespoon fennel seed
1 tablespoon coriander seed
1/2 teaspoon black peppercorns
1 1-inch thick tuna steak, about one pound
Salt
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1. For the sauce, place the soy sauce and maple syrup in a heavy-duty 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Once boiling, cook until the mixture is reduced by about half and thickened, about 2 to 3 minutes. Remove sauce to a small bowl and set aside. The mixture will continue to thicken and become syrupy as it cools. Wash and dry the skillet in preparation for the tuna.

2. Using a spice grinder or a coffee mill, grind the fennel, coriander and peppercorns together until well broken down but not powdery. Transfer the mixture to a plate large enough to accommodate the tuna steak. Lightly salt the tuna and dip each side into the spice mixture pressing lightly on the steak to help the spices adhere. Place the clean skillet over medium-high heat until hot, about 4 minutes. Add the oil and swirl to coat the bottom of the pan. Place the tuna steak in the pan and cook, without moving for 3 minutes. Turn the steak and cook for an additional 2 minutes for rare centers, 3 minutes for medium rare. (Time may vary - check steak at this point and continue cooking if necessary.) Remove to a cutting board and allow to sit for 3 to 4 minutes. Cut the tuna into 1/4-inch slices and divide evenly among plates. Drizzle with the sauce and serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6 as an appetizer.

Maintaining the October landscape

By Suzanne Mahler

Darkness had fallen by the time I managed to make preparations to contend with the weatherman's predictions for a series of chilly evenings and potentially killing frosts. I scurried about the gardens in a minor state of panic, hoping to preserve tender tropicals, vegetables and containers for the weeks and months to come. Decorative pots, large and small, overflowing with spectacular specimens of geraniums, coleus, lantana, sweet potato vines and dozens of delectable annuals were hauled into the garage and sunroom. Plastic bags were stuffed with dozens of clippings and as a last minute precaution, entire plants of coleus, salvia and impatiens were lifted and potted. Tender vegetables, herbs and perennials were covered with sheets, row covers and plastic to prolong their growth.

For many South Shore gardeners, the month of October is bittersweet. In typically colder areas, killing frosts tend to strike early in the month, often before we are ready to relinquish our need to nurture our flowering children. Meanwhile, gardening neighbors in warmer locales along our coastlines or those who cultivate their flowers in more sheltered areas may be fortunate enough to elude deadly chills until later in the month or perhaps, even into November. Eventually, often gratefully, temperatures plummet signaling the inevitable end to our growing season as plants enter dormancy and frosty evenings turn the foliage of delicate annuals black while the glorious yellows, golds, oranges and reds of sensational fall foliage come tumbling to the ground.

Once killing frosts blacken the foliage of tender annuals and vegetables and the leaves of perennials become brown and crispy, it is time to start the process of putting the gardens to bed. High on the priority list should be the digging and storing of what are termed "summer bulbs." Canna and calla lilies, caladiums, tuberous begonias, dahlias, and gladiolus should be lifted, dried and stored before freezing temperatures manage to damage their fleshy storage systems. Use a digging fork when lifting these tender bulbs to reduce the risk of bruising, slicing or injuring the bulbs which could lead to disease or rot during their winter storage.

Cannas, callas, caladiums, and tuberous begonias should be carefully lifted and dried in an airy, dark place, without danger of freezing for a few days. Cut off dead foliage and gently brush off dried soil. In heavy, clay soils, it may be wise to wash off crusty lumps attached to the bulbs with a still spray from a hose to rinse and clean the bulbs prior to drying rather than risk damaging the bulbs in an effort to remove hardened earth. Soil allowed to cling to bulbs during their storage may contain insects and diseases. Be sure to thoroughly dry damp bulbs to prevent winter rot.

The corms of gladiolus should be dug while the stems are still attached to prevent injury to the bulbs. Once they have been lifted, the stems can be cut to about an inch from the top of the corms and dried in the sun for a few hours. Cure for about 2 weeks in a well-ventilated area. Store in a cool, dry environment.

When dahlia foliage has turned limp and black from a hard frost, cut the stems back to 4 inches prior to digging and carefully loosen the clusters of fleshy, tuberous roots from the surrounding soil. Wash away any remaining soil and allow to dry completely for one or two days.

Be sure to inspect all dried bulbs for wounds, the presence of soil, or uninvited pests. Store the dried bulbs in shallow trays or porous bags containing dry peat moss, sawdust, perlite, or vermiculite which will absorb any excess moisture but will also prevent the bulbs from becoming dehydrated. Bulbs should not be exposed to freezing temperatures or excessive warmth during the storage period. Temperatures between 40 and 50 degrees are ideal. Brown lunch bags are handy for keeping bulbs through the winter months as they permit the bulbs to breathe but prevent the bulbs from drying out. Use one bag for each bulb; label the outside of the bag with the type and color of the enclosed specimen. If storing multiple bulbs together in boxes or trays, be sure to check them periodically during the winter months for any evidence of disease or insect infestations and remove any spoiled bulbs to prevent others from becoming infected.

Despite many frosty evenings to come, our ground is not likely to freeze solid for weeks to come. Although most plants are entering a dormant stage, their root systems continue to absorb moisture and nutrients which are essential for their survival through the harsh winter months. Water is especially critical for new lawns, trees, shrubs, bulbs and perennials planted this fall and for evergreens whose foliage will be subjected to sun and desiccating breezes. For woody plants, a hose should be allowed to trickle at the base of the plant until the entire root ball has been soaked. Rainfall has been extremely sparse this fall and the ground is desperately dry. Supplemental watering should be provided until Thanksgiving if Mother Nature does not provide.

Barry and Elliot put adoption in spotlight

MARE program gets billing at Mamma Mia

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When Barry and Elliot Tatelman, of the Avon-based Jordan's Furniture, signed on as title sponsor of the current Boston run of the musical "Mamma Mia!" the brothers and business partners knew that they wanted to do something more than just sell sofas.

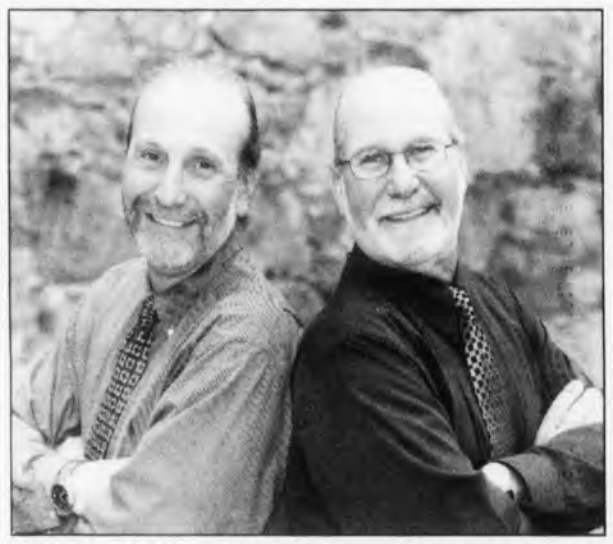
"We realized a long time ago that 'Mamma Mia!' would be phenomenal," explained Barry by telephone last week. "It's a really upbeat show and a great story about finding family."

A funny yet poignant tale of family and relationships, fueled by 22 of the best-known songs of Swedish supergroup ABBA ("Dancing Queen," "S.O.S., "The Winner Takes It All), "Mamma Mia!" premiered in London in 1999. Its current North American tour has broken box office records in Toronto, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, and now Boston.

"We knew that thousands of eyes would be seeing this fabulous show here in Boston," says Barry. "We had to do something worthwhile. Our partnership with Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) gave us that opportunity."

Together with MARE, Jordan's Furniture created video displays throughout the Colonial Theatre that provide information about adoption. A private, nonprofit organization, MARE recruits, educates and supports families through the adoption process. They seek to find homes for special needs children, sibling groups, and other children who are traditionally hard to place.

"Our mission with MARE is to find great homes for some great kids. The goal is to get kids adopted. There are hundreds of foster children within the Commonwealth who are ready for adoption today. We really want to help educate people about the process," says Barry.



Barry and Elliot Tatelman of Jordan's Furniture are giving the adoption program —MARE — they support a plug with the help of the musical production Mamma Mia on stage at the Colonial Theatre in Boston.

Jordan's Furniture has been a major supporter of MARE for several years, hosting events at their stores and contributing to their services. The positive results of the partnership have not been lost on the public.

"My wife, Susan, and I were at the first preview of 'Mamma Mia!' here in August. At intermission, a young man introduced himself and his girlfriend to us. He said that he was an adopted child and that he wanted to thank us for what we were doing for adoption. That really meant a lot," says Barry. "Since the show opened, MARE has received lots of calls in response to the displays at the theatre. It's a win-win situation for everybody."

("Mamma Mia!" continues at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, through Nov. 3. For tickets and information, call 617/931-2787.)

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BOOOO!-STON HARBOR CRUISES PRESENT HALLOWEEN ON THE HARBOR in conjunction with the Metropolitan District Commission and AM-1260 Radio Disney Boston on Oct. 28 - 29. The family oriented festivities, held on George's Island, are only accessible by Boston Harbor Cruise ferries and will include a Trick or Treat Village, a haunted fort, spooky characters and a costume contest. Ferries depart from Long Wharf, Boston and Hewitt's Cove, Hingham. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for seniors, $8 for children. For a ferry schedule and departure times please call 617-227-4321.

BAY COLONY CLUSTER DOG SHOW will be held from Dec. 6 - 9 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Sponsored by PEDIGREE brand dog foods, The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigreed pooches competing each day for "Top Dog" honors within their respective groups and breeds. The show will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is $10 for adults and seniors and $5 for children. Parking is $10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information call 617-556-7747. The public is not permitted to bring their dogs to the show.

BRITTANY LAMBERT MEMORIAL BLACK CAT CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK will take place on October 21 at 11 a.m. at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury. This benefit is in memory of 13-year old Brittany Lambert who died in Oct. 1998 after a 2.5 year battle with myelosdisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. Fee is $12 ($15 after Oct. 6). For applications visit the website at www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org call Linda Haehnel at 781-582-2598.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Oct. 24: The Edgar Winter Band. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.



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"A View from Saquish at Sunset" by Sergio Roffo and "Nantasket Beach , Hazy Day," by Diane Scott will both be available for purchase at the NRAS Silent Auction. **The North River Arts Society presents "The Friends of NRAS Silent Auction, 2001" Oct. 12 from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. There will be a preview and bidding on Oct. 10 and 11 from 3 - 5 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. This is a great opportunity to purchase a painting to start or add to a collection plus meet artists and support this arts society's mission to foster the arts. For more information call 781-837-8091.**

Thurs. 11

The South Shore Art Center, located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset presents "Three Printmakers: Marguerite Gager, Don Larkin and Esther Maschio through Nov. 4. Gallery hours are Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sun. from 12 - 4 p.m. For more information call 781-383-2787.

Metro South Chamber of Commerce Events presents a Legislative Reception from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at Stonehill College, Easton. The reception is a casual event at which business leaders, elected officials and candidates for public office can renew face-to-face contracts and discuss issues of importance to them and the business community while enjoying a complimentary bar and hors d'oeuvres. To register or for more information call 508-586-0500 ext. 221. The cost is $15 for Chamber members and $25 for non-members.

Crafters Wanted! For Glastonbury Abbey Attic Sale in Hingham on Oct. 13. Please call 781-925-5821.

Nationally Renowned Fashion Consultant to Speak in Duxbury at the Duxbury Art Association. Mary Lou Andre will lecture on "The Art of Wardrobing" from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Located at 64 St. George Street, for ticket information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4. The ticket cost is $45 for DAA members and $55 for non-members and includes a wine and cheese reception.

Comedy Night at Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners at 8:30 p.m. featuring Jim Lauletta and hosted by Stephanie Peters. Admission is $10. For more information call 781-848-0300 or visit the website at www.jimbossouth.com.

Fri. 12

Candlelight Singing Tour at the Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 North Main Street, Route 28, Avon Center. Held from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., admission is free. Tour the 1820's sea captain's home by candlelight as a guide serenades you in every room. For more information call 508-587-2884.

The Berwick Boys Foundation is hosting its 19th annual Halloween on Oct. 12 - 14, 18 - 21 and 25 - 28. The House is open from 6:30 - 9 p.m. on Thurs. and Sun. and from 6:30 - 10 p.m. on Fri. and Sat. and is located at the Foundation Headquarters, 335 West Street, West Bridgewater. Admission is $7. For more information call 508-586-0059.

'A Street Car Named Desire' will be performed by the Company theater in Norwell from Oct. 12 - 28. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are $16 in advance and $18 day of show for Thurs. and Sun., $18 in advance and $20 day of the show for Fri. and Sat. Tickets are available at the Company theater box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787.

Hunter Education Course sponsored by the MassWildlife Hunter Education Program will be held on Oct. 12 from 6 - 9 p.m. at Hanson Rod and Gun Club, Davis Road. This program is free but you must pre-register by calling 508-792-7434.

"A Touch of Whimsy...Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly", a show of recent acrylic and collages by local artist Brooks Kelly will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center through Oct. 31. An opening reception for the public will be held on Oct. 12 from 7 - 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located at 24 West Street in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Stars of La Cage at Quincy Dinner Theatre on Oct. 12, 13 at the Masonic Bldg., 1170 Hancock Street in Quincy. Identical twins Anthony and Eddie Edwards with impressions of Barbara Streisand, Cher, Bette Midler, Elton John, Billy Joel, Michael Jackson and others. Dinner and a show $40. Fri. and Sat., dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30, Sun., dinner at 5 p.m., show at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call 781-843-5862.

Third Annual Plymouth Area Mental Health 5K Run/Walk and One Mile Fun Walk on Oct. 13 at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School, Long Pond Road in Plymouth at 10 a.m. $15 day of race registration from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. For additional information call 508-732-3014.

The Live! At Massasoit Performance Series presents Harvey Robbins' Royalty of Rock 'n Roll All-Stars, featuring Billy Davis, and DooWop stars, The Belmonts, in a dinner-dance party in the ballroom at the Massasoit Community College Conference Center, 770 Crescent Street, Brockton. Tickets for dinner and show: $38, general public; $35, Massasoit students, staff and senior citizens. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Blues Food. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

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The Greatest Show On Earth presented by Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey at the Fleet Center from Oct. 12 - 21. Performances are scheduled Tues. - Fri. evenings at 7 p.m. (except Fri. Oct. 19 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) Sat. at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37 - $11 for all performances and are on sale at the FleetCenter box office and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at 617-931-2000. For group rates call 617-624-1805.

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South Shore Singles will sponsor a semi-monthly smoke free dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 for SSS members and $8 non-members. Proper dress is required. For more information call 781-331-0021.

Sat. 13

Third Annual Plymouth Area Mental Health 5k Run/Walk takes place at Plymouth Community Intermediate School, Long Pond Road on Oct. 13 to benefit programs for children and adults. For an entry form or additional information about the event call Loretta Lyonnais at 508-732-3014 or show up and sign up one hour before starting time of 10 a.m.

The Annual Derby Academy Harvest Fall Fair will be held Saturday, October 13, 2001 from 11am to 3pm at the school on Burditt Avenue, rain or shine.

Attic Sale, featuring Arts and Crafts, "Live" music, food, soap, aprons and other items made by the Monks from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (rain or shine). Attic Treasures, including books, glassware, many miscellaneous items at Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street (Route 228) toward Nantasket.

A performance of "Who Killed the Director" will be presented on Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. The show will be held at the Church Hill Fellowship Hall on Church Street in Norwell. All proceeds go to raise funds for an "Ark" with the Int'l Horter Org. This Ark is designated for the U.S. to Appalachia. Tickets are $12 per person including dinner and can be obtained by calling 781-826-4763.

DRHA Annual Sea Captain's Chowder Supper from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Historic Captain Gershom Bradford House, located at 931 Tremont Street. Tickets are $20 and may be purchased at Westwinds Book Shop or at the DHRS office at the Nathaniel Winsor Jr., House at 479 Washington Street. Proceeds from this event will go to support the ongoing preservation of the Society's historic sites. For more information call 781-934-6106.

Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild of Abington invites the public to a quilt show on Oct. 13 and 14 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the South Shore Assistance Technical High School, located at 476 Webster Street in Hanover. $4 ($3 $.S. $2.50 55 admission for the show. For more information call 781-447-6512.

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Folk duo Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly will perform a concert at the Thomas Crane Public Library in Quincy Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. For more information on the show call (617) 376-1301.

Reunions

1961 REUNION with the Weymouth High School Class planning a 40th reunion at the Weymouth Elks Club on Nov. 24, 2001. For information call Mike Grable at 781-826-3535 or Brian Dunbar at 781-337-6490.

THE QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956 will hold their 45th reunion on Nov. 10 at the Quincy Sons of Italy Hall, 120 Quarry Street in Quincy. The cost is $40 per person which includes dinner, music and dancing. Please RSVP to Jim Tantillo at 781-585-4315 ext. 14.

J E BURKE HIGH FOR GIRLS will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on November 4 at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information, 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.

QUINCY HIGH CLASS TO HOLD 40TH REUNION for the class of 1961. Held at the Phillips Old Colony House, Morrisey Blvd., Dorchester, MA on Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person. For further information call Carol Bertram Swett at 781-843-6546 or Donna Beers Anderson at 781-843-8143.



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"View of Little Harbor" by Kimberlee Alemian featured in the South Shore Art Center.
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and cozy homebaked apple pies, cider and mulled cider in the beautiful grounds. For more information call 508-587-2884.

North and south Rivers Watershed Association and the Trustees of Reservations host a South River Foliage Paddle on Oct. 14 as part of "Watershed Celebration Week". Launching in Marshfield Center from the new Frances Keville Bridge, behind CVS on Route 139 from noon - 2 p.m. Participants will enjoy a beautiful and leisurely paddle up the South River, taking out at the Marshfield Town Landing on Ferry Street. Suggested donation is $5 per boat. To sign up or for more information call 781-659-8168.

Blue Hills Reservations and South Region Sites presents "Brookwood Farm Hay Days" Have fun at scenic Brookwood Farm during the peak of fall foliage from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 617-698-1802.

Immigrant Museum presents Italian Art Exhibit and Literary Programs through October 27. A powerful and intimate exhibit on Italian immigrants by internationally recognized artist B. Amore. The exhibit runs at the museum's Chin Gallery and traces seven generations of one family who emigrated from Italy to Boston. Dreams of Freedom, One Milk Street, Boston. Visit the website at www.dreamsoffreedom.org. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is $7.50 for general and $6.50 for senior citizens and college students. $3.50 for children between 6 - 18. Wheelchair accessible. On Oct. 14, Italian Songs and Poems from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more information call 617-338-6022.

Mon. 15

The United Methodist Church of Marshfield will be holding it's first "Flower Exchange Program." Each person should bring from their garden 5 - 10 plants that are being weeded out. Place them in a plastic bag or other container and bring them to the church on Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. Located on Route 139 or 185 Plain Street. You will be able to pick out the same amount of new plants from the donations from other peoples gardens. If you plan to attend please contact Marion Diamond at The Perm Solution at 781-837-2613 so that there will be a head count for the event. Invite your friends or neighbors.

Tues. 16

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Discovering Nature Together" - a series for Tuesdays, Oct. 16, 23 and 30 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Fee per adult/child pair is $72 non-member; $60 Mass. Audubon. Held at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center. For more information or to register call 617-333-0690.

Massachusetts Association of Insurance Woman will hold a monthly meeting with a social hour from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. held at Lorenzo's Restaurant, Route 28, South of Rotary on Route 44, Middleboro. For more information call 781-834-1441.

The Easter Seals North River Stroke Support Group will meet at the Norwell Council on Aging, 293 Pine Street, Norwell at 1 p.m. Come and join us as we share our favorite apple recipes. For more information contact Pauline Donovan at 781-826-7348 or Stroke Support Coordinator Sandra Smith-Robbins at 800-244-2756 ext. 1684.

Buttonwood Books Presents Coffee with the Authors from 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. at Atlantica Restaurant in Cohasset featuring authors Alexandra Marshall, Elizabeth Benedict and Nina de Gramont. Advance tickets are required at $13 per person. For more information or to reserve a ticket call 781-383-2665.

Wed. 17

Cohasset Community Center hosts Women Artists Lecture at 3:30 p.m. with artist Anne Heywood presenting an entertaining and educational slide lecture entitled "Women Artist: Their Images." For more information call 508-378-4239.

Vincent's In Randolph Schedule Of Wednesday Night Live Concerts. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Oct. 17: Mark Lindsay. For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

Join the South Shore Natural Science Center on a day trip to Heritage Plantation in Sandwich on Wednesday, October 17th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. We'll travel to the Cape by luxury coach. Once at the Plantation, we'll attend a horticultural lecture, Gardening Under Shade, given by Russ Bragg, owner of the Underwood Shade Nursery, which specializes in the propagation of shade tolerant perennials, ferns and grasses. There will be time to tour the Art, Military and Automobile museums at the Plantation before heading to the nearby Daniel Webster Inn for lunch. And we...re sure to enjoy peak foliage on the ride home. The fee is $60 for SSNSC members and $65 for non-members, and includes transportation, admission and lunch. Space is limited and pre-registration is necessary. To register, call the Center at 781-659-2559.

Dr. William P. Marchione will present "Boston's Italians" at the Thayer Public Library on Oct. 17 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. This two-part slide lecture will celebrate Italian Heritage and then carries the fascinating history of Boston's Italian community forward to the present day. Free and open to the public, this presentation is supported in part by a grant from the Braintree Arts Lottery Council. Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street in Braintree. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session program for Elders and Caregivers in the South shore area on four Wednesday evenings in Oct. The session will begin with a light supper from 6 - 6:30 p.m. followed by the program from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided to Cohasset residents. Sessions will be held at the Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset. Oct. 17: a panel will discuss various Community Resources available to Elders living at home. Pre-registration is required. A donation of $8 for the entire series, or $2.50 per session is requested. For more information call Tish Clark or Carol Barret at 781-383-9112.

Sketching Up Close: Owls. Sponsored by the Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave. in Milton. Held from 7 - 9 p.m., pre-registration is required and the fee per person is $12 for non-member and $10 for a MAS. To register or for more information call 617-333-0690 ext. 223.

The Friends of South Shore Hospital hosts luncheon and fashion show at Barker Tavern in Scituate. The fashions of Charlotte's Salon and Boutique Etc., of Scituate will be featured. Proceeds benefit South Shore Hospitals patients and their families. Tickets are $28 and must be purchased in advance. For more information call The Friends at 781-340-8520.

Thurs. 18

Feng Shui workshops on creating more love, passion and romantic happiness in your relationships conducted by Mary Kathleen Stewart, president of Feng Shui Boston, will be held on Oct. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center at 45 Pond Street. Cost $28. Registration required. Call 781-982-1616.

"The Lighthouses of New England," a slide show and narrative, by John Galluzzo, will be presented by the Plympton Historical Society on Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Society's home, 189 Main Street, just off Route 58, in Plympton. For more information call the Society's president, Ms. Edwina Wood, 781-585-2725.

Metro South Chamber of Commerce Events presents Comm-PASS Procurement Training from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at the Metro South Business Assistance Center, located at 60 School Street in Brockton. The program is free of charge. For more information call 508-586-0500.

The Braintree Art Association will meet at 7:15 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Donna Rossetti Bailey will demonstrate her art in pastels. The public is welcome and the meeting is free. For more information call 781-335-4675.

The Glastonbury Abbey of Hingham presents Ellen Kushner: **Spirituality and the Arts:** Music from Around the World. Presented at 7:15 p.m., this will be the first of six interreligious lectures sponsored by the Benedictine monks. For more information call 781-749-2155.

Bob Shrago Memorial Blood Drive will take place at Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey Street in Brockton on Oct. 18 from 2 - 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate blood may come to Temple Beth Emunah during the above hours. Located on the West Side of Brockton at Torrey & Pearl Streets, Route 24, Exit 17B right at the light. For more information call 508-583-5810.

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Sun. 14

"Mamma Mia," the smash hit musical has been extended at the Colonial Theatre in Boston through Oct. 14. Performances are from Tue. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $55 - $75 and are available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787 and all Ticketmaster outlets, or call the Colonial Theatre box office, 106 Boylston Street in Boston. For more information call 617-426-9366.

From Dine to Diebenkorn: Contemporary Master Prints, selections from the Collection of Jill Goldstein and Leslie Stolper, runs through Oct. 14 at the Fuller Museum of Art, 455 Oak Street in Brockton. Tel. 508-588-6000. Museum hours are Tues. - Sat. from 12 - 5 p.m. and Thurs. from 12 - 9 p.m. Admission is $5 for seniors and students, $5 for adults. Members and children under 18 are free.

Old-Fashioned Apple Festival at the Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 North Main Street, Route 28, West Center. Held from 2 - 4 p.m., admission is free. Tour the 1820's sea captain's home, play apple-themed kid's games, learn about apples from Johnny Appleseed, purchase



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Fri. 19

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.

South Shore Folk Music Club, the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main Street in Kingston presents Kevin McCluskey and his "roots-rock" sound that lands him somewhere between John Fogarty and John Gorka. Admission is $4 for members and $5 for non-members. For more information call 781-878-1052.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Young Neal and the Vipers. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

'The Soprano's Last Supper' a spoof on the HBO hit series, debuts in Boston's Theatre district with an interactive dinner theatre show opening Oct. 5 at the Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont Street in Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are $49 per person for the dinner and show. Show dates are Nov. 11 and Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For tickets call 800-944-5639.

Christelle Cumbow-Holland will be exhibiting her artwork at the Scituate Town Library over the month of October. For more information contact the Scituate Town Library.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month Donna Lucas will exhibit her paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery, corner of School and Summer Street in Bridgewater presents Mike Hansel through Oct. 26. Selected sculptural works from the artist's first museum retrospective show. In his mixed media sculptures, Hansel creates industrial looking forms, which serve only aesthetic purposes. He attempts to satirize function while suggesting a conceptual relationship between life and industry. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 508-531-1359.

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James Library and Center for the Arts present Storyteller Caroline Chapin to tell "Halloween Spookies" on Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. This event is designed for preschool-age children, older siblings and their parents. Located at 24 West Street in Norwell. Phone registration is available by calling 781-659-7100.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents Illustrations by Joan Drescher, author of The Moon Balloon through Oct. 31. There will be a Family Workshop and Reception on Sept. 30 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Located at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. Tel. 781-934-2721.

The Art Complex Museum presents "A Novel Idea" at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury through Nov. 30. There will be a reception on Sept. 30 from 2 - 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibition features images of books in all mediums by thirty-two artists. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

Gallery A A/B Exhibits Recent Works of Three Massachusetts Artists entitled "Life's Fabric", showcasing Mary Gattis, Rosemary Hoffenberg and Jean Sbarra. The exhibition will be up through Oct. 26 on Wed. and Fri. from 12 - 5 and by appointment. An opening reception will be held from 5:30 - 8 p.m. on Oct. 4. The Gallery is located at 11 High Street in Milton. For more information call 617-698-9700.

Fall Foliage and Cranberry Harvest will take place at Edaville Railroad from mid September through October 21. Come and experience the process of harvesting cranberries and enjoy the 5.5 mile narrow gauge train ride through acres of cranberry bogs, around the reservoir and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. Edaville USA is open weekends and holidays through Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is located on Route 58 in Carver. For more information call 508-866-8190.

Ron Wilson Photography Exhibition, "The Art of Landscape" will be on view at the Sparrow House Museum through Oct. 28. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Admission to the historic house museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information or directions call 508-747-1240.

Artica Gallery presents, "Anorando (Longing) Landscape Painting by artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann. The exhibit will run through - Oct. Located at 22 Depot Street, hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. For more information call 781-934-0640.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil paintings of Plymouth Artist Rita Brace until the end of Oct. Brace and her paintings expand a wide range of subject matter, from still lifes to landscapes. The Staircase Gallery is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. - noon. Located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their acappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

It may take a while for the morning fog to burn off. A lunar opposition to Neptune is in effect until mid-morning. Slow down and allow extra time to get where you are going. Potentially difficult influences pass over by 10:30 a.m., and the remainder of the day rates high for getting things done. Take on a full work agenda; you can be most productive. The moon forms a harmonious contact to Saturn this evening, offering an opportunity to compose your thoughts, reflect, refocus.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

A lunar opposition to Uranus can make for a hectic morning. Unexpected situations may arise that demand your immediate attention. Avoid rigid time schedules; go with the flow of things. The most favorable period for starting new activities occurs between 11:15 a.m.-12:34 p.m., when the Leo moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive. Plan to tie up loose ends in the afternoon and get an early start to the weekend. Forget your troubles and go for the good times this evening.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

The moon enters Virgo at 12:58 a.m., remaining there throughout the weekend. Mercury, the planetary ruler of Virgo, interacts with Uranus, Mars and the sun. This combination may intensify the retrograde action of Mercury, generating unexpected obstacles, reversals, mechanical or electrical breakdowns. Making important decisions or signing contracts are definitely off limits. On the other hand, this combination of influences is prime for developing study, research projects or for making repairs or renovations. Challenging lunar alignments to Pluto and Saturn occur this evening. Keep a low profile. Meditate for inner peace.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

Yesterday's planetary patterns affect today as well. The moon continues its travel in Virgo. The sun forms major alignments to Uranus and Mars. Stress management is important. Exercise more, eat light foods, avoid stimulants. Start new programs to help you to break bad habits.

MONDAY, OCT. 15

The Virgo moon aligns with Venus at 12:52 a.m. and becomes inactive. The moon enters Libra at 1:26 a.m., beginning the final windup to this month's new moon. This is a day to tackle jobs that have been left hanging and finish them; clean, reorganize, get rid of the clutter. Venus enters Libra at 7:42 a.m., remaining there until November 8. Take extra quiet time out for yourself today. Reflect on and learn from past experiences. Strive for greater spiritual vision.

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

Wake up in a good mood. The dark side of the new moon is in full force and effect. People may be hypersensitive, temperamental. Don't overpersonalize. Be more tolerant, forgiving. A kind word or thoughtful gesture can make all the difference. The new moon culminates at 3:23 p.m., 23 1/2-degrees of Libra. At this time the moon becomes inactive. Enjoy a romantic evening with the love in your life.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

At 2:32 a.m. the moon enters Scorpio, remaining there today and tomorrow. However, the planet Neptune takes the spotlight. At 9:49 p.m. Neptune, standing at 6-degrees of Aquarius, begins direct travel. This is not a time to make practical, business decisions or purchases. It may be difficult to separate the facts from the wishful thinking. On the other hand, this combination enhances creativity and psychic abilities. You can experience breakthroughs in awareness and gain deep penetrating insights. Be sure to spend time alone. Open your heart to higher visions.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

This a day to get things done. Take on a full work agenda. Tackle jobs that need repair, redoing, or projects that have been problematic. You can work out the glitches and find new solutions. The moon continues its travel in Scorpio, generating a serious, intense mood. Unexpected setbacks or distractions may surface between 11:10 a.m.-2:10 p.m., when the moon aligns with Uranus. At 6:40 p.m. the moon interacts with Mars and becomes inactive.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

The moon enters optimistic Sagittarius at 4:47 a.m. However, a 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Jupiter warns you to use common sense. Avoid making impulsive purchases, promises or decisions. Put new ideas on hold for a few days. Don't be a hermit tonight. An alignment of Venus and Neptune makes this evening prime for social and romantic activities.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

The moon forms challenging contacts to Pluto at 4:36 a.m. and Saturn at 6:31 a.m. After that storm clouds move out, fair and sunny astrological weather returns for the remainder of the day. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can be productive. Carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. On the other hand, this day rates high for socializing and partying. Gather with friends and let the good times roll.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

Take it slow and easy this morning. Enjoy favorite leisure activities; spend quality time with friends and family. At 7:42 a.m. the Sagittarius moon becomes inactive until 11:11 a.m., when it enters ambitious Capricorn. The remainder of the day is prime for getting things done. Catch up on work or study projects. Follow through on promises you have made to others; repay debts, fulfill commitments.

MONDAY, OCT. 22

Resolve to start this day with an upbeat, lighthearted attitude. Sidestep feelings of doubt, fear, frustration. Take on a busy work schedule; you can be most productive. The good news is that Mercury begins direct travel at 8:23 p.m., 14 1/2-degrees Libra. The next Mercury retrograde period will occur in January 2002. Plan to launch important new enterprises tomorrow evening, when favorable influences occur. In the meantime, clean up old business and get your ducks in line.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

The sun enters Scorpio at 4:26 a.m., remaining there until November 22. The Capricorn moon urges you to keep your nose to the grindstone. Hard work will pay off. Tackle jobs you have been putting off and get them out of the way. At 4:12 p.m. the moon aligns with Mars and becomes inactive. An Aquarius moon takes over at 9:26 p.m. The most favorable period for signing contracts and launching important ventures occurs between 9:26-10:42 p.m., when Mercury forms a harmonious contact to Saturn. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 10:58 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

The Aquarius moon aligns with Neptune in the morning, accenting the need for clarity and focus regarding details, minor points. On the other hand, this is a prime time for developing humanitarian or environmental programs. People will be receptive, supportive. The green light for new starts goes on at 11:00 a.m. You can start large-scale enterprises, make major purchases and decisions, set long-term plans and goals. The remainder of the day also rates high for social activities or romantic rendezvous.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

There are bound to be some exciting developments in the next few days. Keep an open mind. Explore new horizons, develop alliances, set goals. You can break new ground at home or work. The Aquarius moon interacts with Uranus at 3:32 p.m. and becomes inactive. Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius, is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for direct travel on October 30. An applying alignment of Venus and Pluto may spark romantic passions this evening. Take a walk on the wild side.

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Cohasset canines on parade

Farmers Market hosts annual pageant



On right, Lynn Lawman brings "Bonnie" in her Scottish tartan.

Below, Denise Rodes watches the parade with her children Halle and Griffin.

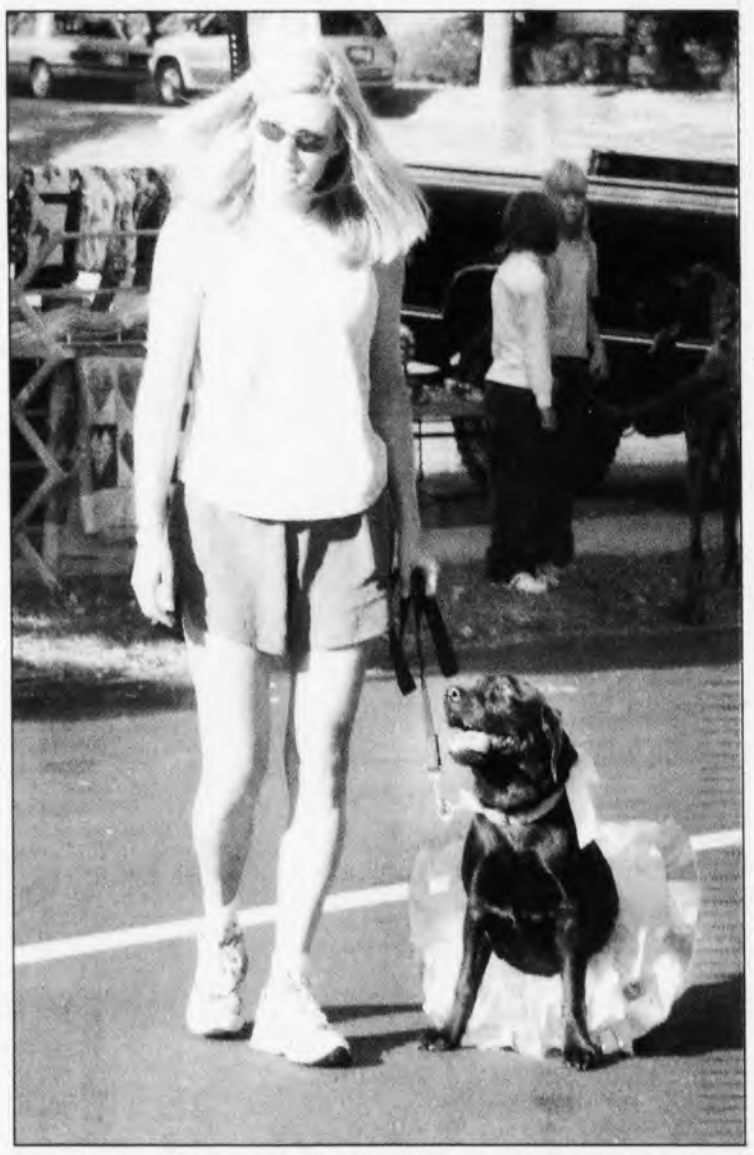


Anna Abbruzzese parades with "Pat" who is looking elegant.





Staff photos/Alan Chapman



Sarah Davis has "Ella" decked out in a tutu. The Farmers Market is held Thursdays on Cohasset Common.

Emma Humphrey doesn't let the fact that she doesn't have a real dog stop her from participating in all the fun.



Margie Masotta encourages her Great Dane "Holly" to be the first dog to jump through the hoop at the Farmers Market dog parade.

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Transfer station rejected

But landowner hasn't given up

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset's Paul Barry is in a business that everybody needs but no one particularly likes — trash disposal.

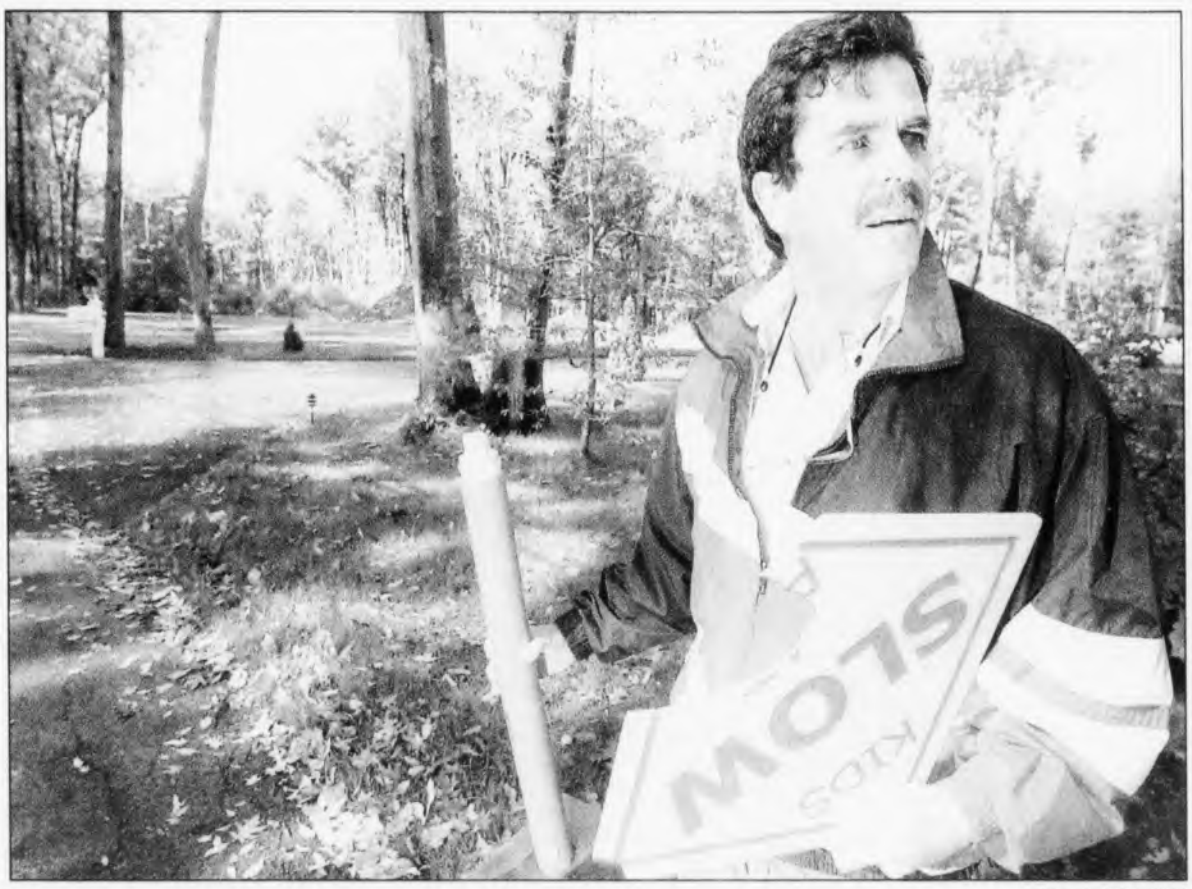
The owner of Graham Waste Services, 110 CJC Highway, and Cohasset Heights Landfill approached the town last month about operating a 299-ton-per-day transfer station for processing construction and demolition debris on Crocker Lane off Route 3A near CHL, which closed its landfill operations four years ago.

"For some reason there is a stigma when it comes to private transfer stations," Barry told the Board of Health at a recent meeting. However, "if you notice, a lot of public transfer stations, including our own, are in residential neighborhoods."

In a letter to Barry stating they couldn't support his request for the facility, selectmen gave credence to the his comment that the general public finds private transfer stations poor neighbors.

"This is simply the wrong loca-

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHARMAN

Frank Zeven, 80 Lamberts Lane, holds a sign run over by a passing car. Zeven is one of several residents of the lane who are leading the effort for more traffic control on the quiet street.

Tensions grow on Lamberts Lane

Golf Club traffic is an issue, residents say

By Evan Schiff
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Where will children play? This line from a Cat Stevens hit in 1970 has been taken to heart by Lamberts Lane residents who are concerned about the safety of their children.

"It's not a place where you want your children running around and riding bikes," said Laurel Martinez, 136 Lamberts Lane.

Frank Zeven, 80 Lamberts Lane, seconds her thoughts.

"My two-year-old daughter can't go out in the street because of the irresponsibility of drivers. I can't even go for evening jogs because I'm afraid of getting run over," Zeven said.

The Lamberts Lane residents and the Cohasset Golf Club have clashed over two primary issues. The first is the increased traffic to Lamberts Lane caused by golf club members. The safety of the residents is of concern here. The second source of tension between the two sides is the newly expanded parking lot and its lack of screening. The residents complain the unobstructed view is an eyesore.

"There is great tension and animosity between the golf club and Lamberts Lane."
— Frank Zeven, Lamberts Lane resident

"There is great tension and animosity between the golf club and Lamberts Lane," Zeven said.

The sole entrance to the Cohasset Golf Club is located on Lamberts Lane, a narrow, winding road. The road is used by members of the golf club and Lamberts Lane residents. Up to 800 cars can pass along the road any given Saturday during golf season. While residents understand that the golf club was there first, they feel that's of little importance. "It's irrelevant who was here first, we're both here now," Martinez said.

The residents feel the golf club should have to face some type of regulation. The residents are con-

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Logan runway plan is on hold

Lawsuit still goes forward

By Evan Schiff
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Logan Airport's proposed runway plan is still alive, though not a top priority, according to Massport spokesman Barbara Platt. The plan is on hold until January, she said.

The new runway dubbed 14/32 would significantly impact Hull, Hingham and Cohasset. The new runway, if it becomes a reality, is expected to direct 75,000 more flights annually over Boston Harbor, which would affect area towns, according to Hingham jet noise task force members.

Cohasset native and former state senator William Golden has taken up the gauntlet in the fight to stop the proposed new runway. Golden, who is leading a joint lawsuit against Massport, says, "Massport's insistence to go along with the project shows their misplaced priorities. The expansion didn't make sense before the Sept. 11 tragedies and now it's just absurd."

Citing "fraudulent and deceptive" conduct by officials at Massport, Golden filed a lawsuit to stop the expansion. Hull, the lead communi-

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Special addition

Anchor planned for Govt. Island

By Evan Schiff
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Herb Jason and John Small are at it again.

After building a monument on Government Island to two fallen lightkeepers, Jason and Small got approval to put a large anchor on Government Island near the sailing club.

The men procured the anchor from Plymouth and bought it for a reduced price once the owner learned of their intent. Jason and Small were able to hold the anchor on a $100 deposit before selectmen approved their project with no objection from the Government Island Study Committee. Jason and Small will now buy the anchor for approximately $4000.

The anchor and display will not cost the town anything as the men have already been promised a portion of the money. They intend to raise the rest of the money themselves.

A member of the Government Island Study Committee, Ham Tewksbury, said, "I think the

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HANGING OUT

Hope Kissick watches as her brother Cole navigates the monkey bars behind the South Shore Community Center. Little Leanne Hayden looks on in the background.

Ledge, promoting senior housing and limiting growth

Planners to tackle issues at hearing

By Mary Ford
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— news analysis —

Do you want a variance required before anyone can alter prominent ledge in Cohasset?

How about limiting new housing starts to 20 per year, until the Master Plan is developed?

Senior housing is sorely needed, officials say. So would you support relaxing zoning restrictions in your neighborhood to pave the way for more housing for those 55 years of age and older?

At this point, the zoning issues are all slated to come before the Nov. 5 Special Town Meeting.

But with opinions sharply divided in town, the topics are bound to be the source of controversy at the Planning Board public hearing at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Town Hall. By law, the Planning Board must hold a public hearing on any zoning article before it goes to Town Meeting, chairman Al Moore said.

Granite outcroppings of ledge are part of what gives Cohasset its unique character. A group led by Beach Street neighbors — who say they are leading a town-wide effort — is asking for a change in the zoning bylaw to require a variance be obtained before ledge eight-feet in height or more can be altered in any way. Noted for its spectacular ledge, the Beach Street area behind Town Hall has been eyed by developers over the past several years.

The topics are bound to be the source of controversy at the Planning Board public hearing at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Town Hall.

"We are trying to preserve the meaningful ledge that contributes to the character of the town," Mark DeGiacomo told selectmen at a recent meeting. If approved, the bylaw change would prohibit any alteration of prominent ledge in town without a variance, which can be difficult to obtain.

Proponents say the bylaw change is imperative to protect the remaining ledge in town. But opponents fear the regulation might have far-reaching effects, including prohibiting the new sidewalk planned on North Main Street in front of St. Stephen's, a project that would require some ledge removal. Selectman Michael Sullivan said the bylaw would be overly restrictive. He is also concerned about ledge that crosses property lines that might be eight-feet high in someone's yard and only three feet next door.

The town is in the throes of drafting its first comprehensive master plan in 40 years. There's an effort afoot to limit growth while the plan is developed. To that end, Town Planner Liz Harrington took an average of building permits issued for new housing starts over the past five years to come up with the proposal to limit them to 20 through 2003. From 1996-2000, building permits for new houses have averaged 19.6 per year.

But Selectman Tom Callahan thinks 20 is too high, given the size of Cohasset. "We need to maintain the status quo until we get our house in order," he said at a recent selectmen's meeting.

"It's not a moratorium if we allow that many to be built," he said. If 1998 — during which there were 32 new housing starts — is thrown out of the mix, then the average would be 16.8.

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DA: e-mail discussions illegal

Sewer board violated OML

By Mary Ford
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District Attorney William R. Keating's office has determined the Sewer Commission unintentionally violated the Open Meeting Law when its members held e-mail conversations last summer to discuss abatement requests.

In her ruling, Norfolk County Assistant District Attorney Ellen McCusker Devlin said the use of e-mail for housekeeping matters, such as meeting scheduling and cancellations, would not be a violation of the Open Meeting Law. But use of e-mail for other public business is a violation.

"This office has previously found that the Open Meeting Law is violated when e-mail conversations that relate to public business occur among a quorum of members of a governmental body," she wrote.

The Cohasset Mariner filed a complaint with the District Attorney's office when an agenda item under "new business" listed a confirmation of an e-mail vote. When questioned at the time, Sewer Commission Chairman Gary Vanderweil said the board voted by e-mail to expedite the process. The vote involved a sewer abatement request by the Cohasset Historical Society for the Maritime Museum on Elm Street.

Vanderweil explained the commission had previously agreed to grant the abatement but Town Counsel said it wasn't a good idea. So Vanderweil asked the members to send their votes by e-mail. The e-mail vote was later confirmed by a voice vote at an open meeting.

But minutes from the June 5 sewer commission meeting revealed the board also voted by e-mail on two abatement requests that were inadvertently omitted from an abatement package voted on at a regular meeting. They were voted on by e-mail the following week and that vote was later certified at the June 5 meeting.

Devlin said the office found the violations to be inadvertent and made in good faith.

At a meeting earlier this month over the historical society abatement request, commissioner Ray Kasperowicz reaffirmed the commission used e-mail to save time.

"There was no malfeasance involved," he said.

Devlin asked the Commission to address the issue of e-mail communications at its next meeting and to communicate to the public the Commission would not utilize e-mail to discuss public business. For the complete text of Devlin's letter, see page 7.

This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meeting were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Oct. 15:

Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Oct. 18

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 25

Senior Housing Committee, 9 a.m., Oct. 19

South Shore Regional School Committee, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at South Shore VoTech

Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 24

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct 18 at Cohasset High School Library

School Building Committee, 6 p.m. at Selectmen's Meeting Room

All meetings at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Special meeting on Hagerty House set

Selectmen will discuss the fate of the former Cohasset Colonials building, dubbed the Hagerty House, at their Nov. 13 board meeting. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the Cohasset Housing Authority is no longer interested in the building, which had been considered as a potential site for affordable housing.

Selectmen recently terminated the Cohasset Lobster Lab's lease of the building because of lack of progress. The Cohasset Maritime Institute, which leases the old boat house on the Hagerty property, is interested in using part of the building. Haddad said other issues for selectmen to consider are razing the building, selling the building or another compatible use.

Residents are encouraged to try and formulate ideas about the Hagerty House and share them with selectmen on Nov. 13.

Brush chipping

Residential brush will be accepted from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, in the DPW parking lot off Cedar Street. No trees more than 12 ins. in diameter will be accepted. This is for residential brush only, no contractors are welcome.

AvalonBay project delays 3A repaving

Re-paving Route 3A in Cohasset could be on hold until a decision is made on AvalonBay, a 254-unit apartment complex proposed for the former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor property across from Atlantic Bagel. In a memo to selectmen, state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said he spoke with the Massachusetts Highway Department regarding paving 3A.

"MassHighway is reluctant to repave without having the AvalonBay sewer line issued resolved beforehand," Hedlund stated. "To repave, only to have it ripped up and patched over would be disadvantageous to the integrity of the road."

AvalonBay is considering connecting the complex to the Hull Sewer System which would involve laying sewer main along Route 3A.

In a related matter, Town Manager Mark Haddad wrote to members of the Hull Sewer Commission requesting a meeting to discuss the availability of excess sewer capacity at the Hull plant.

"As you are aware, the Town of Cohasset has been looking for alternatives to address our sewer needs and continues to be interested if Hull has the capacity to assist Cohasset," Haddad wrote.

Haddad said Cohasset understood Hull has been in discussions with AvalonBay about wastewater disposal needs for its proposed apartment complex in Cohasset.

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Sat. 20	2:16	10.4	8:15	2:28	11.2	8:51
Sun. 21	3:08	9.8	9:05	3:18	10.6	9:43
Mon. 22	4:02	9.3	9:57	4:11	10.0	10:38
Tues. 23	4:59	8.8	10:52	5:09	9.5	11:35
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Thurs. 25	6:59	8.5	12:35	7:10	9.1	12:52

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Library to ask voters at STM for $600K

By Evan Schiff
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Nobody said reading comes cheaply.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees met with selectmen Tuesday to discuss additional funding for the proposed new library at the old Osgood School.

The low bid has come in at nearly $2.89 million, just shy of the $2.9 million appropriated at the March 2000 annual Town Meeting for the project. But with additional project costs such as moving, furnishings, shelving and computers – the total amount needed jumps $1 million to $3.9 million, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Initially, the town wasn't expected to have to pay anything for the new library. Voters at the March 2000 annual Town Meeting approved the project with three conditions:

- Library trustees would raise $700,000
- The Paul Pratt Memorial Library building on South Main Street would be sold
- And the library would receive a $1.5 million library construction grant from the state.

But times have changed.

Trustees have raised what they've promised and plan to add another $400,000 that will knock a good -sized hole in the $1 million needed.

The library didn't get the state grant – but is first on the waiting list and is fairly confident, the money would be forthcoming in the state's supplemental budget.

Put all that into the mix and the Nov. 5 special Town Meeting will be asked to appropriate an additional $600,000. The old Paul Pratt building could be worth more than the $700,000 estimate of three years ago and therefore, could reduce the town's share, Haddad said.

The good news is the project is popular with citizens, trustees say.

"We hear comments every day about how people are so excited about the new library," trustees chairman Patience Towle told selectmen.

Sheila Evans, another trustee, added, "there's absolutely nothing negative about this project, the town has donated a lot of money which proves its enthusiasm."

"There's absolutely nothing negative about this p roject."

— Sheila Evans, Paul Pratt Library Trustee

The current tax levy will support the request for the additional $600,000. Approximately $60,000 will be used to pay back the loan in the first year with the total amount to be paid back over 20 years, Haddad said.

With the town anxious to see construction begun on the library, Haddad said if the special Town Meeting awards the money he will appoint a contractor the next day. The bids were submitted on Oct. 10 and expire after 30 days, so choosing a bid shortly is needed.

Construction is expected to take 10 to 14 months. The low bidder was M. O'Connor Contracting of West Roxbury.

In June, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners announced that it awarded over $16 million for the construction of 10 public libraries in Acushnet, Blackstone, Chicopee, Chilmark, Gardner, Leverett, Palmer, Provincetown, Rowley and Sunderland. While Cohasset wasn't awarded any money initially, it is first on the waiting list to receive a grant as soon as the funding becomes available.

The Cohasset project will be funded once either the legislature passes a supplementary budget allocating more money for library grants, or one of the libraries in the top ten doesn't receive permission to accept the grant and build a library from that town's governing body by December.

In a previous interview Towle told selectmen that being first on the waiting list, "means we are going to get that money."

Legal issues are on the runway

Selectmen got their first look at the 27-page lawsuit against Massport when they walked through the door for their Tuesday meeting.

Therefore, they felt it would be necessary to take the document home and read it before deciding on whether to appropriate money toward legal fees.

Last spring Town Meeting allocated $30,000 for a review of the environmental impact report on the proposed runway. After getting the results, selectmen are trying to decide if they would like to approve an additional $30,000 from the town's legal fund to join in the lawsuit with Hull and Hingham.

While selectmen don't consider the amount excessive, they are concerned how much more money would be needed to continue the suit.

In a lively discussion Tuesday night, selectmen aired their concerns for the project.

While many are worried about the potential loss of property value, estimated at a 2 percent loss for every decibel level that is increased, Selectman Michael Sullivan is not. "To say we're going to lose that kind of money is a scare tactic," he said.

Selectmen are also concerned about pollution from jet fuel emissions.

Selectman Thomas Callahan feels this an issue that should be addressed. "I support this lawsuit because I think the majority of the citizens of Cohasset would support it."

But to some, the airplanes are not that big of an problem. "I just don't hear them," said Sullivan.

Selectmen were urged to get back to Town Manager Mark Haddad as soon as possible with their decision.

Logan runway plan is on hold

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ty in the coalition, filed the 27-page complaint in superior court.

Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset joined forces this past spring with each appropriating $30,000 at their respective town meetings to pay consulting and legal costs in the runway battle.

Platt says Logan is currently the second most delayed airport for arrivals and runway 14/32 will reduce overall delays by one-third, finally knocking Logan off the list of the top ten most delayed airports.

Contrary to environmentalist's concerns, she said that runway 14/32 will reduce 500-700 tons of pollution from the air because of less time idling time on taxiways and circling overhead.

Platt says while Massport intends to build the runway, "safety and security are our foremost priority right now."

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, ranking minority member of the Joint Committee on Transportation, said in a meeting with Executive Director Virginia Buckingham and other Massport officials, it was clear the runway is on the back burner. Hedlund even went so far to say the runway could be halted indefinitely.

"The bottom line is directly from Virginian Buckingham's lips that Massport is freezing all runway activity for two months or longer and will be reassessing it once they get their other priorities in order," he said. Hedlund said putting the runway back on the priority list might depend on how world events affect Massport's ability to pay for capital projects.

He said Massport revenues are off significantly due to the economic downturn and 20 percent decline in air travel nationwide. Based in these factors, Massport is reassessing all capital projects.

Hedlund said Massport is planning budget cuts from $40 million-$70 million. The authority also had to close the entire 2,500-space Terminal B parking facility due to new federal regulations prohibiting parking within 300 feet of terminals, which will result in $18 million in lost revenue.

Director of Aviation at Massport, Thomas Klinton believes a new runway at Logan will cut delays by one-third in doing so will improve air quality. Klinton said that in most recent studies the estimates are that a new runway and taxiway at Logan will remove 500 to 700 tons of pollution a year from the air.

Hull Town Manager, Phil Lemnios does not think this is reason enough to build the runway. With the runway Lemnios says the South Shore communities can expect four times more flights overhead. "If people are aggravated currently with airplane noise it could get four times worse," he said.

"The expansion didn't make sense before the Sept. 11 tragedies and now it's just absurd."

— William Golden, attorney for towns

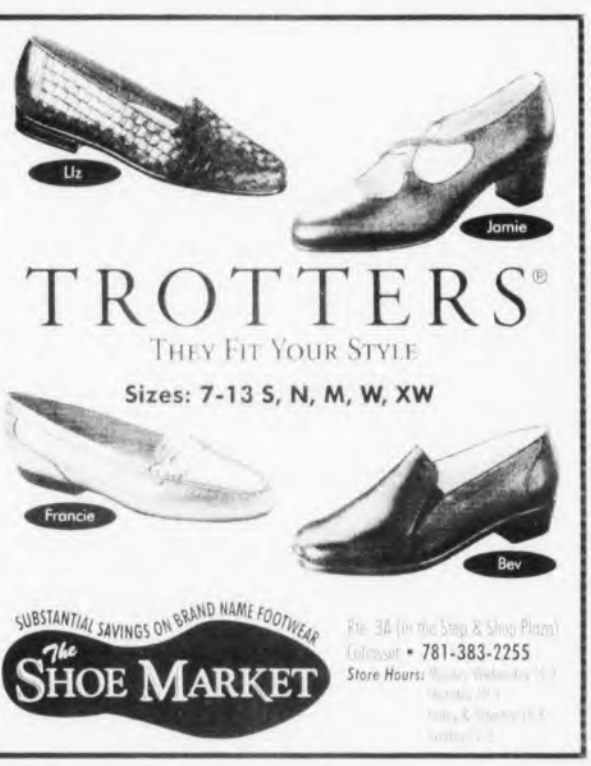
In a recent press release, Klinton states the number of flights over the South Shore would not change as a result of building the new landing strip and that the noise should decrease as the airlines continue to introduce quieter planes at Logan.

Lemnios also warned about the economic impact to the three towns that the runway could have. Property values will go down about 10 percent, "this is a significant problem," he said.

Golden feels it's necessary for the town to continue their opposition to runway 14/32. Joining task forces and writing letters to Massport officials are two viable options to residents.

The propose runway has become a political football with democratic gubernatorial candidate Warren Tolman releasing a statement blasting Massport. In his statement Tolman argued that in light of the Sept. 11 events Logan should be focussing on its true mission, "moving planes and passengers in and out of Logan safely."

Massport has a special line on which residents can record noise complaints (617-567-3333) 24-hours a day. Those calling should give their names and addresses so each concern is recorded. Callers will receive a copy of the complaint.



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Can you give Tom (the) cat a loving home?

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PILOTSBURY

SHARE FALL STORIES

Hello Cohasset. This beautiful weather that we have had is just so refreshing, don't you think? I am wondering who has any apple picking stories or pictures to share with us all. Please let me know of any fun and interesting Autumn Day activities that you and your family have been taking part in. I know that we have been doing a lot of leave and pumpkin projects which have been a lot of fun.

'TOM' CAT NEEDS HOME

Many of you may know **Helen Pratt**, a longtime resident of Cohasset. She wanted to let us all know about a wonderful kitty that is looking for a home. This beautiful cat named "Tom" is a well cared for, mature all white male. He is great company and a true people pet. Tom adjusts to your schedule and will be waiting for you patiently when you come home. He loves to be petted and to have his ears rubbed. Thomas is an indoor/outdoor kitty, who comes in after dark before any coyote encounters! If any of you are looking for a great companion in your home, please call **Allison** at 781-383-1367 and leave a message. This beautiful cat has plenty of living left to do and really wants to find the right owner!

TRINITY SOCCER

Trinity College in Connecticut posted a men's soccer team win of 4-1 at Johnson & Wales on Oct. 3 and a crucial 2-1 win against visiting Colby on October 6 in NESCAC action. Cohasset's own **Morgan Sandell**, a junior co-captain contributed one goal and one assist. Great job, Morgan!

HOCKEY RAFFLE

Everyone should get ready to purchase their raffle tickets for The Second Annual Holiday Calendar Raffle to benefit the Cohasset Hockey Boosters. On Sunday, Nov. 4, between noon and 5 p.m. members of the Cohasset Varsity and JV Hockey Team will sell the tickets for $5 each to family and friends. They will also distribute calendars showing all of the prizes to be awarded. Each day during the month a December a ticket will be drawn for that days winning prize. Each ticket has 41 chances to win! Local businesses have been very generous this year with donations of money, goods and services, with prizes ranging from $25 to $200. Remember that any day in December could be your lucky day. All proceeds go directly to promote Cohasset Hockey.

MD at Brown



Kevin King, MD (a 1988 Graduate of Cold Spring Harbor High School) has accepted a position as a resident physician with advance standing in Emergency Medicine at Brown University's Rhode Island Hospital. Kevin is the son of Frank and Louise King, formerly of Lloyd Harbor, N.Y. and currently residing in Cohasset.

BRYANT FRESHMEN

Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I. has welcomed two new Cohasset students into their school. **Meredith V. Ronan** and **Jeffrey R. Scribner** are both freshmen with undeclared majors. We wish you both the best of luck with this years schooling.

NEW ARRIVAL

The **Theriault** household had a special event on Sept. 17, the birth of **Mason James**. Parents, **Eric and Amy**, are thrilled with their first child. Grandparents **Sandy and Jim**, along with **Uncle Scott and Auntie Amie** are very happy with the new addition to the family. Eric and Amy then celebrated their first wedding anniversary six days later. Two blessings for a wonderful couple! Congratulations to you all.

ART CENTER AWARDS

Marianne Lymner of Cohasset will be one of two recipients of the South Shore Art Center's Volunteer of the Year award. For the past two years, Marianne has coordinated all the hundreds of volunteers who help out at the Festival. The Center wants Marianne to know how appreciative they are of all the hours, energy and good will she has devoted to the Art Center's Festival on the Common. The Art Center's Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Bancroft Gallery at the Center. All members are invited to the annual meeting to hear reports of the officers and committees as well as to vote on nominations for directors and advisors. In addition, Marianne will be given a Volunteer of the Year Award, along with **David Avery** of Marshfield. Teacher **Will Robinson** will be presented with the Shirley F. Neer Chair in Children's Art. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

HARVEST SUPPER

How about a nice, tasty Harvest dinner to end out the month of October? The Annual Harvest Supper and auction will be held on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Beechwood Congregational Church, on Church Street in Cohasset. Roast Pork, applesauce, vegetables and potato will be served along with dessert and beverages. After dinner, harvest items will be auctioned off to benefit the church. Ticket prices are $7.99 for adults and $3.99 for children. Please call 383-1298 to make reservations.

That's all for this week. Please make sure to send me all your news and events by Monday at 9 a.m. in one of the following ways:

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LITTLE FIREFIGHTER

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Boy Scout Troop 28 is an original

Celebration planned Sunday

By Merle Brown
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset Boy Scout Troop 28, which is celebrating 85 years of boy scouting in Cohasset, will hold a reception at Kimball's By-The-Sea from 1-5 p.m., Sunday Oct. 21.

In 1916 the Rev. Stanley from the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset started a Boy Scout Troop in Cohasset. Being the first troop in the town it was Troop 1 of Cohasset. It held that distinction for many years, up until scouting was reorganized into councils which had many troops.

At that time there was a Troop 1 of Hingham that was older than the Cohasset troop by a few years. Therefore the Cohasset troop was renamed Troop 28 of Cohasset. Stanley was scoutmaster of the troop for several years with help from the parents of the scouts. After Stanley stepped down Arthur L. Lehr Jr. took over as scoutmaster. He remanded Scoutmaster until 1969, with a break during the Second World War.

In 1969 he started an Explorer Post and Nelson Pratt, one of Arthur's scouts, took over the troop. Nelson did not have any boys to be in scouting but it was said that his daughter went on more camping trips than some of the scouts did. Nelson stepped down in 1979 and David James took over the reins, until he moved out of town. Following David was Merle Brown, then John Pape, Earl Bestick, Howie Motanko and then Phil Lehr (Arthur's son and Eagle scout) who is the present scoutmaster.

Over the years there have been many a boy from Cohasset that was in Troop 28/1. A large amount of them have become Eagle Scouts. A position you never give up.

Troop 28 has a large collection of scouting memorabilia that will be on display for the afternoon.

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Any one who was in the troop that did not get an invitation is asked to contact Arthur Lehr at 781-383-0388, or Merle Brown at 781-383-1625

We wish all the successes in the world to past and current members of Troop 28 and congratulate you on your many years of service to the youth of Cohasset.

New principal is enjoying her job

By Evan Schiff
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Driving past the Deer Hill School you can start to hear the clamoring of children. Pulling up to the Osgood School the dull roar erupts into a cacophony of excited screams. It's clear that patience is a necessity to be the principal of a elementary school. Janet Sheehan loves every minute of it.

"Who wouldn't want to go and work in a beautiful community, with wonderful schools, and a great support network?" said Sheehan.

After teaching for 25 years in Milton, and being an assistant principal there for four years, Sheehan was ecstatic to be apart of the Cohasset community.

"When a system has this kind of reputation you want to be a part of it," Sheehan said.

At a recent school committee meeting, school Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey said Sheehan is a "good match" for the K-3 school. He extolled her interpersonal skills, experience in curriculum coordination and district-wide involvement in Milton.

Malvey said he also visited the Milton school system and talked with fellow administrators, teachers and parents all of who gave "nothing but outstanding recommendations for her." He also said Sheehan has a "marvelous sense of humor".

Sheehan describes herself as someone who is committed to her work and is willing to give the proverbial 110 percent. She believes that Cohasset is a learning community that is committed to its school system.

Providing support and being a resource for the teachers are two of the benefits of being a principal that Sheehan most enjoys. She loves being a cheerleader and celebrating the successes of both her teachers and students.

Working with younger children provides a unique aspect of schooling that most educators don't get to see. The children actually like coming to school.

"At this age every child is happy when they get off the bus. Their enthusiasm for learning is such a bonus," Sheehan said.

Sheehan works closely with the Osgood School Council in developing a school improvement plan, which is constantly being revised. She says the plan gives a focus and guides the school on how to train its teachers. The Osgood School currently offers more technology training to its teachers and is constantly working to try and improve communication skills.

She revels in the fact that the parents are so involved and are very willing to support and volunteer within the school, which is something Sheehan encourages.

Sheehan was one of five semi-finalists that met with an interview committee made up of two administrators, two Osgood School teachers, two school committee members, two parents and a third resident at-large. Malvey said Sheehan was the consensus pick as the candidate best suited for the job.

Sheehan replaced Marilee Cantelmo, who left after five years to pursue other educational opportunities. Sheehan is the second new principal to come on board in Cohasset in recent years. Michael Jones started last fall at Cohasset Middle High-School.

Sheehan holds a bachelor's degree from Westfield State College in education, and a master's degree from Lesley College. She began her teaching career as an elementary school teacher in Randolph. She and her husband Jack live in Scituate and have two daughters. Allison is a junior at Providence College, and Jennifer is a junior a Scituate High.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

New Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan greets students as they get off the school bus.

Newcomer's club events listed

Moms and Tots Playgroups: It's not too late, sign up now. From newborn to 5-year-olds, Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Caregivers and dads are welcome. If Wednesday is not good ask about a different day. Call Beth Compson at 544-0094.

Men's Basketball: Has organized pickup games at Cohasset High School. Time is 8 to 9:30 p.m. Drop in or call Michael Pasini at 544-3206 for more information.

Men's Poker: Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Call Chris Knight at 545-6059.

Ladies Night Out: Please R.S.V.P. to Beryl Campedelli at 383-0706 for information on the next night out.

Ladies Coffee: Will be at the home of Mary Pilsbury, 8 Cliff Estates Rd., Scituate. A recipe swap beginning at 7:30 p.m. will be held Thursday, Oct. 25. Please bring snack or dessert. Beverages provided. R.S.V.P. to Pilsbury at 545-4254.

Men's Poker: Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Call Chris Knight at 545-6059.

Children's Halloween Party: Dress them up and join the group Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset (next to Town Hall), from 10 a.m. to noon with snacks and drinks provided. All club members and their guests are invited, however, there will be a $5 charge at the door for those not enrolled in the Moms and Tots program. R.S.V.P. to Beth Compson at 544-0094.

Sunshine Committee: Helps provide support to members in need (meals, illness, new baby, death, etc.). If you can help or know anyone who needs help call Amy Fitzpatrick at 383-9911 or Laurie Freeman at 545-1876.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Open government

The Open Meeting Law is about as toothless as a regulation can get.

There is little punishment meted out by the District Attorney's Office, which no doubt views violations as a nuisance when compared with the real crime DA's face on a daily basis.

But nevertheless, the Open Meeting Law — which requires public business be conducted in public — is one of the few tools we journalists have to force town boards to be forthcoming and open at all times with a few limited exceptions. There are narrowly defined exemptions to the Open Meeting Law that deal with strategy related to litigation matters, some private personnel issues and collective bargaining.

As the public's eyes and ears at innumerable governmental meetings during the course of any given year, we take our job seriously. That's why we decided to file a formal complaint with the District Attorney's office over the "e-mail votes" conducted by the Sewer Commission.

To give you an idea of how "weak" the law is, the assistant district attorney we initially talked to over the telephone asked us why we wanted to pursue this. However, the DA's office did ultimately find for us and have asked the Sewer Commission not to conduct any more business over e-mail.

We're not trying to pick on the Sewer Commission unfairly. Commissioners didn't mean to break the law — the same way none of us do when we're caught going 40 in a 30 mph zone.

And as commissioners have said, they regret having skirted the law and were only trying to use e-mail to expedite matters in the case of the Cohasset Historical Society abatement request, or clean up some housekeeping issues due to an oversight when a couple of abatements were inadvertently excluded from a vote at another meeting.

Heck, we're for as much efficiency as possible in government. Just try sitting through a three-hour meeting on deadline with several more hours of writing ahead.

But there is nothing — absolutely nothing — that tears at the hearts of reporters more than closed government. We can't do our jobs if the hatches are battened down and not only that, you won't find out what's going on.

So we're glad the Sewer Commission goofed. It provided us with the opportunity to push the "e-mail" issue. With technology at our fingertips it can be all too easy to dash off a few e-mails in the name of expediency and deprive the public of open discussion.

In the end, however, it's not up to us, although we'll continue to knock on the door. You, as taxpayers and voters, need to insist that your government be open.

We recall covering another town years back when the issue of truck traffic was kept from the neighborhood, because the residents of the affected streets were bound to raise a ruckus if they found out trucks were being diverted onto their quiet roadway.

The town officials involved didn't want the word out until the decision was made, all in the name of efficiency.

So we implore you, our readers, to keep asking, keep pushing, even when it's unpopular. Yes, most elected officials are volunteers — but all the same, no one forces them to take on the oft-difficult responsibility.

Just remember about the folks in that other town that woke up one day surprised to discover 18-wheelers barreling down their residential street.

— Mary Ford
Editor
mford@cnc.com



LWV welcoming party

The Hingham League of Women Voters is inviting all past and present members to a welcoming party for new members from 4-6 p.m. Sunday Oct. 28 at the home of Phyllis Vitti, 31 Merrymount Road, Hingham. This get-together will be social and political, as members will catch up on old news and learn about the League's Hingham agenda for 2001-2002. Please RSVP Phyllis Vitti at 781-749-1753 for directions and details.

Also, members of the Hingham League attended the state league annual Fall Conference Oct. 13 in Lexington.

Sen. John Kerry gave the keynote speech on the role of the federal government in election reform, and discussed the September 11 terrorist attacks and America's response. Panel discussions centered on voter access and registration, voting machines, ballot designs, recount procedures, and training of poll workers. Members attended afternoon workshops on election laws, affordable housing, transportation and growth planning.

For information about the League of Women Voters, or to find out about upcoming meetings and events, please call Helga Jorgensen at 781-749-4826.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stereotypes and AvalonBay

TO THE EDITOR:

Upon receiving my Oct. 11 edition of the Cohasset Mariner, my wife and I were taken aghast by the comments of School Superintendent Edward Malvey regarding the article on "AvalonBay", blatantly displayed on page 1 as a call out. After leafing through the paper for the continuation of the article, we immediately had a sense of relief that the words and thoughts of school committee members did not go unnoticed, thanks to your editorial on "Stereotypes".

As children, both my wife and I grew up in an era when mothers stayed home and fathers were the sole bread winners of the family. The reality was we had very little money but nobody noticed or cared about economic status anyway. This may be beyond Mr. Malvey's narrow minded scope of comprehension, but somehow we managed to make it through our developmental years without special needs classes or psychologists. In fact, we both worked very hard against these "so called" odds and proudly graduated near the top of our class. We hold college degrees, which we paid for ourselves holding 3-4 jobs at a time. In fact, us "poor" kids now own a home and our own successful business in Cohasset, no less.

We believe Mr. Malvey owes an apology to all Cohasset citizens, especially the children, wealthy or not, for his generalized and stereotypical statements. Sure there may be many future students who will require special needs services and we understand this is a legitimate fiscal responsibility and concern the school committee must address. However, for Mr. Malvey and others to sit there at this meeting and make assumptions about low-to-moderate income families, their children and their prospective needs dictates just how out of touch they are with reality. As you so aptly pointed out already, many of these so-called "low income" families include some of the finest, most intelligent, hard-working and honorable people our society and community has to offer. We must not allow people in highly visible, public roles (such as Mr. Malvey) continue to operate in a bubble and paint pictures of "these" families as people with children with emotional problems and learning disabilities — all unsubstantiated garbage based solely on a person's pre-conceived notion that how much money we earn directly correlates to our level of intelligence, our social status and our mental well-being.

Let us also not mask the actual issues at hand here. Cohasset needs affordable housing, however the sheer size and scope of the AvalonBay development appears as though it will be posing some real economic problems and environmental threats to the town. Perhaps instead of worrying about the "types of people" this project will attract and the impact their children will have on the school system and the community, we should be focusing on the debate of a Virginia-based developer whose own intentions are questionable at best. It is obvious that the goal of this developer is to by-pass local zoning laws and regulations all under the guise of "affordable housing" and the state's "Anti-Snob Zoning Act". The truth is they want to build something far too large and out-of-scale for the property and the "Anti-Snob Zoning Act" is the loophole to obtaining this. The more units built, the more money made.

This company is not here to help good, decent people afford a most basic need. They are here because of a loophole in Massachusetts law and they are here, up from Virginia, to make a huge amount of money.

Christopher and Caroline Wilson
250 Beechwood St.

Elitism charged

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently read an article addressing concerns about the proposed apartment complex in Cohasset and the proposed affordable units therein.

In this article, the Cohasset School Superintendent stated his opposition to the affordable housing and the effects it might have on the Cohasset School System.

I sincerely hope that his remarks do not reflect the policy of the Cohasset School System. They certainly suggest elitism.

Are all Cohasset students of equally-high intelligence and equally-high income?

I would hope that our school system would reflect an equal opportunity for all students.

Mary Londergan,
25 Fernway
A Long-time Resident

Hidden agenda

TO THE EDITOR:

As a regular reader of The Mariner and a Cohasset resident, I was a bit surprised there was no mention in your Oct. 4 article of a possible connection between the Great Neck Ledge Preservation Group and what has been the long-standing concern of Beach Street residents over the attempt to develop the parcel of land located behind Town Hall and running along Beach Street.

Earlier this year, The Mariner reported that certain residents (you quoted DeGiacomo and Powers) were concerned about water run-off and the potential of flooding if this parcel were to be developed. I believe your earlier article also mentioned that the developer had plans for significant ledge blasting to achieve more direct access to the parcel. Having just read your Oct. 4 article, I presume I am expected to believe this newly formed "preservation group", which appears to include at least some of the Beach Street residents hoping to halt the development, has altruistic motives and historical preservation issues at heart.

I would like to know what is driving this interest in yet another regulation that may unintentionally affect us all. Initially, I thought I could say that I had no personal interest in this issue, other than to point out to The Mariner what may be the real motive behind this regulation. However, as a Forest Avenue resident who has been hoping for a sidewalk since moving here in 1986, I wonder whether the ledge along the stretch between North Main Street and Jerusalem Road will now become sacrosanct and need to be "preserved".

I would hope that if some people in Cohasset wish to limit development, why not do so in a straightforward, more thoughtful way — a way that will not levy restrictions that may fall perhaps unfairly on current homeowners or potential community projects.

Diane Benson
Forest Avenue

Beechwood Street

TO THE EDITOR:

I have read with interest the article about Beechwood. I would like to call your attention the west end of Beechwood Street, although now partially submerged by the new reservoir, is now and always has been, for as long as it has been Beechwood Street, at its intersection with Union Street in Hingham.

At that intersection was an enormous, old-growth beech tree, which I always assumed was the reason for the street's name. As a teenager, growing up in South Hingham, before the Navy took it over, I admired that tree every time I rode past it on my bike, on my way to Sandy Beach in Cohasset to go swimming.

After the war, while the Navy was still occupying that land, I had the opportunity to go past the end of Beechwood Street to an address up Union Street. That beautiful tree was the principle landmark that I looked for! I was, obviously, disappointed to find that the Navy had taken it down, leaving just an empty space at the corner of a parking and turning area.

Peter H. Tolman
28 Black Horse Lane

Public safety officials thanked

TO THE EDITOR

On Friday, Sept. 28, a fire erupted in my oven at 1:30 p.m.

First, police officer, Lisa Matos arrived with fire extinguisher in hand. Seconds later, Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln arrived just moments ahead of a fire truck with two professionals ready to do battle.

Because of their swift action, the fire was quickly extinguished and they remained on the scene with a representative of the gas company to turn off the gas.

I salute Officer Matos, Chief Lincoln and his colleagues for a job well done. We, the citizens of Cohasset, are indeed fortunate to have such wonderfully dedicated public safety officers - ready, able and committed to serve our community in the same way their brothers gave their lives in New York City, Sept. 11.

May God bless our public safety officials and may God bless America.

Wigmore A. Pierson
123 Atlantic Ave.

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DA says 'no' to e-mail votes

To the Editor:

To the Cohasset Mariner

To the Cohasset Sewer Commission

This letter constitutes our office's response to the Open Meeting Law complaint received in connection with the Cohasset Sewer Commission's use of e-mail. After receipt of the complaint, this office contacted Gary Vanderweil, Chairman of the Cohasset Sewer Commission. In a timely and cooperative manner, Mr. Vanderweil provided this office with information relative to the issues raised in the complaint.

As you are aware, the complaint alleges that the Sewer Commission utilized e-mail to vote on matters prior to meetings held on June 5, 2001, and July 26, 2001. The issues which were the subject of e-mail correspondence related to (1) two abatement requests that had been inadvertently left out of a package prepared by the Commission Secretary prior to a June 5, 2001 meeting; and (2) a determination that the Commission would not be offering an abatement to the Historical Society property at 4 Elm St.

The Open Meeting Law mandates that "[a]ll meeting of a governmental body shall be open to the public" and that "no quorum of a governmental body shall meet in private for the purpose of deciding on or deliberating toward a decision on any matter, except as provided by this section. G.L.c.39, sec. 23B. Pursuant to sec. 23A of chapter 39, "meetings" covered by the Open Meeting Law include discussion or consideration by a quorum of "any public business or public policy matter over which the governmental body has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power."

The Sewer Commission is a government body subject to the Open Meeting Law.

The Sewer Commission is a government body subject to the Open Meeting Law. The matters at issue — the issuance of abatement — related to the official duties of the Sewer Commission, and were thus a legitimate area of public scrutiny. This office has previously found that the Open Meeting Law is violated when e-mail conversations that relate to public business occur among a quorum of members of a governmental body. The use of e-mail communication for housekeeping matters, such as meeting scheduling and cancellations, would not be a violation of the Open Meeting Law. E-mail communications relating to public business should be avoided even where e-mails are sent on an individual basis, as individual e-mail conversations may reach a quorum of members without the knowledge of all participants.

We find that two unintentional violations of the Open Meeting Law occurred when the Commission (1) corresponded by e-mail on and around June 5, 2001, relative to two abatement requests that had been omitted from a previously compiled package, and (2) corresponded by e-mail on and around June 21, 2001, relative to the Commission's determination that it would not offer an abatement to the Historical Society property at 4 Elm St.

Remedy for Violations

Regarding the two abatement requests that were omitted from a previously compiled package, the votes conducted on those two abatement requests via e-mail are invalid. Thus, the Commission must, at its next open meeting, conduct a vote regarding those two abatements.

Regarding the 4 Elm St. abatement, it appears that the e-mail communications between members of the Commission resulted in the approval of a letter, which was sent to the Historical Society on June 24, 2001. Thus, the Commission can do nothing to remedy that violation.

This office finds that the violations of the Open Meeting Law were inadvertent and made in good faith. Because the violations were unintentional, we find that an appropriate additional remedy is for the Commission, at its next scheduled meeting, to address the issue of e-mail communications and to communicate to the public that the Commission will not utilize e-mail to discuss public business.

Ellen McCusker Devlin

Assistant District Attorney

HEALTH NOTES

Water quality and wastewater capacity

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

One way the state parcels out aid for pollution and environmental restoration and repair is by obtaining data from volunteer groups, comparing it to the very small amount of data either the state or each town can afford to collect on its own, and establishing a list of priorities. Needless to say, there is never enough solid, high-quality data about pollution issues, and the more that can be collected, the better job the state can do in doling out money. Many times the system appears to be politicized with the noisiest getting the most, but almost invariably, if there's good data, the state will help out.

The issue of environmental restoration is for Cohasset, very important to the way the town will grow. Everyone is talking about AvalonBay, the 254-home development for which a comprehensive permit has been applied, thus negating any town bylaws regarding zoning. The town should, at the earliest opportunity, adopt a unified position about this project. Not to just oppose it, but decide what the town should do about it. One question from a Board of Health standpoint is wastewater capacity. The Sewer Department has just initiated a capacity study, voted at the last town meeting to see if the Central plant will have the capacity to sewer the 265 homes around Little Harbor. Findings so far are that there will be sufficient capacity for such an expansion, but very little more for future growth, and certainly none for Avalon Bay.

What has this to do with water quality? A lot. The state is unlikely to grant a permit for expansion of wastewater treatment capacity to the town unless it can be proved that the additional capacity will contribute toward cleaning up some sites of known pollution. One of these that the state has repeatedly mentioned is the shellfish beds in Little Harbor. The problem is that recent data shows low levels of bacterial pollution in that estuary, and budgetary considerations have prompted discontinuation of state data collection in Little Harbor. Thus, the way that the town can be assured of getting capacity it needs is to present good data that Little Harbor is subject to ever increasing pollution from wastewater from surrounding septic systems, and that sewering the homes around Little Harbor would solve the problem. These findings are supported by old data, but none that's up to date. The town could let a contract for someone to collect the data, but this would be very expensive. It would be better if volunteers could somehow collect the needed data.

The state is unlikely to grant a permit for expansion of wastewater treatment capacity unless the additional capacity will contribute toward cleaning up sites of pollution.

To this end, the Board of Health has initiated a volunteer water-quality monitoring program to collect water samples and have them analyzed during heavy rain events when pollution is known to be at its highest levels. The volunteers will be those citizens living nearest the sites to be sampled. The Board of Health will have its contract lab analyze the samples and the citizens around Little Harbor will pay for the sample analysis, thereby saving the town money and obtaining accurate, useful water quality data to support the need for a sewer around Little Harbor. This program will begin immediately, and will continue into next summer.

Food allergy

The Board of Health will also be sponsoring a food allergy program, focusing on peanut allergy, on Tuesday, October 23rd at 4:30 PM at the Joseph Osgood School. Lisa Stieb, RN, BSN, food allergy support group coordinator for the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, will present the program. The program is free of charge and the public, especially parents of young school-age children, are urged to attend.

For more information please call Judy Fitzsimmons, the Public Health Nurse at 781-383-2210.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Village grant

To the Editor:

I was disgusted, but not surprised, to note Valerie Lipsett's expression of her anti-revitalization mindset via a letter to a state agency asking that the grant of $169,000 be rescinded on the grounds that considering Cohasset village improvements would be frivolous because of the destruction in Manhattan. Well, crocodile tears impress the naive, but the reality is that coping with the aftermath of the tragedy and coping with our other civic responsibilities need not be mutually exclusive.

Her letter infers that she speaks for the business community as well as for many residents. True, some merchants and residents are not enthusiastic, others are more far sighted. Some would be remain somnolent as the village runs down, like fungus on a decaying log. Future residents and surviving businesses can be grateful for constructive activists, such as those who worked to obtain the grant and who intend to follow up constructively.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Coast Sweep

To the Editor:

I would like to commend the children and adults who helped clean up Bassing Beach on Saturday, Oct. 13. Eleven bags of trash were hauled off as well as large pieces of refuse, including a chair, tire, camping equipment and several chunks of styrofoam. One piece of foam was a big as a twin mattress! The beach looks much nicer now that all that garbage is gone.

The girls who participated from Girl Scout Troop 4785 were Emily Bertovich, Courtney Culhane, Margaret Donze, Hilary Gaumer, Kelsea Hindley, Tori Lehr and Lucy Noble.

I'd also like to recognize a few older kids who came out to lend a hand. Thanks to Becca Lehr, Rob Lehr, Kevin Roach and Matt Farly.

Finally, a special thanks to the adults who volunteered, including Phil Lehr, Janeen Culhane, Jeff Donze, Rob Dennis and Howie Noble. A job well done!

Shelly Donze

Troop #4785 Leader

POLITICAL NOTES

Award dinner for best Democrats

Co-Op 8, the South Shore's Democratic coalition, will honor this year's recipients of the Outstanding Democrat Award in the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth on Friday, Nov. 2. Each of the towns' Democratic Town Committees elected their individual community's Outstanding Democrat. The eight will be honored at a dinner hosted by the Marshfield Democratic Town Committee at the Ramada Inn in Rockland. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., full-course dinner (choice of chicken or beef) at 7:30 p.m., live entertainment, cash bar, silent auction.

To reserve tickets at $30 per person, contact Jean Christianson at 781-837-0665, or any of the Democratic Town Committee chairmen in the individual communities.

Money promised for pavilion restoration

Senator Bob Hedlund met with Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) Commissioner David Balfour and received a commitment from the agency to undertake a $375,000 renovation of the Bernie King Pavilion on Nantasket Beach. The MDC will fund the project through its capital-spending budget for fiscal year 2002.

The restoration should be completed by the summer of 2002, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of the Friends of the Nantasket Reservation's formation. The Friends group organizes events at the Pavilion and raises money to pay for the summer series of "Concerts By The Sea."

Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley have worked together to convince the MDC to make the Pavilion restoration a top priority.

In recent years the pavilion structure, which includes a well-used dance floor, has suffered from weather damage that threatens its continued use. The Bernie King Pavilion is the largest venue managed by the MDC after the Hatch Shell in Boston.

"It's long overdue," said Friends Board Member John Connell. "It's just badly, badly needed. Between the pigeons and the leaks in the roof – there are so many deterrents. And to date, the MDC has basically been putting Band-Aids on the problem. I think this funding represents the best-spent money the state could ever imagine."

The Bernie King Pavilion is home to musical events all summer long. On any given summer Sunday well over 500 senior citizens come to hear an array of big band, country and vocal performances during the summer concert season.

House approves sentencing reform

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, reports the House of Representatives passed legislation that will reform sentencing guidelines. This comprehensive bill ensures uniformity and accountability in criminal sentences, he said..

"This legislation maintains tough penalties on violent criminals and also allows for better uniformity in our justice system," Bradley said. "It ensures that any judge that departs from the guidelines must put her or his reasons in writing and that decision may be appealed by the prosecution or defense."

Under the House legislation passed, while judges maintain discretion, they are required to make written findings when they impose sentences that depart from the normal range. Repeat and violent offenders will receive tougher sentences. Defendants will receive intensive probation or parole supervision when they are in the community. The bill requires post release supervision for all incarcerated offenders who waive or are denied parole. This provision captures the class of people who would otherwise be released into the community from long prison sentences without any type of re-entry oversight, Bradley said.

Good old TV days

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



You may have missed it in all the frenzied coverage of Osama bin Laden, the Taliban and anthrax last week but one of the first icons of late night television passed on to the big Emmy in the sky.

Dagmar, who signed her checks Virginia Ruth Egnor, was the, shall we say, "suitably endowed" blond bombshell who graced the stage of NBC's "Broadway Open House," the first late night show, which eventually became "The Tonight Show" of Johnny Carson and Jay Leno.

For more than a year (1950-51), she co-starred on the show with two old vaudevillians, Jerry Lester three times a week and Morey Amsterdam twice a week, playing the role of a dumb blond. Her ample endowment (both of them) provided Lester with a running fire of leering remarks.

But at the same time, her hold on the attention of the growing number of TV watchers was such that she drew more than 2,000 fan letters a week.

For many of us, that was the first golden age of television when there were only four networks, NBC, ABC, CBS and Dumont, which gave us the first episode of Jackie Gleason's "The Honeymooners" as skit in its "Cavalcade of Stars" before it went under and bequeathed the show to CBS.

Television wasn't cheap, either, costing from $225 to $2,500 for a black and white set; color was still 15 years in the future. In fact, I saw my first television show (the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott fight in 1948) at Dick Key's house on West Street in an affluent section of Braintree.

It was the time of the "Toast of the Town," as what became "The Ed Sullivan Show" was the known, the first of which featured the unknown comedy team of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis and was put together, along with several other acts for less than $200.

Eventually, "Old Stone Face," as Sullivan was known, featured the first American appearance of the Beatles and the first TV appearance of Elvis Presley, although only his top half appeared on camera to hide from the tender sensibilities of the viewing audience whatever he was doing with his hips at the time.

Television of 50 years ago was good at protecting us from the evils of anything that hinted of sex.

When Lucille Ball of the "I Love Lucy" show became pregnant, she decided that her TV character, Lucy Ricardo, should be in the family way also, so the nervous CBS network had a priest, a minister and a rabbi preview the "questionable" episode. They all had the same question.

"What's questionable about having a baby?"

Nevertheless, the network censors found it necessary to replace the word "pregnant" with "expectant."

Those were the days of the singing cowboy, too, with Roy Rogers running the Double R Bar ranch and, inexplicably, a diner in Mineral City at the same time while rounding up the baddies to the tune of "Happy Trails to You."

Of course, he had help from his palomino, Trigger; Dale Evans and her horse, Buttermilk; Bullet, the wonder dog; and his sidekick, Pat Brady (Pat Buttram) and Nellybelle, the trick jeep.

Kukla, Fran & Ollie brought their friends, Oliver J. Dragon and Beulah Witch, to us direct from the Kuklapolitan Playhouse; and NBC pioneered the 15-minute soap opera. "These Are My Children," which the trade magazine "TV World" panned: "There is no place on television for this type of program; a blank screen is preferable."

Actually, there was no such thing as a blank screen in the early days of television. There was always the ubiquitous "test pattern," a geometric design that enabled you to tune your set and keep you amused until Dagmar and her friends came on.

Low-income, elderly exemptions to CPA

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) was voted on and accepted at the April 7, 2001, Cohasset town election. This act adds a 1.5-percent surcharge to your real estate tax bill. However, there are exemptions to the surcharge. The first is a $100,000 residential exemption which exempts the first $100,000 of assessed value from the 1.5-percent surcharge. This is only on residential property and will be calculated automatically before the surcharge is billed.

The next two exemptions are for low-income and elderly families. If a family qualifies for this exemption, they will pay no CPA surcharge tax. To qualify for this exemption, your income must be below certain levels and you must file an application with the Assessors' office at Town Hall. The income qualification is from all sources and you must have income levels below what is shown in the table below. This surcharge will appear on the December tax bill.

In addition to the income requirement, applicants for both the low-income or elderly exemption must own and occupy the property as of Jan. 1, 2001, in order to be exempt for the current fiscal 2002 tax year. To qualify as elderly, the applicant must be 60 as of Jan. 1, 2001. Only the applicant must own and occupy the property as a domicile. However, all co-owners must meet the income standard. Taxpayers must apply annually for either exemption.

You must prove you qualify for the low-income or elderly exemption by application to the Assessors' office by March 30 or three months from the mailing of the actual (December) tax bill, whichever is later. Please call the Assessors' office at 781-383-4114 as soon as possible to get an application if you qualify for one of these two exemptions.

# in Family	Elderly Income Limit $	Low Income Limit $
1	35,150	36,750
2	40,150	42,000
3	45,200	47,250
4	50,200	52,500
5	54,200	56,700
6	58,250	60,900
7	62,250	65,100
8	66,250	69,300



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A car whizzes by Frank Zeven's Lamberts Lane yard where he has installed signs alerting motorists that children are playing.

Tensions grow on Lamberts Lane

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cerned that increased social functions and the club's dining facilities create more traffic than is needed. They feel that the social memberships and the use of the golf memberships by family members have significantly increased the number of people driving on the road. In June, the zoning board denied the residents' appeal finding that the accessory activities at the club do not violate the zoning bylaw but was careful to point out that the ruling did not give the club "free rein to do anything it wants," stated Ben Lacy, who wrote the decision.

This past July, four Lamberts Lane residents appeared before selectmen to request temporary speed bumps be placed on the narrow but busy street. The selectmen denied their request saying that it would create a precedent.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said speed bumps are not an option. "Speed bumps are for parking lots and private driveways, this is a town road. We're not for speed bumps." Noonan went on to explain that the police have tried to increase their patrols around the road but attempts at catching people speeding have been largely unsuccessful.

The residents are undeterred and determined to create a safer road. "I have a radar gun and I've clocked people at 40mph. That's not safe," Zeven said.

However, the golf club is working in conjunction with the residents on this issue.

Golf club president Frank Gaul said the club is trying to educate its members and employees about safety issues. Gaul said he'd love to see more enforcement from the police department. In the golf club's newsletter as well as on receipts there's a reminder for members and guests to watch their speed while entering and leaving the club.

Martinez thinks the club is doing a satisfactory job in addressing the speeding issue. "They've been making a good effort to alert their members about the speed limit. We'd like to maintain a spirit of cooperation with the golf course on this issue," she said.

However, Zeven feels they could be doing more. "I don't think the golf club is interested in really resolving these issues. We just want the golf club to show us courtesy and respect for us and our kids," he said.

Zeven feels another option to ease the traffic problem would be to open Golf Club Road, at least for deliveries. Golf Club Road runs through the golf course and empties on to North Main Street. However, Gaul balks at this request saying it is not a viable option. "It runs through the golf course. Traffic would entirely disrupt the course. Opening up the road is not possible," he said.

'Ugly parking spaces'

The other issue at hand is the unscreened expanded parking lot. The residents are annoyed that they have to look at "ugly parking spaces".

Martinez feels that the golf club gave the residents the impression it was going to put up screening but never did. Martinez wonders if they hadn't called a meeting with the golf club if the issues ever would have been addressed. "They started off being neighborly but now we wonder if they'll ever get anything done," she said.

Zeven feels the club was trying to "weasel its way" out of the zoning regulations. Zeven claims the club has told the residents it is out of money and is working on its budget to resolve this problem.

Zeven feels it's odd that a golf club of its stature doesn't have enough money to help be a better neighbor.

Gaul says that the club will have a meeting later on this fall to try and create a plan. He said implementation of the plan would begin next spring at the earliest. "I'm optimistic that the screening issue will be resolved," he said.

Martinez said there's nothing the residents can do now but wait. She's looking forward to a meeting with the club in December when she hopes these issues will be resolved. She says the residents have been led to believe the club would find the money to do the screening and are disappointed that the golf club hasn't made a concerted effort to do that. However, Martinez said "at this point we'd like to believe the golf club and give them the opportunity to fix the problem."

Transfer station rejected

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tion for any solid waste use, given drinking water and water protection issues, the wetlands and the proximity of Trustees of Reservations parkland," the board stated.

Selectmen stated it had the backing of Town Meeting in not wanting to see any future trash facilities at the site. Town Meeting voted by a two-thirds majority to rezone the parcel as a "technology business" that does not include solid waste uses including transfer stations. The change in zoning was voted at the March 2000 annual Town Meeting and later, approved by the Attorney General. However to protect his development rights, Barry filed a "Form A" with the Planning Board prior to the Town Meeting, which may have grandfathered his ability to operate a transfer station at the site.

Selectmen said they were mindful of the long regulatory struggle with CHL — one "they did not want to condemn the town to relive again should similar uses be allowed there." Over the years the town and CHL have been embroiled in a total of seven lawsuits over environmental issues regarding the landfill. Legal appeals are still pending on two lawsuits; one over the validity of a special permit to operate the landfill and the other concerns the standard for drainage of surface water into the watershed.

Selectmen were not swayed to support the transfer station proposal by Barry's generosity. He recently offered to donate two acres of land off Route 3A near Sunrise Assisted Living for the proposed new police station, saving the town an estimated $500,000. According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, Barry didn't ask for any special consideration when he made the offer of land to the town. Voters at the Nov. 5 Special Town meeting will decide whether to accept the two-acre gift.

"This is simply the wrong location for any solid waste use."
— Board of Selectmen

In a telephone interview this week, Barry said there were no strings attached to the offer.

"That offer is on the table no matter what," said Barry, a former police officer in Newton. "I have a soft spot for police departments. I'm a law and order man."

Barry's efforts to open a 1,800-ton per-day transfer station off Route 18 in Abington met with stiff opposition. The Board of Health in that town voted in August to rescind the site assignment. Barry has appealed that decision to Suffolk Superior Court. His 299-ton per-day Cohasset proposal is considerably smaller and would not include any household trash.

Barry said this week the proposed Cohasset facility would be an adjunct to his Graham Waste – which is at the site of the former Wintergarden skating rink – and handle processing the construction and demolition debris from that business.

"It would strictly be a transfer station for Graham Waste Services, a company based in Cohasset," he said. "It's a small, family-run operation."

Selectmen said in their letter that Barry made it clear the transfer station was a request and would not stand in the way of the town finalizing a settlement banning all solid waste uses, including transfer stations, at the CHL property by deed restriction.

But Barry said he is not going to give up his rights to operate a transfer station at the site. However, he isn't totally committed to it either.

"I'm not 100 percent committed," he said. "But I'm not a quitter. I'm not ready to lie down yet. I'll probably give it a shot."

Initiating the process involves filing for a permit with the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Water Commission Chairman John McNabb, who was also involved as a private consultant in opposing Barry's Abington transfer station proposal, said traffic issues have changed at the site. There is a new medical building on Crocker Lane, Cohasset Collision is nearby and Hingham Lumber plans to relocate near Cohasset Collision. He also said run off from trucks at transfer stations can pose an environmental danger to the watershed and dust from processing debris can also be a hazard.

Anchor planned for Govt. Island

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anchor will add to the decor of the island, it's a good spot for it." He added the rest of the committee seemed to be in agreement that it was a good addition.

Government Island which also includes Lightkeepers' Residence and the templates used when the second Minot Light was being built, is one of the most historic areas in town and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Herb Jason has a storied history at Government Island. In his 70 years as a lobsterman, Jason rounded Minot Ledge Lighthouse thousands of times and reflected during each trip about the two men who lost their lives "keeping a good light" 150 years ago. Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson manned the first, metal structured lighthouse over dangerous Minot Ledge. During a nor'easter on the poorly constructed lighthouse which was know to sway two feet of center, back and forth in the Atlantic swells succumbed to the waves, taking both men. A letter in a bottle discovered after the tragedy revealed that the men knew the structure would not make it through the night.

Nearly a century and a half later, the compelling story would motivate Jason to push for a monument to honor the men.

Ledge, promoting senior housing

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Harrington said. After considerable debate at a recent meeting, selectmen decided to leave the restriction at 20 and allow Town Meeting to adjust the number downward if voters are so inclined.

At the same time, the town looks to limiting growth, it wants to encourage the development of affordable housing for senior citizens, many of whom are being priced out of town as property taxes rise.

Selectman Sullivan was particularly vocal in his opposition to relaxing zoning restrictions for senior housing. He was concerned about homeowners who expect their neighborhood to remain a certain way.

"This would open Pandora's Box," he said.

But Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the zoning change was necessary to create opportunities for senior housing that the town so desperately needs.

Moore, the Planning Board chairman, said the three issues are bound to spark lively debate at Wednesday's public hearing. He said the articles "came up at the last minute" and personally feels the special Town Meeting — which traditionally focuses on financial matters and issues with a "timeliness to them"— is not the appropriate forum to tackle zoning issues.

Over the years, Moore has consistently taken the position that zoning should be reserved for the annual Town Meeting.

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Anthrax scare reaches Cohasset

By Mary Ford
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The Cohasset Police Department has a copy of the revised Anthrax Threat Protocol from the State Fire Marshall's office. It's dated April 27, 2000 and replaces the prior protocol issued in December 1998.

The five-page document – the contents of which are proprietary and not for dissemination outside public safety agencies – hasn't exactly sat on the shelf gathering dust. But it hasn't exactly been used a lot either.

That was until 6:10 p.m., Sunday when Cohasset became one of some 60 municipalities across the state with an Anthrax scare.

At 6:10 p.m. Sunday, Cohasset became one of some 60 municipalities across the state with an Anthrax scare.

This small town of 7,000 people has now been welcomed into the new world of bio-terrorism which followed in the aftermath of Sept. 11, when hijackers commandeered commercial airliners and flew them into the World Trade Center towers and Pentagon.

The call came in at 6:02 p.m., Sunday from a resident of Surry Drive who discovered a white, powdery substance while going through the mail. The resident was unsure if the white powder had leaked from a piece of mail or was spread onto the letters.

Following protocol, the police under the direction of the fire department established a safety zone around the mailbox and adjoining homes. All persons exposed to the powder, including the three residents of the Surry Drive home were briefly quarantined, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

A regional hazardous materials unit, based in Bourne, dressed in protective suits and wearing self-contained breathing apparatus removed the white powder from the home, samples of which were submitted to the state Department of Health for testing. The results were expected within 72 hours.

But Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said Tuesday a technician from the DPH called late Monday to say there wasn't enough residue to conduct a test. Lincoln said he has contacted officials at the state Fire Marshal's office to see if they want to try to obtain another sample from the mail and the box the mail was in. Those items are sealed in plastic bags and locked in a locker at the fire station.

Lincoln said no one who was exposed to the unidentified substance has come down with any symptoms. However, he is not happy with news from DPH.

"It's very unsettling and I intend to get to the bottom if it," he said.

After Sunday's incident, the FBI was notified and Cohasset police detectives are also conducting an investigation.

Revitalization effort being fine tuned

By Evan Schiff
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The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation held a final workshop before the Nov. 5 special Town Meeting in order to iron out details about the village revitalization project. Issues discussed were lighting fixtures, sidewalks, parking spaces and general streetscape conditions.

Dean Rizzo, the executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private corporation working in conjunction with the village revitalization task force, outlined the project's overall goals.

The goals included:

- Balancing the environment for vehicles and pedestrians
- Providing clarity and ease of movement
- Improving visual environment
- Slowing traffic as an economic strategy

The improvements would be centered around four areas, Elm Street, Ripley Road, Depot Court, and the town parking lot. While these ideas have been talked about for months, some new concepts surfaced.

A proposed two-story garage in place of the teen center in the town lot drew the most criticism. While Rizzo emphasized this was a merely an idea and something that would not be taken in front of special town meeting residents quickly shot it down. One disgruntled resident even said, "Why are we even talking about this. All your doing is irritating people, move on to something else."

For the most part Cohasset residents embraced the proposed plans. Roger Whitley, of Cedar Lane, a library trustee, said he supports most the ideas. "I am in favor of doing this project," Whitley said. He did mention he would like to see bike paths put in connecting the new library to the schools for children to be able to have easy access to the library.

June Hubbard of Beach Street, was a little less enthused. "Some of the ideas we have to worry about cost which I don't think people are taking into consideration," she said. However, Hubbard does like the fact that if one is interested in the project they have an outlet to express their ideas and have them heard as was the case at Thursday's forum.

Another suggested plan was that of putting the utilities lines of the village underground. To generate revenue for this idea, a 2 percent surcharge on all residential and business utility bills would be added for a designated amount of time.

Surveys were passed out at the meeting and Rizzo encouraged the residents to fill them out with any suggestions they may have. The questions ranged from asking residents if they supported redesign projects to asking them to rate sidewalk surface material and light fixtures in order of preference.

Rizzo felt the workshop went well and the residents gave him "a lot of good feedback". He said the next step is to review all the comments from the residents as well as the suggestions from the Planning Board and refine the presentations for special Town Meeting. The plan is taken before the special Town Meeting in order to gain its endorsement Rizzo said.

Work on the village could start by the end of 2002, Rizzo said. He said the estimated $2-1/4 million revitalization project could be paid for with no direct cost to Cohasset taxpayers. This does not include putting the utility lines underground. The $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development Grant along with the $169,000 transportation enhancement grant, which will be used for the sidewalk on South Main Street in front of St. Stephen's Church, will pick up most of the tab. The MBTA will pay to reconstruct the town parking lot and the Ripley Road intersection by the South Shore Art Center in the village as part of the Greenbush train restoration project.

That brings the total to approximately $2.2 million for various village improvements. Rizzo estimated that to complete all construction could range from $1.7 million (all concrete sidewalks) to $2.4 million (all brick sidewalks).

Advice from the U.S. Post Office

The following advisory is from the U.S. Postal Service Web site:

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- Make sure that damaged or suspicious packages are isolated and the immediate area cordoned-off.
- Ensure that all persons who have touched the mail piece wash their hands with soap and water.
- Designated officials will notify local, county and state health departments.
- Designated officials will notify the state emergency manager.
- List all persons who have touched the letter and/or envelope. Include contact information. Provide the list to the postal inspectors or police.
- Place all items worn, when it was in contact with the suspected piece of mail, in plastic bags and keep them where you change your clothes and have them available for law-enforcement agents.
- As soon as practical, shower with soap and water.
- If prescribed medication by medical personnel, take it until otherwise instructed or it runs out.
- Notify the Center for Disease Control Emergency Response at 770-488-7100.

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- Restrictive endorsement markings, such as "Personal" or "Confidential."
- Protruding wires, strange odors or stains.
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Actions to take if a suspicious parcel is received in the mail:

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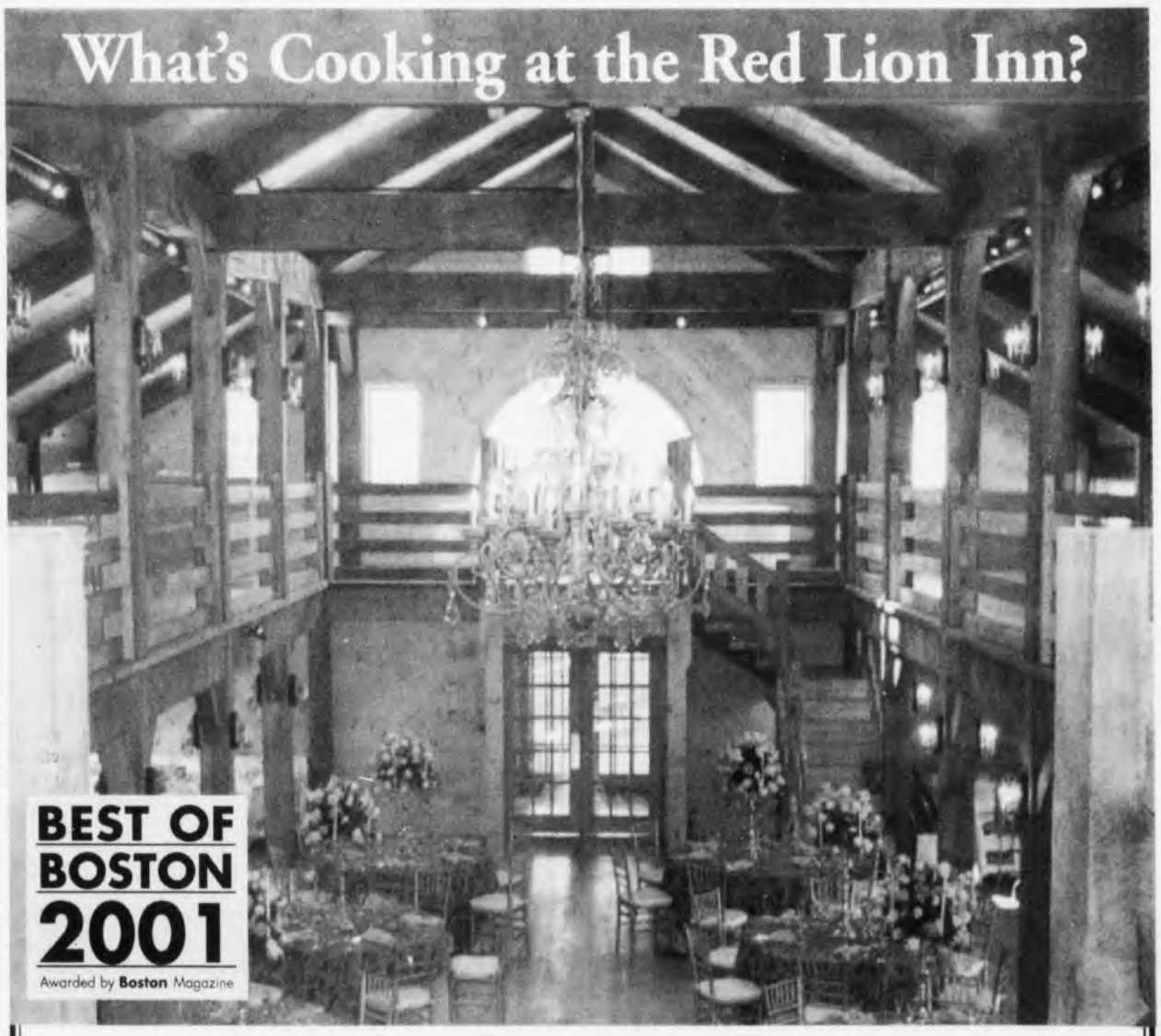
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The Rev. Peter Hobart subject of new biography

By David Wadsworth
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A new biography, written by longtime Cohasset resident and a descendant of early Hingham families Edward Franklin Ripley, portrays the life of the Rev. Peter Hobart, one of the principal founders of the settlement of Hingham in Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Emigrating from Hingham, Norfolk County, England in 1634, Hobart brought with him a group of East Anglian families who formed his parish in England. Arriving first in Charlestown, the group of parishioners soon settled in the small village known as "Bare Cove," and they changed its name to match that of their old world community. Hobart was a Puritan minister, of the dissident wing, who increasingly were being persecuted for their opposition to some of the practices in the church to which they strongly objected. At Hingham, Massachusetts Bay, they joined a smaller group of settlers already there from England's west counties.

The Hingham Puritans soon dominated the life and the government of the new settlement, and increasingly found themselves persecuted by the more conservative Colonial government at Boston, as they previously had been by the royal government in England.

The book recounts the struggles, some victories and some not victorious, of Hobart and his flock as they fought to preserve their beliefs, and their freedoms, in the small but influential settlement at Hingham. Political and theological struggles with Gov. John Winthrop's Colonial administration in Boston marked Hobart's career in Hingham, and at times reached the level of mutual bitterness. Hobart, as it might be said, "won a few and lost a few."

At that time, Cohasset was Hingham's eastern section, part of the town's common land, not yet divided up or populated and used for grazing of farm animals and harvesting of salt hay. Later, by 1670, the land of Cohasset was needed to provide for the growing population of Hingham. It was duly surveyed, divided into individual parcels, and conveyed to a combination of first- and second-generation settlers. In the land division, the East Anglia method was followed: those of highest social and economic order received the most land, those of lowest social and economic order received the least. Thus was the social hierarchy preserved as it had existed before they left England, and had been preserved in the original laying out of farms and homesteads in the new settlement at Hingham in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. By about 1722 when the new settlement at Cohasset, sometimes referred to as "Little Hingham," and then as Hingham's Second Parish and Second Precinct, chose its own minister for its own parish it appears to have been more than mere coincidence that its choice was the Rev. Peter Hobart's eminent Harvard-educated grandson, the Rev. Nehemiah Hobart. In that choice, the descendants of East Anglian Puritans in Hingham sought to solidify the allegiance of the new parish in their eastern section.

Today's 1747 Meetinghouse on Cohasset Common is a direct descendant of Hobart's and Hingham's original First Parish, now called "The Old Ship." In a community where religious parish and secular precinct government were closely related, the Colonial meetinghouse was the center of both the religious and governmental activity of its citizens. As for the Rev. Peter Hobart himself, he had been born in 1604, had ministered to the parish of St. Andrews in Hingham, Norfolk, England, became the first permanent clergyman in the new town of Hingham, Massachusetts Bay, and died in 1678, just as the new settlement at Cohasset was beginning.

"Shepherd In the Wilderness" is a well-documented analysis of an early Colonial settlement in the growing Puritan Commonwealth at Massachusetts Bay, and a fascinating look at one of its leading citizens.

This important new book is available in the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset, and is scheduled to have its second printing by the University Press of America.

Reprinted from Historical Highlights, the newsletter of the Cohasset Historical Society. For information about the society or to join, call 781-383-1434.



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At the corner of North and Ship streets in Hingham Square is a monument honoring the memory of the Rev. Peter Hobart, who founded Hingham.

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Cafeteria workers form new union

The Cohasset school cafeteria workers have unionized.

The nine eligible workers petitioned the Labor Relations Commissioners to form a union. An election was held on Sept. 25 and there was a unanimous vote of food service personnel to unionize.

All full-time and part-time cafeteria workers employed by the Cohasset School Department, excluding all managerial and casual employees, will be represented by the Massachusetts Laborers' District Council of the Laborers' International Union of North America.

Supt. Edward Malvey said that now the school district has to wait for the certified vote from the Labor Relations Commission. After the union organizes with the food service workers, he'll meet with them, though nothing is in the works yet.

The purpose of joining a union would be the ability to conduct collective bargaining over issues such as wages, working hours or and other conditions having to do with employment.

MCAS scores up, state says

Local results in two weeks

By Evan Schiff
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High school students around the state breathed a sigh of relief as this years MCAS scores were released.

Two-thirds of the students passed the test, according to published reports. This year the stakes were higher, members of the 2003 class must pass the test in order to be eligible for a high-school diploma. This marked the first year that students were required to pass the test in order to graduate.

District-by-district results — including those from Cohasset students — are expected in two weeks.

Eighty-two percent of 10th graders passed the English part of the exam, up from 66 percent from last year. On the math section, 75 percent of 10th graders passed, up from 55 percent from last year.

MCAS, which stand for Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, is supposed to help school districts align their curriculum so that certain subject matter is covered at a particular grade level no matter what town the student lives in.

The MCAS have come under fire by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees that voted to eliminate linking the "high-stakes" test to graduation. The association will lobby the legislature to change the requirement.

Supt. Edward Malvey has said that while he supports using the MCAS to improve curriculum requirements he is against the graduation requirement.

"I don't think there should be one test to determine a youngster's future out of high school," Malvey said. He said he is an advocate of multiple ways to assess students.

Last year Cohasset students did very well in the test. In the fourth grade the percentages of students, who scored proficient or advanced, increased in all areas, including English and the language arts, math, and science and technology. Those students in eighth-grade last year also showed significant improvement with almost 20 percent more students in the proficient and advanced categories. In grade 10 last year there was a slight dip in English proficiency but overall the sophomores showed improvement.

It will be interesting to see how this years results stack up.

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Far right, Bennett Tierney samples her handiwork at the special Teddy Bear review that included a picnic and parade.

At right, Nick Rosen looks to Mary Brennock for guidance while making bear-shaped Rice Krispie cakes at the South Shore Community Center.

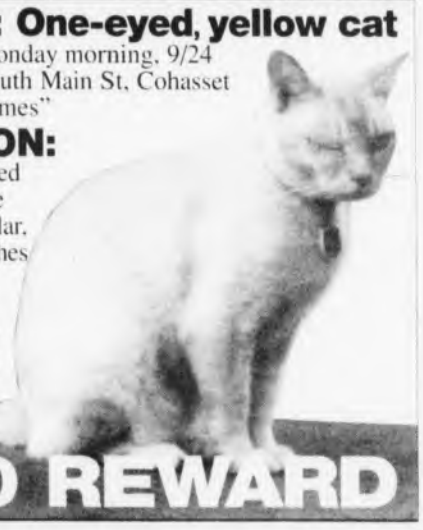
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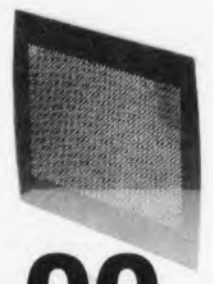
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Ruth Lothrop Nottage, matriarch of the Lothrop family, poses with her wedding dress and her daughters, Pam Mueller, Paula Boyd and Cindy Nottage at the family reunion at Kimball's on Saturday. The Lothrop name is well-known in town. The Caleb Lothrop house on Summer Street is home to the Cohasset Historical Society.



The youngest descendent of the line at the reunion is two-year-old Lindsey Lothrop.

IT'S HAPPENING

Historic district

A mini "tour" of Cohasset Common Historic District #2 Slide Presentation will be held by the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation. The Board of Directors and CRC Curator, David Wadsworth will conduct the "tour" on Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lothrop House. Refreshments will be served.

For information or directions, call 781-383-2449 or visit their Web site at cohrevitalize@aol.com.

Gardening in the off-season

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday Oct. 23 at the Congregational church 43 Highland Ave. Frederick Rice will show the often overlooked design possibilities of the months from October to March when the garden is tripped of its finery. This is the season when the "bones" of the garden are most visible and the design is most evident. This slide presentation will demonstrate that even under a blanket of snow the off season garden can be enticing.

Childhood food allergy program

Lisa Steib, RN, BSN, pediatric asthma and allergy nurse for Partner's Asthma Center at Massachusetts General Hospital for Children and representative from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, will speak. The event is sponsored by the Board of Health.

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The program is free and open to the public.

Parents of school-age children are urged to attend this informative program where peanut allergies will be discussed as well as other common childhood food allergies.

For information call Judy Fitzsimmons, at 781-383-2210.

'Playathon' benefit

On Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the First Parish Church, music students from all over the South Shore will be sharing their talents to benefit a good cause—the homeless shelters at Pine Street Inn and Rosie's Place in Boston.

Sponsored by the South Shore Music Teachers Association, a professional organization of independent music teachers, this is the second annual "playathon" to be held on the South Shore. Last year's event raised more than $3,000, all of which was sent to the two shelters.

More than 70 students representing the studios of 10 teachers, are planning to get pledges in advance and will perform, in costume, throughout the day. At the same time, First Parish will hold its annual Harvest Fair, complete with food, children's activities and great buys. The public is invited to both the Halloween Playathon and the Harvest Fair, free of charge.

For information, call Olive Mullen at 781-383-1993.

Letitia Baldrige at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset will host an afternoon tea on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. to meet Letitia Baldrige, who will speak and sign her latest book "A Lady, First: My Life in the Kennedy White House and the American Embassies of Paris And Rome". Independent and adventurous, Baldrige graduated from Vassar and went off to her first job as assistant to Evangeline Bruce, wife of the American Ambassador to France. This was the beginning of a long and glamorous career, which included working with Clare Booth Luce in Rome and with Jacqueline Kennedy as the social secretary for the White House. Baldrige also became the first woman executive for Tiffany & Co. and founded Letitia Baldrige Enterprises. As an inside witness to some of America's most interesting political and social times, Baldrige is able to fascinate readers in a book filled with amusing anecdotes and behind-the-scene stories.

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Pediatric CPR — Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 14 and 15 from 7-10 p.m. Cost, $45 members; $50 non-members.

Children Are From Heaven: A Guide to Positive Parenting — Thursday, Nov. 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost, $30 per person; $50 per couple.

Alpha Coaching: Plan Your Life, Live Your Dream — Thursday, Nov. 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost, $30 per person; $50 per couple.

Stretch & Flexibility — Wednesdays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Openings still available.

Cooking Corner:

Saporitos — Monday, Oct. 22 from 6:45-9 p.m. At Cohasset High School. Cost, $45 members; $50 non-members .

Roast Pork — Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 6:45-9 p.m. Cost $40 members; $45 non-members

Basic Sauces — Thursday, Nov. 15 from 6:45-9 p.m. Cost, $40 members; $45 non-members.

Saporitos — Monday, Nov. 26 from 6:45-9 p.m. At Cohasset High School. Cost, $45 members; $50 non-members.

Holiday Sweets — new class, Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 6:45-9 p.m. Cost, $40 members; $45 non-members.

Holiday Candy & Craft — Friday, Dec. 14.

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Stars of the Week

Matt Bilodeau

The senior center-midfielder for the boys soccer team appears to finally be feeling good after suffering with back pain for a good portion of the season— something that's clearly had a lot to do with the Skippers strong stretch run. Bilodeau had a goal and an assist in both of the Skippers wins over the last week.

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On the South Shore
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Cohasset's Kurt Kahn gets a step on Scituate's Dan Lazarovich (41) as he heads away from Cohasset goal in Saturday's big 3-1 Skippers win.

Boys rolling into post-season

Soccer squad peaking and getting healthy at right time

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

Realistically, the Cohasset boys know that their dreams of a South Shore League championship are no longer viable. Norton (9-0-2) and Norwell (10-1-1) will likely be playing for that distinction on Friday afternoon in Norton.

So now it becomes a matter of the Skippers (9-2-1 in league, 10-3-1 overall) preparing for the state tourney. The primary focus, therefore, has now shifted to honing the overall game and securing a high seeding—in that order.

This being the case, coach Dave Nigro has got to feeling pretty good right about now, his team coming off two of its more dominant performances of the season.

On Saturday, the Skippers handed Scituate just its third loss of the season, scoring three goals on the vaunted Sailors defense, and dominating territorially for much of the game. Up until Thursday's 2-0 loss against unbeaten powerhouse Duxbury, the Sailors had not surrendered more than one goal in any game this season.

"That was probably our best overall performance of the year," said Nigro. "We really took it to a very solid team for a lot of the game."

Captain Matt Bilodeau opened the

BOYS SOCCER, PAGE 16

Field hockey team keeps hope alive

Pinkus goal keeps Lady Skippers in playoff hunt

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

The Cohasset field hockey team continued its impressive late season run with a 1-0 win over league rival Norwell on Monday.

With the victory, the Lady Skippers improved to 4-7-4 on the season overall and stayed alive in the playoff hunt. Of course, they must win all three of their remaining games to get in, but coach Deb Bostwick couldn't be more thrilled with how far her team has come.

The veteran coach candidly admits that she had pretty much dismissed the playoffs as a possibility a few weeks ago when her team's record stood at 1-4-3.

"Things are definitely getting interesting," noted Bostwick, who's team has gone 3-3-1 in the last seven games. "We're making steady progress and the girls are feeling good about themselves."

The Cohasset girls have Hull, Mashpee and Silver Lake left on their schedule, three teams they beat previously, so Bostwick feels good about their chances for pulling off the necessary clean sweep, particularly given the way it's been playing of late.

"I definitely feel like we have a chance right now," said Bostwick, referring to a tourney berth.

Cohasset sophomore Danielle Pinkus scored the game's only goal on Monday at 16:48 of the first period off a nice corner hit by junior captain Heather Peraino.

The Skippers pretty much dominated this contest from the outset, as indicated by their seven first half corners.

"We really did a nice job of keeping the pressure on," said Bostwick. "Our forwards and midfielders did a nice job of driving."

Specifically lauded by the coach for their efforts were first year varsity players Jessie Guild and Kelly Hurley, along with goalie Sara Genovese, who made four saves to record her second shutout of the season.

"We're getting some real strong play from a lot of our newer players like Jessie and Kelly right now, and that's what's helping to make us a better team down the stretch," continued the coach.

"Early in the year, we were being carried by our core players like Heather (Peraino) and Abby (Coakley), and a few other veterans, but we've become so much more of a true team over the last few weeks."

Among the names cited most often by Bostwick in her stream of plaudits these days are senior sweeper Jackie Hoines, senior fullback Suzanne Lynner, senior forward Allison Scott, junior defender Sarah Dennis, sophomore Rachel Doyle and, of course, junior goalie Genovese.

The Lady Skippers also gave Harwich (11-0-3) all they could handle in a 3-0 loss on Tuesday. The Rough Ryders capitalized on three early Cohasset mistakes to score their goals, but the Skippers shut them down from there, and even mounted a few strong rushes into Harwich's end in the second half—something they never came close to in the

FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 17

Wild tie ends losing streak

Last minute Weber goal helps keep girls in post-season hunt

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset girls soccer team overcame two consecutive losses to take a tie against Carver, 1-1. And it was a wild one.

Cohasset had been put away by unbeaten first place Abington last Thursday and Scituate took down the Lady Skippers this past Saturday. The two losses stopped the momentum the Lady Skippers had been building, but the girls regained some of their confidence last Monday against Carver.

"Look at the experience they are getting: they are winning, they are losing, and they are bouncing back."

Cohasset girls soccer coach Deb Beal, referring to her strong core of underclass players.

The teams were tied at zero at halftime, thanks in large part to sophomore sweeper Holly Graham. Graham continually denied Carver's speedy forwards with decisive clears to the midfield.

"She is under constant fire," said fourth year coach Deb Beal. "But she is staying focused."

Carver opened the scoring in the

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PHOTO/ROB KEANE

Cohasset's Allison Scott (left) battles Norwell's Sarah Taylor in last week's South Shore League action. The Cohasset High senior is one of several players coach Deb Bostwick has lauded recently for "stepping it up."

Flynn wins SMSA Optimist championship

After a weekend of wild weather that forced the cancellation of the Hingham Yacht Club Fall Blast, the 2001 sailing season came to an end for Andrew Flynn, 14, of Cohasset.

Given all of his successes, Andrew, an Optimist sailor who sails for the Wild Harbor Yacht Club in North Falmouth, will some day look back on the summer of 2001 with pride and pleasure.

Andrew has been sailing Optimist Dinghys for the past five years and was very much looking forward to a summer of competitive sailing and was up to the challenge. His goal this year was to win the Southern Massachusetts Sailing Association Optimist Championship. For the first time in

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Cohasset's Andrew Flynn shows off the plaque he was awarded for winning the Southern Massachusetts Sailing Association's Optimist Championship.



Flynn steers a true course.

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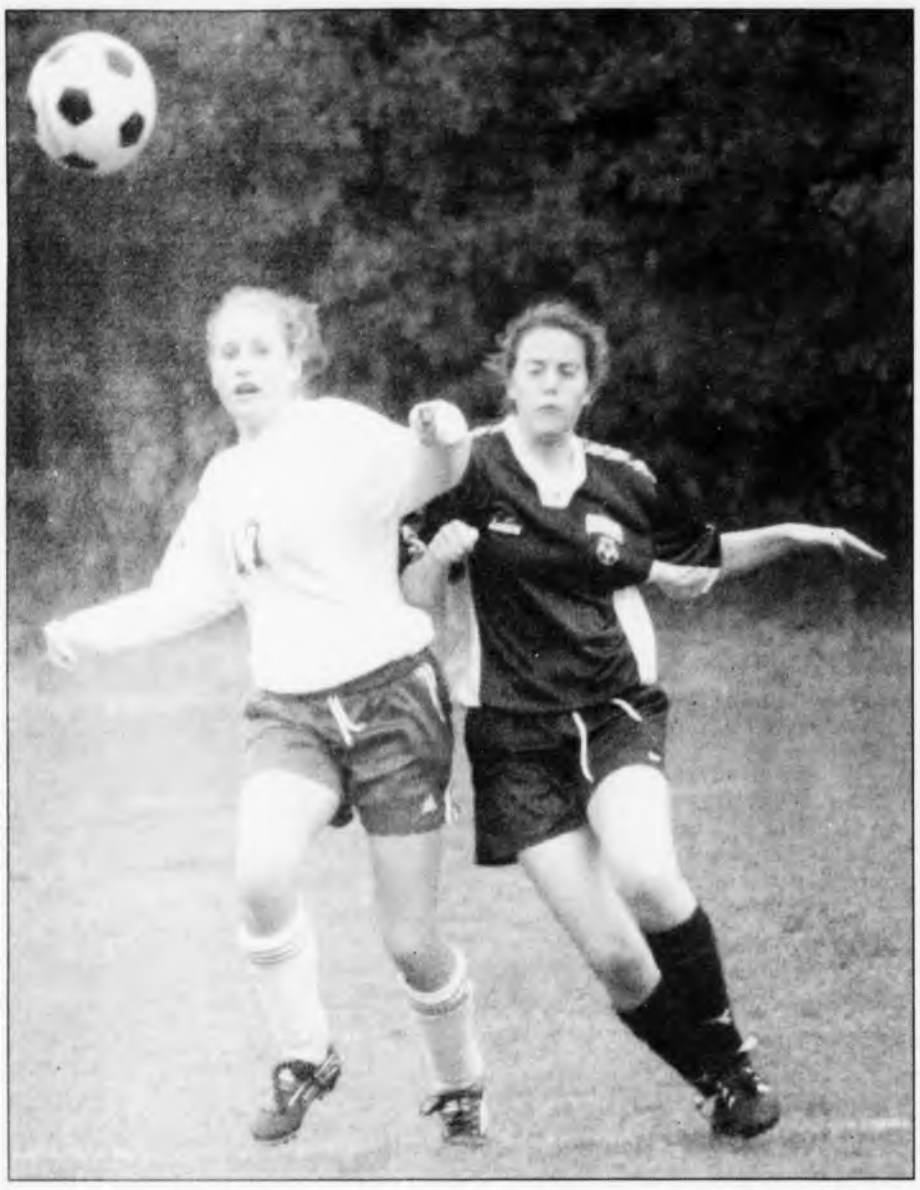
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13 lost to Scituate, 5-0
15 tied Carver, 1-1
17 Holbrook

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11 beat Abington
13 beat Scituate, 3-1
15 beat Carver, 4-2

VARSITY FOOTBALL
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Cohasset's Maura O'Brien (right) bumps with Scituate player this past Saturday. The Lady Skippers proved no contest for the host Sailors on this day, falling 5-0.

Golf team wraps up 'learning' season

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

What's the last thing you'd expect to hear from the coach of a team who just lost back-to-back matches by a combined score of 17-1 to drop his team's record to 2-8-1?

How about this?

"I really wish there were a few more weeks in this season," said Cohasset golf coach Torin Sweeney of the campaign that will end today with the South Shore League match at Squirrel Run in Plymouth.

The ever-ebullient coach elucidates:

"We entered this season with a lot of really inexperienced players, so it was tough to have a lot of expectations. But a lot of these kids have really come on in the last few weeks. I'd like to see what they'd do going up against a few of the teams in our league one more time."

On Monday, the Skippers fell 8-1 to four time defending SSL champ Norwell (9-2)— who with a win over Norton Tuesday assured itself at least a share of that title for a fifth straight season— at Norwell's home Scituate Country Club course.

Cohasset's number one golfer, freshman D.J. Silvia, continued his season long solid play with a round of 39. Unfortunately, this was no match for the one under 34 shot by Norwell's two-time defending state individual champion Ben Spitz. It was enough, however, to qualify the frosh for the state tourney in individual play this Monday at the Falmouth Country Club. The criteria for individual qualification for the state tourney is a minimum of 50 percent of the nine-hole rounds on the season being within four strokes of par.

"This was a nice achievement for DJ," noted Sweeney. "The big thing with his game is consistency, and that's what helped get him in here."

Team captain Bill Moody also played well out of the second spot on Monday, shooting a 42. However, he was bested by the 40 fired by Norwell's Max Schenkein.

The lone Cohasset point was recorded by number five player Greg O'Brien, who shot a 49 out of the sixth spot to earn the win.

The final tally in last Thursday's 9-0 loss to Norton is misleading, as each of the six head-to-head matches weren't even determined until the ninth and final hole.

"Yeah, that was about as close as any 9-0 match could be," verified Sweeney. "You're talking about three or four shots that could have turned this thing completely around."



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset golf team captain Bill Moody.

So with this season all but over, how does Sweeney feel about the future?

"We had a lot of inexperienced players come a long way this season," he offered. "I'll be real interested to see how they come back next season. If they commit themselves to improvement in the off-season, I can see us making a nice step up next season."

Wild tie ends losing streak

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second half four minutes in, when the Crusader attack finally pushed one through junior goalkeeper Kelly Holway.

Beal noted that the goal seemed to deflate her team, and it was not until the final minutes of the game that the team seemed to regain its competitive edge.

"They played out of their minds the last five to eight minutes," she observed.

With just 90 seconds to play, senior midfielder Maggie O'Neill blasted a shot from way outside the 18 yard box. The shot appeared to bounce off the Carver keeper's head, as junior attacker Molly Flanagan tapped the ball in.

However, amid much disagreement from the sidelines and hometown crowd, the refs ruled that the goalie had possession.

A mere minute later, junior Julie Lordan delivered a looping cross towards the net, which sophomore forward Gillian Weber booted home for the equalizer.

The tie pulled Cohasset's record to 2-7-3, while Carver maintained its spot in the SSL cellar at 1-7-2.

Prior to this more-exciting-than-average-match-up, Cohasset was dismantled by two local foes.

Abington defeated Cohasset 3-0 for the second straight time this season, and Scituate was all over their hosts, 5-0.

"We weren't as aggressive as we should have been," affirmed Beal. "We came out flat, and we came out slow. We weren't first to the ball. You have to possess the ball to score, and we didn't do that."

The losses were particularly crushing to Cohasset's steadily improving record. After starting the season 0-4, Cohasset won or tied four out of their next five games to pull to 2-5-2. The final game in that span was perhaps the most impressive, a 2-2 tie of Norton, after the Lady Lancers had beaten Cohasset by three goals earlier in the season.

The only loss in the five game series was a 3-2 decision to Mashpee, for which Cohasset was missing four starters.

In the optimistic eyes of coach Beal, this rollercoaster of a season has provided some much needed seasoning for the younger players.

"Look at the experience they are getting: they are winning, they are losing, and they are bouncing back," offered the head coach, knowing that she has a core of underclassmen who will be very good in the coming years.

Cohasset will have some winnable games coming up, and the playoffs are not mathematically out of the question. Though it may be too early to set their sites too high, Beal hopes to continue to improve her team one game at a time.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset keeper Kelly Holway lets one fly.

Boys rolling into post-season

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scoring 16 minutes in by converting on a penalty kick.

Robert Hickey doubled the lead eight minutes later, heading home a well served corner from Bilodeau.

Scituate built a little momentum after striker Matt Story scored to make it 2-1 early in the second half, but Cohasset's D weathered that brief reversal, and Tim Baird pretty much iced the game with five minutes remaining, finishing on a pretty feed from Kurt Kahn.

Monday's 4-2 win on the road against Carver was more of the same, with the Skippers dominating more on the field than the scoreboard wound up indicating.

First half Cohasset tallies by Evan Pestone and senior Jay Bertovich (his first varsity goal) were each countered by the host Crusaders to send the game into the half tied at 2-2. Of course, it bares mentioning that both of Carver's goals came with some controversy—the first on a penalty kick awarded for contact near the top corner of the box (a spot on fouls where refs seldom award a PK), the second on the rebound of a high shot that caromed off the upper bar of the football field goal post that framed the net. The Skippers stopped, anticipating the awarding of a goal kick, but the refs allowed play to continue.

The Skippers continued to pour it on their hosts in the second half, and this time there were no flukes to disrupt their flow.

Bilodeau finished off a flurry in front of the Carver net eight minutes in to give the Skippers the lead for good at 3-2.

The prettiest goal of the afternoon came inside 10 minutes when Bilodeau lofted a free kick from 25 yards out across the goal mouth to Tim Baird who one timed it out of the air back into the opposite corner.

Bilodeau, who was slowed through much of the early part of the season by a bad back, reports that he is just about 100 percent back to where he wants to be, something that's clearly evidenced by his play of late. At center-midfield, the offense flows through the captain. So, when he's on, the Skippers level of play seems elevated across the board.

"Bilodeau is the guy who makes it go for them," appraised Scituate head coach Jim Willis, following his team's match-up with the Skippers on Saturday. "He's such a smart player and he just makes decisions so quickly. He gets rid of the ball before anyone has a chance to react, and he almost always does something good with it."

Bilodeau's return to health has allowed Nigro to keep multi-talented Greg O'Connell at sweeper the majority of the time. The Cohasset coach had been moving O'Connell up front quite a bit to jump start the offense, but finds that is something he's not having to do as much these days.

Sophomore Jesse Brewer, stepping in as the number one keeper, also performed well in his first few varsity starts this week, according to coach Nigro, playing much more aggressively than one might expect from a player with his relatively limited experience.

"Top to bottom, those last two games were two of our nicer outings of the year," said Nigro. "We're as healthy as we've been in a while right now and we're playing well together. Things seem to be coming together."

Of course, after advancing to semifinals of the South Sectionals a year ago, where the Skippers lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to Norwell, Nigro knows many things must fall just right in the post-season. Though he makes no bones about expressing his pleasure for the way his team has come together of late, there is no way he's going to offer up any predictions.

"The tourney's a whole different proposition than the regular season," he noted. "Teams all respond differently. It brings out the best in some teams and the worst in others."



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Cohasset Dom Strazzula (white shirt) tries to get the ball away from Norwell's Brian Schlager in recent JV boys soccer action.

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Cohasset defender Sarah Dennis (right) beats Norwell's Ashley Dye to ball.

Field hockey team keeps hope alive

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initial go-round three weeks ago. Geneovese again played a big role in keeping things respectable, coming up with 18 stops between the pipes.

The girls lost a heartbreaker on the road to second place Carver (5-1 in league, 11-2 overall) on Saturday, 2-1. Allison Scott scored for the Lady Skippers to tie things up late in the first half, but the Cohasset D could not escape unscathed from the relentless attack of the host Crusaders in the second half, though Genovese again stood tall in net, making 10 saves.

"It was a well played game for us, and I was really proud of the effort the girls gave," said Bostwick of the loss that could have gotten her team to the magic .500 mark needed to qualify for the post-season. "If we keep playing like that, we'll win more than we'll lose."

Hopefully, she'll be right on that front the next three times out.

Field hockey notes

The Lady Skippers recently had warm-up jackets added to their ensemble for the first time, courtesy of the newly formed Cohasset Field Hockey Boosters.

The cause was taken up by the parents of backup goalie Caitlyn Condon, and several other parents jumped on the bandwagon to help quickly make the warm-up jackets a reality.

Mite C-5 squad battles back to tie Weymouth

COASTAL STARS "GAME OF THE WEEK"

The life of a youth hockey player is marked by a series of transitions. The fledgling skater goes from pushing a crate under the watchful eye of his parents to an instructional player. The instructional player transitions from a small instructional ice surface to the "big" rink for the start of the Mite year. The Mite transitions to Squirts where the focus moves from instruction to development. The Squirt moves into their Pee Wee years where they learn to check. The Pee Wee sees the game intensify and speed up once they become Bantams. And finally, the committed few who still remain are ready for their rock and sock 'em Midget years.

While each new level brings with it new challenges, there is no transition as exciting as the instructional player becoming a Mite-C. Seeing a first year Mite getting accustomed to a larger ice surface while trying to master icing and off-sides makes for the some of the most enjoyable hockey moments that parents, players, and fans will experience.

The past two weekends marked the opening weekend for the five Coastal Stars Mite - C teams. While all the C teams played well, it is Coach Tim LeBlanc's Mite C-5 team that make it to this week's game of the week column.

This past weekend Coach LeBlanc's C-5 team demonstrated that victory is not in the outcome , but in the effort that goes into the outcome.

The Coastal Stars Mite C-5 team tied a formidable Weymouth opponent, 3-3 in an early morning thriller at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke. Despite the solid goaltending of Star's goalie Jake McDonough, the Stars fell behind early in the first period as a well balanced Weymouth team knocked in a loose puck to register the game's first goal. Before the first period ended Marshfield forward Brandon Shea answered the Weymouth tally with a dazzling break away goal reminiscent of his father, former B.C. star Neil Shea, delighting fans at B.C's McHugh Arena.

With the game tied 1-1 after one, the Stars had to battle back again as Weymouth went ahead for a second time early in the second period. Once again the Weymouth lead did not last long, as once again Shea, who was helped by fellow forwards Michael Halloran and Sean McCarthy, scored his second of the game.

With the game tied going into the third period the Star's grabbed their first lead of the game as the relentless Terrance Doonan following the scoring prowess of older brothers and long time Coastal Stars, Patrick and Brendan, notched his first of the year on a brilliant break away goal. Doonan's goal was the product of his tenacity and linemates Gerard Tierney and Tom Powers' tireless digging.

Weymouth tied the score late in the third despite the impressive defensive effort of defensemen Emily Matthews, Dan LeBlanc, and Johnathan Spitz.

While the game ended in a 3-3 tie Coach LeBlanc and assistant's Neil Shea and Tim McCrystal considered it a victory of effort and perseverance.

And so in this first game- in this first in a series of youth hockey transitions, the Coastal Stars marched triumphantly into their Mite years with a hard fought effort.

— Submitted by Peter J. Buckley

CHS weekly sports schedule

JV FIELD HOCKEY

Oct.	Opponent	Time
17	Harwich	
19	at Hull	5 p.m.
22	Mashpee	5 p.m.

End of Regular Season
Home site: Alumni Field
Coach: Danielle Shaugnessy

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

17	Harwich	
19	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
22	Mashpee	3:30 p.m.
26	Silver Lake	3:30 p.m.

End of regular season
Coach: Deb Bostwick

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

17	Holbrook	
19	at Harwich	4 p.m.
23	at Holbrook	3:30 p.m.
25	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
26	Scituate	5 p.m.

End of Regular Season
Coach: Deb Beal
Home site: Alumni Field

GIRLS JV SOCCER

19	Harwich	4 p.m.
25	at Hull	3:30 p.m.
26	Scituate	3:30 p.m.

End of Regular Season
Coach: Kara Connerly
Home site: Milliken Field

GOLF

17	E. Bridgewater	
18	Harwich	

End of Regular Season
Coach: Torin Sweeney
Home site: Cohasset Country Club

BOYS JV SOCCER

19	Harwich	4 p.m.
26	at Scituate	3:30 p.m.

End of regular season
Coach: Rick Dockendorf
Home site: Milliken Field

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

19	at Harwich	6 p.m.
25	Hull	7 p.m.
26	Scituate	7 p.m.

End of regular season
Coach: David Nigro
Home site: Alumni Field

FROSH/SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

18	Norton	3:30 p.m.

Home site: Milliken Field

VARSITY FOOTBALL

20	at Norton	1 p.m.

Home site: Alumni Field
Head Coach: Tony Rolfe
Asst. Coaches: Bob Silvia, Bob Knurek, Brian Pattison, Dave Terry.

Flynn wins SMSA Optimist championship

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many years the format for this Championship was changed from a single regatta format to a Grand Prix event consisting of five different regattas. Each competitor's best three scores would be used in determining the winner.

Of course, there were also a number of other regattas in the summer schedule.

The summer racing season started with the Duxbury Bay Optimist Championship, where Andrew sailed to first place, winning five of six races. As part of the first leg of the Grand Prix series, Andrew was off to a good start. The next two events Andrew raced in were the New Bedford Junior Regatta and the Falmouth Regatta. As luck would have it, Andrew sailed to first place in both regattas and had a good streak going.

Next came the Hyannis Regatta, a three day event and one of Andrew's favorite regattas. The previous weekend at Falmouth Andrew had managed to beat Jerry Tullo from Tom's River, New Jersey and one of the nation's top Opti sailors. This weekend would be tough. Throughout the course of three days and 11 races, Andrew was in second place, just four points behind Tullo. Unfortunately, as the result of a protest in the last race, both Andrew and Jerry were disqualified and Andrew finished in sixth.

Bouncing back quickly two days later, Andrew was competing in the Wianno Yacht Club Optimist Championship. This would be the second of Andrew's Grand Prix regattas. In a fleet of 86 boats and five races, Andrew bounced back and emerged in first place. So far he was on track to his summer goal.

Meanwhile Andrew was also competing in a separate set of races, the Buzzards Bay Optimist Series. This is an invitational series held at each of four yacht clubs: Wild Harbor, Megansett, Quisset and Chappaquoit. The club with the most overall points wins the series and the coveted Unkie Cup, a trophy donated four years ago to spur on this series. Andrew had a clean sweep, winning all four regattas and leading Wild Harbor on to victory.

Finally came Andrew's last regatta of the summer, the Beverly Yacht Club Junior Regatta in Marion. If Andrew did well here, he could clinch the Grand Prix series. With the wind and the weather on his side, in a fleet of 63 boats, Andrew won all seven races. He managed not only to win at Beverly, but finalized his hold on the Southern Massachusetts Sailing Association Optimist Championship. From a field of over 500 competitors from twenty-three yacht clubs, Andrew felt lucky to have emerged the winner.



Andrew Flynn loads up on supplies before a race this summer.

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Hingham Civic Theatre's 'Annie' will steal your heart

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By Carol Britton Meyer

The lovable orphan girl "Annie" is back in town.

Hingham Civic Music Theatre presents the 1977 Tony Award winning musical Oct. 20, 21 and 27 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 21 and 28 at 2 p.m. in the newly renovated Hingham High School auditorium.

The show features nine performances from HCMT "regulars" and newcomers alike.

The fast moving plot revolves around Annie, an orphan who by a stroke of luck endears herself to billionaire industrialist Oliver Warbucks, along with everyone else she encounters.

The well known play is set in New York City against the backdrop of the Great Depression.

Warbucks' personal assistant, Grace Farrell, ends up taking Annie home as a guest for the holidays where the little girl witnesses his transformation from a seemingly emotionless businessman to a caring father figure.

Grace not only sees how Annie changes the attitudes of those around her, but is touched by the orphan herself.

There's lots of audience pleasing action, fun and familiar tunes.

The enthusiastic performers are full of energy, dance and song offering a performance sure to please audiences of all ages.

Sara Gassert, who played Annie in the Hingham Katy Gilbert production of the popular play last year, once again is cast in the role of the ever-optimistic orphan.

"I really like the role. It seems a lot like me. She's spunky, humorous at times and just loves life and absorbing everything in it," Sara said. "It's a great show, and everyone is working very hard. It's all coming together."

Frank Pickut of Hingham plays Warbucks, and Sheri Ziccardi returns to the HCMT stage after a three-year absence as Grace.

"Working with Hingham Civic is like coming home for me," Ziccardi said. "It gives me the chance to do what I love with people who have become like family to me."

Community theater provides an opportunity for actors and actresses to come together to present quality shows, while at the same time having a good time.

"We all work hard for months, both on stage and behind the scenes, to create the magic audiences see on stage," Ziccardi said. "HCMT embodies what community theater is supposed to be – a place not only where people gather to perform together, but also where people begin and nurture great friendships."



Annie (Sara Gassert) comforts Molly (Kalli Jermyn), left, both of Hingham in HCMT's upcoming production of "Annie."

Ziccardi also played Emily Arden in "State Fair" and Nellie Forbush in "South Pacific" with HCMT.

Miss Hannigan, who runs the orphanage, makes life difficult for the orphans. Theresa Chiasson, who played the Wicked Witch of the West in HCMT's recent production of "The Wizard of Oz," plays the mean-tempered spinster.

EMACT Acting Award winner Joel Leonard of Hingham is cast in six roles, including Bert Healy, an "old radio guy"; Bundles the laundry man, whose laundry basket Annie hides in to escape the orphanage; Louis Howe, a member of "FDR's" staff; Fred, a resident of Hooverville; a dog catcher; and as a member of the adult ensemble.

"That means six costume changes," Leonard said with a laugh.

But he loves every minute of it.

"We have a superb cast – one as talented and good-natured as we've ever had," he said.

Cast members hail from Hingham, Scituate, Hanover, Duxbury and as far away as Mansfield.

The cast couldn't be more enthusiastic. The orphan kids want to keep singing, even when rehearsals are over.

The music throughout the entire play is catchy and the performers perfectly cast in their roles.

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Other Hinghamite performers include Kalli Jermyn, Katy Monaghan and Haley Pickut as the adorable orphans; Kathy Campbell as Mrs. Greer and Connie Boylan; Krista Garrison as Mrs. Pugh and Sophie the Kettle; Emily Hutchinson as Cecile; Stan Campbell as Judge Brandeis; Mary Glavin as a Hooverville-ite; Tophy Woodward as a Cop and Morganthau; and Charlie Meyer as Hull and a dogcatcher.

Others cast in key roles include Joseph J. Cullinane as Rooster Hannigan, Dan Kirichok as Drake and Rachel Carney as Lily St. Regis.

Kirichok played the Tin Man in HCMT's production of "The Wizard of Oz" earlier this year.

The children performing in the musical really light up the stage.

"They are quite talented," Ziccardi said. "I have enjoyed getting to know them during rehearsals."

Scituate performers include Larry MacDonald as "FDR" and his wife, Shirley, as a Hooverville-ite.

Sandy was an orphan

And let's not forget Sandy, the dog, played by Derby, a two-year-old Labrador mix in his stage debut with HCMT. He made his first appearance before an audience in May, when he performed in an agility demonstration at the MSPCA (Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) in Brockton. He was adopted there.

Derby has attended classes at the MSPCA, Miss Canine Manners in Franklin and at Najaco Obedience.

When he's not "acting," Derby enjoys running, walking, sniffing, chasing and catching toys, hiking in Wompatuck State Park and the Blue Hills and eating.

"Annie" has something for everyone.

"Community theater helps keep outstanding productions accessible to area families and others who might not be able to travel or afford to see regional, national or New York City productions, not to mention that audiences get to see their friends and neighbors on stage," Ziccardi said.

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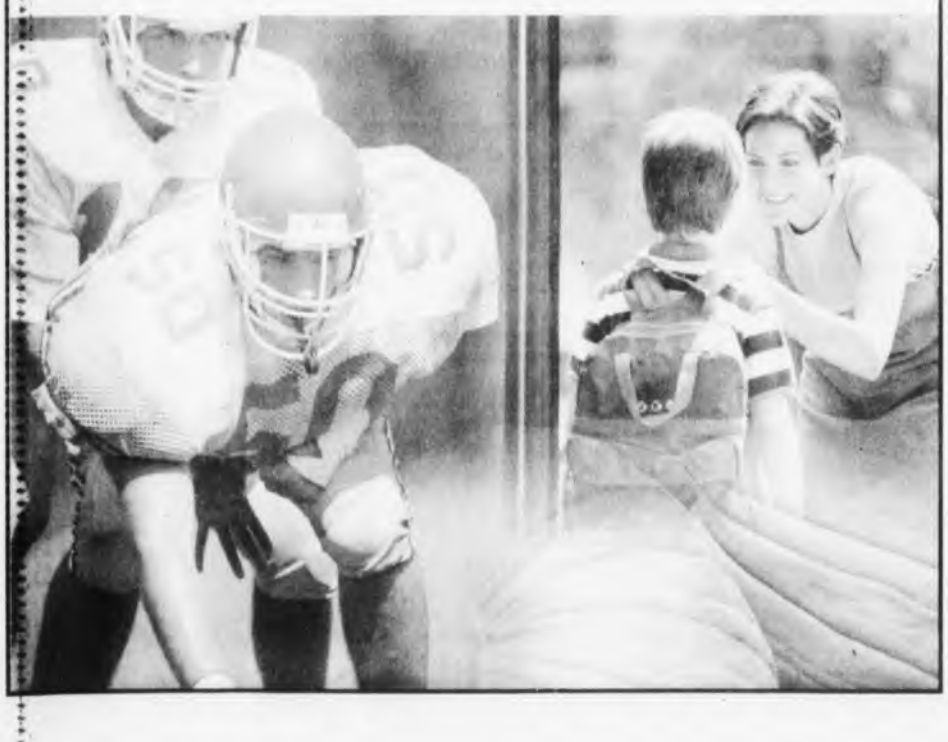
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WORSHIP NOTES

Gospel choir concert

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, now in its 11th year, St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is presenting the Geoff Hicks Inspirational Choir in a concert on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m.

The choir was founded by Geoffrey Dana Hicks in 1999 and is comprised of singers from many different ethnic backgrounds, and ranging in age from 13 to 64.

A free-will offering will be taken. Also, there will be a reception following the concert.

The church at 16 Highland Ave. is handicap-accessible and there is plenty of parking in the village lot. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Mass of Anointing

St. Anthony Parish will hold a Mass of Anointing on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. The Sacrament of Anointing is offered to all who suffer from a chronic disease, or who are elderly or in danger of death. Refreshments will be served in the parish center after the Mass. Transportation is available by calling 781-383-0219.

Also, the parish will hold a baby shower to benefit crisis pregnancy centers the weekend of Oct. 20. Parishoners are asked to bring new infant and baby items (clothing, diapers, crib sheets, etc.) to any weekend Mass. The gifts, which may or may not be wrapped, will be given to Friends of the Unborn, to Pregnancy Help, and to Birthright. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish center after the 9:30 Sunday Mass.

The shower culminates a nine-month-long Spiritual Adoption Program, during which parishoners are invited to "spiritually adopt" an unborn baby in prayer. The parish Respect Life Committee also hosts a weekly pro-life rosary every Friday after the 7:30 a.m. Mass throughout the year.

Also, the parish will hold a men's clothing drive the weekend of Nov. 18 to benefit the St. Francis House Shelter in Boston.

OBITUARY

D. James McKinnell

D. James "Scotty" McKinnell, age 76, a longtime resident of Cohasset, died Oct. 16, 2001.

Mr. McKinnell was the owner of McKinnell McKinnell and Taylor, Inc., a mechanical engineering company he operated in Norwell from 1962 until his retirement in 1991.

Born in Milton, he grew up in Quincy and graduated from North Quincy High School.

Mr. McKinnell served as a second lieutenant in the Navy on the cruiser USS Nashville during World War II.

He was a graduate of Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

A member of the Cohasset Yacht club since 1967, he was an avid boater and loved the ocean.

He was also a part-time resident of Locke Mills, Maine, where he was an avid skier of Mt. Abram.

Mr. McKinnell leaves his wife, Roberta (Sweetser) McKinnell; a son, D. James McKinnell and his wife, Mary (Shields) of Manomet, two daughters, Roberta McKinnell Lambert and her husband, Richard, of Duxbury and Margaret McKinnell Dansereau and her husband, David, of Holderness, N.H.; four grandchildren, David Jessiman "Jesse" and Rebecca McKinnell, Rene and Tim Dansereau.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, in the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset at 11 a.m.

Visiting hours will be at the McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home, One Summer St., (across from St. Anthony's Church) on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial donations to American Cancer Society Research, New England Division, Inc. P.O. Box 9119, Boston, MA 02117-9119.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Lunch menu

MONDAY, OCT. 22

Chicken patty on a bun or bologna sandwich and chips, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

Homemade calzone or roast beef hoagie, green beans, Jello and milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

Pasta with meatballs, dinner roll, or egg salad sandwich, tossed salad, dessert and milk.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

Grilled chicken on a bun or tuna pocket, carrots, pudding and milk.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

Pizza or Greek salad with pita, veggie sticks, fruit and milk.

MONDAY, OCT. 29

Halloween nuggets with fries or wrappable sandwich, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

Cheeseburger on a roll or turkey pocket, vegetable, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

Pasta with meatsauce, garlic bread or ham sub, pudding and milk.

Post prom meeting

Post prom meeting, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center. All senior parents and others from the community who would like to participate are welcome. Any questions, call Mary Sullivan at 383-6666.

A site to store all of the post prom materials is needed. A space where everyone could work on props all year would be ideal. Any suggestions, call Sullivan at 383-6666.

Halloween dance

Calling all witches! Calling all ghosts! There will be a Halloween Dance/Party at The Garage on Halloween night, Oct. 31 from 7-10 p.m. Costumes are optional, although there will be prizes for the most creative. There will be no door charge and hopefully, no goblins either!

Halloween falls on a school night. Parents may pick up their youngsters at any time prior to, or by 10 p.m.

Halloween Fair is Oct. 28

Pumpkins and cornstalks are appearing at local farm stands. Orange and black decorations are showing up in stores and plans are being conjured up for the South Shore Community Center Nursery School's annual Halloween Fair. This year's fair will take place on Cohasset Common on Oct. 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. A South Shore tradition for more than 20 years, the fair offers Halloween fun for the entire family. Spooks and cartoon characters of all shapes, sizes and ages are encouraged to begin preparing to join in the howlish fun.

For more information about the fair or the programs of the South Shore Nursery School, contact Lynne Sheridan at 781-383-0036

NDA open house

Notre Dame Academy, a Catholic, college preparatory high school for young women, will host an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 1-3 p.m. and on Thursday evening, Nov. 8 from 6-8 p.m. Prospective students may tour the school and register for the Archdiocesan Entrance Exam, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 8.

Academic departments, athletics and student groups will offer informational displays and will be available for discussion. Applications will also be distributed. Call the Admissions Office at 781-749-5930 ext. 222.

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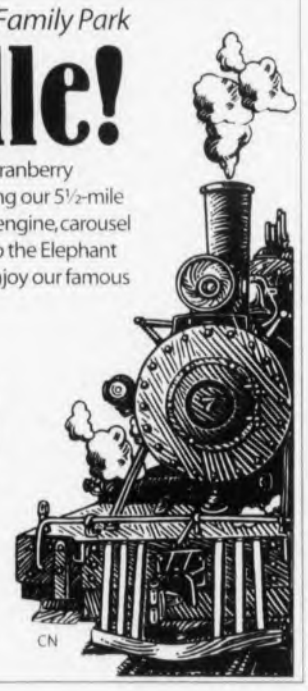
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COHASSET'S WEEK

More traffic control sought

Selectmen recently received two neighborhood petitions seeking additional traffic control.

While grateful for the recent addition of "Slow Children" signs to the street, residents say most trucks and cars are still exceeding the posted 30 mph speed limit.

"It is very common for both cars and trucks to 'rev' their engines from Cushing Street to gain speed going up the hill, and in addition, they come racing down Pleasant as they gain momentum," Pleasant Street families wrote.

They asked for a revised speed limit of 15 mph and a prohibition of commercial trucks from travelling on the street.

Twenty-seven neighbors in the Linden Drive, Linden Circle, Rustic Drive and Stonehegh Lane are requesting signs saying "Slow, Children Playing" be posted in their neighborhood which has 88 children.

"We feel the signs would remind drivers on these roads to drive slowly and exercise caution," they wrote.

Electronic waste resolution backed

Water Commissioner John McNabb, who also sits on the recycling committee, is spearheading an effort to have manufacturers take back discarded electronic products. An increasing problem for Massachusetts is the 75,000 tons of electronic waste a year, which is only expected to increase. There is a national campaign to get a voluntary agreement from the manufacturers to pay for the disposal of their products. Cohasset has approved the resolution to which McNabb hopes 100 communities will join.

Pipe laying

At their regular Wednesday meeting, the Norfolk County Commissioners approved the request of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen for the county's Engineering Department to assist in laying 122 feet of pipe on easement on the corner of King Street and Schofield Road and document same for town records.

An article before the November town meeting proposes new drainage piping to correct recurring problems in the area. The county's Engineering Department has long provided such traffic counting services to county towns as part of the county's regular community service. Norfolk County Commissioners include William P. O'Donnell of Norwood, John M. Gillis of Quincy, and Peter H. Collins of Milton. The commissioners may be reached by calling 781-461-6105.

Straits Pond grant

Hull and Cohasset have received the Coastal Pollution Remediation (CPR) grant, a program under the Straits Pond Watershed Association Stormwater Pollution Assessment Project, in the amount of $25,500 to study the effects of pollution on marine resources that will later lead to mitigation actions.

This grant is made possible by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Management (CZM). The towns of Hull and Cohasset must work together to finish the project by June 30, 2002, when the fiscal year ends and the funds expire.

This project must be paid for up front by the individual towns, who will request reimbursement no later than July 31, 2002.

"These funds are vital to the review of the Straits Pond Watershed area," said state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham. "This study will help the towns of Hull and Cohasset deal with the storm water in the most effective manner."

"This program plays an important role in the safety our community safety. Our water supply is an essential part of our lives; its cleanliness is directly linked to our health. Continued support via grants will ensure that the stormwater in Hull and Cohasset will be kept clean and beautiful," said state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth.

Class II license wins approval

Patrick Peterson, of 9 Cushing Road, has been approved for a class two license to buy, sell or trade used cars. Peterson intends to use his home as a base of operations for fixing up used cars. Not just any used cars as Peterson stated, but luxury/sport cars of American heritage primarily from the late 60s and early 70s. Peterson emphasized that there is not going to be cars sitting in his lawn with a for sale sign, rather he intends to use the permit as a way to learn the ropes of the business. "I'm not going to be a running a used car mart," he said. Peterson will make his cars available to buy on the Internet, in print, and through mailers.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

8:32 p.m. South Main St., parking violation.

8:50 p.m. Wadeleigh Park, parking violation, parking ticket issued.

8:53 p.m. Cushing Rd., animal control.

11:38 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and White Head Rd., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:52 p.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

12:18 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.

7:41 a.m. Border St., general services.

9:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

10:17 a.m. King St., fire.

3:05 p.m. South Main St., officer wanted.

3:28 p.m. Hull St., MVA, canceled before arrival.

3:59 p.m. James Ln., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:29 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:04 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity.

7:24 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:46 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:27 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

8:54 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

9:25 p.m. Hull St., MV stop.

10:42 p.m. Bound Brook Ln., suspicious auto.

10:48 p.m. North Main St., disturbance, family.

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

12:01 a.m. Headquarters, assist other police department.

1:36 a.m. Headquarters, assist other police department.

12:30 p.m. Summer St., notification.

1:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Ln., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

1:52 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:56 p.m. North Main St. and Forest Ave., disabled auto.

2:03 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:19 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

6:03 p.m. Margin St., MV violations.

7:31 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

7:40 p.m. South Main St., disturbance, gathering.

8:42 p.m. South Main St., disturbance, gathering.

9:12 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire investigation, fire extinguished.

9:35 p.m. Highland Ave., MV stop.

10:17 p.m. Linden Dr., disturbance, gathering.

10:30 p.m. King St., fire investigation.

10:54 p.m. Highland Ct., disturbance.

MONDAY, OCT. 8

10:14 a.m. Lothrop Ln., animal control.

10:21 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:12 a.m. Elm St., general services.

11:13 a.m. Border St., general services.

1:30 p.m. Margin St., general services.

3:49 p.m. Border St., structure fire, extinguished.

4:58 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

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5:33 p.m. Rust Way, fire investigation.
8:22 p.m. King St., disabled auto.
8:27 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:37 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:07 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:34 p.m. Lamberts Ln., open door/window.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

12:30 a.m. Leo's Exxon, disabled auto.
2:11 a.m. Headquarters, suspicious auto.
2:23 a.m. Ledgewood Dr., burglar/breaking and entering, area search negative.
5:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:49 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.
7:10 a.m. Headquarters, general services.
10:44 a.m. Ripley Rd., wires down.
1:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
4:30 p.m. South Main St., public service.
7:41 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.
11:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., computer crimes, investigated.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

2:34 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
7:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police dept.
8:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
9:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
9:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
9:50 a.m. Buttonwood Ln., general information.
12:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
1:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
1:12 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., MV stop, verbal warning.
1:20 p.m. North Main St., assist citizen.
1:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
1:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.
2:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
2:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:48 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:05 p.m. Sohier St. and Ripley Rd., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:11 p.m. Atlantic Ave., general information.
9:17 p.m. Fairoaks Ln., suspicious auto.

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

7:54 a.m. Summer St., larceny by check.
8:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., illegal dumping.
8:43 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
8:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
10:27 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, departmental action.
10:51 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Atlantic Ave., suspicious auto.
11:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire.
11:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.
1:03 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., officer wanted.
1:20 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, departmental action.
1:25 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, departmental action.
1:36 p.m. South Main and Beechwood sts., MV stop, departmental action.
1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
3:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
5:07 p.m. Pleasant St., wires down.
6:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity.
7:12 p.m. South Main St. and West Gate Ln., MV stop, verbal warning.
10 p.m. Lothrop Ln., suspicious auto.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

6:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:01 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:15 a.m. Quincy, suspicious auto.
9:21 a.m. Lamberts Ln., vandalism.
9:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
10:55 a.m. Lamberts Ln., motor vehicle violations.
11:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
12:15 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:51 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.
2:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:42 p.m. Summer St. and Black Horse Ln., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
5:23 p.m. South Main St., general services.
5:30 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:29 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:58 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

12:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.
12:41 a.m. Beechwood St., general information.
12:56 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.
1:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
1:58 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.
2:08 a.m. Summer St. and Sankey Rd., MV stop. Arrest: Michael P. O'Connor, 48, 41/2 Tilden Ave., Scituate. Chgs.: operating under influence liquor, failure to stay within marked lanes.
7:17 a.m. Sohier St., general services.
7:38 a.m. All over town, general services.
7:45 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.
7:49 a.m. Atlantic Ave., general information.
8 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., larceny.
8:37 a.m. Hull St., lost property.
8:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal control.
11:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., traffic complaint.
11:52 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.
12:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:45 p.m. Nichols Rd., general information.
2 p.m. Norfolk Rd., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.
4:30 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity.
4:41 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:53 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.
5:54 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

12:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:12 a.m. Sandy Beach, general information.
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Eldred to share his love of style

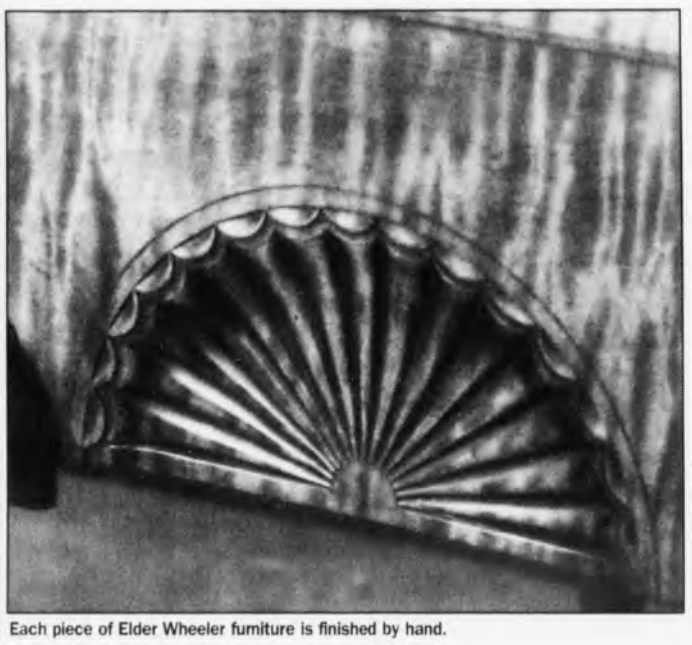
Furniture company founder gives talk

By Constance Gorfinkle
SPECIAL TO THE HINGHAM JOURNAL

On his way to a graduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Emmett Eldred got sidetracked by furniture. That's right furniture, antique furniture in particular, such as bonnet-type highboys, block-front chests and slant-lid desks.

A native of Washington State, where, says Eldred, "There's not much in the way of antiques," the transplanted college boy became fascinated by the workmanship and creativity of New England's Colonial craftsmen, who, in the 18th century, were being influenced by English design, but adding new and exciting ideas to their own tables, chairs and bureaus.





Each piece of Elder Wheeler furniture is finished by hand.

Between visits to antique auctions and reading everything on furniture he could find, Eldred did go on to pursue a scientific career in the area of photonics, which has to do with light and optics. But his "hobby and passion" has remained over the past several decades the study and collecting of furniture, which, in 1979, led him to found, with Bill Wheeler, Eldred Wheeler, a company that makes period reproductions.

Eldred, who still is involved with the company as an advisor, will give a lecture, sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society, on his favorite topic, Oct. 24, 10 a.m., at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St., Hingham.

Titled "A Primer on Antique American Furniture," Eldred's talk will concentrate on "different furniture periods, style, materials, regionality and construction," he said during a recent phone interview from his home in West Falmouth.

"Then I will walk through a bit of evolution," Eldred continued, meaning he will take a certain piece of furniture, "like a highboy," and trace how its style developed over time, in keeping with people's needs and tastes.

He may even, he said, bring along to the Hingham lecture a couple of small pieces of furniture, with which he will demonstrate each of his points.

Early on, as Eldred was teaching himself how to recognize genuine antiques, he came up with the idea of thinking about each piece of furniture as though it were an archeological find. Because, unlike other antique objects, "with furniture you really have to develop an eye for a lot of the subtleties."

To help himself do that Eldred remembered an archeological course he once took. "Basically, (in archeology) there's a checklist of about 20 things" to help one determine what era an object belongs to, "and if that object has 16 of those things, that's pretty good.

"Furniture is a little bit the same way; you have to be a detective. Ultimately, you get to the point that you're looking at a piece and it begins to tell you a story. But it takes a fair amount of time to train yourself to do that."

To determine if the piece of furniture you've come across genuinely belongs to a certain era, there are certain things you must look for, said Eldred: "The size, the wood, the interior, condition — like is the hardware the original brass, and, of course, originality."

What especially appealed to Eldred about the Colonial cabinetmakers is the innovative ways they adapted English design to their countrymen's requirements. Because, after all, in this new land to which people had fled to create new lives for themselves, it was only natural that craftsmen would express themselves in new and different ways.

"In England, in the 18th century especially," Eldred points out, "there was a very rigid guild for cabinetmakers. They had to follow certain sizes, certain proportions. So, it was really pretty uninspired stuff. Whereas here they had no restraints."

Such was the theory behind Eldred Wheeler. "I wanted to build things that were accurate and appealing, at least to my eye. But we never actually copied period furniture." Rather, the aim was to be true to the way an 18th-century Colonial craftsman might have constructed a piece, including certain details and proportions inspired by English design, but, in the same way his forebear did, let the piece evolve according to his own aesthetics.

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In his talk, says Eldred, he will discuss to a large extent his own favorite furniture style — country high style. That category differs from high style in that the pieces are less grand in size and are constructed of fairly common woods, such as walnut or birch instead of mahogany. Necessarily, furniture labeled as country high style will be less valuable than their more elaborate counterparts, said Eldred.

Because those creating high style furniture in 18th-century New England were, by and large, cabinetmakers, trained in England, who were working to order for wealthy customers and had access to the most precious woods. On the other hand, the man fashioning high-country-style furniture that had been inspired by the imposing work of a schooled compatriot might have started out as a casket maker who was carving a piece for himself or a neighbor out of a tree he had felled in his own backyard. Those differences mean that in today's market the high-style piece probably could out-price its country cousin by about 200 percent, said Eldred.

Though Eldred is particularly attracted to high style country, "I do have a couple of high-style pieces — I apologize," he laughed.

The point of his addressing groups like the Hingham Historical Society, Eldred summed up, "Is that I want to share the experience that I've had as somebody who has been out there trying to collect a few things and (with that experience) advise others — though I don't do that professionally — about what they might look for, whether they want to collect or just appreciate antique furniture."

Eldred's lecture will be preceded by refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Admission is $10 in advance; $12 at the door, if seating is available. Make checks payable to the Hingham Historical Society, and send to the society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, 02043. For more information, call 781-749-0144.



Bonnet Top Highboy, circa 1760-1780



Detail of bonnet top showing molded bonnet and delicately-carved pinwheels.

Age of Sail is meeting topic

The Cohasset Historical Society's annual meeting and fall dinner is Sunday, Oct. 28, at Kimball's By the Sea.

Capt. Thomas Bushy of the Training Ship Enterprise will talk on Massachusetts Maritime Academy - a History from the Age of Sail to the Present.

There will be an introduction by society member, Capt. Thomas Burke. Social period is 5:30 p.m. - dinner at 6 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Cohasset Historical Society, including election of new members of the board of directors and its officers, will be held before the lecture.

Please make checks payable to Cohasset Historical Society and return with your reservation indicating your entrée choice of either broiled Atlantic scrod or Kimball's special stuffed chicken to the Society at 14 Summer St. Tickets are $30 for members; $35 non-members. Reservations due by Oct. 24.

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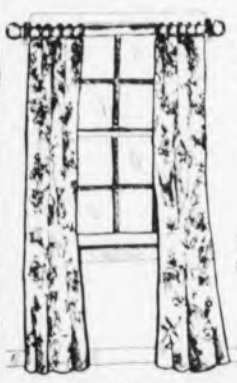


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Conductor fine tunes his craft

HSO's Jin Kim brushes up at Prague seminar

By Seth Jacobson
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While our country and other parts of the world are involved in war, Hingham Symphony Orchestra (HSO) conductor Jin Kim is still using the power of music to bring people together.

Kim just returned from Prague where he attended a prestigious music seminar called the Sibelius Symposium. He left for the trip a few weeks after the attacks on the nation. During his travels there, Kim prepared himself for the upcoming HSO Masterworks concert at Jordan Hall in Boston, but he also had an opportunity to learn what it's like during wartime overseas.

"I didn't get a chance to see that much of Prague, because I was studying most of the time that I was there," Kim said. "But there was one day I managed to take a look around. A lot of the towns there have American monuments because we helped liberate them from the Germans. All the monuments I saw had candles and flowers on them."

The two-week program that Kim attended focused on the study of Jean Sibelius, a renowned composer who died in 1957. Kim was one of only five American conductors invited to the seminar.



Hingham Symphony Orchestra conductor Jin Kim

"There were a dozen conductors in all," Kim said. "We basically just studied the music of Sibelius and got coaching from the (seminar's) artistic director, Jorma Panula." He added Panula is considered by many to be "the maestro of maestros."

"All the students Panula taught went on to be very successful," Kim added.

The seminar consisted of continuous rehearsal sessions, discussion and score study. Despite the fact he got very little sleep, and despite all the hard work, Kim was more than happy to be there.

"When I got invited, I was extremely honored," Kim said. "Panula is a legendary figure. I came away from the trip with a sense of awe. I also came away understanding why his students are so successful. I feel that I am absolutely a better conductor having gone through the program."

Kim said the day he spent walking around Prague he learned the powerful and important role music plays to people in that area of the world.

"I was amazed at the number of classical music concerts that were going on while I was there," he said. "It was literally playing everywhere. Ninety percent of the flyers hanging up there were about classical concerts."

Kim said he feels the lessons he learned in Prague helped prepare him for the upcoming Masterworks Concerts he'll conduct in Hingham, Oct. 20 and at Jordan Hall Oct. 21. Kim said this year will mark the first time the symphony has ever played in such a prestigious facility like the hall.

"I think the Symposium has definitely changed me—the whole (HSO) will be affected for the better," Kim said. "I also think the experience is going to help me re-emphasize what the focus of the (HSO) is all about. And the best part is that Jordan Hall is an acoustically magic place. A good concert hall is an instrument."

Kim said there will not be any Sibelius pieces incorporated into the Masterworks show, but he said studying all those works rejuvenated his performance standards. Instead of Sibelius, Kim said the orchestra will be playing works from Beethoven, Frank Martin and Carl Nielsen.

Kim said in light of his trip to Prague, and out of respect for the events of Sept. 11, he decided on a repertoire of reflective music rather than directly addressing the issue.

"I think the music will speak for itself," he said. "We're paying tribute to all the victims in our own way."

Kim said he will always remember the positive aspects of his trip to Prague, but he said there will always be one unsettling memory that will stick with him.

"I think one of the most memorable experiences of the trip for me was flying Swissair both ways," he said. "The airline actually went belly-up while I was in Prague. It was pretty scary. The other frightening thing was seeing guards with machine guns at Logan Airport. The flight over there was pretty empty and on the way back, there were a lot more people. While I was coming back on the fuller flight, I couldn't help thinking about the people who lost their lives on Sept. 11, and how it has affected our nation. In the end, I think the upside of humanity will triumph over the downside."

For more information on the upcoming Masterworks shows on Oct. 20 and Oct. 21 call (781) 740-5694.



Photos: Members of the Hingham Symphony Orchestra gear up for the upcoming Masterworks show being held in Hingham and in Boston on Oct. 20 and 21. Orchestra conductor Jin Kim said he's approaching the concert with a fresh outlook in light of a music seminar in Prague he recently attended.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

Comic robbers on the run

Bandits (B+)



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

The buddy movie is as venerable as romantic comedy, anguishing melodrama, cowboys and Indians, cops and robbers and of more recent vintage, special effects-driven apocalyptic extravaganzas, though today the guardians of our well-being think the latter is too much for us. So the new Arnold Schwarzenegger terrorism flick is shelved and we are comforted by the latest miserable excuse for a movie featuring disemboweling and throat slitting (see, or rather don't see, "From Hell"), since it's just a domestic costume thriller unlikely to disturb our rest.

We confront "Bandits" comforted because the bad guys are really OK — meaning they're witty and don't kill anybody — and no one suffers because bank accounts are federally insured, so we convince ourselves that since Mr. Smith loses nothing when his money is stolen from the bank, only the feds do, as if "government dollars" aren't just yours and mine once or twice removed. The lovable bad guys, like Butch and Sundance, are icons, but some, like Bonnie and Clyde, weren't lovable after all, although in "Bandits" they are. Come meet Joe (Bruce Willis), impulsive yet shrewd, and his best buddy in prison, from which early on they bust out, Terry (Bill Bob Thornton), who is hypochondriacal and an all-purpose worry-wort.

Joe and Terry start robbing banks because they need cash after they flee prison, and it proves to be so easy they come up with a scheme to make it simpler: They go to the bank manager's house at night, hold him and his family hostage, then in the wee hours before the bank opens, go with the manager and rob the bank. (Of course, more sensibly, and with less likelihood of having a bad dinner and a lumpy bed, they could just abduct the manager in the morning, without the sleep-over, but let that be.) They become known as the "Sleep-Over Bandits" and take on mythic charm as they rack up real dollars all along the West Coast.

"Bandits" grabs us at the top while Joe and Terry are in a big bank surrounded by armed cops, and yanks us back, repeatedly, to a gravel-voiced TV interviewer (Bobby Slayton) getting their story as they sit in his deluxe house, then pulls us farther back into their prison break and the strategizing of their technique. But the movie truly comes alive when they cross paths, or rather when Terry crosses paths, with a housewife, Kate (Cate Blanchett), whose husband ignores her and she storms out. Terry brings her to Joe of necessity but Joe falls for her, and she is soon riding along with our anti-heroes and Joe's cousin Harvey (Troy Garity), who becomes their operative and wheel-man. Harvey dreams of being a stunt man, Kate dreams of life on the road with her man (or men, as the plot plods on), Joe dreams of luxury and easy street, and Terry dreams about his health, his multitude of phobias, his future and Kate.

"Bandits" rests on a weary plot device but sails on the wings of Blanchett's vibrant performance; it has plenty of zip owing largely to Thornton's clever incarnation of a man so bright that he suffers the curse of the intelligent: knowing what comes next. We don't know what comes at the end, in retrospect obvious but as it unfolds catchy and smart, though we do know along the way that this is buddy flick lite and no masterpiece. Still, like a good medium size heist at a local yokel bank, good, even if not great, is often good enough.



Billy Bob Thornton and Bruce Willis talk about the woman of their dreams while she (Cate Blanchett) is out of earshot.

Written by Harley Peyton, directed by Barry Levinson. Rated PG-13.

'Frankenstein' creator arrives just in time for Halloween

Edgar Winter rocks Vincent's Oct. 24

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

After three decades of rockin' and rollin', Edgar Winter knows what his fans expect. But he also promises to give them a whole lot more, from the roadhouse R&B roots of his past to the experimental blues and jazz possibilities seen for the future.

The Texas-born singer/keyboardist/saxophonist expects to deliver on those promises when his current four-piece band rolls into Vincent's in Randolph on Oct. 24, in the next edition of the club's Wednesdays Rock! concert series. Winter's recent tours with his new band have also been boosted by a spate of other recent appearances on television, radio and TV ads and film soundtracks.

"We try to play everything audiences want to hear in our club shows," said Winter from his Los Angeles home studio. "This includes 'Tobacco Road,' 'Free Ride' and, of course, the indestructible monster 'Frankenstein.' But we've always had a very diverse musical palette to draw from, with a band of some very experienced players, and all the styles of which I think are interrelated."

"I've always been associated with synthesizers, mainly because of 'Frankenstein.' I was the first to put a strap on a keyboard and play it standup like a guitar, and so I have that recognition. But I'm very conversant with the blues, as listeners would hopefully remember well from the days before 'Frankenstein.' My early bands were very much in the styles of roadhouse, hard-driving, horn-section rock n' roll, funk and R&B, with a sense of jazz experimentation along with blues roots. This musical direction is partly what led to stuff like 'Frankenstein' during that era, but the original sound I had with bands like White Trash and the first Edgar Winter Group is what I've wanted to get back to in the last few years. My recent albums and tours have tried to focus on different aspects of that sound," Winter said.

Winter's career was launched in the early 1970s, in a musical style much closer to that of his electric-blues guitar-slinging older brother Johnny than what he would venture toward later on. The facts that both siblings were albino (and even thought to be twins at first) and possessed burning, white-hot howls for voices as respective band-frontmen made them instant attractions on the national rock scene, cutting exotic, ghostly visual images onstage while smoking fresh and alluring spins on the era's Southern-style rock/R&B.



Edgar Winter and his band will perform at Vincent's Oct. 24.

But while Johnny Winter has sustained a career of rather streamlined, hyperdrive electric guitar-blues, brother Edgar's musical M.O. has essentially been one of diversity. A keyboardist/saxophonist by trade, Edgar Winter began pursuing tendencies toward jazz, fusion and even country with his classic self-named group, which included notable bandmates such as guitarist Ronnie Montrose (who later introduced lead vocalist Sammy Hagar to the rock world in his own self-named band) and bassist and future pop solo artist, the late Dan Hartman ("I Can Dream About You").

When not recording or touring with his own bands, Winter has plied his talents to extensive session and film soundtrack work, notably some guest sax solo spots on Meatloaf's 1978 Bat Out of Hell LP. Interestingly enough, among the singer/musician's TV spots in recent years was a Miller Lite beer commercial, playing a hip counterpoint to straight-arrow Hollywood actor George Hamilton.

"Jazz and blues to me are the two great American music contributions," said Winter, speaking of two recent independent CD projects, the newly released Winter Blues, a rootsy exploration of blues styles, and the soon-to-appear Jazzin' the Blues, an adventurous fusion of blues and jazz. Material from both discs will be highlighted in the singer's show at Vincent's.

"When I started out in music, I had no real intention of becoming famous or a rock star or what-have-you. I loved jazz and blues and I was mainly interested in doing what I could to break down musical barriers as I saw them at the time," Winter said. Getting people from different backgrounds to get together and play different kinds of music. I was fortunate enough to get recognition for what I was doing by winning the Playboy jazz poll for best alto saxophonist for most of the years during the 70s."

"In the late 70s and 80s, I didn't make records for a while, partly because of too much intervention from record companies, who always seem to want to pigeonhole you into a particular style or market. But ultimately I think it's up to musical artists themselves to maintain the integrity of what they do, just present themselves with honesty and hope that their music finds an audience. I try to demonstrate that with the variety of music that I work with," Winter said.

Vincent's is located in the Lombardo's Complex in Randolph. All shows in the Wednesdays Rock! series are 21 and over and begin at 8:30, doors open at 7:30. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes.

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Pantry pasta sauce



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



The most useful recipes for weeknight dinners use pantry staples paired with pasta. It's quick, it's easy, and it's satisfying. A common Italian approach to this sort of recipe is to pair canned tuna with olives, capers, and anchovies. Having tested a handful of these recipes, however, I found that they are still tomato sauces, using either chunks of tomatoes or tomato paste. This requires a bit more cooking time but, more to the point, tomatoes mute the bold flavors of the ingredients. I wanted a recipe that was best, bold, and easy.

I cobbled together a working recipe using olive oil, garlic, anchovies, olives, capers, pine nuts, and chopped parsley. I started with olive oil in a heated, large skillet followed by the garlic and anchovies. Next I added olives, capers, tuna and a bit of pine nuts and stirred just long enough to heat through. Finally I tossed in one pound of cooked pasta, the chopped parsley, additional olive oil, salt and pepper.

The first problem was the garlic. Onion made a better pairing and, after some testing, I settled on thin slices of red onion that retain some of their punch. The anchovies were keepers - they provided a nice briny undercurrent to the sauce. I settled on 2 large or 3 medium anchovies - any more and the tuna was overpowered. For the olives, oil-cured black olives were best. (Brine-cured olives were too salty.) Two tablespoons of capers were a nice addition although I quickly dumped the pine nuts which were too sweet and therefore out of place. For the tuna, I tested the Italian variety soaked in olive oil which was too soft. I also tried chunk light tuna soaked in water and found it was just as mushy. However, solid white albacore tuna was just right. It was best when it was drained and flaked before using. I tested a variety of herbs but the fresh, grassy flavor of chopped parsley was both the simplest and best addition.

In terms of cooking, I found that it best to heat the anchovies in the olive oil before adding other ingredients. They start to dissolve and their flavor is slightly muted. Next, the sliced onions are added - just until they lose their crunch - and then the tuna, olives, capers and 1/4 teaspoon salt. When the ingredients are mixed together and heated through, about 1 minute more, they are ready for the pasta, parsley, and raw olive oil. For this recipe I liked using penne since it offers crevices in which this chunky sauce can lodge. (You can also use rotini, fusili, penne or farfalle.) Cheese was unnecessary and unwelcome but a few grinds of black pepper were a nice finishing touch. Total cooking time: 5 minutes. Total experience: bold and satisfying.

PANTRY PASTA SAUCE WITH TUNA, OLIVES, AND CAPERS

This sauce is best made quickly so that the bold flavors of the ingredients maintain their personality. Other than the anchovies and onion, you are simply heating them through.

1/4 cup best quality olive oil
2 large or 3 medium anchovies, chopped
1/2 cup red onion, very thinly sliced
1 six-ounce can solid white tuna packed in water, drained and slightly flaked with a fork
1/3 cup oil cured black olives, pitted and coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons capers
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 pound pasta, penne or some other shape that will trap bits of the sauce, preferred
2 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parsley
Freshly ground black pepper

1. Place a large pot of salted water over high heat to boil. When boiling, add pasta and cook until al dente (just cooked through). Meanwhile, heat a large skillet or sauté pan over medium heat. Add 2 tablespoons of olive oil and the anchovies and cook, stirring, until the anchovies dissolve, about 1 minute.

Add the onion and cook until just softened, about 1 minute more. Add the tuna, olives, capers and salt and cook, stirring, until heated through, 1 to 2 minutes.

2. Add the cooked pasta, parsley, and remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil and mix well, evenly coating the pasta with sauce. Season with freshly ground black pepper to taste and serve immediately.

Serves 4

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

This a day to get things done. Take on a full work agenda. Tackle jobs that need repair, redoing, or projects that have been problematic. You can work out the glitches and find new solutions. The moon continues its travel in Scorpio, generating a serious, intense mood. Unexpected setbacks or distractions may surface between 11:10 a.m.-2:10 p.m., when the moon aligns with Uranus. At 6:30 p.m. the moon interacts with Mars and becomes inactive.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

The moon enters optimistic Sagittarius at 4:47 a.m. However, a 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Jupiter warns you to use common sense. Avoid making impulsive purchases, promises or diversions. Put new ideas on hold for a few days. Don't be a hermit tonight. An alignment of Venus and Neptune makes this evening prime for social and romantic activities.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

The moon forms challenging contacts to Pluto at 4:36 a.m. and Saturn at 6:31 a.m. After that storm clouds move out, fun and sunny astrological weather returns for the remainder of the day. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can be productive. Carefully organize your time and stick to your game plan. On the other hand, this day rates high for socializing and partying. Gather with friends and let the good times roll.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

Take it slow and easy this morning. Enjoy favorite leisure activities, spend quality time with friends and family. At 7:42 a.m. the Sagittarius moon becomes inactive until 11:11 a.m., when it enters ambitious Capricorn. The remainder of the day is prime for getting things done. Catch up on work or study projects. Follow through on promises you have made to others; repay debts, fulfill commitments.

MONDAY, OCT. 22

Resolve to start this day with an upbeat, lighthearted attitude. Sidestep feelings of doubt, fear, frustration. Take on a busy work schedule; you can be most productive. The good news is that Mercury begins direct travel at 8:23 p.m., 14 1/2 degrees Libra. The next Mercury retrograde period will occur in January 2002. Plan to launch important new enterprises tomorrow evening, when favorable influences occur. In the meantime, clean up old business and get your ducks in line.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

The sun enters Scorpio at 4:26 a.m., remaining there until November 22. The Capricorn moon urges you to keep your nose to the grindstone. Hard work will pay off. Tackle jobs you have been putting off and get them out of the way. At 4:12 p.m. the moon aligns with Mars and becomes inactive. An Aquarius moon takes over at 9:26 p.m. The most favorable period for signing contracts and launching important ventures occurs between 9:26-10:42 p.m., when Mercury forms a harmonious contact to Saturn. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 10:58 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

The Aquarius moon aligns with Neptune in the morning, accenting the need for clarity and focus regarding details, minor points. On the other hand, this is a prime time for developing humanitarian or environmental programs. People will be receptive, supportive. The green light for new starts goes on at 11:00 a.m. You can start large-scale enterprises, make major purchases and decisions, set long-term plans and goals. The remainder of the day also rates high for social activities or romantic rendezvous.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

There are bound to be some exciting developments in the next few days. Keep an open mind. Explore new horizons, develop alliances, set goals. You can break new ground at home or work. The Aquarius moon interacts with Uranus at 3:32 p.m. and becomes inactive. Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius, is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for direct travel on October 30. An applying alignment of Venus and Pluto may spark romantic passions this evening. Take a walk on the wild side.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

The moon enters Pisces at 9:56 a.m. The planet Venus forms major contacts to Pluto and Saturn today and Jupiter tomorrow. Creativity and artistic sensitivity are at an all-time high. You can experience breakthroughs and achieve goals. Appreciate or create art, music, photography, dance. Relationship or financial issues may also come to the forefront. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury-Jupiter warns against jumping to conclusions or going to extremes. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days.

Colorful fall fruits and foliages

Green thumbs up

Part I

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

Our local roadsides and landscapes are ablaze with fabulous fall color as our native maples don their cheerful autumn garb of fiery reds, golds and oranges, appearing luminescent against a bright blue sky. Around the borders of our lakes and ponds, their multi-colored foliages cast brilliant reflections on smooth, glassy surfaces. Migrating songbirds dart about the garden, chirping and twittering in the trees overhead as they join forces to make the long journey to their winter residences. Throughout our region, Mother Nature is displaying all the glory of her autumn finery as our plants and creatures make preparations for the chilly months ahead.

Barely more than a week ago, tiny snowflakes swirled about as a brisk, breezy day culminated in a frigid evening delivering a deadly blow to many South Shore communities. As I gazed out my window shortly after daybreak on that chilly morn, it was evident by the frosty lawn, coated with glistening white ice crystals, that the end to my growing season had come to pass. A brief inspection of my impatiens, marigolds, coleus, dahlias and other tender plants confirmed my suspicions, as I sadly witnessed their limp, lifeless, blackened stems and leaves drooping in all but the most sheltered comers. Predictably, warmer weather has returned, furnishing an opportunity to remove these casualties of cold as I begin the process of putting the gardens to bed, pausing from time to time to soak in the sun's warmth and savor the sights and sounds of a glorious autumn afternoon.

While many gardeners purchase plants solely on the basis of their flowers, I have made it my mission in my writings, lectures and plantings to emphasize the importance of growing plants which offer multiple seasons of interest. Foliage should be a primary consideration when selecting plant material, as it is the predominant feature of most plants for the majority of the growing season. Spectacular blooms should be considered merely a bonus as they tend to be visible for only a limited time. Two weeks of pretty flowers can rarely justify six months or more of unattractive foliage. The exception, of course, would be annual plants, which bloom for most of the season, once established by midsummer.

Form, texture, the ultimate size of the mature plants and suitability to the growing conditions are additional factors to ponder during the selection process.

Woody plants serve as the backbone of landscape design, giving form and structure to our surroundings throughout the year. When planning or planting a new garden or landscape, I often begin with plants which provide fall and winter interest. With very little effort on our part, nature paints a colorful portrait beginning in spring with the greening of the landscape and continuing through the growing season, but as the seasons change and our plantings decline, many landscapes become a monochromatic shade of brown. The addition of trees and shrubs which offer fall and winter beauty greatly enhance the dormant landscape at a time when we yearn for it most. Focus these cold season plantings in areas where they can be readily viewed from windows. Spring and summer flowering plants will be relatively easy to integrate once the backbone of attractive cold weather plants is established.

Evergreens provide a dramatic contrast to the drab browns and grays of the dormant landscape. Spruces, pines, hemlocks, firs and cedars all present commanding, distinctive forms. Yews, junipers, false cypress (Chamaecyparis spp.), and conifers are available in a wealth of sizes and color variations including blue, yellow, rust and innumerable shades of green. The many valuable members of the holly family are glorious in all seasons. Other broadleaf evergreens, such as rhododendrons, may not look their best up close on the coldest days as their leaves curl to minimize desiccation, but their green or bronze foliage still brightens the bleak winter terrain.

Mature evergreen trees and shrubs provide blocks of color and form, even at a substantial distance, and can be planted to frame views and create boundaries. Plant evergreens in small groupings rather than dotting them all over the yard which may tend to create a polka dot effect. Use them as backdrops for the handsome, white bark of birches or the branches of yellow or red-twigged dogwoods. Avoid vast plantings of large conifers, however, which may produce a dark, gloomy effect, especially in restricted spaces.

Judiciously selected, deciduous trees and shrubs can be equally effective in providing year-round beauty. Look for plants which, in addition to attractive blossoms and warm weather foliage, produce colorful fall foliage and fruits, peeling bark, or those which contribute elegant frameworks, even when their foliage is no longer present.

Just for kids

THE JAMES LIBRARY & CENTER FOR THE ARTS located on 24 West Street in Norwell Center presents a concert for families "Green Eggs and Ham... and More" on Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. All ticket are $5. The concert benefits the library's cultural and literary programs for adults and children. The centerpiece of the evening is Robert Kapilow's zany musical of the Dr. Seuss classic book, "Green Eggs and Ham" starring 8-year-old "Zoe" as the narrator Sam-I-AM. For tickets call 781-659-7100.

LET'S SING TOGETHER A music class for mother and child. Come and share the joy of music with your child. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -10:15 or 10:30 - 11:15 at the Trinity Church Hall in Marshfield. Children ages 1.5 - 5 are welcome. The cost of the class is 8 weeks for $75. For more information call Denise Creedon at 781-834-7417.

'AIRPLAY': The wonders of the wind and Jon Goldman's inflatable art blows into the Children's Museum in Boston. The exhibit is open through the end of the year and offers visitors the opportunity to experiment with air and wind, create whimsical pieces of art and play in an inflatable wonderland. Admission to the museum is: Children (2-15) and senior citizens, $6: other adults $7; Fridays from 5 - 9 p.m. all visitors are $1. For more information visit http://www.bostonkids.org.

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BOOOO!-STON HARBOR CRUISES PRESENT HALLOWEEN ON THE HARBOR in conjunction with the Metropolitan District Commission and AM-1260 Radio Disney Boston on Oct. 28 - 29. The family oriented festivities, held on George's Island, are only accessible by Boston Harbor Cruise ferries and will include a Trick or Treat Village, a haunted fort, spooky characters and a costume contest. Ferries depart from Long Wharf, Boston and Hewitt's Cove, Hingham. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for seniors, $8 for children. For a ferry schedule and departure times please call 617-227-4321.

BAY COLONY CLUSTER DOG SHOW will be held from Dec. 6 - 9 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Sponsored by PEDIGREE brand dog foods, The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigreed pooches competing each day for "Top Dog" honors within their respective groups and breeds. The show will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is $10 for adults and seniors and $5 for children. Parking is $10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information call 617-556-7747. The public is not permitted to bring their dogs to the show.

'60S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

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Annie played by Sara Gassert, and the orphans at rehearsal
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A New Display of work by members of the Weymouth Art Association is on display at several locations around town for the months of Oct. and Nov. In the town hall, the Mayor's office, Dorothy Babineau and Ernest Laidler, in the treasurer's office, JoAnn Burns is exhibiting. In the Councilor's office, Joe Barca, Barbara Greland and Ed MacCormack and Dorothy Barnaby is displaying in the auditor's office. There are paintings on display at Synder Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance and Colonial Federal Savings bank by Denise Graham, Nancy LaPorta, Marilyn Reisberg, Allan Chambers, Joe MacFarlane, Clair Palmer, Mary Santry, Don Coole, Donna Gallagher and Donald Heath, Lorraine Ingenito, Elizabeth Pohl, Bill Sawyer, Laurie Porter and Elizabeth Trubia. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston will host a ground-breaking 50th Anniversary symposium entitled "The Challenges for Girls Growing Up in the 21st Century. Held from 1 - 5 p.m. at The Starr Center, Charles River Plaza, Second Floor Atrium, 185 Cambridge Street in Boston. For more information call 617-236-8060.

"Life's Wonders," photographs by Kendra Tansey at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Vine Hall, Jacobs Lane, Norwell through Oct. 30. For directions or for more information call 781-659-2559.

The Berwick Boys Foundation is hosting its 19th annual Halloween on Oct. 18 - 21 and 25 - 28. The House is open from 6:30 - 9 p.m. on Thurs. and Sun. and from 6:30 - 10 p.m. on Fri. and Sat. and is located at the Foundation Headquarters, 335 West Street, West Bridgewater. Admission is $7. For more information call 508-586-0059.

'A Street Car Named Desire' will be performed by the Company theater in Norwell through Oct. 28. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are $16 in advance and $18 day of show for Thurs. and Sun., $18 in advance and $20 day of the show for Fri. and Sat. Tickets are available at the Company theater box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787.

Feng Shui workshops on creating more love, passion and romantic happiness in your relationships conducted by Mary Kathleen Stewart, president of Feng Shui Boston, will be held on Oct. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Genevieve Lane Natural Healing Center at 45 Pond Street, Abington. Cost $28. Registration required. Call 781-982-1616.

"The Lighthouses of New England," a slide show and narrative, by John Galluzzo, will be presented by the Plympton Historical Society on Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Society's home, 189 Main Street, just off Route 58, in Plympton. For more information call the Society's president, Ms. Edwina Wood, 781-585-2725.

Metro South Chamber of Commerce Events presents Comm-PASS Procurement Training from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at the Metro South Business Assistance Center, located at 60 School Street in Brockton. The program is free of charge. For more information call 508-586-0500.

The Braintree Art Association will meet at 7:15 p.m. at the Council on Aging Bldg., 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. Donna Rossetti Bailey will demonstrate her art in pastels. The public is welcome and the meeting is free. For more information call 781-335-4675.

The Glastonbury Abbey of Hingham presents **Ellen Kushner: Spirituality and the Arts:** Music from Around the World. Presented at 7:15 p.m., this will be the first of six interreligious lectures sponsored by the Benedictine monks. For more information call 781-749-2155.

Bob Shrago Memorial Blood Drive will take place at Temple Beth Emunah, 479 Torrey Street in Brockton on Oct. 18 from 2 - 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate blood may come to Temple Beth Emunah during the above hours. Located on the West Side of Brockton at Torrey & Pearl Streets, Route 24, Exit 17B right at the light. For more information call 508-583-5810.

Let the Healing Begin on Oct. 18 from 7 - 9 p.m., Inspirational Speaker, Kathleen Hassan will facilitate a community gathering to bring people together to help each other heal and move forward through this national crisis. The event is free and open to the public, however a suggested donation of @5 or more will be accepted with all proceeds to benefit the Red Cross. The event will take place at Marina Place, Four Seaport Drive, at Marina Bay in Quincy. Space is limited, so please register in advance by calling 617-698-1976 or email Inspire@KathleenHassan.com.

South Shore Folk Music Club, the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main Street in Kingston presents Kevin McCluskey and his "roots-rock" sound that lands him somewhere between John Fogarty and John Gorka. Admission is $4 for members and $5 for non-members. For more information call 781-878-1052.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Young Neal and the Vipers. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.



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The South Shore Arts and Recreation Center's Starcreations Theatre presents Edward Scissorhands, Oct. 19, 20, 21, 26 and 27. All peformances except Sunday are at 7 p.m. at Cordage Park in North Plymouth. Tickets for the show are $8 for adults, $5 for children. For more information call (508) 747-1234.

Fri. 19

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.



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Blue Hills Reservations and South Region Sites presents "Buck Hill Foliage Walk." Meet at the Houghton's Pond parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton at 1 p.m. Enjoy a spectacular panorama atop Buck Hill on this moderately strenuous trek. Wear sturdy footgear - 2 hours. For more information call 617-698-1802.

The Head of the Weir River Race will take place on Oct. 20 beginning at 2:30 p.m. There is a $15 registration fee. Location: From West Corner Hingham/Hull Inc. to Windmill Point Boathouse, Hull at Hull Gut. For more information call Ed McCabe at 781-925-5433.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra begins its season under the musical direction of Jin Kyo with the concert on Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Sanborn Auditorium in Hingham Town Hall. Oct. 21 at 4 p.m. the HSO will repeat the program in its Boston debut at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall. Tickets are available at Noble's Hingham Square, Cards and Shards in Cohasset, the Hingham Public Library, or by calling 781-740-5694. Hingham concert: $20 adults, $18 seniors, $10 students. Jordan Hall: $25 adults, $20 seniors, $10 students. The full season's brochure is available by calling 781-740-5694.

American Mensa, which has 48,000 members, estimates that 5 million Americans are eligible for membership in the High IQ Society. That's one out of every 50 people. To introduce a wider variety of Americans to Mensa, Boston Mensa is participating in American Mensa's National Testing Day on Saturday, October 20, 2001. Last year, more than 1,500 people took the Mensa test at 180 testing sites across the country for National Testing Day, 2000. The American Mensa Admission test comprises of two tests featuring questions involving logic and deductive reasoning. This year, testing will be held at the following locations in Massachusetts: Sat. Oct. 20 9:00 A.M. - East Bridgewater, East Bridgewater Public Library, 32 Union St. Sat. Oct. 20 9:30 A.M. Worcester, UMass Medical Campus, Sumner Library, Chancellor's Board Room. Sat. Oct. 20 11:00 A.M. - East Sandwich, Cornus Christi Parish Center, 324 Meeting House Rd. Sat. Oct. 20 4:00 P.M. Haverhill, Haverhill Public Library, 99 Main St. For more information contact: David Fox, Publicity and Testing Coordinator (508) 261-7776, fox@mediaone.net.

The United Church of Christ, 400 Main Street, Norwell will hold a unique program of Christian art, poetry and music on Saturday, Oct. 20th at 7 PM. Charles McCullough, a sculptor, writer, teacher and minister, will present his sculpture and their intimate stories. Poetry of these pieces, written by Maren Tirabassi, will be read as well. Tickets may be purchased at the door ($10). The art will also be available for viewing throughout the following week in the church sanctuary.

The Village Fair at Old South Union Church, 25 Union Street, Columbian Square, South Weymouth will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Fair will feature crafts, Christmas items, plants, homemade fudge, baked goods, hand knitted items, books, jewelry, attic treasures, a children's mini-fair and a snack bar.

Holistic Health/Psychic Fair and Project Kidscare from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free admission. Aura camera, Aroma therapy, reflexology, Reiki, Yoga, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Breathwork, Vitamins, Native American Therapists, Crafts, Vendors, Crystals and much more. Held at Trinity Parish in Canton, 1 Blue River Road and Route 138 North across from Howard Johnsons. For more information call 617-469-2568.

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Margaret and Edwina Li will perform together in a Shubert Piano Recital for Four Hands at the Thayer Public Library on Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. The twin Li sisters are full time faculty members at the South Shore Conservatory. Free and open to the public. Legate auditorium is located at 798 Washington Street in Braintree. For more information please call 781-848-0405.

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Mike Hansel's "Industrial Daydreams II is on display at the Wallace Anderson Gallery Art Building at Bridgewater State College through Oct. 26. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information call (508) 697-1359.

Reunions

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1956, 45th reunion will be held on Nov. 10 at the Quincy Sons of Italy Hall, 120 Quarry Street in Quincy. Tickets are $40 per person which includes dinner, music and dancing. For more information call Jim Tantillo at 781-585-4315 ext. 14.

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1971, 30th reunion will be held on Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. at Top of the Ridge, 710 West Street in Braintree. Tickets are $45 per person. For more information call Jean Petitti at 617-773-5848 or Dee Dee DiBona Speranzo at 617-471-1649.

1961 REUNION with the Weymouth High School Class planning a 40th reunion at the Weymouth Elks Club on Nov. 24, 2001. For information call Mike Grable at 781-826-3535 or Brian Dunbar at 781-337-6490.

J E BURKE HIGH FOR GIRLS will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on November 4 at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information: 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.

Meetings

MOTHERS & MORE. South Shore Chapter. If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about MOTHERS & MORE!!! Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers", those who have altered their career paths to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women to choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Teri Angelis at (617) 328-5605 for meeting location and additional information.

THE NETWORK VOICE TOASTMASTER CLUB OF WEYMOUTH - Meets from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., on the first and third Wednesdays each month at Tufts Library, Broad Street in Weymouth. We provide mutually supportive and positive learning environment to develop communication and leadership skills. Call 781-335-1676 to register or for more information.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES a journey to inner peace will meet on Thursdays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 112 Randolph Ave. in Milton. Call 617-696-5685.

NEW BEGINNINGS - A support group for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Rte. 123), Norwell. For more information, call 781-653-2887.

THE MOMS (MOMS OFFERING MOMS SUPPORT) CLUB- will be starting a

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 20 Central Square, Bridgewater presents Tom Daley, master of imagery and voice beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Valerie at SoSimplePoet@aol.com or Tom at the Daily Grind 508-279-0952. Visit the website at www.nothing.com/dailygrind/poetry.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave. in Milton presents a "Family Overnight" from 10 a.m. on Oct. 20 through 3 p.m. on Oct. 21. Fee per person is $60 for members and $51. Mass. Audubon. A weekend filled with nature hikes, games, delicious food and more. This program is recommended for children ages 6 and up. Please call 617-333-0690 to reserve.

Hit The Trail to Self Esteem Boston's 7th Annual Unforgettable You Dance with special guest Rex Trailer and features a special performance by The New England Country Two-Steppers. Held at the Hynes Convention Center from 1 - 5 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be ordered by calling (617) 983-1411.

Crafters: St. Joseph's Women's Guild Annual Craft Fair is now accepting applications for tables. Fair will be held on Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Kingston. Tables are $35 for an 8' table. For more information, please call Carole at 781-585-3877 or Claire at 781-545-3055.

Craft Fair at the St. Joseph's Mater Dei Women's Guild in Kingston on Oct. 20. For more information call Carol Gibbon at 781-585-5456.

Sun. 21

Gospel Singing at St. Luke's at 4 p.m. hosting the Milton Gospel Choir. Members of the Boston Pops Gospel choir will join the Boston Community choir and sing with the Milton Gospel Choir. After the concert there will be a dinner served and the public is invited to join in. The cost is $7 and donations and reservations are requested. The church is located at the intersection of Route 3A and East Parish Road, Scituate.

The Ventress Library Sunday Concert series presents "A Gershwin Tribune" on Oct. 21 with Lisa Yves, vocals; R. Rancatore, piano. All concerts begin at 2 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. The Ventress Library is located in Marshfield in Webster Square. All concerts are free and no tickets are required. For more information call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535.

The Greatest Show On Earth presented by Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey at the FleetCenter through Oct. 21. Performances are scheduled Tues. - Fri. evenings at 7 p.m. Sat. at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at $37 - $11 for all performances and are on sale at the FleetCenter box office and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at 617-931-2000. For group rates call 617-624-1805.

Blue Hills Reservations and South Region Sites presents "An Autumn Walk at Brookwood Farm." Meet at the small gravel parking lot at the entrance to Brookwood Farm on Blue Hill River Road in Canton at 1 p.m. Stroll through Brookwood Farm in the Blue Hills for one hour. For more information call 617-698-1802.

Fall Foliage and Cranberry Harvest will take place at Edaville Railroad from mid September through October 21. Come and experience the process of harvesting cranberries and enjoy the 5.5-mile narrow gauge train ride through acres of cranberry bogs, around the reservoir and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. Edaville USA is open weekends and holidays through Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is located on Route 58 in Carver. For more information call 508-866-8190.

'Sunday Romance' Singles Dance on Oct. 21 from 6 - 10 p.m. at the Pembroke Country Club, West Elm St. in Pembroke. 781-446-0234. Dance music and complimentary hors d'oeuvres and free door prizes. For singles 35 and over, proper business attire is required. Cost is $10 before 6:30 p.m. and $15 thereafter.

Brittany Lambert Memorial Black Cat Classic 5k Run/Walk will take place on October 21 at 11 a.m. at Chandler Elementary School, Chandler Street in Duxbury. This benefit is in memory of 13-year old Brittany Lambert who died in Oct. 1998 after a 2.5-year battle with myelodisplasia, a rare blood disease that leads to cancer. Fee is $12 ($15 after Oct. 6). For applications visit the website at www.BrittanyLambertFoundation.org call Linda Huebner at 781-582-2598.

Classical Cuisine: A Benefit for the Plymouth Philharmonic. Good cooks who are friends of the "Phil" have agreed to prepare one of their culinary specialties. Each item is listed on the party menu which is accompanied by an invitation to attend an Oct. 21st wine-and-cheese reception at the Cornerstone Masonic Lodge on Washington Street in Duxbury. From 4 - 6 p.m., guests buy whatever items they wish and purchases are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Buyers contact the volunteer chefs to arrange for delivery of the treats. Requests must be made three weeks in advance. To request a copy of the part menu please call 508-746-8008.

Fall Foliage and Cranberry Harvest at Edaville Railroad from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Come and experience the process of water harvesting cranberries. Enjoy the 5.5-mile narrow gauge train ride through acres of cranberry bogs. Located on Route 58 in Carver, MA. For more information call 508-866-8190 or toll free at 877-EDAVILLE.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club presents a moderate/difficult walk, for 2.5 miles. Summit Road to the top of Great Blue Hill. Back by the red dot and green dot trails. Meet at the Trailside Museum north parking lot on Route 138 in Milton. Rangers recommend that you wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

Mon. 22

Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers", those who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women who choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. Come join us! The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. This month's topics of discussion will be: October 22nd: Networking/Career Options. Location: The Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. Guest Speakers: TBA. Please contact Teri Angelis at (617) 328-5605 for directions and further information.

American Cancer Society will help area cancer patients look good and feel better on Oct. 22 from 6 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at Brockton Hospital, 680 Centre Street in Brockton. This unique program is designed to help patients maintain their personal appearance while undergoing treatment for cancer. To pre-register please call 508-941-7979 or for more information call the local American Cancer Society office at 888-648-4880.

Tues. 23

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Discovering Nature Together" - a series for Tuesdays, Oct. 23 and 30 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Fee per adult/child pair is $72 non-member; $60 Mass. Audubon. Held at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center. For more information or to register call 617-333-0690.

James Library and Center for the Arts present Storyteller Caroline Chapin to tell "Halloween Spookies" on Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. This event is designed for preschool-age children, older siblings and their parents. Located at 24 West Street in Norwell. Phone registration is available by calling 781-659-7100.

South Shore Women's Business Network will hold a monthly Breakfast Meeting at Lantana in Randolph from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Sheila McCarthy, owner and principal of Synergy Communications will speak on the topic of gender differences. Preregistration: $15 members and $25 nonmembers. At the door: $20 members and $30 nonmembers. For more information call 781-749-8885.

Wed. 24

Dr. William P. Marchione will present **"Boston's Italians"** at the Thayer Public Library on Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. This two-part slide lecture will celebrate Italian Heritage and then carries the fascinating history of Boston's Italian community forward to the present day. Free and open to the public, this presentation is supported in part by a grant from the Braintree Arts Lottery Council. Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street in Braintree. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street in Hingham. Attorney Donald N. Freedman will speak on the legal and financial issues in facing Alzheimer's disease. For more information call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426. This meeting is free and open to the public. Reservations for respite care must be made in advance by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House at 781-749-4774 ext. 843 by 3 p.m. on Oct. 24.

Cohasset Elder Affairs will offer a four-session program for Elders and Caregivers in the South shore area on four Wednesday evenings in Oct. The session will begin with a light supper from 6 - 6:30 p.m. followed by the program from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided to Cohasset residents. Sessions will be held at the Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset, Oct. 24: a presentation on Coping with feelings of loneliness, depression and isolation. Pre-registration is required. A donation of $8 for the entire series, or $2.50 per session is requested. For more information call Tish Clark or Carol Barret at 781-383-9112.

A slide lecture, **"A Primer of Antique American Furniture"** will be given by Emmet Eldred on Oct. 24 at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main Street in Hingham. Eldred will discuss regional design preferences and also the construction methods and materials used during the 18th and early 19th century. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the lecture begins at 10 a.m. Admission is $10 per person in advance and $12 at the door. For more information call 781-749-0144.

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Talent Search

THE NEW ENGLAND PHILHARMONIC ANNOUNCES AUDITION FOR ANNUAL YOUNG ARTISTS' COMPETITION held on Oct. 25 and 26 at the New England Conservatory of Music, 290 Huntington Ave., Boston from 7 - 10 p.m. All musicians must be between the ages of 11 and 18 and not yet graduated from High School. Each is to prepare and memorize a complete concerto or solo work of his/her choice. The winner will be invited to perform his solo piece with the New England Philharmonic on Dec. 9 at the Tsai Performance Center. For complete concert dates and information call 617-868-1222.

THE LIBERTY BELLE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, MA is seeking adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. However, you are required to be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and 4-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway show tunes, Rhythm and blues songs, and exciting choreography. Weekly rehearsals every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, MA (Rte 2 Exit 57). For additional information call: (617) 735-9254 or 1-800-369-7400 (toll free in MA only) look us up on the web at: http://liberty-bellechorus.org, e-mail us at: info@libertybellechorus.org

OPEN REHEARSAL/AUDITIONS with the Liberty Belle Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a competitive award winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington is seeking adult singers of all ages. Weekly rehearsals every Mon. at 7:30 p.m. in St. Camillus Church Hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike in Arlington. For more information call 800-369-7400.

SOUTH SHORE BAY BAND a non-profit organization dedicated to giving musicians the opportunity to play and perform concert band music. Current members are from Marshfield, Plymouth, Duxbury and surrounding towns. All sections are open to new members. For more information or directions call 508-747-6460 or write to South Shore Bay Band, P.O. Box 139, Marshfield MA 02050.



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An Evening of Song to benefit the Red Cross and American Legion Post 192 will be held at the Cushing Center, Route 123 in Norwell on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20th at 7:30 p.m. Peter Kulka and Andy Mahoney are producing and emceeing the event which promises to be filled with local talent, laughs, poignant moments, patriotism and fun. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for students and senior citizens. For information or to reserve tickets call Commander Herb Frederickson (781) 659-4325 or Peter Kulka (781) 659-7619.

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Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset, Shaw's Plaza, will host an afternoon teas at 4 p.m. to meet Letita Baldridge who will speak and sign her latest book 'A Lady, First: My Life in the Kennedy White House and the American Embassies of Paris and Rome." Reservations are requested for seating purposes. To reserve or order your signed copy call 781-383-2665.

Edgar Winter Band in Concert at Vincent's in Randolph as part of "Wednesdays ROCK at Vincent's" concert series. Winter will perform such hits as "Free Ride", "Frankenstein" and "Tobacco Road" and many more. Tickets are $25 in advance and $28 the day of the show. Tickets can be purchased by calling 866-468-7619. The show is 21 plus and starts at 8:30 p.m. and the doors open at 7:30 p.m., the box-office at 6:30 p.m. Vincent's is located in the Lombardo's facility and is accessible from Route 128, exit 5A. For more information call 781-986-4000 or log onto www.vincentsnightclub.com.

The Third Annual South Coastal Career Fair at Cordage Park in Plymouth from 1 - 5 p.m. Job seekers from Plymouth Career Center and Quincy Career Center will be hosting this event along with Curry College, Plymouth, Quincy College, Plymouth, Mass Rehab Plymouth, Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce and South Coastal Workforce Investment Board. For more information call 508-732-5319.

Thurs. 25

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce presents "Good Morning Metro South" from 7:30 - 9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, Metro South, Brockton. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Electric Company, this edition of the breakfast series promises to be fast paced, informational, entertaining and a great networking opportunity. To register call the Chamber office at 508-586-0500 ext. 221. The cost is $15 for members and $22 for non-members.

Boston Ballet Presents Contemporary Works "From Distant Shores," at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street in Boston. Tickets are $25 - $78 and are available through Tele-charge at 800-447-7400 or on the internet at www.bostonballet.org or in person at the Wang Theatre box office open Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Performances are Oct. 25 - Nov. 4, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m., Oct. 26 at 8 p.m., Oct. 27 at 2 and 8 p.m., Oct. 28 at 2 p.m., Oct. 30 at 7 p.m., Nov. 1 at 7 p.m., Nov. 2 at 8 p.m., Nov. 3 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. For more information call 617-695-6995.

Fri. 26

South Shore Singles will sponsor at smoke-free Halloween Dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non-members. Wear your funniest, scariest, weirdest costume and prizes will be awarded. For more information call 781-331-0021.

Creepy Candlelight Singing Tours at the Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 North Main Street, Route 28, Avon Center. Held from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., admission is free. Recommended for children 5 - 10 years old, accompanied by a parent. For more information call 508-587-2884.

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery, corner of School and Summer Street in Bridgewater presents Mike Hansel through Oct. 26. Selected sculptural works from the artist's first museum retrospective show. In his mixed media sculptures, Hansel creates industrial looking forms, which serve only aesthetic purposes. He attempts to satirize function while suggesting a conceptual relationship between life and industry. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 508-531-1359.

Gallery AA/B Exhibits Recent Works of Three Massachusetts Artists entitled "Life's Fabric", showcasing Mary Gattis, Rosemary Hoffenberg and Jean Sbarra. The exhibition will be up through Oct. 26 on Wed. and Fri. from 12 - 5 and by appointment. Closing reception will take place on Octr. 28 from 1 - 5 p.m. The Gallery is located at 11 High Street in Milton. For more information call 617-698-9700.

The Cantabile Quartet will be performing works by Faure, Turina and Schumann on Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center of Corpus Christi Church in East Sandwich and again on Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. in the Music Room of Whitfield House, 26 North Street in Plymouth. Admission is $10 at the door. For information regarding Friday evening's concert call 508-888-0209 or Sunday afternoon's concert call 508-746-5289.

Storyteller and author Matthew Kelly will discuss how to improve your spiritual, emotional and intellectual life on Oct. 26 at St. Anthony Parish, 10 Summer Street in Cohasset. His book "The Rhythm of Life" focuses on the importance of what you become rather that what you do or possess. The talk begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-383-0219.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fatwall Jack. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Paul Agnew and John Capavella in concert at East Middle School in Braintree, 305 River Street. This is the fifth anniversary version of "An Elegant Evening with Friends". This year's benefit concert, sponsored by the Braintree Lions, is expected to deliver top-flight entertainment. The concert begins at 7:30 and admission is $15. Tickets are available by calling 781-843-1534 or 781-848-0019. Tickets will also be available at the door.

"Pippin" will be presented by Bridgewater State College at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium on Oct. 26, 27, Nov. 1, 2 and 3. All performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 for general public and $10 for students and senior citizens. For more information call 508-531-1231.

Ongoing Events

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

"A Touch of Whimsy...Recent Paintings by Brooks Kelly", a show of recent acrylic and collages by local artist Brooks Kelly will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center through Oct. 31. Exhibit may be viewed Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located at 24 West Street in Norwell. For more information call 781-659-7100.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy). Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

'The Soprano's Last Supper' a spoof on the HBO hit series, debuts in Boston's Theatre district with an interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont Street in Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are $49 per person for the dinner and show. Show dates are Nov. 11 and Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For tickets call 800-944-5639.

Christelle Cumbow-Holland will be exhibiting her artwork at the Scituate Town Library over the month of October. For more information contact the Scituate Town Library.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month Donna Lucas will exhibit her paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth. For more information call 781-337-4513.

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The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents Illustrations by Jean Drescher, author of The Moon Balloon through Oct. 31. There will be a Family Workshop and Reception on Sept. 30 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Located at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street in Duxbury. Tel: 781-934-2721.

The Art Complex Museum presents "A Novel Idea" at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury through Nov. 30. There will be a reception on Sept. 30 from 2 - 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibition features images of books in all mediums by thirty-two artists. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

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CLINIC FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SEEKS APPLICANTS. The Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at Bridgewater State College is now accepting applications for participation in the fall 2001 semester. The clinic is open to children ages 18 months through 18 years who have physical, motor, mental and or emotional disabilities. Inquiries and requests for applications for enrollment should be made to: Joseph H. Huber, Ph. D., CPDC Program Director, The Children's Physical Developmental Clinic, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA 02325. Tel: 508-531-1776.

FREE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT PROGRAM offered by Jordan Hospital. All breastfeeding mothers and expectant mothers are invited to attend the support group which is hosted by "Breastfeeding Peer Counselors" trained through the Lactation Center of the Birth Place at Jordan Hospital and the Plymouth WIC office. The group is held from 10 a.m. - 12 noon each Friday at 430 Plymouth Street, Halifax. For more information call JordanCall at 800-750-5343.

THE SOUTH SHORE HAS A NEW WEBSITE FOR WOMEN. We provide help and support for the many issues facing women today. Check the help line, sharing board, great local resources, on-going diaries and the monthly feature about outstanding South Shore woman. "Her Circle" is dedicated to connecting women to each other. You can visit this new non-profit website at www.hercircle.org.

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Parking planned panned

Youth board irked by CRC garage idea

By Mary Ford
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The Garage in the village is in the throes of preparing for a Halloween dance. But the recent scare that sent chills through the teen center has nothing to do with the October holiday.

Members of the Cohasset Youth Resources Committee that oversees the Garage have learned that the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation is eyeing the former DPW building for a garage of a different sort.

According to recreation director Jack Worley, who also serves on the youth resources committee, a multi-level parking garage is an option being considered by the CRC, a private group planning infrastructure improvements in partnership with the town.

Dean Rizzo, executive director of the CRC, said additional parking is something the village sorely needs.

"It's nothing new," he said. "The only space to really expand is on town-owned land where the teen center is located." He also noted the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority also looked at adding parking there to replace the 60 or so spaces that will be lost along the right-of-way when the train is constructed.

Rizzo described the parking plans as being in the "idea" stage and any firm plans for additional parking in the village would be up to the town.

"Our role is only to bring ideas forward," he said.

But those behind the teen center want the issue taken off the table. To that end they have scheduled a special meeting of the youth resources committee at 7 p.m.,

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Coxswain John Liffman coaches rowers Charlie Anderson, Dan Littauer, Chris Pabela and Ian Hickey as they compete in the Head of the Weir River Race on Sunday. The rowers, who placed first in the popular event, are part of the Cohasset Maritime Institute, based at the boathouse on the Hagerty property. Jack Buckley, CMI founder, hopes to convince selectmen to allow him to expand his program into the Hagerty house.

Maritime school eyes old Hagerty house

Selectmen to discuss building's future

By Evan Schiff and Mary Ford

The Lobster Lab is a vision that has faded but the Cohasset Maritime Institute is very much in focus. Until recently, the two "maritime learning centers" shared the Hagerty property at the foot of Parker Avenue.

The Lobster Lab leased the former Cohasset Colonials office and CMI, a rowing and maritime education center, leases the antique boathouse at the site. The town rented both structures to the nonprofit organizations for the nominal fee of $1 a year.

But now with the exodus of the Lobster Lab, whose founder Kevin Ulmer couldn't meet the requirements of the lease in terms of fundraising and upkeep of the building, the Hagerty house is once again up for grabs.

Selectmen will devote time at their Nov. 13 meeting for suggestions and discussion about what to do with the Victorian house.

Buckley hopes selectmen will be enthusiastic about his proposal to

"CMI has proved itself to be an organization capable of carrying out its proposals."
— Jack Buckley

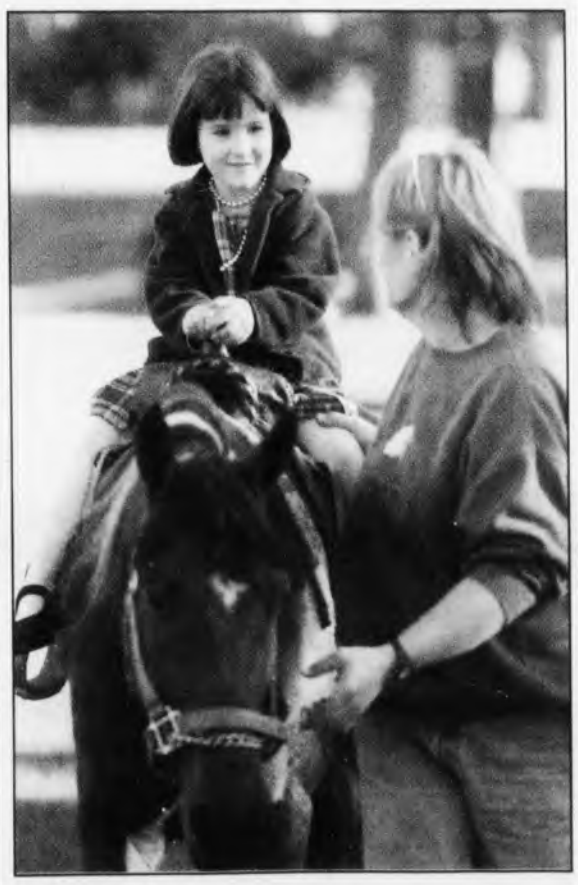
expand CMI into the first floor of the building. He sees CMI as "co-stewards" of the building working in partnership with the town to maintain and improve the structure. As with the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, which successfully manages the town-owned Lightkeepers Residence that includes a function hall and rented apartments on nearby Government Island, Buckley sees a multi-use future for the Hagerty house.

Cohasset Colonials, a furniture kit company, occupied the building and two-acre Hagerty site for some 50 years. The Hagerty house — so called because the late Francis Hagerty once owned Cohasset Colonials — was moved from the Rowe's Wharf area in Boston to Parker Avenue in the early 1900s.

The town bought the Hagerty property back in 1993 when Cohasset Colonials relocated to Hingham. By purchasing the land, the town prevented another industrial use of the site and opened up the possibilities of a public park at the waterfront, which has now become a reality with the development of Mariners Park at the site.

But to Buckley, a rowing enthusiast who got hooked on the sport at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, the property's history is no doubt second only to its location on Bailey's Creek. The boathouse has

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PONY RIDE

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Dagmar Sepalla takes a pony ride at the final Farmers Market of the season last week. For more photos, see page 12.

No reason to put off getting back in shape

CMHS fitness center is cheap and convenient

By Evan Schiff
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A fitness center with low membership fees, no lines at the machines, and within five minutes of anywhere in town, should add up to a great place to work out.

"It has everything you would want, weight machines, free weights, treadmills and stair-masters for cardiovascular," said Jack DeLorenzo, who is assistant principal at Cohasset Middle High-School and also supervises the fitness center when it's open

The center contains four treadmills, five bikes, two stair-masters, a leg press, Nautilus machines, rowing machines, plenty of free weights, and myriad other equipment to get one in shape.

The two-year-old center, housed in the former senior class study hall, was originally built for the athletes at the school but once it was all set up, opening it up to the public seemed like a good idea.

"It is a relatively quality facility," says Jack Worley, director of the Cohasset Recreation Department that runs the year-round center in after-school hours. "We thought if we opened it to the public at relatively low cost, the money would provide revenue for upkeep of the equipment."

"It's so convenient, there's more machines then I ever imagined."
— Stu Cahill, Jerusalem Road

But with only about 12-15 regular members at the gym, the recreation department wants to spread the word about the facility.

"The more people, the better we'll be able to maintain it and the more hours we'll be able to keep it open," Worley said.

DeLorenzo said the fitness center's focus is firming up and toning muscles rather than body building.

"We want people to feel good about themselves," he said. DeLorenzo said the group that works out at the center is so close knit, the men and women even celebrate members' birthdays with cakes.

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Jack DeLorenzo encourages newcomers to join the fitness center at the high school.

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Teacher mentoring program required

By Evan Schiff
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A study has shown the retention rates for teachers that have been in the program is 91 percent for the following year.

The students won't be the only ones being taught at Cohasset Public Schools from now on.

The Department of Education has mandated a formal teacher mentoring program begin for all public schools starting this month. A new teacher to a school system will be assigned a mentor who has been with the school system for at least three years and has their professional teaching certificate, said Ruth Fennessey, curriculum coordinator. Even if a teacher has taught in another school district, the mentoring program will take place.

Fennessey said she thinks it is "an excellent program, designed to retain new teachers and capitalize on the experience of the older teachers." Fennessey said the majority of the goals of the program is an attempt to establish trust between the mentor and the new teacher as well as to communicate the essence of the school community.

Superintendent Edward Malvey said that although he thought the state did not need to mandate the program, it was a good idea. "We welcome the program," Malvey said.

The pair of teachers are required to meet once a month to review and talk about policies. The program is just getting under way and Fennessey expects it to be in full force come next September.

The mentors visit the new teachers classrooms to observe their teaching technique and give the new teachers feedback. The new teachers are encouraged to observe their mentor's classes to try and learn about teaching technique.

There are currently 18 mentors in Cohasset Public Schools. There was a workshop last summer as well as a training manual to help and teach the mentors how to be effective and establish a consistency among the training. A teacher must apply to be a part of the program.

A study has shown the retention rates for teachers that have been in the program is 91 percent for the following year. The retention rate without the program is at 71 percent.

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Registration, is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting on Monday, Nov. 5, is Friday, Oct. 26, 2W from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before Oct. 26.

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Parent wants to keep program accountable

By Evan Schiff
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Andrew Quigley is on a crusade.

He's trying to illuminate the parents of schoolchildren in Cohasset as to what they are entitled to from the school system. Quigley, the father of a special needs childn, said he has been wronged by the Cohasset School District and he has gone to the state Department of Education to try and correct the problems.

In the modern school department, special education is no longer defined by children with physical disabilities or mental retardation. Special education needs can range from a minor reading problem to a combination of physical and emotional disabilities, or cerebral palsy. No matter what the disability, or how minor, under state law Cohasset must still educate that child.

According to Steve Kaplan, director of special education for Cohasset, there are currently 272 students (about 19 percent) who qualify for special education. Once a student is qualified for special education a team meeting with both parents and school administrators is scheduled.

The DOE has said a school district must produce, at minimum, a draft Individual Education Plan, or IEP, at team meetings. These plans define the goals and objectives of the student and summarize the help that will be given to the student. The final IEP must be delivered to the parents of the special needs child immediately following the Team meeting. And this is were Quigley's problems begin.

"There has never been a case were a child did not receive the services they needed."

Steve Kaplan, Director of Special Education

After two team meetings, two delayed IEP deliveries, and two rejected IEP's Quigley submitted a complaint to the DOE. It should be noted that Kaplan was not able to comment on specific cases because he is bound by confidentiality agreements.

In his complaint Quigley alleged that:

- Proper notice of a Team meeting was not given to the speech therapist, a vital team member
- The Cohasset School District failed to produce a completed IEP within the state regulated time frame
- The Cohasset School District did not forward to the Bureau of Special Education Appeals a rejected IEP within the state regulated time frame
- The Cohasset School District failed to provide the lease restrictive environment for their son
- The Cohasset School District failed to implement or amend the IEP in reference to physical therapy and occupational therapy
- The Cohasset School District made decisions concerning placement without a team meeting.

In its ruling on Sept. 21, the DOE found that the Cohasset School District was in violation of only one of the issues. The DOE investigated Cohasset Public Schools and found that it did not adhere to the regulation of producing the IEP's in a timely fashion. The report noted other issues had been resolved and dealt with in a mediation session which resulted in a verbal agreement.

"I have no tolerance for public servants who don't adhere to regulations."

Andrew Quigley, Jerusalem Road resident

The DOE said that for its verification purpose, "The Cohasset Public Schools must submit an activity log indicated by student initials, evaluation dates, notification dates, IEP meeting dates, and signed or rejected IEP dates." The DOE requested that the log be submitted before Nov. 15.

Kaplan said he saw no problem with this reuqest. "This is not something that is unusual in the field of special education. There has never been a case were a child did not receive the services they needed," he said.

Kaplan went on to explain that the Cohasset School System has already implemented an action plan to correct the problem. He said they now give parents a summary page of the IEP at the conclusion of the Team meetings and starting in January, they hope to be able to submit the entire document after the meeting.

Quigley said he understand that Kaplan is understaffed so the delivery of the IEPs may be delayed, however, he has no patience when it comes to them being wrong. "Kaplan needs to remember that the team writes the IEP not him alone. I have no tolerance for public servants who don't adhere to regulations," Quigley said.

Quigley hopes the issue is resolved and wants parents to realize what their rights are. He wants parents to know that through the Parent Advisory Council one can help to shape their child's special education program. "The PAC should be involved in this," Quigley said.

No reason to put off getting back in shape

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says the center is perfect for his needs. "It's so convement, there's more machines then I ever imagined," he said.

The center is run by the recreation department and most of the equipment was either donated or came out of the school budget. The membership money goes into a recreation department revolving fund used to maintain the exercise machines and pay the $15 an hour to have a supervisor on-site.

DeLorenzo encourages people, who are new to working out, to join the center. He said he is willing to help set up programs for first-time users.

The fitness center is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. These hours will remain in effect until more people are registered, at which time the center will be open for expanded hours.

The fee is $30 a month per person and registration is at the fitness center. Enter the front door to the right side of the main entrance at CMHS. Worley said folks are encouraged to signup for two months although 30-day memberships will be accepted.

"If membership gets to 20, we can open the center up another night," Worley said. "Ideally, we'd like to keep it open every night."



Jack DeLorenzo works out on the bench press while Allison DeLorenzo uses the stair-master and Dan Tarpey lifts the free weights at the fitness center.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Classes offered

The South Shore Community Center at 3 North Main St. offers the following classes:

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Children Are From Heaven: A Guide to Positive Parenting — Thursday, Nov. 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost, $30 per person; $50 per couple.

Alpha Coaching: Plan Your Life, Live Your Dream — Thursday, Nov. 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost, $30 per person; $50 per couple.

Stretch & Flexibility — Wednesdays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Openings still available.

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AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPHO-SMITH

HALLOWEEN'S COMING

Hello Cohasset. Halloween is coming and it is definitely in the air! The leaves are falling, the air is cooler and ghosts, witches and goblins are everywhere. Please make sure to watch out for all the Trick or Treaters on Wednesday as you drive around town and take a few minutes beforehand to remind your little goblins about Halloween safety rules.

GIRL SCOUT PARTY

A fantastic Girl Scout Halloween party was held for all Cohasset scouts last Friday and it was great! Hats off to all the people who were involved in the planning of this event, it is times like these that really show what teamwork can do.

GET WELL WISHES

I also want to send out a general "Get-Well" soon wish to all of the readers and residents here in town who are battling a wide range of illnesses. It seems like the list this week went on and on. If you are someone who is "under the weather" and you are reading this, please know that we are thinking of you and if you need anything, let a friend, family member or neighbor know. In these uncertain times, it is really important for us all to work on community support and togetherness and if you can help a person in need, that is wonderful.

COMMUNITY FLAG

Calling all hands, big and small! On Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 am-7 p.m. The South Shore Art Center is holding a Community Art Project and Holiday Marketplace and all are encouraged to attend and participate. This is a day and event that none of us should miss. Come help make a giant community flag! This artful interpretation of Old Glory will use handprints of participants for its form and color. The flag will be completed on this one day, will hang at the Art Center and will then be on display in various locations throughout the South Shore. By spreading the word and all coming out to support this great effort, our town wide spirit will be on display!

While you are here for the flag making, you may also shop at the Holiday Marketplace, a one-day craft fair featuring a select number of crafters from the Art Center's annual Festival on the Common. All work is small and priced for holiday giving. The Small Works exhibition in the Dillon Gallery will offer for sale the works of many of the Center's Gallery Artists.

PLAYGROUND IDEAS

Playground ideas anyone? As you may know by now, the playground at the Old Osgood has been taken down, a move that I am so relieved to see. As I have heard from so many, this is a sore subject to discuss around town due to some who were for this and many who were against it.

To me, the bottom line was that we had a terrific playpark that had been made by many wonderful and dedicated volunteers. Over the years, the playground had not been maintained and was showing way more than normal wear and tear. Having been at the playground myself on many occasions and witnesses several accidents that should not have been happening, it was very apparent to me that it had gone beyond a quick repair. The question now becomes, where, what and how do we find a suitable alternative.

A committee has been formed at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School to brainstorm on ways to make the playground their a community-based play park. Please call **Trish Hart** with ideas, comments or thoughts that you may have. Also, please feel free to send any questions, comments, thoughts or ideas on alternative space for a play park to this column. I was one of the people involved when the Osgood Playpark was made and feel that a community like ours could work together again on some other possibilities.



PARTYING MOOD

PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Polly Logan gets a hug from Carl Harris of Hingham at a special party in Harris' honor at the South Shore Country Club on Sunday. Harris is stepping down as chairman of the Hingham Republican Town Committee after many years.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Here is a great example of town wide support. This Saturday, Oct. 27 from 9 am-3 p.m., is "Make A Difference Day" and you can be a part of this fantastic day. The Cohasset Osgood PSO, Deer Hill PSO, Osgood School Council and The Cohasset Soccer Club have banded together to Make A Difference by hosting a bake sale at Milliken Field on Saturday. Please come by to purchase some delicious treats, grab a hot dog, some popcorn and drinks and while you are there, purchase some great artwork made by the students of the Osgood and Deer Hill schools.

Also available for sale will be some Red, White and Blue "Power" jellybeans or a Red, White and Blue gimp key chain. The proceeds of this wonderful event will be donated to the Fund For Public Schools-WTC School Relief Fund. I think that this is such a strong way for all of us as families to make a difference to the children who were so directly impacted by the Tragedies that unfolded on September 11.

Please make sure to support this effort either before or after a soccer game or just by stopping at the field. Parking is available at Alumni Field and it is just a quick hop, skip and a big jump to get to Milliken Field from there. If anyone out there would like to donate some delicious baked goods, you may drop them off at the entrance of the Osgood School on Friday, Oct. 26. If you have any questions, call **Jody Golden** at 383-2685 or **Dawn Gideon-Murphy** at 383-1524.

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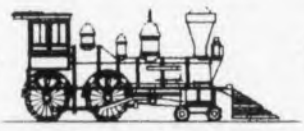
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IT'S HAPPENING

'Playathon' benefit

On Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the First Parish Church, music students from all over the South Shore will be sharing their talents to benefit a good cause—the homeless shelters at Pine Street Inn and Rosie's Place in Boston.

Sponsored by the South Shore Music Teachers Association, a professional organization of independent music teachers, this is the second annual "playathon" to be held on the South Shore. Last year's event raised more than $3,000, all of which was sent to the two shelters.

More than 70 students representing the studios of 10 teachers, are planning to get pledges in advance and will perform, in costume, throughout the day. At the same time, First Parish will hold its annual Harvest Fair, complete with food, children's activities and great buys.

The public is invited to both the Halloween Playathon and the Harvest Fair, free of charge.

For information, call South Shore Music Teachers Association member, Olive Mullen at 781-383-1993.

Paragon fall hours

The new fall hours at Paragon Carousel are Wednesday mornings, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays, 3-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Annual Halloween Party will be Oct. 28 from 2-4 p.m.

World's End cleanup

The Trustees of Reservations' third annual statewide volunteer workday will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 — rain or shine. Adults and kids (ages 14 and up) are invited to roll up their sleeves and volunteer in one of 20 work projects across the state. Locally, volunteers are needed in Hingham and Cohasset to walk the shoreline at World's End and remove debris. For information regarding The Trustees of Reservations, call 978-921-1944 or visit online at www.thetrustees.org.

To register for the World's End Cleanup Project, call Marge Balzotti at 781-821-2977

Exploring movement

The Cohasset Recreation and Cohasset High School come together during a project for community service.

Three high school juniors, Shawna Sullivan, Sarah Dennis and Bryan Bilton, will run a Movement Exploration for ages 4 and 5. These volunteered services will help the children develop their motor skills and basic social skills. It will also provide an opportunity for parents to drop their youngsters off and run a few errands without having to entertain the children.

The program will run on a rotating schedule as follows: Nov. 3 - 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.; Nov. 9 - 10:50 to 11:40 a.m.; Nov. 13 - 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.; Nov. 19 - 10:50 to 11:40 a.m.; Nov. 29 - 10:50 to 11:40 a.m.

For more information, call 781-383-4109. Limited space available. Registration will be at the Town Hall.

Newcomer's club events listed

Moms and Tots Playgroups: It's not too late, sign up now. From newborn to 5-year-olds, Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Caregivers and dads are welcome. If Wednesday is not good ask about a different day. Call Beth Compson at 544-0094.

Men's Basketball: Has organized pickup games at Cohasset High School. Time is 8 to 9:30 p.m. Drop in or call Michael Pasini at 544-3206 for more information.

Men's Poker: Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Call Chris Knight at 545-6059.

Ladies Night Out: Please R.S.V.P. to Beryl Campedelli at 383-0706 for information on the next night out.

Ladies Coffee: Will be at the home of Mary Pilsbury, 8 Cliff Estates Rd., Scituate. A recipe swap beginning at 7:30 p.m. will be held Thursday, Oct. 25. Please bring snack or dessert. Beverages provided. R.S.V.P. to Pilsbury at 545-4254.

Children's Halloween Party: Dress them up and join the group Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset (next to Town Hall), from 10 a.m. to noon with snacks and drinks provided. All club members and their guests are invited, however, there will be a $5 charge at the door for those not enrolled in the Moms and Tots program. R.S.V.P. to Beth Compson at 544-0094.

Sunshine Committee: Helps provide support to members in need (meals, illness, new baby, death, etc.). If you can help or know anyone who needs help call Amy Fitzpatrick at 383-9911 or Laurie Freeman at 545-1876.



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CELEBRATING 85 YEARS

Arthur Lehr, far right, who achieved Eagle Scout rank in 1937, stands with fellow Cohasset Troop 28 committee member Linda Farrag, center, and former Boy Scout Dr. Tinsley Rucker in celebrating the troop's 85th anniversary. Rucker came all the way from North Carolina to attend the event Sunday at Kimball's by the Sea.

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HALLOWEEN FAIR

Guess what? This Sunday, Oct. 28 is the Annual Halloween Fair being held on the Cohasset Common. In case you haven't heard or read about it yet, this event kicks off at 1:30 p.m. with the annual Costume Parade. All the little witches, ghosts and goblins will want to stay around until the end of the fair at 3:30 pm. to try their hands at dozens of games, activities, including yummy cupcake decorating, a Kiddie Ferris Wheel and so much more. Tickets can be purchased and are 3 for $1 with most activities between 2-3 tickets each. Proceeds from the fair benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. If you want more information, call **Lynne Sheridan** at 383-0036. In the event of rain, the Halloween Fair will be held in the Community Center.

WILLIAMS SOCCER

Cohasset's **Steff Noering** leads the red-hot Ephs to a six-game shut out streak as they get ready for the NESCAC semi-finals this weekend. It all started with a 2-0 victory over undefeated league leader Middlebury where Steff, a junior at Williams College, shot both goals.

Six shut out games later, she scored again two goals and had an assist as Williams beat Wesleyan in the quarterfinals this past Sunday. Wish them luck as they take on Bowdoin on Saturday in Middlebury. We all certainly wish you tremendous luck Steff, keep up the great work.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

I have some great Happy Birthday wishes to send out this week. First of all, a very special and huge Birthday wish goes out to Miss **Taylor Shirley Piepenbrink** as she turns six-years-old this week! Taylor's grandparents **Diane and John Mello** and **Fred Piepenbrink**, along with her aunts, uncles and cousins all wish you a wonderful and happy day! We love you sweetie!

Also celebrating a birthday are **Nate and Abbey Brown**, who turned eight years old! These twins were so generous in their gifts this year asking not for toys or prizes but instead, requested donations for a close family friend who lost his life in the WTC tragedy. This was truly a very generous and touching story to hear. Happy Birthday, Abbey and Nate!

Another Birthday being celebrated this week is that of Miss **Emma Smith** who is turning seven! Emma, we hope you have a wonderful day and enjoy your special day. Happy Birthday to very cute little girl!

That is the news for this week. Please send me all your news, events, celebration news and photos in one of the following ways.

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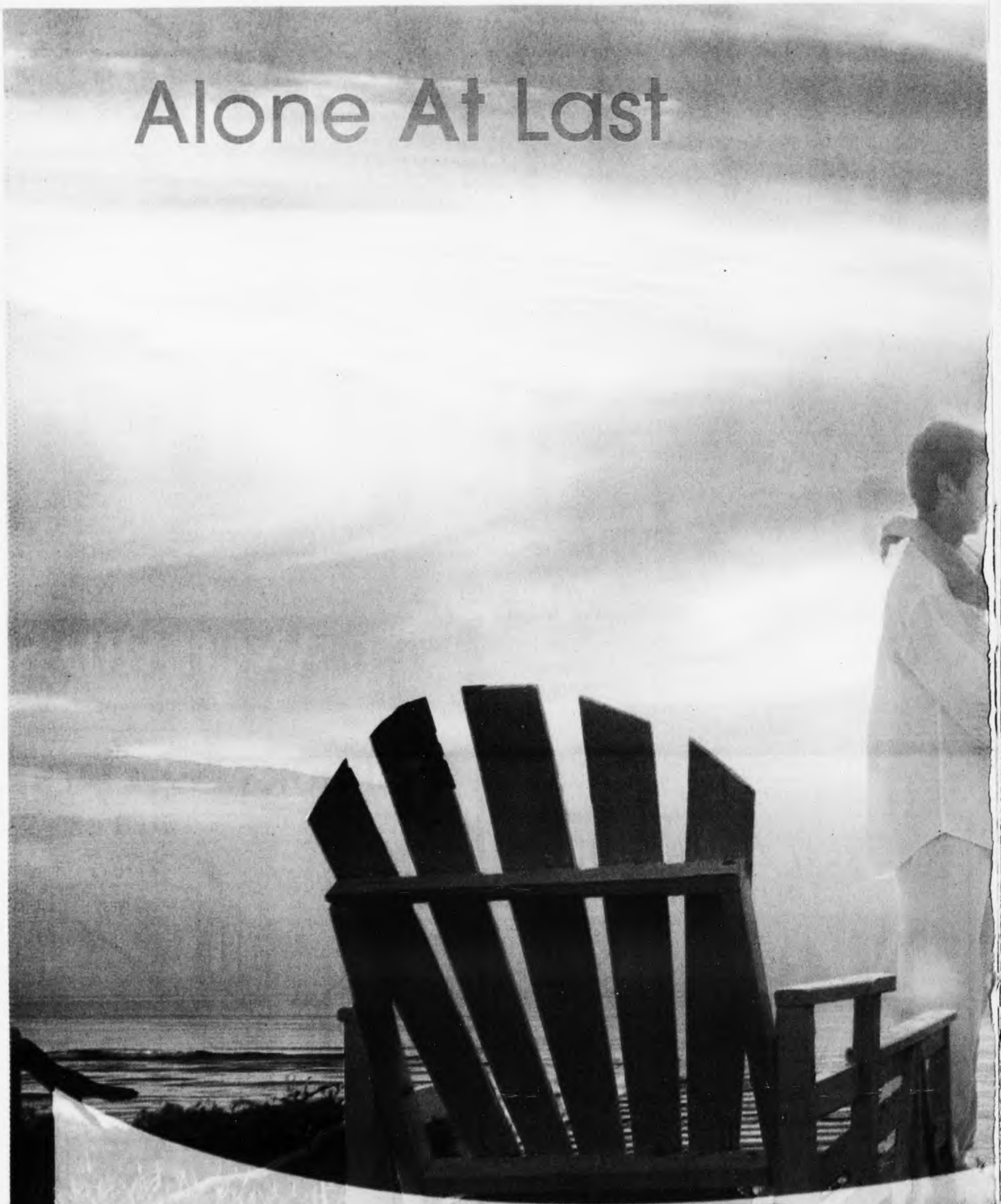
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Pride, patriotism, and etiquette

When Betsy Ross put the first stitch on the American flag she probably had no idea of what an enduring symbol it would become.

Few times in our American history has the flag held more importance than right now in our country as we stare boldly in the face of terrorism. The flag has come to symbolize so much more since Sept. 11: pride, power, unity, strength, just to name a few. No time in recent memory have we seen such a display of the red, white and blue, defiantly waving in the face of unthinkable acts against our country.

As we have reported in recent weeks patriotism is at an all-time high. Stores and factories can't keep up with the demand for American flags. We see them everywhere — on cars, draped across houses and blowing in the breeze along the highways. It is truly remarkable, something to fill all of us with hope and inspiration.

But as we continue to exhibit our patriotism with renewed fervor, it is important to remember some rules of flag etiquette. Traveling the South Shore we can't help but notice many of the flags are looking ragged and torn. Several placed along Route 3 overpasses have become torn to shreds from the winds whipping across the highway. A South Shore yard displayed a large flag that at one time must have been taut as it was hung, but now it droops and part of it drags on the ground.

And while we applaud one resident for their sense of patriotism we do have to question whether a flag draped over a dumpster used for reconstruction debris is the best use for Betsy Ross' handiwork. In the spirit of patriotism, we offer some etiquette reminders for displaying the American flag and continue to encourage all residents to proudly show their red, white and blue.

The following information is taken from ushistory.org. To learn more history and etiquette about the flag and its creator, check out the website where there is a homepage on Betsy Ross:

• When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.

• The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right (that means the viewer's left), and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

• The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. Crepe streamers may be affixed to spear heads or flagstaffs in a parade only by order of the President of the United States.

• When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the right of the flag of the United States.

• When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building. The flag should never be allowed to touch the ground.

• When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

• When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way, that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes or drapings are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the flag.

• The flag of the United States should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

• When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience.

• It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

• The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Runway response

TO THE EDITOR:

In support of the proposed new runway at Logan, Massport's Barbara Platt and Director of Aviation Thomas Kinton are quoted in last week's Mariner article that overall delays will be reduced one-third, and that flights over the South Shore will not increase.

They are misinformed. Their own data, found in their Final Environmental Impact Review (FEIR), indicate that, even if the runway is built, delays will increase to 249,600 hours from the pre-Sept. 11 level of 148,000 hours. Additionally, overflights will increase to 200,000 annually, from 106,000 now, mostly from 75,000 additional low level arrivals on runway 33L.

In the response to the FEIR, submitted in June by the towns of Hull, Hingham and Cohasset in opposition to the runway, it was pointed out that jet fuel emissions, tons of which already rain down on the three towns every day, were understated by 150 percent, and noise energy levels an astonishing 900 percent.

Hull's Phil Lemnios points out that property values may fall by 10 percent if the runway is built. This may be an understatement. Declines of up to 20 percent are indicated in data from the FAA, Booz Allen (a leading consulting company), and European and Canadian studies. No-one wants to live under the roar of arriving and departing jets. His observation is simply common sense, and not a scare tactic. Buyers of property in Hingham, Hull and Cohasset will take air traffic into account in their purchase decisions. The evidence suggests that values will decline, or cease to rise as properties in pollution-free towns continue to increase in value.

Massport has asked the FAA to approve its FEIR. Once approved it can be put on the shelf, to be pulled off at any time in the future to permit the construction of the runway without further debate. While the decision to build the runway is on hold, the drive to gain FAA blessing is not, and is the reason Hull is proceeding with its suit. We have discovered that the errors and omissions in the FEIS are so egregious they suggest a deliberate intent to deceive, and rise to the level of fraud.

Fortunately courts both in California and Europe have recently recognized the merits of citizens' actions against airport noise and jet fuel pollution (Oakland,Calif. and London's Heathrow), providing precedent for favorable action by the Plymouth County court.

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Cohasset member, South Shore Jet Pollution Council

Schools welcome all

TO THE EDITOR:

As school superintendent, I am quite concerned with recent comments made in your newspaper regarding the discussion the Cohasset School Committee and I had recently regarding the proposed Avalon Bay Project.

I and the committee had been invited to react to the proposal by the town planner as to the potential impact such a venture may have on the schools, and that is all we did.

I merely presented to the committee the potential impact relative to increased student population, space, services and transportation. I viewed this as an objective analysis based upon 32 years of experience in education and planning for the future, relative to the growth in a town.

I and the committee were not asked, nor did we take a position on whether the project should be approved, and certainly did not state that we were opposed. To the contrary, I and the school committee welcome students of all abilities, regardless of socio-economic status as some have alluded to in the printed articles. We did not focus narrowly on this issue, but the articles have.

We, in the schools, and I believe in the community, are proud of all our children. We embrace the diversity we have and support students from all backgrounds.

It is unfortunate if some individuals have transferred their feelings on this issue to me and the committee when in fact, our intent was only to respond on the potential impact. I believe it is up to the community to respond to the project as to yea or naye.

The school doors are always open to all of our students, and we make no judgments on whom should or should not attend. We see all of our students as one, and do not single out or make stereotypes of any.

Edward M. Malvey, Ed.D.

LIBRARY CORNER

Yearbooks wanted

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library has just received a gift of Cohasset High School yearbooks from 1989-2001. They will be cataloged and kept in the Archives for all to use. Yearbooks are an important local history item for local libraries to have but until now the library has not collected them. If you have any yearbooks that you would like to donate to the library, please bring them in.

Sports personality

On Sunday, Oct. 14, an appreciative audience of about 40 people attended the library's program featuring Bill Littlefield, National Public Radio's sports commentator. Littlefield is the host of "Only a Game," a weekly program produced by Boston's radio station, WBUR. After reading from several of his humorous pieces about baseball, golf and soccer, Littlefield spoke of the sometimes serendipitous mix of interviewing, research and inspiration needed to produce his show.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Bill Littlefield, Radio sports commentator, shares some anecdotes at a special library program.

Littlefield, the author of five books and a teacher at Curry College, then answered questions from the audience about his show and written works.

Library Director Janet Husband was pleased with the turnout. She hopes to do much more of this kind of programming at the new library, where an inviting meeting room and plenty of parking will provide an ideal setting.

Cohasset Dramatic club

On Thursday, Nov. 8, the Cohasset Dramatic Club will perform part of its current play, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." The performance will take place in the Children's Room of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 4 p.m. This performance is suitable for all members of the family and should last about one hour. Light refreshments will be served following the performance

Master Plan survey coming next week

MASTER PLAN

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

"Big trees, sidewalks and friends!" is what a local five-year-old said when asked: What do you like most about Cohasset? The question is being posed to every registered voter in town next week in an important survey designed to build consensus on important issues to all residents. As we have spoken about in past weeks, the Selectmen have created this committee to help draft a town vision and hire the resources to build a master plan. This will eventually guide future plans and decisions for appropriate growth, effective transportation as well as infrastructure, education, and environmental protection. Towns such as Hingham, Norwell, Scituate and Duxbury have already completed this activity and are now implementing their plans based on their residents' visions.

The Town is sending a survey to every registered voter in town next week, so look for it and respond, because every voice counts in the future of Cohasset. We are including here a few facts about the town for you to consider as you ponder the future.

Community Profile

Population – As of the 2000 Census, the population in Cohasset totaled 7,261. Cohasset's population has increased 4 percent since 1970 (6,954-7,261). Average household size decreased 20 percent from 1970 to 2000 (3.34 to 2.69 persons) while median age is up 5.6 percent from 1990 to 40.9 years.

Growth –Cohasset's population is projected to increase by 4 percent, or to 7,537 persons by 2005, according to the Massachusetts Institute for Social and Economic Research (MISER). A recent study by the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs found that the population could increase as much as 37 percent if all land in Cohasset were built to maximum zoning.

Housing – Cohasset had 2,805 housing units according to the 2000 Census, an increase of 2.9 percent from 1990. According the Assessor's Office, approximately 86 percent of all homes are single family, 8 percent are condominiums and 6 percent are multifamily. The median sales price for a single-family home in Cohasset in 2000 was $420,000 according to Banker and Tradesman.

Zoning – Approximately 80 percent of the town is zoned for housing, 7 percent is zoned for commercial development and 13 percent is zoned as open space. Residential zoning requires 50 feet of frontage on an approved way and 18,000 to 60,000 square feet of land for each new house lot. Commercial zoning requires from zero to 80,000 square feet of land per development. The Water Resources and Special Floodplain and Watershed Protection Districts control development near water and wetland resources.

Town Budget –In fiscal 2000, Cohasset's municipal budget was $20,792,165. Education (42 percent) and public safety (13 percent) were the top budget expenditures. The remaining funds went to general services such as water, parks, public works, and town administration.

Education –Cohasset Public school enrollment was 1,249 in 1999/2000. Per pupil expenditure that year was $6,921 as compared to the state average of $6,692. According to the School Department, Cohasset has a student teacher ratio of 9:1 and 93 percent of graduating students pursue higher education.

Governance – Cohasset operates under the town manager form of local government with an open town meeting and five member elected Board of Selectman.

Municipal Services – The town provides: police, fire, ambulance, harbormaster, partial sewering, water (except North Cohasset, served by MA Amer. Water), a waste recycling/transfer facility, elder affairs, low-income senior housing, inspectional services, recreational programs and public works.

Open Space and Natural Resources – Cohasset has a unique and diverse natural environment with ledge, marsh, woods and water that supports a wide range of species. 30 percent of all land in Cohasset is protected open space.

Historic and Cultural Resources – Cohasset Common, Government Island and the Lothrop and Gropius homes are each listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Common, Little Harbor, Mill River Marine, Beechwood Village and many other areas are both historically and culturally significant features of town.

Water – Mass American Water supplies Water in North Cohasset. Water for the rest of the town comes from Lily Pond and is supplemented by the Aaron River Reservoir. The Reservoir can safely yield up to 3.5 million gallons per day (average usage for the past 10 years has been around 700,000 gallons per day).

The Cohasset Growth & Development Committee: Clark Brewer, Tom Callahan, Debbie Cook, Bill Good, Elizabeth Harrington, Patti Keville, Ronnie McMorris, Peter Pratt, Rick Swainborg and Michael Westcott.

A museum for Elian?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where they're planning to make a museum out of the rented white stucco house on Northwest Second Street in Miami, where Elian Gonzalez spent five months of his young life.

Oh, goody! Just in time to give a lift to Janet Reno's campaign for governor of Florida.

Janet, you will remember, was the attorney general who sent the jack-booted thugs of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, armed with machine guns, and probably mortars and Scud missiles, too, to kidnap the 6-year-old Elian and send him back to slavery in Fidel Castro's Cuban sugar plantation.

Or so they tell it in the Little Havana section of Miami, where Castro and Reno rank just below Osama bin Laden in the popularity polls.

The new museum, we are told, will feature a display case with Elian's toys, now treasured family heirlooms purchased at WalMart in 1999, and a poster photo of a federal agent, armed with enough firepower to take on the Taliban, capturing the little boy at gun point.

It's the kind of display case that used to show off the gun with which John Wilkes Booth shot President Lincoln from the grassy knoll in Ford's Theater in Washington — if it had the historic significance of Barney the Green Dinosaur once handled by Elian, that is.

At the time Elian lived there, from December 1999 through April 2000, the house was rented by great uncle Lazaro Gonzalez, his wife, Angela, and his daughter, Marisleysis. They moved out shortly after Elian was seized by the Feds. Last November, another great uncle, Delfin Gonzalez, purchased the house for $80,000. It is Delfin who is turning it into a shrine to Elian.

"He is going to keep it exactly as it was when Elian was there," said Armando Gutierrez, a spokesman for the Gonzalez family. They are suing the government for using excess force in executing arrest and search warrants at the home.

The November date is important because it was exactly a year ago last November that little Elian was found floating on an inner tube in the waters off Florida after his mother and her boy friend died in a shipwreck while trying to flee Castro's island. The fisherman, Donato Dalrymple, who discovered him is suing the government, too.

Elian went back to Cuba in June to live with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, and his stepmother, in Cardenas, Cuba, 90 miles east of Havana. He has virtually disappeared. He attends the Marcelo Salado Primary School, protected by three plain clothed officers who shoo away reporters attempting to interview him or those around him.

One wonders if he will be able to attend the opening of the Elian Gonzalez Museum in Miami, 90 miles away across the strait that claimed the life of his mother, and play with his Barney the Green Dinosaur once again.

HEALTH NOTES

Health board updated on bio-attack procedures

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The more we see of the infrastructure of the nation's Public Health Service, the more reassured we can be that we have a quality organization. For example, last week, all local Boards of Health received extensive data about upcoming news releases relating to recognition and coping with illnesses associated with the intentional release of a biologic agent. These information packets were extremely useful in providing local health-care providers with facts, information and procedures for protecting citizens from bio-attack. They covered procedures for such things as mail processing, indications of a biologic attack, identification of symptoms of unusual illnesses, etc. Information and organization are there for us to cope with bioterrorism. If we're calm and avoid hysteria, the effects of such activity will be negligible for most of us.

More water quality monitoring

Occasionally, there is unwarranted criticism about the quality of the data volunteers collect. This is often because there is a lack of understanding about the objectives of volunteer programs. At least half of the reason for volunteers taking data from the environment is to make them more connected with the ecosystem around them so they can live in more harmony within it.

Those who merely pay to have their trash carted away are not bad people, but they also are not learning about the magnitude of the nation's growing waste disposal problem. It would be hard to recycle and not begin to understand the scope of the solid waste issue. Similarly, taking water-quality data will surely bring home the mounting problems, which growth is bringing us.

One Board of Health initiative is aimed at convincing the State that pollution is up in Little Harbor. This will be done by local residents taking water samples after rain events. Even now, at the end of the first week of the program, initial data shows pollution at one site in Little Harbor slightly less than 75 times that for a healthy estuary, and somewhat more than five times the level which would be safe for swimming. The local volunteers will continue to take these data, and we will continue reporting, and many will, hopefully, learn what unmediated growth is doing to our town.

In another volunteer program, on Tuesday Oct 16, eight Cohasset High School students and three teachers spent the day at TPMC, an environmental engineering firm in Scituate. The group was joined by Cohasset's Health Agent, Dr. Joseph Godzik, Board of Health Chair, Steve Bobo, Steve Ivas, environmental scientist, and Jeff Donze, cartographer and Cohasset resident (and CHS graduate) employed by TPMC. The group convened for a full day of work at TPMC in order to accomplish three goals:

- To assess and analyze data from field work done to date
- To map out the process of writing a scientific report that can meet the rigors of professional scientific review; and to begin that process
- To become familiar with the environmental mapping software programs used by TPMC in its environmental consulting work such that this software may be used by the students in their final report

The day was highly productive. All goals were clearly met. The opportunity to meet off-campus, and to work without interruption in a professional setting alongside professional consultants and town officials, was invaluable. And from this the Town will receive valuable reports about Little Harbor, Cohasset Cove and a new group of people who understand the importance of gathering good data about their environment.

For more information please call Judy Fitzsimmons, the Public Health Nurse at 781-383-2210

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Responding to concerns about anthrax

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) in conjunction with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), offer the following guidelines for use in responding to questions about anthrax threats, unknown contamination of items or management of individuals concerned about potential exposure.

Advice to the public

- Anthrax does not present an immediate threat of injury.
- Exposure to anthrax does not necessarily mean infection.
- Anthrax is not spread from one person to another person.
- If it is determined that there is exposure, infection can be prevented.
- All reported incidents have and will be investigated.
- To date, no anthrax has been found in Massachusetts.

If a letter, package, or object is of known origin (i.e. it is a usual or expected item from a known business or individual), conforms with the characteristics of normal mail, is not accompanied by any written or verbal threats, and contains no powdery substance, there is little or no health risk. There is no need to contact health or law enforcement officials.

If a letter, package or object is of known origin (i.e. it is a usual or expected item from a known business or individual), is not accompanied by any written or verbal threat, and some particulate matter is found in or around it, the health risk is low. There is no need to contact health or law enforcement officials. If there is a question, the MDPH information line is available at 1-866-627-7968.

If a letter, package or object contains a powdery substance and/or a written or verbal threat the following is advised:

1. Do not shake or empty the contents of any suspicious envelope or package; do not try to clean up powders or fluids.
2. Place the envelope or package in a plastic bag or some other type of container to prevent leakage of contents.
3. If you do not have any container, then cover the envelope or package with anything (e.g., clothing, paper, trashcan, etc.) and do not remove this cover.
4. Leave the room and close the door, or section off the area to prevent others from entering (i.e., keep others away).
5. Wash your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading any powder to your face or skin.
6. If you are at home, then report the incident to local law enforcement or call 911. If you are at work, then notify your building security official or an available supervisor.
7. If possible, list all people who were in the room or area when this suspicious letter or package was recognized. Give this list to both the local public health authorities and law enforcement officials for follow-up investigations and advice.
8. If clothing or articles of clothing become contaminated with powder, carefully remove the clothes and keep them in a plastic bag until you are notified of results of testing.
9. If you have body or clothing exposure to a suspect material, then shower with soap and water as soon as possible. Do not use bleach or disinfectant on your skin.
10. Do not transport suspicious or contaminated material to the police, fire, or health department yourself.
11. Do not bring suspicious or contaminated material to the hospital, clinic, or doctor's office.

Bird behavior — at times unexpected, unusual

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON



Simply put, bird behavior is anything birds do. Feeding habits, methods of getting around, survival techniques, and courtship, breeding and nesting activities are all aspects of behavior. The specifics of these behaviors vary from species to species or even between individuals. Some actions are related to a bird's specific anatomical design. For instance, the size and type of beak determines the kind of food a bird eats. The design of a bird's foot, including the number and arrangement of toes, the amount of webbing, or the type of claw will determine how a bird moves, or sits, or catches food. Behavioral traits are often good clues to identification.

Unexpected nesting places

All birds need a place to lay their eggs, but some choose rather unlikely spots. For instance, knowing that ducks swim, and generally live in a water environment, would we expect Wood Ducks to nest in tree cavities, sometimes not even very near the water? Probably not, but that is what they do. They also will use man-made birdhouses. When my children were small, they thought I couldn't be right when I called them to look at the duck (a Wood Duck) sitting high up in our backyard elm tree!

Belted Kingfishers have large heads and bills, but short legs and small feet, making them somewhat awkwardly proportioned. Although they are land birds, they dive for fish, in addition to eating insects and tadpoles. They do not build nests in trees or bushes like other passerines, but excavate burrows in banks beside rivers or lakes to lay their eggs. Most burrows are 1-3 feet long, some are as much as 6 feet long, and a few have been found to be 10-15 feet in length. In a new burrow, eggs are laid directly on the ground; in previously used burrows, eggs are laid on debris, such as fish bones and scales left over from former years.

Herons and egrets are large birds, some species being very large. Common sense would suggest that such large birds would not try to nest in the tops of trees, and yet that is exactly what they do. Great Blue Herons will nest up to 130 feet above the ground.

Sleep phenomena

You may wonder how birds that perch on a branch can sleep without falling off. The answer lies with special flexor tendons in their legs. When a bird crouches on a branch, its legs flex, or bend, which causes the toes to close. With the toes grasping the branch, the rest of the bird can relax and sleep. When the bird extends its legs in order to fly off, the toes open.

Birds can also sleep with one eye open and one half of the brain awake. This behavior, known as "unihemispheric slow-wave sleep" allows the bird to stay alert to approaching predators while grabbing some needed rest at the same time.

Scientists at the University of Chicago have studied the electrical brain activity of Zebra Finches during sleep. They found that neurons are fired in the same patterns during sleep as when the birds sing during the day. They believe this is because the birds are rehearsing songs in their sleep.

Use of tools

We don't usually think of birds as being tool users. However, a few birds do use tools, mostly birds not found in North America. The Brown-headed Nuthatch found in Louisiana and other southern states is a regular user of tools, however. It chips off a small piece of pine bark that it uses in its beak to pry off more pieces of bark in order to find insects hiding underneath.

"Bait-fishing" is different type of tool use. Several kinds of herons, especially the Green Heron will use bread crumbs or insects to lure fish, which they then catch. It is not clear whether this is a learned response from observing that the bread fed to ducks by humans sometimes attracts fish, or whether this is a genetic trait, given that most of the birds employing this tactic are from the same family.

William Davis reported a variation of this in "Bird Observer" in 2000. He watched a Tri-colored Heron follow a Double-crested Cormorant as it swam back and forth in a zigzag pattern along the shore. The heron followed along and attacked fish being stirred up by the cormorant. In other words, the heron was using the cormorant as a "beater"

Unusual Diets

A woman in New Hampshire found that Blue Jays were suddenly chipping white paint off her house and eating it. In order to divert them, she tried offering oyster shells, sand, dirt and trace minerals. None of these worked, but eggshells finally did the trick. Offering two to three cups of eggshells a day would keep them from eating her paint. If snow covered up the eggshells, they would go back to eating the paint. It seems paint contains calcium in the form of calcium carbonate. Further investigation by the Lab of Ornithology at Cornell showed that this was not an isolated case. Their studies show that Blue Jays do choose paint over other sources of grit, except for eggshells. They also consume more than twice as much calcium as other species. They continue eating calcium into the fall, unlike other species which just eat extra calcium during egg-laying season. Paint chipping seems to be a more prevalent behavior in the northeast than other parts of the country. Perhaps this is because northeastern soils are low in calcium due to leaching by acid rain. If you offer birds eggshells, they should first be boiled for ten minutes to remove any salmonella, then cooled and crushed and set out in a shallow dish or feeding tray.

A report by Richard Hildreth in "Bird Observer" in 1999 tells of European Starlings catching tent caterpillars in the advanced hairy stage. Most birds give up eating them once they get too hairy. Hildreth watched as the starlings rubbed the caterpillars on the pavement until the hairs were removed. After the hairs were removed, they either ate the insects or carried them off to a nest.

As much as 50 percent of the stomach contents of Horned or Pied-billed Grebes may be feathers. Scientists trying to find an explanation for why grebes eat so many feathers hypothesize that grebes do not have a gizzard strong enough to crush fish bones. Feather balls could protect the stomach from sharp bones until the digestive process dissolves the bones. It is not understood why grebes have not evolved a digestive tract capable of dealing with bones without filling it with feathers.

As more and more birders observe bird behavior carefully, more unusual behaviors are being reported. As this happens, we may find that some of these behaviors are more common than we realized.

Joanne Norton is a licensed bird-bander, avid birder, and a member of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force.

Girl Scout Halloween Dance

Event is biggest ever



On right, Sarah Trahon and Sarah Libby are decked out for the occasion at the Girl Scout Halloween dance.
Below, from left, Samantha Snow, Alison Costa, Erica Reardon, Krystin Fiori, Carley Salerno, Marissa Tanghertini, Natalie Hunt, Lesen Haracz, Elizabeth Ketchum, Brittany Dunn and Tina D'Antonio have a great time at the annual Girl Scout Halloween dance at St. Stephen's Church hall.



Town hopes for a sweet time this year

By Evan Schiff
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It's that time of the year when dentists can start planning elaborate vacations. Halloween is nearly upon us.

A beloved holiday by sweet-tooths of all ages — Halloween is a time when everyone can succumb to the guilty pleasure of chocolate.

But local officials and police hope the occasional toothache will be the only problem on Oct. 31.

Halloween has been a nightmare in years past, with throngs of teens wreaking havoc on the town. Two years ago, youths vandalized village storefronts, broke windows at the Osgood School, egged and dented police cruisers and stole candy from young trick-or-treaters. And two years before that, the village provided the setting for another similarly ugly scene.

Things were quiet last year – and the town hopes to keep it that way.

For children a little too old to go knocking on doors, again this year there will be a dance on Halloween night from 7-10 p.m. at The Garage behind the Red Lion Inn. The dance, sponsored by the Cohasset Youth Resources Committee, is open to all children in the sixth grade and up. Costumes are optional, though there will be prizes for the most creative.

"Last year we opened on Halloween and had a good response," said Recreation Department director Jack Worley, who also serves on the Cohasset Youth Resources Committee. "It provides an alternative to hanging around in the streets."

Local officials and police hope the occasional toothache will be the only problem on Oct. 31.

Although Police Chief Brian Noonan expects a quiet Halloween, said he will have extra personnel on as a precaution. Noonan also said he has suggested that grocery stores don't sell large quantity of eggs to teens on Halloween eve.

In light of recent world events, Noonan said he hopes parents would be more aware where they take their children this year. He said it's always a good idea for children only to go to the houses of people they know.

"This is not a time to be dealing with strangers," he said. Noonan emphasized that the preferred hours for trick-or-treating are from 4-8 p.m.

The National Confectioners Association and the Chocolate Manufacturers Association have established the following safety tips to help make Halloween safe and enjoyable:

Wear light-colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping, and add reflective tape.

Make sure children can see well through face masks, or use make-up.

Adults should always accompany small children.

Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.

Stay within the neighborhood and only visit familiar homes.

Watch for traffic.

Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.

Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.

Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and may become frightened.

Avoid hard plastic of wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber which is soft and flexible.

Tampering with candy or any food is a federal crime, police said. Penalties range from a fine of $25,000 or imprisonment for attempting tampering to $100,000 and life imprisonment where tampering leads to death.

Parking planned panned

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Oct. 30 at Town Hall to discuss the matter.

In a letter to selectmen, Worley said the news was "derived from one of our members during a slide presentation by the revitalization committee, only after her prodding and questioning of a specific slide."

"We find both the information and an obvious lack of desire to share the information with our committee very disturbing and less than forthcoming," Worley stated.

The Garage, which has been in operation for two years and serves grades 6 and older, came to fruition thanks to a small army of dedicated volunteers.

"We sunk $40,000 into the project," he said. "It was a major effort using a 60-year-old concrete building.

"We couldn't rally the people again, it was a tough project that took a lot out of everybody."

Rizzo disputes the fact the CRC hasn't been forthcoming about the parking idea.

"Nothing we do is in secret," he said. "Our Elm Street office is open for anyone to walk in and see the plans.

"We only brought the parking forward because there is a need to increase parking in the village."

He said there would be two options if the town wanted to go forward with additional parking. The first, a one-level parking area, would incorporate the existing teen center into the parking. The other would involve moving the teen center, Rizzo said, and constructing a two-level structure at the site. Both options would be expensive because ledge would have to be removed.

"There's is nothing definite and we're not advocating anything," Rizzo said. He said at a recent public forum on village improvements about 35 percent of those in attendance thought it was worthwhile to keep expanding village parking near the teen center on the table.

"The CRC has great respect for the time, energy and resources put forward by the many individuals who helped create the teen center," Rizzo added. "If the expanded parking ever progressed beyond the idea stage there should be no doubt that the Youth Resources Committee would be a critical partner in any future discussions or planning."

Surveying for harbor walkway

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, which is planning infrastructure improvements, has hired BSC Engineering to complete a detailed survey of the harbor area to get a better understanding of the location and dimensions of public land.

One of the primary goals of the harbor walkway project is to provide safe pedestrian access around the harbor's edge, reducing the present conflict between vehicles and pedestrians and cyclists — which often compete for the same sidewalk space, said Dean Rizzo, executive director of the CRC. CRC believes efficient delineation of existing land uses will provide enough space for independent sidewalk and parking areas separated by a curbing system.

Rizzo said survey work is scheduled to begin in a week or two and will be conducted primarily on public ways. However, during the field measuring there may be occasions when BSC will need to hold a measuring pole a few feet in from the street/sidewalk edge on private property.



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Maritime school eyes old Hagerty house

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proved to be an ideal site to lodge and launch wooden rowing boats and teach the skills and traditions of the early lifeboat crews.

After six years, CMI has proved itself, Buckley says.

"CMI has proved itself to be an organization capable of carrying out its proposals," Buckley stated in a recent letter to Town Manager Mark Haddad. He said his proposal is "a kindred spirit" to Ulmer's vision of but is significantly less grand than a learning laboratory for genetic research. Buckley's vision for the expanded CMI includes working as "promoting maritime education and environmental stewardship of our coastal community."

In an interview at the boathouse last week, Buckley was busy preparing for Saturday's annual The Head of the Weir River Race, an open-water rowing race that features upwards of 30 boats and 150 rowers, who come from across New England and New York.

Twelve years ago Buckley was invited to go out with a group of rowers at the Hull Lifesaving Museum in the dead of winter and experienced the same invigoration as those men, who set out in lifeboats into oft-stormy seas to rescue those in trouble back in the 1800s and early 1900s.

"We had to chop our boat out of the icy water," he recalled. "It was 15 degrees outside, but I loved it."

Being outside, coupled with the teamwork and athleticism involved in rowing, instilled in Buckley a love for the sport that has evolved into CMI.

CMI also conducts summer classes and offers a rowing program at the middle-high school. The old clapboard boathouse, which originally stood on Government Island, is believed to be an old US Lighthouse Service building that served as a service station for Minot Light.

In a related matter, selectmen recently agreed to provide CMI with $4,500 for boathouse improvements from remaining Hagerty property money over objections of the Hagerty Committee. Buckley said the money to be used for a new roof, doors and walkway and would free CMI funds to enhance programs and equipment. The Hagerty Committee objected saying the money should be used for the Hagerty project that includes Mariners Park. But Town Manager Mark Haddad said the boathouse is part of the Hagerty property. Money was appropriated to the Hagerty account at the October 2000 Special Town Meeting, he said.

CMI rowers excel in Weir River race

High school rowers (trained and sponsored by the Cohasset Maritime Institute) competed in the Head of the Weir rowing race in Hull on Saturday. They placed first overall and they put down the fastest time of the day. They beat crews comprised of high-school rowers as well as crews comprised of adults. The winning crew was "stroked" by CHS senior Charlie Anderson, (rowing in the position of stroke oar); Dan Littauer, CHS senior who just began crew this fall season rowed in the three seat; Chris Tabela, a junior from Hull High School, rowed the two seat, and Ian Hickey, a CHS sophomore rowed "bow". The coxswain was CMI coach John Liffmann.

"Coach Liffmann trained the students well and their efforts during practice paid off," CMI director Jack Buckley said. The crew's winning time of 42: 45 must be close to a course record, he said.

CMI had a second boat, coxed by CHS graduate Bea Rankin (freshman who currently attends the University of Vermont and is a member of the crew team servings as coxswain for the women's novice A team). That boat was stroked by Alice Theilman, CHS freshman, with George Miller; Cohasset Middle Schooler, grade 8, rowing three seat; John McCarthy, Cohasset Middle Schooler, grade 7; and Kelly Stone, CHS senior and novice rower, who provided solid leadership from the bow position.

"This crew, comprised of two females and two males, performed admirably in their first competition," Buckley said. "It was great to see not only Kelly and Bea, two friends and two leaders on the water together in the same boat, but it was great to see the young rowers learning what crew competition is all about."

"Everyone had a great time and I know will be looking forward to more action on the water come spring, 2002," Buckley said.

A little Hagerty House history

From the Mariner files, submitted by David Wadsworth and Mary Hagerty.

John Eltman worked his way from Europe to Boston and eventually to Cohasset where he set up a boat manufacturing company [constructing lobster and luxury boats] in the 1920s and 1930s.

Eltman learned of old merchants' homes being torn down in the Boston Harbor area [along where Rowe's Wharf now stands] and had some of the nicer homes moved before any damage was done to them. These houses were unloaded by ship at Parker Avenue, the major access to the town by water. The former Cohasset Colonials showhouse [now known as the Hagerty house] was one such building.

Francis Hagerty summered in Egypt, Mass. and worked for Eltman in his Cohasset boatyard at 38 Parker Ave.

Hagerty bought an old shell manufacturing company in 1938 and operated this with Eltman on the waterfront property before World War II. [The deed from this period says Eltman and Hagerty were partners in this business].

Eltman died in 1942 and Hagerty, who was a naval architect, took over the company. After the war, Hagerty designed a kit for small sailboats called "sea shells," a seasonal business. After getting permission from the Museum of Fine Arts, Francis and his wife, Mary, produced home assembly kits for colonial furniture and their business flourished in the post-war years. The company once employed about 50 people.

Mary Hagerty eventually sold the business, which relocated away from the water, and subsequently she agreed to sell the property to the town back in 1993.

In 1995 as selectmen grappled with potential uses for the Hagerty house, Cohasset Harbor Marina expressed interest in the building hoping to turn it into a ship's chandlery. The town eventually leased the building to the Lobster Lab in 1998, a lease selectmen recently terminated because they say Kevin Ulmer did not meet the conditions of the lease in terms of building upkeep and fund-raising.

Jack Buckley, founder of the Cohasset Maritime Institute based at the boathouse on the Hagerty property, has a proposal before selectmen about using the first-floor of the building.

Selectmen have asked for ideas about what the public would like to see done with the Hagerty house, which will be an agenda item at their Nov. 13 meeting.



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From the top, John McCarthy, Kelly Stone, George Miller, Alice Thielman and Bea Rankin, coxswain, row the second CMI boat in the Head of the Weir River Race on Saturday.

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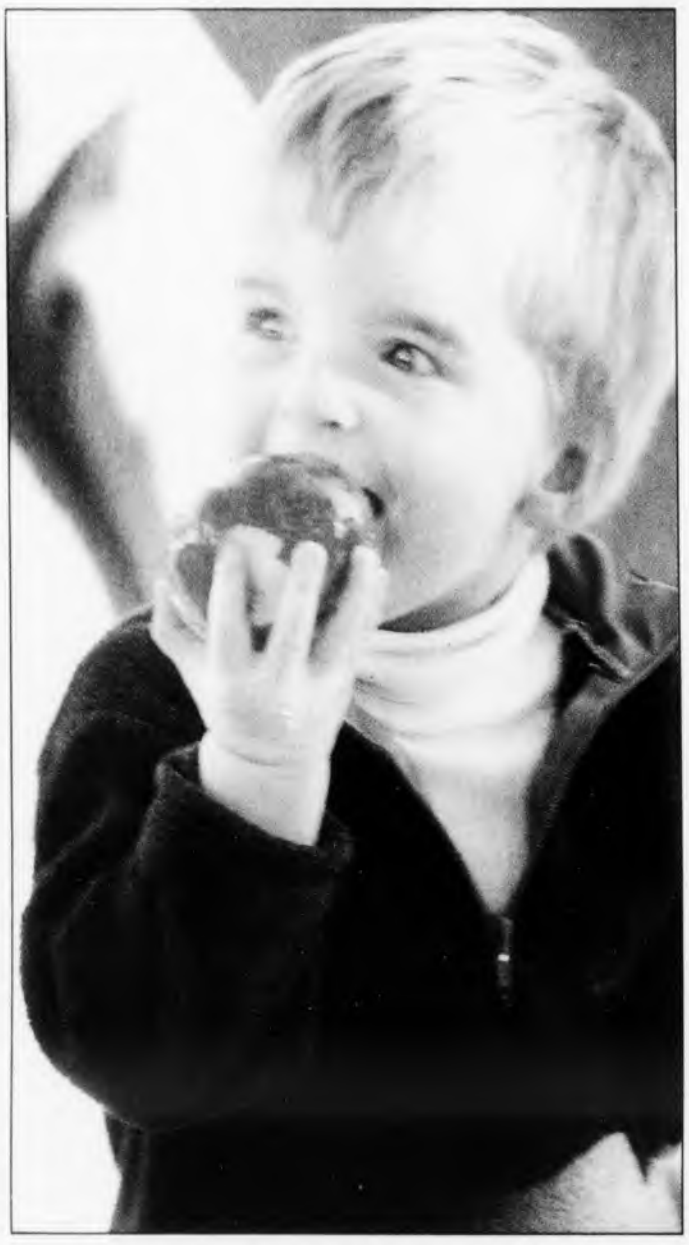
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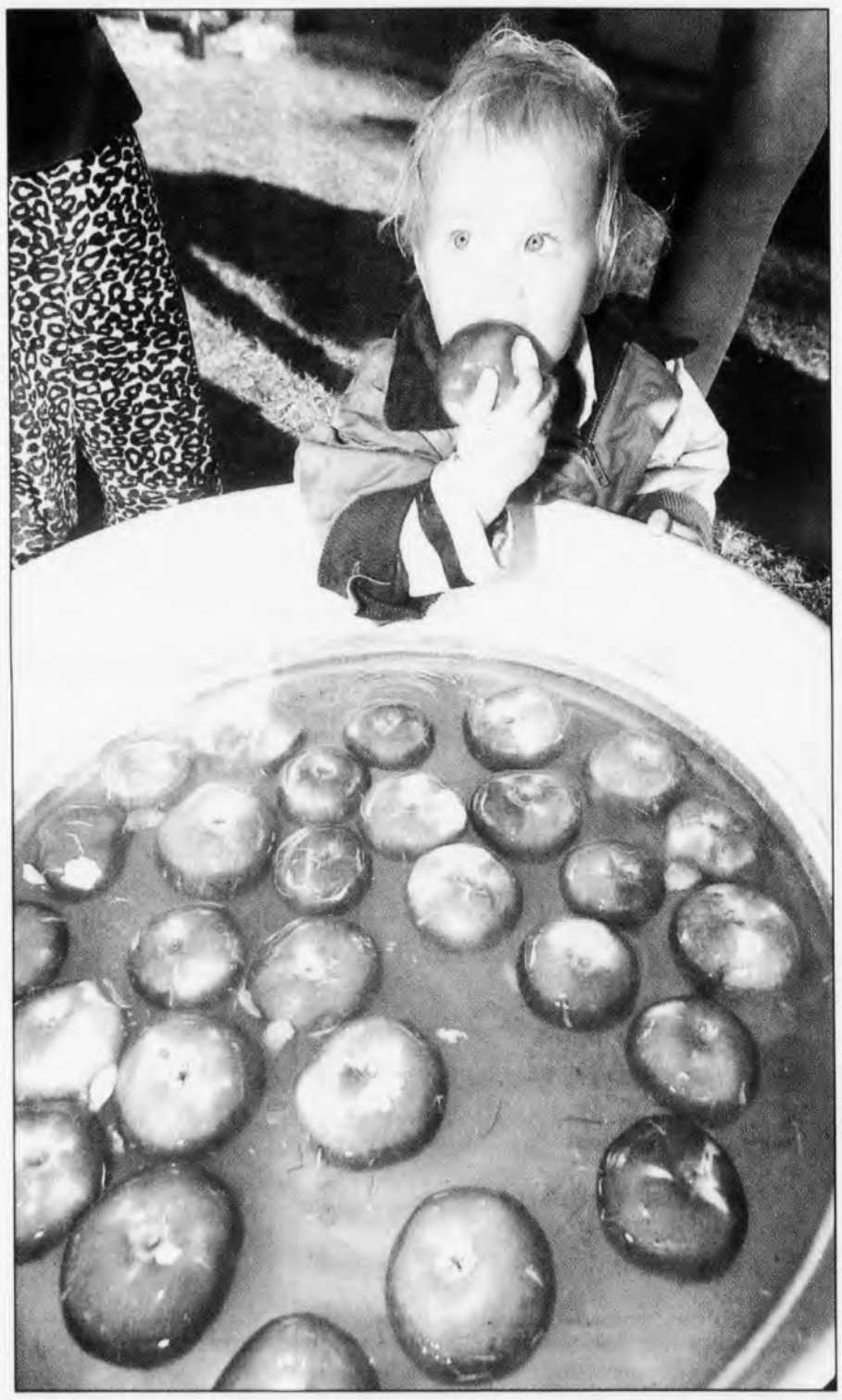
Harvest Festival



Owen Shadrick has a taste of the season at the Farmers Market which finished up last Thursday.

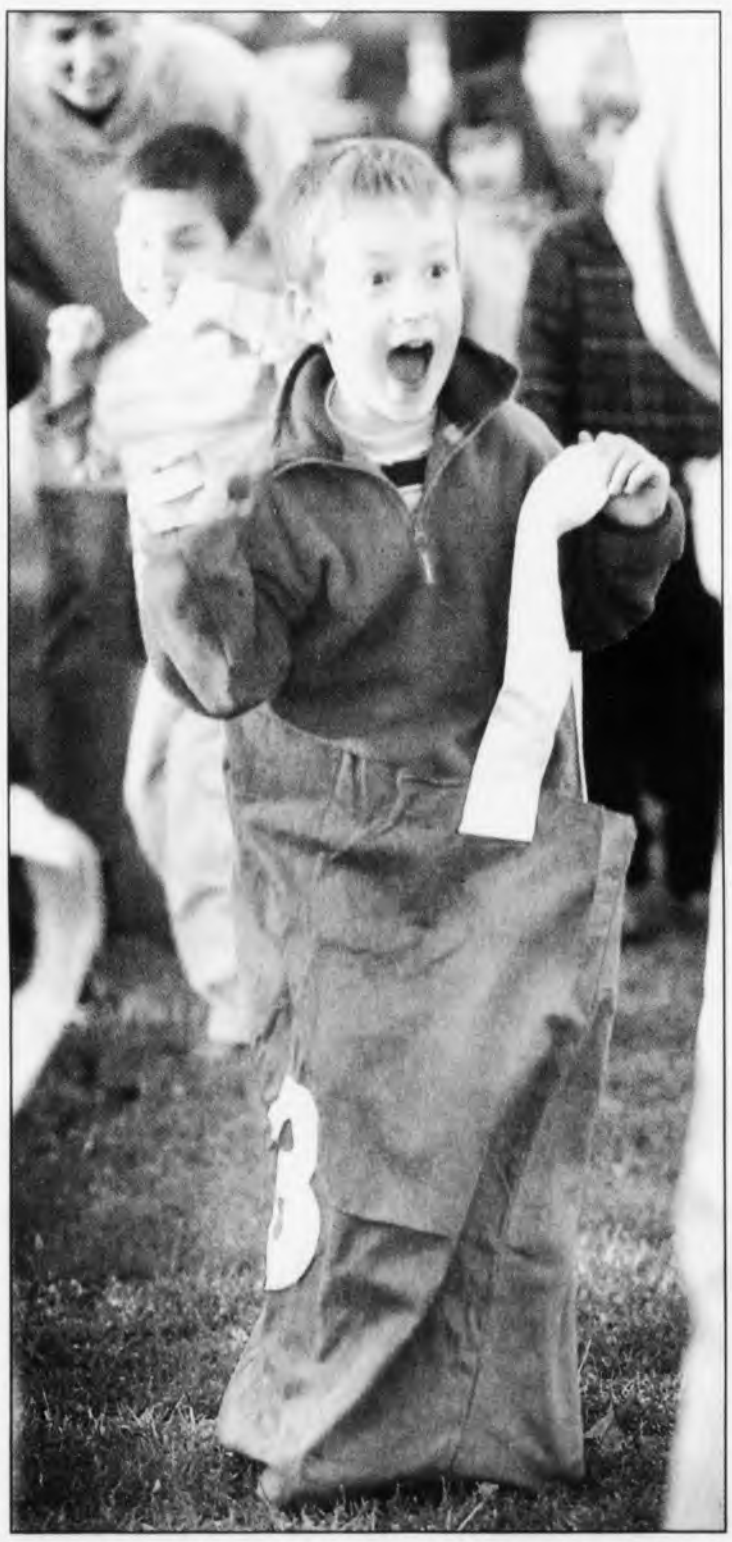


Lakata, a miniature pony from Precious Pedals in Scituate, makes friends with Tori Ross.



Staff photos/ Alan Chapman

On right, Jay Frederick enjoys the fruit of his labor at the apple-bobbing contest.



Michael Green hurries to the finish of the sack race at the Harvest Festival that marked the end of the Farmers Market season.



Taylor Frederick and Hanna Cooper play shuck the corn at the Harvest Festival on the common.

Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Chris Bilodeau

The younger of Cohasset High's three Bilodeau brothers caught a pair of touchdown passes in the Skippers 19-12 win over Norton on Saturday, including the fourth quarter game winner. Chris, a sophomore, is following right in the sizeable athletic footsteps of older brothers TJ, a 2001 CHS grad and star baseball player, and senior Matt, this year's captain of the soccer team. All three brothers were also standouts with the basketball team last winter.

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On the South Shore
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Boys round in to playoff form

11-3-1 soccer team eyes high tourney seeding

By Mike Spellman
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On the surface, a 1-0 win over a team "on the bubble" like Harwich may not appear the most encouraging result from a team like Cohasset that aspires to surpass its sectional semifinal run of a year ago. However, coach Dave Nigro is paid to look well below the surface, and he likes what he sees.

"We did pretty much what we wanted possessionally in that game, and in terms of creating rushes," said the second year coach. "We just couldn't score."

And this is a matter of circumstance to which Nigro has grown pretty much accustomed, if not accepting.

"It's been a struggle for us to finish around the net a lot this season," said the coach. "I see signs every now and then that we might be breaking through it, but sometimes it's a little frustrating."

All in all, however, the second-year coach of the 11-3-1 Skippers is pleased. He figures his team is in line for a high seeding when the brackets for the state tourney come out next week, with two home games being a distinct possibility.

Nigro figures the key at this point is honing what he's got: a team that plays a very strong possession and passing game and doesn't allow many scoring opportunities.

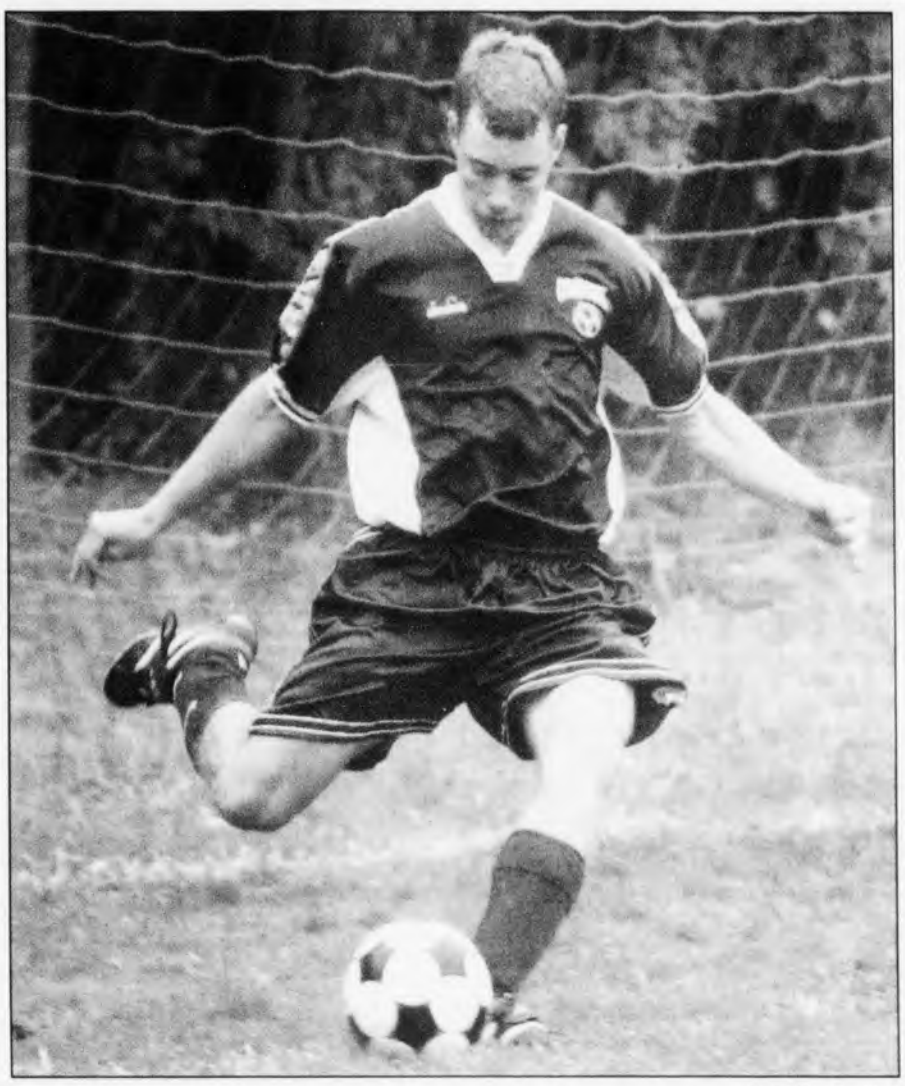
"I feel like things are coming together pretty well for us right now at a time you like to see that happening. Defensively, we're playing very well, and we're moving the ball well through midfield and creating rushes."

Cohasset boys soccer coach Dave Nigro

"We've got two games left to get ready for tournament and I think it's time to get everyone comfortable in their roles," said Nigro. "That's the focus right now."

This stated goal was evidenced by Nigro's decision to leave sweeper

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset captain Pete Maitland steps into a long clear in recent action. The senior defender has been a rock for the Skippers all season, moving back and forth between the absolutely vital stopper and sweeper positions.

Carter down but not out

Injured three sport star still contributes from sidelines

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

When senior Carlie Carter hurt her knee for the first time last winter, no one on her team knew that it would be such a serious injury. But everyone knew how much her presence on the team would be missed.

Carter tore the ACL in her right knee during warm-ups before a gymnastics meet last January. The doctors diagnosed a minor tear, and Carter resumed her duties as a three-time All-Star captain to the SSL co-champion gymnastics squad.

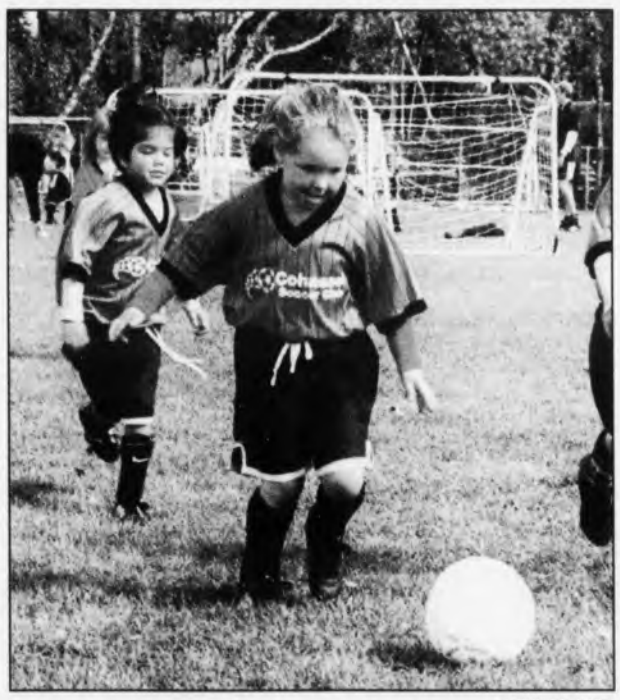
But when she hurt the same knee falling off the bars a month later, the rest of her junior year looked grim, at least from an athletic standpoint.

Carter was forced to miss all but a few games of the lacrosse season, where she watched the Lady Laxers reach the playoffs for the first time. This left her the summer to strengthen her legs for the upcoming fall season, where she was named captain of the soccer team.

Unfortunately for Carter (and indeed the rest of her soccer team), the senior required surgery on Sept. 20. Now weeks removed from crutches, Carter has gotten into full swing physical therapy to rehab her knee as much as possible.

The recovery period prevents her from running for three months, and

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PHOTO/ROB KEANE

A couple of future Lady Skippers? Melissa Alves (front) and Jesse Conway of the Cohasset Bluebirds chase the ball during a game at Milliken Field on Saturday.

Gridders stay perfect

Skippers go to 6-0 with 'ugly' 19-12 win over Norton

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Although it might not have been the easiest of their six wins, the Cohasset football Skipper racked up another W over Norton last Saturday. Cohasset improved to a perfect 6-0 with the 19-12 win, remaining in a tie for first place in the South Shore League with Abington.

For the second straight game, the Skippers' opponents provided them an early scare, as Norton connected for a long touchdown pass on just the third offensive play of the game.

Fourth year coach Tony Rolfe attributes the sluggish start to three possible factors: his team had just gotten off a longer than average bus ride, his juniors had spent the morning taking PSAT's, and this was their first game in over two weeks.

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Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY
19 beat Hull, 1-0
22 tied Mashpee, 1-1
26 Silver Lake 3:30 p.m.
End of season

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER
17 lost to Holbrook, 1-0
19 beat Harwich, 3-0
23 beat Holbrook, 6-4
25 at Hull 3:30 p.m.
26 Scituate 5 p.m.
End of season

GOLF
17 lost to E. Bridgewater
18 lost to Harwich
End of season

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
19 beat Harwich, 1-0
25 Hull 7 p.m.
26 Scituate 7 p.m.
End of regular season
Tourney seedings expected Oct. 31

VARSITY FOOTBALL
20 beat Norton, 19-12

Lady Clippers go out in style

Playoff hopes gone, soccer team posts character building back-to-back wins

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

If the Cohasset girls soccer team proved anything this year, it was that they would not go down without a fight.

With the playoffs an impossibility, the Lady Skippers have made a neat little run to cap off the season, collecting two wins to get their record closer to respectability. The Lady Skippers beat Harwich last Friday, and put away non-league Holbrook last Tuesday.

The match against Holbrook pitted Cohasset, toward the bottom of the South Shore league against what appeared to be a powerhouse. Holbrook has spent the year demolishing the rest of the Mayflower league, romping its way to an 11-1 record.

But on Tuesday, Cohasset scored by far their highest goal total of the year, beating their hosts, 6-4. Sophomore Gillian Weber and junior Molly Flanagan each scored two goals, solidifying their place as the teams number one and number two scorers for the year.

Cohasset mixed up its formation against the slower Holbrook defense, adding another attacker to the forward line. Fourth year coach Deb Beal felt that this would encourage more breakaways from her quick forwards.

"The forward line is so goal hungry," she said. "Holbrook took some real chances on defense."

Seniors Maggie O'Neill and Becky Ross scored one goal apiece in their final road games as Cohasset soccer players.

The goal for O'Neill was her first of the season, odd since she was far and away the leading scorer of last year's squad. As a dominating force in the middle of

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Coming up just short

Tie to Mashpee ousts field hockey team from playoff contention

By Mike Spellman
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The game that ultimately bounced the Cohasset field hockey team from post-season consideration also seemed to serve as a microcosm for their entire season.

Too late, the Lady Skippers seemed to kick it into gear in Monday's 1-1 tie with Mashpee, as well as in the 2001 campaign.

After a scoreless first half—one of the "flattest of the year" for Cohasset, according to coach Deb Bostwick—the visiting Lady Falcons finally broke the ice at 26:26 of the second half on the deflection of a free hit.

This seemed to energize the host Skippers, and they notched the equalizer just over a minute later when a free hit from Kelly Hurley was rapped home by Jessie Guild.

From this point on, the Skippers dominated the play. However, they could not push another one past the Mashpee keeper despite several promising rushes.

Cohasset's best chance seemed to come in the waning seconds when a nice clearing pass presented a 3-on-1 rush. However, the final whistle blew just as the three forwards were closing in on the goal.

FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 14



PHOTO/ROB KEANE

Cohasset's Kimmy Ulmer (left) battles Norwell's Sam Keough for ball in recent South Shore League field hockey action.

A parting glass

EXTRA POINTS



MIKE SPELLMAN

Yes, I was one of those sports geeks who started tuning in to WEEI right from the beginning.

Naturally, I loved all the sports talk, but, to be honest, it didn't take long for the initial luster to wear off.

Quite frankly, the modus operandi of a few of the hosts began to sour me pretty quickly. I got tired of listening to the same voices go on and on and on with the same spin on the same three or four "hot" topics. I especially grew weary of all the callers who dropped their dimes in the interest of simply echoing the hosts well worn sentiments.

Most grating of all was the fact that only these kinds of callers seemed welcome. All too often, even the more articulate and well reasoned of the phoning in dissenters would be interrupted before they could come even close to completing their points, or talked over, or boisterously ridiculed, or straight out insulted or, worse yet, simply hung up on.

Of course, it wouldn't seem right (Sarandis) in this forum (Mustard) for me to name names (Ordway) of those to whom I'm referring. That is not the purpose (Andelman) of this little offering.

Simply suffice it to say that it didn't take long before the tape collection in my car started building.

Sure, I still listened from time to time, mostly before or after some big sports going on, but my general impression of sports talk in Boston was that a few self aggrandized air bags were getting the opportunity to hide behind this alleged "caller driven" format.

I don't know exactly when *Butch from the Cape* placed his first call, but I do remember my reaction the first time I heard that gravely voiced, tongue-in-cheek diatribe against all things Boston sports.

I think what stood out in my mind almost immediately is that he was the only one speaking. There was no over-talking or countering disparagement; the host or hosts (whoever they were), had it zipped up, displaying uncharacteristic good judgment.

In an eloquent and biting, eminently brilliant two- or three-minute rant, Butch, as near as I can recall, took down the Celtics, Bruins, Red Sox AND Patriots a few pegs. He represented these franchises at their worst, and there was a big enough kernel of truth behind all he said so that I — a long suffering Celtics, Bruins, Red Sox and Patriots fan — was insulted, even angered...most of all, though, I was entertained.

And I kept listening, not only to the remainder of this call, but to the station.

I was delighted to soon discover that callers were indeed driving much more of the dialogue than they once had. And from what I've since learned, Butch was the first one who was awarded any kind of real latitude. Contumacious characters such as "Al from Everett", "Angry Bill" and "Danny from Quincy" and Vincent (the Orioles fan) soon followed, but Butch was the true catalyst for making sports radio what it is in Boston today. In short, he taught these knuckleheads how to do their jobs. The result: where once it was struggling for its very survival, WEEI is now purportedly the number one rated sports station in the U.S.

People called simply to slam Butch or Al or Danny, and in numbers. Before you knew it, though, a four-hour show was in the books with nary a lull to recall. Say what you want, but that kind of theatre clearly has its appeal.

Butch got IT before anyone else. He had fun taking pokes at what is, after all, in so many ways, a pretty absurd landscape. And those who got IT had a lot of fun listening to it. Drew Bledsoe was "Nancy Drew" or "Drew Bozo", Nomar was "No-arm", Rick Pitino "Little Ricky" or (my personal favorite) "Coach Pinocchio". Mo Vaughn, of course, will never shake the Butchie-moniker of "Mo Money." Icons were summarily dissed just like that. It was silly, even sophomoric, but it was so much fun.

How many of you, like me, would arrive at a destination via car and wait for Butch to wrap up his harangue, or even remain right there for a promised upcoming Butch appearance? If I had a nickel for every time my wife looked out the window, dinner sitting on the table, at me sitting in the car...well, it probably wouldn't amount to all that much, but you get the point. It takes a lot to keep me from a warm dinner.

Suffice it to say that most of my audio cassettes are back in the house now, and my car radio is almost permanently tuned to EEI.

Last Wednesday morning, Thomas Speers—a.k.a. "Butch from the Cape—succumbed after a year long battle to cancer at the age of 58.

It may not seem appropriate to some, in light of everything else that's going on in this country right now, to devote this much space to the memory of former professional gambler and purported second-rate hood.

But sports radio has a comfortable niche in my life. It helps me escape briefly from the ultimately inescapable realities — such as the events of Sept. 11. Butch was always good for that, and for this simple pleasure he provided me, along certainly with too many others to count, I honor his memory. That's all.

Anyway, Butch had a legendary fondness for Guinness stout, a libation I tried once and didn't much care for. Still, I raised a parting glass to Butchie's memory last Wednesday night.

Boys round in to playoff form

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Greg O'Connell at sweeper for the entire Harwich game. The coach has made a habit of swinging the multi-talented junior to the frontline when his team struggles offensively, but resisted that temptation this time around.

The game's lone tally was delivered by the team's leading goal scorer, senior Tim Baird, in the first half.

Jesse Brewer, who took over the starting keeper duties last week, lost the bid for his first shutout when he bruised his knee on a late-game collision with a Harwich forward. Junior Curt Kahn took over in net for the final few minutes. Nigro expected Brewer to be ready for today's home match against Hull.

Nigro was not offering apologies for his team's lack of offense following the game. Indeed, considering the 90-minute bus ride, followed by a two and a half hour wait (the Cohasset girls played first), the red-hot goaltending of Harwich all-star candidate Joey Zabielski and the fact that the Skippers maintained a strong territorial advantage throughout against a squad fighting tooth and nail for a post-season berth, he didn't feel he needed to. It also didn't help that he was missing one of his hottest offensive players of late in junior Evan Pestone.

"I feel like things are coming together pretty well for us right now at a time you like to see that happening," said Nigro. "Defensively, we're playing very well, and we're moving the ball well through midfield and creating rushes."

The Skippers play their final two games of the regular season at home under the lights against neighboring town rivals. Hull comes into town tonight (7 start), which wraps up the South Shore League schedule for Cohasset. The season finale is scheduled for tomorrow night, with Scituate serving as the homecoming opponent (7 start). The Cohasset girls open the night of soccer trying to play spoiler to the playoff hopeful Lady Sailors (6-6-3).



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset's other team captain, Matt Bilodeau, is the guy who makes the offense go from his center-midfield position.

Lady Clippers go out in style

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the field. O'Neill has left the scoring up to the younger players this year.

"She just can't buy a goal," observed Beal prior to Tuesday's match-up.

Cohasset led 5-2 at halftime, and seemed quite determined not to let the lead slip away. Holbrook had gotten the better of Cohasset in their first meeting of the year, as they were the beneficiaries of a game-winning ricochet goal in the waning moments.

On Friday, Cohasset shut out Harwich for the second time this season, 3-0. In the previous game, Cohasset dominated the entire territorial game, but were only able to push one goal past superstar keeper Diane Piersal.

But with Piersal hurt, Cohasset attackers were able to find the net more often. Newcomer Laura Marks, a sophomore recently called up from JV, scored her first varsity goal to get the scoring started.

Flanagan showed her impressive foot speed with an unassisted goal later in the half, beating the second string goalie to the corner. Sophomore Jen Buckley finished Cohasset's scoring with a chip shot just under the crossbar.

On the other side of the field, junior goalie Kelly Holway recorded the shutout in net. Her steadily improving skills have shown that the work she put in has proved effective.

"She put in a lot of time this summer, and it has definitely paid off," lauded Beal. "She is fifteen steps ahead of where she was last year."

Next year, Holway will be competing with sophomore backup keeper Brittancy Novak, who performed extremely well when seeing some varsity action.

With talents such as Novak, Marks, Buckley, Weber, and defenders Brenna O'Donnell and Holly Graham, the sophomore class has already shown they are real competitors at the varsity level. And with 12 juniors returning as well, it should be fierce competition next fall for playing time.

"The sophomores are really stepping up," Beal noted. "Come next fall, it is going to be about who wants it more. It is going to be a battle."

The Lady Skippers wrap up their season, travelling to Hull today (3:30) and hosting Scituate tomorrow night (5 p.m.).



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NOT TAKING LONG TO MAKE HER MARK

Varsity newcomer Laura Marks, a sophomore, scored her first goal to open up the scoring for the Lady Skippers in Friday's 3-0 win over Harwich.

Tie ousts field hockey team from playoff contention

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"Five more seconds, and maybe we get the win that keeps us alive for a playoff spot," lamented Bostwick following the game. "But it's our own fault for taking so long to get it going."

Was she referring to this game or this season? I didn't ask.

The Cohasset girls had kept their tenuous post-season hopes alive on Friday with a big 2-1 win over South Shore League and neighboring rival Hull.

All of the offense in this one came in the first half, with both of Cohasset's goals coming off corners. Junior captain Heather Peraino got the Lady Skippers on the board first at 18:28 on an assist from Danielle Pinkus. Four minutes later, Deanna Brown made it 2-0 on a nice fed from Hurley.

Hull's Christine Sampson made things interesting when she scored off a penalty shot five minutes before the break, but Cohasset clamped down the defense after that to dominate the second half both in terms of possession and territory.

Bostwick, who still raves about the way her girls finished the season after a rough start, had particular praise following the past week's action for midfielders Peraino and Lindsay Grossman, who she said "have done an incredible job keeping the ball moving into our offensive end."

Offensively, the veteran coach said that Brown, Abby Coakley, Allison Scott and Rachel Smith have finished the season with a flourish, and ditto for Sarah Dennis, Kimmy Ulmer, Jackie Goines and goalie Sara Genovese at the defensive end.

The Lady Skippers (now 5-7-5) will try to wrap up their season today within one game of .500, as they host Silver Lake—a team they beat to open the season, 1-0.

"That would be a nice way for the seniors to go out," said Bostwick. "A lot of them have worked really hard, and maybe that would help them feel a little better about things."

"Overall, I'd say this has been a nice run for the younger kids, but kind of sad for the seniors," the coach continued. "For the girls who'll be back next season, I'm hoping the way we finished up shows them how much they have to commit themselves if they want to succeed."

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Cohasset gridders stay perfect

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"We are not trying to make excuses," reminded Rolfe. "But we have to play better than that."

The Skippers were able to overcome the Lancers' quick strike, and countered with a touchdown of their own on the very next possession.

Down 6-0, junior quarterback Mike Snowdale drove his team downfield in a hurry, eventually connecting with sophomore wide out Chris Bildeau for the score.

Bilodeau scored again, as did junior tight end Tom Anderson, as that tandem continued their season-long run of picking apart opposing secondaries for big plays.

"We have got kids that can really catch the ball," confirmed Rolfe, who has regularly seen his receivers and quarterbacks voluntarily practice well past the normal quitting time. "We don't drop passes. They make some difficult catches, and they don't miss the easy ones."

The three TD passes gave Snowdale 11 for the season, comfortably ahead of all other Div. 5 quarterbacks in Eastern Mass.

One of the main reasons for the success of Snowdale and the Skipper air attack has been the balance of pass and run. Senior Jason Brown, who has continually proved he can score any time he has an opening. On Saturday, his threat alone clearly forced the Lancers to overload the line of scrimmage.

But even with the seven and eight-man fronts Norton was showing, Cohasset refused to concede itself as a physically weaker team. The Skippers resilience was tested more than usual, as one of their biggest and strongest defensive players, Ben Lynner, was playing well below 100 percent with a strained back.

Rolfe mentioned that there were a few things that made this effort far from the prettiest game he has seen his team play this year.

Brown nearly had a touchdown that would have put the game out of reach, but he fumbled on the Norton 1-yard line.

The defense was run up for two scores for the first time this year.

And the Skippers committed (what Rolfe assumed to be a school record) seven illegal procedure penalties.

However, his team got the victory, and that is what is important.

"We are trying to win games," he said. "This is crunch time."

Next up on the Skippers' schedule is Nantucket, a non-league game that will be played this Saturday for Homecoming.

"If we play like we have been playing, we should be OK," said Rolfe, falling back on the line with which he tends to conclude most of his post-game reports.

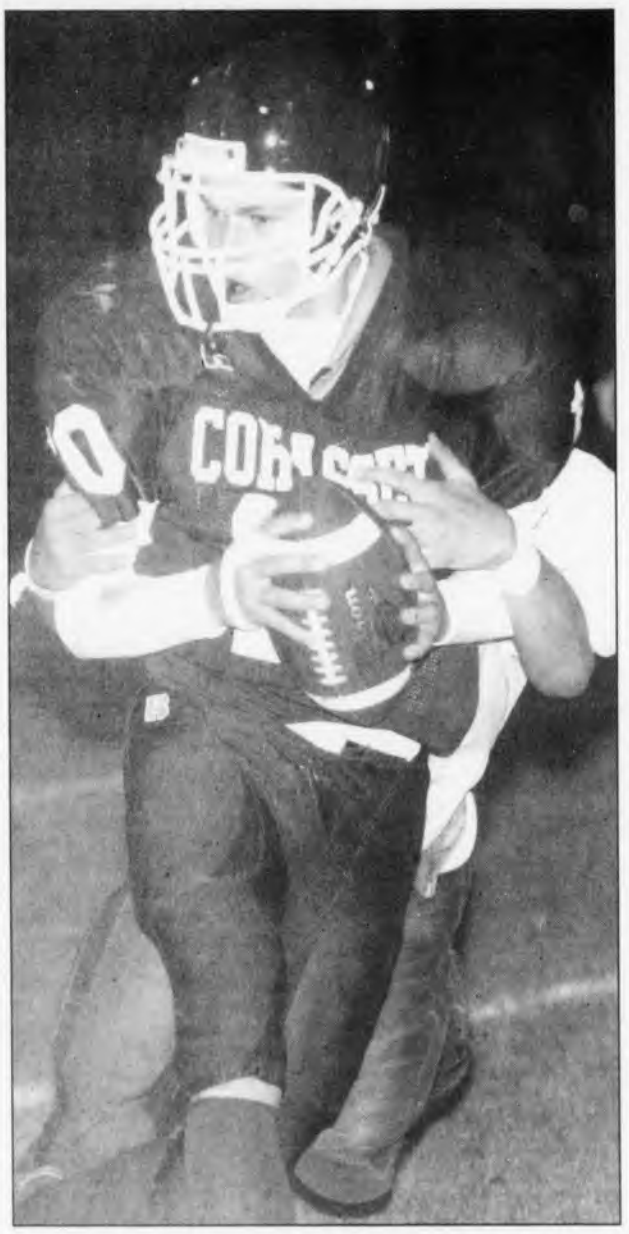


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Cohasset quarterback Mike Snowdale (with ball) leads all Div. 5 quarterbacks in Eastern Mass. with 11 touchdown passes, this despite missing the first game of the season with a shoulder injury.

Cohasset 19, Norton 12

Cohasset (6-0)	**6**	**6**	**0**	**7**	**— 19**
Norton (2-4)	**6**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**– 12**

NO- Kip Jordan 42 pass from Tim Wilcott (kick failed)

CO- Chris Bilodeau 8 pass from Mike Snowdale (pass failed)

CO- Tom Anderson 12 pass from Snowdale (run failed)

NO- Matt Dudley 22 pass from Wilcott (run failed)

CO- Bilodeau 6 pass from Snowdale (kick good)

Carter down but not out

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sidelines her from sports for six. Still, she has attended the South Shore Sports Therapy clinic in Weymouth, trying to regain strength and balance by bending and straightening her knee more and more.

Being a sideline member of the soccer team has been difficult for Carter, especially with the recent wins the girls have had. This has not stopped her from fulfilling the role of captain, though.

"It has been hard watching the games," said Carter. "But it's my senior year, and I want to still be a part of it."

Carter has attended many of the games and practices (when not at physical therapy), lending her expertise wherever possible to the young team.

"She is sorely missed," admitted Carter's soccer coach, Deb Beal. "Her leadership, her attitude. . .she works hard and her hard work is contagious."

Carter's specialty in both lacrosse and soccer is her fierce defense. Her ability to contain multiple attackers with her remarkable speed is as impressive as that of any other South Shore League defenders. Her stable defense was mirrored in her stable position as a respected veteran on the team.

"They are missing (Carlie's) on field leadership," affirmed Beal, referring to her soccer team. "[The team] wants to win, and she keeps the negatives at bay."

Her leadership appears to extend beyond the playing field. She is a National Honors Society student, who will be applying early to Boston College's school of education.

Carter's healing will not be complete until March, after the gymnastics season is over. Although she is disappointed that she will not be able to compete in arguably her best sport, she could not seem more excited about watching her co-captain Kristin Sheerin this winter.

Her sense of team concept is what makes her so popular among coaches and teammates.



Injured Cohasset High three sport star Carlie Carter

Pee Wee B team shocks unbeaten Canton with 3-3 tie

Coastal Stars "Game of the Week"

The enduring lessons in youth sports, like most things in life, come not from the victories, but in the struggle to overcome setbacks. This week's game of the week features a Coastal Stars Pee Wee B team that battled back from early season disappointments to tie an undefeated Canton team, 3-3, in a Saturday evening barn burner at Ulin Rink in Milton.

Having started the season winless, the coaches made some adjustments in their practice regiment in the days leading up to the Canton match up. Coach Bob Morgan and his assistants, Rob Doonan and Rod Jenks, put a specific focus on team defense, emphasizing more physical play and consistent two way play.

The team responded beautifully. Coach Morgan praised his team defense from Dennis McCarthy's solid goaltending out to the tenacious up and down play of forwards T.J. Kennedy, Steve Jenks, and Cody Morgan. Particular praise was bestowed upon the rock solid defensive play, of what Coach Doonan has dubbed, the teams "Bash Brothers" – defensemen Mike Parsons, Will Nagle, Jack Jenkins, and Ryan McElaney. Doonan said it was their toughness and consistent play that kept the game close.

The Stars got out of the gate early with the impressive Marshfield forward, Chris Walker, scoring the first of his three goals. Walker had a typically solid game and through the help of line mates Austin Lanzilotti and Chris Davis notched his first hat trick of the season.

Once the Stars went up 2-0, after Walker's second tally, Canton's strength began to surface as they scored two quick goals to tie the game 2-2 going into the third.

It was Walker who answered right back for the Stars as he tucked in Jack Jenkins' blast from the point. Walker was not only dominant, but also efficient as he scored his third goal on his fourth shot.

Canton quickly quelled the Stars' celebration as they tied the game midway into the third. McCarthy's steadfast play in goal kept the game tied late into the third and set the stage for last second dramatics.

With less than ten seconds left Cohasset forward Corbin Faber grabbed a loose puck and broke up ice. After decking one Canton defender, Faber broke free with forward Pat Doonan coming down his off wing. Doonan's hustle created a 2 on 1 and gave Faber the option of passing or shooting. Seeing that his line mate was covered, Faber took the shot. Fabre's shot was heading into the net high on the goalie's glove side. With less than two seconds on the clock Canton's goalie flashed out his glove and made the save to preserve the tie for Canton.

While the game ended 3-3 Coach Morgan and his assistants considered a victory of effort and perseverance and applauded his team' s defensive stand.

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Hello families of Cohasset school-children! I hope that the autumn season is treating you well and gearing up for next weeks Halloween fun. I am sure that there are many wonderful activities, treats and games taking place at the elementary schools and the local pre-schools. As the children get ready and the excitement builds, we as adults need to try and keep a happy medium. Because Halloween falls right in the middle of a school week, it is so important to remember to not over-stimulate and keep the kids going so that they get "the most" that they can or give into the whole, "please Mom or Dad, let's do one more street". I have to get ready myself to not let that happen as I know how many days it will take for the effects from a very late bedtime and too much candy to wear off. I am sure that all of our teachers will thank us too if we can try to help in any way. Also, please remember to go over all safety rules with your children and check all treats that they receive before they eat it.

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Speaking of safety and rules, one of our bus drivers here in town asked me to let all of us know how important it is to respect the school buses at all times. She has had several "near misses" of people not stopping for her when her warnings are on, trying to drive past when they think they can make it and one of the latest but most dangerous incident involved a car and driver who did not give his car enough time to warm up and because he couldn't see out his front window, almost hit a child. Please take the time to follow all the safety rules when it comes to the busses as they are carrying our children! Another point that I would like to make is that when children are on a bus, it is the drivers right to discipline them in any way that they need to. Each driver at any given time, is expected to be a safe driver, a friend, a disciplinarian and deal with us as parents, all at the same time. If you hear that your son/daughter had to be spoken to, moved to the front of the bus or otherwise disciplined, support the bus driver in that decision. Contrary to popular belief, the drivers do not have eyes in back of their heads and need to keep everyone safe as well as try to stay on time, no easy feat I am sure!

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This month, we will be spotlighting some events and learning programs that took place at The Osgood School. In our next month's page, the Deer Hill will share some of the units that school is working on.

Make a difference

This Saturday, Oct. 27 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Make a Difference Day is happening at Milliken Field. This wonderful town-wide event is being sponsored by the Osgood PSO, The Osgood School Council, The Deer Hill PSO and The Cohasset Soccer Club. Anyone who would like to make some fantastic baked goods(packaged whole or individually) can do so and should drop them off at the Osgood School Entrance on Friday, Oct. 26. Please make sure to mark all peanut-free foods right on the package.

This fundraiser is to benefit the Fund for Public Schools-WTC School Relief Fund. Also available for purchase will be some beautiful artwork made by the students of The Joseph Osgood School and some tasty red, white and blue treats and awesome patriotic gimp key chains made by the students at the Deer Hill School. So make sure to stop at Milliken Field if you are not already there for a soccer game and grab some treats, hotdogs and drinks or maybe, some fantastic artwork.

The children and families of Cohasset are definitely pulling together to help other children who were affected in the WTC tragedies and by all of us supporting this effort, we should feel very proud of our schools, the children and our town! Please, come on out and *make a difference*!

Osgood highlights

The Osgood School has been a very busy place to be. The halls are beautifully decorated with so many patriotic artworks done by the children. The Cohasset Firefighters were at the school recently and visited the Kindergarten and second grade in conjunction with Fire Safety Week. The children were treated to some fire safety presentations and were then allowed to climb inside the ambulance and fire truck. A sincere thanks goes out to the firefighters as well as **Officer Lisa Matos** for all the hard work that they have done. Officer Lisa taught the Child Abuse Prevention Program with **Judy Wilson**, the health educator. Please make sure to find the great patriotic note cards made by the first graders and the patriotic pins made by the second graders when you attend Make A Difference Day on Saturday, they are really beautiful! Thank you to **Mrs. Betsy Ogden** for all of her hard work in this area.



Team Hanson's intergenerational unit at Osgood ended with 12 important visitors. Twelve grandparents spent the morning sharing their experiences of their own third grade to the amazement and interest of Team Hanson. It was great fun!

School councils

Did you know that you can attend the School Council meetings of any of the schools? These informational meetings are open to all members of the school and community. The most important part of the School Councils is to identify the educational needs of the school, adopt educational goals based on those needs and ensure that goals are consistent with state and district goals. Council members for the Osgood School are **Jean Free** and **Judy Wilson**(teachers,) **Melissa Grasz, Dorothy Green** and **Allison Moskow**(parents), and **Janet Sheehan**, Osgood principal. Please feel free to join these members on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 3:30 p.m. in The Osgood Conference Room.

Osgood PSO

Also, The next Osgood PSO meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 2 in The Osgood Music Room at 9:15 am. All are welcome and encouraged to come and share your ideas, thoughts and votes. If you have any questions, call Sarah Porter at 781-383-2029.

Another happening in the month of October for the second grade was the Native American unit. **Mrs. Collins**, who works at the South Shore Art Center came to all of the second-grade classes. She taught the children about a medicine man and the clambake. Mrs. Collins also made Native American necklaces with the children. It was a wonderful way for the children to enjoy and learn hands-on about the Native Americans.

School shopping

Attention all Cohasset Shoppers, here is a great way to let your way to put your online shopping dollars to good use. The Osgood and Deer Hill schools are registered, with the Middle/High School soon to follow at www.schoolpop.com and everyone out there who shops on the internet from a huge selection of stores can register as well. After you register and select your school, each time you make a purchase from a participating store, the school will receive a percentage to be mailed each quarter. Some of the stores are Amazon.com, Talbots, Lands End, J. Crew, Barnes and Noble, Gap and a whole lot more. So make sure to register at www.schoolpop.com and let those dollars grow to help our schools.

Rugs wanted

The students and staff at the Deer Hill School are hard at work in projects, activities and learning. The halls are filled with the work of so many students and in next months copy, we will feature some photos of these amazing projects. The construction at the Deer Hill School is moving right along and the students and staff are all adjusting to it beautifully. One of the helpful items that would be very useful to teachers and students would be the donations of some area rugs. If anyone has any rugs that are lying around looking for a new home, call the main office at 383-6115.

Environmental mapping

Although the Middle/Senior School does not have a lot to report on for this month's school page, they too are doing well with the construction and all that is happening within the school. Please make sure to look at the calendar for any important dates in November. Mr. **Jack Buckley**, a teacher at CHMS, is participating in GIS(Geographic Information Systems Day, hosted by TPMC, an environmental mapping firm in Scituate. **Jeff Donze,** a CHS grad, Cohasset resident and professional cartographer is the host at TPMC. The essence of this day is to train students who worked this past summer on the harbor study project in the use of GIS mapping software. The training for these students and Mr. Buckley is being held on Nov. 14. The Web site to better explain all of this fascinating stuff is www.gis-day.com and is definitely worth taking a look at.

This Schools In page will be published on the fourth Thursday of each month. For next months copy, all information and photos need to be to me no later than 9:00 am on Friday, November 16th. This is a page dedicated to the schools and families of students from K-12. If you have any information, ideas or thoughts on this page, please send them along to me in one of the following ways.

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Thank you notes from second-graders

Here are a few of the thank you letters that students from Mrs. Barbieri's second grade class wrote about fire safety day.

"Dear Captain Rooney and Randy, Thank you. Thank you for the booklets and the pencils and for your help. Thank you for teaching us. When I get home, I will make a plan with my family."

— Your friend, Micheala Rattenbury

"Dear Captain Rooney and Randy, Thank you for the Sparky booklets. I like coloring. I like your camera. It is cool. You are a nice fire fighter. If you were a teacher, you would be a good one. You are a real hero."

— Sincerely, Claire Herlin

"Dear Captain Rooney and Randy, Thank you for coming and teaching us about fire safety. Me and my family are going to work on a fire safety plan. Thank you for the Sparky booklet and pencil. When I grow up, I mite be a fire fighter."

— Your friend, William Tetrault

"Dear Captain Rooney and Randy, Thank you for the pencils and teaching us about real safety. You are the best firefighter man and your helper too. I can't stop talking about you! You mack me learn too much! You help me a lot."

— Your friend, Erica Burke

Here are some safety rules that Christopher Brash learned: "Do not panic when there is a fire. You should have an escape plan. If the door is hot, do not open it. You should crawl if there is smoke. You should have a smoke detector."

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Learning about Native American art

Heather Collins, Coordinator for Community Programs at the South Shore Art Center, recently visited all second grade classes to introduce their Native American thematic unit. The students will be immersed in this study incorporating the arts throughout October and November. by Isabel Robinson, a second grade student.

Mrs. Collins' visit

When Mrs. Collins came to our class, we were very excited. We learned a lot from her. She taught us how the Indians made a clambake. She taught us about the medicine man. She taught us how to make porcupine quill necklaces. She even put on special Indian music and told us that the Native American playing the flute makes his own flutes. She told what the Indians did when they were waiting for their food. We also got a chance to draw what the music made you feel like. I drew wildlife in its natural habitat.

By Isabel Robinson, a second grade student



Mrs. Heather Collins chats with pupils in Mrs. Cook's class.



Michaela Hastings, who is in Mrs. Wells' class, shows off her porcupine quill necklace.

Important dates to remember:

• Oct. 27— Make A Difference Day for the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools being held at Milliken Field from 9 am-3 pm. Come on up and support this community effort to raise money for schools and children displaced by the WTC tragedies on September 11. Buy some delicious baked goods, purchase a piece of artwork or two and while you are there, you can grab some lunch as well.

• Oct. 28-Daylight Savings Ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour. The South Shore Community Center Nursery School is having The Annual Halloween Fair on the Common from 1:30-3:30. The costume parade begins at 1:30 and this is followed by games, prizes, moonwalk fun and a whole lot more. Don't miss this great event. For more information call 383-0036. All proceeds raised are going to benefit the school.

• Nov. 1 — School Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

• Nov. 3 — The PSO Family Fun Photo Day. This is being held from 9 am-4 p.m. at Wheelwright Park. The sitting fee is $50. 100 percent of this tax-deductible fee will benefit our schools. This is a great way for families to have a picture done for the holidays, holiday greeting cards or gifts.

If you have not yet made your reservations, please call Karin Doonan at 383-2070, Karima Davis at 383-2766 or Chris Powers at 383-8852.

• Nov. 4 —All METCO Host Families make sure to save this date for the Annual "Cohasset Hosts Boston" get-together. Make sure to watch in your childs papers from school for more information. We need volunteers for this event.

Also, the METCO program is looking for host families for two students, a 3rd grade girl and a 9th grade boy. Please call Lisa Dunne at 383-1596.

• Nov. 5 — Come shop at the Buttonwoods Fundraiser for the DeerHill Library.

• Nov. 6 — All-School PSO meeting at 7:00 pm.

• Nov. 12 — ALL SCHOOLS. NO SCHOOL. Veterans Day(observed)

• Nov. 13 — Deer Hill PSO Meeting, 9 a.m. Osgood School Council Meeting, 3:30 Conference Room

• Nov. 14 — M/HS only. Early Release Day at 11:30 a.m.

• Nov. 15 — School Committee Meeting 7:30

• Nov. 21— Early Release Day, All Schools

• Nov. 22-23 — No School, All Schools Happy Thanksgiving!

• Nov. 27,28,29 — Osgood Scholastic Book Fair

Lunch menu

MONDAY, OCT. 29
Halloween nuggets with fries or wrappable sandwich, peaches, and milk.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30
Cheeseburger on a roll or turkey pocket, vegetable, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31
Pasta with meat sauce, garlic bread or ham sub, pudding and milk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1
Chicken patty on a bun or wrappable sandwich, vegetable, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2
Pizza or tuna sandwich, carrot sticks, pudding, milk.

Halloween dance

Calling all witches! Calling all ghosts! There will be a Halloween Dance/Party at The Garage on Halloween night, Oct. 31 from 7-10 p.m. Costumes are optional, although there will be prizes for the most creative. There will be no door charge and hopefully, no goblins either!

Halloween falls on a school night. Parents may pick up their youngsters at any time prior to, or by 10 p.m.

Halloween Fair Oct. 28

Pumpkins and cornstalks are appearing at local farm stands. Orange and black decorations are showing up in stores and plans are being conjured up for the South Shore Community Center Nursery School's annual Halloween Fair. This year's fair will take place on Cohasset Common on Oct. 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. A South Shore tradition for more than 20 years, the fair offers Halloween fun for the entire family. Spooks and cartoon characters of all shapes, sizes and ages are encouraged to begin preparing to join in the howlish fun.

For more information about the fair or the programs of the South Shore Nursery School, contact Lynne Sheridan at 781-383-0036

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, OCT. 15

1:46 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.
2:24 a.m. Cedar St., general services.
2:46 a.m. Pond St., general information.
8:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, investigated.
11:27 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
1:09 p.m. Hull St., officer wanted.
1:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:07 p.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
2:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation/warning.
2:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., disabled motor vehicle.
2:44 p.m. Beechwood St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:02 p.m. South Main St., larceny.
7:16 p.m. South Main St., civil offense.
7:28 p.m. King St., medical aid.
11:18 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s).

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

1:07 a.m. Cushing Rd., abandoned 911 call.
6:43 a.m. North of Sohier St., general services.
6:43 a.m. Holly Lane, noise complaint.
6:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglar alarm.
6:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglar alarm.
7 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
7:14 a.m. Headquarters, general information.
10:49 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.
11:32 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:39 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
11:48 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
2:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.
2:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny by check.
4:30 p.m. Lantern Lane, haz-mat incident (hazardous materials).
8:43 p.m. Fernway, larceny.
9:32 p.m. Cedar Ledge Village, haz mat incident.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

1:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.
2:03 a.m. South Main St., fire, extinguished.
10:25 a.m. Elm St., power outage.
11:03 a.m. Elm St., general information.
11:15 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.
12:48 p.m. Parking Way, fire, investigation.
1:19 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.
1:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., road rage.
4:44 p.m. South Main St., assault, removed to hospital.
6:48 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surrey Dr., well-being check.
6:54 p.m. King St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:40 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:47 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
11:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

7:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:52 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
10:31 a.m. Wheelwright Park Rd., suspicious activity/person(s).
3:14 p.m. Border St., general services.
4:17 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:33 p.m. North Main St. and Joy Place, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:09 p.m. Beechwood St. and Riverview Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8:59 p.m. Lamberts Lane, suspicious activity/person(s).
9:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.
11:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

12:06 a.m. Linden Dr., assist citizen.
12:48 a.m. Cedar Lane, general information.
7:21 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, services rendered.
8:51 a.m. Elm St., general information.
10:14 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
11 a.m. Pleasant St., fire, investigation.
4:02 p.m. Pratt Court, suspicious activity/person(s).
5:45 p.m. Highland Ave., noise complaint.
9:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

12:38 a.m. Ripley Rd., vandalism.
1:41 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.
1:47 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.
9:43 a.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., parking complaint.
10:01 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:11 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:33 a.m. Bancroft Way and Briarwood Lane, parking complaint, ticket issued.

POLICE BRIEFS

Cohasset man allegedly attacks gas station owner

A Cohasset man was arraigned on charges of assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon [blunt object] and a hate crime Monday in Quincy District Court.

Police allege Charles W. MacGregor, Jr., 47, of 112 Jerusalem Road hit village gas station owner George Roukounakis, 51, of 99 Doane St. repeatedly with his fists while he held a piece of metal in one of his hands at about 4:40 p.m., Oct. 17. Roukounakis went to the hospital for treatment of his injuries.

MacGregor, who was released on pre-trial probation, has a return court date of Dec. 14. He was ordered to stay away from the victim, FBI and Cohasset police, and maintain medical treatment for a mental health problem, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

Police say the incident was a hate crime because MacGregor allegedly called Roukounakis, who is of Greek descent, an Arab several times during the attack.

The alleged dispute began over a three-year-old bill, Jackson said. MacGregor allegedly came into the station saying he was overcharged for a wiring job on his vehicle and wanted his money back.

Police investigated the incident and issued a warrant for MacGregor's arrest on Monday.

OBITUARIES

Susan M. Reardon

Susan M. (McCarthy) Reardon, 58, a homemaker, died Oct. 21, 2001, at her home after a long battle with breast cancer.

Born in Medford, she attended Newton Country Day School and Cohasset High. She was a graduate of Duschesne College.

Mrs. Reardon was a member of the Cohasset Garden Club and served on the board of directors of The Harvard Neighbors Club, Cambridge.

She leaves her husband, Thomas M. Reardon; two sons, Thomas of Boston and Ted of Cohasset; two daughters, Tracy Reardon of So. Boston and Christen Reardon of Cohasset; a brother, Dr. Edward J. McCarthy of Portland, Maine and two sisters, Mary Jane Long of Bethesda, Md., and Gina O'Brien of Amherst.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

WORSHIP NOTES

Special message

The public is invited to hear nationally known speaker and author Matthew Kelly talk on Friday, Oct. 26, about how the teachings of Jesus Christ can bring meaning to life for those of all ages.

Kelly, 28, of Australia, will speak at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St.

Kelly's message, which especially challenges young adults, stresses that what you become is more important than what you do or what you have. Admission is free

Mormon children in special service

On Sunday, Oct. 28 at 10 a.m., some 70 children of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hingham will present their annual Sacrament Presentation to the entire congregation. The theme the children have been working on all year is: "Follow The Prophet," meaning the living prophet, President Gordon B. Hinckley. The service will consist of songs and scriptural verses from the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

The children range in age from three to 12 years old. Two of their favorite songs are "Keep the Commandments" and "Stand for the Right."

Annie Nelson of Taiwan, and who resides in Rockland, is Primary president of the Hingham Ward.

Abbey series

Benedictine Monks in Hingham announce second speaker in third annual interreligious series, Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in Everyday Life.

On Thursday, Nov. 15, Maya Tiwari (Maya Ma) will speak on "Spirituality and Healing: Health and Healing in the Vedic Tradition" from 7:15 to 9 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center.

Maya Ma is a female Vedic monk who lives a reclusive life at the Wise Earth Monastery in the Pisgah Mountains of North Carolina. She is a healer in the Ayurvedic medicine and Vedanta tradition and the founder of Mother Om Mission (MOM), a charitable organization with the goal of eliminating violence and poverty by providing health care education to at-risk communities throughout the world. She offers her teaching to community advocates, social workers, inner city youth and their mentors and all artists and citizens who work for the betterment of life. (Future speakers in the 2001-2002 series include Charles Clough Jr., a CEO and deacon on Wall Street; Victor Kazanjian, dean of religious and spiritual life at Wellesley; Allan Palmer, teacher of Chanoyu, the Japanese Art of Tea; and, Tom Beaudoin, author of "Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X.")



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TO: Forrest C. Miner, of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk, and spouse or next of kin or other interested person(s):

A petition has been presented to the Probate & Family Court requesting the appointment of a suitable limited guardian of the person and property with authority to monitor the administration of antipsychotic drugs. Petitioner further prays that Miriam B. Miner and Julie-Anne Miner White of Marshfield Hills, in the county of Plymouth, or some other suitable person be appointed guardian of the person and the estate of Forrest C. Miner of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk, with authority to monitor the administration of antipsychotic medication for reasons more fully set out in said petition.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **Eighth day of November, 2001,** the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court.

Date: October 5, 2001
Richard P. Schmidt, Register

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The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 8:15 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for Fiscal Year 2002. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at this time.

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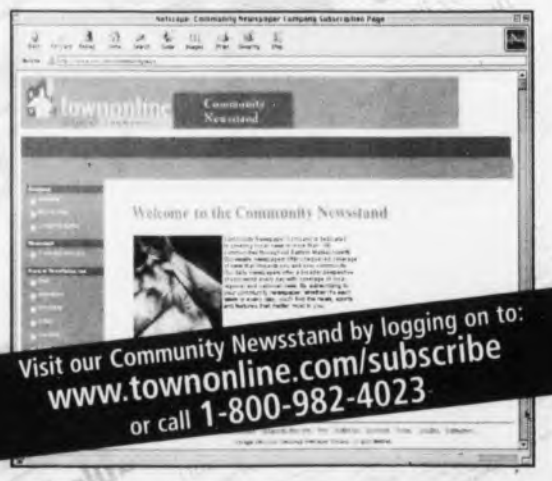


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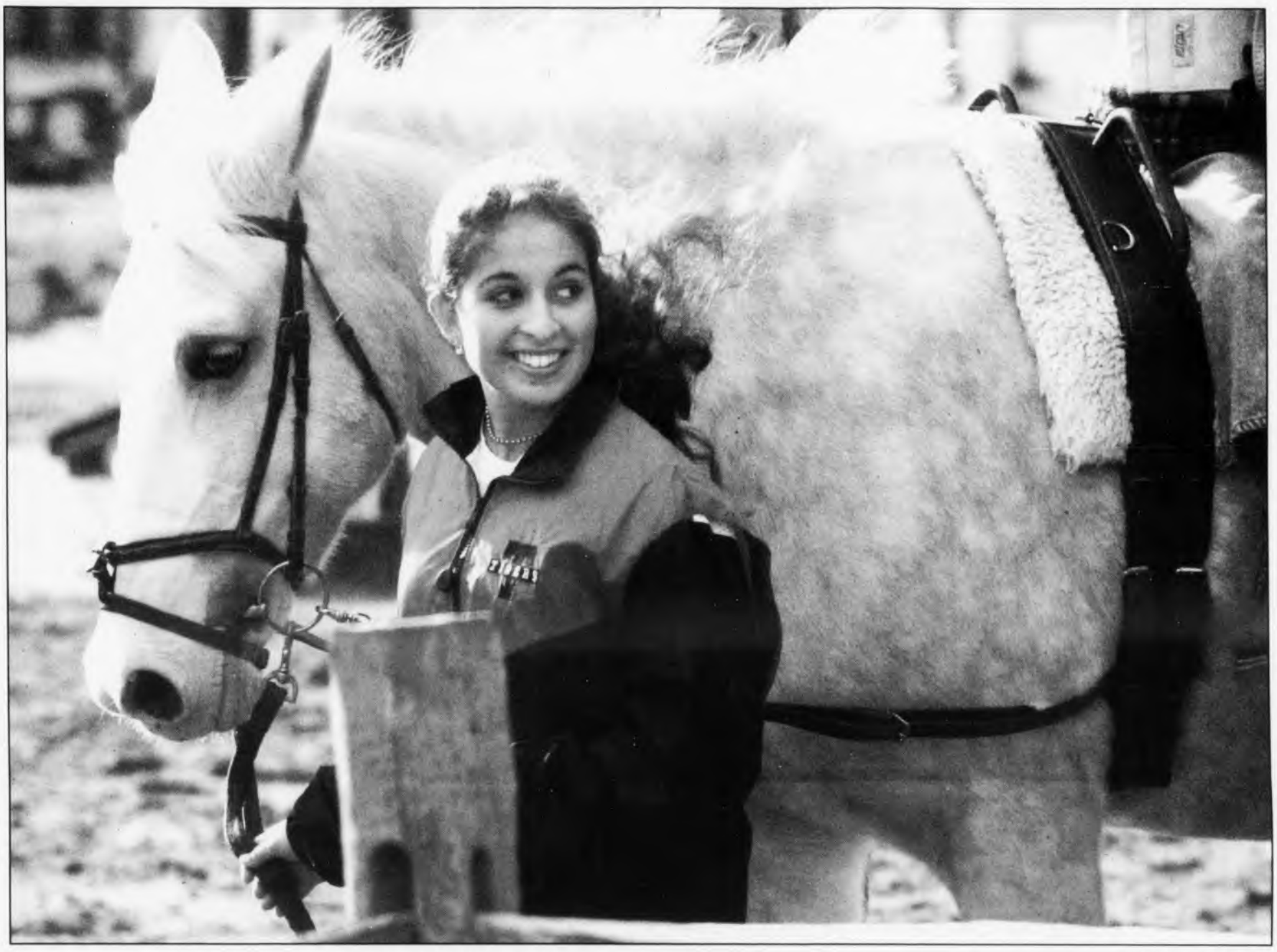
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An academic standout and a packed schedule of extracurricular activities, Abigail Donahue has little time to horse around unless she's helping others.

Thayer student finds rewards in giving

By Seth Jacobson
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This continues our ongoing campaign recognizing local teens who give back to their communities.

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Abby Donahue enjoys helping people, plain and simple. Whatever the task at hand, whether it's helping mentally challenged children with therapeutic horseback riding, tutoring her peers in Spanish, participating in local fundraising events or bringing gifts to homeless children during the holidays, Donahue does it all willingly and enthusiastically.

While she is just 17, the Norwell resident already grasps the true meaning of community. In her spare time, she tends to her own studies. Donahue is an honor student at Thayer Academy in Braintree.

"I just find helping people to be something that's really rewarding," she said.

"She does so much in different areas of community service," said Abby's mother Susan. "It was when she started putting together all her college applications that I fully realized the cumulative effect of everything she does."

Abby tutors Spanish, something she has done since freshman year, and she also tutors students in math. She steps out for three major fundraising walks every year — The Walk for Life, The Walk for Cancer and The Walk for Hunger.

And every year Abby participates in a charitable program called Christmas in the City where she brings stuffed animals and presents to homeless children in Boston. In order to prepare for the event, Abby holds a stuffed animal drive at school every year in order to collect enough of them. All of her friends happily participate.

Her love of horses — Susan said Abby's been riding "since she could walk" —has led to her involvement in the therapeutic riding program for mentally challenged children at River Wind Farm in Pembroke. There, Abby serves as a horse walker, helping to guide the horses while the students ride them. But Abby also rides professionally, and she recently returned from the Morgan Grand National World Championship where she took third place in one category and sixth in another.

"She's always had a soft spot for little kids and animals. I love to see her with the kids on the horses. It's one of the rare forms of physical therapy that gives these kids a true sense of movement."

"I have a very busy schedule," Abby added, "but somehow I fit it all in. I usually end up staying up pretty late at night doing homework."

Abby doesn't let her charitable work interfere with her school work, and it shows. In addition to being an academic standout at Thayer, she plays lacrosse, ice hockey and field hockey, and has even started up a new powder puff football league there. She is the co-editor of the school yearbook and also serves on the community service club. She is a member of the math team, the Spanish Club and the literary society, and still finds time to give tours of Thayer to visiting groups.

"I just feel like you have to do well in school, but I also think everyone should do what they can to improve their community and the quality of life there," Abby said.

Many people who work with and know Abby say she is the epitome of the term community service.

"She's a super kid," said Marc Rando, Abby's advisor at Thayer. "Anyone you talk to will tell you she's quick with a smile, and she'll do anything for anyone. She takes on a lot of projects in school and out of school without backing off her commitments. All I hear from her teachers are positive things."

Cindy Spooner, founder of the therapeutic horseback riding program, said Abby is a joy to have around and emphasized how important Abby is there.

"We are so lucky to have her," Spooner said. "She's just wonderful. I'm always surprised that she can find the time, but she does. She is very personable and we're very grateful she is with us."

Dolores Bailey also works with Abby at the horseback riding program, and like Spooner, she is grateful that Abby is there to help.

"She's a very focused young person, and when she is committed to something, she follows through," Bailey said. "She's got very quiet strength, that's something I notice about her a lot. She is very responsible, and it's amazing to see her center herself when she is up against something. She seems to pack a lot more in a day than most people do. She enjoys what she does, but really, she just enjoys life."

These days, Abby is spending a good deal of time applying to colleges. She said she is aiming to get into Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Eventually, she wants to get into a field that involves animals, but she also wants to put her Spanish skills to use. Wherever she goes, she said community service will be a part of her.

"It's something I want to stay involved in for the rest of my life," she said.

Spirit of Community



Among her other good works, Abigail Donahue, this month's Spirit of Community winner, volunteers as a horse walker at the therapeutic riding program at River Wind Farm in Pembroke. Pictured with Abigail are from left, Robin Buckley, Jake Nichols, 4, of Pembroke, and River Wind Farm therapist Cindy Spooner.

Food & dining



Pan roasted chicken breasts



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

The major problem with roast chicken breasts is the skin—it is often pallid, rubbery, and tasteless. In addition, the meat of the chicken breast is usually lacking in flavor. One solution is to sauté the breast skin side down in a very hot pan on the stovetop followed by a short stay in the oven to finish the cooking. This delivers great skin and the opportunity to make a quick pan sauce to finish the dish. I set out to test the details of this approach, hoping to find a superior recipe for this common Tuesday night dinner.

I began by testing whether the chicken would benefit from a quick brine. (Brine is simply a solution of cold water, sugar, and salt in which the chicken pieces are immersed.) I found that a quick one-hour brine made a substantial difference both in flavor and juiciness. In addition, the skin of the brined breasts turned a much deeper color due to the sugar. Although this step does require a bit of advance planning, the results were clearly worth it.

I wanted this recipe to serve four and found that I needed a 12-inch skillet to handle four half-breasts. In addition, the skillet had to be extremely hot, otherwise it will cool down quickly once the breasts are added. Five minutes over high heat was necessary on my stovetop although this time will vary depending on the type of pan and the heat output of your burners. Covering the pan to avoid splattering only made the skin soggy, so a large splatter screen was helpful. The breasts are cooked skin-side down in about 8 minutes; the skin should be a very dark brown and crispy. Next, I put the skillet with the chicken breasts into a low oven, 250degrees. Unfortunately, the breasts took 40 minutes to finish. I tested a variety of temperatures and finally settled on 350 degrees which required only 20 minutes of oven time. This higher temperature did not dry out the meat since the chicken had been brined and was therefore juicy. I also found that a few slashes in the skin produced even crispier skin.

The last element was the sauce. I assembled many of the standard pan sauce ingredients—wine, stock, sherry, vermouth, garlic, shallots, anchovies, mustard, parsley, thyme, tarragon, oregano, olives, capers, lemon, bay leaves, cloves, and butter. Anchovies, garlic and cloves were too strong for this simple dish. I liked a combination of shallots and sherry but it needed lightening with a bit of chicken stock. I found that the addition of mustard, lemon juice, thyme, and parsley rounded out the flavors nicely. I also developed a quick sauce of dry vermouth, stock, bay leaf, capers, olives, lemon juice and parsley or oregano. The second sauce, which has a bit of a raw quality (the capers, olives and herbs are all thrown in at the end), seemed lighter, and the sherry and shallot sauce was richer. Both recipes are printed below.

PAN ROASTED CHICKEN

If you purchase kosher chicken, you may skip the brine since these chickens are already salted.

For the chicken:

1 cup kosher salt

1/2 cup sugar

4 split chicken breasts, preferably free range, 3/4 to 7/8 pound each

Freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons olive oil

For the sauce:

1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot

1/2 cup sherry

3/4 cup chicken stock, low sodium or homemade preferred

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 teaspoon finely chopped Italian flat-leaf parsley

1. Dissolve salt and sugar in 2 quarts of cold water in a large bowl. Immerse chicken and refrigerate until fully seasoned, about 1 hour. (You can also use a large freezer bag.) Remove chicken from brine and rinse well under cold running water. Thoroughly dry with paper towels. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and adjust oven rack to the center position.

2. Using a sharp knife, make three diagonal slashes in the skin of each piece of chicken being careful not to cut into the meat. Season both sides with freshly ground pepper. Meanwhile, heat a heavy-duty 12-inch skillet over high heat for 5 minutes. (Time will vary depending on the pan and the stove.) Once hot, add the olive oil and swirl to coat the bottom of the pan. Add the chicken breasts, skin side down, and stand back. They will splatter. Cook for 7 to 8 minutes or until dark brown. Turn the breasts skin side up and place the skillet in the heated oven. Cook for 15 to 25minutes or until an instant read thermometer reads 165 degrees at the thickest part of each breast. Remove to a warm platter and cover with aluminum foil.

3. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon of fat from the skillet and place over high heat. Add the shallot, sherry and chicken stock and scrape the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Cook at a vigorous boil until the liquid has thickened slightly and is reduced by about two thirds, about 5 minutes. Add the mustard and thyme and cook 1 minute. Add the lemon juice and parsley and cook 30 seconds more. Serve immediately spooned over the chicken breasts.

Serves 4

Olive and Caper Variation

Omit the shallots. Use dry vermouth in place of the sherry and add one bay leaf along with the liquid. Omit the mustard and thyme and add 2tablespoons capers and 1/4 cup pitted and chopped oil cured or kalamata olives in their place. Freshly chopped oregano may be substituted for the parsley.

Pretty crafty

Students' work stocks Potting Shed for the holidays

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Craig Powers proudly displays his basket work for sale at The Potting Shed.

Soothing herb soaps. All kinds of flowers. Produce. Lavender sticks. Wind chimes. Beautifully painted slates.

These are just a few of the items on sale at The Potting Shed at The Cardinal Cushing Center School in Hanover.

What's more, the items are not ordered from a list and shipped in — they are made in the utmost professional manner by the students at the school, all of whom are mentally challenged. The school is home to 150 students, ranging in ages from six to 22 years old.

The Potting Shed is a direct result of the school's vocational program, and Dave Kraemer, a teacher at the school, spends all of his time working with students to build on its success. He said while working at and making crafts for the shed teaches students valuable artistic techniques, it also helps them prepare to deal with a work environment.

"The idea is to try to provide the students with the skills it takes to be an independent worker," Kraemer said. "They have to wear appropriate dress, they get to meet customers and they also learn money skills. I think it provides a very holistic experience for them."

Kraemer said the shed is always busy, but he said he would like to see more customers in the store on a more frequent basis to admire the work of the students, and maybe even make a couple of purchases.

"Everything in here was made by the students," he said. "All the vegetables, herbs and flowers we have were grown by them. We have over 2,000 mums in our fields, as well as a large vegetable and herb garden."

Kraemer said the shed is open all year, and the students make different kinds of crafts for each season. Right now, the students are gearing up for the holidays by making ornaments, pottery, and wreaths.

"The more people that start coming in, the more opportunities these kids will have," Kraemer said. "I think it would be good for the students to have more contact with the public. There's a number of things in here people will really appreciate, and our prices are relatively low."

The shed is decorated with student-crafted items including homemade herbal vinegars, carefully-woven baskets and even stress relieving devices called eye pillows.

"I feel really fortunate to be in the position I'm in," Kraemer said. "Working here is like a breath of fresh air. I think a lot of people will see why if they come in. The people who do come here are always very pleased and they keep coming back."

Kraemer said the work the students do at the shed helps them with their senses of self esteem, their work skills and it gives them a sense of satisfaction to complete jobs and have people comment positively on them. The students say they simply enjoy the work.

"I just like making crafts," said Craig Powers, 22, one of Kraemer's students. "I also like taking care of the landscaping work and making baskets."

"I like taking care of the mums, the crafts and plating," added Julius

Colorful fall fruits and foliages

Part 2

By Suzanne Mahler

CORRESPONDENT

Green thumbs up

Tiny parachutes of silky, white filaments drift across the autumn meadow. Backlit by the slanted rays of the late afternoon sunlight, they appear to glow as gentle breezes transport these delicate wisps far and wide, effectively dispersing their cargo of flat, brown seeds from the distinctive pods of milkweed. In future years, new colonies of these familiar wildflowers will sprout throughout the expansive meadow and surrounding fields.

Nearby, a solitary monarch butterfly floats among the clumps of waning purple asters, sipping nectar to energize itself for its long journey south to Mexico. Future generations of these attractive black-veined, orange butterflies will most likely return to these same pastures to lay their eggs on the broad leaves of the milkweed plants which will reappear each season as the yearly cycle repeats itself and nature perpetuates her species.

A flock of small birds passes overhead. The high-pitched whistles and twittering of these cedar waxwings have become familiar as throughout the year they visit my gardens to feed in the treetops, partaking of apple blossom petals in the spring, insects in the heat of summer and fruit during the fall and winter months. In unison, these gregarious, crested, avian visitors swoop down to roost among the branches of my Zumi crabapple tree laden with clusters of bright red berries. For the next month or two, they will systematically devour the multitude of shiny fruits, joined by finches, cardinals, bluebirds, robins, flickers and mockingbirds.

Many attractive woody plants produce fruit which may go unnoticed until their foliage has fallen, the color of their berries intensifying as temperatures drop. As their fruits ripen, most of these fruit-bearing trees and shrubs attract birds and wildlife during the fall and winter months. A landscape rich with trees, shrubs and vines which produce seeds and berries will sustain many species the entire winter often encouraging robins, bluebirds and other migratory species to remain for nature lovers to enjoy year-round.

Ornamental crabapples (Malus spp.) are an attractive, adaptable and diversified group of small fruiting trees. Tolerant of a wide range of soils, crabapples perform best in full sun where they burst forth each spring with a glorious profusion of bloom, clothing the entire tree in pink, white or red blossoms. In late summer and autumn, fruits ripen in shades of vibrant red, yellow or purple. Look for newer cultivars of crabapples which provide greatly improved disease resistance. Those bearing smaller fruits are more likely to appeal to birds although the entire tree may be stripped of its flavorful berries before winter arrives. If space permits, plant more than one variety, as fruits ripen at different intervals. Although nearly all the berries of the Zumi crabapple are usually consumed during autumn, other cultivars are left untouched until late winter or early spring.

The dogwood family includes several handsome members which are attractive in all seasons. The popular flowering dogwood (Cornus florida) displays magnificent pink, red or white flower bracts in spring and glowing, scarlet foliage in fall accentuated by clusters of brilliant, shiny red berries which usually disappear early in the season, courtesy of voracious squirrels, robins, catbirds, mockingbirds and flickers. Its horizontal branching provides a distinctive silhouette which adds grace and beauty to the winter landscape. The Korean dogwood (C. kousa) which blooms later in spring after the foliage has emerged, also produces vibrant russet autumn leaves accompanied by spectacular, dangling, fleshy red fruits resembling large raspberries. Its form tends to be more upright and vase-shaped than its American cousin with the added bonus of peeling bark as the trees mature. Dogwoods thrive in well-drained but moisture-retentive, soils in sun or partial shade.

The autumn olive (Elaeagnus umbellatus) is a vigorous, multi-stemmed, deciduous tree or large shrub which offers multiple seasons of interest although its ability to naturalize along our roadsides may qualify it as an invasive plant species. An excellent choice for seaside landscapes, it is tolerant of wind and sunny, dry locations. Silvery, wavy-margined, gray-green leaves often camouflage the clusters of yellow-white flowers which appear in late spring, but their intense fragrance, which attracts bees, butterflies and hummingbirds, is unmistakable and intoxicating. Inconspicuous clusters of silver-striped berries follow which gradually deepen to red during the autumn months and are systematically consumed by finches, tufted titmice, chickadees and mockingbirds. One specimen is likely to produce numerous offspring in the surrounding landscape as their seeds are dispersed by their feathered carriers causing it to occasionally become a nuisance but I welcome its sweet perfume each spring accompanied by its wildlife visitors through-out the seasons. Planted next to my foundation beside a kitchen bay window, its dense habit makes it an ideal cover for nesting birds and a roost for birds during the winter months as they devour the tiny red fruits and flit to and from to the bird feeder nearby.

The planting of fruit-bearing trees will greatly enhance the winter landscape. If possible, position those which offer winter beauty where they can be observed from inside your home so that you may enjoy their splendor throughout the chilly months to come and be entertained by the antics of birds and wildlife as they partake of nature's bounty.

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BAY COLONY CLUSTER DOG SHOW will be held from Dec. 6 - 9 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Sponsored by PEDIGREE brand dog foods, The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigreed pooches competing each day for "Top Dog" honors within their respective groups and breeds. The show will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is $10 for adults and seniors and $5 for children. Parking is $10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information call 617-556-7747. The public is not permitted to bring their dogs to the show.

'60'S GUITAR LEGEND JOHNNY RIVERS and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph on November 2, 2001. Tickets are now on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.



Norwell's Company Theatre presents the Tennessee Williams classic "A Street Car Named Desire," on stage through Oct. 28. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are $16 in advance, $18 on the day of the show and are available at the theatre box office, 30 Accord Park Drive Norwell or by calling (781) 871-2787.

Thurs. 25

The Berwick Boys Foundation is hosting its 19th annual Halloween on Oct. 25 - 28. The House is open from 6:30 - 9 p.m. on Thurs. and Sun. and from 6:30 - 10 p.m. on Fri. and Sat. and is located at the Foundation Headquarters, 335 West Street, West Bridgewater. Admission is $7. For more information call 508-586-0059.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce presents "**Good Morning Metro South** from 7:30 - 9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, Metro South, Brockton. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Electric Company, this edition of the breakfast series promises to be fast paced, informational, entertaining and a great networking opportunity. To register call the Chamber office at 508-586-0500 ext. 221. The cost is $15 for members and $22 for non-members.

Boston Ballet Presents Contemporary Works "From Distant Shores," at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street in Boston. Tickets are $25 - $78 and are available through Tele-charge at 800-447-7400 or on the internet at www.bostonballet.org or in person at the Wang Theatre box office open Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Performances are Oct. 25 - Nov. 4. Oct. 25 at 7 p.m., Oct. 26 at 8 p.m., Oct. 27 at 2 and 8 p.m., Oct. 28 at 2 p.m., Oct. 30 at 7 p.m., Nov. 1 at 7 p.m., Nov. 2 at 8 p.m., Nov. 3 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. For more information call 617-695-6995.

Fri. 26

A Fall Frolic, dancing to live music of J.J. Reigns with music from the 50's to the 90's at Bay Pointe Country Club in Onset from 8 p.m. - midnight. Fee is $7 for members and $10 non-members. All single adults are welcome, proper dress required. For additional information call The Sociable Singles Hotline at 877-626-4900.

Jack Flagg's Cruisin Night off Route 58, Carver. Events include 50's entertaining, museum, party caboose, free car entry, freighthouse café plus rides and the ice cream caboose will be happening every Friday night from 6 - 9 p.m. through Oct. 19. For more information call 508-866-8190.

South Shore Folk Music Club, the Beal House, Route 106, 222 Main Street in Kingston presents Kevin McCluskey and his "roots-rock" sound that lands him somewhere between John Fogarty and John Gorka. Admission is $4 for members and $5 for non-members. For more information call 781-878-1052.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Young Neal and the Vipers. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

'Annie' will be performed by the Hingham Civic Music Theatre on Oct. 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Hingham High School Auditorium, 17 Union Street in Hingham. Tickets are $13 in advance and $15 at the door. Tickets are available at Noble's Camera Shop, Corson's Glass House and Buttonwood Books in Hingham. For more information call 781-789-4327.

South Shore Singles will sponsor at smoke-free Halloween Dance with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street in Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 non-members. Wear your funniest, scariest, weirdest costume and prizes will be awarded. For more information call 781-331-0021.

Creepy Candlelight Singing Tours at the Captain Samuel Robbins House, 188 North Main Street, Route 28, Avon Center. Held from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., admission is free. Recommended for children 5 - 10 years old accompanied by a parent. For more information call 508-587-2884.

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery, corner of School and Summer Street in Bridgewater presents Mike Hansel through Oct. 26. Selected sculptural works from the artist's first museum retrospective show. In his mixed media sculptures, Hansel creates industrial looking forms, which serve only aesthetic purposes. He attempts to satirize function while suggesting a conceptual relationship between life and industry. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 508-531-1359.

Gallery AA/B Exhibits Recent Works of Three Massachusetts Artists entitled "Life's Fabric", showcasing Mary Gattis, Rosemary Hoffenberg and Jean Sbarra. The exhibition will be up through Oct. 26 on Wed. and Fri. from 12 - 5 and by appointment. A closing reception will be held from 1 - 5 p.m. on Oct. 28. The Gallery is located at 11 High Street in Milton. For more information call 617-698-9700.

The Cantabile Quartet will be performing works by Faure, Turina and Schumann on Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center of Corpus Christi Church in East Sandwich and again on Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. in the Music Room of Whitfield House, 26 North Street in Plymouth. Admission is $10 at the door. For information regarding Friday evenings concert call 508-888-0209 or Sunday afternoon's concert call 508-746-5289.

Storyteller and author Matthew Kelly will discuss how to improve your spiritual, emotional and intellectual life on Oct. 26 at St. Anthony Parish, 10 Summer Street in Cohasset. His book "The Rhythm of Life" focuses on the importance of what you become rather that what you do or possess. The talk begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 781-383-0219.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fatwall Jack. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Paul Agnew and John Capavella in concert at East Middle School in Braintree, 305 River Street. This is the fifth anniversary version of "An Elegant Evening with Friends". This year's benefit concert, sponsored by the Braintree Lions, is expected to deliver top-flight entertainment. The concert begins at 7:30 and admission is $15. Tickets are available by calling 781-843-1534 or 781-848-0019. Tickets will also be available at the door.

"Pippin" will be presented by Bridgewater State College at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium on Oct. 26, 27, Nov. 1, 2 and 3. All performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 for general public and $10 for students and senior citizens. For more information call 508-531-1231.

Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield invites You to Our Haunted House at the Marshfield Fairgrounds, Marshfield, on Oct. 26 and Oct. 27 from 6-10 p.m. You are invite d to the Nightmare Wedding of two fairground workers: Sarah Ghoul and Damian Kill. Come see if death does them part! The wedding takes place at our Haunted House. Hayrides will be available to escort you to the wedding. $5 per person - Free parking and free. For more information on the Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield please call 781-834-CLUB.

Sat. 27

An old-fashioned Harvest Fair will be held at the Norwell First Parish Church at the junction of Route 123 and River Street in Norwell Center on Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., rain or shine. Featured will be a Harvest Table, handicrafts, Grandma's Attic, baked goods and children's activities from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7122.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Fat City. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Immigrant Museum presents Italian Art Exhibit and Literary Programs through October 27. A Powerful and intimate exhibit on Italian immigrants by internationally recognized artist B. Amore. The exhibit runs at the museum's Chiu Gallery and traces seven generations of one family who emigrated from Italy to Boston. Dreams of Freedom, One Milk Street, Boston. 617-338-6022. www.dreamsoffreedom.org. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is $7.50 for general and $6.50 for senior citizens and college students, $3.50 for children between 6 - 18. Wheelchair accessible.

Life writing brings clarity and comfort especially during times of change. Karen Flood will hold a **"Rhythm of Our Days"** journal retreat for women at Alice's House, Humarock Beach in Scituate, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The day is set aside for women to relax in the seasonal atmosphere of this cozy waterfront setting and observe the flow of their lives. No writing experience is needed. $99 fee includes a donation to Alice's House. Group size is limited and advance registration is required by Oct. 24. Call 617.479.6831 or email journalguru@yahoo.com for registration and program details.

Annual Bazaar sponsored by the Leisurewoods Homeowners Association of Rockland will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1105 Bedford Street, Route 18 in Whitman from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission is free. Handmade crafts, white elephant table, dolls, gifts, raffles and much more.

Bare Cove Fire Museum's Annual Fall Barn Sale from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 19 Fort Hill Street, rain or shine. To donate items call 781-749-0028.

Halloween "Playathon" to Benefit Pine Street Inn and Rosie's Place taking place from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the First Parish Church in Norwell. Music students from all over the South shore will be sharing their talents to benefit this cause. Over 70 students representing the studios of ten teachers are planning to get pledges in advance and perform in costume throughout the day. For more information call Alison Barr at 781-982-8920.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Halloween Critters" on Oct. 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fee per person is $4 NM adult and $3 NM senior, $2.50 NM child, $1 per MAS member with membership card. Held at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave., Milton. Preregistration not required. For more information call 617-333-0814.

An Oct. dance featuring the band John Connors and the Irish Express sponsored by the South Shore Irish American Society will be held at the K of C Hall in Whitman on Oct. 27 from 8 p.m. - midnight. There will be a special appearance by the wonderful dancers from the Maureen Haley School of Irish Dance. Tickets are $10 and may be obtained by calling Chairpersons Joan and George Kerr at 508-586-3915. Also for tickets call 508-697-6001.

South Shore Model Railway Club will hold an open house on Oct. 27 at Building 51 Bare Cove Park off Fort Hill Street in Hingham opposite the South shore Country Club. The hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Come and see the progress of the new club. For more information call 781-740-2000.

The Braintree High School Jazz Ensemble will perform a wide variety of standard jazz compositions at the Thayer Public Library on Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. Located at the Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. For more information call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420.

South Shore Conservatory presents Musical Mystery Dinners, an evening of dinner parties preceded by a reception and musical performance on Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. Guests learn their dinner destinations at the reception in Cox Hall, South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Proceeds benefit educational programs and scholarships. Tickets are $50 per person. For more information call Lanci Valentine at 781-749-7565 ext. 23.

The 10th Annual International Festival promoting awareness and understanding of international cultures through cultural exhibits, music, dance, food, fashion and more. Festival doors are open to the public on Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bayside Exposition Center, Dorchester, Tel. 617-474-6000. Admission is $10 for adults and $7 for children and seniors. For more information call 781-861-9729.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW #1788 on 22 Church Street in Rockland will be holding an Indoor Yard Sale on Oct. 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Proceeds will go towards community activities.

Howie Newman appearing at Mt. Hope Coffeehouse in Scituate, located at the intersection of Clapp Road and Cedar Street. Admission is $5 for the 7:30 p.m. show. For more information call 781-544-3122.

Art of Music Chamber Players with Timothy Roberts, Artistic Director, presents "Concerts in the Country" on Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. Held at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. Players are Irina Muresanu, Piotr Buczek, Don Krishnaswami, Timothy Roberts and Virginia Eskin. Tickets are $15, $12 and $8. For more information please call 781-837-2705.

A Symposium "Religion in Today's China" held at Bridgewater State College, Moakley Center Auditorium. Seminars in Christianity, Buddhism, the Mao cult, Falun Gong, Judaism and Islam in China. $35 registration fee including lunch. For more information call Dasa at Primary Source, 617-923-9933 ext. 25.

Sun. 28

The James Library & Center For The Arts located on 24 West Street in Norwell Center presents a concert for families "Green Eggs and Ham... and More" on Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. All ticket are $5. The concert benefits the library's cultural and literary programs for adults and children. The centerpiece of the evening is Robert Kapilow's zany musical of the Dr. Seuss classic book, "Green Eggs and Ham" starring 8-year-old "Zoe" as the narrator Sam-I-Am. For tickets call 781-659-7100.

Psychic Fair, sponsored by the Hingham Sons of Italy Lodge #1851 from noon - 5 p.m. to benefit the scholarship fund at the hall on Route 3A and Kilby Street. Donations will be $25 for 25-minute readings. A raffle will also be held. Open to the public. For an appointment call Carol at 781-834-8839.

'A Street Car Named Desire' will be performed by the Company theater in Norwell through Oct. 28. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are $16 in advance and $18 day of show for Thurs. and Sun., $18 in advance and $20 day of the show for Fri. and Sat. Tickets are available at the Company theater box office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787.

Ron Wilson Photography Exhibition, "The Art of Landscape" will be on view at the Sparrow House Museum through Oct. 28. The 1640 Sparrow House Museum and Pottery Gallery is open every day except Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to the gallery areas. Admission to the historic house museum is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information or directions call 508-747-1240.

Second Season Of The Bristol Chamber Orchestra. The musicians of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra, directed by Harris Shilakowsky, former concertmaster of the New Orleans Symphony and violinist with such groups as the Boston Pops and Boston Lyric Opera presents their 2nd subscription concert season which will commence on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2001 3:00 p.m. "Debuts & Dances, Seasons & Romances" featuring Antonio Vivaldi "Autumn" from "The Four Seasons" Shilakowsky Violin Concerto Bartok Romanarian Dances Dvorak Serenade at United Church of Christ 1541 Washington Street, Canton MA.

MusicAid, a concert to benefit the Red Cross, New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund and New York State Fraternal Order of Police World Trade Center Fund. This event brings volunteer musicians from the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra and Pilgrim Festival Chorus as well as area church and school choirs singing inspirational songs and hymns at the Kingston Intermediate School at 7:30 p.m. at 65 Second Brook Road, Route 3, exit 9 in Kingston. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 508-746-5982.

Island Grove Chorus will celebrate its 10th Birthday with a fashion show on Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Viking Club, Route 53 in Braintree. The chorus members, who represent 15 South Shore Communities will model the fashions, provide musical entertainment, raffles, and refreshments. Tickets are $15. For more information call Doreen at 781-828-3183.

Boooo!-Ston Harbor Cruises Present Halloween On The Harbor in conjunction with the Metropolitan District Commission and AM-1260 Radio Disney Boston on Oct. 28 - 29. The family oriented festivities, held on George's Island, are only accessible by Boston Harbor Cruise ferries and will include a Trick or Treat Village, a haunted fort, spooky characters and a costume contest. Ferries depart from Long Wharf, Boston and Hewitt's Cove, Hingham. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for seniors, $8 for children. For a ferry schedule and departure times please call 617-227-4321.

21st Annual Harry "The Hat" 10K Road Race will be taking place at 12 noon beginning at Decas School, Main Street in Wareham. $12 early registration fee; $14 day of the race; $3 fun run/walk. For more information call Penne Decas at 508-295-6133.

The Art Complex Museum invites adults and children for Storybook Character Day from 1 - 4 p.m. Individuals or groups are invited to read, recite or act-out a passage from their favorite story or rhyme. Costumes are optional and registration for a specific reading time is available by calling 781-934-6634. Interactive storyteller Laura Tabernier will present "The Wizard of Oz" at 1:30 and again at 3 p.m. Located at 189 Alden Street in Duxbury.

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Folk singer Howie Newman continues his "No Heavy Lifting" tour at Scituate's Mount Hope Coffee House on Saturday, Oct. 27. The Mount Hope Coffee House is located on Clapp Road in Scituate. For more information call (781) 544-3122.



BEST BET

Kelly Demers

The James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell presents "Green Eggs and Ham and More! A Family Concert" on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. Featuring pianis Jann Bruene, Soprano Kelly Demers and eight-year-old Zoe as "Sam I Am." Tickets are $5. The concert is for children 6 and over. The James Library is located at 24 West Street. For more information call (781) 659-7100.



BEST BET

The Wizard of Oz is the featured presentation for Storybook Character Day at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, Sunday, Oct. 28. Performances are at 1:30 and 3 p.m. with interactive storyteller Laura Taberner. Refreshments will be served. For more information call the museum at (781) 934-6634.

Mon. 29

Mothers & More provides a series of connections for women balancing the roles of mother, worker and professional. The purpose is to provide information, support and encouragement. Those who have elected to leave paths of work to stay home full-time at least Mothers & More addresses issues of personal needs and interests that the time of parenting tends to subvert. Its public and professional policies that accommodate responsible parenting, promotes recognition and support for supporting mothers and promotes the right of all women to choose if and how they combine parenting and paid employment over time in the South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Cohasset Abbey in Braintree. This month's topics of discussion will be "Oct. 29 - Mothers Night Out Location: Ecumenical Road, Braintree. Call for time and directions." 7:00p.m. Please contact Jen Vaughan at (617) 328-5805 for directions and further information.

The Philoptochus Society proudly presents Dr. Raymond Bosse, Professor of Hellenic Culture and Associate at the Warren Hospital at the Pangeo church, Jonathon Road in Cohasset at 7 p.m. Dr. Bosse will speak about Gerontology.

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery consists of "School and Summer Street in Hockomock" by David Shepherdson through Nov. 25. Recent oil paintings by Hockomock Street College. Visiting Dayton Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 781-878-3611.

Open House Tour at the Captain Samuel Robbins House (100 South Main Street, Raynham Town Center Hall District) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tour the home of Captain Samuel Robbins. For more information call 508-822-7052.

Join the Marshfield Historical Society for "An Evening of Ghost Stories at the Marcia Thomas House" to be held at the Marcia Thomas House, Marshfield Fair, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. The featured storyteller will be Dean MacMullen and Jason Delaney. The cost is $5 per adult, $2 per child and is guaranteed a $15 per family. Light refreshments will be served. Hurry as seating is limited to the Marcia Thomas House.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club is offering a brisk walk for 2-3 miles with leader Dan to Hancock Hill Park, and return to Wilson Park. Meet at the Dorothy Messina room, parking lot on Hollis St. in Milton. Rain or inclement weather, call Dan at 617-698-1802 for cancellation. Walk is every Monday and Thursday at 10:30am. Dress appropriately.

Tues. 30

"Life's Wonders," a multi-media presentation by Kenneth Brown of the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norris Hall, Hanover Street, Scituate through Oct. 30. For more information call 545-8026.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents "Spirits, Specters and Superstitions" for Halloween, Oct. 30 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Fee per adult/child pair is $7.50 (members $6.50). Must register. Museum is located at the Canton Hill Reservation. For more information or to register call 828-1835.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce presents "SOMWA's Annual Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance Awards Program" at the Sheraton Inn, Braintree. For more information on SOMWA's awards program call 617-770-3602. Tickets are $40 per person.

Wed. 31

"A Touch of Whimsy...Recent Paintings by Rhoda Kell" consists of recent works and collages by Rhoda Kell, reflecting on the Halloween season and Copley Art Center through Oct. 31. Gallery hours are Mon. - Wed., Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located at 23 West Street in Norwell. For more information call 659-7100.

Christelle Cumbow-Holland will present a performance for March of the Scituate Public Library over the month of October. For more information contact Ann at the Library.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the month Donna Lucas will be exhibiting paintings for the month of October at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth. For more information call 337-1402.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents Photographs by Kim Dyer-Fine entitled "The Many Realms of Death" from Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 at the Duxbury Arts Center, 64 Alden Street in Duxbury. For more information call 934-2721.

Artica Gallery presents "Amerando (Longing) Landscape Painting by artist Marlee Brewster Brockmann. The exhibit will run through Oct. 31 located at 25 Union Street, hours are 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. For more information call 781-934-9930.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the oil paintings of Plymouth Artist Rita Beaudoin-Hayward's Mary Kennedy selected Duxbury Art Association Student of the Month for her [illegible] watercolor class [illegible] Mary's [illegible] Score, will be on [illegible] Gallery & Rose Bengel [illegible] Center for the Arts, [illegible] 781-934-2731.

Women's ministries will be served a [illegible] Assembly of God [illegible] Scituate Avenue, [illegible] 2001. Its speaker is [illegible] Mannings, a [illegible] be Booked Located [illegible] be Blessed.

Thurs. 1

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"Positive Vision" Poetry by Graham [illegible] and Paul Thompson to [illegible] Library and Center [illegible] Norwell Center during the [illegible] Mr. Thompson [illegible] and will likes, working [illegible] Mireille Lee focuses on [illegible] and the effects of light on [illegible] by an opening reception [illegible] 7:00 p.m. The exhibit may [illegible] ...brary hours: Wed. [illegible] and Thurs. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Tues. [illegible] 7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. Please call [illegible] for more information.

Eastern Nazarene College presents the [illegible] "Voices for a New World," [illegible] Auditorium. Jason Robert [illegible] at 7 p.m. at the Cove [illegible] Center, 230 East Elm Ave., [illegible] Admission is $10 for general admission and $5 for students. Tickets may be purchased by calling 617-745-[illegible].

Pat LiPsett, Annette Pollack, Chris Johnston and Todd Andrews will perform at Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners. Admission is $10 with special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended by calling 781-848-0300.

Fri. 2

South Shore Communities will honor eight recipients of the Outstanding Democrat Award in towns Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth on Nov. 2. Hosted by the Marshfield Democratic Town Committee at the Ramada Inn in Rockland. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., full-course dinner at 7:30 p.m., live entertainment, cash bar and silent auction. Tickets are $30 per person and can be reserved by calling Jean Christianson at 781-837-0665.

Attention Deficit Information Network presents "Cooperation & Collaboration: Everyone Wins!" with speakers Trish Whipple, Special Education Teacher, Lauren Melillo, Parent Advocate on Nov. 2 at 7:15 p.m. at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School, Route 3 South to exit 5, turn onto Long Pond Road, heading West 1/2 mile to school on right. $15 annual family membership provides meeting notices for one year. For more information call 508-747-0039.

Mass. Assoc. of Insurance Women will hold a meeting at the Sheraton Inn in Plymouth on the weekend of Nov. 2. There will be an "ISO HO 2000 Changes" seminar on Fri. at 2 p.m. and on Sat. at 9 a.m. a seminar will be presented by MAIA's Carol Kitner on "3 R's of E&O and CGL PD Issues." For more information or to make a reservation for all or part of the weekend event call Julie Franklin at 508-295-6504.

"An Evening of Dreams...The Art of Childhood" presented by the Fuller Museum. This is a very special fundraising event to support the artistic development of children in Brockton and surrounding communities through the Educational Outreach Programs of the museum. The event takes place at Massasoit Conference Center, 770 Crescent Street in Brockton. Silent Auction and cocktails are from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m. Dancing until 11:30 p.m. to the music of Java Jive. Tickets are $60 per guest. Casual chic attire. For more information or reservations please call 508-588-6000.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Spurs. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents David Roth in concert on Nov. 2 beginning at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106 in Kingston. Tickets are $10 for members and $12 for non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052.

Ongoing Events

A New Display of work by members of the Weymouth Art Association is on display at several locations around town for the months of Oct. and Nov. In the town hall, the Mayor's office, Dorothy Babineau and Ernest Laidler, in the treasurer's office, JoAnn Burns is exhibiting. In the Councilor's office, Joe Barca, Barbara Greland and Ed MacCormack, and Dorothy Barnaby is displaying in the auditor's office. There are paintings on display at Synder Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance and Colonial Federal Savings bank by Denise Graham, Nancy LaPorta, Marilyn Reisberg, Allan Chambers, Joe MacFarlane, Clair Palmer, Mary Santry, Don Coole, Donna Gallagher and Donald Heath, Lorraine Iggiotto, Elizabeth Pohl, Bill Sawyer, Laurie Porter and Elizabeth Trubia. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 located at The Salvation Army in Quincy. Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

'The Soprano's Last Supper' a spoof on the HBO hit series, debuts in Boston's Theatre district with an interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont Street in Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are $49 per person for the dinner and show. Show dates are Nov. 11 and Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For tickets call 800-944-5639.

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The Art Complex Museum presents "A Novel Idea" at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury through Nov. 30. There will be a reception on Sept. 30 from 2 - 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibition features images of books in all mediums by thirty-two artists. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their acappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music. The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Environmental Arts, Inc. at the Fuller Museum of Art will present its Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the grounds of the Fuller Museum of Art through Nov. 4. Environmental Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes site-specific art in natural settings. For more information please call 508-588-6000.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4394.

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILL for more details.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through December 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.

Tours to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

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The Museum of Fine Arts Boston presents "The Look: Images of Glamour and Style" through Jan. 6, 2002. The exhibit celebrates the evocative portraits and fashion pictures of Horst P. Horst and his mentor Georg Hoynigen-Huene. For more information visit the MFA online at www.mfa.org.

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The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

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Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Overeaters Anonymous is a twelve step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at 781-829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

Alateen and Al-Anon Family Groups asks if you have a parent, close friend or relative whose drinking or drug use is getting to you, to come and join other young people your age (ages 6 - 12 or ages 13 - 18 years old) to share experiences and understanding ways of coping, close friendships and hope for a happier life. Come any Friday night at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Hanover (in the back lower level) First Baptist Church at 580 Webster St. (Rte. 123) For more information call Kris at 781-834-5973. For information on similar fellowships at other times in Massachusetts towns, call 781-843-5300.

New Beginnings - a support group program for separated, divorced, widowed and single adults, holds meetings every Monday at 6:30 p.m. for small self-help groups, fellowship and special programs. Held at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. For more information call 781-659-1857.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

There are bound to be some exciting developments in the next few days. Keep an open mind. Explore new horizons, develop alliances, set goals. You can break new ground at home or work. The Aquarius moon interacts with Uranus at 3:32 p.m. and becomes inactive. Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius, is slowing its rate of motion, preparing for direct travel on October 30. An applying alignment of Venus and Pluto may spark romantic passions this evening. Take a walk on the wild side.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

The moon enters Pisces at 9:56 a.m. The planet Venus forms major contacts to Pluto and Saturn today and Jupiter tomorrow. Creativity and artistic sensitivity are at an all-time high. You can experience breakthroughs and achieve goals. Appreciate or create art, music, photography, dance. Relationship or financial issues may also come to the forefront. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury-Jupiter warns against jumping to conclusions or going to extremes. Sleep on new ideas and don't take action for a few days.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

The planet Mars enters Aquarius at 1:19 p.m., remaining there until December 8. The moon travels in Pisces and forms challenging alignments to Pluto and Saturn between 1:30-2:30 p.m. Stay upbeat and don't get caught up in worries, self-doubts in this period. At 5:31 p.m. the Pisces moon aligns with Jupiter and becomes inactive. A 90-degree alignment of Venus-Jupiter sets the stage for a relaxing, social evening. Keep it light and don't take anything or anyone too seriously.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28

The Pisces moon continues inactive travel until 9:15 p.m. No major planetary activity occurs until that time. That means that this is a day to relax and mellow out. Unplug from your daily routine and responsibilities; enjoy favorite leisure activities. The moon enters Aries at 9:15 p.m. However, a 90-degree alignment of the sun and Neptune continues to generate a sleepy, laidback mood.

MONDAY, OCT. 29

Gear up for an action-packed week. An Aries moon today sets a quick pace. Channel high energy constructively and plan to get a lot accomplished. Others may be impatient, irritable. Keep a cool head. The green light is on for new starts across the board. Launch bold new enterprises, set long-range plans and goals. Get back on track with exercise and physical fitness regimens.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

Get an early start to this day. You can be most productive. The Aries moon forms six major alignments to planets until 2:17 p.m., when it becomes inactive. Uranus, however, takes center stage. At 5:55 p.m. Uranus, standing at 21-degrees of Aquarius, begins direct travel. Expect the unexpected. Be more spontaneous, open to new ideas and ways of doing things.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

The stage is set for an exciting, 'anything can happen' kind of day. At 7:48 a.m. the moon enters Taurus, beginning the final windup to the full moon that culminates forty-one minutes past midnight. In addition, Venus, the planetary ruler of Taurus, prepares to align with unpredictable Uranus. It may be difficult to focus on business and practical matters. Postpone dealing with important projects; make final decisions in a few days. Instead, put on your party hat and go for the good times.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

November begins and ends with a full moon, setting the stage for a high-energy, intense month. You can cut through obstacles and move forward in your personal or professional life. Today the full moon culminates at 12:41 a.m., 9-degrees of Taurus/Scorpio. Venus and Mercury form harmonious contacts to Uranus, prompting you to be more inventive; go with new innovative ideas. The moon continues active travel in Taurus until 11:20 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

Conflicting planetary influences can make for a challenging day. Saturn opposes Pluto for the second time this year. Jupiter begins retrograde travel at 10:35 a.m., 16-degrees Cancer. The moon continues inactive travel until 4:12 p.m. Take extra time out for yourself. Review and reassess your progress toward present goals. Let go of people or situations that may be holding you back, cut your losses. This is a time to reconsider, regroup, modify your game plan. At 4:12 p.m. the moon enters Gemini. In addition, Mercury and Venus prepare to align in Libra. The evening rates high for socializing, partying, romance.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES

Redford stirs America's soul



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

The Last Castle (B)

Talk about serendipity: That potent symbol, Old Glory, is almost a character itself in "The Last Castle," rallied around, literally, and raised as an expression of honor and decency, this at a time, now, when men who didn't even know they had a little slit in the lapel of their jackets are sticking flag pins there, disobedient to the once-fashionable notion that respecting the flag is infra-dig. If you give the film an extra minute of thought you realize that the good guys are actually a grab bag of dreadful criminals, but it will do very well at the box office in large part because it is superficially unequivocal about values, and our recent decades of wallowing in mindless relativism seem, now, especially silly. As I said, talk about serendipity.

The polarity here is a rigid, by-the-book, sadistic military prison commandant, Col. Winter (James Gandolfini, whose Tony Soprano is far more conflicted), confronted by former three-star general, Gene Irwin (Robert Redford, in his just about to be canonized incarnation), now sentenced to 10 years behind bars, who sees ignoble motives and unacceptable cruelties and sets out to undermine Winter.

"Brubaker" will spring to mind, but our era is one of upgrading the levels of violence in films, and in life, and one also almost incapable of resisting the tendency to overdo things like a final encounter that is thrilling to behold yet ridiculous. You may feel a mite cowed by the realization that sometimes, like now, you can both give in to rah-rah-rah patriotic fervor *and* realize that in a calmer moment you would be more resistant.

Col. Winter's ever-present aide ("General Hospital" hunk Steve Burton, not to be confused with my WBZ TV4 hunk colleague), the handsomest man in sight — could there be a subtext here? dunno — is on hand throughout, watching his boss begin the inevitable descent into a stripped-down version of Queeg. Irwin sees the men refusing to obey orders not to salute him and, owing to his legendary reputation, revere him. Though he has come to do his time and pay for his sin — we learn his sin later, and we, kind souls that we are, forgive him — circumstances again make the man, and as he befriends the stuttering Corporal Aguilar (Clifton Collins, Jr.), sizes up the duplicitous Yates (Mark Ruffalo, in a layered performance), and sees what Winter is capable of, he takes charge, inspiring a focused resistance, a loyalty validating an almost Jeffersonian natural aristocracy among men, occasioning a reformation of character.

You get how this might be imagined, although purely a fortuitous arrival of a movie at a particular time, as a metaphor for our current situation: a nation not of angels but of fallible folks, content to go about our business, roused to a crusade — dare one use the word even as Muslims bristle? — to foil a tyrant. The film obeys today's cinema fatwa to make the highest ranked person, here the commanding general, black (Delroy Lindo), reinforces the stereotypes (black, Hispanic and white cons dress, speak and act according to Hollywood's Sacred Scriptures), and overplays the ending. But *oh-oh say can you seeeee* ... and you know the rest.

Written by David Scarpa and Graham Yost; directed by Rod Lurie. Rated R.



James Gandolfini and Robert Redford do not see eye to eye.



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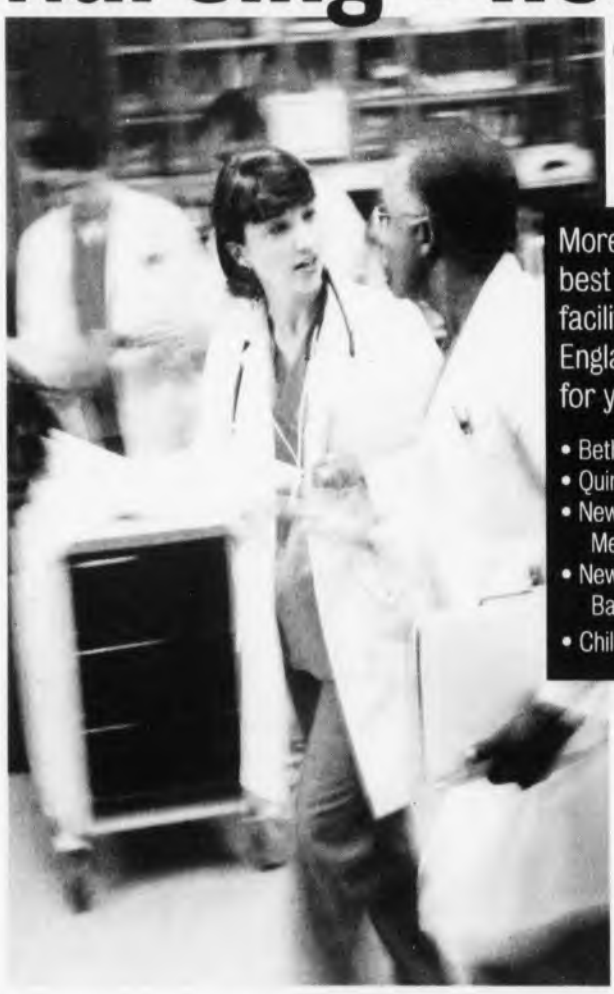
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Bridging the generation gap

By Carol Britton Meyer
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There may not be a generation gap after all.

At least that's what a number of senior citizens and students in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate have discovered after opening up the lines of communication between the two groups.

Intergenerational activities in all three communities have provided an opportunity for seniors, children and young adults to share ideas and work on projects together. The net result is the realization that older citizens and young people may have more in common than they previously thought.

Ed Schreider, a social studies teacher at Hingham High School, took over at the helm of Y.E.A.H. (Youth and Elderly in Action in Hingham) last year.

Intergenerational meetings serve as "ice breakers," where high school students and senior citizens have a chance to discuss topics relating to both generations, including violence in society, age and gender issues, stereotyping and service projects both groups can work on together.

Last winter, Y.E.A.H. sponsored a coat drive and more than 200 were collected at the town's schools and fire station. Members of the group put together 15-20 boxes of coats and delivered them to a shelter in a truck belonging to one of the Y.E.A.H. senior citizens.

"The whole school and community were involved," Schreider said.

Hingham High School students and senior citizens also work together as a team reading to elementary school children.

"I don't get to talk with many kids that age," said Lillian Colbeck, a member of Y.E.A.H. "It's good for them to see that seniors are active."

These days, many young children don't live near their older relatives, so the intergenerational program helps fill that gap.

"I enjoy their comments. One child thought the earrings I wore were 'beautiful.'" Colbeck said with a laugh. "They make you laugh and feel so appreciated."

Members of the intergenerational group also planned a luncheon for 60 senior citizens at Hingham Community Center with the assistance of Sandra Kent, director of the Department of Elder Services. The event featured the freshman Choral Spectrum under the direction of Paul Cappers.

"Teamwork is the key word," Schreider said. "It's such an important effort and falls in line with the Hingham Public Schools mission statement commitment to learning, fulfillment of one's own potential and a spirit of service to others."

Intergenerational Club goals include sharing thoughts on issues affecting senior citizens and young people alike.

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Carol Barrett of the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs

"There are many shared needs and interests, which shows the generation gap isn't that great when people take the time to get to know each other and serve together for the benefit of the community, said Schreider, noting that Gertrude Stein once said people are "always the same age inside."

Y.E.A.H. is open to all high school students and senior citizens.

In Cohasset, young people and seniors work together on a number of occasions.

Earlier this year, members of the high school National Honor Society provided local senior citizens with hands-on instruction on the computers in the school library.

Carol Barrett of the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs said she'd like to start up the program again next year.

"The individual attention that's given to each senior so that they're really learning at the level they're at is just wonderful," she said. "The seniors are very grateful to the students, and they have been very gracious to us."

Once a month a lunchtime, third-graders participate in various activities at the senior center, from singing a song to performing a skit.

As part of their community service requirement, Cohasset High School Civic Chorus members volunteer at the senior center four hours a week on four different days, offering assistance wherever it's needed "as their civic duty to the town," Barrett said.

Students do everything from office work, setting up for or serving lunch, raking lawns or just chatting with senior citizens.

Hingham Y.E.A.H. member Colbeck would like to see even more interaction between senior citizens and students to find out more about each other.

"We need to make the effort to sit down next to a teenager and discuss recent current events, like the terrorist tragedy, find out what they take in school and ask their opinions about everything," she said.

In turn, students can benefit from hearing a senior citizen's point of view.

"It helps break down communication barriers," Colbeck said, "even if we just talk about the weather. Teens often get bad press. We need to focus more on the positive. I think kids are very caring and generous."

In Scituate, intergenerational relationships abound.

The high school participates in two dinner programs in the spring, one through the student council and another via a Saturday lunch program.

Young people not only prepare and serve a meal to senior citizens, but they also provide the entertainment.

"It's a great program, because

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FILE PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset High School student Amanda Watts teaches Roselie Kowalski how to use a computer during a special intergenerational class held earlier this year and sponsored by the National Honor Society at the school.

About Senior Lifestyle

In the next 10 years, the senior population is expected to increase by as much as 50 percent in Hingham. In Norwell, census figures predict people 60 and over will increase from 1,743 in 2000 to 2,495 in 2010 — an 83.2 percent jump in the graying population.

Similar figures and changes are expected in most South Shore towns (see chart inside for more details).

With that in mind we focus our Senior Lifestyle section on the growing demands and changing trends which come with an aging population. The section focuses on how South Shore seniors are meeting and conquering challenges brought on by aging. We take an in-depth look at more housing options for those over 60, how seniors are conquering the Internet and the vital role they play in our communities by offering their time and experience as volunteers in our schools and at our hospitals.

The section also explores the difficulties that come with aging — such as the increased reliance on medications to stay healthy and the associated spiraling cost of prescriptions.

As the senior population continues to rise on the South Shore, towns are increasing and diversifying programs provided by council on agings, building newer and bigger senior centers, and providing more and more services to accommodate those who choose to go that route for social activities.

Senior Lifestyle will explore these and many of the other areas that help make the senior population a vibrant and essential part of any community.

Prescription drug war

Elders fight battle to afford medication, living costs

By Dan Gravel
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Three years ago Joanne MacNeill of Abington was diagnosed with cancer and prescribed tamoxifen. Ten weeks ago she suffered a stroke and was prescribed blood thinning and blood pressure drugs. In total she has six prescriptions every month for which she must shell out $400.

She lives off investments and social security money, but worries the funds will soon run out.

"I don't dare stop taking the drugs. I'm afraid if I cut down on any I'll have another stroke. I don't know how much longer I will be able to afford to do this," she said.

Norma Clark, the outreach coordinator at the Abington Council on Aging tells the story of a couple who have overcome cancer and are supposed to take tamoxifen for five years. They recently said they have taken the drug for two years and can no longer afford it. Their only weapon in their battle with cancer is the hope that it will not return.

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Joanne MacNeill of Abington

When U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, D-Quincy, visited the Evanswood nursing home in Kingston last year he spoke of an elderly Cape Cod woman who was hospitalized during the winter for exposure to the cold. Said Delahunt, "When asked why she had turned down her thermostat and instead huddled under an electric blanket, she said it was the only way for her to afford her prescription medications."

There is nothing unusual about the circumstances in which these people find themselves. Their stories can be heard in councils on aging and elderly housing complexes throughout the state.

"Almost everyday someone calls and says, 'I can't afford my prescription, what am I going to do.' It's a real problem that's going to get worse before it gets better," said Clark. "We do have a lot of people having a lot of trouble with prescriptions."

A study compiled by Delahunt's office found that older Americans and others who pay for their own drugs are charged far more for prescriptions than are the drug companies' most favored customers, such as large insurance companies, health maintenance organizations and the federal government.

The report stated, "The findings show that a senior citizen in Mr. Delahunt's district paying for his or her own prescription drugs must pay, on

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Senior Lifestyle

Housing Options



PHOTO: FRED ROBERTSON

Most assisted living residences on the South Shore provide a number of amenities, including entertainment. Here, Dan Harlow performs a concert at Allerton House in Hingham earlier this year in memory of his former piano teacher and Allerton resident, Dorothy Whitney.

A place to call home

Assisted living centers offer more choices

By Kathleen Zigmont
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As our South Shore population continues to age, more and more people are exploring alternative forms of housing beyond single-family homes and condominiums.

Seniors and their families are finding increased options for assisted living, housing that allows seniors to maintain a level of independence and at the same time find much-needed services and a sense of security.

By offering these variety of services, residential units and operational components, assisted living facilities pride themselves on being able to cater to a population ranging from the independent, active senior to the elderly who are frail and in need of assistance.

Lillian Glickman, Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, said the state's assisted living regulations allow for flexibility in lifestyle and care.

"It is this flexibility in responding to the lifestyles and needs of seniors that make assisted living communities successful"

Lillian Glickman, Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs

"It is this flexibility in responding to the lifestyles and needs of seniors that make assisted living communities successful," she said. Assisted living is for anyone who doesn't need the constant care of a round-the-clock nursing facility, but does have physical or mental frailties or help managing medications.

"This is for people who want to live an independent lifestyle but still have some needs. We have people who are active and social and enjoy the community we have here," said Thomas Karnes, executive director of Allerton House at Harbor Park in Hingham, a Welch Healthcare and Retirement Group, Inc. Property.

The 70 apartment rental assisted living community has a living room, sun room, dining room, library, beauty and barber shop and general store on the grounds. All the units, which are a mix of studios, one and two bedroom apartments, have a kitchenette and housekeeping service and three meals a day are available. Fees range from $2,975 to $3,550.

Karnes said the 72 residents there, with an average age in the early 80s, live an independent lifestyle, with grandchildren and great-grandchildren visiting often, and gather among themselves often to play cards and socialize.

"Because we area smaller facility, we do have a real sense of community where everyone knows everyone. They have card parties, poker groups, the groups they sit with at meals and they really enjoy that," said Karnes.

Assisted living facilities on the South Shore vary in size and services. Some can be freestanding or part of a campus associated with a nursing care facility or hospital. Most have a variety of apartment options, with studios and one bedrooms being the most popular and two bedrooms the most scarce.

Some have "companion" options to help offset the costs. Most have basic service packages which include meals, housekeeping, assistance with medications and personal needs, and some have services specific to the needs of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia and handicaps.

Staff at the facilities include registered nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses. Fees, which are on a monthly rental schedule, are not a real estate purchase but are a lease for generally one year. Some fees, which range in price from about $2,000 to over $4,000 a month, depend on the varied levels of personal care residents need.

Some other assisted living facilities on the South Shore include Marina Place in Marina Bay, with 110 private apartments, some with scenic views of the Boston skyline. The facility has a living room, dining room and pub, a library, music room and allows pets. Residents have easy access to nearby restaurants, shops and walkways. Fees range from $2,450 to $3,900 a month.

The New England Friends Home in Hingham, owned and operated by the New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, is open to seniors of all religious denominations and has 18 units. The facility has a living room, library, community room and terraced gardens and fees range from $2,000 to $2,700 a month.

Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset, part of the Sunrise Assisted Living Inc., was designed to look and feel like a private home. A separate neighborhood provides special care for those with Alzheimer's disease and related memory disorders.

The facility has 40 units in their assisted living area and 22 in the Alzheimer's disease area. The facility has a sun room, a smoking area, a community room and a beauty shop and fees run between $2,250 and $4,650 a month.

When to consider an assisted living residence

The following information is from "Guide to Assisted Living Facilities and Continuing Care Retirement Communities" published by the Massachusetts Center for Assisted Living.

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Assisted living residences are for older people who no longer feel comfortable or safe living alone, but do not need the kind of 24-hour nursing and medical care provided by nursing facilities. While assisted living residences monitor the well-being of their residents and can help coordinate health services by licensed outside agencies or providers, they do not provide these services directly. As a result, assisted living residences are generally not appropriate for people with serious medical needs.

The typical assisted living resident is a woman in her early to mid-80s. Many assisted living residents need help with personal care and remembering their medications. Assisted living is also emerging as an option for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other cognitive impairments. These programs usually feature specially designed and secure environments, structured activity programs, and higher staff-to-resident ratios.

Services

Assisted living residences combine apartment-like living with a variety of support services, including meals, assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) such as bathing, dressing and walking, 24-hour security and on-site staff to respond to emergencies and help with medications, housekeeping and laundry services, and social and recreational programs.

Assisted living residences have one or two-bedroom units with entry doors that lock and private bathrooms. Some units may also have a living and sitting room. In addition to a group dining area, residences provide either a private kitchenette or access to a "country kitchen" or other communal cooking area. Units are typically furnished with a resident's personal belongings and furniture.

Oversight

All assisted living residences must be certified prior to opening and then re-certified every other year by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA). EOEA also has an Assisted Living Ombudsman Program that mediates disputes brought by or on behalf of assisted living residents. For more information about certification or the Ombudsman Program, contact EOEA at 800-882-2003 or TTY 800-872-0166.

Paying for Assisted Living

Individuals entering an assisted living residence sign an annual residential contract or lease and pay a monthly fee or rent that includes the cost of housing, meals, and specified services and amenities. The cost of assisted living varies widely depending on the accommodations and services provided and can range from $1,800 to more than $4,000 per month per person, with an industry average exceeding $3,000. Often times specialized Alzheimer and dementia programs are more costly than traditional assisted living services. Some assisted living residences require payment of a one-time entrance fee as well as first and last month's rent and a security deposit.

Elders and their families considering assisted living should identify those services and amenities which are included in the monthly fee and those which are available but must be purchased at added cost. This information must be clearly stated in the contract a prospective resident is asked to sign before moving in. As with any legal document, elders and their families or advisors should carefully review the terms of the contract, particularly provisions for the return of security deposits and termination of the lease.

Most assisted living residents pay privately for their housing and support services. In addition, some private long-term care insurance policies include coverage of assisted living services in certified facilities. Check with your insurance company to find out if your policy covers assisted living services.

To date, there has been little public funding available to help low and moderate-income elders afford the cost of assisted living. Assisted living residences that received their financing from the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) are required to set aside 20 percent of their units for residents whose income is less than 50 percent of the area's median income.

Medicaid coverage of assisted living services is available on a limited basis for individuals who are clinically and financially eligible for Medicaid and reside in assisted living residences that participate in the Massachusetts Division of Medical Assistance's Group Adult Foster Care Program. Under that program, Medicaid (called MassHealth of Massachusetts) pays assisted-living residences for caregiver and administrative services provided to Medicaid-eligible individuals.

In addition, Massachusetts recently reinstated the SSI-G benefit that provides Supplemental Security Income (SSI) to help pay the room and board expenses of assisted living residents covered under Medicaid's Group Adult Foster Care Program.

For more information on adult foster care, call the MassHealth Customer Service Center at 1-800-841-29; or call 1-800-772-1213 for SSI eligibility.

What's available for residences on the South Shore

BRAINTREE
Grove Manor Estates
160 Grove St., Braintree, MA 02184-7216
Tel: 781-843-3700
Fax: 781-843-3744
Web site: www.afranchihealth.com
Owned by: A. Franchi Construction, Inc.
Units/Beds: Assisted, 70; Alzheimer's, 15
Programs/Services: Incontinence Care; Respite Care
Monthly Fee Range: $3,000-$3,600
Contact: Mary Gaynor
Executive Director: Sue Rando

The Glen at Grove Manor
180 Grove St., Braintree, MA 02184-7216
Tel.: 781-843-3700
Fax: 781-843-3744

COHASSET
Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset
125 King St., Cohasset, MA 02025-1364
Tel: 781-383-6300
Fax: 781-383-2830

DUXBURY
The Village at Duxbury
290 Kings Town Way, Duxbury, MA 02332-4635
Tel: 781-585-2334
Toll Free: 800-696-9744
Fax: 781-582-2274

HINGHAM
Allerton House at Harbor Park
15 Condito Rd., Hingham, MA 02043-1753
Tel: 781-749-3322
Fax: 781-749-3330
Web site: www.welchhrg.com/assistliv/harborpark.htm
Owned by: Welch Healthcare & Retirement Group
Units/Beds: Assisted, 70
Programs/ Services: Adult Day Health Program; Incontinence Care; Respite Care
Monthly Fee Range: $3,050-$3,750
Contact: Carol Taylor
Executive Director: Thomas A. Karnes

New England Friends Home
86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham, MA 02043-2074
Tel: 781-749-3556
Fax: 781-740-8794

KINGSTON
Evanswood Center for Older Adults
17 Chipman Way, Kingston, MA 02364-1039
Tel: 781-585-4100
Toll Free: 800-696-1076
Fax: 781-585-5017
Web site: www.evanswoodcenter.org
Owned by: American Baptist Elder Ministries of Massachusetts
Units/Beds: Assisted, 64
Programs/Services: Adult Day Health Program; Group Adult Foster Care Units; Incontinence Care; Respite Care
Monthly Fee Range: $2,500-$3,350
Contact: Lucille Sorrentino
Executive Director: Matthew J. Muratore

MILTON
Milton Residences for the Elderly
600 Canton Ave., Milton, MA 02186-3161
Tel: 617-698-3005
Fax: 617-698-3115
Estimated Occupancy: Sept. 2001

PLYMOUTH
Marriott MapleRidge of Plymouth
97 Warren Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360-2425
Tel: 508-746-9733
Fax: 508-746-9683

Plymouth Crossings
157 South St., Plymouth, MA 02360-7610
Tel: 508-830-4744
Fax: 508-830-4748

QUINCY
Allerton House at Hancock Park
164 Parkingway, Quincy, MA 02169-5020
Tel: 617-471-2600
Fax: 617-773-1115
Web site: www.welchhrg.com/ahhpark.htm
Owned by: Welch Healthcare & Retirement Group
Units/Beds: Assisted, 42
Programs/Services: Adult Day Health Program; Group Adult Foster Care Units; Respite Care
Base Monthly Fee: $2,700
Executive Director: Betsy P. Flynn

Atrium at Faxon Woods
2003 Falls Blvd., Quincy, MA 02169-8202
Tel: 617-471-5595
Fax: 617-471- 6335

Marina Place
4 Seaport Drive, Marina Bay, Quincy, MA 02171-1591
Tel: 617-770-3264
Fax: 617-854-0576
Web site: www.newtonseniorliving.com/marina.html
Owned by: Newton Senior Living, LLC
Units/Beds: Assisted, 110; Alzheimer's, 21; Independent: 110
Programs/Services: Group Adult Foster Care Units; Incontinence Care; Respite Care
Base Monthly Fee: $2,450
Contact: Elizabeth Westley
Executive Director: Patricia Garre

WEYMOUTH
Allerton House at Central Park
43 School House Rd., Weymouth, MA 02188-4142
Tel: 781-335-8666
Fax: 781-335-7666
Web site: www.welchhrg.com/assistliv/centralpark/index.htm
Owned by: Welch Healthcare & Retirement Group
Units/Beds: Assisted, 70
Programs/Services: Group Adult Foster Care Units; Respite Care
Base Monthly Fee: $3,050
Contact: Louise Rachin
Executive Director: Paul Casale, Jr.

Senior Lifestyle

Housing Options

Demand surges for over-55 housing options

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

The housing market is playing catch-up to the fastest growing segment of the population: those over 55. And as baby-boomers on the South Shore begin to approach retirement age, the real estate market here is trying to meet the housing needs of this large, and diverse, group.

Prentiss Shillingford of DeWolfe Real Estate in Norwell said housing geared toward empty nesters is one of the fastest growing markets in the area.

"This has become a very popular area of housing, and one in which there has been a tremendous, ongoing need within the past six years or so," said Shillingford.

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Shillingford said many empty nesters and retirees are reluctant to move out of state to areas known for having communities for those over 55.

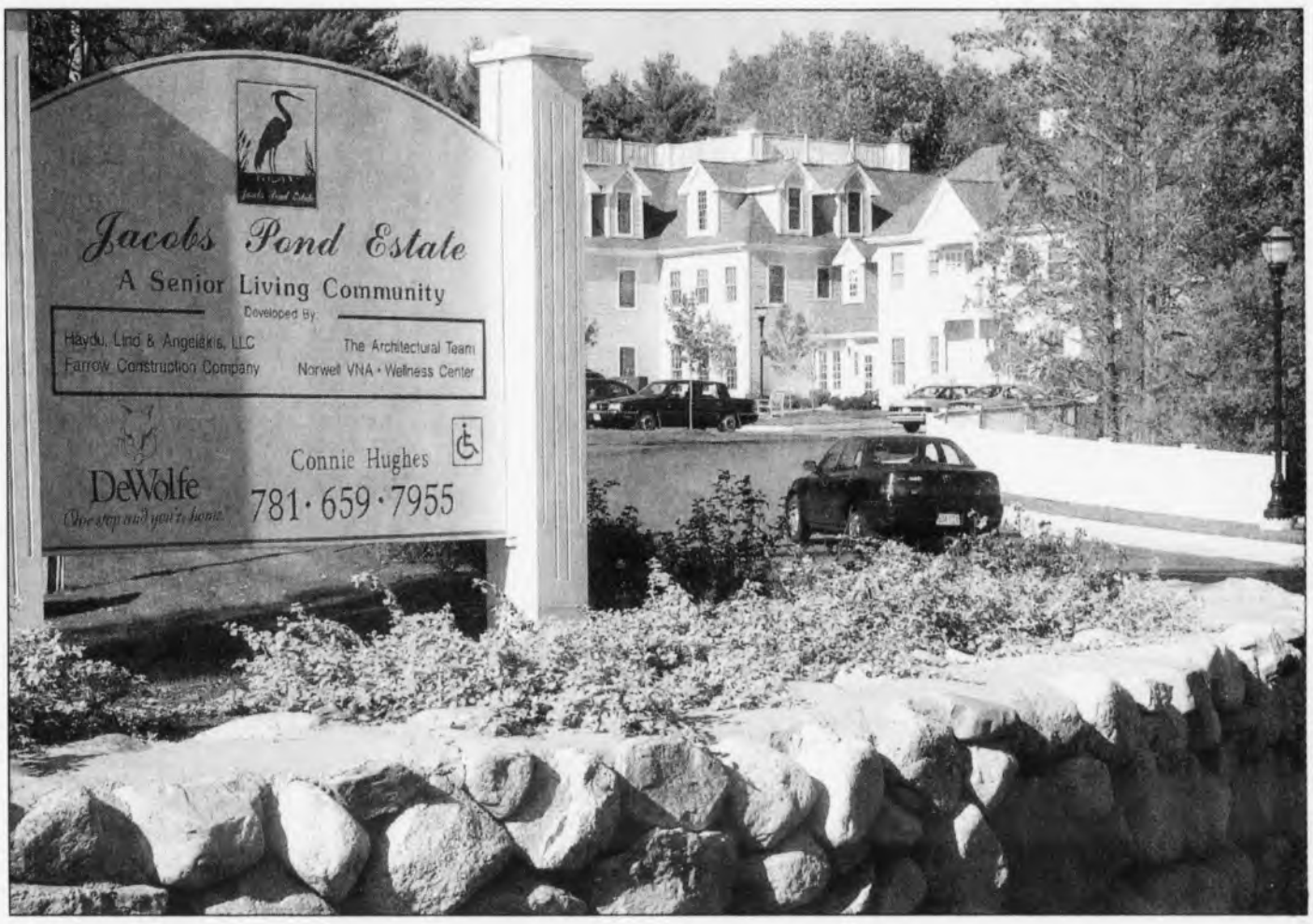
"In many cases, they are very active in their community or still work, and many don't want to live far away from their children and grandchildren. They have roots set down here, and want to stay here," she said.

Shillingford said two projects they are marketing, Jacob's Pond Estate in Norwell and Doctor's Hill in Scituate, are geared toward the empty nester who wants to stay on the South Shore.

Jacob's Pond, for people over age 62, is in Norwell at the corner of Routes 53 and 123. Units feature two bedrooms, two baths and single floor living. According to Constance Hughes, the broker for the project, only five of the original 44 units are remaining. Jacob's Pond has been open since September of 2000, and units are priced between $239,000 and $309,000.

"It has answered a real need in the community. People here are very active and they want to be close to their children and grandchildren. Some have residences in warmer areas for the winter months, but want a place to come here in the spring and summer," said Hughes.

Hughes said residents take advantage of the on-site Visiting Nurses programs offered and spend time at the nearby shopping malls, restaurants and YMCA.



Jacobs Pond Estates in Norwell recently opened and provides housing for people over 55.



The library is one of the most popular common areas at The Village at Duxbury, a community offering the benefits of home ownership without the headaches of property maintenance, for people age 62-plus.



Luxury and amenities are plentiful at Jacobs Pond Estates.

"People here like the security, too. No one can get in unless they are beeped in by a resident. And when they want to go out of town, they just turn the key and their place is looked after," said Hughes.

In Scituate, Doctor's Hill is a community of 32 homes scheduled to be built on 40 acres of land bordering the "Tack Factory Pond." Ownership is targeted to the empty nester family with at least one member being 55 or older.

Town homes, which run in the low to mid $400,000 range, have two bedrooms, two bathrooms, full basements and walk-in attic, two-car attached garages, central air conditioning, 10-foot ceilings and 2,400 square feet of living area.

Shillingford said these kinds of projects are a burgeoning trend on the South Shore. "We still have some land available here , while there is not as much available nearer the city. And the trend is accelerated by the number of young families looking to buy the homes of empty nesters," said Shillingford, who said there are "stirrings" in several South shore towns for projects like these.

In Duxbury, a senior living community is expending their housing options with the construction of 30 single-family homes within The Village at Duxbury, a successful senior living community created by the Welch Group of Norwell.

Village at Duxbury Executive Director Carey Alexander said that while The Village at Duxbury has previously consisted of apartments, the new Garden Homes are being built in response to a growing group of older adults who want to live in a professionally managed community with services such as maintenance, fitness and fine dining, but who want single family homes.

The Garden homes will be priced in the high $300,000 range to the low $400,000s, according to Bonnie Jernigan, a spokeswoman for the project.

"There is a tremendous demand, almost an urgency, for this type of thing," said Jernigan, who said 20 people have put down a deposit on the homes that places them on a priority list.

"The proof is in the pudding. The response is there," said Jernigan, who said owners can choose options for their homes, like lofts, sun rooms, appliances and floor and wall coverings.

Jernigan said this project is different from many others because the housing style is single family, rather than townhouse or condominium.

"They will have attached garages, landscaped lawns. It will be like living in a family home, but without the hassle of maintenance and with all the services the Village at Duxbury provides," she said.

In Hingham, a large project proposed by the Erickson Retirement Community Group — who run Brooksby Village in Peabody — is in the permitting phase.

The project, with 2,600 proposed units, will have a "staggering" impact on housing in the area, according to Hingham real estate broker Gail Peterson Bell.

"It would fill a huge need and it would free up a lot of housing in the area," said Bell of the project, which is proposed for Route 53.

While the project proposed for Hingham is not approved yet, similar Erickson projects include one and two bedroom units within a campus with health care services, walking trails, dining services and day trips offered.

"I think people in the area would be very receptive to a project like this. There is definitely a need for this type of housing in the area," said Bell.

Senior Lifestyle

Lifetime of Learning

LETS learn

Program is seniors' gateway to lifelong education

By Jeanne M. Rideout
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Explore Mayan architecture. Surf the choppy waters of the Internet. Hear about Ireland from the time of John Kennedy's forebears to the present.

Dabble in art.

This is just a sampler of the academic fare available through the LETS educational program for seniors at the Boston campus of the University of Massachusetts.

All the members of LETS, which stands for Life Enrichment Through Studies, are 50 or older and retired or partially retired.

"LETS provides a learning experience at a modest cost that will enrich the intellectual, social, and cultural lives of people who share a love of lifelong learning, regardless of their formal education," Program Coordinator Mary McCarthy said.

There are no credentials, academic or otherwise, required. There are no tests, no papers, and no degrees.

"Anybody can join. You don't need any kind of credentials. All you need is a love of learning," McCarthy said.

The only essential ingredients are an interest in being part of an academic environment, the desire to participate actively in small seminars with other seniors, and having an open mind about sharing skills and ideas.

Some facilitators are actually LETS members who volunteer their time to share an interest.

"These people really love to learn," McCarthy said. "Members tell us they take courses that truly enrich their lives."

This year, there are 250 seniors enrolled. Many students are from Weymouth, Braintree, and all over the South Shore. Most of the LETS instructors, called facilitators, are retirees. Many of them are retired or current UMass Boston faculty.

McCarthy is in her third year as LETS program coordinator. McCarthy is a nurse working in community health who earned a Manning Certificate for the Gerontology Institute at UMass.

She chose to work with LETS because she was so impressed with the program.



Joanne Palmieri, of South Weymouth enjoys reading a the Tufts Library.

PHOTO/BOB BURNS

"I'm interested in learning, and I'm interested in working with interesting people. This is a very exciting program," McCarthy said.

Computer courses are always popular.

"Many people have become computer literate," McCarthy said.

The program, established in 1999, is sponsored by the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston and affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network.

There are nearly 40 non-credit courses and seminars, including courses on computer and Internet savvy, literature, politics, art, contemporary history, Boston history, genealogy, the 20th century presidents, and science frontiers.

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Mary McCarthy, LETS program coordinator

A sampling of some of the other offerings include: the Harry Potter Phenomenon; Making Gardens: Window Boxes or Wild Estates; Diseases: Past, Present, and Future; and Herstory: Women Tell Their Stories.

Courses meet once a week during the day for about 90 minutes and run from four to eight weeks.

Most seminars are held at the UMass Harbor campus, a short walk from the Massachusetts Archive building and the John F. Kennedy Library. The campus is accessible by public and private transportation. Parking is available for a small fee.

The director of LETS is Wichian Rojanawon, a policy analyst. LETS has a peer Board of Directors. The chairman is Charlotte Yacker.

LETS members have free access to UMass Boston's library and athletic facilities on the campus.

There is also access to preventative health programs such as Yoga, Tai Chi, and meditation. A small fee may apply for these programs.

The two semester program begins in early September and runs through June. The program is currently in the middle of the fall semester. The first semester ends in mid-December. The second semester goes from March to mid-June.

For a $100 cost for the year, participants can take two to three courses, attend brown bag lunches with topics like Mayan archeology, and take part in social events, including holiday parties. There are also off-site trips to places such as the Museum of Science.

More information about LETS is available by visiting Web site www.geron.umb.edu/lets_index.htm or calling 617-287-7312.

Senior entrepreneurs recognized

By Tom Gorman
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When most people reach their late 50s, thoughts of retiring from decades of work are entertained.

For some, however, approaching the golden years means starting a new venture.

"Our goal is simply to recognize their (seniors) efforts as special and valuable, and in doing so, encourage them to keep showing us the life fulfillment of being Elderpreneurs."

Noreen Carey-Neville

Since 1993, dozens of South Shore seniors have been honored by South Shore Elderpreneurs for developing a new business or public service effort.

Noreen and Peter Carey-Neville, owners of Carey-Neville Insurance of Weymouth, developed the South Shore Elderpreneurs, which recognizes senior entrepreneurs at an annual breakfast.

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce collaborated with the couple in developing the program, which is sponsored by ElderCorps of Cambridge, a non-profit organization that supports productive aging.

"Our goal is simply to recognize their (seniors) efforts as special and valuable, and in doing so, encourage them to keep showing us the life fulfillment of being Elderpreneurs," said Noreen Carey-Neville.

Each year, nominations are received for the Elderpreneur of the Year Award. Those 55 years old and over who have an initiated an enterprise on the South Shore are eligible.

The criteria include a change within an existing business or organization, a public service effort, a new business venture, an educational opportunity, a grassroots community volunteer program, an arts or recreational program, leadership on a board of directors, or development of apprenticeship and mentor programs in schools and/or organizations.

"Elderpreneurs are not your typical 'senior market,'" said Carey-Neville. "They are the producers, the movers, and the shakers."

Here are some examples of past honorees.

Fannie Crawford, as a resident of the Colonial Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Weymouth, served as president of the Regional Residents Council of 35 nursing homes and three rest homes in 11 communities.

At the age of 88, she used her experiences working with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the freedom movement and as a youth counselor in Tennessee to inspire residents to speak up to nursing home administrators and tell them what changes they would like to see.

Richard Burgess of Kingston, at 68, started his own business helping school systems recover public funds for students entitled to benefits under Medicaid and Chapter 766. In fact, the year before, he was asked to serve as interim superintendent of Marshfield, where he retired in 1989 after a 35 year career.

Barbara Putnam, at 59, co-founded the Weymouth Food Pantry and the Weymouth Council for the Hungry. She also helped start the Weymouth Food Cooperative, enabling families to purchase groceries without the middle man involved.

Barbara went back to school to learn how to write grant proposals for federal and state funding. Her ability to organize and recruit volunteers has made the Weymouth Food Pantry a model for others to follow.

William Mitchell of Pembroke retired from 37 years as a letter carrier at the age of 55. Less than a year after he retired, he felt that he had done everything he never had time to do while he was working, so he decided to try his hand at teaching. A four year stint as a substitute teacher at the South Shore Vocational Technical High School led to a job at the South Shore Collaborative. Later, he returned to the vo-tech as a full-time substitute.

"Elderpreneurs remind us that productive changes require passion, vision, and hard work, and that there is no substitute for experience," said Ron Zoolack, president of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce.

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Giving Back



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Paul and Gloria Leonard have a combined 28 years experience volunteering at South Shore Hospital. They say the rewards are many.

Coming to the hospital's aid

By Evan Schiff
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Sometimes helping other people ends up in helping yourself the most.

Paul and Gloria Leonard, volunteers at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, love nothing more than coming to work and helping others.

"The longer we are volunteers the more we like it," Paul said.

Volunteering gives the Leonards, and many other seniors, an outlet to occupy what may otherwise be downtime by themselves.

Married for 52 years and living in Hingham for the last 20, the Leonards have been working at the hospital for a combined 28 years. Coming to work at eight in the morning two to three days a week hasn't deterred the couple. "I tell people that I can't make any plans or appointments on days that I'm volunteering, it's that important to me," Gloria said. The two have different jobs within the hospital.

"(Without the senior volunteers) would not be able to provide the customer service we've come to expect. They are the fabric of the hospital."

Rick Posniak, director of public affairs at South Shore Hospital

Paul works as a hospital escort. He takes patients and family members of patients from one area of the hospital to another and answers any questions they may have. Paul is relatively new to volunteering but not Gloria.

Gloria has been volunteering her entire life and even received an award for her efforts from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She helped to raise more than $85,000 for the New England Medical Center. "I always liked volunteering. This is what I want to do," Gloria said.

Gloria works in the in-patient surgical waiting unit and helps to try and ease people's worries. "I listen a lot. People come in here with a lot of fears about procedures they've never had done before. I try to help them ease those fears."

Rick Posniak, director of public affairs at the hospital, estimates that of the 700 volunteers at the hospital 75 percent are over the age of 60. Posniak said the volunteers work in a variety of areas including the emergency unit, maternity ward, surgery, escort services, registration, the gift shop and other clinical areas.

Without the seniors' help, Posniak said, the hospital, "would not be able to provide the customer service we've come to expect." The seniors provide thousands of hours of volunteering in various units that would otherwise be costing the hospital a lot of money. "They are the fabric of the hospital," Posniak said.

While the Leonards don't get paid they say there are plenty of other benefits. "When a doctor gives me a smile while I'm talking to a family member of a patient or I get a handshake at the end of the day, that's my thank-you," Gloria said.

The Leonards say their experience at the hospital has given them a new outlook on life. "We thank God that we are still able to volunteer," they said. Being through many of the procedures that the hospital patients are going through, has enabled the couple to relate to the patients' experiences.

What would they be doing if they weren't volunteering? "Probably fighting with each other," Paul joked. Volunteering has given the Leonards enormous opportunities to get out of the house and meet plenty of new people.

Posniak stressed that the hospital is always looking for more volunteers, especially with the opening of the new maternity, surgery and emergency center in five weeks. If you are interested you can contact Rick Posniak at the South Shore Hospital, 781-340-8564.

Volunteer opportunities available at South Shore Hospital

Volunteer opportunities are now available at South Shore Hospital. They include:

- The Cottage Shop and The Friendly Shop. Help hospital visitors and employees purchase gifts, cards, candy, reading material, and home furnishings.
- Critical Care. Help facilitate visitation of family members to patients in this unit while offering comfort, assistance, and information.
- Surgery. Help provide comfort and assistance to waiting family of surgical patients.
- Patient Registration. Help welcome and register patients who are arriving for a service or procedure.
- Patient Information. Escort patients and visitors within hospital; provide directions to various hospital destinations; provide telephone information on patients' condition.
- Emergency Department. Provide assistance to waiting patients and family.
- Maternity Department. Provide assistance as requested to new mothers and help with patient discharge process.

For details about these opportunities, call Rick Pozniak, director of public affairs, at 781-340-8564.



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Staying Active

Fitness through the ages

Seniors finding more appeal in local exercise programs

By Seth Jacobson

They walk long distances, perform stretching exercises and get involved with exercise routines. But these people are not gym-rats or football players — they are the senior citizens of the South Shore.

Working out and maintaining regular exercise routines are just as important to many seniors as they are to other people. More and more seniors seem to be heading out and getting involved with fitness programs in local gyms and community centers in an effort to feel better and live longer.

"As it stands now, the biggest influx into our programs is the 50-plus crowd," said Wendy Sears, owner of The Weekend Club in Marshfield. "Our oldest members are in their 70s and 80s." Sears added the establishment even has a part-time yoga instructor, Marie Forcucci, who is 74 years old.

"I never really think about my age," Forcucci said. "I can't do what I used to do but I try not to slow down that much. I just keep going."

These days, many local fitness clubs and councils on aging are promoting more exercise classes for seniors not only for physical health, but also for enriching their minds through programs like tai-chi and yoga. The bottom line is that more people are seeing the benefits of such programs.

"Exercise is good for seniors' all-around health," said Chris Kazlouski, a local aerobics instructor who heads up programs at local councils on aging. "It's important to get seniors moving, and there's also a great social aspect to any fitness program." She added the exercises she leads seniors through include muscle-relaxing techniques, stretching, walking and other aerobic exercises.

Jim Salvucci and Lynda Smethhurst, instructors from Healthtrax in Hanover, also do their part in initiating senior fitness programs at the establishment and they frequently visit local councils on aging as well.

"The most important thing for seniors is keeping active," Salvucci said. "The more they do, the more they will increase their range of motion." She added one of her students at Healthtrax is 83 years old, and noted she is seeing more seniors coming through the doors.

> **"If you rest, you rust."**
>
> Louise Connolly, 68, of Norwell

Salvucci said as people age, they start to lose their bone density, flexibility and overall strength, but with a good exercise program, those ailments can potentially be remedied. Exercising also helps with lowering cholesterol and keeping a healthy heart. She said in addition to the many programs for seniors available at Healthtrax, there's a pool where therapeutic water exercises are initiated, a concept very popular with seniors.

When it comes to how much exercise is too much for seniors, Salvucci said that factor really depends on the person.

"It depends on a person's body," she said. "One person could exercise seven days a week and another may do less. I think it's important for seniors to stay active at least three to four times a week, but when it comes to what exercises they do, it's just a matter of what each individual can handle. In the end, exercising can just lead to a longer, happier life."

"If you rest, you rust," added Louise Connolly, 68, of Norwell. Connolly takes part in the fitness program at the Norwell Council on Aging where she enjoys walking, stretching and sit-down exercises. She is dedicated, as she has been involved with the program for three years.

"People just do what they can when it comes to exercise," Connolly said. "If someone feels they can't do a certain type of exercise, then they just don't. Some people have more energy, some have less."

Dottie Lynch is one of Connolly's peers in the Norwell-based exercise program, and she said it really makes her feel healthier.

"It does help," she said. "When you get to our age, it's really important to keep your muscles moving. You have to. You're supposed to."

Forcucci said more seniors also seem to have a growing awareness of more holistic fitness like yoga, tai-chi and Pilates. She has been teaching yoga for 30 years now.

"It's done a lot for my mind and body," she said. "I've always liked the movement involved in it. I think one of the most important things for seniors is to get into whatever exercise they do slowly. You can't keep up with the young kids. Start slowly and do as much as you are able. That's all you can do. If seniors want to exercise, there's always something they can do. I think more people are realizing the importance of all these programs."

Sears said exercise is only one part of senior fitness. To maintain proper health, people have to eat right as well in order to thwart high blood pressure and cholesterol build-up.

"If it's grown on the earth, it's good to eat," Sears said. "If it comes out of a box, it's going to work through your body differently."

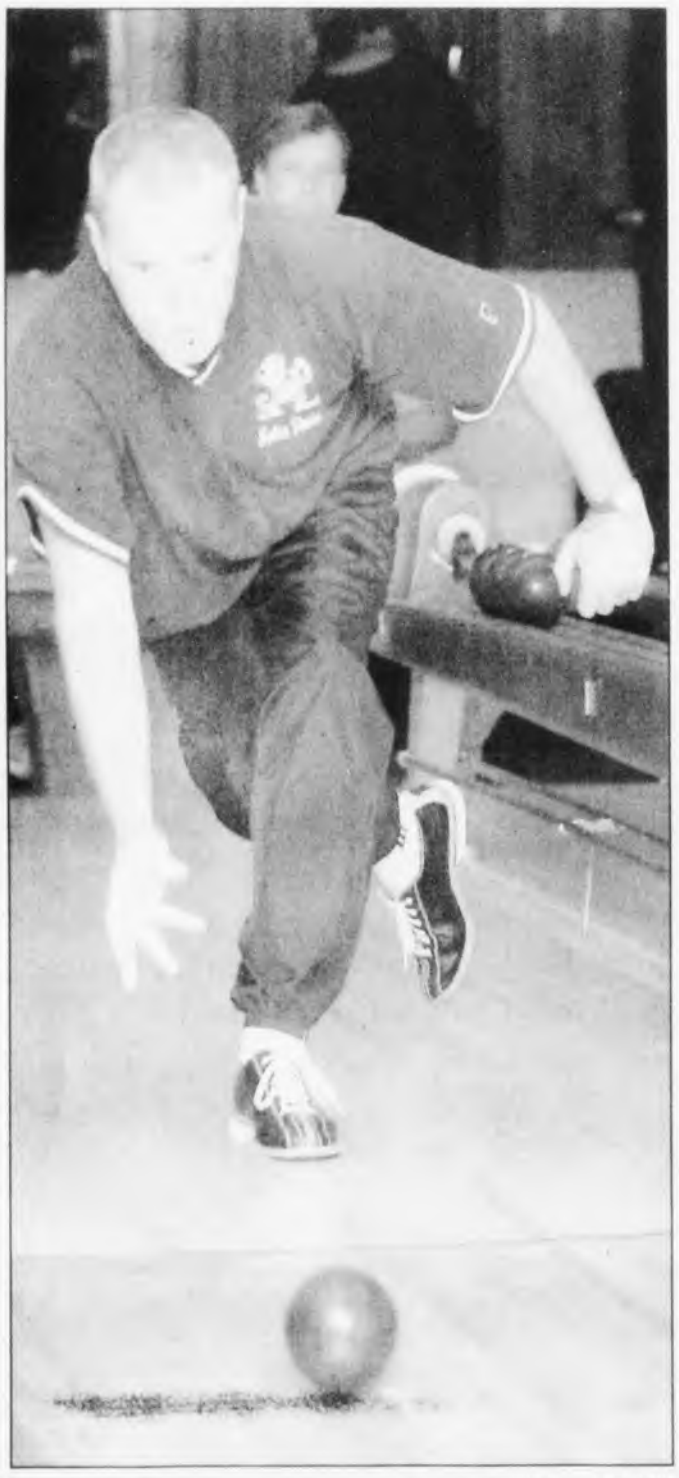
Sears said when all is said and done, a good exercise program and a healthy diet can make all the difference in a given senior's life.

"Everything in their lives will get better if they take care of themselves," she said. "Internally, they will feel better as well. A lot of the people who are discovering these programs are finding out that they're not letting aging get to them. It's just a matter of understanding what their limitations are."



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Aerobics instructor Chris Kazlouski leads senior citizens through a good workout at the Norwell Council on Aging.



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Bob Maguire goes for a strike at the Hanover Bowladrome. He is part of the Scituate Mens (over 55) league which provides an activity and social time.

Men being men

By Michael Marotta
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Joseph Dominico steps up to the plate, his hands wrapped around the bat the same way he gripped it 40-something years ago. His eyes stay focused 45 feet in front of him, waiting for the ball to be laid right over the plate, ready to be smacked into centerfield.

With this pitch comes a lot of memories, and while the small white ball itself is meaningless, it's importance is not lost on Dominico and the other ballplayers he shares the field with at St. Mary's Church in Scituate.

Times may have changed, and while their faces show the wrinkles of a working career in its twilight or the signs of a good life led, some things — like the bat, ball, and enjoyment that comes with playing baseball or softball — never change.

It may be softball instead of baseball, and the game is sometimes played at a slower pace than when they were in their early years, but everything that comes with a field full of bodies with sport running through their veins remains constant. And the same way Little League and school leagues provided not only the opportunity to be competitive and play the game they love but also spur lasting friendships, the 30-members who descend on the diamond of eternal youth on Sundays and Wednesdays have come together because of a passion for sport.

Without the passion, there would be no sport. Without the sport, there would be a missed opportunity for friendship.

Open to men aged 55 and older, what started as a 12-member day on the baseball diamond has turned into a casual league complete with uniforms. And beyond recapturing the memories of youth, the league has enabled senior men to share the field and interact with other senior men.

"It's fun to meet other guys, to meet people," the 69-year-old Dominico said. "I didn't know all these fellows until I went there and some of them live right in my neighborhood.

Dominico, a Humarock native, shares the field with men from Marshfield, Pembroke and other South Shore towns. Open to women as well, there's only one stipulation to join: You have to be born before 1946.

"It's for the seniors, you know," Dominico said. "We don't want a bunch of young kids up here, we'd only make them look bad."

With the summer warmth slowly turning to a brisk fall chill, the social aspect of the softball league transcends mother nature. So the gentlemen will go from one "strike" to another, forming a bowling league to satisfy not only the competitive itch but also to keep the door open for seniors to come together with other seniors.

Bowling season began the morning of Oct. 16 at the Hanover Bowladrome, with the lane providing a special package available to the seniors. Shoe rental, coffee and three strings of bowling will only set you back $3. A sort of extension of the softball league, the bowling league is open to any senior man or woman, and for those with transportation problems, the Scituate Council on Aging will provide a van service if enough are interested.

It's programs like these that are not only unique to the area, but vital to it.

"There's not enough programming for men," admits Joan Wright, director of the Scituate COA, the organizations that oversees the softball and bowling league, although it was the players themselves that organized it. "One of the things that met that need was the softball league."

Wright understands the dilemma she's faced with everyday. Though providing ways for both senior men and women to meet each other, offering attractive programs to men that center on interaction is increasingly difficult. Most of the interactive senior programs in Scituate cater to women, and most are created by women themselves.

"I think women are just more used to getting together and doing things and working as groups while men are used to socializing through their careers," Wright said. "Once they retire, the socialization might hit a dead end. For some it doesn't because they get into softball or golf, but for others it's hard to find ways to socialize."

Sometimes, offering volunteer groups isn't enough. Succumbing to transportation limitations or increasing physical fatigue, many men need assistance to help meet others in their situation. But once they are brought into that element, many are receptive to meeting others.

At the luncheon program at the Cohasset Senior Center, eight seniors sit and converse thrice weekly with each other while they eat. A van comes and picks them up from their home and brings them to the senior center. It's become a mission for outreach coordinator Carol Barrett to identify seniors who have limitations at home and give them a means to meet others.

Barrett is aware that while many seniors have been living alone or detached for society for years, the social programs usually begin once they hit the age of 55. She said through the center's holiday parties, picnics and numerous field trips, the opportunity is there for seniors to meet others, and many are receptive to them. But some, whether it be due to their own indifference or a certain limitation placed on them that comes with aging, ignore the programs.

"If I see a person who is limited I try to get a senior volunteer to go out once a week and visit, take them shopping and keep them looking forward to seeing someone," Barrett said.

Similar programs exist at the senior center in Scituate, and Wright is always looking for ways to expand the curriculum. For those who are homebound, van service is available and used on a daily basis. In November, a chess club will be formed, which will serve as a compliment to the growing nutrition club and men's "8:59 Group," who meet at Jamie's Pub the first Monday of every month for breakfast.

Organizing programs that are somewhat unstructured are the keys to getting men involved, Wright said.

"I think, and this is just my own observation, that a lot of men would prefer not to do structured things," she said. "Traditionally they lived in such a structured environment, working all their lives, once they retire they don't want that structure. They want to be able to 'drop in.'"

As Scituate prepares work to build a new senior center, one of the key components is a billiards room. At town meeting last March when funding for the new center was a topic on the floor, residents scoffed at the notion of a billiards room. But Wright sees its value as a social harpoon for guys who want to be guys.

"They can come in and do their own thing," Wright said, fantasizing out loud about card and pool tables to create a "hang out" atmosphere.

"Doing their own thing" falls under the umbrella of many ideas, all centering on socialization, whether they are eating together, throwing strikes or hitting strikes. Dominico looks around him and socializes with guys he never would have if it wasn't for sports. Many of the guys at the Cohasset luncheon didn't know each other, now some are "lunch buddies" or even just basic, plain old simple "friends."

Wright and Barrett, along with other senior center directors on the South shore, strive to offer these landscapes and hope interaction comes naturally. Sometimes it does, sometimes it doesn't. For senior men who are used to living alone or unable to independently interact, socialization is difficult. More difficult than hitting a softball and more difficult than tossing a bowling ball.

Senior Lifestyle

Staying Active

A song in their hearts

Many senior entertainment programs involve singing and eating

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It's something she loves to do, but at times it can be difficult to endure.

Betty Bartlett, member of the local singing group The OPALs, lives for the days in which she and roughly 25 other seniors travel to nursing homes or hospitals to sing and entertain. It's swallowed up her and her husband, George, and she thrives on the excitement and anticipation her group's visit brings to an elderly man or woman.

But there are times when she must fight back the emotion, realizing the importance of the service she provides is illustrated by the very acts that almost bring her to tears.

When Bartlett and company sing at the Veterans Hospital in Brockton Nov. 9, it will be one of those times.

Side-by-side with the other OPALs, which stands for Older People Active Lifestyles, she will look into a sea of people, some standing, some confined to wheelchairs. When the group breaks into patriotic songs such as the Navy Hymn, she can see men in wheelchairs struggle to stand up. It is something they have done their entire lives, but age has stripped them of their simplest gesture of respect.



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Alice O'Brien sings and claps along to entertainer Peter Poirier during a performance at the Cardigan Nursing Home in Scituate.

"It's hard for us when they do that sort of thing," Bartlett admits.

But Bartlett understands the underlying theme of what she does, and that's to provide entertainment. Creating sing-alongs in centers in Marshfield, Scituate, Hull and Weymouth, the Hingham-based OPALs frequently visit roughly 25-30 places on the South Shore, ranging from senior centers to nursing homes to assisted living centers to "anyone who would like to have us," as Bartlett would say.

With the men in white shirts, black slacks and black ties and the women dressed in tune with a monthly theme (For October, orange was the color of the month), the OPALs were started 15 years ago, and their numbers, as well as performances, increase yearly.

"We just have a good time and enjoy it thoroughly," Bartlett said. "We're seniors singing to seniors. Sometimes when we go to nursing homes you look out into the audience and you can see people moving their mouths and it's so rewarding. They truly are enjoying what they are seeing."

Recently playing at the Cardigan Nursing home in Scituate, Cardigan Events Coordinator Lisa Curley is amazed at the reception the group receives.

"They are really good, really wonderful," Curley said. "It's amazing to watch some of these residents who don't normally communicate. You can see them tapping their feet, it makes it all worthwhile."

Musical entertainment highlights the week for Cardigan residents. Curley said musicians play Cardigan usually once a week, and sometimes more than that. That's what the residents want, Curley said, so that's what they get.

But that's not all entertainment is limited too. Getting out of the home itself can be entertaining for some, but the destination is just as important.



Cardigan Residents Grace Morel, Alice Lapierre, Ruth Pope and Grace Grassie sing along with entertainer Peter Poirier.

Residents at Cardigan go out to lunch and dinner frequently, but also have trips to Nantasket Beach, Chinese food and pizza parties, and a yearly fair that involves everyone in the community.

"We have a lot of (outdoor) entertainment in the summer, and in the winter we go to the mall or go shopping," Curley said. "We try to get them out and into the community as often as we can."

In Cohasset, members of the senior center can participate in a trip to Chinatown, which is currently planned for late November. By bus, seniors travel to Boston and eat lunch and shop at local markets. When they come back, a Chinese chef uses some of what they purchased and creates a full dinner meal.

Food trips are a common thing in Cohasset, according to Council on Aging Director Kathy Bryanton. And they will continue to be as long as they remain so popular.

"The board here is a very proactive organization and are always looking for ways to enhance the community," Bryanton said. "We do a lot of transportation because we are an isolated community. We go to malls and different areas and restaurants."

The Gourmet club takes frequent trips to the city to shop, learn about spices and cuts of meat and brings their North End bounty back home with them. With the help of the gourmet instructor, cooking has become a boom in Cohasset.

A Men's Breakfast Club travels around the south shore to sample fin eateries on a frequent basis, and a dozen-member Friday afternoon Book Club has turned a idle time into a bookworm's dream. In October, a Bonsai Tree demonstration put "The Karate Kid's" Mr. Miyagi to shame, and as Christmas comes closer, the fourth trip this year to the Boston Symphony Orchestra's open rehearsal is in the works.

"We have a very varied degree of programming," Bryanton said.

But with all the trips to the Hub and the guest musicians coming to town, sometimes the best forms of entertainment are the most obvious.

"Bingo, they love bingo," Curley said. "We used to play bingo once a week, then twice a week, now it's three times a week. I mean, they love bingo."

Curley has to be careful, though. Sometimes, the 25-cent games become a bit competitive. And the frequency of which bingo games are demanded forced Curley to lower the bar from 50-cent games to the quarter mark. And when a music entertainer comes to the home during a bingo time slot, Curley shifts the schedule to make sure the bingo-lovers aren't shorthanded.

Though crafts, trivia and crossword work gets the attention of some, it's the luncheons, bingo and musicians that get things together at Cardigan.

"I don't know how I'd survive a month without that entertainment," Curley said.

Seniors enjoy the silver screen, too

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Films are made for young people.

When it comes to customers, Hollywood doesn't care about anyone over the age of 50.

Seniors prefer to stay home and don't like to travel to theaters.

These statements may seem accurate, but they're not.

In reality, older audiences represent a key demographic, one which is credited with helping to make box office triumphs out of such Best Picture Academy Award winners as "Driving Miss Daisy" and "Shakespeare in Love."

Only a year ago, actor/director Clint Eastwood quipped that his "fellow AARP members" were the ones responsible for turning "Space Cowboys," in which he co-starred with contemporaries Donald Sutherland and James Garner, into a hit.

Barbara Dowd, 73, of Weymouth is an example of the type of regular moviegoer who many industry analysts mistakenly claim doesn't exist.

Dowd goes to the movies at least once a week and sometimes twice a week.

A lifelong film buff, Dowd remembers seeing four movies a week while she was growing up in a small town in Maine.

Dowd's sister, who is older than she is, likes the movies, too.

Defying a media-encouraged stereotype, Dowd thinks that movies are better now than they were in the past.



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Barbara Dowd at the Cameo Theatrer in South Weymouth. Senior citizens say movies are a great source of entertainment and only wish Hollywood produced more flicks geared toward their generation.

"I think that movies are much more sophisticated and much more intelligent today," she says.

Although she is an admirer of the late Alfred Hitchcock, Dowd points to this summer's "The Others," a ghost story starring Nicole Kidman and featuring an ingenious surprise ending, as a thriller in the Hitchcock tradition.

"I like movies that keep you interested," she says. "I like it when I can't figure out what will happen next."

In the past year, Dowd's favorite film was "Finding Forrester," starring Sean Connery as a reclusive, J. D. Salingeresque writer who only published one novel, but she also liked "The Straight Story," "Secrets and Lies," "Little Voice," and "The Deep End."

Dowd preferred "Finding Forrester" to "Good Will Hunting," a similar story also directed by Gus Van Sant, because it lacked the earlier film's strong language.

When it comes to comedy, Dowd enjoyed "Best in Show," a mock-documentary starring and directed by Christopher Guest of "This is Spinal Tap," because it was "hilarious without being offensive."

"I think that movies are much more sophisticated and much more intelligent today."
Barbara Dowd

On the other hand, Dowd was not among those who enjoyed "American Beauty," a dark satire of suburbia, despite its critical acclaim and multiple Oscars, among them Best Actor for Kevin Spacey and Best Original Screenplay.

"I didn't like the plot," she recalls. 'There were a lot of creeps in it."

Dowd isn't hesitant to say that she doesn't take the judgment of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences too seriously, pointing to "Gladiator," its most recent top honoree.

"I saw 'Gladiator' on a boat going between Greece and Turkey, and it didn't hold my interest," she says. "It was too confusing."

Dowd thinks that Academy members should have voted for "You Can Count On Me," featuring a critically praised performance by Laura Linney which they regarded as inferior to Julia Roberts's portrayal of "Erin Brockovich."

To Dowd, it was Linney, not Roberts, who should have taken home the Best Actress Oscar.

Dowd is not a fan of John Travolta, although she acknowledges that she did enjoy "A Civil Action," in which Travolta co-starred with Robert Duvall.

When it comes to other actors, Dowd gives a thumb's up to Gene Hackman and a thumb's down to Tom Cruise.

"I don't really care for him," she says. "As far as I'm concerned, the best part of 'Jerry Maguire' was Renee Zellweger, not him."

Dowd recently enjoyed "Hearts in Atlantis," the latest film version of a Stephen King story.

"Anthony Hopkins was wonderful," she says. "He was so mysterious, but believable."

Senior movie stats

(Statistics based on a national survey of senior citizens as conducted for trade journals)

Percentage of seniors who go to the movies once a week: 29 percent.

Percentage of seniors who go to the movies more than once a week: 26 percent.

Percentage of seniors who prefer going to theaters to staying home and watching movies on VCRs: 42 percent.

Percentages of reasons most often cited for regular movie attendance: lifelong interest in film 37 percent; interaction with others 22 percent; getting out of the house/apartment 21 percent; economic form of entertainment (i.e. senior citizen discount) 20 percent.

Percentage of seniors who, in general, agree with the statement that "movies are better than ever": 41 percent.

Percentage of seniors who, in general, agree with the statement that "movies used to be better than they are now": 39 percent.

Percentage of seniors who agree with the statement that "the overall quality of movies today is the same as in the past": 20 percent.

Senior Lifestyle

Covering Your Assets

Beating the scam

County COAs have the tools to avoid being taken

By Alice Coyle

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

David Pearson, the outreach coordinator for the Scituate Council on Aging finds himself offering that familiar advice all too often these days.

The most recent time was with an elderly woman who asked for some assistance reading a settlement acceptance agreement from the International Trade Corporation. This company informed the woman she had won a chance to win the Canadian National Lottery. All she had to do was send in $69.95 (the maximum participation amount to give her 10,800 chances at the big settlement amount of $1,700,000).

Pearson advised the woman not to pay anything and to throw the correspondence in the trash. While he did not call the offer mail fraud, there are enough phony contests and sweepstakes selling misrepresented or nonexistent investments in annuities, stocks, securities, precious metals or real estate, soliciting money for phony charities or selling dream vacation packages that Pearson warns all seniors to be wary of offers they get by mail.

The Canadian lottery lure is not an unusual scheme, nor is it unusual for senior citizens to bank their hopes and a considerable sum of money on the chance at a big cash prize or settlement.

While all age groups can be duped, senior citizens are often the target of scam artists whether they use the mail, the phone or meet them face to face.

"Seniors are preyed on because many of them are on a fixed income and are desperate for money," Pearson said. That desperation can lead them to take unreasonable risks they simply cannot afford. Ironically, Pearson noted, the woman considering sending the money in for the Canadian Lottery was applying for fuel assistance. "She's having a tough time paying her bills, yet she's going to send them money to try to win money," Pearson said.

Investigator Bill O'Malley of the Senior Protection Unit at the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office said elder communities are often targeted because the residents "come from a time when you could trust people a lot more than you can now."

Con artists can also capitalize on a senior citizen's loneliness by developing a relationship with them so they'll feel comfortable agreeing to the scam, O'Malley said. One recent case he recalled involved an elderly woman who made many purchases on one of the home shopping networks. She called so often she developed a relationship with one of the network saleswomen who offered to use her 10 percent shopping discount on the woman's upcoming purchases if she just sent her a check for $20,000. With an easy 20 grand in her pocket the salesperson promptly quit her job at the shopping network.

Tugging on a senior citizen's heart strings is another tactic used especially by fraudulent fundraisers done by phone, Pearson said. Often times these boiler room telemarketers use names that sound like legitimate charitable organizations to confuse people. O'Malley suggests using common sense when considering a charitable contribution. Ask questions, get phone numbers where you can reach the organization later and get as much information on the charity and its mission in writing, O'Malley said.

"With any call you get with a reputable charitable organization, they'll be happy to send you information or give you a contact number to call them," he said.

Calling your local police is another way to check up on telemarketing operations. Many charitable groups notify the police before they begin a fundraising campaign in town. Police departments are also the first to be notified of new scams operating in the area.

Tragedies like the Worcester fire that killed six firefighters two years ago, and more recently the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the country can breed new scams. Phony fundraising efforts spring up amid the good work of legitimate groups like the American Red Cross.

In Kingston, police were recently notified that a group claiming to be affiliated with the local American Legion post was conducting a drive to raise money for the Sept. 11 relief effort. Those called were asked to tape their contributions to the front door and they would be picked up. The post's adjutant officer says there is no such fundraising effort underway. O'Malley and Pearson both urge senior citizens not to leave contribution money taped to doors or in mailboxes.

Because "telefraud" is often the way scam artists do business and because telemarketers can be such a problem in general, O'Malley said his unit offers tips to help elders who have trouble getting off the line, hang up. "We give them techniques to get them off the phone," he said. "One woman, didn't want to be rude and hang up so she simply picked up her Bible and began reading it to the telemarketer until they hung up."

O'Malley reminds elders never to give account numbers, credit card numbers or even their social security numbers over the phone unless they've initiated the call themselves.

There are also a variety of person-to-person scams perpetrated against trusting elders. In many cases preventing these scams is as simple as not letting any strangers into your home.

"My biggest campaign lately is 'don't open the door to strangers,' " said Pearson, who tries to balance the need to offer sound, common sense advice without scaring residents.

The "home repairman" is a popular scheme against the elderly, notes O'Malley. In this scenario, a "repair man" comes to the door and tells the homeowner that their driveway or siding or roof is in need of repair. He then explains that he's just finished work on a house up the street and has extra materials and could do the work on their home at a discounted rate. If any work is done at all, it's usually shoddy and done with inferior materials. In the case of driveway work, O'Malley said the paving usually "melts or runs off with the first rain."

In other cases, a couple of con artists make up a story about car accidents or break downs and ask to come in to use the phone. While one distracts the homeowner, the other person moves around the house stealing valuables. Again, refusing to entry to strangers is the best way to prevent theft, Pearson said.

Pearson just recently brushed up on scams at the Plymouth County Elder Abuse Conference on Elder Safety in the Community. The day-long program hosted by O'Malley's unit is part of the on-going work with all the counties COAs to spread awareness and help in the prevention of scams. "We try to get to everyone each year and present information on new scams," O'Malley said, noting that the more people know the less likely they are to be duped.

One of the challenges in investigating scams and finding the perpetrators behind them is the fact that those who have been victimized very rarely inform the authorities. Reporting rates for this crime are estimated at between 3 and 8 percent — the lowest of any major crime.

"Part of the problem is when people realize they've been scammed, they're too embarrassed to report it." They may also believe that the police won't be able to catch the culprit and get their money back.

There is also help for victims of scams. O'Malley's office or your local COA can give you a list of tips and resources to call if you think you've been swindled including a number of credit bureau fraud units.

But O'Malley and Pearson continue to prescribe the "ounce of prevention" mindset.

"Our job is to be preventative and get the information out there before it happens," O'Malley said.

Help for victims of fraud

PSW ACTION STEPS TO HELP VICTIMS

• Contact all creditors by phone and in writing. Alert them to the problem.

• Call U.S. Postal Inspection Service (www.usps.gov/postalinspectors).

• Contact elder's local police department (remind them about identity fraud law, G.L. c.266, Section 37E, if they say there is nothing they can do).

• Call each of the three credit bureaus' fraud units. Ask to have a "Fraud Alert/Victim Impact" statement placed in the elder's credit file and ask to have the elder's file "taken offline," which forces creditors to call either the PSW, Money Manager or the elder before opening any new accounts.

Equifax, P.O. Box 105873, Atlanta, GA 30348-5873, 1-800-997-2493

Experian Information Solutions (formerly TRW), P.O. Box 949, Allen, TX 75013-0949, 1-888-397-3742

TransUnion, P.O. Box 390, Springfield, PA 19064-0390, 1-800-916-8800

• Alert elder's banks to flag elder's accounts and contact PSW or elder to confirm any unusual or attempted activity. Request a change of PIN for elder if that person uses an ATM or other PIN-activated instrument.

• Contact the Registry of Motor Vehicles to see if another license was issued in the elder's name. If so, request another license with an S number (as opposed to the social security number), and fill out any RMV complaint form to begin the fraud investigation process.

• Call the Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline, 1-800-269-0271.

• Call the Federal Trade Commission, 1-877-IDTHEFT.

PREVENTION STEPS FOR ELDERS

• Promptly remove mail from the mailbox after delivery.

• Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection mailboxes or at the post office, not in unsecured mail receptacles.

Protective services agencies

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

PROTECTIVE SERVICE AGENCY	COMMUNITIES COVERED
Old Colony Elderly Services Inc. Carver 144 Main St. Brockton, MA 02301 1-800-242-0246 or 508-584-1561 Plymouth,	Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Lakeville, Marshfield, Middleboro, Pembroke, Plympton, Rockland, Stoughton, Wareham, W. Bridgewater and Whitman
Coastline Elderly Services Inc. 1646 Purchase St. New Bedford, MA 02740 508-999-6400	Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Gosnold, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford and Rochester
South Shore Elder Services Inc. Hull, 639 Granite St. Scituate Braintree, MA 02184 781-848-3910	Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Holbrook, Milton, Norwell, Quincy, Randolph, and Weymouth

Elder Abuse Hotline Number (24 hour): 1-800-922-2275.

Reducing junk mail, unsolicited phone calls

If you are receiving unwanted phone calls and/or unwanted junk mail, you can reduce some of this intrusion into your life by writing to the following:

For mail: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008. Necessary information: Send home address and names of household members to be removed from direct marketers.

For phone calls: Telephone Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014. Necessary information: Send name(s) of registered phone subscribers, home address, and home telephone number (including area code) to remove names from participating national telemarketing lists.

Caution: Do not assume that taking this step will eliminate all junk mail or unsolicited phone calls. In fact, this procedure, while very helpful, may not actually deter a fraudulent telemarketer or mail fraud artist from reaching you.

For more information or to file complaints against a company:

• Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Complaint and Information Section, 200 Portland St., Boston, 02114, 617-727-8400

• Postal Inspection Service, 425 Summer St., Seventh Floor, Boston, 02110-1736, 617-464-8000

• Direct Marketing Association, 6 East 43rd St., New York, NY 10017

Telephone advice

If a stranger calls, be prepared to hang up if:

• I say no, but the person keeps talking.

• Wants money for a prize I am told I have won.

• Offers to send a courier to take my check.

• Wants my credit card or bank account number.

• Insists I make an immediate financial decision.

• Offers, for a fee, to recover money I lost previously.

• I just begin to feel uncomfortable.

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Oliver and Dorothy Volpe celebrated 61st wedding anniversary on Oct. 24.

Golden love story

A swallow at The Hollow begins a 61-year romance

By Cathy Conley
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It all began with a swallow at The Hollow 62 years ago.

Big football star Ollie Volpe had stopped in for a swallow with a bunch of his buddies.

At the same time, a beautiful young woman named Dorothy Devine stopped into the Quincy restaurant known for its jingle "Have a swallow at The Hollow."

Ollie and Dorothy's eyes met. They started flirting. Before Dorothy knew it, Ollie and his buddies were in the back seat of her car asking her and her friends for a ride home.

Ollie called the next day, and their romance began.

Ollie grew up in Quincy. He won a football scholarship to Villanova, where he played under Coach Harry Stulhldreher, one of Notre Dame's famed Four Horsemen.

He earned a renowned reputation playing offense and defense on the gridiron, along with a bachelor of science degree.

Dorothy graduated from Fay School in Boston and was a secretary in a local firm.

Ollie immediately won over Dorothy's family.

They recognized his strength of character and his strength of muscle, especially the day he singlehandedly lifted a car for her brother which had a flat tire.

"My family loved him. They couldn't believe how strong he was," Dorothy said.

Ollie was a principal of Volpe and Sons Granite Company and later Dimascio Brothers Construction Company in Quincy.

The granite company sent Ollie to Atigonish, Nova Scotia to head a team mining for black granite. The mining didn't pan out. Ollie and his team moved on to a gold mine in Isaac's Harbor.

Ollie was very lonely. It was brutally cold, and the winter had not started.

"So he calls one day and tells me he needs somebody to darn his socks," Dorothy said. This was his proposal.

Dorothy asked her parents' permission. They said yes. Not only that, they followed her to Nova Scotia for the wedding.

"Ollie put them up in a house in Isaac's Harbor. They were very happy until they found out there were dead bodies stored in the house," Dorothy said. It was a mortuary. It was too cold to bury the bodies until the spring.

Dorothy's folks found another place.

On Oct. 24, 1960, Dorothy and Ollie Volpe were wed in a tiny Catholic Church in Lockharbor with only her folks and the parish priest, Fr. McLaughlin, in attendance.

Fr. McLaughlin married the young couple, provided the music, and served them bacon and eggs in the rectory for their reception.

And thus Olivio Demenico Victorio Volpe and his bride were wed.

"If I knew that was his name, I couldn't have married him in the first place," Dorothy quipped.

They settled into a little apartment which was "so cold the linoleum on the floor curled," according to Ollie.

To say housekeeping was new to the young bride was an understatement.

"My mother visited one time, and Ollie's handkerchiefs were stiff as a board frozen on the line. I had overstarched them. She never got over it," Dorothy laughed.

"Everything came out of a can. If it didn't come out of a can, we didn't eat," Ollie said.

The young bride soon learned how to cook to such a degree that she soon won cooking contests with her culinary talents.

From gold mining, Ollie went on to become a charter member and president of the Utilities Contractors Association of New England. He graduated from Boston College Law School and maintained a private law practice in Braintree for many years.

He was even "Jolly Ollie," drumming up business for a Dale Carnegie course at one time.

Her served his community as a member of Town Meeting, the Capital Planning Board, and the High School Building Committee and the Republican Town Committee.

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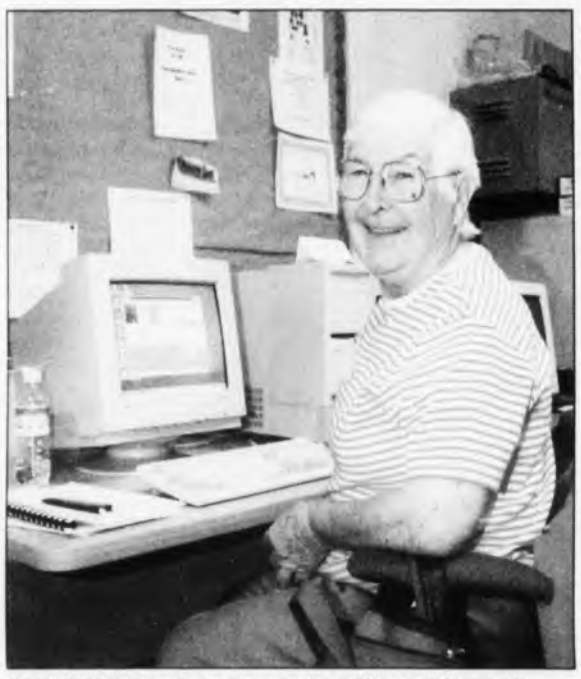
Jerry Watts likes being a "tour guide" to the world. But the 64-year-old, retired American Airlines employee is no travel agent. The people and places that he helps his fellow senior citizens visit are all on the Internet.

"I teach the online class," Watts says about SeniorNet computer classes at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. "I show class members how to get on the Internet, use e-mail, chat rooms and how to go surfing — that kind of thing."

SeniorNet — an international nonprofit organization based in San Francisco that is some-40,000 members strong — provides older adults computer education and access to computer technology.

Kathleen Reid, coordinator of the Senior Center at Massasoit, says the local SeniorNet learning center draws people ages 50-and-up from all over the South Shore.

"The program is taught by senior volunteers who were trained by us," she says. A small army of about 30 volunteers teaches a range of computer classes including word processing, Quicken [a financial management program], graphics, Windows, genealogy, spreadsheets, and introduction to computers for beginners. The classes are small and include an instructor and an assistant called a "coach." Before participation in computer classes which range from $20-$30, membership to SeniorNet, is required. In addition to access to the classes, the $30 annual membership fee includes a subscription to SeniorNet's quarterly newsletter and discounts on products.



Hanne Middletom navigates the computer at Massasoit Community College.

"Some have no experience at all and are afraid to turn the computer on while others want to run spreadsheets — it really runs the gamut."

— Diane Moran, volunteer instructor

Reid says those who participate range in age from 50 to a 90. Reasons for walking through the door, include wanting to learn to use e-mail to talk to grandchildren, track stocks, find a travel deal or order groceries on line, to name a few.

"Most have a life-long interest in learning," Reid says about the senior age group. "And they want to learn about computers."

Former teacher Diane Moran, 63, who spent the 15 years in computers as a technology specialist with the Brockton Public Schools, says the classes attract those with a range of experience.

"Some have no experience at all and are afraid to turn the computer on while others want to run spreadsheets. It really runs the gamut," says the volunteer instructor.

Moran says the hands-on aspect of learning how to use computers is really helpful.

"The reinforcement is very quick — we talk about it and they do it immediately," she says.

Watts, who lives in Randolph, says the senior "chat rooms" are a real hit with the students. Chat rooms are locations on the Internet where computer users can interact using the keyboard in discussion groups world wide.

"They are never alone," Watts says. "No matter what hour of the day or night — there is an instant support group; there is always someone to talk to."

Watts tells his students not to be afraid of computers.

"If you see a button and you don't know what it is, I say 'push it,'" he says. "There's no need to be embarrassed or ashamed because a three-year-old knows more about it than we do.

"When I call my 16-year-old nephew to help me, if he gets smug — I tell him to sit down and conjugate a verb or multiply something on paper and then say, 'now who's the dummy?'" Watts says with a laugh.

Watts explains that SeniorNet only allows seniors to teach seniors.

"We know how seniors think," he says. "I can say 'I'm having a senior moment' and not have to explain that to anyone."



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Dino Erardo of Easton explains computer equipment to Lorraine Sergio of Bridgewater at the Massasoit Community College where seniors teach other seniors about computers.

SeniorNet is sponsored by Massasoit, Verizon, IBM and Microsoft. For more information, call 508-588-9100 ext. 1695.

Aging affects driving ability

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Senior citizens make up a sizable portion of the population and are on the roads in record numbers.

With this trend in mind, the American Association of Retired Persons has developed a safe driving program, called 55-Alive, that aims to lower the risk of accident and injury to seniors and other motorists.

Safe driving programs for seniors are especially important in light of a recent report issued by the Insurance Institute for Safety. The study found that, as the general population ages, drivers over 65 will be involved in a quarter of all fatal crashes by the year 2030.

As drivers get older, they may notice many physical changes that affect their driving skills, according to the AARP. These include taking longer to react to changing conditions on the road — for example, a patch of ice, or an oncoming car swerving to avoid an animal.

Other seniors may experience problems with their vision with each passing year — an inability to quickly read approaching road signs, or distinguish between red, green and yellow traffic lights, for example.

Many seniors experience hearing difficulties with advancing age while others may face psychological changes — becoming disoriented when traveling to an unfamiliar part of town, for example.

These are just some of the issues the AARP's 55-Alive program addresses.

The Pembroke Council on Aging held a well-attended safe driving workshop sponsored by the AARP this year. Seniors may qualify for an insurance discount if they take part in a safe driving course. This helpful safety program is available to other senior centers, as well.

Pembroke COA Director Mary Willis agreed that most seniors are looking for ways to improve their safe driving skills. Seniors don't want to be a danger to themselves and others on the road.

Many communities, like the Pembroke COA, even offer seniors rides to medical and other appointments when they don't feel up to driving themselves.

But until seniors reach the point where they no longer feel competent to drive, there are ways to make the driving experience a safer one — for everyone.

Willis said seniors should pay attention to warnings on any medication they are taking. "Seniors should be very careful about taking medication and driving," she said. "Don't drive if you feel drowsy."

The U. S. Food and Drug Administration has found that some 50 percent of all medications taken by seniors react adversely in some way with medication.

Another trouble spot for elderly drivers is making turns. "Left turns are the worst when you're older," Willis said. "Depth perception is a problem for older drivers." Depth perception also affects parallel parking skills.

Joseph Collins, 67, of Pembroke, enrolled in the 55-Alive program and found it tremendously helpful.

"A lot of it was a refresher course for what people have learned over the years," said Collins. "The people who signed up for the course stuck right with it."

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Joseph Collins of Pembroke

One simple exercise for elderly drivers is to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the controls inside their vehicle, Collins advised.

Senior citizens can find themselves getting confused when they are behind the wheel of an automobile, especially with the increase in traffic on local roads, and increased speeds.

It might seem obvious, but Collins said many accidents are caused by an elderly motorist fumbling for the defrost or the windshield wiper, for example.

"You should be completely aware of where the controls are" and how they work, said Collins.

Another tip Collins found helpful is that elderly drivers should avoid crowded, high-speed roadways with difficult merge lanes, and instead should take a longer, back route to their destination.

This approach spare's everyone's nerves. "If you're harassed on the road by someone who's going faster than you are, pull over and let them pass. Don't make a big deal out of it," said Collins.

Federal safety officials have long recognized that today's roads are hardly user friendly for seniors. A 1997 Federal Highway Administration study found that older drivers would benefit significantly if road signs were larger and easier to read.

To compensate for diminished vision, the 55-Alive program recommends wearing eyeglasses, if prescribed, sunglasses when glare is a problem and also advises that seniors limit the amount of night driving they do.

To adjust for reaction-time delay, the 55-Alive program tells seniors to increase the distance between them and the car in front of them.

Probably the most fearful question seniors face as they age is when to give up their license.

The 55-Alive program advises that seniors "regularly evaluate" their driving performance. The AARP strongly suggests that seniors who are having trouble with their driving look into other transportation options in their communities.

These would include walking, carpooling with friends and family members, taking a taxi, using public transportation, and special transportation services offered by the community.

For more information on the 55-Alive program, visit the AARP's website: www.aarp.org/55alive.

Senior Lifestyle

Community Resources

Helping seniors combat their fears

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When a national crisis such as the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks occurs, it can cause considerable stress for housebound seniors, many who live alone and do not have family members living nearby. All too often, housebound seniors are forced to sort out their fears without anybody to share them with. These fears can seem especially frightening for a senior whose daily contact with the outside world is largely through television, which has been inundated with reports of anthrax and the war on terrorism.

"It can be a pretty frightening thing for a person who is alone with just a TV and see terrible things happening and not have somebody to talk with."

— South Shore Elder Services director Edward Flynn



STAFF PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

Ed Flynn, executive director of South Shore Elder Services, says since Sept. 11 seniors living alone even more than ever need personal contact.

The South Shore Elder Services program is trying to ease the fears many seniors are facing by providing them a friendly ear. The elder services program also has various volunteer groups and churches who will listen to their concerns.

SSES director Edward Flynn says he is concerned about the emotional impact of the terrorist attacks against the nation on the senior population. Within days after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, he sent a letter to nearly 2,000 housebound seniors that urged them to share any fears they might be experiencing since the attacks with SSES staff.

"The biggest concern I had was seniors who are living alone," says Flynn. "It can be a pretty frightening thing for a person who is alone with just a TV and see terrible things happening and not have somebody to talk with."

Current events such as the recent tragedy and war raging in Afghanistan sometimes trigger emotional responses for seniors, who might recall their own unpleasant wartime memories. Some of these recollections may include the death of a family member in World War II, fears they experienced during a civil defense blackout drill or a possible attack against the nation..

Flynn has received few responses from seniors to his letter to date. "Most of the responses were statements of thanks for being considerate," he added. "Some seniors also recalled their memories of World War II in which a brother served."

Flynn says seniors are sometimes uneasy about revealing their feelings, but are appreciative when concern is shown to them. "Sometimes they just need a reassuring voice over the phone," he added. "The message we're trying to get out to them is there are people out there they can call who will listen to them."

SSES officials have also sent out a newsletter to various caregivers and supporters that urges neighbors who live near a housebound senior to tactfully check on their well being. "If you have an older neighbor this is the time to check on them," added Flynn. "It has to be done in a way that is not intrusive."

SSES assists nearly 15,000 seniors in the eleven towns it serves. Communities served by SSES include; Braintree, Weymouth, Holbrook, Hingham, Norwell, Scituate, Cohasset, Randolph, Hull, and Quincy. SSES provides a variety of practical services to area seniors. Some of these programs include daily lunches through the national "Meals on Wheels," program.

SSES also has case managers who visit seniors that maybe at risk for neglecting their health or being abused emotionally or physically by family members. The elder services program provides volunteers who visit housebound seniors and brighten their day by providing them with friendly conversation or assisting them with errands. Additional information about SSES can be obtained by calling 781-383-9790 or at the organization's web site, *www.sselder.org*.

Citizens energy offer assistance

The start date for the Citizens Energy Oil Heat Program is early December 2001.

The program offers a one-time delivery of up to 175 gallons of home heating oil for one-half of the state-wide average retail price for low-income, working poor, and elderly households. This effort is designed to help households that are low-income, as well as those that are experiencing a sudden financial need due to a household emergency. Households that receive a benefit through the federal Fuel Assistance Program must exhaust that benefit first prior to applying for the Citizens' program.

Citizens Energy and the statewide network of Community Action Agencies are administering the program. The application process is completed over the phone.

This program is meant to help households with their winter heating needs only. Assistance will be available until mid-March, or until the program's supply of two million gallons of heating oil is exhausted.

Currently, there are over 300 oil dealers across the state working with Citizens Energy by delivering oil at a reduced price to their customers in need. If an individuals oil dealer is not participating in this program, they will be referred to participating dealers in their area.

How Households Can Apply: starting in early December households in need can call 1-877-JOE-4-OIL. (1-877-563-4645) or their local Community Action Agency to apply for help over the phone.

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When to consider a continuing care community

The following information is from "Guide to Assisted Living Facilities and Continuing Care Retirement Communities" published by the Massachusetts Center for Assisted Living.

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Continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) combine independent retirement housing, assisted living services and nursing facility care - usually on the same campus - to allow elders to have their current and future care needs met at one location. As a resident's needs change, he or she can choose from among the services available. CCRCs have become a popular option for older people who no longer want the responsibility of caring for a house and want the peace-of-mind of knowing that they have taken care of their future long term care needs.

Most UL-KCs require incoming residents to be fully capable of independent living upon entering, or may impose conditions based on certain pre-existing conditions. Residents typically enter a CCRC via its independent living units while in their 80s. However, some CCRCs allow residents to enter their assisted living units directly from the community.

There are various types of CCRCs. "Life care" communities accept full responsibility for the provision and payment of all housing and long term care services needed by a resident during his or her lifetime. The resident pays an entrance fee and a single monthly fee, regardless of how many services the resident is receiving or whether he or she is residing in an independent or assisted living unit or in the nursing facility.

In other cases, the CCRC may require the resident to share the cost of nursing facility care. For example, the CCRC may agree to pay for a specified number of days of nursing facility care at a scheduled daily rate. Some CCRCs guarantee residents access to its nursing facility but require them to pay the full cost of that care on a fee-for-service- basis. Other CCRCs require residents to purchase a long term care insurance policy to cover the cost of nursing facility care if it is needed. A list of companies authorized to sell such policies in Massachusetts and other consumer information about long term care insurance is available from the state Division of Insurance at (617) 521-7777.

Services

CCRCs offer a wide range of services and amenities, including one or more meals served in a common dining room, grounds and building maintenance, housekeeping, linen services, utilities (except telephone and cable television), security, scheduled transportation, and social and recreational activities.

Services available at extra charge may include the use of guest accommodations, personal laundry services, extra or guest meals, and additional housekeeping services. Health-related services may include a 24-hour emergency call system, health and wellness programs and home health services. CCRCs also provide assisted living services (either in separate assisted living units or to individuals residing in the independent living units) and 24-hour nursing facility care.

Most independent living units in a CCRC consist of one or two bedrooms and a living room, kitchen and full bathroom.

Oversight

Under state consumer protection laws, CCRCs are required to provide a disclosure statement to all prospective residents with information on the ownership and financial condition of the CCRC, including assurances that the CCRC can fulfill its contract obligations. Residential contracts should clearly state the general and health care-related services that are included and what services are available at an additional charge. The contract should also specify how and what percentage of the entrance fee is refunded if a resident moves or dies.

Paying for Continuing Care Retirement Housing

CCRCs often require a substantial entrance fee, ranging from less than $100,000 to more than $300,000. Most CCRCs residents finance this entrance fee through the sale of a house. Most CCRCs refund 90% of the initial deposit upon termination of the contract. Massachusetts law requires that the entrance fee minus no more than 1% for each month of occupancy must be refunded if a resident moves or dies.

In addition to the entrance fee, CCRCs charge a monthly fee ranging from $700 to more than $3,000 a month, depending on the specific terms and services outlined in the contract. Additional entrance and monthly fees are also required for a spouse. Although some nursing and other health care costs may be covered by Medicare, there are generally no public sources of financing available to CCRC residents.

Golden love story

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The Volpes had four children, "the most wonderful children ever born," Ollie said. Their names were Carol, Marylou, and twins Richard and Dorothy.

"My family gave me a baby shower. I didn't know I was having twins. I found out after the shower. Someone called up all the guests and asked them to bring another gift. I was so embarrassed," Dorothy said.

Ollie and Dorothy have shared life's greatest joys together bringing up their children, and they have shared life's greatest sadness together in the death of their oldest child Carol at 31, after suffering through a long illness.

Ollie and Dorothy have spent the last 50 years in Braintree, the first half in a home on Fairfield Street now owned by their son Richard, and the second half in their lovely home on Holmes Street decorated by their daughter Dorothy and beside their daughter Marylou and her family.

"We have great meals on wheels right next door," Ollie said.

"When Marylou was 19, she was Miss Massachusetts. She was crowned by Gov. John Volpe. Everybody thought she was his relative, but she wasn't," Ollie said.

Ollie and Dorothy are an integral part in the lives of their three children, eight grandchildren, and six great grand-children.

The focus of their house, when the children aren't around, is their beautifully groomed black poodle Petey.

"His hairdo costs as much as a woman's," Ollie said.

What is their secret to a happy marriage?

"You have to make a happy house. You have to be happy with your children. Life must revolve around them," Dorothy said.

"I couldn't imagine life without our children, our grandchildren, and our great grandkids. Especially now," Ollie said. "They bring us such joy."

"I had to learn some of his ways, and he had to learn some of mine," Dorothy said. "The key is laughter. You are much healthier when you laugh. I feel like a million dollars after I have a good laugh."

"It's all worked out fine," Ollie said. "We have assisted living. She does the living and I do the assisting."

DOCTOR'S HILL

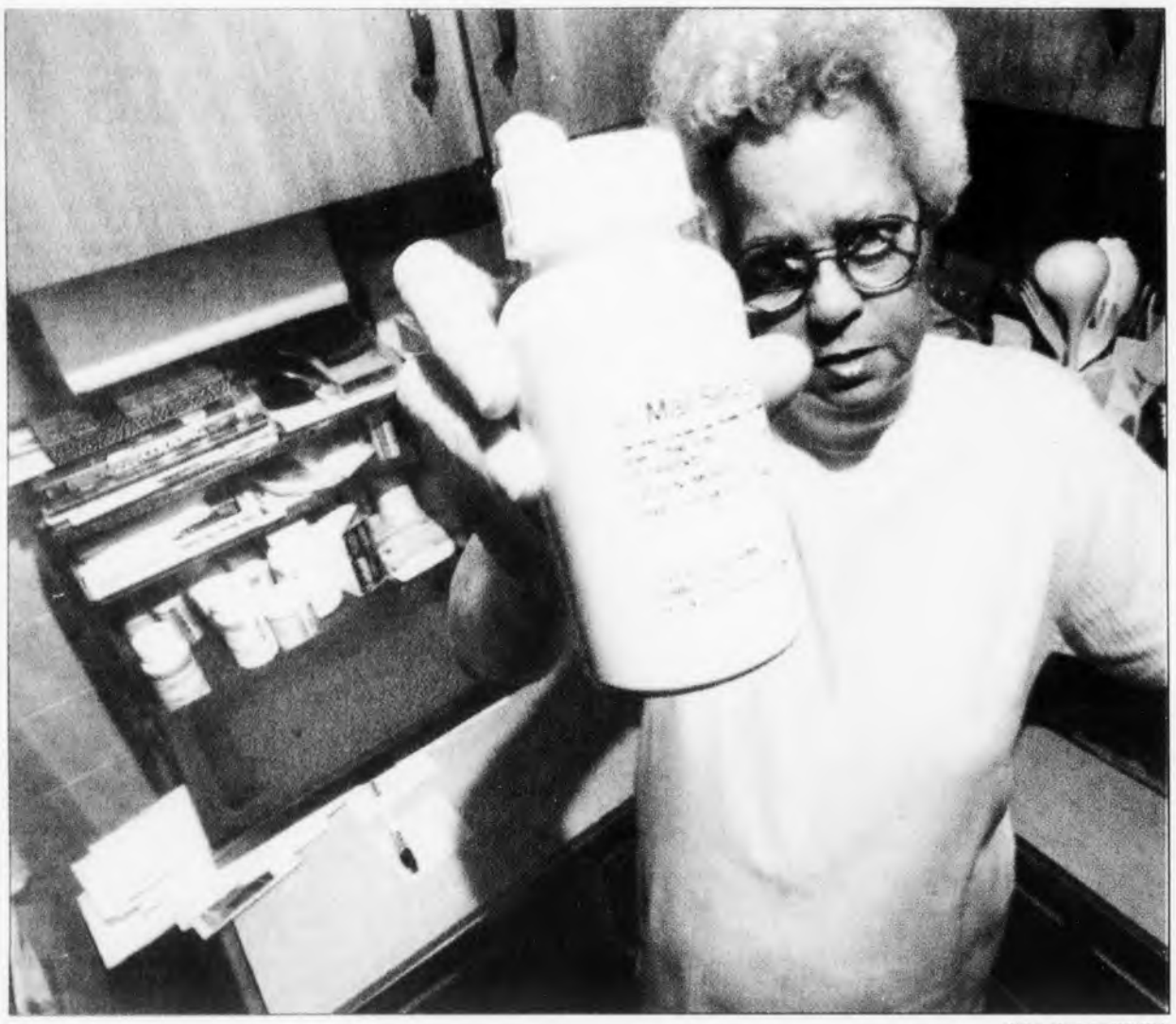
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With a breadbox full of medications, Evelyn Mendes of Marshfield is not alone in feeling backed into a corner by expensive prescriptions not covered by her medical insurance.

Prescription drug war

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average, more than twice as much for the drugs as the drug companies' favored customers."

Delahunt referred to this as price discrimination that victimizes those who are least able to afford it. "Older Americans are having an increasingly difficult time affording prescription drugs. By one estimate, more than one in eight older Americans has been forced to choose between buying food and buying medicine," he said.

Although there are not many beacons of hope in the fight to bring down the prices of drugs, the Prescription Advantage program, administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, has been a gift to many seniors.

"It has saved a lot of people," said Terry Whittemore of the Marshfield council on aging.

The program makes it possible for those 65 or older, in lower income brackets, to obtain prescriptions that they might not otherwise be able to afford.

"Massachusetts is at least trying to do something and has done something. The more people are aware that these things are out there the less people will fall through the cracks."

Maureen Kane of South Shore Elder Services said the program is vital for many who live merely on pensions and social security. "There is an entire group of people out there who desperately need this. They're in a tight squeeze but are very appreciative of the program."

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U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, D-Quincy

Despite programs that offer a modicum of assistance they are not coming anywhere close to solving the larger problem. Officials believe the problem is going to get worse before it gets better and those who work with the elderly are frustrated at being, to a large degree, unable to help.

Abington's MacNeill has survived cancer and a stroke, yet when it comes to the affordability of prescription drugs she sees no light at the end of the tunnel.

Population projections by town

Age 60 and Over				Rate of Change 1990 to 2000	Rate of Change 1990 to 2010
CITY/TOWN	1990	2000	2010	2000	2010
Abington	2233	2507	3058	12.3	37.0
Braintree	7644	7811	7879	2.2	3.1
Cohasset	1352	1571	1924	16.2	42.3
Duxbury	1911	2488	4029	30.2	110.8
Hanover	1524	2086	2939	36.9	92.9
Hingham	3415	4025	5108	17.9	49.6
Holbrook	2067	2501	2715	21.0	31.4
Kingston	1605	1806	2369	12.5	47.6
Marshfield	2572	3223	4657	25.3	81.1
Norwell	1362	1743	2495	28.0	83.2
Pembroke	1559	2238	3403	43.6	118.3
Scituate	3082	3594	4214	16.6	36.7
Weymouth	10,266	10,554	11,471	2.8	11.7

Source: 1990 data from Census; 2000 and 2010 data are projections made by Massachusetts Institute for Social and Economic Research. Original data from University of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Institute for Social and Economic Research, The Massachusetts Policy Database, version 4.21 release 1. The above data were processed by the Research Unit, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

State offers help with drug program

The state of Massachusetts Pharmacy Program gives eligible residents up to $1,250 per year to help pay for prescription drugs in all Therapeutic Classes except those excluded from MassHealth. Some prescription drugs may require prior authorization from the Division (MassHealth/Medicaid).

Insulin and disposable syringes with needles are included in the benefit.

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Massachusetts resident;

Age 65 or over, or under age 65, work less than 40 hours per month and meet the disability guidelines for CommonHealth;

Gross annual income less than $15,492 (individual) or $20,769 (couple)*;

Not enrolled in MassHealth or CommonHealth.

HOW DOES THE PHARMACY PROGRAM HELP YOU?

Once enrolled, you will receive up to $1,250 to pay for your prescription needs. The annual enrollment fee of $15 is automatically deducted from the benefit. At the time of purchase, co-payments are only $3 for generic brand drugs, insulin and disposable syringes and $10 for brand name drugs.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Call toll-free 1-800-AGE-INFO(243-4636) or TTY: 1-800-813-7787 (persons with hearing disabilities). You may apply even if you have prescription drug coverage.

Applicants may apply as Individuals or as a Married Couple.

Bridging the generation gap

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weekends are lonely for a lot of seniors," said Joan Wright, director of the Scituate Council on Aging.

Language teacher George Haddad's students put on an evening dinner for senior citizens, complete with entertainment as well.

"Some kids are in both groups," noted Wright. "The nice thing is that the activities are driven by the students themselves. I'm thrilled. High school kids are wonderful, and I'm glad they are open to having a relationship with the senior center."

The "Senior Escort" program was established a year ago by the Scituate Council on Aging, which matches up high school students with senior citizens as part of a community service graduation requirement.

"Students accompany elders needing assistance going to the library or food shopping or just provide companionship through a cup of coffee and a chat," Wright said. "Both the kids and senior citizens love the program."

This year, younger people have joined in the fun.

This summer, for example, a couple of middle-schoolers called out numbers for "Bingo" games at the senior center.

"One of the girls who loves to do it and can't during the school year found it fit in perfectly with her summer schedule," Wright said.

Youthful interaction with senior citizens is widely encouraged in all three towns.

"We have them work on the grounds at the senior center to make the place look a little nicer, "Wright said. "I've been amazed at how willing kids are to come down and see what they can do to help out. It shows they have a healthy respect for and interest in the senior population."



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Some want new police HQ held up

Voters to decide Monday at STM

By Evan Schiff
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The proposed new police station is facing an uphill battle.

The advisory committee and capital budget committee dealt the project a one-two punch Tuesday when both committees unanimously decided not to back it even though selectmen had earlier done so by a majority vote.

But voters at the special Town Meeting on Monday will have the final say.

Officials told selectmen other capital improvement projects had eaten up the current budget, squeezing out the station. However, that explanation didn't satisfy proponents who say a new police station is a necessity.

"The current police station is a 40-year-old structure. We have town employees working in the basement," said George McGoldrick of the Police/Fire Study Committee.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said police face a situation that's practically unworkable: "We have confiscated weapons in closets and ammunition in holding cells; our detectives have no place to work."

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Jenn Kurtz watches Kate Hines practice a side hurdle. The two teens are trying to revive the cheerleading program at Cohasset High School.

Something to cheer about

Cheerleaders want program to grow

By Evan Schiff
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"It takes discipline, strength, and teamwork to compete in cheerleading just as in any sport."
— cheerleading coach Kara Profulis

This isn't your parents' cheerleading squad.

Rah, rah, sis cum bah, has been replaced with jumps, flips, and hurdles.

Gymnastics is the driving force behind today's cheerleading and senior co-captains at Cohasset High School, Jenn Kurtz and Kate Hines, are trying to garner excitement for the sport.

"It's a lot of fun. We have a blast out here," Jenn said.

The cheerleading program at CHS has been on and off for more than 20 years and the teens say they have had a hard time getting enough girls to field a team. While they'd like to cheer for both football and basketball, fielding a team for both seasons has proved difficult.

In the winter, the club is able to have 16 girls participating in the program, which is how many uniforms they have; however in the fall, the program has to compete with a variety of girl's sports that take potential participants away from cheerleading.

To add to the difficulty, there is no gym space for the program and the teens are forced to practice in the gym lobby of the school or at the community center. Athletic Director Ron Ford regrets the lack of space but says he is trying to secure an area at the Deer Hill School where the girls could practice this year.

"It would be a nice incentive to get girls out for cheerleading if the school gave them a place to practice," said Ruthann Ardizzoni, the girls' gymnastics coach.

Kate wishes that the cheerleaders would receive more attention from the school. "I wish they would take us more seriously. If you look at

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Ice cream shop is up for grabs

Fast food facility may be an option

By Mary Ford
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First it was Bergson's, then Newport Creamery — and now the future of the 3,500-square-foot building at the entrance to Shaw's plaza on Route 3A is anybody's guess.

But the odds are the site will remain a restaurant or be sold to a bank or retail business because of restrictions in the land lease, according to Paul Durgin, vice president of Jack Conway Commercial Real Estate, which is handling the property.

"We'll be marketing it to a restaurant or any type of retail," he said. Durgin said banks are also showing interest. However, any potential retail use could not compete with existing retailers in the plaza.

According to building commissioner Bob Egan, opening a fast-food facility at the site could be one of the options. He said the property owner, the Bank of Rhode Island, has inquired about how to obtain a special permit for a fast-food restaurant. The Zoning Board of Appeals

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Special Town Meeting Monday

By Evan Schiff
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It's that time of the year when residents can make a difference. Special Town Meeting is only days away.

"It's the best form of democracy there is. Just by being 18 and registered to vote affords one the opportunity to shape our community for years to come," said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Town Moderator George Marlette thinks that Town Meeting is a wonderful form of government. "This is a tremendous institution where people can make a difference," he said.

As it stands now, the warrant contains 25 articles but 22 will likely be voted on at special Town Meeting, the Planning Board last week continued its public hearing on three zoning articles without voting on them, effectively tabling them until the annual Town Meeting this spring.

But the potential loss of ledge, senior housing and building restrictions doesn't mean the special Town Meeting that gets underway at 7 p.m. Monday in the Sullivan gymnasium at the middle-high school will be a yawn. Anything but.

Three issues — which have been

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SNOW WHITE TAKES FLIGHT

Paige Carrabes jumps on the Moon Walk during the annual Halloween parade on the town common on Sunday. The event is sponsored by the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. For more photos, see page 28.

Redistricting could award Norwell to Sen. Hedlund

Republicans see addition as a plus

By Mary Ford
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The Christmas season traditionally starts after Thanksgiving, but state Sen. Robert Hedlund could be celebrating early this year.

If current senatorial redistricting plans pass muster at the Statehouse – the 40-year-old Weymouth Republican will pick up the entire town of Norwell as part of the Plymouth-Norfolk district which he has represented for the better part of a decade.

In exchange for Norwell – Hedlund will lose the part of Braintree that he represents. He has shared Braintree with Quincy Democrat, Sen. Michael W. Morrissey since 1994, the last time redistricting took place. In addition to three Braintree precincts, Hedlund represents Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury.

What makes Norwell attractive is its good-sized army of registered Republicans. The town of 10,000 has 6,674 registered voters including 1,488 Republicans as opposed to the total of 658 Republicans in the three Braintree precincts.

But despite its heavily democratic electorate, Hedlund, who grew up in Hingham, says he'll miss East Braintree.

"Politically, it helps me," he said about his district acquiring Norwell. "But I've gotten to know some great people in East Braintree and in the last election, I carried a precinct over there because of their fierce opposition to the train." Hedlund is opposed to restoration of the Greenbush line of the Old Colony Railroad project that would traverse Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

State Republican Party committee woman Polly Logan of Cohasset said the redistricting plans are great news for the GOP of the South Shore.

"We've never done well in Braintree. Norwell's a great town and would be an asset to Hedlund."
— Polly Logan, Nicols Road

"We've never done well in Braintree," she said about Republican efforts. "Norwell's a great town and would be an asset to Hedlund." Logan said Norwell was part of the district when William Weeks of Cohasset served as senator.

The lion's share of Norwell's registered voters are unenrolled – meaning they don't belong to any political party and represent a swing vote that could lean more Republican.

Weeks, who served from 1965-1971 when the district encompassed some 19 communities, said Norwell was heavily Republican back then.

"While over the years many Republicans have become independents with a corresponding increase in Democrats as well, I still think the addition of Norwell to Senator Hedlund's district would be a plus for him," he said. "I think it would probably increase his Republican base over what it is currently."

Norwell Town Clerk Janice Lawson said unenrolled voting patterns are unpredictable. In the presidential primary of March 2000 — that featured democrats Vice President Al Gore vs. Sen. Bill Bradley and Republicans Gov. George W. Bush vs. Sen. John McCain — 1626 unenrolled Norwell voters pulled Republican ballots and 946 voted Democratic. But the September 2000 state primary, 147 unenrolled voted Republican and 331 voted Democratic. That primary did not feature a governor's race and Democrat US Senator Edward Kennedy and US Rep. William Delahunt were unopposed for their party's nomination as were Republican candidates Jack E. Robinson for US Senate and Eric Bleicken for US Congress.

Hedlund says the addition of Norwell makes running for a sixth term more attractive.

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AdCom's voice on articles at STM

The Advisory Committee reviews articles in the Warrant for Town Meeting, and makes recommendations on those articles. Any recommendations which are voted on by the Advisory Committee, in advance of the printing of the Warrant, can be found in the Warrant, which is mailed to each household prior to Town Meeting. Recommendations of the Advisory Committee which have been voted on following the printing of the Warrant are as follows:

Article 3: Funds the development of construction drawings and bid documents to construct two ball fields at the town owned property known as the "Gravel Pits".

Advisory Committee Recommendation: **Not Recommended (Unanimously)**

Article 4: Authorizes the Board of Selectmen to acquire an easement for the purposes of repairing a drainage pipe at the intersection of King St. and Schofield Road.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: **Recommended (Unanimously)**

Article 10: Funds the development of construction drawings and bid documents to construct a new Police Station.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: **Not Recommended (Unanimously)**

Article 11: Amends Article 19, as passed at the 2000 Annual Town Meeting, by adding additional funding for the construction of a new library at the former Joseph Osgood School.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: **Recommended (Majority Vote)**

Article 15: Approves the Village Revitalization Task Force plans for improvements to the Downtown Village Area.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: **Recommended (Unanimously)**

Article 20: Funds sidewalk construction along Forest Avenue.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: **Recommended (Majority)**

This week in COHASSET

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Oct. 29.

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 8

Assessors Board, 5 p.m., Nov. 6

Harbor Committee, 7 p.m., Nov. 13

Board of Health, 7 p.m., Nov. 1

Committee of Town History, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 26 at the Lothrop house

South Shore Regional School District, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at South Shore Vocational Technical High-School

South Shore Regional School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 6 at South Shore Vocational Technical High-School

Planning Board, 7 p.m., Nov. 7

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., Nov. 19

Zoning Board, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19

Joint meeting to review preliminary agreement between CHL and Cohasset, 7 p.m., Nov. 1

Paul Pratt Library Committee, 6 p.m., Nov. 1 at Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Board of Health, 7 p.m., Nov. 1

All meetings at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Schools to buy van

The Cohasset School Department is in urgent need a new van to transport school lunches prepared at the middle-high school to the two elementary schools.

"Our old van is very old and in a state of disrepair," said Supt. Edward Malvey. Replacing the van couldn't wait until the new budget in fiscal year 2003, which begins July 1.

The school department will spend $24,000 for the van.

Last spring, the town had appropriated $10.1 million for the school department with the expectation that the school district would be coming back to ask for another $100,000 at the special Town Meeting in the fall. The money for the van will come out of that $100,000, officials said.

Runway money

Selectmen, who are worried about the language of the lawsuit designed to halt construction of the new Logan runway, have decided to seek a separate $30,000 appropriation at Town Meeting on Monday to help fund the suit, rather than including it in the legal budget.

"The problem is that the appropriation for the runway lawsuit is included with the legal budget, said Selectman Merle Brown. "If we don't want to support the lawsuit, we need to be able to separate it from the other issues."

Many of the selectmen felt that something needed to be done to stop the runway, but weren't sure if this lawsuit was the best approach to take. "I'd like to pursue some action but I find the tone of the lawsuit awfully offensive. To start accusing public officials of fraud is not the kind of lawsuit I'd like to see us involved with," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris.

Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset joined forces last spring and appropriated $30,000 each to have a lawyer review the environmental feasibility study on the runway. Now the towns are each being asked for an additional $30,000 to pay legal costs in the runway battle. The lawsuit accuses Massport of intentionally submitting false reports in order to get the runway approved.

The new runway, dubbed 14/32, would significantly affect Hull, Hingham and Cohasset. The runway, if it becomes a reality, is expected to direct 75,000 more flights annually over Boston Harbor, which would affect area towns, according to Hingham jet noise task force members.

Town Meeting voters will be asked to consider the $30,000 appropriation on Monday.

Sunday liquor sales to start

Cohasset will allow liquor stores to open on Sundays from Nov. 25 to Dec. 30. The stores will be open from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.. This has been common practice in the state for at least the last eight years.

Village plans OK'd

Selectmen got their final look at the village revitalization plans and reiterated their endorsement for the project last night. Dean Rizzo, the executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private corporation working with the village revitalization task force, outlined the project's overall goals. Rizzo said he has sent a mailing out to Cohasset residents asking them to support the plan by approving Article 15 at Monday's special Town Meeting. Rizzo will give a presentation of the design concepts at the special Town Meeting, and hopes he will sway voters to approve them.

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed says he thinks the plans will be approved without much debate. "These plans have been out there for a while and there's been plenty of meetings for their improvement, I hope the town approves the motion," Koed said.

Senior year OK

The school committee recently voted to allow a student to continue her senior year at the high school even though she no longer lives in town. School department policy allows students, who are no longer residents, to complete their senior year.

Gulf Association meeting Nov. 6

The Gulf Association will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's House off of Border Street in Cohasset Harbor. The Gulf Association is an active environmental organization whose expressed purpose is to preserve and protect the Gulf watershed. In addition to the business of electing officers for the coming year and conducting an open meeting, the agenda will include a featured presentation by Jason D. Burtner, South Shore Regional Coordinator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management. The Gulf Association proposes to initiate a comprehensive Natural Resource Inventory of the Gulf and its tributaries in conjunction with the Office of Coastal Zone Management as a way to identify and target watershed issues for the region. The meeting will focus on a discussion of the value of such an endeavor with proposals on how it might proceed. Anyone interested in this issue and/or the Gulf Association is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Gold Star Mothers memorial dedication

Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee will dedicate the town's new Gold Star Memorial to the mothers of servicemen who lost their lives during the 20th century.

The ceremony, planned for Sunday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. at Woodside Cemetery on North Main Street, will begin with a parade of local veterans marching into the newly reconstructed cemetery. Capt. Jane McCarthy USPHS, a Vietnam veteran, will deliver the dedication speech, following the parade. Representatives of the four wars will honor the mothers of the men who gave their lives for their country by placing roses on the memorial.

The Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee was created to develop memorials to remember the Cohasset servicemen who gave their lives for their country. The town has 22 memorial squares and a Veterans Park on Cohasset Harbor.

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Ledge preservation issue may have to wait until spring

By Evan Schiff
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The Planning Board never knew it was so popular.

Thirty minutes into last Wednesday's public hearing, it was clear there would be more space needed to satisfy the standing-room only crowd on hand to hear the board's take on the ledge-protection article on the special Town Meeting warrant.

Citizens were herded from the Planning Board meeting room to the selectmen's office where they clamored for chairs with the unlucky ones having to take a place on the floor.

The hearing was supposed to provide time to air the ledge article and two other zoning issues relating to senior housing and limiting new housing starts before Monday's special Town Meeting, with the Planning Board voting whether to recommend the warrant articles.

It never happened.

As soon as the hearing got underway, Planning Board member Bill Good proposed a motion, which carried 3-2, to continue the hearing on the articles until Nov. 7, two days after the special Town Meeting. This essentially tabled any voter action on all three articles until springtime, causing a huge outcry from many who were expecting the issues to be resolved this Monday.

But Wednesday morning, Cohasset Town Counsel gave proponents of the ledge article some hope the matter could be resolved this month. He said they could make a motion on the floor of special Town Meeting to continue the meeting to a later date. This would allow time for the Planning Board to conduct its hearing on Nov. 7, and then bring a recommendation to the continuance of special Town Meeting, which would probably fall on Nov. 14.

While all three articles that were before the Planning Board last week are important, most people at the meeting were concerned with Article 17, which seeks to prohibit the destruction or alteration of ledge over eight feet high.

Granite outcroppings of ledge are part of what gives Cohasset its unique character. Beach Street neighbors, who say they are heading a town-wide effort asking for a change in the zoning bylaws, lead the Great Neck Ledge Preservation Group. They want the town to require a variance be obtained before ledge eight-feet in height or more can be altered in any way. Noted for its spectacular ledge, the Beach Street area behind Town Hall has been eyed by developers for years. Current fears include a developer's plans for multiple dwellings that, under state law, could bypass local zoning with the promise of providing affordable housing.

The second article would limit the number of new homes in town until the Master Plan is developed. Town Planner Liz Harrington took an average of building permits issued for new housing starts over the past five years to come up with the proposal to limit them to 20 through 2003. From 1996-2000, building permits for new houses have averaged 19.6 per year.

The third article before the Planning Board would facilitate development of affordable housing for senior citizens, many of whom are being priced out of town as property taxes rise.

Many citizens expected to be able to vote on these articles at special Town Meeting but now they may have to wait.

"By the time we come to annual Town Meeting these articles will have been thoroughly researched and reworked. Then they will be ready for prime-time."

— Al Moore, Planning Board

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said putting off the articles until the annual Town Meeting makes sense.

"By the time we come to annual Town Meeting these articles will have been thoroughly researched and reworked. Then they will be ready for prime-time," Moore said.

But the Beach Street neighbors in attendance were visibly upset.

"I am extremely disappointed in this motion," said Mark DeGiacomo, 59 Beach St. "This is a gross abuse of power on the planning board's part. To do this to the citizens is just wrong."

Moore said the neighbors have a hidden agenda.

"There's a very small group of people who are pushing this," he said. "It's very dangerous to change zoning laws that will affect the whole town."

But DeGiacomo said protecting ledge has broad appeal.

"This is an issue not confined to Beach Street, this affects all the residents of Cohasset who would like to see the ledge preserved," he said.

Selectman Tom Callahan said the Planning Board overstepped its bounds by continuing the hearing.

"You are doing a disservice to all Cohasset residents," he said. "You have to remember your role is as an advisory committee not as gatekeepers."

Some even accused the Planning Board of conspiring to approve the motion before the meeting — a clear violation of the Open Meeting Law.

"I heard that certain members may have met and made decisions," said Robin Lawrence, 15 Beach St. "If this is true the board has betrayed Cohasset citizens." He said the ledge preservation group would pursue filing a complaint with the District Attorney's office over the potential violation.

"That's a lot of malarkey, no one conspired beforehand, and no one is trying to abuse anyone," Moore said.

The ledge group still hopes the article will be tackled on Monday. The neighbors are talking to Town Counsel about the possibility of the articles being heard at special Town Meeting regardless of the Planning Board's action. The Planning Board discussed the ledge issue after it voted to continue the hearing. Some, who were in attendance, think the planning board also voted on the articles when member Peter Pratt asked the board to consider a vote. But Moore says Pratt's motion was voted down and there was no subsequent vote whether to recommend the articles.

By law, the planning board must hold a public hearing on any zoning article before it goes to Town Meeting.

Planning Board members in favor of the continuance were concerned that these articles had been slipped into the warrant at the last minute. They felt the issues needed to be worked over and reworded before the articles were brought before Town Meeting.

Board member Bob Sturdy said, "There's not enough time to debate these articles. Some articles are debated for well over a year. We are not running a Mickey Mouse operation here."

David Walsh, a Boston developer who owns property behind Beach Street agreed with Sturdy. "These articles have been snuck into the warrant at the last minute by disgruntled citizens who don't want anything built by their house," Walsh said.

Moore, Sturdy and Good voted for the continuance with members Pratt and Chris Ford dissenting. Pratt said he felt that it was not up to the planning board to make decisions about the life or death of an article but, "the overall legislative body is the citizens and they should be given the option to vote on the article."

Special Town Meeting is on Monday

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on the minds of residents for some time and include construction of the new library and police station, and village revitalization — promise to keep the venerable form of open democracy lively.

Marlette said he hopes to adjourn the meeting around 11 p.m. If the meeting were to run over and necessitated a second day of debate, Haddad said it would probably be held the following day.

While the village revitalization effort is not asking for any money, the library and the police station are. Advisory Committee chairman Maureen Jerz said money is always a controversial issue at Town Meeting. With the state that the economy is currently in, and the unstable future it faces, Jerz feels that the community may be more reluctant to set aside money than it has in the past.

"Any article involving an appropriation of a large sum of money generates a lot of debate," she said. "People have to consider both the short-term and long-term effects of appropriating money."

The library is asking special Town Meeting to borrow $600,000 toward the building of a new library and allow construction to begin on the library without the state grant in hand. Originally, construction was not supposed to begin until the grant was awarded. Cohasset is first on the waiting list for the $1.5 million grant and library trustee chairman Patience Towle said in an earlier interview that being first on the waiting list "means we are going to get that money".

The current tax levy will support the request for the additional $600,000. Approximately $60,000 will be used to pay back the loan in the first year with the total amount to be paid back over 20 years, Haddad said.

With the town anxious to see construction begun on the library at the old Osgood School, Haddad said if the special Town Meeting awards the money he would appoint a contractor the next day. Construction is expected to take 10 to 14 months.

Another issue sure to generate concerns is the new police station.

The article on the warrant asks the town to appropriate money, "for the purpose of retaining architects, engineers or other professional services to develop construction drawings and bid documents to construct a new Police Station."

The Police/Fire Station Study Committee has recommended separating the two public safety headquarters and proposes constructing a new 11,000-square-foot, police station on donated land off Route 3A near Sunrise Assisted Living.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said the department needs more space. He said that when constructed, the current police station originally housed 10 full-time patrol officers, plus the chief. Now, it houses 18 full-time officers, a chief, five civilian dispatchers, a secretary, an animal control officer, and two seasonal police officers.

Noonan said the two detectives share a 5 ft. by 10 ft. equipment room that also houses equipment for the 911 system; the four sergeants, prosecutor, and secretary share a 10 ft. by 12 ft. room, and the safety officer and school resource officer share a room in the cellar.

The new police station headquarters would be one floor, and could provide up to 15,000 square feet of space for the department. It would include a secured area for dispatchers, as well as separate space for the different officers and detectives, meeting rooms, and eating area, an exercise space and separate locker rooms for men and women. It would also have a separately secured area containing a search room, booking room, four cells for male prisoners, one each for juvenile and female prisoners, and a holding tank for mass arrests.

Noonan if the article is approved he will go back and ask the town for money for the construction at annual Town Meeting in March.

Potentially saving the town a lot of money is Paul Barry's offer of two acres of land for the new station off of Route 3A. Special Town Meeting is going to be asked to approve the gift. Barry, who is involved with a number of outstanding litigation matters with the town regarding his Cohasset Heights Ltd. landfill and is looking to open a new transfer facility off Crocker Lane, didn't ask for any special considerations when he made the offer.

The concept of village infrastructure and streetscape improvements is also before the voters. The Village Revitalization Task Force has been working in conjunction with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private non-profit group. Plans include reconstructing the sidewalks throughout the village and redesigning the Ripley Road/Pleasant Street intersection.

In a letter to the editor the VRTF members wished to remind residents that "Town Meeting is not being asked to endorse specific design elements...Article 15 does not ask for any Town funding for this project."

If the town chooses to approve this article it would allow the VRTF to begin "creating final design and construction drawings." Later, specific designs will be decided upon at public hearings.

The task force has presented a preliminary cost estimate of the improvements. The estimated costs, not including money for contingencies and full-design plans, ranged from $1.7 million with concrete sidewalks to $2.4 million with brick. There would be no cost of taxpayers. A combination of the $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development grant for the downtown area, the MBTA-funded reconstruction of the parking lot, the existing $170,000 MassHighway grant for the St. Stephen's walkway, and private donations could cover the entire cost of the project.

Other issues before special Town Meeting include:

- Water system improvements
- Renaming the Hagerty Property, Mariners Park
- 4 percent room occupancy tax
- Determining the makeup of the Community Preservation Committee
- Flood control improvements
- Paying for a Master Plan
- Forest Avenue sidewalk
- Sewer abatement for the historical society museums on Elm Street

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Happy birthday to Cohasset's newest centenarian

GREETINGS

Hello Cohasset. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Halloween. With all of the festivities, fund-raisers and Trick-Or-Treating that took place this past week, I hope that you can all enjoy a break before Thanksgiving comes around.

NEW CENTENARIAN

We have a very important and well-deserved Happy Birthday going to **Mr. William E. Nast** from his son, **Roger** (long-time Cohasset resident.) Mr. Nast is turning 100-years-old today, Nov. 1! Currently residing at Sunrise, Mr. Nast was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1901. He moved to Boston in 1924 and was an architect for many, many years even building his own home. Mr. Nast finally retired when he was 91 years young! Happy Birthday to a wonderful man on his 100 year old Birthday from your family and the town of Cohasset!

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

BIRTHDAY WISHES

I would also like to send out a very special, belated Happy Birthday wish to **Dana Dow**! Dana, your family, friends and all of your bus riding cherubs join in this special wish. Happy Birthday!

ON THE MEND

Here comes some much needed get-well soon wishes to **Mrs. Sue Jones**! Our neighbor, Sue was involved in a car accident last week and is home trying to get back on her feet. We wish you all the best Sue and a speedy recovery.

SPECIAL BENEFIT

Remembering "The Chief"... Here is some news about the 3rd Annual Fundraiser to be held in memory of **Robert Goyette**, a Cohasset police officer in the 60s and a resident of Cohasset for a long, long time. Due to the tragic events of Sept. 11, a portion of the proceeds from this year's event will go to the families of the New York City and Port Authority Police Departments. Bob's Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to a male and female CHS Senior based on their achievement in the classroom, on the athletic field and in the community. Please think about coming to this fun-filled and rewarding benefit dinner. It is happening on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 7 p.m.-midnight. The cost per person is $15 at the door and is held at the Sons of Italy Hall, Rt. 3A in Hingham.

Bob's favorite meal of spaghetti and meatballs will be served so make sure to bring your friends and your appetite! Also, you will want to bring some extra dough as the raffle and auction will be phenomenal! If you would love to attend but have another commitment, please send your donation to The Robert A. Goyette MSF, 45 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, MA 02061. All checks should be made out to the Robert A. Goyette Memorial Scholarship Fund.

YOUNG MUSICIAN

Bruce and Georgine Butman have sent some news from Maine about their daughter, **Amelia**. Amelia was accepted to play at the District 5 Middle School Honors Festival being held in Dexter, Maine on Nov. 3. She will be playing her trumpet and the director is **Dr. Thom Wubbenhorst** who conducted the Atlanta Wind Symphony. A special thanks goes out to **Mr. Steve Biagini**, Deer Hill Band teacher and **Barry Bartlett**, Hand Bell Director from the Beechwood Congregational Church as they definitely gave Amelia her head start in the music world. It is so nice for us to always remember the ones who pave the way. Amelia, your mom and dad are very proud of you and Cohasset sends a great big hello your way.

WEAR BLUE AND WHITE

Way to go to the Cohasset football team! This past weekend, Cohasset's Football team beat Nantucket 22-0 which means Cohasset and Abington are both undefeated with the same record: 7 wins, no losses. The Gridiron Club is inviting the town to come support Cohasset football! The football game promises to be an exciting one with both teams trying to remain undefeated. The game is this Friday night, Nov. 2 starting at 7 p.m.. Come and show your support in your blue and white and cheer them on to victory!

It has become a tradition for the Gridiron Club to sponsor a potluck supper for the football team and their families after the Homecoming Game. This year, **Linda Bolster** was recognized by the club for her outstanding devotion to the Cohasset Football Team. Thank you to you Linda as well as **Diane Dooley** and **Kathy Anderson** for the awesome job in decorating the football area for the game. Also, thank you to the parents for providing the fine cuisine after the game.

Way to go Cohasset!

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MONEY FOR AFGHAN KIDS

Abby Faulkner, Kaci Kucinski and Emily St. John raise money for the children of Afghanistan at the Milliken-Bancroft Recreation Fields.



RELIEF FUND

The kids from Fair Oaks Lane raise $500 for the Red Cross Relief Fund. They are: (back row), John Sturino, Caroline Collins, Jack Carrier, Conor Ofsthun, Christopher Brown, Christine Coner, Meredith Kelly, Lauren Allen, Tyler Kelly, Courtney Culhane, Maura Regan an McKenna Teague. Front row, Jordan Bryan, Michaela Whitley, Kathleen Kelly, Emily Condos, Molly McKeligun, Hilary Gaumer, Katie Gaumer, Kaleigh Teague, Rebecca Dickinson, Mariel Teague, Johanna Regan, Keanu Kerr, Michael Lund, Jason Bryan, Abby Carrier, Jack McElgunn, Christopher Lund, Ryan McEligun, Matthew Peracchi, Ciela Kerr, Margaret St. Sauveur, Lucy St. Sauveur, and Michael Hagerty. Missing from the photo are E.J. Culhane and Sera Trahon.



William E. Nast turns 100 today, Nov. 1. Here he is celebrating his 97th birthday.



John Cotter and Thomas Digan are in the National Honor Society at St. Sebastian's.

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BLUEGRASS MUSIC

Southern Rail, a fantastic Bluegrass quartet is coming back to Cohasset with their inspirational music. On Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Second Congregational Church come and join in, shake the rafters and sing along! Nursery care and a children's movie will be available from 5-8 p.m. Tickets for this are adults-$12 for dinner and the show, $10 for the show only. Children are $7 for dinner and the show and $5 for the show only.

PEACE CONCERT

Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue! Come and show your patriotic spirit at the Second Congregational Church Peace Concert. The Choir, Music Committee and Music Director, Ellen Brown are planning this wonderful town-wide event on Veterans Day in response to the Sept 11 tragedies. Music will be performed by the SCC "Peace Choir: and special friends of SCC. Mark your calendars and save the date for this event featuring Patriotic and uplifting music. All donating will benefit victims of this tragedy.

NEIGHBORHOOD EFFORT

Each year, the resident's of Cohasset's Fair Oaks Lane throw and Octoberfest neighborhood party, featuring a potluck dinner, bicycle decorating contest and parade, as well as games and activities for the children. This year, the group decided to donate the money usually spent on games and equipment rental to the Red Cross' New York Disaster Relief Fund. They felt it was important to carry on with traditional activities but to also do something to show the children the importance of being involved in a larger community. The Octoberfest party was held on Sunday, Oct. 21 at the home of **Ed and Janeen Culhane** where the children posed with a replica of the check made out for $500 to the American Red Cross. A talent show featuring trumpet playing musicians, magicians and dancers was held and a wonderful time was had by all.

This is what it is really all about, friends joining together to show a stand of community spirit and to show our children that we are working together to make a difference!

YOUNG LEADER RECOGNIZED

Martha Henderson, a junior at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, is the "Kodak Young Leaders Award Winner: for the school year 2000-2001. Each year, the award is given by Kodak Chairman of the Board to 1500 sophomore students across the country. This award, based on academic achievement and leadership skills, recognizes the award recipient as a student who is highly respected by peers and teachers. Martha was also nominated by the sponsors of "Presidential Classroom: in Washington D.C. to receive honorary award recognition in "Who's Who Among American High School students in 2000-2001." Martha is the daughter of **Jane and David Henderson** of Cohasset who are both, very proud indeed.

Great job, Martha!

HONOR SOCIETY

Cohasset's **John O. Cotter** and **Thomas J. Digan**, students of the St. Sebastian's School in Needham are now both members of the National Honor Society. John, a senior, is the son of **Dr. Paul and Margaret Cotter** and Thomas, a junior, is the son of **Thomas and Mary Ann Digam**. Congratulations on this wonderful honor!

RACE SCHOOL GRADS

Mike Bunstein,(13) **Peter Bunstein**, (14) and **Robert Silvia**, 12 all graduated from the Junior Race School at F1 Boston, the Region's Only Indoor Race Track. Having successfully completed the Race School, Mike, Peter and Robert are now eligible to take part in F1 Boston's Junior Leagues and Practice Sessions.

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

On Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., The South Shore Art Center will be holding a Community Art Project and Holiday Marketplace at the center. Everyone is invited to participate in this community art project in which the hands of all participants will be used to create a giant community flag. This artful interpretation of Old Glory will be completed in one day, hang in the Center and then be on display in various locations throughout the South Shore. The Holiday Marketplace will take place at the same time. A one-day craft fair featuring a select number of crafters from the Art Center's annual Festival on the Common will be open all day and all work is small and priced for holiday giving. Come out and show your patriotic spirit while also shopping for the holidays! **Nancy** and **Wallace St. John** of Eagle Flag Co. in Weymouth are donating materials and expertise for this project.

HOCKEY RAFFLE

Last but not least, this Sunday, Nov. 4 between 12 noon and 5 p.m., Cohasset Hockey members will be selling tickets for the Calendar Raffle. This is the only major fundraiser for this group and if you are one of the lucky winners, you will not be disappointed. Tickets sell for $5, and each ticket has 31 chances to win. Prizes are valued between $25-$200 for every day in December. All proceeds go to benefit Cohasset Hockey programs.

NOERING SOARS

Thanks for the good luck wishes Cohasset! It worked. **Steff Noering** and the Ephs captured the NESCAC Championship defeating arch rival Amherst College in the finals 3-0. Williams will host the NCAA quarterfinals this weekend starting with a game against Rowan College on Saturday, Nov. 3.

I want to close this weeks column with a quote. Sometimes, just stopping and taking the time to think really helps to clear your mind or redirect your thoughts. "You live with your thoughts-so be careful what they are." Eva Arrington

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Have a Great Week!

Cohasset woman at helm of new light beer company

By Evan Schiff
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Rhonda Kallman of Sheldon Road thinks her company's new light beer will be a hit.

For anyone still stuck in the Dark Ages when it comes to beer — Cohasset's Rhonda Kallman won't fit the stereotype of those that love to imbibe the amber-colored liquid.

For one thing Kallman is female and slim – the perfect spokeswoman for the less caloric cousin to traditional brews, light beer. Kallman, who lives on Sheldon Road with her husband and three young children, is also no stranger to the highly competitive, beer business.

Some 15 years ago, her career began as an executive secretary with Boston Consulting Group while working as a bartender and waitress at nights. Her former boss, Jim Koch, left BCG to start the Boston Beer Company and needed help with promotions, distribution and sales. He called on Kallman with her knowledge of the bar scene to help. Together, they turned Sam Adams into a nationally recognized brand.

Kallman left the Boston Beer Company nearly two years ago, and not long thereafter launched the Hingham-based New Century Brewing Company. The company's light beer, Edison – created by industry veteran Joseph Owades who is credited with inventing the beer that became Miller Lite – was rolled out last month.

To create the beer Kallman asked Owades, who is sometimes referred to as "the father of light beer," to re-invent the process of brewing light beer. It took him 17 months but Kallman believes Owades outdid himself.

"To my knowledge New Century Brewing is the first independent company to go after the light beer segment exclusively," she said. "We're not borrowing interest from an existing flagship beer – we built Edison from the ground up to be our flagship, with a smooth flavor and light taste not found in other light beers."

Kallman says the price – six packs will sell for about $6 [slightly above domestic light beers and less then imports] – will help make Edison, a 109-calorie beer, very competitive.

"Consumers want more choices," she says. "Edison gives beer drinker a way to trade up in quality without having to pay expensive import prices."

"Being a female, it's unusual to be an executive in this industry, but I just love it."
— Rhonda Kallman, Sheldon Road

Light beer represents 44 percent of U.S. beer consumption and Kallman estimates that number will grow to 50 percent by 2003. Edison hopes to stake its claim in a market dominated by the big three, Budweiser, Miller and Coors.

But Kallman says the task may not be as tough as it appears because times have changed.

When she worked with the Boston Beer Company, she had to educate people about "craft beer" and "micro brews." Today Kallman is excited about entering a market in which people know what they want. "We just need to get the beer in the drinker's hands," she said. To that end, over the next few weeks Edison promoters will make the rounds to Boston-area bars.

Brewed by Matt's Brewing Company in Utica NY, Edison is not trying to please full-bodied beer drinkers.

"Light-beer drinkers don't want a lot of flavor or body, they really just want something easy to drink," Kallman said.

The name of the beer is a tribute to another inventor, Thomas Edison. Kallman said the beer is about light and energy and she wanted a name with history and roots.

But as far as those old-world beer stereotypes go – Kallman is changing the history books.

"Being a female, it's unusual to be an executive in this industry, but I just love it," Kallman said. She added that the industry if filled with incredibly social and outgoing people that make coming to work a pleasure.

Kallman is married to Matt Shanley and they have three children, Courtney who is five months old, Alexander who is three, and Callie, who is five.

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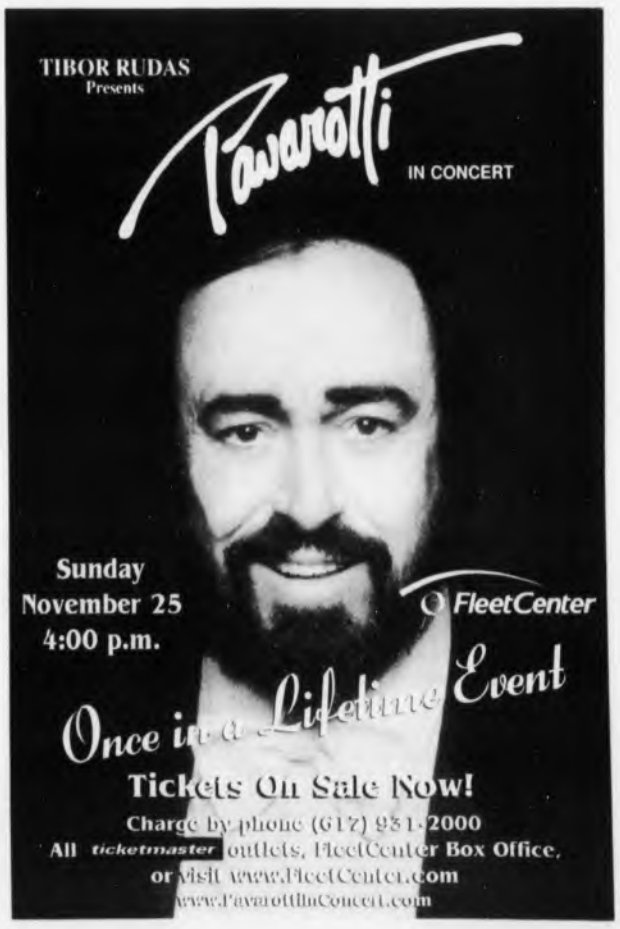
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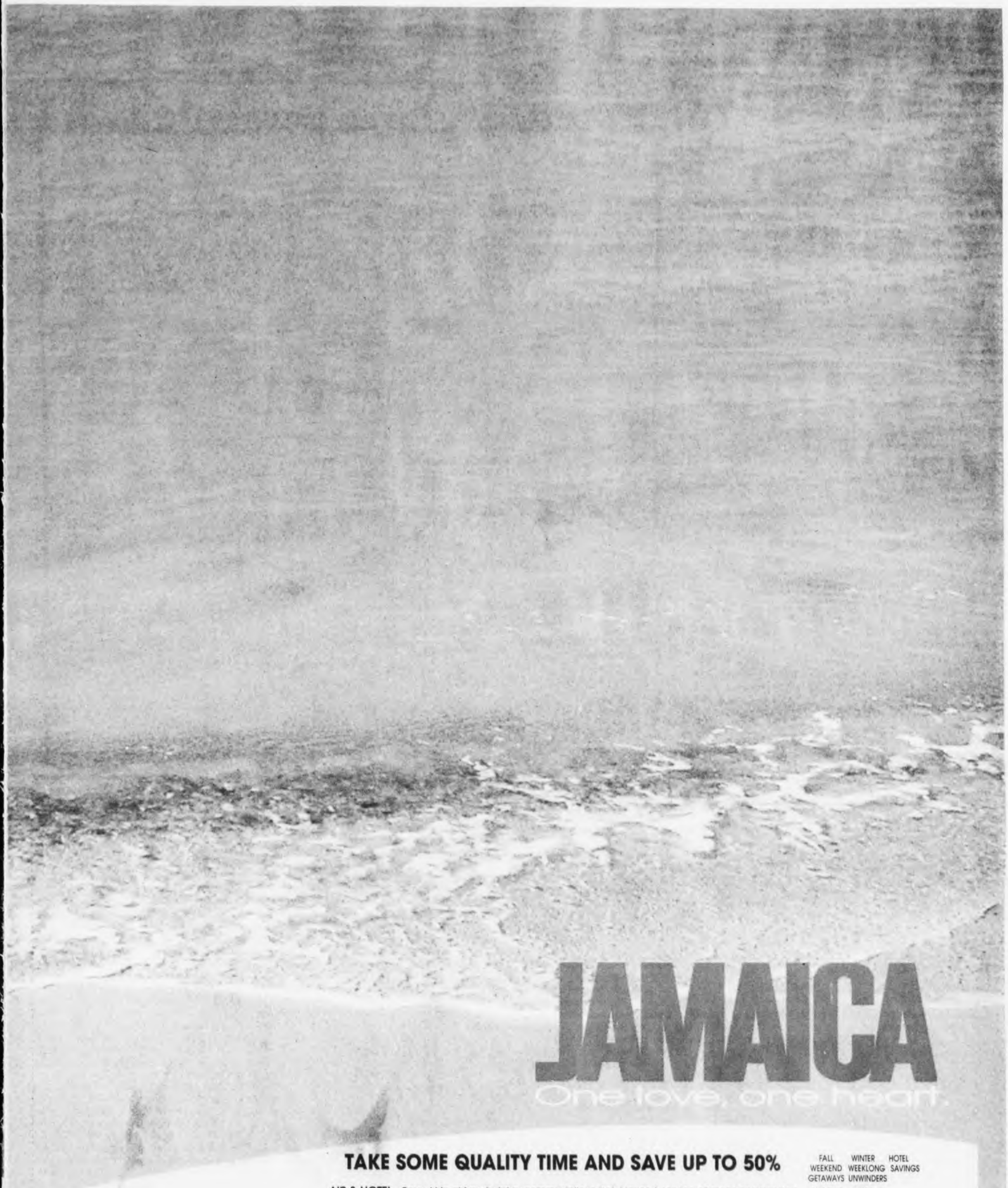
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EDITORIAL

On the front lines

Most residents in nearby Hingham probably cursed the post office under their breath when they checked their mailboxes on Saturday to find nothing there. Others likely walked away thinking they just didn't get any mail — and felt a little relieved that even the junk mail appeared to take a holiday, in addition to any bills and other correspondence.

But what was going on in downtown Hingham at the North Street post office was anything but routine. When a postal worker tried to clear a mail jam in a sorting machine, a powdery substance burst forth irritating her face and eyes. Following post office protocol, the authorities were called in, the post office closed and the suspicious substance and those who came in contact with it tested for the deadly bacteria anthrax.

Christine Dougas, spokeswoman for the post office, says there have been no less than 1,000 false alarms involving anthrax in New England post offices since the terrorist attack on America Sept. 11. Luckily, just like the other New England incidents, Hingham's turned out to be only a scare.

But anyone who's following the news knows that anthrax has been delivered via the mail to places such as Tom Brokaw's office in New York City. So in addition to potential recipients — postal workers are also at risk for exposure.

Yet, despite exposures to US Post Office employees in New Jersey and Washington, D.C. — the mail continues to arrive.

As Dougas says, "They don't say through snow and rain for nothing..."

Many postal workers are veterans and can recall facing the enemy in faraway places such as Vietnam.

"When you're in war, you can't dwell on things," Dougas says. "You have to keep doing your job. Postal workers see this as their part, their way of setting an example for the rest of the country."

Most of us pay upwards of $1 for a cup of coffee and think nothing of it. Yet, we complain about paying 34 cents to mail a letter that no doubt passes through dozens, if not hundreds, of hands and several machines before reaching its destination.

Few realize that when Hingham's mail was stopped in its tracks Saturday, postal workers volunteered to come in on Sunday to get mail ready for Monday.

"I think our employees deserve a pat on the back and they don't always get it," Dougas says. "Like all government agencies — people love to hate us."

Yet as she points out, no postal worker imagined when he or she applied for the job that it would mean fighting on the front lines of a terrorist war.

"This is a scary time," she says. "But the postal workers have a fierce determination. They are not going to be defeated by terrorism; their morale is admirable."

As citizens, we're starting to appreciate the bills and junk mail along with the cards and letters we receive. The US mail is a wonderful thing — too precious to lose, and although threatened, not in danger due to the bravery of our postal workers and their dedication to the job at hand.

The mail is critical to our economy and the very fabric of our society – whether it be letters to grandparents or mortgage payments.

It's time we give the post office and our local clerks and carriers the pat on the back they deserve.

We need to say, "We're proud of you and thank you."

— Mary Ford
Editor
mford@cnc.com



Award dinner for best Democrats

Co-Op 8, the South Shore's Democratic coalition, will honor this year's recipients of the Outstanding Democrat Award in the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth on Friday, Nov. 2. Each of the towns' Democratic Town Committees elected their individual community's Outstanding Democrat. The eight will be honored at a dinner hosted by the Marshfield Democratic Town Committee at the Ramada Inn in Rockland. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., full-course dinner (choice of chicken or beef) at 7:30 p.m., live entertainment, cash bar, silent auction.

To reserve tickets at $30 per person, contact Jean Christianson at 781-837-0665, or any of the Democratic Town Committee chairmen in the individual communities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't sell water

Town of Cohasset
Board of Water Commissioners

We are concerned about the possible sale of "our" water to this private, greedy corporation.

They provide us in No. Cohasset with the "third highest" water rate in the country.

"American" is now owned by a British conglomerate. Since new ownership our benefit of a special "users" stock plan has been eliminated.

Hopefully Cohasset would not sell water to be resold to us at a much higher rate.

Can we and our neighbor's be placed on the Cohasset water?

Bill and Gina Chisholm
605 Jerusalem Road

This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

SPED parents have concerns

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding last week's article headlined, "Parent wants to hold schools accountable," the characterization of us as being on a "crusade" was not ours. That was a description used by the writer. Parents of children with Special Needs have enough issues to deal with without having to contend with school officials who refuse to follow the law. Embarking on a "crusade" is the last thing which any parent might wish to do.

As for our statement that we have "no tolerance for public officials who make mistakes," that quote must be understood in the context of a year's worth of frustration of dealing with the Cohasset school administration. Coming from backgrounds in public service ourselves, there is no one who is more understanding of the difficult issues facing our public servants in these days of increasing complexity and increasing demands on our public resources than are we.

But in the context of our experience with the Cohasset schools over the past year, our viewpoint is more appropriately stated this way: We have no tolerance for public officials who repeatedly violate the rules and regulations they are supposed to uphold; who refuse to acknowledge that they are violating the law; who seek to marginalize the role of parents in their child's education; and who then treat parents who inquire about their violations of the law with disdain and with dismissive comments such as, "We don't owe you any explanations" and "You aren't the experts - we're the experts on these regulations."

The School Committee has the legal responsibility for ensuring that those who work in our schools are following the laws. It is neither fair nor right that individual parents should bear the burden of bringing these issues to the attention of the Department of Education. But in the absence of School Department policies and procedures which ensure compliance with our Special Education laws, filing a complaint with the DOE was our only, and last, recourse.

Andrew and Claudia Quigley
38 Jerusalem Road

Village work support urged

TO THE EDITOR:

As members of the Town's Village Revitalization Task Force (VRTF), we encourage Cohasset voters to approve Article 15 at Special Town Meeting, which asks the community to approve in concept, recommended infrastructure and streetscape improvements for the Village.

For the past four years, the VRTF has overseen the initiative to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety, circulation and accessibility; provide aesthetic enhancements; and establish a level of economic vitality for the downtown environment. In the past year, the VRTF worked closely with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation in the development of professional design plans to achieve these goals. Numerous public workshops and meetings with town officials, committees, local organization, and members of the business community have been held to generate a community consensus on the desired improvements. The plans being presented at Town Meeting are a direct result of this public outreach.

It is important to note that Town Meeting is not being asked to endorse specific design elements, such as the type of sidewalk materials and the style of light fixtures. These critical design elements need further review and public input before a recommendation is made to the Board of Selectmen for approval. In addition, as a result of approximately $2.25 million in grants, and other funding commitments earmarked for these improvements, Article 15 does not ask for any town funding for this project at this time.

A "yes" vote will give the VRTF the endorsement to proceed with further analysis of the specific design elements, and begin the process of creating final design and construction drawings. The completion of the plans will help the town effectively coordinate and control the design and construction of additional projects planned for the Village, such as the possible restoration of the MBTA Greenbush Line and the final phase of the James Brook Flood Control Project. Efficient management and oversight will maximize the dollars spent in the Village and minimize the level of disruption for residents and businesses.

Vote "Yes on Article 15" and help the town take one more step closer to bringing long-overdue infrastructure and streetscape improvements to Cohasset Village.

Timothy O'Brien, chairman
Lucia Flibotte
Joe Coggins
Noel Ripley
Merle Brown
Liz Harrington, town planner

Agnes McCann named top Democrat

By Susan Kent
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has named Agnes McCann of Doane Street, as this year's Outstanding Democrat. This award is bestowed upon the individual whose life and works best represent the goals and fundamental beliefs of the Democratic Party.

Each of the members of "Co-Op 8", an association of Democratic town committees from Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Marshfield, Scituate and Weymouth has chosen an Outstanding Democrat to be honored at a dinner and silent auction, sponsored by the Marshfield Town Committee, to be held on Friday evening, Nov. 2 at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland.

Give a job to a busy person and watch it get done. Give a task to McCann and she will not only accomplish it, she will organize it and inspire others to join her. McCann is the person holding the signs, collecting canned goods, getting the signatures and working, at all times, to help others. As a busy mother, and, while maintaining an active career as a legal administrator for The Travelers Insurance, she still makes time for everyone.

McCann has spent her life in service to her home and her community. Quietly, and in her own way, McCann has always made a difference. She was an attorney in Boston before moving to Cohasset to raise her family. She has been a Library Trustee since 1984 and a member of the Democratic Town Committee for more than ten years. She is presently serving her second term as chairman.

As the mother of two sons, Sergei and André, McCann has always been involved with the Cohasset schools and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. She was a member of the Cohasset Education Foundation and began her association with the library as the story hour lady.

She was raised in Wayland and some of her fondest memories are the lively political discussions at her family's dinner table. Service to the community and dedication to the democratic process were not vague concepts to her family, but the foundations of a concerned and compassionate way of life. McCann wrote her first letter-to-the-editor at age nine and was never silent again.

McCann lives her life dedicated to the principal that an educated and informed society is a free society. We are all very proud of her. As a community, we are lucky that someone with McCann's empathy, enthusiasm, fairness and loving nature is interested in us all.

There are tickets still available for the Co-Op 8 Dinner on Nov. 2. For information, call Jean Christensen at 781-837-0665.

HEALTH NOTES

Food allergies can be frightening

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

About 75 people in Cohasset have a food allergy. This is the story of one such family. They learned about their allergy problem when their daughter was young and their doctor gave them a list of the necessary precautions. Summarized, they could not let their child even smell, much less touch anything that contained peanuts or peanut oil. They developed a life style that required constant vigilance, and as their daughter grew up, living with the condition, she achieved a relatively normal childhood.

Food allergies have been around for a long time and are one of the few problems we can't blame on pollution from our modern civilization.

At about eight she inadvertently ate some cookies which had peanut oil, but her parents were there, and she was given a shot of Epinephrine, and was saved from a severe reaction. Years later, since she was a good student, their daughter went to university, and in her junior year, one day, she went to the local Dunkin Donuts and, as had become her habit, she asked if the doughnut contained any peanut oil or peanuts. Upon being reassured, she took a bite, and instantly knew she was in trouble. She had forgotten her Epi-Pen, the personal syringe which everyone with peanut allergy should carry.

The university clinic was only two blocks away, and knew of her condition and knew what to do, so she decided it would be quicker to walk than to call an ambulance. By the time she reached the clinic, she was near death. The trace amounts of peanut oil left in the donut batter from a poorly cleaned batch mixer had entered her system and triggered a reaction which produced histamines in her body, closing nasal and breathing passages, lowering her blood pressure, tightening her chest, cutting off her air supply. As she collapsed outside the clinic, someone recognized her and gave her the all important dose of Epinepherin, and she recovered. For the parents, it was devastating, and for the girl, it signaled that she was in for a lifetime of everlasting vigilance.

Last week on Tuesday, Oct. 23, the Board of Health sponsored a workshop on food allergies at the Osgood School cafeteria. Fifteen people attended. Food allergies have been around for a long time and are one of the few problems we can't blame on pollution from our modern civilization, although, because of increasing centralization of our baked goods production, it is far more difficult to be able to identify foods with the common allergens.

Since food allergies affect only 1-2 percent of the general population, and only nine kids in the lower grades of our school system have it, the high attendance at the Board of Health event was a welcome surprise. Fortunately, we have concerned health care professionals in Cohasset who know how difficult it is for families afflicted with this problem and many of these showed up, together with some parents of afflicted kids.

Anaphylactic shock is trouble for the children who have it, and a constant worry for their parents. These parents must maintain a vigilance which is hard to understand for the rest of us. They must be constantly sensitive to the things their kids eat and come into contact with since even trace amounts of foods can cause a life threatening episode for their children. In some cases parents of other children in classes with those who have food allergies have come to resent the extra attention to seemingly meaningless details of care necessitated by these afflicted children. There are those who have resented always having an extra parent along on field trips when an allergy parent is present. If we all understood what these parents and their kids are going through, we would be more lenient with them. Even 50 years ago, these kids would not have survived to live full productive lives.

There seems to be interest by some in our community in forming a support group of parents with kids having food allergies. The Board would welcome such activity and would work to facilitate any such an initiative by concerned parents. Call Judy Fitzsimmons at 781 383-2210.

Flu vaccine

Finally, Flu Vaccine has arrived! The Board of Health has scheduled vaccine clinics. If you have questions, call Judy Fitzsimmons, 781 383-2210.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Category	Date	Time	Location
Senior and High Risk Patients **(only)**	Tuesday, 6 November	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Second Cong. Church 43 Highland Ave.
Senior and High Risk Patients **(only)**	Friday, 9 November	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Harborview Housing 60 Elm Street
Town Wide 1st Priority to be given to those 50+ and those who are at high risk. I.E. Asthma, Chronic Health Problems, Diabetes, Heart Disease	Saturday, 10 November Saturday 17 November	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Town Hall Auditorium 41 Highland Ave.

Come as a 'heartmind' to Town Meeting

NATURAL VIEW

JIM SHIPSKY



I want to share with you a word I learned in a workshop with Joanna Macy. The word is heartmind. The western-scientific-rational-electronic culture that is the medium of a lot of our daily lives tells us to keep our thoughts and feelings separate: a judge instructing jurors to reach a verdict on the evidence alone, disregarding personal emotions; a scientist reporting just the data, devoid of human error and contamination. The underlying assumption and message is clear: your emotions are unreliable and untrustworthy. You have separate parts: your thoughts and your feelings.

"Heartmind" is based on a very different assumption and message: You don't have parts. You are whole. Your emotions are not separate from your thoughts. You are a heartmind. There are other ways of knowing than via the intellect. I'd like you to experiment with this word. Say to yourself, "I am a heartmind." When events require a response from you, ask yourself, "How do I respond as a heartmind?"

I'd like you to do two exercises in the next week, both working with the heartmind idea.

Exercise 1: Being With Rock Ledge

Find an opportunity to go off by yourself to be with some beautiful rock ledge. Go alone. Don't take any kids or animals or friends. Don't take a Walkman or anything to read. Pick a sunny day if you can. Cohasset is never more beautiful than these crisp autumn days with the leaves ablaze in glorious colors. If you have a favorite rock ledge place, one to which you feel drawn, go there. If you don't know of any, here are a few to try.

• Walk through Great Brewster Woods, located behind Town Hall, taking the path northward until you find the huge ledge outcropping at the saltmarsh overlook. It's magnificent.

• Moors Rocks are on the ocean side of Jerusalem Road just east of Deep Run. Climb down the ocean face until you can't see the road any more, just rock, sea, and sky.

• Sandy Beach has wonderful rock ledge at both ends. Go at low tide so you can explore the nooks and crannies at the south end. If it's sunny, try the north end, snuggled against the vertical rock wall, sheltered from the wind but fully exposed to the sun's warmth.

• Whitney-Thayer Woods and Wompatuck State Park have numerous "balancing rocks" and high walls of mossy granite in hemlock groves. Along the reservoir are places where the rock continues down under the water, or towers high above it.

How do you "be with rock?" First get into a comfortable position on the rock. Sitting with legs folded Buddha-style is ideal, but you can stretch out, lie down, or find a natural seat. Touch the rock with the palms of both hands. Pay attention to how the rock feels, remembering you are a heartmind. Notice the color of the sky and the shape of passing clouds. Notice the birds, their flight and song. Then focus not on specific perceptions, but become aware of the whole *process of nature* you are seeing-feeling. Be still and remain there for at least ten minutes. It helps to use a timer, so you don't keep looking at your watch. You can build up to longer times; I prefer 40 minutes, but I've been doing this practice for several years..

Your mind will begin to wander, and you'll stop being aware of the rock and your surroundings. You need mental anchors to hold you in the present moment. Three anchors you can use are your breath, your body, and sounds. Count your inhalations from one to ten, paying attention to how the life-giving air feels as it moves through you to your lungs. Continue counting breaths from one to ten. Allow yourself to sense your body, your muscles, how the sun and wind feel on your skin. When you hear passing airplanes or cars, just think of those sounds as vibrations of air molecules, with no meaning. Even with anchors your mind will wander. Don't worry about it or get upset. Simply go back to counting breaths, sensing your body, hearing vibrations.

After some time passes you'll notice muscles relaxing. Your may notice your shoulders suddenly lowering, your facial muscles letting go, or your thighs dropping more fully onto the rock. You'll feel more grounded, more connected to the earth, to the rock you're on. Now is the time to pose a question: "In what ways would I like to be like this rock?" See what thoughts pop into your mind. Then go back to your anchors, and see what other thoughts come into your mind. You'll be able to distinguish between wandering thoughts and surprisingly new and fresh thoughts. Allow the spirit of the place, the genius loci, to provide your thoughts. You will now have more feeling-thoughts about rock ledge than you can ever possibly get by driving past some rock ledge, glancing over and seeing it as scenery. Leave when you feel ready.

The final step of this exercise is to attend Town Meeting Monday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.. Article 17 is a proposal to protect rock ledge in Cohasset. There are some shortcomings of the wording of Article 17, but the intent is abundantly clear. Vote your heartmind. Continue being with rock ledge regularly.

Exercise 2: Is it broke?

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Is your Cohasset house broke, or is everything just fine? Well, to all appearances it is probably just fine, because we can't detect most of the effects our houses are having on us and nature. So I'd like you to examine one aspect of your house: its annual carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions.

There are four simple steps. Here's what you do:

1. Get out your last electric bill, and find the chart of Total KWH (kilowatt-hours) your household used in the previous 13 months. Omit the current month, and add up your electricity usage for the past year. Multiply by 1.5 The result is how many pounds of carbon dioxide your household caused last year, due to fossil fuels burned at the power plant that supplies your house.

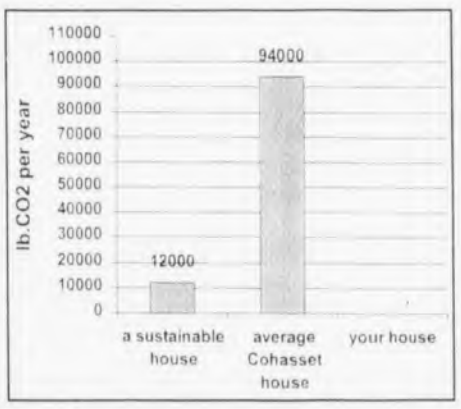
The emissions of the sustainable house shown on the chart means that nature can absorb all the CO_2 this house produces, and it will have no effect on global climate change. It's not broke. The emissions of the average Cohasset house are almost 20 times as much. Nature cannot absorb that much CO_2, and this house is contributing to global climate change. Sorry, but it's broke. It needs to be fixed. How did your house score?

Now think about whether it makes sense to continue building houses like this in Cohasset. Or would it make sense to stop until homeowners and builders understand how to build sustainable houses? Hint: use your heartmind. Then go to Town Meeting and vote your heartmind on Article 22, Interim Growth Rate.

We are now in a time of transition and transformation, realizing the present way isn't working. We wish this weren't true, but in our hearts we know it is. We've never had to face problems like these. We don't have many answers to making our lifestyles sustainable. But I think it's similar to how you eat an elephant. One bite at a time. See you at Town Meeting.

Jim Shipsky can be reached at Shipsky@cs.com

For more information on CO_2 and global climate change, visit http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming/emissions/individual/index.html



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Example: 10,500 KWH X 1.5 = 15,750 lbs. of CO_2.

2. Get out your last heating bill, and add up your fuel usage for the last year. The multiplier depends on the type of fuel.

Example:	1600 therms natural gas	X 12.1 = 19,360 lbs. of CO_2
or	1200 gallons fuel oil	X 26.4 = 31,680 lbs. of CO_2
or	30,000 KWH electricity	X 1.5 = 45,000 lbs. of CO_2

3. Get out your IRS form 1040 and find how many miles you drove your household vehicles last year. Divide by the miles per gallon your vehicles get, and multiply by 20.

Example:		
Land Rover	13,000 miles @ 12 miles per gallon	= 1,083 gallons
Honda	15,000 miles @ 25 miles per gallon	= 600 gallons
VW	12,000 miles @ 35 miles per gallon	= 343 gallons
		2,026 gallons X 20 = 40,520 lbs. of CO_2

4. Add up your three totals.

Example:	15,750 lbs. of CO_2 (electricity)
	31,680 lbs. of CO_2 (heating)
	40,520 lbs. of CO_2 (cars)
Total:	87,950 lbs. of CO_2 (total household)

To put your annual household CO_2 emissions into perspective, enter your total value in the chart below:

Amherst patriotism

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



What shall we do about Amherst, that little college town in the hills of central Massachusetts where we send our children to be educated by Billy Bulger and they come back spouting the philosophy of Karl Marx and, more recently, Osama bin Laden.

Just the other day, two students from Amherst College organized an Amherst Assembly for Patriotism — sounds contradictory in terms, doesn't it? — which was interrupted by a group of a dozen demonstrators who burned two flags and stood on a third while chanting, "This flag doesn't represent me."

"I was absolutely shocked," said Michael Flood, who with Benjamin Baum organized the assembly. "We were trying to create a unifying patriotic message and they destroyed it."

What does Amherst think it is? The People's Republic of Cambridge?

The flag-burning may have shocked Baum and Flood but to those of us who have grown familiar with Amherst over the years it was hardly unexpected.

Only a few days before, the selectmen of Amherst had voted to limit the town's display of the flag to patriotic holidays only and Amherst physics professor Jennie Traschen told the Board, "What the flag stands for is a symbol of terrorism and death and fear and destruction and repression."

Twelve hours later, two hijacked airliners were deliberately flown into the World Trade Center towers in New York, spreading a little imported terrorism, death, fear and destruction, if not repression, over the land.

Wasn't Amherst the town that debated changing its name a few years ago when someone discovered that its namesake, Lord Jeffrey Amherst, was mean to the Indians 250 years ago before they were Native Americans and became eligible to deal black jack to the white man on their reservations?

Wasn't Amherst the town where a high school production of the popular Broadway musical "West Side Story" was shut down even before it opened because of complaints that it was anti-Latino! And wasn't there a move afoot in Amherst a while back to take the Minuteman off the state flag because it was too warlike?

What does Amherst think it is? The People's Republic of Cambridge?

The last I heard from Cambridge, the City Council was voting to have the voting age reduced to 16 years and extend the right to vote to non-citizens provided they intend "in good faith to become a United States citizen" and intend "to begin the process, if eligible

But I digress . . .

The flag, of course, has its protectors. Almost yearly, the House of Representatives approves a Constitutional amendment allowing the federal government to penalize flag-burners and almost yearly the Senate shoots it down. "Wheeling out a howitzer to deal with a mosquito," said one senator.

A Constitutional amendment may not be needed. Ivan Warner, once a POW in Vietnam, recalled for the Washington Post a while back the time a North Vietnamese soldier showed him a picture of an American anti-war protester burning an American flag.

"There," said the soldier. "People in your own country protest your cause. That shows you are wrong."

"No," said Warner. "That proves I'm right. In my country, we are not afraid of freedom, even if it means that people disagree with us."

The soldier, Warner added, flew into a rage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making a difference

TO THE EDITOR:

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the Osgood PSO and School Council, the Deer Hill PSO and the Cohasset Soccer Club joined together on Make A Difference Day, a national day of volunteerism, to raise funds for the 9,000 New York City Public School students affected by the WTC tragedy. Through the sale of bake goods, student artwork and concession stand refreshments at Milliken Field throughout the day, we raised $2,076 for the Fund for Public Schools – WTC School Relief Fund. This fund was established by the Board of Education of the City of New York to assist with the costs of relocation and student counseling services.

We would like to thank Jody Golden, Diane Benson, Jill Zimmerman, Dawn Gideon-Murphy, Johanna Quinlan, Lori McCabe, Laura Murphy and Paula Pozniak — the Osgood PSO Special Events Committee — for organizing this event. Thank you also to all of the parents and children who baked goods and/or volunteered at the field on Saturday and to the Osgood and Deer Hill students who created the artwork sold. We also thank the following area merchants for their generous donations of food: Kinnealey Meats; the Village Butcher; Atlantic Bagel Co; Stop & Shop; Shaws; Dunkin' Donuts; and French Memories. The communal effort that went into this event is proof that "United We Stand – Together We Can Make A Difference."

Sarah B. Porter
President, Osgood PSO

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Dominique Federle tries her best to take a bite out of a donut during the Halloween fair on the common Sunday.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

AP scholars named

Twenty-four students at Cohasset High School have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations. Approximately 23 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP exams. Only about 13 percent of the more than 840,000 students who took AP Examinations in May performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Students take AP Examinations in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams). At Cohasset High School, eight students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Examinations, and grades of three or higher on five or more of these exams.

These **AP Scholars with Distinction** are: Benjamin Bixby, Casey Brewer, Daniel Duffy, Christopher Golden, Justin Langham, Douglas O'Brien, Erik Shea, and Ashley Ulmer.

Five students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least. 3.25 on all AP Exams taken; and grades of three or higher on four or more of these exams.

These **AP Scholars with Honor Award** recipients are: Robin Cunningham, Lydia Guild, John Hertig, Elizabeth Ingber and Kathleen McCarthy.

Eleven students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with a grade of three or higher.

The **AP Scholars** are: Timothy Bilodeau, Casey Brewer, Dan Duffy, Justin Langham, Kathleen McCarthy, Peter Minnar, Rebecca Moje, Douglas O'Brien, Erik Shea and Caitlin Stansell.

Of this year's award winners, six are underclassmen: Charles Anderson, Matthew Bilodeau, Katharine Grimm, Dan Littauer, Robin Murphy and Corey Sullivan.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. There are 35 AP Exams offered in 19 subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem solving) questions except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork.

School lunch menu

MONDAY, NOV. 5

Chicken nuggets with fries, turkey sandwich, corn, brownie, milk.

TUESDAY, NOV. 6

Cheeseburger or seafood salad roll, vegetable, Jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

Pasta with meatballs, dinner roll with tossed salad, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

Taco day with rice, ham and cheese sub, green beans, pudding, milk.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

Pizza or Greek salad with pita, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Important dates to remember:

• Nov. 3 — The PSO Family Fun Photo Day. This is being held from 9 am-4 p.m. at Wheelwright Park. The sitting fee is $50. 100 percent of this tax-deductible fee will benefit our schools. This is a great way for families to have a picture done for the holidays, holiday greeting cards or gifts.

If you have not yet made your reservations, please call Karin Doonan at 383-2070, Karima Davis at 383-2766 or Chris Powers at 383-8852.

• Nov. 4 —All METCO Host Families make sure to save this date for the Annual "Cohasset Hosts Boston" get-together. Make sure to watch in your childs papers from school for more information. We need volunteers for this event.

Also, the METCO program is looking for host families for two students, a 3rd grade girl and a 9th grade boy. Please call Lisa Dunne at 383-1596.

• Nov. 5 — Come shop at the Buttonwoods Fundraiser for the DeerHill Library.

• Nov. 6 — All-School PSO meeting at 7:00 pm.

• Nov. 12 — ALL SCHOOLS, NO SCHOOL. Veterans Day(observed)

• Nov. 13 — Deer Hill PSO Meeting, 9 a.m. Osgood School Council Meeting, 3:30 Conference Room

• Nov. 14 — M/HS only, Early Release Day at 11:30 a.m.

• Nov. 15 — School Committee Meeting 7:30

• Nov. 21— Early Release Day, All Schools

• Nov. 22-23 — No School, All Schools Happy Thanksgiving!

• Nov. 27,28,29 — Osgood Scholastic Book Fair

Cheerleaders want program to grow

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any other high school, their programs are awesome," she said.

While the cheerleaders do receive varsity letters, the school views them as a club. Cheerleading is not under the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association but the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrative Association, which means CMHS Principal Michael Jones is in charge of the club rather than the athletic director.

"I don't look at it as if we're a club. It takes discipline, strength, and teamwork to compete in cheerleading just as in any sport," said cheerleading coach Kara Protulis. She still follows all the regulations of the MIAA and said the difference between being a club rather than a sport is semantics. She added that cheerleading is much more athletic than it ever was in the past.

League rules mandate the cheerleading club not allowed to travel with the team. This league policy has been instituted because of the problems associated with cheering at another school. Ford said that the cheerleaders would be able to travel with the team if the team reaches the playoffs. Despite the restriction, Jenn and Kate say that cheerleading is a great option for girls entering high school.

"It's a great way for younger girls to meet some of the older girls in the high school and have a group of people they know," Jenn said. Currently, the program is recruiting seventh- and eighth-graders to cheer for next year.

Jenn and Kate are taking private gymnastic lessons three times a week in order to get prepared for the season, which begins the Monday after Thanksgiving. Ardizzoni has them work on strength, conditioning, and flexibility in an effort to expand their repertoire of moves.

Jenn has been involved with gymnastics for six years and Kate has been participating for four years. Both said it was through their families' enthusiasm for the sport that got them involved.

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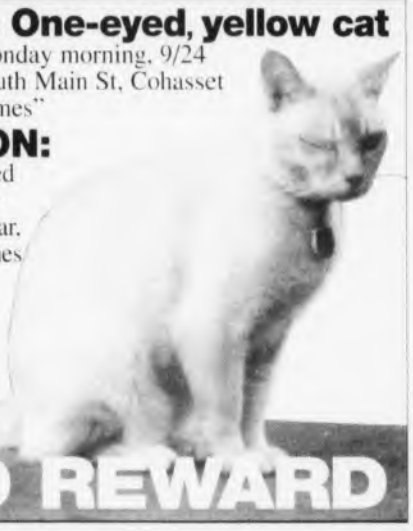
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Some want new police HQ held up

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Noonan added that the station was recently written up by the Board of Health because police had no room to store ammunition, and were forced to lock it up in empty holding cells.

"This is not a playground or library. This is a building for the people who protect us"

—Mark McGoldrick, Police/Fire Study Commission

Mark Baker, chairman of the Capital Budget Committee, said he realizes there is a need for a new police station, but doesn't think now is the time to pursue the project. "The committee felt with a new chief coming to town and the project already a couple of years away that we should put it aside for awhile," Baker said.

Advisory Committee chairman Maureen Jerz said her committee agreed with that assessment. "We do need a better building for the police but it's more an issue of financing," Jerz said. She felt that the town should await better financial times to undertake the project.

The proponents say there is no reason to waste time.

"This is not a playground or a library. This is a building for the people who protect us," McGoldrick said.

Complicating matters is the nature of the land deal for the proposed station. Paul Barry has offered to donate property off Route 3A for the purpose, but only if the town begins work on a station within two years. If the town votes not to accept the land, worth $500,000, the cost of building a station in the future will be higher since town would have to buy land for the project.

At the same time, however, selectmen decided to recommend approval of the land donation article unanimously last night, and the advisory committee did the same by majority vote.

Jerz said the committee recommended the article because it was under the impression that there were no strings attached to the land deal. Informed that the land donation was proposed with the understanding that a police station had to be built there, Jerz said she would have to reconvene the committee to discuss the article again.

While recommending against approval of the station, both the advisory and capital budget committees recommended appropriation of money for the library. "We feel the library is so close to completion that we may as well appropriate the extra $600,000," Baker said.

Selectman Tom Callahan said that he felt some misplaced priorities were apparent in placing construction of a new library ahead of a new police station. "What's wrong with biting the bullet and building the station now? That way all of our capital projects could be done in a couple of years," Callahan said.

Ice cream shop is up for grabs

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The former Newport Creamery building is on the market for $750,000.

may grant special permits after a public hearing if certain conditions are met.

But Durgin of Conway said Tuesday, he hasn't been approached by any fast-food outlets. The asking price is $750,000 and Conway will market the property through various means including advertising in trade publications and signage on the building. He said the building could be expanded by 1,000 square feet and the site has parking for 50 cars.

He gave the location high marks.

"It's a highly visible location with great traffic counts," he said. "We think it will get a lot of interest."

Newport Creamery filed for bankruptcy protection in September and closed 19 of its under-performing restaurants including the one in Cohasset. The Bank of Rhode Island subsequently foreclosed on the Cohasset store and bought it back at auction last month, said Bill Lawler, vice president of Finard and Co., property managers of the plaza.

Expanding its reach, the Rhode Island-based Newport Creamery acquired Bergson's Ice Cream about two years ago and opened in Cohasset at the former Bergson's site. It carried much the same fare and price range as its predecessor. The restaurant filled the gap between fast food, such as McDonald's, and more expensive establishments, and offered an alternative to pizza. It was popular with senior citizens and young families who could get a meal there for $20-$30.

But the family restaurant was a tough draw and would have closed inevitably due to low volume, said Michael Warren, a consultant brought in by the bankruptcy trust to run day-to-day Newport Creamery operations.

"The Cohasset store wasn't doing that well," he said. Warren guessed the Cohasset store employed about 30 full-time and part-time workers.

Egan, the building commissioner, said establishments such as Newport Creamery "are fading from the American landscape."

"The family restaurant of today is like the 99 and places like that," he said, noting the Cohasset site is too small for a 99-type chain.

The 2-1/2-acre Route 3A parcel is owned by the California State Teachers Retirement System, which could lease the land to the new owner under a "ground lease" for up to 99 years.

The area is zoned highway business, which includes restaurant, retail and office space, Egan said.

Newport Creamery filed for bankruptcy in June and at that time planned to keep 30 of its 43 stores open. The purpose of a Chapter 7 bankruptcy is to protect the debtor from its creditors. A hearing on the matter was held in US Bankruptcy Court in August, at which time company executives said Newport Creamery could operate profitably if it closed more stores.

But in September a US Bankruptcy judge appointed a lawyer as an independent trustee to investigate the company's finances and either find a buyer for the company or liquidate its assets.

Newport Creamery has 12 remaining stores. Warren said the company hopes to find a buyer "who will come in turn Newport into a viable company."

Redistricting could award Norwell to Sen. Hedlund

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"The swing vote in Norwell, similar to Hingham, will unhesitatingly vote Republican if there is a decent candidate," he said.

Morrissey said the redistricting plan is a mixed blessing.

"It's good news and bad news," he said. "Losing Norwell is disappointing in many respects, we've done some good work there. I've enjoyed that and have made many good friends.

"But on the other side, the redistricting puts Abington and Rockland back together."

Morrissey, who will pick up Hedlund's Braintree precincts, currently shares Abington and Rockland with Sen. Robert S. Creedon, Jr., D-Brockton.

The senate was scheduled to debate redistricting today after the Journal went to press. Hedlund – who is one of just six Republican senators and serves as the assistant senate minority leader — doesn't expect there to be opposition to the plan.

"You can put it in the bank pretty much," he said.

The state looks at redistricting every 10 years after the state census is conducted. A ballot question that passed last year aligned the state's census with the federal census and therefore, redistricting is in the works now rather than in 2004.

If the senate plan goes through, the district lines would change in January 2003, when the reelected or new senators are sworn in for a new term.

Send us your news

The Cohasset Mariner welcomes information on local stories The deadline for submitting community copy is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St., sent by fax to 741-2931 or emailed to mford@cnc.com. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.



Gulf Association pitches plan to take stock of the Gulf

By Michael Marotta
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Jim Spelman knows the importance of community-based organizations, especially when it comes to protecting the environment. While he appreciates the work state environmental agencies do, Spelman knows the best people to keep a close eye on the South Shore and its waterways are those living there.

As the president of the Gulf Association, the Scituate resident looks out onto the bodies of water in Scituate and Cohasset, and is determined to do whatever it takes to preserve, and in some cases, restore, their quality.

Lying between Scituate and Cohasset and fed by tributaries extending several miles inland, the Gulf or Gulph is one the few remaining unspoiled tidal estuaries along the East Coast.

Pollution problems from everything from use of pesticides and fertilizers to storm runoff and the proposed Greenbush rail restoration puts the Gulf at risk. And that's where the Gulf Association comes in. Established in 1961, to protect and preserve the tidal estuary, the association has been active in identifying and restricting pollution sources and educating citizens to regulations pertaining to land and water use in the Gulf and surrounding areas.

"If we have a comprehensive inventory then we can rank what the problems and concerns are."

— Jim Spelman, president of the Gulf Association

"If it weren't for organizations like the Gulf Association, this work wouldn't be getting done," Spelman said. "The (state's) budget isn't there to take every body of water and do an analysis."

Spelman wants his group to do the analysis. For years the association has conducted water testing programs in and area of the South Shore coastline known as the Gulf, and has monitored the surrounding watershed areas. The association has also worked to protect wetland areas. Now Spelman wants to take the program a step further by introducing a new plan called the Natural Resource Inventory.

Spelman will propose to initiate the program at the Gulf Association's annual meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's House off Border Street in Cohasset Harbor.

Targeting watershed issues in the region, the Natural Resource Inventory will examine the Gulf and its tributaries in conjunction with the state agency, Coastal Zone Management.

"We need to categorically decide what needs protection," Spelman said. "We'll collect available data augmented by field studies and work with people who know what they are doing. (We want to know) what are the potential problem areas, good qualities of this watershed, and then target most effectively the things that need preservation."

Spelman said roughly a dozen areas need attention, most notably the midge problem at Musquashicut Pond, the use of pesticides and fertilizers at Hatherly Golf Course and pollution stemming from storm drainage runoff. He also expressed concern over the water flowing from Lily Pond on Cohasset to Bound Brook and eventually to the North Scituate Village.

"If we have a comprehensive inventory then we can rank what the problems and concerns are," Spelman said, noting that the study will also monitor "the general temperament of the society we live in, recognizing we live in a coastal area with a lot of wetlands and (pesticides and fertilizers) can migrate into the water supply."

While no timetable has been set on the study, Spelman hopes the $10,000 to 20,000 study will give the state a better idea of what's in Scituate and Cohasset's backyards. Funding for the work will come through contributions to the association and grant monies.

"At the end of the day we'll have a pretty sophisticated document," he said. "We'll use it for our own purposes and convey it back to the state so they can augment their own body of information."

The study will also look at local laws, educating the public on things such as cutting brush or trees along marshland and fishing requirements.



The Gulf River that is shared by Scituate and Cohasset provides some of the most beautiful vistas in town.

Innkeepers put together travel guide to boost local tourism

By Michael Marotta
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It's like being the middle child. Or having your birthday fall between two major holidays. By being sandwiched between a driving city (Boston) and an internationally known vacation spot (Cape Cod) —the South Shore is quite literally, stuck in the middle.

In an effort to get a piece of the tourism pie, local innkeepers are looking for ways to make their towns more than pit stops for Boston or Cape-bound vacationers. They're looking to show travelers what the South Shore has to offer.

Lee Vickers, owner of the Inn at Scituate Harbor has teamed up with Pat Stockford of the New Clarion in Hull and Kathleen Quist of Cohasset's Kimball's by the Sea to organize a guide to bring tourists to the South Shore.

Because the three specialize in coastal lodging, they already have that base covered. Now, they are trying to work with towns like Marshfield, Norwell and Hanover as well as their own to create a unified team determined to show off the best the region has to offer.

"Boston is a destination, Cape Cod is a destination, but nobody knows of these wonderful towns along the coast," Vickers said. "Individually we would not stand a chance of becoming a destination, but collectively we have much to offer. We're not focusing on what our three towns have to offer but the general area."

And when it comes to drawing tourists, Vickers and her innkeeper partners aren't overlooking nearby residents. Vickers feels that a sort of awareness about what's in some folk's backyards has been missing for some time.

"Boston is a destination, Cape Cod is a destination, but nobody knows of these wonderful towns along the coast."

— Lee Vickers of The Inn at Scituate Harbor

One of the main components of the draw would be a destination guide that lists the myriad attractions on the south shore. A card detailing the South Shore would be placed at the various visitor and tourist centers on the Mass Pike and other periodical advertising would take effect, Vickers said.

"We need to identify ourselves," Vickers said. "I personally am reaching out to my neighboring communities. It's for anyone who wants to get involved."

Vickers has contacted the Audubon Society in Marshfield, Norwell's Norris Reservation and South Shore Natural Science Center, and Scituate's Historical Society to enlist their help.

"There's a lot of history here, and history is something that people are looking for more of," Vickers said.

Helping with these efforts is John Galluzzo, who is special projects coordinator for Scituate's Historical Society and president of Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society in Hull.

"I think the whole thing is that we work with the Plymouth County Development Council, because this is by no means saying they don't cover our area, it's just that we definitely see the marketing potential," Galluzzo said, who noted one possible attraction could be a lighthouse weekend, as all three hotels overlook lighthouses.

Stockford said that the scenic beauty of the coastline is a major drawing card.

"This area is just beautiful and tourism is an industry that hasn't been tapped yet," Stockford said.

"People from the Berkshires and Western Massachusetts, they long to visit the ocean. Even though they are in New England, people associate fall foliage and lobsters with New England. They have the foliage but not the ocean and they are (currently) going to Connecticut, the Jersey Shore or even North Carolina to get to the ocean and they shouldn't have to do that," Stockford said.

Vickers is working in conjunction with numerous business groups on the South Shore to get this off the ground, including the Plymouth County Development Council, the New England Innkeepers Association, Massachusetts Lodging Association, the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, the South Shore Women's Business Network and local chambers of commerce.

"We're very much connected in our industry," Vickers said.

Working with established travel organizations not only gives the effort credibility, but it also specifically caters to the Eastern Mass Contingent, a prime demographic for the group.

"Now that the world has changed on Sept. 11, drive-to destinations are even that much more popular," Vickers said. "We know it's a good time to say the Cape is wonderful but maybe (people want to stay closer)."

Keeping people interested in their own backyards as well as introducing them to someplace new is something Galluzzo is keen on.

"Now after the attacks, we have to look locally at people who want to do things on a tank of gas," he said.



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Lee Vickers of The Inn at Scituate Harbor is working with other innkeepers to promote local tourism.

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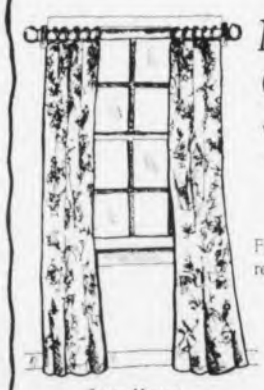
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DAR researches historic gravesites

The first fall meeting on the Colonel Thomas Lothrop-Old Colony Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held at the home of Barbara Dillon. The group discussed the marking of the graves of the many Revolutionary War soldiers who served the towns of Cohasset and Hingham.

If anyone who has any information about these graves, contact Dillon at 781-383-0025.

Some of the graves already have markers but the list of those who served does not identify where they are buried. It would be greatly appreciated, the group reported, if anyone who has any information about these graves, contact Dillon at 781-383-0025.

The next meeting of the chapter will be a genealogy workshop at the Lightkeepers Residence on Nov. 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is designed to help prospective members with their research. If you are interested, you are encouraged to come. Any questions, call Dillon or Nancy O'Toole at 781-383-1547.



Barbara Dillon of the local DAR chapter



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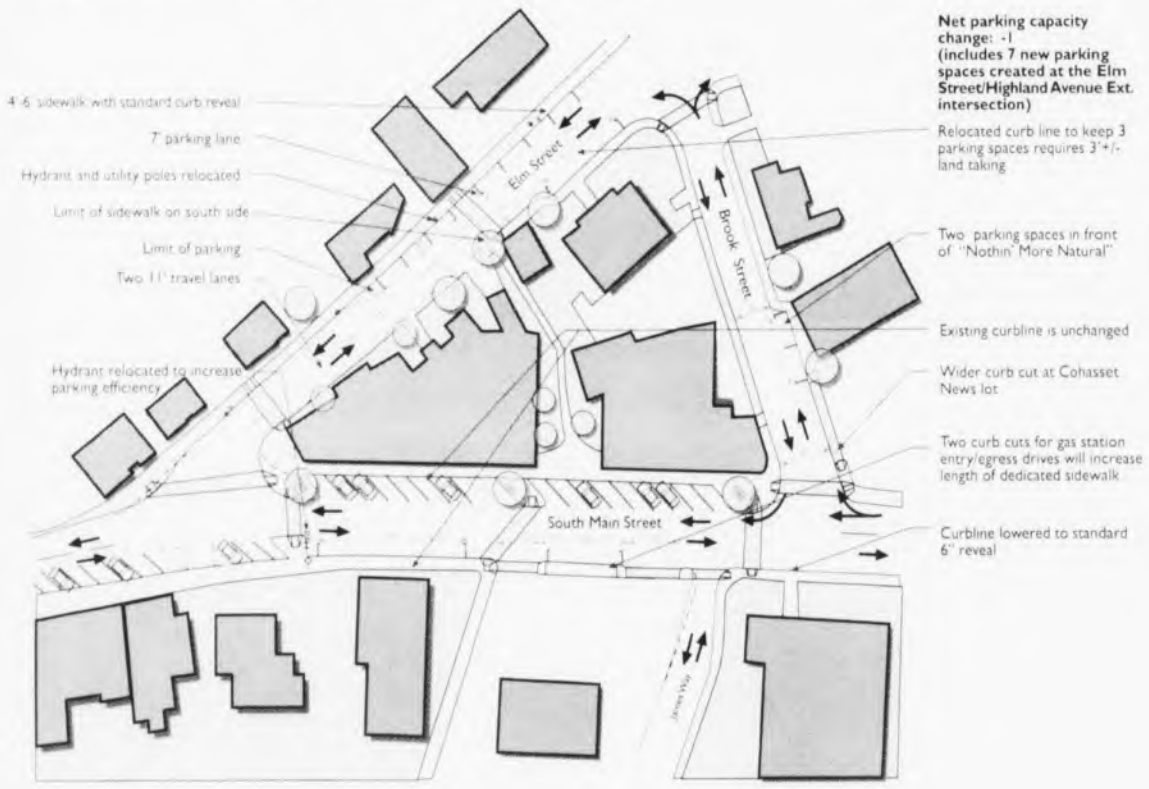
Charlie Michalowski comes out during the day to play Count Dracula opposite his sister Anna's wicked witch at the Halloween fair on the common on Sunday.

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Support Article 15 at Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 5, 7:00 pm at Cohasset High School

Cohasset Village Streetscape *and* Circulation Improvement Program



This plan represents one of five village areas to be presented at town meeting.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to approve a plan for improvements to the Downtown Village Area as proposed by the Village Revitalization Task Force, in conjunction with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, more or less as shown on plans on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or to take any other action relative thereto.

What is Article 15 asking you to approve?

- The design **concept** depicted in the community generated plans drawn by The Cecil Group to improve infrastructure and streetscapes within the village. The proposed designs will improve pedestrian and vehicle safety, circulation and accessibility, as well as enhance the aesthetic nature and economic stability of the downtown environment.
- These goals will be accomplished through the creation of new sidewalks and crosswalks, improved intersection design and parking configurations, and the addition of general streetscape elements such as pedestrian scale lighting, flower and tree planting, and uniform street and directional signage.
- It is important to note that the completion of the final drawings, as well as the final designs associated with the James Brook Flood Control Project, and the possible renovation of the MBTA Greenbush Line may slightly alter some of the presented designs (thus the term "more or less" in the Warrant Article).

What is Article 15 NOT asking you to approve at this time?

- Sidewalk and crosswalk surface materials, style of light fixtures, species and exact locations of flowers and trees, and style and location of street and directional signage.

Please Note: These are critical design elements, which need further review and public input. The VRTF and the CRC will continue to research options and their associated costs. After further public input and analysis, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

What are the Fiscal Impacts of Article 15?

- **Article 15 does not ask the town to allocate any financial resources to this project at this time.**

Current construction estimates range from $1.7 million (all concrete sidewalks) to $2.4 million (all brick sidewalks). The Town currently has approximately $2.2 million in grant money and MBTA mitigation funds earmarked for the described improvements.

Why is it important to endorse Article 15 at this time?

- The VRTF and the Board of Selectmen will be able to proceed with the creation of final designs and construction drawings necessary to complete the described improvements. With the final drawings in hand by the Spring/Summer of 2002, the town will be in the position to cost effectively coordinate planned projects in the Village such as the James Brook Flood Control Project and possible restoration of the MBTA Greenbush Line. Efficient management and oversight will maximize the dollars spent in the Village, and minimize the disruption for residents and businesses.

The completion of community created and endorsed plans will enable the Town to effectively coordinate the design and construction of all future village projects in a manner that shapes the village the way the community wants, not the way the independent contractors/agencies may want.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Brendan Goff, Stephen Davis, Jari Martin, Wil Prendergast and Cosimo Cambi.

The glamour players for the Cohasset High football team have piled up the yards, points and accolades for the surprising 7-0 Skippers this fall. Any knowledgeable football fan will tell you, however, that any success on offense almost always starts at the line, and any knowledgeable Cohasset High football fan will tell you that their team's success is not an exception to this case. The five players listed, left to right, are the quiet heroes of the well oiled Skippers machine.

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On the South Shore
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Boys keep rolling into post-season

By Mike Spellman
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A meaningless regular season finale between non-league rivals who've already qualified for the post-season?...Hardly.

Friday's regular season-ending showdown between neighboring Cohasset and Scituate was anything but a tepid affair, as the pitch of play clearly belied the import of the game.

The memories from Cohasset's hard-fought, 3-1, win just 13 days earlier was obviously still fresh in the minds of both teams, as fans from both towns packed the stands at Cohasset's Alumni Field on Friday — this game part of the school's Homecoming weekend festivities.

Both teams were already without All-Star players — Cohasset coach Dave Nigro sitting sweeper Greg O'Connell to let him rest his slightly sprained ankle for tourney and Scituate without top scorer Alex Knight, who broke his wrist two days earlier against Middleboro.

And 70 minutes of physical, scoreless soccer didn't help the mood for either team.

Cohasset controlled the tempo for much of the game, but Scituate's All-Eastern Mass keeper Greg Levin (12 saves) came up big repeatedly to keep the Skippers off the board.

Emotions boiled over following the awarding of a penalty kick to Cohasset for contact in the box with 10 minutes remaining. The end result was a red card and automatic two-game suspension for Scituate sweeper Ryan Cahill, a Patriot League All-Star.

Levin stopped the penalty kick from Cohasset's Matt Bilodeau, a fellow All Eastern Mass All-Star, but the Skippers continued to pour it on with the man advantage (Cahill's spot left unfilled) and, with just three minutes remaining, a blast from Cohasset captain Pete Maitland from approximately 20 yards out deflected off a Scituate player and by the surprised Levin.

"I was pleased with the way we kept the pressure on against a good team all night," said coach Nigro following the game. "Even though we only scored the one goal, I thought this was a pretty good offensive performance to go in to the tourney off of. Hopefully, we just won't see too many goalies like Levin (in the tourney)."

The Skippers also had the offense clicking the previous day, taking down Hull 3-0 in their final South Shore League contest — a game the Skippers dominated territorially pretty much throughout. Junior Evan Pestone netted a pair of goals, Bilodeau the third.

Finishing with a 12-3-2 record overall, the Skippers can probably expect a top five seed when the south sectional brackets are released today by the MIAA. There seems a good chance, along with this, that the Cohasset boys could get a couple of home games as they strive to improve on last year's semi-final run.

All-Stars

The annual South Shore League versus Patriot League All-Star soccer games will be played tonight at Duxbury High School (girls at 5:30, boys at 7:30). The Skippers will be represented by O'Connell, a junior, and senior captains Bilodeau and Maitland.



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Cohasset fullback Braun Goodson, used primarily as a blocker for most of this season, rushed for a touchdown and a career high 114 yards in Saturday's win over Nantucket.

Coming home in style

22-0 swamping of Nantucket sets stage for SSL championship showdown with Abington

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Last Saturday, the football Skippers showed a non-league opponent what has made them the talk of this year's South Shore League.

Improving to 7-0, Cohasset ripped apart the Whalers from Nantucket, 22-0, in front of a very large and Homecoming crowd. The win was a perfect way to cap off Spirit Week, Pep Rally and all.

"We really, really played well," stated fourth year head coach responsive Tony Rolfe. "The whole week had been a big build-up."

Abington at Cohasset Friday, 7 p.m.

Recording their second shutout of the year, the defense was as dominant as it has been all season. Cohasset shut down Nantucket on the ground from the start, consistently hitting Whaler backs behind the line of scrimmage.

Leading the way in that department were the Skippers' front defensive line. Senior captain Paul Previte led all tacklers, recording six for the balanced

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Cohasset's Pete Maitland looks for an opening in Friday night's 1-0 win over Scituate. The senior captain would wind up scoring the game's only goal with three minutes remaining.

Wait till next year

Girls soccer team appears loaded for 2002

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Although the season may be over for the girls soccer team, they have plenty to look forward to for next year.

Coach Deb Beal, who has been establishing her system of play since she began coaching four years ago, truly believes that next year will be the year her team moves away from the losing record.

The 2001 team should have 12 seniors, and many more juniors, six of whom started this year as sophomores. For the first time in her coaching career, Beal said she may have to make cuts. But that is a price she is willing to pay to win more games.

"It is going to be a battle," conceded the coach. "Come fall time, it is going to be about who wants it more."

Next year's team will feature all returning players, including junior Julie Lordan, who made the All-Star team for her season. Also returning for the defense will be junior Maura McKenney, and sophomores Holly Graham and Brenna O'Donnell, all of whom had great seasons as first year starters.

Behind the defense, junior Kelly Holway and sophomore Brittaney Novak will be fighting for the top goalie position next fall. Holway was the reliable starter for the Lady Skippers all

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Brothers lead Pee Wee-C team

What a victory for coach John Hernon and his mighty Coastal Stars Pee Wee C-1 team. Long admired for his coaching ability, coach Hernon showed he also might have some promise as a G.M. In an effort to strengthen his already solid team, Hernon looked north and brought to his team the powerful tandem of Canadian twin brothers, Alex and Cory MacDonald.

Hernon's two new recruits played their first game for the Coastal Stars this past weekend and contributed greatly to their team's 5-2 victory over Plymouth in a well played game Saturday afternoon in Hingham.

The drama unfolded early. On the first shift of the game Star's forward Bryan Sheehan set the tone by notching a quick goal with help from fellow winger John Hernon. The stubborn Plymouth team's persistent effort was rewarded by the period's end as they managed two late goals to take a 2-1 lead.

The second period was characterized by stellar Star defense. Goalie, and new player, Alex MacDonald, shut out the Plymouth attack with help from a very strong defensive foursome of Alex Langley, Paul Berchtold , Patrick Leary, and twin brother Cory MacDonald. While the Star defense stoned the Plymouth attack the offense turned on the pressure with Star forward, Matt McNally scoring two goals to enable the Stars to reclaim the lead. It was McNally's heads up play and tireless effort that contributed to his second goal as he tapped in a loose puck that was dancing on the goal line.

Armed with a 3-2 lead going into the third, the Stars momentum continued with a thrilling penalty shot

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Future bright for C.H.S. field hockey

By Mike Spellman
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Deb Bostwick loved the character her 23 girls showed in their spirited stretch run that saw them ultimately come up just one point short of post-season qualification at 6-7-5.

"I look back at a lot of those ties and losses that could have been wins and I think if we'd gotten just one more goal in any of those situations we'd be getting ready for the tourney rather than saying good bye to the seniors and see you next year to the rest of the girls," said Bostwick this week following the season ending 1-0 win over Silver Lake on Friday.

Don't despair too much for the veteran coach or her Cohasset field hockey program, however, as she gets all but five of these girls back for next season—which leaves the Lady Skippers in much better position than most of those teams that just barely squeaked by them this season.

"These (senior) girls really showed their leadership when things were coming together for us down the stretch. They'll be missed for their leadership and their play, but I think we have enough coming back to take a nice step up next season, that is as long as everyone continues to work hard."

Cohasset field hockey coach Deb Bostwick

This is not to say Cohasset won't miss captain Abbey Coakley, who scored the lone goal in the season finale, or her four fellow seniors—Allison Scott, Suzanne Lynner, Jackie Goines and Katie Silva—all of whom started for Cohasset.

"These girls really showed their leadership when things were coming together for us down the stretch," said Bostwick, whose team went 5-3-2 over its final 10 games. "They'll be missed for their leadership and their play, but I think we have enough coming back to take a nice step up next season, that is as long as everyone continues to work hard."

Whatever retooling needs to take place will be done around junior captain midfielder Heather Peraino—who was named as a South Shore League All-Star this week along with Goines and Coakley.

"Heather was the one who made

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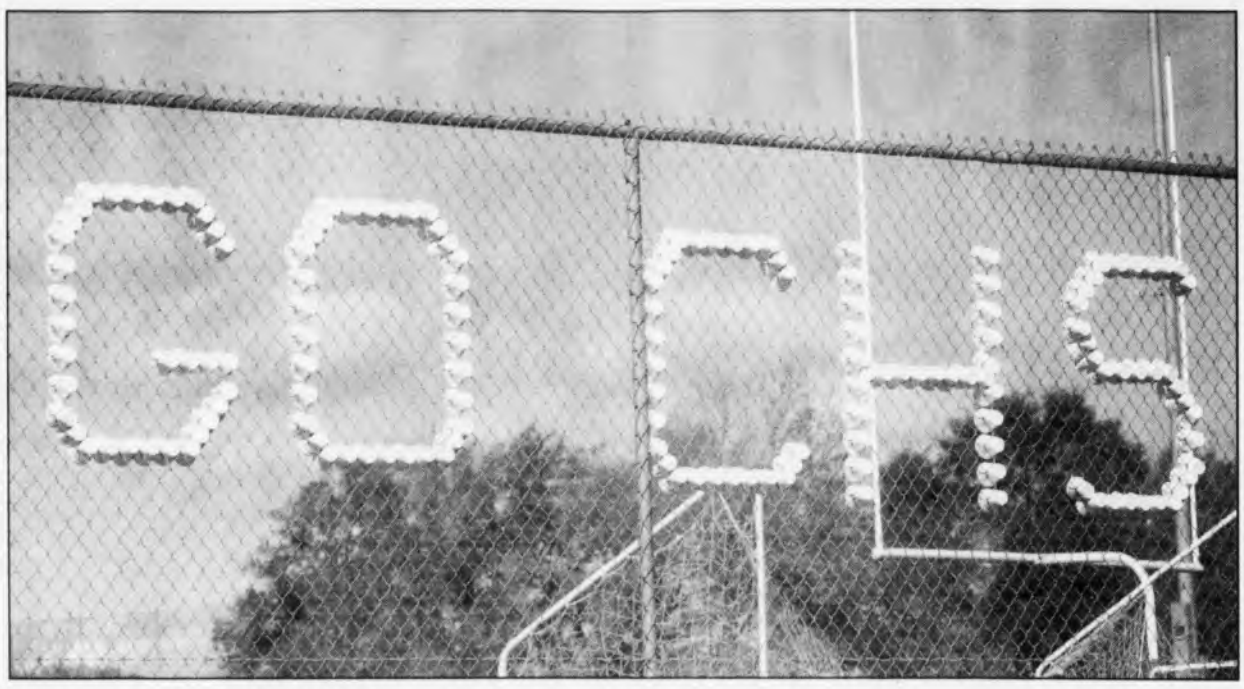
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Sarah Dennis gives goalie Sara Genovese (#12) a big hug after her season ending shutout against Silver Lake on Friday.

Homecoming celebration



Cohasset senior Julie steps into one in Friday night action.



Styrofoam cups put to good use at Alumni Field.



Cohasset senior Suzanne Lynner puts her all into this drive.

All four of Cohasset's fall athletic teams played at home over this past weekend as part of the school's annual Homecoming festivities, with wins being notched by the boys soccer, field hockey and football teams.

Friday's games by the field hockey team and both soccer squads were also the regular season finales. The boys wrapped up their 13-3-2season with a 1-0 win over Scituate, sending them off into the state toruney this coming weekend on a high note. The girls soccer and field hockey teams both missed out on the post-season, the latter two teams by one point in the standings.

The football team wrapped up the weekend's sporting events with a decisive 22-0 win over Nantucket on Saturday, setting the stage for this Friday night's showdown at home with Abington for first place in the South Shore League.



Cohasset's Jason Brown (#14) led the charge offensively in Saturday's 22-0 win over Nantucket with tow touchdown and 143 yards rushing.

Staff photos by Susan Haney



Cohasset's Matt Bilodeau (white shirt) keeps ball away from Scituate's Matt Story in Friday night's thrilling 1-0 win for Skippers.



Homecoming Queen and King Carlie Carter and Tim Baird, who both also happen to be captains for the girls and boys soccer teams.



Cohasset girls celebrate goal against Scituate Friday night.

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Athletically gifted Lindsay Grossman will be looked to to emerge as even more of a force at midfield for the Lady Skippers next season.

Future bright for C.H.S. field hockey

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things go for us this season," said Bostwick. "And she'll be looked to for that again next year, but it looks like she'll have plenty of help, which is good, because she's more effective when she doesn't have to do it all."

Other juniors who played a key role this season include starters Sera Genovese in goal, midfielder Lindsay Grossman and Deanna Brown, forwards Sarah Brady and Rachel Smith, and fullbacks Sarah Dennis and Kimmy Ulmner.

The quick and athletic Grossman (also a standout basketball and tennis player for C.H.S.) teamed increasingly well with Peraino at midfield as the season wore on, prompting Bostwick to offer that this could be an area of dominance in 2002.

The veteran coach already feels extremely content with the prospects on defense, with Genovese returning between the pipes and Dennis and Ulmner having emerged as formidable forces on the backline.

Sophomores Rachel Doyle, Frannie Noble, Danielle Pinkus, Jessie Guild and Kelly Hurley all also played bigger and bigger roles as the season wore on.

Wait till next year

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year, but Novak made a serious charge for a full-time spot on the varsity team late in the season.

Cohasset's forward line will be hit by the graduations of seniors Kate Grimm and Becky Ross. Both were valuable attackers who made serious bids at raising Cohasset's goal total.

"Kate Grimm has been a multi-functional player," observed Beal of the lefty. "She has been one of the most versatile players this year.

"Becky has really developed a nice cut move, and worked herself nicely into the forward line."

Junior Molly Flanagan and sophomore Gillian Weber, both second year starters, should lead the way in picking up the slack on offense in 2002.

At midfield, the Lady Skippers will be faced with the immensely difficult task of filling the void that will be created by the graduation of Maggie O'Neill. A two-time South Shore League All-Star, O'Neill had the ability to dominate the middle of the field with her powerful drives and slick footwork.

"Her presence, her strength and her foot skills will be dearly missed," reported Beal.

Hoping to help compensate for this loss will be junior Yasmine Afshar and sophomore Jen Buckley, who each improved their speed and skills this season to create a formidable midfield tandem along with O'Neil.

The Lady Skippers completed their season with one of their best games of the year, a 2-1 loss to Div. 2 tourney bound Scituate on Homecoming Friday.

The Lady Sailors had blasted past Cohasset just 13 days earlier, 5-0, making everyone in the Skipper camp wishing they had scheduled a different opponent for Homecoming.

But Scituate, confident after wins over the powerhouses Quincy and Middleboro, could only muster a penalty kick goal in the first half.

Maggie O'Neill took over the game for her team, forcing openings through the talented Scituate defense. O'Neill tied the score on a free kick from 25 yards out, blasting the shot top shelf past the helpless Scituate keeper Christina Obert.

Cohasset very nearly took the lead on a corner kick from O'Neill that Afshar put on net.

Scituate freshman Michelle Littke scored the game winner on a breakaway with 12 minutes left in the game.

Although it was not the ideal way to finish off the season at home, Beal was quite pleased with how her team played. And she is even more pleased about the prospects of next year's squad.

"If any year comes together for us," she noted, "it will be next year."



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Cohasset's Becky Ross (white shirt) tries to muscle Scituate's Judy Karlberg off the ball in Friday's action.

Coming home in style

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defense.

Senior Chris Caron and juniors Chris McKenna, Ben Lynner and Cosimo Cambi plugged up the middle all day, stopping the usually elusive Aaron Riley of Nantucket. In addition to his four tackles, Caron was credited with knocking loose a fumble that McKenna pounced on midway through the third quarter.

Sophomore Tony Truglia had by far his best game of the season at linebacker, tallying four tackles, including a vicious sack for a big loss.

The defense's most exciting play of the game came after a beautiful 70-yard punt by junior Tom Anderson was downed by senior David Bouchard on the Nantucket one-yard line. On the ensuing play, the Whalers elected to try to rush the ball straight through Cohasset's defensive line.

This proved to be a costly mistake. Cambi put his team up 16-0 with a safety when he hammered Riley immediately after the Whaler running back received the hand-off.

"I got the warm and fuzzies watching that on film," admitted Rolfe.

The secondary had just as impressive a day, keeping the Whalers' air attack at bay.

Sophomore Chris Bilodeau picked off two passes and senior Eric Libby intercepted another from Nantucket's rattled passer. The Whalers completed only five passes, three of them for less than seven yards.

Not to be outdone, the offense broke 20 points for the third time this year.

Junior fullback Braun Goodson started the scoring with a 37 yard rumble into the end zone, his third touchdown of the year. Primarily used for blocking, Goodson finished the day with 114 yards, by far his most productive day running the ball. He also had a 25-yard reception over the middle.

Senior running back Jason Brown continued his All-Star caliber year, with touchdown runs of eight and 50 yards. He took an early exit from the game with the big lead after amassing 143 rushing yards on 22 carries.

Junior quarterback Mike Snowdale had another impressive day, throwing 6-for-10 for 100 yards, and an interception.

Rolfe was extremely pleased with not only the end result of the game, but with the way his team played nearly mistake free. They had only one turnover (not including turnovers on downs), and a variety of heads-up plays on special teams.

"We weren't pleased with the way we played against Norton (two weeks ago), and we didn't want to repeat that," offered the coach.

Rolfe hopes the momentum of this win carries over into next week's match-up against Abington. The winner of this game will likely win the South Shore League, and will probably go to the Div. 5 Super Bowl.

"I think we are the underdogs," said Rolfe in earnest, after the Green Wave washed over the Clippers of Norwell last week, 14-0. "We cannot make any mistakes, and we are not going to let them get the cheap scores."

Rolfe was not hesitant in saying that this was not the game of the year. In fact, he said, for Cohasset football, "this is the game of the decade."

Game Notes

- All of Snowdale's completions went for more than 10 yards.
- With the exception of the final drive that ended with the half expiring, Cohasset's offense amassed an average of 64 yards per drive in the first half.
- Cohasset finished with 15 first downs to Nantucket's four.
- Nantucket committed all five of its turnovers in the second half.
- The first six tackles made by the Skippers were by different players.
- Snowdale completed his first five passes.

Davis starting for Stonehill

NOTES FROM THE NEXT LEVEL

Former Cohasset High football captain Matt Davis, a 2001 graduate, had earned a starting job on the offensive line for Stonehill's varsity football team as a freshman until a sprained ankle last week put him on the shelf.

Interestingly, Davis, a 2000 Mariner All-Scholastic selection, is playing alongside former South Shore League rival Rob Scully, Hull's standout quarterback the last few season who also graduated this past spring. Scully has been receiving some playing time at wide receiver.

Davis has not yet declared a college major. According to his father, though, Matt is presently leaning towards teaching and football coaching.

Pierson named to academic team

Vassar's Elizabeth Pierson was named to the 2001 field hockey Academic All-Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association, the conference announced today.

Pierson, a junior from Cohasset and an environmental science major, is one of nine Brewers to qualify for the team. No other school had more field hockey players selected to the UCAA's academic team.

To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a sophomore academic standing, a minimum 3.20 GPA and participated in at least 50 percent of varsity competition.

The UCAA is comprised of 10 New York based colleges and includes Clarkson, Hamilton, Hobart, Rensselaer, Rochester, Saint Lawrence, Skidmore, Union, William Smith and Vassar.

Brothers lead Pee Wee-C team

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score by Star forward Jake Metcalfe. Using his speed and a clever deke Metcalfe watched his shot trickle by the Plymouth's goalie to put the Stars up 4-2. Metcalfe than appeared to put the game out of reach as he fed the high scoring forward Hernon for the Stars' fifth goal.

The game seemed to be over with a 5-2 lead late into the third. While coach Hernon and his assistant Verri Langley implored their team to maintain their intensity, the Stars let up and found themselves down two players as two quick penalties were called against them. The game was finally sealed by the relentless forechecking and hustle of penalty killers Bruce Boulter and Jeff Mooney who did not allow a single shot in a two minute five on three advantage.

While parents and friends applauded coach Hernon for importing the new Canadian Stars, coach Hernon realized that he was the lucky beneficiary of a good family deciding to move to Marshfield that enabled the twin boys to play for the Stars. Coach Hernon said of the MacDonalds that they are a nice addition to an already impressive team with a group of well disciplined, highly motivated players and a great group of parents.

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SPORTS NOTES

Pep Rally Friday

The Cohasset High student body will try to send their boys soccer and football teams off into this weekend's big challenges on as high a note as possible Friday afternoon with a pep rally scheduled for 1:45 on Alumni Field.

The 7-0 football team is hosting unbeaten South Shore League rival Abington Friday night on Alumni field in a game that will quite likely determine the league's Super Bowl representative this fall.

The soccer team, which finished up the regular season with a 13-3-2 record, was expected to discover last night who its first round opponent in the state tourney will be—with a Saturday or Sunday game at Cohasset High likely.

Cohasset girls basketball signups

Fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade girls tryouts for the Old Colony League will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Deer Hill gym. Cohasset will have three teams, fifth and sixth grade, seventh grade and eighth grade. Inter-town games begin in December. For more information call Dan Belz at 781-383-0813.

Stingrays play in Super Bowl Sunday

The Scituate/Cohasset Stingrays will host Duxbury in the PeeWee Super Bowl this Sunday (12:15 kickoff) at Scituate High School.

The Stingrays finished their regular season with a 5-1-1 record, the lone loss coming to the same Duxbury team it faces off with on Sunday.

The Stingrays are coached by Ralph Froio.

The team includes Cody Adamson, Kevin Ayala, Joseph Barrsano, Robert Carlezon, Thomas Chamberlain, Kyle Crowley, Frankie Dixon, Michael Fassnacht, James Finnegan, Michael Froio, David Gordan, Mike Judge, Daniel Judge, Dean Kennedy, Joey Leary, Nick Lieberman, Alexander Livingstone, Nicholas Lombardo, John McKenna, Sean McQuaid, Christopher Mogan, Christopher Munson, Martin Noenick, Christopher O'Brien, Kurt Ohrenberger, Brian O'Reilly, Paul Pozniak, James Reichardt, Nicholas Savage, Derek Schwantner, Eric Selander, Jake Simpson, John Spence, Derek St. Peter, Charlie Taylor, Kenton Toney and Jonathon Wells.

For more details on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football, visit the website: *scituohfootball.com*.

Gridiron Club urges support

The Gridiron Club would like to invite the public to come support Cohasset Football. This past weekend, Cohasset's football team beat Nantucket, 22-0, which means Cohasset and Abington are both undefeated with the same record: seven wins, no losses. These two teams will be playing each other in Cohasset, Friday evening, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.

The football game promises to be an exciting one with both teams trying to remain undefeated. The team will greatly appreciate a packed house cheering them on to VICTORY.

What is it going to take?

FROM THE SIDELINES



JULIE ANN NEVERO

How many times have parents told their children to "Grow up" or "Act their age."?

Well, it seems to me that when it comes to how one should act on a playing field, the kids *are* grown up and they *do* act their age. Parents, on the other hand, may be receiving too much credit and perhaps should learn to heed their own advice.

What is it going to take to make parents realize that violence at youth sporting events is simply not acceptable?

It's been nearly a year since I first posed this question in a column entitled, "Parents fight, kids watch" and it appears that an answer is no closer and that violent outbursts on Massachusetts playing fields are only getting worse.

In the latest – and most inconceivable – of a string of incidents, the father of a Weymouth High soccer player walked out onto the field and assaulted an student-athlete from the opposing Framingham team. With :24 seconds remaining in the Oct. 23 contest between the two Bay State League rivals, 45-year-old Kieman Whelan tripped and punched Framingham's Eric Dannenberg.

Whelan was apparently reacting to Dannenberg's slide tackle on Weymouth's Matt Walsh, a teammate of Whelan's son, which occurred just moments after Weymouth – the number one team in the nation – scored the lone goal of the game. The play was ruled legal by the game's two referees, but Whelan apparently thought otherwise and decided to take the matter into his own hands.

"The two officials were right there on top of it and said it was a completely clean play," Framingham AD Jim O'Connor told *The Boston Globe*. "[Dannenberg] hit the ball first and his momentum took him into [Walsh].

"When our young man got up, he was attacked by a man from Weymouth and hit a couple of times in the face," he added. Dannenberg apparently suffered a sore jaw and neck, but returned to school the following day. Whelan has not commented on the incident since it occurred and will answer to assault and battery charges at a Nov. 21 pretrial hearing in Framingham District Court.

"It's totally unbelievable," Marshfield field hockey coach Carol Anderson said of Whelan's actions. "Games are supposed to be for the kids to have fun and to learn what it's like to be part of a team. People have to learn that in life, you're not always going to get what you want and that's something that we as coaches try to instill in the kids. I mean, what was he (Whelan) thinking?"

Indeed I'm not sure what parents have been thinking lately. I mean, I understand that parents want the best for their children. Of course they want to protect and support their kids and of course they want to see them succeed. I don't have to have a child of my own to understand that.

What I don't understand is how some parents – who are supposed to be adults, mind you – feel the need to resort to violence as a means to settle a disagreement. And for that matter, is a disagreement at a youth sporting event even a means for an argument, let alone a physical confrontation? I don't understand why some parents don't think before they act. I mean, what did Whelan think he would accomplish by attacking the athlete? What is it that possesses a man to walk onto a field and attack an athlete? What in his mind tells him that it's okay to do something like that? Did he not think about the embarrassment his attack would cause the kid, his own son or even himself?

Obviously not.

As I mentioned in my last column on this subject, we sports writers witness dozens of collisions/confrontations between athletes, on all types of playing fields. But we understand – as do the majority of the kids, I'm sure – that most of the time, its just part of playing the game.

We've all seen it. Maybe two players go up for a header in a soccer game and crash into each other or two hockey players go after a puck and get rammed into the boards. The hit may be hard, but almost every athlete I've seen involved in such a collision doesn't seem the slightest bit phased.

This is not to say that no intentional roughness ever occurs (i.e. intentional fouls in basketball or continuing a play after the whistle in a football or soccer game), but in most cases, it just comes with the territory. Sports are very physical activities and I think the athletes expect to suffer some bumps and bruises. Why else would they come out of huddles yelling phrases like, "Go hard or go home"? Until last week's incident, all of the recent assaults at Bay State youth sporting events have involved parents and coaches. Never athletes.

The most serious of these incidents occurred in July 2000, when an argument between two fathers at a youth hockey game led to the beating death of Michael Costin of Lynnfield. Thomas Junta, of Reading, and Costin were apparently disputing over rough play on the ice between the sons of the two men. Junta is currently standing trial in Middlesex Superior Court on manslaughter charges.

Six months later, a Holbrook man was arrested after he was charged with assaulting a hockey coach he claimed was picking on his son. Shortly afterward, the father of a Foxboro High hockey player was accused of attacking the coach of an opposing team.

Earlier this year, a disgruntled mother joined her male counterparts in getting violent when she burst into a first-grade classroom in a Jamaica Plain Elementary School and assaulted her six-year-old son's teacher, Carla Revelliotty, fracturing her jaw in the process. The assailant, Angela Brinson – who was sentenced to anger management classes in June — believed the 53-year-old teacher was mistreating her unruly son.

We've also all heard it. Spectators reactions to these confrontations. Parents screaming from the stands at a referee, taunting opposing players, encouraging more aggressive play from their own kids. While these actions may not be physical and seem innocent enough, they are violent nonetheless.

To make matters worse, these violent incidents are still occurring despite the fact that we are at war. Right now, thousands of US troops are putting their lives on the line, fighting the war on terrorism in Afghanistan. New York firefighters have been down at ground zero since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center Towers digging through dust and debris in an attempt to recover the remains of more than 6,000 people. Some children are now parentless and some parents are without their children.

All this is going on and we still can't keep violence out of school sporting events. Since the slew of incidents, many local high schools have made attempts to educate parents by hosting informational workshops. Programs like Hingham High's "Parent Night" – which features a variety of speakers, who focus on the meaning of good sportsmanship, how to build positive relationships between parents and coaches, and issuing a set of guidelines for being spectators – were conducted in an attempt to teach parents.

Still, the question of why this violence even occurs really has yet to be answered. I can't even attempt to and furthermore, I can't believe I had to write another one of these! It's really something that can only be answered by the parents themselves. What I do suggest is that parents talk to their kids about it. See what your children think about how you act at their games. They may just open your eyes.

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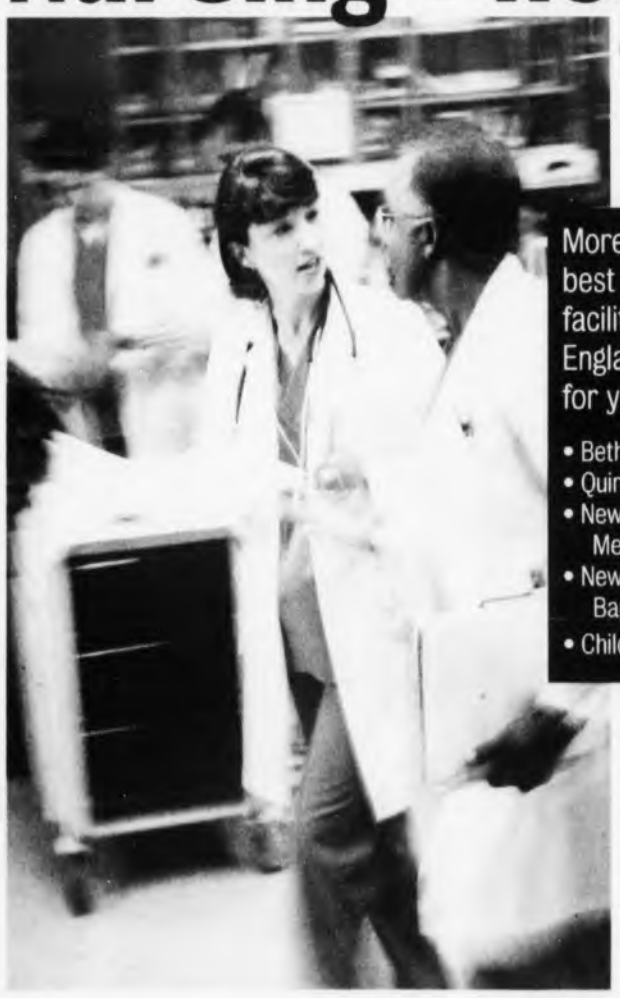
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OBITUARIES

Agnes O'Donnell

Agnes I. O'Donnell, 100, of Cohasset, a retired secretary, died Tuesday at the Elizabeth Seton Residence in Wellesley.

She worked for the state for 40 years before retiring in 1961.

Born in Boston, she was a resident of Cohasset for many years.

She is survived by two nieces; Sr. Helen, C.S.J., of Framingham and Marion O'Donnell of Braintree; and a cousin Mary F. Carey of Braintree.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Agatha's Church, 432 Adams St., Milton. Burial was in Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.

Donations may be made to the Friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton 02135.

Margaret E. Taylor

Margaret Elizabeth (Keating) Taylor, 85, of Cohasset, an insurance claims clerk, died Sunday at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a brief illness.

Mrs. Taylor worked for Commercial Union Assurance Co. in Boston from 1968 to 1981. She worked at St. Anthony's rectory as a housekeeper in the early 1960s.

Mrs. Taylor was a member of Friends of South Shore Hospital and was a longtime volunteer at the hospital.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

Born, raised and educated in Cohasset, she graduated from Cohasset High School in 1934 and was a longtime resident. Wife of the late Charles H. Taylor, she is survived by a son, Deane C. Taylor of Abington; a daughter, Susan E. Twofoot of Kingston; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's on Oct. 26, with burial in Woodside Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Anthony's Parish Building Fund, 10 Summer St., Cohasset 02025.

Arrangements made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Kimberely Wolgomuth

Kimberely T. Wolgomuth, 38, of Woodstock, N.Y., died Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Kingston hospital. Borin in Boston, she was the daughter of James and Cynthia Burton Tillotson.

Mrs. Wolgamuth was a real estate agent with the Westwood Metes and Bounds Realtors. She was a member of the Ulster Co. Board of Realtors. A graduate of Cohasset High School, she was also a graduate of Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill.

Surviving in addition to her parents are her husband, Todd Wolgamuth; a daughter, Katelyn Wolgmuth; and a sister, Pamela Desrosiers of Cornwallville, N.Y.

A memorial service was held at the Lasher Funeral Home in Woodstock.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Family of Woodstock, P.O. Box 3516, Kingston, N.Y. 12402 or Woodstock Day School, 1430 Glasco Tpke., Saugerties, N.Y. 12477.

Susan J. Jensen

Susan Jennifer Jensen, age 44, died Friday, October 19, 2001 at Quincy Hospital-Medical Center after a long illness. She lived in Hingham for more than 20 years.

Born in Newton, she was the daughter of Frederick J. Jensen and the late Carole Ann (Bergstrom) Jensen.

Ms. Jensen attended the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, R.I. and received an A.A.S. in fashion design from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. She was an assistant designer for several shows in New York and Boston.

A professional ice skater, she studied under Marcia Breen at the former Cohasset Winter Garden with the Silver Blades Club. She successfully passed the eighth and final test sponsored by the U.S. Figure Skating Association and received its Gold Medal award, the association's highest prize.

She worked with Holiday on Ice for two years in Europe and the Ice Follies for two years in the U.S. She was also a member of Icetravaganza.

She taught figure skating in New York City, Oklahoma City and Las Vegas.

She was also an amateur magician, a singer and cabaret dancer and performed under the stage name, "Purple Susan."

Ms. Jensen leaves her father, Frederick J. Jensen of North Quincy; two uncles, Mansfield S. Crafts of Waitsfield, Vt. And William M. Crafts of Barrington, N.H.; and an aunt, Virginia C. Wells of Bow, N.H.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Bennett Funeral Home, 209 North Main St., Concord, N.H. with the Rev. George Blackman officiating. Interment followed in Blossom Hill Cemetery, Concord, N.H.

Donations may be made in Susan Jensen's memory to the Pine Street Inn, 444 Harrison Ave., Boston 02118.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

12:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

1:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vandalism.

2:37 p.m. Beach St., suspicious activity/person(s).

2:45 p.m. South Main St. and Spring St., officer wanted.

2:47 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious activity/person(s).

3:19 p.m. Howe Rd., medical aid, to hospital.

4:34 p.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.

5:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:36 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint.

6:16 p.m. Elm St., property, found.

6:55 p.m. Elm St., general services.

7:14 p.m. Hull St., fire, investigation.

7:17 p.m. Kendall Village, general services.

8:38 p.m. Square, property, lost.

9:33 p.m. Lamberts Lane, officer wanted.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

12:46 a.m. Cohasset Plaza, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:18 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.

7:50 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity/person(s).

10:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

12:51 p.m. Lamberts Lane, motor vehicle violations.

3:44 p.m. Elm St., general services.

7:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., threats.

9:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

MONDAY, OCT. 22

2:05 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window.

5:49 a.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.

6:13 a.m. Elm St., general services.

6:54 a.m. Rocky Lane, noise complaint.

8:44 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:03 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., warrant. Arrest of Charles W. MacGregor, Jr., 47, of 112 Jerusalem Rd. Charges: Assault and battery; assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; intimidation, race, color, religion, national origin; and WMS warrant.

11:54 a.m. Elm St., general information.

12:22 p.m. Cushing Rd., medical aid, to hospital.

12:52 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., transport.

2:44 p.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

3:41 p.m. Whitney Woods Lane, illegal dumping.

4:11 p.m. Stoneleigh Rd., parking complaint.

4:14 p.m. South Main St., larceny.

5:17 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:27 p.m. South Main St. and West Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:54 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, patient sign-off.

6:58 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, false call.

8:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:11 p.m. Nichols Rd., hazmat (hazardous material/s) incident, brought to station.

9:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., message delivery.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

12:36 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal call or complaint, barking dog.

7:24 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:14 p.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.

11:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., illegal dumping.

11:31 a.m. Depot Court, motor vehicle accident.

11:54 a.m. Stevens Lane, building checks.

12:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist motorist, area search negative.

1:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

WORSHIP NEWS

Monday evenings with the Rabbi

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First Friday at St. Anthony's

In honor of First Friday, Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2 at St. Anthony Church. Benediction will follow and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayer until closing services at 10 p.m.

On Monday, Nov. 5, the Respect Life Committee will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the parish center. New members are welcome and attendees are asked to bring a brown-bag lunch. The committee hosts a weekly pro-life rosary each Friday after the 7 a.m. Mass and has just held a baby shower in which parishoners donated hundreds of new baby items for three local crisis pregnancy centers.

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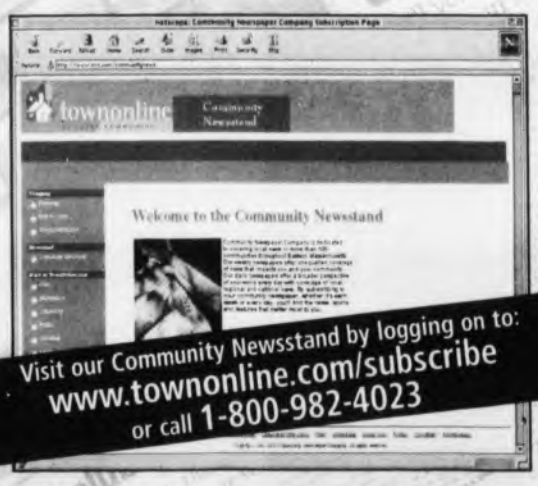
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Jackie Driscoll, one of last year's winners, paints her pumpkin at the Silver Spoon.

Silver Spoon pumpkin contest results

This year's Annual Pumpkin Painting Contest at the Silver Spoon Café in Cohasset Village was a smashing success! More than 60 contestants painted pumpkins at the café during a three-day period. Everyone was a winner and received a spooky trick or treat bag. A grand prize was awarded to the "best" pumpkin for each age group between the ages of four and 12. Editor of the Cohasset Mariner, Mary Ford, was judge and had a tough job choosing the best pumpkin for each age group.

The Grand Prize Winners were: Max Meiselman, age 4; Jackie Driscoll, age 5; Sara Campadelli, age 6; Alison Whealen, age 7; Emily Toomey, age 8; Logan Breslow, age 9; Thomas Jaffee, age 10; Chloe Koines, age 11; and Austin Breslow, age 12.

A special thanks to everyone who made this year such a success: The Silver Spoon Café, Russo & Sons, Wise Chips, Dole & Bailey, Pain d'Avignon, Perkins Paper, Cerelli's, PJ Distributors, Rosey Dairy, New England Coffee, Polar Beverages, and the South Shore Community Nursery School.



Adeline Nesse is hard at work decorating her pumpkin for the annual contest.

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PUBLIC HEARING
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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TAX ALLOCATION

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 8:15 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for Fiscal Year 2002. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at this time.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, November 19, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.6 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **MR Properties,** seeks to construct a dwelling at 231 Pond Street, according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-10-24

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, November 19, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Allan Koswick & Beverly McAllister, seek 2nd story over garage at **25 Deep Run,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-10-29

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These hours/days will remain in effect until 125 individuals are registered, at which time the center will be open expanded hours, Monday through Saturday.

The fee is $30 per month, per person and registration is at the Fitness Center, Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St. Please enter the school via the front door located to the right side of the main entrance to CHS.

World's End cleanup

The Trustees of Reservations' third annual statewide volunteer workday will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 — rain or shine. Adults and kids (ages 14 and up) are invited to roll up their sleeves and volunteer in one of 20 work projects across the state. Locally, volunteers are needed in Hingham and Cohasset to walk the shoreline at World's End and remove debris. For information regarding The Trustees of Reservations, call 978-921-1944 or visit online at www.thetrustees.org.

To register for the World's End Cleanup Project, call Marge Balzotti at 781-821-2977

Inspirational and patriotic music

Southern Rail, a Bluegrass quartet is coming back with their inspirational music on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. in Cohasset. 781-383-0345. Dinner at 5 p.m. Concert starts at 6:30. Nursery care and a children's movie will be available from 5 - 8 p.m. Tickets: Adults for dinner and show $12. Children for dinner and show $7. Adults show only $10. Children show only $5.

A peace concert is Sunday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. (Veteran's Day) at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.

The choir, music committee and music director Ellen Brown, are planning a Peace Concert on Veterans Day in response to the Sept. 11 tragedies. Donations will benefit the victims. Music will be performed by the church "Peace Choir" and special friends of Second Congregational and will feature patriotic and uplifting music.

Classes offered

The following classes are offered at the South Shore Community Center:

Holiday Candy and Craft: ages 3-5+, Friday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $17 members/$20 non-members. Children will have fun making their own candies and a gift for a special friend.

Holiday Fun Workshop for Girls: ages 5-11, Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $25. Gymnastics, bowling, dance, make a craft, holiday cookies, sing-a-long and more. Lunch will be served. Limited signup.

Adult Computers: classes run for four weeks, two hours per class.

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Pediatric CPR: Nov. 14 and 15, 7 to 10 p.m., $45 members/$50 non-members.

Alpha Coaching: Plan Your Life, Live Your Dream: Thursday, Nov. 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m., $30 per person, $50 per couple.

Children Are From Heaven, A Guide to Positive Parenting: Thursday, Nov. 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m., $30 per person, $50 per couple.

Stretch & Flexibility Class for Adults: Wednesdays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., 10 weeks, $95 members/$100 non-members.

Adult Cooking Classes

Saporito's: Monday, Nov. 26, 6:45 to 9 p.m., $45 members/$50 non-members at Cohasset High School. Space is limited.

Roast Pork: Wednesday, Nov. 7, 6:45 to 9 p.m., $40 members/$45 non-members.

Basic Sauces: Thursday, Nov. 15, 6:45 to 9 p.m., $40 members/$45 non-members.

Holiday Sweets: Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:45 to 9 p.m., $40 members/$45 non-members.

Mom's Morning Out: ages 3-5+ (held in S.S.C.C. Nursery School), Dec. 17, 18, 19 and 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. $28 per day. Need time for last minute shopping? Bring lunch and snack. Pre-registration necessary.

Vacation Camp: Ages 3-5+, Dec. 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $56 members/$58 non-members. A supervised playgroup each day that will consist of free play, craft activity, story time and outdoor play. Bring lunch and snack.

Exploring movement

The Cohasset Recreation and Cohasset High School come together during a project for community service.

Three high school juniors, Shawna Sullivan, Sarah Dennis and Bryan Bilton, will run a Movement Exploration for ages 4 and 5. These volunteered services will help the children develop their motor skills and basic social skills. It will also provide an opportunity for parents to drop their youngsters off and run a few errands without having to entertain the children.

The program will run on a rotating schedule as follows: Nov. 9 - 10:50 to 11:40 a.m.; Nov. 13 - 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.; Nov. 19 - 10:50 to 11:40 a.m.; Nov. 29 - 10:50 to 11:40 a.m.

For more information, call 781-383-4109. Limited space available. Registration will be at the Town Hall.

Meet spooky books author

Author Darren Shan will speak and sign his latest book "Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant" at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset on Nov. 7 from 3-5 p.m. This is the sequel to Shan's popular novel "Cirque Du Freak: A Living Nightmare". "Cirque Du Freak", is a mysterious freak show that is always on the move and staged in dark and remote locations. Shan grew up watching old Dracula movies and reading spooky books, which were the inspiration for his books. Born in London, Shan grew up in Limerick, Ireland, with his parents and younger brother. He was always interested in horror, both books and movies, and loved to give himself nightmares. He wanted to tell a story that he would have loved to read when he was 10 or 11. Free. Call (781) 383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

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Letitia Baldrige, a lady, first and foremost

Buttonwood offers tea and book signing

By Dorothy V. Malcolm
CORRESPONDENT

For "baby boomers" and older folks, the name Tish Baldrige is synonymous with the Kennedy White House, sensible good manners, foreign embassies, Tiffany diamonds. And names like JFK, Jackie, Caroline and John-John, Pierre Salinger, Nancy Dickerson, Oleg Cassini — and a host of other luminaries during the early 1960s — stir bittersweet memories in most of us old enough to remember.

Letitia Baldrige's latest book, "A Lady, First" chronicles her life in the Kennedy White House and the American Embassies in Paris (with Clare Boothe Luce) and in Rome (with David Bruce), as well as Manhattan's Tiffany & Co. She appeared last week at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset and wowed an audience of nearly 100 devotees with anecdotes of her life and times, laced with tea in china cups, salmon and egg and cucumber sandwiches. With fans riveted to their chairs listening to her life story, memories of a more-genteel time, blended with glamour and history, were resurrected at the informal talk and book-signing at Buttonwood's.

At 75, Baldrige is as much the dynamo that dashed about the halls of the Kennedy White House and the U.S. embassies of Paris and Rome. A woman of wit, intellect, charm and common sense, she has had the good grace to be true to herself, shrewdly discreet yet straightforward as a pistol. And if discretion is the better part of valor, then her triumphs and ordeals are the stuff of civility.

Born in Miami Beach, she was raised and spent an amusing childhood in Nebraska, in a large house with her parents and two feisty brothers. Her father, Malcolm Baldrige supported his family as an attorney but when the great depression hit, the Baldriges suffered through it with the rest of the country.

Baldrige writes, "Despite the depression, I had a childhood rich in things other than money. The Baldrige house and yard were the meeting places of neighborhood kids...there were broken roller skates, battered footballs, baseballs, hats and mitts in the mud room for the use of any kids who wanted them for play...poor sportsmanship was absolutely unknown."

Despite the tomfoolery with two older brothers, Baldrige did manage some playtime with girls as well: "Mother ...would ask, 'Why don't you come in and read a book, play with your dolls, or something?'" And so she did, occasionally. The one "girlish" anecdote in the first chapter of the book describes a few delightful times in the attic of the Baldrige home. "The girls fought for position in front of the tall standing mirror between the attic closets, where old clothes had been saved in steamer trunks. We were given permission to play dress-up with the most marvelous array of what today would be called costumes, but back then were simply...lavish Paris evening dresses, slouchy velvet capes, ostrich feather fans and headbands encrusted with brilliants."

As she grew up — to six feet, in fact — she laughingly remembers school dances and how she "towered over the boys." But when Attorney Malcolm Baldrige became a congressman and the depression behind them, he was able to send his only daughter to Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn. and on to Vassar College. After World War II, she explained how hard she had tried, but in vain, to land a job overseas.

"I quickly realized that the U.S. Foreign Service was probably the only way to do it...A job at our embassy in France was a nice, neat solution, but there was the usual problem: only men were being hired...I was told I was unqualified because I couldn't type, take dictation, or even file."

Undaunted, and replete with a baccalaureate-plus degree to her credit, she enrolled in a secretarial school in Washington, D.C. to learn typing and other secretarial skills because she knew it was her only chance to find work abroad. She mastered French as well as the keyboard, and applied for the post. With some fits and starts, and really good connections, she ultimately landed a job as junior assistant to the U.S. Ambassador to France, David Bruce.

Baldrige succeeded professionally and enjoyed her time at the American Embassy in Paris. While stationed there, she met the Kennedy sisters and spent some time with an old-alumna-and-friend-from-Farmington, Jackie Bouvier. But several years were to pass before she became connected with Jackie in an official sense—and a few more noteworthy adventures to live before the heady White House days of the early '60s. Her relationship with Jackie Bouvier was more as a close, sorority-type confidante than a tender friendship, but her personal connection with Jackie was solid, nonetheless.

Baldrige was eventually contacted with an opportunity to take a job in Rome as assistant to Clare Boothe Luce, the first female ambassador to a major country. Because she knew some Italian, Baldrige jumped at the opportunity. She was off to Italy where she not only had a-career-to-die-for, she had as her mentor, the indomitable Clare Boothe Luce as the most extraordinary role model of Baldrige's life. She had a dramatic impact on her life and character, career, discernment and approach to living.

"Clare Boothe Luce was a natural teacher. Her thoughts were beautifully expressed. She looked at everything in terms of what is good, better and best, and one should always reach for the best...I had learned the worst about her, but I found the best in her. She knew I was impressionable, that I wanted to reach the sky, and she made it one of her projects in life to bring me back to earth, to make me realize I wasn't tough enough to reach the sky, but that down where I was, sitting on the treetops, was a very satisfactory place to be. She said...'live in a world of good friends. Stay where they are...'"

At the end of her assignment in Rome and equipped with an armory of protocol survival skills, not to mention life skills, Baldrige returned to the states and took a public relations position with the jeweler, Tiffany & Co. in Manhattan. That chapter of her book is entitled "Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at Tiffany's." Working at Tiffany's was a coup in the heady world of NY-PR — not only did Baldrige pull it off in her usual grand style, but got to enjoy the glittering benefits as well.

"I have passionately loved and coveted jewelry all my life, but never owned any...One of the greatest perks at Tiffany's was that I could borrow the store's jewelry, to show off in all the right places, for publicity purposes."

"It was only a question of time before Truman Capote's best-selling novel, 'Breakfast at Tiffany's,' would be made into a film...Of course the film was a huge success...scores of people came to the store because of that movie...'On what floor are you serving breakfast?' They were greatly disappointed to discover that they could be served diamonds and rubies, but no bacon and eggs."

From her celebrated career at Tiffany's, Baldrige then went on to Washington, D.C., where she was approached about the position of Jackie Kennedy's Social Secretary in the White House.

"Jackie was on fire with plans for making her mark as an exceptional first lady...She understood with clarity what her mission was going to be, because she had designed it herself...Prior to the inauguration, my job was to serve as Jackie's liaison with the whole world, it seemed, while ensuring her privacy. Her 'best friends' were now crawling out of the woodwork...Everyone wanted at her, from Buckingham Palace...to the Daughters of the American Revolution."

While Baldrige's respect and admiration of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy is genuine and deep, she became well aware of the difficulties of working for a friend, much less the glamorous first lady. However intractable and arcane Jackie might have behaved at times, Baldrige freely acknowledges and admires her inspiring achievements as a parent: "Jacqueline Kennedy was the exemplary manager of life with children in an impossible official goldfish bowl...It was remarkable the way that Jackie taught her children manners. There would be no bratty, noisy, objectionable children in the Kennedy household...When people gave them presents, they said thank you with grace and a minimum of prompting. Endless thank-you notes went out from the White House."

Baldrige is still amused by the questions she receives, even to this day 40 years later, about the Kennedys. "I would be a wealthy woman if I had a quarter for every person who asked me, 'What was Jackie really like?'"

One of her most difficult decisions was to leave her severely demanding job at the White House. Baldrige claims she "had no life" and was becoming increasingly unhappy with the pressure and monumental responsibilities she had to oftentimes shoulder alone. She didn't quite know how to handle the delicate situation and she consulted her parents. It was her father who urged her to "go see the president."

She did and President Kennedy seemed crestfallen at her announcement to leave the White House. With typical Kennedy sparkle though, he offered her a challenge: "I thought your brothers had raised you to be tough, to take things on the chin!" Then Kennedy added, "'But I need you there, in the East Wing, in that very spot. I want Jackie to feel protected and not persecuted by the demands of her job'...He was being typically JFK, not believing that any of his loyal crew could desert his ship. And, of course, I couldn't. I adored this man, not in an amorous way but as our president...we [the staff] quite simply loved this man."

She stuck it out for several more months, and with eventual 20/20 clarity, she knew her entire existence, even her health, had been badly affected by what we might today call "burn-out." With the fondest farewells and going-away parties at the White House, Baldrige left Washington and started a new career in business at Chicago's Merchandise Mart. Though she left on favorable terms with the Kennedys, it was a bittersweet departure. A few months later, while having lunch in a restaurant, her waiter exclaimed, "I can't believe it. Someone has shot the president." Within five hours, Baldrige was back at the White House assisting with the funeral arrangements.

"Jackie moved quietly in and out of the White House rooms for short periods, greeting people, telling them to be strong...She planned that funeral, every second of it...and the result was the most solemn, majestic two days this country has ever seen."

Time goes on and it was during Baldrige's stretch in Chicago that she met the man she would marry. She was 37, and real estate developer Bob Hollensteiner was five years younger. "When you're in your thirties, you don't horse around...Bob was a breath of fresh air, a real person, with the gift I prize most: a perfect sense of humor. ...Bob and I decided the only way to pull it off [their wedding after a three-month courtship] was to do it quickly...My brothers moved in on my parents like a flying commando squad to calm them down...my parents had fantasized about my large 'state' wedding to an ambassador, senator, or governor...[and] my magical mother did it again, pulling off the impossible, the perfect small wedding." Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hollensteiner honeymooned in Phoenix with Henry and Clare Boothe Luce — her mentor in Rome and the woman responsible for bracing the already-formidable backbone in the young Tish Baldrige.

Baby Clare and baby Malcolm (named after her beloved father) followed and a life of authoring books, public appearances, social consultations to more first ladies, becoming an interior designer "by osmosis," starting her own company as a public relations executive responsible for Elizabeth Arden's Red Door Salon; the Sears conglomerate; Burlington Industries; reestablishing grand old hotels; the principality of Liechtenstein, Missoni designer knitwear, Valentino haute couture — the list of accounts is as fascinating as it is long.

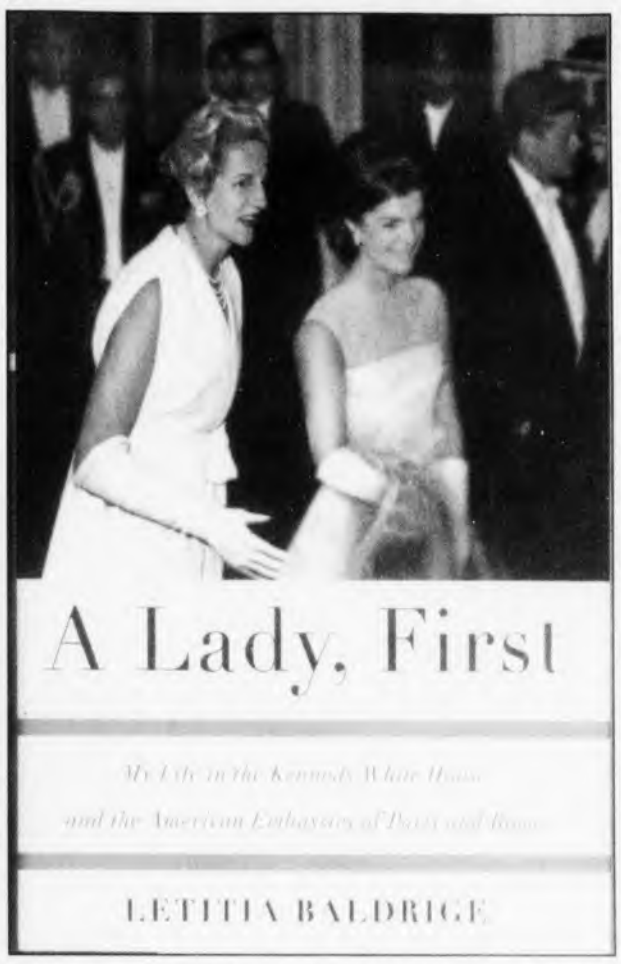
Letitia Baldrige will go down in history as an extraordinary, self-actualized woman who knew, instinctively when she was in the middle of a great opportunity, event, or a history-in-the-making moment. She has rubbed elbows with the glamorous, the powerful and the celebrated; and she has known the love of man who, to some, didn't "fit" the perfect profile of a fantasy-lover/husband but their chemistry was striking. She has been blessed with two children, been on the cover of Time Magazine, and hailed internationally as a sensitive yet no-nonsense arbiter of good taste and manners. She has coached the likes of an old Boston firm when she was told, "We need a little help on people skills around here." She has been asked "to give lessons on being 'a class act instead of an uncouth jerk.'" as one of her clients described it.

Yes, Tish Baldrige has "had it all," though she'd be the first to admit not-all-at-once. Throughout her 75 years of "having it all," she has remained foremost, a lady, first.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Letitia Baldrige shares anecdotes about her life with admirers at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset.



The book cover to Letitia Baldrige's book "A Lady, First" published by the Viking (Penguin Group), 2001. Photo by Cecil W. Stoughton.

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Shakhashiri-mania



Scientist has great chemistry with kids

Prof. Bassam Shakhashiri may be the only guy who can bring a rock 'n' roll atmosphere to chemistry. He tours regularly and plays to screaming fans. And, with a show that's also part comedy (but predominantly science), he tends to bring both kids and their parents to their feet.

"Everyone from toddlers to Ph.D.s fight to get into his presentations," says Doris Lewis, professor and chairwoman of the chemistry department at Suffolk University, and an eye-witness to Shakhashiri-mania.

Shakhashiri makes his next local tour stop for a National Chemistry Week symposium. This year's theme is "Celebrating Chemistry and Art," with family-oriented events at the Museum of Science on Nov. 4, and then a series of lectures for the older set on Nov. 6, at the Forsyth Institute (next to the Museum of Fine Art) in Boston.

At the Forsyth, various experts will talk about the connections between chemistry and art, including the science of authenticating and preserving works of art. And Dr. Orrie Friedman will talk about combining his apparently diverse interests in chemistry and art.

But the highlight of the events seems destined to be Prof. Shakhashiri, at least among the youngsters in the audience. He's a man who can turn a simple "clock reaction" into a stage show. His comic timing brings the whole thing to life, as he takes science and adds a dash of Soupy Sales.

"I can't tell you why it was so effective, but he got kids and parents leaping to their feet and screaming," reports Lewis.

She also remembers the amazing finale of one of his past performances. It featured a big dose of dry ice, and in their unbridled enthusiasm, the little ones in the audience inadvertently became part of the show.

"The youngest children couldn't contain themselves, and ran down [into the dry ice]," she remembers. "Their heads were poking out like little angels."

Prof. Shakhashiri makes his presentation at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Nov. 4, at the Museum of Science. The event is free, first come, first served. For more information about the Museum of Science events, call 617-589-0100. Events at the Forsyth Institute run from 4 to 8:30 p.m., on Nov. 6. For more information about the Forsyth events, call 617-262-5200.

— Alexander Stevens

Above, Prof. Bassam Shakhashiri tends to provoke a chemical reaction in kids.

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Harvester Ken Coniff corrals the cranberries on Tidbmarsh Bog in Duxbury.

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Putting the disturbance in 'Domestic Disturbance'

Vince Vaughn has a history of playing crazy characters

By Ed Symkus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Vince Vaughn, a big, strapping, gangly guy, sits in a small room at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston with a lit cigarette gripped between his fingers. It's difficult to tell if he's nervous or tired; perhaps it's a mixture of both. His eyes are puffy and he can't stop moving his legs — they shift back and forth and he rapidly taps one of his feet.

But the co-star of "Domestic Disturbance," working opposite John Travolta — Travolta is the hero, Vaughn is the heel — brightens up noticeably when asked how he goes about his craft, how he convincingly manages to make Rick, the stepfather character who comes between Travolta and his son, more and more threatening as the film goes on, even though it wasn't shot in sequence.



Vince Vaughn says he chooses his roles on a case-by-case basis.

"To a large degree it's an impossibility to shoot in sequence," he says. "But sometimes it works in your favor if it's not. If you're familiar with the material — and you've obviously looked at the material on your character — then whatever scene you jump into you can commit to that reality. You just have to trust that whatever is going on that day is what's most consistent for the truth of the piece. So sometimes it's easier to shoot *where* you're going — the final ending — and then shoot earlier stuff and you discover things that make you say, 'Wow, so *that's* what makes me go *there*.'"

Vaughn, 31, knows a lot about playing the bad guy. He's done it before, as Lester, the sparkling-eyed killer in the little-seen "Clay Pigeons" and as Norman, the dead-eyed killer in Gus Van Sant's remake of "Psycho." Yet he's still probably best known for his first feature, "Swingers," in which he played Trent, a lady killer of a different sort, actually not a killer at all, but a self-described lothario. And he's played a straight up hero opposite Vincent D'Onofrio and Jennifer Lopez in "The Cell."

His choices for roles, he says, have come on a case-by-case basis.

"Sometimes it's the material," he explains. "But in the case of 'Psycho,' it was Gus. I wanted to work with Gus. And 'Domestic Disturbance' was very much about me working with John. I thought I messed up when I met with him. At the first meeting I said, 'You know, I grew up on you. I love your stuff.' I thought maybe that wasn't the best thing to say.

"But I also thought the scenario was interesting," he adds. "In that when a parent gets involved with someone romantically, they have a courtship period and a time to get to know each other, and then both the significant other and the child are thrown into a very intimate situation but with no time to choose that. What I liked about the script was it wasn't gratuitous and didn't rely on shocking the audience about how despicably violent I was with the child. It was more about what *could* happen. It was a threat."

Known for his skills as an improvisational actor, Vaughn has found that different directors give him different amounts of leeway in approaching his roles.

"I think improvisation can give an energy and spontaneity to a performance if things are happening for the first time or if emotions involved in a conflict are discovered while that's going on," he says. "That's *my* way of working. And I think there are marvelous actors and storytellers that work in the other way. It's a style thing. It's funny, sometimes you get hired on these bigger things and they love what they've seen you do or that energy you've had. But when you get there, they don't want that. So it's like, 'Why did you hire me in the first place? You know what I do, and that's how I go about it.' But they have a controlling point of view of their movie and how they see it, and on a bigger film a lot of times the focus is a concept, so what I've done doesn't really fit into the movie. But as an actor it's not my job to worry about the movie and its conception. So it's freeing in a way. I worry about my part and how I'm fitting into the director's movie."

Vaughn will go on and on about his work, but is a little shy on the personal stuff. So even though it's public that he was romantically linked with actress Joey Lauren Adams for a while, he doesn't talk much about his love life today. But he does offer a revealing look at his upbringing, when he was raised in a house full of women.

"It was my dad and mom and two sisters and a grandmother," he says. "I think I might have an edge over other guys in understanding women in that you have a way to relate and communicate with women that's not sexual, so you're able to have conversations in how they think. So I think that, even in meeting girls, I never put a lot of pressure on myself, which a lot of guys do normally. Because I just saw it as conversational. I never saw it as an intimidation thing. Of course there've been times when I was very young and I had my first crushes, and I didn't know what to do with the emotion. And still, even now, if I get a big crush, I can be all shy with somebody."

But he's not at all bashful in talking about the difficulties he went through as a kid in school in the suburbs of Chicago.

"I had to go to a class an hour a day for learning disabilities," he says. "But it was like we were 12 and playing Candyland. It wasn't like we were having any big therapy, it was more of we can't deal with these kids all day, let's give the teachers a break from them. But I wasn't ever disruptive. It was more sort of not being able to fully focus or concentrate on what was being discussed in class. And if there were teachers with rules, then I would question things. But it was only because I didn't understand some rule. And they didn't want to take five minutes out to explain it to me during class. I wasn't a troublemaker. In English class or history class I would do very well, but in science or math it was very hard for me to grasp things. I moved slowly at it."

But he sure moves quickly from one movie to the next these days. He's got a great cameo as one of Ben Stiller's brothers in "Zoolander." And his mind is set on another role opposite Stiller next year — the big screen adaptation of the '70s TV show "Starsky and Hutch."

"I'm not sure about me," he says. "I'm pretty sure it's happening for Ben but I don't know yet if I'm going to be Hutch. It would be fun to go blond and sort of commit to like the groovy '70s of it all. I think it would be funny. It might happen, but I'm just not sure yet."

"Domestic Disturbance" opens nationally on Nov. 2.

Food & dining

Chickpea Soup



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Chickpea soup, especially when made with canned chickpeas, is often an uninspired and insipid mess, reminding one of peas porridge from the nursery rhyme. The question was, how to add flavor and a freshness to what should be a simple and delicious pantry soup.

I made lots of recipes including one from "The Naked Chef," which I liked a lot, and others from regional cookbooks such as the Wedding Soup from "Sultan's Kitchen." The former recipe combined chickpeas with potato and a pile of leeks but this unlikely trio worked well. However, I did find room for improvement - the balance of ingredients was skewed towards the leeks, there was not enough liquid, and the soup needed a sharp garnish to offset the rather subtle flavors of the soup.

My first question, however, was whether canned chickpeas are a suitable substitute for dried. The answer was an unequivocal no. Canned chickpeas lack the complex and earthly quality of the freshly cooked variety. However, dried chickpeas come in many different types and sizes - I purchased organic and conventional, prepackaged and bulk. I also found that cooking times varied from 45 minutes to 1 1/2 hours but this did not correlate to the size of the peas themselves. (Organic chickpeas were the smallest but did not have the shortest cooking time.) For best results, I found that the chickpeas need to be soaked overnight and then cooked in 4 cups of lightly salted water. Cooking times were irrelevant so I simply cooked them until tender.

Although Jamie Oliver "The Naked Chef" calls for five leeks, I found that one leek, 1 1/4 inch thick, was sufficient. Halved lengthwise and thinly sliced, using the white and light parts only, it yields about 2 cups leek. This was plenty to impart lots of flavor. I also tried using onion in its place or in combination with the leek and found the leek by itself was best. Also, if the leeks are added to the pot without being sautéed the soup tasted slightly flat in comparison.

For the potatoes, I tried russet, Yukon gold and red varieties. The red potatoes were too waxy and didn't offer enough flavor for this recipe. I liked the russet but the buttery flavor of the Yukon gold was my clear favorite. Two medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice, were just right. I used 3 1/2 cups of homemade chicken stock for most of the testing of this recipe. While low sodium, store-bought is an okay substitute (at Cook's Illustrated, we use Swanson's) the cleaner, fresher taste of the homemade was my preference. (To make homemade stock, place a 3 1/2 pound chicken in 2 1/2 quarts cold water and simmer for 30 minutes or until the chicken is cooked. Use the meat for sandwiches or salad.)

After the soup was cooked, I wondered if some of it required puréeing. This is a matter of personal taste and if you do purée some of the soup, 2 cups is enough. Return the puréed soup to the pot to simmer for a couple of minutes, otherwise, it will remain foamy. (The puréed version is heartier; the regular version has a clearer, cleaner flavor and texture.) The soup, of course needed salt (about 1/2 teaspoon), freshly ground pepper, and also benefited from a pinch of sugar. I topped the soup with a drizzle of olive oil and some grated Parmesan cheese.

Still, the soup needed some sort of simple garnish to provide a counterpoint to its earthy, simple flavors. I tried combinations of bold ingredients such as diced tomato, olives, capers, parsley, chive, tarragon, anchovy, scallion, garlic, and shallot. I also went the other route and tried a knob of butter, a dollop of sour cream, or bit of heavy cream. I finally settled on lemon rind combined with chopped parsley and garlic. Now I had a Saturday night soup made with Tuesday night ingredients.

CHICKPEA SOUP WITH LEEKS, POTATOES, AND LEMON ZEST

Do not use canned chickpeas for this soup. It will not be worth eating.

1cup dried chickpeas (about 6 ounces), rinsed and picked over and soaked in a bowl of cold water overnight
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 leek about 1 1/4 inch thick, halved lengthwise, rinsed and thinly sliced, white and very light parts only, about 2 cups
3 1/2 cups chicken stock, homemade or low sodium
2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice, Yukon gold or russet preferred
Pinch sugar
Freshly ground pepper
1/4 cup flat Italian parsley
Zest from one medium lemon, finely chopped
1 medium garlic clove, finely minced or pressed
Extra virgin olive oil and freshly ground Parmesan cheese

1. Place the chickpeas in a medium saucepan with 4 cups water and 1/4 teaspoon of the salt over medium heat. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cover and cook until just tender, about 45 minutes to 1 hour. (Depending on the age and size of your chickpeas they may take up to 1 1/2 hours to become tender.)

2. Place the butter and olive oil in a soup pot or large saucepan over medium heat. Once the butter has foamed add the leeks and sauté until soft but not at all colored, about 5 minutes. Drain the chickpeas and add them to the pot along with the potatoes, sugar and remaining 1/2-teaspoon salt. Cook until the potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes. Adjust the seasonings with additional salt, if needed and freshly ground pepper. If desired purée 2 cups of the soup in a blender or food processor and return to the pot to simmer for an additional 1 to 2 minutes or until the foam has subsided.

3. Meanwhile coarsely chop the parsley leaves with the lemon zest and garlic or alternatively use a mortar and pestle to combine the flavors and break up the parsley. Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with a teaspoon of the parsley mixture along with a drizzle of olive oil and some freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

Serves 4

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

November begins and ends with a full moon, setting the stage for a high-energy, intense month. You can cut through obstacles and move forward in your personal or professional life. Today the full moon culminates at 12:41 a.m., 9-degrees of Taurus/Scorpio. Venus and Mercury form harmonious contacts to Uranus, prompting you to be more inventive, go with new innovative ideas. The moon continues active travel in Taurus until 11:20 p.m., when it aligns with Uranus.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Conflicting planetary influences can make for a challenging day. Saturn opposes Pluto for the second time this year. Jupiter begins retrograde travel at 10:35 a.m., 16-degrees Cancer. The moon continues inactive travel until 4:12 p.m. Take extra time out for yourself. Review and reassess your progress toward present goals. Let go of people or situations that may be holding you back, cut your losses. This is a time to reconsider, regroup, modify your game plan. At 4:12 p.m. the moon enters Gemini. In addition, Mercury and Venus prepare to align in Libra. The evening rates high for socializing, partying, romance.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

If you are working today, it is best to handle a variety of jobs, finish projects already begun, clean and reorganize. Influences are also favorable for developing art, music, photography projects. Stay upbeat and donÕt allow minor obstacles to get you down, particularly between 3:21-6:39 p.m., when the Gemini moon aligns with Saturn and Pluto. The remainder of the evening, however, is ideal for relaxing and enjoying favorite friends and pastimes.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

An applying alignment of Mars and Neptune prompts you to kick back, rest and recharge your batteries. Pursue favorite leisure activities, enjoy quality time with friends and family. The moon continues to travel in sociable Gemini, active until 2:45 p.m. All communications get the green light; contact friends you havenÕt heard from in a while, write letters, send e-mails. At 10:44 p.m. the moon enters the sign Cancer. Get extra rest tonight. Pay attention to your dreams.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

At 7:44 a.m. Mars and Neptune come together at 6-degrees of Aquarius, making for a slow start to this day. Take your time and drive with care. Others may be sleepy, careless, forgetful. However, blue skies and sunshine break through this afternoon, and the green light for new starts goes on. You can be most productive. Zero in on home, family, property issues; now is the time to act.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

A Cancer moon makes this a great day to tackle domestic jobs. Focus on projects youÕve been putting off and get them out of the way. Clean out drawers, closets, garages; get your life in order. Be more nurturing and sensitive to the needs of loved ones. Plan a special dinner with close friends and family.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Conflicting planetary influences can make for a hectic day. The Cancer moon becomes inactive at 2:10 a.m. until 3:34 a.m., when a Leo moon takes over. The Leo moon opposes Neptune at 2:08 p.m. and Mars at 4:58 p.m., warning you to slow down. Stay alert and use common sense. The planet Mercury moves into Scorpio at 2:53 p.m., remaining there until November 26. You can initiate new projects, make long-range plans between 6:00-7:01 p.m., when the sun and Jupiter align.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 7:21 a.m. The moon decreases in light until November 15, when the new moon culminates. Venus moves into Scorpio at 8:28 a.m., remaining there until December 2. Sidestep power struggles with others; be willing to make a concession or two. A lunar polarity to Uranus at 3:30 p.m. may disrupt the flow of the day. At this time the Leo moon becomes inactive. Kick back, relax and unwind this evening.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

The moon enters Virgo at 6:49 a.m. This is a day to get things done. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. Postpone launching new ventures or signing contracts until next week, however, when favorable influences occur. Instead, finish jobs already begun, review and redo, clean out and reorganize. Get back on track with diet, exercise and self-improvement programs.

Colorful fall fruits and foliages

By Suzanne Mahler
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PART 3

Green thumbs up

The fleeting multicolored foliages of fall float to the ground as brisk breezes scatter the crisp leaf litter like the dying embers of a smoldering fire, creating a tapestry of fiery red, gold and orange against a carpet of green velvet. While many of our deciduous trees and shrubs have shed their vibrant-colored robes, the foliage of a few typically enduring species linger well into the month of November. Beech, willow, pears, oaks and dogwoods provide temporary splashes of glowing reds, yellows, golds and rich, lustrous mahogany tones to the autumn landscape. In a few short weeks, even these last few remnants of this growing season will lie beneath bare branches leaving the stark silhouettes of the winter landscape as gardeners turn their attention to the holiday season.

Despite the brief duration of the fall foliage extravaganza, it seems appropriate that Mother Nature paint our landscapes with one final fireworks display at season's end, a farewell celebration for six months of flowers, foliage and the pleasure derived from tilling the soil. Our native maples lead the parade, producing a broad palette of glorious shades. Brilliant reds, yellows, golds and oranges are characteristic of both the swamp maple (Acer rubrum) and the sugar maple (Acer saccharum). The broad leaves of the Norway maple (A. platanoides), of European origin, tend to develop their yellow color later in the season. Many of these large species of maples pose considerable challenges for gardeners as they cast significant shade, seed prolifically and are superficially rooted, monopolizing moisture and nutrients. Few plants can successfully compete with their greedy roots, during periods of drought, and once their large leaves drop, they tend to mat when they become wet, suffocating underlying grass and plants. On larger properties, they may serve as excellent perimeter plants but may not be ideal for smaller landscapes.



Several other species of native trees and shrubs demonstrate showy, multi-colored foliage in the autumn landscape. A childhood favorite, the irregularly shaped leaves of the sassafras tree, many of them resembling mittens, were a joy to collect in my youth to use for leaf-rubbings and to crush for their pleasing, aromatic scent. Reaching 30 to 60 feet at maturity, they require significant space but thrive in poor, gravelly soils where other trees might struggle to survive. Transplanting can be difficult due to their deep taproots and may be more successful when trees are saplings. For smaller, moist landscapes, the serviceberry or shadblow (Amelanchier) might be a better choice as it reaches a maximum height of 15 to 20 feet. A multitude of tiny white flowers smother this multi-stemmed tree or shrub in spring, followed by edible berries which tend to be quickly devoured by birds. Members of the family of fothergilla, should be more widely grown for their unique, white flowers which resemble bottle-brushes and their spectacular fall foliage. Ideal for the middle of the shrub border, these compact plants provide attractive foliage throughout the growing season in moisture-retentive, well-drained soils in sun or light shade.

Perhaps the best known, most popular plant for fall color is the omnipresent burning bush (Euonymus alatus) with its spectacular, fiery red foliage. This vigorous, adaptable shrub makes an attractive, deciduous hedge which glows in the autumn landscape. Plant in full sun to achieve optimum color and prune regularly as even the compact form may grow to 10 feet. Burning bushes seed prolifically and are rapidly spreading throughout our region, competing with our native plants for space in the wild.

Additional sources of red to russet foliage include the family of viburnums which offers a variety of fabulous cultivars which display clusters of fragrant, white flowers in spring, and attractive fruits in red or black in autumn. Enkianthus is a distinctive shrub which presents a layered effect with its tiers of branches. In May, clusters of pretty pale cream bells with red veins appear and its brilliant red, glossy foliage shines across the garden late in the season. The late-summer blooming sourwood tree (Oxydendrum), with flower clusters reminiscent of andromeda, is yet another multi-season star with lustrous dark green leaves which become a vibrant scarlet later in the season. Each of these lovely specimens prefers acid, organic, moisture-retentive soils.

Dogwoods and ornamental pears provide handsome, deep reddish-purple tints to the fall landscape. A mature, ornamental pear displays a nearly perfect, symmetrical form without pruning with the added benefit of spectacular clouds of glistening white flowers in spring. This drought-tolerant tree is usually one of the last to lose its foliage in November and has become a popular street tree as a result of its adaptability and beauty throughout the growing season. Along our roadsides, few plants rival sumac for its glorious, radiant red leaves and blueberry bushes appear to be on fire in the late afternoon sunlight.

For a late splash of showy, yellow leaves, look for beech, birch, poplar, cherry, katsura or the handsome, statuesque tulip tree. Carolina allspice (Calycanthus) provides unique, fragrant blossoms throughout the summer and sunny yellow foliage late in the season and despite its invasive tendencies, bittersweet is a knockout during this season with its lemon-colored leaves and orange fruits. Take a few moments this coming month to appreciate nature's resplendent beauty before the snow flies.

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BAY COLONY CLUSTER DOG SHOW will be held from Dec. 6 - 9 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Sponsored by PEDIGREE brand dog foods, The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigreed pooches competing each day for "Top Dog" honors within their respective groups and breeds. The show will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is $10 for adults and seniors and $5 for children. Parking is $10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information call 617-556-7747. The public is not permitted to bring their dogs to the show.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.

BEST BET



The Candle Light Concerts at the Old Ship Church continue with Ariel Winds, the female woodwind quintet performing a concert Sunday, Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. The Old Ship Church is located at 90 Main Street in Hingham Square. For more information call (781) 749-5493.

Thurs. 1

Boston Ballet Presents Contemporary Works "From Distant Shores," at the Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont Street in Boston. Tickets are $25 - $78 and are available through Tele-charge at 800-447-7400 or on the internet at www.bostonballet.org or in person at the Wang Theatre box office open Mon. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Performances are Nov. 1, at 7 p.m., Nov. 2, at 8 p.m., Nov. 3, at 2 and 8 p.m. and Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. For more information call 617-695-6995.

"Pippin" will be presented by Bridgewater State College at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium on Nov. 1, 2 and 3. All performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 for general public and $10 for students and senior citizens. For more information call 508-531-1231.

Plein Air and Otherwise. The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is pleased to announce an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Lee Parsons, Plein Air and Otherwise, Nov. 1 - 28 in the Vine Hall Gallery. Lee was formerly on the faculty of the Museum School at the Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton. Since childhood, painting has always been a favorite pastime of Lee's, but more than that, a sense of joy and adventure. Lee says that in more than twenty years of teaching others to paint, she was fortunate in being able to share that sense of joy and adventure intrinsic to the creative process. A Meet the Artist - demonstration of painting will be held in Vine Hall Gallery at the Center on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 2:00-4:00pm. The Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, less than one mile from the Route 3 interchange. For directions or more information, please call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

"Double Vision" Pastels by Chatham artists Merylle-Lee and Phil Thompson to be shown at the James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center during the month of November. Mr. Thompson paints landscapes and still-lifes, working only from life. Merylle-Lee focuses on pastels, color and the effects of light on color. There will be an opening reception on Nov. 2 from 7 - 9 p.m. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours: Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call 781-659-7100 for more information.

Eastern Nazarene College presents the new musical hit "Songs for a New World," by Tony Award-winner Jason Robert Brown on Nov. 1 - 3 at 7 p.m. at the Cove Fine Arts Center, 23 East Elm Ave., Quincy. Tickets are $10 for general admission and are available by calling 617-745-3715.

Pat O'Shea, Annette Pollack, Chris Johnston and Todd Andrews will perform at Jimbo's Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners. Admission is $10 with special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended by calling 781-848-0300.

Fri. 2

'60's Guitar Legend Johnny Rivers and his band will appear at Lombardo's in Randolph. Tickets on sale through www.ticketweb.com. Tickets are priced at $32. Lombardo's is located in Randolph, exit 5A off Route 128. All seating is general admission.

World Community Day, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate. Sound the Shofar: Jubilee! Forgive All Debts, Set People Free is the theme this year. Coffee at 10 a.m., program at 10:30. All are welcome.

South Shore Communities will honor eight recipients of the Outstanding Democrat Award in towns Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth on Nov. 2. Hosted by the Marshfield Democratic Town Committee at the Ramada Inn in Rockland. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., full-course dinner at 7:30 p.m., live entertainment, cash bar and silent auction. Tickets are $30 per person and can be reserved by calling Jean Christianson at 781-837-0665.

Attention Deficit Information Network presents "Cooperation & Collaboration: Everyone Wins!" with speakers Trish Whipple, Special Education Teacher, Lauren Melillo, Parent Advocate on Nov. 2 at 7:15 p.m. at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School, Route 3 South to exit 5, turn onto Long Pond Road, heading West. 1/2 mile to school on right. $15 annual family membership provides meeting notices for one year. For more information call 508-747-0039.

Mass. Assoc. of Insurance Women will hold a meeting at the Sheraton Inn in Plymouth on the weekend of Nov. 2. There will be an "ISO HO 2000 Changes" seminar on Fri. at 2 p.m. and on Sat. at 9 a.m. a seminar will be presented by MAIA's Carol Kitner on "3 R's of E&O and CGL PD Issues." For more information or to make a reservation for all or part of the weekend event call Julie Franklin at 508-295-6504.

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Bluegrass group Southern Rail returns to the South Shore with a concert at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset. The group will perform Sunday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the concert at dinner are $12, $10 for the concert only, and $5 for children. For more information call (781) 383-0345.

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"An Evening of Dreams...The Art of Childhood" presented by the Fuller Museum. This is a very special fundraising event to support the artistic development of children in Brockton and surrounding communities through the Educational Outreach Programs of the museum. The event takes place at Massasoit Conference Center, 770 Cresecent Street in Brockton. Silent Auction and cocktails are from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m. Dancing until 11:30 p.m. to the music of Java Jive. Tickets are $60 per guest. Casual chic attire. For more information or reservations call 508-588-6000.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents The Spurs. Tickets are $7. Casual dress, cover charges varies and all shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents David Roth in concert beginning at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, Route 106 in Kingston. Tickets are $10 for members and $12 for non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052.

Sat. 3

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse. 23 Central Square, Bridgewater. Featured poet, Katie Fowley, 7:30 p.m. Open mic sign up. Free admission - pass the hat for feature.

Metropolitan Wind Symphony celebrates its 31st Anniversary Season with a concert at 8 p.m. at the Sorenson Center for the Arts, Babson College, Wellesley. Guest conductor will be David Rox. Tickets $10; $7 students/seniors. Call the MWS concert line at 617-983-1370, Tsai box office 617-353-8724.

Braintree Art Association Fall Art Sale will offer original paintings, at affordable prices from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Avenue, Braintree. Call 781-335-4675 for information.

Wild Again, Inc., and The Puddlebee Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre will hold its seventh annual benefit auction at 5 p.m. in the Reed Community House, Route 3A Kingston. Charles Bailey-Gates will be the auctioneer. For information call 508-759-5852 or 781-508-279-1444 ext. 4.

Crossroads for Kids' Eighth Annual Harvest Moon Benefit to benefit children at Crossroads for Kids will be held at Camp Wing in Duxbury. Caller Cliff Brodeur and the Square One Band will highlight the evening that will include square and line dancing, a buffet donated by Currier & Chives, a raffle, a live auction, hayrides and much more. All proceeds raised go to send at-risk youth to Crossroads for Kids' summer camps.Tickets $40 per person. Tickets are available at Bennett's General Store, Millbrook Market, and Westwinds Bookshop. Call 781-834-2700.

OperaFest a troupe of young opera students from Boston's Longy School of Music under the direction of Donna Roll, presents an evening of opera and broadway favorites. Cushing Center, 673 Main Street, (Route 123), Norwell. 8 p.m. Reservations required. Cabaret table seats, $25; theater seating, $20. Proceeds to benefit the education and outreach programs of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. For reservations and information call 508-746-8008.

Massachusetts Audubon Society presents Walk for Wildlife. 9 a.m. Take an 8-mile walk from the North River Wildlife Sanctuary to the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield and help support the management of these properties. Register at North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Rt. 3A at 8:30 a.m. Call 781-837-9400 for more information.

The Silver Ribbon – American Crafts and Art Gallery will have their 14th annual Holiday Open house from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. An exhibit "Artful Jewelry Designs" opens. This is a collection of hour new jewelry designers new to the gallery. The exhibit is free and handicap accessible. For more information call 781-826-1525.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Michelle Wilson and her Evil Gal Orchestra. Tickets are $7. Casual dress, cover charges varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Old Ship Church Candlelight Concert Series at 90 Main Street, downtown Hingham will be the site of a candlelight concert to feature Ariel Winds, an all-female woodwind quintet at 4 p.m. Free admission. For more information, call 781-749-1679.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club presents a moderate walk for 3 miles. Walk from Donovan School to Ponkapoag Trail and return via Madden Road. Meet at Donovan School on Reed Street in Randolph. Rangers recommend you wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. For more information call 617-698-1802.

Sun. 4

Blue Hills Reservations and South Region Sites presents Skyline Hike at 9 a.m. A hike on this rugged nine mile jaunt along Skyline Trail in Blue Hills. Explore the peaks and valleys of the surrounding countryside. Wear hiking boots and bring water and lunch. We will car caravan to the starting point. Pre-registration is required. Call 617-698-1802 to register.

The First Taber Concert Series performance of this season will be at 3 p.m. in the East Congregational Church of Milton, 610 Adams Street. Guitar Duo is made up of Peter Clemente and John Muratore. Admission $10, $8 for seniors/students (with $1 of each ticket to benefit Father Bill's Place) A coffee and dessert reception with the artists will follow the performance. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. Call 617-698-0270 for information.

Larry W. Williams Memorial Antique Souvenir Show will be held at the Taunton Holiday Inn (located at exit 9 off route 495 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show features an extraordinary display of souvenirs from the mid 1800's through the pre-depression era displayed by many dealers. There will be 50 tables of souvenirs. For additional information call 413-436-5998 or email CTRTLE@Berkshire.net

Fine Arts Choral and Orchestra – Come celebrate their 36th Season with a celebration of French composers at 5 p.m., Old South Union Church, Columbian Street, So. Weymouth. $12.50 Adults $10 seniors/students. For information, call 781-934-5753 or email FineArtsChoral@aol.com

10th Anniversary Brockton Train Show – Temple Beth Emunah, Torrey and Pearl Streets, Brockton. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 80 dealer tables plus operating layouts, MBTA/Old Colony Railroad displays, exhibits, trains and more Free parking, handicap accessible. Admission adults $3, students and seniors $2; children under 10 free (with adult); family maximum $6. Call 508-583-5810 for more information.

Second Congregational Church of Cohasset Highland Avenue, Cohasset, will hold a church supper at 5 p.m. and a Bluegrass & Gospel concert at 6:30 p.m. featuring Southern Rail. Tickets $12 for concert and supper; $10 concert only. Children $5. Call 781-383-0345 for information and reservations.

J. E. Burke High for Girls will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on Nov. 4, at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information: 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.

Mon. 5

South Shore Women's Business Network celebrates its 10th anniversary by hosting Expo 2001: "A Decade of Opportunity." The event will be held at the Lantana function facility at 43 Scanlan Drive in Randolph, noon to 6 p.m. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. Keynote speaker will be Irma S. Mann, the founder of Irma S. Mann, Strategic Marketing Inc., the largest woman-owned marketing firm in New England. Expo 2001 will provide access to more than 70 booths, all displaying goods and services. In addition, two workshops are scheduled. Call SSWBN for more information at 781-749-8883, email info@sswbn.org. www.sswbn.org website.

The Wallace L. Anderson Gallery, corner of School and Summer Street in Bridgewater David Shapleigh through Nov. 23. Recent oil paintings by Bridgewater State College Visting Lecturer. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 508-531-1359.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston presents a Special Forum Series Responding to Terrorism. 5:30 – 7 p.m. On the roots of Terror – In 1979 **Morrhead Kennedy** was taken hostage in Iran while serving as the Acting Economic Advisor at the US Embassy in Tehran. Since his release, he has worked to educate others about acts of terrorism and how to respond to their underlying roots. Fore information call 617-929-4500 or http://www.cs.umb.edu/jfklibrary/index.htm

Tues. 6

Braintree Art Association - Virginia Wilson will be displaying her paintings for the month of November at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. 781-335-4675.



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The Café at Borders Books in Braintree presents the charcoal drawings of Mary Felton throughout the month of November. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Nov. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Borders in Braintree is located at 255 Grossman Drive. For more information call (781) 356-5111.

Wed. 7

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset will host Author Darren Shan. Darren will speak and sign his latest book "Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant" from 3 to 5 p.m. Call 781-383-2665 to reserve or order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset will host a Fall Mystery Night from 7 to 9 p.m. Featured will be Lynne Heitman and David Manuel. Heitman is the author of "Hard Living." David Manuel is the author of "A Matter of Roses." Call 781-383-2665 to reserve or order your signed copy if unable to attend.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston presents a Special Forum Series Responding to Terrorism. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Presidents and Foreign Policy Crises. **David Gergen,** advisor to four presidents and author of "Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of leadership," will discuss the foreign policies of presidents he has known and comment on the military and leadership challenges facing the current administration. For information call 617-929-4500 or http://www.cs.umb.edu/jfklibrary/index.htm

Vincent's in Randolph - Wednesday night live concerts. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Nov. 7: Magic Dick & Jay Geils' Bluestime. For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

Mary Kennedy Selected Duxbury Art Association Student of the Month for her outstanding work in watercolor class instructed by Katherine Smit. Mary's watercolor "Duxbury Scene" will be on display in the Lillian & Ture Bengzt Gallery at the Ellison Center for the Arts. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

Thurs. 8

Wellness through Therapeutic Massage - First Parish Stoughton, 790 Washington Street in Stoughton Square presents a presentation on "Hands-On-Health: Achieving Wellness through Therapeutic massage" with Lori McGarvey, BSN, MS, RN. The session will take place at 7:30 p.m. Hanicap accessible. For information call 781-344-6800.

Talking Information Center (TIC) – The Ninth Annual Fall Wine Tasting benefit at the Barker Tavern in Scituate at 7 p.m. Wine columnist, Marc Sachs of Merchant Wine, selected the wines. Chef Juerg Kummer at the Barker developed the menu based on the wine selection.

Thayer Public Library presents "Vincent: A Portrait by the Postman Roulin," to be performed at 7:30 p.m. in Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. Free and open to the public. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420 for information.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of "Lend me a Tenor." 8 p.m. Other performance dates are Nov. 9, 10 and 15, 16, 8 p.m. CCT clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commerical Streets in Braintree. Call and reserve tickets at 781-356-5113. Tickets $12.

Fri. 9

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Roger "Hurricane" Wilson. Tickets are $8. Casual dress, cover charges varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Edaville Railroad. Christmas Light Festival though Jan. 6, 2002, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow

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gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

The South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition entitled "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" in the Bancroft Gallery, through Jan. 5, 2001. For more information, call 781-383-2787.

The Massasoit Theatre Co. presents West Side Story, 8 p.m. held at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College off Rt. 27 Brockton. Other performances Nov. 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18. Tickets $14 general public; $12 students and senior citizens. Group rates available. All seats reserved. Purchase tickets by calling 508-427-1234. Credits cards welcome. Handicap accessible.

South Shore Folk Music Club – coffeehouse presents Deb Talan. Opening for Deb is Grace Morrison then capping off the evening with an open mike session. Beal House, Route 106 in Kingston at 8 p.m. Tickets are $4 for members and $5 for non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052.

Ongoing Events

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Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers"; Those who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women who choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. Come join us! The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham.

A New Display of work by members of the Weymouth Art Association is on display at several locations around town for the month of and Nov. In the town hall, the Mayor's office, Dorothy Babineau and Ernest Laidler, in the treasurer's office, JoAnn Burns is exhibiting. In the Councilor's office, Joe Barca, Barbara Greland and Ed MacCormack and Dorothy Barnaby is displaying in the auditor's office. There are paintings on display at Synder Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance and Colonial Federal Savings bank by Denise Graham, Nancy LaPorta, Marilyn Reisberg, Allan Chambers, Joe MacFarlane, Clair Palmer, Mary Santry, Don Coole, Donna Gallagher and Donald Heath, Lorraine Ingenito, Elizabeth Pohl, Bill Sawyer, Laurie Porter and Elizabeth Trubia. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

'The Soprano's Last Supper' a spoof on the HBO hit series, debuts in Boston's Theatre district with an interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont Street in Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are $49 per person for the dinner and show. Show dates are Nov. 11 and Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For tickets call 800-944-5639.

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The Art Complex Museum presents "A Novel Idea" at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury through Nov. 30. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibition features images of books in all mediums by thirty-two artists. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4

Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their acappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.



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The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury presents Killing Frost — a classical woodwind quartet —performing Sunday, Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. Admission for the concert is free. The museum is located at 189 Alden Street Duxbury. For more information call (781) 934-6634.

Environmental Arts, Inc. at the Fuller Museum of Art will present its Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the grounds of the Fuller Museum of Art through Nov. 4. Environmental Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes site-specific art in natural settings. For more information please call 508-588-6000.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

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K-PAX (B+)



Kevin Spacey and Jeff Bridges discuss life, the universe, etc.

While we fret about whether the coffee and donut guy at the T station might be Osama bin Laden's local operative, at least nobody has come up (yet) with the brilliant idea that when we say "alien" we should mean not Islamic terrorists but folks from outer space. Akin to the nutty idea popularized a few decades ago that the pyramids were built by charioteers of the gods (aliens) is the notion that "they" hover about, maybe as body snatchers or who-knows-what.

"K-PAX" — the title suggests an over-the-counter drug for hemorrhoids or an outlet chain — is actually a planet in the Whoop-dee-doo galaxy (I've forgotten the name but if you consult the stars you'll see it), denizens from which periodically visit earth to study us. They mean us no harm, they are far ahead in science and technology, although their mating procedure is painful and seems to have nothing to recommend it except, obviously, for perpetuating their species.

Currently one K-PAXian, Prot (rhymes with gloat) has popped in to visit. He's a few hundred years old but (when in Rome appear as the Romans do) he looks like Kevin Spacey; we resist the obvious pun. "K-PAX" is a fable about truth, the will to believe (William James' essay on why people believe remains solid after a century), and the rigidity of modern scientific Man to analyze everything, even if that sometimes adds not less but more perplexity to our lives.

Prot appears one day at the railroad station, and because he isn't like the rest of us he is incarcerated in the Manhattan Institute for Psychiatry, a pleasant enough place, though civil libertarians and other nice folks might question the state's power to do this to weird folks and yet leave Howard Stern at large. There Prot falls into the tender clutches of a thoughtful shrink, Dr. Powell (Jeff Bridges, whose incarnation of an alien visitor in "Starman" will come to mind). Powell thinks Prot is human. Prot knows he's not, and a trip to the Rose Center for Earth and Space at the Museum of Natural History brings about an amazing display: Prot shows the astronomer graybeards where he's from and what his planet's trajectory is and other fancy things, mind-boggling to one and all. Dr. Powell begins to believe, despite his scientific training.

But we moderns are enlightened: we can hardly wait till the kids learn the truth about Santa (I won't tell, in case precocious children read my columns, as they ought to). So Powell cannot leave well enough alone, and though Prot proves to be a wonder-worker to the other patients, bringing hope and joy and the prospect of release from their confinement, both within their minds and in the institution, and even wowing Powell's wife and daughters on a trip to see how normal folk live — even with all that, Powell is bent on proving that Prot is one of us.

In this lovely, engaging, but ultimately deflating film, the lead performers so thoroughly inhabit their roles that one wishes only that Powell and Prot could make common cause. But Powell and we are not ready for Prot, as the ending sadly reveals, even with a smidgen of ambiguity to tantalize us and give us some expectation of a happier answer to our questions.

Written by Charles Leavitt; directed by Iain Softley. Rated PG-13.

Reunions

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1956, 45th reunion will be held on Nov. 10 at the Quincy Sons of Italy Hall, 120 Quarry Street in Quincy. Tickets are $40 per person which includes dinner, music and dancing. For more information call Jim Tantillo at 781-585-4315 ext. 14.

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1971, 30th reunion will be held on Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. at Top of the Ridge, 710 West Street in Braintree. Tickets are $45 per person. For more information call Jean Petitti at 617-773-5848 or Dee Dee DiBona Speranzo at 617-471-1649.

1961 REUNION with the Weymouth High School Class planning a 40th reunion at the Weymouth Elks Club on Nov. 24, 2001. For information call Mike Grable at 781-826-3535 or Brian Dunbar at 781-337-6490.

J E BURKE HIGH FOR GIRLS will hold the 40th reunion luncheon for the class of '61 on November 4 at 11 a.m. at Phillips' Old Colony House, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Tickets are $40 including souvenir yearbook. For reservations and information: 100 Corey Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Tel. 617-327-4939 or 781-925-2535.

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Ledge will have to wait

Issue could come back in the spring

By Evan Schiff
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Monday's special Town Meeting had plenty of issues to resolve but none were perhaps as anticipated as the one that didn't get voted on — whether to amend the zoning by-law to preserve ledge in town.

With a top attendance of more than 350 citizens in the high school gym, Town Meeting decided the fate of 22 articles or items of business. Eleven of those articles were decided on in one motion as there was no opposition to them.

But Article 17 — concerning preserving the ledge in town — was bound to open the proverbial can of worms.

A hot topic around water coolers for some time, the issue was effectively shelved by the Planning Board last week – when a majority of the board voted to continue the public hearing on the matter until Nov. 7 – two days *after* Town Meeting..

But the article's group of supporters weren't going down without a fight and proposed continuing Town Meeting until tonight, Thursday Nov. 8, to allow the Planning Board time to complete the hearing slated for last night.

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Patience rewarded by library backers

By Evan Schiff
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This was the first time the library didn't mind the roaring din of the masses.

To the tune of thunderous applause, Monday's special Town Meeting approved Article 17 which appropriates $2.1 million towards the construction of the new library.

Town Meeting was asked to approve two items concerned with the article. The first, was to change the wording of a past article which stated that the library construction was not to begin without the state grant in hand. Currently, Cohasset is first on the waiting list for the grant.

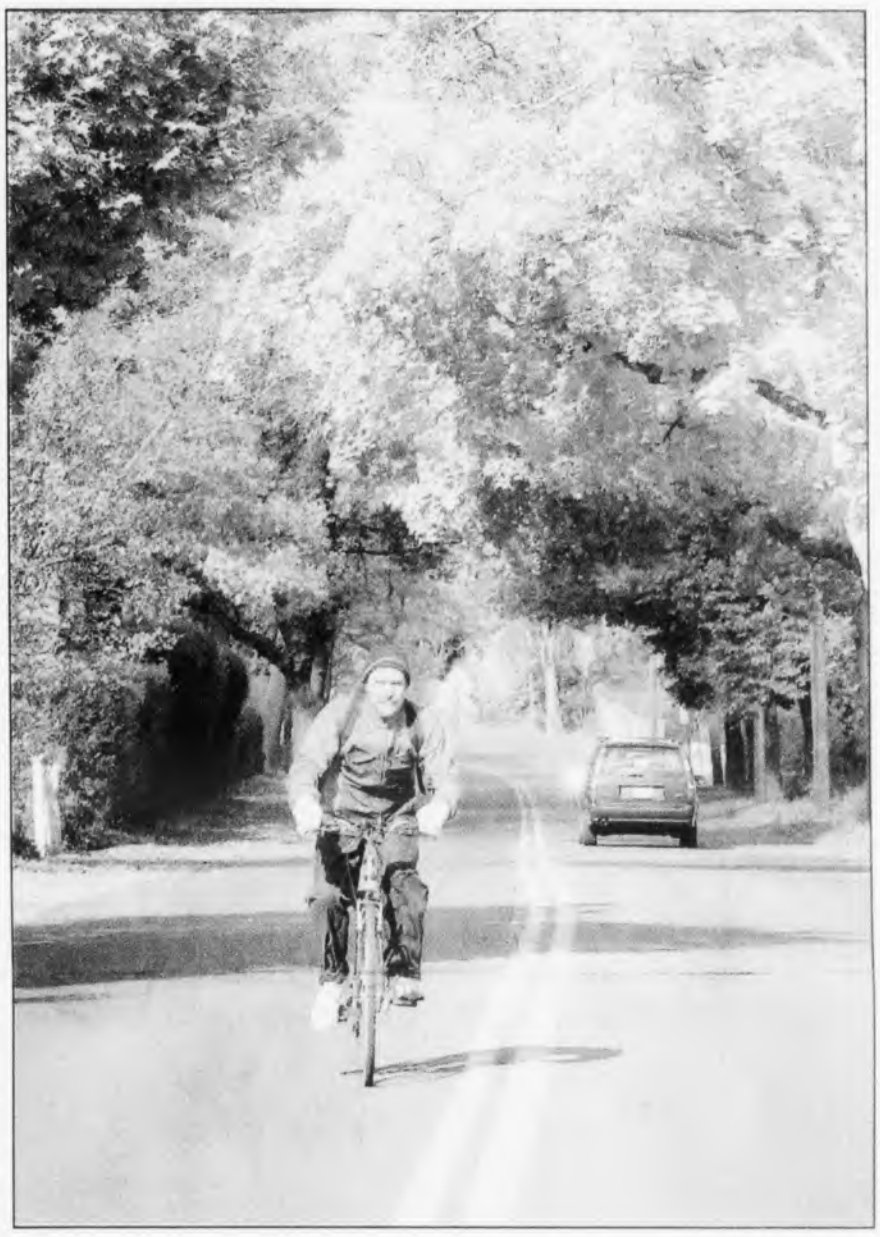
As a result of Monday's vote, the town will now advance $1.5 million to the library trustees with the understanding that the grant will be realized. The trustees promised to pay the interest on the borrowing from the endowment and building fund.

The second condition of the article was that Town Meeting was asked to appropriate an additional $600,000 towards construction of the new building. Unforeseen costs ballooned the price of the library an extra $1 million but trustees have raised $400,000 of that amount.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the trustees have done a great job in raising the extra money and encouraged Town Meeting to approve the article because it was "the right thing to do."

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LOCAL COLOR



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Late fall foliage provides a canopy over Hienz Layman, who bundles up to bike along South Main Street.

Vietnam veteran to give speech

Dedication is on Sunday

By Evan Schiff
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After serving in Vietnam, Capt. Jane McCarthy knows what war is like.

That's why when Glenn Pratt of the Woodside Cemetery Expansion Committee asked her to be the keynote speaker at the Gold Star Mothers dedication at the Woodside Cemetery, she excepted without hesitation.

"I was thrilled and flattered to be asked to give this speech. It's so important to have memorials to remember wars for the sacrifices that were made," McCarthy said.

Pratt said he chose McCarthy because she grew up in Cohasset, made a career in the military, and is a mother herself.

McCarthy currently works with the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Core and has served on the board of directors at the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists since 1976. At 20, McCarthy left the serene surroundings of Cohasset to enter the war in Vietnam. After her stint in the war McCarthy felt that all losses suffered during a conflict must be remembered.

"I try to come back every year for the Memorial Day parade. I feel it's that important," she said. McCarthy, who lives in Olney, Md. just outside Washington, D.C., hopes that there will be a large

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Selectmen will discuss the fate of the Hagerty House, shown here from across the harbor, at their meeting Tuesday at Town Hall.

Jury is out on the Hagerty House

Selectmen to air options Tuesday

By Evan Schiff
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Trying to figure out what to do with the Hagerty House might prove more difficult than predicting who was going to win the World Series.

So the town is turning towards its citizens for an answer.

Residents are encouraged to share ideas about the fate of the Hagerty House with selectmen on Nov. 13. At their meeting, selectmen plan to discuss what to do with the former Cohasset Colonials building that could potentially generate money for the town.

"I think they should turn the downstairs over to the sailing club and the upstairs should be given to the harbormaster."

— Al Moore, former Hagerty Committee chairman

The 2.1 acres is assessed at $273,000 and what's on the land (including the Hagerty House and boathouse) is assessed at $367,800 which brings the total assessed value of the property to $640,800. While the property does have value, so far no one has been able to realize the potential of the Victorian house, which had served as the offices and showroom for Cohasset Colonials that manufactured furniture kits.

Selectmen recently terminated the Cohasset Lobster Lab's lease of the building because the non-

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Cohasset students make the grade

MCAS results are in

By Evan Schiff and Carol Meyer
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Cohasset students are up to the test. MCAS scores were released last week and Cohasset 10th graders fared very well.

Tenth-grade students scored high on both the English/Language Arts section and the math section. The students ranked 26 out of the 319 schools in the state on the two sections.

That comes as welcomed news because students who plan to graduate in 2003 — this year's juniors — are the first required to pass the English and math portions as sophomores in order to graduate from high school.

The 10th-grade ranked 26 out of the 319 schools in the state on the two sections.

Students are placed into four categories once they've taken the lengthy test: failing, needs improvement, proficient or advanced.

For tenth graders at CMHS, 21 students were advanced in English, 46 were proficient, nine fell into the needs improvement category, and two failed. In the math section, 28 students were advanced, 31 were proficient, 17 needed improvement and two failed.

Eight graders at CMHS did very well also, four were advanced in English, 76 were proficient, 11 needed improvement, and no students failed. In the math section, 27 students were advanced, 29 were proficient, 21, needed improvement, and four students failed.

Supt. Edward Malvey said they he was very pleased with the overall results. After a first analysis Malvey felt that, "we are very, very strong in some areas and in what we've accomplished." Malvey credits the high scores to a combination of positive factors. He said community support for the education process, and the quality of the staff at the high school are just two of the reasons.

Malvey went on to say that once the school district receives the names of the students to go along with the scores they will identify those who failed and attempt to help them. He said that the schools will be offering remedial programs in the summer which he hopes will identify individual problems. "We are going to do our best to make sure our kids to their best," Malvey said.

Students will have a number of opportunities to retake a shorter version of the original test at a later date.

The Department of Education also launched a seven-week, on-line tutoring program to help all students in the Class of 2003 improve their math and English skills. A contract was signed with the Princeton Review to offer the free tutorial to students through its

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New name for park

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Makeup of CPC

The Community Preservation Committee, formed under the auspices of the Community Preservation Act that Cohasset adopted last spring, will consist of three citizens at large and one member each from the Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Planning Board, park department, Housing Authority and Open Space Committee. The committee will study community preservation and make recommendations to Town Meeting for acquisition and preservation of historic resources, open space, land for recreation and affordable housing. Then Town Meeting may make appropriations for those purposes from the community preservation funds acquired through a property tax surcharge.

Master Plan funded

Special Town Meeting voted to appropriate $60,000 for consulting services to help the town develop a Master Plan.

RTF closed Nov. 11

The Department of Public Works has issued a public notice that the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF) will be closed on Sunday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday Nov. 5:

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 8

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 8 at Cohasset High School

Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15 at 339 King St.

Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13

Town History Committee, 7:30 p.m. at the Lothrop House

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., Nov. 19

Zoning Board, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19

All meetings at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Hedlund office hours

Sen. Robert Hedlund's (R-Weymouth) office hours for Cohasset will be held in the Cohasset Town Hall Thursday, Nov. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. in the 2A Vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth, that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator. The telephone number is 781-340-9866.

Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D – Hingham, will hold district office hours this Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Hingham Town Hall, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

Time for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays. The next meeting is Nov. 13.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Bruce Pratt of Sohier Street says the aftermath of Sept. 11 has hurt the airline industry and there won't be a need for a new runway at Logan Airport.

Voters say no to Logan lawsuit

By Evan Schiff
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Cohasset decided it doesn't want another lawsuit.

With a vote of 184 to 140, residents rejected appropriating an additional $30,000 towards the legal fund to join a lawsuit with neighboring towns, Hull and Hingham. The money would have been used to try and stop proposed runway 14/32 at Logan.

Concerns were voiced about how much money would eventually be thrown into the suit, some feared it was a black hole. Selectman Merle Brown warned, "before we know it we could have spent $500,000."

Peter Wood, 77 Summer St. said, "the money should be spent on the town of Cohasset." Wood warned that entering a lawsuit without any end in the foreseeable future was walking down a "long and slippery slope."

Bruce Pratt, 83 Sohier St., said he has worked for the aviation industry for 35 years and since Sept. 11 there have been big changes in the industry. "The town should save its money. United Airlines has lost $1.16 billion, Delta has lost $400 million, and many of the airlines are parking 100s of planes. There is no need for another runway anymore."

Both the selectmen and the Advisory Committee recommended that the town spend the $30,000. Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said that he believed the lawsuit could be won. "After reading the lawsuit I believe Massport cannot be trusted. We will be well represented in the suit," he said. He added that spending the $30,000 now did not necessarily mean that the town would spend more on the suit in the future.

South Shore Jet Pollution member Ralph Dormitzer, of 334 S. Main St., said Cohasset is at the crossroads for all departing and arriving flights and with the new runway the noise and pollution will only get worse. He said, "sharing the cost of the lawsuit is better than going in alone."

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Mon. 12	8:15	10.7	1:57	8:41	10.6	2:28
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Court sides with former landfill

Says it operated legally

By Mary Ford
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Paul Barry won a Pyrrhic victory last week when the state Appeals Court reversed the judgment of the Land Court and ruled Cohasset Heights Landfill was operating legally after all.

However, for Barry even the sweet taste of success can turn sour. The landfill closed in 1998, so the legality of its operations is now a moot point.

The Cohasset resident has been in the trash business in town since 1982 when he bought the Route 3A landfill from James Tyeryar. From that point on, Barry's been in a legal morass with the town, fighting one long regulatory issue after another. Over the years the town and CHL have been embroiled in a total of seven lawsuits.

On one side is Barry, who was trying to run a landfill business and on the other side is the town and a grass-roots group, dubbed SAFE [Stop Any Further Expansion] — whose members have attacked the landfill at every turn on environmental issues.

In 1986, the town passed a bylaw creating a water resources overly district prohibiting landfill operations on part of CHL's land. SAFE discovered the special permit granted to Tyeryar back in 1976 was never recorded and complained to the building inspector who issued a cease and desist order on the grounds the permit was invalid because it had never been recorded. That formed the basis for allegations the landfill wasn't legal.

But the Appeals Court said the issuance of a special permit marks the beginning of protection as a prior nonconforming use from subsequent zoning changes. The court said the fact the special permit had not taken effect did not mean it had not been issued — and the issuance alone qualifies a special permit as a prior non-conforming use.

Yet SAFE, whose spokesman is John K. McNabb Jr., isn't ready to let the issue drop.

McNabb said he and the other "interveners" in the lawsuit plan to appeal the Appeals Court ruling to Superior Court.

"We will file a notice of appeal," McNabb said. "We think it's a wrong decision. It's the principle of the thing."

McNabb, who is also chairman of the water commission, said the decision is disappointing and noted it flies in the face of the judgment of the building inspector, zoning board and land court.

Jury is out on Hagerty House

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profit organization did not meet the conditions of the lease in terms of building upkeep and fund-raising. Cohasset High School teacher Jack Buckley, founder of the Cohasset Maritime Institute based at the boathouse on the Hagerty property, is proposing using the first-floor of the building for his program.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said issues for the selectmen to consider are razing the building, selling the building or another compatible use, such as Buckley's proposal.

Opinions around town run the gamut on what to do with the building.

Murray Campbell, chairman of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation that has jurisdiction over the Lightkeepers Residence, believes that Buckley's initiative to have the Maritime Institute take over the house is the best idea. Campbell said that while the Maritime Institute could have the bottom floor of the house, the second and third floors should be converted to apartments so that the town can make money off the rent.

But Joe McElroy, who was the force behind the mammoth Lightkeepers Residence renovation project disagrees. "I wish the best of luck to the Maritime Institute," he said. "It seems to me that they already have their hands full with the boathouse and I'm skeptical they could maintain a unit of that size."

Hagerty Committee chairman Russ Bonetti said he wouldn't mind if the house got knocked down. "I think it may get torn down. I'd love to see it turned into a park or something that everyone in the town could benefit from," he said. He said originally the committee, which spearheaded the development of Mariners Park on the former Hagerty property, considered selling the house but it was more trouble than it was worth. The town would have to rezone the land, which is currently zoned open space, to allow the house to be used as a residence.

Martha Gjesteby, president of the historical society, also thinks the house should go. "I don't think the Maritime Institute should get a hold of the property. I'd love to see children playing in a park there someday," she said.

Planning Board chairman Al Moore, who is a former Hagerty committee chairman, said the town should think outside the box when trying to figure out the enigma that is the Hagerty House. "I think they should turn the downstairs over to the sailing club and the upstairs should be given to the harbormaster," Moore said. He said the town should do something interesting with the property that everyone could enjoy but added, "I wouldn't cry if it disappeared in the night."

But if it did disappear, the Hagerty House would take a lot of history with its destruction.

Cohasset Colonials occupied the building and two-acre Hagerty site for some 50 years. The Hagerty house — so called because the late Francis Hagerty once owned Cohasset Colonials — was moved from the Rowe's Wharf area in Boston to Parker Avenue in the early 1900s. Back in 1993, when Cohasset Colonials relocated to Hingham, Town Meeting agreed to spend a maximum of $485,000 to purchase the 2.1 acre harborfront site with the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private group, offering $50,000 to offset the cost. By purchasing the land, the town prevented another industrial use there and opened up the possibilities of a public park at the waterfront. At that time, officials floated the idea of selling the house to offset the cost of buying the property.

In 1993, the estimated value of the house was $200,000. Helen Pratt, a realtor with Hunneman Coldwell Banker, estimates the house would have a market value of $350,000 today. But she said there are a lot of variables involved most significantly if the house could be hooked up to the sewer which is being extended to Parker Avenue.

In 1995 as selectmen grappled with potential uses for the Hagerty house, Cohasset Harbor Marina expressed interest in the building hoping to turn it into a ship's chandlery. The town eventually leased the building to the Lobster Lab in 1998.

Vietnam veteran to give speech

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crowd at the dedication and she aims to inform those in attendance about the significance of the event.

"I hope to connect with the people of Cohasset and let them know how meaningful this is to me," McCarthy said.

In her speech, McCarthy touches on the tragedies of Sept. 11 and how they have affected everyone. "These recent events somehow give even more weight and importance to remember our wars and our mothers' sons," McCarthy says. McCarthy feels the Gold Star Mothers is a wonderful organization that is well deserving of a memorial.

The American Gold Star Mothers is an organization open to any mothers who have lost children in the service since World War I, and works closely with and is respected by all veterans organizations. Cohasset has a total of 22 Gold Star Mothers, three of whom — June Simeone, Elizabeth Maree, and Mary Reardon — all who lost sons in Vietnam, still live in town.

The monument at Woodside is designed to be the focal point of the expansion of the cemetery which is underway. A large stone, standing eight feet tall, is at the center of the memorial. Extending 50 feet on either end of the large stone will be 22 individual stones listing the mother's name, the son's name, and the war in which he perished. A path that is flanked by pillars that gradually fade in color will lead up to the memorial. The monument was designed so it will never be obstructed by grave stones. Pratt emphasized that no town can ever do enough to honor its veterans.



Capt. Jane McCarthy

The event will be held on Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. A parade of Cohasset veterans and servicemen will march into Woodside Cemetery to begin the dedication. McCarthy will deliver the keynote speech followed by veterans of each of the four wars individually honoring a Gold Star mother and her son by placing a rose on the memorial.

The event is expected to last an hour.

Hotel tax rejected

By Mary Ford
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Competition among hotels and motels is fierce, Joe Campbell, director of Kimball's by the Sea, told Monday's special Town Meeting.

"Since Sept. 11, the hospitality industry has been hit hard," he said. "The timing of this excise tax couldn't be worse."

A majority of voters agreed and defeated the article that would have imposed a 4 percent local room-occupancy tax that would have added money to town coffers.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the tax would raise an estimated $38,000 annually for the town. "We thought it was one way to raise funds without hurting any individual," he said.

The Advisory Committee said other towns such as Hull, Weymouth, Rockland and Marshfield have similar taxes.

But Andrew Quigley of 38 Jerusalem Road said the "big chains" could perhaps absorb the cost, but not the smaller establishments. "This is the wrong tax at the wrong time on the wrong industry," he said.

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce also spoke against the article.

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AROUND TOWN



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LOTS OF NEWS

Hello Cohasset. We have a lot of fantastic news to share this week. Between new babies, football and some very busy fundraisers, the news is flowing. Please keep it coming as we head into our holiday season. It is so wonderful to hear about family and friends who are visiting, events and holiday get-togethers so make sure to send in all the news and photos. Remember also to honor our Veterans this Sunday on Veterans Day.

HURRAY SKIPPERS

Go Blue, Go White! The Cohasset High School Football team is awesome and last Friday; they played a fantastic game against another great team, Abington. Both teams came into Friday with 7 wins, 0 losses so it was an important game for them both. Guess what? Cohasset won in a beautiful victory in which it seemed like the entire town came out to cheer the players on.

Thank you to all of the Cohasset fans. The weather was perfect for fans and they made a spectacular showing to ensure Cohasset's undefeated football team stayed that way. The **Gridiron Club** extends an invitation to all to support this team on Friday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. at Norwell High School. Be a part of the adventure to help send this team to the Super Bowl by cheering them on to victory against Norwell!

A special thanks goes out from the Cohasset Football Team to the Cohasset High School Band for the superb music they provided which added to the excitement of this game. The team even noticed fans in the stands dancing to the music so they responded by dancing their way to victory.

TOP EQUESTRIENNE

This past weekend, **Abby Adams Greer**, a Cohasset native and resident, won top ribbons at the National Horse Show held at Madison Square Garden. Her impressive track record this show season aboard Amir, owned by **Debra Zildjian**, placed her in the top ten nationwide and qualified her for this prestigious competition. Abby is a professional rider and trainer at River Wind Farm in Pembroke. Congratulations Abby!



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MOMS RECOGNIZED

The Cohasset Gridiron Club honored mothers of the senior members of this undefeated team on Friday night before the game. Blue and White corsages were presented to the mothers of **Tom Bilodeau, Nick Bolster, Dave Bouchard, Jason Brown, Chris Caron, Brendan Goff, John Hussey, Eric Libby, Jari Roine Martin, Liam Roine Martin, Marc Musco, Will Prendegast** and **Paul Previtte.**

GO STINGRAYS!

More Football news, this time from the Scituate/Cohasset B Stingrays. This team hosted a super bowl game vs. Duxbury this past Sunday. The Stingrays beat the Duxbury team 14-6 with an interception in the fourth quarter leading to a touchdown. The Cohasset Players on this team are: **Derek Schwantner, Nick Lieberman, John McKenna, Mike Froio, Alec Livingstone, Derek St. Peter, James Reichardt, Nick Savage** and **Paul Posniak.** The team finished out with 6 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie. Cohasset Varsity Football Coach **Bob Silvia** was seen on the sidelines cheering (and scouting) for future gridiron stars. Congratulations to this awesome young team!

PEACE CONCERT

I don't know about all of you but music is such a wonderful and healing tool for me when life gets a little overwhelming. This Sunday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m., the Second Congregational Church Peace Concert is being held at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Ave. The Choir, Music Committee and Music Director, Ellen Brown are planning this event in response to the Sept. 11 tragedies. Music will be performed by the SCC "Peace Choir" and special friends of SCC. Mark your calendar and save this date for this special event featuring Patriotic and uplifting music. Donations will benefit victims of this tragedy.

LOVE THAT TUPPERWARE

Everyone out there who is looking for Tupperware products need look no further! Cohasset's Deer Hill Sixth Grade class is holding a Tupperware Fundraiser to raise money for their treasured yearbook that they receive at the end of the year. This fundraiser starts on Thursday, Nov. 8 and will end on Friday, Nov. 16. If you do not know a sixth grader, you may request a catalog by emailing me at piepstupper@yahoo.com or calling 781-383-0143. You may also log onto the Tupperware website at www.tupperware.com, write down the items you wish and send them to the email listed in this message. Your support is greatly appreciated by all the members of this class!

NEW ADDITIONS!

The first beautiful little girl is the daughter of **Rebecca Stuzman** and **Torin Sweeney**. Miss **Olivia Mary Sweeney** was born on Sept. 22, 2001 weighing in at 6 lbs. 1 oz and was 18-3/4 inches long. Oh, thank heavens for little girls.... Congratulations! I am sure that this little lady will be making plenty of appearances with her Daddy at CHMS!

Michelle and Mark Appleby of Bates Lane would like to announce their new addition, **Ian Duncan,** who was born on Sept. 27, 2001 at 2:47 p.m.. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long. Ian's maternal grandparents are **William and Laurie DeVoir** of Andover, Mass. His paternal grandparents are **Peter and Betsy Appleby** of Marshfield. Congratulations to you all on this wonderful news!

And last, but certainly not least is the announcement of the birth of **Hayden Irvin Startzell**, son **Allison and Kennan Startzell** of Scituate. Hayden was born on Oct. 17 at 2:29 p.m., weighing in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. Hayden has a big brother, **Kennan Ross,** who is really happy to have a baby brother. Grandparents are **Jeff and Marcia Ludlow** of Mashpee,(formerly of Cohasset) and **Beverly and Harry Startzell** of Levittown, Penn.. Congratulations to this wonderful and happy family!

1964 CLASSMATE

I had a note from a former CHS graduate from the class of 1964. **Geoff Mullette** is looking for a classmate who graduated in the year 1966. Her name is **Betsy Mercer** and Betsy had a brother named **Andy** who was a basketball standout in the early 1960s. They lived in Cohasset just past Sandy Beach on the way to Hull. Anyone who could give Geoff any information on her whereabouts can send an email to downunder7@aol.com or, they can contact him by mail or phone at Geoff Mullette, 522 Mt. Pleasant Ave, W. Orange, NJ 07052. Phone or fax him at 973-325-8320. Geoff is also looking for information on any reunions or get- togethers.

UNICEF DONATION

A Joseph Osgood third-grader, **Kerry McCabe** would like to thank her neighbors, friends and relatives for donating to UNICEF this Halloween. The $109.11 Kerry raised will be used by UNICEF to provide children in Afghanistan with medicine, clean water, emergency relief and more. UNICEK's website is www.unicefusa.org.

Great work Kerry!

BOOK SALE

Books, Books, Books! What wonderful gifts to give for the holiday season. The Deer Hill shopping night at Buttonwood Books is being held on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 7-9 p.m. This is a great opportunity to stock up on Birthday gifts, holiday presents and teacher gifts. **Marge Murphy**, the Deer Hill librarian, will be on hand to make book suggestions for your children. Wine and cheese will be served and a portion of the sales will go towards the Deer Hill library. If you cannot go at night, you can shop during the day on Thursday and mention that you are with the Deer Hill.

FIRST PLACE

Josh Flanagan, a senior at Middlebury College, recently won 1st place in the Middlebury College triathlon. After finishing in 2nd place the last two years, Josh was thrilled to come in first his senior year. Josh, congratulations on a job very well done.

ON STAGE



Sarah DeLima will be appearing with three-time Tony nominee, Judy Kuhn, in a concert production of the musical, "The Baker's Wife."

Cohasset resident, **Sarah DeLima** will be appearing with three-time Tony nominee, **Judy Kuhn** (Les Miserables, Chess, She Loves Me) in a concert production of the musical, "The Baker's Wife." Sarah is delighted and thrilled to be taking part in such a production. We know that this will be a show definitely worth seeing. Show dates are Nov. 15 and 16 at 8 p.m.. Performances will be held at John Hancock Hall in Boston. Tickets are $25 and $50 and can be purchased at Ticketmaster and all Bostix outlets.

I wanted to end the column this week with the following quote that seems quite fitting with all that is happening within the country.

"Courage isn't being unafraid. It's moving ahead matter-of-factly even though you're scared."

That is it for this week! Keep the wonderful news coming in any one of the following ways.

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Remembering Revolutionary War soldiers

DAR to mark graves

By Evan Schiff
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Barbara Dillon thinks we should all be thankful for our freedom.

Dillon, regent of the Cohasset and Hingham chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), wants people to appreciate the sacrifices of those who fought in the American Revolution, especially around Veterans Day.

"We need to remember what the revolutionary soldiers established for us...our freedom," Dillon said.

In an effort to promote patriotism, Dillon and the 40 members of the local chapter of DAR are trying to preserve the memory of fallen soldiers by marking the graves of those who fought in the Revolutionary War. The organization also plans to maintain the gravestones and wants to ensure there is an American flag next to every grave.

Dillon has been a member of DAR for 21 years and was elected as regent in May, she will serve the position for three years. Dillon says there has been a lot more interest in the group since the attacks on Sept. 11. "Because of what's happened people are thinking more and more that they need to preserve freedom. These soldiers gave us our freedom and I think people can see that now," she said.

DAR is a national organization that was founded in 1890 and now contains more than 3,000 chapters in all 50 states. The Colonel Thomas Lothrop Chapter is the local chapter and was founded in 1896 with only 12 members. Five years ago the Cohasset Chapter merged with Old Colony Chapter of Hingham in order to better pursue the organization's aims.



State Sen. Robert Hedlund presents a citation from the state Senate honoring students who received the DAR good citizen award.

DAR states its objectives as historic preservation, promotion of education, and any patriotic endeavor. The Cohasset chapter placed a stone on the town common in 1902 in order to commemorate the veterans of the Revolutionary War.

In an effort to promote citizenship, on Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., DAR is leading a fundraiser at the Hillside School in Marlboro. The school offers opportunities to disadvantaged children from the inner-city. Pony rides, hayrides, baked goods, animal petting and farm tours will be available on Saturday.

In December, the group will be collecting gifts for veterans, wrapping them, and then delivering them to Brockton Veterans hospital.

As well, there is a good citizen award that DAR presents to a high-school senior every April. The award encourages patriotism, dependability, service and leadership in the high-schools. DAR awards five good citizenship awards to students from Rockland, Weymouth, Hull, Hingham and Cohasset. Three students are selected from each school by their teachers and then voted on by their peers. The winners receive a certificate, pin, and an award that is determined on a yearly basis.

DAR is open to any women who can prove that they have relatives who were patriots of that time. The organization offers help to those who are trying to establish their genealogy. The group meets up to eight times a year. Call Dillon at 781-383-0025 for more information.

IT'S HAPPENING

Bird walk

The Straits Pond Watershed Association will sponsor a free bird walk from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. Participants should meet on Atlantic Avenue in Hull (at the foot of Summit Avenue). The walk will be led by Sally Avery and all are welcome.

For more information, call Lawry Reid at 781-925-8659 or email: viaspeech@mediaone.net.

Vets Day breakfast

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting the annual Thanksgiving Day breakfast from 7-9:30 a.m. at the George H. Mealy Post on Summer Street. Everyone is invited. Adults are $4 and children, $2. All you can eat.

Jingle Bell walk

The South Shore Community Center invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk.

The Jingle Bell Walk, a Cohasset tradition offered by the SSCC, begins at 2 p.m. on Nov. 23, when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border Street).

After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he and his elves will board a hayride and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm to Main St. in Cohasset. At 2:30 p.m. the South Shore Community Center welcomes you to partake in cookies, a beverage, and a holiday-sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

Santa will be upstairs in the center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambiance.

At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for ages 3 to 10. You may pre-register for this event for $2 or post register the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will go to benefit the Nursery School. All participants will receive a prize!

Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2:30 to 4 p.m., while enjoying a hayride around the Common. Hayrides will be available from 3 to 4 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., gather around the Cohasset Common to listen to the Rusty Skippers Marching Band. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4:15 p.m. with the lighting of the tree.

There is something for everyone this year at the Jingle Bell Walk. It's a great way to appreciate our picturesque surroundings, while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition.

In the event of rain, all outdoor activities will be cancelled and Santa will arrive in the Community Center Gym at 2 p.m.

AAUW to meet

At the Nov. 13 meeting of the Hingham Area Branch, the AAUW (American Association of University Women) we will view the Australian video, Babakiueria, a humorous, yet serious, satirical look at society when power changes. Following the video, Nancy Moore, a member of the AAUW Diversity Task Force, will lead us in a discussion of the issues raised. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at Allerton House at Harbor Park, 15 Condito Rd, Hingham. It is free and open to the public. For more information call 781-749-6274.

Exploring movement

The Cohasset Recreation and Cohasset High School come together during a project for community service.

Three high school juniors, Shawna Sullivan, Sarah Dennis and Bryan Bilton, will run a Movement Exploration for ages 4 and 5. These volunteered services will help the children develop their motor skills and basic social skills. It will also provide an opportunity for parents to drop their youngsters off and run a few errands without having to entertain the children.

The program will run on a rotating schedule as follows: 10:50 to 11:40 a.m. Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20.

For more information, call 781-383-4109. Limited space available. Registration will be at the Town Hall.

Turkey raffle

The American Legion annual Turkey Raffle is at 6 p.m., Nov. 16 at the George H. Mealy Post on Summer Street. See Legion members for tickets or just come to the drawing.

Alzheimer's support

Dr. Robert C. Green, neurologist at Boston Medical Center and associate professor at Boston University School of Medicine, will speak on current research in Alzheimer's Disease Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. before the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore. The meeting will be held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham.

Green has been a national leader in research projects in Alzheimer's Disease and has been cited numerous times in Woodward and White's "Best Doctors in America" for behavioral neurology. A question and answer session will follow his presentation.

For further information call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417. The meeting is free and open to the public. Free respite care for an Alzheimer's patient so that the family may attend this lecture is available at Harbor House. Reservations for respite care must be made in advance by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House at 781-749-4774, Ext. 843 by 3 p.m. Nov. 14.

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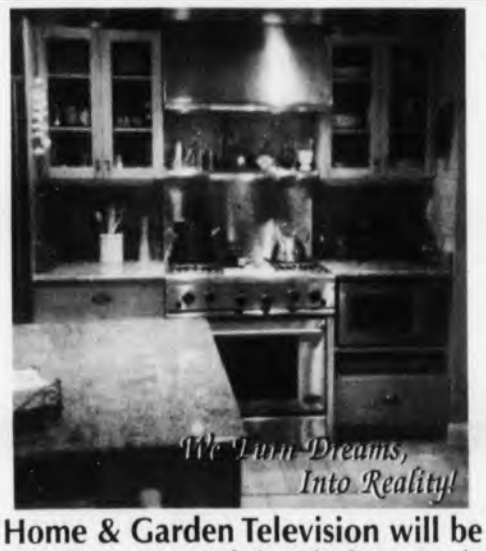
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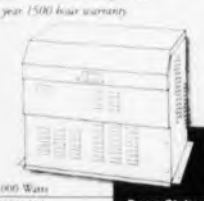
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When the issue first hit the floor at 10:45 p.m. Planning Board Chairman Al Moore's made a motion to indefinitely postpone the article. What followed was 30 minutes of what was, at times, raucous debate centered – not on saving ledge – but on alleged governmental shenanigans and how zoning issues should be handled in town.

What was at stake, according to ledge group spokesman Mark DeGiacomo, was preserving the unique character of the town. There was no time to waste, he said, and criticized the Planning Board's tactics to delay the vote until spring as "wrong."

"Indefinite postponement means the article is dead until the annual Town Meeting," he said. "But between now and then, there will be a line outside the building commissioner's office of developers with plans to blast ledge.

"I propose to let the Planning Board meet this Wednesday and then come before the continuance of Town Meeting Thursday so we can vote up or down with their learned recommendation."

Proponents – many of whom live on Beach Street whose ledge could be threatened by development – want the town to require a variance be obtained before ledge eight feet in height or more can be altered in any way. Variances to zoning laws are difficult to get.

Moore accused proponents of rushing the issue. He said the article was flawed and needed careful study and examination before coming to Town Meeting.

"Let's do this the right way," he said.

Moore had his supporters.

Selectman Merle Brown, who was in the minority on his board, described the article as "ambiguous" because the height of ledge can vary from one property to another.

Planning Board member Bill Good, who also sits on the Growth & Development Committee, said the board felt strongly in the importance of protecting ledge but the effort should proceed cautiously.

"Zoning by-law changes impact all across town," he said.

Wayne Sawchuk of 432 Beechwood St., said the issue needed more review. "This article is not well written, was clearly not well prepared and should come back in the spring," he said.

But speaking for the majority of selectmen, Tom Callahan said the article had merit and urged voters to defeat the move to postpone their decision.

But it was not to be – by a vote of 104 to 80 – indefinite postponement won the necessary majority.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, DeGiacomo said the ledge group will work with the planning board to create an article for the annual Town Meeting in March. He said the debate, at the very least, brought the issue of ledge preservation to the forefront of public interest.





Above, Mark DeGiacomo of Beach Street tells voters they should defeat the planning board's request to postpone the article on preserving town ledge.
Below, members of the Planning Board, Bill Good, Al Moore and Bob Sturdy listen carefully to the debate on whether the ledge article should be postponed until the annual Town Meeting.

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Patience rewarded by library backers

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There was not much opposition to the project however, some voiced concern over the priority of building a new library before a new police station. The article concerning the construction of a new police station was rejected.

Leonora Jenkins, of 198 Jerusalem Road, said she didn't understand the need for a new library because this will be the fourth new library built in Cohasset. The Osgood School, Deer Hill School, and the Middle High-School all have or will have new libraries.

The Advisory Committee also did not support the article because it warned the town that it was a major change for the library trustees to be asking for additional funding. The committee also added that while it seems that the town is in line for the state grant, it is not a certainty that the grant will be funded.

Town Manager Mark Haddad tried to reassure Town Meeting by telling voters that although taxpayers will be responsible for the additional appropriation of $600,000, there would not be an increase in taxes.

Towle disagreed with the doubters and outlined some of the reasons for the town to approve the library article. Towle said that the current library is overcrowded and is cursed with a lack of parking, and the old Osgood School, where the new library will be housed, is being neglected and is in need of a makeover.

Towle said she is delighted that after four years of toiling in paper work, the new library is finally coming to fruition. In an interview after special Town Meeting, Towle said, "it was wonderful to have so much support for the library because we have all worked so hard for it."

Architect Frank Adams awarded the $3.9 million construction bid Tuesday to M. O'Connor Construction and groundbreaking is expected to take place within 30 days.

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New police station on hold

By Evan Schiff
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Monday's special Town Meeting was split right down the middle on the issue of whether to build a new police station. The vote of 171 to 171 did not garner the necessary 2/3 majority needed to borrow the money for the design phase of the proposed new police station.

George McGoldrick of the Police/Fire Study Committee, tried to convince voters the town needed a new police station saying that "the current facilities are woefully inadequate." The existing station was built in 1962 for ten people and now houses 28, he said.

McGoldrick said expanding the existing 3,500-square-foot station wasn't an option because there wasn't enough space at the Elm Street site.

Plans are to build the new station on two acres on Route 3A near Sunrise Assisted Living. The land was donated by local businessman Paul Barry.

Both the Advisory Committee and Capital Budget Committee said while they realized the need for a new station – the timing is wrong due to fiscal considerations.

But Police Sgt. Robert Jackson urged voters to back the new station because police were working "in a cramped environment not conducive to police service." When the police station was built the communications center consisted of a wooden desk, rotary telephone and radio.

"We did not envision 9-1-1, a dispatch center and computer network," Jackson said.

Steve Gaumer of the Capital Budget Committee said although the project has merit, it would not be fiscally prudent to build a new police station at this time. Gaumer said that the town's debt service is going to balloon to about 14 percent in the next few years and while the proposed station would not be "a budget buster," it would raise the debt a small percentage at a time when the committee is trying to rein it in.

But Andrew Quigley, 38 Jerusalem Road, felt that if the financial impact would be minimal the town may as well build the station. "We may as well build the police station now because it's only going to cost more in the future," he said.

Bill Foley of the Advisory Committee said after a tour of the facility, the board did not think the town "had a $4 million problem." He said there could be creative solutions that wouldn't cost the town a lot of money.

"The Town of Cohasset has real crime and processes real criminals through that center."
— Selectman Ronnie McMorris

Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St., suggested expanding the existing facility into the garage bays. He said the new station was too expensive "even if the land if is free."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the station would be the town's last, large capital project and believes the town is fiscally responsible enough to handle the extra debt. He said that if the principal concern is with the timing of the project, the town could come back with the estimated $4 million construction appropriation at a later time. The $240,000 that was asked for Monday would have been used to retain architects and other professional services in order to find out the exact construction estimate, which could be brought to Town Meeting later.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who also sits on the Police/Fire Station Study Committee, said police and other employees at the station deserve better working conditions. She described a litany of inadequacies from no appropriate place to store firearms to having the 9-1-1 dispatch center in an insecure area.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Police Sgt. Robert Jackson describes the cramped conditions at the police station on Elm Street.

"The Town of Cohasset has real crime and processes real criminals through that center," she said.

Town Meeting voters did accept Barry's offer of two acres of land for the new station. There is a two-year window on the gift during which the town must show progress toward the new station. But officials said Monday, they thought an extension could be worked out.

McMorris said there is clearly a dire need for a new station and the Police/Fire Station Study Committee will continue to meet.

In a letter to the paper McGoldrick wrote that there were some positives to be taken from the meeting. He said that people have realized that "it's not just space issues but safety and code issues that need to be addressed. The only disagreement is when to move forward."

Field of dreams closer to reality

By Mary Ford
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Voters gave the proposed transformation of the old gravel pits off North Main Street behind Barnes Little League Field a big boost Monday.

Despite opposition from the Advisory Committee, a majority at the special Town Meeting agreed to appropriate $27,000 to design two baseball fields at the site.

Mark DeGiacomo, president of the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association, said playing fields are the best use for the former gravel storage yard and the town shouldn't pass up the opportunity.

"The gravel yard simply put is a dump," he said. "It was when I was a child and it is today.

"It's ugly and dangerous."

DeGiacomo explained the Gravel Pits Reuse Committee looked at several options over the past year including a sewer treatment plant, fire station, senior housing, soccer field and Roller Blade park — but decided the best option was a baseball and softball field.

The town had already appropriated $15,000 for an engineering study for the proposal. The money approved Monday for design and bid documents will set the stage for the project to come back to the annual Town Meeting. The construction estimate is about $250,000.

DeGiacomo said the youth baseball organization, which will kick in $5,000 toward the bid documents, would also help raise money to pay for the construction. CYB would also maintain the fields, he said.

Susan Turgiss, speaking for the Advisory Committee, said the issue needed to be fully reviewed before asking the town to commit public land for the fields. She stressed the field situation that involves the schools and recreation department needs to be looked at including whether other sports could use the proposed fields, such as soccer.

"Are the recreational needs of all the youth being met?" she asked.

But Selectman Merle Brown said the field use is the best option for the site. He said there is a problem in town with overuse of existing fields. Both Brown and DeGiacomo said parking would be improved with the new field complex. As it stands now, parking is a big problem during the Little League season at Barnes Field.

"It's wonderful opportunity to take the gravel pit and turn it into something useful for the town."
—Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St.

Lynn Eisenhauer of Hobart Lane said it wasn't wise to spend the money in an economic downturn.

"We're in dire need of elderly housing and we are paying for the sewers and schools. It's not fiscally responsible to ask us to come up with another $27,000."

She estimated the total appropriation at the special Town Meeting if all the articles were approved to be about $3.5 million.

"I can't see it within my heart or within my budget to vote yes," she said.

Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St., said the fields were a bargain.

He said the town has already obtained $100,000 worth of fill from the school projects to level the site.

"It's wonderful opportunity to take the gravel pit and turn it into something useful for the town," Sawchuk said.

Voters agreed and the article passed with a majority vote.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Taking MCAS seriously

After years of distressing results, state-wide scores on the MCAS tests taken by 10th graders last spring are dramatically better. Two-thirds passed both the English and math tests, which may not call for champagne but is still a big improvement over previous years.

Eighty-two percent of 10th graders passed the English part of the spring 2001 exam, up from 66 percent of 10th graders in 2000. On the math section, 75 percent of 10th graders passed, up from 55 percent last year.

Here in Cohasset 10th-grade scores were again among the best in the state and ranked 26 out of the 319 school districts tested.

Why are the scores up across the state? One big reason, educators say, is that this is the first time the results count. Members of the class of 2003, will have to pass the math and English MCAS tests in order to earn their high school diploma. In previous years, 10th graders considered the standardized tests a waste of time; this year's class took them seriously.

The students aren't the only ones who have only recently begun taking the MCAS tests seriously. As the diploma requirement has grown closer, state-wide efforts to align school curricula with the new standards have accelerated. At every grade level, teachers are stressing the skills that will eventually be tested on the MCAS.

In the last two years, schools have begun focusing on the challenge facing the class of 2003. With local money and state grants, they have established summer "MCAS academies" and after-school programs.

Some districts will offer tutors. Others are asking at-risk students to drop elective courses in exchange for remedial math and English classes during the day. Parents have a role in this as well.

These high school juniors will have four more chances to pass the MCAS tests before it's time to get fitted for a cap and gown. By junior year, most failing students are already giving up on learning. MCAS commits schools and parents to a serious effort to give them another chance.

Even with this year's improvement, the number of failing students is still too high in many communities across the state.. A third or more of the members of the class of 2003 face a difficult road. Teachers' unions and others who have long opposed MCAS can be expected to use those numbers as an excuse to retreat from the graduation requirement.

But before we consider lowering the standards, let alone dropping them altogether, we should ask. If the state's elected leaders hadn't made minimal academic achievement a graduation requirement, would these students be taking this challenge seriously? If diplomas didn't hang in the balance, would local educators be taking these under-achieving students this seriously?

The next 18 months will require a sustained effort to bring a third of the class of 2003 to a level of performance deserving of a high school diploma. The results being announced this month should steel us for that effort, not discourage it.

And here in Cohasset, where the school system is considered among the best and it's very likely our students would do well with or without MCAS – we need to remember not every town is so fortunate. If MCAS does the job to raise the bar across the board, then we all benefit no matter where we live.

Bradley celebrates first year

Please join Rep. Garrett J. Bradley (D-Hingham), in celebrating one-year elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Special guest Congressman William Delahunt will be in attendance, as well as many other Bradley supporters and friends.

The event will be held at the Red Lion Inn, Salon de Soleil Room, 71 South Main St., Cohasset, Friday, Nov. 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. For ticket information, call Bradley at 781-740-3127.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Troubling meeting

DEAR SELECTMEN AND MODERATOR,

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Cohasset Historical Society I'd like to thank all of the stalwarts who persevered to the very end of Town Meeting to vote on Article 25. We really appreciate your help and persistence. Thank you!

However, two things occurred at Town Meeting on Monday night that are very troubling.

First, Article 25 was a citizens petition. This means that the words were written by a group of citizens independent from Town Government and placed on the Warrant after obtaining the requisite number of signatures. Yet, this article was rewritten by someone without the petitioners knowledge and presented to Town Meeting as if it were the article originally submitted. Misrepresenting articles is flat out wrong.

Second, near the end of Town meeting the Moderator entertained a motion to end Town Meeting before all of the articles had been heard. This also is flat out wrong since it denies those who placed the respective articles on the Warrant the opportunity to the democratic process of Town Meeting.

Each of these events could serve to mislead the voters and subvert the democratic process of Town Meeting. Fortunately, each of these procedural errors was ultimately discussed and corrected on the floor of Town Meeting with much confusion and furor.

It is very important to know what steps the Selectmen and Moderator will take to prevent these situations from reoccurring in the future.

Tom Gruber
8 Pratt Court

Mr. Gruber provided the Mariner a copy with copy of his letter.

Mishandled article

TO THE EDITOR

Town meeting is the legislative body of town government in Cohasset. It should be a deliberative session, each article explained thoroughly, and thoughtfully voted.

Last night was not a perfect meeting. In particular, the citizen petition regarding sewer costs for the Cohasset Historical Society's Museums was mishandled.

1. The motion for a vote from Town Manager's notes was different than the petition— this is not legal.

2. The moderator did not want to consider the sidewalk article and the citizen petition, due to lateness of the hour — illegal to dissolve meeting before action on all articles.

3. When proponent of citizen petition, Tom Gruber spoke, he was not allowed to explain the reason for the petition due to the late hour. The assembled should have known the Society spent ten months with the Sewer Comm. to resolve the issue — rights abrogated.

4. Amendment by the Sewer Comm not accurate — the Town Counsel opinion only advisory (Sewer Comm. concede at their last meeting) and plumbing inspector said only potable water needed, which we have.

More could be written of the entire meeting, but I will leave it to others.

The Town Moderator should resign.

Martha Gjesteby
81 Old Pasture Road

Logan lawsuit

TO THE EDITOR:

At Monday's town meeting we lost a chance to help control jet noise and air pollution, in failing to back Hull's suit against Massport, by a 180 to 140 vote. Opponents used arguments lacking a factual basis. For example, Mr. Brown indicated Mssrs. Kennedy and Delahunt favor the runway. To our knowledge our Congressional representatives have taken no position — and our State representatives are actively opposing it. He also indicated property values will be unaffected. This defies common sense. No one wants to live under the flight paths of arriving and departing jets. Indeed, real estate agents have already found buyers walking away after experiencing the current level of jet noise.. What will happen when jet arrivals over our town triple?

Another speaker said the runway isn't needed, as the industry will take 15 years to recover from 9/11. The industry has already recovered. Shuttle flights to New York are back at full strength, and Massport is acting accordingly. They've asked the FAA to approve their flawed report, and can use it any time within the next three years to build the runway without further debate.

One voter suggested we need to prove fraud in our suit, which is indeed difficult if that were the case. However, it is not. The California Court rejected Oakland's expansion plan, not because of fraud, but because the information presented was both insufficient and misleading. Such is the case here.

Finally, it was argued that we have already spent $150,000 between the three towns of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull on the suit and it has only just been filed. That money was spent to uncover the facts, with the help of a number of national experts in the fields of noise and air pollution, airport delay, and air space design. We have only just begun to expend funds on the suit itself.

We failed to support a unique multi-town coalition put together by Bill Golden to share the costs of litigation. Cohasset will now be seen as getting a free ride — if Hull wins, we get the benefit courtesy of Hull, Hingham and Revere taxpayers. If they lose, it didn't cost us anything anyway.

Those that voted in favor, including four Selectmen and the Advisory Board, deserve our thanks. They did the right thing in attempting to control an out-of-control Authority whose only interest is in making money to support political patronage and the Big Dig cost overruns. They tried to preserve what's left of the peace and quiet which used to characterize Cohasset.

We believe that runway 14/32 is not the answer to delays and congestion at Logan, and will continue to oppose it on behalf of those citizens who voted to support the suit. Additionally, even though, as Ralph Dormitzer indicated, Masspoort is blocking our effort, we will continue to press for changing flights patterns to over water arrivals and departures.

Eric Oddleifson
25 River Road
Member, South
Shore Jet Pollution Council

No secret agenda

TO THE EDITOR:

One speaker at Town Meeting, speaking against acceptance of the village revitalization article, claimed not to be paranoid about it. As evidence, she cited her conviction that the proponents have grandiose and extravagant plans not yet publicly revealed!

She's not alone in her notions of course; many have jumped to the goofy conclusion that there is a secret agenda to Nantucketize our shabby little village.

Admittedly, the CRC made a PR mistake by inviting a couple of architects to let their imaginations soar, and produced some concepts that startled conservatives and terrified the nickel-nursers. But these pipe dreams evaporated quickly in the many public forums. Rather than excluding and ignoring public input, the proponents have pleaded for more participation. The result has been a pretty down-to-earth concept.

Despite the forums, and despite the dissemination of the results to everyone who can read, some at town meeting complained about non-specificity, not enough in the warrant to vote on etc. Reminds me of the voters who whine that there is no info in the voting booth about the candidates, as if it's beyond them to note and digest the plethora of information in advance.

The article passed, but one wonders why anyone would oppose reviving the village with grant money and private donations, at no cost to the taxpayers, when the public has had every opportunity to participate in the specifications. It's nice to be quaint and comfortable, while avoiding cuteness and Nantucketizing, but that isn't equivalent to remaining shabby.

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My special bond with the Paul Pratt Library

LINCOLN HILLSIDE

KATHLEEN O'DONNELL

One of the advantages of growing up on Lincoln Hillside was, and is, that children could walk to the Paul Pratt Library by themselves. Once I became old enough to make my way there on my own, I was a frequent visitor. Pulling back the heavy front door of the Paul Pratt Library in the early 1960s meant that you entered a place of cool and quiet. It was a place of whispers and respect, not a gathering place buzzing with social interaction, children's programs and Internet access.

The rotunda with its historic mural of John Smith and associates was a small history lesson. Turn left and enter into what was then the new wing and there was the sunny Children's Room with child-sized tables. Here I encountered and enjoyed Beatrix Potter's sweet series of little books, de Brunhoff's Babar, Caroline Haywood's Betsy series and the daring life of Nancy Drew. In time I moved onto an excellent series of biographies for young readers and became familiar with the challenges and triumphs endured and celebrated by Louis Braille, Amelia Earhart, Abraham Lincoln and Eli Whitney. In the Children's Room, I learned about Roanoke Island, photosynthesis, World War II and hibernation. In time the Children's Room moved downstairs. Like standing in your old neighborhood and remembering who lived in each house in years past, I can stand in today's Fiction Room at the library and recall with warm affection where all my childhood favorites were located in that old Children's Room of 1964.

Years passed and I noticed that some adults crossed the rotunda from the front door and turned right. This led to a black wrought iron staircase onto the floor above. In time I gathered enough courage to go up there myself. Putting on my best "serious/sensible/please please please don't notice me" face I started up the staircase, hoping that none of the librarians would stop me. Success on my first attempt and I stepped into a better world, one for which I was very ready. The second story of the library had glass floors which were a marvel of engineering. How could glass floors support all those books and people too? A wonder! Their shelves contained non-fiction books and very old books, but the best thing they contained was the 800s and 900s. Here were the essays of Henry Thoreau and his Transcendental brother Bronson Alcott, the plays of Ibsen and Pirandello, Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," black and white templates of the Amalfi Coast and the Tomb of Tutankahmun. The books I was drawn to didn't have 3-colour paper printed jackets. These books had fabric covers with gold embossed titles on their spines. They had subtle endpapers. These were old books, books with past due dates of 1931 and 1944. They had acquisition numbers pencilled in them of 384 and 503. These were the books which contemporaries of my parents, grandparents and great-grandparents had read. Like touching old stone carvings, these books were a piece of shared history, which linked my present to my ancestors' Cohasset past. Running my young hands over their fabric covers aroused a feeling in me that I can now recognize as nostalgia.

As more time passed I mixed my choice of very old books with more current works. "The Diary of Anne Frank," "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," "Now Voyager," Jim Bishop's "The Day Christ Died," Dalton Trumbo's "Johnny Got His Gun" and Heinlein's "Stranger in a Strange Land." I was fortunate in having parents who never censored what I chose to read. The result was that because of my easy access to the library I was exposed to worlds far outside anything I could have experienced living in Cohasset at that time.

I lived in a small world but I had the world at my fingertips (or 1016 steps down the street) because I had unlimited access to the Paul Pratt Library.

Lazing in assorted pieces of furniture and hammocks during those years, I learned of dancers and writers, infidelity and murder, of free thinkers and people of moral courage. No one bothered me. I wasn't required to take lots of lessons or classes or learn how to improve myself in any formalized fashion. I was content. I lived in a small world but I had the world at my fingertips (or 1016 steps down the street) because I had unlimited access to the Paul Pratt Library.

In the foyer of the library there is a lovely architect's drawing of the planned new Cohasset Library which will be at the old Osgood School. I'll be sorry to see the yellow building on South Main Street empty of its books. The current library is an old and dear friend to many Cohasset residents, and a place of many good memories. Cohasset needs a larger library to support its ever-growing population, but I'm glad the new library will be still be within walking distance for today's children of Lincoln Hillside.

Kathleen O'Donnell, a CHS graduate, grew up in Cohasset and now lives and works in the UK with her family. Her reflections about growing up on Lincoln Hillside appear occasionally in the Cohasset Mariner.

Too many memorials

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The other day when I learned that Congress has passed a bill to make Ronald Reagan's boyhood home in Dixon, Ill., a national historic site despite a cautionary warning from the Interior Department that it has yet to come to grips with a $4.9 billion maintenance backlog.

Dixon, which is in House Speaker Dennis Hastert's district, was chosen to be Reagan's hometown because the family moved there when he was 9 and stayed until he finished high school and hot-footed it to Chicago in search of a job in broadcasting. It wasn't even his birthplace, which was Tampico, Ill.

I hate to be a spoil sport, but haven't we done enough for our 40th president?

"We don't believe and neither do the people in the community believe the legacy of Ronald Reagan needs to be studied. We need to preserve it," said Pete Jeffreys, a spokesman for Hastert, after the House rejected an amendment calling for a feasibility study by the Interior Department.

I hate to be a spoil sport, but haven't we done enough for our 40th president?

Let's see, there's Reagan National Airport, the nuclear aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan, the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center and the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project is holding out for a monument on the Mall in Washington, his picture on the $10 bill and his head in stone on Mount Rushmore.

Next thing you know, "Bedtime for Bonzo" will be issued a posthumous Oscar and placed beside "Citizen Kane" as one of the great movies of all time.

If that isn't enough, Congress has just appropriated $2.3 million for the construction of a memorial to the Indians who wiped out Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and the Seventh Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana.

The house at 21 Seventh St., New Bedford, known as the Nathan and Polly Johnson House, has become a National Historic Landmark as a stop on the Underground Railroad that transported black folks from slavery in the American South to freedom in Canada.

Congress has also passed legislation to make a 12,480-acre section of Bill Dawson's farm in Chivington, Colo., a National Historic Site to commemorate the spot where in 1864 troops led by Col. John Chivington killed more than 150 Indians in a raid on their village.

"This will reconcile the anger and misunderstandings that have lasted too long between the native people and the rest of us," said former Cong. Pat Williams of Montana, who started the ball rolling for the Indian memorial at the Little Big Horn battlefield 10 years ago.

Wanna bet?

HEALTH NOTES

Flu vaccine clinics scheduled

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Many may have missed the notice in the Mariner about the flu clinic. The remaining scheduled vaccine clinics are as follows:
If you have questions, call Judy Fitzsimmons, 781 383-2210.

Category	Date	Time	Location
Harbor View	Friday, 9 November	11:00AM - 1:00PM	60 Elm Street
Town Wide	Saturday, 10 November	11:00AM - 1:00PM	Town Hall Auditorium
	Saturday 17 November		41 Highland Ave.

Conservative leader speaks at Forum

Conservative leader Phyllis Schlafly recently addressed the fifth annual Eagle Forum brunch and fund-raiser at the Lantana Ballroom in Randolph.

Schlafly spoke on "Building the Conservative Movement." She spoke to a packed house, not only from Massachusetts, but also from Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine. Schlafly, the founder of the national Eagle Forum political action group spoke on constitutional, economic and social issues. She is the author of the best selling book, "A Choice, Not an Echo," as well as other books that focus on family issues.

The organizations that attended included the Massachusetts Family Institute, Christian Coalition, Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Mass News, Morality in Media, Parents Rights, Concerned Women for America. Also attending were groups promoting drug prevention, the Constitution, traditional marriage and the English language.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Nancy O'Toole, at right, president of the New England chapter of the Eagle Forum with conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly at Lantana in Randolph.

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Thanks for kicking in

TO THE EDITOR

The members of the Cohasset Permanent Firefighters Local 2804 would like to take this opportunity to thank the many generous donors who participated in our Fill the Boot drive.

Oct. 11, 2001, marked the 30th day since the World Trade Center tragedy, and firefighters all across Massachusetts took up the cause and conducted boot drives and other fundraising activities. The Cohasset Firefighters filled the boot for a total of $3,256 which was forwarded to the New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund.

The firefighters wish to thank Stop & Shop and Shaw's for providing busy locations to conduct the drive. Also thanks go out to the art students of Ms. Muir and Ms. Berowitz at Cohasset High School for the patriotic posters they created.

Anyone who may have missed the opportunity to contribute, can still participate by donating to the: New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund, c/o IAFF, 1750 New York Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Robert Protulis for
Cohasset Permanent Firefighters
Local 2804

Airplane noise

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm asking you for help in a situation that's been bothering our family for some time now. We've lived in this town for ten years and we moved here from Milton, Mass. We thought that Cohasset would be a quiet town but each year since we've lived here the noise level from airplanes flying in and out of Logan has gotten increasingly worse.

On Tuesday night I called Massport to complain about the level of airplane noise that our community is subjected to on a daily basis. I asked if they could also mail my complaint to me so that I have a record of it. My question is this: why must airplanes fly directly over our town when we live adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean? It seems to me that the flight path would have to change only slightly with planes flying over the sea instead of directly over our town. This in itself would curb the noise tremendously.

Wouldn't you rather have your children fall asleep at night to the sounds of evening and not to noise pollution?

Please join me and complain to Massport. The telephone number is: (617) 561-3333. Press 2 to make a direct complaint and make sure to have it mailed to you for verification. It only took me one minute to do this! The person I spoke with at Massport was very cordial to me but it will certainly take a lot more than just a call here and there for a positive change to come.

Do your family's ears a favor. Do your Cohasset neighbors a favor. Call today.

Don Dickinson
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Library support

TO THE EDITOR:

Through you, Cohasset's Library Trustees would like to congratulate Cohasset on voting to go ahead with a new library in the old Osgood School! The level of town-wide support for this project is heartening and says something very nice about Cohasset. The generosity that has produced more than $1.1 million in gifts has been matched by three, well-attended Town Meetings, where support of the library's articles was necessary for a successful conclusion. We hope everyone will follow the school's transformation into a beautiful library with excitement and anticipation, with the satisfying knowledge that it is a symbol of Cohasset working as a great and wonderful team.

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Patience G. Towle, Chair

Historical Society stands its ground

By Mary Ford
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Don't mess with historical society folks.

That was the message the defiant history buffs gave special Town Meeting Monday when Moderator George Mariette moved to adjourn the meeting before the Cohasset Historical Society's article on sewer abatements for its antique museums was debated.

By the time Article 25 — the final item of business — came up, the clock had ticked well past 11 p.m. and the Nov. 5 special Town Meeting had dragged on for more than four hours, having already tackled such weighty issues as preserving town ledge, village revitalization and the police station proposal.

But the historical society — whose bleary-eyed supporters had sat through it all — threatened to stage an uprising akin to the American Revolution if its Citizen Petition did not get addressed Monday night.

"I'm really appalled," said society president Martha Gyesdley, as she took the microphone in the midst of chaos as people got up to leave. Gyesdley accused the Sewer Commission and Town Counsel of "foul play" for not having the article heard.

Although Mariette understood the issue was moot because it no longer required a Town Meeting vote due to the Sewer Commission's decision to grant the abatements — he quickly turned the situation around and asked voters to agree not to dissolve the meeting.

Then at the encouragement of the remaining crowd, society member Tom Gruber cut short his in-depth historical perspective of the Maritime Museum and Cape John Wilson House, which do not have bathroom facilities, saying it is to say "no thank you" to the sewer connection and resulting fees. After all, he said, the sewer line has gone by the two Elm Street buildings for 30 years with no pressure for abatements or rooms.

But after upgrading the sewer treatment plant, which substantially increased wastewater capacity, the Sewer Commission looked at connecting all those along the line. Initially the commission agreed to provide the abatements to the historical society, but then did an about face when an opinion from Town Counsel interpreted the plumbing code as requiring bathroom facilities in all public buildings.

However, commissioner Sean Cunning offered an amendment to the article, which asked for the abatements, to include a deed restriction to ensure no plumbing would be installed in the buildings.

As Town Counsel Paul DeRensis explained, "As long as there is no plumbing, there is no payment of sewer fees.

"If the historical society goes the full route [installs plumbing], that's a different story," he said.

Town Meeting agreed to add the amendment and endorsed the article — and then everyone went home.



Town Moderator George Mariette tries to retain control over the special Town Meeting which almost ended before the historical society sewer abatement issue could be aired.

Way paved for village work

Voters OK concept

By Evan Schiff
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It's a good thing that Town Meeting approved the Village Revitalization Task Force's designed plans for improvements to Cohasset's village area, Selectman Michael Sullivan said.

"I really don't know where we would be or what would happen if these plans got voted down," he said.

Tim O'Brien, the chairman of VRTF, outlined the goals of the project and emphasized that if Town Meeting approved Article 15, the plans would only be endorsed in concept.

The improvements will be centered around four areas, Elm Street, Ripley Road, Depot Court, and the town parking lot.

While the majority of voters where in support of the article, some had concerns. Gail Whitehouse, of 17 Ash St., said that she enjoyed the small, quaint, imperfect charm that Cohasset has and does not feel the need to "tidy it up for tourists."

Whitehouse went on to say that she doesn't trust developers from outside Cohasset deciding on the future of what the town is going to look like. "I think that what the developers and selectmen have done is essentially sell out the everyday Cohasset citizen. I resent the marketing of these plans," she said.

Sullivan said that there has been plenty of opportunity for people to have input into the plans. "There have been many public meeting to go over the design of these plans. If anyone had concerns that was the time to voice them," he said.

Michael Dick, 3 Arrowood St., asked what would happen if restoration of the Greenbush Line wasn't built. But Town Manager Mark Haddad explained the $1.5 million state grant recently awarded the town for village improvements is not contingent on the train becoming a reality. The MBTA supported the town's grant efforts.

Howie Altholtz of Summer Street asked that bicycle traffic through the village be accommodated in the plans. O'Brien said the task force would consider the issue.

Voters were also assured plans for a parking garage at the Teen Center were no longer on the table.

Work on the village could start by the end of 2002. The estimated $2-1/4 million revitalization project could be paid for with no direct cost to Cohasset taxpayers, officials have said.

The $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development Grant along with the $169,000 transportation enhancement grant, which will be used for the sidewalk on South Main Street in front of St. Stephen's Church, will pick up most of the tab. The MBTA will pay to reconstruct the town parking lot and the Ripley Road intersection by the South Shore Art Center in the village as part of the Greenbush train restoration project.

Specific design plans will be decided upon at public hearings.



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Residents packed the Sullivan gymnasium at the middle-high school to tackle a range of weighty issues including whether to endorse the concept of revitalizing the village.



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Students make the grade

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Homeroom.com program, which was designed to assess and analyze student's academic skills and improve math and reading performances.

The new website may be accessed at www.mcas2003.com from any computer with Internet access, 24 hours a day. The course runs from Oct. 22-Dec. 10.

The program has a database of more than 120,000 multiple-choice test items and 10,000 "skill-specific" lesson plans, activities and additional educational resources which are aligned to the state curriculum standards.

The purpose of the MCAS exams is to help school districts align their curriculum with the state curriculum frameworks so that certain subject matter is covered at a particular grade level regardless of what town the student lives in.

The test have come under attack by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, which opposes linking the test to graduation.

Malvey said that while he thinks the test is a good idea in concept, "I am not in favor of the graduation requirement."

Help may be on the way for students who don't pass the test at the outset.

Earlier this month, Massachusetts Education Commissioner David Driscoll proposed lowering the cutoff score for students who don't pass the test but otherwise do well in school.

Under that proposal, students who don't achieve the cutoff score of 220, could appeal to the State Education Department to pass with a lower score while at the same time meeting other requirements, such as good attendance and participation in MCAS remedial activities.

Malvey said that he expects the individual reports sent to the school within a few weeks and then the results will be forwarded to the parents along with a brochure that tries to answer questions about the test. Malvey said parents should not hesitate to call the school with any additional questions.

MCAS results for grade 10

The following is a list of the Massachusetts Department of Education's MCAS scores, as of Nov. 1, 2001. The two categories are in English Language Arts and Mathematics for Cohasset Middle-High School, Grade 10.

English Language Arts scores for the year 2001 are as follows: /N—135; /SS—245; %A—21; %P—44; %NI—24; %F—11.

English Language Arts scores for the year 2000 are as follows: /N—80; /SS—250; %A—31; %P—48; %NI—16; %F—5.

Mathematics scores for the year 2001 are as follows: /N—141; /SS—239; %A—16; %P—35; %NI—31; %F—17.

Mathematics scores for the year 2000 are as follows: /N—80; /SS—249; %A—41; %P—31; %NI—14; %F—14.

Forest Avenue sidewalk OK'd

By Mary Ford
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Sidewalk construction on Forest Avenue [a.k.a. Roller-Coaster Road] got a $100,000 infusion of cash Monday as special Town Meeting voters agreed with proponents that the roadway needs a safe place for people to perambulate.

Robert D. Silvia, 65 Forest Ave., implored weary voters to hang around to vote the issue even though the Special Town Meeting was entering its fourth hour.

"We've sat through all the rest," Silvia said about the other articles, which are items of business before Town Meeting.

"You have to leap into the bushes to avoid cars. We need a sidewalk on Forest Avenue."

— Mary Ahearn, 100 Forest Ave.

One resident proclaimed the roadway "the most dangerous and the most unsafe in town."

That claim irked former Forest Avenue resident Leonara Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, who had two young children when she lived there. "They grew up there and didn't die," she said.

Jenkins said Jerusalem and Nichols Road and Atlantic Avenue were far more dangerous and more in need of "beautiful sidewalks" than Forest Avenue.

But Mary Ahearn, 100 Forest Ave., said times have changed.

"Traffic has increased over the last 20 years," she said. "You have to leap into the bushes to avoid cars. We need a sidewalk on Forest Avenue."

Voters agreed and the article passed with the necessary two-thirds majority, required for borrowing articles.

Selectman Michael Sullivan explained that $100,000 had been appropriated at a prior Town Meeting to start the job.

"Now we're poised to go forward with all of Forest Avenue," he said about the additional money.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Lunch menu

Cohasset Schools Lunch Menu
Week of Nov. 12-16

MONDAY
No School – Veterans Day
TUESDAY
Meatball sub, potato wedges or Greek salad/pita, fruit, milk
WEDNESDAY
Macaroni & cheese with roll, or tuna sandwich, veggie sticks, pudding, milk.
THURSDAY
Hot dog on a bun, or egg salad pocket, carrots, Jello, milk.
FRIDAY
Pizza or fish sandwich with tossed salad, cookies, milk.

Important dates to remember:

- Nov. 12 — ALL SCHOOLS, NO SCHOOL. Veterans Day(observed)
- Nov. 13 — Deer Hill PSO Meeting, 9 a.m. Osgood School Council Meeting, 3:30 Conference Room
- Nov. 14 — M/HS only, Early Release Day at 11:30 a.m.
- Nov. 15 — School Committee Meeting 7:30
- Nov. 21— Early Release Day, All Schools
- Nov. 22-23 — No School, All Schools Happy Thanksgiving!
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Bradley's district picks up Scituate precinct

By Mary Ford
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Thanks redistricting at the Statehouse, part of Scituate is being lobbed off into another legislative district.

Precinct 3 – that includes North Scituate and Minot — is moving over to the Third Plymouth District, currently represented by Garrett Bradley.

"I'm very happy to have the chance to represent part of Scituate," Bradley said. "My family used to have a summer home on Surfside Road when I was growing up."

The 31-year-old Hingham Democrat, who is mid-way through his first term, would take over the reins in the realigned district in January 2003 if reelected in the state election next November. The Third Plymouth District includes all of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

State Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, whose Fourth Plymouth District includes all of Scituate and Marshfield, loses Precinct 3 in Scituate under the redistricting plan which is on the governor's desk. Acting Gov. Jane Swift is expected to sign off on the plan this week.

Under state law, each of the 160 representative districts can have a mean population of 39,882, plus or minus 5 percent. At about 42,000, Hynes' district grew beyond the 5 percent so he has to reduce. Precincts cannot be split and the precinct, which is moved, must be contiguous to its new district. That left two possibilities in Scituate: Precinct 3 [North Scituate] or Precinct 1 [Scituate's West End], both bordering Cohasset.

> **"I'm very happy to have the chance to represent part of Scituate."**
>
> — State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham

Bradley says he's familiar with coastal issues, such as seawalls, and the train – both of which affect the 2,900 people in Scituate's Precinct 3. The restoration of the Greenbush Line, which Bradley opposes, traverses North Scituate, Hingham and Cohasset. All Bradley's towns hug the coast.

Bradley said Scituate Selectman Joe Norton, who lives on Fieldstone Road, has offered to host a coffee in his house to introduce him to potential constituents.

"I also plan to call Scituate selectmen and set up a meeting in December or January," Bradley said.

Hynes said he's sad about losing a Scituate precinct but there was no other option.

"I wanted to retain all of Scituate and all of Marshfield but that was impossible," he said.

Hynes explained during the redistricting process, the districts to the west, south and north of his district were looked at. Rep. Robert Nyman's district that includes Norwell, Hanover and Rockland, and Rep. Francis Marini's district of Duxbury, Pembroke and Hanson each have about 40,000 people – just above the mean, Hynes said. Bradley's district has about 38,000.

"It became clear Scituate would lose a precinct," Hynes said. He explained that from a geographic standpoint, it made sense for North Scituate, the most northeast part of town, to be moved.

"What we have is communities of interest," Hynes said about the fact Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and North Scituate share coastal issues and concerns.

Hedlund district gets Norwell

The town of Norwell will officially become part of the Plymouth-Norfolk senatorial district in January 2003. The state Senate approved redistricting plans last week that put Norwell in the district, which is represented by Weymouth Republican Robert Hedlund, and removed three Braintree precincts from the district that stretches from Weymouth to Duxbury. Acting Gov. Jane Swift is expected to sign the redistricting plan, Hedlund said.

Each of the 40 state senatorial districts has about 180,000 people. Redistricting occurs every ten years after the state census is conducted.

When Hedlund, who grew up in Hingham, runs for a sixth term next fall, he will campaign in Norwell as well as the rest of the district that includes Cohasset. If he wins reelection, he would start representing Norwell in January after he is sworn in and the redrawn district lines become official. Norwell is currently represented by state Senator Michael W. Morrissey, D-Quincy.

OBITUARIES

Mauran S. Pearce, Jr.

Mauran S. "Peter" Pearce, Jr., a Cohasset resident of 52 years, died in his home, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2001. He was 83.

Born in Providence, R.I., the son of the late Katharine B.(Schermahorne) Pearce and Mauran S. Pearce.

Mr. Pearce graduated from Pomfret Country Day School and Menlo College, then attended Stanford until enlisting in the Air Force during World War II. He flew P-40 Es under Lt. Gen. Claire Chennault and attained the rank of First Lieutenant. In 1943, Mr. Pearce was shot down over China and received the Purple Heart.

After 35 years in real estate development with Arco, Mr. Pearce retired and shared his talents in the volunteer community. He volunteered for the Social Service League's consignment shop, served on his church's house committee and drove for Fish.

Mr. Pearce enjoyed membership in the Cohasset Yacht Club, The Hope Club of Providence and the Old Goats Club in Cohasset.

He leaves his wife, Betty Lou (Priestley) Pearce; his four children, Katherine Pearce of San Francisco, Calif., Mitchell of San Jose, Calif, Peter of Cohasset and Elizabeth Pearce, of Sea Cliff, N.Y.; his sister, Bushnell Pearce Henry of Middletown, R.I.; and her grandson, Douglas, of Cohasset.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Stephen's church in Cohasset, followed by a private family burial at Swan Point Cemetery in Providence, R.I.

John H. Mullett

John Herbert Mullett, 85, of Cohasset, a retired employee of Otis Elevator Co., died Oct. 28, 2001, at home.

He worked for the Otis Elevator Co. in Buffalo, in Albany and in Boston for 45 years and was a district manager at the time of his retirement in 1979.

Born, raised and educated in Buffalo, N.Y., Mr. Mullett graduated from Lafayette High School in Buffalo in 1934. He moved to Cohasset in 1973.

Mr. Mullett was a member of the Hunt Club, the Old Goats Club and the Cohasset Country Club. He was also a member of St. Stephen Episcopal Church.

He leaves his wife, Suzanne (Walbridge) Mullett of Cohasset; two sons, Peter N. Mullett of Buffalo and Tom Mullett of Newton, Kan.; and a daughter, Barbara Victor of Portsmouth, R.I.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at St. Stephen Episcopal Church, Cohasset. Interment will be private.

Visiting hours are omitted.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial remembrances may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland St., Cohasset, 02025.

Elizabeth W. Dean

Elizabeth Webster Dean, 92, died Nov. 3, 2001, at Cardigan Nursing Home in Scituate.

Mrs. Dean was born in Wenham, and graduated from Wheaton College in Norton, in 1934.

She worked at the Boston Safe Deposit Company and married John H. Dean in 1942. She was a resident of Cohasset for 55 years until entering Cardigan Nursing Home in 1997.

Mrs. Dean was an avid homemaker and gardener. She served as President of the Cohasset Garden Club from 1957 to 1958, and was made an Honorary member in 1985. She taught Sunday school at St. Stephen's Church for more than a decade and later chaired the crafts table for the Cohasset Village Fair for many years. She was a talented seamstress and is remembered for the many outfits she smocked for her grandchildren.

Wife of the late John H. Dean, who died in 1997, Mrs. Dean leaves two sons, Charles W. Dean and John Stuart Dean both of Cohasset, a daughter, Emilie "Mimi" McBride of Chevy Chase, Md., and seven grandchildren: Charles Dean, Jr. of Cohasset, Webster McBride and Morley McBride of Chevy Chase, Md., and Benjamin D. Dean of San Francisco, and Alida Dean, Carl Dean, and Erica Dean of Cohasset; a sister, Martha W. Sparrow, of East Dennis.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

A memorial service will be held at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset at 11 a.m. on Nov. 21.

In lieu of flowers contributions in Libby's memory may be made to Cardigan Nursing Home Activities Fund, Cardigan Nursing Home, 59 Country Way, Scituate, MA 02066.

Penny drive

Children in St. Anthony Parish's religious education program are holding an Afghan Children's Penny Drive during the month of November. More than $200 has been collected to date: donation baskets are at church exits and in the parish center. Also, students in grades 6 to 8 will host a bake sale for the fund after the 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Nov. 1.

The annual men's winter clothing drive will be held Nov. 17, and 18, to benefit St. Francis House, a homeless shelter and rehabilitation center in Boston. Donations will be taken at the parish center on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. only.

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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Mike Snowdale and Jason Brown

Cohasset dynamic one-two offensive punch came up big once again in the biggest football game in many years in Cohasset to help the Skippers knock off SSL rival Abington to remain unbeaten and move all alone into first place in the League. Snowdale, a junior quarterback, completed 8-of-13 passes for 86 yards, including a TD pass, and caught a pass himself from Brown for 20 yards on a trick play to help keep the Skippers game winning drive alive. Brown, a senior captain, finished with 103 yards rushing and two TDs.

Living
On the South Shore
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Skippers ride wave to victory

Cohasset gridders take thrilling battle of the unbeatens over Abington, 20-16

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

20-16, Cohasset.

The undefeated Skippers took on the undefeated Green Wave of Abington last Friday in a match-up of the best two teams in the South Shore League. Cohasset survived, leaving it two wins away from its first undefeated season since 1959.

"It was so great to do it in front of what seemed like the whole town," said smiling fourth year coach Tony Rolfe, just minutes after the clock ran out on Abington.

Thousands of residents from both towns came out to watch the two unbeatens collide, and no one could go home saying they didn't see the best game in the SSL this year. This game featured five lead changes, and more momentum shifts than could be counted.

Cohasset started the scoring in the second quarter, when Abington gambled and lost on a fourth-and-two from their own 48-yard line. Cohassset took over on downs, and proceeded to drive down the field with impressive precision.

The drive culminated in junior quarterback Mike Snowdale finding sophomore wideout Chris Bilodeau for a 10- yard touchdown. Snowdale completed the day completing 8-of-13 passes for 86 yards, in addition to his 13th touchdown pass of the season.

Bilodeau was by far the most productive receiver on either team, tallying six catches for 74 yards.

Abington struck back later in the quarter, with quarterback Matt Bryan driving the Green Wave 64 yards, capping it off with a one yard QB sneak for the score. Bryan completed the two point conversion, hitting Tom McSharry, his favorite receiver, in the back of the end zone.

Abington carried its 8-6 lead all the way into the fourth quarter, when Skipper safety David Bouchard, a senior, picked off a Bryan pass over the middle, and ran it down inside the Abington red zone. On the next play, senior tailback Jason Brown stepped his way into the end zone to give the lead back to Cohasset.

Abington struck back on their ensuing possession, senior Bob Lacerda rushing for a touchdown and receiving for the two point conversion, giving his team a 16-12 lead with under five minutes remaining.

Cohasset fans were on the edges of their seats, to say the least, when the Skippers faced a third-and-10 at midfield, needing a touchdown for the win. Snowdale handed off to Brown, only to surprise the Abington secondary by sprinting downfield to haul in a 20-yard return pass from Brown (last year's starting QB) to sustain the drive.

"I was so proud of the coaching staff, and I was so proud of the kids," effused Rolfe about that play. "We have saved it for this game."

The play ignited the Skipper offense, and Brown eventually recorded his second touchdown of the quarter, a five yarder.

With a minute left, it was only a matter of letting the clock run off. This was a matter of thwarting

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset quarterback Mike Snowdale fires off a pass in Friday's huge win over Abington. The junior signal caller completed 8-of-13 passes for 86 yards and caught a pass himself for 20 yards on a trick play to help keep the Skippers game winning drive alive.

Third time not the charm for boys



PHOTO/ROB KEANE

Cohasset captain Tim Baird makes his move in Saturday's first round tourney win over West Bridgewater.

SSL rival Norton boots Cohasset soccer team from post-season

By Mike Hardman
CNC STAFF WRITER

There was no need for introductions.

And there was no guessing to what kind of strategy each of the teams were going to use or even who the key players on both sides were.

By the time the Cohasset High boys soccer team arrived at Wheaton College in Norton to play the Norton High Lancers on Tuesday afternoon, the two teams were very familiar to each other.

During the South Shore League season, they had played to a tie and Norton had managed a victory in the other contest.

This time, the stakes were higher with a spot in the Div. 3 South semifinals at stake.

And it was Norton who was able to advance with a 3-0 win over the Skippers to end Cohasset's season.

"We haven't been able to finish plays all year long," said Skipper coach Dave Nigro. "We're pretty even teams, but when it came right down to it, it wasn't

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StingRays slay Dragons in Peewee Super Bowl

The Old Colony Youth Football League PeeWee Division 5 Super Bowl was hosted by Scituate this past Sunday on a perfect fall football day. The game was between division rivals,the Duxbury Green Dragons (6-0-2) and Scituate/Cohasset StingRays (5-1-1). This was the third match of the year between these two teams with Duxbury winning the first game 8-6 and a tie of 8-8 in the second game.

Duxbury's head coach Jack Shields and Scituate's head coach Ralph Froio both complimented one another's teams throughout the year and were happy to be again pit their two evenly matched teams in competition in the Super Bowl.

The game lived up to everyone's expectations. In a thrilling hard fought battle, the StingRays seized the victory by a 14-6 final score.

After a long opening kickoff by Derek St. Peter of the StingRays, Kevin Ayala recovered the kick for the StingRays giving them the ball with excellent field position. After successive runs by Mike Froio, Nick Lombardo and Kyle Crowley, Dean Kennedy faked a handoff to fullback Rob Carlezon and scampered around left end behind the lead blocking of Chris O'Brien and Kyle Crowley for a 25 yard touchdown run.

Rob Carlezon powered into the end zone behind the blocking of Frank Dixon, Nick Savage and Chris Munson for the key extra point.

The StingRays league-leading defense shut down Duxbury's power running attack for the rest of the first quarter. Led by the Judge twins, Mike and Danny, with great pressure and the

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Stingrays tailback Kyle Crowley (#30) pops through a hole in Sunday's exciting 14-6 Super Bowl win over Duxbury.

A look ahead to C.H.S. Golf 2002

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Although their record might not have indicated it, this year's very young golf team should be expecting big things in the future.

With 18 of 21 players returning, Cohasset's golf squad might very well contend for a league title as soon as next fall. Also, the fact that they had so many underclassmen this year shows how well they are loaded further down the line.

The three seniors of the team—Will Moody, Robin Murphy and Matt O'Grodnik— all had very solid seasons for the Skippers.

Moody, the team's captain, was the leader of the team through and through. Always at Miliken Field improving his short game, Moody completed a fine career this season with an impressive year at the number two position.

"Moody's leadership was phenomenal," lauded coach Torin Sweeney. "It was the best I could have asked for. He was great with the younger kids, and he was always willing to do anything for the team."

Murphy completed his first and only season of golf with his best rounds of the year, shooting a 42, 42, and 43. Murphy was a varsity left-fielder last spring for the baseball team, when golf was still a spring sport at C.H.S., but his contributions on the links this fall were noteworthy.

"Robin really finished the season strong," offered Sweeney. "He just missed going to the All-League

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Skippers ride wave to victory

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Abington's last chance Hail Marys down the sideline, which the Skippers did.

In addition to Brown's 103 yards rushing, he was also one of the top defensive performers for Cohasset, tying senior Chris Caron for the team lead in tackles with six.

Senior Paul Previte, junior Cosimo Cambi, and sophomore Tony Truglia all had five tackles, and Truglia recovered a fumble in the first half to halt an Abington drive.

Junior Chris McKenna had three tackles and an interception on Abington's first possession, firing up the Cohasset crowd.

Going into the game, Rolfe had no reserve in admitting his team was the underdog in this match-up. Facing the most potent offense they have seen all year, he was more than pleased with the effort he saw.

"We thought we could hold them to three (touchdowns)," he said, revealing his pre-game notions. "That was our goal, and maybe even that was ambitious."

Cohasset is now one of only a handful of Eastern Massachusetts schools without anything in the loss column. Cohasset can clinch the South Shore League next week, when Norwell plays host to the Skippers.

Norwell played even with Abington two weeks ago, but turnovers allowed the Green to get the better of the Clippers, 14-0. This did not, however, keep Norwell from dominating Norton last week, 34-0.

For right now, however, the Skippers are just basking in the glory of their recent win. And while I strongly considered closing this article with a corny cliche along the lines of "The Skippers navigated the Green Wave," I think 8-0 says it much better.

Game Notes

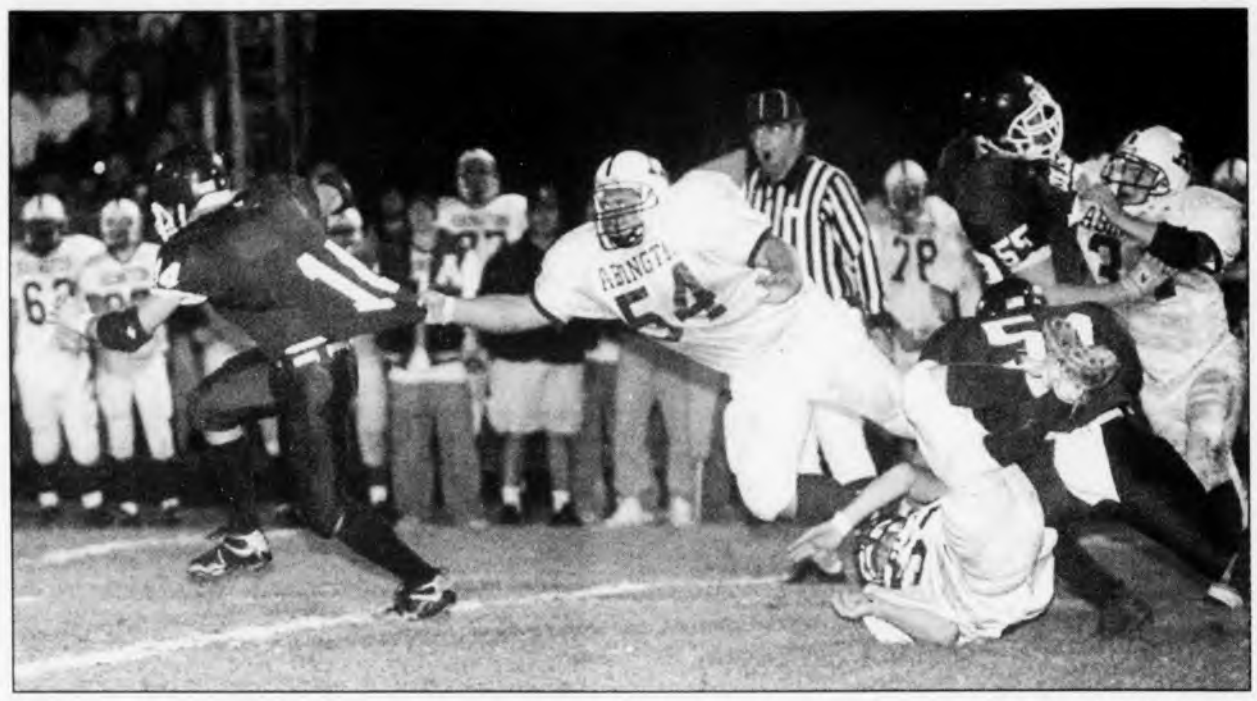
-The two teams combined for only three penalties (one declined), but nine turnovers.

-Bob Lacerda and Mike Miller, Abington's feared rushing tandem, combined for 149 yards.

-Abington QB Matt Bryan completed only one of his final 10 passes, including 0-for-6 in the fourth quarter.

-The Skippers have averaged 20.6 points a game this season.

-Cohasset will need to average 218 points a game for their last two contests to break the Massachusetts record for points scored in a season.



PHOTOS/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset halfback Jason Brown (103 rushing yards) proved a tough guy to hang onto all night for the Green Wave tacklers.

Let's do it again, C.H.S. football fans!

Thank you Cohasset football fans! The weather was perfect for the fans and they made a spectacular showing to root the unbeaten Skippers (8-0) on to their biggest victory of the season on Friday, a 20-16 win over previously unbeaten Abington. The Gridiron Club extends an invitation to all to support the team again this Friday, Nov. 9, at Norwell High (6 p.m. kickoff). Be a part of the adventure to help send this team to the Super Bowl by cheerign them to a victory against the Clippers.



One of over football fans who turned out at Cohasset's Alumni Field Friday night, Cohasset's Virginia Spofford.



Chris McKenna (4), John Hussey (78) and Dave Bouchard (26) listen intently to Cohasset Defensive Coordinator Bob Silvia.

Own a tape of the instant Classic Abington-Cohasset Game!

Seeking to raise money for a new Athletic Trainer at Cohasset High, the C.H.S. Athletic Dept. is making available tapes of this past Friday's huge Skippers victory on the gridiron over league rival Abington. In addition to the game in its entirety, the tape will include the Channel 5 report and highlight reel from the game, as well as snipets from the C.H.S. pre-game rally and Senior Night ceremonies. Also included in the package will be a copy of the game rosters and the game report from the Cohasset Mariner.

The cost of this entire package is $15, with all monies going to the C.H.S. Athletic Dept. Interested parties should call Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

StingRays slay Dragons in Super Bowl

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consistent tackling by the front line of Eric Selander, Rob Carlezon, Chris Mogan and Derek St. Peter, the StingRays shutout the Green Dragons in the first quarter.

The vaunted passing attack of Will Shields, Ian Whitney and Michael Dimatteo led to the Green Dragons 32-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter. The StingRays got tough and tackled Will Shields attempt for the extra point. StingRays led at the halt 8-6.

The halftime show was awesome as the StingRay Cheerleaders and the Green Dragon cheerleaders put on dazzling displays. The girls were instrumental all year in motivating the StingRays and entertaining the crowds.

The second half opened with a nice return by Alec Livingstone. Joe Barisano alternated with Dean Kennedy at QB, running a nice series of plays with Marty Noenickx running behind Mike Fassnacht , Brian O'Reilly, James Reichardt and David Gordon for the series best gain.

The Scituate defense shut down the Green Dragons in the third quarter led by some key tackles and plays by John McKenna, Kenton Toney, Jake Simpson, John Wells, Paul Pozniak and Cody Adamson.

After a scoreless third, the Green Dragons were marching down the field, throwing the ball successfully, until Rob Carlezon pressured the quarterback and Dean Kennedy made a sensational interception and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown to put the StingRays ahead 14-6. On the ensuing kickoff Kevin Ayala, Kurt Ohrenberger and TJ Chamberlain were in on the tackle. With Duxbury going to the air again and threatening a tie, Kyle Crowley picked off a pass on a tip from John McKenna to seal Duxbury's fate.

Scituate ran some nice finishing plays led by the blocking of Nick Lieberman, Sean McQuaid, Joey Leary, Derek Schwatner and Charlie Taylor. TJ Devane, despite an early season injury, supported the team all year showing great character.

Scituate/Cohasset head coach Ralph Froio, Offensive Coordinators Ed Crowley and John Lombardo, and the defensive coaches, Al St. Peter and Rick Judge, were very thankful to all the parents and volunteers and especially to Scituate president Joe Obert for all his work in setting up the division five program.

StingRays mites play Hingham to scoreless tie in Super Bowl

The Scituate/Cohasset Stingrays played Hingham to a scoreless draw in last Sunday's Mite C division Super Bowl at Scituate High School.

"It was a tough defensive battle for both teams," said Stingrays Coach Bob Jones. "Both teams were very physical. My hat is off to Defensive Coach Sean Dias. He did a great job with the boys this year.

"Neither team was able to move the ball on offense in the first half. We made a few adjustments at half time that worked well in the second half, but we just weren't able to punch the ball into the end zone."

That's not exactly true. The Stingrays did manage to score in the first half when quarterback Robert Jones ran around right end for an apparent 45 yard touchdown. Unfortunately, it was called back for an alleged clip.

Captains John Maher, Craig Dias , Robert Jones along with Westley Hawkins all had an outstanding game.

" These boy were the backbone of the team this year," said coach Jones. "They always played their hearts out."

The other members of the co-championship team were John Arnold, Lucas Barisano, Jeffrey Charles, Marcus Charles, Michael Corcoran, Stephen Dickey, David Hasselman, George Hause, Kevin Howlett, Luke Ingram, Jake Kelley, Michael Lankowski, Michael Leonard, Billy Mack, Ryan McCarthy, Peter McKenna, J. Michael Monaco, Patrick Noenickx, David Podurgiel, Bobby Sincoski, James Sorrentino, Michael Spinola and Derek Youngman.

For more details on Scituate/Cohasset Youth Fottball, visit the website: *scicohfootball.com.*



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HANEY

Stingray quarterback Dean Kennedy (#11) decides to tuck it away and go.



Down...set...hut 1...

Third time not the charm for boys

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our day."

For most of the first half, it looked like a typical defensive struggle as both teams struggled to get scoring opportunities. Norton finished the first half with four shots to the Skippers' three.

Norton had the best scoring chance early, but Cohasset keeper Jesse Brewer made the save off a Lancer header.

With 3:20 left in the first half, the Lancers got on the scoreboard as Dan Kelly took a pass from Mike Navedo and drilled a shot into the Skipper net from 20 yards out. Mike Navedo picked up the assist.

"Getting the first goal was key for us," said Norton coach Ed Smith. "We had to dig out of hole when we played them (in the regular season)."

Norton scoring sensation Mike Navedo was able to escape good defensive coverage by the Skippers to head a shot into the Cohasset net off a kick by Justin Warren at the 7:12 mark of the second half.

"Mike Navedo is such a force that he is going to draw a lot of coverage," said Smith. "He is working extra hard for his shots and working hard to get the ball."

With all of the coverage Navedo is receiving defensively, the other Lancers have had to help out in the scoring department.

Warren gave the Lancers their third goal with 22:02 left as he fired a shot into the top left corner for a 3-0 lead.

"We didn't create a lot of opportunities," said Nigro. "They played better than we did."

Cohasset's Matt Bilodeau had an opportunity to spoil Norton keeper Peter Brooks' shutout in the second half at the 24 minute mark with Norton holding on to a 2-0 lead. Unfortunately for the Skippers, his shot just went a little wide.

Greg O'Connell played a solid game at sweeper for Cohasset.

With the exception of his lone score, the Skippers defense kept Navedo in close check.

Next year, the Skippers and the Lancers won't meet in the regular season. Norton is leaving for the Tri-Valley League, but don't count out future tournament matches.

"Seven out of the eight teams left in the tournament were from both of the leagues," said Smith. "You want to play different teams in the tournament, but we were both very familiar with each."

That's why there was no need for the pre-game introductions.



Cohasset midfielder Chris Clark shows off slide stop form in Saturday's win over West Bridgewater...along with new mohawk haircut (surprise, mom!)

C.H.S. sports captains honored

This past fall, the Cohasset High School Athletic Department was led by a group of exceptional team captains. On Thursday, Oct. 25, these 13 student-athletes were honored at a breakfast hosted by Cohasset Athletic Director Ron Ford and Cohasset High Principal Dr. Michael Jones. The Cohasset High School administration and coaching staff would like to thank these student-athletes for their leadership, dedication and spirit exhibitedon the playing fields, as well as in the classrooms and hallways of our school.

The team captains honored were:

for girls soccer, Carlie Carter, Maggie O'Neil and Kate Grimm.

for boys soccer, Tim Baird, Matt Bilodeau and Peter Maitland

for field hockey, Abbey Coakley and Heather Peraino

for football, Jason Brown, Paul Previte, Will Prendergast and Liam Martin

for golf, Will Moody.

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meet."

Another converted baseball player, O'Grodnik played very consistently at the number 5 position.

"He might have been even stronger if this wasn't his first season," offered the coach, making note of the seasonal switch from spring to fall.

Moving to the fall season for the first time in school history, Cohasset lost its three top players. Ace Will Prendergast and Dave Bouchard fulfilled their obligations to the football team, while Jay Bertovich played soccer this fall.

This line-up would have featured Prendergast at the first position, Bertovich second and then Bouchard. Such a good line-up, in fact, that this year's ace, freshman DJ Silvia, would have played fourth.

"It was a tough year to switch," affirmed Sweeney, "but in time, we will attract some more baseball and lacrosse players."

Silvia had a terrific rookie season, earning his way to the top spot. He, Moody, and junior Greg O'Brien all competed at the All-League meet at Squirrel Run in Plymouth, all shooting in the low 70s. Silvia shot an 84 at the All-State competition, good for 24th place in the 60-player field.

Silvia was one of 11 freshmen on the team. Next year, though, there should be quite a battle for playing spots since the roster of 21 will be reduced to 14.

"I hope that is a good influence for the group that scored well to play some more in the off-season," said the head coach. "It will be interesting to see how it plays out."

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Kahn wraps up solid soph campaign at Swarthmore

NOTES FROM THE NEXT LEVEL

Jackie Kahn, a 2000 graduate of Cohasset High, finished her sophomore season as a starting forward for the Swarthmore College women's soccer team with four goals and an assist. Her nine points tied her for second in scoring for the Garnet Tide, who play in the Division 3 Centennial Conference. Kahn, a two-sport standout at Swarthmore and former captain of the Lady Skippers lacrosse team, was named to the Conference's weekly athletics honor roll for her game-winning goal against Washington College, the first of her career. Swarthmore finished the season at 8-8, tying the school record for most victories in a season.

Davis sets up on the line

Former Cohasset High football captain Craig Davis, a 2001 graduate, had earned a starting job on the offensive line for Stonehill's varsity football team as a freshman until a sprained ankle last week put him on the shelf.

Interestingly, Davis, a 2000 Mariner All-Scholastic selection, is playing alongside former South Shore League rival Rob Scully, Hull's standout quarterback the last few season who also graduated this past spring. Scully has been receiving some playing time at wide receiver.

Davis has not yet declared a college major. According to his father, though, Craig is presently leaning towards teaching and football coaching.

Squirt C-2 team stymies Braintree

COASTAL STARS GAME OF THE WEEK

One of the more interesting characteristics of an athlete's life is their devotion to superstitions. We see this belief in superstitions in all sports, but nowhere are the superstitions as bizarre as in the game of hockey. Ask any parent whose child has adopted "the I won't wash my uniform until we lose" superstition and you'll certainly get a sense of just how truly bizarre these superstitions can be.

Well sports superstitions don't apply just to athletes. They also apply to fans. With these superstitions come a universal code of conduct that all fans are to honor, less they suffer the consequences. And so it was this past Sunday morning at Hobomock Arena in Pembroke that the wrath of the hockey gods almost fell on the Coastal Stars Squirt C-2 team as a near shutout and standout performance by goalie John Carrigg was almost put in jeopardy by an overzealous fan not honoring the long held superstition of not mentioning the possibility of a shutout until the clock has ticked its final second.

The drama of this game started Thursday evening when Coach Mike White got a call from two star players, brothers Kyle and Tyler Anderson, saying they couldn't play in the upcoming game. The call left Coach White in need of a talented forward and steady goaltender. White recruited another Star Squirt - C goalie, Carrigg to fill in. And fill in he did!

The Stars found themselves in a battle with an always competitive Braintree squad. The game was evenly played throughout and it wasn't until midway through the first period that Star center, Connor White, capitalized on his own aggressive forechecking to break in unassisted for the game's first goal.

With the Stars up 1-0 going into the second, the game became a defensive showcase. In spite of the outstanding play of defensemen Kevin Dougherty, Joe Dixon, and Sean Rullis, the Braintree forwards peppered Carrigg with a seemingly uninterrupted volley.

The defensive tone shifted early in the third when Star forward Willie Meech received the puck from linemate Joe Fitzimmons, and on an inspiring individual effort beat one forward, went by a first defenseman, and after being tripped by a second defenseman put the puck past the Braintree goalie for the Stars' second goal.

With the Stars up by two, White, and his wily veteran assistants Brian Daugherty and Mike Maher, instructed their troops to put the focus back on defense. Once again the Stars responded as the imposing forechecking of Phil Murphy coupled with the disciplined hustle of Mike Maher kept Braintree off the board. The Star's only notable offensive barrage came from the stick of Marshfield sniper Mike Payne who just missed putting the game out of reach as he hit a couple of goal posts.

Having completely thwarted the Braintree attack, and with five minutes left, the unspoken potential of a shutout began to creep into the minds of players and fans. The players remained silent, and all fans knowing the superstition that prohibited the mention of a shutout until the game ends, kept silent too. Then with less than two minutes left Braintree pulled their goalie and put on an extra skater. Just as the extra forward hit the ice the clamor from the fans became too loud to ignore as one fan boldly predicted a shutout. And sure enough, just as superstition would have it Braintree scored to come within one.

The Stars quickly regrouped and applied enough defensive intensity to shut down the Braintree onslaught for the final minute and a half.

A relieved and beleaguered Coach White said it was a thrilling game characterized by superlative team defense and another novice fan being indoctrinated into the wonderful world of hockey superstitions.

— Submitted by Peter Buckley

LEGAL NOTICES

BUCKLEY ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P2684EP

In the Estate of PATRICIA M. BUCKLEY

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death September 12, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that GERARD A. BUCKLEY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 5, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, October 26, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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Sealed bids for the **"ELLMS MEADOW WELL FIELD"** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, until **November 28, 2001** prevailing time on **10:00 AM.** The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Town Manager at 10:00 AM prevailing time on **November 28, 2001.**

The work includes replacing the existing well field with six new wells and an above ground manifold pipe, in addition to miscellaneous appurtenances. The project also includes developing the new well field and testing.

This project is the first stage in the Town's effort to replace the existing Ellms Meadow Well Field water supply source. The second phase will replace the existing pumping facility and structure.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

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2) Dodge Reports

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, weekdays at the Office of the Engineer, Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc., 12 Bay Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, upon payment of a refundable $50.00 company check (payable to the "Town of Cohasset") for each set.

Contract documents and plans will be mailed upon request and receipt of a **separate** non-refundable check made out to Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc. for $50.00 to cover handling and mailing costs.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition will be refunded his payment. Any non-bidder shall forfeit his deposit if he does not return the documents prior to the bid opening.

A certified check or satisfactory bid bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, payable to the Town of Cohasset in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid Price must be furnished by each bidder together with a letter of intent on the form provided. This proposal guarantee will be returned after the Contract has been executed.

Work is conditional upon receiving authorization of funding at the November Town Meeting. The project is scheduled to be completed during the coming winter season (2001-2002).

A performance bond and a labor-material payment bond issued by a company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required of the successful bidder. These bonds and the certificate of insurance on form ACORD 25-S (3/88) as amended MUST be delivered to the Town of Cohasset Town Manager within ten (10) days of award. The five percent (5%) bid bond will not be returned to the successful bidder until the one hundred percent (100%) performance bond has been established in satisfactory form. The performance bond is to be in effect for one year beyond completion of the project.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening thereof without permission of the Town of Cohasset Town Manager.

The Town of Cohasset Town Manager reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informalities in the bidding, or accept the bid deemed to be in the best interests of the Town of Cohasset.

The successful BIDDER shall be required to comply with the applicable State and Federal prevailing wage laws.

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Docket No. 01P2672EP

In the Estate of ANNE H. LAW

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Date of Death October 10, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DORIS LAW GOULD of HARWICH in the County of BARNSTABLE be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 5, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, October 26, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#721730
Cohasset Mariner 11/8/01

YEAGER ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P2566EP

In the Estate of RUSSELL H. YEAGER AKA RUSSELL HENRY YEAGER, JR.

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death July 7, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that VICKY T. YEAGER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 28, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, October 18, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
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AD#724934
Cohasset Mariner 11/8/01

ZBA/231 POND ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, November 19, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 9.6 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, **MR Properties,** seeks to construct a dwelling at 231 Pond Street, according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-10-24

AD#720633
Cohasset Mariner 11/1, 11/8/01

ZBA/25 DEEP RUN
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, November 19, 2001 at 7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to 8.7 and any relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Allan Koswick & Beverly McAllister, seek 2nd story over garage at **25 Deep Run,** according to the application in Clerk's Office. File #01-10-29

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

1:42 p.m. South Main St., general disturbance.

1:59 p.m. Unknown, out of town, suspicious activity/person(s).

2:57 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

7:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

9:26 p.m. Brook St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:42 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

10:41 p.m. Sohier St., registration inquiry.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

12:52 a.m. Elm St., general services.

1:54 a.m. Headquarters, registration inquiry.

6:01 a.m. Headquarters, general information.

6:10 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:34 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:59 a.m. South Main St., medical aid, to hospital.

7:34 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:07 a.m. Wheelwright Park Rd., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

9:34 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, investigated, report taken.

9:50 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, taw.

10:37 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:19 p.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.

3:35 p.m. Beechwood St., fire, investigation.

3:39 p.m. Highland Ave., general disturbance, gathering.

3:47 p.m. Sohier St., threats, log entry info.

4:02 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid, to hospital.

4:34 p.m. South Main St. and West Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:52 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:31 p.m. South Main St., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:46 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., animal call or complaint, area search negative.

0:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:17 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire, investigation.

9: 43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:52 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:45 p.m. Beechwood St., assist other police dept.

10:52 p.m. Ripley Rd., open door /window.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

12:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., open door/window.

1:43 a.m. Lamberts Lane, general info.

3:51 a.m. Aaron River Rd., medical aid, to hospital.

5:08 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

6:13 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle, area search negative.

6:34 p.m. Summer St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

6:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:57 a.m. Nichols Rd., hazmat (hazardous materials) incident.

8:523 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:43 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:54 a.m. Atlantic Ave., animal call or complaint, area search negative.

1:29 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s).

1:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

2:08 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., 209A restraining order, served.

5:12 p.m. Stevens Lane, animal call or complaint.

6:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

6:50 p.m. Margin St., suspicious activity/person(s).

8:38 p.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, traffic citation/warning.

9:07 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:18 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

12:34 a.m. Headquarters, general info.

12:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:10 a.m. Town parking lot, property, found.

7:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:1 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., traffic citation issued.

8:50 a.m. Parker Ave., notification.

9:03 a.m. King St., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

9:10 a.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.

9:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property damage.

10:44 a.m. Aaron River Rd., well-being check.

10:56 a.m. North Main St., escort.

12:06 p.m. King St., medical aid, to hospital.

4:42 p.m. Ripley Rd., vandalism.

5:09 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., malicious destruction.

6:05 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, to hospital.

6:51 p.m. Fairoaks Lane, medical aid.

7:18 p.m. Forest Ave., medical aid, to hospital.

9:55 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:32 p.m. Rustic Dr., medical aid, to hospital.

11:37 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

12:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:41 a.m. South St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services, area search negative.

9:47 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:31 a.m. West Gate Lane, medical aid.

10:50 a.m. Bancroft Rd. and Bancroft Way, parking complaint.

11:17 a.m. Elm St., fire, inspection.

1:32 p.m. Bancroft Way, motor vehicle accident.

1:59 p.m. South Main St., larceny.

2:30 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:59 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle accident.

6:21 p.m. Red Gate Lane and Fernway, fire, investigation.

6:53 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity/person(s), area search negative.

8:52 p.m. south Main St., parking complaint.

9:39 p.m. Pond St., medical aid.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28

6:47 p.m. South Main St., property damage.

8:43 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

8:59 a.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., fire, misc.

9:49 p.m. North Main St., reported death.

11:11 a.m. Cedar St., brush fire.

2:13 p.m. Elm St., violation of a 209A restraining order.

4:58 p.m. Sohier St., building checks.

5:02 p.m. Bancroft Rd., property, lost.

5:55 p.m. River Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

6:18 p.m. Bancroft Rd., property, lost.

7:19 p.m. Highland Ave., building checks.

8:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

MONDAY, OCT. 29

6:12 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:45 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:18 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Nichols Rd., officer wanted.

9:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

10:19 a.m. N. Main St. and Lower King St., motor vehicle accident.

10:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

10:34 a.m. Pond St., property damage.

11:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., breaking and entering a boat.

11:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.

1:58 p.m. Elm St., well-being check.

3:40 p.m. S. Main St., harassing/annoying phone calls.

4:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property, lost.

4:45 p.m. Pond St., suspicious activity/person(s).

5:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, stored/towed.

6:29 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled motor vehicle.

9:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

1:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).

6:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted, advised civil action.

7:04 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, stored/impounded.

7:41 a.m. Woodland Dr. and Pond St., public service, referred to other agency.

11:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:22 p.m. Surry Dr., property damage.

2:52 p.m. Linden Dr., suspicious activity/person(s).

3:57 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle violations.

4:45 p.m. S. Main St., larceny.

6:11 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:16 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10 :01 p.m. Church St., suspicious activity/person(s).

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

4:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police dept.

7:07 a.m. Ripley Rd., animal call or complaint.

7:30 a.m. Pond St., general services.

8:37 a.m. Doane St., suspicious activity/person(s).

11:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property, lost.

11:29 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., illegal dumping.

1:29 a.m. Deep Run, animal call or complaint.

3:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

4:50 p.m. Highland Ave., fire investigation.

5:30 p.m. S. Main St. and Summer St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:46 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:53 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:16 p.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s). Juvenile arrest, age 16. Charge: disorderly person.

6:49 p.m. Pleasant St., general disturbance, gathering.

POLICE BRIEFS

3A rush-hour traffic diverted

Cohasset police diverted rush-hour traffic off Route 3A last Friday evening for nearly half-an-hour following a two-car accident that sent two women to the hospital. Police said Lisa A. Wilson, 34, of Whitman was travelling north on Route 3A [King Street] in a 1993 Toyota, which collided at about 5:30 p.m. with a 1998 Saturn driven by Katherine Roth, 19, of 33 Riverview Drive, Cohasset. Roth had apparently tried to make a left onto 3A from a parking lot at 130 King St. [near Cohasset Food Mart]. Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

Jackson said there was heavy damage to both vehicles and ambulances from Scituate and Cohasset were used to transport the women to the hospital. Roth was issued a citation for failing to grant the right-of-way, he said.

Police diverted 3A southbound traffic down lower King Street. Northbound traffic was diverted down Sohier Street. Jackson said home football games at Scituate and Cohasset high schools added to the amount of traffic that evening.

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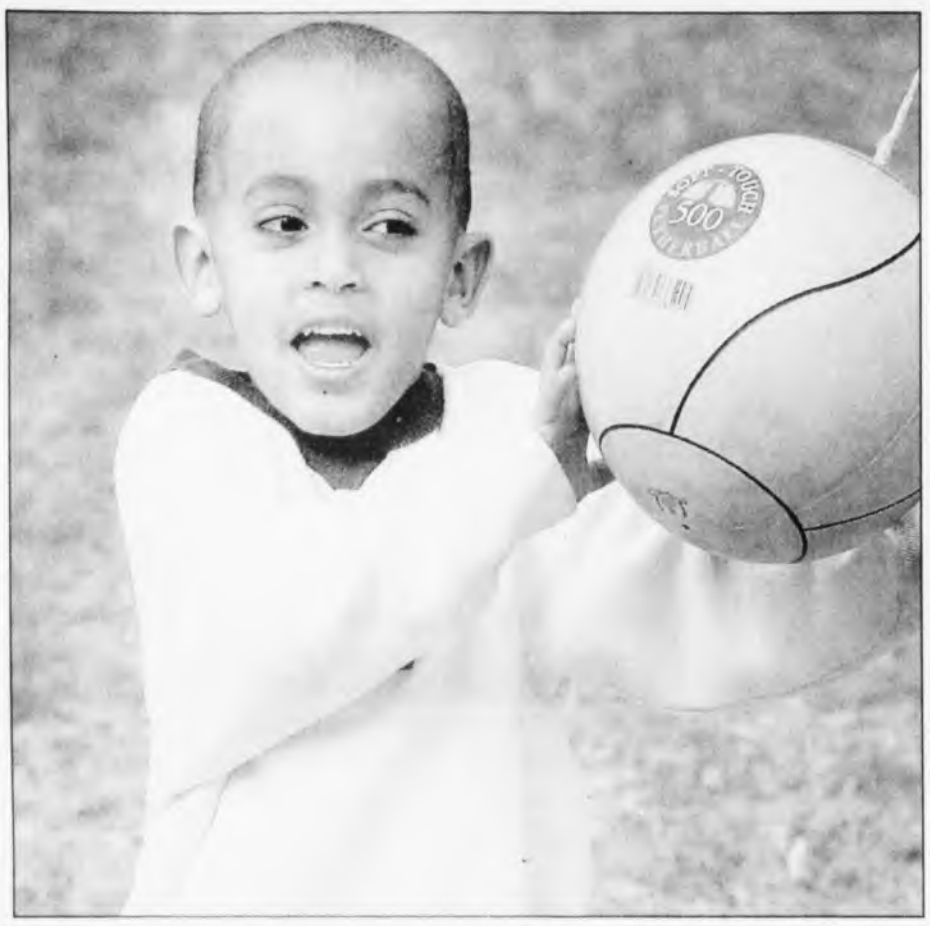
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Bottom right, Graham Schwandt keeps a lookout over pre-school recess from atop the playset at Osgood.
Top left, Tyler Smith tries his hand at tetherball.
Bottom left, Integrated preschool teacher Keeli Cullen gives Carol Demick a push on the swings outside the Osgood School.

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Mary Callahan displays at SAA gallery through Dec. 2

By Alice Coyle
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When it comes to finding real inspiration for her work, watercolor artist Mary Callahan gladly travels far and wide to seek it out.

Watercolor paintings based on a recent trip to China are included in Callahan's latest show "At Home and Abroad," opening at the Scituate Arts Association gallery this week. Images of Italy, which has over the last several years become a home away from home for the Marshfield resident, also figure prominently in the exhibit.

"I love the country," Callahan say of Italy, where rolling, tree-lined hills in Tuscany have inspired show pieces like "Chianto Countryside" in its rich hues of green and the whimsical "Gentle Breeze" with its swaying clothesline laden with colorful garments.

Venice, too, is captured in Callahan's "Venetian Lights," another painting in the show which features a familiar sight —a gondolier transporting his passengers over indigo waters between homes and buildings in soft beige tones. When it comes to Italy's famous architecture, Callahan said she finds it impressive, but she is more drawn to natural scenes, she says. For instance, she may paint a beautiful archway, but draws you through it immediately to the lush landscapes lying beyond it.

A friend in Rome, gives Callahan a ready reason to visit the country often, but she rarely goes alone. Callahan instead brings with her a group of painters — recently as many as 18 —who serve to inspire each other while enjoying the incredible views.

And while her travels abroad are well represented in the show's works, so too is the beauty closer to home. Scenes from Boston— where as a Copley Master she often shows her work— and local color including a piece on Fourth Cliff has also made it into the show. Variety sets this exhibition apart from some others, says Callahan, who has been showing her work nearly as long as she's been painting full-time — 22 years.

Married at a young age, Callahan has raised five daughters, several of whom inherited their mother's artistic nature, she says.

"A couple of them are artists," said Callahan. "One paints and the other teaches film at Mass Art."

Family life no doubt kept Callahan occupied, but since 1979, she's made watercolor painting her full-time job.

Watercolor is Callahan's favorite medium for several reasons, she says.

"I love the spontaneity of it. I have an idea and I just do it."

Her work sometimes begins as a small painting done at the scene which is then used as a sort of model for her larger final work. Photographs and her own memories of a place help fill in the canvas too, she said.

Artistic from an early age, Callahan said she had no formal art training when she got hooked on watercolor painting. Ten years ago she finished her art degree Bridgewater State College, something she said she had wanted to do for many years. But her schooling came after years as an accomplished artist and art teacher. A member of the North River Arts Society and the South Shore Art Center, Callahan has taught classes for both organizations. She has also taught at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury.

Showing her work locally, in Boston and in national exhibits also keeps Callahan busy. She earned a silver medal in the Allied Artists of America show in New York City three years ago and will take part in that show again this year. And she's looking forward to this month's show in Scituate. All of the work displayed can be purchased and over the years, Callahan has sold many paintings. "One thing I find is when someone buys one piece they often buy another from me, which is nice," she said.

"At Home and Abroad," will run through Dec. 2 and an artists reception will be held Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Scituate Arts Association's Front Street gallery. For more information on the show or the artist call (781) 545-6150.



STAFF PHOTO/ ALAN CHAPMAN

Marshfield painter Mary Callahan hangs works for her new show "At Home and Abroad," at the Scituate Arts Association Gallery. The exhibit includes pieces inspired by a recent trip to China and several trips to Italy, along with some local color.





"Venetian Lights" and "Gentle Breeze," a clothesline scene captured in Tuscany are two of several works based in Italy in the show.

Loony Tunes

Score one for Marshfield composer

By Gregory Mathis
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At just 23, Marshfield native James Bernardinelli is putting his composing talent to work by providing the score to Boston-based dance theater group, Monkeyhouse Homecoming's new production.

James Bernardinelli takes his music seriously. But that doesn't mean the young composer's work is all that serious.

Unless of course you consider the score from Bugs Bunny to be on par with the "Schindler's List" soundtrack.

Bernardinelli, who describes his musical creations as "cartoonish-style — very silly and fun," draws his inspiration from Saturday morning cartoons.

It was the funny and intelligent style of the 23-year-old Marshfield native that caught the attention of a Boston-based dance theater group, which was searching for offbeat sounds to take on its North American tour.

"Two-and-a-half, three years ago, James did this cabaret act that caught my attention," said Karen Krolak, founder of Monkeyhouse Homecoming, Boston's only professional dance theater collective. "It was a funny and intelligent piece. I've been aware and in touch with him since."

When looking for music for Monkeyhouse's offbeat production, "Another Femme Fatale Freak Show," Krolak's path once again crossed with Bernardinelli.

"James had just finished burning a CD this spring when we were putting together the music for the show," said Krolak. "It was like it was made for us… how quirky."

Bernardinelli, who graduated from Marshfield High School in 1997, jumped at the chance of sharing his music with the touring group.

He was contacted by Amelia O'Dowd, a friend of his working for Monkeyhouse.

"She was interested in five or six of the pieces for the show," Bernardinelli. "I jumped at the chance and gave them whatever they wanted."

Bernardinelli will get his first opportunity this week to view the show and see how his music was incorporated

"I'm still waiting to see the show," he said. "I'm excited to see it. I've never had anything used by a group of artists on tour."

Now in the final leg of its tour of North America, Monkeyhouse Homecoming will be returning to Boston this week for its final three shows, Nov. 8-10 at Mobius, Inc., located on Congress Street in Boston. The quirky sounds of Bernardinelli match up nicely with the bizarre and offbeat nature of the "Freak Show," which features lots of glitz and glitter, and strongly encourages audiences to don eccentric attire for the performances.

The production also features the music of Combustible Edison, a Boston-based band with a "very jazzy sound," according to Krolak.

Krolak said the production has been met with an enthusiastic response in each of the cities they've visited across the United States and Canada, and one of the most talked about components of the show is the music.

"People in different cities come up and ask where the music comes from," said Krolak. "They can't believe it comes from a 23 year old."

Bernardinelli, a fifth year student at Mass. College of Art, is majoring in Studio for Interrelated Media (SIM) after studying film for two years at Mass. Art. The medium major incorporates many facets of art, including video, sound, performance and sculpture.

He has been working mainly with sound over the last couple of years as he continues to work toward his goal of creating film scores.

Bernardinelli's college work includes a musical score to accompany a video done by a fellow student at college, which he described as "very dramatic and surreal." He has also composed music for a live performance done by a friend and had done music for a stop-motion animated film.

"I'm always looking to explore different sounds," Bernardinelli said, who lists film music composer Danny Elfman and film director Tim Burton as major influences.

"And I grew up on John Williams," said Bernardinelli, who took part in the drama program at Marshfield High School. "I think "Return of the Jedi" was the first soundtrack I listened to."

Krolak said Bernardinelli's music covers a wide range, producing a complicated and intriguing sound.

He's an extraordinary talent."Krolak said. "

Monkeyhouse brings 'Freak Show' to Boston

Monkeyhouse Homecoming will present its Boston premiere of "Another Femme Fatale Freak Show" at Mobius, located at 354 Congress Avenue, Boston, on November 8 - 10.

Monkeyhouse founder Karen Krolak is joined by members Nicole Harris, Beth McGuire, and Amelia O'Dowd to form Boston's only professional dance theater collective.

"Another Femme Fatale Freak Show" is a sexy, satirical, sometimes silly and certainly surreal series of short dance theater vignettes. It investigates the role our expectations play in constructing our perceptions of ourselves and determining our relationship with others.

As the title implies, emphasis is placed on issues and cultural perceptions of Gen-X feminine identity. Each of the four female characters is a gloriously exaggerated stereotype: the radical intellectual, the earnest ingenue, the timid tomboy, and the essential siren. Some of the highlights include: a mischievous duet wherein one woman's hand is always attached to another's head; a sardonic prediction of the mail order bride business performed on stilts; a tap dancer tethered by a telephone cord to another performer; a coy solo about the awkwardness of infatuation.

Mobius presents Monkeyhouse in three outlandish Boston homecoming performances of "Another Femme Fatale Freak Show" Thursday, Nov. 8, Friday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov.10, at 354 Congress Avenue, Boston. All performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Mobius at 617-542-7416 or click to www.mobius.org.

The Tick comes alive on Fox TV

Pembroke native behind big blue insect

By Valerie Kroon
CORRESPONDENT

Pembroke resident Richard Edlund Pembroke will be one proud viewer when he sits down to watch his son's first showing of "The Tick" on prime time this Thursday.

Created by cartoonist and SLRHS graduate Ben Edlund, the show's first segment will be aired over Fox, Channel 25, at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8.

Nine episodes of "The Tick" have been filmed thus far, Richard Edlund said.

Ben Edlund created "The Tick" while still a student at Silver Lake Regional High School. He graduated in 1986 and saw his first comic book on "The Tick" published in the spring of 1987.

"The Tick" later was developed into a cartoon series, an animated show aired over the Fox children's network. The show ran "just shy of three years," Edlund said. The series of 39 episodes was then shown over Comedy Central.

"It got a pretty good airing between the two networks," Edlund said.

Now "The Tick" will come alive in the action thriller. The very large all-blue insect who searches out and attempts to destroy evil is being played by Patrick Warburton. Warburton is best remembered for his role as Puddy on "Seinfeld."

Edlund notes that, while his son's show will be airing opposite "Survivor: Africa," the ratings of the newest "Survivor" show are not up to what previous segments have garnered.

"It is showing in prime time, and we'll see where it goes from there," Edlund said of the show's initial time slot.

Edlund says he's been having fun, tuning into the World Series games and seeing Fox advertise "The Tick's" upcoming opening segment. The message is put on the screen electronically, announcing "'The Tick' is coming to Fox Thursday."

Ben, Karen and their daughter Ezra, born Aug. 16, were in Pembroke for a week in October. Ezra is Richard Edlund's first grandchild.

"It was busy here," he reports of the visit. "A lot of people stopped by and a lot of their friends keep late hours."

While Ben Edlund lived for awhile in New York in the early 1990s, he is now living and working in Los Angeles.

Edlund said his son first showed artistic talent when he started drawing around the age of two. And, artistic talent appears to be "in the genes."

Richard and Lucia Edlund met while both were students at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts. Lucia, the former head librarian of the Pembroke Library, was majoring in sculpture. She died in 1990.

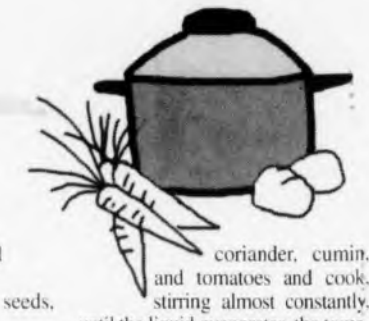
Richard Edlund is now retired, having worked as a designer. He is known for having created the bee that sits on top of the cupola at the former Pembroke Center Library building, now the Senior Center. The couple's oldest son Nick works as a designer for Barnes and Noble.

"We were all into the arts," the senior Edlund said.

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Food & dining

Indian-Style Lamb Stew



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE

CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL



American beef stew is satisfying, dependable, and, unfortunately, a bit dull. With just a few flavoring additions, the use of lamb instead of beef, and a couple of changes in cooking method, I set out to transform an American classic into something special.

I started with a boned leg of lamb weighing in at 3 3/4 pounds. After trimming away the fat and silverskin I was left with 3 1/4 pounds of lamb which easily serves six. In order to reduce cooking time, I cut the lamb into 1-inch cubes, which allows it to cook to the point of being tender in just an hour. Although all stew recipes call for browning the meat, I knew that Indian curries do not include this step since Indian cooks prefer a brighter flavor, one in which the taste of the spices shine through. I tested both methods, however, and preferred the stew with browned lamb. It had a deeper, darker flavor and, in this particular recipe, this richer flavor married well with the spices.

Next, I investigated flavorings. I quickly eliminated cilantro and chiles, ingredients that are often found in restaurant versions of this dish. Sticking closer to an authentic Indian combination of spices, I settled on the foursome cinnamon, cloves, cumin, and coriander married to garlic and ginger. (I found that the cumin and coriander are best purchased whole, not ground, for maximum flavor. They are then ground at home in a coffee grinder.) Over the years, I have discovered that the essence of Indian curries is the method by which the flavors of the spices are released. To release their full flavors, spices need to be fried in oil for at least 5 minutes. This is where Americanized versions of Indian recipes often fall short – we simply sauté them briefly or add them to vast amounts of liquids. Neither method is effective in producing full flavors. After much testing, I finally settled on sautéing the onion, cinnamon, and cloves and then adding the remaining spices along with the ginger, garlic, and tomatoes. This mixture is then cooked for 5 top 6 minutes or until the oil starts to separate out and turn orange. (This separating of the oil is the key moment in preparing this dish – this ensures that the flavor of the spices have blossomed.)

Other ingredients included 2 cups of chopped tomatoes (canned work fine here) as well as 2 1/2 cups chicken stock (water tasted flat). A small food processor can be pressed into service for puréeing the garlic and ginger – just add one or two tablespoons of water. This will prevent the garlic from burning in the pan and also makes the puréeing process easier since the garlic is less likely to stick to the processor. You can also use a garlic press if you like.

INDIAN-STYLE LAMB STEW

This dish is great served over rice and accompanied with root vegetables, especially carrots and parsnips.

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 boneless leg of lamb, about 3 1/2-4 pounds trimmed of visible fat and silverskin and cut into 1-inch chunks

Salt and freshly ground pepper

1 1 1/2-inch piece of cinnamon stick

2 onions cut into 1/ 2-inch dice

6 medium garlic cloves, pressed or puréed

1 2-inch piece ginger, grated or puréed

1 tablespoon coriander seeds, ground

1 tablespoon cumin seeds, ground

4 medium ripe tomatoes cut into 1/2-inch dice, about 2 cups, or equal amount whole canned tomatoes chopped, Muir Glen preferred, or canned diced tomatoes, drained

2 1/2 cups chicken stock

1. Heat a large heavy duty Dutch oven or deep skillet or sauté pan over medium high heat. Liberally season the lamb cubes with salt and pepper. Brown the lamb in batches adding one additional tablespoon of oil as needed. Set browned meat aside. Lower the heat to medium-low and add one more tablespoon of oil. Add the cinnamon stick, cloves and onion and sauté for 5 to 6 minutes or until the onion is softened and just beginning color. Add the garlic, ginger, coriander, cumin, and tomatoes and cook, stirring almost constantly, until the liquid evaporates, the tomatoes soften, the oil separates and turns orange and the spices become very aromatic, about 5 to 6 additional minutes.

2. Add the meat and chicken stock to the pan and stir to combine with the other ingredients, scraping the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Raise the heat to medium-high and bring liquid to a boil. Lower heat to maintain a gentle simmer and cook for about 1 hour (this time may vary) or until the lamb is very tender and the liquid has thickened. Adjust seasonings with salt and pepper. Serve immediately over rice, basmati preferred.

Serves 6

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Conflicting planetary influences can make for a hectic day. The Cancer moon becomes inactive at 2:10 a.m. until 3:34 a.m., when a Leo moon takes over. The Leo moon opposes Neptune at 2:08 p.m. and Mars at 4:58 p.m., warning you to slow down. Stay alert and use common sense. The planet Mercury moves into Scorpio at 2:53 p.m., remaining there until November 26. You can initiate new projects, make long-range plans between 6:00-7:01 p.m., when the sun and Jupiter align.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The last quarter phase of the moon occurs at 7:21 a.m. The moon decreases in light until November 15, when the new moon culminates. Venus moves into Scorpio at 8:28 a.m., remaining there until December 2. Sidestep power struggles with others; be willing to make a concession or two. A lunar polarity to Uranus at 3:30 p.m. may disrupt the flow of the day. At this time the Leo moon becomes inactive. Kick back, relax and unwind this evening.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

The moon enters Virgo at 6:49 a.m. This is a day to get things done. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. Postpone launching new ventures or signing contracts until next week, however, when favorable influences occur. Instead, finish jobs already begun, review and redo, clean out and reorganize. Get back on track with diet, exercise and self-improvement programs.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

YesterdayÕs influences affect today as well. The Virgo moon continues active travel until 1:40 p.m. Stop worrying about situations you have no control over. Instead, make up a list of things to do and stay busy. Tackle jobs youÕve been putting off and get them out of the way. An applying alignment of Mercury/Neptune enhances imagination and creativity. On the other hand, this is not a time to make practical decisions or sign contracts. Be wary of business deals or financial ventures that sound too good to be true.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Take a vacation from routine and responsibility; put career and domestic worries on the back burner. The moon enters Libra at 8:53 a.m., and Mercury forms a 90-degree alignment to Neptune at 1:59 p.m. This is a day to rest, sleep, dream, re-energize. Don't take anything or anyone too seriously.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

TodayÕs planetary influences are similar to yesterdayÕs. The moon continues to travel in Libra, active until 7:41 p.m. Venus, the planetary ruler of Libra, prepares to form a 90-degree alignment to Neptune. In addition, the sun will form a 90-degree alignment to unpredictable Uranus. This combination may force a choice between self-serving and altruistic options. It is a good time to work on projects that help others or for causes you believe in. Influences are also ideal for sharing musical or meditative time with friends.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Allow extra time to get where you are going this morning. The Libra moon is inactive until 10:44 a.m., when a Scorpio moon takes over. This monthÕs new moon will culminate November 15, when the sun and moon align at 23-degrees of Scorpio. That means that today and tomorrow are prime for finishing projects already begun and tying up loose ends. Be sure to take extra time out for quiet reflection, meditation. You can gain deep penetrating insights and find new meanings in life.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Wake up in a good mood. The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect today. People may be temperamental and difficult to get along with. Choose your words carefully. The best way to channel todayÕs influences is to work. Tackle projects that need a finishing touch or repair or redoing. An applying alignment of Mars and Saturn aids jobs that require physical exertion and endurance. You can be most productive.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Screamingly funny for all

Monsters, Inc. (A-)

A hint of the sophistication pervading Pixar's near-faultless new computerized magic show is nomenclature; e.g., something as simple as a name that'll sail right over moppets, this for an "in" sushi bar called Harryhausen's. *You* of course know of animation wizard and pioneer Ray Harryhausen, but wee Seth and Tiffany don't. That's as it should be. In recompense for the horror of actually having to tote children to the movies, parents deserve giggles reserved for them, jokes the rug rats don't get. Lacking maybe the thrill a conspiracy nut gets watching the unfolding of world events — you and I think things just happen; the local Bircher *knows* it's all done by guys hatching a grand cosmic plot while we eat our Wheaties — but still, an ancillary benefit: the kids see one flick, we see another, as our eyes are glued to the same object.

Speaking of eyes, or eye, we have here Mike Wazowski (voice of Billy Crystal), a short round green monocular thing with an unstoppable mouth, scrawny arms and legs, and a girlfriend (Jennifer Tilly) with snakes for hair. Mike's best bud is James P. Sullivan, aka Sully (John Goodman), an 8-foot-tall purple and blue fuzzy nice guy, for a long time now the top scream-inducer at the company that is to all intents the company town, Monstropolis, whose energy supply is created by harvesting the screams of kids who express their fright as monsters pop out of the closet. But kids are harder to scare nowadays: They've seen Tom Green kiss a mouse and Dennis Rodman throw a hissy fit: my examples, not the film's. After that, what could scare them? So there's a need at the company to up the quota of scream-collecting.

Get right down to it, that's what this gorgeously colorful movie is about: an economy in trouble — *hmmm* — and the intrusions of an invasive toxin — *hmmm* — and the efforts by Sully and Mike to root out this toxin and combat the bad guy (a lizard named Randall Boggs, voiced by Steve Buscemi, who's even scarier in live-action movies). The toxin is the presence of human children or their stuff. Monstropolisites believe that children contaminate, and a monster must never let one touch him or, Monster forbid!, allow one to cross over through the closet doors.

But one gets in: a tyke whom Sully names Boo (Mary Gibbs). Our guys try to get her back to where she belongs, but they're hampered first by Randall, who wants to be the #1 scarer, and then by their growing affection for the sweet little girl. A great adventure ensues, with first-rate scripting — these monsters say the darndest things — and visuals: There's not a duplicate monster anywhere. The critters would be loathsome if they weren't lusciously ghastly, they would be scary for kids if kids weren't already so casually knowing. This thing sails along in 88 minutes and you'll want it to see it all over again, to catch the in-jokes, to revel in the masterful totality of it all. Wagner would have been thrilled, had the technology existed, to have created such a *gesamtkunstwerk*. It's the best "family" movie we've had in ages. OK, Harry Potter's coming, so we'll withhold judgment, but meanwhile, this is monsterlicious.

Written by Andrew Stanton and Daniel Gerson. Directed by Pete Docter. Rated G.



The tables are turned when the monsters are frightened of the kids.

Meetings

MOTHERS & MORE: South Shore Chapter. If you are a woman who has decided to alter your career path in order to care for your children at home, then you should know about MOTHERS & MORE! The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Teri Angelis at (617) 328-5605 for meeting location and additional information.

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MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN CLOTHES CLOSET OUTLET is seeking volunteers. Located at 19 Standish St., Hall's Corner in Duxbury. Help is needed Tues. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 1 - 4 p.m. or all day. Call 617-934-5535 for more information.

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SENIORNET INSTRUCTORS NEEDED at Massasoit Community College to teach introductory computer classes for seniors 55 and over. Instructors are provided a curriculum and training by qualified staff. Classes are scheduled around the availability of the volunteer instructors. Instructors receive a complimentary membership to SeniorNet and free classes in new computer software. Interested volunteers can receive more information by calling 508-588-9100 ext. 1695. All classes are held on the Brockton Campus in Room L557.

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31ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFTS SHOW at the Bayside Expo Center from Nov. 23 - 25. This event features more than 300 exhibits of high quality, made-in-America art and craft products created from all types of materials. Show hours are Nov. 23, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Nov. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. General admission is $7 and children under 12 with an adult are admitted free. For more information call Fieldstone Shows, Inc. producer of the Christmas Crafts Show, 508-359-6545.

BAY COLONY CLUSTER DOG SHOW will be held from Dec. 6 - 9 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Sponsored by PEDIGREE brand dog foods, The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigreed pooches competing each day for "Top Dog" honors within their respective groups and breeds. The show will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is $10 for adults and seniors and $5 for children. Parking is $10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information call 617-556-7747. The public is not permitted to bring their dogs to the show.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors). For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.



BEST BET

Lance Keimig's "Premonition"
The South Shore Art Center in Cohasset presents "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," A national juried exhibition from Nov. 9 through Jan. 5. Jeffrey Keough, Director of Exhibitions at Mass Art juried this exhibition. Award winners are to be chosen Nov. 7. The art center is located at 119 Ripley Road. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

Thurs. 8

College Funding Associates will hold a free workshop tonight at Tufts Weymouth Library from 7 to 8 p.m. and Nov. 15. Learn the complete course in college funding. Attendance is limited. Call 781-749-2330 to register.

Plymouth North High School Drama Club will present the Georges Feydeau farce, Love by the Bolt at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 and 10, in the PNHS. Auditorium.. Tickets are $7 at the door or purchased in advance for $5 at PNHS or Finders Keepers, 44 Main St, downtown Plymouth.. Refreshments will be available along with a 50/50 raffle. For information call 508-747-0372.

Wellness through Therapeutic Massage - First Parish Stoughton, 790 Washington Street in Stoughton Square presents a presentation on "Hands-On-Health: Achieving Wellness through Therapeutic massage" with Lori McGarvey, BSN, MS, RN. The session will take place at 7:30 p.m. Handicap accessible. For information call 781-344-6800.

Talking Information Center (TIC) – The Ninth Annual Fall Wine Tasting benefit at the Barker Tavern in Scituate at 7 p.m. Wine columnist, Marc Sachs of Merchant Wine, selected the wines. Chef Juerg Kummer at the Barker developed the menu based on the wine selection.

Thayer Public Library presents "Vincent: A Portrait by the Postman Roulin," to be performed at 7:30 p.m. in Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. Free and open to the public. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420 for information.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of "**Lend me a Tenor**." 8 p.m. Other performance dates are Nov. 9, 10 and 15, 16, 8 p.m. CCT clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commerical Streets in Braintree. Call and reserve tickets at 781-356-5113. Tickets $12.

"Double Vision" Pastels by Chatham artists Merylle-Lee and Phil Thompson to be shown at the James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center during the month of November. Mr. Thompson paints landscapes and still-lifes, working only from life. Merylle-Lee focuses on pastels, color and the effects of light on color. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours: Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

Fri. 9

Quincy Symphony Orchestra under the direction of **Conductor Yoichi Udagawa**, will present the first concert of its 48th season at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the North Quincy High School. The program will feature soprano **Kathryn Mueller**. Single tickets available at the door are $12 for adults, and $8 for students and seniors. Admission for children under 12 accompanied by an adult is $5. Season subscriptions, for three classical concerts are $25 for adults and $20 for students and seniors. Free parking, handicap accessible. North Quincy High School is located at the corner of hancock and East Squantum Streets, across the street from the North Quincy "T" Station. For more information call 781-961-3790.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke free dance on with DJ music from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission $5 SSS members; $8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For info call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Roger "Hurricane" Wilson**. Tickets are $8. Casual dress, cover charges varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

South Shore Folk Music Club – coffeehouse presents **Deb Talan.** Opening for Deb is **Grace Morrison** then capping off the evening with an open mike session. Beal House, Route 106 in Kingston at 8 p.m. Tickets are $4 for members and $5 for non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052.

Edaville Railroad, Christmas Light Festival now though Jan. 6, 2002, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

The South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition entitled **"Planes, Trains and Automobiles"** in the Bancroft Gallery, today hrough Jan. 5, 2001. For more information, call 781-383-2787.

The Massasoit Theatre Co. presents West Side Story. 8 p.m. held at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College off Rt. 27 Brockton. Other performances Nov. 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18. Tickets $14 general public; $12 students and senior citizens. Group rates available. All seats reserved. Purchase tickets by calling 508-427-1234. Credits cards welcome. Handicap accessible.

'The Soprano's Last Supper' a spoof on the HBO hit series, debuts in Boston's Theatre district with an interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont Street in Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are $49 per person for the dinner and show. Show dates are Nov. 11, and Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For tickets call 800-944-5639.

Sat. 10

Blue Hills Reservations offer Hike to the CCC Camp. Meet at the Chickatawbut Overlook on Chickatawbut Road in Quincy. Join a ranger on a historic walk to the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp and learn what they did why they did it and how they lived. 1.5 hours. For information call 617-698-1802. Program is free and open to the public. Please wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes.

Thayer Public Library in Braintree will present a "Flute and Piano concert" featuring **Donald Zook and Steven Young** at 3 p.m. Logan Auditorium at Thayer Library is located at 798 Washington Street. Free and open to the public. Call 781-848-0405 x 44420 for more information.

First Baptist Church in Abington will hold their Annual Fall Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church 219 Adams Street, corner of routes 58 and 139. There will be a large bake table, candy, soups, snack bar, jewelry, Christmas and clothes by the bag. Free, public invited. For information call 781-878-2447.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Big Jack Johnson**. Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Edaville Railroad, Carver, World War II Encampment, Wal-Mart Day, benefit for the Children's Miracle Network Foundation. $1 for each ticket is donated. For more information, call 508-866-8190.

Fuller Museum of Art – Family Day – Families can enjoy a day of art, entertainment, and education from noon to 4 p.m. The theme of the day is "Looking Locally" and will feature several Brockton area cultural and historical organizations including: The Children's Museum of Easton, Brockton Symphony, Brockton Historical Society, D.W. Field Park Association, Borderland, Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary and the Brockton African-American Heritage Trail Team. All of the organizations will have information tables and several will offer children's activities and family presentations throughout the day. Admission is $5/adults, $3/seniors and students, $2/children under 18 and FMA members. Call 508-588-6000x100 for more information.

South Shore Art Center - Community Art Project and Holiday Marketplace – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in a community art project...help to create a giant community flag. This interpretation of Old Glory will use handprints of participants for its form and color. The flag will be completed in one day, will hang at the Art Center and will then be on display in various locations throughout the South Shore.

Holiday Marketplace will take place at the same time. A one-day craft fair featuring a select number of crafters from the Art Center's annual Festival on the Common. The Small Works exhibition in the Dillon Gallery will offer for sale the works of many of the Center's 150 Gallery Artists. All work is small and priced for holiday giving.

Plymouth North High School Drama Club will present the Georges Feydeau farce, Love by the Bolt at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 and 10, in the PNHS. Auditorium.. Tickets are $7 at the door or purchased in advance for $5 at PNHS or Finders Keepers, 44 Main St, downtown Plymouth.. Refreshments will be available along with a 50/50 raffle. For information call 508-747-0372.

Silver Lake Chapel in Plympton will host an indoor yard sale at the Chapel on Lake Street between routes 106 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables will include new gift items, baked goods and a snack bar.

Weymouth Arts Society will meet at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth from 2 to 4 p.m. Stapleton Kearns will demonstrate painting in oils. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Sun. 11

Artful Things Gallery in Norwell will sponsor a sale of work by local artists from 1 to 6 p.m. to benefit **Pathways Center for Cancer Support**, Hanover. The public is invited to attend. The sale will feature work by South Shore artist **Paul Crimi** who will donate 50 percent of all proceeds from the sale of his work to Pathways. Artful Things and other participating artists will donate 10 percent of their sales. The gallery is located at 263 Washington Street in Norwell. For more information call 781-829-4823 or 781-659-6595.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club - An easy walk, mostly flat, some hilly terrain, four miles Stoney Brook Reservation. Meet at the Bajko Rink/Olsen Pool parking lot on Turtle Pond parkway in Hyde Park.. The Rangers recommend that you wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. Dress appropriately for the weather. For more information, call 617-698-1802.

Singles Executives Club and the Single Golfers of New England will sponsor a **Sunday Romance Singles Dance** from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Pembroke Country Club, W. Elm Street, Pembroke. Dance music by Brian Milligan. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and free door prizes. Singles age 35 and over. Proper business attire is required. $10 before 6:30 p.m. $15 thereafter.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum presents **The Forest and Granite Landscape** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center, preregistration required. Join Tom Wessels, professor of Ecology at Antioch New England Graduate School and author of several books, to explore the natural history of the woodlands and exposed granite ledges of the Blue Hills. This program will consist of an introductory slide program on the ecology of granite dome followed by time in the field. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants for the full-day program. Participants may elect to enroll only in the morning slide show portion of this program for $12 NM, $10 MAS. For information call 617-333-0690.

The Greater Boston, Antique & Collectible Toy Show will be open to all at the Holiday Inn in Dedham from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rare, hard –to-find toy vehicles of all makes and sizes including police and emergency, die-cast, hot wheels, Corgi and Tootsie-toys will "rev-up" next to old fire engines, model, kits, airplanes and trucks of pressed steel from Buddy-L to Tonka. Colorful tin wind-ups, battery-opps, playsets, games, Disney and TV characters will face old American plastic toys, pedal cars, tin-litho from Chein to Marx, cast iron, G.I. Joes, military toys actions figures, vintage Star Wars and Star Trek, toy boats, banks and Barbies. This show presents an opportunity to discover and examine before buying. The Dedham Holiday Inn is located on route One at exit 15A off route 128/95.Admission is $4.50 for adults, children 12 and under attending with an adult free. For information call Mrs. Devlin 508-379-9733.

Resurrection Parish of Hingham will host a Fall Fashion show from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the South Shore Country Club. Tickets are $25 per person. Come for an afternoon of cheese and crackers, fresh fruit, tea sandwiches, coffee and tea, and desserts, while you view the latest fashions for mothers and sons/daughters by sandwiches, cof-

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"Osprey Point" by Phill Thompson and "Lobster with Money Plants and Lemons" by Meryille-Lee Thompson. The James Library and Center for the Arts presents "Double Vision" The works of artists Phill and Meryille-Lee Thompson on display through Nov. 30. The library is located at 24 West Street in Norwell. For more information call (781) 659-7100.



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"Brush" by David Shapleigh Artist David Shapleigh will show his recent paintings at the Wallace L. Anderson Gallery at Bridgewater State College through Nov. 23. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call (508) 531-1359.

fee and tea, and desserts, while you view the latest fashions for mothers and sons/daughters by Lilly's Closet of downtown Hingham, with accessories by Bonnie's Baubles of Hingham. All proceeds benefit the Summer Outreach Programs for the Youth Ministry. For tickets call the rectory at Resurrection at 781-749-3577.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, presents a forum on **Race in the Military** 4 to 5:30 p.m. As the country commemorates Veterans Day and faces an "unprecedented military threat," **Gail Buckley**, author of "American Patriots: the Story of Blacks in the Military from the Revolution to Desert Storm," discusses the long, and at times tortuous, history of African Americans in the U.S. Military. For information call 617-929-4500 or http://cs.umb.edu/jfklibrary/index.htm.

Mon. 12

Children's Museum in Easton offers two events on Veterans Day for kids and families a special way to remember those brave Americans who have given their lives for freedom and the American Way. Write a message for the brave foreign peacekeeping victims and their families whose lives were lost on Sept. 11, then press your message into the red, white and blue tribute which will hang in the Children's Museum's Art Gallery. This activity is ongoing from noon to 4 p.m. and is free with Museum admission. Also attend a performance, Larry Blotter's Poetry of Fire at 11 a.m. This performance combines storytelling, audience participation, movement and a little magic in an engaging spoof of the Harry Potter stories. This performance is under an hour and free to the public. Admission to the museum is $4.50 per person. Children under age 1 are free. For more information call 508-230-1780.

Prostate Cancer Support Group offered by Jordan Health Systems, Inc., held tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. Monthly meetings held the second Monday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Jordan Hospital, 275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth. (Route 3 exit 5). Men who have been diagnosed with or treated for prostate cancer as well as their family and friends are invited to attend. Meetings are open to the public, free of charge and are funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For more information call Jordan Call at 800-750-5343.

Boston Duck Tours is for the fifth year in a row, offering **free rides to all war and peacetime veterans** during the week of Veterans Day, Nov. 12 through 16. Veterans show proof of service (i.e. Discharge papers, a membership card in a veterans organization, medals or ribbons. Tours which originate from the Boylston Street side of the Prudential Center begin at 9 a.m. and continue until one hour before sunset. For more information call 617-723-DUCK or www.bostonducktours.com.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, presents a forum on **Bringing International Criminals to Justice** 5:30 to 7 p.m. How should the world community punish those who commit crimes against humanity? **Justice Richard Goldstone**, former Chief Prosecutor for the International Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, and **Michael Ignatieff**, Director of the Carr Center on human rights policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government discuss the development of a system of international justice to confront the perpetrators of such actions be they former heads of government such as Slobodan Milosevic or international terrorists such as those who attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. For information call 617-929-4500 or http://cs.umb.edu/jfklibrary/index.htm.

Tues. 13

The Hingham Area Branch of **the American Association of University Women** will hold its meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Allerton House at Harbor Park, 15 Condito Road, Hingham where they will view the Australian video, Babakueria, a humorous, yet serious, satirical look at society when power changes. Following the video, Nancy Moore, a member of the AAUW Diversity Task Force, will lead us in a discussion of the issues raised. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call 781-749-6274.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Route 139 in Marshfield. The guest speaker will be Mary Bell and her topic entitled Color Theory. Refreshments will be served. New members and guests are welcome. For information call 781-834-6560.

South Shore Women's Business Network luncheon at Siros on Main Street in Hingham from noon to 1:30 p.m. Preregistration: $20 members, $30 nonmembers. At the door $25 members, $35 nonmembers. 781-749-8883.

Massachusetts Cross Country Ski Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. at the Thayer Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. The speaker will be from the **blind skiers group** and will explain how blind persons can enjoy the pleasures of skiing. The meeting is free and open to the public. Call 781-337-0789 for information.

Wed. 14

Ventress Memorial Library Author series presents **Jim Hamilton**, "The Writing 69th" World War II journalists tale. The talk begins at 7 p.m. in the library's historical room. Program is free. Light refreshments are served, and signed copies of the books are available for purchase. Call Chris woods at 781-834-5535 for details.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, presents a forum on **Defending an Open Society** 5:30 to 7 p.m. In responding to terrorism on its own shores, how can the U.S. protect security and civil liberties? NPR chief legal correspondent **Nina Totenberg** moderates a panel including **John Shattuck**, former Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and ACLU Washington Director. For information call 617-929-4500 or http:cs.umb.edu/jfklibrary/index.htm.

Thayer Public Library presents "Pieces of One" a jazz group featuring Rosalie DiCrescenzo, Paul DiCrescenzo, and Tom Petrakis will perform at the Thayer Public Library at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Logan auditorium, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. Call 781-848-0405 for information.

Thayer Public Library presents a narrated slide lecture by **William L. Patton Jr.** on **the "Vermont Quilt Festival,"** New England's Largest annual needlework event at 3 p.m. The region's best quilters display their award-winning handiwork in traditional and contemporary patterns. Many close-up views. Free and open to the public. Free and open to the public. Logan auditorium. 798 Washington Street, Braintree. Call 781-848-0405 x 4420 for information.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Inc. presents Dr. Robert C. Green, neurologist at Boston Medical Center and Associate Professor at Boston University School of Medicine to speak on current research in Alzheimer's disease at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street, Hingham. A question and answer session will follow his presentation. For information call 781-740-2426 or 781-749-5417. The meeting is free and open to the public. Free respite care for an Alzheimer's patient so that the family may attend this lecture is available at Harbor House. Reservations must be made for respite in advance by calling Gervaise Haley at Harbor House at 781-749-4774 by 3 p.m. Nov. 14.

Thurs. 15

Braintree Art Association will meet at 7:15 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Ed Carson** will demonstrate a still life painted in oils. The public is invited and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-335-4675.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of "Lend me a Tenor." 8 p.m. Performance dates are Nov. 15, 16, 8 p.m. CCT clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commerical Streets in Braintree. Call and reserve tickets at 781-356-5113. Tickets $12.

The Massasoit Theatre Co. presents West Side Story, Nov. 15, 16, 17, 8 p.m.; Nov. 18, 3 p.m. held at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College off Rt. 27 Brockton. Tickets $14 general public; $12 students and senior citizens. Group rates available. All seats reserved. Purchase tickets by calling 508-427-1234. Credits cards welcome. Handicap accessible.

Fri. 16

Xaverian Brothers High School, Fine Arts Department in Westwood will hold its fall theatre production and student art exhibition, tonight and Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. The fall production will be **A Midsummer Night's Dream** in the high school auditorium. The art exhibition will be in the cafeteria where light refreshments will also be served. The admission price is $8 includes both the theatre production and the art exhibit. This event is open to the entire community. Call 781-326-6392 x 6675 for more information

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents the **Chris Fitz Band.** Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Holy Nativity Church Holly Fair – 6 to 9 p.m. today and Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Handmade crafts and Christmas shopping, silent auction, raffles and food. Dinner Saturday night 6 p.m. $7.50. Holly Nativity Church, 8 Nevin Rd, off Route 18, South Weymouth. Free admission. Call 781-331-6896 for information. Wheelchair accessible.

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist is sponsoring a Holiday Boutique and Café from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Nov. 17. The Boutique will feature merchandise from clothing to toys and home accessories. Admission fee $5. All proceeds benefit the church.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association will holds its 2001 Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cushing Center in Norwell.

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Edith and constables: Edith (Duxbury Native Pat Peterson) command the bumbling bobbles to fight the Pirates in rehearsal for Bay Players Production of the Pirates of Penzance.
The Bay Players present "The Pirates of Penzance," Gilbert & Sullivan's classic light opera, Nov. 9, 10, 16, and 17 at the Kingston Intermediate School. Performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 for students/seniors, $13 for general admission. To reserve tickets call 1-800-290-6825. Wheelchair accessible. For directions go to www.bayplayers.org.

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NSRWA members and the general public are invited. Wine and cheese reception from 7 to 7:30 p.m.. Featured speaker will be Peter Webber, the commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management. The Cushing Center is located on Route 123 in Norwell Center. For information call 781-659-8168 or email NSRWA@aol.com

Ongoing Events

Artica Gallery presents "The Elements" featuring photographers: Michael Cogliano, Jim Desisto, Linda Garrity, Keith Johnson, Ellen Heahy, Amy McCarthy, and Vyvian Stevens. The exhibit will run until Dec. 31, from 2 to 5 p.m. They gallery is located at 22 Depot Street, Duxbury. For information call 781-934-0640.

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

Plein Air and Otherwise. The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell is pleased to announce an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Lee Parsons, Plein Air and Otherwise, Nov. 1 - 28 in the Vine Hall Gallery. Lee was formerly on the faculty of the Museum School at the Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton. Since childhood, painting has always been a favorite pastime of Lee's, but more than that, a sense of joy and adventure. Lee says that in more than twenty years of teaching others to paint, she was fortunate in being able to share that sense of joy and adventure intrinsic to the creative process. A Meet the Artist - demonstration of painting will be held in Vine Hall Gallery at the Center on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 2:00-4:00pm. The Center is located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, less than one mile from the Route 3 interchange. For directions or more information, please call the Center at (781) 659-2559.

Braintree Art Association - Virginia Wilson will be displaying her paintings for the month of November at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. 781-335-4675.

Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers"; Those who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women who choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. Come join us! The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham.

A New Display of work by members of the Weymouth Art Association is on display at several locations around town for the month of and Nov. In the town hall, the Mayor's office, Dorothy Babineau and Ernest Laidler, in the treasurer's office, JoAnn Burns is exhibiting. In the Councilor's office, Joe Barca, Barbara Greland and Ed MacCormack and Dorothy Barnaby is displaying in the auditor's office. There are paintings on display at Synder Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance and Colonial Federal Savings bank by Denise Graham, Nancy LaPorta, Marilyn Reisberg, Allan Chambers, Joe MacFarlane, Clair Palmer, Mary Santry, Don Coole, Donna Gallagher and Donald Heath. Lorraine Ingenito, Elizabeth Pohl, Bill Sawyer, Laurie Porter and Elizabeth Trubia. Many of these paintings may be purchased.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

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The Art Complex Museum presents "A Novel Idea" at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George Street in Duxbury through Nov. 30. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibition features images of books in all mediums by thirty-two artists. For more information call 781-934-2731 ext. 4

Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their acappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music, The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.



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Donald DeBeradinis of Canton and Michael Warner of Holbrook square off in the Massasoit Theatre Co. production of "West Side Story.
West Side Story will be on Stage at the Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College Nov. 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 11 and 18 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $14, $12 for Massasoit and other students and senior citizens. Group rates are available. For tickets and information call (508) 427-1234. The college is located on Route 27 in Brockton.

Environmental Arts, Inc. at the Fuller Museum of Art will present its Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the grounds of the Fuller Museum of Art through Nov. 4. Environmental Arts, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes site-specific art in natural settings. For more information please call 508-588-6000.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Edaville Railroad, open for the season, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. - Mon. The last train leaves at 4 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors and $8.50 for children. Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

New Summer "Drop-In" Recreation Program for adults with developmental disabilities at New England. Courses are open to developmentally disabled adults at a minimal fee. Events being offered include a pet show, softball games, art classes, campfire sing-a-longs, Sunday movie matinee, bingo and more. New England Village is located on Route 27 in Pembroke to register for classes or for more information contact Lisa Drennan, recreation director at 781-293-5461 ext. 119.

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.

Tours to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

Special Olympics Offers Free Spring Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

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Reunions

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1956, 45th reunion will be held on Nov. 10 at the Quincy Sons of Italy Hall, 120 Quarry Street in Quincy. Tickets are $40 per person which includes dinner, music and dancing. For more information call Jim Tantillo at 781-585-4315 ext. 14.

QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1971, 30th reunion will be held on Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. at Top of the Ridge, 710 West Street in Braintree. Tickets are $45 per person. For more information call Jean Petitti at 617-773-5848 or Dee Dee DiBona Speranzo at 617-471-1649.

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1961 is planning a 40th reunion at the Weymouth Elks Club on Nov. 24, 2001. For information call Mike Grable at 781-826-3535 or Brian Dunbar at 781-337-6490.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1982 is looking for classmates for its 20th reunion. Contact Eric Braley by email at ericheidi@earthlink.net or Amy Saschuk (formerly Stidam) at 781-294-

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NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL FIRST AID COURSE Would you know what to do if someone went into shock? Without the proper training, your answer would most likely be "no" Brockton Hospital is currently offering a comprehensive National Safety Council First Aid Course on Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. to noon. Preregistration is required and a $50 fee covers the cost of the course and materials. Call Brockton Hospital's Staff Education Department at 508-941-7057 to register or for further information.

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Knowing best the price of freedom

Memorial dedicated to Gold Star Mothers

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Like so many others, the mothers raised sons here in town. They no doubt watched with pride as their boys grew up attending school, playing sandlot baseball in the spring and swimming at Sandy Beach in summertime. As their sons grew into young men – Lydia, Edith, Charlotte and Clara and 18 more like them – no doubt dreamed of their sons' future, one that would include careers, wives and grandchildren.

But war changed all that. And these Cohasset women and countless others like them across the United States endured incredible pain when their sons made the supreme sacrifice — dying for their country.

"I feel the dichotomy of war stronger than ever; the patriotism and love of our country – and the dread of sending our sons and daughters into harm's way."

— U.S. Navy Capt. Jane McCarthy

More than 600 local citizens, steeling themselves against a cold northeast wind, gathered under a cloudless sky Sunday to pay tribute to Cohasset's Gold Star Mothers during a dedication of a monument in their honor Sunday at Woodside Cemetery.

"As a mother and with the events of Sept. 11, I feel the

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Herbert Gleason bows his head during the dedication of the Gold Star Mothers memorial Sunday at Woodside Cemetery. Herbert's brother, Howard Gleason, was killed in World War II. One of the monuments at the memorial is dedicated to Howard and the brothers' mother, Emily.

Local home values soar

40 percent hike is the average

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset residents could suffer from "sticker shock" when they see how much their home is worth.

The Board of Assessors recently made public the results of a town-wide revaluation that increased the assessed value of homes in town an average of 41 percent over last year.

That means the "average" Cohasset house, which had an assessed value of $395,584 last year, is now valued at $560,700.

A sampling of values shows hefty increases at both ends of the spectrum and everywhere in between. Peter Roy's house at 49 Margin St., for example, has increased 48 percent from $3.794 million to $5.62 million.

Former selectman Rocco Laugelle's house at 40 Smith Place is up 21 percent from $154,500 to $187,200.

And Selectman Tom Callahan's house at 35 Hillside Drive jumped 38 percent from $282,800 to $391,000.

Deputy Assessor/Appraiser Cheryl Pooler said calendar year 2000 sales were used in determining fiscal year 2002 valuations, which take effect Jan. 1. Assessors are mandated by state law to value property within 10 percent, plus or minus, the real estate market, she said.

The assessments provide the basis for the third quarter property tax bills, which will be mailed next month. That "average" house will see its bill rise about 11 percent or some $700 from $5,757.61 to $6,436.84.

But revaluation of property does not result in added town spending, Town Manager Mark Haddad explained.

"The average tax bill would still be up $700 regardless," he said. That's because a 20-year-old state

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Hagerty House fate in limbo

By Evan Schiff
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A center for marine education. Creating a Habitat for Humanity house.

Those are just some of the options selectmen considered for the Hagerty Property Tuesday night during their meeting.

Selectmen listened to public debate in an effort to make a decision on the fate of the Hagerty House at the end of Parker Avenue. The town bought the house and the 2.1 acre Hagerty property nine years ago.

Jack Buckley, a teacher at Cohasset Middle High-School and rowing enthusiast, began the meeting with a formal presentation outlining the Coastal Maritime Institute's interest in the building. CMI is an organization that provides summer classes to students curious about marine life. The organization also offers a rowing program to students at the high school.

Buckley emphasized he was merely the figurehead for a conglomerate of organizations he envisions eventually moving into the house.

Through a 15-minute Power Point presentation, Buckley outlined CMI's initiatives which are, making the Hagerty House into a coastal research center, creating a public research center, and having a water monitoring program for students. While Buckley's idea was not the only one considered, it did garner the most support.

Karen Oronte, of 2 Bound Brook Lane, said she felt a coastal education center would be the best fit for the property.

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Hands across Old Glory

Art Center creates a 'moving' flag

By Mary Ford
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A huge American flag featuring hundreds of "palm prints" from area residents will soon be available for display in area communities.

"It's such a powerful image with all the hands."

— Diane Kennedy, South Shore Art Center

The South Shore Art Center, based in Cohasset, provided the canvas and plenty of waterproof red, white and blue paint for big and little hands – and all those in between – during its holiday marketplace and "Annual Small Works" exhibition by its gallery artists on Saturday.

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Nancy O'Toole of Haystack Lane applies her hand print to the community flag at the art center.

Cell towers get mixed reception

Bylaw to limit locations considered

By Evan Schiff
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Imagine looking out your back window and not gazing at ledge, trees, or the ocean, but a cell tower.

According to the Federal Communications Act of 1996, cities and towns have very little say about whether they can allow cell towers on their land. However, the municipalities do have some jurisdiction on where the tower can be placed and what it can look like.

Selectmen have asked the Planning Board to create a bylaw addressing the issue of cell tower construction. While there have been no recent requests for a permit to install a tower, selectmen see this as a preventative measure.

"We may as well zone cell towers before they become an issue so we're prepared," said Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed. "Lack of proper zoning is what allowed a pornography shop to be opened in Norwell, we would like to avoid a similar situation."

Town manager Mark Haddad said it was good practice to enact a bylaw to zone cell towers. "While we may not be able to stop the influx of towers we will be able to regulate them," he said.

There are currently four cell towers in Cohasset. There are two, 180-foot-tall lattice poles, at 168 Turkey Hill Lane near Hingham, one 120-foot monopole at 149 King St. near Koko Island, and one 120-foot monopole at 132 Chief Justice Cushing Highway near Mary Lou's News. Some

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Could this happen here? A cell tower just over the town line in Scituate is the subject of a lawsuit launched by neighbors who say the structure is unsightly.

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In the special Town Meeting story last week regarding the funding for the new library, the Mariner should have said the Advisory Committee recommended the article in a majority vote. The story incorrectly stated the Advisory Committee did not recommend the article. Article 11, amended an article passed at the 2000 annual Town Meeting, by adding additional funding for the construction of a new library at the former Joseph Osgood School. Advisory Committee member Susan Kent presented the majority opinion at special Town Meeting and Dick Avery presented the minority opinion.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Tuesday Nov. 13:

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15

Harbor Committee, 7 p.m., Nov. 20

South Shore Regional School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 21 at the Brass Lantern Restaurant

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15 at Cohasset High School

Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15 at 339 King St.

Town History Committee, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 26 at the Lothrop House

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., Nov. 19

Zoning Board, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19

All meetings at Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Copier donated

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Sida, of 220 S. Main St., donated a copy machine to the Cohasset School Department. Supt. Edward Malvey said that the donation, which was out of the blue, was extremely generous. The school committee unanimously accepted the gift last week.

Safety action plan

The Cohasset Public Schools will draft a safety plan in the upcoming months. Supt. Edward Malvey said, "it's a shame in our society there is a need for a school safety plan" but said he realized the necessity for one. Health Director Mike Gill, who will draft the plan, said the schools have been operating on a crisis prevention plan that needs to be updated.

Gill said that last spring, Malvey asked him to revisit the school safety plan and make recommendations for improvement. Gill said that there will be many issues addressed that could be added to the plan including, bomb threats, hostage/armed intruders, students armed with a gun, discrimination, bullying, rest-room security, video surveillance, metal detectors, and many others.

After Thanksgiving, meetings will be conducted with school officials as well as parents, students, law enforcement and fire/rescue workers to decide what should be involved. Malvey said while most safety issues will be discussed in executive session, he encourages feedback from students, who best know the school climate.

Volunteers needed

There are three vacancies on the newly formed Community Preservation Committee that need to be filled with citizen volunteers, selectmen informed the public Tuesday night. The selectmen have asked that applications be submitted to the board as soon as possible.

Sidewalk update

Town Manager Mark Haddad asked the trustees of 520 Jerusalem Road to grant the town permission to construct a sidewalk on the corner of Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue. At the Nov. 5 special Town Meeting, citizens appropriated the necessary funds to construct a sidewalk on Forest Avenue. However, to properly and legally construct a sidewalk on the street, a small sidewalk easement, approximately 10 feet by 40 feet, will be needed to be built on the corner of Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue.

The request comes on the heels of a letter from Norfolk County Engineer Carlos Sanchez, who asked Haddad to obtain the necessary approval for the project. Sanchez said the result of the work should increase the property value of so he does not see any problems on the horizon.

Sanchez also asked Haddad to inform the residents at 284 Forest Ave. that their existing hedgerow is on Town property and will require partial relocation before construction can begin.

Hedlund office hours slated

Sen. Robert Hedlund's (R-Weymouth) office hours for Cohasset will be held in the Cohasset Town Hall Thursday, Nov. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. in the 2A Vestibule.

Hedlund also maintains a district office at 66 Sea St., North Weymouth, that is accessible Monday through Friday for constituents and appointments with the senator. The telephone number is 781-340-9866.

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Fri. 16	11:29	11.6	5:17	——	——	5:52
Sat. 17	12:07	10.2	6:03	12:15	11.3	6:39
Sun. 18	12:55	9.9	6:50	1:01	10.9	7:27
Mon. 19	1:43	9.5	7:37	1:49	10.4	8:15
Tues. 20	2:34	9.1	8:27	2:39	9.9	9:05
Wed. 21	3:26	8.8	9:19	3:32	9.4	9:58
Thurs. 22	4:20	8.6	10:14	4:29	9.1	10:52

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Local legislators' letter tries to throw train out at plate

Delegation split on Greenbush

By Rick Collins
STATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Two South Shore legislators are warning that regional transportation projects across the state may be sacrificed to pay for restoration of the Greenbush commuter rail line, a project they say could cost near $600 million to complete if it survives legal battles.

But their worries only reflect a split on the South Shore delegation. Four state representatives, including influential Transportation Committee Chairman Joseph Sullivan (D-Braintree), are backing the state's push for the project, saying it is desperately needed for area commuters. And the MBTA says that despite the recession, it has enough money to cover the project, any unplanned costs, and still follow through on other regional transportation initiatives such as the so-called Urban Ring and Silver Line bus routes.

Greenbush is the third and final branch of the Old Colony commuter rail line — its Middleboro and Plymouth sister lines began operation in 1997. As proposed, it would run from Boston to Braintree, where it would veer off and run 17 miles through Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, and Scituate. But Greenbush, named after the area in Scituate where the line ends, has proven to be the most controversial of the three lines; so much so that it was separated out from the other two branches in the late 1980s due to environmental concerns and fierce local opposition.

And now that environmental approvals are in hand, Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) and Rep. Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham) are warning that the dour economy, and rising cost estimates, ought to be enough to kill the project. They sent a letter in mid-October to all House and Senate members saying "the MBTA is planning to spend over $600 million to build the Greenbush commuter rail line where it is not wanted." MBTA officials say they can build the line for $409 million. Hedlund and Bradley say that estimate doesn't include debt service and mitigation expenses, which are still not fully resolved. In a nutshell, they feel Greenbush is an extravagant expense.

The letter said the line, which has been dormant since 1959 and would take 1,300 cars off congested Route 3 South every day, will cost as much as $350,000 per rider to build. That number, according to Hedlund and Bradley, is "two to three times as expensive as other projects" like the Millis extension of the Needham line. In 1998, the Legislature postponed a $100 million project that would have extended the Needham line 10 miles to Millis, at a cost of about $113,000 per new rider attracted.

> **"The project has turned third-base and is heading for home."**
> — Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree

Bradley and Hedlund argue that the $600 million price tag would be money better spent on more cost efficient transportation projects such as building a new Orange Line Assembly Square station in Somerville, or expanding regional commuter bus routes. On the South Shore, options include doubling the use of commuter boats by adding a parking deck at the Hingham Shipyard, subsidizing boat service from the Quincy Shipyard, and restoring express bus service for towns furthest away from Boston.

Boondoggle

"This letter is just a continuation on our efforts to educate our colleagues to this boondoggle," said Hedlund, who been unable to convince his colleagues to halt the project. "The point of the letter was to point out that the Urban Ring and Silver Line are the things that are going to be sacrificed for this project."

The Urban Ring is an ambitious attempt to enable 300,000 riders who live on the outskirts of Boston to travel the city's perimeter without heading into Boston, which has long been the hub of transit operations.

Bradley, a freshman representative who has constituents in two of the five towns along the line, said, "Given the bleak financial picture and aftermath of Sept. 11, we felt it was appropriate to let our colleagues know where the price tag stood, and where their money would be better spent."

But a follow-up letter signed by Sullivan, Insurance Committee co-chairman Rep. Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy), Rep. Frank Hynes (D-Marshfield) and Rep. James Murphy (D-Weymouth) says the line is worth the cost, and will be built without sacrificing other programs.

The letter calls the fight over Greenbush the "single most important, hard fought public policy initiative in the South Shore coastal communities" and suggests the services needed to provide residents with commuting options equal to those available in other Metro Boston areas.

Hynes, who also represents Scituate and drives into Boston regularly, called commuting options from the South Shore the "weakest link" in the state transportation system. South Shore residents can access the commuter rail at several stops along the Plymouth and Middleboro lines, the Red Line in Braintree, or take commuter boats into Boston from Hingham.

Sullivan said he appreciated Hedlund's and Bradley's efforts, but felt it important to get the other side out. "The project has turned third-base and is heading for home," he said. "The project is on track and deserves to be constructed and should remain as a priority project for the MBTA."

The project passed its final major environmental test this summer when Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand approved its environmental impact report. MBTA officials are now going through the local permitting process. The MBTA plans to select a contractor by Nov. 15, and begin work next summer. The first trains are expected to roll in 2005.

However, a Hingham-based commuter organization called Advocates for Transportation Alternatives led by John Bewick, environmental affairs secretary under Gov. Edward King, has sued the state over the approval. Bewick has denounced the report, calling it an "advocate's brief" for commuter trains, and the worst report he has read in 30 years. Braintree Town Meeting voted two weeks ago to raise $50,000 to sue the state over the report.

The MBTA [illegible] confident [illegible] the environmental report will fail.

Supporters

The proponents' letter pointed out that the line has had the support of every governor since Michael Dukakis. U.S. Rep. William Delahunt (D-Quincy), all major local newspapers, and the South Shore Chamber of Commerce.

John Chrystal, spokesman for Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan, added that the state is required under law to construct Greenbush. The Conservation Law Foundation successfully sued to have it included as part of the mitigation for the Central Artery project. "Even in absence of that agreement we would still be supportive of the project," he said.

The project will be the second public works project in the state done through the design/build method, with the first being the current Route 3 South widening project. Under design/build, the state hires one company for both design and construction rather than hiring separate engineers and contractors.

Litigious landfill chapter could be coming to a close

By Mary Ford
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There were no uncorked bottles of champagne or cheers from the crowd. In fact, most of whom attended the recent special Town Meeting didn't even notice an item of business that could put to rest one of the most litigious matters in Cohasset history.

The future of Cohasset Heights Landfill was handled briefly at the beginning of the 4-1/2 hour marathon night — that also tackled such weighty issues as paying for a new town library and not going forward with design plans for a new police station.

Immediately after he banged the gavel to bring the meeting to order on Nov. 5, Town Moderator George Marlette asked voters to put a hold on any article – or item of business before Town Meeting — that they were interested in debating.

Cohasset Heights, along with about 10 other issues that included renaming a park, an easement for a new fire hydrant and some unpaid bills, were not "held" and therefore, were voted altogether in one motion, with nary a sound from the packed gymnasium other than a collective "aye."

In the case of CHL, what voters so easily approved was allowing selectmen to enter into a formal agreement with the private landfill off Route 3A to prohibit any landfill use at the site ever again including ruling out any transfer station at the property.

For CHL owner Paul Barry, it's time to move on.

"The settlement means I'm going to be able to cap the landfill and finalize it – something that should have been done three years ago," he said. CHL closed in 1998. Until recently Barry had hoped to open a transfer station at the site but changed his mind at the request of his family.

Barry, who owns Graham Waste Services, 110 CJC Highway and Cohasset Heights Landfill, had approached the town about operating a 299-ton per day transfer station for processing construction and demolition debris at the landfill site off Crocker Lane.

"My family said it wasn't worth the battle," he said about the proposal, which selectmen stated in a recent letter they couldn't support. Barry is currently going through the permitting process to move his Graham Waste Services business across the street to the CHL area. Barry's current business, which is at the site of the old skating rink, will be displaced when the train comes because the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority plans to build the Cohasset station there.

The CHL settlement being mixed out between five town boards and CHL will also put an end to all pending lawsuits on both sides. The text of the preliminary agreement, which also deals with closure and environmental issues, is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said once all the addenda are worked out, there will be a public hearing with all the boards and committees to sign the settlement.

Barry says he's ready to close the CHL chapter.

"It's been very expensive for me and the town and I'm glad it's over," said Barry, who bought the landfill back in 1982. "I hope I can stay out of the news in Cohasset, it's been a long 20 years."

Final flu clinic

The final town-wide flu clinic will be held on Saturday Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. – noon (previous notice for time was incorrect) at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. People 50 years and older and those high risk people with chronic conditions such as diabetes, asthma, lung or cardiac ailments will be given priority. All others will be immunized if vaccine is available.

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THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Hello Cohasset. This past week has been quite an eventful and meaningful one for all of us. The memorials, dedications, parades and concerts were so touching in honor of all the veterans and the thoughts and prayers of those currently serving in the "War against Terror" were heard I am sure in communities all over.

The horrible, tragic crash that happened on Monday was terrifying to all of us for so many reasons. Once again, the thoughts, prayers and sentiments are being sent to those families who were affected in this terrible accident. My heart is so sad when I think about all the families involved. As a country, we are strong and will go on but as a community already hit so hard by the events of Sept. 11, I hope and pray that they can make it through.

Please once again take the time to hug and let all of your family and friends know how much they mean to you because as we have seen in a short period of time, it can change so quickly.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthdays are in order this week to two sweet, little ladies who happen to be sisters. **Lindsay Martinez** is celebrating her 7th birthday today, Nov. 15. Lindsay's little sister, **Jillian,** celebrated her birthday on Nov. 11. Happy birthday to both of you!

BUYING PINK

Pink is the color for two local families as they welcome their new daughters. **Kevin and Tracy Thomas** and their daughter **Abby**, all of Lantern Lane, are proud to announce the arrival of twin girls to their family. **Regan Elise** and **Anna Christine** were born on Friday, Oct.19, 2001. Regan weighed in at 5 lbs. 15 oz. and Anna tipped the scales at 4 lbs. 14 oz. Everyone is home and doing well and Mom and Dad are truly enjoying their three little girls.

Ronald and Patricia Massa of Cohasset are out buying pink as well for their brand new granddaughter, **Laurel Mae Massa**. Laurel arrived Oct 10, 2001 at 4:48 p.m., tipping the scales at 7 lbs., 8 oz. and measured 21 inches long. Laurel joins her brother **Ryan Andrew** at home. Her parents are **Ronald and Jennifer Massa** of Duxbury. Maternal grandparents are **Mary and Robert Thompson** of Duxbury and **Jack Cadogan** of Weymouth. Congratulations to both families on these wonderful additions to your families.

AT SYRACUSE

Evan McCaffrey, a Cohasset resident has enrolled in Syracuse University's College of Arts and Sciences.

NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST

Ryan L. Staszko, also a Cohasset resident, has been included in the 24th edition of The National Dean's List, 2000-2001, for his hard work at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Students listed are selected for the honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class or on their school's Dean's List. Great work, Ryan.

FUNDRAISER

The sixth-grade yearbook fundraiser is closing tomorrow, Nov. 16. If anyone out there has not had a chance to see the wonderful Tupperware products that are being offered, please call me at 781-383-0143 or send me an email at piepstupper@yahoo.com.

JINGLE BELLS!

The South Shore Community Center invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk on Nov.23 at 2 p.m. This Cohasset tradition will begin at Cohasset Harbor where Santa and his elves will arrive by boat to greet everyone. After he hands out jingle bells to the children, he and his elves will board a hayride and continue on to the Community Center. At 2:30 p.m., the South Shore Community Center welcomes all to partake in cookies, a beverage and a holiday sing-a-long. Santa will be upstairs in the center for some wonderful photo opportunities. The Turkey Trot will be held on the Cohasset Common at 3 p.m. for children ages 3-10. All participants will receive a prize and you may pre-register for $2 or post register the day of the event for $3.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Nursery School. The bells of St. Stephens will be playing, hayrides will be offered from 3:00-4:00 and at 3:30, the Rusty Skippers will play around the Cohasst Common. This wonderful event will end at 4:15 on the Common with the lighting of the tree. This is a great way for families and friends to get together to start the holiday season in a fun and festive way.



HOUSE TOUR

Members of The Community Garden Club of Cohasset get ready for the holiday house tour "Christmas Reflection." The committee includes, front row from left, Monique Mascart, Lee Drew and Judy Dickstein. In the back row are, from left, Debbie Johnston, Barbara Dillon and Pat Steele. The tour is 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 6. Tickets are $20 in advance and $23 on the day and are available at the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St. or by sending a check made out to the Community Garden Club, c/o Barbara Dillon, 217 Jerusalem Road. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. For information, call 781-383-0025.

A FAIR DAY

We have two Christmas Fairs to make mention of, both being held on Dec. 1. The Christmas Fair at Beechwood Congregational Church, on Church Street is being held from 9:30-2 p.m. The church will offer its famous chowder from 11:30-1 and also, beach glass candy, fancy work, food items and a white elephant sale will be offered. The annual Cohasset Village Fair is also taking place on this day from 10 a.m-3 p.m on and around Cohasset Common. Hosted by Cohasset's churches and the non-profit Appalachia Service Project(ASP), this year's fair promises to be more festive than ever. This fair has been a tradition for more than 40 years and features everything from homemade gifts, crafts, books and more. All proceeds support the churches, select charities and the Appalachia Service Project. Chowder and baked goods are being sold at The Second Congregational Church, a Secret Room will be at St. Stephen's for children to purchase gifts for their families and their is so much more! Make sure to put these great fairs on your things to do for Dec. 1.

GO BLUE!

A great big thanks goes out to all of the Cohasset Fans who went to Norwell last Friday to cheer on our football team. It was hard to tell but it looked like Cohasset may have had more fans than Norwell. Although the team played well, Norwell managed to capture the win. The team may no longer be undefeated but should be very proud of the work and effort that they have put in. Make sure to come and show your support on Thanksgiving Day in Hull where Blue and White will dominate in the teams last league game of the season. This game begins at 10 am and we hope to pack the stands with Cohasset Fans! Go Blue!

SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

Make sure to look for team members next Sunday as they go around town to participate in the annual Gridiron Scholarship Fund Book Drive. The team members, dressed in their game shirts will go door-to-door to leave residents with a copy of their 2001 Season Program which was dedicated to teachers who contributed their energy, talent and time to the students of Cohasset High School: **Ron Emmons, George Fortin** and **Dennis Walsh**. Donations are welcome and will help the scholarship funds the Gridiron has been presenting since 1971.

YOUNG MILESTONE

A special congratulations is being sent to Miss **Christina Dow** from her mom and dad. Christina learned how to ride a two-wheeler this past week and everyone is so proud of you, cutie. Keep up the great riding and don't forget to wear a helmet!

HONORING VETERANS

The Sunday School at Beechwood Church honored Veterans on Sunday. **Dominique Asnault** and **Mike Snowdale** presented the flag. **Fran and Ruth Mitchell's** grandchildren, **Amy and David Mitchell**, along with **Mike and David Snowdale** read famous quotes honoring veterans. **Bud Hollis, Norman Knight, Fran Mitchell, Lloyd Prescott** and **Alan Snowdale** were presented flags by **Sam Asnault** and other children, and then given a standing ovation by the congregation for serving our country.

BOOK SHOPPING

Don't forget to do some holiday shopping tonight at Buttonwood Books from 7-9 p.m. This great Deer Hill fundraiser is a wonderful way to get some shopping done and help raise some money for the Deer Hill Library. **Marge Murphy**, the Deer Hill librarian, will be on hand to make recommendations for you and your child. Make sure to let them know at Buttonwood that you would like your purchase to benefit Deer Hill School.

That is it for this week. Make sure to get all mail and news to me in one of the following ways.
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Helping local cancer patients on road to recovery

Cohasset woman lines up volunteers

By Evan Schiff
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After surviving breast cancer, Shelley Donze knows how hard it is to deal with the dreaded disease. That's why she decided to help.

"I just wanted to do something to help and comfort those who are in the same boat that I was," Donze said.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call the Road to Recovery hotline at, 781-749-2535

Donze, who lives at 9 Parker Ave., was recently named co-coordinator of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program along with Laurie Berlinquet of Hingham. The program joins volunteer drivers with cancer patients who are in need of transportation to and from appointments. Donze is in charge of all the volunteers. Currently 10 people work at an office at the Hersey House on North Street in Hingham arranging trips, and there are 55 drivers.

Donze has been involved with the program for a couple years, and while she didn't need the service, she immediately saw its benefits. "So many people helped me with their kindness and support. I felt this was a way I could give back," she said.

Kate Langstrom, spokesman for the ACS, said she thinks the program is a wonderful idea. "There's most definitely a need for the program and it's fantastic that there are so many volunteers," she said.

The program was started in 1973 by cancer survivor Lillian Valorz and then public health nurse Pat Smith, both of Hingham. The "Hingham Hotline," as it was called, eventually became the model for the American Cancer Society's national Road to Recovery program.

The Road to Recovery program only offers to drive patients to appointments three days a week and it needs at least a week's notice to schedule appointments. Volunteer drivers request appointments at Boston area hospitals fall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. If the appointment lasts more than two hours, there are two drivers assigned to the patient.

Occasionally, drivers will establish a rapport with a patient and will end up driving them on a regular basis, Donze said. She added generally most people get involved because they have lost a loved one to cancer.

It is very important the patient is ambulatory, meaning they are able to walk, because the volunteers are not qualified medical personnel. They do not offer rides for assisted living or nursing home patients.

The program covers Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Milton, Norwell, Quincy, Scituate, and Weymouth.

Donze said the Road to Recovery is always looking for new volunteers. Volunteers are asked to work the phones from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. however, whatever time can be donated is appreciated, she said.

While the ACS provides general liability and business auto liability, all drivers must have personal liability insurance on their automobiles.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call the Road to Recovery hotline at 781-749-2535



STAFF PHOTO/JOE CHRISTMAS

Susan McVeigh at her home near the entrance to Cohasset Harbor.

Hull Lifesaving Museum honors Cohasset volunteer

By Evan Schiff
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Susan McVeigh has always been enamored with the history of lifesaving. So volunteering at the Hull Lifesaving Museum provided the perfect match for her time and effort.

McVeigh, who has lived at 55 Atlantic Ave. since 1972, has been volunteering at the Hull Lifesaving Museum for 12 years and was presented with the Staton Award for volunteer excellence on Sunday.

"I'm very honored to receive this award. It's wonderful to get recognized for doing something you enjoy so much," she said.

McVeigh describes the museum as a "fun, alive and exciting place to work" and said it was a perfect fit for her because she is so taken with the sea. Her home on Atlantic Avenue is littered with paraphernalia relating to anything that has to do with the ocean.

Lory Newmyer, executive director of the non-profit museum, said that whenever anyone needed help, McVeigh was always the first to volunteer her services. She added that while most years there is debate over who should receive the award, this year there was unanimous support for McVeigh.

"She's so consistent in giving her time, energy and enthusiasm," Newmyer said.

Corinne Leung, museum director, also heartily endorsed McVeigh's volunteer efforts.

"She has worked here for many years and has taken on any challenge we have asked of her," she said.

"She has such a great soul and has been such a good supporter of the museum, she really deserves the recognition," Leung added. She said from 60-100 people volunteer annually at the museum.

McVeigh tried to deflect the attention away from herself saying that there were many people at the museum who were just as deserving of the award.

The award is being given for its fourth consecutive year and is named after Patty and Skip Staton, who were the first recipients of the honor. Newmyer said that the Statons were instrumental in getting the museum off the ground.

McVeigh volunteers every Monday for a few hours in the curatorial department. Her duties include identifying new objects that have been donated to the museum, setting up and taking down displays, helping with mailings, and occasionally, a little light gardening.

McVeigh's favorite part of the museum is the photographs of the lifesavers in action. She said the photos along with the appropriate descriptions really make the lifesaving come alive. She also said the large rowing program, which includes rowing, boat building and repairs, is an excellent way to teach people to work together.

The Hull Lifesaving museum has been open since 1978 in an effort to educate the public about the history of lifesaving. McVeigh said that the people that live around the area should take an interest in the history because it has been so important to the community in the past. The Hull Lifesaving Museum at 1117 Nantasket Ave. in Hull was an actual lifesaving station and was heavily used in World War II before it became a museum.

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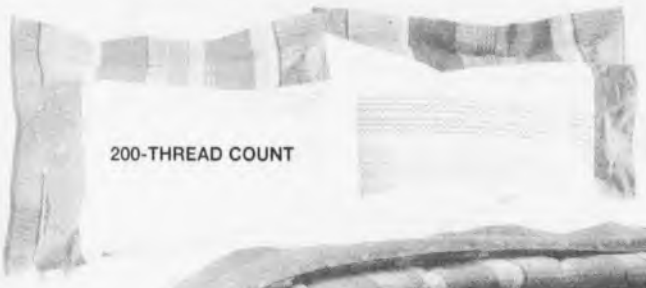


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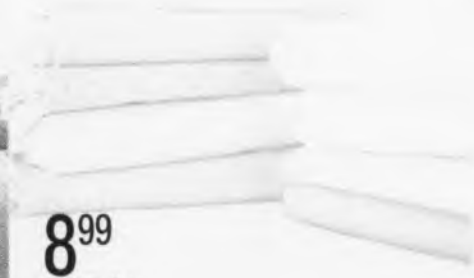
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OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

The highest price of freedom

By Capt. Jane McCarthy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

First, I want to thank you for having me back to speak as a veteran from Cohasset. What an honor it is for me to be here for this Dedication of the Cohasset Gold Star Mothers Memorial. This Gold Star tradition has been in our country for almost a century now as one way to remember our men and women who have sacrificed their lives for our country. The star tradition began in World War I when flags were displayed from homes, businesses, schools and churches to indicate by a blue star each active duty service person. A gold star was stitched over the blue star to show those who had given their lives for their country. In 1928 a group of 25 "Gold Star Mothers" in Washington, D.C. began the national organization of American Gold Star Mothers. In its original charter it listed many purposes including:

The general promotion of peace and good will

Perpetuating the memory of those whose lives were sacrificed

The Gold Star Mothers organization is composed of American Mothers who have lost a son or daughter during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Beirut, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia and I supposed our most recent place will be Afghanistan.

It is so special to be here today to both honor this organization in the accomplishment of its goals, and to honor the Gold Star Mothers of Cohasset themselves.

Who would have thought last August when Glenn Pratt asked me to speak that the world would have changed so much on Sept. 11? I work for FDA just outside of D.C. On the morning of Sept. 11, someone in my office showed me on the Internet the picture of the World Trade Center being hit, then hit again, and then the Pentagon strike, so close to us, a building that most of us thought could not be touched. We were immediately evacuated. We live close to three major airports, BWI, National and Dulles, and we are in the flight path for Camp David, Andrew's Air Force Base and the White House. By noon the skies were empty except for military strike planes, Huey gunjets and F16s. And the skies remained that way for several days. Even now when I hear a plane I stop and look up and am thankful just to see a commercial plane. It was a dreadful time, friends and family calling, wondering what was the meaning of all this? Is it over? Will it continue? Are we safe?

These recent events somehow give even more weight and import to what we are here to do today, to remember our wars, not always for the victories or for the heroes who come home again, but also for the many sacrifices, our mothers' sons, which must be made for any war.

I remember in 1969 coming home from nursing school every few months for another funeral. I remember standing on the hill at Central Cemetery in Cohasset, at Allen Keating's funeral, saying to my friend and classmate Craig Muir, I have to do something. I signed up for the Army Nurse Corps. I was 20 years old. I thought that was the least I could do, to care for these friends of mine, these soldiers, who were going off and giving their lives for our country.

These strong feelings of patriotism that we feel today were not always present in our country or in our town of Cohasset. I remember in 1972 when I was home from the Army and my mother asked me to march in the Memorial Day Parade. She said it would mean so much to my father. I had marched in Memorial Day Parades every year as a young girl, a flower girl, a Brownie, a Girl Scout, in the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. To march in an Army uniform in 1972, at 20-something, was not a popular thing to do, but I felt it was the right thing to do, to remember our wars and the sacrifices that had been made and were being made, the loss of our sons, our brothers, our friends. So I marched, with Jet Jackson, John Morgan, in uniform, there were so few of us Vietnam-era veterans. We walked down Main Street, Cohasset feeling perhaps unpopular but knowing inside ourselves it was the right thing to do. In years following others joined us, Wayne Harrington, Donnie and Duncan McCormack, until in 1990, we had more than 100 veterans marching and this resurgence of interest. Veterans remembering their fellow veterans continues today, especially with this memorial.

Today, 30 years later, I am still a Vietnam veteran and also a mother, the mother of our 13-year-old son Maury, who is here with my husband Rodney today. As a mother and with the events of Sept. 11, I feel the dichotomy of war stronger than ever, the patriotism and love of our country and the dread of sending our sons and daughters into harm's way. This memorial is such a magnificent way to honor these Gold Star Cohasset Mothers who lost their sons, for they know best the high price of freedom that we have in this country. They have experienced perhaps the highest price of freedom of all.

We are here today to dedicate this Gold Star Mothers Memorial that was built by the families and friends of these Gold Star Mothers and their sons. This is a memorial for veterans of all the wars of the 20th century. And as part of our dedication here today we are going to hear about each of these wars and their impact on Cohasset, and the people of Cohasset. This dedication today is a symbol of the collective loss of the town of Cohasset, from George Mealy in World War I to Peter Albiani in Vietnam.

As Ed Allen expressed it so aptly in 1970 in his poem "Ladies of Gold":

I, for one, stand ready to do my part
And take each mother into my heart
And let her know, that it is a lie
For not in vain, did her son die

And these ladies
Be they young or old
Are truly worth
Their weight in gold

I'll take them in my arms, their tears on my chest
I'll take them, he was America's best
My hope, if I may be so bold
Is for light from their eyes to shine like gold

A Gold Star Mother
They'll always be
We owe them plenty
Everyone...you, you and me.

Capt. McCarthy made these remarks Sunday during the dedication of the monument to Gold Star Mothers at Woodside Cemetery.



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Capt. Jane McCarthy, U.S. Navy, makes her remarks during Sunday's dedication of the memorial to Cohasset's Gold Star Mothers at Woodside Cemetery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to retire worn US flags

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in regards to the editorial written on Oct. 25 about proper care of a flag. The article told the reader how to correctly display the flag and other customs having to do with or nation's symbol of what we stand for. But, what do you do when the flag has become worn, tattered, soiled or frayed? The custom in our nation is to retire the flag. There are many ways that this can be done.

The first is to fold the flag in its traditional manner, put it in a container of any kind, and bury it. It is also said that the flag isn't supposed to touch the ground, and no matter what kind of container the flag is in, it will eventually touch the ground. This way is then proven to not be the best way to go about retiring a flag.

The second way to retire a flag is to cut out the blue field, and the flag is no longer intact and is no longer an American flag. But isn't it said to be disrespectful to cut the flag? This way is also proven to not be a very proper way to treat the flag.

Another way to retire the flag is to place it in a fire, blue field first, and once the blue field is gone, the stripes may be placed in. This method may be considered incorrect because the flag is being burnt, but, if done correctly, this is the proper way to retire a flag.

Next time you walk past your flag that is displayed outside your house or drive down the road with your frayed flag on your car flapping in the wind, consider if your flag should be retired. If it should, follow the third method explained in this letter or call Kyle Ryan at (781) 741-8187 or Skip Hancock at (781) 749-6877 to have your flag retired by the Boy Scouts of Troop Four, Hingham. We will be collecting flags to be retired and will retire them as a troop service project.

Kyle Ryan
4 Charles Everett Way
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Halloween Fair

TO THE EDITOR:

For over 25 years, the Halloween Fair on the Common has been both a fall tradition and the South Shore Community Center Nursery School's single largest fundraiser. Once again it was a delight to see the children in their costumes, their parents in tow, eager to anticipate in the activities and games. And, as in previous years, it was equally wonderful to sense the feeling of community that the fair creates as families and friends meet and mingle.

Although the prediction had been for cold, wintry weather, the day could not have been better with blue skies and sunshine on a beautiful autumn day. The excitement began the moment children stepped into line for the costume parade and continued until the last cupcake was decorated, the last donut on a string gobbled and the last ball was thrown.

On behalf of the staff of the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, I'd like to thank the small army of people who banded together to make our Halloween Fair a reality. With each year the fair grows and becomes more successful because of the efforts of these volunteers. I remain overwhelmed by the support and generosity of businesses, parents, students and friends. Many, many thanks are due to Dan Belz of Atlantic Bagel, Mike Feroli of the Village Butcher & Deli, Denise and Gary Bismore of the Silver Spoon, Colleen at Dunkin Donuts, Shaws, and Super Stop & Shop for their generous donations.

We also owe much to the students of the Deer Hill, Middle School and High School who, through their affiliation with community service, student council, churches, scouting and the pure goodness of their hearts, volunteered to staff the multitude of activities and games.

To the 50 or more of you thank you!

And finally, a thank you to our Nursery School parent volunteers...all of you...for your time and tireless energy on behalf of the school, and to the families who each year make the Halloween Fair on the Common a part of their Halloween celebration. The funds and fun raised through this effort do much to help raise our community's children.

Lynn Sheridan
Director, South Shore Community Center
Nursery School

Adopt a pet

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a volunteer at the Scituate Animal Shelter, and my job is to walk the dogs at 6 a.m., three mornings a week. Since the September tragedy, I have noticed that adoptions at our no-kill shelter have slowed somewhat, and I decided it was important to tell everyone why there couldn't be a better time to adopt some four-legged love! Studies have confirmed that the simple act of petting a dog or cat instantly lowers blood pressure, calming the person who is stroking the animal. We face lives that are more stressful in so many ways and nothing is better than coming home to the unconditional love of a pet.

Every morning when I arrive at the shelter and go to walk, "Kelsey-Belle," a really sweet female dog, she insists that I sit in the kennel with her for a few minutes—simply to cuddle. Halfway through our walk, we must stop, so she can nuzzle me, and I can hug her, and yes, kiss her! Kelsey has been in our shelter for weeks and deserves a home. She is wonderful with children and other pets. We have a warm and loving golden lab, a real "love bug" of a black lab mix, and countless other large and small dogs, all with wonderful dispositions. And, as someone

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COHASSET CARES

Reassessing priorities, perspective

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As far as I'm concerned, and from what I have been observing, one thing Sept. 11 has done is to force us to reassess.

From heretofore seemingly automatic holidays like Halloween and Thanksgiving, to concepts of afterlife, almost everything has taken on more significance. The trick-or-treaters seemed especially enjoyable — and polite — this year. Thanksgiving, perhaps my favorite holiday, will be especially meaningful in every detail, with layer upon layer of gratitude. Sept. 11 compels us to rethink how we spend our precious time — and to rethink the meaning of death, including our own.

Even our perspective on Saudi Arabia needs re-examination. If the Saudis know the identities of the hijackers and much more, and are withholding this information, then we need to face up to why we're not doing anything about it. What's more important: lives or oil?

Since Sept. 11, I find myself especially offended by the visual violence that is TV, especially the commercials; one kind of bombardment is enough in the world without having it piped into our homes. Auditory violence — and inanity — scream at us on the radio. How obnoxious! Hype seems more disgusting than usual now, almost obscene, while souls are being crushed and we are trying to pick ourselves up. That part of America's image — that is the electronic clown — cheapens our lives and what I hope we truly stand for.

Why is it that litter seems especially despicable now? Why do slackers and others without principle — those heedless of the environment and our planet, those who don't care enough to recycle — now seem especially reprehensible? What kind of people are we? See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is the publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

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HEALTH NOTES

Keeping watch over our water supply

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Town water supply is undergoing its most important upgrade in years. The Water Department is accomplishing this improvement with relatively little fuss, and with no impact on our water rates or our taxes. The difficulties we have on our streets while the new pipes are going in are minor compared with disruptions caused by sewers, and other roadway improvements. The distribution system, when finished will add considerably to the reliability and safety of our water supply. Moreover, according to the State's Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the supply should be adequate for any growth the town will encounter in the foreseeable future.

Last Nov. 1, there was a meeting of the various Town boards and the Selectmen in which an agreement about the Cohasset Heights Landfill which will permit it to be capped and the pollution flowing from it will be vastly reduced. We can finally have an end to the landfill issue for the Town if the monitoring and remediation measures called for can be strengthened during the final negotiations to ensure that there is a high probability that pollution from the landfill will never reach our drinking water supply at Lily Pond, and if pollution does move in that direction, it will be detected sufficiently early that something can be done about it.

Protection of the western tributary to Lily Pond having now been provided for, there remain two other sources of water to Lily Pond to think about: the Aaron River, and Peppermint Brook.

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The Aaron River runs from the Aaron River Reservoir through a heavily inhabited section of Beachwood to a sluiceway at Beechwood Street which is opened, when needed, to supply additional water to the Lily Pond water treatment plant. A recent assessment of the Aaron river reservoir by the Mass Water Resources Division has noted that the levels of mercury are rising in this reservoir and that they are near issuing a mercury advisory which would warn about consumption of fish from the reservoir. Such a warning would have no direct effect on use of the reservoir as a drinking water supply, and there is very little that can be done about mercury except to reach a solution to our solid waste problem which does not include burning it, since mercury in our water supply comes from the stacks of incinerators and power plants.

The other threat to the Aaron river is from the septic systems which border it. These systems are under a Board of Health regulation which will require improved wastewater processing when the properties are sold. The Board also believes that properties along the Aaron River should, in the future, be considered for sewering which would process waste into a local treatment plant. The Water Department keeps careful records and is aware of the vigilance and protection necessary to maintain the purity of the Aaron water bodies.

Peppermint Brook

A smaller but more troublesome contributor to Lily Pond is Peppermint Brook which flows along a wetland on the south side of Pond Street under King Street into the Pond. The origin of Peppermint Brook is the glacial drumlin on which the high school is built. It includes Clay Spring Road, parts of Bayberry and Tupelo Roads. The High School stands on land which was once a cemetery, according to Lot Bates, but it was too hard to dig, and the graves were subject to washout and flooding because of the impervious nature of the soil. The entire area from the North side of the High School to Cushing Highway are in the Peppermint Brook watershed.

The last fecal coliform reading the Board of Health took at Peppermint Brook several years ago was in the 500 range: about twice the permitted level for swimming. The construction at the High School site is adding perhaps an acre of additional impervious surface, the drainage from which will be to a holding pond on the property. During heavy storm events, overflow from this pond will go to several old catch basins on Pond Street which are probably, even now, inadequate. Every storm of any magnitude carries polluted surface water with high coliform counts from these catchbasins to Peppermint Brook and Lily Pond. The school drainage system will add to this already stressed watershed.

Fortunately, the solution for this threat to Lily Pond is a relatively inexpensive treatment wetland along the course of Peppermint Brook. If there were an oil spill on Cushing Highway near Pond Street, it would drain into Peppermint brook and reach Lily Pond almost instantly. This is one of the hundreds of details which the Town must address, albeit an important one. The time to act on Peppermint Brook is now. The Board hopes take up this problem at its next meeting, then meet with the Water Commission and plan a solution to this problem.

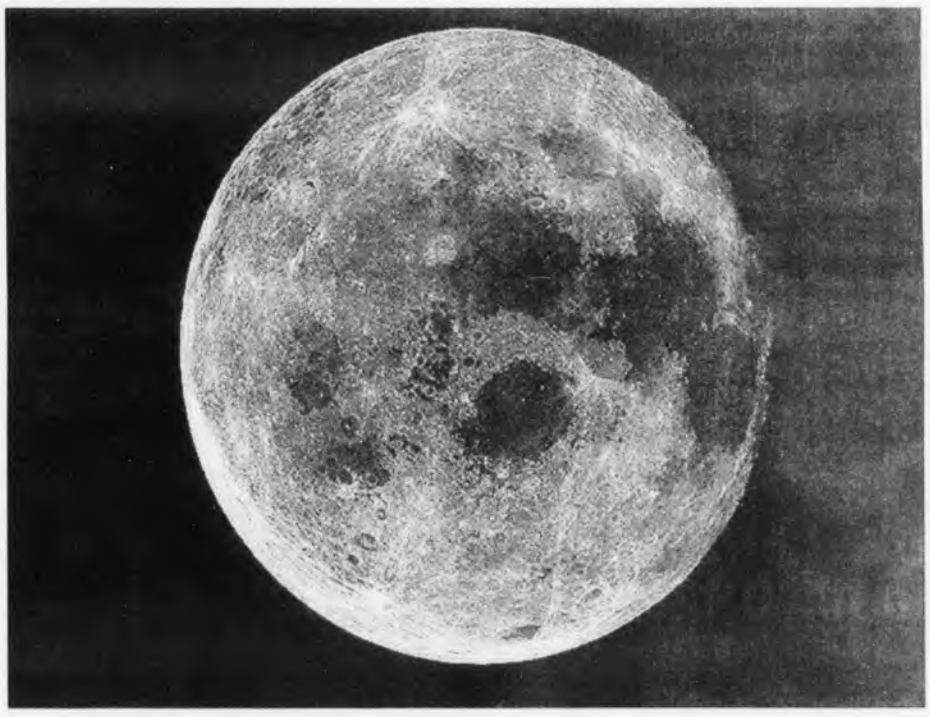
Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health

A bad case of the moony blues

COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN





The moving moon went up the sky,
And nowhere did abide:
Softly she was going up,
And a star or two beside.
Samuel T. Coleridge

Pick up a travel magazine these days and the journeys you'll take are likely to be to places exotic and remote, excursions that push the limits of human endurance. Those of us who do more armchair travelling than the real thing certainly appreciate tagging along on these vicarious vacations, but I sometimes wonder if, in our sophistication and worldliness, our need to be awed by things new and unusual, we haven't lost the ability to be awed by encounters in our everyday lives.

I was at a local college observatory recently on a Friday night when rooftop telescopes are opened to the public and had the opportunity to view all sorts of exotic things - the Andromeda Galaxy, the Ring Nebula, an open star cluster - that my own little telescope would never have been able to find. I was awed by the mind-bending fact that the light we were seeing had left these celestial curiosities thousands, even tens of thousands of years ago, and that perhaps these objects no longer existed in deep space, though we won't know for certain for thousands more years. I was awed by the notion that if someone is out there looking at us through a telescope they'll be seeing our civilization as it was thousands of years ago.

Despite the visceral tingling from that deep space journey, I wished that our Moon had been out that night. Long a source of mystery and myth, our Moon has been so poked, probed, photographed, even trod upon that it seems as familiar to us as our own neighborhood. Most nights it is hanging up there, a shimmering bauble against infinity, though we hardly pay it any attention as we rush about our business.

Time was when the Moon, considered an object of heavenly perfection, was watched closely with both a sense of fear and reverence.

It wasn't always that way. Time was when the Moon, considered an object of heavenly perfection, was watched closely with both a sense of fear and reverence. In an attempt to explain the unexplainable, the ancients attributed divine powers to the Moon. To the Romans, the Moon was the goddess Diana, to the Greeks, Selene who rode through the sky in a silver chariot (the study of the moon is today known as selenology), and in its heavenly movements was the potential for cosmic catastrophe or, at the very least, mortal bad luck. Imagine what the ancients must have thought when the copper-colored shadow of an eclipse slipped across the Moon or when pale, ghostly earthshine appeared inside its crescent? Or when the Moon grew, nightly, into fullness, only to shrink to a sliver of crescent and disappear altogether from the sky. Only through prayers and ritual, believed the ancients, could the Moon be restored.

Stories and legends were told about the moon and its features. People saw the face of a man in the moon, a man said to have been imprisoned for stealing. Others thought they saw a rabbit. Still others believed the moon to be inhabited by demons or made of green cheese. One early astronomer was convinced that aliens had built the Moon's craters. Another thought he had seen a walled city on the Moon. A full moon was said to cause mayhem and madness, to turn otherwise sane folks into lunatics - from the Latin, *luna*, meaning moon - or to transform them into werewolves.

Galileo's telescope dispelled many of the myths, as well as the illusion of heavenly perfection, by showing the lunar surface to be pocked with mountains and valleys. But for those peoples with a deep connection to the natural world, the moon still could exert a strange power and influence. Many Native American tribes believed that the sun and moon were brother and sister divinities. Ceremonies and offerings celebrated lunar eclipses. Legends told that people would be reborn after death, just as the moon is reborn every month.

To keep track of the change in seasons, tribes of the northern and eastern United States gave names - Wolf, Flower, Buck and Beaver - to each of the Full Moons, names that corresponded to activity for a particular time of the year. Early settlers, too, used the Moon as a timepiece, marking the seasons, working late into the night to bring in the crops by the light of September's Full Harvest Moon, knowing that the harshness of winter would set in soon after that phase had passed.

The Moon, whose name is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word *Mona*, is Earth's only natural satellite, a lifeless outpost 2,160 miles wide, 240,000 miles from Earth with temperatures that range from 270 degrees during the daytime to - 250 at night. Some debate still surrounds the question of the Moon's origin, whether it was captured by the gravitational pull of the Earth, formed alongside the Earth, or was born from a chunk of debris released when the Earth collided with another object some 4.6 billion years ago. Early astronomers, who speculated that the dark, flat plains of the Moon were dried oceans, named the areas *maria*, Latin for seas. Now known to be solidified lava flows, maria cover nearly 30 percent of the Moon. The dramatic lunar surface also includes craters, highlands, splash patterns of debris called rays and riverlike rilles. Because the Moon has no water or air to cause erosion, the features we see on the surface have existed unchanged for billions of years, as will the imprints left by explorers.

This month, the Moon will do something that it doesn't do very often. It will be full twice, on Nov. 1 (Hunter's Moon) and again on Nov. 30 (Beaver Moon). The month's second Full Moon is popularly known as a "Blue Moon," hence the expression "Once in a blue moon," meaning a rare occurrence. For our Wiccan friends, the second New Moon in a month is called the "Black Moon," a time when magic is especially powerful.

The term "Blue Moon," said to date back to Shakespeare, was used as a colloquial expression to mean an obvious absurdity, long before its calendrical use. It is said to have first been used with respect to the Moon in 1883 when the eruption of Krakatoa released volcanic particles into the air that "colored" the Moon blue. Other such rare "Blue Moons" have been seen in the aftermath of forest fires and the eruptions of Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Pinatubo. These days, "Blue Moon" is popularly used to mean two Full Moons in a calendar month, an event that takes place approximately every 2.7 years (the next will occur in July 2004 and again in June, 2007), though by an older definition a "Blue Moon" is the third Full Moon in a season (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall) that has four Full Moons. By that definition, the Nov. 30 Full Moon will not be a Blue Moon and the next Blue Moon will not occur until Nov. 2002. In 1999, a Double Blue Moon year - Blue Moons in January and March, by the popular definition, an event that won't repeat until 2018 - two interesting articles in Sky and Telescope magazine went to great lengths to sort through the folklore of "Blue Moons," concluding that the older interpretation is the correct one, but that there wouldn't be any harm in celebrating both interpretations.

I'll be looking skyward on Nov. 30, if for no other reason than to pay homage to the glittering bauble that has entranced mankind for millenia and inspired countless declarations of love and any number of idiomatic expressions. "Over the moon," "shoot for the moon," "moonlighting" and "mooning about" are just a few that come to mind.

My friend Jill, who practices the ancient art of astrology, tells me that this next Full Moon is viewed by astrologers as a very fortuitous moon, a lucky time for planting new seeds, beginning new projects. One will reap what one sows under the influence of this lunar event and one should be aware of the symbols and events that present themselves on that day. Because the Moon will be full in Gemini on Nov. 30, it will be an especially auspicious time for those of us born under the sign of the twins. I'll let you know how things work out.

To read the Sky and Telescope articles about "Blue Moons," go to:

www.skypub.com/sights/moonplanets/mar99bluemoon.html

www.skypub.com/sights/moonplanets/0905bluemoon.html.

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Spoilers of the dream

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Well, I guess scholarship (if it can be called that) has punctured another one of my most cherished dreams.

A couple of college professors, no less, have confessed that it was they and their friends who carved the AVM Stone when they were students at the University of Minnesota 16 years ago and not some Norse runemaster lost in the wilds of Minnesota 637 years ago.

They did it as a lark, a college prank, said Professors Kari Ellen Gade of Indiana and Jana K. Schulman of Southeastern Louisiana University.

Some lark! Just when the AVM Stone was becoming accepted as further proof that a Viking named Sir Paul Knutson was the first explorer of America's heartland.

All of which calls for an explanation . . .

In 1354, King Magnus of Norway, Sweden and Skaane, concerned that the people of Greenland had fallen away from the Christian faith, dispatched an expedition under Knutson to bring them back to the cross and save them from eternal damnation.

It was no ragtag expedition, either. Knutson himself was a member of the Royal Council and a former Lawspeaker of the Thing. His men were selected from the king's own bodyguard, a mark of nobility in 14th century Scandanavia. Their ship was the Knorr, the royal trading vessel.

As far as written history goes, the Knutson expedition was never heard of again. But he and his men live on in the world of dreams and romance.

Move the clock forward to the year 1898. A Kensington, Minn., farmer named Olof Ohman was digging out tree stumps when he found, entangled in the roots of one of them, a stone containing curious carvings. They were identified as "runes," a type of writing best described as Old Norse hieroglyphics. The carving said:

"8 Goths (Swedes) and 12 Norwegians on exploration journey from Vinland round about the west. We had camp by 2 Skerries (islands) one day's journey north from this stone. We were . . . and fished one day. After we came home found ten of our men red with blood and dead. AVM (Ave Virgo Maria) save from evil."

On the edge of the stone was carved:

"Have ten men by the sea to look after our ships 14 days journey from this island. Year 1362."

In the years that have since passed, a romantic myth, similar but not as well-known as that of King Arthur, has been woven around the adventures of Sir Paul Knutson and his men as they wandered across the American continent, more than 100 years before Columbus, in search of the apostate settlers of Greenland.

Was the Kensington runemaster really describing the end of the Knutson expedition? The largely Scandinavian population of Minnesota was divided.

The romantic half said "yes, the Kensington Stone is real." The scholarly half said "no, it isn't." Needless to say, Gade and Schulman and their friends were part of the spoilsport scholars.

They carved the letters AVM on a stone, added the date 1363 and a few runic characters. Then they buried it not far from Kensington and sat back to see what would happen. That was in 1985. Nothing happened until last May when the AVM Stone was discovered and celebrated as proof of the authenticity of the Kensington Stone.

"Who would have thought it," said Schulman. "They can't believe it's real."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Adopt a pet

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who has several cats from the Scituate Shelter, I can attest to the love I receive each day from my "lap cats," all eager to be loved and to give love. We have at least 65 cats of all kinds, colors and ages, all hungry to go home to a family, and to love.

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Cheryl Coates
Scituate

POLITICAL NOTES

Train opponents plan party

The Advocates for Transportation Alternatives invite supporters and friends from Hingham, Weymouth, Braintree, Cohasset and Scituate to a Greenbush Railroad Resistance Party, at the Hingham Community Center, Sunday, Nov. 18, from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

A "Thanks for Giving Party," AfTA members will give special recognition to Sen. Robert Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley for their work to bring the "transit alternatives option" to the attention of their colleagues on Beacon Hill. AfTA volunteers and contributors will also be thanked by John Bewick, president of AfTA.

Featured at the event will be Joe and Dean of "Rhythmic Motion on the Ocean" who will lead those attending in line dances, country western and good oldies. Joe Warren has promised to teach a new "end-of-the-line dance".

All are invited to bring the family, bring a favorite dessert, bring donations, wear cowboy hats, and to enjoy meeting friends, hearing the updates on what's happening, and thank those who are helping the cause! If you wish to attend, just call 781-740-1613.

Home values soar

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law, dubbed Proposition 2-1/2, limits the annual increase in the local tax levy to 2-1/2 percent with an allowance for new construction. So when property values increase, the tax rate decreases.

Selectmen are expected to set the new tax rate of $11.48 per $1,000 of assessed valuation at a public hearing next week. The tax rate is an 11 percent drop from last year's rate of $14.59.

About 77 cents of the tax rate or $431.74 of the average tax bill is attributed to debt exclusions for projects — such as the middle high school renovations. Debt exclusions allow towns through a ballot vote to exempt the debt service for large projects from the tax cap limit.

New growth is also up substantially and totals an estimated $600,000 — up about $150,000 over last year — most of which was residential, Haddad said. Communities are allowed to increase their levy limits each year to reflect new growth in the tax base by multiplying the increase in the assessed valuation of qualifying property by the prior year's tax rate.

Pooler said much of the new growth was in expensive homes.

"There were a lot of high-end homes being built that added to growth dramatically," she said.

Assessors conduct interim valuations in "non-revaluation" years to adjust values by 10 percent to keep pace with the market. The owner of the average home could have seen a 60-70 percent jump this year in assessed value without the interim adjustments, Pooler said.

She explained assessors use much the same methods as real estate appraisers do to determine a home's value. They look at "arms' length" sales that don't involve relatives or a sale that was under duress. Size of home, neighborhood and location are all taken into consideration. The revaluation process is reviewed by the state. A representative from the Bureau of Local Assessments came to Cohasset about 12 times to review data and take a look for himself to make sure the process was being conducted correctly, Pooler said.

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— Cheryl Pooler, deputy assessor/appraiser

Although not every home increased 40 percent in value – what struck Pooler during this revaluation period was how the entire town is sought after.

"Every area in town is desirable whether it's the waterfront or Beechwood," she said. "We've seen dramatic increases all over Cohasset."

Pooler said in her eight years on the job, Fair Oaks Lane which is full of homogeneous colonial homes has provided a "barometer" for climbing values.

"When I started, they were priced in the $250,000 range," she said. "Now they are in the $600,000s."

Revaluations are available for public review at the library and in Town Hall. Homeowners who think their homes are overvalued can file for abatements when the bills go out in December until Feb. 1, the last day when the bills are due.

Cohasset homes value chart

The following is a list home valuations for the Town of Cohasset for the past five/fiscal years:

1998 — tax rate:15.05; average home value: $322,324; average tax bill: $4,850.97.

1999 — tax rate:14.95; average home value: $341,124; average tax bill: $5,099.80.

2000 — tax rate:15.09; average home value: $358,490; average tax bill: $5,409.61.

2001 — tax rate:14.59; average home value: $395,584; average tax bill: $5,767.61.

2002 — tax rate:11.48;average home value: $560,700; average tax bill: $6,436.94.

Hagerty House fate in limbo

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"The town has revolved around the ocean and prospered from the sea since its conception," she said. "The idea of a marine biology coastal ecology center is a worthy option to be considered."

John Seavey, director of the family selection committee for the South Shore Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, had another idea for the house. He asked selectmen to sell the house to Habitat for $1 so the organization could turn it into affordable housing. "There is no affordable housing in Cohasset. We want to solve this problem and we hope the board considers its obligation to young families in this community," he said. Ten years ago, the organization turned the former Bates house across from the police-fire station into a two-family Habitat home.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said that he didn't think a waterfront property was the most ideal spot for a Habitat house.

Another proposal was to sell the house as a private residence. This idea faces logistical problems because the house is zoned as open space. To rezone the land and turn it into residential would require the state Legislature to approve the change. Sullivan didn't think that this was the best avenue either.

"We bought this house as a community and it should be turned into something that the entire community can benefit from. To put a residence in there is just asking for trouble," he said.

Carol Rankin, of 74 Aaron River Road, agreed the house should serve as a resource to the entire community. "The property is one of the last places in Cohasset where the public has access to the water. To lose that would be a travesty," she said.

Russ Bonetti, chairman of the Hagerty Committee, said fundraising has posed a problem for those interested in remodeling the house. "After nine years with the town as the landlord and one failed project, the town should either sell the house or just tear it down," he said.

Some abutters to the property were less concerned with what the property would become, but how quickly an organization could turn the eyesore into something beneficial. Jim Ward, of 36 Parker Ave., said "the neighbors are concerned that the building is deteriorating rapidly. Whatever the town chooses to do with the house we ask that it be immediately rehabbed because we can't stand the shape it's in."

Another idea which was quickly dismissed was local developer Noel Collins' proposal to swap land with the town. He asked the selectmen to consider taking his property at 365 North Main St., known locally as the Edison Plant, in exchange for the Hagerty property.

Faced with such a number of proposals, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he would meet with Town Counsel to discuss the zoning regulations and bring those findings to selectmen at a later time. The board has not scheduled its next hearing for the Hagerty House but assured residents that there will be one.

Cell towers get mixed reception

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residents are upset that the cell towers are ruining the landscape.

Jean and Randy Patterson, of 12 Ledgewood Farm Drive, are leading a lawsuit against Omni-point and the town of Scituate in an effort to tear down a cell tower that was constructed on the Scituate/Cohasset line at 1010 Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

"If I sit in my office and look out the window, all I see is a cell tower, it's just ugly," Jean Patterson said.

In March of 1999, Omni-point approached the Scituate Planning Board in an attempt to gain a permit to build a tower. The abutters were furious and went to public meetings with petitions in hand to try and sway the Planning Board not allow the tower to be built. They succeeded, but Omni-point sued the town citing the Federal Communications Act. In an apparent move to avoid litigation, Scituate relented and allowed the tower to be built. The Pattersons aren't giving up.

"We plan to see this lawsuit through till the end. We're fighting because the site on which the tower was constructed is so visible and such a detriment to the beauty of the town," Jean Patterson said.

Adrian Paul, a spokesman for Sprint PCS, said the communication companies usually try to compromise with the towns in regard to tower placement. However, Paul said a town that resists the companies' requests will be inadequately prepared in the long run. "A town that doesn't keep up to speed in this age will suffer. If we were discussing this 80 years ago people would have complained about phone lines being put in, and look how dependent we are on them now. Cell phones are here to stay," Paul said.

Building inspector Bob Egan said usually the companies have been accommodating. "I guess the companies could dig in their heels and cite the Federal Communications Act and tells us to shove it, but they haven't," Egan said. Egan also said in order for a company to build a structure over 45 feet it must obtain a variance from the zoning board of appeals.

Woody Chittick, chairman of the zoning board, said while most residents are concerned with how the appearance of the tower is not pleasing to the eye, they fail to see the benefits, such as improved cellular service and possibly a financial gain.

Koed said an owner of land could stand to generate up to $100,000 a year if he agreed to have a tower placed on his property. For example, if there were to be towers placed on the water department's land, water rates could be reduced, obviously benefiting many in the town, he said.

Planning board chairman Al Moore said he believes the town could use a new tower. "The town needs a tower in the downtown area where there is horrible wireless coverage. It is so frustrating when you can't get the service you want," he said.

He emphasized that there are creative ways to put up a cell tower, such as putting an antenna on a church spire or town hall.

Paul said that this is the preferred method. "It's cheaper for us and less of a visual distraction to put the antennas in a high spot that has already been constructed," Paul said.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, has proposed a bill that will grant local governments more authority in regulating cell tower placement. According to the Hedlund aide Kate Putney, the bill is incorporated into this year's budget proposal so it could be some time before the issue is resolved. Last year, Hedlund proposed a similar bill which passed in the Senate but was vetoed by the Governor, she said.

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Don't know much about history

Eighth-graders struggle in MCAS history section

By Evan Schiff
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Who was the emperor of China in the late 17th century? Name 10 patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence? Can't do it, well neither could Cohasset eighth-graders.

While Cohasset students overall did admirably in the MCAS ranking, placing 15th in the state out of a possible 300-plus, history was one area where they didn't fare so well.

Cohasset eighth-graders ranked well over 100 in the state in the history/social science part of the test, but school officials say there is no reason for concern.

Ruth Fennessey, curriculum coordinator for the Cohasset School Department, said the problem is not with the students, it's with the test. She said that of all the eighth-grade students in the state who took the test, none fell into the advanced category; 10 percent were proficient, 48 percent needed improvement and 41 percent failed.

In Cohasset, none of the students were advanced in history/social science, 12 percent were proficient, 60 percent needed improvement and 27 percent failed. Fennessey said with 0 percent of the commonwealth falling into the advanced category, the state needs to lower its benchmark for achieving the highest standard.

For a frame of reference, in the English/Language Arts section, 8 percent of eighth-graders in the state were advanced and in the mathematics section, 11 percent fell into the advanced category.

Mark DeGiacomo, a member of the school committee, was particularly upset about the rankings.

"I'm a history major and I love history so to me, the results were striking," DeGiacomo said.

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> — Mark DeGiacomo, school committee

Fennessey said one of the difficulties of the test is that it covers such a large range of material. The test evaluates students' knowledge of world history, US history, geography, economics, and civics and government.

"The test covers too much of a wide range of history for students to excel in anyone one section. The state needs to rethink how much it tests," Fennessey said.

Cohasset eighth graders did especially poor on the U.S. and world history section and struggled on the open ended, or essay questions.

The results were presented to the School Committee last week by Fennessey, who stressed how difficult it is to interpret the scores. While most students did really well in one section, they struggled on another.

The purpose of the MCAS exam is to help school districts align curriculum with the state curriculum frameworks so that certain subject matter is covered at a particular grade level regardless of what town the student lives in.

Cohasset Middle-High School Principal Michael Jones said the exams' results are not a test of a students' intelligence and do not completely reflect what the students have learned. "A lot of success for the test is based on how well one is able to take a test, much like the SATs," Jones said.

Fennessey said changes to the curriculum will probably occur at the sixth-grade level which is now slotted as an elective year for the school department. She said the schools will now try to gear their curriculum toward the areas in which students did not do as well.

Supt. Edward Malvey said that if additional text books and work books are needed, they will probably come forward through a budget request. The new school budget is currently up in the air, but should be finished in about a month.

PICTURE PERFECT



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Mia Marton has the finishing touch put on her Winnie the Pooh outfit during the annual Halloween parade and fair on the common which was sponsored by the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset School Lunch Menu
Week of Nov. 19-23

MONDAY
Bagel with soup of the day or tuna pocket, vegetable, pudding, milk.

TUESDAY
Turkey dinner: mashed potato, stuffing, gravy, mixed vegetable, dessert, milk.

WEDNESDAY
HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL—NO LUNCH—EARLY RELEASE
Chicken nuggets, potato wedged, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
HAPPY THANKSGIVING — NO SCHOOL — GOD BLESS

FRIDAY
NO SCHOOL — PLEASE BE SAFE

Important dates to remember:

- Nov. 15 — School Committee Meeting 7:30
- Nov. 21— Early Release Day, All Schools
- Nov. 22-23 — No School, All Schools Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 27,28,29 — Osgood Scholastic Book Fair

Classes for kids

Holiday Fun Workshop for Girls — Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages 5-11. Cost, $25.

Holiday Candy and Craft: ages 3-5+, Friday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $17 members/$20 non-members. Children will have fun making their own candies and a gift for a special friend.

Holiday Fun Workshop for Girls: ages 5-11, Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $25. Gymnastics, bowling, dance, make a craft, holiday cookies, sing-a-long and more. Lunch will be served. Limited signup.

Vacation Camp: Ages 3-5+, Dec. 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $56 members/$58 non-members. A supervised playgroup each day that will consist of free play, craft activity, story time and outdoor play. Bring lunch and snack.

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Hands across Old Glory

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"It's such a powerful image with all the hands," says Diane Kennedy of the art center about the project, which is still a work in progress. She got the idea from a similar flag that was part of a video montage she saw on TV following the Sept. 11 tragedy in New York City.

"I wanted to come up with a community art project [with] both our mantra/space and I thought this was it.

"It's a great community project, a great art project and it's timely," Kennedy said. "It's a unifying concept."

Plans are to have the 8 ft. by 15 ft. flag, which is made of sailcloth, at the art center and then traveled to various area churches, schools and groups in Cohasset and beyond that could like to "borrow it" at no cost.

Marjorie Perlmutter, an art center volunteer, provided photo assistance for adults and helped with many wiggly, enthusiastic little hands Saturday as requested by the day. She had to entertain the over-prompt 10 year-olds at one point so they would keep their blue dabs off of each other's hands.

Although adding boys of hands to the flag looked easy Saturday when an array of individuals and families made the trek upstairs at the Ripley Road art center building to add their personal touch, the work to get the dimensions just right was painstakingly precise.

"Within the artistic creativity, there is a real flag," Kennedy explained.

Standard proportions of the American flag are important, as Kennedy took out her calculator to show the blue area, dubbed the "canton," and the 13 stripes all had to have specific measurements.

Kennedy thinks the flag, which will have grommets for mounting horizontally or vertically, would make a great backdrop for an elementary school production, for example. She pointed out Cohasset's Osgood School where the pupils are learning about the flag is currently decorated in red, white and blue.

She says the red, white and blue hands of all sizes and shapes show diversity and provide moving imagery for the project that crosses the generations. Some prints are so detailed that the lines of the palm show stories others made by little hands, look like birds or trees. The youngest pair of hands on the flag is from a six-month-old baby and the oldest belonged to a woman in her 80s.

"The hands speak volumes about what the flag stands for," Kennedy says. "They have so much personality."

Wallace and Nancy St. John of Eagle Flag of America Inc. in North Weymouth donated the sailcloth with finished edges and grommets for the project. The art center asked for a small donation from participants Saturday to offset the cost of the paint.

For information about borrowing the flag, call the art center at 781-383-ARTS.



PHOTO/DAVID ROBERTSON

Harrison Martin, left, and Hollis Hunnewell took a break from soccer to participate in a community art project. Here, they show off their red hands that were dipped in paint to press onto the American flag being created at the South Shore Art Center on Saturday.

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Memorial to Cohasset's Gold Star Mothers dedicated

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dichotomy of war stronger than ever," said keynote speaker U.S. Navy Capt. Jane McCarthy, who is assigned to the United States Public Health Service. "The patriotism and love of our country – and the dread of sending our sons and daughters into harm's way."

McCarthy, who served as an Army nurse during Vietnam, explained the Gold Star tradition has its roots during World War I when flags were displayed from homes, businesses, schools and churches with a blue star for each person on active duty.

"A gold star was stitched over the blue star to show those who had given their lives for their country," she said.

The memorial, which was designed by Cohasset's David Hassan, consists of an eight-foot high white granite centerpiece flanked by 22 stones with the names of mother and son. The memorial was paid for as part of the cemetery expansion project, the cost of which will be recovered through the sale of graves, said Glenn Pratt of the Veterans Memorial Committee that organized Sunday's dedication.

At the start of the solemn ceremony, a parade of local veterans marched into the newly expanded cemetery off North Main Street. The Brockton-based Cosmo Legion Band provided an array of patriotic music and Cohasset's own Lily Sestito sang "Gold Bless America" at the close of the event.

During the benediction, the Rev. Gary Ritts offered a prayer for peace and a blessing for world leaders so that "we may continue to strive for a final Armistice Day."

[At 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918, the Armistice was signed to end World War I. Congress made the date a federal holiday in 1938 and after World War II, the day became known as Veterans Day.]

Following McCarthy's speech, a local representative spoke about each of the 20th century wars during which Cohasset soldiers lost their lives. Then a family member or friend walked up from the audience to place a single red rose at the base of one of the 22 individual monuments honoring a Gold Star Mother and her son.

Eleanor Bleakie, who lost an uncle in World War I and a brother in World War II, said 250 Cohasset men and women served during World War I and five made the ultimate sacrifice. Ralph Perroncello, a World War II veteran, said 350 Cohasset men and women answered their country's call in World War II and eight young men failed to return to their families. One hundred and fifty from Cohasset served during the Korean War and one lost his life, said veteran Cliff Jones. And Wayne Harrington, U.S. Marine Corps, said 300 from Cohasset served during the 14 years of the Vietnam War and eight "made the supreme sacrifice."

After all the individual monuments were dedicated, Gold Star mothers June Simeone and Elizabeth "Betty" Maree – whose sons Craig Simeone and Edward Maree lost their lives in Vietnam – placed a wreath at the base of the memorial's centerpiece that states:

"Dedicated to these Gold Star Mothers, who lost their sons. They know best the price of freedom. May the inspiration found here allow us to reflect on the lost dreams of a mother and son."



Robert "Buzzy" Salvador gets ready to place a rose at the monument honoring Allen Buffum, who was killed in World War II and his mother, Annie.





June Simeone, left, and Betty Maree, right, who lost sons in Vietnam, listen during the dedication of the Gold Star Mothers memorial.



Staff photos/ Alan Chapman

A crowd of close to 600 braved chilly temperatures Sunday for the dedication ceremony. In the foreground are local dignitaries and veterans who participated in the Veterans Day observances.



Wayne Harrington of the U.S. Marine Corps said Cohasset lost eight young soldiers during the 14 years of the Vietnam War.



A parade of Cohasset veterans march into Woodside Cemetery at the beginning of Sunday's solemn ceremony.

Black Rock Golf Community moves forward in Hingham

Facility will open in late summer

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Developer George McGoldrick's goal of creating a premier private country club on the South Shore offering panoramic views of rolling woodlands and open fields is taking shape right here in Hingham.

The ground was broken at Black Rock Golf Community — a luxury residential cluster development off Ward Street, which includes an 18-hole private championship golf course, family-oriented country club and 148 stone and shingle design townhouses — during the summer.

"Golf is a great multi-generational activity for people from age five to 100 as well as families," McGoldrick said.

The refundable $100,000 deposit required from members has not been a deterrent. Already, 225 of the 250 memberships available to the public have been sold, with 75 in reserve for interested residents.

The housing units will be marketed — first to members — at the end of this month.

The current membership list includes 130 Hingham and more than 30 Cohasset residents.

According to McGoldrick, the money from deposits is used as capital to construct the course.

Area residents have been quick to take advantage of the opportunity to join, in light of the long waiting lists at other private golf clubs.

That fact was the driving force behind the creation of Black Rock Golf Community, so-named for the veins of black rock that run through the granite outcroppings.

"Being interested in development, it was only natural for me to fill that need," McGoldrick, a Cohasset resident, said. "I wanted a low-density component, without housing lining each hole, like in some golf communities."

"Golf is a great multi-generational activity for people from age five to 100 as well as families."

— developer George McGoldrick of Cohasset

Members will also enjoy a full-service athletic center, tennis courts and Olympic-sized swimming pool once the facility opens late next summer.

The course provides a variety of wide-open links, ranging from the typical New England through-the-woods style to ones surrounded by unique rock formations, such as the amphitheater featured on the 10th green. A pond surrounds three of the holes.

While the country club itself is family-oriented, the housing is geared towards empty-nesters who want to downsize their dwellings.

"This kind of housing gets people out of their big houses and provides a wonderful golf facility close to Boston for those who are still working," McGoldrick said. "It also means retirees don't have to move to the Cape to access good golfing opportunities."

Much of the nearly 400-acre site — a former 100-year quarry operation which provided crushed gravel for the Big Dig — will remain as open space, including the golf course and wetlands.

Stone from the quarry, which historically provided rock used to build seawalls along the East Coast, is also being used in the development.

The project involves reclaiming what McGoldrick calls a "lunar-type landscape" due to damage to the property resulting from past uses, including hundreds of acres of wetlands.

Challenging projects don't deter McGoldrick a real estate developer for 17 years, in the least.

In fact, he spent six years transforming the Custom House in Boston from a deteriorating, vacant building into a vibrant center of activity.

Outcroppings

At Black Rock Golf Community, golfers will enjoy teeing off in a unique setting framed by huge ledge outcroppings within a 6,800-yard, par-71 layout. Eighth-five acres of wetlands have been integrated into the course to preserve the "natural" feel of the land.

Even in November, the newly planted grass on the course was still green due to this year's unusually mild weather, which has also allowed for an accelerated construction schedule.

The practice facility offers a 350-yard driving range, creative short-yard area and practice putting green.

The entire course blends into the natural setting, framed by stands of mature trees.

"It looks like the course has been there forever," McGoldrick said. "Each hole has a unique feature, from rock formations to old quarry holes."

Architect Brian Silva of Cornish, Silva and Mungeam of Uxbridge, who has won awards for his work, is known for his traditional-style courses.

"The best golf courses were built during the 1920s and 1930s, and the architect has taken the best features of those and incorporated them into the Black Rock golf course," McGoldrick said. "He had to decide how to make best use of the land, routing the course around it."

The site now includes a 29-acre parcel of former town conservation land located in the center of the development. In October, the legislature approved a bill allowing Hingham to swap the piece of land for 26 acres on Main Street, owned by McGoldrick.

The property, which was formerly Pushcart Farm, abuts conservation land.

The land swap allows the developer to move the amenities closer to the clubhouse and provides space for additional residential units.

Water for the Black Rock project will be provided by Massachusetts-American Water Company, but private wells located on the property will be used to irrigate the golf course.

During the long winter months, members and future members will likely be dreaming about the grand opening that will occur next summer.



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The photo was taken from behind the 12th tee box, a 230-yard, par three, into the old quarry area.

Wompatuck enters final clean-up stage

By Carol Britton Meyer
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There's good news for the thousands of bikers, walkers, hikers and naturalists who frequent Wompatuck State Park every year. Cleanup of the 125-acre ammunition depot – referred to as the Hingham Annex – will soon get underway, officials announced.

The parcel, which is currently controlled by the Army, is located at the end of Leavitt Street in Hingham.

The clean-up paves the way for the property to become part of the state park system under the Department of Environmental Management (DEM).

Adding the Annex property to the existing state park will provide a solid link between the watershed lands of both Hingham and Cohasset, Whitney Woods (maintained by the Trustees of Reservations) and Wompatuck State Park, creating a 5,000-acre contiguous area of quality recreational space.

Wompatuck State Park offers a variety of activities throughout the year, including camping, mountain biking, family excursions, jogging, picnicking and bird watching.

The addition of more than 100 acres of recreational space will be welcomed by residents and others who visit the park.

The United States Army Forces Command Base Realignment and Closure Office, located in Georgia, recently awarded a contract to Parsons Engineering Science of Canton, Mass., to perform the clean-up of the park. The work will be done under a Guaranteed Fixed Price Remediation, which enhances the Army's environmental remediation process by establishing a predetermined project cost and completion date.

The environmental work is being accomplished under the guidance of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Hingham Town Administrator Charles Cristello has worked with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, National Guard (which assisted with the demolition process), DEM, state environmental officials and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, to bring about the clean-up of the sight and perform work related to safety issues.

The process has spanned nearly a decade, involving tearing down large, dilapidated transportation, vehicle maintenance, production and warehouse buildings still standing on the property and the removal of asbestos, underground storage tanks and contaminated soil.

Additional environmental remediation was requested by the state Department of Environmental Protection, according to Cristello, including further monitoring of the site with relation to the soil, drains and leeching fields.

"In terms of environmental work, this is the last thing that needs to be resolved," Cristello said. "This should be the final contract that once finished, will result in a clean site to be transferred to DEM and then incorporated into Wompatuck State Park."

The state still has work to perform with regard to some of the remaining buildings, which may be accomplished with further assistance from the National Guard, according to Cristello.

Last year, state DEM Commissioner Peter C. Webber committed an amount not to exceed $300,000 for demolition of remaining structures, which the department says need to be removed.

The site was used to manufacture and store ammunition during World War II. The property was also used as an Army training facility and to repair vehicles. There was also activity there during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

The Annex was part of a 3,700-acre, Navy-owned parcel of land which the federal government declared surplus and began turning over to the state in the early 1960s. Most of the property has become part of Wompatuck State Park.



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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Rob Carlezon and Dean Kennedy

These two provided most of the offense for the Youth Football StingRays in their 14-6 Super Bowl win over Duxbury last week. Carlezon, the team's fullback, got the Cohasset/Scituate Peewee team on the board first with a 25-yard run, after Kennedy, the team's quarterback, had directed them down the field. The two teamed on the other side of the ball for the backbreaking TD in the second half, when Carlezon pressured the Duxbury QB into throwing an interception and Kennedy made the pick and 70-yard return.

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Jason Brown has been a workhorse all season for the 8-1 Skippers.

Perseverance

Hard work has carried Jason Brown to the top

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

For most high school students, the summer is a time to relax and not even think about school sports. Jason Brown is not like most high school athletes.

The senior tailback for Cohasset's 8-1 football team woke up at 4:30 in the morning six days a week this summer to hone his skills and prepare for the upcoming football season.

"Jason definitely trains harder than anyone I know," confirmed Brown's co-captain on the gridiron, Will Prendergast. "He loves to play. He gives it his all every time out."

For Brown, the work is not unnatural; it simply comes with the territory.

"I love to train," said the senior. "I really enjoy working hard. If you work hard, you will have success. It is a lot, but I like to do it."

Brown has trained with Joe Hayes— the personal fitness guru and owner of MaxSpeed in downtown Cohasset, and a former star halfback and trackster at Scituate High— since he was a sophomore. Over the summer, Brown and Hayes would power lift three days a week, and work on agility and speed the other three.

"Joe Hayes has been the inspiration of [Jason's] life," reported Brown's father, Richard.

Added Jason: "He has helped me not just with training, but with attitude and everything."

Because of his militant fitness regimen, Brown was able to accomplish the rare switch from quarterback (which he played his sophomore and junior years) to running back.

"I never doubted it for a second," said Skipper head coach Tony Rolfe on having Brown switch positions. "It was a no-brainer."

His combination of power (270 pound bench press and 320 pound squats) and speed (4.5 second 40) has allowed him to wear down defenses all season long. He has topped 100 yards rushing in all but three games this year, while leading the team in touchdowns.

Brown humbly credits his rushing success to the offensive line, consisting of seniors Prendergast, Brendan Goff, Jari Martin, junior Cosimo Cambi and sophomore Steve Davis.

"Any back will tell you, they are totally dependent on the offensive line," reported Rolfe.

Possibly Brown's best game of the year was the most important, a 20-16 win over Abington. He rushed for 103 yards and two second half touchdowns against arguably the best defense on the South Shore.

Brown had tried his luck as a tailback in Pop Warner and in Middle School. When he reached the high school level, becoming a mobile quarterback rather than a pure running threat seemed to fit better.

In addition to his offensive skills, he is also among the team leaders in tackles as a defensive back.

"He's got a lot of options now," noted Richard Brown. "He is pretty well rounded."

The fact that he has experience at a few different positions could well make him attractive to many Div. 2 and 3 collegiate scouts. Brown has already received offers from several coaches, but the serious discussions

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Gridders now face 'must win'

Cohasset must beat Hull to stay in Super Bowl hunt

By Mike Spellman
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Cohasset could have sewn up its first Super Bowl berth in 21 years with a win over Norwell on Friday night. If possible, however, the game meant even more to the Clippers, and it certainly showed in their play—as they walked off with a 13-6 upset win over Cohasset.

"This was our Super Bowl," said Norwell coach Jim Sullivan after his team handed Cohasset it's first loss of the season against eight wins, and improved his own team's record to 7-2-1. "Our kids sure played like that. We still have a mathematical shot at the Super Bowl, and we were going to do everything in our power to keep that alive."

Unfortunately, at approximately the same time Sullivan was speaking these words, Abington (8-1) was, as expected, putting the finishing touches on its 24-7 win over Mashpee (0-9), thus extinguishing the Clippers long shot hopes of a return to the post-season.

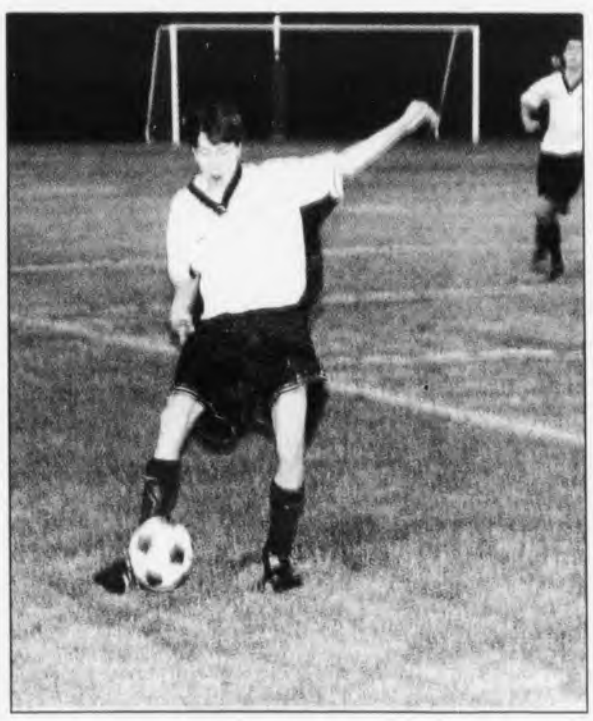
This leaves Cohasset and Abington in contention for the South Shore League title and a shot at the Super Bowl. Despite Friday's loss, Cohasset still holds the upper hand by virtue of a thrilling 20-16 win over Abington two weeks ago. A win on Thanksgiving over Hull will place the Skippers among the four teams in the Eastern Mass Div. 5 playoffs.

This advantage served as scant solace to Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe Friday night, however.

"[Norwell] just outplayed us physically," noted the fourth year coach somberly. "And then when we had a

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Boys still aiming high



PHOTO/ROB KEANE

Cohasset's Frank Laugelle is one of several players coach Nigro will be looking to for bigger things in 2002.

Cohasset High soccer program eyes even bigger things in 2002

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

If boys soccer coach Dave Nigro tells you nothing else about next year's team, he will say that the bar will be set even higher.

Nigro has made it his practice to set very high goals for his very capable soccer team. He has led his team to the state semi-finals and quarterfinals in his two years as head coach.

And in 2002, he has his sights set on bringing home a State Championship.

"I don't see the state championship as an unrealistic goal," confirmed the Hull native. "If it was, then I wouldn't set it."

In 2000, the team nearly captured the state Div. 3 title by completing three consecutive seeding upsets.

This year, however, the

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Glory Days

Cohasset's Pozniak inducted to Brown University Hall of Fame

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Like so many young athletes, Frank Pozniak didn't dwell much on the big picture when he was actually playing sports. Years removed from that time, however, the Cohasset resident can now look back with pride on his athletic career and the things he accomplished both as an individual and a member of a celebrated team.

Pozniak, now 46, was presented with a golden opportunity to do just that this weekend when he and all of his teammates from the 1976 Brown University football team were inducted into that school's Hall of Fame.

Pozniak was a starting safety with this team that went 8-1 in his senior year to capture the Ivy League championship — something that's been done by Brown only once since then (1999).

"It was great just to get together with those guys again," said Pozniak. "The more I think back about that time, the more I appreciate what we did.

"I know it sounds like a cliché, but I think the key for us is that we were a true team. As a group, we just got along very well, and that helped us play well together on the field. We had a lot of heart and there was a lot of camaraderie."

A testament to this sense of togetherness, Pozniak asserts, is how well-attended class reunions have been since that time. He figures close to ninety percent of his '76 team was there for the 10- and 20-year reunions, as was the case at this year's very special 25th anniversary.

Presiding over this weekend's festivities was ESPN icon Chris Berman, one of Pozniak's fellow class of '77 alums. "Boomer" was the radio voice of the Bears during their championship run.

"He was quite a character even then," notes Pozniak of Mr. "way-backwayback."

Sadly, one member of the team could not be there this year. Charlie Margiotta. After graduating two years behind Pozniak, Margiotta went on to become a firefighter in New York City. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant, and fearlessly led his men into the burning World Trade Center on Sept. 11. He was one of the many that never made it out.

Saturday's induction ceremony at the Westin Hotel in Providence was attended by Margiotta's widow and children, as well as other family members.

"That tragedy obviously changed the way a lot of us looked at the weekend, but it was nice that his wife and kids were there to represent him," said Pozniak. "Charlie was definitely there in

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Cohasset resident Frank Pozniak with his three children—(L-R) Grace, 6, Paul 10 and Claire, 8—at his induction last weekend into the Brown University Hall of Fame.

Lady Aces cross up Tigers

Cohasset's Motley helps lead the way to D1 sectional crown

By Julie Ann Nevero
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In last season's Div. 1 post-season tourney the Notre Dame Academy soccer team didn't make it past the first round. Riddled with injuries, the team was not its usual self.

This year, however, things are much different.

"In the backfield, senior Sarah Motley, of Cohasset, has been solid"

The Aces entered the Div. 1 South Sectional totally healthy and were boasting an undefeated 15-0-3 record, drawing the No. 2 seed. And yet despite the loss of junior Nicole Dunn – who sprained her ankle in the quarterfinals of this year's tourney – NDA has made it very clear that this year, it's their turn.

Thanks to outstanding defense and a second half hat trick by junior Niki Cross, of Pembroke, the Aces defeated No. 1 seed Oliver Ames, 3-0, to win the Div. 1 South Sectional title.

Going into the game, NDA coach Jose Arana said he knew the game would be tough.

"They play a tough schedule and have a lot of experience. They'll be tough to beat," he said. "We're not going to make any changes. We're just going to continue to play our

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Squirt-B team 'Cruz-es' to first win

COASTAL STARS 'GAME OF THE WEEK'

What a week for newly appointed Plymouth County District Attorney, Tim Cruz. On Thursday morning at the State House in Boston, Cruz was surrounded by family, friends, supporters, and political luminaries as he was being sworn in as the new D.A. by acting Governor Jane Swift. On Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m., Cruz stood in an unheated locker room at Rockland Arena surrounded by 10-year-old hockey players and their victory starved parents.

Cruz thought he faced pressure in front of those political heavyweights on Thursday at his swearing in, but nothing was as daunting as facing his heretofore winless Coastal Stars Squirt B team as they prepared for their match up with an impressive South Shore Eagle team.

Cruz, trying to capture the momentum that his gubernatorial appointment provided, harkened back to his old trial lawyer days in his pre-game remarks as he tried to convince a jury of 10 yr. olds that they could in fact win the game.

The Stars hit the ice full of vigor and conviction and jumped out to an early 1-0 lead as Cohasset forward Andy McKenna registered his first of three goals. Once McKenna put the Stars in the lead they fell back into a defensive posture, relying heavily on the goaltending of Marshfield goalie Chris Harrington as well as the superlative defensive play of Star's defensemen Alex Cruz, Mike Horan, Nick Smith, and Luke Donovan. Horan, in addition to his solid defensive play, also demonstrated a knack for offense with several well timed rushes up ice to help jump start some offensive pressure. Coach Cruz remarked that Luke Donovan was particularly impressive in playing his best game of the year. The tenacity and aggressive fore checking of defensemen of Alex Cruz and Nick Smith neutralized the Eagle's offensive attack and kept the Eagle's off the board until late in the second period.

With seven minutes left in the second the Eagles scored two quick goals taking the lead and shocking an otherwise confident Stars team. The Eagles lead did not last long as McKenna scored his second goal of the game off a blistering wrist shot.

The third period began with the score tied 2-2 and both teams playing well defensively. It was the Eagles who broke the defensive stalemate as they went up 3-2 early in the third. Midway through the third the persevering Stars pulled even as Stars sniper McKenna went into his off wing corner, dug free the puck, then dished it out to line mate Maggie Burke who one timed it past the Eagle goalie for the game's tying goal.

The synergy of the first line centered by Chad McLean, with Burke and McKenna as his wingers, was evident throughout the whole game. McLean was a force all over the ice as he back-checked, fore-checked, and created offensive opportunities. Burke's selfless consistent play was a key factor in McKenna's four point day.

With five minutes left in the game and the score tied it looked it might be another 'moral' victory for the hard fighting Stars. The Eagles had several opportunities thwarted by the stalwart play of Stars forwards Brian Meehan and Matt Kerens to keep the game close. And finally with less than four minutes left McKenna released a rocket of a shot beating the goalie glove side to put the Stars up by one, enabling them to secure their first victory.

Cruz's assistant coach and league president, Ed Burke, was ecstatic with the team's effort and applauded every member of the team. As for newly appointed Plymouth County D.A. Cruz his week of good fortune was topped off by his team's first win. An exhausted Coach Cruz said after the game that if that game was a trial McKenna was his star witness. Verdict in- victory Cruz and company. Case closed.

—Submitted by Peter Buckley



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The 2001 Cohasset girls soccer team.

Lady Aces cross up Tigers

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game and we'll see what happens."

What happened is now history.

The OA shutout was the second in as many tourney games for NDA sophomore goalie Holly Sands, of Hanover, and the Aces' defense. Sands was outstanding in the team's 3-0 win over No. 3 seed Bridgewater-Raynham in last Thursday night's semifinals, making many key saves in what was once a close game. In four tourney games, Sands has allowed just one goal, while NDA has scored 12.

Both the OA and B-R games started out similarly for the Aces. In both games there was no score after the first half and in both games NDA powered to score three goals in the second.

Against Oliver Ames, it was all Cross. The junior first struck 15 minutes into the second half, first beating an OA defender and firing from 37 yards out, sending the ball over the head of Tiger goalie Jessica Briody and into the upper left corner. It was the first goal scored against OA in three tourney games as they recorded 3-0 shutouts against New Bedford and Whitman/Hanson, and a 1-0 win over Newton South in the semifinals.

While the Cross' first goal would prove to be all the Aces would need, the junior was not done yet. With just under 19 minutes left to play, Cross struck from almost the same spot, taking a pass from senior co-captain and midfielder Anne Reed, of Abington, and booting a left-footed shot from 30-yards out.

Cross completed her hat trick with less than three minutes remaining, beating a rushing Briody to the ball and chipping it over the goalie's head to give NDA the 3-0 win and its second Sectional championship in three years.

The Aces were scheduled to face Div. 1 North champ Andover in the Eastern Mass. final yesterday. A win would send NDA to the Div. 1 State Championship. Andover, the No. 7 seed in the North, defeated Medford (4-0), Chelmsford (3-1), Lincoln-Sudbury (4-3) and Newton North (1-0 OT) in the tourney.

Cross wasn't the only NDA player to record a hat trick in the tourney this year. In the Aces' 3-0 quarterfinal win over Dennis-Yarmouth, Reed led the way, scoring all three NDA goals.

While the Aces' offense has certainly been on fire as of late, so too has the team's defense. In addition to Sands' terrific play in the net, a number of NDA players have been leading the defense in front of her. In the backfield, senior Sarah Motley, of Cohasset, and sophomore Stephanie Towle, of Hingham, have been solid, while senior co-captain Michaela McDonnell, of Marshfield, junior Staci Wieneko, of Pembroke, and freshman Jess Haeffner – who has started the last two games since Dunn's injury – have all delivered solid defense on the wings.

Haeffner had a great game in the semifinal win over B-R, notching a goal and an assist in her first start of the year.

"She's earned her place before, but she really played great tonight," Arana said of Haeffner last Thursday night. "We lost a good player in Nicole (Dunn), but now it's Jess' turn to start."

Cross assisted on what proved to be the winning goal against B-R, which was scored by junior Jen White, of Plymouth. White also scored the second goal of the game, which was assisted by Haeffner, who scored the third goal on an assist from Towle.

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spirit.

Fortunately, there was still time for happier recollections over the weekend.

Teammates reminded Pozniak of the big interception he made to seal a late-season win over URI in '76.

"It's nice to remember that rather than all of the near-interceptions I dropped," joked Pozniak, who had four INTs for his career. "I think I probably led the country in that category."

Pozniak was certainly a lot more sure-handed than he gives himself credit for. If his three-year stint as a starter in the defensive backfield isn't proof enough of this, then his three years as a starting middle infielder for the Brown baseball team should cinch it.

Pozniak is, in fact, one of only a handful of three-year, dual varsity sport participants in Brown history.

"Not much of a hitter, pretty good glove," assessed Pozniak of his collegiate baseball career, continuing his bent toward humility.

Nowadays, Pozniak — who hails originally from Amsterdam, New York — limits his athletic activities to coaching his own children. Frank and wife Paula have settled in Cohasset and have three children: Paul, 10, Claire, 8, and Grace, 6. This spring, Paul played baseball and dad was only too happy to join him in the dugout.

"Sports have provided a lot of nice memories for me," he said. "So it's nice being there with my kids, seeing them create some nice memories for themselves."





Frank Pozniak in 1976 and 2001

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Skippers really belonged in the top tier of the teams. Collecting 13 regular season wins, Cohasset drew the seventh seed in the tournament.

Cohasset dominated its first round game en route to a shut out over West Bridgewater, but was eliminated by SSL foe Norton in game number 2.

"I think we got pushed around a bit," assessed Nigro of the physical 3-0 loss at Wheaton College.

The Skippers had tied and lost to the Lancers in their two regular season meetings. A tournament loss to a league opponent is always more than disheartening.

"I am disappointed in the way it ended, and I am sure [the players] are too," admitted Nigro. "But you have to aspire to do better than the previous year."

Cohasset had excellent senior leadership across the board this year.

Matt Bilodeau, a national-level club soccer player who made the All-Star team, possessed the rare ability to dominate a game using finesse over power. Nigro conceded, though, that Bilodeau's skill in the middle of the field sometimes rendered teammates less effective, as they tended to wind up "just watching him play instead."

Bilodeau's fellow captain, Pete Maitland, was also elected to the league all-star team after serving as the team's solid rock at sweeper/stopper. A very fast and physical defender, Maitland kept opponents' shots on net to a very low total.

"He was very steady for us back there," said the coach, making note of Pete's abilities to perform at several defensive positions. "He did whatever I asked him to do."

A tri-captain with Bilodeau and Maitland, Tim Baird completed his fourth year as a varsity starter with an excellent season at left forward.

"Tim played really well all year," lauded the coach. "With his speed, we were able to utilize him very well."

Baird was instrumental in what Nigro considered the highlight of the season: a 1-0 win over Norwell. Baird scored late in the second half to give Cohasset the win. The victory was extra sweet for Baird, as he became the first one in his family (Tim's three older brothers all played for the Skippers) to take down the Clippers.

Seniors Jay Bertovich, Dan Kinchla and Steve Laney were three of the most physical players on the team, stepping up for games against teams like Norton.

"They were all quiet," started Nigro of his six seniors, "but they did a very good job leading the team."

Next year, the team will be led by four returning seniors, All-Star forward/sweeper Greg O'Connell, attacking playmaker forward/goalie Curt Kahn, speedy midfielder Robert Hickey and a very nice new addition, forward Evan Pestone.

The foursome will team up with a core of now experienced underclassmen for what should be another successful season.

At least, that's what Coach Nigro will be expecting.



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Cohasset's Dan Kinchla (with ball) is one of six seniors who will be missed on the soccer field next fall.

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couple of chances to finally do something in the second half, we turned it over. You just can't let a team like Norwell off the hook like that and expect to win."

After the first half ended in a 6-6 tie, the Skippers coughed up their first two possessions of the second half in Norwell territory.

Norwell's Mike Mohan picked off a short pass from Cohasset quarterback Mike Snowdale inside the 15-yard line. His return set the Clippers up at their own 23-yard line. It took the hosts 10 plays to cover 77-yards and take the lead in the game.

Norwell captain and star halfback John Coleman did the bulk of the damage on what turned out to be the game winning push, carrying seven times for 56 yards, including the final 12 on a quick-hitter over right guard that popped him through untouched into the end zone. The PAT boot by Ryan Murphy made it 13-6 with 9:54 remaining in the game.

The Skippers responded by marching right back into Norwell territory, a big 27-yard pass from Snowdale (8-for-15 passing, 122 yards, one TD) to Tom Anderson putting them in business first-and-10 at the Clippers' 21 yard line. Two plays later, however, Cohasset back Jason Brown was stripped by Murphy as he attempted to cut around him. Murphy fell on the ball at the 15-yard line with 7:10 showing on the clock.

Cohasset would not get the ball back. The Clippers proceeded to eat up all of that time, along with all of the Skippers timeouts, with as impressive a display of power football as you're likely to witness at the high school level.

The Clippers ran off 14 plays and chewed up 62 yards to ice the game, quarterback Steve Sullivan running the clock out by taking a couple of knees after Norwell converted on its fourth 3rd down run of the drive, this final one a 6-yard run by Coleman on third-and-three.

"That final drive told the story of the game," offered Sullivan. "It came down to our offensive line. John Chappell, Tom Hannon, Tim Hunt, Sam Freed, Ryan Murphy and Brent Smith—that's my offensive line. They made the difference in the game tonight with their consistent push."

The main beneficiary of that push was Coleman, who finished with 30 carries for 193 yards—his seventh consecutive 100-plus yard rushing performance. The senior suffered a hyper-extended knee at some point in the first half. Amazingly, though, he did the bulk of his work in the second half (20 carries for 114-yards).

"I think that answers any questions about John's toughness," noted Sullivan with a grin.

Fullback Joe Doyle contributed 76 yards on 13 carries, many of those going for big first downs. Sophomore quarterback Jon Mohan chipped in with 21 yards on three runs and two-of-two passing for 13 yards, and sophomore Andrew Faranick, returning to action after missing the last three weeks with mononucleosis, chipped in with two runs for 11 yards.

In terms of statistics, the only numbers that indicated relative parity in this showdown were on the scoreboard.

The Skippers had possession for a grand total of 12:34 in the 40 minute game, and the Clippers also nearly doubled the overall offensive output, totaling 301 yards on 55 plays to Cohasset's 155 yards on 32 plays.

Unable to mount much of a running attack against the larger Norwell front (16 carries for 44 yards on the night), Rolfe decided early to put his team's offensive fortunes in the hands of Snowdale.

That appeared a wise decision early, as the talented Cohasset signal-caller carried the load on a 13-play, 68-yard scoring drive to open the game. Snowdale showed a great deal of composure in completing first down passes on third-and-10, fourth-and-eight and fourth-and-10 on the drive that ate up the game's initial 4:52. He found favorite target Chris Bilodeau (5 receptions for 54 yards) on this final hookup, on a designed roll out left, in the front corner of the end zone for the 13-yard TD pass. The PAT sailed wide left, however, leaving it a 6-0 game.

Sullivan responded to this drive by shooting a strong side linebacker at Snowdale every time he rolled out for the remainder of the game. This clearly disrupted the Cohasset QB's rhythm, as he was forced repeatedly to eat the ball or throw quickly.

Norwell, which didn't punt all night on six possessions, answered Cohasset's opening salvo by marching 49 yards, but that push died on downs.

After forcing Cohasset to a three and punt possession, however, it took the Clippers just nine plays to cover 75 yards and tie the game. Coleman (big surprise) lugged the lion's share of the load with four carries for 49 yards. A bruising 11-yard run by Doyle up the middle got the ball down to the 1-yard line, setting up the point-producing dive over center by Sullivan.

The Clippers final possessions of the half died on downs at their own 35-yard line when the Skippers held on fourth-and-a foot with 17 seconds remaining. A quick 17-yard hookup from Snowdale to Bilodeau moved the ball to the 19-yard line, and set up a last second field goal attempt. Anderson's 36-yard attempt flew wide, however, leaving the game knotted at 6.

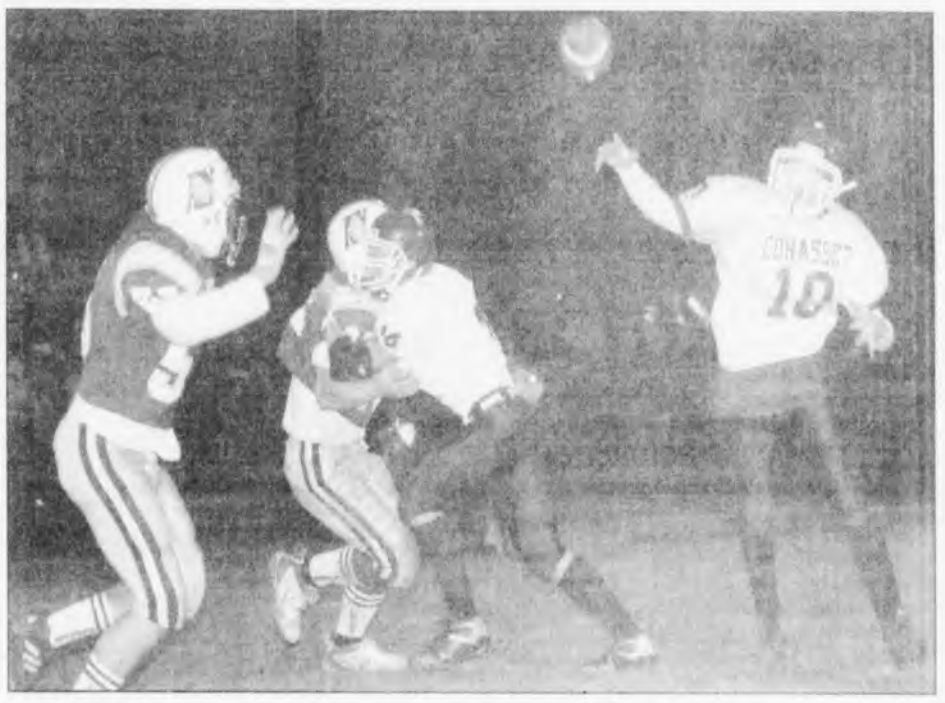
Norwell finishes up its season with their 36th Thanksgiving showdown against Hanover, seeking to add another positive chapter to the story of one of the state's fiercest rivalries.

Cohasset has their must win game out on the Hull peninsula, a truly miserable venue any time the weather is disagreeable. Even if the weather is cooperative, however, Rolfe knows his troops will have their hands full with this Pirates team that played Norwell to a 0-0 tie earlier this season.

"We could have a hurricane out there; you just don't know what you're going to get in Hull," said Rolfe. "This is going to be a miserable week and a half for us, getting ready for this game we have to win. But we put ourselves in this position. At least we're in a position to control our own destiny."



Snowdale (#10) receives instruction from Coach Rolfe.



Cohasset's Mike Snowdale (#10) gets off a pass under heavy pressure, with Jason Brown (#14) doing his best to protect his back.



Cohasset offensive lineman Brendan Goff does his best from the sidelines to rally the defensive troops.

CHS' Tony Rolfe named Coach of the Week

Cohasset High School Head Coach Tony Rolfe has been named the New England Patriots High School Coach of the Week in recognition of his team's 20-16 victory over Abington High School Nov. 2. With last week's victory, Cohasset remained undefeated this season, improving its record to 8-0.

This season marks the sixth year in which the Patriots have joined the National Football League in conducting the High School Coach of the Week program, which recognizes outstanding high school coaches and promotes youth football. Each week during the high school football season, the Patriots will honor a coach from the Greater Boston area as the coach of the week.

The New England Patriots Charitable Foundation will donate $500 to the Cohasset High School football program in Rolfe's name in recognition of his selection as a coach of the week.

With two games remaining, Cohasset has the opportunity to record its first undefeated season since 1959. This season is Rolfe's fourth as head coach at Cohasset and his 30th coaching high school football. He began his coaching career in Virginia and has served as assistant head coach at New Bedford High School and head coach at Hingham High School. In addition to coaching, Rolfe teaches seventh grade at the Cohasset Middle School.

The Patriots High School Coach of the Week is selected by a panel including representatives of the Patriots and WCVB Channel 5, which airs the team's weekly magazine show, "Patriots All Access," on Saturday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Channel 5 sports anchor Mike Lynch is host of the show.

Hard work has carried Jason Brown to the top

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will commence once the season is over.

"In college, you have to be willing to play anything," he explained, noting also the possibility of running track post-CHS. "You have to be versatile."

With a win on Thanksgiving against the bitter rival Hull Pirates, Cohasset will go to the Div. 5 Super Bowl for the first time in decades.

The 2001 Football Season will certainly go down in the books as one of the truly special accomplishments in CHS history thanks in large part to the one known as Downtown J-Brown.

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SPORTS NOTES

Cohasset High blanket

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Spring Travel Soccer Registration

Cohasset Soccer Club is now accepting registrations for the Spring Travel Soccer Season. Those players who did not register in the fall must do so by December 21, 2001. Registration forms may be obtained at the Recreation Office in Town Hall. Payment of $70.00 is due at the time of registration. No late registrations are being accepted. Contact Brad or Melinda Murray at 781-383-7017 with any questions.

Own a tape of the instant Classic Abington-Cohasset Game

Seeking to raise money for a new Athletic Trainer at Cohasset High, the C.H.S. Athletic Dept. is making available tapes of this past Friday's huge Skippers victory on the gridiron over league rival Abington. In addition to the game in its entirety, the tape will include the Channel 5 report and highlight reel from the game, as well as snipets from the C.H.S. pre-game rally and Senior Night ceremonies. Also included in the package will be a copy of the game rosters and the game report from the Cohasset Mariner.

The cost of this entire package is $15, with all monies going to the C.H.S. Athletic Dept. Interested parties should call Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

Youth basketball evaluation sessions

Grades 1-3

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club/Recreation Department request all boys and girls in grades one through three, who registered for youth basketball this season, attend a 45-minute evaluation session so that balanced teams can be drafted. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 1

Grade one, boys and girls, 9 a.m., Deer Hill School

Grade two, boys and girls, 10:30 a.m., Deer Hill School

Grade three, boys and girls, noon, Deer Hill School

For questions or comments, call Jack Worley at 781-383-4109.

Grades 4-6

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will hold evaluations and team selection by all coaches for boys and girls in grades four to eight. The season will begin Saturday, Dec. 9. The evaluation schedule for each grade is listed below. The first 40 minutes will be spent evaluating the boys and girls. The final 20 minutes will be a coach's conference to select the teams. The teams must be selected on that day since the actual games begin the following week.

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10:30 to 11:30 a.m., sixth-grade boys

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8:30 to 9:30 a.m., fourth-grade girls

9:30 to 10:30 a.m., fifth-grade girls

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., sixth-grade girls

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., seventh- and eighth-grade girls

For more information or comments, call Jack Worley at 781-383-4109.

Boosters basketball registration

The Recreation Department/ Booster's basketball registrations will be held for boys and girls in grades one through eight, at the Town Hall, Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee for the program is $55. Checks should be made payable to: Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club (CBBC), shirt charge is included in the fee. Details on the basketball program will be available at registration. Games are played on Saturdays, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid any conflicts. The Recreational Basketball Program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the Recreation Department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreation opportunity.

Evaluations will be Saturday, Dec. 1. The CBBC will also register parents who wish to coach and sponsor at the Nov. 17 registration.

This year, two levels of sponsorship are available, Team Sponsor, $75, and Program Book Sponsor, $100.

CHS Fitness Center hours

The Fitness Center at Cohasset High School will be open to the public for use and/or registration during the following days/hours, until 125 members are attained: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

These hours/days will remain in effect until 125 individuals are registered; at which time the center will be open expanded hours, Monday through Saturday. The fee is $30 per month, per person, and registration is at the Fitness Center, Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St. Please enter the school via the front door located to the right side of the main entrance to CHS.

Icebreaker rowing championships set

Icebreaker: New England Youth Rowing Championships will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, at Windmill Point Boathouse, Hull or Pier 2, Charlestown Navy Yard, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come watch the best youth open-water rowers in New England — from New York City, New Haven, New Bedford, Boston Harbor, Lake Champlain, and Maine's North Haven and Vinalhaven — compete for the coveted "Key to the Harbor." To put the exploits of these courageous youth crews in perspective, the young people in the Icebreaker race greater distances during this one day of round-robin-style sprint heats than a collegiate crew races in an entire season.

For the past decade, the Icebreaker has been held at the museum's city boathouse, the Navy Yard Rowing Center, located in Boston National Historical Park in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

The day will offer great opportunities to view the intense excitement of the races up close. See more than 200 young people give everything they've got during a day of inspirational athletics and sportsmanship. To confirm the location of the event, or for more information, contact Lory Newmyer.

Youth football trophy night

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold its trophy night on Thursday, November 15 at the Cushing Elementary School on Aberdeen Dr. in Scituate.

Times: MITES (C) 5:30-6:30 PEE-WEES (B) 6:30-7:30 MIDGETS (A) 7:30-8:30 All football players and cheerleaders should attend.

Football equipment return will be held on Sunday, November 18th for 10:00-12:30PM at the Store-It facility next to the Driftway Tennis Center on Old Driftway in Scituate. Additional information can be found at www.scicohfootball.com



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StingRays quarterback Dean Kennedy (#11) tries to shake off a Duxbury defender in last weekend's exciting 14-6 Super Bowl win for the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football team.

Sandell earns All-NESCAC honors

Trinity junior co-captain forward Morgan Sandell of Cohasset was selected to the 2001 All-New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) Men's Soccer First Team.

The Trinity men's soccer squad, coached by Ed Mighten (12th season), posted a 6-8 overall record and a 3-6 league mark but did not qualify for the NESCAC Championship Tournament.

Sandell started all 10 games he played on, before missing the last four contests with a knee injury. Despite the missed games, he finished first on the team and sixth in the NESCAC in scoring with seven goals and five assists for 19 points. A First Team All-NESCAC selection in 2000 as well, Sandell has notched 21 goals and 10 assists for 52 points, including five game-winning goals, in his first three seasons. He is a graduate of the Noble & Greenough School.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

7:25 p.m. Aaron River Rd., suspicious activity/person(s).
8:17 p.m. South Main St., vandalism.
10:30 p.m. Ripley Rd., disabled motor vehicle.
10:52 p.m. Elm St., general information.
11:16 p.m. Pond St., barking dog.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

7:34 a.m. Brewster Rd., assist citizen.
8:10 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.
9:56 a.m. North Main St., suspicious activity/person(s), investigated.
11:06 a.m. Beechwood St., wires down.
12:40 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:45 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
1:03 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., officer wanted.
1:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.
2:10 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
2:38 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
4:29 p.m. Doane St., suspicious activity/person(s), motor vehicle.
4:59 p.m. Police HQ, investigation.
8:21 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:27 p.m. Sohier St., traffic citation/warning.
8:38 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.
9:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

6:05 a.m. King St., medical aid.
6:45 a.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:13 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:24 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8:30 a.m. Border St., animal call or complaint.
12:42 p.m. Aaron River Rd., officer wanted.
1:24 p.m. Nichols Rd., suspicious activity/person(s).
3:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.
4:26 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
4:30 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:23 p.m. Summer St. and South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
6:38 p.m. King St., suspicious activity/person(s).
7:39 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
8:07 p.m. Norman Todd Rd., fire, investigated.
8:13 p.m. Pond St., medical aid.
8:40 p.m. Pond St., parking complaint.
11:25 p.m. Summer St. and S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

1:41 a.m. Pleasant St., noise complaint.
9:15 a.m. Border St., larceny.
11:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violations.
12:24 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.
2:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).
2:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted. Arrest of Eliot Campbell, 51, of 19 Cudworth Rd., Scituate. Charges: Shoplifting by concealing merchandise.
5:07 p.m. King St., suspicious activity/person(s).
5:21 p.m. Stockbridge St., suspicious activity/person(s).
6:23 p.m. Summer St. and S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
6:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
6:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:05 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.
7:46 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:57 p.m. S. Main St., parking complaint.
8:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).
8:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s).
8:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Schofield St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint, services rendered.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

12:40 a.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.
6:52 a.m. Sohier St., open door/window, secured.
7:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.
3:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, stored/impounded.
4:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
5:29 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted.
5:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:59 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
8:09 p.m. S. Main St., parking violation.
8:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
10:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.
10:48 p.m. Smith Place, motor vehicle stop, departmental action.
11:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

MONDAY, NOV. 5

6:52 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:06 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
9:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
11:04 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
11:09 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
2:06 p.m. Rosbery Lane, larceny.
5:03 p.m. Forest Circle, medical aid.
5:06 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
5:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident.
6:30 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle accident.
7:28 p.m. King St., medical aid.
10:30 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.
11:24 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, NOV. 6

6:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
7:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.
8:52 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
10:35 a.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted.
10:46 a.m. Sohier St., property damage.
11:24 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
12:48 p.m. S. Main St., parking complaint.
2:07 p.m. Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:13 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
2:25 p.m. Elm St., summons service, delivered.
2:36 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
3:03 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
3:10 p.m. Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
3:16 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
4:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.
4:46 p.m. Border St., medical aid.
6:30 p.m. Forest St., building checks.
8:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

8:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.
8 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:42 a.m. Beechwood St., and Mill Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.
7:21 a.m. King St. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

Police arrested five last month

October was a relatively slow month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were five arrests, one for operating a motor vehicle without a license, one for operating under the influence of liquor, one for assault and battery, one for disorderly person and finally one for an outstanding warrant, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

During the month of October the Police Department investigated 14 motor vehicle accidents, none of which resulted in personal injury. There were 179 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $3,965 in fines. Additionally there were 72 parking tickets issued totaling $1,925 in fines.

Also in October the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 719 calls for police services, of those 93 were Emergency 911 calls.

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OBITUARIES

William H. Catlin


William Catlin

William Hammond Catlin of Wayland and Cohasset, and Delray Beach, Fla. died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001 at U. Mass Medical Center. He was 63 years old.

Born in Boston, Mr. Catlin was raised in Brookline and graduated from the Dublin School in Dublin, N.H., from Menlo College in California, and from The Rhode Island School of Design in Providence. He spent two years completing graduate work in graphic design in Stuttgart, Germany.

Mr. Catlin worked many years as a graphic designer until his retirement in 1989. He also owned the venerable Haley and Steele Art Gallery on Newbury Street in Boston for a number of years.

He lived at Duck Puddle Farm in Wayland for 34 years where he enjoyed working on his farm. He was a member of The Country Club, and especially enjoyed duck hunting, croquet, travel, attending auctions, and raising and selling Christmas trees. He also owned and took pleasure in several antique cars.

He leaves his beloved wife Julia Jordan Catlin; his devoted children, Blythe Catlin Robinson of Hartford, Conn., and Tristam Catlin Tredgett of Great Bardfield, England; his son, William H. Catlin, Jr. of Duck Puddle Farm in Wayland; his sister Dianne Catlin Gardiner of Palo Alto, Calif.; his brothers Robert Catlin III of Spring Island, S.C. and Anthony Catlin of Weston. He also leaves his two grandsons, Cameron Wesley Tredgett and Oliver William Tredgett.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Nov. 16 at the First Parish Church in Wayland at 11 a.m. Burial will be private. Funeral arrangements are through the Duckett Funeral Home of Sudbury (division of J.S. Waterman & Sons).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Mr. Catlin's memory to the Sudbury Valley Trustees, P.O. Box 7, Wayland, MA 01778.

Robert A. Manter

Robert A. Manter, 65, of Hanover, died Sunday, Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, 2001, at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth after a long illness.

Mr. Manter was born in Brockton, the son of the late Henry and Rose (Badeau) Manter. He was raised and educated in Brockton and lived in Hanson before moving to Hanover in 1982.

He trained as a radio broadcaster and was employed as a route salesman for the H.P. Hood Milk Company and later worked as a food broker. After his retirement, he had been employed by the Compass Medical Group in Whitman as a lab courier.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was a member of the Hanover American Legion Post.

He was an active member of St. Mary's Church in Hanover, where he served as an usher and a greeter.

He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed the company of his 25 much-loved grandchildren.

Mr. Manter leaves his wife, Paula E. (Cowen) Manter; his two sons, Michael of Bridgewater and Tracey of Marshfield; his daughter, Michelle Grondlund of Whitman; and his other children, Tricia Fortin of Cohasset, Kathleen Annis of Weymouth, Joan Kehoe of North Reading, William Eagles of Quincy, Pamela Keenan of Quincy, Robert Eagles of Carver, Debra DiGiusto of Hingham and Cheryl Psaros of Braintree; and his 25 grandchildren.

The funeral Mass will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church, 392 Hanover St. (Route 139) in Hanover. Interment will be in Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. The Sullivan Funeral Home on Route 53 in Hanover has made the arrangements.

Contributions may be made in Mr. Manter's memory to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham 01701-4680.

Kathryn F. Bilodeau

Kathryn Frances (O'Brien) Bilodeau of Cohasset died Nov. 11, 2001, at her adopted daughter's home in Hull.

Mrs. Bilodeau was a member of the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis and the Legion of Mary.

Born, raised and educated in Boston, she was a graduate of Roslindale High School and studied music at the New England Conservatory. She lived in Cohasset for the past 46 years.

Wife of the late Arthur Bilodeau, she leaves two sons, Arthur Bilodeau of Jacksonville, Fla. and Paul Bilodeau of Cohasset; four daughters, Deborah Fuller of Kingston, Gayle Cannon of Hull, Nancy V. Roach of Cohasset and Kathy Jenkins of Cincinnati, Ohio; her adopted daughter, Ellen Sylvester; four brothers, Frank O'Brien of Atlanta, Ga., James O'Brien of Charlotte, N.C., George O'Brien of Roslindale and Edward O'Brien of Hull; two sisters, Evelyn Webster of Jersey City, N.J. and Mildred White of Needham; 22 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a cousin; many nieces and nephews; and a longtime friend, Jean Cyr.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Contributions in memory of Mrs. Bilodeau may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree, 02185 or St. Anthony's Parish Building Fund, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

WORSHIP NEWS

Clothing drive at St. Anthony's

A men's clothing drive to benefit the St. Francis House Shelter in Boston will be held this Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18 at St. Anthony Parish. Good, used fall and winter clothing, new underwear and socks, and small toiletry items are needed. Men's clothing and items may be dropped off at the parish center on Saturday from 4-7 p.m. and on Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Francis House is a non-profit, non-sectarian shelter for the poor and homeless of Boston and is based on the compassion and outreach ethics and standards of Francis of Assisi. It offers "life skills training," computer classes, housing assistance, internships, employment/new career guidance, and resume assistance in helping them re-enter life-in-the-mainstream again.

For information, call Paul Rooney at 781-383-6363.

The rite of Christian Initiation for Adults continues each Monday evening in the parish center from 7-8:30 p.m. The RCIA is an ongoing process for adults seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith.

For information, call Ginny McLeod at 781-383-0630, Ext. 20.

'Lessons and Carols' at St. Stephen's

An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols will be presented at St. Stephen's Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, the first Sunday of Advent. The service will consist of readings from Sacred Scripture foretelling the birth of Christ, as well as choral anthems and congregational hymns and carols that celebrate the season. The St. Stephen Choir and the parish's St. Gregory's Children's Choir will also sing anthems, such as "O Light Divine," "People, Look East," and the "Ave Maria."

The service of Lessons and Carols is an English tradition, exemplified by the service of King's College, Cambridge, England, and St. John's College. Clergy, congregation and choristers alike, gather to celebrate Christ's coming. Word and song lead all into the area of peace and contemplation to meditate on the sacred texts.

The church is at 16 Highland Ave., is handicap accessible, and there is plenty of parking at the village car park.

For information, call 781-383-1083.

Citizens for life

New members are welcome to the next meeting of the Massachusetts cCtizens for Life (South Shore Branch) on Tuesday, Nov. 20 from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Paul Parish Hall, Fearing Street in Hingham, behind St. Paul School Hall.

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month.

Community Thanksgiving

The Cohasset Community Thanksgiving Eve service including all seven of the town congregations will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at Saint Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. The music will include the 3,000 pipe St. Stephen's organ along with trumpet and trombone and a town-wide choir. The anthem will be Irving Berlin's "God Bless America."

Congregation and choir will join in the hymn, "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng." Those who would like to be in the choir should be at the church at 6:30 p.m.

The town-wide Thanksgiving Eve service this year is taking place at a time of world apprehension and conflict, and also heroism and faith. It reminds us that we are to give thanks always for the compassion and strength of the Almighty who is very near to us.

The church altar will be arrayed with harvest fruits and vegetables that afterwards will be donated to the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham. The offering at the service will go in part to Oxfam America and its efforts to combat world hunger. In addition, locally, the offering will support Wellspring in Hull which provides a variety of needed social services. Small loaves of bread will be blessed and given to each person who comes. All are invited to attend this Cohasset Thanksgiving Eve celebration at St. Stephen's, Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m.

Monday evenings with the Rabbi

At Congregation Sha-aray Shalom, 1112 Main St. in Hingham, Rabbi Stephen Karol will teach a course on Monday evenings in November and December, entitled, "What Judaism Can Teach You and the People You Love About God." The course will be based on Neil Gillman's new book, "The Way into Encountering God in Judaism." This class will be from 8-9:15 p.m. on Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3 and 10.

Whether your knowledge of Jewish theology and liturgy is advanced or elementary, you are welcome to participate and learn from the Rabbi and your classmates. The book is available in most bookstores. There is no fee for the class itself.

Non-members are always welcome, and the Temple is wheelchair accessible. To get more information, to sign up for this course, or to get directions, please call 781-749-8103.

Abbey series

Benedictine Monks in Hingham announce second speaker in third annual interreligious series, Listening to Other Voices: Spirituality in Everyday Life.

On Thursday, Nov. 15, Maya Tiwari (Maya Ma) will speak on "Spirituality and Healing: Health and Healing in the Vedic Tradition" from 7:15 to 9 p.m. at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center.

Maya Ma is a female Vedic monk who lives a reclusive life at the Wise Earth Monastery in the Pisgah Mountains of North Carolina. She is a healer in the Ayurvedic medicine and Vedanta tradition and the founder of Mother Om Mission (MOM), a charitable organization with the goal of eliminating violence and poverty by providing health care education to at-risk communities throughout the world. She offers her teaching to community advocates, social workers, inner city youth and their mentors and all artists and citizens who work for the betterment of life. (Future speakers in the 2001-2002 series include Charles Clough Jr., a CEO and deacon on Wall Street; Victor Kazanjian, dean of religious and spiritual life at Wellesley; Allan Palmer, teacher of Chanoyu, the Japanese Art of Tea; and, Tom Beaudoin, author of "Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X.")



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Docket No. 99P2011AD

In the Estate of ARMAND F. IMBRUGLIA

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 8, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that HELEN M. IMBRUGLIA of SANDWICH in the County of BARNSTABLE be appointed administrator of said estate to serve with personal surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 2, 2002.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, November 2, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#729349
Cohasset Mariner 11/15/01

MCKINNELL ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P2730EP

In the Estate of D. JAMES MCKINNELL

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 16, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ROBERTA MCKINNELL of DUXBURY in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 12, 2001.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, November 2, 2001.

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Bird walk

The Straits Pond Watershed Association will sponsor a free bird walk from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. Participants should meet on Atlantic Avenue in Hull (at the foot of Summit Avenue). The walk will be led by Sally Avery and all are welcome.

For more information, call Lawry Reid at 781-925-8659 or email: viaspeech@mediaone.net.

Beechwood fair

The Christmas Fair at Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street will be held Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church's famous chowder will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The sought-after beach glass candy will be for sale as well as fancy work, food items and white elephant articles.

For information, call Linda at 781-383-9131.

T-Day breakfast

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting the annual Thanksgiving Day breakfast from 7-9:30 a.m. at the George H. Mealy Post on Summer Street. Everyone is invited. Adults are $4 and children, $2. All you can eat.

Turkey raffle

The American Legion annual Turkey Raffle is at 6 p.m., Nov. 16 at the George H. Mealy Post on Summer Street. See Legion members for tickets or just come to the drawing.

Holiday show starts Nov. 23

The Herdmans were the worst kids in the history of the world. They lie, steal and smoke cigars, even the girls. They talk dirty, hit little kids, cuss their teachers and take the name of the lord in vain. So what happens when the meanest, nastiest kids ever meet up with the Christmas Story? You get the Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will present this heart warming holiday show at the Cohasset Town Hall weekends from Nov. 23-Dec. 9.

Director Amy Wilder of Scituate has taken more than 50 children (and a handful of adults) ranging in ages from 4 to 15, haling from Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham, Hull and Rockland and put together a heart-warming and funny show.

Deborah Carlton of Scituate is the music director and Jean DiGiacomandrea of Scituate, who appeared in the show 4 years ago, is producing this holiday show.

The Best Christmas Pageant will open on the day after Thanksgiving and run Friday and Saturday nights at 730 and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. with an extra matinee on Saturday Dec. 8. The show will close on Dec. 9. Tickets are just $10 and can be bought at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 383-1718. If you are a Girl Scout you can get reduced priced tickets by calling 545-1655. Escorted groups and senior groups are also welcome You may have your tickets reserved by calling Jean at 617-750-8987.

Deck Your Halls!

Fresh balsam Christmas trees and wreaths, tabletop boxwood trees, and sleigh-loads of handcrafted ornaments and gifts will be available at Cohasset's Annual Village Fair, on and around Cohasset Common, on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Cohasset tradition for more than 40 years, the Village Fair is a great way to begin your holiday season!

Come greet friends and get a head start on your holiday decorating and shopping. Stop by Town Hall, the Second Congregational Church, St. Stephen's and the First Parish House on Main Street to see all of the beautiful Christmas greens and decorations for sale. All proceeds support Cohasset' churches, regional charities and the Appalachia Service Project.

Christmas trees

First Parish Church in Cohasset is again offering fresh cut balsam Christmas trees and handmade ornaments at the Parish House on Main Street during the Village Fair. Stop by early for your choice of trees ranging from 4- 9 feet tall. All trees are $35. Call (781) 383 -9767 to reserve your tree early, and you'll be automatically entered into a "Your Tree Free" drawing.

Holiday sparkle is meeting topic

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at the Second Congregational Church Bates Hall Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 9 a.m.

Both Elaine DiGiovanni and Linda Ladd are flower show judges, top award winners at the New England Spring Flower Show and owners of floral design businesses: The Cutting Garden and Petals and Posies — They will demonstrate how to put "razzle- dazzle" into your homes throughout the holiday season..

Jingle Bell walk

The South Shore Community Center invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk.

The Jingle Bell Walk, a Cohasset tradition offered by the SSCC, begins at 2 p.m. on Nov. 23, when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border Street).

After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he and his elves will board a hayride and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm to Main St. in Cohasset. At 2:30 p.m. the South Shore Community Center welcomes you to partake in cookies, a beverage, and a holiday-sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

Santa will be upstairs in the center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambiance.

At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for ages 3 to 10. You may pre-register for this event for $2 or post register the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will go to benefit the Nursery School. All participants will receive a prize!

Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2:30 to 4 p.m., while enjoying a hayride around the Common. Hayrides will be available from 3 to 4 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., gather around the Cohasset Common to listen to the Rusty Skippers Marching Band. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4:15 p.m. with the fighting of the tree.

In the event of rain, all outdoor activities will be cancelled and Santa will arrive in the Community Center Gym at 2 p.m.

Exploring movement

The Cohasset Recreation and Cohasset High School come together during a project for community service.

Three high school juniors, Shawna Sullivan, Sarah Dennis and Bryan Bilton, will run a Movement Exploration for ages 4 and 5. These volunteered services will help the children develop their motor skills and basic social skills. It will also provide an opportunity for parents to drop their youngsters off and run a few errands without having to entertain the children.

The program will run on a rotating schedule as follows: 10:50 to 11:40 a.m. Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20.

For more information, call 781-383-4109. Limited space available. Registration will be at the Town Hall.

Radio host chronicles travels to India

By Michael Marotta
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Ilana Marks, who has hosted her live radio and TV show "On the Mark" for the past five years across the South Shore, recently returned from a three-month lecture tour which took her through Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, India, and England.

After returning home to the South Shore, Marks wrote her first book about the experience. The book is set against the backdrop of India where she visited Sai Baba's Ashram.

The book "The G-String Theory" is an hilarious journey through the paradoxical sensuality of India. It also reveals some spiritual messages of our times.

"It turned out to be a combination of extraordinary and the ordinary. It's every single aspect of life all rolled up."
— author Ilana Marks

Marks will conduct book signings for "The G-String Theory" on Sunday, Dec. 2 at Buttonwoods in Cohasset. There will be a short author-talk, reception and book signing from 2-4 p.m.

The following Sunday afternoon there will be a book signing on Route 228 in Hingham — (the exact address and times will be available on www.ilanamarks.com).

Within the chaos of the street merchants and poverty-stricken children in India, Marks found tranquil moments and a place to access a higher act of consciousness. While she found herself looking for a big experience, she learned to revel in the sometimes mundane instances that made up her surroundings.

This subject is nothing new to Marks, who hosts the radio show, "On the Mark," on Marshfield radio station WATD 1959 FM Sunday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. Her show has been going strong since 1997 and it was the response from listeners, through the radio and Internet, that led to her world lecture tour.

"It turned out to be a combination of extraordinary and the ordinary," Marks said of her book, which she said took merely three weeks to write. "It's every single aspect of life all rolled up."

Spent against the backdrop of India, Marks uses the streets of Bombay to convey her meaning, in an often humorous way.

"When looking for the big experience, we miss (what we are looking for) because it's in the ordinary moment," she said. "And that's all written in the hilarious incidents on the streets of India. It's this juxtaposition of what life is."

The seemingly racy title of the book deals not in scant undergarments, but an analogy of music. With the G string on a guitar, Marks said, if you pluck one g string on a guitar in a room full of guitars, they will all resonate or vibrate at the same frequency.

"After completing the book, the events of Sept. 11 forced her to add an epilogue that deals with coping with such a horrible event.

"I had to write about that was happening in the world from a higher perspective," Marks said. "When I see what's happening, I don't see the apocalypse, but a transitional time that will bring us into an incredible time. I wanted to express this as part of a higher perspective. When you get that perspective, it's all very freeing."

"The G-String Theory" is available at local bookstores or at www.ilanamarks.com



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Radio host Ilana Marks recently added author to her list of accomplishments completing a book based on her recent travels abroad on a lecture tour.

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Drawing on experience

Marshfield charcoal artist now showing at Borders in Braintree

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Mary Felton can rightfully be described as an artist of the new, contemporary school, not so much for style and genre as for overall approach.

So while the Marshfield-based artist/illustrator works fully in traditional styles and media, she has sought new and resourceful means and methods of producing her work and giving it a public forum. A frequent exhibitor in recent years at galleries, festivals and libraries in the South Shore area, Felton's current show, a collection of 13 charcoal drawings on display through November at Borders Books Café, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree, successfully presents classic formats and subject matter in an unconventional setting.

"My current body of work consists of drawings using black compressed charcoal on white paper," said Felton in her statement on the recently opened exhibit, which is untitled. "As an art school graduate, my drawing skills were developed from drawing extensively from life, which gave me a classic and solid foundation for my present way of working. Now, I primarily draw from photographs but use them only as reference, manipulating the elements to improve the final design."

"My intent is for the end result to appear as if it were drawn from life. Although actually drawing from life would be ideal, time restraints on me and my models make that approach extremely inefficient. Who has time to spend hours sitting for a portrait? Most professional portrait artists today work this way for this exact reason," Felton said.

Among the portraits, perhaps most noted by observers is the broad-canvas piece "The Boxer," which conveying its stark black-and-white detail of figure and background, may conjure images of Robert De Niro as a young Jake Lamotta in "Raging Bull."

Felton, 29, is a New Hampshire native who began her career as a freelance commercial artist and graphic

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STAFF PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

Charcoal artist Mary Felton of Marshfield with some of her impressive work on display through the end of the month at Borders Books & Café in Braintree.

Company Theatre unveils 2002 season

Tickets on for all shows on sale Nov. 19

The award-winning Company Theatre in Norwell, has announced its 2002 season offering the best in theatre, music, drama and comedy, featuring five theatrical productions and an eight-show Celebrity Showcase.

The theatrical portion of the 2002 season kicks off in grand style with the national touring company of "Forbidden Hollywood."(Feb. 6 - Feb. 10). On stage for seven performances only, this talented troupe has toured the United States doing their musical lampoons of some of Hollywood's biggest hits and brightest stars, including "Forrest Gump," "Titanic," The Sound of Music," Mel Gibson, Tom Hanks and many others.

With music of Kander and Ebb, "Cabaret," (Mar. 15 - Apr. 7) invites you to enter the divinely decadent Kit Kat Club, where you'll hear classic songs such as "Maybe This Time," "Money" and the rousing title song. First a movie, then a smash Broadway hit, "Footloose," (Aug. 2 - Aug. 25) uses a great pop score, including the rousing title song, to tell the story of a teenage boy who brings the power of dance to a small Midwest town Along with the title song, the show also features top hits like "Let's Hear It For The Boy" and "I Need A Hero."



Forbidden Hollywood

Known as the touching 1989 film that starred Julia Roberts, Sally Field and Dolly Parton, "Steel Magnolias" (Oct. 11 - Oct. 27) is the poignant and funny tale of six southern women facing their greatest fears and highest hopes, while trying to get their hair perfect. And the 2002 season caps off with The Company Theatre's spirited and uplifting holiday offering, "A Christmas Carol," (Nov. 29- Dec. 21), the fabled story about the miserly Scrooge and his second-chance at a happy life.

The Company Theatre's 2002 Celebrity Showcase will be highlighted by a host of great concerts, touching upon just about all musical tastes.

The Company Theatre is proud to welcome back "Beatlemania-Live!" (Jan. 25-26), the country's ultimate tribute to The Fab Four, and a show that has sold out at The Company Theatre 14 times. Thirty five years after they wowed the crowd at The Monterey Pop Festival with Janis Joplin, Big Brother & The Holding Company (Feb. 2) is still going strong with songs like "Piece of My Heart" and "Down On Me." And Gunner & Matthew Nelson (Feb. 17), twin offspring of pop legend Rick Nelson, will present a live concert dedicated to the music of their Dad, as well as their own Top-40 hits.

The Company Theatre's 6th annual " Gospel Music Celebration" (April 19-20) raises the roof while featuring the area's best gospel groups and choirs. In May, legendary country-rock stars The Marshall Tucker Band (May 5) take the stage and belt out such hits as "Can't You See" and "Heard It In a Love Song." Bellevue Cadillac (May 11), the hardest-working swing band in New England, bring their red-hot zoot-suited sound The Company Theatre, also in May, while Byrds' guitarist and singer Roger McGuinn (June 15) uses his brilliant 12-string electric guitar to recreate such classic songs as "Turn, Turn, Turn" and "Mr. Tambourine Man." And the concert season wraps with an original music review "Songs for a New World" (Sept. 20-21), featuring some of the best vocal talent The Company Theatre has to offer.

Tickets for all shows go on sale Monday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased by calling The Company Theatre box-office at (781)871-2787. You can also visit us on the web at www.companytheatre.com. The Theatre is located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, MA, off Rte 228, Exit 14 from Route 3 South. Visa/MC Accepted. www.companytheatre.com.



Beatlemania-LIVE!



Bellevue Cadillac



Roger McGuinn



Big Brother & The Holding Company

2002 THEATRE SEASON

Forbidden Hollywood (Feb. 6- Feb. 10) Weds., Thurs. & Sun. $25 in advance/ $27 day of show; Fri. & Sat. $27 in advance/ $29 day of show.

Cabaret (Mar. 15 - April 7) Thurs. & Sun. $20 in advance/$22 day of show; Fri. & Sat $23 in advance/ $25 day of show.

Footloose (Aug. 2 - Aug. 25) Weds. & Sun. $20 in advance/ $22 day of show; Thurs., Fri. & Sat. $23 in advance/ $25 day of show.

Steel Magnolias (Oct. 11 - Oct. 27) Thurs. & Sun. $16 in advance/ $18 day of show; Fri. & Sat. $18 in advance/ $20 day of show.

A Christmas Carol (Nov. 29 - Dec. 21) Thurs. & Sun. shows $20 in advance/$22 day of show; Fri. & Sat. $23 in advance/ $25 day of show.

All Friday & Saturday shows start at 8 p.m; Wednesday & Thursday at 7:30 p.m; and Sunday at 3 p.m.

2002 CELEBRITY SHOWCASE

Beatlemania-LIVE! (Jan. 25 & 26; 8 p.m.) $26 in advance/ $29 day of performance

Big Brother & The Holding Company (Feb. 2; 8 p.m.) $27 in advance/ $30 day of show $50 VIP, includes best seats and reception with artists.

Gunnar & Matthew Nelson (Feb. 17; 3 p.m. & 7pm) $29 in advance/ $32 day of show $55 VIP includes best seats and reception with artists.

Gospel Music Celebration (April 19 & 20; 8 p.m.) $18 in advance/ $21 day of show/.

Marshall Tucker Band (May 5 ; 7 p.m.) $35 in advance/$38 day of show $60 VIP includes best seats and reception with artist.

Bellevue Cadillac (May 11; 8 p.m.) $22 in advance/ $25 day of show.

Roger McGuinn (June 15; 8 p.m.) $25 in advance/ $28 day of show.

Songs For A New World (Sept. 20 & 21; 8 p.m.) $18 in advance/ $21.

Record crowd expected at CD expo

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

The New England Compact Disc & Record Exposition is billed as the original, ongoing collectors' show of its kind. Holding continuous events in the Boston area since 1977, the expo also adds longest-running CD and record collectors' show in the United States to its credits.

Last fall, the expo expanded its schedule of annual events to a South Shore location for the first time, adding to its current agenda of spring and fall shows at Boston's Radisson Hotel. The collectors show's debut at Lombardo's in Randolph finally gave it a local venue to match its South Shore-based sponsorship at Randolph Music & Video Center, located just a few miles up the road on North Main Street. The expo returns to Lombardo's this Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Burt Barack, owner of Randolph Music & Video Center

"Our show now consists of upwards of 50 music dealers, selling music related items and merchandise from the 1940s to the present," said Burt Barack, owner of Randolph Music & Video Center, the store he has run from Randolph's downtown area since the mid 1970s. "The items on display and for sale include everything from soup to nuts — CDs, vinyl 45s & LPs, vintage vinyl, cassettes, videos, posters and numerous other memorabilia."

Barack added that as it approaches 25 years in business, the current expo includes music recording and memorabilia dealers from across the U.S. and internationally, and that over the years many tens and perhaps hundreds of thousands of music collectors have visited the show from the U.S. and abroad. The Randolph shopkeeper mentions that much the same holds true for his Music & Video retail outlet as well, not only as the organizing homebase of the expo events but also as an international collectible merchandise reference source.

"Everybody knows who we are," said Barack. "We do business out of our Randolph location locally, nationally and internationally. And we're recognized by most of the oldies and classic rock radio stations in the Boston and New England areas and many of the record collectors magazines nationwide. Last year's first expo show at Lombardo's did much better than we expected for a local show, and we're confident we can do as well or better this time around."

Sunday's Expo will be enlivened by guest DJ/emcee Jim McCarty, but Barack noted there's always the added possibility of a surprise guest appearance by someone of fame or renown among both the entertainment guests or browsing visitors. Past shows at the Boston location, the shopkeeper said, have featured impromptu drop-ins from ex-J. Geils Band frontman Peter Wolf, Boston area doowop/R&B legend Little Joe Cook (who had a national hit single, "Peanuts," with his band the Thrillers in 1957), Lost 45s DJ host Barry Scott and "Time Machine" oldies radio personality Little Walter among others. One event of recent years even drew among its visitors future Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher and World Series hero Randy Johnson, who is an avid Heavy Metal collector.

The Metal collecting crowd in general is one of many demographics who has frequented the expo more and more in recent years. Originally an oldies-based collectors event, the expo has steadily expanded since its inception to now include CDs, vinyl and memorabilia covering the spectrum of all eras of music, including classic rock, contemporary pop, jazz, new wave, alternative, big bands, country, R&B, soul, disco, rap/hip-hop, soundtracks, vocalists and classical, and collectible items from new, used and out-of-print CDs/vinyl and CD and 12" vinyl singles to radio shows, imports and even 8-track tapes.

The expo has for a number of years promoted itself with various taglines generally regarding a place to "find that record, CD or cassette you've been searching for." But the show's current size and diversity has inevitably expanded it into something more than that, an eye-and-ear-feasting and elaborate showcase of musical and pop culture of the last sixty years. Expo organizers take note of offering this type of atmosphere to collectors and showgoers.

Admission to this Sunday's Compact Disc & Record Expo is $4. The expo also plans to expand to two Lombardo's events per year beginning in 2002, with its next Randolph show scheduled for Feb. 17.

Food & dining



Lentils and Greens

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Lentils and greens is an ancient culinary duo yet many recipes for this classic pairing are lackluster – watery, underseasoned, or diluted with unnecessary ingredients. I wanted simplicity itself, a dish that perfectly highlights the marriage of earthy lentils to fresh greens.

There are two types of lentils generally available: green lentils (light brown in color and found in all grocery stores) and the smaller, dark green French, or indigo, lentils (usually available in more upscale markets). A taste test discovered that the French lentils were more intensely flavored and a bit sweeter than the more earthy, duller, "green" lentils found in grocery stores. The prices are similar — $1.19 per for French lentils and green lentils are $0.99 per pound – so purchase the French lentils if you can find them.

Next I wanted to determine if soaking the lentils overnight was truly necessary. Testing both varieties, I found that soaking made a difference but not enough to warrant advance planning. Although the soaked beans were plumper than the unsoaked (and took just 15 minutes to cook versus 25 minutes), the difference in taste and mouth-feel of the lentils was negligible. My next question was whether or not to salt the cooking water. I found that cooking one cup of lentils in 4 cups of water with 1/2 teaspoon salt resulted in superior flavor to lentils cooked in unsalted water. I also tried adding a bay leaf, garlic cloves, or a clove-studded onion and found that the lentils didn't need any of them since their stronger, earthier taste is much less delicate than many other types of beans. Finally I tried cooking the lentils in stock instead of water and found no improvement.

Many authentic recipes call for borage (a green that is generally unavailable in the United States) so I tested escarole, beet, kale, mustard and even rabe and found the taste of spinach to be my favorite, and Swiss chard a close runner-up. In particular, I thought the iron rich taste and tender leaf of spinach was a great match with the lentils. The stems need to be removed and they should be chopped into about 1-inch pieces. Next, I tried several additional ingredients that might enhance the flavor to the dish. Sautéed onion was a winner as was minced garlic. Italian recipes in particular often pair lentils with sausage or pancetta. I tried crumbled sausage as well as browned bacon in the recipe. Truthfully, the texture and flavor were overpowering and I preferred the dish in its simplest form.

My last test was to determine exactly how to put the greens and lentils together. I found that sauteing the greens and then adding the lentils was preferable to adding the greens to the pot of lentils. Salt and freshly ground pepper are crucial to the dish - both the beans and greens are crying out for plenty of both.

LENTILS AND GREENS

This dish is good as a side dish to a roast or chop but is great as a simple supper served over rice with an optional squeeze of lemon which is a nice counterpoint to the deep earthy flavor.

1 cup lentils, French indigo preferred
1/2 teaspoon salt, plus additional salt to finish the dish
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion, halved and thinly sliced
1 medium clove garlic, minced or pressed
1 ounces fresh spinach or Swiss chard, thoroughly washed, stems removed and cut into 1 inch slices
Freshly ground black pepper
Lemon juice, optional

1. Rinse and pick over lentils. Place in a medium saucepan with 3 cups water and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil and lower heat to maintain simmer. Cook until tender and the lentils absorb most of the liquid, about 25 minutes.

2. Heat a large heavy-duty skillet over medium heat. Add the butter and olive oil. When the butter stops foaming add the onion and sauté until the edges of the onion are light golden brown, about 7 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for an additional 2 minutes. Add the spinach and sauté until completely wilted and tender, about 2 to 3 minutes. Add the lentils and fold the ingredients together with a spatula or wooden spoon. If there is too much liquid raise the heat to high for 1 to 2 minutes. Adjust the seasoning with additional salt and freshly ground pepper. Serve over rice or as a side dish with or without a squeeze of fresh lemon juice.

Serves 4-6

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Wake up in a good mood. The dark side of a new moon is in full force and effect today. People may be temperamental and difficult to get along with. Choose your words carefully. The best way to channel todayÕs influences is to work. Tackle projects that need a finishing touch or repair or redoing. An applying alignment of Mars and Saturn aids jobs that require physical exertion and endurance. You can be most productive.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

At 1:40 a.m. the new moon culminates, 23-degrees Scorpio, and the moon becomes inactive. Sidestep morning hassles or the blues. Count your blessings. Stay busy with work projects. At 1:51 p.m. influences turn around completely, when the moon enters ebullient Sagittarius. At this time the green light for new starts goes on.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Although the moon travels in upbeat Sagittarius, there are a couple of rough spots in the day. A 90-degree alignment of Mercury to Mars may spark arguments, irritability. DonÕt take risks. The moon forms challenging alignments to Saturn at 12:27 p.m. and Pluto at 3:09 p.m. Be constructive; tackle a big work project and stick to it. An applying alignment of Mars and Pluto continues to place the emphasis on work that requires physical labor. Get back in the swing of favorite sports or exercise programs. The stage is set for a fun evening; forget your troubles and go for the good times.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

A harmonious alignment of Mercury and Jupiter generates an optimistic mood this morning. The Sagittarius moon becomes inactive at 3:14 a.m. until 7:40 p.m. That means that this is a great day for fun and games. Enjoy favorite pastimes, spend quality time with friends and family; follow your bliss. A practical Capricorn moon arrives at 7:40 p.m., making for a quiet evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The moon travels in industrious Capricorn today and tomorrow, generating a serious mood. Zero in on promises you have made to others and follow through; repay debts, fulfill commitments. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can get them out of the way in short time. Influences lighten up this evening, when the moon forms a harmonious contact to social Venus.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

This is the best day of the week for getting things done. Take on a full agenda. A Capricorn moon all day continues to place the spotlight on hard work, responsibility and career focus. This a great evening to work or study late or take on a major project at home, especially if it is something you have put off for a while.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The Capricorn moon becomes inactive at 12:57 a.m. Influences turn around completely at 4:55 a.m., when the moon enters outgoing Aquarius. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Jupiter makes this morning prime for all social activities. You can make gains developing projects that need help, input, support from others. On the other hand, a 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Uranus warns against signing important contracts or making snap decisions. This is a day to brainstorm, network and dream, but get a reality check before making a major commitment.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Gear up for an Oexciting, anything can happenO kind of day. Avoid rigid time schedules; things may not go as planned. On the other hand, spur of the moment ideas can be the most successful. Follow your intuition; go with the flow of things. The moon continues to travel in freedom-loving Aquarius all day.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The stage is set for a relaxing, social holiday. Put business or personal concerns aside; kick back and enjoy life to its fullest. The sun enters Sagittarius at 1:01 a.m., remaining there until December 21. The Aquarius moon becomes inactive at 2:37 a.m. until 4:52 p.m., when it enters laidback Pisces. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 6:21 p.m., serving as a reminder that this moon is growing in light. A full moon will culminate November 30.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

The combination of a Pisces moon and Venus-Mars alignment prompts you to channel your energy into creative or romantic outlets. Go with your first impression; you can be most productive developing arts and crafts projects. On the other hand, this is not the best day for making major purchases and practical decisions. A lunar alignment to Saturn at 5:41 p.m. may bring a full period, when energy is deflated. Get extra rest tonight.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

YesterdayÕs advice pertains to today as well. The moon continues to travel in adaptable Pisces. Relax and enjoy favorite hobbies, friends. An applying alignment of Venus to Uranus urges you to be open to new experiences; go with your adventurous side. Unplug from your daily routines and responsibilities; try something new and different.

Drawing on experience

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designer before changing her focus to picture framing and, finally, to fine art. The artist's medium of choice is charcoal illustration, which she is most comfortable working in to apply her interest in bold and striking images, cultivated by her years spent in illustration and graphic design.

The Borders Books & Café exhibit reflects Felton's favorite subjects for work, both primary and secondary. The artist seems most inspired by portraits and figures, but also draws spark from animals and landscapes, many of the latter embraced spontaneously through her travels to various areas and many of those scenes from the South Shore. As the show's gathering of works demonstrates, the common thread of Felton's vision is the bold contrast and interplay of shadows and light, creating an overall dramatic effect.

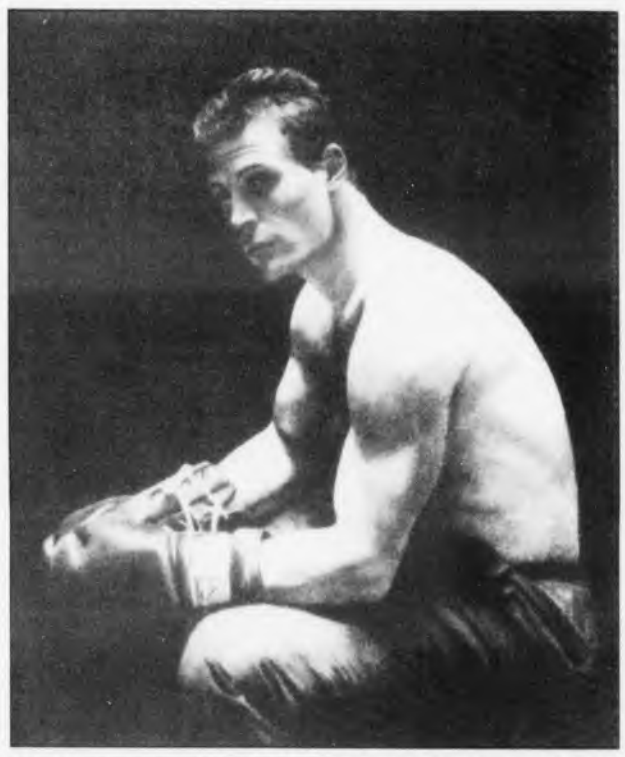
Among the portraits, perhaps most noted by observers is the broad-canvas piece "The Boxer," which conveying its stark black-and-white detail of figure and background, may conjure images of Robert De Niro as a young Jake Lamotta in "Raging Bull." This work, of which Felton said the model is a recent New England cruiserweight champion and brother of the owner of a Pembroke gym where the artist is a member, is one of Felton's self-described Sports Series, with other works featured in the current show and, she promises, more to come. Other subjects touched upon in the series are swimming, bodybuilding, basketball and horseback riding.

The theme of blending light and dark, along with the overall high quality, continues through the animal and landscape pieces. These include the sensitive equine renderings of "Study of a Horse's Head" and "A Stallion Named Skip" and the quaint scenes depicted in "The View From Route 3A," "Hingham Sunset" and "Shaker Village, Kentucky."

"If the lighting is good when I'm shooting my subjects, I know I'll get a good shot. I work from photos, but the charcoal pieces feel like they're drawn from life," she said. "It's very realistic stuff, with not a lot of concept involved."

"The Boxer" has also received some national recognition. The piece is a finalist in the portrait category of The Artist Magazine's 2001 annual art competition and will be featured in the publication's December issue.

Mary Felton's work can be seen at Borders Books & Café in Braintree through the end of November. For more information call (781) 356-5111.



Felton's work is as close to life as it gets, but the artist said time constraints force her to draw from photographs.

For Your Health

PATHWAY CENTERS FOR CANCER SUPPORT INC has moved to 273 Hanover Street, Hanover. A non-profit organization. Pathways offers education, counseling and mind-body approaches to surgery, chemotherapy and radiation free of charge to those facing the life challenges of cancer. Support services are also offered to their loved ones. Complementary therapies such as acupuncture, massage and reflexology are available on a sliding scale basis when deemed appropriate by medical caregivers. Yoga classes are also available. For information call 781-829-4823.

FREE SUPPORT GROUP OFFERED – Overcoming the New Anxiety, a free support group for those having difficulty dealing with today's terrorism threats, is being offered by Bayview Associates, a program of South Shore Mental Health on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. To register call 508-747-7018.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN sponsored by 9 to 5 South Shore Chapter held on the first and third Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Better Life Counseling, 2 Columbia Road, Suite 8 (Rt. 53 in Pembroke) Free will offering accepted. Call 781-871-6285 for more information.

Lend a hand

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL include The Cottage Shop and The Friendly Shop, Critical Care, Surgery, Patient Registration, Patient Information, Emergency Department, and the Maternity Department. For details about these opportunities, call Rick Pozniak, director of public affairs t 781-340-8564.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SEEKS DISASTER VOLUNTEERS. If you've ever wondered what you can do to help when you see or read about human suffering caused by disaster, the Red Cross may have a job for you. If you are interested in volunteering, call (800) 2323-8812.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS EASTON OFFICE to join our Blood Service's team. Volunteers are needed to work at the mobile blood drive. If you are interested in volunteering please call 800-2323-8812.

EMPOWER YOUNG WOMEN! Women Express, Inc., publishers of Teen Voices magazine for girls, needs volunteers for graphic design, social work, mentoring and more! Check out our website at www.teen-voices.com for more information on our unique magazine. Fax resume and cover letter to 617-426-5577, attn: Juliette.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED for World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program. We are seeking local area representatives to volunteer their time and skills to provide students from several countries including Germany, France, Mexico and the former Soviet Union countries with local support. For more information call Pam Neubauer at 315-**637-2371.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES AT PLIMOTH PLANTATION and Mayflower II including gardening, animal care, collating and mailing, data entry, marine maintenance at Mayflower II, clean up and painting and much more. If you are interested, call Anne Lane at 507-746-1622 ext. 8203

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NOVEMBER 15 - 23, 2001

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SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY presents **AMAHL and the NIGHT VISITORS** performed by **Opera by the Bay** on Dec. 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sanborn Auditorium, Town Hall, 276 Central Street, Hingham and Dec. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Pilgrim Church, 466 Washington Street, Duxbury.

MUSICAL HOLIDAY PARTY XIV AT QUINCY DINNER THEATER 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. Holiday songs and comedy. Dec. 1,2,5,8,9,11,12,14,15,16,17,18,20,21, 22. Dinner and show $35 to $37.50. Group and senior discounts available, call 781.843.6862. Monday through Saturday, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 and 9, dinner 5 p.m., show 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, dinner 2 p.m., show 3:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible.

31ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFTS SHOW at the Bayside Expo Center from Nov. 23 - 25. This event features more than 300 exhibits of high quality, made-in-America art and craft products exhibited from all types of materials. Show hours are Nov. 23, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Nov. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. General admission is $7 and children under 12 with an adult are admitted free. For more information call Fieldstone Shows, Inc. producer of the Christmas Crafts Show, 508-359-6545.

BAY COLONY CLUSTER DOG SHOW will be held from Dec. 6 - 9 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Sponsored by PEDIGREE brand dog foods, The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigreed canines competing each day for "Top Dog" honors within their respective groups and breeds. The show will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is $10 for adults and seniors and $5 for children. Parking is $10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information call 617-556-7747. The public is not permitted to bring their dogs to the show.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors).Dec. 5, Irish Rovers Christmas Party. For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.



BEST BET

A reception and pastel demonstration by Jane Lincoln, the featured artist at the Helen Bumpus Gallery of the Duxbury Free Library, will be held Thursday, Nov. 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Merry Meeting Room. The library is located at 77 Alden Street. Lincoln's show "Marshes and Bogs, Pastel Landscapes," will be on display through Dec. 27. For more information call (781) 934-2721.

Thurs. 15

Fontbonne Academy's Good Fountain Players will present the comedy "The Complete History of American (Abridged)" on Nov. 15, 16, 17. Show times are 8 p.m. in Fontbonne's auditorium on Lower Campus, 930 Brook Road. Tickets are $6/person and may be purchased at the door. Handicapped accessible. Call 617.696.3241 for information.

Weymouth Art Association Members Winter Exhibit will take place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth, on Dec. 8 through Dec. 15. Entry deadline is Nov. 23. Call 781-337-1402 or 781-337-4513 for information.

Braintree Art Association will meet at 7:15 p.m. at the Council on Aging Building, 71 Cleveland Ave., Braintree. **Ed Carson** will demonstrate a still life painted in oils. The public is invited and the meeting is free. Refreshments will be served. For information call 781-335-4675.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree announces the production of "Lend me a Tenor." 8 p.m. Performance dates are Nov. 15, 16, 8 p.m. CCT clubhouse is located at the corner of Faxon and Commerical Streets in Braintree. Call and reserve tickets at 781-356-5113. Tickets $12.

The Massasoit Theatre Co. presents **West Side Story,** Nov. 15, 16, 17, 8 p.m.; Nov. 18, 3 p.m. held at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College off Rt. 27 Brockton. Tickets $14 general public; $12 students and senior citizens. Group rates available. All seats reserved. Purchase tickets by calling 508-427-1234. Credits cards welcome. Handicap accessible.

College Funding Associates will hold a free workshop at Tufts Weymouth Library from 7 to 8 p.m. and Learn the complete course in college funding. Attendance is limited. Call 781-749-2330 to register.

Thayer Public Library presents "Vincent: A Portrait by the Postman Roulin," to be performed at 7:30 p.m. in Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. Free and open to the public. Call 781-848-0405 ext. 4420 for information.

Fri. 16

The students of Dreamchasers Play Production Class will present four performances of **"Blithe Spirit,"** written by Sir Noel Coward on Nov. 16, at 7 p.m.; Nov. 17, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for senior citizens and students, and $5 for Dreamchaser students. Tickets go on sale at the theatre 30 minutes prior to each performance. Performances are at Dreamchasers home, The Norwell Grange, 142 Main Street, in Norwell.

Harmony Wellness Center, 51 Mill Street, Hanover presents **Couples Massage** – Learn how to give your partner a relaxing back and neck massage. 7:30 p.m. Call to register 781-829-4300.

The North River Theater will present the contemporary comedy **"Cheaters"** on Nov. 16, 17, 23 and 24 Nov. 30, and Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. There will be a free performance for senior citizens only on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $14 per person. Reservations information or directions call 617-476-8947.

Bay Players of Duxbury presents Gilbert and Sullivan's **Pirates of Penzance** at the Kingston Intermediate School at 8 p.m. Nov. 16, and 17. Tickets $13; students /seniors $10. To reserve tickets call 1 - 8 0 0 - 2 9 0 - 6 8 2 5 www.bayplayers.org Wheelchair accessible.

Dinner Theater, Renaissance Madrigal Feast to be held at 7 p.m. tonight and Nov. 17, at the South Shore Baptist Church fellowship hall, 578 Main Street, Route 228, Hingham, by Chamber Singers, Eastern Nazarene College to benefit Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore and the Open Door Ministry to Quincy Teens. For reserved tickets, call Friends of the Homeless, 781-340-1604 or Cove box office, ENC 617-745-3715.

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist located at 172 Main Street, Hingham, is sponsoring a **Holiday Boutique and café** on Nov. 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The boutique will feature merchandise from clothing to toys and home accessories. $5 admission.

Plympton Folk Arts presents its **20th annual Christmas Shop in the Country** Nov. 16, and 17, 18, at the Town House, Rt. 58, Plympton. Also participating will be the Congregational Church with a chicken dinner Friday evening and a craft fair and luncheon on Saturday. The Plympton Library will be having a fudge sale on Saturday. Hours are Friday , 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday ,11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Xaverian Brothers High School, Fine Arts Department in Westwood will hold its fall theatre production and student art exhibition tonight and Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. The fall production will be **A Midsummer Night's Dream** in the high school auditorium. The art exhibition will be in the cafeteria where light refreshments will also be served. The admission price is $8 includes both the theatre production and the art exhibit. This event is open to the entire community. Call 781-326-6392 x 6675 for more information.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents the **Chris Fitz Band.** Tickets are $10. Casual dress, cover charges varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Holy Nativity Church Holly Fair – 6 to 9 p.m. tonight and Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Handmade crafts and Christmas shopping, silent auction, raffles and food. Dinner Saturday night 6 p.m. $7.50. Holly Nativity Church, 8 Nevin Rd, off Route 18, South Weymouth. Free admission. Call 781-331-6896 for information. Wheelchair accessible.

Fontbonne Academy's 22nd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fontbonne Academy Gymnasium, Lower Campus, 930 Brook Road, Milton. The juried show presents a wide array of crafts for purchase, painting, ceramics, hand-painted china, folk art, various Christmas decorations and dolls, photography and decorated wooden crafts, unique food products, silk flower arrangements and much more. Admissions is $2 per person, free for children under age 14. Refreshments will be available starting at 5 p.m.

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The North and South Rivers Watershed Association will holds its 2001 Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cushing Center in Norwell. NSRWA members and the general public are invited. Wine and cheese reception from 7 to 7:30 p.m., Featured speaker will be Peter Webber, the commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management. The Cushing Center is located on Route 123 in Norwell Center. For information call 781-659-8168 or email NSRWA@aol.com

Sat. 17

Persephone's Daughters presents **"Autumn Leaves."** The 50 voice women's acappella chorus, directed by Lynne Wilkinson, will perform at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, top of town Square, Plymouth at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 adults/ $5 seniors, students, children and are available at the door. For tickets and information, call (508) 747-0212.

Poetry at the Daily grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Square, Bridgewater, presents **Toni Asante Lightfoot**, poet-goddess, author of "Let Pharoah Go". Free admission - pass the hat for feature. Open mic signup - 7:30 p.m. For more information call Lotfi at 508-279-9952 or email SoshorePoet@aol.com or visit website www.mothwing.com/daily-grindpoetry

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents Toni Lynn Washington Tickets are $7. Casual dress, cover charges varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club Moderate walk, hilly terrain, 3-5 plus miles. Wolcott Path to Breakneck Ledge to Chestnut Run and Border path, return via Wolcott path. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. For more information, call 617-698-1802.

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Duxbury Art Association Craft Show and Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sixty New England artisans with an array of handmade gifts, holiday decorations, toys, clothing, pottery and home furnishings. Weekend café and bake table. $6/students and seniors, children under 12 free. All

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The South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery will host an exhibit of monoprints by artist Roberta Simpson Walsh through December. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information call (781) 749-7565.



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proceeds benefit Duxbury Art Association's educational programs. For more information, call 781-934-2732 x 4 or visit DAA's website at www.duxburyart.org

Book signing Join the authors of **"Then and Now: Hull and Nantasket Beach"** for a book signing event in the lobby of the new Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel on Hull Shore Drive in Hull from 1 to 4 p.m.

Evanswood Annual Holiday Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafts, baked goods, vendor tables, white elephant room, giant raffles, kids tables, famous cake walk, refreshment boot serving breakfast and lunch and pictures with Santa from 9 a.m. to 11. Free admission. All proceeds benefit the Resident Council Accounts and the Silver Lake Regional High School Scholarship fund. Evanswood is located at 17 Chipman Way, Kingston 781-585-4100.

Craft Fair sponsored by **Pond Plain Improvement Association**, 330 Pond Street, So. Weymouth from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Snack bar and raffles. Call 781-331-0922 or 781-335-3415 for information.

Christmas Stocking Craft Fair presented by All Saints Parish in Whitman will from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, Routes 123 and 139 in Rockland. Admission is $1.50. (clip this article for .50 cent reduction) Featuring over 60 crafters, pictures with Santa (11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for $3.50), quilt raffle, dollhouse raffle, Santa's favorite harvest soup, luncheon specialties, baked goods and more.

The Mayflower Society and the Plymouth Antiquarian Society invite the public to two free concerts of patriotic music. The performance group **Penny Merriment** will present "Let Freedom Ring, a 30 minute family program of patriotic and spiritual hymn from the 19th and 20th centuries. Seatings are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The concert will take place at the Mayflower Society House, 4 Winslow Street, Plymouth. Seating is limited and available on a first come basis. For information call 508-746-0012.

North River Arts Society presents the **20th Annual Holiday Art Sale** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at G.A.R.Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills Village. Call 781-837-8091 for information or email northriverarts@rcn.com website: northriverarts.org

4th Floor Artists will be hosting their **7th Annual Open Studios** Nov. 17 and 18 from noon to 5 p.m. The general public is welcome. An association of 30 plus local artists and craftspeople that exhibit in local and international venues. The artists include painters, photographers, sculptors, printmakers, jewelers, muralists, potters, weavers, stain glass designers, interior designers and musicians. The 4th Floor Artists occupy studios on the top floors of the Codman Company, a former shoe factory in Rockland about 20 minutes south of Boston. For more information., visit http://4thfloorartists.com

Reindeers will visit the Hanover Mall and treat visitors to an up close-look at Santa's "real live" reindeers when Santa arrives at the Hanover Mall. The holiday visit will take place at 10 a.m. with Santa arriving on a sleigh. Santa's reindeers will held for all to see in the JC Penny wing until 4 p.m.

Sun. 18

The New Bethlehem Coffee House announces that Jerry Richard will be our guest entertainer from 2 to 4 p.m. The Coffee House welcomes adults with developmental disabilities and is located at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, Route 139 in Hanover. There is a handicap elevator and admission is $3. For more information call the church at 781-826-5121.

Blue Hills Reservations, Canine Capers: Meet at the Houghton's Pond parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton at 1 p.m. What has six legs and walks in the woods? Bring your favorite furry mutt and find out. All dog must be on a leash, not to exceed 7 feet and be under control at all times for this ranger-led woodland ramble. 1.5 hours. For information call 617-698-1802 or stop by park headquarters. Wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes.

Brockton Symphony Orchestra presents a fall concert at 3:30 p.m. Program notes and introduction by conductor Jonathan Cohler at 2:45 p.m. at Brockton High School auditorium, Rt. 123 (Rt. 24 exit 17A) Brockton. Wheel chair accessible, free parking. Tickets from $9 to $18. Senior and student discounts. For information call 508-588-3841 or log on to www.brocktonsympnohy.org.

The Music Performance Trust Fund and the **Town of Plymouth** will sponsor a **free concert** by The **Plymouth Legion Bud Band** will perform from 2 to 4 p.m. at Plymouth North High School. This concert will honor Police and Firemen and those who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents guest curator, **Hamish Bowles. Defining Style: Jacqueline Kennedy's White House Years** on Nov. 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. For information call 617-929-4500 or http:csumb.edu/jjfklibrary/index.htm

Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series presents **Thanksgiving with the Three of Cups** (folk/traditional vocals) at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served post concert in the Ventress Gallery. All concerts are free, no tickets required. Call Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 for details.

Charity shopping nights – Holiday shopping the Sunday evenings before and after Thanksgiving without all of the other shoppers. Ticket sales in advance benefit the Quincy Animal Shelter. Only ticket holders will be admitted to the Malls during these two events. South Shore Plaza, Nov. 18, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and Hanover Mall on Nov. 25 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets for South Shore Plaza are $8 ($6 goes to the animals, $2 goes to the Simon Youth foundation) and tickets for the Hanover Mall are $5 (100 percent going to the animals). Tickets are available by calling Jean Ellard at (617) 472-3560.

Tues. 20

Hypnosis for the creative spirit. Kathryn McGlynn, certified Hypnotherapist is offering a free, two-hour experimental seminar designed to explain and demystify the benefit of self hypnosis for anyone in the creative arts such as theater, art, dance, music, writing, etc. All are welcome. The seminar will be held at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South Street, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Easter Seals North River Stroke Support Group will meet at the Norwell Council on Aging, 293 Pine Street, Norwell at 1 p.m. Ginger Langan will provide some helpful information on disability insurance. A traditional Thanksgiving luncheon will be served. For more information call 781-826-7348 or 1-800-244-2756 x 1684.

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Save the River View will hold it's meeting at 8 p.m. at 10 Lincoln Avenue, Scituate. The meeting is open to the public. Join this not-for-profit group to raise funds to conserve a coastal piece of property on Third Cliff and provide access to all. Discussion to include plans for a park. Call 781-545-0668 for further information.

Wed. 21

Jordan Hospital's Wellness and Support Groups Combining Breastfeeding and Working for mothers who have already attended a breastfeeding class and are planning on returning to work after birth of their baby, or mothers who are currently breast-feeding. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration is required by calling 508-830-2230; babies are welcome. If not attending Jordan Hospital childbirth classes, fee will be $15.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents the **Fat City Band.** Tickets are $7. Casual dress, and cover charges varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.





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"Winter," all new work by photographer Jack Foley is on display through the end of the month at the Pratt Library in Cohasset .The South Shore Art Center is sponsoring the show. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

Fri. 23

Bridgway Inn, Marshfield, presents **Dory Rickus,** electric guitarist, classic rock, etc. at 8:30 p.m. in The Tavern – no admission charge. Call 781-834-6505 for information.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Urban Renewal.** Tickets are $6. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke-free dance with DJ music from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission is $5 members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 web site http://www.southshoresingles.org

Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** at the Cohasset Town Hall weekends starting Nov. 23 through Dec. 9. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, At the door and by phone at 781-383-1718. Girl Scout Troops contact Wendy at 781-545-1655 for discount tickets.

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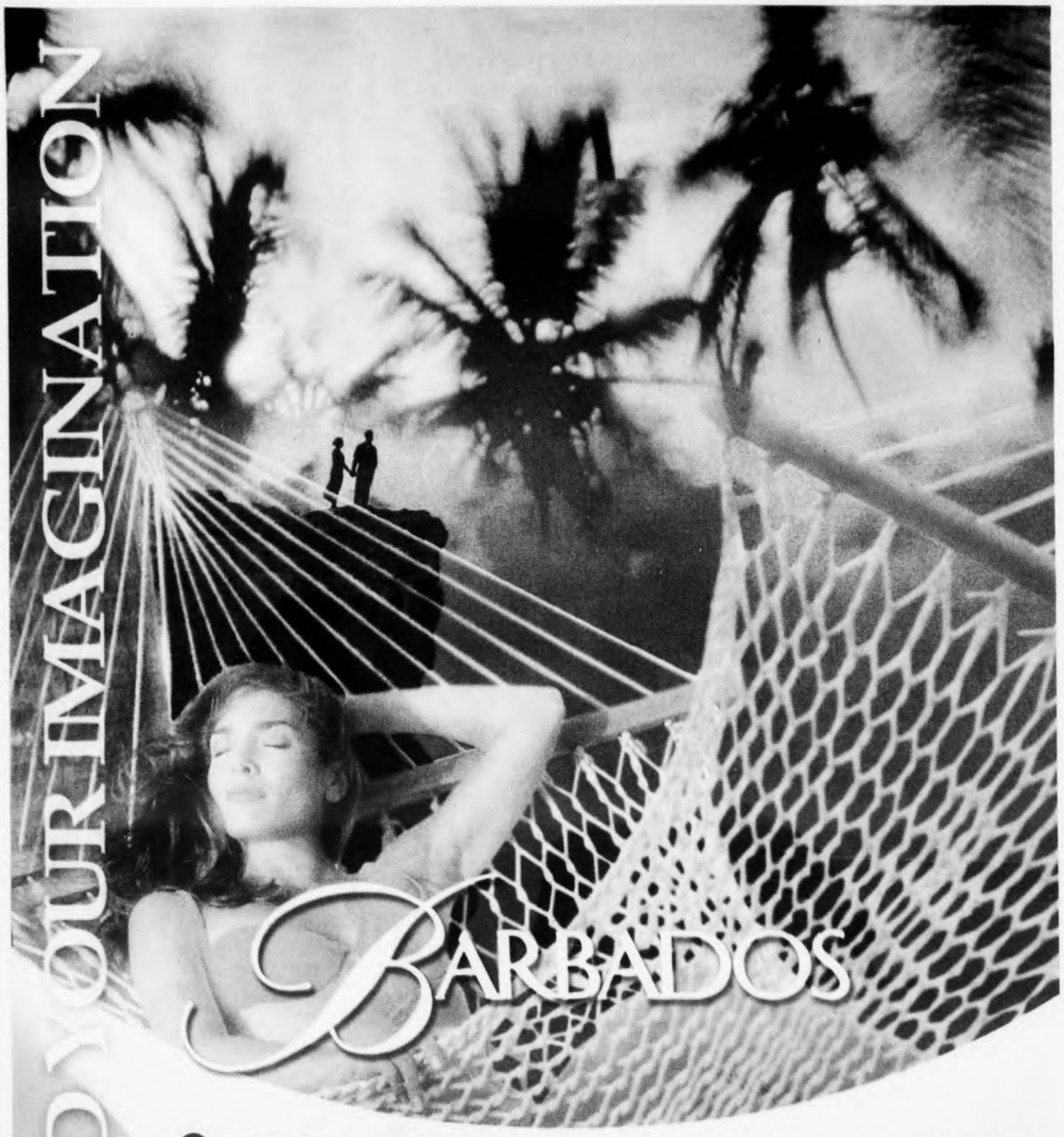


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Crowd applies for chief

Town Manager names screening committee

By Mary Ford
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If the number of applications is a gauge then a lot of people would like to be chief of police in Cohasset.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he received a total of 54 applications for the post and has appointed a committee of seven to review the résumés and come up with a list of finalists.

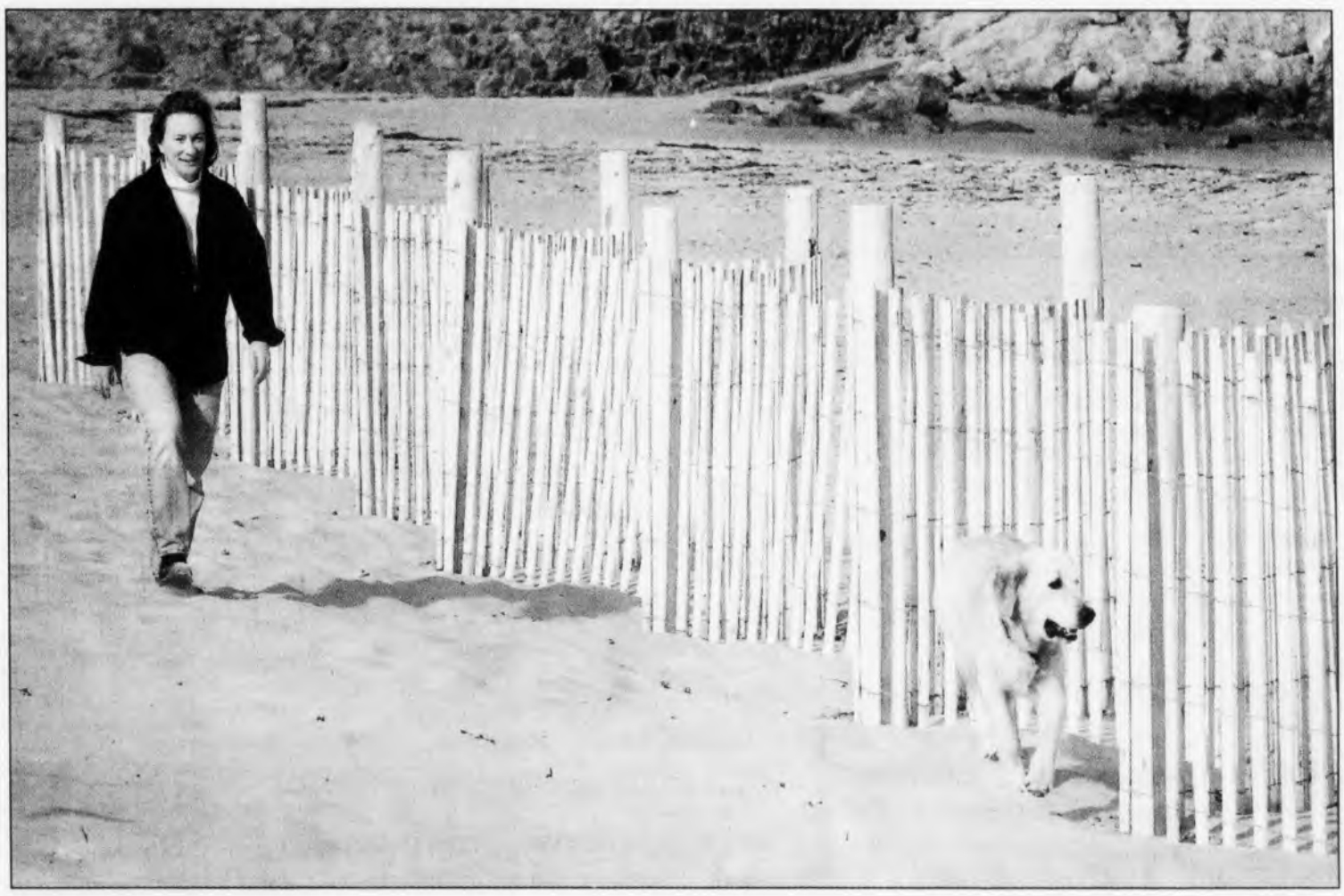
"The committee will probably meet the week after Thanksgiving to figure out whom to interview," he said.

The new chief will replace Brian Noonan, who will retire after 28 years in the police department, nine as chief.

"This is the most important appointment I make as Town Manager," Haddad said last week. In his four-plus years on the job, Haddad has also appointed the treasurer/tax collector and the library director.

The screening committee consists

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A WALK ON THE BEACH

Denise Coffman enjoys the recent, warmer-than-normal fall temperatures as she walks along Sandy Beach with her dog, Parker.

Library building put out to bid

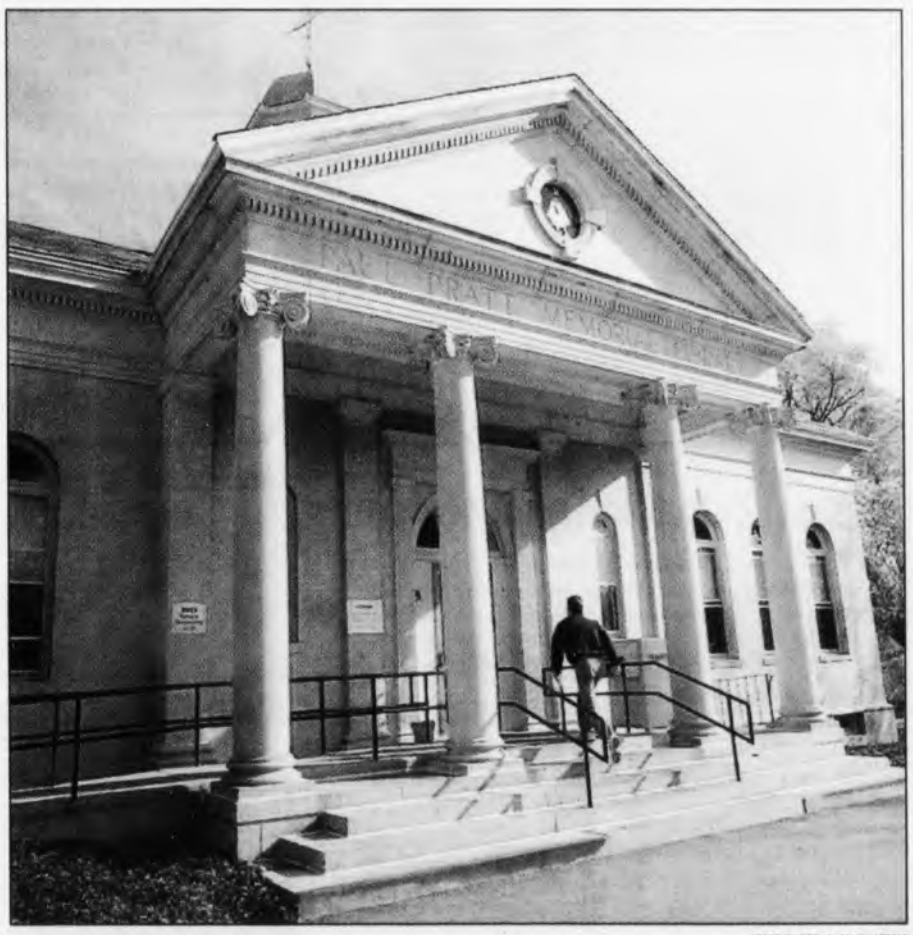
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By Evan Schiff
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The citizens of Cohasset have long appreciated and marveled at the murals in the rotunda of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. You may want to go there soon to get a last look.

Town Manager Mark Haddad is proceeding with the sale of the building by starting the bidding process.

The building was constructed in 1903 with private funds from the Paul Pratt family and cost the town nothing.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library building will be sold to help offset the cost of the new library at the old Joseph Osgood School.

Town buildings are subject to state laws that govern disposal of public property and therefore, the library is being sold through the bidding process. Otherwise, Haddad said the town could potentially be able to get more money for the venerable old building from a real estate company.

Haddad has set a minimum bid of $700,000. This is the amount of money that the town is counting on to finance the new library. A projected cost of $3.9 million to turn the old Osgood School into a new library includes the anticipated $700,000 from the sale of the old building. If the building is sold for more money, it will reduce the amount the town needs to borrow. The town will not sell the building for less than $700,000, Haddad said.

The property's assessed value for fiscal year 2002 is $928,500, that includes the library and little over half of an acre of land. The building is approximately 24,630 square feet and is zoned as residential. This means the new occupants of library will most likely be making it their home. The building was able to be constructed as a library because it was built before there were zoning regulations.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library has a storied history. The building was constructed in 1903 with private funds from the Paul Pratt family and cost the town nothing. The site of the library was donated land by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith, and Charles Welch supplied the money for the ledge blasting.

While the architecture of the building has a certain appeal, most who are upset with the selling of the library are worried about the fate of the murals.

The four murals in the rotunda of the library were created by McIvor Reddie, a Cohasset resident and respected artist of his time. The murals were presented to the library in 1946 and have become one of the hallmarks of the town.

Michelle Glick, of 7 Spring St., who lives across the street from the library, said she is very concerned with what is going to become of the library. "It's so beautiful I'd like to see it remain a public building so everyone can enjoy the murals," Glick said. "It would be a real loss to see the library turned into a private home and a tragedy to remove the murals."

Sheila Evans, a member of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Board of Trustees, said the trustees were upset when they learned they could not move the murals to the new library. They are set in plaster so any attempt to remove them would destroy the walls. However, Evans said the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library will take pictures of the murals and will try to reproduce them in the new building.

Evans added that she was

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CPR training for coaches

State may require all to be certified

By Evan Schiff
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It's troubling to think of a child playing school sports being in need of medical assistance. But soon, those fears may be eased.

Last week on Beacon Hill, Democrats in the House advanced a bill to the Senate requiring all school sports coaches be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The bill would protect children on school sports teams but critics say asking schools to foot the bill for the training would be unfair.

Ron Ford, athletic director in the Cohasset School Department, said he has no problem with the bill. "We don't ever want to be in a catastrophic situation where we do not know what to do. It's scary to think what could happen," he said. Ford said the school department has been

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ON STAGE

Emily Baumgarten is one of the angels in the "Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on stage at Town Hall. For more photos, see page 12.

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This week in COHASSET

For the record

The story in last week's Mariner about a settlement between the town and Cohasset Heights Landfill off Route 3A warrants some clarification. The story should have said voters at the Nov. 5 Special Town Meeting by passing Article 24 agreed to allow selectmen to enter into a covenant with CHL that would prohibit any future landfill or transfer station use at the site, if and when there was a settlement agreement with CHL. The story incorrectly stated voters approved allowing selectmen to enter into a formal agreement with CHL. Town Meeting did not endorse or approve the agreement. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the five town boards involved in the settlement have the authority to sign the agreement, which does not require Town Meeting approval.

Police station resuscitated

In an effort to keep the prospect of a new police station alive, selectmen asked the Advisory Board to authorize a transfer of $10,000 from the reserve fund to be used toward the project. George McGoldrick, chairman of the Police/Fire Study Committee, said the money would be used for architects and cost-budgeting work.

Selectman Merle Brown said the town should not let this project slip through the cracks. "I'd like to see the momentum kept up for the police station. It seems ridiculous to let the project fade away," he said.

At the Nov. 5 special Town Meeting, citizens voted down appropriating $240,000 to develop construction and bid documents for the project.

McGoldrick said the Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Capital Budget Committee, agreed something needs to be done about the cramped police station, the only issue was with the timing. He said the study committee will likely bring a proposal for the station before annual Town Meeting in the spring.

Advisory Committee chairman Maureen Jerz said the board has tentatively planned to hear the request on Nov. 29.

School restraint policy is drafted

The Cohasset School Department has drafted a student restraint policy in accordance with a state mandate. The state requires selected staff to be properly trained in restraint techniques. The restraint of a student would only occur when non-physical interventions were not effective, officials said. The policy states "physical restraint should be limited to the use of such reasonable force as necessary to protect a student or another member of the school community from assault or imminent, serious, physical harm."

Stephen Kaplan, Director of Student Services, said there will be four staff members trained in the school department who will also be available to those teachers who are interested in being taught restraint techniques. All teachers will be provided an overview of the policy.

"It's unfortunate that the state requires a restraint policy but they want to make sure there are qualified personnel in the schools in case a situation gets out of hand," Kaplan said.

The principal will submit written reports of any physical restraint lasting longer than five minutes or resulting in physical injury to the Director of Student Services the next working day. The principal or Director of Student Services will inform the parent as soon as possible and follow up with a written report within five working days. Complaints regarding restraint procedures will be investigated, the policy states.

CVS caught in tobacco sting

During a recent tobacco sting, a clerk at CVS in Tedeschi Plaza sold tobacco to a minor, Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said. The South Shore Boards of Health Tobacco Control Program conducted the sting on Oct. 23. The health board will fine CVS $100 and will require that the employees attend a program designed to prevent the selling of tobacco to minors. CVS was the only store in Cohasset which was in violation.

The sting was part of an effort to enforce the state's tobacco sale, vending and distribution laws. No person under the age of 18 is allowed to purchase any type of tobacco product. However, there are no laws prohibiting those under 18 from using tobacco. State law requires vendors to check the identification of any person who looks to be under the age of 27.

During the sting, which is conducted twice a year on the entire town, an underage person goes into a store and asks for cigarettes. If he or she is turned away, the store is ruled in compliance and nothing further happens. If the store does sell tobacco to the minor, the minor and an adult health educator from the collaborative file a report and submit it to the local board of health.

During the year, compliance checks were conducted in all 14 communities by the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program that includes Cohasset. A total of 349 permitted tobacco merchants are checked each quarter, the collaborative said. Out of a total 1396 merchants checked last year across the 14-member towns in the collaborative, there were 111 violations – a rate of 15 percent.

Upcoming meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Friday, Nov. 16:

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 29 at Town Hall.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library Building Committee, 9: 30 a.m., Dec. 3 & 19 at the library.

Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 29, at the water plant on King Street.

Committee on Town History, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 26 at the Lothrop House.

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., Nov. 26 at Town Hall.

St. Stephen's sidewalk news

Town Manager Mark Haddad reported to selectmen the design of the proposed St. Stephen's walkway on South Main Street is almost at 100 percent and would be ready in a week or two. Once selectmen approve the plans, they will be submitted to MassHighway and construction could start as early as the spring. The sidewalk will be paid for through a grant and is part of the Cohasset Village Revitalization Project.

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The grassy island in front of the Cohasset Sailing Club where the anchor and foundation will be installed.

Anchor for Government Island

By Mary Ford
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Revitalization efforts whether it's the harbor, village or Hagerty house are all the news these days.

Add Cohasset's Herbert Jason and John Small to that list — although the grandfather and grandson aren't an "official" committee, the duo seems to get things done without a lot of hullabaloo.

First they worked on the Minot Light Replica — one of the town's gems — then the memorial to the assistant lightkeepers Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson, who lost their lives when the first Minot Ledge Light toppled, and now the two men plan to add another monument to Government Island, a ship's anchor.

As with the prior projects, the new addition to Government Island, which is a National Register Historic District, will be first class.

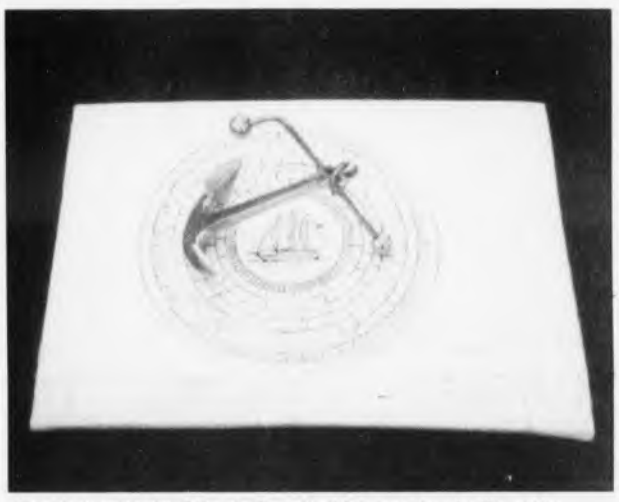
Small said plans are to install the anchor on a circular granite and cobblestone base in the grassy island in front of the Cohasset Sailing Club. The granite centerpiece of the circle will be inscribed with a picture of a schooner or harbor pilot boat, which used to guide ships through the treacherous ledge because they didn't know where the rocks were, he said.

At first, Small and Jason considered installing a bell buoy on the grassy island but bell buoys are hard to find.

Small obtained the five-ton anchor from a ship salvage company in Kingston and talked the owner down some $2,000 off the $6,500 price tag when he showed him pictures of the Wilson and Antoine memorial and Minot replica. The anchor has been paid for with private funds. But the masonry for the foundation for the anchor, and if there is any extra money, granite curbing around the grassy island, could cost upwards of $10,000.

Small said tax-deductible donations for the project are welcome and should be sent to Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. Checks should be made out to the Town of Cohasset, but mark the check for the anchor fund, he said. The Cohasset Police Association recently donated $500 for the project.

Selectmen recently approved the plan and there was no objection from the Government Island Study Committee.



An artist's rendering of the granite and cobblestone base for the anchor.

Unique house takes shape on Gold Coast

By Mary Ford
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Has Frank Lloyd Wright come to town? Not exactly, although a house being built on Cohasset's Gold Coast might make you think of the late American architect known for his distinctive style based on natural forms.

The structure at 396 Jerusalem Road, which is evolving into a contemporary-style home, has caught the eye of many walkers, bikers and motorists who slow down to wonder about the unique design.

So many curious citizens have walked into the Building Commissioner's office at Town Hall, that Bob Egan has left the design plans on the counter so he doesn't have to keep getting them out.

Is it condos surrounding a central courtyard? Or are the six box-like structures around the perimeter have some special purpose or meaning?

The latter is closer to the truth, according to architect Douglas Dolezal, whose firm Douglas Dolezal Architecture in Boston designed the home with its clean, modern lines for a Framingham couple.

The six outer buildings that encircle the taller central structure are pavilions and will house a garage and living areas such as a kitchen and bedrooms. The pavilions surround the centerpiece of the house — the entry hall and grand living room that will have a cathedral ceiling.

The exterior of the house will be a mix of shiplap wood siding and cast stone. The pavilions will have copper roofs.

Dolezal said the design was challenging on several levels. A 50-year-old deed covenant restricts the height of the house to 1-1/2 stories to protect the ocean view of the neighbors, who recently signed off on the plans. Dolezal said the topography of the lot did not include a lot of ledge or trees but still, the architects wanted the house to be a natural part of the surroundings.

To that end the tan and brown color of the stonework on the pavilions will evoke the spectacular ledge on Moors Rocks just across the road and other natural stone in the area. There will also be a number of terraces and planters in the same stone as the pavilions that will help "marry" the house to the surrounding landscape, he said.

Dolezal said what makes Jerusalem Road so unique is the homes along the roadway are very eclectic.

"There is a range of style from Mediterranean homes to New England saltboxes," he said. "They are all custom-designed and unique and this house is very much in that spirit."

The owners tore down the existing 40-year-old, white stucco contemporary at the site to build the new home, which should be ready in the spring.

Egan, the building commissioner, said like so many other homes along the water in town — it's likely to attract attention.

"It will be a real eye-catcher when it's done," he said.



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JENNIFER PILLA SHIRNE

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Hello Cohasset. I want to send to all of you a very, special Thanksgiving Day wish. The wish is for all of us to take the time to really think about all that we have to be thankful for. This is a year in which so much has happened all around us and for so many people, the life that they have known for so long is so drastically changed. Please make sure to look around you and really be thankful for what you do have and let people know your thoughts. I am so thankful for my family, friends and living in such a wonderful town. I am thankful for the men and women who have given so much to fight and defend our country day in and day out. I am thankful that I am a mom to three wonderful children and that they have such a fantastic extended family on both sides who care for them as much as they do. I am really thankful for the readers out there who send me the news and information for this column. Clearly, I have so much to be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving Cohasset.

JINGLE BELL WALK

The South Shore Community Center is gearing up for the seventh Jingle Bell Walk being held on Friday, Nov. 23 from 2:00-4:15 p.m. This wonderful event begins at the Harbor with Santa arriving on a boat with Mrs. Claus and all the merry elves. They will proceed on a hayride to the Community Center for songs, pictures, cookies and beverages. After that, hay rides will be available on the Common with a Turkey Trot for children, lighting of the Luminaria and the fantastic music of The Rusty Skippers and The Deer Hill Band. This will all end with the lighting of the Tree at 4:15. Bundle up, bring your cameras and your Fa-Laa-Laas and come on down.

ON THE MEND

I have a special message from **Diane Hindley** to the staff and students of the Deer Hill School. Diane's daughter **Kelsea**, recently broke not one but both of her wrists in a scooter accident at her cousin's house.

Kelsea has both arms in casts for the next several weeks and the kindness and help from the her friends and teachers at school has truly helped her do even the most basic of things without a problem. I know that both Kelsea and Diane are thankful for all of you and Diane has a message to all of us as parents and scooter users. Make sure to wear wrist guards in addition to the other safety equipment when using scooters, roller blades and bikes.

WREATH SALE

It is definitely time for the holidays and so many of us love fresh, quality balsam wreaths to decorate our homes with or to give as gifts. The Holiday Wreath and Candle Sale is here and you will not be disappointed when you pick up your wreaths. They are a beautiful quality and along with Ivory unscented candles and boxed Hanukkah candles, are all available right now through the Cohasset PSO METCO program. The wreaths cost $9, candles measuring 3x6 inches are $8 and the boxed Hanukkah candles are $7 per box. For anyone who would like to purchase any of these, please call **Lisa Dunne** at 781-383-1596 to place your order. You may also go to the Osgood office, Deer Hill office or the METCO Office at the Middle/High School to order. All checks are made payable to Cohasset PSO/METCO and you do not pay sales tax. The METCO program thanks you in advance for these purchases.



From left, Cohasset's Robert Silvia, Peter Bunstein and Mike Bunstein in their graduation photograph at the F1 Boston Junior Race School.

NEWS, PHOTOS

Please remember that next week, I would love to have your Thanksgiving news and photos of current and former Cohasset residents who surrounded you and your families. Also, the Schools In page will be coming out next Thursday, please make sure to get in all your news, stories and photos by Monday morning.

RACE SCHOOL

Let's hear it for **Mike Bunstein** (13), **Peter Bunstein** (14) and **Robert Silvia** (12) all of whom graduated from the Junior Race School at F1 Boston, the region's only indoor track. The boys are no eligible to take part in the race school's junior leagues and practice sessions.

THANKS, TED

A great big thank you is being sent out to the town for the overwhelming generosity in the donations that were sent for the **Lakota** Indians. It was amazing to see the huge amount of clothing, linens, baby/children items, bicycles etc. Thank you to **Ted Holland** for bringing this program to our town and allowing us to be able to share what we are so fortunate to have with others in our country who have nothing. It was a wonderful experience for the children as well to see and learn about other people's lifestyles and conditions.

COMMENDED SCHOLAR

Christopher J. Carr of Cohasset, a senior at Boston College High School, has been named a Commended Scholar in the 2002 National Merit Scholarship program. Commended students place among the top 5 percent of more than 1.2 million students who entered the 2002 Merit Program by taking the 2000 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Congratulations, Christopher!

That is all for this week. Please enjoy a safe and thankful holiday. All items for the Around Town should be to me no later than Monday mornings by 9 am. Schools In items need to reach me by this Friday at noon. Please drop all photos off at Cohasset News, attention Around Town/Schools In and Mary Ford will pick these up.

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Please make sure to send all written information to me regardless of whether you dropped a photo off or not. Due to some computer glitches this week, if you do not see your news, please resend me the information for next week's column.

HAPPENINGS

Donna Green open house

The Donna Green Studio, 11 Elm St. in Cohasset Village, is holding its annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11a.m.- 4p.m. This year "The Pirate Ship," a magical new print from Donna's upcoming book, "To My Son, With Love," will be featured. Also on display will be Green's festive Christmas cards, personally autographed books, and prints.

Upstairs in the Loft, Monique and friends will have a doll adoption day for anyone wishing to either leave a doll or adopt a doll. All proceeds will go to the children of the firefighters lost on Sept. 11.

T-Day breakfast

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting the annual Thanksgiving Day breakfast from 7-9:30 a.m. at the George H. Mealy Post on Summer Street. Everyone is invited. Adults are $4 and children, $2. All you can eat.

Beechwood fair

The Christmas Fair at Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street will be held Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church's famous chowder will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The sought-after beach glass candy will be for sale as well as fancy work, food items and white elephant articles.

For information, call Linda at 781-383-9131.

Wassail party

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The Community Garden Club of Cohasset gladly presents "Christmas Reflection," a tour of five unique homes reflecting a wide variety of styles and sizes and a holiday tea on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Some of the featured homes include:

• A grand summer cottage built in 1916 that has been converted by its present owner to a magnificent year-round residence. Large windows throughout the house allow one to embrace the ever-changing views of Little Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.

• A charming 1929 home at the end of a winding drive welcomes visitors with a covered entry. From the great room with its impressive stone fireplace, a double staircase leads up to the recently added "tower." The deck from the first landing offers stunning views of the property and seasonal views of the lily pond.

• A sea captain's home dating back to 1806 which was maintained for many years as a working farm. Of particular interest is the dining room with its original hand-carved molding and matchstick birch floors. The present owners have skillfully blended the past and present in this unique property.

• A charming Victorian, originally built in 1874 with sophisticated decor utilizing a contemporary palate reflecting a bygone era in modern times. A round conservatory with views of the Atlantic Ocean is warm and inviting on a cold winter's day.

• An elegant, light and airy home, sporting stunning views of Little Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean from almost every room is included in the tour. The living room opens onto a sunny deck where the panorama of grounds, water, and a direct view of Minot Light can be enjoyed.

Tickets are $20 advance and $23 on tour day, available at the South Shore Community Center at 3 No. Main St.; or send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to C.G.C.C., 217 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset 02025.

For more information and tickets, call 781-383-9348 or 781-383-9442.

Refreshments will be served at Bates Hall, Second Congregational Church, Highland Avenue. Proceeds from the House Tour will be used to support the numerous projects of the garden club, which include historic restoration and preservation, civic beautification, scholarship grant, and community education programs. The club also contributes time and money to various environmental and conservation agencies.



From left, Chris Sida, Pat Steel, Ellen Bertovich and Sara Roche are hard at work preparing for The Community Garden Club's Holiday House Tour.



Margie Koenig and Suzanne and Kirk Jackisch, all of Cohasset, at the annual Newcomers' Club Wine and Cheese Welcome Reception in September.

Newcomers' Club welcomes residents

By Evan Schiff
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The Newcomers' Club of Scituate and Cohasset wants to let residents know that the club is not just for new citizens of the towns, it is open to everyone.

The club, which has been in existence since the 60s, runs a variety of programs and charitable events designed to introduce residents to one another and promote a sense of community.

"There are no limits on membership," said publicity co-coordinator Mary Beth O'Malley. "The club is there, so anyone can learn about the town and meet new people."

The club runs a variety of events including men's basketball, a book club, the bon appetit dinner club, ladies' night out, men's poker, ladies' coffee and playgroups for children. Events are attended by both Scituate and Cohasset residents.

"It's like we are all one community," said co-president Kathleen Knight.

Knight said the Newcomers' Club has a diversity of events to appeal to everyone in the community. Along with the monthly events, the club sponsors charity affairs and has special get-togethers, such as a wine and cheese parties quite often.

This year, the club will continue its tradition of giving with the Charity Guild Christmas Sharing Program. The program lets residents of the two towns "adopt" a child for the season. Once a member becomes involved with the program, they are matched up with a child and told the child's name and gender.

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— Mary Beth O'Malley, Newcomers' Club

In turn, the family or individual purchases gifts for the child with the goal of every child receiving two toys and two items of clothing. Last year, the program handed out more than 50 gifts and distributed them to seven families in the South Shore area.

Ellen Nesbitt, publicity co-coordinator, said women who have just given birth to a child can benefit greatly from the club. "When women first have babies they can be shell shocked," Nesbitt said. "The club provides them instant networking and communication with others who are in the same boat. It can be really beneficial to their psyche." Nesbitt went on to say that the mothers could benefit by either participating in events or by having their children spend a couple of hours at a playgroup.

O'Malley said the Newcomers' Club playgroup program is unique. "We are one of the few clubs in the area that organizes the playgroups by a child's age. This allows one-year-old children to play with other children their age rather than a five-year-old," she said.

The next big event for the club is the Holiday Open House schedule for Saturday, Dec. 1 from 6-9 p.m. at the home of Scott and Carrie Peters at 27 Beach Plum Lane, Scituate. There will be a $5 charge at the door and all guests are asked to bring an appetizer. To RSVP for the event call the Carrie Peters at 781-545-2824.

If you are interested in any of the other programs and would like more information, call either Ellen Nesbitt at 781-383-2389, or Mary Beth O'Malley at 781-545-3540.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving 2001

Thanksgiving 2001 finds America on edge. We are engaged in a new kind of war, one that aims commercial airliners at skyscrapers and germ-infested letters at senators and news anchors. In this land of plenty, we are suddenly aware that money cannot purchase security.

America has been humbled by the attacks of Sept. 11, but also ennobled. A new found generosity has been extended not only to the victims of terrorism but, we hope, to charities closer to home. News reports indicate volunteerism is on the rise. We've seen a run on marriage licenses and engagement rings. The pleas from some officials to help the economy by getting out and spending haven't worked with the families who find themselves less interested in material things since Sept. 11, and more focused on the things that money can't buy.

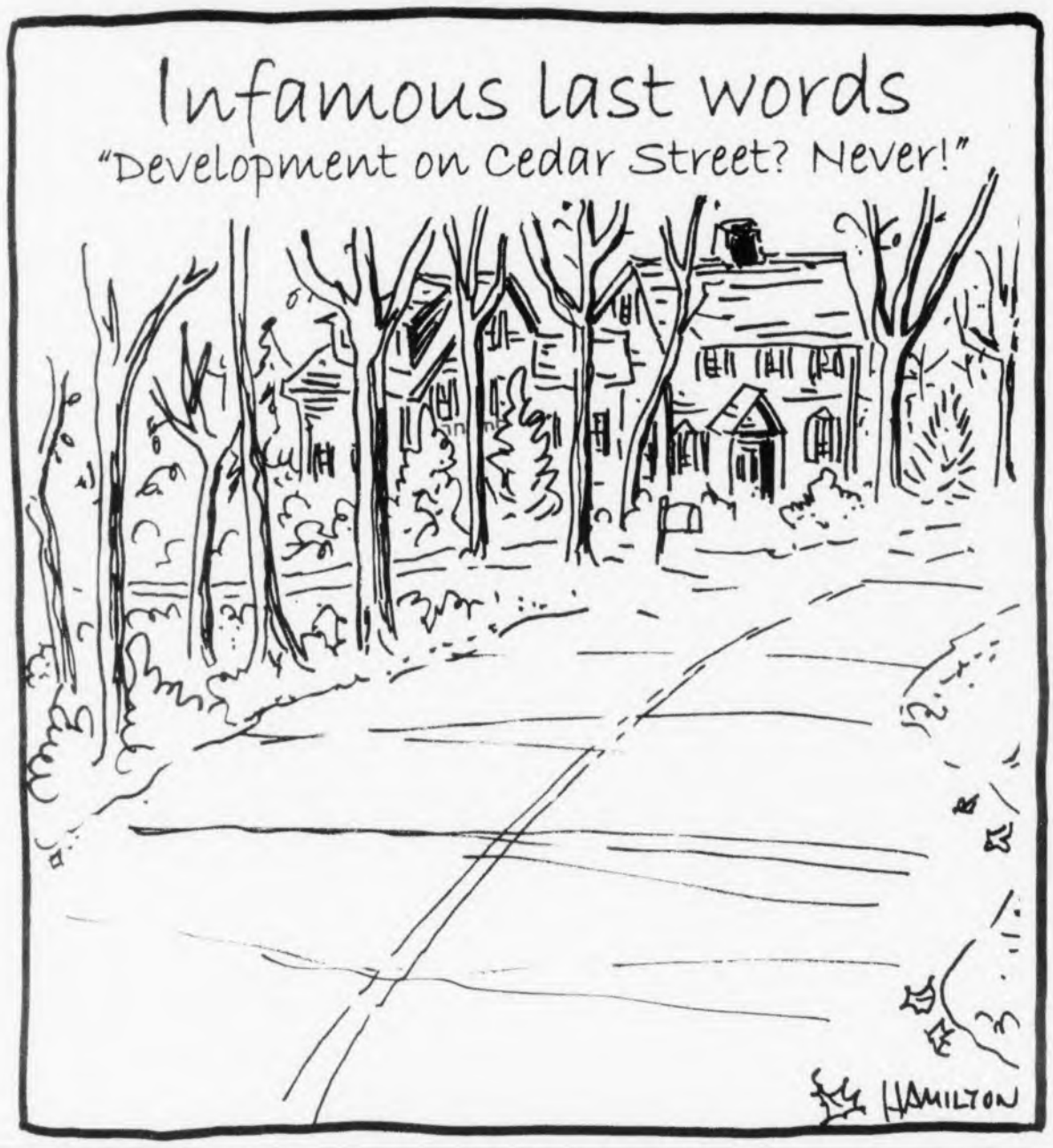
A smorgasbord of emotions faces the nation this Thanksgiving Day. As we work to kindle our tears into gratitude, it may help to remember that Abraham Lincoln first proclaimed Thanksgiving at a moment of even greater national peril. It was at the darkest moment of the Civil War when President Lincoln summoned the nation to look upward.

Here are some excerpts from his proclamation, dated Oct. 3, 1863:

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.



Beloved owl bids adieu

Clack, a barred owl and one of the most beloved animals at the New England Wildlife Center, died early on Monday, Nov. 5. Clack came to the wildlife center in 1986 as an adult after being hit by a car. Despite all the best efforts of the veterinary staff, Clack's badly damaged wing healed, but he could not fly well or quietly, a skill necessary for hunting and his survival in the wild. The wildlife center became his home and he quickly became a part of the center's educational programs, traveling to dozens of classrooms and helping more than 130,000 children and adults learn about wildlife.



Clack, a barred owl, was a familiar figure at the New England Wildlife Center and was loved by young and old alike.

He was always the perfect gentleman and one of his most touching moments came at a nursing home where patients welcomed him and watched him in awe. As a fund-raiser, he was a willing "beggar" and many donors enjoyed holding him. Contrary to the rules of falconry, Clack loved having his head scratched and would eagerly turn his head downward for this sign of affection.

Clack truly embodied the spirit of The New England Wildlife Center. Through Clack's eyes, New Englanders were able to increase their understanding and appreciation of the natural world around them. A memorial fund in his name will be established to further the wildlife center's educational efforts.

Clack, the Barred Owl, who got his name from the sound he made, will be sadly missed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parents' feedback necessary

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Public Schools Department of Student Services has received the Department of Education's (DOE) Coordinated Program Review Final Report. The district is required to respond to the DOE with a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) by Dec. 10, 2001. The DOE highly recommends an opportunity for parent comment at this stage of the CAP development process.

On Thursday, Nov. 15, Steve Kaplan discussed the DOE Final Review during the School Committee meeting. Very few parents attended the meeting or had seen a copy of the Final Review. The Cohasset Public School district welcomes parents to read the final review and make comments, written or oral, before Nov. 30. Please take this opportunity to read a copy available at the Paul Pratt Library, the Osgood School Library or the SPED Department and make your comments to Steve Kaplan at 781-383-6104 or Dr. Ted Malvey at 781-383-6110.

The Cohasset Parents Advisory Council (PAC)
Allison Moskow, Secretary
781-383-9242
Jamie Williams, Treasurer
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Hagerty property

TO THE EDITOR:

Selectmen:

As commodore of the Cohasset Sailing Club, I wanted to convey sentiments expressed by many of our club members. Please put these sentiments in context that the sailing club's full Board of Trustees has not voted on the proposal made by Jack Buckley of CMI. We intend to discuss the concept in detail at our February meeting.

However, I have polled several of our members and here are the major points:

To use the property for maritime educational purposes makes sense. It fits the geographic setting next to the rowing center and close to the sailing club. The project remains consistent with the critical importance of making the Government Island area accessible to all residents.

The Cohasset Sailing Club, at this point, does not have the funds to financially support capital or operational expenses associated with rehabilitation of the building.

In the future, the sailing club may wish to utilize the building for off-season classes in topics like boat design and half-boat modeling, navigation and boat safety. However, any participation would depend upon membership interest, financial support and sailing club trustee approval.

During the summer, children could conceivably attend sailing classes at the sailing club, rowing classes at CMI and marine environmental classes at the Hagerty property on either a sequential or isolated basis.

The success of the CMI proposal would rest upon CMI or its designee's ability to raise necessary funds from multiple beneficiaries and to find a strong leader in the community to shepherd the process on a full or nearly-full-time basis.

The Board of Selectmen has shown great patience with the evolution of the property. Ultimately, the Board of Selectmen must decide the future of the building within a town-wide planning context.

Whatever the outcome, the residents of Parker Avenue should have significant input into the planning process.

Since parking for building activities remains at a premium, thought must be given to the scheduling of the building's activities so other Government Island functions do not suffer.

The Cohasset citizens who restored the Lightkeeper's property serve as a shining example of how to restore a dilapidated building to revitalized usage. Hopefully, through multiple benefactors and strong leadership, the Hagerty property can follow the same course.

Robert J. Deutsch, Commodore

Mr. Deutsch provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Water work

TO THE EDITOR:

Sure there were glitches, and I don't know how the Water Department feels about the main scouring/relining project, but I want to commend the workmen of Biszko Contracting for their behavior on the job.

This seemed to me to be an infinitely difficult and frustrating assignment with hundreds of temporary connections to many different individual services, with uncertainty always as to what they would find underground or in someone's basement, and endless returns to many sites. What is more, these fellows were coming many miles daily from the Fall River area to be on the job often by 7 a.m.

From a number of contacts with a number of workmen and supervisors, I found them unfailingly polite and cooperative, even though sometimes they couldn't immediately solve a problem. Sometimes I wished that the Water Department had provided them with more local assistants.

Anyway, I think the work crews have done a tough job with grace and that someone should say so.

Osborne F. Ingram
274 Beechwood St.

Light a star on the memory tree

Remembering, in a tangible way will enrich the holiday season, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past.

Commemorative lights will shine on the Memory Tree on the lawn of South Shore Community Center, as well as a star placed on the tree in the lobby with the name(s) of loved one(s). As contributions are received, bulbs will be illuminated throughout the season, and the names of the donors and those remembered will be published in the Cohasset Mariner. Your tax-deductible contribution will help continue quality programs South Shore Community Center.

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HEALTH NOTES

Health agent gets top award

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Nov. 7, The Mass Health Officer's Association awarded Joe Godzik, our Town Health Officer, the Michael Saraco Award. This award goes to health officers who have demonstrated: "vast knowledge in the field of public health and dedication, loyalty, enthusiasm, and leadership."

Joe has managed the health interests of the town for about 18 years, now. It has been a time of considerable challenge for the town, and because of his steady and effective leadership, the town has safely developed a public health system which can be envied by any town no matter what its size. Our grateful thanks and best wishes go to Joe.

More Lily Pond

John McNabb, chairman of the Water Commission, has made some comments to the Board of Health in several emails with which the board agrees. We should all take comfort from how fiercely the town's water supply is being defended from pollution as well as from well meaning detractors.

"I wish Steve would check with me before speculating about water supply protection issues," McNabb wrote. "The Water Commission is actively working on all such issues and is planning on how our consultant could develop a storm-water protection plan that will include the Peppermint Brook watershed as well as all other storm-water issues in the Lily Pond watershed; we are developing a comprehensive, long range plan to deal with all such issues in the next few years.

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"Finally, Steve, your reference to the CHL settlement as providing 'protection' for the Brass Kettle watershed is incorrect, because the capping and the CHL agreement do *not* stop the discharge of leachate, and there are in fact other sources of contaminants in that watershed we continue to investigate. Your entire article calls for a response from the Water Commission to correct all of your incorrect impressions. I know the Board of Health has a role in water quality issues, but you should really leave that to the Water Commission, since we have that issue covered pretty well — before you write anything about it again to tell the public you should ask me first what we are doing."

With respect to the discussion of mercury in the Aaron River reservoir, John states:

"You have to concede that there is no evidence that the level of mercury, if any, in the Reservoir, is 'rising' since to show a trend you need at least two data points and so far we have none for the Reservoir. Basically, you should just state that there is no evidence of the level of mercury in the Reservoir and there is no evidence that it is rising or falling."

There were other errors in fact in the article which should not have appeared without more revision. Rest assured that the Board will continue these useful discussions with the Water Commission.

For the board's part, the discussion about Peppermint Brook and the added burden of surface water coming from high school construction is an issue which is best overseen jointly by the board and the Water Commission, since storm-water is a more comprehensive issue for the Town. In the future, we will not overlook the Water Commission in our efforts to deal with storm-water in the town.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER



Artist of the Month

"Winter" all new work by award winning photographer Jack Foley, is on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through Nov. 30. The black and white snow and ice landscapes were shot last winter in Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham and Marshfield. Foley, a Hanover studio photographer, has won numerous awards in art shows throughout the South Shore and is recognized as a Master of Photography by the Professional Photographers of America.

This month's artist display is sponsored by the South Shore Art Center, Cohasset. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is open Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 to 5 p.m.

Friends news

Thank you to all who have responded to the annual Friends of the Cohasset Library town-wide mailing. Your generous tax-deductible contributions continue to support the many programs, projects and events that enrich our library and community.

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New system

The new library catalog, Bistro, for Cohasset and 25 other libraries in the Old Colony Library Network is up and running.

Library Director, Janet Husband, said, a little coaching may be necessary for first-time users who are not familiar with the use of a "mouse," at the Public Access Catalog. The "tab" key may not be utilized to move around the screen then press "Return" or "Enter" to select what they want.

To access the new catalog from home, users should go to the Web site at www.cohassetlibrary.org and click on "Library Catalog". When prompted for a User ID, type in your library card number. For a PIN number, type in OCLN. You may change the PIN later to anything you want.

While you're at our Web site, check out its other features. Reference Desk is especially useful to search for magazine articles and reviews.

Deer Hill students give back

By Evan Schiff
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South Dakota and Cohasset have more in common than you think.

Students at the Deer Hill School donated anything they could including, bikes, pillows, blankets, clothes and books, to the Lakota Sioux reservation in South Dakota.

The program was initiated by school custodian Ted Holland, whose friend John Sullivan, sponsors a family at the reservation. Holland learned of the poverty of the Sioux and decided that something needed to be done.

"The children on the reservation don't have anything," Holland said. "It is a good thing for these students to help them realize that outside Cohasset, everything is not always hunky-dory."

The children donated enough items to fill a 30-foot trailer that Sullivan drove out to South Dakota Monday.

Principal Paul Callahan said the children have been collecting items for over three weeks. The school ran the same program last year to limited success however, this year Callahan said the response was wonderful.

"I think the kids are starting to understand there are less fortunate people in the world and they would like to help," he said.

Sullivan gave a slide-show presentation at the school to demonstrate what life was like on an Indian reservation. Callahan said the students were stunned. "The pictures they saw were far from what Cohasset looks like. It was a dose of the real world," he said.

Holland said Sullivan will return before Christmas, only to fill up a U-Haul and make the journey again. This will be Sullivan's tenth trip.

Sullivan became involved with the Lakota Sioux when he visited an Indian crafts store in Quincy. He talked with the owner of the store about the dilapidated conditions of the Indian reservations, and felt he needed to do something to help.

Holland said getting the students involved has proved to be a wonderful decision.



PHOTO: FRED ROBERTSON

Gabriella Flibotte, Ivan Sceery and Madeline Leahy with custodians Tom Jones and Ted Holland help pile contributions from the Deer Hill School that will go to the Lakota Sioux reservation in South Dakota.

T-Day blues

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TOM HENSHAW



At the rate things are going, I think we'll be having peanut butter sandwiches with our cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving dinner at our house.

The holiday just ain't what it used to be before the Indians — oops, I mean the Native Americans — discovered they could get rich by drawing to an inside straight without even leaving the reservation.

For one thing, America's Hometown had to cancel for lack of funding its annual Thanksgiving parade, which used to draw upwards of 100,000 spectators who would buy the Pilgrim souvenirs that were made in Taiwan.

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The Visitors Service Board, which is charged with enticing those spectators to Plymouth, slashed parade funding from $10,000 to $2,800, a drop in the bucket compared to the entire budget of $200,000 but a significant action nevertheless.

"It wasn't just the money, but the message that the town sent us by cutting off the funds," said Parade Chairman Olavo DeMacedo.

Thanksgiving has been going downhill in Plymouth, where it all began, ever since the Ind . . . er, Native Americans began touting it as a day of mourning a few years ago and staged a confrontation with the descendants of Captain Standish in 1997 that would have made Massasoit and Metacom proud.

Scholars have been delving into the details of what has come to be called the first Thanksgiving and discovered that most of them were myths concocted in the late 19th Century when the holiday was offered as a national festival to help heal the North-South breach created by the Civil War.

In fact, the whole Thanksgiving story is based on a single paragraph written by Pilgrim Edward Winslow in a letter to England describing how Pilgrims and Native Americans did in "a more special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labors."

They may have had turkey for Winslow tells of four men who went "fowling" and killed enough to last a week, and the Native Americans "went out and killed five deer." They had corn and peas. But no cranberry sauce or pumpkin pie — or high school football games — all the accoutrements that we hold so dear.

It wasn't much of a holiday, either, even though the feasting lasted three days, for the Pilgrims frowned on such frivolity as Christmas and Easter. It was more like a state dinner for "their greatest king, Massasoit," who brought along 90 of his Wampanoag braves, twice as many as there were Pilgrims.

At the same time, Dr. James Deetz and his wife, Patricia, of the University of Virginia, were skewering the Pilgrims reputation as a particularly saintly bunch in their book "The Time of Their Lives, Life, Love and Death in Plymouth Colony."

Seems like every year another state comes up with the claim that one of its town, not Plymouth, held the first Thanksgiving. First, it was Jamestown, Virginia. Then it was St. Augustine, Florida. This year it was Texas, where the U. S. Postal Service unveiled a Thanksgiving stamp in Dallas.

What say this time we let them have their way.

Wrens - easy to hear, but harder to see

A BIRDER'S-EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON





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Carolina Wrens at feeder.

Wrens are small brown songbirds with loud voices and a secretive nature. They flit quickly in and out of the underbrush and often stick their tails straight up in the air. There are 76 species worldwide and nine species in North America, according to David Sibley. Seven of these are seen in Massachusetts, but only four with any regularity. The three uncommon wrens include the Rock Wren (two records), the Bewick's Wren (three records), and the Sedge Wren, which is rare and irregular.

Wrens belong to the *troglodytidae* family. The mythical Troglodytes lived in caves in Ethiopia. The Greek word *"troglodytes"* comes from *"trogle"*, meaning hole or cave and *"dytes"*, meaning inhabitant. Most wrens nest in cavities and are found in thick brushy thickets. The Old English words, *"wraenna"* and *"wraene"* evolved into "wren". These old words mean "lascivious" and perhaps were used because many male wrens are polygamous.

The best-known, but least distinctive looking wren is probably the **House Wren**, a common nester throughout the state. The Latin species name for the House Wren is *"aedon"*, from the Greek word meaning "songstress". In mythology, Aedon was the Queen of Thebes who was turned into a nightingale by Zeus. The French ornithologist Louis Jean Pierre Viellot who named the House Wren in 1807 may have thought its lively bubbly song was as beautiful as that of the nightingale.

Male House Wrens, like some other wrens, build multiple nests from which the female can choose the best for laying her eggs. House Sparrows, House Wrens and Eastern Bluebirds compete with each other for nesting cavities. The House Wren, however, is more eclectic in its selection, having been known to nest in anything from old hats and shoes to empty cow skulls and paper hornet nests. They often puncture eggs of other birds, including those of neighboring House Wrens.

The **Carolina Wren** has been expanding its range northward. More and more they stay here all winter, and it is the only wren to sing all year. Living as pairs year-round, both the male and female sing and will sometimes even sing duets. They have a wide variety of songs, but the one most often heard resembles "tea ket'tle, tea ket'tle, tea ket'tle".

Carolina wrens are a rich brown color and have a very distinctive white eye stripe. Like other wrens, they feed on insects, but will also come to feeders for peanuts, sunflower seeds and suet. They love backyard brush piles and their loud song announces their presence. We had a pair nest on a shelf in our tool shed last year.

The **Winter Wren** is our smallest wren. Its tail is so short that when it sticks up in the air, it looks as if someone had chopped it off. When it is scampering around in leaf litter, it has been said to look more like a mouse than a bird. It is the only wren found in the Old World, where it is simply called "the Wren".

Winter Wrens are most likely to be found in wooded areas near a stream or other wet places. They eat insects and sometimes dunk their whole head under water in order to catch aquatic insects. They nest in holes, but usually choose ones that are no more than a few feet off the ground, frequently in the tangled roots of downed trees or in dead logs or stumps. Most migrate south for the winter, although Dennis Peacock reports in the "Bird Observer" that they have been seen in every month of the year in Wompatuck State Park. They certainly breed there, and their song delights even when it is difficult to see them in the dark underbrush. Listen for a long collection of trills and warbles. Their call note is a quite distinctive loud double "chimp-chimp" and is given all winter.

Marsh Wrens, as their name suggests, are found in marshes. They attach their globe-shaped nests to cattails or other reeds with the entrance hole on the side. The males build many dummy nests, which may help to confuse predators. Their diet consists mostly of insects, but they also will eat snails. The Marsh Wren's song is somewhat gurgling in nature with lots of trills and rattles. It was formerly known as the Long-billed Marsh Wren. The Short-billed Marsh Wren's name has been changed to Sedge Wren.

Marsh Wrens can usually be found at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield in the spring. House Wrens nest in the bluebird boxes on Turkey Hill and are also regularly found on World's End. Many of you probably have them in your yards, although they will have headed toward more southern states by now. This winter keep a lookout for the Carolina Wren, which may announce its presence with its voice before you see it. If you are lucky, you might be able to find a Winter Wren in Wompatuck during the next few months. In any case, be sure to visit in the spring when they will almost certainly be singing along the Aaron River road.

Joanne Norton is a licensed bird-bander, avid birder, and a member of the Hingham Water Resources Task Force.

Crowd applies for chief

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of selectmen Michael Sullivan and Ronnie McMorris; citizens Robert Spofford, 14 Heather Dr.; Michael Coyne, 237 Forest Ave.; Lisa Burnstead, 111 Nichols Road; Duxbury Town Manager Rocco Longo and Norwell Police Chief Bob Galvin. Haddad will sit in on the committee meetings.

Noonan has agreed to stay on through the search process, Haddad said. The salary could depend on the range the candidates are seeking and next year's budget might have to be adjusted accordingly, he said. Noonan's salary last year was about $70,000.

Under Cohasset's Town Manager Act, Haddad will make the final decision on the chief appointment although selectmen can veto his choice.

Noonan, who took over from former chief Joseph Kealey, was selected from a field of six finalists for the job back in 1993. Other in-house candidates at the time included Sgt. Robert Jackson, who is the current police prosecutor, and former Sgt. Richard Abbadessa, who retired several years ago.

> **"This is the most important appointment I make as Town Manager."**
> — Mark Haddad

Haddad said there are also in-house candidates this time around but declined to release their names. Haddad said the timetable for the search process is flexible.

Library building put out to bid

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"extremely reluctant to leave the old building but realized the library needed more space." She said that she is excited about the new library.

Patience Towle, library trustee chairman, agreed with Evans. "We are sad to leave because it is a beloved building that the town has such warm memories of, but the service we will be able to provide at the new library will dramatically increase," she said.

Martha Gjestby of the Cohasset Historical Society said she hopes the library remains a public building. She said the historical society does not have the funds to purchase the building but, "hopes whoever buys the building keeps the murals."

Al Moore, chairman of the planning board, said his personal preference is to turn the library into a private residence. He added whatever is done with the old library should be done quickly so the town, "doesn't lease the building to some cause for $1 a year." He said a covenant, or restrictive policy, could be enacted so that the murals could be kept intact. While the murals have drawn the most attention, the design of the building is interesting as well.

The library was constructed in an Andrew Carnegie motif. His design places the librarian at the entrance of the building, in front of the stacks of books, "guarding" the literature and on either side of the librarian there are two reading rooms. Carnegie donated large amounts of money in America at the turn of the century and his design became the prototype for building libraries.

The building was renovated in 1978 to create a larger work area for the staff and improved access to book collections.

CPR training for coaches

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proactive, and started to certify its coaches in CPR even before the bill came forward.

"Knock on wood, we never want to be in the situation of trying to save a child's life but if we are, we will be prepared," Ford said.

Currently, there is either an athletic trainer, Emergency Medical Technician, or physician on hand at every game played by a Cohasset team. Also, every coach is provided with cell phone if he or she does not have one to call emergency personnel immediately. Ford said that in the fall, the teams are fortunate because a majority of the coaches are EMTs however, that is not the case in the winter.

"Our kids are very well protected against any emergency problems. I take a lot of steps to ensure their safety," Ford said.

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> — Athletic Director Ron Ford

Jim Levenson, Cohasset's athletic trainer, is expected to work with the coaches to certify them in CPR. Levenson is also certified as a basic lifesaving instructor by the American Heart Association, and tries to attend as many games as he can. Ford said if Levenson is unable to attend a match there is always a substitute athletic trainer on hand.

If approved, the state program would be an unfunded mandate which means the CPR training would be paid for by the school. State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said while he is usually consistent on opposing unfunded mandates in this case it's reasonable.

"With the amount of state aid floated toward the schools, this is not that big of a deal and should not put a hole in any school's budget," Hedlund said.

He added he thinks the bill is a safeguard against potential tragedies.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, also backs the bill.

Committee updates

Selectmen recently appointed Ed Mulvey of Pond Street to the Senior Housing Committee, which is charged with exploring opportunities for affordable housing for the town's senior citizens.

Selectman Tom Callahan will serve as the representative from the Board of Selectmen on the Community Preservation Committee that will be made up of town officials and citizens at large. The CPC will study community preservation and make recommendations to Town Meeting for acquisition and preservation of historic resources, open space, land for recreation and affordable housing. Then Town Meeting may make appropriations for those purposes from the community preservation funds acquired through a property tax surcharge approved last spring when the town adopted the Community Preservation Act.

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School department releases results of audit

By Evan Schiff
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The Cohasset School Department released the results from its first audit since 1987 last week.

The state Department of Education gave the Cohasset School Department until Dec. 10 to respond to its audit that was conducted last May.

The audit was concerned with four areas: special education, civil rights requirements, Title I, and nutrition. However, special education and civil rights requirements received the most attention. There were 58 areas reviewed in the special education department and there were 55 items evaluated pertaining to civil rights requirements compared with 26 items in Title I and six areas in nutrition.

The report evaluates different aspects of each program and categorizes them into commendable, partially implemented, not implemented, and issues requiring response.

It is now up to the school department to create a Corrective Action Plan and submit it to the DOE. The plan must include the school department's strategy for correcting the programs the DOE said were either partially implemented or required a response.

Stephen Kaplan, Director of Student Services, gave a presentation of the results at last week's School Committee meeting. Kaplan said special education drew most of the attention because the state was reprimanded at the federal level and now "was taking it out on the local school departments."

Kaplan stressed that many of the issues will be corrected with paperwork and are not concerned with how the program runs. "For every eight problems, there is only one that relates to a service a student receives. Special education is becoming a paper pushing business," he said.

Kaplan said times have changed and, "in the past, the spirit of the law had driven special education now, it's the letter of law."

One of the more interesting areas, the DOE cited the special education department for, was having too many students in its program. In four or five cases the DOE found no evidence that the student needed any special services. Kaplan said he will review those files.

Another area that was found to be partially implemented was the procedure for recording suspensions. According to state law, the district needs to have a procedure to record the number and duration of suspensions. The DOE found suspension notices were not automatically communicated to the special education office.

Of the 55 areas looked at for the civil rights requirements, only four were not implemented. An example of one of the elements that is not implemented, is that the school department does not have a written policy regarding the availability of in-school programs for pregnant students. This will require Kaplan to write a policy.

Another are that was not implemented is concerning staff training regarding civil rights responsibilities. State law requires a, "school district provide in-service training for all school personnel at least annually, regarding civil rights responsibilities." The DOE found that this training was not done.

While there is some work to be done, overall Kaplan said this was a positive review of how the school department functions. "The Cohasset schools look quite well in the big picture," he said.

The Final Report is available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, all of the school libraries, and town hall. Supt. Edward Malvey said he also gave copies of the report to the PSO, the Parent Advisory Council, and the School Improvement Council, in an effort to garner comments from the public.

Supt. Edward Malvey said that the department will be forming a team of administrators and staff to draft the Corrective Action Plan. He encouraged parents to review the report and submit their suggestions no later then Nov. 30.

Comments sought on Corrective Action Plan

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The Cohasset School Department asked all who are concerned with the recent results of the Department of Education's audit, to read the report and send their comments and suggestions to the school department no later than Nov. 30.

In its cover letter to the local school department, the DOE highly recommended that parent comment be considered in the Corrective Action Plan, but this leaves room for interpretation.

The school committee decided to not hold formal meetings to write the plan with parents. But some wonder if the parents of Cohasset's students should have more of a say in the drafting of a Corrective Action Plan.

Maureen Jerz, 133 N. Main St., feels that parents should have more say in the writing of the school's CAP. At the School Committee meeting last week, Jerz asked the committee how it felt about parent participation. She said that some of the programs that the DOE found as partially implemented were spearheaded by parents, and they should have more of a say in how the department aims to correct those problems.

The response from the committee was mixed. Stephanie Noble, chairman of the School Committee, said she had no objection with parents participating in the writing process. "This process would greatly benefit from the input of parents," she said.

However, some on the committee felt that this was not the best course of action to pursue.

Mark DeGiacomo, a member of the school committee, said that there is just too short of a time frame to write the CAP to involve everyone who wants to participate. "The writing of the CAP is going to be an informal process," he said. "I don't know how we could get organized with the parents in such a short time."

Stephen Kaplan, Director of Special Education, agreed with DeGiacomo. "There are not a lot of items that could benefit from joint contribution," Kaplan said. Kaplan added that most of the areas that the DOE said the school department needs to address, concerns policy writing or other paperwork that needs to be done by administrative staff.

Chartis Tebbetts, a member of the school committee, said that the CAP is not going to dictate school policy for years. "I think we are over-blowing what the CAP is. All the school department is going to do, is to say in broad strokes that we are going to be in compliance with all the areas we need to be," she said.

Parents are urged to send their comments to either Supt. Edward Malvey or Stephen Kaplan by Nov. 30.

Winter parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect as of Nov. 15, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

The department "Courtesy Citation" will be used as a warning until Dec. 1.

The all-night parking ban continues until April 1.

Graves sale

Selectmen recently approved the sale of four graves back to the town for $900. Town Manager Mark Haddad told the board he received a letter from William and Wanda Murphy, who now live in Texas and have no use for the graves.

Gravel pit

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he contacted BSC Engineering to draft a contract so the firm can begin work on the design for the Little League Fields at the former gravel pit off North Main Street. Voters at the Nov. 5 Special Town Meeting appropriated $27,000 to design two baseball fields at the site. In a related matter, money was set aside from the Department of Public Works budget for the removal of more trees in the gravel pit to provide more space for fill, Haddad said.

Birds flock to Strait's Pond

Thirty species of birds were sighted on the Strait's Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) two-hour bird walk on Saturday, Nov. 10 led by Sally Avery of Cohasset.

Most were spotted in or around Straits Pond and some in the ocean off Black Rock, Green Hill, and Gunrock beaches. Identified birds were: Red-throated Loons, Double-crested Cormorants, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Canada Geese, Brant, Mute Swans, American Black Duck, Mallard, Common Eider, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Ruddy Duck, Bonaparte's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Dark-eyed Junco, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

The SPWA Tree Swallow bird house project appears to be a success. The organization decided to place several Tree Swallow Houses (nesting boxes) last spring on poles in the pond after reading Nancy Kramer's (1991) copies of letters to editors as a partial solution to the Midge problem here and at Scituate's Musquashicut Pond, and after consulting with Mass. Audubon and Avery. Tree Swallows, flying constantly, eat hundreds of flying insects each day.

Each nesting box had a pair nesting there and several young. Pete Curtis, Hull and Ohio resident, donated materials and constructed 27 nesting boxes. John Loupos, Hull resident, placed 10 poles and birdhouses in the pond. Several more birdhouses will be placed in March of 2002 with a projected goal of 100 in and around the pond.

If you would like to sponsor a Tree Swallow birdhouse for Strait's Pond please send $10, a partial cost of supplies, (pay to SPWA) to Lawry Reid, 31 Richards Road, Hull 02045.

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Come greet friends and get a head start on your holiday decorating and shopping. Stop by Town Hall, the Second Congregational Church, St. Stephen's and the First Parish House on Main Street to see all of the beautiful Christmas greens and decorations for sale. All proceeds support Cohasset' churches, regional charities and the Appalachia Service Project.

Christmas trees

First Parish Church in Cohasset is again offering fresh cut balsam Christmas trees and handmade ornaments at the Parish House on Main Street during the Village Fair. Stop by early for your choice of trees ranging from 4-9 feet tall. All trees are $35. Call (781) 383-9767 to reserve your tree early, and you'll be automatically entered into a "Your Tree Free" drawing.

Jingle Bell walk

The South Shore Community Center invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk.

The Jingle Bell Walk, a Cohasset tradition offered by the SSCC, begins at 2 p.m. on Nov. 23, when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border Street).

After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he and his elves will board a hayride and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm to Main St. in Cohasset. At 2:30 p.m. the South Shore Community Center welcomes you to partake in cookies, a beverage, and a holiday sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

Santa will be upstairs in the center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambiance.

At 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for ages 3 to 10. You may pre-register for this event for $2 or post register the day of the event for $3 per participant. Proceeds will go to benefit the Nursery School. All participants will receive a prize!

Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2:30 to 4 p.m., while enjoying a hayride around the Common. Hayrides will be available from 3 to 4 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., gather around the Cohasset Common to listen to the Rusty Skippers Marching Band. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4:15 p.m. with the lighting of the tree.

There is something for everyone this year at the Jingle Bell Walk. It's a great way to appreciate our picturesque surroundings, while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition.

In the event of rain, all outdoor activities will be cancelled and Santa will arrive in the Community Center Gym at 2 p.m.

Exploring movement

The Cohasset Recreation and Cohasset High School come together during a project for community service.

Three high school juniors, Shawna Sullivan, Sarah Dennis and Bryan Bilton, will run a Movement Exploration for ages 4 and 5. These volunteered services will help the children develop their motor skills and basic social skills. It will also provide an opportunity for parents to drop their youngsters off and run a few errands without having to entertain the children.

The program will run on a rotating schedule as follows: 10:50 to 11:40 a.m. Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20.

For more information, call 781-383-4109. Limited space available. Registration will be at the Town Hall.

Buttonwood book angels

In the spirit of holiday sharing, Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham invite all to participate in our Book Angel program. The Book Angel Program that will run through Sunday Dec. 16, is a program to help put books into the hands of disadvantaged children. The Book Angel takes an angel from the tree and purchases a book for that child that is close to the interest highlighted on the angel. Buttonwood will then discount that book 15 percent and deliver the book to that child's sponsoring group. Together, Buttonwood Books &Toy and Buttonwood For Kids support Wellspring in Hull, The Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth, The Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the Mary Martha Learning Center, the Blue Hills Healthy Families Program and the South Shore Educational Collaborative Teen Parent Program.

This is the eighth year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel program. For more information call 781-383-2665 (Cohasset) and 781-749-2665 (Hingham).

Holiday musical 'Amahl' is Dec. 8

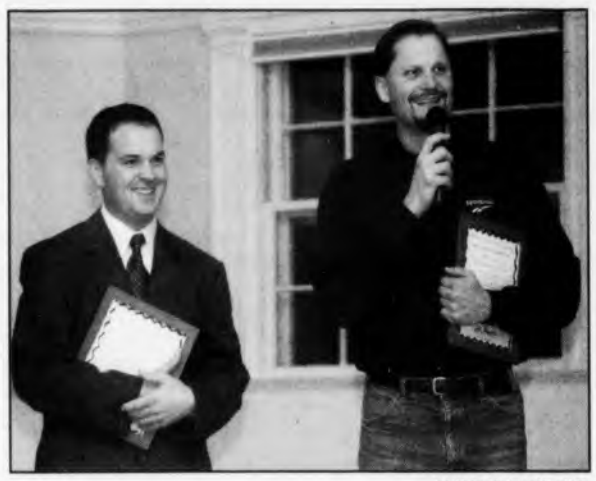
South Shore Conservatory presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., in Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham. One of the most popular American operas, Amahl is performed by Opera by the Bay, South Shore Conservatory's resident opera troupe of singers from throughout the South Shore.

Sanborn Auditorium is located in the Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St. Tickets at $10 per person, $7 for seniors and students, go on sale Nov. 1, at South Shore Conservatory and Buttonwood For Kids, Hingham; and Buttonwood Books & Toys, Cohasset. For more information, please call Laura Carleton, 781-934-2731, ext. 14.

Train foes host hoe-down

AfTA supporters kick up their heels

By Mary Ford
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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Affectionately dubbed "The Odd Couple", state Rep. Garrett Bradley and state Sen. Robert Hedlund accept plaques from AfTA for their work opposing Greenbush on Beacon Hill.

John Bewick may not be Gary Cooper but as far as he's concerned it's "High Noon" for Greenbush.

And while the Hingham transplant, who moved to his wife's hometown, tried to honor the contributions of others at a special event this week — he ended up being the champion for those who share his passion for derailing the train.

Wild West metaphors were not in short supply Sunday night at a hoe-down at the Hingham Community Center hosted by AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives), which provided the opportunity for the group's supporters to kick up their heels and have a little fun. AfTA members hail from the towns along the Greenbush line: Hingham, Scituate, Cohasset, Weymouth and Braintree.

"He was like a hero riding into town on his white steed when he married Martha (Reardon) and moved to Hingham," said state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, about Bewick, a former state Secretary of Environmental Affairs.

AfTA honored Hedlund and his "sidekick," state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham — whom Bewick affectionately referred to as the "odd couple" — for their efforts and courage on the anti-train front. Bewick presented the two legislators with inscribed plaques.

"It's not easy to go up against the establishment — the MBTA and (Beacon Hill) leadership," he said. The controversial, 17-mile Greenbush line is the third and final leg of the Old Colony Railroad Restoration Project. The project's two sister trains, the Middleboro and Plymouth lines resumed service in 1997.

Hedlund, clad in jeans and T-shirt, quipped he planned to hang his plaque right where state Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan would see it when he visited his office. Sullivan insists Greenbush is going ahead despite its cost and local opposition.

Bradley, who was impeccably dressed in a dark suit, white shirt and tie, took the odd-couple reference in stride, while joking, "I won't let you know which one *he* is" referring to Hedlund.

The normally conservative Bewick and dozens of other AfTA members donned Stetsons, cowboy boots and bandannas and got out on the dance floor for a few do-si-dos to a range of square dance numbers that led up to the grand finale "The End of the Line Dance."

During a break, Bewick told supporters not to believe what they read about Greenbush, which the MBTA says is on the fast track, with the groundbreaking planned for late next year.

In an interview a few minutes later, he stopped short of challenging the state agency to a shootout at the OK corral.

"Any one bullet might not work," Bewick said about killing Greenbush. "But we have so many."

AfTA has launched three lawsuits so far against the train and has more ammunition.

The current lawsuits include seeking all Greenbush public documents from the state, disputing results of the Environmental Impact Report (a state environmental feasibility study on the project), and challenging Cohasset's transfer of the abandoned right-of-way to the MBTA.

Bewick said future legal action could involve a range of challenges to engineering and conservation permits, and seeking an injunction to stop the project.

"There's a rich field of opportunity," he said. "We're like a military camp.

"Some bullets hit the target and some stray but if you have enough fire power, you're going to prevail and I think we'll prevail."

About 70 AfTA supporters attended Sunday's event that also featured a raffle.

Marilyn Yorke who lives on the tracks at 223 South St. in Hingham won the grand prize, a flag that says, "Don't Give Up the Ship." The MBTA must move Yorke's antique house at Torrent Crossing a short distance, which will cost upwards of $100,000 and will also install $90,000 in insulation and windows to mitigate the train's effects, she said.

Needless to say, Yorke wants her house to stay right where it is on its old granite foundation and hopes Greenbush will just go away.

"I have the American flag on one side and I'll put the 'Don't Give Up The Ship' flag on the other," she said about her raffle prize. "I'll have to get another flag pole."

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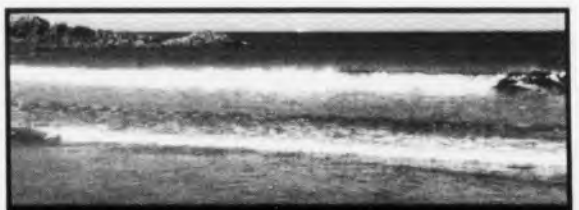
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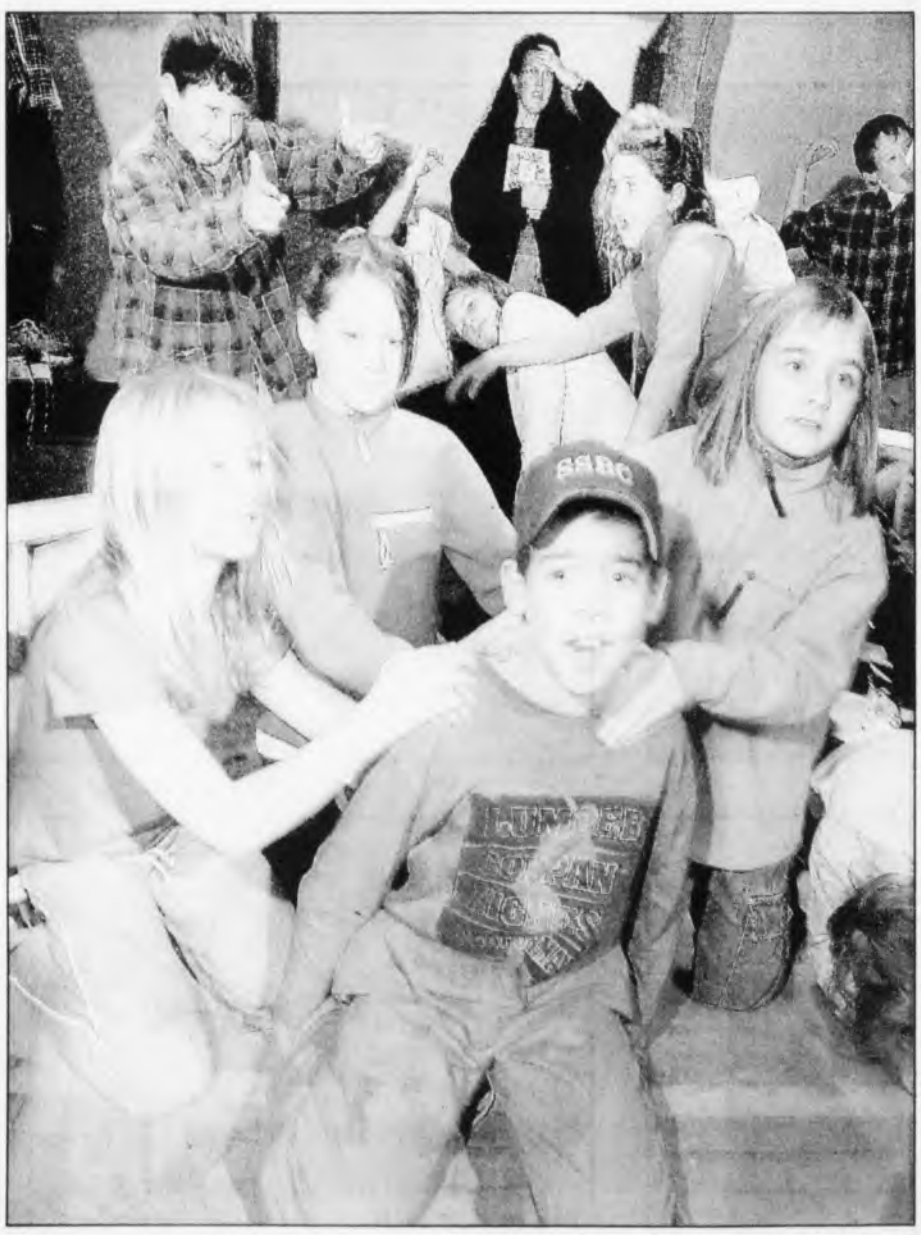
Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

Cohasset Dramatic Club stages holiday musical

Staff photos/Alan Chapman











Clockwise from top right, the angel chorus from the Best Christmas Pageant Ever on stage Nov. 23-Dec. 9 at Town Hall. The three Wise Men, Wiz Murray, Richard Chason and Claire McCarthy, rehearse their role in the holiday show. Baby angels, Sarah Putnam, Jessily Tassini and Clara Baumgarten sing one of the many musical numbers. Charlie (Stephen Griffin) gets strangled by Christine Coner. Sabine Shartman and Aniko Huber as pandemonium breaks out on stage. Joseph (James Kuktis) and Mary (Kimberly Gaughan) in the pageant that features upwards of 50 children and a handful of adults. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books or by calling 383-1718.

Cohasset Mariner

SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Heather Peraino and Abbey Coakley
These two Cohasset High captains were chosen to the Mariner's All-Scholastic Field Hockey team this week.

Living
On the South Shore
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A Hull-ish day on tap

Showdown to determine post-season dreams for gridders

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HAYES

Quarterback Mike Snowdale (#10) and fullback Braun Goodson (#33) are just two of the Skippers who'll be looked to for big things in Thursday's showdown with Hull.

Every Thanksgiving, rivals Cohasset and Hull lock horns in their most anticipated sports event of the year. But this year, more is at stake than simply community pride.

The reason for the game's heightened importance is clear. With a win, the 8-1 Cohasset Skippers would head to the Div. 5 Super Bowl for the first time since 1980.

The Skippers had a perfect season lined up after beating Abington (9-1) in week 8. With a golden opportunity to clinch the South Shore League last week, Cohassset was taken down by a powerful Norwell squad, 13-6, leaving them in a must-win situation heading into Thanksgiving.

Fourth year coach Tony Rolfe admits that all the pre-game hype gets the town enthused, but it does not mean that his team can change their game plan.

"We are treating this like any other game," he affirmed.

Cohasset comes into this game planning to do what has given them so much success this year: stopping the run. Hull has a fearsome running game behind the solid blocking of a large offensive line and the power rushing of senior fullback Jim Foley.

According to Rolfe, stopping Foley is the key to success against the Pirates.

"He is their go-to guy," asserted the Skipper coach. "He is just a big kid who runs hard. That is much of our game plan: stopping him."

Cohasset's front defensive line had been very strong at stopping the run until last week, when Norwell picked up 301 yards on the ground. However, Rolfe feels that everything is back in order.

"They blocked better than we tackled— it is as simple as that," explained Rolfe. "But we have addressed those problems. I know it wasn't our best game."

Even though the Pirates' ground game warrants extreme caution, their air attack will not be taken lightly. Cohasset cornerbacks Eric Libby, a senior, and sophomore Chris Bilodeau have been excellent at stopping the pass. The Skipper secondary has given up only one passing touchdown all year.

The passing game for the Skippers has been also outstanding. Junior Mike Snowdale has led all Eastern Mass. Div. 5 quarterbacks this year with 14 touchdown passes. He has broken 100 yards passing in six games this year—generally a rarity in high school football.

Senior tailback Jason Brown will keep the Skippers moving on ground, with the help of Braun Goodson, a tough junior fullback, who has been a terrific lead blocker for Brown.

Rolfe has spent his off-week trying to analyze every aspect of the Hull offense, defense and special teams. But what he cannot prepare his team for is actually playing in Hull.

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Fond 'off week' Recollections

COVERING ALL BASES
LOU MOLINARI



Once again, that week is here: the open week, when we all wait around for the big Thanksgiving Day football games.

There was a time, like more than 35 years ago, this was a big football week, for football coaches, their assistants and a certain group of sportswriters.

Back then, I worked for a daily newspaper in the area that had a sports editor who really knew how to get the most bang for his buck out of the high school football season.

This was the week when a certain night was set aside for the football coaches and writers of the area daily to get together at the Lord Fox in Foxboro and select a football all-scholastic team. Schools were represented from Foxboro, to Plymouth, to Quincy to Pembroke. The towns numbered from 30 to 40, depending on the area the newspaper was moving into.

It was party time with a great dinner, refreshments and night club acts brought in from the Latin Quarter in Boston.

With all this going on, I often wondered how we got an all-scholastic team picked, but we did. It was a time for the writers to meet the coaches in an atmosphere other than a football field. It was also a time for the football coaches to use their lobbying skills for their favorite players.

It was a night engineered by Pres Hobson, who was sports editor of the paper at the time, and who is no longer with us, and the world is a lot less entertaining as a result of his loss.

Back then, the football coaches were giants. There names were practically household words. There was Harry Gerrish of Hanover, Jackie Fisher of Weymouth, Hank Conroy of Quincy, Carl Leone of North Quincy, Evie Dorr of Scituate, Dan Bennett of Natick, Art Gulla of Holbrook, Tony Quintiliani of Braintree, and so many more whose names escape me right now.

It was a night the coaches and writers looked forward to year after year. It was a night that filled a void in the open football week.

Like so many good things, that special night that came around once a year came to an end much too soon. As the newspaper grew and kept expanding, the expense of such a night became prohibitive. That special night finally came to an end. The coaches missed it. The writers missed it and the all-scholastic team was missing a little something.

That special week is here once again. There is no party, but there are memories. Hopefully, a number of the party participants are still around and will be out watching their favorite teams play next Thursday.

If any of you guys from the old days are still around and care to remember who I was: I was the "husky" kid with the crew cut.

There was another exceptional man around in those days. Bob Cady was the assistant sports editor, who would eventually become sports editor of the newspaper. Bob wrote a weekly sports column and ended every column with three words that were very appropriate back then and for the times we now live in — Peace attend thee.

Thanksgiving football
■ **Cohasset at Hull, 10 a.m. - $5 admission**

Motley's crew

Cohasset senior played key role in NDA's state title run

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

During Notre Dame's recent charge through the Division 1 soccer tournament, the offense received the lion's share of the accolades. And, as is so often the case, outstanding defensive work was overshadowed.

Among those defensive stalwarts who went about their vital job quietly and efficiently was Cohasset senior Sarah Motley.

True, the offense did put up some pretty impressive numbers in their opponents' ends, but the defense was the key to the Aces' biggest wins.

Motley, a second year starter, had a terrific regular and post-season at stopper. She played an important role in the Aces backfield, which surrendered only one goal in five playoff games before Wachusett scored two in the State Finals.

With the help of their lone Cohasset team member, the Aces marched right through the South Sectionals, dismantling Oliver Ames 3-0 in the Sectional Finals.

Motley and the defensive crew came up huge in stopping Andover, 1-0, in the East Regionals. A late goal by junior standout Nicole Dunn, of Plymouth, was the difference maker.

Winning the East Regionals was a chance for retribution for the Aces. All season long, they had quested to make it that far to avenge their early exit from the playoffs a year ago.

"We got knocked out on a game that we should have won," asserted Motley.

Although the team felt disappointed about not being able to complete their conquest of a State title, Motley could not help feeling a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

"We had a really good season," reported Motley, who played for the Skippers as a freshman before transferring to NDA. "We made it further than any other team in Notre Dame history."

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Earning her way to the starting spot as a junior, Motley played for the Aces all through high school. She credits much of the success of the defense to their controlled way of playing.

"A lot of teams just play kick and run," she noted. "We like to pass it around more."

Motley will continue to talk to recruiters about the possibility of playing in college. She is presently looking into opportunities at Villanova, LaFayette, St. Joseph's, Bentley and Babson.

With a bright college future ahead, Motley had a great final season to give her a push start.

All-Scholastic field hockey team

Cohasset's Peraino and Coakley named among area's elite

The 14 individuals you see honored here are the ones we determined through research and personal observation to be the top field hockey players in *Marinerland* (i.e. Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland and Scituate).



Heather Peraino

As you might imagine, this was no easy task. Several of the girls you see recognized here as Honorable Mentions received serious consideration for All-Scholastic honors.

Having committed to a team of only 14 players, however, difficult choices had to be made. The omission of Cohasset senior sweeper Jackie Goines, a South Shore League All-Star, was one of the more difficult ones.

After missing all of her sophomore year following knee surgery and still slowed somewhat last fall as a junior, Jackie came out of nowhere to emerge as the central figure in the Lady Skippers defensive core this season, and was rewarded for her efforts with a "Best Defensive Player Award" at last week's post-season dinner.

"We had a lot of pressure on our defense this year, and Jackie played a big part in keeping it all together," said Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick. "She had a great attitude. She helped keep the girls from ever getting too uptight. She kept things loose and played on the same high level all the time."

Heather Peraino - Junior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Cohasset

This second year starter was the heart and soul of the Lady Skippers team that missed the post-season by just one game a year after graduating nine starters from the program...led the team in scoring with five goals and four assists and was voted team Most Valuable Player...South Shore League All-Star...also a member of the varsity basketball team...looks forward to pitching for the softball team this spring, with the program slated for reinstatement...also plays indoor field hockey in the winter with many of her Cohasset High teammates at the Bridgewater Sports Dome...would like to play field hockey in college, and is leaning towards attending a medical school and studying dental hygiene...Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick: "Heather was the focal point of so much of what we did this season. Everything on offense went through her. She had a great sophomore year on a very good team and then really emerged as a leader and a force this season."

ELITE, PAGE 14



PHOTO/ROB KEANE

Cohasset's Heather Peraino (#13) was a no-brainer for this team. The junior captain was the heart and soul of the surprising Lady Skippers this season, who came within one win of qualifying for the state tourne

SPORTS NOTES

CHS winter Sports practices start Monday

Practices for all Cohasset High School winter sports programs start on Monday. Athletes should see Athletic Director Ron Ford for specific information.

All athletes wishing to participate must have passed a Physical within the past 365 days, and have a form stating this on file with the Athletic Department. Athletes also need to pay a User Fee of $75.

Interscholastic sports programs offered this winter are ice hockey, gymnastics, wrestling and boys and girls basketball.

For more information, call Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford (781-383-6103).

Cohasset High blanket

These attractive navy colored blankets with white trim include a Skippers logo in the middle.

The cost for one blanket is $50, and $45 each for two or more. All monies go to the C.H.S. Athletic Dept. Interested parties should call Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

Youth basketball evaluation sessions

Grades 1-3

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club/Recreation Department request all boys and girls in grades one through three, who registered for youth basketball this season, attend a 45-minute evaluation session so that balanced teams can be drafted. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 1

Grade one, boys and girls, 9 a.m., Deer Hill School

Grade two, boys and girls, 10:30 a.m., Deer Hill School

Grade three, boys and girls, noon, Deer Hill School

For questions or comments, call Jack Worley at 781-383-4109.

Grades 4-6

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will hold evaluations and team selection by all coaches for boys and girls in grades four to eight. The season will begin Saturday, Dec. 9. The evaluation schedule for each grade is listed below. The first 40 minutes will be spent evaluating the boys and girls. The final 20 minutes will be a coach's conference to select the teams. The teams must be selected on that day since the actual games begin the following week.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1
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SCHEDULE

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10:30 to 11:30 a.m., sixth-grade boys

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., seventh- and eighth-grade boys

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9:30 to 10:30 a.m., fifth-grade girls

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., sixth-grade girls

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., seventh- and eighth-grade girls

For more information or comments, call Jack Worley at 781-383-4109.

Classic Abington-Cohasset Game tape available

Seeking to raise money for a new Athletic Trainer at Cohasset High, the C.H.S. Athletic Dept. is making available tapes of this past Friday's huge Skippers victory on the gridiron over league rival Abington. In addition to the game in its entirety, the tape will include the Channel 5 report and highlight reel from the game, as well as snipets from the C.H.S. pre-game rally and Senior Night ceremonies. Also included in the package will be a copy of the game rosters and the game report from the Cohasset Mariner.

The cost of this entire package is $15, with all monies going to the C.H.S. Athletic Dept. Interested parties should call Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

Spring travel soccer Registration

Cohasset Soccer Club is now accepting registrations for the Spring Travel Soccer Season. Those players who did not register in the fall must do so by December 21, 2001. Registration forms may be obtained at the Recreation Office in Town Hall. Payment of $70.00 is due at the time of registration. No late registrations are being accepted. Contact Brad or Melinda Murray at 781-383-7017 with any questions.

Cohasset's Peraino and Coakley named among area's elite

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Abbey Coakley - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Cohasset


Abbey Coakley

Finished second on the Lady Skippers in scoring behind Peraino with three goals and three assists and won the "Coaches Award" in deference to what coach Bostwick deemed was "outstanding leadership capabilities" made a smooth transition from bench player to full-timer this season. South Shore League All-Star also plays indoor field hockey in the winter with many of her Cohasset High teammates at the Bridgewater Sports Dome, presently leaning towards attending a Boston art school, but would like to play collegiate field hockey at another Boston School through an available collaborative athletic program...Cohasset coach Deb Bostwick: "Abbie was the player I'd be most at ease leaving in charge if I wasn't there. She was a great leader and she was just really into the game. She was always paying attention whether she was on the field or not. She was also a very strong offensive player for us. She really made a lot of nice drives and created a lot of corner opportunities."

Carolyn King - Junior
Center Forward - Hanover


Carolyn King

A second-year varsity player, King led Hanover in scoring with 19 points on 12 goals, 7 assists. Her 12 goals were the most scored by any other Patriot League player...King's solid play on the front line powered the Lady Indians to a second place finish in their first season in the Patriot League with a 6-2-2 record, which tied rival Hingham, and helped Hanover qualify for the Div. 2 South Sectional for the 18th time in 19 seasons...A Patriot League All-star, King has been a member of the MSSFHA Summer League for two years and has participated in Harvard's Indoor tournament and has been chosen to captain next year's field hockey team...King is also a forward on the HHS basketball team. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "Carolyn's stick skills are excellent. She knows where the ball is inside our offensive circle and gets to it. She sees the entire field and has good anticipation."

Rachel Mezzetti - Senior
Left Wing - Hingham


Rachel Mezzetti

A first-year starter, Mezzetti had a great offensive year for the Harborwomen...The senior was Hingham's leading scorer with 12 goals, despite playing on the left side...Mezzetti's tough play and great stick skills inside the circle and on corner penalties heavily aided the Harborwomen, who tied rival Hanover for second place in the Patriot League with a 6-2-2 record...Also contributed some of the best offensive chances for Hingham in the team's tough 1-0 Div. 2 Sectional loss to West Bridgewater and came up big in two scoreless ties with Hanover...Mezzetti—who also enjoys playing the violin – is considering attending college and continuing her field hockey career. Hingham coach Meredith Gordon: "She's a snipper. She was always on the post and had her best performances against Hanover. Judy (Schneider, Hanover coach) was very impressed with her. She's small, but she's fearless."

Keri Gerrish - Sophomore
Midfielder - Hanover


Keri Gerrish

In just her first varsity year, Gerrish made some noise for the Patriot League runners up...Solid on both defense and offense, Gerrish recorded nine points on one goal and eight assists...A Patriot League All-star, Gerrish "pretty honored" to be the only sophomore to start in this year's PL All-star game...Has played center, left and right midfield positions...Her performance in the midfield helped the Lady Indians finish in second place in the PL with a 6-2-2 record, which tied Hingham, and in securing the team's 18th consecutive Div. 2 tourney berth in 19 seasons...In addition to field hockey, Gerrish is also a member of the HHS gymnastics and softball teams...Gerrish also competes for Ellis Gymnastics in Braintree and plays indoor softball as a pitcher and third baseman. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "Keri has outstanding quickness and great endurance. She's a good one-on-one player and has hard, flat hits. She has good anticipation and good transition. She is an intense competitor and loves the game."

Katie Fallon - Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Hingham

There's more to field hockey than just statistics and Fallon is the epitome of this ideal...As Hingham's most reliable midfielder, this two-year starter and first-time Patriot League All-star was a defensive stalwart for the Harborwomen...Her performance in the midfield contributed heavily to Hingham's second-place finish in the Patriot League (6-2-2, which tied rival Hanover) and Div. 2 tourney berth...Fallon is secretary of SADD and is also active in the drama club...The senior is considering attending college and continuing her field hockey career. Hingham coach Meredith Gordon: "She's a real subtle player and isn't flamboyant, but she was relied on heavily. She knows how to read her opponents extremely well and is very patient as far as her defensive tactics are concerned. She's in every play. She's just there. She's the heart of the team."

Amy Martino - Junior
Center Midfielder - Hanover


Amy Martino

Was a force for the Lady Indians in the midfield this season...A second-year starter, Martino contributed heavily both on offense and defense...Tallied nine points this year on three goals and six assists for Hanover, which tied Hingham for second in the Patriot League with a 6-2-2 record...Was voted a Patriot League All-star in Hanover's first season in the new league...Has said that what she enjoys most about field hockey is "playing with her teammates and having fun"...Martino has already been chosen as one of the captains for next season...The junior has participated in the MSSFHA Summer League for two years and has competed in the Winter Indoor League in Bridgewater for two years...The junior also competes on Hanover's track and field team and also enjoys horseback riding and competes for Herring Brook in Pembroke. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "She controls the middle of the field and is always in position to intercept a cross pass. Her hard drive is valuable in distributing play and changing fields. She always seems to come up with the ball near our defensive circle and is able to make quick, strong clears."

Tara Hostnick - Junior
Midfielder – Silver Lake


Tara Hostnick

Old Colony League All-Star and selected as team Most Valuable Player for the Lady Lakers...was focal point of offense, with most attacks flowing through her, and was also a top defensive player...played through painful ankle sprain for much of the early part of the season...also a standout singles tennis player, as acknowledged by the Mariner this past spring with an All-Scholastic Honorable Mention...Silver Lake field hockey coach Marlene Lopes says she wouldn't even be surprised to see Tara play field hockey at the Div. 1 college level if she sticks to it...Coach Lopes: "Tara did it all for us. She was strong on the drive, and has amazing stick work, and she's a great passer too. She also has great instincts for the game."

Melanie Duval - Senior (Capt.)
Center Defense - Scituate

Came back much stronger than anyone could have anticipated after missing most of the first month of the season with mononucleosis, emerging almost instantly as the top defensive presence for the Sailors...a strong team leader...started playing field hockey as a sophomore...after one year of JV play, made the jump to varsity starter at center-defense as a junior...a Patriot League All-Star...top collegiate choice is Middlebury College (Vermont), though she's applied to seven other New England schools...Commonwealth College (the Honors program at UMass-Amherst) has offered her free tuition...leaning towards majoring in Business...also an avid trained dancer, something she has been pursuing since she was two years old. She's studied jazz, ballet, pointe and modern...will continue dancing in college, but says she's leaning towards playing field hockey at an intramural level only... Scituate coach Marcia McKeever: "Melanie is a very smart and steady player. She's also very aggressive. She doesn't let herself get pushed off the ball, and that's one of the things that helps make her an outstanding defensive player. She's also extremely coachable."


Melanie Duval

Nicole Vella - Senior
Left Wing - Scituate


Nicole Vella

Very good at creating her own offense...finished the season with a team high four goals and two assists... a four year field hockey team member, including the last two on the varsity squad...Patriot League All-Star...Vella started playing field hockey as an eighth grader through a program at the Scituate Youth Center...plays indoor field hockey at the Bridgewater Sports Dome during the winter...has participated in two field hockey camps at Deerfield Academy...played with Scituate teams in each of the past two Bay State Games, including this past summer's team that made it to the semifinals...participated in spring track as a freshman and sophomore, running as a member of the 4x800 relay team that made it to the All-State meet as a sophomore, but played lacrosse last spring as it became a full fledged varsity sport for the first time at S.H.S....has twin sister Nadine, who also played on the field hockey team...National Honors Society member...applying to Providence, Fairfield, UConn, UMass-Amherst and Loyola....she'd like to continue playing field hockey in college, though she concedes it may be at the club level if she winds up at one of these Div. 1 schools...Scituate coach Marcia McKeever: "Nicole is one of those player who does her job so well she goes almost unnoticed. She's very good at carrying the ball, and she does all the little things. She's just an overall extremely dependable player."

Sarah Taylor - Senior
Defense - Norwell


Sarah Taylor

This South Shore League All-Star was the anchor of a very strong Lady Clippers defense...succeeded repeatedly with her task of shutting down several gifted opposing scorers this season...has played field hockey all four years at Norwell High, the last three as a varsity starter...would like to play field hockey in college and is planning to attend a few upcoming showcase tourneys...leaning towards studying Veterinary Medicine...is considering applying to several colleges, including URI, UNH, Guilford, Iowa State and Colorado State...Norwell field hockey coach Kathy O'Donnell: "Sarah has great timing and feel for the game. She's also a great leader on defense, helping girls know where to go. You could see other teams trying to avoid her side of the field in games, because she was so good at coming up with steals and then sending the ball back the other way real quickly."

Kara Shaughnessy - Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Hanover


Kara Shaughnessy

After seeing limited time last season behind All-Scholastic goalie Lisa Bellantoni, Shaughnessy had a tremendous year in the cage for Hanover...Ranked among the top three goalies in the Patriot League, Shaughnessy allowed just 13 goals in 18 games for the Lady Indians for an impressive 0.72 goals against average...Of the 144 shots she saw, Shaughnessy stopped 131 of them...Also recorded 10 shutouts...Came up big in two scoreless ties against rival Hingham, whom the Lady Indians tied for second place in the Patriot League with a 6-2-2 record...A Patriot League All-star, Shaughnessy had a stellar performance in Hanover's first-round Div. 2 South Sectional game against West Bridgewater, holding them to just one goal in a 1-0 loss...Shaughnessy is considering attending UMass Amherst where she may continue her field hockey career. Hanover coach Judy Schneider: "Kara is an outstanding athlete. Agile, strong, flexible with good speed and quickness. She comes off the goal line to cut down angles and intercept cross passes. She has strong, hard clears with either foot. She directs her defense with confidence. She is hard working, dedicated athlete with great work ethics."

Abbe Ciulla - Senior
Goalie - Hingham

After being thrust into the starting goalie position last season, Ciulla proved she deserved the spot this year in an amazing performance...Ranked among the Patriot League's top three goalies, Ciulla was almost impenetrable this season, allowing just 13 goals in 19 games for an impressive 0.66 goals against average...Also recorded nine shutouts and 129 saves...Ciulla's impressive reaction to second-shot attempts constantly came up big in important games, such as in two scoreless ties with rival Hanover, whom the Harborwomen tied for second place in the Patriot League with a 6-2-2 record (11-5-2 overall)...Also recorded an outstanding performance in Hingham's 1-0 loss to Bishop Stang in the first round of the Div. 2 South Sectional...Ciulla is also a full-time art student, working with a local tutor and is also a member of the HHS snowboard club...A two-time Patriot League All-star, Ciulla is considering attending UMass Dartmouth and plans to continue playing field hockey. Hingham coach Meredith Gordon: "Abbe's so aggressive. She has great clears on both the right and left leg. She's quick to recover and is extremely passionate. She's all over the place. I can't say enough about her."


Abbe Ciulla

Meredith Gillespie - Senior
(Capt.)
Goalie - Marshfield

Was a leader both by example and by word for the Lady Rams this season, according to coach Carol Anderson...After starting half of the games last season, Gillespie started every game but three this season for Marshfield (6-9-2), after a concussion sustained late in the season kept her out of her final three high school games...Gillespie was impressive in the cage this season in which the Lady Rams moved up to the Old Colony League, which includes field hockey powerhouses like Falmouth, Barnstable, and Bridgewater-Raynham...The OCL All-star recorded four shutouts for Marshfield this season and saved 157 shots...Also served as the starting goalie for Marshfield's six-on-six Bay State Games team and has attended many field hockey clinics, including the nationally run Future's Program...The senior is also active in the MHS drama club, scoring the lead in last year's production of "Guys and Dolls", and in community theatre...Gillespie is considering attending Cornell University or Umass Amherst next fall. Marshfield coach Carol Anderson: "She's just such a hard worker. She goes out to play. She really took charge this year. She's a great leader on the field. She can see everything and was always talking to her teammates. She's a great kid."


Meredith Gillespie

Honorable Mention:

Jen Kruetzberg- Midfield- Senior - Scituate

Kristen Conboy- Forward - Junior - Silver Lake

Lindsey Cammett - Forward - Senior - Norwell

Jackie Goines - Sweeper - Senior- - Cohasset

Lauren Titus - Junior - Midfield - Hanover

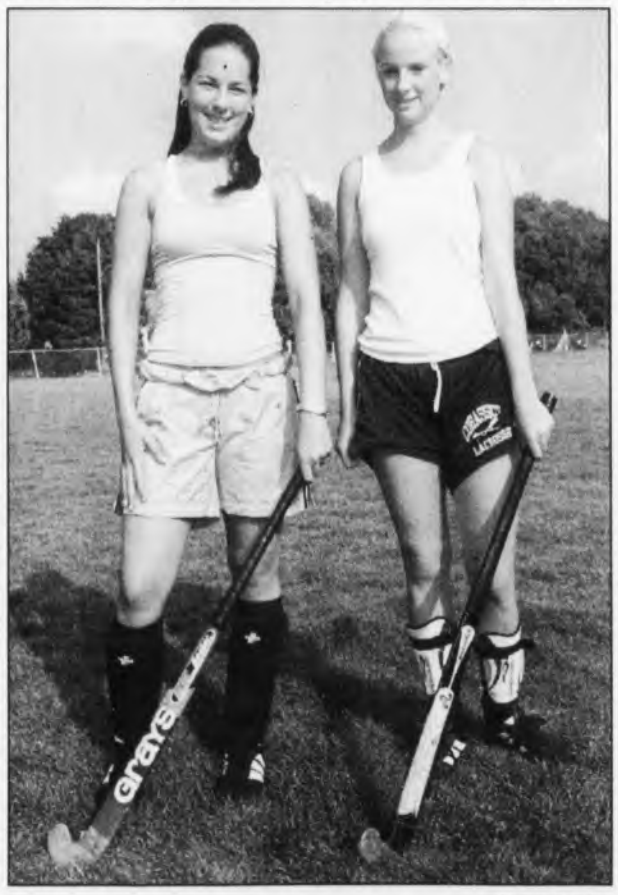
Jamie Hulke - Senior (Capt.) - Forward - Hanover

Jill Jope - Senior (Capt.) - Forward - Marshfield

Julie Dunderdale - Senior - Defense - Marshfield

Laura Gomez - Senior - Sweeper - Hingham

Bridget Garrity - Senior (Capt.) - Forward - Hingham



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Cohasset High field hockey co-captains and fellow Mariner All-Scholastic field hockey selectees Heather Peraino (left) and Abbey Coakley.



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Cohasset High's football seniors: (kneeling, L-R) Dave Bouchard, Paul Previte, Jason Brown, Eric Libby (standing, L-R) Will Prendergast, Marc Musco, Jari Martin, Brendan Goff, John Hussey and Chris Caron.



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Halfback Jason Brown (#14) will, as usual, be asked to carry a huge load Thursday.

Showdown to determine post-season dreams for gridders

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With a field built right at the end of the Hull peninsula, literally surrounded on three sides by the Atlantic Ocean, Hull is a notorious Thanksgiving football venue with its wintry, windy and wet conditions.

"We are taking into consideration that it might be a bad weather day," said Rolfe, making note of how much the wind can affect a teams chances of mustering its passing game.

In his three Thanksgivings as a Cohasset coach, Rolfe has won, tied and lost (a 43-6 bruising last year). A victory would place Cohasset in the playoffs against Tyngsboro, which has already finished its season.

But as is his practice during the season, Rolfe refuses even to even glance past Hull. The Pirates may have a 3-3-3 record, but they did shutout Norwell in their second scoreless tie of the year.

Concluded Rolfe: "We can't look ahead. We have got our hands full with Hull."

Field hockey team breaks up on high note

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset field hockey team held its annual breakup banquet last Tuesday night to bring a positive end to what coach Deb Bostwick felt was an "encouraging building year."

After a slow start to the season, the Lady Skippers rallied to go 5-3-2 in their final five games to finish with a record of 6-7-5, thus missing post-season qualification by a single win. Bostwick said she believes this flourish is something that can be carried over into next season.

"I think the girls showed themselves at the end of the year what they can accomplish if they work hard," said the veteran coach. "The girls coming back will remember that."

The Cohasset girls lose five seniors to graduation: co-captain Abbey Coakley, Allison Scott, Suzanne Lynner, Jackie Goines and Katie Silva.

"We got good leadership and strong play from those seniors, but we'll be getting one of our captains back and I think there are others who are ready to step up and take a bigger leadership role," continued the coach."

The returning captain is junior Heather Peraino, who was named the team's Most Valuable Player at the banquet. She was also one of three Cohasset players named to the South Shore League All-Star team.

Coakley, another of the Lady Skippers league All-Star selectees, was honored for her leadership qualities with the bestowment of the team's "Coaches Award."

Defenders Kimmy Ulmer and Sarah Dennis were rewarded for their respective efforts with the "Unsung Hero" and "Most Improved Player" awards.

Dennis shared the "Most Improved Player" award with Goines, the third Cohasset player named to the South SSL All-Star team.

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— **Morgan McCarthy**



"For my school and all my teachers."
— **Ariel Savage**



"For my grandparents."
— **Christie Fitzgerald**



"For the people who have helped me and the people who built my house."
— **Derek Froio**



"For the beach because when it's hot I can swim."
— **Amber Silvia**



"For my family and my dog."
— **Kathryn Mastromarino**



"For God, my family, the dog I'm going to get and the police and firefighters."
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Second-graders share Thanksgiving thoughts

By Mitchell McNary
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
a ball that I can thrown and catch
a book to hold
a play station that I can play
shoes to put on
to hug my Mom and Dad.

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
a pitch that's coming to you
and to see where I am going
and so I can play with my friends
and to eat my food
and to see the words in a book
and to see my Mom and Dad

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
a plane in the air
a car driving on the road
a motor cycle driving on the road
and someone drilling something
wind crashing on the ocean
people cheering for a team to win
and to hear my Mom and Dad say
they love me.

By Whitney Jaffe
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
sweet cats purring
red delicious apples that I like to eat
holding hands with another person
goggles when I go swimming
turkey on Thanksgiving

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
friends playing together
seeing other people's eyes looking at me
friends holding hands
my cat, Gracie, sitting behind the TV
my sister and me getting along

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
the sound of running water
friends laughing
buses going back to school for the fall
kids yelling good things in excitement
the sound of the bus leaving to go home
my cat learning to meow

By Olivia Franklin
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
bows and clips red and orange
apples green for eating
rakes for raking leaves
a fork, a spoon, a knife, a plate, a cup for a feast
cold chains on a swing
pencils to write on paper
tan railings on stairs
soft dogs, puffy cats, all pets to play with
pots and pans for cooking food
books for reading
stuff to eat with your fingers
Markers, crayons for drawing with

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
ladybugs for good luck
seeing tennis and baseball games
seeing tennis rackets hitting tennis balls
people playing games
all insects flying and crawling
sky blue and clouds white
leaves falling from trees in the fall
pictures of me at all ages
American flag and lots more

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
rain drops falling on the ground
kids playing everywhere
dogs barking, cats meowing
footsteps on the ground
snow crunching
echoes bouncing off the wall
food crunching in your mouth

By Sarah Evans
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
my baby cousin playing with his ball
holding my backpack at the bus stop
building cars with my legos
cups that hold water
waving flags for fun
pencils writing a card
hugging my mom

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
friends playing with me
my dad reading stories
flowers growing in my mom's garden
trees whose leaves are falling
playing with animals

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
singing songs
my teacher talking to me
my friends laughing
my dogs barking
my mom helping me with my math
my dad talking to me

By Christina Secatore
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
cute hamsters and cute little mice
white as snow
lovely little, puppy dogs so furry and warm
and don't forget those kittens of course
don't forget to hold hands before crossing the street

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
I can see my loving family
I can see the children playing
I can see the morning sky
and I can see the dark misty sky

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
people talking through the day
lovely barks and wolves howling
scary meows from cats in the night

By Isabel Robinson
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
slippery soap, delicious dishes filled with pasta
soda cans of all sizes
bright white snowballs that I throw
red, blue and green paint brushes
leaves of red and brown
your new baby sister
and your baby puppy.

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
every sign, poem, picture, every bright star, pencil and person
every brown turkey coming out of the oven
all your grandparents that you love
tall and puffy clouds
your desk filled with pencils and crayons
all your friends, the whizzing tennis ball
and each tall oak tree.

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
story readers reading fairy tales
rushing cars zooming past me
cool wind blowing threw the trees
flashing lightening in wild storms
kids playing ball
questions being asked in school
huge splashes in cold water
long branches cracking in windy days
and cats meowing for food.

By Alex Evans
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
catching footballs in the park
feeling cold snow
touching good foods like carrots
feeling soft fur on a dog
putting on my soft sweatshirt
carving pumpkins on Halloween

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
kids having fun playing soccer
the nice ocean blowing
the waving of the American flag
buttery popcorn after school
black bats soaring in my woods

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
the bells ringing at the church near my street
the waves crashing at the beach
the wind whistling in the sky
people moving fast on bikes
noise of a car horn
people saying "Happy Thanksgiving!"

By Christopher Brash
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
food like chicken that I eat
gorgeous flowers in my yard
wood that I stack in the woods
cowboy hats that I play with
pencils I use for drawing

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
people walking to a park
kids playing at the park
library books
water passing by
playing computers
my teacher when I go to school

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
birds chirping
bats flying in caves
rabbits hopping home
kids running home
people talking about the news
people always saying "Thank You"

By Zoe Whilton
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
cats cuddled so comfortable
teddy bears so soft in my room
books that are so "class"
fruit so healthy and clean
ball so big that I can bounce
my grandma's cats

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
lovely sunsets pink and orange
lovely flowers long and short in my Grandma's garden
puppies so cute sleeping
seeing wild turkeys in my driveway only
on Thanksgiving morning

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
lovely songs that birds sing
drums banging in songs
kids laughing when they play
cats purring when they're happy
dogs barking when they're mad
turkeys saying, "Gobble! Gobble!"

By Jake Durkin
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
race car toys that I race outside
drinking cups filled with soda
bringing backpacks to school
throwing baseballs at the wall
books to read
flags to hold and salute
footballs to play catch

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
time on the clock
you playing at my friend's house
words in a book
animals in the forest
stars in the sky
apples that are ripe

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
birds tweeting
cars driving on the highway
pencils getting sharpened
mice squeaking
brooms sweeping in the hallway
pigs snorting at the farm
people talking

By Amanda Farren
Thank you
for all my hands can hold
nutritious fruits so good and sweet
and feel the warmth from the fire
light heat
and those green apples so good and tart
and rocks so hard I can't break them apart
So you can see there are a lot of things you can hold.
I like to hold that stuff but not mold.

Thank you
for all my eyes can see
the trees and the flowers and meadows and seas
they are so beautiful to look at and fascinating too
some are like that and some are gooey too.

Thank you
for all my ears can hear
The bumbling bees and tumbling leaves
children playing and laughing too
and I don't like when I hear boo boo
And I hear footsteps creeping around
Oh what good things I can hear for a sound.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

7:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Erik P. Anderson, 32, of 141 Lincoln St., Norwell. Charges: Operating after license to operate motor vehicle suspended, no inspection sticker.

9:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:42 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:52 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:53 a.m. Norfolk Rd., suspicious activity/person(s).

11:55 a.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:18 p.m. Brewster Rd., assist citizen.

1:13 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., parking complaint.

1:49 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking complaint.

2:25 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

3:51 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

5:51 p.m. River Rd., assist other agency.

6:40 p.m. Pond St. and Woodland Dr., motor vehicle accident.

7:08 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop.

9:11 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

9:21 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

10:49 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

6:41 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

9 a.m. Brewster Rd., officer wanted.

9:42 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

4:33 p.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

6:13 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:58 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

4 a.m. Howe Rd., assist citizen.

9:06 a.m. S. Main St., parking complaint.

10:16 a.m. Crocker Lane, officer wanted.

10:20 a.m. S. Main St., "hazmat" incident (hazardous material/s), departmental action.

4 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid.

7:15 p.m. S. Main St., parking complaint.

7:36 p.m. Ripley Rd., officer wanted.

7:27 p.m. Rocky Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:45 p.m. King St. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:57 p.m. King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:04 p.m. S. Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

8:20 p.m. S. Main St., parking, ticket issued.

9 p.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:35 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:11 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Red Gate Lane, traffic control, traffic citation issued.

10:30 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:30 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

2:06 a.m. Summer St., transport.

8:14 a.m. Howe Rd., well-being check.

8:53 a.m. Brewster Rd., traffic safety inspection.

9:43 p.m. Beechwood St., general services.

9:57 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:25 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle violations, verbal warning.

2:15 p.m. S. Main St., larceny.

5:40 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:47 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic complaint.

6:45 p.m. Sohier St., parking violation, ticket issued.

6:46 p.m. S. Main St., 209A restraining order service.

7:16 p.m. S. Main St., suspicious activity/person(s).

7:19 p.m. Pond St., general services.

7:53 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:37 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

6 a.m. Border St. motor vehicle violations.

1:02 a.m. Elm St., assist motorist.

1:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., escort.

6:12 a.m. Lamberts Lane, burglary/breaking and entering.

10:43 a.m. Cedar St., illegal dumping.

10:51 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, fire, investigation.

12:14 p.m. Cedar St., illegal dumping.

1:19 p.m. Brewster Rd., officer wanted.

4 p.m. Mill Lane, fire, miscellaneous.

6:03 p.m. S. Main St. and West Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:46 p.m. Summer St. and S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:52 a.m. Summer St. and S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:20 p.m. Summer St. and S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:54 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

MONDAY, NOV. 12

8:23 a.m. Reservoir Rd., wires down.

9:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:23 p.m. So. Main St., well-being check.

7:35 p.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

6:54 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, stored/impounded.

7:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, to hospital.

8:19 a.m. So. Main St. and River St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:10 a.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:33 p.m. So. Main St., 209A restraining order, served.

2:53 p.m. Forest Ave., property, found.

5:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property, found.

5:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and H. T. Bailey Rd., assist other agency.

6:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

8:17 p.m. Elm St., assist motorist.

10:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

9:44 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., wires down.

9:48 a.m. Dave's Fuel, harassing/annoying phone calls.

10:17 a.m. Elm St., "hazmat" incident (hazardous material/s)

11:15 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle violations, verbal warning.

11:23 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:38 a.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:07 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., noise complaint.

2:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

2:52 p.m. Lighthouse Lane, vandalism.

3:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, 209A restraining order, served in hand.

5:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, inspections.

6:35 p.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:56 p.m. Highland Ave., parking complaint, ticket issued.

8:12 p.m. So. Main St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

9:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

6:10 a.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:51 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:59 a.m. King St. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:29 a.m. Pond St. and Clay Spring Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:49 a.m. King St., fire, auto, extinguished.

9 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

9:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services rendered.

10:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

10:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted.

11:04 a.m. Margin St., general services rendered.

11:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

12:44 p.m. No. Main St., animal call or complaint.

Drug arrest on Pleasant Street

Police allege a Cohasset man distributed cocaine from his residence at 100 Pleasant St.

Cohasset police working with the Norfolk County Task Force, the South Shore Drug Task Force and the Massachusetts State Police K-9 Unit executed at search warrant at the home of David E. Boyajian, 53, at 12:03 a.m., Saturday. Also arrested was Jacqueline R. Dinardo, 40, of 1122 Bedford St., Abington.

Seized during the search were several bags of marijuana, packaging materials and related drug paraphernalia, and more than one-quarter ounce of cocaine, police said.

Boyajian, who was arrested at the scene, was charged with possession of cocaine (second or subsequent offense); possession with intent to distribute cocaine (second or subsequent offense); possession of cocaine with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school zone; possession of marijuana; and conspiracy to violate drug laws. The Pleasant Street house is within 1,000 feet of the three town schools: Osgood, Deer Hill and the middle-high school.

Dinardo, who was also arrested at the scene, was charged with possession of cocaine and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

Boyajian's arrest follows a year-long investigation on alleged cocaine distribution from 100 Pleasant St.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said Det. Greg Lennon's involvement with regional drug task forces was an enormous help in the investigation.

"Being able to draw from the manpower and resources they have enable us to follow through on these cases," Noonan said.

Boyajian and Dinardo were arraigned on their respective charges Monday in Quincy District Court. They return for a pre-trial conference on Jan. 22, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P2781EP

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Date of Death February 21, 2001

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, November 9, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

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A 'Hometown' holiday

Plymouth shines at Thanksgiving time

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

While it may not always be easy to trace the origins of the holidays we celebrate year after year, we do know how the Thanksgiving holiday, first celebrated in 1621 as a "Harvest Feast" in Plymouth, began.

So it seems appropriate that Plymouth, known as "America's Hometown," pulls out all the stops for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Plymouth is a wonderful place to be at Thanksgiving time," said Paul Cripps of Destination Plymouth, a tourism resource agency.

"There's so much history here. What this region has can be traced to right here. And there are so many people dedicated to preserving the history we have here," he said.

A pre- or post-Thanksgiving dinner stroll is popular with residents near and far, Cripps said.

"It's a festive town, but a lot slower paced than a big city. It's wonderful to stroll the waterfront, see the "Rock" and other historical places, and remember where the holiday comes from," he said.



A costumed interpreter prepares a meal in a 17th century dwelling reconstructed at Plimoth Plantation. Both the plantation and the Mayflower II are open to the public during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Most of the town's historical points of interest, such as Plymouth Rock, the Mayflower II — a replica of the ship the Pilgrims took to the new world — and the National Monument to the Forefathers on Allerton Street are all within a short stroll of each other.

"Coming here on or around Thanksgiving really adds another dimension, beyond just the turkey dinner, to the holiday," said Cripps.



The Mayflower II is a popular tourist stop in America's hometown.

The Pilgrim Hall Museum, located at 75 Court Street, is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week, including Thanksgiving Day. The museum is the oldest continuously operating museum in the country and contains artifacts, exhibits and other information about the Pilgrims and their life here in the 17th century. Admission is $5 for adults, discounts available for children, seniors and families.

The Plymouth National Wax Museum at 16 Carver Street tells the story of the Pilgrims from the time they leave England to their arrival in Plymouth Harbor in 26 scenes. Visitors take the self-guided tour over three floors of the museum and learn about the Pilgrims trials and tribulations, their celebrations and losses. Admission is $6 for adults and $2.75 for children 5 to 12 years old.

One local tradition that brings participants back in time is the Colonial Lantern Tour, guided walking tours of the city during the evening hours. Walkers carry punched tin lanterns, much like those used during the early part of the 17th century, and walk through the original settlement site of the Pilgrims, including the waterfront and the Town Brook, all the while listening to stories about how the early settlers lived. The 90-minute tour starts at the Governor Bradford Inn at 98 Water Street and costs $10 for adults and $8 for children. The Thanksgiving tour runs through Nov. 25. Call 508-747-4161 for more information.

A couple of miles away from downtown Plymouth is Plimoth Plantation, where visitors can travel back to 1627 and see how the Pilgrims lived and worked.

"We don't do a real Thanksgiving celebration in the village, because in 1627 there was no Thanksgiving. But visitors can still come here and learn about the origins of the holiday," said Plimoth Plantation spokeswoman Carol City. Costumed interpreters portray the men and women who lived in the small village after the Mayflower landing and perform the daily duties their namesakes would have done. At the Plimoth Plantation Visitors' Center, families can come and have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner or a Victorian-era meal, a nod to the official beginnings of the national holiday during Abraham Lincoln's time.

The Mayflower II will also be open and passes to admit visitors to both Plimoth Plantation and the Mayflower II are available. For more information on hours and rates, call 508-746-1622.

Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES



David Brudnoy
CNC Film Critic

Potter is no Muggle

The J.K. Rowling book makes a near perfect screen adaptation

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (A-)

Swirling about the release of this most awaited film of the year is the already tiresome controversy over Coca Cola's tie-in, which assumes that without it no kid would ever guzzle a Coke, and the just as expected fretting about how many gimcracks and clothing items hard-pressed parents will be forced to buy (as if the word "no" has not been invented and found useful) owing to their children's cajoling and throwing of temper-tantrums. FYI, the most desired colors of the Yuletide gimme-gimme season will be red and gold, the hues at Gryffindor, Harry Potter's house at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Dashing scarves in Gryffindor colors, Harry's round glasses, and (unless you can forestall it) tattoos in his forehead scar shape: These augur the holiday crazes. And since we're urged by our leaders to spend to bolster the economy, maybe Harry, between saving the sorcerer's stone from evil hands and gearing up for his second year at school, might rescue the economy too. Good show, Harry!



Daniel Radcliffe doesn't put quite enough life into the film's title role.

The movie's a jolly good show as well, certain to triumph financially and to enchant audiences, especially kids who've devoured the book (none others are to be found in the civilized world), for whom the movie's fidelity to it will be a huge selling point, its minor deviations and excisions sure to keep them arguing about authenticity and the (un)needed alterations for the screen, long after the threads of their red and gold scarves have unraveled.

For the nine people in America who don't know the book, harken: It is the outwardly simple but deeply touching tale of a boy Cinderella, kept in squalor by his disgusting relatives, the Dursleys, who inherited him as a baby when his parents died; this loathsome family is appropriately portrayed. He is scooped up on his 11th birthday by a Hogwarts school custodian, Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane, in full hairy oaf mode), appropriately bankrolled and outfitted and set upon a train at

See next page

Now, that's Italian!

Hingham woman pens guide to North End eateries

By Jerry Elsden
CORRESPONDENT

Hingham's Rosalie Masella has an Italian-sounding name and even looks a bit Italian. She's also the writer/editor of the popular Rosalie's Guide to Restaurants in the North End of Boston. But Rosalie is not Italian (her husband, Jim, is). But when she walks along the North End's narrow streets Rosalie is warmly greeted by café and restaurant owners who appreciate what her pocket guide has done for their business in the last six years.

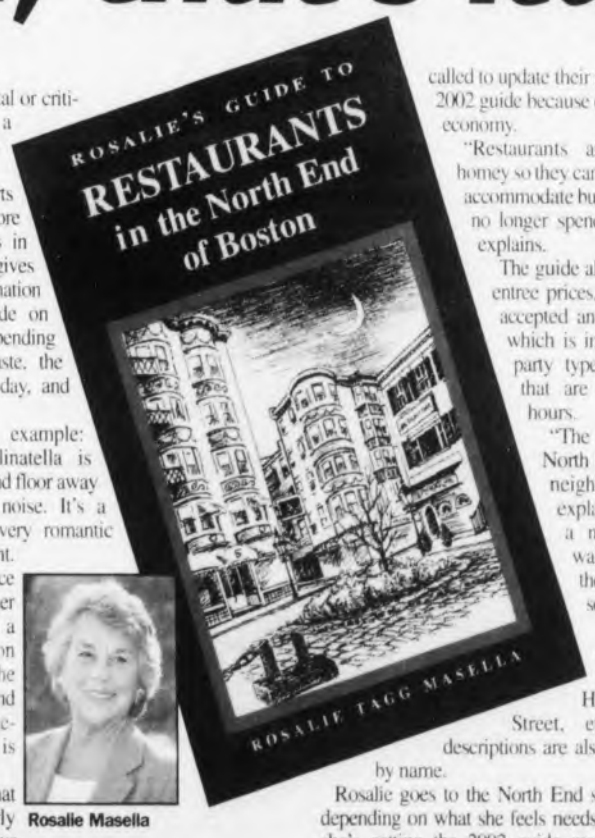
Rosalie started the guide in 1995 soon after she began volunteering in the Education Department of the New England Aquarium.

"Jim would meet me for lunch and we would go to the North End and try different places to eat," she recalls. "Meanwhile, visitors to the Aquarium, including lots of foreigners, would always ask me about where to have lunch or dinner. I would tell them about restaurants we had tried, then they would ask for directions, if reservations were needed, that sort of thing."

This happened so frequently that the Masellas decided that a guide to North End eateries was long overdue, and started doing research.

They decided on a descriptive, no-nonsense format with plenty of information, such as types of foods offered, places to park, and a street map of the North End. There's also a complete listing of Italian bakeries and delicatessens.

"It's not judgmental or critical," she adds. "It's a formula that everyone likes."



The guide reports on each of the more than 80 restaurants in "Little Italy" and gives the kind of information you need to decide on where to dine depending on your mood, taste, the occasion, time of day, and budget.

Here's one example: "Trattoria A Scalinatella is located on the second floor away from street level noise. It's a small, rustic and very romantic dining establishment. A working fireplace warms every winter evening, and it's a favorite destination for celebrities. The staff is from Italy and is very knowledgeable…The pasta is homemade."

Rosalie Masella

Rosalie notes that some formerly upscale eateries have called to update their menu offerings for the 2002 guide because of the downturn in the economy.

"Restaurants are becoming more homey so they can attract families and to accommodate business people who can no longer spend $50 on lunch," she explains.

The guide also includes minimum entree prices, types of credit cards accepted and hours of operation, which is important to late-going party types who frequent bars that are open until the wee hours.

"The nice thing about the North End is that it's a safe neighborhood," Rosalie explains. "People will go to a nice restaurant, then walk to a café for dessert, then stop for espresso somewhere."

The guide includes restaurants listed by street name; such as Hanover Street, Prince Street, etc., and restaurant descriptions are also listed alphabetically by name.

Rosalie goes to the North End several times a month depending on what she feels needs updating. Right now, she's getting the 2002 guide ready for the printer in Norwell, and keeping up with orders from large bookstores such as Borders and Barnes and Nobles. She only has to walk down the street in Hingham to replenish the supply at Main Street's Bookport, whose owner Fran Aronovici was an early supporter of the guide.

Rosalie's husband Jim, who has recently retired, handles sales of the guide north and west of Boston. Rosalie handles South Boston and the South Shore.

Writing and editing come easily to Rosalie, who majored in journalism in college, and found her first job after graduation at the Blue Bell, Penn.-based UNIVAC. The company was the first inventor of computers and is now called UNISYS.

"The assistant editor had just walked out of the job and I walked in and got it," she recalls. "I worked on the monthly newsletter — the house organ — for about three years, at the beginning of the computer era. I interviewed the Chinese computer engineers who came over here to work at UNIVAC, and wrote about what they were working on. It was a very exciting time."

After she and Jim were married, started their family and moved to Hingham, Rosalie again turned to writing and editing. She founded Derby Academy's first monthly newsletter. Their two sons attended Derby. In fact, the cover illustration was drawn by Derby art teacher Mary Ellen Olson, who also helped with the map.

The guide has been a labor of love for both Masellas.

"The restaurant owners are wonderful people to work with, and the North End is so historic and compact," she says. "It's a little like the suburbs of Rome."

A word of caution when reading Rosalie's Guide to Restaurants in the North End of Boston: you get very hungry, and want to taste every dish. *Buon appetito!*

Food & dining

Mashed Sweet Potatoes



THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Sometimes the simplest recipe holds the most secrets. This is certainly true with regular mashed potatoes the difference between great mashed spuds and lousy ones hinges on keen attention to detail. Since few of us even use a recipe for mashing sweet potatoes, I wondered if technique also matters here as well, whether one could make a Thanksgiving favorite into something extraordinary. I would have to start my investigations with the potatoes themselves.

The first rule of buying sweet potatoes is to realize that virtually everything labeled as a "yam" is, in fact, a sweet potato. A yam is a large, tubular, white-fleshed root vegetables which comes from Asia. They aren't orange- or yellow-colored and do not have a potato shape. As for sweet potatoes, the sweetest, most flavorful, and most common are the dark orange-brown varieties with bright orange flesh. Other varieties, such as "garnet yams" are drier and not quite as sweet.

My first cooking test was whether to bake or boil the potatoes before mashing. I tasted sweet potatoes that were baked with skin on as well as those that were boiled with the skin on and also with the skin removed. The differences were remarkable. The boiled potatoes were wet and mushy compared to the baked sweet potato which produced flesh that was also moist and intensely flavored. (Skin-on boiled potatoes are more flavorful than those without the skin but baked was clearly superior.) It occurred to me that perhaps boiled potatoes absorb water as they cook.

To test this theory, I boiled and baked potatoes with the skin on and weighed them before and after cooking. The boiled potato weighed 8 ounces before it was cooked and 8 ounces after it was cooked. The baked potato weighed 8.5 ounces before it was cooked and 7.5 ounces after. The mystery of the texture was solved - baking removes moisture and intensifies flavor. I also tested baking potatoes that had been already peeled and cubed and found that both the texture and flavor suffered. So the winning technique was to bake sweet potatoes in a 400-degree oven for about 40 minutes.

Once allowed to cool for about 5 minutes, the baked potatoes can be held with a double layer of paper towels and the peel can be removed with a paring knife. (An air pocket between the potato and the skin facilitates peeling.) In terms of mashing technique, I prefer to use a potato masher rather than any electric appliance such as a food processor or mixer. Machines quickly turn potatoes into gelatinous muck. Once mashed any woody fibers should be removed.

Sweet potatoes are moister and more flavorful than white potatoes and don't need as much butter and cream. For three pounds of potatoes I only needed 6 tablespoons of butter and 1/2-cup half-and-half to achieve the flavor and texture I wanted. I tried using milk and light or heavy cream and preferred half and half. At the Cook's Illustrated test kitchen, we found that melted butter was best since it coated the starch granules in the potato with fat, producing a fluffier product. I also found this be true with sweet potatoes and melting the butter, rather than having to wait until it warms to room temperature, is certainly more convenient.

I also experimented with a mixture of white and sweet potatoes and found the combination less successful than either variety on their own. Other pairings included carrots (too similar to sweet potatoes) and parsnips (too fibrous and hard to mash). I also tested grated ginger (too overbearing), grated cheese (neither cheddar, Gruyere, nor Parmesan married well to sweet potatoes), and toasted pecans (just plain weird – who wants crunch in their potatoes?). To punch up the flavor, I tested and liked maple syrup as well as brown sugar - molasses was overpowering and white sugar was flat tasting

Finally, I wanted to see if the potatoes would reheat well. With all holiday cooks I know timing can be an issue, especially if you have just one oven available. I found these potatoes reheat extremely well over low heat in a saucepan (or a skillet for extra fast results) but they do require frequent stirring. Unlike white potatoes that require more butter and cream if reheated, sweet potatoes require no additives.

MASHED SWEET POTATOES WITH MAPLE SYRUP

The best sweet potatoes for mashing have dark brown skin and bright orange flesh. They may be labeled "yams" but virtually all yams in the supermarket are in fact sweet potatoes. Real yams are large, white, and tubular.

3 pounds sweet potatoes
6 tablespoons melted butter
1/2 cup half and half, hot
3/4 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons maple syrup or 1 1/2 tablespoons brown sugar

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees and adjust rack to center position. Place potatoes in a baking pan and cook until tender, about 40 minutes, testing them for doneness with a toothpick or skewer.

2. Using a paring knife, remove the skin from the potatoes and place in large bowl. (If the potatoes are too hot to handle, fold a double layer of paper towels into quarters and use to hold potato.) Add melted butter and mash thoroughly with a potato masher. Remove any woody fibers. Add remaining ingredients and mix well with a wooden spoon or spatula. Adjust seasoning with salt if necessary. Serve immediately or reheat over low heat stirring frequently until heated through.

Serves 6 to 8 as a side dish.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

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track 9 3/4 meeting his soon to be life-long buddy Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint, a sassy little redhead with a cockeyed grin and much staying power). Later he meets the lass who becomes the third in their troika, Hermione Granger (Emma Watson); his nemesis, the appropriately named Draco Malfoy — malfoy is a close rendering of "bad faith" (Tom Felton, well incarnating the perfect blond we all knew in school and both envied and despised); and the august teachers who mentor these child wizards and prepare them for their destinies.

It's superlatively cast with John Cleese as a ghost of some notoriety, Zoe Wanamaker as instructress in, among other things, broomstick aeronautics, Richard Harris as headmaster Albus Dumbledore, Maggie Smith, majestic, perfect, as disciplinarian Professor McGonagall, Ian Hart as stuttering Professor Quirrell, Alan Rickman as insidious-appearing Professor Snape, sporting Laurence Olivier's page-boy haircut out of "Richard III," and many others. It is technologically masterful, its great centerpiece in the book, the flying ball game of Quidditch, rendered as well as, if not better than, the nifty kung-fooey stuff in those "Hidden Whoozits, Crouching Whatzahoozy" films enchanting us recently. And it zips along, scary in enough spots to keep moppets on the alert, although nary a youthful wail of terror was heard at the preview screening. It's inventive in every scene, none lagging, none superfluous; it's tender in its central if understated subtext, that for the orphan Harry, deprived of his parents by the One Not To Be Named (Voldemort, who appears in a truly terrifying scene), Hogwarts becomes the milieu for his maturation and for learning what matters. What matters, as Dumbledore tells him, has much to do with love, and as Hermione says, with friendship and loyalty. When the term ends and the wizard trainees board the Hogwarts Express back to whence they came, Harry sums it up: He is not returning to his "family." We know he knows where his family is.

The film's sole difficulty, other than its sometimes intrusive John Williams score, which leaves no audience reaction unprompted, is its central performance. Daniel Radcliffe, a handsome, cheery lad, with a few TV roles and one film part (the son to Jamie Lee Curtis and Geoffrey Rush in "The Tailor of Panama") behind him, has as yet just one expression: valiant, plucky alertness. It's pish-tush that you can't tell intelligence by looking at a person's face, and this boy has brains stamped upon him in spades. But he hasn't developed a range of expressions. In the book Harry takes hold; in the movie, it's Rupert Grint's Ron Weasley who captures our attention, with his older-than-his-years forehead furrowing, his determined set of the jaw, his face evolving before us into a full retinue of feelings and responses. One should warmly give a newby lots of slack; premature judgments are not only unfair but more often than not simply wrong. Maybe Daniel will emerge by the second film with a panoply of emotions unlayering themselves persuasively before our eyes, instead of just the single one he has pleasantly mastered now. For now, however, he is not the movie's great strength; "Harry Potter" triumphs despite Daniel Radcliffe, not because of him.

Written by Steve Kloves; directed by Chris Columbus. Rated PG

Ten turkey tips for safe holiday meals

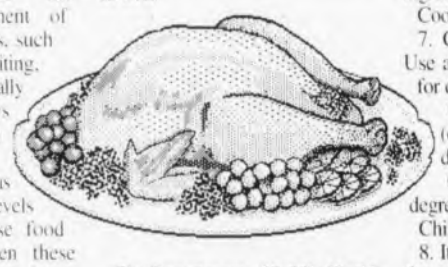
Will your holiday meal be remembered as a great gastronomic delight or as the source of dreaded gastrointestinal distress? The turkey that you serve can be risky if you are not careful selecting and preparing it.

Poultry products such as turkey and chicken are primary sources of the bacteria Salmonella and Campylobacter. These organisms are the two most commonly reported causes of these food-borne illnesses according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Symptoms, such as stomach cramps, vomiting, diarrhea and fever, usually occur one-to-five days after eating foods with high levels of bacteria.

Usually bacteria such as these are not harmful at levels typically found in these food sources. However, when these microorganisms are given favorable conditions, they can grow to harmful levels and make people sick. The moist high protein content of turkey provides needed nutrients for bacteria to multiply. With warm temperatures (from 40-to-140-degrees Fahrenheit) and enough time (usually two-to-four hours), bacteria can multiply rapidly from hundreds to thousands per bite.

Therefore, it is vital to keep foods out of the danger zone, the temperature range of 400-to-1,400-degrees Fahrenheit.

While turkey may be the original source of bacteria, these organisms can spread to other foods. Cross-contamination may occur when you stuff the turkey and do not properly wash your hands or cutting utensils before slicing vegetables for a snack or appetizer. The cutting board and/or knife are contaminated with bacteria and, without thoroughly cleaning, can spread the harmful bacteria to the uncooked vegetables. Your hands may be the source of other bacteria as well.



The Department of Public Health recommends that you protect yourself, your family and friends by following these 10 safe turkey tips.

TOP 10 SAFE TURKEY TIPS

Separate foods — Don't cross-contaminate

1. When you shop, keep the turkey away from other foods in your shopping cart.

2. Place the turkey below other foods in your refrigerator in order to prevent other foods from becoming contaminated with juices from the turkey.

3. Use a separate cutting board for cooked foods and raw foods.

4. Never put the cooked turkey on the unwashed plate that previously held the uncooked turkey.

Clean your hands and food surfaces often.

5. Wash your hands with hot soapy water before you touch the turkey and after you use the bathroom, change diapers, and play with pets.

6. Wash all cutting boards, dishes, kitchen tools and counter tops with hot soapy water after you finish fixing the turkey.

Cook foods to safe temperatures.

7. Cook the turkey thoroughly. Use a food thermometer to check for doneness.

Cook whole turkey unstuffed (or dark meat only) to 180-degrees Fahrenheit.

Cook a turkey breast to 170-degrees Fahrenheit.

Chill foods promptly.

8. It is best to thaw the turkey in the refrigerator, not at room temperature.

Thaw a whole turkey in the refrigerator, 8-to-12 pounds, one-to-two days; 12-to-16 pounds, two-to-three days; 16-to-20 pounds, three-to-four days; and 20-to-24 pounds, four-to-five days.

In a pinch you can also thaw the turkey in cold water. Cook the thawed turkey immediately.

• Put prepared foods and leftover turkey in the refrigerator within two hours.

• Split large amounts of leftovers into small bowls and cool them in the refrigerator.

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SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER inspired by the 1977 film and its score by the Bee Gees, comes to **Boston's Wang Theatre** on Jan. 22 and runs through Jan. 27. Adapted for the stage by Tony nominee Nan Knighton, Saturday Night Fever is directed and choreographed by Arlene Phillips and features a cast of 33 leading Broadway singers and dancers assembled by the Broadway production's entire award-winning creative team. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $45/$55/$65/$75. Group discounts are available for all performances except Friday and Saturday evenings. Special student group discounts are available only for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening performances at $30. Tickets are on sale now at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont Street or through Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400. For TTY ticket orders call 1-888-889-8587. For all other information call The Wang Theatre at 617-482-9393.

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27m at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY presents **AMAHL and the NIGHT VISITORS** performed by **Opera by the Bay** on Dec. 8, two shows 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Sanborn Auditorium, Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham and Dec. 9, two shows 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Pilgrim Church, 404 Washington Street, Duxbury.

MUSICAL HOLIDAY PARTY XIV AT QUINCY DINNER THEATER, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. Holiday music and comedy. Dec. 1,2,5,8,9,11,13,14,15,16,17,18,20,21, 22. Dinner and show, $35 to $37.50. Group and senior discounts available call 781-843-5862. Monday through Saturday, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 and 9, dinner 5 p.m. show 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 16, dinner 2 p.m., show 3:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible.

31ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFTS SHOW at the Bayside Expo Center from Nov. 23 - 25. This event features more than 300 exhibits of high quality, made-in-America art and craft products created from all types of materials. Show hours are Nov. 23, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Nov. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. General admission is $7 and children under 12 with an adult are admitted free. For more information call Fieldstone Shows, Inc. producer of the Christmas Crafts Show, 508-359-6545.

BAY COLONY CLUSTER DOG SHOW will be held from Dec. 6 - 9 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Sponsored by PEDIGREE brand dog foods, The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigreed pooches competing each day for "Top Dog" honors within their respective groups and breeds. The show will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is $10 for adults and seniors and $5 for children. Parking is $10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information call 617-556-7747. The public is not permitted to bring their dogs to the show.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes. Nov. 14: Orchestra (featuring members of the Electric Light Orchestra & ELO - Pt. II). Nov. 28: The Soft Parade (A Tribute to the Doors).Dec. 5, Irish Rovers Christmas Party For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.



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"Afternoon Light at Bluefish Cove," *by Bettina Lesieur*

Bettina Lesieur's Sixth Annual Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge beginning, Nov. 30 from 3 to 9 p.m. On Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a gala reception from 5 to 10 p.m. Additional dates are Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 8-9. Lesieur Gallery is conveniently located at 301 Saint George Street in Duxbury. For more information, call 781-934-5103 or visit www.betinalesieur.com

Fri. 23

Synder Jewelers will be having their Seventh Annual Live Ice Sculpture Nov. 23, from 2 to 5 p.m. The event is in conjunction with the Columbian Square Christmas Celebration, which will feature pictures with Santa Claus, Christmas Caroling, Bell Ringers, a Christmas Tree Lighting. Kiss 108 Kiss Van will entertain onlookers and MaryLou's Coffee will be serving free coffee. The sculpturing will be done by Atlantic Ice Sculptures of Quincy.

The 28th Annual Nantucket Noel. Festivities for this month-long celebration begins the day after Thanksgiving with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and continues through New Year's Eve with theatrical performances, concerts, holiday exhibitions and the world-famous Christmas Stroll Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. For more information, call 508-228-1700.

Fontbonne Academy's 22nd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival tonight (Nov. 23) from 6 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fontbonne Academy Gymnasium, Lower Campus, 930 Brook Road, Milton. The juried show presents a wide array of crafts for purchase, painting, ceramics, hand-painted china, folk art, various Christmas decorations and dolls, photography and decorated wooden crafts, unique food products, silk flower arrangements and much more. Admissions is $2 per person, free for children under age 14. Refreshments will be available starting at 5 p.m.

Bridgwaye Inn, Marshfield, presents **Dory Rickus,** electric guitarist, classic rock, etc. Nov. 23 and 24, at 8:30 p.m. in The Tavern – no admission charge. Call 781-834-6505 for information.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Urban Renewal.** Tickets are $6. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

South Shore Singles will sponsor a smoke-free dance with DJ music from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission is $5 members/$8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 web site http://www.southshoresingles.org

Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** at the Cohasset Town Hall weekends starting Nov. 23 through Dec. 9. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate. At the door and by phone at 781-383-1718. Girl Scout Troops contact Wendy at 781-545-1655 for discount tickets.

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The North River Theater will present the contemporary comedy **"Cheaters"** on Nov. 23 and 24 Nov. 30, and Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. There will be a free performance for senior citizens only on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $14 per person. Reservations information or directions call 617-476-8947.

Sat. 24

The Hull Artists Studio Connection will be hosting **"Art at the Abbey"** a 2001 Gift Giving Extravaganza, on Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey's new conference center 16 Hull Street, Hingham on Rt. 228 North, 1/4 mile from Route 3A toward Nantasket Beach. Plenty of free parking. Gifts of local fine art and crafts include: painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, crafts, jewelry, greeting cards, woodcrafts, ceramics, and children's books. Call 1-800-413-1770 for information.

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Sun. 25

Charity shopping night – Holiday shopping the Sunday evening after Thanksgiving without all of the other shoppers. Ticket sales in advance benefit the Quincy Animal Shelter. Only ticket holders will be admitted to the Mall during this event. Hanover Mall on Nov. 25, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets for the Hanover Mall are $5 (100 percent going to the animals). Tickets are available by calling Jean Ellard at (617) 472-3560.

Mon. 26

Bound Brook Chamber Players will perform in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room at the Plymouth Public Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Bound Brook Chamber Players consist of a variety of musicians and instruments. This evenings performance will include Elaine Baker D'Angelo on flute and piano, Jacob Litoff on violin, and Nathaniel Lathrop on cello. Light refreshments will be served. For information call 508-830-4250 or 508-747-5882.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **A Special Forum Series, Responding to Terrorism. The U.S. Response: A Reporter's View from the Front Lines**. 5:30 to 7 p.m. CNN's chief international correspondent, **Christiane Amanpour** has reported from the battlefields of the Gulf War, Bosnia and Kosovo - and is currently on assignment covering the U.S. response to world terrorism. In a visit to the Kennedy Library, she shares first-hand accounts of her most recent reporting. All forums are free to the public. Reservations are highly recommended as those who have called to reserve a space are seated first. Call 617-929-4571. Visit us on the web at www.jfklibrary.org

Wed. 28

Vincent's in Randolph presents **The Soft Parade. T**he country's ultimate **Doors** tribute band will take the stage on Nov. 28, as part of the "Wednesdays Rock at Vincent's" concert series. Tickets are $20 in advance and $23 day of performance. Tickets can be purchased

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The Bridgwaye Inn in Marshfield presents Dory Rickus, electric guitarist, performing two shows on Nov. 23 and 24, at 8:30 p.m. in The Tavern – no admission charge. Call 781-834-6505 for information.

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online at www.ticketweb.com or by calling toll-free 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries outlets. The show is 21-plus and starts at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the box-office at 6:30 p.m.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, **presents Reassessing the Johnson Presidency** 5:30 to 7 p.m. In reaching for Glory: The Johnson White House Tapes, 1964-1965, **Michael Beschloss** interprets the secretly-recorded conversations of LBJ's presidency during crucial years in which Johnson demands the passage of civil rights legislation, promotes the Great Society programs, and escalates the war in Vietnam. All forums are free to the public. Reservations are highly recommended as those who have called to reserve a space are seated first. Call 617-929-4571. Visit us on the web at www.jfklibrary.org

Thurs. 29

Bridgewater State College Lab Theatre presents a festival of Absurd Theatre. Seven different plays will be presented over the four-day festival. Student directors Paul S. Norton and Rob Egan will present Genet's **"Deathwatch"** and Ionesco's **"The Bald Soprano,"** on Thursday, student directors Any Riel and Nicole Conlon will present Ionesco's **"The Lesson"** and Albee's **"The American Dream,"** on Friday, faculty director Henry Shaffer will present **"Waiting for Godot,"** Saturday, faculty director Art Dirks and student director Tony Previti will present Genet's **"The Maids"** and Albee's **"The Zoo Story,"** Sunday. Performance are Nov. 29, through Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. in the Rondileau Auditorium at Bridgewater State College and will be open to the public. Tickets are $12 and $10 for students/seniors. For information call the box office at 508-531-1321.

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Fri. 30

The Company Theatre in Norwell will launch its new holiday production Nov. 30 with weekend shows continuing through Dec. 22. Company for the Holidays promises to deliver holiday cheer to all generations, with its sensational blend of music, comedy and pageantry and will feature the following segments: **Sleigh Ride** - a review of old and new musical favorites; **A Hoosier Christmas** - an original hilarious comedy that follows the calamities of a small town family in the 1960s; **Around the World** - a colorful celebration of music and traditions from many lands; **The Nativity** - a moving inspirational retelling of the Christmas story with contemporary and classical music and pageantry. Performances on Wednesday and Thursday nights begin at 7:30 p.m. (Tickets $19/$21). Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. ($22/$24), Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. ($22/24), and Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. ($19/$21). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

The James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, presents **"Faces and Places"** a show of recent oil paintings by local artist **Karl Nestelberger** from Nov. 30 through Jan. 3. An opening reception will be held tonight (Nov. 30) from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Harbour Choral Arts Society Christmas Concerts will be held at **St. Mary's Church in Hanover** in conjunction with the **Stetson House** opening at 8 p.m. Nov. 30. and Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. at **Old South Congregational Church in Weymouth**. There will be a variety of seasonal pieces, including one sung in Russian, and "Hodie", whose composer will be in the audience. Tickets may be purchased at Culhane's Card Shoppe, Hanover, Noble's Camera Shop Norwell or at the door. For more information call 781-659-2482.

The South Shore Natural Science Center invites the public to A Natural Christmas, a collection of wreaths, swags and trees decorated using a natural theme, to be displayed in Vine Hall Gallery, Nov. 30, and Dec. 1. The wreaths and swags have been decorated by garden clubs, garden centers and floral designers, as well as individuals and organizations around the South Shore for the purpose of raising money for the Science Center's numerous programs and exhibits. The decorated items will be sold by silent auction at a holiday reception Nov. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission to the event is $5. The wreaths and swags will be on display until Dec. 1. Admission to the display is $3 and includes general admission to exhibit halls at the center. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Bettina Lesieur's Sixth Annual Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge beginning, today (Nov. 30) from 3 to 9 p.m. On Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a gala reception from 5 to 10 p.m. Additional dates are Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 8-9. Lesieur Gallery is conveniently located at 301 Saint George Street in Duxbury. For more information, call 781-934-5103 or visit www.betinalesieur.com



The popular vocal group Ball in the House makes another South Shore stop this week with a Friday, Nov. 30 performance at the Buckley Performing Arts Center of Massasoit Community College, Route 27 in Brockton. Tickets for the show are $5 in advance, $7 at the door. Tickets are available at the Student Life Office at both the Brockton and Canton campuses. For more information call (508) 588-9100 ext. 1482.

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Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Nicole Nelson Band.** Tickets are $5. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

South Shore Conservatory is please to feature the monoprints of Pembroke artist, **Roberta Simpson Walsh** in the Staircase Gallery through the end of December. Her prints are created with brilliant colors, and others with muted colors and are often produced using objects from nature such as leaves and feathers. Admission is free. Hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. For information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills way to get out on the slopes. Specially groomed walls and a stopping area will keep tubers safely inside the slick chute and insure a nice easy end to a wild and fun ride.

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Tubers will also be able to enjoy the ride back up the hill as they're whisked away by handle tow, while seated comfortably on their tube. Two hours of sliding and careening will cost $14.

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Alison Martin Davidson** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street in Marshfield Center. The show will run from Nov. 17, through Jan. 13, open for viewing by the public Monday-Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. with a reception at the Ventress Library, Monday, Nov. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

The Scituate Arts Association is featuring the works of **Marshfield artist, Mary Callahan** during the month of November. Titled "At Home and Abroad" this exhibit features special selections of the artist's watercolors. The show will run from now until Dec. 2. The Scituate Arts Association Gallery is located at 132 Front Street in Scituate Harbor. The Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 781-545-6150.

Braintree Art Association - Virginia Wilson will be displaying her paintings for the month of November at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree. 781-335-4675.

Free Stress-Melting Massage sponsored by Holt Family Chiropractic in Marshfield.. Help us help the Red Cross. Now through Nov. 30, the general public is invited to receive a "Free Stress-Melting Massage." In exchange for a suggested minimum donation of $5 to the Red Cross, you can help the families affected by the tragic events of Sept. 11. To participate, call 781-834-4499 and schedule your appointment.

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.

Edaville Railroad, Christmas Light Festival now though Jan. 6, 2002, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Weekdays 4 to 9 p.m. Weekends and 2 to 9 p.m. weekends. Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tickets are $15 adults, $10 per child age 3 to 12 (children under 3 free). Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

The South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition entitled **"Planes, Trains and Automobiles"** in the Bancroft Gallery, now through Jan. 5, 2001. For more information, call 781-383-2787.

'The Soprano's Last Supper' a spoof on the HBO hit series, debuts in Boston's Theatre district with an interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont Street in Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are $49 per person for the dinner and show. Show dates are Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For tickets call 800-944-5639.

"Double Vision" Pastels by Chatham artists Merylle-Lee and Phil Thompson to be shown at the James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell Center during the month of November. Mr. Thompson paints landscapes and still-lifes, working only from life. Merylle-Lee focuses on pastels, color and the effects of light on color. The exhibit may be viewed during library hours: Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. and Tues. and Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 781-659-7100 for more information.

Artica Gallery presents "The Elements" featuring photographers: Michael Cogliano, Jim Desisto, Linda Garrity, Keith Johnson, Ellen Heahy, Amy McCarthy, and Vyvian Stevens. The exhibit will run until Dec. 31, from 2 to 5 p.m. They gallery is located at 22 Depot Street, Duxbury. For information call 781-934-0640.

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

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Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The Capricorn moon becomes inactive at 12:57 a.m. Influences turn around completely at 4:55 a.m., when the moon enters outgoing Aquarius. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Jupiter makes this morning prime for all social activities. You can make gains developing projects that need help, input, support from others. On the other hand, a 90-degree alignment of Mercury and Uranus warns against signing important contracts or making snap decisions. This is a day to brainstorm, network and dream, but get a reality check before making a major commitment.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Gear up for an "exciting, anything can happen" kind of day. Avoid rigid time schedules; things may not go as planned. On the other hand, spur of the moment ideas can be the most successful. Follow your intuition; go with the flow of things. The moon continues to travel in freedom-loving Aquarius all day.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The stage is set for a relaxing, social holiday. Put business or personal concerns aside; kick back and enjoy life to its fullest. The sun enters Sagittarius at 1:01 a.m., remaining there until December 21. The Aquarius moon becomes inactive at 2:37 a.m. until 4:52 p.m., when it enters laidback Pisces. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 6:21 p.m., serving as a reminder that this moon is growing in light. A full moon will culminate November 30.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

The combination of a Pisces moon and Venus-Mars alignment prompts you to channel your energy into creative or romantic outlets. Go with your first impression; you can be most productive developing arts and crafts projects. On the other hand, this is not the best day for making major purchases and practical decisions. A lunar alignment to Saturn at 5:41 p.m. may bring a lull period, when energy is deflated. Get extra rest tonight.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

YesterdayÕs advice pertains to today as well. The moon continues to travel in adaptable Pisces. Relax and enjoy favorite hobbies, friends. An applying alignment of Venus to Uranus urges you to be open to new experiences; go with your adventurous side. Unplug from your daily routines and responsibilities; try something new and different.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

The Pisces moon becomes inactive at 12:29 a.m. until 5:21 a.m., when it enters energetic Aries. Planetary influences today and tomorrow are prime for physical activities and productivity. Channel high energy constructively. Get back in the swing of favorite sports, exercise regimens. If you have work projects to accomplish, you can get them out of the way in short time.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Gear up for an action-packed day. The moon continues to travel in fiery Aries. Mercury moves into Sagittarius at 1:24 p.m., remaining there until December 15. Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, aligns with unpredictable Uranus at 2:07 p.m., 21-degrees of Aquarius. In addition, the moon interacts with Mars and Uranus this evening. That means that this can be a very exciting time, when you cut through obstacles and break new ground in your business or personal life. New is in; old is out. At 11:43 p.m. the moon becomes inactive.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

After the intensity of the last couple of days, an inactive Aries moon offers an opportunity to get your life in order. Finish projects already begun, handle routine chores, errands. The moon enters Taurus at 4:06 p.m. Applying alignments of the sun and moon to Neptune make this a great evening to relax and mellow out completely.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Take advantage of a harmonious sun-Neptune alignment this morning; rest, reflect, refocus. Do something that brings beauty into your life or the life of another. It is okay to start new activities before 7:35 p.m., when the Taurus moon forms a flowing 60-degree contact to expansive Jupiter.

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State budget cuts could mean higher taxes

By Evan Schiff
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Get out your checkbooks Cohasset — the construction projects on the Deer Hill School and the middle-high school may be costing you more than you think.

The current budget tossed around Beacon Hill reduces funding the School Building Assistance Bureau program by almost 50 percent. This means towns lower on the list for reimbursement, like Cohasset, will have to wait longer for compensation from the state. Cohasset originally expected to receive 60 percent of the $40 million loan that the town will use to build the schools by 2005. But with the current budgetary setbacks, Cohasset may not see the funds until 2010.

For those five years, taxpayers would be expected to cover the state's portion of the loan payments, at an average rate of $875 per year (based on a house valued at $550,000) until state reimbursement kicks in.

The SBA was started in the 30s in an effort to help towns finance school building projects. The program has traditionally funded more than $50 million to Massachusetts municipalities but this year, will only be able to provide $19.2 million to the towns.

"The state gave the cities and towns an implied promise that they would receive reimbursement within five years," said Michael Buckley, town director of finance.

The middle-high school is 130 on the list and the Deer Hill School is 98. At a rate of $50 million a year from the SBA the town

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Who's the top citizen?

See form page 12

By Mary Ford
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In keeping with an eight-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

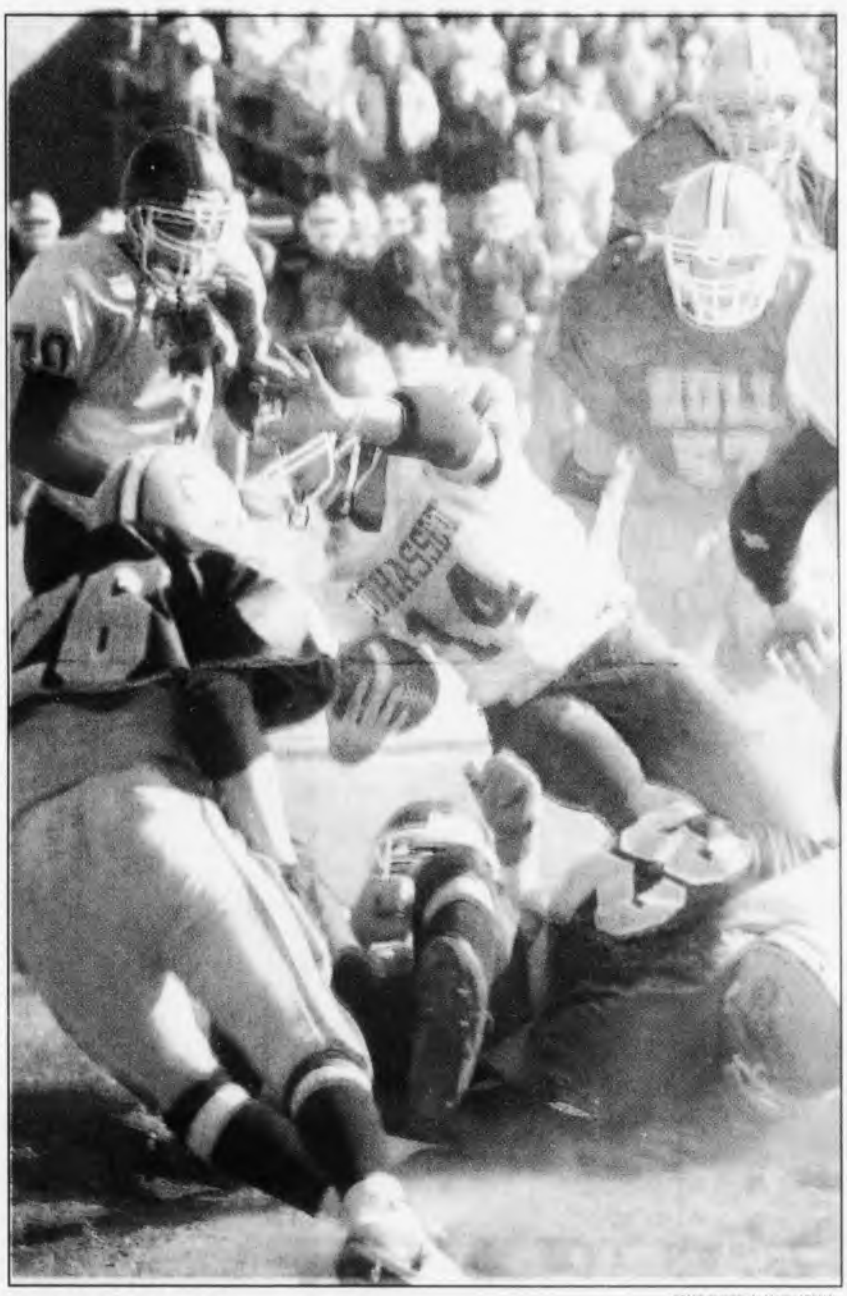
Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Mary Jeanette Murray as Citizen of the Year for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader and then as selectman and state representative.

The deadline for nominations for the 2001 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 4. Please see the nomination form on page 12. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2001 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2002.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an

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GRIDIRON GLORY

It's a cloud of dust and a big gainer for Cohasset captain Jason Brown (14) in Thursday's 13-3 Thanksgiving Day win over Hull. This victory clinched the South Shore League title and advanced Cohasset High's football team into post-season play for the first time in 21 years. Unfortunately, this excitement was short lived, as the Skippers fell on Tuesday night to Tyngsboro, 21-7. For all of the game details, see sports.

Sewer plant to get facelift

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset is synonymous with beauty from its rocky ledges and ocean vistas to the notable architecture on its public buildings and private homes.

So it should come as no surprise a metal, corrugated building would be an eyesore anywhere in town, even one that's sheltering a service not often discussed in polite company: wastewater treatment.

But thanks to a group of neighbors who spoke up and pressured the Sewer Commission, this small town of some 7,000 could also be known for having one of the most attractive sewer treatment plants around.

Sewer commissioners got a peek at the architectural features of the plant's new "skin" at their meeting Monday.

"Instead of vertical relief lines the building will have a more conventional building cover," said Daniel J. Coughlin of Tutela Engineering Associates Inc., the town's consulting engineers on the sewer project.

The sewer plant that has been upgraded to handle additional capacity is part of the Central Cohasset Sewer Project, which is adding some 600 homes to the town sewer system. The estimated $150,000 cost for the plant's "new clothes" will come out of the cost of the general sewer project and was appropriated at the special Town Meeting a year ago, Coughlin said.

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Sidewalk is a step closer

Selectmen to see plans on Tuesday

By Evan Schiff
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The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation intends to take final plans for the St. Stephen's sidewalk improvements before selectmen Tuesday night.

After selectmen review the plans, they will be sent to the Massachusetts Highway Department for final approval. MassHighway awarded the town $169,000 to reconstruct the sidewalk two years ago through a Transportation Enhancement Grant.

The sidewalk will measure four to five feet wide and will extend from the bus station near the town common to the Lilac House, an antique shop on S. Main Street.

Dean Rizzo, executive director of the CRC, a private corporation working in conjunction with the village revitalization task force, said there will be a public hearing around February to decide the type of material that will be used for the sidewalk and the kind of light fixtures to be installed.

"The goal is to make an adequate sidewalk that addresses the issues of all involved," Rizzo said.

Rizzo said some residents are

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Homeless for the holidays

Problem getting worse because of economy, high rents

By Seth Jacobson
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Every year during the holiday season, people all over the South Shore warm up to many different kinds of celebrations, but for some folks, the holiday season is nothing but a reminder of being homeless.

This year, the homelessness problem on the South Shore has grown worse, as it has for the last two years. Dorothy Newell, the director of the Weymouth-based coalition South Shore Friends of the Homeless, said the problem is due to the struggling economy with its lack of affordable housing and high rent prices.

"There were 344 families put up in motels last week across the state," Newell said, noting there are currently about 12 homeless families staying at the Seashore Motel in Hull, among other places. "These people keep getting moved around between shelters and motels. A family I know from Hingham actually had to go to a motel in Peabody."

Newell added one of the biggest problems right now is that all the local shelters are full.

"People are not leaving the shelters quickly because they cannot find reasonable rental rates," she said. "But the towns on the South Shore do seem to be getting more serious about the issue of affordable housing. We definitely need more of it. Either that, or the rental market needs to loosen up."

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Frosty, Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and the elves arrive via lobster boat in Cohasset Harbor on Friday to the delight of dozens of youngsters. For more photos of the annual event sponsored by the South Shore Community Center, see page 13.

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Ellie Bilodeau, Deren, Dan and Dan Varney Jr., root for the Skippers and their cousin, Chris Bilodeau, at the Thanksgiving football game.

This week in COHASSET

CPC appointments

Selectmen approved the appointments of six members to the Community Preservation Committee last week. Al Moore from the Planning Board; Jim Dedes from the Conservation Commission; Debbie Cook from the Open Space Committee; Selectman Thomas Callahan; Ann Barrett from the Housing Authority, and David Wadsworth from the Historical Commission were all selected to serve on the committee.

Selectmen will hear from the four citizen volunteers who are vying for three spots at their meeting on Tuesday.

In a letter to selectmen, Stuart Ivimey, 7 Sankey Road, stated he will be dedicated to promoting the preservation of the town's present character. Ivimey has lived in the town for three years and said, "as a relatively new member of this community, my judgment and opinions are not influenced by the strong personal acrimony that appears to exist between the citizens and groups which support or oppose future changes."

In his letter, David McMorris, 89 Doane St., said he has a vested interest in the goals that the preservation committee seeks to uphold.

"The greatest asset I can bring to this group is my love of Cohasset and my dedication to preserving those features which make our town unique," he said.

Paula Kozol, 426 Atlantic Ave., stated in a letter her role as co-president of the Cohasset Historical Society would serve the committee well.

"I would draw on the strength of our Board in reviewing proposals for acquisition, creation, and preservation of land and open space for the town's recreational use and community housing," she said.

Jeffrey Waal, 36 Old Pasture Road, is a former chairman of the Conservation Commission and is also seeking a spot on the new committee.

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Tax relief available for some

By Mary Ford
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Many Cohasset residents bought their homes when this small seaside town was still "affordable" and now face paying higher and higher taxes on a house with a soaring property value.

This is likely the case for a good number of the town's hundreds of senior citizens who may struggle to come up with the money for a tax bill up that will jump an average of 11 percent next year.

The state Department of Revenue lists Cohasset as having the ninth highest property taxes in the state.

But for qualifying residents, there is some tax relief available though real estate tax exemptions and a new state law. More details on the programs are available at the Assessors Office at Town Hall, but here's a synopsis:

•Renters or homeowners 65 and older with income of no more than $40,000 for a single filer, $50,000 for a head of household filer or $60,000 for taxpayers filing jointly may be eligible for a tax credit of up to $375 for 2001 ($750 for 2002) on their state income tax through the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit. The assessed value of the real estate for the homeowner cannot exceed $400,000.

• Deferred tax payment for those 65 or older with a maximum income of $40,000 is another option. There is no asset maximum. All or part of the real estate taxes can be deferred. Deferred taxes accumulate simple interest as an 8 percent lien on the property until it is sold or the owner dies. The total deferred taxes, plus interest cannot exceed 50 percent of the property's value.

• Elderly exemptions for age 70 or older: with no income maximum and $40,000 in assets is $262.50; single, maximum income $13,000 with $28,000 in assets is $750; married, maximum income $15,000 with $30,000 in assets is $750. The value of an elderly person's home is not a criteria for these exemptions.

The assessors office also has information for a range of exemptions for veterans and the disabled. To reach the assessors, call 781-383-4114.

Single tax rate approved

By Evan Schiff
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It was no surprise when selectmen unanimously voted to not split the tax rate last week.

Cohasset has traditionally had a single tax rate that puts the burden on the residential taxpayer. Splitting the tax rate would have shifted more of the burden to commercial and industrial taxpayers.

Deputy Assessor/Appraiser Cheryl Pooler said Cohasset does not lend itself to having a split tax rate. Because Cohasset is 93 percent residential and 7 percent commercial, splitting the rate would only decrease the tax rate for residential taxpayers a small amount while it would send the commercial and industrial tax payers' rate soaring.

For example, if the tax burden was shifted the maximum 150 percent, it would jump the tax rate for commercial and industrial tax payers up $5.74 to $17.22. It would only lower the residential tax payers rate 42 cents to $11.06 per $1,000 of assessed valuation.

Pooler said normally 20 to 25 percent of the town needs to be zoned commercial and industrial to necessitate splitting the tax rate. If the town had voted to shift the burden onto the backs of Cohasset businesses, selectmen said it would essentially drive business away.

> **"Cohasset is an ancient sea-coast town and it is not meant to be a Mecca of industry."**
> — Al Moore, Planning Board

Because of the large disparity between the two rates selectmen did not take much time in their decision. Before Pooler even sat down, Selectman Michael Sullivan proposed a motion to approve the single tax rate.

Al Moore, chairman of the Planning Board, said there should not be any concern over the lack of commercial and industrial zones in Cohasset.

"It is what it is," he said. "Cohasset is an ancient sea-coast town and it is not meant to be a Mecca of industry."

Moore went on to explain that close to 50 percent of Cohasset is open space and to allow commercial or industrial businesses there would destroy the character of the town. He added the town does have two large supermarkets so it is not as if the town does not support businesses.

As well as advising the selectmen to approve a single tax rate, the Board of Assessors set the tax rate at $11.48 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. The tax rate is an 11 percent drop from last year's rate of $14.59.

The rate dropped because of the jump in the assessed values of the houses in town. The Board of Assessors recently made public its revaluation that increased the assessed value of homes in town an average of 41 percent.

That means the "average" Cohasset house, which had an assessed value of $395,584 last year, is now valued at $560,700.

The assessments provide the basis for the third quarter property tax bills, which will be mailed next month. That "average" house will see its annual bill rise about 11 percent or some $700 from $5,757.61 to $6,436.84.

Budget cuts could mean higher taxes

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would start to be reimbursed for both schools by 2005. But with the money trickling in from the state at $19.2 million a year, the town could have to wait up to 10 years.

"I am very concerned with the state reimbursement program," Town Manager Mark Haddad said. "Every budget decision we've made has been with the assumption that we will be getting reimbursed in 2005."

The town has been borrowing money since the projects started. For example, if it receives a bill from a contractor for $500,000 it would borrow that amount. However, the town is slated to borrow the full $40 million in 2005, which would be paid off in 20 years, whether the town has the state's money or not. Once the state starts to reimburse the town it will send a check annually for 20 years, so some checks could arrive after the loan is paid off. But that thought provides little solace for Haddad, who says the town needs the money sooner rather than later.

"Who cares about money 20 years from now?" he said.

Maureen Jerz, chairman of the Advisory Committee, said she is not surprised about the cutbacks. "In the course of our discussions one of the biggest concerns was what was happening at the state level," she said.

Heidi Perlman, director of media relations at the Massachusetts Department of Education, said the state is facing a huge budget crisis and the cuts have to come from somewhere.

"This does not mean that projects on the list will not be funded, there is just not enough money to go around right now," she said.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley said the budget cuts may be only for a couple years and therefore should not affect taxpayers that much. "This is something that should be temporary but something that Cohasset should be aware of," he said.

Bradley added if the cuts were to continue for the foreseeable future, "there would be a serious situation throughout the state."

Sate Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said Cohasset is fortunate because it is already on the waiting list for reimbursement. He said it will be harder for towns to gain approval for school building projects with the current cut backs.

"Politically, this is a very popular program and it is not going away. I don't think the towns on the list will be impacted for more than a year," he said.

Haddad said he will meet with both Hedlund and Bradley to discuss what could be done at the legislative level.

Buckley, the town finance director, hopes the legislature will change its mind looking ahead.

"Every budget is its own animal, and just because this budget cut the spending does not mean future ones will," Buckley said.

ATM warrant

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he tentatively plans to open the annual Town Meeting warrant just before Christmas and will close it two weeks into January. Interested citizens are encouraged to start composing articles and obtain the required amount of signatures, if necessary, to place the article on the warrant.

Grant denied

The Massachusetts Historical Commission denied Cohasset's application for a grant last week. The town applied for a $16,000 grant to come up with a preservation plan for the town common. Two months ago, the Department of Environmental Management granted the town $16,200 for similar purposes. The town needs $30,000 for the project and has pledged $6,900, the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation has donated the other $6,900.

Dean Rizzo, the executive director of the CRC, said the town only expected to receive one of the two grants it applied for. The money will be used to look at the existing space on the town common and how best to preserve its beauty. The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission will oversee the project.

Bids are due back on Dec. 11.

POLICE PROGRAM



Cohasset police Sgt. John Conte receives a certificate of graduation from Gerald F. Burke, right, director of the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management in Brockton. Conte was among 26 law enforcement officials to complete the three-week Command Training Program that included problem solving, team building, ethical and strategic decision-making and other management subjects.

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Skippers' T-Day send off, thanks to Diane Dooley

AROUND TOWN



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HELPING OTHERS

Hello Cohasset. I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and you were able to surround yourself with family and friends. Although the weather is certainly not the kind we are accustomed to at this time of year, it has been very nice to be dealing with. As the holiday season begins to pick up in earnest, please remember to look around at your neighbors to see who might need some extra help for the holidays whether they are elderly, sick or just a little down in the dumps. It can do us all some good when we share all that we can.

AWESOME SKIPPERS

What do you think about the Thanksgiving Day win for the Cohasset Skippers? From all accounts, it was a win that was very well deserved. Congratulations to the team from everyone in Cohasset, we are all very proud of each one of you. The Gridiron Club received many generous contributions from Cohasset residents during its Annual Scholarship Fundraising Drive held recently. The club wants to send out a big thank you to all who pledged.

If the football players missed your home and you would like to receive a 2001 Cohasset Football Program, please call 781-383-9131.

You may have noticed all the signs, streamers and balloons lining some of the streets in Cohasset on Thanksgiving Day. Make sure to give **Diane Dooley** a pat on the back the next time you see her. She wanted to be sure the football team had a proper send off for their big game in Hull and it worked. The players went in with the right frame of mind as they prepared for a super bowl playoff game against Tyngsboro!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Two very special girls are celebrating birthdays this week. Miss **Cassidy Connolly**, daughter of **Frank and Cheryl (Winn) Connolly** turned FIVE years old on Wednesday, Nov. 28. Cassidy is a real cutie and everyone joins in as we all wish you a very, happy birthday!

Miss **Abbey Johnson**, daughter of **Jeff and Debbie Johnson** and little sister of **Jake,** is turning one-year-old today, Nov. 29. This little girl is the apple of so many eyes and I cannot believe a whole year has gone by! She is standing, cruising, taking itty-bitty steps and is ready to move forward in her life by leaps and bounds. Happy Birthday Abbadoo, we all love you a bunch!

NEW ARRIVAL!

A new little fellow has come to town, born on Oct. 30, 2001. **John "Jack" Richard Kimball** was born to his very happy parents, **John and Heidi**, weighing in at 7 lbs. and was 19 ins. long. Little Jack's maternal grandparents are **CeCe and Dick Schoenberger** of West Simsbury, Conn. and his paternal grandmother is **Janet Leonard** of Nashua, N.H. Congratulations to all of you on this wonderful addition to your family!

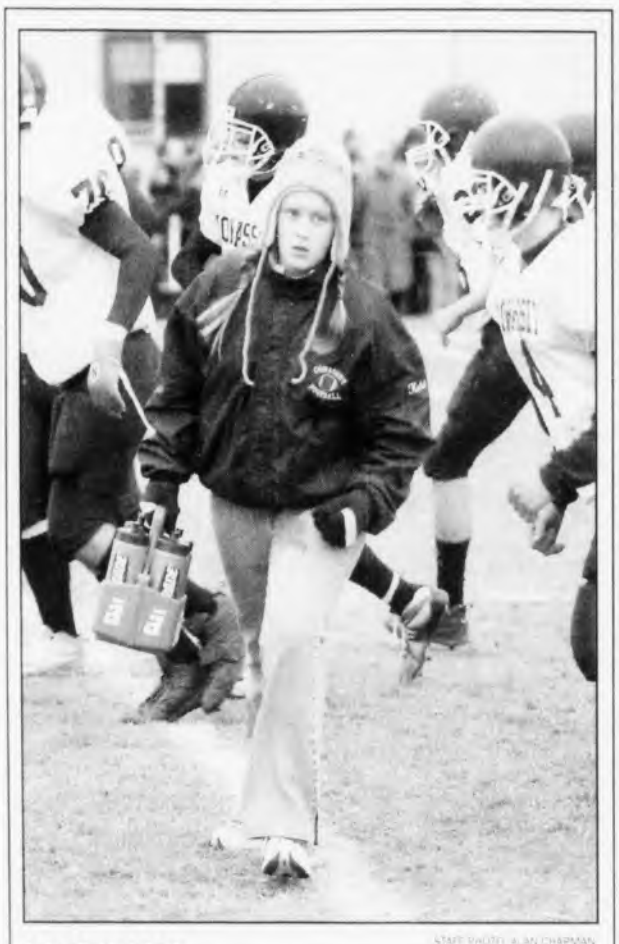
IN THE NAVY

Navy Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Patrick O. Broderick, a 1983 graduate of CHS, recently reported to duty at Naval Station, Rota, Spain. We wish you all the best and to stay safe as you carry out your duties, Patrick. I know that we all send the same message to you and the Town of Cohasset is very proud.

COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY

Elizabeth Pierson, daughter of **Wigmore Pierson** and **Janet Pierson,** is a member of the women's field hockey team at Vassar College. Elizabeth was a top scorer for the team this past fall with 6 goals and 2 assists and her contributions were awesome. Vassar went to post-season play as the team qualified for the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championship. Congratulations to you Elizabeth and your entire team on a fantastic season of play.

Another Cohasset sports' note, this time in reference to **Neely Wakeman**, a junior back in the sport of field hockey. Neely is a junior at Hobart and William Smith College and was part of the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association Champion team the season. Neeley was sixth on the team in points and scored four goals for eight points in 18 games. Great job, Neeley!



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WATER GIRL

Kelsie Litchfield delivers water to the Skippers during a break in the action during the Thanksgiving Day game. Kelsie's grandfather, the late Clark Chatterton, was the long-time athletic director at CMHS.

TOASTMASTER PREZ

Michael Myers, president of Boston Yacht Sales in Weymouth, was recently elected president of the Quannapowitt Toastmaster Club in Quincy. Michael, who grew up on the South Shore, lives in Cohasset with his wife and two children. The mission of Toastmasters International is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills. Meetings are held every Monday evening from 7-9 p.m. at the Shuster Building, 11 Hayward St. in North Quincy. For more information, call **Ruth Levitsky** at 617-472-9576.

HATS OFF TO COLIN

I want to send out a recognition to a very fine student at the Deer Hill School. **Colin Dignam**, a sixth-grader was able to raise more than $500 with the help of his peers for the Afghanistan Children's Relief Fund. Colin spearheaded this project and encouraged children to bring in at least $1 that they earned on their own and then was responsible for the collection of the money. Thank you to all the students who contributed to this and thank you to you, Colin for all the hard work and effort that you put in.

DESIGN HONORS

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute School of Architecture has awarded **Robert A. Stansell III** honorable mention for the Final Year Competition Design of Queens Plaza, Queens, N.Y. Robert is a fifth-year student at RPI's School of Architecture and is the son of **Robert and Moira Stansell**.

VILLAGE FAIR

This Saturday is the Village Fair on the Common and you definitely won't want to miss it. You can shop for holiday crafts and gifts, grab a piping hot bowl of chowder, buy some yummy baked goods and pick up some wreaths and a Christmas Tree! It is running from 10 am-3 p.m.

Don't forget to then travel over to the Beechwood Church Fair and check out the wonderful buys that they have. It is going to be a great day for local, home-town shopping and plenty of opportunities to visit and see all of your friends and neighbors.

HOUSE TOUR

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset presents "Christmas Reflections, House Tour and Holiday Tea" on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 10 am-4 p.m. This festive and beautiful tour will take you through homes in Cohasset that are decorated for the holiday season. The cost for this tour is $20 and tickets can be obtained at the South Shore Community Center. Make sure to get your tickets as they are going fast.

WREATHS, CANDLES

If anyone out there is looking for wreaths and/or candles, the Cohasset METCO program has the answer. The Holiday Wreath and Candle Sale is going on right now and pick up is scheduled for Saturday, December 1st at the the High School. Wreaths are $9.00 each, a box of unscented, Ivory pillar candles are $8 and boxed Hanukkah candles are $7 per box. If you want to place a last minute order, you can go to the main offices of the Osgood and Deer Hill or go to the METCO office at the Middle/High School. All checks should be made payable to "PSO METCO." If you have any questions, call **Lisa Dunne** at 781-383-1596.

Here is a quote that I found very helpful to me for you to read and think about.

"Value what you have (and) have in your life only those things that you value. Value doing what is right over what is easy. Value tomorrow along with today." Suze Orman

That is all for this week. Please make sure to send all your news and information to me no later than Monday mornings at 9 am. All photos should be dropped off at Cohasset News in an envelope marked, "Cohasset Around Town."

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'Tis the season for the Village Fair

By Judy Tedeschi
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

'Tis the season for the Annual Cohasset Village Fair, Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on and around Cohasset Common. Hosted by Cohasset's churches and the non-profit Appalachia Service Project (ASP), this year's fair promises to be more festive than ever!

A Cohasset tradition for more than 40 years, the Village Fair is a great way to begin your holiday season. Come and greet friends, and get a head start on your holiday shopping. Sleighloads of Christmas greens and handcrafted ornaments, gift baskets, books and more will be available at the various churches and halls around the common. All proceeds support the churches, select charities and the Appalachia Service Project.

Santa Claus will again be the guest of honor on the Common from 11 am to 2 p.m. (He'll be at the Second Congregational Church, next to Town Hall, if it's raining.) Stop by and say hi, and have your photo taken with Santa. All proceeds support ASP's home repair program.

Santa's helpers will also be on hand at St. Stephen's Church to host the popular "Secret Room" where children, escorted by ASP teen-volunteers, can pick out a special something for Mom or Dad, a sibling, even a pet! (All gifts range from just 50 cents to $2.50 each.). ASP volunteers help each child carefully select, wrap and label their surprises, so they're ready to go under the tree!

And children won't be the only ones to find that special something at the Village Fair. The Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue will again be full of beautiful handmade Christmas crafts and decorations made by parishioners and ASP volunteer alike! Enjoy a cup of their famous clam chowder as you shop, and pick up a treat (or two!) at their bake table. The church will also be raffling off five surf and turf dinners hourly, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Panagia Greek Church will sell its popular tabletop boxwood trees and wreaths at Town Hall. Stop by the boutique tables to check out their handcrafted decorations and gift baskets. Look for treasures in Grandma's Attic, and stop for a bite at the popular Greek café and dessert extravaganza. The church will also sell gift tins that you can fill for your favorite teachers, mailmen, firemen, police and friends.

And don't forget to stop by St. Stephen's second floor parish hall to peruse its vast collection of books, cassettes and CDs for all ages at the popular book and bake sale.

First Parish Church in Cohasset is again offering fresh cut balsam Christmas trees and handmade ornaments at the Parish House on Main Street during the Fair. Stop by early for your choice of trees ranging from 4 ft. to 9 ft. tall. All trees are $35. Call (781) 383 –9767 to reserve your tree early, and you'll be automatically entered into a "Your Tree Free" drawing.

Members of the Cohasset Drama Club will be strolling Cohasset Common in costume during the Fair, singing carols from "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." The Rusty Skippers, Cohasset's own adult marching band, will also be playing a selection of Christmas music at noon, inside the First Parish Meeting House on the Common. The concert is free. All are welcome!

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ASP will also be sponsoring a Holiday Donation's Tree, where individuals, making a donation in memory or in honor of a loved one, may select a special handmade origami "Peace Crane" ornament. For each ornament purchased, the honoree's name will be written on a ribbon and placed on the tree. The tree will be located near ASP's craft table in the Second Congregational Church during the Village Fair. Then, during the season of Advent, it will make its rounds through various local churches.



Look for Cohasset's Anne Czerkawski, front, and her father, John Linscott, at Atlantica Dec. 1 & 8.

Father-daughter duo strikes a chord

By Evan Schiff
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Anne Czerkawski has been singing along to her father's music for as long as she can remember. Now, everyone can listen.

Czerkawski, 57 Old Coach Road, and her father, John Linscott, recorded a classical jazz-style compact disc titled "Manhattan Lady" and will perform selections from the CD on Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 at Atlantica restaurant.

Czerkawski said the duo had been contemplating creating a CD for some time. Why now?

"We figured if we were really going to make a CD then we better do it soon," she said. The two live close to each other and they felt that this was their best opportunity. The father and daughter tandem had lived far apart from one another for some time but now reside closer with Czerkawski in Cohasset and Linscott in Portland, Maine.

Czerkawski describes the CD as a combination of ballads and uptempo tunes set under a classical /jazz umbrella. Linscott composed all of the songs on the album and plays several instruments on it including the piano, clarinet and saxophone.

Czerkawski, who has studied voice since she was 14, said she is thankful to be able to interpret her father's lyrics. "I feel very fortunate that I am able to sing his music, there is such an energy to the words," she said.

Czerkawski, currently a law student at New England School of Law, has worked on getting the word out to the public about the CD. The CD took four days to produce and was recorded at The Studio in Portland. She said while the work has been hard, "it's been really fun. The process has been all about us and our chemistry."

She added she feels very fortunate to be able to perform with her father and said the feeling she got when she finished the album was, "a high like no other." Her favorite songs on the album are "Voodoo", "Manhattan Lady" and "Song in My Heart".

The pair's goal is to have an established artist, such as Tony Bennett or Diane Krall, record their tunes. The twosome will play a live concert on Maine Public Radio in April and will continue to "have fun and promote the music".

Czerkawski was born in Needham and raised in Hingham. She said even as a child growing up on the South Shore, she always hoped that she would one day perform with her father.

"My childhood dream was to perform and sing for a living and all of the sudden I got sidetracked with the practical aspects of life," she said.

After graduating from Boston University in 1981, Czerkawski worked for Avis rent-a-car and eventually became director of sales for the east coast. In 1993 she moved abroad with her husband and all but gave up her musical aspirations.

However, when she moved back to the U.S. and into Cohasset in 1997 she felt she finally had an opportunity to realize her passion. "My Dad lives in Portland so when I moved to Cohasset we were so close that we started to play together again," she said.

Czerkawski said her husband Chuck and two sons, Danny and Charlie, have been very supportive of her efforts.

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Elm Street sewer plant to get whole new look

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The plant, which is in the marsh off Elm Street, can be seen from St. Anthony's Church, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and dozens of private homes.

Sewer commissioners got a peek at the architectural features of the plant's new "skin" at their meeting Monday.



COURTESY OF KEITH MOSKOW ARCHITECTS INC.

This is what the Elm Street sewer plant and outbuildings look like now.



COURTESY OF KEITH MOSKOW ARCHITECTS INC.

An architect's rendering of the new exterior of the sewer treatment plant and outbuildings at the site.

It was late 1999, when the plant's neighbors first became alarmed after steel girders went up and the siding went on, giving the new building shape, form and size. Before then, the old plant consisted of some outside tanks and smaller structures, which were lower and therefore less visible. The new state-of-the-art sewer treatment system needed to be enclosed to protect the equipment, which has been able to increase four-fold the amount of wastewater treated and provide better treatment than the old plant, Coughlin said.

Upwards of 20 residents of surrounding streets flocked to the Sewer Commission meeting in January 2000 to register their complaints about how the building looked. They also came armed with suggestions to enhance the plant's appearance. At the time, the Sewer Commission was receptive to their concerns but worried about the cost.

Some of the neighbors' ideas have been incorporated into the new design by Keith Moskow Architects, Inc. The design includes an asphalt shingle roof, shingle-type vinyl siding, false windows over the doors, and windows at the eaves instead of light panels.

The residents recommended Moskow, who was then retained by the town to work with the neighbors and sewer commission.

"Our goal was to take a metal shed and make it more barn-like, with overhanging roof, softer details, new windows and new window locations and new siding," said Moskow, who lives on Gammons Road.

Coughlin points out neighbors were consulted about the metal-sided building as a "shell" for the upgraded plant. Tutela Engineering sought their input on color and planned landscaping to help screen the building. But when the building went up and the plantings were in, the neighbors were not happy.

As the structure went up it was a lot more visible and therefore, "a lot more important to them," he said.

"It's human nature," Couglin said. "It's not really important until it's there."

JoAnne Chittick, 98 S. Main St., whose home abuts the marsh, said more thought should have gone into the original plans.

"Design was not considered when the metal shed that was erected was built," she said. "And there was no regard for its particular site.

"We look forward to some minimal but effective changes that will create a building whose exterior is more compatible with the salt marsh — one of Cohasset's beautiful, natural treasures."

Howie Altholtz of Summer Street, who has acted as the de facto head of the citizens group, said concern over the building's exterior went beyond the neighborhood.

"It's in one of the most beautiful natural resources in the community," he said. "The (citizens committee) is made up of people from all over town that love the view." He said while the technology inside the plant is important, the intention was always to have the exterior of the facility be "site appropriate."

Couglin said the neighbors also have a "wish list" that would put the remaining structures in more attractive facilities. "They'd like to dress up the existing pumping station that has always been there," Couglin said. Also the neighbors would like the blower building to have a soft, wood look.

Moskow, the architect, said his firm looked at re-cladding "the whole family of buildings" for the citizens group. He said the improvements could be phased in.

Couglin said the exterior improvements to the treatment building will go out to bid in January or February. Tutela Engineering hopes due to the size of the project, the bidding process would be competitive among smaller contractors and come in under budget. He said the Sewer Commission "would take a look at" exterior improvements to the other structures down the line.

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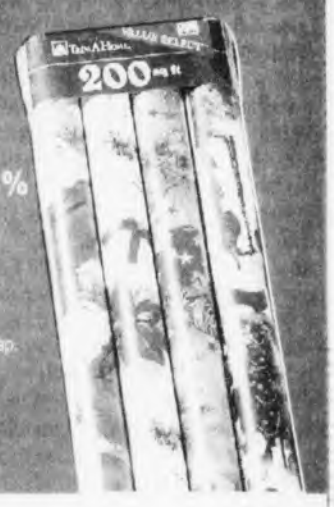
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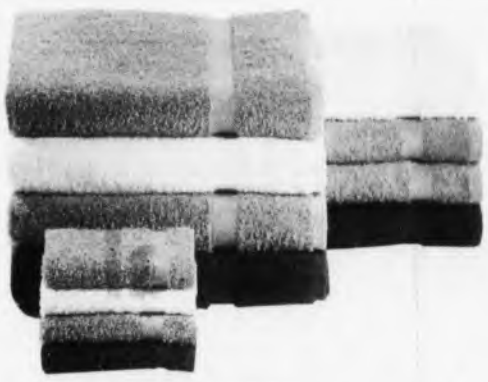


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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Spirit of giving

This is the season for giving thanks — and for giving, as well. After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, countless residents opened their hearts and wallets to donate to charities set up to aid the victims and survivors of the attacks on New York, the Pentagon and the airliner that crashed in Pennsylvania.

While so much attention has been focused on Sept. 11, local charities feared the worst. They worried their own causes of helping the homeless, providing food for the needy and the like would take a back seat to this national momentum. But here on the South Shore, that has not been the case. Indeed some organizations have seen a decline in giving, but most report the generous residents of the South Shore have opened up their hearts and wallets to their neighbors and friends.

Now we ask you, our readers, to help us in our efforts to assist those working with the homeless on the South Shore, all of whom are beneficiaries of Community Newspaper Company's annual Gifts of Hope campaign.

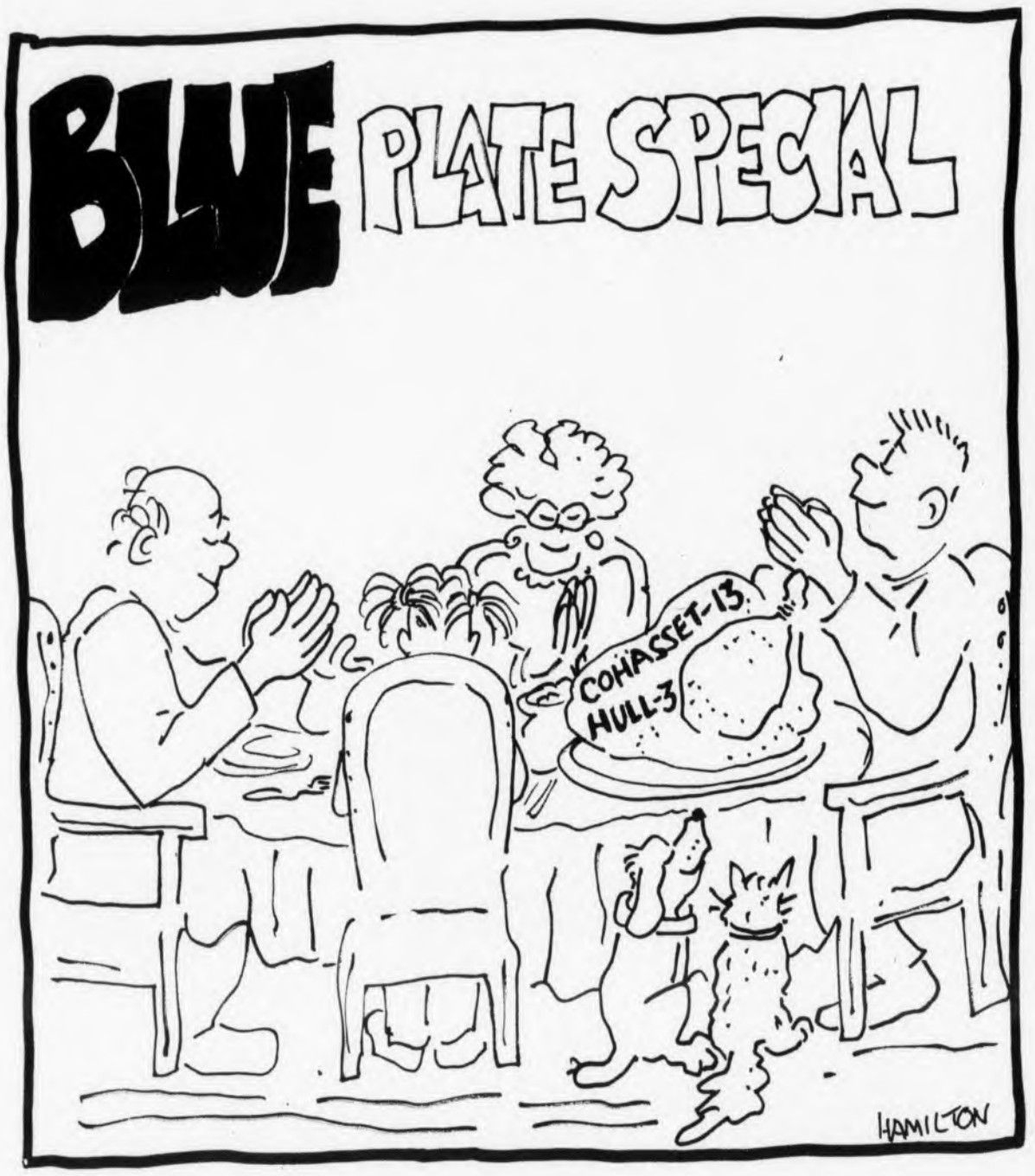
This is the third year in a row our campaign has targeted homelessness on the South Shore. Last year, our generous readers donated nearly $9,000 to our charities — Carolina Hill in Marshfield, the Weymouth-based South Shore Friends of the Homeless and Father Bill's Place in Quincy.

In the coming weeks we will report on some of the people and groups who benefit from our readers' generosity each year. We'll tell you about some of the success stories and certainly the challenges faced by these local groups struggling to help the homeless at a time when the economy enters a recession and rentals in the area are at an all-time high.

As a company comprised of community weekly newspapers, we know we are in a unique position to tell the local stories and encourage our readers to support the organizations that benefit from that spirit of giving. The checks we collect are made out to the individual charities, so you know that your donation goes straight to help people in need. As the Gifts of Hope campaign progresses, we'll report on the growth of the fund and we have asked the charities to acknowledge your contributions directly.

We know this fall was marked with tragedy, followed by the need for all of us to reach out to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. As Hanukkah and Christmas approach, we ask that you continue your generosity by supporting the Gifts of Hope campaign.

Thank you, from all of us.



Master Plan surveys due

The Town has now sent a survey to every registered voter to gather information on the future of Cohasset in preparation for the Master Plan. It is important that residents respond as soon as possible by returning the survey in the self-addressed envelope provided by Dec. 15.

POLITICAL NOTES

Cantwell party

A holiday party for friends and supporters of Democratic State Committee Member Jim Cantwell will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 6-11 p.m. at the Marshfield Elks Ballroom at 1321 Ocean Street / Rte 139 in Marshfield. Following a cocktail hour and light dinner from 6-7:45 p.m. guests will kick up their heels to the music of "The Infractions," a South Shore favorite that have recently been featured on a Universal Records recording with Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Hornsby, Hootie and the Blowfish, and others. Suggested donation for the dinner/dance is $25 for a guest, $100 for an event sponsor. For more information please contact Linda Broadford 781-331-1381 or Jack Cantwell 781-837-3115.

Hedlund party

State Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) will be feted by state officials and friends of Cohasset, Hingham and Norwell at a reception Thursday, Nov. 29, at Tosca of Hingham Harbor, from 6 to 9 p.m., GOP Cohasset Town Chairman Janet Fogarty announced.

Open to the public, reservations may be made with Polly Logan of Cohasset, Ann Collins (781-749-0817) and Jim Claypoole (749-9404) of Hingham or Kim Reynolds (781-826-7977) and Shawnie Littlehale (781-659-4191) of Norwell.

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Conservation Trust elects new officers

Gary Vanderweil has been elected president of the Cohasset Conservation Trust Inc. The private non-profit corporation, established in 1967, acquires areas of special ecological importance, such as marshes, woodlands and seashores, for preservation and public benefit. It currently holds some 80 acres of lands, including such well-known properties as Great Brewster Woods and Bassing Beach. All directors are Cohasset residents.

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Vanderweil's election is effective Jan. 1. He will replace John Hartshorne, who has been president of the trust since 1997. Hartshorne will remain a member of the trust's board of directors.

Others elected at the trust's annual meeting Nov. 18, are Dick Avery, treasurer, and Mark DeGiacomo, secretary-clerk. Avery has been a director since 1997 and treasurer since 1998. Mr. DeGiacomo became a member of the trust's board this year.

At the same meeting, Edward B. Long, who has been a director since the trust was founded, submitted his resignation, which the board voted to accept with regret and with deep appreciation for Long's long service to the Conservation Trust. It also voted to establish the new position of director-emeritus and to continue Long's connection with the trust in this honorary role.

In addition to the elected officers named above, members of the Cohasset Conservation Trust's Board of Directors are Ellen Freda, Dick Leggat, Deborah Shadd and Jeff Waal.

Buttonwood book angels

In the spirit of holiday sharing, Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham invite all to participate in our Book Angel program. The Book Angel Program that will run through Sunday Dec. 16, is a program to help put books into the hands of disadvantaged children. The Book Angel takes an angel from the tree and purchases a book for that child that is close to the interest highlighted on the angel. Buttonwood will then discount that book 15 percent and deliver the book to that child's sponsoring group. Together, Buttonwood Books &Toy and Buttonwood For Kids support Wellspring in Hull, The Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth, The Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the Mary Martha Learning Center, the Blue Hills Healthy Families Program and the South Shore Educational Collaborative Teen Parent Program.

This is the eighth year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel program. For more information call 781-383-2665 (Cohasset) and 781-749-2665 (Hingham).

New book is about to make history

Chronicles the last 50 years

By Evan Schiff
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The writing is done, the price is set, and the orders are starting to roll in.

Jacqueline Dormitzer of 334 S. Main St. and the author of the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III," informed the Town History Committee Monday night that the writing of the book is finished.

The 416-page book aims to cover the events, happenings and changes in Cohasset from 1950 to 2000. It will now be edited and final artistic decisions, such as captions and photograph selections, still need to be made before the book hits stores in the late spring or early summer.

Wigmore Pierson of 123 Atlantic Ave. and chairman of the lively committee, said that he is thrilled to have completed the book on time. "We promised the town we would finish writing the book by Dec. 1, 2001 and we have," he said.

Dormitzer said the book is looking great. "It's in very good shape," she said. "The photographs are wonderful and people are going to find the book very nice to both look at and read."

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— Jacqueline Dormitzer, author

One of the additions to the book is color maps that show the development of Cohasset. Harold Coughlin, 25 Reservoir Road, said the maps will add a whole other dimension to the book. One of the maps will show the streets of Cohasset that have been created from 1950 on, so one can see how much the town has grown. Another will compare a map of the village from 1950, to one from today.

"We started with an aerial map and zeroed in on the areas we wanted. It was a really exciting process," Coughlin said.

Coughlin added he has been contacting book stores about selling the latest volume of the town's history. He said Borders, Cards and Shards and Buttonwood have all agreed to have the book in stock.

A motion raised by Lou Harvey, 465 King St., set the price of the book once and for all. The price of the book will be $32 and will be sold at a 40 percent discount to book stores with a buy-back option. The committee also decided that it will have a press run of 3,000 books.

The book will be heavily publicized by the town. According to Jim Hamilton, 298 King St., a tentative plan is to insert a two-page spread in the town warrant, including an envelope for residents to mail back with their orders.

"Instead of sending out a conventional envelope that people would throw away, we wanted to insert the mailings into something that everyone in the town would open," Hamilton said.

Margot Cheel, 14 Margin Court, felt this was the best option. "It is very rare to have graphics in the warrant," she said. "This will really knock them dead."

Three separate Town Meeting votes allocated a total of $65,000 for the book, but the committee said the money will eventually be repaid through sales.

"The book will pay for itself," Dormitzer said.

Anyone interested in pre-ordering the "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III" for $27.50 must do so before Jan. 1. Make a check payable to the Town of Cohasset and mail it to Wigmore Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave.

Greenbush math doesn't add up

TRAIN VIEW

MIKE WEYMOUTH

South Shore residents opposed to the restoration of surface diesel rail have long contended that Greenbush is too high an environmental price to pay to serve only 1,708 new riders during rush hour. As taxpayers, they should be equally concerned with the $440 million price tag, which includes the latest bids, cost of trains and anticipated mitigation.

One has to wonder if there is any limit to what the state will spend on the project.

With these numbers in hand, Sen. Bob Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley are trying to convince their colleagues of the fiscal irresponsibility of Greenbush (Nov. 15 Hingham Journal article, "Delegation Split on Greenbush"). Hopefully their efforts will help turn the tide against what quite possibly is the least cost-effective transportation project the MBTA has ever conceived. Or, in keeping with the Journal article, throw Greenbush supporters out at the plate, which is what comes of trying to steal home.

Per New Rider Cost is $258,000

Public transportation models emphasize "new riders" above all else and the Greenbush cost-per-new-rider is so far off the chart it is hard to imagine how any fiscally responsible legislator can support the project. To put the excessive Greenbush cost into perspective, if you do the math, it comes out to approximately $258,000 per new rider.

In an attempt to divert attention away from this figure, the MBTA has long touted higher ridership numbers for Greenbush that actually include riders taken from existing systems, such as the commuter boats, as well as non-peak hour riders who generally do not contribute to traffic congestion. However, "new riders" remains the critical yardstick for measuring the effectiveness of a project such as Greenbush and, in this respect, Greenbush is a very bad public transportation buy. In particular, our state legislators should consider the cost of Greenbush in the context of the projects the T has consistently rejected elsewhere in the public transportation network because of the high cost per new rider. The Millis extension of Needham rail at $94,523 per rider; the Newburyport extension at $93,055 per rider and the Worcester expansion at $64,000 per rider, are but a few examples of rejected projects.

The Alternatives and the Private Sector

Waiting in the wings of the Hedlund/Bradley initiative is AfTA's proposal for transportation alternatives that are far more affordable than Greenbush. At $140 million the alternatives consist of an enhanced commuter boat service, a Route 3 connector to the South Weymouth T station through the South Weymouth Naval Air Station and enhanced Red Line and express bus service. Properly configured, they would take many more new riders off the roads than Greenbush, which is restricted in the number of trains it can run during peak hours by the so-called Braintree bottleneck. With the alternatives, new riders would total 4,189 vs. 1,708 for Greenbush. That translates into $33,400 per new rider vs. Greenbush's $258,000.

It should not be lost on a state that is entering an economic downturn that the alternatives also take advantage of the investment dollars from the private sector, which means the cost to the state would be $140 million in "state-only" funds, $300 million less than Greenbush.

Since its inception, AfTA has been honing its case for this package of common sense solutions that would creatively utilize existing South Shore transportation modes. One of the most visible solutions occurs on Route 3 every morning when signs indicate that the Braintree and Quincy Adams Red Line parking lots are already full at 7:30 am. By spending a relatively modest amount of money to expand parking capacity the MBTA could take another 2,400 rush hour riders off the roads. Along these same lines, AfTA has been pushing for a decked parking facility at the Hingham Shipyard.

Rather than relieving highway congestion by enhancing what already exists, the T seems content to keep on pushing an inefficient Greenbush, no matter what the cost.

The Alternatives and MEPA

MBTA spokesman John Carlisle's contention that the state is mandated to build Greenbush as a result of mitigation stemming from a CLF/Central Artery lawsuit leaves out one important point. The MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act) clearly states that "alternatives" must be considered and if the project is deemed to be too environmentally problematic, mitigation measures have to be taken. Greenbush is clearly an environmentally problematic project, so much so that the federal government wouldn't provide the funding for the original Old Colony Line, of which Greenbush was a part, unless the Greenbush environmental issues were dealt with. In total disregard for this conclusion, state transportation authorities nevertheless segmented the project and pushed ahead. In the process, it forfeited 80 percent federal financing and has wasted millions of dollars of taxpayer money pursuing a project already deemed environmentally unacceptable by the federal government. With horse blinders still firmly in place, they continue to pour good money after bad.

If you do the math, it comes out to approximately $258,000 per new rider.

Unfortunately the MBTA PR machine has been quite successful at aligning many legislators on its side, claiming that resistance to the project on the South Shore is confined to the usual minority NIMBY element. In fact, if you simply count those who have signed petitions against Greenbush, Hedlund and Bradley represent the views of more than 8,000 South Shore residents, which is a far cry from the "vocal minority" the T claims opposes Greenbush. In addition, they also represent the many residents who have unanimously rejected Greenbush in town meeting votes and referendums in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate and who are fighting tooth and nail to avoid the environmental impacts in Weymouth and Braintree.

Alternatives Create More Jobs

The Greenbush project has the added dimension of new jobs, to which politicians are understandably sensitive: while Greenbush might cost a lot, much of that money would go into the pockets of construction workers. During hard times and with an upcoming election, this will be a difficult call for many of our elected officials.

For this reason, AfTA proposes that the state spend the $300 million it would save if it adopted the alternatives elsewhere in the transportation system.

And, when you consider the high likelihood that many of these projects would be eligible for matching federal transportation dollars, the total amount of money would actually be greater than with a Greenbush scenario. And this would mean even more jobs.

Spend It Where Its Needed

In fact, there are a plethora of projects the T says it cannot afford, which would serve many more riders than Greenbush. For example, $300 million would enable the T to:

—Add the much-needed Assembly Square station to the Orange Line

—Improve the Maverick and Orient heights T stations

—Expand the Green Line to Medford Hillside

—Build the long-promised Light Rail Rapid Transit Silver Line

—Build the South Boston Transit way

These are just a few of the many projects that could be funded, all or in part, with the money saved if the state embraced AfTA's proposal.

Build Commuter Rail Where the Growth Is

The aforementioned Braintree Bottleneck is one of the T's best-kept secrets.

Essentially Greenbush trains would become part of the combined Old Colony traffic on the mostly single-track system into Boston. The problem is that only so much traffic can run on this section of track during rush hour, which would limit Greenbush to only three trains during the peak hours from 6:30-9 am. By public transportation standards, and considering the high cost of Greenbush, this is a very low number of trips.

But the real problem occurs on the existing Old Colony line where no more trips can be added to that portion of the system if Greenbush is built.

The question the Conservation Law Foundation should be asking itself is, "Where is the real growth?" Surely not on the "coastal" South Shore, which, according to recent media reports is pretty well saturated. The growth is in the "inland" South Shore communities served by the Plymouth and Middleboro branches of the Old Colony line, where the new trains have already had a significant impact on real estate expansion. Given the living space dynamics of this area and its distance from Boston, the lines are understandably very popular. If you don't believe it just read the T's PR about standing-room-only-trains and crowded parking lots.

But how forthcoming have state transportation authorities been about the fact that no new trains can be added to accommodate additional riders on these two lines, whose numbers, according to transportation models, will most assuredly increase? The models also indicate that many commuters, faced with a no-new-capacity scenario on the commuter rail lines, will take to the roads and Route 3 will become even more crowded as the inland population grows.

The solution is to build the alternatives, which are designed to take commuters off the roads from the coastal communities thus allowing the Greenbush capacity to be shifted to the inland South Shore. This would enable three more trips to be added either to the Plymouth and Middleboro lines, where the real growth will take place, or to the Route 3 connector, which would serve mid-area commuters and further reduce congestion on Route 3.

Hopefully, through the efforts of Hedlund and Bradley, this information will get the attention of our legislators who will in turn conclude that the alternatives will:

—Cost the state less

—Take more cars off the road, thus fulfilling the CLF/Central Artery goal of lessening rush hour traffic

—Provide an incentive for private sector investment

—Be far less environmentally invasive and quicker to implement than Greenbush

One is reminded in these times of the late Tip O'Neill, who believed the first step in a public works project was to consult with the communities "first," before plunging ahead. To my knowledge, state transportation authorities never took this important first step, no doubt because they knew what the answer would be. Had we been asked, better ideas, more compatible with our coastal community culture, would have surfaced and today we would be looking at a far different public transportation scenario than Greenbush. The end result would have been much more user friendly, it would have been in place long ago and it definitely would not have had the astronomical price tag of $440 million.

Michael Weymouth, who is a member of AfTA (Advocates for Transportation Alternatives), lives on Water Street in Hingham.

Season for pricey toys

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I've got good news and bad news for parents as they prepare to descend into the depths of debt for the first Christmas of the new millennium.

The good news is that, for the second year in a row, there apparently is no "hot toy" that the little rug rat "has to have" for the current holiday season so you won't have to spend hours in line waiting to tickle Elmo or for the Kid to come out of the cabbage patch.

The bad news is that the warmest toys on the shelf for the next month will probably be the electronic games, Nintendo's GameCube, which costs $199, and Microsoft's Xbox, which will set you back $299.

I've bought cars for less than that.

I am reliably informed of the price of toys this Christmas by a friend who qualifies as a expert because she is the mother of an 11-year-old boy. She was hurrying to the nearest branch of the Fleet Bank to negotiate a loan at the time. If all else failed, I swear she was ready to put her house up for collateral.

"He just has to have one," she said, which is the same thing that she said last year when she dipped into her IRA for $299.99 to win a Sony's Play Station 2. I say "win" because she had to outbid several challengers to land the prize.

Xbox wasn't out on the toy shelves in North America until Nov. 15 and GameCube wasn't available in the States until Nov. 18 but by mid-October John Sullivan, general manager of the Website Toysrus.com, said several presells had sold out in the matter of minutes.

And that's only the beginning.

Once you've got a GameCube under the Christmas tree — or safely tucked away in a safe deposit box at a local bank — you still need the accessories that make the whole thing work, like a controller ($29.99) and a game disc ($49.99) — and a bottle of Tylenol ($5.95) for dad when the bill arrives from Visa.

I can remember Christmases when a Davy Crockett coonskin cap satisfied the greediest preteenager, or a Barbie Doll with more changes of clothing than Imelda Marcos had shoes, or a G. I. Joe with little more than a rifle and some hand grenades, caught the imaginations of small girls and boys everywhere.

It will no doubt be a comfort for you to learn that Barbie is still around and as popular as ever with the pre-pubescent set, this time dressed as a pediatrician and accompanied by a Web site (Barbie.com) explaining the role of a pediatrician in the post-Women's Lib world.

And pretty soon, if not already, you can expect G. I. Joe to re-up for another hitch, armed with more firepower than Rambo and drawing a patriotic bead on Osama bin Laden in the name of truth, justice and the American way.

Hopefully, just in time to rescue Mom and Dad from the expensive clutches of Xbox and GameCube.

Friends, co-workers remember Wally Arcand

'57 CHS grad loses battle with cancer

By Alice Coyle
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First impressions may be lasting, but they're not always accurate. Brian Sullivan found this to be true in the case of C. Wallace Arcand.

Sullivan's first meeting with Wally Arcand wasn't a pleasant experience. It was 1997 and Sullivan was representing a client with an application before the Scituate Zoning Board of Appeals with chairman Arcand, — also known as the "zoning czar" at the helm.

Arcand was a 26-year resident of Scituate, but he grew up in Cohasset, graduating from Cohasset High School in 1957.

"I found his manner abrasive," said Sullivan who was admonished for being unprepared and went away without the approvals his client sought. It was a temporary setback for Sullivan who said his second meeting with Arcand went much better.

"I came back at the next hearing over-prepared," he said. "I did my homework" Arcand had made an impression on the Scituate attorney and was so impressed by him that when an opening came up on the ZBA he recommended Sullivan for the position. Thus began Sullivan's zoning board service and friendship with Arcand.



Wally Arcand

"A relationship that began as adversarial, turned into a very close friendship," recalls Sullivan, who is this week mourning the loss of his friend and fellow board member. Arcand died Sunday following a two-year battle with cancer. He was 61.

Arcand was a 26-year resident of Scituate, but he grew up in Cohasset, graduating from Cohasset High School in 1957. He earned a degree in Liberal Arts & History from Boston University in 1961 and followed that up with his law degree from Georgetown University in 1964. After working for both the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Dupont Chemical Company in Delaware, he returned to Boston and a job at United Food Company's Prudential Offices. Arcand went into business for himself opening his Hingham law office in 1980.

His town government service began in 1987 when he joined the Zoning Board of Appeals, which he would serve for 13 years — seven of them as chairman. During his tenure on the zoning board, Arcand ruffled some feathers and grilled more than a few developers with his gruff, "tell-it-like-it-is" manner. But those that worked closely with Arcand say below that "tough as nails" exterior was a deeply dedicated man with exceptionally high standards to which held everyone to equally, always keeping the best interest of Scituate and its residents in mind.

"He expected the best from himself and nothing less from everyone else," Sullivan said.

"He appeared very tough, but to those who knew him, Wally was a very likable individual," said veteran Scituate Selectman Joseph Norton.

Arcand's wife of 32 years Francisca knew him best and she said there was a real "teddy bear" below the all the gruffness people saw at ZBA hearings. The two met in Delaware while Arcand was working for Dupont and Francisca described the young Arcand as "extremely romantic."

"He showered me with long stemmed roses with little cards which I've kept. He was crazy with all these flowers," she recalled.

It must have been love at first sight for Arcand who proposed marriage just weeks after the two met.

"We clicked right away," said Francisca, but I wasn't sure I was ready to get married that quickly."

In addition to the successful Hingham law practice he ran for more than 20 years, Arcand enjoyed gardening and playing with the family pets, Francisca said.

Arcand is perhaps best remembered for his thorough knowledge of the law. "Some may have been put off by his demeanor, but he always acted in a manner consistent with the law. He did everything he could to maintain the integrity of the Scituate zoning bylaws," Sullivan said.

He leaves his beloved wife of 32 years, Francisca (Ohm) Arcand; and his loving mother Mary E. (D'Abre) Arcand of Scituate; his step-mother, Phyllis Arcand of Weymouth; his brother Thomas Arcand of Amherst, N.H. and his sister, Michelle Vancura of Katy, Texas. He also leaves his nieces and nephews and many close and dear friends. Mr. Arcand was also the brother of the late Gary Arcand.

At the request of the family, calling hours have been omitted and burial will be private.

A memorial service will be held at a time and place to be announced by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home of Scituate.

Friends may remember Wally Arcand through memorial donations to The Friends of the Scituate Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 823, Scituate 02066.



Herb Jason stands by the anchor that will soon find a home on Government Island.

Support Anchor Fund

Plans are to install a five-ton ship's anchor on a circular granite and cobblestone base in the grassy island in front of the Cohasset Sailing Club. The granite centerpiece of the circle will be inscribed with a picture of a schooner or harbor pilot boat. The anchor has been paid for with private funds. But the masonry for the foundation for the anchor, and if there is any extra money, granite curbing around the grassy island, could cost upwards of $10,000.

Tax-deductible donations for the project are welcome and should be sent to Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. Checks should be made out to the Town of Cohasset, but mark the check for the anchor fund. The Cohasset Police Association recently donated $500 for the project.

Selectmen recently approved the plan and there was no objection from the Government Island Study Committee.

Who's the top citizen?

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appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the eighth person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: the late Gerard T. Keating, "Mr. Cohasset"; for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: Joseph D. Buckley, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: Dr. Robert T. Sceery, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: The Rev. Gary Ritts, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: Anna Abbruzzese, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: Katherine Stanton, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: the late Clark Chatterton, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray for her many years of dedicated public service and undying loyalty to her constituents.

Homeless for the holidays

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John Garvey is the director and founder of a South Shore-based Web site SharingWeb.org. It was two years ago that he decided to implement the website because he and his wife were concerned about the problem of homelessness. The Web site offers information about local shelters, food pantries and clothing and furniture banks.

"This year, I'm hearing the homelessness problem is more acute," he said. "There were a lot of layoffs in Massachusetts recently and the economy is not that good. I heard 8,300 jobs were lost in the state last month alone. The unemployment rate jumped from 3.4 percent to 4.3 percent."

With that in mind, Community Newspaper Company is once again making organizations that help homeless people the beneficiary of its Gifts of Hope campaign. This is the third year in a row the holiday campaign has targeted homelessness. Last year, the campaign raised nearly $9,000 for such organizations at the South Shore Friends of the Homeless, Father Bill's Place in Quincy and Carolina Hill shelter in Marshfield.

"Thanks to the generous support of our readers, we were able to make great strides with last year's campaign," said Mark Skala, editor in chief of CNC/South. "The campaign nearly doubled from the previous year. It was because of all kinds of contributions, large and small."

Tara Jesse, volunteer coordinator at Pilgrim's Hope Shelter in Kingston, said the shelter has been very busy lately. On Thanksgiving, it served food to 103 families and 286 individuals. Jesse said Pilgrim's Hope is completely full, but applications keep rolling in despite that. She said most shelters have very long waiting lists right now.

"We just keep getting busier," she said. "The more people that find out about us, the more we get. Space fills up as fast as it empties out. I think we need more shelters, especially on the South Shore." She added one of the problems with having so many full shelters is that the local families who need a place to go have to travel as far as New Bedford, Fall River or Taunton. For someone who's lived their whole life on the South Shore, that's a tough request.

One thing that Newell, Jesse and Garvey say is that Sept. 11 has not affected local charity efforts as much as it could have. Some shelter and food pantry directors were concerned about the fact that so much money was donated to Sept. 11 charities. They were concerned people would not be able to support local charities who also need a vast amount of support.

"I have found people have been making donations to both causes," Newell said. "It's amazing to me. Everyone is moved to the core that people care so much."

"People are actually reaching out to their communities more than ever," Jesse added. "Donations here have been pouring in, and our food pantry has been full. I think people are more giving than they have ever been. Sept. 11 gave everyone something to think about."

But even with the spirit of giving the way it is, the onset of winter always means it's going to get tougher for those who are homeless. Jesse said in the winter, something like finding apartments becomes an even harder task than it already is. But the staff at Pilgrim's Hope is taking measures to help the problem a bit. The shelter is now selling tickets for a house raffle, with 5,000 being sold. The home will be given away in the summer.

In addition, Jesse said Pilgrim's Hope will be opening a new shelter for single people. During the holiday season, the shelter will also be running its adopt-a-family program where donors are asked to buy presents for children in homeless families.

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Newell said homeless people should not be treated as outsiders but rather, as neighbors. She said it is important to make available to these people activities like church suppers, concerts and other community-based events. But most of all, she said these people need to be treated with compassion, and they need to be able to find reasonable housing rates.

"You can't live your life out of a motel," Garvey said. "I think the main thing for people is to be aware of the homelessness problem and how it affects their communities. "I don't think the problem can ever be fully solved, but I think if there is a solution, it's having enough awareness to help those who are homeless."

"Make these folks your neighbors," Newell added. "The homelessness problem really didn't start until the early 1980s, and it just doesn't seem reasonable that we all can't find some way to deal with it without warehousing people. I think it will eventually get better, but I'm stunned at how bad it's gotten."

To donate to the Gifts of Hope campaign — to benefit Carolina Hill in Marshfield, South Shore Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and Father Bill's Place in Quincy — send your check made out to one of the three charities to Community Newspaper Company, c/o Anne Rodwell, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, Ma., 02050. All donors will be acknowledged in the newspaper, unless your donation is accompanied by a note asking that it remain anonymous. All checks will be immediately forwarded to the charities.

For those who would like to donate to Pilgrim's Hope, send donations to 149 Bishop's Highway, Kingston, MA., 02364.

Sidewalk is a step closer

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concerned that construction of the sidewalk would destroy the ledge below the church, a hallmark of the town. Up to 2-1/2 feet of ledge must be removed in certain parts to accommodate the sidewalk and some fear the effects of blasting the ledge. However, chipping the ledge or drilling the ledge are two options that would be less destructive to the area than blasting, Rizzo said. No decision has been made as to what type of ledge removal system will be used.

"I've talked to different masonry contractors and there are various techniques to maintain the natural integrity of the ledge. The exposed ledge will look out of place at first, but overtime it will weather and age," he said.

CRC's plans for the sidewalk show it extending in toward the church at some points so the road will actually become wider, enabling easier passing for vehicles and pedestrians. There will also be a granite curb on the edge of the sidewalk so there would be a clear indication of the separation between the road and the pathway. The parking spaces across the street will not be affected.

> **"The goal is to make an adequate sidewalk that addresses the issues of all involved."**
> — Dean Rizzo, CRC

The St. Stephen's sidewalk could be the first part of the village revitalization project to see construction. Rizzo said the plans for the sidewalk are the most ready to go and are the most complete of any village area. He said if everything goes according to plan construction could begin by the summer.

"It would be nice to start construction of the St. Stephen's sidewalk early so the (village) improvements could be done in stages. We are not looking to rip up the whole village at the same time," he said.

The estimated $2-1/4 million village revitalization project could be paid for with no direct cost to Cohasset taxpayers. This does not include putting the utility lines underground. The $1.5 million Public Works Economic Development Grant the town was awarded this fall will pick up most of the tab. The MBTA will pay to reconstruct the town parking lot and the Ripley Road intersection by the South Shore Art Center in the village as part of the Greenbush train restoration project.

That brings the total to approximately $2.2 million for various village improvements. Rizzo estimated that to complete all construction could range from $1.7 million (all concrete sidewalks) to $2.4 million (all brick sidewalks). It will be up to the town to decide on the sidewalk design.

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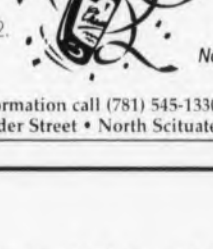
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Hingham Lumber plans move to Cohasset next fall

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Hingham Lumber will have a new home in neighboring Cohasset next fall.

In the meantime, it's business as usual at the Summer Street location in Hingham.

Its home base is changing, but the name will not, to carry on the company's legacy of fine customer service, the owners said.

From the time it was first started in 1947, the family-owned and operated business has been known for delivering not only lumber, but also personalized service with a smile.

Brothers Thomas and John McNulty, who run the company, intend to continue that tradition in Cohasset. Their brother-in-law David O'Connor of Hingham also works for Hingham Lumber.

"This will allow us to enhance our level of customer service and provide additional offerings," Thomas McNulty said.

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— Thomas McNulty, Hingham Lumber

At the new, much roomier location — a 13-acre parcel off Route 3A where a golf driving range was once located and adjacent to Cohasset Collision — customers will have the added convenience of a drive-through, where they can pick up their orders in all kinds of weather without getting out of their vehicles.

An expanded product line is another plus related to the move. A wide variety will be offered, from nails and screws to Palladian windows and full kitchens. Power tool rentals is another added feature.

"While the new facility will help us compete against big 'box' stores and independent lumberyards, we will continue to offer quality products and service, service, service," McNulty said.

While the McNulty family is looking forward to its new, expanded facility, they are sad to be leaving Hingham after all these years.

"We have many faithful customers," McNulty said, who hopefully will continue to frequent the business at its new location. "We appreciate their loyalty through some difficult times. Our neighbors and customers have been great."

The bottom line is that the company had no choice other than to close up shop or go out of business.

That's because the MBTA is taking the Hingham property by eminent domain as part of the Greenbush rail restoration project.

"Before that time, it never crossed our minds to move somewhere else," McNulty said. "The MBTA wanted the land regardless."

The transit authority is required to pay "fair market value" for the Hingham property, but at this time McNulty is not sure what that figure will be.

Hingham Lumber is currently assessed at $761,000, and the company paid $10,467 in property taxes for Fiscal Year 2000.

Discussions between the MBTA and the McNultys are expected to begin early next year.

"The MBTA has confirmed it wants the property," he said.

While stopping short of stating the price tag for the new facility, McNulty said it's "in the millions."

"It would be nice if the MBTA would foot that bill," he said.

Over the past several years, the MBTA has been eyeing the current Hingham Lumber site for the Nantasket Junction station, including some 400 parking spaces.

The company was preparing to expand the Summer Street operation several years ago until the MBTA's intentions to take the property became more clear-cut, halting expansion plans.

The good news is that the Cohasset location is ideal, because it's located only one mile from the Hingham operation.

"It's important to maintain our proximity to our loyal customer base as well as attract new ones," McNulty said. "This is definitely a more visible location."

Once completed, the new Hingham Lumber will be a Colonial-style, state-of-the-art facility, with a 60,000-square-foot drive-through warehouse for easier pick-ups of building supplies and a 24,000-square-foot main showroom and retail store. There will be 210 parking spaces.

The McNultys not only take good care of their customers, but also their employees.

"We're very supportive of our personnel and provide an excellent working environment," McNulty said.

In the past, Hingham selectmen expressed regret about the potential loss of what Selectmen Chairman Katharine Reardon called a "very unique" business.

At its Hingham location, the company grew from a "no frills" business offering basic framing components to customers on the South Shore into a full-fledged operation serving an expanded area from the islands off Cape Cod to communities north of Boston, although many customers come from Hingham.

At one time, most of the lumber was delivered by freight train via a line whose tracks ran by the Hingham Lumber property from 1947-1982.

"Everything used to be shipped by rail. That's why lumberyards sprang up around railroad tracks," McNulty notes. "Deliveries were also made by schooners at one time, and now by truck."

The business was started in 1947 by William R. McNulty Jr., who also owned and operated the Hingham Grain Mill — established in 1642 — for 15 years until sales began to drop.

A hardware store was added to the business during the Blizzard of 1978.

Getting the new operation up and running is a Herculean task, but the McNultys are up to the challenge.

"Right now the focus is getting the buildings built, stocking them and moving in," McNulty said. "Our goal is to continue to provide personal but expeditious service and increase our efficiency at the new location."



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Tom McNulty of Hingham Lumber stands off Crocker Lane (which is off Route 3A) in Cohasset where the 54-year-old business will relocate. Hingham Lumber has to move because the MBTA plans to build a train station at the lumberyard's current location off Summer Street in Hingham.

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Gian Carlo Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors tells the story of the young peasant Amahl, who joins the legendary three kings on their journey to Bethlehem. A special feature of this production is the appearance of Wayne Rapier, oboist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra and one of the premier oboists in the world. The oboe portrays the ancient sound of Amahl's recorder, which keeps him company when he is herding his sheep and gazing at the stars. The sound of Rapier's oboe announces the appearance and departure of Amahl at the beginning and end of the opera, and accompanies the dancers who entertain the three kings.

A special feature of this production is the appearance of Wayne Rapier, oboist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Amahl features a cast of six principal singers and a chorus. The roles of Amahl and his Mother are played by Christopher Maher and Elizabeth Milch at 4 p.m. and by Douglas Kanner and Maura Finn at 7 p.m.. Christopher is a student at Derby Academy in Hingham.

Tickets at $10 per person, $7 for seniors and students, are on sale at South Shore Conservatory, Buttonwood For Kids and Nobles Camera Shop in Hingham Square, and Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. Additional performances will be presented on Dec. 9 in Duxbury.

For more information or to order tickets by phone, call Laura Carleton, 781-934-2731, ext. 14.



Derby student Christopher Maher performs the role of Amahl, with Elizabeth Milch in the role of his mother, in the 4 p.m. performance of the South Shore Conservatory's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," Dec. 8 at Hingham Town Hall.

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Above right, *Jack Papich scans Cohasset Harbor looking for Santa, with his Dad, Sean, during Friday's annual Jingle Bell Walk sponsored by the South Shore Community Center.*
Top left, *Santa Claus passes out jingle bells to the children, including Madeline Ronzoni, at right.*





Clockwise from above, *Jill O'Donnell points to Santa, who came to town aboard a fishing boat, to her granddaughter, Julian. Little Sofia Whetstone keeps an eye on the action at Government Island from the safety of her mother Cheryl's coat. Sam Game, left, lines up with youngsters to catch a glimpse of Santa. The crowd waves to Santa from the fishing dock at the harbor.*





Staff photos/ Alan Chapman

PSO provides community link

By Evan Schiff

There is a way for parents to become involved with the Cohasset school department.

The Parent School Organization is an independent group of parents that works in conjunction with Cohasset schools to enrich the quality of education.

The PSO is a relatively new organization, prior to 1961 there were "communication councils" that worked with school administrators to try to improve the children's education. However, parents realized they would not be able to accomplish them unless if they were unified.

"We felt we could get more support with a school-wide organization that allowed parents to know what was going on throughout the entire system," said Nancy Sandell, the first chairman of the Cohasset PSO and former School Committee member.

Sandell said the organization is a strong lobbying group for educational and curriculum related issues. She said there was a need for a group that could raise funds for various activities, and bring speakers and workshops into the schools.

This year marks the first time the PSO has divided into three groups, one for each school, and is governed by an executive board.

Jane Pescatore, 12 Lantern Lane and chairman of the PSO, said the PSO acts as a support group and does not have a political agenda like the PTA.

"Cohasset is such a small school system that it is beneficial not to be affiliated with a national organization," Pescatore said. "We are more of a cohesive group and are totally independent. We are apolitical."

Pescatore also said there are too many requirements and restrictions in the PTA while the PSO allows the parents more freedom to work with the teachers and in the classrooms.

"Because the PSO is not involved with salary negotiations, we work with the teachers as teachers, not as employees," she said.

The PSO is open to anyone in the community, not just parents of students, who is interested in the development of Cohasset's school system.

"We provide a communication link between the community and the schools," Pescatore said.

Catherine Davis, 52 Linden Drive and co-president of the middle-high school PSO, said the organization is a great way for parents to become involved with their students' schooling. Davis said representatives regularly meet with the principals to talk about improvements that could be made. "We always keep our ear to the ground," she said.

A member of the PSO always attends the school committee's meeting and the organization has had four or five members go on to be elected to the school committee.

"It's a natural transition to the school committee," Sandell said.

Currently, the PSO has a community relations group working with the Cohasset Council of Aging to try to bring seniors into the schools to get them involved. As well, every year the PSO donates thousands of dollars worth of books to the libraries of all three schools.



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GO BLUE!

Olivia Sullivan is held up by friends (Amy Meikleham, Rebecca Dickinson, Kate Gaumer, Kaley Madge and Maura Darnes) to cheer for the Skippers during the Thanksgiving Day football game against Hull.



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SPORTS

Stars of the Week

Ben Lynner, Cosimo Cambi, Tony Truglia, Chris Caron, Paul Previte, Dave Bouchard, Chris McKenna, Chris Bilodeau, Eric Libby, Jason Brown and anyone else who contributed defensively for the physically overmatched Skippers in their season-ending post-season loss to Tyngsboro Tuesday night. Indeed, the entire D did an outstanding job keeping the game competitive against the bigger and stronger Tigers.

Living
On the South Shore

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Clock strikes midnight

Cinderella run by football team ends in Tyngsboro

By Mke Spellman
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Any football coach will tell you that turnovers absolutely kill. In the case of Cohasset's 21-7 season-ending playoff loss to Tyngsboro Tuesday night, these unforgiving gaffes helped bring on a slow, grueling death.

Four first-half turnovers put the Skippers in a quick hole that they were forced to battle valiantly out of all night. By the time the Skippers offense finally seemed to get untracked, it was simply a case of there being too little time and too much Jonathan Godfroy, Tyngsboro's gifted halfback who kept moving the chains and wore down Cohasset's defensive front with his 223 rushing yards.

"He's the best back we've seen this year," said Cohasset head coach Tony Rolfe, of Godfroy, following the loss that marked the first post-season appearance for C.H.S football since 1980. "We were throwing guys at him, but he just kept making them miss, or shaking them off and picking up positive yardage."

Indeed, only two of the junior speedster's 40 carries on the night went for negative yardage, and those were both for mere one-yard losses.

The host Tigers scored on their first possession, marching 54 yards in nine plays after a short Cohasset punt. Godfroy ate up most of the real estate here, carrying seven times for 32 yards, including the final eight on a quick hitter over left guard.

The Skippers committed their first turnover just two plays into their ensuing possession when wideout Tom Anderson was separated from the ball after a short reception and the Tigers Brian Carey pounced on it at the Cohasset 31-yard line.

It took the Tigers eight plays to cover that ground. Godfroy rambled for nine yards on a 4th-and-2 call and picked up another first down on 3rd-and-4 a few plays later to set his team up 1st-and-goal at the 4-yard line. Captain Brian McDermott punched it in from there going right up the gut, and Ryan Halloran split the uprights with his second PAT to make it 14-0 with 1:16 still remaining in the first quarter.

"I thought the defense as a whole came up huge tonight. They played their hearts out and kept us in the game. I'm extremely proud of the effort all of the kids gave."

Cohasset High head football coach Tony Rolfe

Whatever shot the Skippers might have had at wrestling away a little momentum was frittered away quickly by the offense, as the ball was turned back over to the Tigers twice in the Skippers next three offensive plays.

The Cohasset defense came up big both times, however, preventing the Tigers from drawing any more blood. Jason Brown, Paul Previte and Tony Truglia all came up with key tackles to keep it a 14-0 game and senior deep back Dave Bouchard picked off a pass from Tigers quarterback Jason LaForge in the end zone for a touchback with 8:45 remaining in the half.

"I thought the defense as a whole came up huge tonight," appraised Rolfe following the game. "They played their hearts out and kept us in the game. I'm extremely proud of the effort all of the kids gave."

This pick by Bouchard finally seemed to provide the Skippers with a something of a lift, as the offense marched across midfield in just five plays, picking up their first two new sets of downs of the night in so doing — the first on an 11-yard pass from Mike Snowdale to Chris Bilodeau, the second on a well disguised play action 14-yard sweep by Brown. The drive would die there, however, a 4th-and 3 pass slipping through the fingers of the generally sure-handed Bilodeau. Just about anyone who's followed Cohasset football this year will tell you that Bilodeau would never have missed that pass before he suffered a broken finger earlier in the week. Ditto for another potential first down toss he wound up dropping in the second half.

"We just don't miss passes, and that's especially true for Chris," asserted coach Rolfe, in his sixth year at the helm of Cohasset football. "That's one of the main things that got us to this (playoff) game.

"It's hard to do a lot of things with a broken finger, but catching a football has got to be one of the hardest. I give Chris a lot of credit for going out there and giving it his best."

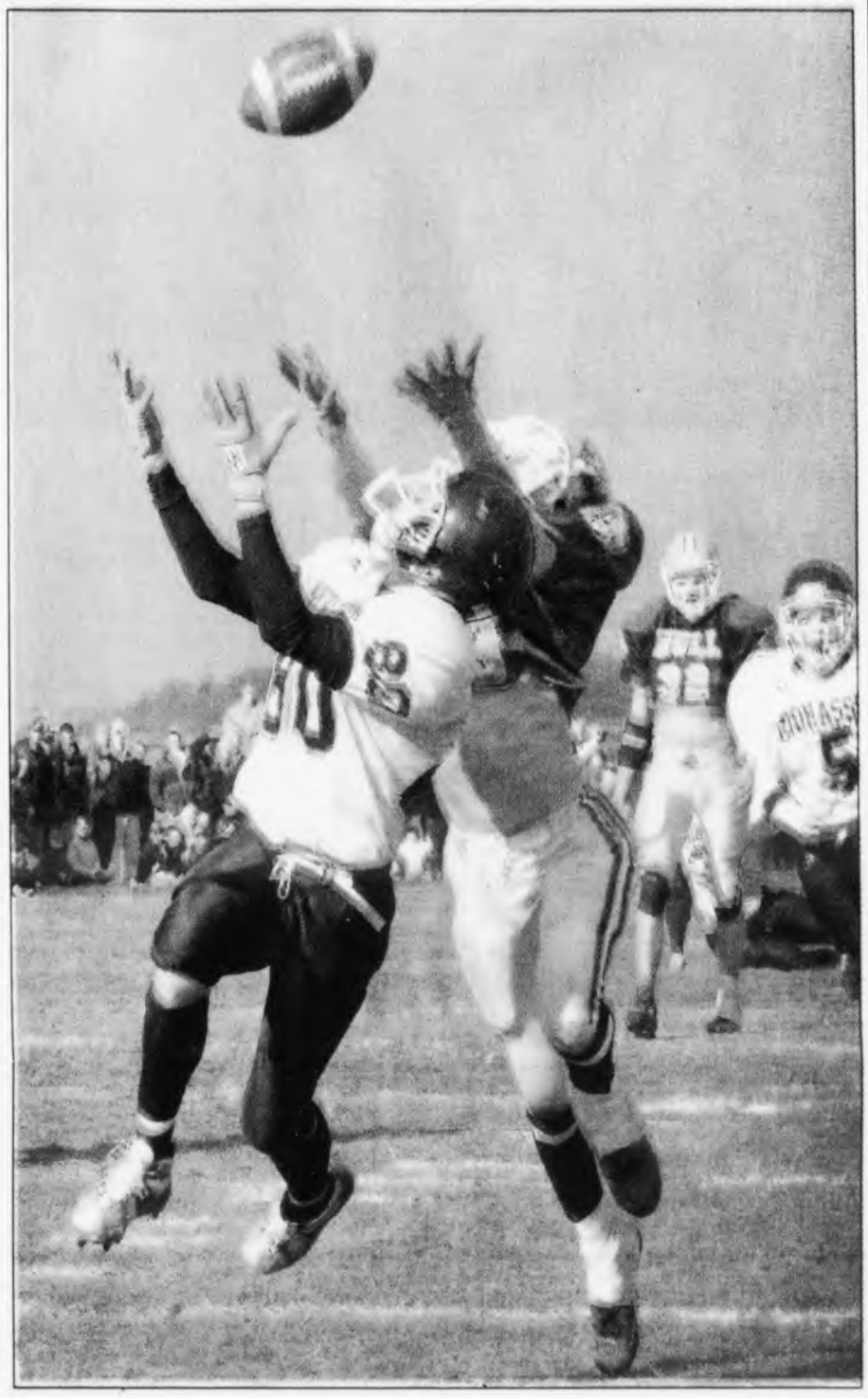
The Cohasset defense was forced to rise to the occasion again after the offense's fourth TO of the half, this one delivered by Godfroy when he stepped between an

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Tyngsboro 21, Cohasset 7

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Cohasset (9-2)	0	0	7	0 — 7
Tyngsboro (10-2)	14	0	0	7 — 21

T- Jonathan Godfroy 8 run (Ryan Halloran kick)
T- Bill McDermottt 4 run (Halloran kick)
C- Jason Brown 71 run (Tom Anderson kick)
T- Godfroy 8 run (Halloran kick)



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset receiver Eric Libby (#80) hauls in a long pass from quarterback Mike Snowdale that helped set up the Skippers game winning and South Shore League championship clinching touchdown on Thanksgiving against Hull. ***For that game story, see page 16.***

Squirt B team bests SeaHawks for first win

COASTAL STARS 'GAME OF THE WEEK'

It has long been said that Thanksgiving, more than any other holiday is a time of tradition. And while this sentimental notion has some room in the heart of the sports fan, Thanksgiving for the sports enthusiast means rivalry. There is nothing more intense in sports than a game where long standing rivals go at it. Records are meaningless, friendships are forgotten, and one objective consumes all combatants-win the game.

Most Thanksgiving rivalries take place on the football field, but there was a hockey showdown this Thanksgiving weekend, Sunday at 9:20 a.m. in Rockland, where the Coastal Stars Squirt B team faced off with their fiercest rivals, the South Shore Seahawks, in a game that gave the Coastal Stars their season's first victory.

What makes the rivalry so intense is a split that developed four years ago where Cohasset and Marshfield separated from the Seahawks to form the Coastal Stars. Because of this history an almost familial rivalry developed where one time teammates are now forced to compete against their old brethren for bragging rights on the South Shore.

The Star's head coach, Lenny Coppenrath, knowing the importance of this game, and always striving hard to see his team develop, saw an opportunity to turn his season around with a victory over their arch rival Seahawks.

Coach Coppenrath, guided by his fellow state trooper and brilliant hockey strategist, Lt. Steve Matthews, decided they would shift from a defensive mindset to a more offensive minded attack for this game.

As the first period got under way the switch in strategy appeared to work beautifully as the Stars grabbed a quick lead off a goal by the stalwart Marshfield forward Steve Caniff who took a feed from defenseman Mike Bird to put the Stars up 1-0.

The Stars lead grew later on in the first when high scoring Marshfield forward Kevin Matthews dug free a loose puck from a pile up in front of the net and roofed one by the sprawling Seahawk goaltender.

The Seahawks finally answered the Stars' offensive barrage early in the second on a broken play that enabled a Seahawk forward to go in uncontested for their first and only goal.

The Seahawks momentum didn't last long as Cohasset forward and long time Seahawk power forward, Chris Brown, came charging down his wing and went glove side upper corner on the Seahawks goalie to regain their two point margin. As the second period was winding down Brown's selfless determined play enabled him to get the puck to line mate Steve Caniff who went one on one with the Seahawk goalie and beat him a second time for the Star's fourth goal.

The Stars coaching staff was ecstatic going into the third . Assistant coaches Mike Valenti, Alan Smith, and Joe Bird, although pleased with the offensive output wanted to keep

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Cohasset High senior Pete Maitland wins the race to this 50-50 ball in Friday's Eastern Mass. All-Star soccer game. Maitland's team co-captain, Matt Bilodeau, was also elected to this game, but was unable to play because of a commitment to his Club soccer team, the South Shore Blazers.

C.H.S. gridders fight to the end

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE SPELLMAN



As I was riding along in the bus Tuesday night with a bunch of giddy Cohasset High football parents on the way to the Eastern Mass. Div. 5 playoff showdown between their hometown boys and Tyngsboro at Tyngsboro High way up on the New Hampshire border (an MIAA venue decision that had us all scratching our heads), I had plenty of time to reflect on all of the occasions in the not so past past on which I'd proffered the opinion that the battle for South Shore League football supremacy would come down to Norwell and Abington.

To be more specific, I recalled conversations with Cohasset acquaintances in which I donned my South Shore high school football authority cap — a narrow, pointy number which I now find to be a little more "roomy" than I once believed — and informed them of what I thought of the chances of their upstart Skippers against the bigger and stronger Norwell and Abington teams.

D'oh!

For the two or three Cohasset Mariner readers out there who aren't already familiar with the details of Cohasset's road to this South Shore League championship and post-season berth I gave them little shot at, a quick recap: Norwell wound up tying Hull and losing to Abington to kill its Super Bowl dreams, following which Cohasset beat Abington in an instant classic battle of the unbeatens, 20-16, on Nov. 2. The Skippers then knocked off Hull, 13-3, on Thanksgiving to collect on all of the spoils.

It wasn't until I watched the Skippers fall in defeat Tuesday night, 21-7, to a bigger and stronger Tyngsboro team, however, that I finally "got" that this team's accomplishments were far from a fluke.

Simply calling these Cohasset High gridders "overachievers" doesn't seem quite enough After all, this — along with "no one respected us" — is probably the most worn out and hackneyed of today's sports cliches. In the case of these boys, however, let me state in the strongest of all possible terms that this is really, Really REALLY the case.

After watching Tyngsboro steam roll its way to touchdowns on their first two possessions Tuesday night, and seeing the Skippers turn the ball over on four its first five chances, the deferentially softened "blowout story" lead paragraphs were racing through my mind. I've been to few games, after all, that started out this way and didn't end in similarly ugly fashion.

But something funny happened to these Skippers on their way to post-season shame: these players who probably gave away on average 20

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The one thing Cohasset High football fans know: these guys left it all on the field.

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C.H.S. gridders fight to the end

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pounds apiece to their counterparts, rather than getting even a little down, got really angry and obstinate. Time after time over the remainder of the contest, someone stepped up to make an essential big play.

Senior middle linebacker Paul Previte — all 5-foot-8, 175 pounds of him — would fight off the block of one of Tyngsboro's 270-pound linemen to make a big hit at the line of scrimmage.

Lineman Ben Lynner (205 pounds), Tony Truglia (170 pounds), Chris Caron (170 pounds) and Cosimo Camby (210 pounds) would likewise, time after time, stand up impressively to these opposing behemoths.

The story on the other side of the ball was similar. Undersized Cohasset offensive linemen Camby, Brendan Goff, Stephen Davis, Will Prendergast and Jari Martin didn't surrender a sack of quarterback Mike Snowdale on any of his 14 passing attempts, and they even managed to open a few holes between the red and white clad sides of beef for Jason Brown runs.

This really was a classic David versus Goliath story line. Cohasset High (303 enrolled students, 9-12) boasting less than half the student body of Commonwealth Athletic Conference champion Tyngsboro (650). In this case, however, with the host Tigers rushing out to a 14-0 lead, "David" seemed to have an arm tied behind his back and a sling that pulled to the left.

In summation, and since I'm already into cliché overdrive anyway, I'm reminded of this popular coaching adage.

They've come up with all sorts of ways to measure the various and sundry physical abilities that are deemed to be essential to football success, save for one very big one: heart.

Clearly, this Cohasset High football, though deficient in many of these areas we can measure, was well ahead on the curve on the heart scale.

Cinderella run by football team ends

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attempted option pitch from Snowdale to Brown at Cohasset's 40-yard line.

The Tigers proceeded to march to Cohasset's 17-yard line with a minute to go before halftime, but Cosimo Camby came up with a big stick at the line of scrimmage on Godfrey and Bilodeau broke up a pass on third down to bring on the strong-legged Halloran for a 33-yard field goal attempt. Truglia and Chris Caron both popped past their blocks quickly, and it was the former who managed to get a hand on the boot, as Caron occupied the backfield blocker.

Brown breathed new life into the game when he popped through a hole between right guard and tackle, Stephen Davis and Brendan Goff, on the Skippers second offensive play after the break, and managed to shake off three tacklers downfield on his way to a 71-yard TD run that, with Tom Anderson's PAT, made it 14-7 just 4:05 into the third quarter.

A few minutes later, Previte came up with a huge stop of Godfroy on 4th-and-3, shooting up from his middle linebacker spot to get the ball back on downs for his offense at Cohasset's 37-yard line.

A nice 11-yard hookup between Snowdale and Bilodeau, along with a couple of nice runs by Brown, would move the ball just over midfield, but that would be as close as the Skippers would come to pay dirt again.

The Tigers would finally put the game out of reach eight plays after taking over at Cohasset's 44-yard line following a short punt, with seven of those calls going to their main man, Godfroy started with runs of nine and 14 yards, both times shaking off tackles in the backfield. Then it was another nine yard pickup, followed by a seven yard ramble. A couple of punishing inside runs set the stage for Godfroy to go back outside. Taking the handoff at the Cohasset 8-yard line, Godfroy started wide around right tackle before cutting back against the grain to race untouched for the backbreaking TD with just 3:04 showing on the clock.

"We just had too many mistakes and (Tyngsboro) capitalized on them," said Brown, a senior team captin, who completed his final high school game with 14 rushes for 92 yards. "We were probably a little nervous, a little too charged up. We came back and played hard after the bad start, but we just couldn't recover enough."

Tyngsboro moves on to play in the Div. 5 Eastern Mass. Super Bowl against Bellingham, 27-7 winners over Bishop Fenwick Tuesday, on Saturday at Boston University's Nickerson Field (6:30 p.m. kickoff).



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Cohasset fullback Braun Goodson (33) is clearly interfered with on this pass.

CHS NOTES

Tape of the instant Classic Abington-Cohasset Game

Seeking to raise money for a new Athletic Trainer at Cohasset High, the C.H.S. Athletic Dept. is making available tapes of this past Friday's huge Skippers victory on the gridiron over league rival Abington. In addition to the game in its entirety, the tape will include the Channel 5 report and highlight reel from the game, as well as snipets from the C.H.S. pre-game rally and Senior Night ceremonies. Also included in the package will be a copy of the game rosters and the game report from the Cohasset Mariner.

The cost of this entire package is $15, with all monies going to the C.H.S. Athletic Dept. Interested parties should call Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

Cohasset-Hull Thanksgiving tape now available

The tape of the Skippers 13-3 come-from-behind win that clinched Cohasset's first post-season berth in 21 years is now also available for $15. The tape will include local news highlights.

Skippers wrap up 'perfect' season on gridiron

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

It could not have been more perfect.

Cohasset took down rival Hull on Thanksgiving, 13-3, to cap off one of the greatest regular seasons in Cohasset Skippers history.

"You can't go out any better than that," said a jubilant Will Prendergast, senior captain of the Skippers. "It is an unbelievable feeling."

In the first half, Cohasset fans had very little for which to cheer. The Skippers picked up only one first down and, true to form, the Hull Gut provided dreadful weather conditions.

The teams forced one another to punt the ball for the game's first five offensive possessions. Hull junior Greg Fleck put his team on the board with a 24 yard field goal as time expired in the first half.

In the second half, everything changed. The clouds separated, and the sun shined through just as soon as the Skippers were ready to make their charge.

"I think Clark [Chatterton] had something to do with that," asserted fourth year head coach Tony Rolfe, referring to the long time CHS athletic director who succumbed to cancer last year.

The Skippers came out in the second half fired up, stopping Hull on their opening possession. Pinned inside their own 2-yard line, junior quarterback Mike Snowdale marched Cohasset 95 yards down the field. In the highlight of the drive, Snowdale completed a 35 yard pass to senior Eric Libby, who normally plays cornerback, but stepped in as a receiver in place of the injured sophomore Chris Bilodeau.

The Skippers were stuffed at the goal line, but got the ball right back when Hull had a 3-and-out.

On the ensuing possession, Cohasset drove right back down the field and capped things off on a one yard touchdown run by senior tailback Jason Brown on fourth down.

With under seven minutes with which to work, Hull drove the ball to midfield, where the Skippers forced a turnover on downs. The Skippers were unable to advance the ball in their ensuing possession, forcing them to punt, and giving the Pirates one final chance.

However, junior Tom Anderson booted a high, spiraling punt that was fumbled by the Pirates return man, and Skipper senior Chris Caron pounced on it. Caron finished the day with four tackles (including a sack) on top of his fumble recovery.

Cohasset then trampled the tired Hull defense, and Jason Brown scored his second touchdown, a four-yarder, to seal the victory with a minute remaining.

After the game, Brown seemed very appreciative of his offensive line, who opened holes for him all day, especially in the second half.

"If the line does their job, I can do mine," he explained. "It's as simple as that."

Brown was one of the top defensive performers for the Skippers, tying sophomore Sean Connolley for the team lead with six tackles.

Senior captain Paul Previte, junior Cosimo Cambi, and sophomore Tony Truglia all had four tackles in the effort.

For the seniors, this win was extra sweet, especially after Skippers were demolished last year 43-6 at home. Now, they can graduate with a winning record (2-1-1) in their careers on Thanksgiving.

"We came out hard," said Prendergast. "We wanted a little payback."

Game Notes

- Cohasset amassed only 28 yards of total offense in the first half, but picked up 166 in the second..

- This is the second time Brown has scored two fourth quarter touchdowns. The first tiem he pulled this off was I in the crucial shootout with Abington three weeks ago.

- Cohasset only held the ball for 5:36 in the 20 minute first half.

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Powder puff football...not quite

The senior girls walked off the field as winners of this year's annual grudge match between the two upperclasses, defeating the juniors in lopsided fashion on the gridiron.

Above, senior quarterback Kate Hines has her game face on as she looks for a quick exchange.

Top right, junior Deanna Brown borrows a move from big brother Jason Brown as she slips by the "tackle" of senior Emma Gordon for a big gain.

Right, to the victors go the taunting rights. Seniors (L-R) Amanda Watts, Kristin Sheerin, Emma Gardner and Kate Grimm aren't shy when it comes to celebrating a win.

Squirts best SeaHawks

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the team focused on defense in order to protect the lead. Coach Bird, the owner of Marshfield Tire and proud sponsor of the team, said the team could not have focused on offense early in the game were it not for the coaches confidence in their goaltending and defense.

Their confidence was well placed as goalie Ethan Coppenrath was outstanding in the net and played the best game of his season. His effort won him the game's MVP award as unanimously chosen by parents and coaches.

Making Ethan's job easier was the superb play of defenseman Mike Bird, who inspired by his grandmother cheering for him in the stands, turned in his best performance of the season. Bird's great effort was supported by fellow defenseman Kenny Weiand, Mike Valenti, and Mike Gorman. Weiand and Gorman played there always dependable defensive game and Valenti a gifted puck handler and superb skater was able to move the puck out of the defensive zone to create many offensive break outs.

In the third period it was forward Kevin Matthews notching his second goal of the game on an unassisted rush through two defenseman then keeping the puck low and hard blasted it by the now beleaguered Seahawks goalie. With nine minutes left in the third the hustle and consistent play of the Star's second line was rewarded on a spectacular on his knees, (after being tripped), goal by Star forward Patrick Gilbert who was assisted by line mates Taylor Smith and James Quinn.

The unsung hero award went to the line of Conor Mahoney, Justin Yeager, and Tim "Digger" Fahey. Digger Fahey was the subject of praise from both coaches and parents due to his relentless effort both offensively and defensively.

A jubilant coach Coppenrath reflected after the game about his team's victory and tradition. He said he is all for tradition and the tradition he would like to see is one of hard work and dedication. He said we practice that way and it's nice to see us play that way. Coach admitted he got a couple of good bounces but quickly added. "Luck is a combination of opportunity and preparation- we came prepared."

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By Joe Mullin

High school football teams playing three games in 10 days seems a little much. In fact, it seems more than a little much.

I'm not one to cause trouble. No sir, many years ago I decided to live by a simple rule. Never trouble trouble unless trouble troubles you. For the most part, it works. However, old people get cranky and you know what that means.

The regular high school football season ended on Thanksgiving Day. The following Tuesday (yesterday), the Eastern Mass. high school semifinals took place and the winners go on to the Super Bowls on Saturday and Sunday.

Teams from the area that could possibly be playing 3/10 or 3/11 include Cohasset, Duxbury, Whitman-Hanson and Bridgewater-Raynham.

It's easy to blame the MIAA for that schedule, but they're only trying to make the world and then some happy.

People want Super Bowls and they want true champions. So, we get the playoffs that lead up to the Super Bowls.

Any ideas?

Since you asked, I have an idea and with the idea my little motto about that trouble, trouble thing goes out the window.

Play the Thanksgiving Day games on the Saturday or Friday before Thanksgiving, like the other nine or 10 regular season games.

You don't like that idea. You say tradition will be lost. The kids of the manor won't have a place to hide between 10 a.m. and 12 noon while the significant other is cooking the bird. Don't get upset, read on.

Now comes the other part of the bright idea. Hold alumni football games on Thanksgiving Day. Round up a bunch of chubby old graduates who can still move and have them go at it.

Those that are too old and too chubby can still show up at the game, meet old chubby buddies and recall the days the teams were bigger and meaner and they played both ways.

The gladiators of old can return to the field of battle as players or spectators, work up an appetite either by playing or yelling and then return home for the feast prepared by the SO while the warrior was out doing his thing.

Now, the playoffs can be held on the weekend following Thanksgiving and the Super Bowls can be held the following weekend.

Plenty of rest for all concerned. Even the alumni warriors can show up at the games and show off their wounds from the recent encounter. The only problem with that would be the smell of muscle soothing linament that would permeate the air.

The idea is simple if not magnificent. Nothing is disturbed. If anything, more has been added to the football season.

That's why in many societies, the older people get to sit in the front row around the fire and make the rules of law. It has nothing to do with aches and pains and the heat from the fire helps ease the aches.

And while we're on the subject of rules of law, there are rules that have to be followed by those who wish to play in the alumni game.

First — Nobody, and that means nobody gets in shape for the game. No gut, no play.

Second — All participants must bring a note from their SO saying it was okay to play in the game.

Third — Sons and daughters of the players attending the games are not allowed to snicker at pop when he blows one. They are allowed to tell mom what happened when they get home. Mom can snicker.

Fourth - No runner will be allowed to run the ball more than 30 yards at one time (I think you know the reason for that rule). At that point the game will be held up and a designated runner will go in for another 30 yards or less. If the run is longer, another delay will occur.

Fifth — Coaches of the teams have to be of a forgiven nature.

There you have my contribution to football and tradition.

You're welcome.



The 2001 Deer Hill School cross country team

Over 90 students in grades 4-6 participated in the Cohasset Recreation Department cross country program run by Mr. Weydt, the Physical Education teacher at the Deer Hill School. Special thanks were extended by Mr. Weydt to his "fantastic volunteers": Deer Hill School Principal Mr. Callahan, fourth grade teacher Mrs. Levine, Osgood School PhysEd teacher Mr. Dykas, Mrs. Leahy, a parent, and Cohasset Police Officers Lisa Matos and Brian Curran.

SPORTS NOTES

Ski/snowboard lessons

Registration for ski/snowboard lessons at Blue Hills will be held at the Cohasset Recreation Dept. office, o nthe first floor of town hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 2:30-6:30 p.m..

Lessons for either skiing or snowboarding will be five weeks in duration, meeting Tuesdays, starting Jan. 8 through Feb. 5. Equipment rentals for both skis and boards are available at Blue Hills. Should anyone need to rent equipment, this will be done at the time of registration.

Fees for this five week program, including bus transportation, are as follows: ski and snowboard lessons without rentals- $160, ski lessons with rentals- $210, snowboard lessons with rentals- $220.

Further questions should be directed to the Cohasset Recreation Dept (781-383-4109).

Busses will leave town hall paring lot at 3:15 p.m. sharp on Tuesdays and return to town hall lot at approximately 6:30 p.m.

In order to complete rental information, you will need to know your child's weight, height and shoe size for the Dec. 11 registration.

Tryouts for the sixth grade boys traveling basketball team will be held this Friday, Nov. 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the Osgood Gym. Questions should be directed to Tim Bilodeau (781-925-1792).

Youth basketball evaluation sessions

Grades 1-3

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club/Recreation Department request all boys and girls in grades one through three, who registered for youth basketball this season, attend a 45-minute evaluation session so that balanced teams can be drafted. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 1

Grade one, boys and girls, 9 a.m., Deer Hill School

Grade two, boys and girls, 10:30 a.m., Deer Hill School

Grade three, boys and girls, noon, Deer Hill School

For questions or comments, call Jack Worley at 781-383-4109.

Grades 4-6

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will hold evaluations and team selection by all coaches for boys and girls in grades four to eight. The season will begin Saturday, Dec. 9. The evaluation schedule for each grade is listed below. The first 40 minutes will be spent evaluating the boys and girls. The final 20 minutes will be a coach's conference to select the teams. The teams must be selected on that day since the actual games begin the following week.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1
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10:30 to 11:30 a.m., sixth-grade boys

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., seventh- and eighth-grade boys

LEFT SIDE

8:30 to 9:30 a.m., fourth-grade girls

9:30 to 10:30 a.m., fifth-grade girls

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Deborah Carlton of Scituate is the music director and Jean DiGiacomandrea of Scituate, who appeared in the show 4 years ago, is producing this holiday show.

The Best Christmas Pageant will open on the day after Thanksgiving and run Friday and Saturday nights at 730 and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. with an extra matinee on Saturday Dec. 8. The show will close on Dec. 9. Tickets are just $10 and can be bought at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 383-1718. If you are a Girl Scout you can get reduced priced tickets by calling 545-1655. Escorted groups and senior groups are also welcome You may have your tickets reserved by calling Jean at 617-750-8987.

Wassail party

The Cohasset Historical Society Wassail Party is Dec. 2, from 2-4 p.m. at the Col. Lothrop House, 14 Summer St.

Come join the society for holiday cheer and a tour of the Lothrop house with on of its talented members.

For further information call, Paula Kozol 383-0141 or Kathleen O'Malley 383-9765.

Santa to visit Buttonwood

Looking for a chance for the kids to visit Santa without going to the mall? Join Santa at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset on Sat. Dec. 8 from 2-4 p.m. Bring your cameras… and the kid's lists! The Buttonwood elves will be on hand to help. Please call 781-383-2665 for more information.

Garage dance

There is a dance at the Garage Friday, Nov. 30, from 7 to 10 p.m. $5 per person. Grades six and up.

Welcome Yule! with the HSO

Conductor Jin Kim and the Hingham Symphony Orchestra will present two Welcome Yule concerts, featuring Respighi's "Ancient Airs and Dances," Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," and Anderson's "Sleigh Ride and A Christmas Festival," Sat., Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m., at historic Old Ship Church, Hingham, and Sun., Dec. 2 at 4 p.m., at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Tickets are $20 adults, $18 seniors, and $10 students, available at Noble's, Hingham Square, Cards & Shars, Cohasset, and Hingham Public Library. For more information, call the HSO at 781-740-5694.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, Atlantica Restaurant on Cohasset Harbor will offer a specially-priced post-symphony dinner. Choose from four entrees, soup or salad, dessert and coffee, for $21-$26. Reservations are recommended. Call 383-0900 and mention HSO.

Exploring movement

The Cohasset Recreation and Cohasset High School come together during a project for community service.

Three high school juniors, Shawna Sullivan, Sarah Dennis and Bryan Bilton, will run a Movement Exploration for ages 4 and 5. These volunteered services will help the children develop their motor skills and basic social skills. It will also provide an opportunity for parents to drop their youngsters off and run a few errands without having to entertain the children.

The program will run on a rotating schedule as follows: 10:50 to 11:40 a.m. Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20.

For more information, call 781-383-4109. Limited space available. Registration will be at the Town Hall.

Donna Green has open house

The Donna Green Studio, 11 Elm St. in Cohasset Village, is holding its annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11a.m.- 4p.m. This year "The Pirate Ship," a magical new print from Donna's upcoming book, "To My Son, With Love," will be featured. Also on display will be Green's festive Christmas cards, personally autographed books, and prints.

Upstairs in the Loft, Monique and friends will have a doll adoption day for anyone wishing to either leave a doll or adopt a doll. All proceeds will go to the children of the firefighters lost on Sept. 11.



'The Pirate Ship,' by Donna Green

Columnist at Buttonwood

Buttonwood Books will host Sharon Randall in Cohasset on Fri. Nov. 30 from 7-9 p.m. Randall is a full-time nationally syndicated columnist who has been writing since 1994 for the Monterey County Herald and Scripps Howard News Service with distribution to some 400 newspapers around the country.

"Birdbaths and Paper Cranes" (Sleeping Bear Press, $18.95) is a compilation of the best of Randall's popular column "Bay Window." The column, published twice weekly, is filled with stories about her personal life, however the experiences she relates could have happened in most any family. Reservations are requested to facilitate seating and refreshments. Please call 781-383-2665 to reserve or to order your signed copy if unable to attend. Free.

Food, wine-tasting

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

This month's school page has a lot of news from November and some upcoming news and information for the month of December. The events of the last few months, particularly Sept. 11 have affected all of us in so many ways. I want to commend all the students and families, along with the staff of the schools for helping to keep the children feeling secure and giving them ways to help. Several programs were put in place at home and in school for children to raise money for different groups and allow them to make a difference. This is very needed and extremely beneficial to them as they are people too, who have fears, concerns and ideas. We as adults need to make time to listen and hear what the kids are saying and how they want to help and be a part in all of this.

As we head into our busy holiday season and start all the preparations for it, listen to the words that are being shared by our kids and encourage them to give in any way that they feel is right. Many programs are looking for artwork, cards and letters from children to brighten up someone's day. This is a wonderful way to share without being a financial burden and involves the children in a great way.

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I want to take this time to send a huge thank you out to **Ted Holland** who found a way for him to make a difference. Ted brought into our town a wonderful way of "giving" by donating clothes, toys, bedding and more to a group of Lakota Indians who really have nothing. Between his work and the work of the founder, **John Paul Sullivan**, this year was a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who donated items. John Paul will need to take two trips this year to bring all of the goods and deliver them to the Lakotas. This was a beautiful way for our children to see and understand what it means to need versus want and to make such a huge difference to so many people. Great work to all involved!

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Recently, a wonderful program was held for the second graders at the Osgood School and for the sixth graders at Deer Hill. This curriculum enrichment program was met with enthusiasm from teachers and students alike. **Hawk Henries**, a musician in the Nipmuc Nation performed as the children have been studying and learning about Native Americans. Please make sure to read the stories that follow.

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Another "hats off" award goes to all of the students, teachers and families who have been so hard at work knitting hats for Rosie's Place for the holidays. To date, more than 120 hats have been made and some of these can be viewed in the Deer Hill lobby. **Ms. Ann Berman**, the Deer Hill art teacher, runs this amazing program each year and is truly an inspiration to all involved. Keep knitting and watch the paper for the final tally.

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As we are all in shopping mode for the holiday season and so many of us are using the internet for some of it, why not let those dollars work for us in another way? Both the Deer Hill and Joseph Osgood Schools are registered under www.SchoolPop.com, a program that benefits schools all over the country. By registering your name on this site, purchases that are made from any one of many stores such as L.L. Bean, Gap, Lands End, etc will have a percentage of the sale put into an account for the school that you select. Once a quarter, this money will be sent to the school to be used as wanted or needed. That is it, very easy and a wonderful way to support the schools with shopping that you are already doing. So what are you waiting for? Sign on and log in, it is worth it.

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The Sixth-Grade Yearbook Committee would like to thank all the people who recently purchased Tupperware for the Tupperware Yearbook Fundraiser. To date, they have sold more than $2000 worth and the orders are still coming in. It is not too late to place an order. For more information or to receive a catalog, please call **Jen Piepenbrink** at 781-383-0143 or email me at piepstupper@yahoo.com.

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I just wanted to put a reminder message to all school families in reference to the different allergies to foods that children may have. Please make sure to follow all guidelines that are sent home from each school about any allergies that a child or children may have. Many of us do not realize the extent of damage a little bit of peanut butter, some walnuts put in brownies or the many other sources of food that trigger a very serious, possibly even fatal reaction in a child. I know that if the child with the allergies were my child, I would hope and want everyone to understand and respect the need to have those allergies taken seriously. It will not hurt anyone to have to wait until they are at home to eat that peanut butter or snack if it means protecting the well-being of another person. Please do your part in this terrifying problem.

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This Saturday, Dec.1 is the Annual Village Fair. The METCO Program is taking orders for wreaths and candles for pick up on Dec. 1 from 9 am-2 p.m. at the Cohasset Middle/High School. These fresh high quality balsam wreaths are from Maine, are double faced and 22 inches in diameter. The cost per wreath is only $9! Also available are Ivory unscented pillar candles measuring 3x6 inches and the cost for these is $8 per candle. Hanukkah candles are $7 a box. Please make all checks payable to PSO METCO and place your order in the Osgood main office, Deer Hill main office or with **Aleisa Gittens-Carl**, METCO Coordinator at the High School. You may call **Lisa Dunne** at 781-383-1596 with any questions.

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PSO meetings for December: Presidents Council Meeting: Dec.11 at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center.: Osgood School; Friday, Dec. 7 at 9:30 am,; Deer Hill, Monday, Dec. 10 at 9:15 am

The Cohasset PSO would like to remind all parents that meetings are open to everyone and would like to encourage fathers and mothers to attend whenever they can. All input is valuable and appreciated and really open the door for communication between parents and the schools. Make sure to check the time and date of the upcoming meetings.

The next PAC meeting is being held on Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Osgood Music Room. All parents of children with special needs are encouraged to attend. This meeting will be dealing with basic rights.

The next School Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. All are invited and encouraged to attend as the budget process is beginning for the 2002-2003 school year. Everyone's input is crucial to this process.

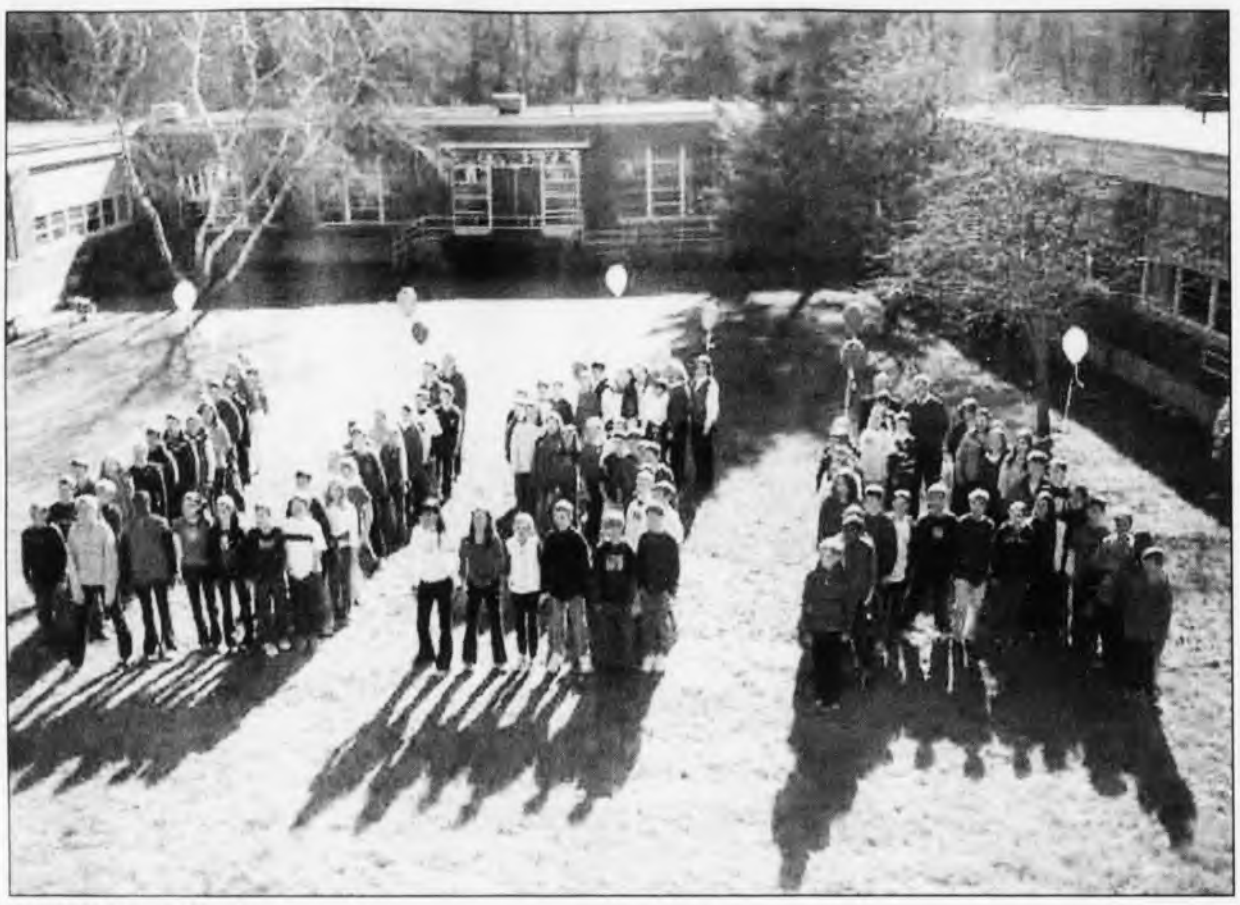
Wednesday, Dec. 12 is a early release day for the Middle/High School only. School will be dismissed on this day at 11:20 am.

The Joseph Osgood Holiday Concert is being held on Tuesday morning, Dec. 18. The MS/HS Holiday Concert is Wednesday evening, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. There is nothing like a grinning group of children singing away to get you into the spirit.

All items for the Schools In page are due to me no later than the third Friday of each month. Please send all photos to Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com or drop them off at Cohasset News in an envelope marked Schools In, Cohasset. All written materials can be sent to me in the following ways.

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PATRIOTIC PUPILS

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Wearing red, white and blue, pupils at the Deer Hill School assemble in the school courtyard to form the letters "USA."

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Book drive at CHMS

The Cohasset High/Middle School has a wonderful way for families to give this holiday season. The Cohasset Middle High School Book Drive is beginning and will run through Jan. 15. Please participate in the gift of giving to your school by contributing $5 towards the book wish list for the library and art department at CHMS. Many of the classics in the library are worn-out paperbacks. The art department needs books for reference to depict style and content. The goal of this book drive is to purchase hardcover books of the following lists.

We know we can do this together. If only $5 were sent in for each student, this wish list can be fulfilled. If there are families or students who would like to donate towards a specific book, please let that be known with your donation. A special bookplate acknowledging your generous contribution will be affixed in the book. In case of duplicate overlaps, please note three titles as well as the name(s) you wish to have printed on the nameplate. Let's get together this holiday season! All checks should be made payable to: Cohasset Middle High School Bookdrive, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, MA 02025. attn: CHMS/PSO.

Any questions can be sent to CMHSPSO@hotmail.com. Please look for upcoming information in your monthly letter from the school.

Classes for kids

Holiday Fun Workshop for Girls — Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages 5-11. Cost, $25.

Holiday Candy and Craft: ages 3-5+, Friday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $17 members/$20 non-members. Children will have fun making their own candies and a gift for a special friend.

Holiday Fun Workshop for Girls: ages 5-11, Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $25. Gymnastics, bowling, dance, make a craft, holiday cookies, sing-a-long and more. Lunch will be served. Limited signup.

Vacation Camp: Ages 3-5+, Dec. 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $56 members/$58 non-members. A supervised playgroup each day that will consist of free play, craft activity, story time and outdoor play. Bring lunch and snack.

More hats for homeless

Deer Hill students are once again knitting hats for a homeless shelter. This year, the handmade hats will be given to Rosie's Place, a Boston-area shelter for women and children. Students are being taught to knit simple wool hats at Deer Hill's after-school art program Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The students now have 140 completed hats and are working every day to add more to the collection. Each hat is labeled with the student's name and age as well as a personal greeting or message for the hat recipient.

The hats are currently on display in the main lobby at Deer Hill School, and all are welcome to visit and view the students' fabulous head-warmers. Students have discovered that there are some wonderful knitting parents and grandparents in our community, eager to assist with our efforts. All are welcome to knit and contribute hats and the simple knitting instructions are available at Deer Hill School.

Plans are to deliver the hats to Rosie's Place around Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 12 (weather permitting).

For more information on this knitting project, call Ann Berman at Deer Hill School, 781-383-6115.

School menus

MONDAY, DEC. 3

Cheeseburger on a roll or tuna pocket, sweet peas, pudding

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

Bagel with soup of the day or ham and cheese sub, carrots, Jello

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

Pasta with meatsauce, dinner roll, or Greek salad, with pita fruit.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

Chicken patty on a roll or wrappable sandwich, green beans, brownies.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

Pizza or fish square on a roll, veggie sticks, fruit.

SS Vo-tech open house

The South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School; open house will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The school is located on Route 123, 476 Webster Street in Hanover.

School principal, Charles Homer, says, "all 14 technical programs will be staffed to explain to future students and their parents the many opportunities at South Shore.

The South Shore Regional school district includes Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell, Hanover, Hanson, Rockland, Abington and Whitman.

Prospective students and their parents can see shops in operation such as automotive, auto body, culinary, cosmetology, machine, welding, industrial technology, electrical, electronics, drafting, carpentry, heating ventilation and air conditioning, graphic arts and health careers.

Refreshments will be prepared and served by the culinary staff and students. "Open House is an excellent opportunity for prospective students and their families to checkout the technology for the jobs of the new century." Says school superintendent John Kosko.

For more information about open house activities, call 781- 878-8822.

Henries casts his spell

By Michael Scott Astley
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, expanding the budding young minds of our elementary students included a truly magical experience. Children and adults were similarly transfixed during a series of conversations and performances with musician and cultural ambassador, Hawk Henries.

Hawk captivated elementary school audiences at both Osgood and Deer Hill with fascinating stories and the mesmerizing tones of his vast flute collection. Beginning with the observation that people often view his unique outward appearance with wonder and even fear, Hawk shared a constructive discussion about the value of diversity. After all, each of us is decidedly individual.

As a proud member of the Nipmuc Nation, Hawk spoke of a culture rich in history and tradition. After being raised in Rhode Island, he settled in Maine. He has employed himself by making fine Eastern Woodland song flutes. He crafts these solid wooden flutes using traditional hand tools and fire.

Hawk is in great demand as a Native American educational performer. His superb interactions, for he stimulates captivating exchanges, are far more than mere performances. Hawk transports his eager audiences into his world. Hawk's world is a place where all people, young and old, live in peace and share beautiful and universal music. Surrounded by scores of enthusiastic children, Hawk is truly in his element.

As one young boy curiously peers up into the end of the instrument that Hawk is playing, a wide smile grows across his face. Music is the single language that every culture, each unique and indispensable, understands. In sharing his traditions and his treasured flutes, Hawk has offered the elementary students and teachers of Cohasset a special opportunity to explore human diversity through stories and song. He cast powerful spells of compassion upon tomorrow's leaders. Perhaps our combined sensitivity will become more developed for that gift.

Michael Scott Astley is an aide at Osgood School.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Hawk Henries plays songs and tells Native American stories at Osgood.

Hawk Henries inspires second-graders

The children in Miss Murphy's second grade class wrote this article in cooperative groups.

Our class is going to tell about Hawk Henrie's visit. Hawk Henries is a musician in the Nipmuc Nation. He came to the Osgood on Monday, Oct. 29. Hawk told us stories and played songs with the flutes he made. He came to our school because we are studying Native Americans. We will know tell you more about Hawk.

Hawk Henries is an interesting person. He is talented because he played a lot of instruments. He made a lot of instruments from wood. He made us all laugh because he kept saying, "Do you have geography?"

He has a good song memory because he remembered so many songs. He was unbelievable when he played a flute with his nose. We liked meeting Hawk Henries.

Our class would like you to know how we felt about Hawk Henries's music. His music sounded like birds singing. The music made us feel like we were in a forest. It was very peaceful and soothing. We were amazed by his unbelievable music. We really enjoyed Hawk's music.

Hawk Henries told us Native American stories. Nature is very important to Native Americans. His stories taught us not to give up. His stories also taught us that helping others is important. He is a very good storyteller. We learned a lot from Hawk Henries.

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OBITUARIES

Frances Adams

Frances G. Adams, 87, of Vero Beach, Fla., formerly of Hingham, died Nov. 14, 2001, at Indian River Memorial Hospital in Vero Beach after a brief illness.

Born in McAlester, Okla., Mrs. Adams moved to Vero Beach 22 years ago from Hingham.

She worked for IBM in Massachusetts. She was a teacher and tutored in New England.

Mrs. Adams was a graduate of Smith College in Northampton, and attended the University of Grenoble and the University of Sorbonne, both in France.

She was a volunteer on the Board of Friends of the Library in Vero Beach and a volunteer for the Library Book Depot.

She leaves a daughter, Judith Adams Shadron of Brunswick, Ga.; a son, Dr. Randolph M. Adams of Marshfield; a sister, Cornelia Maples of Lee's Summit, Mo.; four grandchildren, Jeffrey M. Adams of Cohasset, David T. Adams of Sagamore, Leslie Adams Greeley of Kingston and Wendy Adams Coleman of London, England; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Indian River Estates, with the Rev. Donn Littlefield officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indian River County Main Library, 1609 21st St., Vero Beach, Fla. 32980, or to the charity of one's choice.

Frederick Garrison

Frederick Garrison, age 86, died Nov. 26, 2001 at his home in Cohasset.

Born in Waban, he graduated from the Rivers School, Harvard College in 1937 and Harvard Business School in 1939.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy in San Francisco as coordinator of ordinance on board all naval warships departing that port for the Pacific theatre of operation.

Mr. Garrison was a retired consultant and former vice president of the New England Confectionery Company.

He leaves his wife, Nancy (Scripture) Garrison; his two daughters, Gay Garrison of Ithaca, N.Y. and Anne Garrison of San Diego, Calif.; his two sons, Timothy of Natick and Frederick of Underhill, Vt.; and his 10 grandchildren. He also leaves his two brothers, George Garrison of Worcester and Arnold Garrison of Waban.

Funeral arrangements are being made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at First Parish Meeting House, 23 North Main St., in Cohasset. The Rev. Jennifer Justice will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Garrison's memory to The Friends of Cohasset Library, c/o Linda Wakeman, 106 South Main St., Cohasset 02025.

George F. Pope

George F. Pope, age 90, of Cohasset, a retired refrigeration technician, died Nov. 24, 2001 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Mr. Pope was the owner of Pope Refrigeration. He also worked as a refrigeration technician and mechanic at St. Margaret's Hospital. He retired from the hospital 25 years ago. During the 1950s, he worked at Fore River Shipyard in Quincy.

Born and raised in Revere, he graduated from Revere High in 1929. He has lived in Cohasset for the past 49 years.

He leaves his wife Eunice (Burton) Pope; his two sons, George D. and Richard J. Pope, both of Scituate; and his five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made in Mr. Pope's memory to the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, 673 Main St., Norwell 02061.

May S. Merritt

May S. (Paine) Merritt, 93, of Scituate, a retired substitute teacher, died Nov. 12, 2001, at Norwell Knoll Nursing Home in Norwell after a period of failing health.

Mrs. Merritt worked in the Scituate public schools for many years.

She was born and educated in Marshfield and moved to Scituate 65 years ago.

She graduated from Marshfield High School.

Mrs. Merritt taught sewing and tailoring for the Scituate Adult Education program for many years.

She was a member and Sunday School teacher at Beechwood Congregational Church in Cohasset and Union Mission Church in Scituate for many years. She was also a deaconess at Beechwood Congregational Church, and the church's Merritt Hall was named for her and her husband.

She was a member of the Beechwood Improvement Society.

Widow of the late E. Witford Merritt, she leaves a son, Earl S. Merritt of Williamsburg, Va.; two daughters, Lois J. Barnes of Vernon, Conn., and Judith A. McDevitt of Quincy; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Beechwood Congregational Church. Interment was private.

Arrangements were by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the May Merritt Living Trust, c/o Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset, 02025.

Eunice L. Brownell

Eunice L. (Carlander) Brownell, age 82, and a longtime resident of Cohasset died at her residence on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001.

She was the wife of the late Carold H. Brownell, Sr.

She was a graduate of Cohasset High School and the Cambridge School of Swedish Massage and Medical Gymnastics.

She had a part time business as a Swedish masseuse as well as working for Pyrotector of Hingham for 10 years.

During World War II, she was involved with the Hanover Town Fireworks. She was a volunteer in her retirement years with the Boy Scouts of America.

Mrs. Brownell was a member of the following organizations: the South Shore Viking Association, the Vassa Order of America, the Independent Order of Vikings, and the Massachusetts Mayflower Society.

She leaves her daughter Deborah C. Brownell of Hanson; and her sons, Carold Brownell, Jr. of Cohasset, Marc Brownell of Norridgewock, Maine, and Philip Brownell of Santa Ana, Calif. She also leaves her four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Nov. 29 at the First Parish Church on Cohasset Common at 2 p.m.

Visiting hours are omitted and interment will be private. Arrangements are made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mrs. Brownell's memory to the South Shore Vikings Association, 410 Quincy Ave., Braintree 02184.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

1:27 p.m. Atlantic Ave., parking violation.

1:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., breaking and entering to a motor vehicle.

2 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop.

2:26 p.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:54 p.m. Cushing Plaza, disorderly conduct.

7:48 p.m. Forest Ave. and No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:25 p.m. No. Main St. and Red Gate Lane, officer wanted.

9:22 p.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:33 p.m. Nichols Rd., fraud.

10:20 p.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:21 p.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:35 p.m. Pratt Court, medical aid, to hospital.

FRIDAY, NOV. 16

7:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle accident, investigated/report taken.

7:19 a.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:33 a.m. So. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:43 a.m. Beechwood St., traffic safety inspection.

10:11 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:47 a.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:51 a.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted. Arrest of William Hall, 47, of 384 Essex St., Whitman. Charges: Assault by a dangerous weapon; assault and battery; assault and battery to collect a debt; intimidation, race/color, religion/national origin.

11:59 a.m. Meadow Lane, motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

12:07 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

3:35 p.m. No. Main St., property, lost.

3:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny.

4:05 p.m. Linden Dr., missing person.

4:19 p.m. Forest Ave., assist citizen.

4:30 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid, to hospital.

7:23 p.m. No. Main St. and Ripley Rd., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), motor vehicle.

7:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., drug/narcotic violations. Arrest of Thomas E. Morin, 55, of 23 Hersey Place, Quincy. Charge: Illegal possession of a Class B substance.

9:20 p.m. Pleasant St., investigation. Arrest of Jacqueline R. Dinardo, 40, of 1122 Bedford St., Abington. Charges: Illegal possession of a Class B substance; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.

Arrest of David Boyjian, 54, of 100 Pleasant St., Cohasset. Charges: : Cont. substances for possible intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of school; illegal possession of a Class B substance-subsequent offense; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws; illegal possession of a Class D substance; possible Class B substance with intent to distribute-second/subsequent offense.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

8:50 a.m. Surry Dr., property damage.

10:44 a.m. Brook St., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

2:16 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, property damage.

2:34 p.m. Norman Todd Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:06 p.m. So. Main St., shoplifting.

4:14 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:20 p.m. Ripley Rd., shoplifting.

7:44 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:53 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

9:32 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle accident, log entry info.

11:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, NOV. 18

12:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:43 a.m. Elm St., general services.

10:49 a.m. So. Main St., parking complaint.

12:06 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary, breaking and entering, investigated.

1:31 p.m. Beechwood St., fire, investigation.

2:24 p.m. No. Main St., fire, structure, extinguished.

2:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

5:20 p.m. Border St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:49 p.m. Rustic Dr., medical aid, to hospital.

7:50 p.m. Rocky Lane, officer wanted.

8:15 p.m. Depot Court, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:54 p.m. So. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:25 p.m. Red Gate Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

MONDAY, NOV. 19

1:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:07 a.m. Pond St., vandalism.

7:46 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., vandalism.

8:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA, removed to hospital.

8:51 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:57 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:59 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:21 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:29 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:32 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:07 p.m. Mohawk Way, fire, investigation.

4:33 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:40 p.m. Rockland House Rd., structure fire.

6:45 p.m. Elm St., hazmat incident.

8:29 p.m. Bancroft Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:44 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., well-being check.

9:56 p.m. Sheldon Rd., suspicious activity.

11:12 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:50 p.m. Summer St., fire investigation.

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1:49 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist citizen.

6:18 a.m. South Main St., assist citizen.

6:54 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

7:10 a.m. South Main St., arrest: Charles Joughin, 58, 361 Spring St., Brockton. Chgs.: warrant.

7:30 a.m. Forest Ave., animal control.

9:15 a.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

9:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:06 p.m. Beechwood St., assault.

12:30 p.m. Church St., motor vehicle accident, investigated.

2 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., shoplifting.

2:29 p.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:56 p.m. South Main St., larceny.

5:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:53 p.m. South Main and Spring sts., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

CMHS press box broken into

If the Hull-Cohasset Thanksgiving Day football game had been played at home on Alumni Field, the announcers might have had to use megaphones to provide the play-by-play coverage. That's because sometime late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, a thief or thieves broke into the press box at the field and stole the public address system. Also taken were a Sony compact disc (CD) player and the first-down yardage chains.

The total value of the stolen items is about $1,000, Det. Rick Grassie said.

Grassie said school officials reported the break in at about 9 a.m. Wednesday. He said the incident is under investigation and anyone with information should call the police at 781-383-1055 or the middle-high school at 781-383-6100.

Grassie discovered a footprint on the door to the press box which was forced open, breaking the door jam.

"This isn't a prank," he said. "It's a B&E, larceny and malicious destruction of property – that kind of stuff is criminal felony charges not a misdemeanor."

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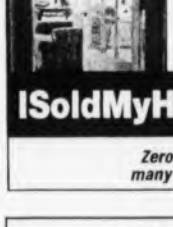


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South Shore Paranormal Investigation members Jen Bousquet, Blake Melville, Brian Benzanson, James Denton, Wayne Matthews, Caitlin Bermingham and Pat Spencer scare up some spirits at Abington's Mount Vernon Cemetery.

Spirited six seek out the things that go bump in the night

By Gregory Mathis
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Brian Bezanson was convinced at an early age his aunt's house was haunted.

But it didn't scare him. Instead, it made visits to her Abington residence exciting opportunities to search for ghosts and spirits.

More recently, his belief in paranormal occurrences has been strengthened by strange things happening to him.

In his last apartment near the 7-Eleven, before moving to his current Abington residence on Route 18, he was awoken by a noise made on the crucifix that hung on the headboard of his bed.

"It would tin, almost like someone was flicking it. Then the door would open and close," said Benzanson, coincidentally tuned into Ghostbusters II on the TV in the background.

Bezanson said he believes the 'flicking' sound was the work of a ghost or spirit.

"I was sad to move out of there," he said. "I was hoping it would follow me, but it didn't."

The strange flicking of the crucifix fueled Bezanson's interest in the supernatural and has led him to form South Shore Paranormal Investigations.

His belief in spirits and ghosts was solidified when he and his girlfriend and partner, Jen Bousquet, visited his aunt's house with a "Night Vision" digital camera seeking out his deceased uncle. Bezanson, who was extremely close to his uncle, was hoping for a sign that he was still present in the house.

As Bezanson and Bousquet made their way through the house with the video camera, Bezanson called out to his uncle, asking if he was there. An "orb," a flash of light, came across the video screen. Bezanson and Bousquet were so overcome by the sign, they began to cry. Choked up with emotion, Bezanson told his uncle he loved him. Right after that another ray of light shot across the Night Vision video camera, he said.

It is experiences like that that drive the work South Shore Paranormal Investigations — a group of six local people interested in studying the realms of the supernatural. It's a non-profit group that will travel to your home or work to investigate possible paranormal occurrences free of charge.

"We are available to anyone in New England for no cost," Bezanson said. "We do not charge for investigations, we conduct them only to help the victims of a haunting and to further our understanding of paranormal phenomena."

Bezanson said business has been picking up lately as the group has received more attention in the media. They've recently been featured in the Halloween edition of the Improper Bostonian and have appeared on the Matty in the Morning radio show.

The local group includes Bezanson, Bousquet, Blake Melville, Pat Spencer, Caitlyn Birmingham and Wayne Matthewson. Bezanson said membership to the group, which is $50, is closed for now.

The hits on the Web site, www.ghosthuntersonline.com, have increased as well and people are e-mailing and calling Bezanson with questions pertaining to their own paranormal experiences.

"I like talking to people about it," he said. "I stay on the phone for hours taking notes."

Bezanson said after talking with a possible client, they'll go out to the home or business to check out the site.

"A lot of people don't believe in ghosts. We try to stay very skeptical," Bezanson said. "We try to rule out every possible situation. Just because you hear a noise it doesn't mean you have a ghost in the house. We go in with a healthy degree of skepticism.

"When we can rule everything out, that's when you know you really have something," Bezanson said.

The group is concluding an investigation just west of Boston in which the father saw an aberration next to his bed and has even been pushed out of the bed. Also, every time he locks the bedroom door, it mysteriously unlocks. Bezanson said the father was scared for his two children.

After visiting the house and setting up some of the group's high tech equipment, Bezanson said orbs were seen when the two children were in the house. He concluded the orbs were following the children, not the parents and the hauntings may have something to do with what may have happened to a child in the house many years ago.

When the group doesn't have a haunted house to explore, they set up their equipment in public spots like Mount Vernon Cemetery in Abington to search out spirits.

"We've got some interesting orb video of them (spirits) flying around," Bezanson said.

He said they've also recorded voices on tape and sharp temperature drops in the cemetery indicating the presence of spirits.

Bezanson said the sharp drop in temperature — the cold spots — are a result of the spirits sucking the heat out of the air for energy.

"The spirits need energy to manifest, so we wait for a day with a lot of energy," he said.

Bezanson said the group does its work for free because it's collecting research information on the paranormal.

"We're just trying to pile up research information," he said. "We want to help the families more than anything else."

Bezanson said once a ghost or spirit is discovered, he provides the families with several options.

"We have some Holy water to sprinkle about and we have clergy who do house blessings," Bezanson said.

If the case is real bad, Bezanson can put families in touch with demonologists to conduct an exorcism, or he has two mediums based in New Jersey who can be called on for assistance.

"We're not ghost busters," he said. "We're just ghost hunters."



Many hands make light work. The South Shore Paranormal Investigators hold an Electromagnetic Field Recorder, one of the tools of their trade.

'Rovers' ready for Randolph

Lombardo's show benefits Quincy charity

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

"And there were green alligators and long necked geese
Some humpty backed dromas and some chimpanzees
Some cats and rats and elephants,
but sure as you're born
Don't you forget my unicorn"

As unlikely as it may seem today, "The Unicorn," The Irish Rovers' lilting, Celtic-pop ditty wrapped around this wistful refrain, was a million-selling crossover hit in 1968, sharing chart space with heavyweights like the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Jimi,Hendrix, and Aretha. Franklin.

It was exactly the openness and expansiveness of that fabled musical and cultural era, and the Rovers' crowd-pleasing, party-up spontaneity as an onstage live act, that won the group both a hip audience's heart and a stake on the pop-culture landscape at the time.

Far from fading away after one hit at the end of the 1960s, the Irish Rovers have played on steadily over the last three decades, rivaling other major genre acts such as the Chieftains and the Clancy Brothers as international ambassadors of Celtic folk-music. The Rovers have endured partly through adopting their official "Christmas Party," mixing seasonal standards with their regular live sets of traditional ballads, jigs and reels, into their overall performing agenda since the mid 80s, and touring internationally under that banner each year between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. Of course, a genuine 60s pop-crossover pedigree has never hurt a musical act in sustaining a long career either.

"The Irish Rovers' Christmas Party" makes a rare local appearance on Wednesday (December 5), when the Rovers bring their famous holiday show to Lombardo's in Randolph. The show is a benefit event for Quincy's Interfaith Social Services, in an effort to raise money for the organization's annual "Feed the Hungry" campaign.



The Irish Rovers will perform Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Lombardos in a benefit concert for Quincy's Interfaith Social Services.

"The 'Christmas Party' tour is something we in the band look forward to doing every year," said Rovers guitarist/vocalist George Millar, one of five original members in the currently seven-piece band and the vocalist on the original hit recording of the "The Unicorn." "The shows we do on this part of our schedule are usually benefit events. And about half of our show onstage is Christmas standards mixed in with our typical set-list of Celtic ballads and such. The Christmas songs are usually numbers that we feel are appropriate for any given occasion, things like 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,' 'What Child Is This?' or one that we try to do at every show, 'Bells Over Belfast,' which, along with its seasonal theme, is also a hope for peace in regard to the ongoing Irish political troubles."

Millar said the "Christmas Party" originated under rather unlikely circumstances. The Rovers had what the singer/guitarist calls an "Irish underground hit" in the early 80s with the original recording of "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer," better known in the States from the novelty-hit version by Patsy & Elmo. The Rovers' own success with the song brought about friends and colleagues' suggestions of forming a fully conceived Christmas-themed show for the season, which became affixed into the group's regular schedule within a few years.

"Our 'Christmas Party' is very unique, we think," Millar said. "We try to do a different sort of traditional show than say, Bing Crosby might have back in the day. A lot of the songs are solemn and serene in keeping with the season, but we'll always mix that with more lively, happy drinking songs, jigs and reels along with our typical routines of jokes, high jinks and spirited sing-alongs. It's that fast-moving party atmosphere that seems to be what the Irish Rovers are all about."

Millar also acknowledges that the shows on this year's Christmas tour carry for many in the Rovers' audiences added significance in light of recent tragic events. The group itself has been touched by the New York terrorist attacks, as Millar noted that the Rovers' touring keyboardist, who currently lives in the United States, lost four friends from Ireland in the attacks. Millar also mentioned that the group considered canceling a Christmas tour date at Staten Island College out of respect for some 200 Island residents who were also victims, until the show's original producer, citing increased audience demand, urged the Rovers to keep the date and perform.

"Despite the ongoing grief among the area residents, if we can go to Staten Island and make some of them happy for two hours, it's well worth the trip," Millar said. "It's a lot like how we handle different situations back in Ireland. Whether it's a wedding or a wake, people get together, play music and tell stories. All in all, it's how we cope."

Food & dining



Braised Short Ribs

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Short ribs are rarely made at home because they are unfamiliar to most cooks, they are fatty, and they take time to cook. However, most of the cooking time is unattended, the fat can easily be removed from the sauce, and the resulting fork tender meat is so richly flavored that it far outshines a beef stew or a roast.

The basic method is straightforward. The ribs are browned, usually on top of the stove but sometimes in the oven. Then, the meat is removed along with excess rendered fat, vegetables and aromatics such as garlic are sautéed, the meat is added back with liquid (such as stock or wine), the pot is covered, and the meat is cooked for 2 to 3 hours at a relatively low oven temperature. The long slow cooking melts the collagen (connective tissue) in the meat until it is fork tender and succulent. Bad short ribs, however, are fatty, tough, and the accompanying sauce is thin and acidic.

To solve the problem of short ribs, I started with the meat itself. I wanted to serve 6 to 8 people so about six pounds or ribs was about right. It is important to use ribs that are at least 1 1/2 inches thick; the thicker meatier ribs are more tender and flavorful. The length of the ribs varies from about 3 to 7 inches but I found that 4 to 5 inches makes for the best presentation and portion control. This is a fatty cut of meat so purchase the leanest looking ribs you can find and make sure that the ribs are trimmed of excess fat. The ribs need to be seasoned and browned in a couple of batches over high heat in a large heavy-duty skillet. (I found I needed only one tablespoon of vegetable oil since the ribs provide plenty of their own fat.) It is important to brown the ribs on all sides to render as much fat as possible.

In terms of vegetables, my favorite accompaniments are onions, carrots, shallots and garlic. I used 2 chopped medium onions, 2 chopped medium carrots, 6 chopped medium shallots and 1 medium garlic head, cloves separated and crushed. This combination lends lots of flavor-earthy and sweet. I found I didn't want the vegetables to brown, just to soften, for best results. This dish is a bit dull without a health dose of parsley, thyme and rosemary. Using 10 sprigs of parsley, 8 of thyme and 1 of rosemary provided the flavor I was looking for. I also preferred the dish with a couple of bay leaves thrown into the pot.

The sauce must be thickened and there are three common methods: using a roux (butter and flour) before deglazing, using kneaded butter after the braising process, and sautéing flour into the vegetables before deglazing. I found that sautéing a few tablespoons of flour into the vegetables was the best method. The sauce thickens to a velvety consistency provided you use the correct amount of flour - 3 tablespoons.

As for the liquid, I immediately thought of chicken broth since canned beef broth is inedible. As for the wine, a common additional ingredient, I preferred Pinot Noir, Burgundy or Cabernet Sauvignon. (The dish has a slightly different taste depending on which wine you choose but all were good.) A recipe for Beef Burgundy recently printed in Cook's Illustrated suggested reserving 1/2 cup of the wine for the final stages of the dish. This worked well, giving the sauce a fresher, more lively taste. A half cup of port also married nicely to the beef and was added at the onset of braising.

Cooking temperature is key in braising, oven heat usually being low for best results. At 375 degrees, for example, the meat turned out a bit stringy and the liquid actually reached a vigorous boil. It turned out that 300 degrees was optimal – the meat was silky and tender yet the cooking time was not extended to 3 or 4 hours as would be the case with a lower oven.

Finally the sauce contains a lot of fat. If it is not removed, the liquid will be virtually inedible. The easiest method is to chill the sauce overnight. The fat will rise to the surface and solidify and it can then be removed in seconds. If you do not make this dish the day before, simply pour off the liquid, let it sit for a half hour, and then spoon off the fat that rises to the surface.

Minor adjustments to the recipe included a small amount of tomato paste for color and flavor, chopped fresh parsley, and a side of garlic mashed potatoes or sautéed root vegetables make a nice accompaniment.

BEST BRAISED SHORT RIBS

Yes, this is not a quick dinner but it can be made a day ahead of time which is perfect for entertaining. During chilling, the fat will rise to the top of the sauce and solidify, making it very easy to remove.

5 1/2-6 pounds bone-in beef short ribs, at least 1 1/2 inches thick and 3-5 inches in length preferred
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon vegetable oil or olive oil
2 medium onions cut into 1/2-inch dice
2 medium carrots cut into 1/ 2inch dice
6 shallots, quartered
1 medium garlic head, cloves separated and smashed with skin remaining
3 tablespoons flour
4 cups dry full-bodied red wine such as pinot noir, cabernet or burgundy
1/2 cup ruby port
3 1/2 cups chicken broth, low sodium or homemade preferred
10 sprigs flat leaf parsley
8 sprigs thyme
1 sprig rosemary
2 bay leaves
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1/4 cup chopped flat leaf parsley for garnish, optional

1. Heat a large heavy-duty skillet over medium high heat. Heat the oven to 300 degrees and adjust rack to the center position. Liberally season the short ribs with salt and pepper. When the skillet is hot, brown half of the meat until deeply colored on all sides using the sides of the skillet, tongs or leaning the ribs against each other for balance. Transfer ribs to a large Dutch oven. Repeat process with the second half of the meat.

2. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons of fat from the skillet and lower the heat to medium. Add the onions, carrots, and shallots. Sauté until soft and the onions and shallots become translucent, about 6 to 7 minutes. Add the garlic and cook an additional minute. Stir in the flour until well combined, about 1 minute more. Add 3 1/2 cups wine to the pan and bring to a simmer scraping up any browned bits remaining at the bottom of the pan.

3. Add the contents of the skillet to the Dutch oven along with the port, chicken broth parsley, thyme, rosemary, bay leaves and tomato paste. Set Dutch oven over medium high heat and bring to a boil. Cover and set the pot in the oven. Cook until meat is fork tender, 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

4. Remove Dutch oven from oven. Using tongs, transfer the ribs to a large plate, removing excess vegetables and herbs that may cling to the meat. Discard any loose bones that may have fallen away from the meat. Strain braising liquid into a bowl, pressing out liquid from solids. Cover the ribs and liquid separately with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. (If serving the ribs the same day, place the liquid in a glass bowl or large measuring cup and spoon off excess fat. It is best to let the liquid rest for at least 30 minutes to allow most of the fat to rise to the surface.)

5. Spoon off and discard the solidified fat from braising liquid. Add to clean Dutch oven and bring to a boil over medium high heat. Briskly simmer until the sauce is reduced to the consistency of heavy cream, 5 to 10 minutes. Add the remaining wine and the reserved ribs to the pot. Reduce the heat to medium low cover and cook until the meat is heated through, about 5 to 8 minutes. Serve immediately with or without chopped fresh parsley.

Serves 6-8

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Take advantage of a harmonious sun-Neptune alignment this morning; rest, reflect, refocus. Do something that brings beauty into your life or the life of another. It is okay to start new activities before 7:35 p.m., when the Taurus moon forms a flowing 60-degree contact to expansive Jupiter.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

This day has its challenges. Take it slow and easy. Ninety-degree lunar alignments to Uranus and Mars occur this morning. Watch your speed. Stay busy with practical projects; follow through on jobs that have been left hanging; clean and reorganize. Avoid arguments or confrontations with others. Influences lighten up as the day goes on. The moon opposes Venus and becomes inactive at 6:21 p.m. Love is the name of the game tonight. Plan a romantic dinner for two.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Wake up in a good mood. Allow extra time to get where you are going. The moon enters Gemini at 12:04 a.m., and the full moon culminates at 3:49 p.m., 9-degrees of Gemini. Because this is the second full moon to occur this month, it is a Öblue moon.Ó Mercury, the planetary ruler of Gemini, forms a 60-degree alignment to Neptune. Its influence accents the need for clarity and focus regarding details, minor points. On the other hand, it may spark flashes of intuition, new insights. Take extra quiet time out for yourself. You can make gains on an inner, personal level.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

The month of December features two potent eclipses; a solar eclipse culminates December 14, and a lunar eclipse December 30. Today the versatile Gemini moon continues active travel until 8:48 p.m. If you want to be productive, handle a variety of tasks and errands. Finish old business rather than starting new projects. Relax and enjoy favorite pastimes this evening.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

The moon enters the sign Cancer at 5:30 a.m. Venus enters Sagittarius at 6:12 a.m., remaining there until December 26. Plan to spend quality time with loved ones; be more nurturing, sensitive to their needs. Go on a cooking or baking spree. Arts and crafts projects also get the green light. Instead of worrying about situations you cannot change, focus on the positives in your life. Count your blessings.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Wake up in a good mood. The Cancer moon becomes inactive at 6:04 a.m. However, sun/Mercury oppositions to Saturn take center stage. Tackle jobs you have been putting off and finish them. Fulfill promises, repay debts, follow through on commitments. Zero in on projects that require mental precision and attention to detail. You can be most productive. On the other hand, you should avoid signing contracts or taking on new responsibilities.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

The morning may be slow-starting; allow extra time to get where you are going. The Cancer moon continues inactive travel until 9:15 a.m., when it enters Leo. You can make gains developing programs that require financial or moral support from others, particularly between 9:15 a.m.-2:16 p.m., when the moon aligns with Venus. The sun and Mercury conjoin at 13-degrees of Gemini, placing the emphasis on communications, sharing ideas. A lunar opposition to Neptune prompts you to relax and mellow out completely this evening.

Autumn leaves are a gardener's gold mine

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

As the brisk days of autumn grow shorter, the gardens, and those who tend to them, ready themselves for a well-deserved rest. Frosty evenings and chilly breezes discourage warmth-loving dirt diggers, like myself, from venturing forth until midday, only to have darkness descend all too early with little progress made toward my intended duty of preparing the gardens for wintry weather. I wander from garden to garden, planting bulbs and squeezing perennials into tight spaces unfit for them to prosper, knowing they will most likely have to be moved next season. Perhaps it would have been wiser to resist those late-season bargains, but many of us devoted plant people feel obligated to adopt the last few orphans in hopes of sparing them from the dumpster or the compost heap.

By November, most passionate gardeners finally develop a sense of urgency as our innate desire to hibernate compels us to accept that the growing season has finally come to an end. The time has come to put the gardens to bed and begin our preparations for the holiday season. Lawns will benefit from a final mowing this month with blades lowered to approximately 2 inches. An application of lime and a winterizer fertilizer can still be applied to promote a healthy root system and an early greening of the lawn next spring.

Before this final ritual can be performed, however, it may be necessary to participate in another rite of autumn, the raking of copious quantities of leaves. Windy conditions have undressed the majority of our deciduous trees and shrubs, carpeting our lawns and gardens with a multi-colored blanket whose patterns change daily as persistent gusts of wind swirl the crisp leaf litter. Hours spent raking and hauling monumental piles of leaves can be obliterated overnight as Mother Nature scatters her bounty from yard to yard. For some, raking fallen leaves is an endless chore with little reward other than a momentary tidy appearance when the task is complete, but for the experienced gardener, the gathering of autumn foliage is a valued activity providing a multitude of benefits. Many gardeners enjoy the physical labor involved in vigorously pursuing our hobby and raking is a wonderful form of exercise. In addition, the accumulated leaves may be used as a winter mulch, a beneficial additive to the compost pile, or as a soil conditioner.

Frequent raking of our drifting autumn leaves is an advisable practice. While many gardeners view this leafy covering as Mother Nature's way of providing a protective, cozy winter mulch, a prolonged accumulation of leaves can actually be detrimental to many plants. The broad leaves of maples or the smaller leaves of cherry, birch and a wide variety of shrubs are likely to mat together when they become wet. The presence of a dense layer of damp leaves can quickly suffocate underlying grass or plants and reduces air circulation around the base of shrubs which may eventually promote diseases in addition to providing an ideal refuge for foraging rodents and voracious slugs and snails. Instead, the leaves which have been collected can be selectively put to use.

Oak leaves are particularly effective as a winter mulch as they are less prone to matting. Use these leaves to fill cages or barriers which have been placed around rose bushes or shrubs, including boxwood, azaleas, or hydrangeas, which are prone to desiccation by winter winds. For use as a garden mulch, particularly in open areas, these leaves may require an additional covering of branches or evergreen boughs to hold them in place during periods of high winds.

To use most leaves to their best advantage, shred them with a lawn mower or "leaf-eating" device. This will help them to decompose more rapidly when composted or turned into the garden and they are less likely to blow away should they be used as an organic winter mulch in the perennial border.

Compost is a gardener's black gold and autumn leaves are a valuable ingredient in its composition. During the growing season, I avoid adding large quantities of grass clippings to the compost heap as they tend to compact, producing a mushy, slimy, smelly accumulation, but when autumn arrives, the combination of grass clippings with shredded fallen leaves creates a perfect mixture which provides a precious additive to the gardens the following season. In combination with debris from the perennial gardens, the compost heap reaches mountainous proportions at this time of year.

All types of soils benefit from the addition of organic material which must be constantly replenished as it continuously breaks down. An inch or two of shredded leaves can be spread around perennial borders as a winter mulch after they have been cleaned up, although care should be taken not to cover those plants which exhibit evergreen rosettes or foliage. New beds or the vegetable garden will profit from the addition of several inches of shredded leaves which can be turned in to improve drainage, moisture and nutrient retention, worm populations and an overall enhancement of the soil. The addition of lime will offset the acidity organic matter produces and when spring arrives, soils will be ready for early planting.

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NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 7, 2001

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BROAD COVE CHORALE will be performing three times this holiday season beginning Dec. 5, at 10:30 a.m. at First Parish in Norwell. Tickets are $6 at the door. They will also perform Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. at First Church in Weymouth. Tickets are $10 in advance (at the church office) and $12 at the door with proceeds benefiting Father Bill's Place in Quincy. A final concert will be Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset. Tickets are $12 in advance at Cards & shards (Cohasset) and Noble's Camera (Hingham Square) and $15 at the door. Both evening concerts include a reception following the music.

SOUTH SHORE MEN OF HARMONY will present at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, the 11th annual Seniors concert **"A Holiday Benefit Concert"** in the Weymouth High School auditorium, 1051 Commercial Street. Proceeds from free will offering to benefit **Matthew Nagle,** recovering from paralyzing injuries received during July 4, fireworks celebration. Featured performances by Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus, chapter quartet, and their special guests, **Weymouth High School Concert Choir.** Free admission, refreshments and door prizes. Community wide participation by service clubs and Weymouth Rotaract and DARE students. For more information call Pete Fitzgerald at 781-341-1688 or Bill Fitzgerald 781-337-0227.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY presents **AMAHL and the NIGHT VISITORS** performed by **Opera by the Bay** on Dec. 8, two shows 4 and 7 p.m. at the Sanborn Auditorium, Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham and Dec. 9, two shows 4 and 7 p.m. at the Pilgrim Church, 404 Washington Street, Duxbury.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER inspired by the 1977 film and its score by the Bee Gees, comes to Boston's Wang Theatre on Jan. 22 and runs through Jan. 27. Adapted for the stage by Tony nominee Nan Knighton, Saturday Night Fever is directed and choreographed by Arlene Phillips and features a cast of 33 leading Broadway singers and dancers assembled by the Broadway production's entire award-winning creative team. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $45/$55/$65/$75. Group discounts are available for all performances except Friday and Saturday evenings. Special student group discounts are available only for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening performances at $30. Tickets are on sale now at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont Street or through Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400. For TTY ticket orders call 1-888-889-8587. For all other information call The Wang Theatre at 617-482-9393.

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27m at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

MUSICAL HOLIDAY PARTY XIV AT QUINCY DINNER THEATER, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. Holiday music and comedy. Dec. 1, 2, 5, 8,9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,18,20,21,22. Dinner and show, $35 to $37.50. Group and senior discounts available call 781-843-5862. Monday through Saturday, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 and 9, dinner 5 p.m. show 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 16, dinner 2 p.m., show 3:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible.

BAY COLONY CLUSTER DOG SHOW will be held from Dec. 6 - 9 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Sponsored by PEDIGREE brand dog foods, The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigreed pooches competing each day for "Top Dog" honors within their respective groups and breeds. The show will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is $10 for adults and seniors and $5 for children. Parking is $10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information call 617-556-7747. The public is not permitted to bring their dogs to the show.

VINCENT'S IN RANDOLPH SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS. Located in the Lombardo's complex, accessible from Exit 5A off Route 128. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. All shows are 21 and over. Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com by calling 866-468-7619 and at all Strawberries records and tapes..Dec. 5, Irish Rovers Christmas Party For more information visit www.vincentsnightclub.com.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.



BEST BET

The James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, presents "Faces and Places" a show of recent oil paintings by local artist Karl Nestelberger from Nov. 30 through Jan. 3. An opening reception will be held Nov. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Thurs. 29

Polar Party Express held at Edaville Railroad, Carver, each Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning Nov. 29 and continuing through Dec. 15, at both 4 and 6 p.m. readings and gift set give-a-ways. Public readings of the popular children's book "The Polar Express" written by author Chris Van Allsburg, will take place at the conclusion of selected trains rides. Guests will enjoy a visit by Polar Beverages beloved mascot, Orson the Polar Bear, free samples of polar beverages, and a chance to win a beautiful gift set of the book. Each child will receive a commemorative sleigh bell, just like the story's hero.. The Polar Express is free with regular admission to Edaville Railroad: Adults $15/children 3-12 $10/seniors $14.

Friends of Cranberry Hospice 12th Annual Festival of Trees at Plimouth Plantation is open to the public Nov. 29, through Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 30, evening hours until 9 p.m. Tickets purchased at the door and $5 for adults, $4 for senior citizens and $2 for children under 12 A. group rate of $3 per person is available for parties of 12 or more. For information, call 781-582-0423.

Bridgewater State College Lab Theatre presents a festival of Absurd Theatre. Seven different plays will be presented over the four-day festival. Student directors Paul S. Norton and Rob Egan will present Genet's **"Deathwatch"** and Ionesco's **"The Bald Soprano,"** on Thursday, student directors Any Riel and Nicole Conlon will present Ionesco's **"The Lesson"** and Albee's **"The American Dream,"** on Friday, faculty director Henry Shaffer will present **"Waiting for Godot,"** Saturday, faculty director Art Dirks and student director Tony Previti will present Genet's **"The Maids"** and Albee's **"The Zoo Story,"** Sunday. Performance are Nov. 29, through Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. in the Rondileau Auditorium at Bridgewater State College and will be open to the public. Tickets are $12 and $10 for students/seniors. For information call the box office at 508-531-1321.



BEST BET

Christmas Open House at the Stetson House, 514 Hanover Street, Hanover. Historic house decorated for Christmas. Nov. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. preview, 8 p.m. concert by Harbour Choral Arts followed by dessert party - one ticket for all three events $10 Call 781-826-9575 or 781-826-6254. Preview Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. House open for tours and greens sale. Donation requested.

Fri. 30

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host **columnist and author, Sharon Randall**. Nov. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. Randall is a full-time nationally syndicated columnist who has been writing since 1994 for the Monterey County Herald and Scripps Howard News Service. "Birdbaths and Paper Cranes is a compilation of the best of her popular column "Bay Window." Reservations are requested to facilitate seating and refreshments. Call 781-383-2665 to reserve or to order your signed copy if unable to attend. Free.

The Company Theatre in Norwell will launch its new holiday production Nov. 30 with weekend shows continuing through Dec. 22. Company for the Holidays promises to deliver holiday cheer to all generations, with its sensational blend of music, comedy and pageantry and will feature the following segments: **Sleigh Ride** - a review of old and new musical favorites; **A Hoosier Christmas** - an original hilarious comedy that follows the calamities of a small town family in the 1960s; **Around the World** - a colorful celebration of music and traditions from many lands; **The Nativity** - a moving inspirational retelling of the Christmas story with contemporary and classical music and pageantry. Performances on Wednesday and Thursday nights begin at 7:30 p.m. (Tickets $19/$21). Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. ($22/$24), Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. ($22/$24), and Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. ($19/$21). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com

The James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, presents **"Faces and Places"** a show of recent oil paintings by local artist **Karl Nestelberger** from Nov. 30 through Jan. 3. An opening reception will be held tonight (Nov. 30) from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-659-7100.

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Harbour Choral Arts Society Christmas Concerts will be held at **St. Mary's Church in Hanover** in conjunction with the **Stetson House** opening at 8 p.m. Nov. 30, and Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. at **Old South Congregational Church in Weymouth**. There will be a variety of seasonal pieces, including one sung in Russian, and "Hodie", whose composer will be in the audience. Tickets may be purchased at Culhane's Card Shoppe, Hanover, Noble's Camera Shop Norwell or at the door. For more information call 781-659-2482.

The South Shore Natural Science Center invites the public to **A Natural Christmas**, a collection of wreaths, swags and trees decorated using a natural theme, to be displayed in Vine Hall Gallery, Nov. 30, and Dec. 1. The wreaths and swags have been decorated by garden clubs, garden centers and floral designers, as well as individuals and organizations around the South Shore for the purpose of raising money for the Science Center's numerous programs and exhibits. The decorated items will be sold by silent auction at a holiday reception Nov. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission to the event is $5. The wreaths and swags will be on display until Dec. 1. Admission to the display is $3 and includes general admission to exhibit halls at the center. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Bettina Lesieur's Sixth Annual Art Exhibit will open to the public free of charge beginning, today (Nov. 30) from 3 to 9 p.m. On Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a gala reception from 5 to 10 p.m. Additional dates are Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 8-9. Lesieur Gallery is conveniently located at 301 Saint George Street in Duxbury. For more information, call 781-934-5103 or visit www.betinalesieur.com

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Nicole Nelson Band.** Tickets are $5. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

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[illegible] 28th Annual Nantucket Noel Festivities celebrate now and continue through New Year's Eve with theatrical performances, concerts, holiday extravaganzas and the world-famous Christmas Stroll Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. For more information call 508-228-1300.

The North River Theater will present the contemporary comedy "Cheaters" on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. There will be a free performance for senior citizens only on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $14 per person. Reservations information or directions call 617-476-8947.

Sat. 1

Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham as first Author-Illustrator Martha Day Zschock on Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. Martha is the author and illustrator for "Journey Around Boston from A to Z," a children's book for all ages, offering an illustrated tour of Boston. If you are unable to attend but would like to order a signed copy, call 781-749-2665.

The Potting Shed at Cardinal Cushing Center, 400 Washington Street in Hanover will offer fresh evergreen trees, wreaths and assorted poinsettias 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. seven days a week from Dec. 1 until all trees are sold. A variety of handcrafted gift items are also available.

Creative Souls Holiday Fair at Steven Tibbetts tranquil waterfall gardens, 148 Washington Street, Norwell, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Several local artists will be available. Get your picture taken with Santa and Rudolph by the waterfall and enjoy hot mulled cider by the cozy fire. Donations will go to Humane Society. Rain or shine 781-792-0972.

Cohasset's Annual Village Fair on and around Cohasset Common, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Cohasset tradition for more than 40 years. Christmas greens and decorations for sale at the Town Hall, the Second Congregational Church, St. Stephen's and the First Parish House on Main Street. All proceeds support Cohasset churches, regional charities and the Appalachia Service project. First Parish church is offering cut balsam Christmas trees and handmade ornaments. All trees $35. Call 781-383-9767 to reserve your tree early, and you will be automatically entered into a "Your Tree Free" drawing.

Christmas Fair at Beechwood Congregational Church, Church Street, Cohasset, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church's famous chowder will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beach glass candy for sale as well as food items and white elephant articles.

Seventh Annual Winter Wonderland at Eames Way School in Marshfield, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The celebration will feature horse-drawn hayrides, games and crafts for kids and face painting. There will also be refreshments, secret shopping, a raffle and delicious baked goods for sale. Eames Way School is located at 165 Eames Way, Marshfield. For information call 781-834-5000.

Snowflake Fair, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church. Pictures with Santa, wreaths and swags, baked goods, gifts, ornaments, and crafts. Lunch refreshments featuring homemade soups and chili will be available. Admission is free, wheelchair accessible. Located at 330 First parish Road in Scituate. For more information call 781-545-3324.

St. Andrew's Holiday Fair and Silent Auction, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Andrew's Church, 17 Church Street, Hanover. Wreaths and greenery, arts and crafts, jewelry, books, gift baskets, stained glass, toys/sporting goods, scrap-booking, silent auction, bake table..corn chowder and sandwiches. For information call 781-659-1670.

Seventh Annual Dickens Holiday Fair, All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 196 Elm Street, Braintree, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Returning features will include unique crafters and artisans, baked from scratch pies and pastries, fudge, home-cooked turkey and stuffing sandwiches and other luncheon goodies, a silent auction, children's activities, Father Christmas, Dickens' Carolers, and more. Admission is free and the facility is wheelchair accessible. For information call 781-843-1388.

Bethany Congregational Church in Quincy will be holding a **craft fair** in the social hall, 18 Spear Street, Quincy from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eleven crafters will have a variety of items for sale. A snack bar luncheon. Coffee and donuts will be available for early arrivals. For information call 617-773-4588, or 617-479-3570.

Hingham Winterfest Folk Art and Craft Show will be held Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main Street. Admission is $6 per person for the entire weekend and children under 12 are free. One can expect an unlimited offering of unique crafts, folk art and handcrafted furniture and more as well as demonstrations by master craftspeople using time-honored techniques. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Hingham Food Pantry and receive $1 off regular admission . Free parking and there will be a shuttle bus available from the rear of the parking lot of Resurrection Church on Main Street directly to the Middle School For information call 717-796-2380.

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Christmas Concert at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Scituate Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. A program of Christmas music with spiritual works by JS Bach, Telemann, John Ireland and local composer Larence Smith of Duxbury. Admission to the event is free, but a $10 donation to the Organ Restoration Fund will be gratefully accepted. There will be a reception immediately following the concert. For more information call, 781-545-3324. First Parish is located on 330 First Parish Road in Scituate and wheelchair accessible.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra launches the holiday season with its Welcome Yule concerts. Welcome Yule will be held Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at historic Old Ship Church Hingham Square and Sunday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church, South Main Street, Cohasset. Tickets are available in advance at Noble's Hingham Square, Cards and Shards, Cohasset, and Hingham Public Library or call 781-740-5694 to reserve $20 adult/$18 senior/$10 student.

Snug Harbor Community Chorus will perform in a concert titled "The Many Moods of Christmas" on Dec. 1, at 7:30 and Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. in the Ellison Center for the Arts, St. George St., Duxbury. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets are available by calling 781-934-2227, and may be purchased at the Ellison Center and Westwinds Bookshop in Duxbury. They are also available at the door. Light refreshments will be available.

Friends of Cranberry Hospice Gala Cocktail Party at Plimouth Plantation.. A reception of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres for 400 guests will take place Dec. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. This event is open to the public by reservation only for a $60 per person donation. For information call 781-934-0581 or 781-934-0295

Storybook Cove in Hanover presents **Nancy Werlin, author of "Black Mirror"** Dec. 1 starting at 2 p.m.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse featuring **Ellen Steinbaum**, reading from her book, "After Words."

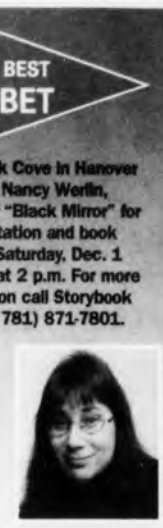
The Daily Grind Coffeehouse is located at 23 Central Square, Bridgewater. Free admission pass the hat for feature. Open mic sign-up 7:30 p.m. For information contact SoShorePoet@aol.com or Lotfi at the Daily Grind at 508-279-9952.

Hull Lifesaving Museum presents **A Victorian Taste of Christmas** join the museum for its Second Annual Gourmet Food and Wine Tasting, Dec. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. Sample a fine selection of food from over a dozen restaurants. Tickets may be purchased at the Hull Lifesaving Museum or at the Hull Library. Member $30 – Non-members $35.

Merrie Market, the historic **Old Ship Church's Christmas Fair**, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parish House, 107 Main Street, Hingham. Decorated wreaths, gifts, toys, home-baked items, used books and CD's snack bar. For information, call, 781-749-1679. Benefit Old Ship Church.

BEST BET

Storybook Cove in Hanover presents Nancy Werlin, author of "Black Mirror" for a presentation and book signing, Saturday, Dec. 1 starting at 2 p.m. For more information call Storybook Cove at (781) 871-7801.







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Weymouth Garden Club presents Open door to Christmas A Holiday House Tour Dec. 2, from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets $15 in advance $18 at the door. Call Lynn at 781-335-5033 or Olga 781-337-1818 or secure online purchase at www.weymouthgardenclub.org

Sun. 2

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset to host talk show host and speaker, **Ilana Marks** on Dec. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. Ilana has been hosting weekly live radio and television shows for the past five years. Her show "On the Mark with Ilana Marks" is a holistic/metaphysical live call-in talk show that is devoted entirely to bringing both personal and global healing. Ilana has just written her first book, "The G-String Theory: A New Wave of Being." If you are unable to attend but would like to order a signed copy, call 781-383-2665.

Three of Cups will present a special holiday season concert at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury. Their program includes Austrian folk song, an American standard, or a traditional ballad from Ireland or the British isles. Their program for the museum will include English, Mexican, Irish, Scottish and American works as well as songs for the season. Admission is free and open to all. Call 781-934-6634 for information.

Gala-Christmas Concert benefits Cancer Foundation – Numerous area talents will gather at the Cushing Center in Norwell Dec. 2, to present a benefit concert for the Allen I. Kirchick Cancer Foundation. The evening begins with wine and hors d' oeuvres at 3 p.m., along with harpist Susan Myron. The concert includes Tenor Jason Kirchick, concert pianist Jane Viemeister, The Norwell United Church of Christ Bell Choir, and many more. Tickets $25 or reserve a table $175. Call 617-759-0075 or visit A Piece of Mind, 690 Main Street, Norwell 781-659-4012. All donations are tax deductible.

Christmas Open House at the Stetson House, 514 Hanover Street, Hanover. Historic house decorated for Christmas. Call 781-826-9575 or 781-826-6254. Preview Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. House open for tours and greens sale. Donation requested.

Harbour Choral Arts Society Christmas Concert will be held Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. at **Old South Congregational Church in Weymouth**. There will be a variety of seasonal pieces, including one sung in Russian, and "Hodie", whose composer will be in the audience. Tickets may be purchased at Culhane's Card Shoppe, Hanover, Noble's Camera Shop Norwell or at the door. For more information call 781-659-2482.

Weymouth Garden Club presents **Open door to Christmas A Holiday House Tour** Dec. 2, from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets $15 in advance $18 at the door. Call Lynn at 781-335-5033 or Olga 781-337-1818 or secure online purchase at www.weymouthgardenclub.org

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Christmas Celebration of Lights, Cardinal Cushing Center in Hanover, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. (rain date Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m.), on the campus of Cardinal Cushing Centers, 405 Washington Street in Hanover. The event will feature an ecumenical choir, assembled especially for the evening from area churches, an interfaith narration of the Christmas story (signing for the hearing impaired), a candlelight walk, more than 15,000 lights and refreshments. Free and open to the public.

Seventh Annual Olde Towne Christmas House Tour to be held in Abington from noon to 5 p.m. For the price of $20 in advance, ticket holders will be surrounded with the spirit of the coming holidays as they stroll through five more elegantly decorated Abington homes Candlelight tour, Dec. 1. from 5 to 7:30 p.m. $30. Ticketholders are welcome to visit a **Christmas Boutique**, Abington High School, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.Tickets are available from any committee member, the Busy Beaver, and at The Other Side of Dempsey's Store Rt. 18 in Abington.

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Hingham Winterfest Folk Art and Craft Show will be held Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main Street. Admission is $6 per person for the entire weekend and children under 12 are free. One can expect an unlimited offering of unique crafts, folk art and handcrafted furniture and more as well as demonstrations by master craftspeople using time-honored techniques. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Hingham Food Pantry and receive $1 off regular admission . Free parking and there will be a shuttle bus available from the rear of the parking lot of Resurrection Church on Main Street directly to the Middle School For information call 717-796-2380.



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The Hingham Holiday House Tour will be held Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year the tour will include five homes decorated in full Christmas attire. All homes have "Christmas Themes" and for the fist time this year, live entertainment. Tickets $20 prior/$25 day of tour. Tickets may be purchased at Andrew Zona Studio, The Talbots and Treasure's in Hingham Square and Hingham Centre Realtors, Home Goods of Norwell, Button woods of Cohasset, The Rugged Bear in Hanover.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club will meet at Shea Rink on Willard Street in Quincy at 1 p.m. for a moderate walk, some hilly terrain, 4 miles. St. Moritz green dot loop. The Rangers recommend that you wear sturdy footgear and carry drinking water on all hikes. Dress appropriately for the weather. For information call 617-698-1802.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will hold an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols at 3 p.m. Dec. 2, the first Sunday of Advent. The church is located at 16 Highland Avenue in Cohasset.

Mon. 3

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Wed. 5

Broad Cove Chorale will be performing three times this holiday season beginning Dec. 5, at 10:30 a.m. at First Parish in Norwell. Tickets are $6 at the door. They will also perform Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. at First Church in Weymouth. Tickets are $10 in advance (at the church office) and $12 at the door with proceeds benefiting Father Bill's Place in Quincy. A final concert will be Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset. Tickets are $12 in advance at Cards & shards (Cohasset) and Noble's Camera (Hingham Square) and $15 at the door. Both evening concerts include a reception following the music.

The Gracenotes Handbell Choir under the direction of Rick Woodward will perform a bell ringers repertoire that includes Christmas music and other styles in the Thayer Public Library's Logan Auditorium, 708 Washington Street, Braintree, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

James Library Center for the Arts presents fall storytime featuring Caroline Chapin, holiday magic, for children ages 3 to 5 at 10 a.m. Admission is free. Call the library to register at 781-659-7100.

Irish Rovers to perform to benefit for **Feed the Hungry Campaign.** Irish Rovers bring a holiday show "The Irish Rovers' Christmas Party" to Lombardo's, 6 Billings St., Randolph, Dec. 5. Tickets are $50 each. Donations are tax-deductible and all proceeds go to Feed the Hungry, which serves the Pantry shelf Food Pantry, a program of the Quincy-based interfaith Social Services. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Irish Rovers take the stage at 8 p.m. For more information on buying tickets or making donations, call ISS office at 617-773-6203 or send emails to ISS@interfaithsocialserv.org

Thurs. 6

Cohasset "Christmas Reflection: A tour of five homes and a holiday tea Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are $20 advance $23 on tour day available at the South Shore Community Center 6 North Main St., Cohasset 781-383-9348 or for more information call 781-383-0025 or 781-383-9442.

South Shore Natural Science Center will sponsor a day trip to **Tower Hill Botanic Gardens**, home of the Worcester Horticultural Society, on Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Travel by luxury coach to view their annual Holly Days exhibit, which features holiday decorations, tour the Orangerie, a modern interpretation of an 18th century greenhouse. A quick stop at a gift shop then a stop for lunch before heading back. The program fee of $55 members/$57 garden club members/$60 for non-members includes transportation, admission and lunch. Call 781-659-2559 to make a lunch menu choice and reservation.

Certified Networker Program offers free educational evening. Business professionals, owners and sales managers interested in learning more about how to build their businesses through a referral-based marketing strategy are invited to a free session Dec. 6, from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the River Bay Club, 99 Bracket Street, Quincy. This is an introduction to the Certified Networker Program, the complete training system for building a solid referral-based marketing strategy. The event will offer participants the chance to learn about formal networking strategies; there will also be opportunities to network with fellow business professionals. Interested parties are urged to contact Tom Fleming at 617-376-0537 or by email TimF@BNI.com

Fri. 7

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society presents **Christmas at the King Caesar House "An Ancient Yuletide Carol"** 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury, House Tour and Antique and Gift Gallery, Dec. 7 to 9. Admission $10 per person/$8 for seniors. Dec. 7 from noon until 8 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9, noon to 4 p.m.

Shaw's Supermarkets Holiday Pops - The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Second Brook Road, Kingston, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Call 508-746-8008. Ticket range $20 - $28. Senior, youth and group discounts offered; $5 student rush tickets sold at the door one hour before the performance. Wheelchair accessible.

Plymouth Antiquarian Society presents **The 11th Annual Christmas on North Street celebration** on Dec. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the heart of Plymouth's scenic historic district. North Street, edged with glowing luminaria set out by Kiwanis Club volunteers, will be the setting for old-fashioned holiday festivities. The event begins at 5 p.m. with roving street carolers, fee hot cider offered by the Rotary Club of Plymouth and free children's holiday crafts workshops outdoors at the Quincy College lawn. At 6 p.m. the Penny Merriment Victorian singers will perform outside the historic Spooner House, 27 North Street. A highlight of the evening will be a winter arts procession, featuring the courtly entourage of the Winter King. The town tree will be lighted at 7 p.m. Singers from Plymouth North and South High Schools will present a concert of madrigals at the Taylor-Trask Museum. Families may visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at Quincy College from 7 to 8 p.m. A Victorian Crafts Fair and holiday wreath sale to benefit the Plymouth Antiquarian Society will be held outside Quincy college from 5 to 7:30 p.m. There will be no parking permitted on North Street during the event; the road will be closed to all traffic from 4 to 8 p.m.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **NRBQ.** Tickets are $12 in advance. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Ongoing Events

Buttonwood Book Angel Program – In the spirit of holiday sharing, ButtonWood Books & Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham invite all to participate in its Book Angel Program. The program will run through Dec. 16, and will help put books into the hands of disadvantaged children. The book angel takes an Angel from the tree and purchases a book for that child that is close to the interest highlighted on the angel. Buttonwood will then discount that book 15 percent and deliver the book to that child's sponsoring group. For more information, call 781-383-2665 Cohasset or 781-749-2665 Hingham.

Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** at the Cohasset Town Hall weekends starting Nov. 23 through Dec. 9. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate. At the door and by phone at 781-383-1718. Girl Scout Troops contact Wendy at 781-545-1655 for discount tickets.



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Pembroke artist featured at Staircase Gallery

South Shore Conservatory welcomes Pembroke artist Roberta Simpson Walsh and her monoprints to the Staircase Gallery from November through the end of December.

Her beautiful prints, some created with brilliant colors, and others with muted colors, are often produced using objects from nature such as leaves and feathers.

"Since childhood, I've loved artistic expression. I've enjoyed teaching art to eager students and I hope to continue to learn and grow artistically," says Walsh, a South Shore Art Center artist.

Deeply affected by the recent national tragedies, Walsh has found a renewed appreciation for her freedom to create from her heart.

"Recent events have altered our lives, and now we are faced with uncertainty each day. Yet, art has endured through times of turmoil and wars. American artists have the freedom to continue to produce uncensored art of their choice. We should reflect on this and our freedom and appreciate the time given us to create our art," Walsh states.

She reflects wistfully on the past, and of the future says "I will create art all the while wishing for the naiveté that I once had."

Having graduated from the University of Maine with a bachelor's degree in education and a major in art, Walsh has taught all facets of art for more than 15 years. To this day she expands her own learning process by taking a few new art courses each year.

In addition to giving private and group art lessons in her home studio, she also teaches part-time at Massasoit Community College, Duxbury Art Association and at South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She has also taught in the Hingham public schools, Rockland public schools, Abington public schools and at Sacred Heart School in Weymouth.

"Today, I devote more time and energy to engage in the creative process and I am thankful for the opportunity to do so."

The Staircase Gallery is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-749-7565, Ext. 16.



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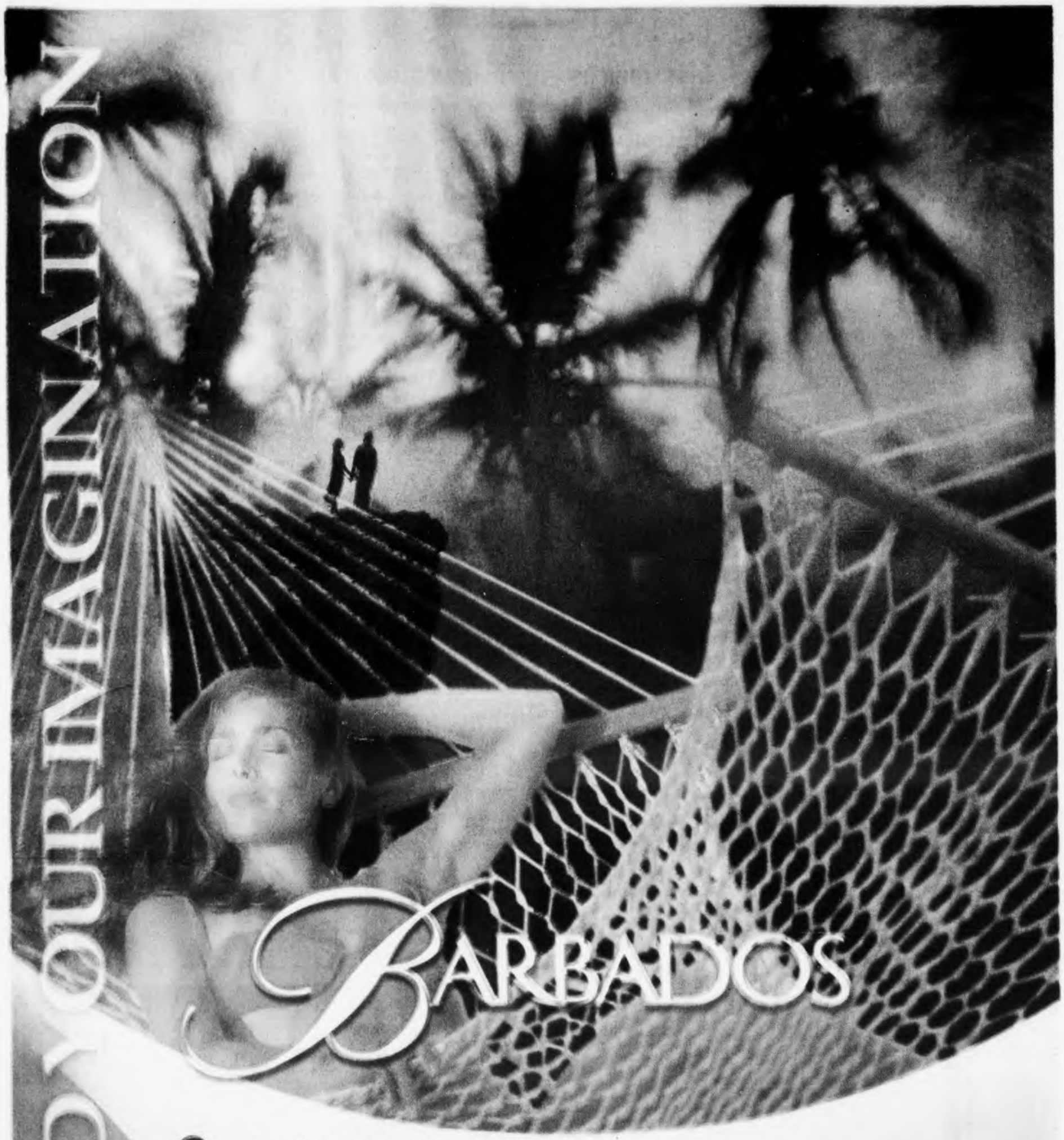
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Fighting mad over school building cuts

Town to lead effort to get funding back

By Evan Schiff
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Cohasset will take the lead in an effort to stop the state Department of Education from making significant cuts to the School Building Assistance Bureau program.

"The Board of Education is cutting funds from projects that are underway," Selectman Michael Sullivan said. "These projects should be at the top of the list for funding because towns have made fiscal decisions based on the DOE's commitments. What do they expect us to do?" he said.

Most in attendance were up in arms as the matter was discussed because the cuts will hit local taxpayers hard.

Supt. Edward Malvey was not pleased about the news.

"This absolutely, unequivocally cannot happen," he said. "The Department of Education cannot lead communities down a path and then misguide them."

Selectman Tom Callahan said, "this is the worst time to do this."

The current budget on Beacon Hill reduces funding the SBAB by almost 50 percent. This means town that are expecting reimbursement for their projects, like Cohasset, will have to wait longer for compensa-

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Dr. Joseph Godzik stands outside his office at Town Hall, as Board of Health administrative assistant Tara Mullen looks on.

Keeping an eye on Cohasset's health

Godzik honored for his dedication

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset may indeed be a healthier place thanks to Dr. Joseph Godzik – the town's longtime health agent.

Whether dealing with Title 5 (the state environmental code governing septic systems), conducting a rabies clinic for your pet, or making sure local restaurants are inspected – Godzik has been handling a range of local health-related matters for some 18 years.

And while most Cohasset residents go quietly about their business unaware of Godzik's duties until they need his services, his efforts have not gone unnoticed.

The 450-member Massachusetts Health Officers Association recently presented Godzik, who holds a degree in veterinary medicine, with the Michael D. Saraco award at its annual education conference to the member who most exemplified the qualities of the man for whom it was named.

"Not only Title 5 but there are so many regulatory things that have changed the scope of local public health in the state."
— Dr. Joseph Godzik, health agent

"Dr. Godzik is a hardworking and dedicated public health official who has provided enthusiastic leadership and dedication to the Massachusetts Health Officers Association and the residents of Cohasset," says association director Dawn Sibor of Hingham.

Godzik said he was particularly gratified to receive an award named after the man who initially sparked his interest in the public health field. It all started when Godzik, who was still in the US Army and stationed at Ft. Devins at the time, was serving on the Board of Health in Pepperill where he lived with his wife and four children. Saraco, who has since passed away, was the part-time health officer there.

"When Mike would come by, we'd talk about local public health and that type of thing," Godzik recalled.

The timing was right for Godzik, who was getting ready to retire from the military after 21 years.

"We talked about my background and local public health programs," he said about his chats with Saraco. "I wanted to get away from administration. My work at Ft. Devins entailed my being on the road a lot – covering all New England and upstate New York.

"I wanted to go back and do more hands-on work."

It wasn't long thereafter, that Godzik heard about the Cohasset

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Discovery center starts fundraising

Will be housed in 1929 Osgood wing

By Evan Schiff
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The Children's Global Discovery Center to be housed in the 1929 wing of the old Osgood School kicked off its fundraising campaign Tuesday.

With a fashion show from Talbots, and a raffle of more than $2,500 worth of goods, the trustees of the "interactive museum" are in the process of raising the estimated total of $1 million that would include the cost of exhibits and renovating the wing of the building. About $300,000 is already committed to the project through private donations.

"The center is going to show children how everyone in the world is unified under the umbrella of humanity while at the same time, celebrating the differences between cultures," said Leah Taylor Roy, a co-chairman of discovery center board.

One-hundred and fifty women parked their SUVs and descended upon Atlantica Restaurant for the fashion show and raffle. Many local businesses donated items to the event, such as Red Lion Inn, Cohasset Liquors, Cohasset Hardware, Cards 'n Shards, and others. The trustees said they expected to raise $10,000 from the show.

The center's vision is one of being both an educational and recreational forum for children. Roy believes the center distinguishes itself from other museums because of the wide range of activities it will incorporate.

"We will have play groups, some in Spanish and French, art classes, climbing structures, water and sand play areas, ethnic cooking classes, and rotating exhibits," she said. Roy

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Group wants anchor sunk

By Evan Schiff
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The contentious battles between the Government Island Study Committee and Herb Jason and John Small look to be headed for another round.

The committee is now opposing a ship's anchor that would be added to Government Island. While the committee previously supported the incorporation of the anchor, at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting Ham Tewksbury and Bob Davenport said the group had not realized how big the anchor would be.

"Our problem is the anchor is way out of scale for such a small area," Tewksbury said. "It just doesn't fit in the area."

Davenport felt the committee had been misled. It was only when they read the Mariner last week, which included a photograph of Jason standing by the anchor that the committee realized the size.

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CAROLLING



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Savannah Norris and Emily St. John, along with other members of the cast of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" sing carols at the Village Fair. For more photos, see page 11.

Safe quarters

Homeless couple searching for permanent housing

This article is one in a series focusing on homelessness on the South Shore as part of Community Newspaper Company's Gifts of Hope campaign aimed at raising funds for area charities.

By Seth Jacobson
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Joseph Ngo was a thriving businessman with a nice house when he first came to the United States from Vietnam 25 years ago. But he and his family are now homeless.

"I worked in the United States for 25 years," he said. "And I worked hard — I used to do 12-hour days, 20-hour days." When Ngo first came to America, he worked as a fisherman out of Boston. Some years later, he bought a home in Shrewsbury and also started his own business in Natick, a convenience store called J&D Convenience.

"At one point, I had three different

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Homeless couple Joseph Ngo and Dao Nguyen share a quiet moment outside the Faith Church in Hingham where they currently reside.

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This week in COHASSET

New Year's Eve hours are set

Red Lion Inn, Atlantica, and the Cohasset Golf Club will be permitted to stay open till 2 a.m. on New Year's Eve. Selectmen unanimously approved the hours.

Schedule set

The following schedule for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election were approved by selectmen Tuesday night. Town Manager Mark Haddad wished to call particular attention to Jan. 14 when the last day citizens petition articles can be submitted for the annual Town Meeting warrant. He urged all residents to try and complete their articles before that date.

Dec. 4 - The warrant for Annual Town Meeting is opened.

Jan. 8 - Presentation of the Town Manager's proposed FY 2003 operating budget to the Board of Selectmen.

Jan. 14 - Last day citizens petition articles can be submitted for inclusion in the annual Town Meeting warrant.

Jan. 16 - Presentation of the Town Manager's proposed FY 2003 operating budget to the Advisory Committee.

Jan. 17 - Last day for submission of all other articles for inclusion in the annual Town Meeting warrant.

Jan. 21 - Draft warrant presented to the Advisory Committee for its review.

Feb. 19 - Last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars to be placed on the election ballot.

March 1 - Warrant sent to printer

March 18 - Warrant delivered to the Post Office for delivery to all registered voters.

March 22 - Constable posts the annual Town Meeting and annual Election Warrants.

March 30 - Annual Town Meeting

April 6 - Annual Town Election.

Liquor license request denied

Selectmen denied a request by Stop n' Shop to obtain two one-day liquor licenses for Dec. 22 and 23. Stop n' Shop was hoping to have a wine and cheese tasting but selectmen felt it was inappropriate.

"Stop n' Shop has no experience with liquor," Selectman Michael Sullivan said. "This is just a bad idea."

Meeting schedule

The following meeting were posted at Town Hall as of Dec. 3.

Conservation Commission, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Library Committee, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.

Growth and Development, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.

Senior Housing, Dec. 12, 9 a.m.

Gravel Yard Study Committee, Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m.

Open Space Committee, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset High School Library

Committee on Town History, Jan 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Lothrop House

Zoning Board, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.

All meeting at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Winter parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

The all-night parking ban continues until April 1.

Master Plan surveys due

The Town has now sent a survey to every registered voter to gather information on the future of Cohasset in preparation for the Master Plan. It is important that residents respond as soon as possible by returning the survey in the self-addressed envelope provided by Dec. 15.

Send us e-mail

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Sun. 9	6:00	10.0	——	6:24	9.8	12:11
Mon. 10	6:59	10.3	12:38	7:27	9.8	1:14
Tues. 11	7:55	10.7	1:35	8:28	9.8	2:14
Wed. 12	8:48	11.0	2:29	9:24	9.9	3:09
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Budget cutbacks affect school health program

By Evan Schiff
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Another day, another cutback due to the state tightening the budget.

The Enhanced School Health Grant, which appropriated $85,000 to the Cohasset School Department last year, is being slashed and now will only award $36,550 to Cohasset.

Supt. Edward Malvey said the cuts are not definite but he expects them to come soon.

"We're just waiting for the other shoe to drop," he said.

The school system was expecting the $85,000 for a few more years.

While Malvey said there will be reductions made across the board in school health services, the school nurses will most likely take a big hit with the possibility of two nurses being laid off. The asthma program could also be eliminated, he said.

"We haven't specifically identified what areas will be affected and will be better prepared to make that decision later in the month," he said. The cuts would not take effect until Jan. 1.

The grant has allowed the Cohasset school department to fund two positions as well as allowing the health department to correlate data relating to student's illnesses. Cohasset has been working with the Department of Public Health in order to provide better health care. The grant also made it possible for the school system to purchase health-related equipment, such as stethoscopes and thermometers.

"We're just waiting for the other shoe to drop."

— Supt. Edward Malvey

Malvey said another detrimental aspect to the cutbacks is the school department will now have to put its health improvement plans on hold

"The rug was pulled out from underneath us," he said.

Karen Murphy, the school nurse leader, said the cutbacks are coming at a terrible time.

"We are probably going to have to eliminate two positions and with the amount of health issues we are facing, that would be bad," she said.

Murphy said she is concerned with less faculty, the remaining staff is spread too thin in the event of a medical emergency. "Teachers are not all that comfortable treating children and the nurses provide support in those situations," Murphy said.

Currently, there are three full-time nurses, one part-time nurse and a full-time health aide in the school system. The nurses screen and compile data for all the students regarding their height, weight, and response to sensory testing, such as for hearing and eyesight. The nurses also administer medication with a physician's approval and written permission from the parents.

Murphy said the grant has paid dividends in allowing the schools to computerize all of the students' records.

"Computerizing the records took a phenomenal amount of time and energy. We have to report any time a student visits us," she said.

Malvey is concerned about the matter. "This is a big loss because now the school system is going to fall back into the status quo," he said. "We can still cover all the medical needs for the students but it limits us as to what we can do."

Selectmen approve St. Stephen's plans

By Evan Schiff
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The village improvement plans for St. Stephen's sidewalk got the go-ahead Tuesday night from selectmen.

The plans will now be sent to MassHighway which reviews them, and sends them back with either its seal of approval or suggestions for improvements.

The plans were approved by a 4-1 margin with Ronnie McMorris dissenting. She felt if a curb was put in, the proposed two feet added to the road would not be sufficient.

"Two feet will not be enough," she said.

McMorris said drivers take advantage of the low curb which allows them to better negotiate the tight quarters by driving on it. With a defined curb and the road expanded only two-feet, she felt the drivers will not have that luxury.

Town Manager Mark Haddad disagreed.

"Two-feet is plenty of room for cars to get by," he said.

Dean Rizzo, the executive director of the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, knows residents are concerned about the possible ledge blasting but said it may not come to explosives.

"One scenario we're looking at is drilling holes into the ledge, filling it with a certain type of material — then overnight it expands, cracking the ledge."

He emphasized this process breaks the ledge at the fault lines, maintaining the natural integrity of the area.

Overall, the selectmen were enthused with the project.

Rizzo said he will ask MassHighway to let the town procure its own contractor.

"This is an ideal project to hand over to the town," he said.

Normally, MassHighway secures the bids and contractors itself but has been allowing towns to take more of a pro-active stance especially in the case of smaller improvements, like this one.

Rizzo said the plans could receive approval by the end of the spring. He said it will take a couple of months for MassHighway to review the plans and render a decision.

There will be public hearings in January or February for residents to decide on the type of material to be used for the sidewalks and the type of light fixtures to be installed on the street.

The St. Stephen's sidewalk, which is being paid for through a state grant, would be the first part of the village revitalization project to see construction.

SPECIAL GIFT

Katie Roche helps Dana Childs choose a special gift in St. Stephen's secret room at the Village Fair on Saturday. Proceeds from the secret room benefit the Appalachia Service Project, a home building ministry for the poor.



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Keeping an eye on Cohasset's health

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opening from then Cohasset Board of Health member Barbara Kern at a conference of the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards. He applied for the Cohasset post, accepted the subsequent offer, and after about a year of commuting, moved his family to Scituate.

His military experience as chief of veterinary services and preventive medicine provided Godzik with a background related to his new public health duties. Godzik, who completed his undergraduate degree at Pennsylvania State University, was awarded a direct commission in the Army after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School in 1961.

The main function of veterinary services in the military is food protection and Godzik was charged with inspection of food procurement facilities for the Army and quality assurance work. Veterinary services also dealt with military dogs and taking care of pets as time would allow, including conducting rabies clinics and installing quarantine facilities for animals involved in a biting incident.

Although his term as an elected member of the Board of Health in Pepperill afforded Godzik the chance to work with state regulations – nothing could have prepared him for Title 5, which became law in 1995.

"Not only Title 5 but there are so many regulatory things that have changed the scope of local public health in the state," he says.

But Title 5, especially in Cohasset — known for its unfriendly ledge when it comes to septic systems — has been a particular challenge. Conducting percolation tests, which involve examining and classifying soils to determine where the water table is, can take a few hours to an entire workday.

"In the past, septic systems were considered a temporary solution until the sewer came," Godzik said. "But when the (state) sewer money dried up 10 to 12 years ago, we realized septic systems were here to stay and needed to be sited, constructed and maintained in a better way than they were before."

[Cohasset, which is under a court order from the state to solve its wastewater woes and is adding upwards of 1,200 homes to its newly expanded sewer treatment plant, cannot extend sewer to entire town due to the exorbitant cost.]

Other changes in public health regulations over the past few years are those that govern body art (tattoos), the suntan business, and beaches including testing for harmful bacteria. The state adopted the federal food code last year for food establishments which has added considerable paperwork to the restaurant inspection process, Godzik said.

Health officers also keep track of communicable diseases in town, such as Hepatitis A, and follow up with the patient to find out whom they may have been in contact with.

The Cohasset Health Department, which employs public health nurse Judy Fitzsimmons, also promotes health and healthy lifestyles with its annual health fair and periodic programs such as one recently conducted on food allergies. Future plans include conducting cholesterol screenings for the 18-25 year-old bracket, considered to be at risk for unhealthy levels of cholesterol, a contributing factor to heart disease.

Looking ahead, Godzik sees the increasing threat of diseases, such as the West Nile Virus which is transmitted by mosquitoes and can be dangerous to humans, as "emerging disaster." "With global warming, we'll see more diseases in the Northern Hemisphere that we haven't seen before," he said.

A widower, Godzik, 66, plans to retire next year and spend more time travelling and visiting his four children and six grandchildren.

As he readies for retirement, he hopes the younger generation will be attracted to the public health field and bemoans the lack of funding for public health at the state level.

"Environmental science graduates can get a good bit more (salary) in the private sector," Godzik said. But, he says the job provides plenty of challenges and a lot of variety for those wanting fulfilling work.

"Some think the health department, especially in smaller towns, only deals with septic systems and that's it. But the gamut is much greater – there's a wide spectrum of things to do."

Steve Bobo, chairman of the Board of Health, thinks Godzik will be hard to replace.

"Joe is a real gentleman with an encyclopedic knowledge about the health field, and one of the best practitioners of the scientific method I've ever known," he said.

ATTENTION
LITTLE HARBOR AREA RESIDENTS

A public meeting and workshop will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 12, 2001 at the Town Hall Auditorium to report on the status of engineering evaluations relative to the proposed sewer system extension to the Little Harbor area.
State DEP representatives will also report on ongoing environmental evaluations for the water resource.
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Local high school students named to 'Who's Who'

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ON STAGE



Cassandra Cardelle is dancing in "The Nutcracker."

Cassandra Cardelle of Cohasset is performing in the annual performances of "The Nutcracker" running from Nov. 23-Dec. 30 at the Wang Center. Cassandra is dancing to the role of Polichinelle and has been a student at Boston Ballet for seven years. The tickets for this enchanting holiday performance can be purchased by calling Telecharge at (800)447-7400 or in person at The Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont St., Boston.

WHO'S WHO

Many local students were recently named to the 35th Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001." The students from Cohasset are: **Catherine Bosworth, Kelly Devine, Amy Devlin, Jenna E. Fegreus, Cara Foley, Katherine Grimm, Martha Henderson, John Hertig, John Hussey, David Ingber, Kristen Keating, Dan Littauer, Megan McCain, Karen McMorris, Anna-Jane Murphy, Robinson Murphy, Skyler Ralston, Amanda Watts, Kristen Watts** and **Nancy Winters**. Congratulations to all of you, this is quite an honor.

SENIOR FUN

The Cohasset Elder Affairs has some wonderful upcoming events to let you know about. On Friday, Dec. 7, a trip is happening to the Wayside Inn. The cost for this is $5 round trip to Sudbury. Lunch is on your own. On Friday, Dec. 14, a minimum of 10 people is needed to go see Salem's House of Seven Gables. The cost for ticket and transportation is $10.

The Cohasset Elder Affairs is holding a wonderful Open House at the Cohasset Senior Center on Dec. 14 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This program is a way for the entire community to come and see what the Senior Center has to offer to elders in our town. Refreshments will be served, entertainment will be featured and it will definitely bring some holiday cheer! The Cohasset Senior Center is at the South Shore Community Center and everyone in town, young and old should try to get in on this day and see the opportunities that are here for the elders in our town.

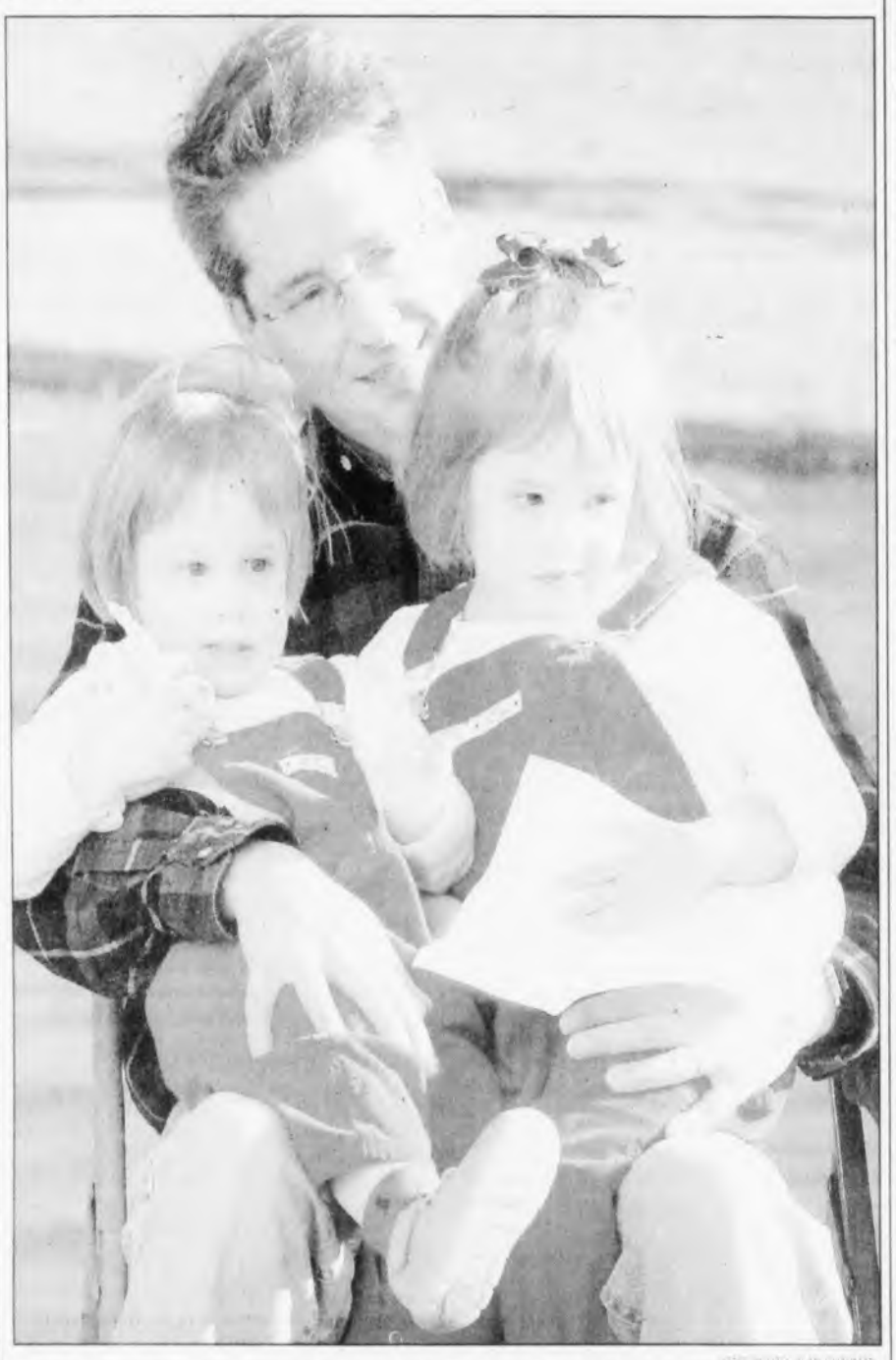
NDA HONOR ROLL

Notre Dame Academy in Hingham announced the Honor Roll for term 1 and several Cohasset students were on it. **Brittany Carroll**, '02, and **Martha Henderson**, '03, both received First Honors. **Jacqueline Chase**, '05, **Laura Kondrat**, '03, **Rachel McElroy**, '03, and **Katherine Roche**, '03, all were named to the Principal's List and **Caroline Henderson**, '05, **Anna-Jane Murphy**, '03, and **Krista Nicynski**, '03, earned Second Honors. Great Job to all of you!

ALL-CONFERENCE

Thomas Allen, a senior cornerback attending Springfield College, earned second-team all-conference accolades for the second-straight season. He led the Pride and finished second in the conference with five interceptions and ranked fourth on the team with 55 tackles in 2001. Thomas earned the conference's defensive player-of-the-week award on Nov. 12 after tying a school record with three interceptions at Union to become the fifth player in Pride history to accomplish the feat. This is awesome news Thomas, keep up that fantastic playing.

FAMILY FUN



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Madison, Jeff and Halle Pratt listen to Christmas music played by the Rusty Skippers during the Cohasset Village Fair on Saturday. For more photos, see page 11.

MARATHON RUNNER

Charles and Andrea Santoro are very proud parents indeed. Their daughter, **Nichole,** is a recent graduate of Salve Regina in Rhode Island. Some of you may know that Nichole is currently a long-term substitute at the Deer Hill School. Nichole ran in the Ocean State Marathon in Rhode Island on Oct. 7 and did so well that she is now qualified for the Boston Marathon. Guess what else? This was Nichole's first marathon she had ever run! Congratulations Nichole on this unbelievable accomplishment!

CHURCH RECEPTION

A reception is being held on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 11:30a.m.-1 p.m. at the Beechwood Congregational Church to welcome **Rev. Doug Fish** and his wife **Barbara** to the church. The community is invited to this reception and a warm and heartfelt welcome is being sent to both the Fishes.

That is it for this week. Please send in all your photos, news and events to me no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. All photos should be labeled and dropped off at Cohasset News in an envelope marked, "Around Town Cohasset."

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Art boosters seek support

By Olga Nohe
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

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The second way we provide support is through planning and hosting several events during the year which provide a venue for our talented singers, musicians and artists to perform in front of an audience. The cabaret will be held in January and pops night will be in May. If you would like to help with one of these events, please call Donna O'Donnell, Arts Boosters President, at 781-383-6113.

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Olga Nohe, Treasurer, 21 Whitney Woods Lane, Cohasset 02025.

Buttonwood book angels

In the spirit of holiday sharing, Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham invite all to participate in our Book Angel program. The Book Angel Program that will run through Sunday Dec. 16, is a program to help put books into the hands of disadvantaged children. The Book Angel takes an angel from the tree and purchases a book for that child that is close to the interest highlighted on the angel. Buttonwood will then discount that book 15 percent and deliver the book to that child's sponsoring group. Together, Buttonwood Books &Toy and Buttonwood For Kids support Wellspring in Hull, The Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth, The Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the Mary Martha Learning Center, the Blue Hills Healthy Families Program and the South Shore Educational Collaborative Teen Parent Program.

This is the eighth year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel program. For more information call 781-383-2665 (Cohasset) and 781-749-2665 (Hingham).

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Call the recreation department at 781-383-4109for more information.

Cohasset welcomes the Allard family

Family jets into the simpler life

By Evan Schiff
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What do Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Nomar Garciaparra, Pedro Martinez and the residents of Cohasset have in common? Bill Allard.

Allard, who is chairman of Marquis Jet Partners, moved with his family from Washington, D.C. to 231 S. Main St. at the beginning of the summer.

The former CEO of SFX Sports Group, one of the world's premier sports marketing and management agencies, said it was an easy decision to move to Cohasset.

"After a while, you realize the athletes are just regular people."

— Bill Allard, on heading a sports agency

"We just wanted to simplify our life," he said. "We looked at different places but when we came to Cohasset we just fell in love with it."

When Allard was in charge of SFX Sports Group he had an opportunity to hobnob with some of the industry's most recognizable stars. He played golf with Michael Jordan and after negotiating a deal between Tag Heuer watches (a high-end watch company) and Grant Hill, received watches from him.

"After a while, you realize the athletes are just regular people. Once you sit down with them they are actually pretty grounded and have the same concerns and anxieties as everyone else," he said.

SFX Sports Group represents more than 1,000 athletes and is in charge of their contract negotiations and endorsement deals. Under Allard's direction, the Sports Group developed and produced internationally televised sporting events, and supported the sports marketing activities of numerous Fortune 500 companies. The company also produces a wide range of sports-theme television series and feature films, such as "Arliss" and "Varsity Blues."



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

From left, the Allards: Christian, Lindsey, Charlotte, Bill and Libby, at their South Main Street home. Both Bill and Libby grew up in Massachusetts and are happy to be home again.

Allard has now started Marquis Jet Partners, which offers private jet service to those who can afford the hefty price tag. Rather than having a company or individual sign a five-year contract with his company, which is what similar companies do, he sells 25-hour "debit cards" for flight hours that can be redeemed whenever a client wishes. He currently has 35 people, who work for the company, and approximately 40 clients. The price for the "debit card" can range from $109,000 to $255,000.

"A lot of athletes, entertainers, and Wall Street investors use our service," he said. "It is a great alternative to flying commercially and since Sept. 11 has become a much more viable industry."

Both Allard and his wife, Libby, grew up in Massachusetts and wanted to move back to be closer to family. Having 13 people over for Thanksgiving was "a blessing," the couple said.

Allard said Cohasset's school system was another reason they chose the town. He has three children — Lindsey, who is in grade 4, Christian who is in grade 2, and Charlotte who is in pre-school — all of whom are enjoying their time in the classroom.

"It's a really great school to be in and there are so many friendly people," Christian said.

Allard said he wants to become involved with the community and is already coaching basketball for the Cohasset Youth Basketball Association. Both he and his wife are involved with St. Anthony's Church and look forward to participating in community events in the future.

Allard donates some of his time to charity and serves on the board of directors for the Special Olympics. "I wanted to pick one charity and commit myself to it," he said. "I felt by using the relationships I have formed with athletes, I could add a lot to the Special Olympics."

Libby said she has been volunteering with the school system and is starting to meet people around town. "There is such a sense of realness and community to the town," she said. "Everybody has been so welcoming." She added she enjoys sailing and hopes to become involved with a local sailing program.

Allard has appeared in the "Top 100 Most Powerful People in Sports" in The Sporting News for the last three years and was listed by the international paper, The Guardian, as one of the 50 most powerful people in the world of sports. He graduated from Babson College with a bachelor of science in business, and received his masters of business administration from Harvard.

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EDITORIAL

Volume III

What have you been doing the last 50 years? If you've been lucky enough to spend the past half-century right here in town, then you'll enjoy reading the 416-page "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III" as a reflection of those years. If you're a "newcomer" then the book will fill you in on all you've missed and provide insight as to how Cohasset got to this point.

If you act quickly, you can order the new town history at the discounted price of $27.50 until Jan. 1, after that the price goes up to $32. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Cohasset and sent attention Julia Gleason, 28 Stockbridge St., Cohasset 02025.

Here at the Mariner, we cherish our copies of Volumes I and II, and look forward to the latest installment. The first two volumes of the town history have provided us with hours of reading enjoyment and valuable background for stories over the years. It was through Bertram J. Pratt, who authored Volume II chronicling the first half of the 20th century, that we learned about the summer Humphrey Bogart graced the stage at Cohasset Town Hall, as a mainstay of Alexander Dean's resident acting company in 1934. Dean, who was then the head of the drama department at Yale University, tried new Broadway plays to make Cohasset a successful part of the "Straw Hat" circuit.

Pratt's research also takes us through two World Wars and Cohasset's growth from a summer colony into a 20th century town.

"Although this work treats only a brief interlude in the life of Cohasset," writes Pratt in the author's preface, "the period is one during which great changes took place, more perhaps than during any other similar span.

"The story of these changes parallels the advance of the country as a whole, and in this volume a thread of national events has been woven as a backdrop against which to paint the local scene."

Some 50 years earlier, E. Victor Bigelow penned "A Narrative History of the Town of Cohasset" that takes us from the beginning of the town's geological existence when the town's ledge, soil and vegetation were formed to John Smith's discovery of the harbor in 1614, to Cohasset's separation from Hingham, to the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and beyond.

With little in historical records, the Rev. Bigelow describes how difficult was the task of compiling the town history.

"No pathway into the mass of historical documents has ever been opened," he writes in the preface. "In fact, only the meagerest collection of manuscripts could be found in the town's archives, while private diaries and stories and other such memorial were almost wholly wanting."

Nevertheless, Bigelow's 540 pages provide us with a wonderful window into the past.

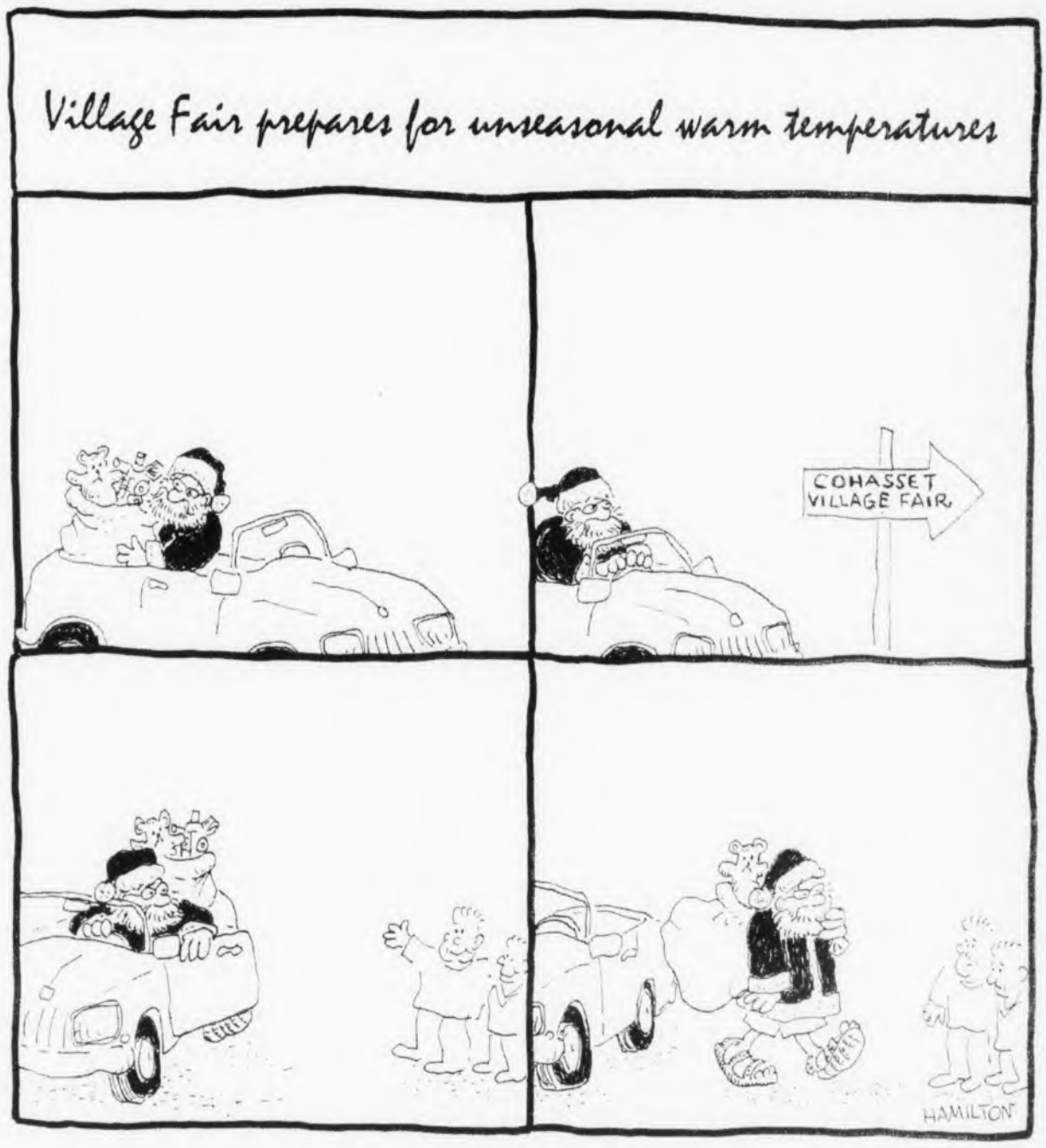
One of our favorite chapters describes the old-fashioned method of "riding and tieing," which depicts one neighbor helping another. Back in the early 1700s when Cohasset was still part of Hingham, it was difficult to go the four or five miles to the Old Ship meetinghouse. Not everyone owned a horse.

"The first man, and his wife or daughter upon the pillion behind him, rode along the crooked old way towards Hingham about half the distance; then dismounting, they tied their steed to a tree at the roadside and walked on to the meetinghouse. Meanwhile the second couple, wearied by their long walk, reached the horse, and mounting him, rested upon his back while the animal finished the journey to the church.

"Thus the four came together for their weekly refreshment in the house of God."

What wonderful stories lie inside the pages of Volume III, authored by Jacqueline Dormitzer? We can only guess – but know a lot has happened the past 50 years. And no doubt 50 years from now, an editor of the local paper will be talking about Volume IV with equal anticipation.

— Mary Ford
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Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making a difference

TO THE EDITOR:

He doesn't wear a mask or even a red cape, but he is a hero in my eyes nonetheless. Several times a week I notice a man jogging along the Jerusalem Road/Straits Pond/Forest Avenue area with garbage bag in tow. He stops his running long enough to pick up rubbish which has routinely been strewn along the roadside and in front of neighbors' homes. Anyone who has jogged carrying anything more than a water bottle can appreciate the magnitude of his efforts.

I started this letter as a way of saying "thank you" to him and to ask you, the citizens of our breathtaking and fortunate community to do two things:

1. Take the time to smile and thank him the next time you spot him running by, and

2. Look beyond your own immediate back yard and help remove the litter. If everyone were to simply pick up the trash that is found in front of their property line I think we would all perceive a palpable difference.

Given the ongoing climate of world events and the consequential feeling of loss of control, might this not be one way of taking charge and preserving what is ours and so too learn an important lesson from the detriments of isolationist thinking? Thank you sir. We are all indebted to you.

Elaine Breslow
714 Jerusalem Road

Supporting the Jingle Bell Walk

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the South Shore Community Center, we would like to express our appreciation to the many merchants and volunteers who lent a helping hand at our seventh Jingle Bell Walk.

The bells were ringing from St. Stephen Church thanks to Mary Kennedy. Santa and Mrs. Claus and many assistant elves arrived at Government Island by the traditional fishing boat, thanks to Capt. Kelly. The whole crowd then paraded excitedly toward the center in great holiday spirits.

Congratulations to the winners of the Turkey Trot, and all the children who joined in. Everyone had a great time with many, many youngsters participating in the fun. The Grand Winners were: in the 3-and-4-year-old class, Matthew Froio and Kristen Timothy; in the 5-to-7-year-old class, Joseph Admirard and Jamie Timothy; and in the 8-to-10-year-old class, Connor Admirard and Christine Corner.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the following who have contributed to our seventh Jingle Bell Walk:

Patron Sponsors: Abington Savings Bank, Hingham Institution for Savings and Rockland Trust.

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We would like to thank the following Santa's Helpers for their contributions: Nobles, Cohasset Food Mart, Cohasset Lobster Pound Inc., Victoria's Pizza, Pat the Barber, Good Sport, Carousel Antiques, Tedeschi's, Atlantic Valuation Group, Cohasset News, French Memories, Goodale Insurance, Heads 'n Tails, The Silver Spoon, Hub Shipping, Coca Cola, Kimball's by the Sea, Nuthin' More Natural, Farsh Oriental Rug, RGP Pizza, The Village Butcher, Ports & Co., Walgreen's and Stop and Shop.

Also, Donna Green, Artist, Red Lion Inn, Buttonwood Books, Citgo Gas Station, Strawberry Parfait, South Shore Arts Center, Heman Salon, Barefoot Rugs & Country Furnishings, Cards & Shards, Cohasset Hardware, Flemings, Atlantica, Atlantic Bagel, Bernard's, Dunkin' Donuts, Curtis Liquors, Cohasset Pizza House, Papa Gino's, Hancock Paint, Maggie's Corner, Village Wine & Spirits, Shaw's, King Jewelers and Springbrook Toys.

We would like to thank all our volunteers. A special thanks to Linda Bolster and Ellen Nesbitt of the Newcomers Club for recruiting volunteers; the Girl Scouts, the McElroy family, Melinda Murray for the goodie bags; The Rusty Skippers Marching Band, Cohasset Fire Dept., Cohasset Police Dept., Santa and Mrs. Claus and all their helpers; Mark Haddad; Kit Coffey; and First

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COHASSET CARES

Nice and not-so-nice people

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I would guess just seeing the phrase "nice people" 'Conjures up, in most Americans, an equal mix of sincerity as a reaction on one hand and sarcasm as a reaction on the other.

"Nice" is a word discouraged in English class because of course it lacks specificity. But in American society the word is nevertheless very useful, very common, and very comforting [as long as it's not used sarcastically]. Despite being generic, it's a word most of us understand.

Cohasset has so many nice people—people who, that is, offer greetings [say hello when met walking], people who train their children to be courteous [hold the door please], people who volunteer to help readily.

Like every town we also have some people who are not so nice, and I daresay they stand out here because of the town's affluence and education. I think of the rudely impatient fellow behind me one morning downtown as I prepped my coffee. He was pretty smart to say to his buddy that probably he was going to have ice coffee.

Thoughts about nice people filled my mind while driving home from the RTF the other day. The RTF employees had told me about the Veterans Day uproar when some townspeople became outraged because they had not bothered to check to see if the facility would be open and couldn't bear taking their recyclable and trash back home for another day when the RTF would be legally open for business. Not content with dumping their stuff indiscriminately, these people foul-mouthed the town employees so badly that when police arrived, arrest had to be threatened.



I wonder if one of these troublemakers was the guy I observed at the RTF several months ago who couldn't get his way, couldn't follow the rules, and pulled a nasty tantrum.

I wonder if these troublemakers are parents of the "Halloween terrorists of several years ago.

We are observing worldwide that for some people it's more important to be arrogant than to be nice. You just wonder what makes them tick. You just wonder how they developed their values. You just wonder how they feel they are of benefit to the world.

On a much nicer note—the new "Cohasset Cares" canvas shopping [or whatever] bags are in and ready for the perfect Christmas presents. The bags are only $10 and are 12 x 16 inches, natural color, imprinted with "Cohasset Cares" and "Reduce-Reuse-Recycle " around the globe with a tree, in green. Available from Beth at 200 N. Main St. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, cash only please. This item facilitated through Troop 28, BSA, which has been involved in so many other improvements to the RTF. See you next time.

Allan MacDonald is Publicity Chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee

Radio program for blind in jeopardy

State budget cuts could affect station

By Seth Jacobson
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It has become a waiting game for a well-known outreach program.

The Talking Information Center (TIC) in Marshfield recently received notice from the state that its funding will be significantly reduced because of looming state budget cuts. The station, located next to WATD, relies heavily on state funds.

TIC was founded in the late 1970s with the mission of providing blind and other vision-impaired people with a means of getting information. Since it was founded, hundreds of volunteers have been donating their time to read newspapers, magazines and books on the air.

TIC executive director Ron Bersani said the painful part of the whole thing is waiting to see how big of a budget will actually come down.

"It's so hard to say," he said. "Everyone in my position is in the same boat — we don't have any information to go on. We probably won't know what will happen for another 10 days." Bersani added most of TIC's funding comes from the state Commission for the Blind.

"The people over there have been great with keeping me informed," Bersani said. "They've been very up front."

Bersani said the situation is even worse than it seems. Not only is he expecting a major fund reduction this year, but he is anticipating the next fiscal year will bring even more cuts.

"All bets are off in terms of how bad the economy is," he said. Bersani added he just does not know what to expect from the budget this year. It could be a five-percent cut or even a 15-percent cut. In any case, he expects to have to cut some of the station's new projects like audio streaming, archiving and Internet programming. One thing he knows won't stop will be the dedication of the TIC volunteers.

"We going to try our hardest not to cut positions," he said. "But we may have to reduce some of the funding to our affiliates." He added there are other TIC locations in Worcester, Springfield, Lowell, Framingham, Falmouth and Dalton. He is not sure how much funding to the affiliates will be reduced, but he is concerned about it.

"If there are budget cuts, I don't see the TIC denying any service," said WATD founder and director Ed Perry. "Over the course of just one week, there are a 100 different people who donate their time on the air. The state's money really just creates infrastructure. To shut down (the TIC's) services would just be over-discrimination against a particular group of people. A great many of us will eventually lose the ability to read the printed page."

This is not the first time the TIC has been in such a bind. In 1989, the TIC's budget was cut by 25 percent, but it managed to weather the storm.

"That was a different time with different circumstances," Bersani said.

Bersani said the TIC needs help from surrounding communities through donations and additional volunteers. At first, he was concerned that he wouldn't get any help from the community because of everyone giving to Sept. 11 tragedies.

"I think Sept. 11 only made people more generous," he said. "It caused people to look at life and say 'Wow, it's over in a flash.'" He added the station has already received $1,000 in donations.

Bersani said in March, the TIC will hold its annual radio auction, the biggest fundraiser of the year. He said when that comes, it will be a pivotal drive for the TIC.

But right now, the only thing Bersani can do is wait.

"It's been brutal—this is like living under the guillotine," he said. "It's hard to plan because we don't know what to plan for."

To make a donation, send checks to the TIC, P.O. box 519, Marshfield, MA 02050.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

TIC (Talking Information Center) executive director Ron Bersani at the microphone at the station next to WATD in Marshfield.

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TOM HENSHAW



Is your mind as boggled as mine over the figures that are being tossed around for the sale of the Boston Red Sox?

I've been told that there are people willing to spend between $350 million and $400 million for the right to squander another $12 million a year on Pedro Martinez and more than that on Manny Ramirez — and perhaps another million on the bat boy, for all I know.

In fact, buying the Red Sox seems to be such a popular pastime that multimillionaires are forming teams of money-men to contest for an opportunity to charge you and me a fee just to watch lesser millionaires lose out to the Yankees as they have for the past 83 years.

The leading contender is a group headed by the former San Diego Padres owner, who hired Roseanne Barr to screech the national anthem before a game.

The last time Our Olde Towne Team was sold, a man named Tom Yawkey reached for his checkbook, scribbled a marker for $1.5 million and took the team home in his pickup truck. Yes, that was a tidy sum in the 1930s and, yes, I've heard of inflation, but . . . come on!

For $350 to $400 million I could buy a couple of small Third World countries and have enough left over to put a down payment on a third.

Even that doesn't get you the whole club, only the 54 per cent which is owned by the Yawkey Trust as well as an 80 per cent interest in the New England Sports Channel (NESN, that's Channel 63 on my TV set) and 12 acres of land around Fenway Park, soon to be torn down.

Bids on the Sox closed last week with at least six bidders still in contention. You could tell because there were six Brink's trucks drawn up before the law offices of Bingham Dana, which will probably make more out of the deal as Red Sox attorneys than the Yawkey Trust.

The leading contender, I am told, is a group headed by former San Diego Padres owner Tom Werner, who once hired Roseanne Barr to screech the national anthem before a game, and Les Otten, who once accomplished the difficult task of running a ski area in Maine into the ground.

They're supported by former Baltimore Orioles president Larry Lucchino, former Florida Marlins owner John Henry, former Maine Sen. George Mitchell and, get this, the New York Times, which also owns the Boston Globe, whose publisher once owned the Red Sox outright.

Another bidder is Charles Dolan, chairman of Cablevision, which owns Madison Square Garden, the New York Knicks and the New York Rangers. His brother, Lawrence, owns the Cleveland Indians. One of his local advisors is Steve Tocco, former director of Massport.

Then there's Jeremy Jacobs, the penny-pinching owner of the Boston Bruins and the Fleet Center; Aramark Corp., which holds the concession rights at Fenway Park; Frank McCourt, who owns enough land in Southie to build a new waterfront ball park; Miles Prentice, a lawyer who struck out in his try to buy three other baseball teams.

And, last but by no means least, concessionaire Joe O'Donnell and developer Steve Karp, who list as a principal investors one Craig Stapleton, the former co-owner, with President George 43 Bush, of the Texas Rangers and is himself a cousin of the Pres by marriage.

A long time ago, when the hapless St. Louis Browns were sold, the writer John Lardner recalled that the sale "surprised a lot of people because they didn't know the Browns were owned."

They'll know that the Red Sox are owned. It's by whom that will boggle the minds.

Light a star on the memory tree

Remembering, in a tangible way will enrich the holiday season, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past.

Commemorative lights will shine on the Memory Tree on the lawn of South Shore Community Center, as well as a star placed on the tree in the lobby with the name(s) of loved one(s). As contributions are received, bulbs will be illuminated throughout the season, and the names of the donors and those remembered will be published in the Cohasset Mariner. Your tax-deductible contribution will help continue quality programs South Shore Community Center.

The star atop the 2001 Memory Tree will shine in honor of departed loved ones whom you wish to honor.

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Archangel

Individuals, businesses, or professionals giving $50 or more. Forget-me-not white lights.

Generosity will be acknowledged with lights on The Memory Tree, and on the scroll published Weekly.

Make checks payable to South Shore Community Center, 110 Box 631, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The following is a list of recent contributors to The 2001 Memory Tree.

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In Memory of Henry Brennock from Mary Brennock

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In Memory of Harry Goodwin from Margaret and Tara Goodwin

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In Memory of Joseph S. Bigelow from Peter and Connie Tolman

In Memory of George F. Bigelow from Peter and Connie Tolman

In Memory of Ruth Dunbar Tolman from Peter and Connie Tolman.

LIBRARY CORNER

Children's programs



You better watch out, because Santa Claus is appearing again at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. for all children or adults who would like to visit with him.

Traditional Christmas stories will be told by Santa and his "Elf" who may or may not wear tights this year. There will be a departing treat for all good boys and girls. Join us for this holiday visit.

More at the children's room

Look for the complete set of Harry Potter books on tape which are now available at the. library. The movie has made these books so popular and now you can take them home and listen to them at your leisure.

While you're at it, check out the books on tape selection for your holiday travels and general reading. The library has some wonderful choices for youngsters this holiday season.

POLITICAL NOTES

LeClair fundraiser slated Dec. 12

The LeClair Committee will host a Holiday Fundraiser for Ted LeClair, State Senate Candidate on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of: Carolann Joseph, 215 Bowker St., Norwell For further information about the event please call Carolann at 781-659-2851.

The Senate district includes: Duxbury, Marshfield, Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Weymouth and Norwell has been added to these towns as well. Former State Rep Paul Haley is serving as general chairman of The LeClair Campaign. LeClair is a resident of Marshfield.

Bradley office hours

State Rep, Garrett Bradley, D–Hingham, will hold district office hours Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Cohasset Town Hall, first floor meeting room, from 5-6 p.m.. If you are unable to attend this scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2120 to schedule an appointment.

GOP dinner is tonight

Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Republicans from Bristol, Barnstable, Duke, Nantucket, Plymouth and Norfolk counties will hold a dinner meeting at the John Carver Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth to meet and hear candidates and learn how to be a delegate to the State GOP convention to be held April 6, in Lowell.

Chairman of Division five, Larry Novak, of Brockton said reservations are required and may be made with Lawyer Novak 508-587-8400, Rita Kechejian 508-588-7277, Arthur Larrivee 508-998-1261, Leo Bachard 508-776-8672, Brenda Westgate 508-540-6767, Jason Kenney 508-673-3637, Hazel Costa 508-674-8152, Ann Wolf 508-763-8360, Chris Fava 508-746-6239, Kathy McGilvary 508-746-6044, Tom Barry 716-834-6763, Irene Schaal 508-994-3393, Darrin McAuliffe 617-843-9520, Judy Roberts 617-471-2370 and Polly Logan 781-303-0031.

Attendees also will meet the new GOP state chair, Kerry Murphy Healey of Beverly, elected officials and other state GOP leaders.

Cantwell party

A holiday party for friends and supporters of Democratic State Committee Member Jim Cantwell will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 6-11 p.m. at the Marshfield Elks Ballroom at 1321 Ocean Street / Rte 139 in Marshfield. Following a cocktail hour and light dinner from 6-7:45 p.m. guests will kick up their heels to the music of "The Infractions," a South Shore favorite that have recently been featured on a Universal Records recording with Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Hornsby, Hootie and the Blowfish, and others. Suggested donation for the dinner/dance is $25 for a guest, $100 for an event sponsor. For more information please contact Linda Broadford 781-331-1381 or Jack Cantwell 781-837-3115.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting the Jingle Bell Walk

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Parish Church for our Memory Tree. Thank you all.

Many thanks to Jen Piepenbrink, Mary Ford and Alan Chapman for the coverage of our annual Jingle Bell Walk.

Stephanie Church
Program Directo

'Thank you'

TO THE EDITOR:

A belated, yet no less heartfelt thank you to Joe Campbell and the Atlantica staff for accommodating this past June's Grade 6 Deer Hill Promotion Luncheon.

It is not everyone who would have taken the chance on a group as large as ours. The setting was beautiful and the service was efficient and most courteous. How very lucky we are!

Elaine Breslow
for the Parents and Students of the Deer Hill
Sixth-Grade Class of 2001

Fighting mad over school building cuts

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tion from the state. Cohasset originally expected to start receiving 60 percent of the $40 million loan the town is using to build the schools by 2005. But, with current setbacks, the town may not see the funds until 2010.

For those five years, taxpayers would be expected to cover the state's portion of the loan payments, at an average rate of $875 per year (based on a house valued at $550,000) until the state reimbursement kicks in.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, feeling the cutbacks will be remedied, said he does not think the problem will extend far into the decade.

"This is not a problem for the next 10 years," he said. "This is an 2003, 2004 problem."

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said reining in the funding is an internal Department of Education decision and not a legislative one. Legislature appropriates a certain amount of money to the DOE and from then on, is up to the DOE to allocate the money to different areas.

"Whatever they are trying to do is based on their budget predictions," he said.

Bradley and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, sent a letter to state Education Commissioner David Driscoll, asking him not to hold up payments to communities whose projects are already in the pipeline. He also said they suggested instead of cutting back the funding for communities which are expecting the money — that the DOE curb the authorization of new projects.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris agreed saying, "the DOE should have reined in the budget before it gave authorization to all the projects. Now we are left in the dark."

Both Bradley and Malvey felt this may be a test, or exercise, that the DOE is putting communities through. They speculated it may be an attempt to sneak a budget cut past the towns. The two men felt if the town and citizens protest enough the situation could be remedied.

"The people that scream the loudest have the largest impact," Bradley said.

Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed and Bradley thanked town finance director Michael Buckley for bringing the issue to the forefront before most communities knew about the problem.

"There are some legislators who do not even know what is going on," Bradley said. "But Cohasset is a smart community and is always on top of the issues."

Cohasset will be taking the lead in fighting this cause and hopes to be joined by neighboring communities, such as Hull, Hingham, Norwell and Scituate.

Haddad said he would like to know before Christmas on the status of the cutbacks and has asked Hedlund and Bradley to schedule a meeting with the town, DOE and Driscoll, and Governor Jane Swift to discuss the community's concerns.

Bradley said this is not a "wait till next week" issue and he will be working daily on trying to get the problem resolved.

Gallery artists

Janet Artin Kingan, Hingham; Marion Carlson, Abington; Nancy Colella, Norwell; Susan Gallagher, Scituate; Maria Lakhman, Malden; Lisa Marder, Cohasset; Margaret McWethy, Hingham; Nicholas Phakos, Milton; and Diane Sepela, Duxbury were recently selected as Gallery Artists of the South Shore Art Center.

Gallery Artists are juried into a special category of Art Center membership. A Gallery Artist is a professional artist, consistently working in his or her field, with a body of work large enough to meet a frequent showing schedule. Gallery Artists exhibit in group shows in the Art Center's Dillon Gallery, and in solo shows at satellite locations. Satellite gallery locations include the Landmark Building in Boston, the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham, and the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset.

For information, call 781-383-2787 or visit their Web site at www.ssac.org.

Discovery center starts fundraising effort

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emphasized while the center is aimed at children ages two through eight is will be a place that people of all ages can enjoy.

Voters at the special Town Meeting in October 2000 approved leasing the Osgood wing to the discovery center. The Paul Pratt Library Trustees approached Roy earlier that year about using the Osgood space, after hearing her express interest in developing a center to enhance childhood development on the South Shore. Plans were subsequently submitted to selectmen and a Request for Proposal was issued.

The town has offered the center a 10-year lease, for a dollar a year, until the museum is financially stable. Projections are that the museum would attract 30,000 visitors a year.

According to Patience Towle, library trustee chairman, the children's center will have 7,000 square feet of the building divided up on two floors. The library and discovery center will share parking. Towle is excited about the project.

"This is bringing something to Cohasset that is beyond the run of the mill," she said. "This has the potential to be something quite special."

Although the center is leasing the space from the town, it is a completely separate entity from the library. However, there will be an entrance to the center through the library as well as an outside entrance to the center.

Mary Larson, co-chairman on the discovery center board, said at the beginning of the new year the board will have more concrete plans for the building. She said the board will apply to foundations for grants for construction and expects to get large individual contributions..

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Nominations for top Cohasset citizen sought

See form page 22

In keeping with an eight-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

The deadline for nominations for the 2001 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 4. Please see the nomination form on page 22. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2001 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2002.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

Homeless couple searching for housing

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jobs in order to support my family," Ngo said. "I worked so much I hardly ever got a chance to see them." Ngo has five children.

All of Ngo's luck ran out a little more than a year ago when he was diagnosed with Hepatitis C.

"My body couldn't work anymore," he said, adding after he stopped, the bills kept piling up. "I ended up having to sell my house and business."

He was able to collect disability money, but those funds did not even come close to covering all of his expenses.

Now, Ngo and his significant other Dao Nguyen, along with three of their young children, live on the bottom floor of the Faith Church in Hingham, a temporary home provided by the church in cooperation with the South Shore Friends of the Homeless. They found the place through local outreach organizations like the Friends, Quincy Community Action and the local welfare department. Ngo said he is happy he and his family have a place to call home, but he desperately wants to find permanent housing and he wants to go back to work.

When Ngo was first diagnosed with Hepatitis C, he said his doctor gave him medication, but it did not help. But he is looking forward to trying another new treatment for the disease sometime next week.

"If it works, I can go back to work," he said.

After Ngo sold his house in Shrewsbury, he tried looking for rentals around the South Shore, but he found rent prices in the area were not reasonable. He eventually found a place with a rent of $1,200 per month. After staying there for a number of months, he realized he couldn't afford it anymore, so the family had to leave. They had nowhere to go.

At the beginning of October, Ngo went looking for help. He visited Quincy Community Action and the welfare department. The staff at those organizations put him in touch with South Shore Friends of the Homeless director Dorothy Newell.

"Everyone was so helpful," Ngo said. He had an interview with Newell, and after that, Ngo was told that he could be helped with finding a temporary place to stay. Newell arranged it so that Ngo and his family could stay at the Faith Church, but they had to wait about 10 days until they could move in.

During that waiting period, Ngo and his family had to live in a motel located in Revere — something Ngo never wants to do again.

"I didn't like it at all," he said. "There's a lot of people there, and you don't know any of them."

The family moved into the church on Oct. 10, a day that was pretty special to Ngo for more than one reason — it was his birthday.

"I told (Newell) that it was a great birthday present for me," he said. "It was such a relief to find out that we had a place to stay. I want to say thank you to the people who helped us."

Although his life is not back to normal, Ngo said he is satisfied with his surroundings. His children go to school like everyone else and he is constantly searching for reasonable rental rates he can afford. He is also waiting to see if he will get a Section-8 voucher, which would help him along the way in affording something. But he knows even if he gets a voucher, there are waiting lists for apartments. Some of those waiting lists are booked for 15 years. Meanwhile, rental prices are increasing.

"It feels fine for me right now," Ngo said. "I don't want to have to bring my whole family to a shelter. I'm just lucky to have what I have right now, and I'm lucky to have so many good people helping me."

Ngo said his days include searching through piles of addresses and telephone numbers for permanent housing and trying to find a way to get back to work. There is no time limit on how long he can stay at the church, but he said he still has to try as hard as he can in order to find a place of his own.

To donate to the Gifts of Hope campaign — to benefit Carolina Hill in Marshfield, South Shore Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and Father Bill's Place in Quincy — send your check made out to one of the three charities to Community Newspaper Company, c/o Anne Rodwell, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, Ma., 02050. All donors will be acknowledged in the newspaper, unless your donation is accompanied by a note asking that it remain anonymous. All checks will be immediately forwarded to the charities.

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Caregivers support

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For more information call the VNA at (781) 681-1000.

Alzheimer's support and adult day care

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will sponsor a program on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street.

For further information, call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417. For this meeting only there will be no respite care provided during the meeting.

Evening flu clinic

The Cohasset Board of Health will offer free flu immunizations on Monday, Dec. 10 from 7-9 p.m. at the Public Health Nurse's office at the Cohasset Town Hall.

Anyone 65 years or older is urged to be immunized and is asked to bring their Medicare Insurance Card. Vaccine is available for Cohasset residents and is especially recommended for those 50 years and older; and especially those of all ages who are considered high risk with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma and other lung diseases, diabetes, heart and kidney disease, anemia and other blood disorders, and anyone with a weakened immune system. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., P.H.N. at 781-383-2210.

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HEALTH NOTES

Cleaning up Cohasset's ponds and streams

Workshop is Dec. 12

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A public meeting and workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Town Hall auditorium to report on the status of engineering evaluations relative to the proposed sewer system extension to the Little Harbor area. State DEP representatives will also report on ongoing environmental evaluations for the water resources in town. Please come if you're interested in either the sewering around Little Harbor, or the town's federally mandated plans relating to storm water for cleaning up our ponds, streams and estuaries.

According to the DEP, storm-water runoff is a major source of pollution entering our waterways. This process is called non-point source contamination. Accordingly, having addressed cleanup of major point sources of pollution such as landfills, industrial contamination, etc., the EPA has implemented regulations covering non-point source contamination. For Cohasset, non-point source or NPS pollution is mainly from surface water runoff to storm drains and catch basins which direct it to our ponds, streams and estuaries. Most contamination comes during storm events during what is known as first flush, or the first inch or so from a rain event, when accumulated surface contaminants on roadways and driveways, roofs, lawns and fields flow into the storm rains and out into the waterways.

Storm-water runoff is a major source of pollution entering our waterways.

The way the state has determined that NPS can be cleaned up by implementing a program of planning and management called TMDL (for Total Maximum Daily Loading) which issues a permit which limits the amount of NPS contamination entering our water resources. The Board of Health is sponsoring a grant request by Liz Harrington, the Town Planner, to conduct a survey of the Town's catch basins and storm drains which will form the basis for the town's efforts to clean up our various water bodies such as Little Harbor, Cohasset Cove, the Gulf, Straits, Sanctuary Lily and other ponds. This activity is an effort to stay ahead of the state and federal mandates to plan for and manage NPS contamination to our waterways.

The two major sources of pollution entering our water resources are septic systems and NPS contamination. The meeting at Town Hall on Dec. 12 will show us what the Town is doing about it.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

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Cohasset Village Fair heralds the holidays!



Charlie Blackington gives his wish list to Santa Claus, who stopped by the common on Saturday during the annual Cohasset Village Fair.



Jenny Martinez helps conduct the Rusty Skippers with her sister Jill and dad George.





***Above**, Jenn Murray, Emily Dean and Allison Dean sing holiday favorites to music provided by the Rusty Skippers band. **At left**, David Whipple plays clarinet with the Rusty Skippers.*



Jackie Whipple checks out the selection of trees at the First Parish House with the help of parishioner Chartis Tebbetts. All the town's churches participated in Saturday's village fair.



Clark Indek picks a winning raffle ticket from the bowl held by his mother Linda at the Second Congregational Church. Prizes were donated by local merchants and proceeds benefited the church.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman

Big kids connect with younger counterparts

Class sends students out into community

By Evan Schiff
ESCHIFF@CNC.COM

There are at least four students at Cohasset High School who are beginning to learn what teaching is like.

The Cohasset Recreation Department teamed up with four juniors at the high school to conduct a Movement Exploration class for children ages 4 and 5.

The program, which helps young children develop their motor skills and basic social skills, is part of an elective class that Shawna Sullivan, Sarah Dennis, Bryan Bilton and Becky Manning are taking at the high school.

"We make arts and crafts projects with them as well as playing games that focus on motor skills," Bryan said.

Jack Worley, director of the Recreation Department and supervisor of the students' project, said he sees the younger children benefiting from program.

"On one hand, it provides an outlet for social interaction and on the other hand, it encourages the growth of fine motor skills and coordination," he said.

Worley the program also aims to develop peer-group interaction for the pre-schoolers. He said the high school students have worked very hard in putting together this program.

"They have met every day for the last couple months learning how to run a program," he said. "They worked on press releases, application forms, advertising, logistics and everything one would have to know to run a successful program."

While trying to entertain up to 12 rambunctious children for 45 minutes can be very challenging, it's not all hard work.

"It's really fun to work with the kids. We have a great time out here," Shawna said.

"We make arts and crafts projects with them as well as playing games that focus on motor skills."
— Bryan Bilton, CHS junior

The students all said they enjoy being role models for the children.

"I like being in charge and having more responsibility," Shawna said. She added working with small children has made her realize she needs to be more flexible and relaxed.

Becky said it is wonderful to see the kids involved in social activities. "It's nice to see them making arts and crafts projects rather than watching TV," she said.

Sarah said while the children have a great time in the group, the parents benefit as well. "It's really nice for the parents who can go out and get things done without constantly thinking about their child."

The four juniors are running the program as a requirement for a Social Studies elective class, called "Civics and Community Service." The class aims to teach the students about the importance of getting involved with the community they live in.

"Most of the students have a really positive experience," said teacher Jack Buckley. He said instead of the students being inside the classroom they are able to get out of the building and interact with the community. "A lot of good things come from this class, it's a win-win situation."

This is the fourth time the Recreation Department worked in conjunction with students from the high school on this program, which is being conducted for the first time in the fall..

The program is run on Thursday mornings from 10:50 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. from now to Dec. 20 and is free to all who are interested. For information, call the Recreation Department at 781-383-4109.



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From left, CHS juniors Shanna Sullivan, Sarah Dennis, Bryan Bilton and Becky Manning help conduct Movement Exploration for preschoolers in conjunction with the Recreation Department. Becky is holding one of the young participants in the class.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Clothing drive

The Cohasset High School Social Awareness Organization will hold its 10th annual clothing drive from Dec. 10-21. All donations go to the Pine Street Inn. Drop-off bins are located in the main entrances of Cohasset Middle/High School. All donations are welcome.

Buttonwood hosts Scituate illustrator

Buttonwood Books will host Scituate illustrator Joan Paley on Sunday Dec. 16 from 2-4 p.m. in Cohasset. Paley will sign her new book, "The Emperor Lays An Egg," by Brenda Guiberson. Paley created the collages in the book by cutting shapes from paper that she hand painted. Free. Call 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

Santa to visit Buttonwood

Looking for a chance for the kids to visit Santa without going to the mall? Join Santa at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset on Sat. Dec. 8 from 2-4 p.m. Bring your cameras... and the kid's lists! The Buttonwood elves will be on hand to help. Please call 781-383-2665 for more information.

Classes offered

The South Shore Community Center is accepting registrations for gymnastic classes for children ages 3 and up.

Gym Dandy classes registration is Dec. 13 for children ages 1 to 3.

Holiday Candy and Craft, ages 3 to 5+, Friday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $17M/$20NM. Children will have fun making their own candies and a gift for a special friend.

Holiday Fun Workshop for Girls, ages 5 to 11, Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages 5-11 $25. Gymnastics, bowling, dance, make a craft, holiday cookies, sing-a-long and more. Lunch will be served, limited signup.

Girls Mini Camp, Thursday, Dec. 27, (snow date Friday, Dec. 28), ages 5 to 11, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fun-filled day of rotations on the vault, beam and floor. Brush up on old skills and learn new ones. Make a craft, bowling, games and lots more. Space is limited.

Mom's Morning Out, ages 3 to 5+, Dec. 17, 18, 19, 20, $28 per day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Need time for last minute shopping? Bring lunch and snack. Need to pre-register.

Vacation Camp, ages 3 to 5+, Dec. 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $56M/$58NM. A supervised playgroup each day that will consist of free play, craft activity, story-time and outdoor play (weather permitting). Bring a lunch and a snack.

Interactive story author at signing

Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham will host Laura Robinson on Dec. 8 from 10 am to noon. Robinson is the creator of a shadow book, "William and The Christmas Moon," which is also an interactive story. By using a flashlight (included) to illuminate the text and cast shadows on the wall of a darkened bedroom, parent and child together can create a dramatically unfolding adventure. Robinson resides in Hingham with her husband and two children. She is a graduate of Princeton University and holds a master's degree in architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Please call 781-749-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

School menu

MONDAY, DEC. 10

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TUESDAY, DEC. 11

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

Beef ravioli with meatsauce, garlic bread or bologna sandwich, Jello.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

Taco Day with rice, served over chips or Greek salad with pita, fresh fruit.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

Pizza or tuna salad on a roll, corn, cookies.



MOVEMENT EXPLORATION

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Becky Manning and Thomas Guince play Simon Says during a class conducted by four CHS juniors and the Recreation Department. For story see page 12.

In the market for a new home?

Our Community Classifieds section has the pulse on the South Shore Market

DRUM BEAT



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Wiz Murray plays the bass drum for the Rusty Skippers at the annual Village Fair on Saturday.

Unicorn Singers to perform concert at Old Ship church

Old Ship's annual Christmas Concert with the Unicorn Singers will be at the Old Ship Meeting House, 90 Main St. in Hingham, on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. This year's concert, a benefit for Renewal House, will feature selections from C.P.E. Bach's "Magnificat" (1749), a glorious though lesser-known "Magnificat" by Bach's most notable son. An orchestra of trumpets, flutes, and continuo will accompany the singers. The program will also include a cappella 20th century settings of 15th century seasonal texts and carols. Carols for all to sing will complete the evening. The Unicorn Singers, a 22-member mixed chorus under the direction of Margo Euler, has been performing a wide variety of music on the South Shore for more than 20 years.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit Renewal House, a program of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry which serves women and children who are victims of domestic violence and abuse. Renewal House has for 20 years offered emergency shelter for women in crisis and their children, along with a variety of advocacy, counseling, and educational programs.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit Renewal House, which serves women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

For further information or for tickets, call 781-749-1679, or come to the Old Ship Parish House office at 107 Main Street, weekdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.. Advance tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for children/low income; tickets will also be available Noble's Camera in Hingham Square. The evening of the performance tickets will be available at the door ($10 for adults; $5 for children/low income).

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I am very excited about my future plans! I will be working with Ray in the salon as a stylist and make-up artist. I look forward to taking new clients, my specialty as always will be hair color. I have come full circle back to what I love most "doing hair and make up."

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Gov't. Island Study Committee wants anchor sunk

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"I envisioned a normal anchor, but this is absolutely humongous," he said. He also thought the anchor would also be an "attractive nuisance" for children in the area.

The committee also says the anchor is not indicative of the type of ships that would have sailed out of Cohasset Harbor. The anchor, weighing five-tons, would be used for steamships, not small fishing vessels, Tewksbury said.

"The anchor does not fit into the history of our town. A typical anchor on a ship leaving from the harbor would only be about 500 pounds," he said.

Plans are to install the anchor on a circular granite and cobblestone base in the grassy island in front of the Cohasset Sailing Club. The granite centerpiece of the circle will be inscribed with a picture of a schooner or harbor pilot boat.

The Government Island Study Committee was also opposed to the memorial to the fallen lightkeepers, because of its size. Jason and Small were also the force behind that project.

Jason and Small arrived at the meeting after the study committee had left and told selectmen they cannot stop the project now.

"We've already bought the anchor," Small said. "There's no turning back now."

Jason and Small received permission to build the anchor in October, when selectmen unanimously supported the idea with no objection from the Government Island Study Committee.

At the meeting in which the idea was approved, Tewksbury lauded the idea.

"I think the anchor will add to the decor of the island, it's a good spot for it," he said at the time.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said Tuesday he will place the issue on a later agenda for selectmen to discuss.

Government Island, which also includes Lightkeepers' Residence and the templates used when the second Minot Light was being built, is one of the most historic areas in town and is listed on the National Registrar of Historic Places.

The anchor and display will be paid for through private donations, Small said.

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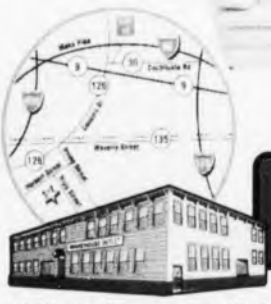
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Tax-deductible donations for the project are welcome and should be sent to Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. Checks should be made out to the Town of Cohasset, but mark the check for the anchor fund. The Cohasset Police Association recently donated $500 for the project.

Selectmen recently approved the plan and there was no objection from the Government Island Study Committee.

Toys for Tots

The Cohasset police are again joining with the US Marine Corps annual holiday Toys for Tots campaign. Unwrapped toys and games may be dropped off at the Cohasset police headquarters on Elm Street, 24 hours a day. Any questions, call 781-383-1055. Please help the police make a less fortunate child happy this holiday season!

Victorian fair at Hull museum

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave. in Hull is hosting a gala holiday event this weekend with its annual Victorian Seaside Holiday Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9. This museum is festively decorated with greens and bows and the museum store is fully stocked with gifts, jewelry, blankets, books, music, ornaments, children's toys, stocking stuffers, teacher gifts, personal luxuries, and the museum's own exclusive clothing line of men's and women's polar fleece outerwear, caps, and long-sleeve T shirts.

While you shop, little ones can enjoy the special children's holiday activities, designed and supervised by the museum educator. Refreshments will be available to help keep holiday spirits high.

The fair will feature hand-crafted wares of more than a dozen of the region's artisans, including textiles, hand-turned wood, metal sculpture, jewelry, candles, hand-made clothes and seasonal novelties. Admission to the fair is free and there is ample free parking.

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Pet photos

Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is raising funds to build an animal shelter in Hull and to help fund its on-going spay/neuter program. To that end, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 8, Hull Seaside Animal Rescue is sponsoring "Pet Photos with Santa." at K9 Corner 204 Bridge St (Route 3A) Weymouth. Donation $7 per photo All proceeds will benefit Hull Seaside Animal Rescue, Inc.

Boston Symphony oboist in Amahl

South Shore Conservatory presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., in Sanborn Auditorium, Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St.

Gian Carlo Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors tells the story of the young peasant Amahl, who joins the legendary three kings on their journey to Bethlehem. A special feature of this production is the appearance of Wayne Rapier, oboist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra and one of the premier oboists in the world. The oboe portrays the ancient sound of Amahl's recorder, which keeps him company when he is herding his sheep and gazing at the stars.

Amahl features a cast of six principal singers and a chorus. The roles of Amahl and his Mother are played by Christopher Maher and Elizabeth Milch at 4 p.m. and by Douglas Kanner and Maura Finn at 7 p.m.. Christopher is a student at Derby Academy in Hingham.

Tickets at $10 per person, $7 for seniors and students, are on sale at South Shore Conservatory, Buttonwood For Kids and Nobles Camera Shop in Hingham Square, and Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. Additional performances will be presented on Dec. 9 in Duxbury.

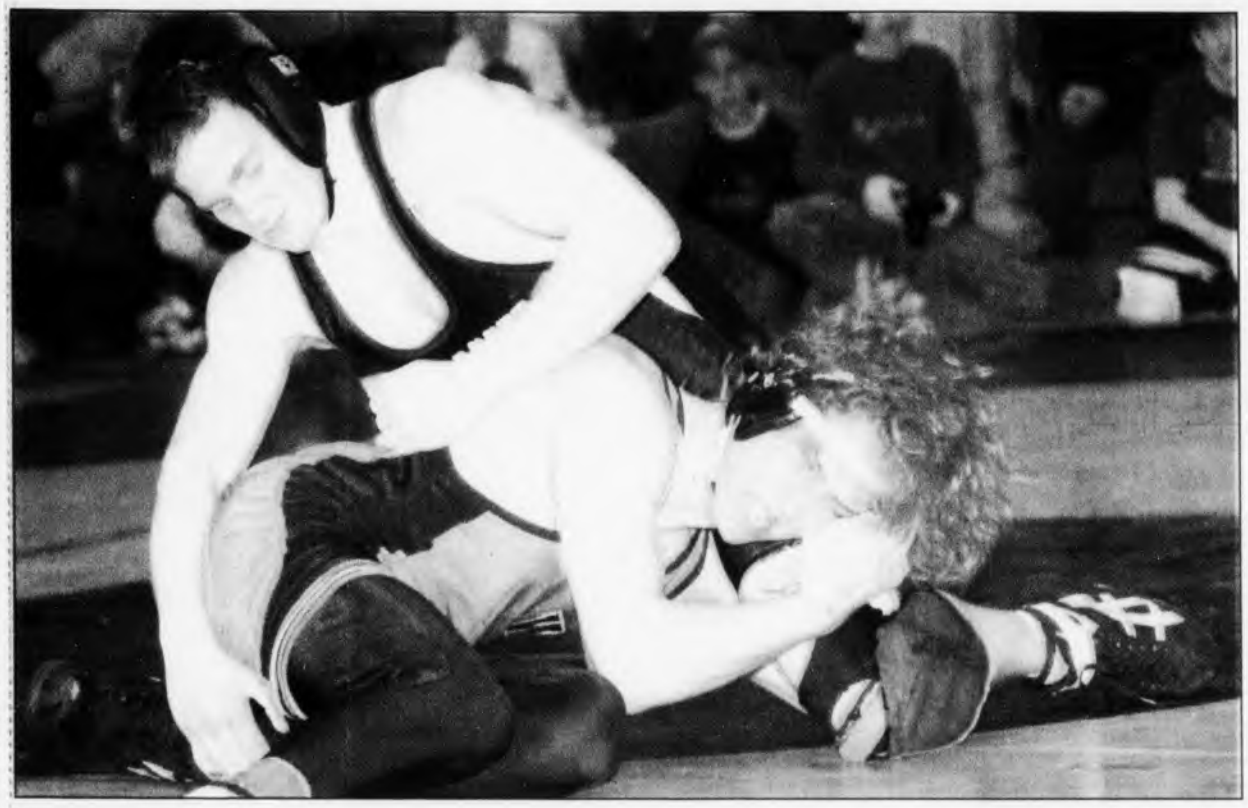
For more information or to order tickets by phone, call Laura Carleton, 781-934-2731, ext. 14.

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Cohasset wrestling captain Dan Littauer (on top) should be a strong candidate to compete for the state crown at 152 pounds this season after placing top five in the state each of the last two years.

Fighting for prestige

Record numbers have wrestling coach eyeing return to prominence

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

This year's wrestling squad looks like it's ready to have Cohasset gain back the power it had in the mid-90's.

Cohasset has failed to reach the .500 mark the last two years, falling one and two wins short of sea level. But this year, veteran coach Torin Sweeney knows things are different.

"I don't want to be sub-500 again," he stated. "It has been tough to take."

If Sweeney is on a mission to get the most out of his team, he has certainly appointed the right captain to do it. Senior Dan Littauer has been working the team out on the track to prepare for the season.

"Dan is pushing the team extremely hard," reported the coach. "He keeps the level of drilling at a very quick pace."

Littauer will most likely be one of the top performers in the South Shore League. After placing top five in the state tourney the last two years, he has bulked up to 152 pounds and appears a strong candidate to compete for the state crown in that weight class.

Sophomore Phil Strazzula will also be in the hunt for a States bid. At 119 pounds, Strazzula finished fourth at Sectionals last year, and has been working with the Orange Crush wrestling team to get ready for this winter.

At 135 pounds, junior Terry Baroudi finished third at Sectionals last year. Like Strazzula, he is a hard off-season worker who looks to be

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Prospects bright for boys hoop

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Last year, the Cohasset boys basketball team surprised much of the South Shore with 14 wins, and the program's first trip to the playoffs since 1996-97. This year, eleventh year coach Ron Ford is expecting even bigger things.

Because of its very small size, Cohasset has finally moved down into the Div. 4 post-season bracket. This lights up the Skippers' chances to bring home a state title.

"We are going to try to up the tempo this year," Ford noted. "We have to get everybody prepared."

Simply making the tournament has never been an easy task. Cohasset will be up against what Ford considered the toughest South Shore League he has ever seen.

To give you some idea of what he means: five teams (Carver, Cohasset, Norton, Abington, and Norwell) were all in contention for a South Shore League crown going into their final games last winter, and all five are returning at least three starters this year.

Then there is the additions to the SSL this school year of Div. 4 power Mashpee, led by scoring phenom Rick Morantis, and Harwich, who shocked Cohasset by beating them late in the season last year. And, of course Hull, another perennial threat to capture the D-IV crown, will stand in Cohasset's way.

Ford, however, feels his team is up to the challenge. He has appointed three excellent senior captains in Matt Bilodeau, Pete Maitland and Liam Martin.

Both All-Stars for the soccer team this past fall, Bilodeau and Maitland will combine for a very impressive and athletic backcourt. Bilodeau has been known for his flashy drives to the basket playing point guard, while Maitland has become familiar with success at all five of the

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset junior Ben Lynner, a force last winter for the Skippers, returns with an even more powerful inside game this season.

Mariner All-Scholastic Football team

Skippers Brown, Previte and Snowdale named among area's elite

Argh…this was grueling. The football talent was abundant in *Marinerland* this fall, as the combined 55-35-4 record of our nine teams accurately reflects.

There were 38 players selected to their various league All-Star teams from Silver Lake, Marshfield, Rockland, Scituate, Hanover, Hingham, Norwell, Cohasset and Abington High Schools who we had to consider for our 25 available spots, along with a handful of other players who put forth a compelling argument for this honor.

Several of the players you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received strong consideration for this team. In the end, however, these are the choices we made:

Mike Snowdale- quarterback junior- Cohasset



Mike Snowdale

The junior missed the first game of the season with injury, and then exploded onto the scene, providing Cohasset with a passing attack the type of which it hasn't seen in many years…was leading all Div. 5 quarterbacks in Eastern Mass in touchdown passing through most of the season…wound up with 14 for the season to go along with approximately 1,200 yards through the air to play a big role in Cohasset's 9-1 regular season and the first league crown in over 20 years…the 5-11, 160 pound signal caller was particularly effective throwing on the run… South Shore League All-Star… says his biggest thrill of the season was the Nov. 2 win over Abington which put the Skippers into first place all alone in first place in the South Shore League…also a standout baseball player…pitched and played second base for the C.H.S. team last spring, and was a member of the Cohasset/Scituate Legion team this summer…Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe: "Mike was really well suited to our offense. He really understood our offense and made good decisions. He moved well and has a strong arm, and that worked out for us, because we weren't exactly the biggest team."

Paul Previte - Middle Linebacker Senior (Capt) – Cohasset



Paul Previte

The 5-8, 175 pound middle linebacker was the leading tackler for the South Shore champion Skippers (9-1) this season despite giving away serious poundage to most of the blockers and ballhandlers with whom he was forced to butt heads…in the Skippers 4-3 defensive front, Paul was forced to fill gaps all over the place, playing in back of the South Shore League's smallest front, and did "a fantastic job", according to coach Tony Rolfe…leading attributes, according to Rolfe, were aggressiveness and a nose for the ball…a South Shore League All-Star… Paul is leaning more towards playing lacrosse in college next spring…led the C.H.S. state Div. 2 runner up lax squad in scoring this past spring with 53 goals… a 2001 Mariner All-Scholastic and Pilgrim Conference All-Star for lacrosse…has applied for early decision at Trinity College and hopes to hear back by the end of month… Cohasset coach Tony Rolfe: "In a 4-3 defense, you need a middle linebacker who's going to hold up, and Paul really did that. He had the quickness to make plays, but also the good instincts, and he never shied away from contract, which was something considering his (lack of) size."

Jason Brown - Senior (Capt) Halfback/Defensive back - Cohasset

Made an amazing transition to halfback after starting the previous two seasons at quarterback…the 5-

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset High halfback Jason Brown (with ball) rushed for 15 TDs and over 1,400 yards for the Skippers this fall, making him an easy selection for our All-Scholastic team.

Winning ways

Grid program will look to build on this season's successes

By Mike Spellman
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Sports fans are generally fickle folks, as in "what have you done for me lately." This seems to hold particularly true of high school sports fans—where the turnover of parents generally follows the turnover of student athletes.

It seemed the entire town of Cohasset got behind the football team this fall. Clearly, not all of the 1,500 or so Cohasset residents who showed up at Alumni Field for the Nov. 2 win over Abington, which proved huge in the Skippers' march to the post-season (the first for the school in over 20 years), were football parents or students.

As thrilling a ride as it was for all of these townies, however, you know the first question off most of their lips these days is "can they do it again?"

"We should be OK," comes the reply from head coach Tony Rolfe. "We've got a nice core of players returning at a lot of different positions."

The Skippers lose 12 seniors in all from this team that went 9-2 (including the 22-6 playoff loss to Tyngsboro) this season, including captains Jason Brown, Paul Previte, Wil Prendergast and Liam Martin (who was lost to a broken leg in the season opener). Brown, the team's main offensive weapon (15 TDs and 1,400 yards rushing) and Previte, the team's leading tackler, were both league All-Stars. Prendergast was a vital cog on the line, along with fellow seniors John Hussey, Brendan Goff, Jari Martin, Marc Musco, Tom Bilodeau and Chris Caron. The other two players being lost to the caps and gowns, Dave Bouchard and Eric Libby, started in the defensive backfield.

Realistically, Rolfe knows that all of these players leave voids, but he also knows this is the lot of all high school coaches. Relatively speaking, the fifth year head coach didn't seem to think his program was taking an insurmountable hit.

The Skippers do, after all, return

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Jason Brown

10, 185 pound speedster rushed for 1,400 yards and 15 touchdowns on the season to help lead the Skippers to a 9-1 regular season and the school's first league crown in over 20 years. speed and explosiveness were his leading attributes, but he also proved himself capable of picking up tough yards inside...a South Shore League All-Star fitness nut who trains year round with former Scituate High football and track star Joe Hayes, also a spring track star for CHS...ran the anchor leg for the school's 4x100 relay team that qualified for the All-State's last spring...also moved into the defensive lineup for the first time this season as a defensive back, and emerged as a big presence in both pass coverage and run support...is looking into playing football next year collegiately, and is presently exploring opportunities at Bowdoin, UMass-Amherst and the University of Maine, leaning towards majoring in Business Management. Cohasset head coach Tony Roltz: "It was definitely Jason's total commitment to the team that made him special. He had to learn a new position on the fly (Halfback), and play defense for the first time this year, and he turned out to be huge in both of them. He just did whatever we asked and always gave it everything he had."

Dennis Hill - Junior
Quarterback - Silver Lake


Dennis Hill

This all purpose quarterback threw for nine touchdowns and ran for another four this season to lead the Lakers to a 6-3-1 season...passed for over 500 yards and ran for another 225 yards despite being slowed for much of the season by a severe ankle sprain...SL coach Dana Battista, an 11-year assistant at Duxbury before coming to Silver Lake, calls Hill the best quarterback he's ever coached, and that includes Duxbury's Adam Brown (who wound up with a full scholarship to Northeastern), Old Colony League All-Star...Dennis says he hasn't thought much about college, but hopes to play college football...also a standout on the hardwood, Dennis was the sixth man on SL's unbeaten Old Colony League champion basketball team last winter, and is expected to start at point guard this winter...Battista: "Dennis can run, he can throw, he's smart and he's got great field vision. I think he's going to have a huge senior year, and I see a lot of (college) scouts coming around to look at him."

Brian Barry - Senior (Capt.)
Tailback/Safety - Silver Lake


Brian Barry

After missing all of last season with a broken leg, Barry tore his MCL just three games into this past season, but still never missed a game...the injury did remove him largely from the offensive backfield equation, as coach Dana Battista opted to cut down on his wear and tear by playing him exclusively on defense, where he was vital at safety...finished the season with four interceptions and over 70 tackles...when fellow team captain Mike Bombardier went down for the season, Barry stepped in as the lead runner for the final three games, including a 100-plus yard performance on the ground against B.C. High—one of two for him on the season...Old Colony League All-Star...has rejoined the wrestling team this winter, after missing last season with the broken leg...being recruited primarily as a safety by college coaches...have talked to him about playing safety next season...among the schools he's considering are Bridgewater State, Curry College and Fitchburg...coach Battista: "He was probably the toughest kid on what I considered a very tough team. He was our defensive MVP. He was great in pass coverage or run support, and never shied away from anything. When we needed a runner, he stepped right in and, even with his injury, he never missed a beat."

Mike Carven - Senior (Capt.)
Quarterback/Defensive Back - Hanover


Mike Carven

This second-year starting QB finished his senior year off with another impressive season for Hanover (5-5). Carven was the Indians' leading all-around yard maker, rushing for more than 930 yards and 7 TD's, and threw for another 760 yards and 7 TD's...Also threw four conversions and ran in one...The senior had more than 290 total yards in a 23-6 win over PL foe Middleboro, rushing for 110 yards and two TD's, while going 9-for-15 for 180 yards and one TD pass...Is most proud of his performance in the team's Thanksgiving Day win over Norwell, in which Carven connected for two TD passes, totaling 75 yards...A South Shore League All-star last season, Carven was named a Patriot League All-star this year...Carven is also a member of the HHS Student Council and is active in community service...The senior is being recruited by Assumption and Stone Hill, among other schools. Hanover coach Dave Maimaron: "He's a tremendous athlete. The experience of playing all of last year really helped this season. He's a very smart player. Tough teams have a great deal of preparing to do because they don't know what he's going to do. He can throw and run."

Brian Kemp - Senior (Capt.)
Linebacker - Hanover


Brian Kemp

After suffering an injured spleen last season, which kept him out of the last three games, Kemp came back this year with vengeance...As Hanover's leading tackler with 122 take downs, Kemp was a major force to be reckoned with on the line...Midway through the season, Kemp was averaging double-digit tackles and only had two games in which he recorded less than 10...The Patriot League All-star is most proud of his performance in the team's game against Rockland, in which he had 15 tackles...Kemp added another 16 tackles in Hanover's 14-6 win over former South Shore League rival Norwell...Kemp is also a member of the HHS Academic Decathlon team and is ranked 14th in his senior class...The senior is considering continuing his football career at Wesleyan, Amherst College, Hanover coach Dave Maimaron: "He was healthy for every single game this year. He's a player that's very difficult to block. He's 200 pounds and when he hits you, you know it. He's just got natural instincts on the football field."

Bob Lacerda - Senior (Capt.)
Fullback/Linebacker - Abington


Bob Lacerda

This three-year starter had a great senior campaign for the South Shore League runners up...Over the last two years, Lacerda (5'6", 175 pounds) has racked up 1,600 total yards for Abington (8-2)...Despite twisting an ankle in the first game of the season, the South Shore League All-star continued to play and was the team's leader on offense, particularly on the inside...Is most proud of his performance in the team's 25-0 win over neighboring rival Rockland...The senior captain is a member of the National Honor Society and is a member of the AHS Student Council...Lacerda also plays baseball for Abington and is considering attending Salve Regina, Northeastern, or UMass Dartmouth next fall. Abington coach Jim Kelliher: "He's the heart and soul of the team. He's a tremendously hard worker and was our go-to guy. If we wanted first downs, he was the guy we'd count on."

Mike Miller - Senior
Halfback/Defensive back - Abington

This 5-foot, 10-inch, 160 pound halfback was a terror on the outside for the Green Wave...The two-year starter used his speed to score 10 touchdowns this season, racking up 62 points for Abington (8-2), who were the runners up in the South Shore League...As a defensive back, Miller was always put on the opponent's best receiver and gave them fits in doing so...The senior is most proud of his performance in Abington's 35-0 win over Hull, in which he scored four TD's and racked up 202 total yards...An SSL All-star, Miller also plays baseball in the spring and was a member of the AHS basketball team for three years...Miller would like to continue his baseball or football career in college. Abington coach Jim Kelliher: "He really came into his own this year. He's blessed with better than average speed and produced great outside yards. He showed tenacity. Once the ball was in his hands, we knew we'd get some extra yards. I'm very happy with what he did for us."


Mike Miller

Tom McSharry - Senior
Split end/Defensive back - Abington


Tom McSharry

Height was definitely an advantage for this 6-foot, 3-inch, 175-pound end, who pulled down virtually everything he was dealt...McSharry's good running ability also helped Abington (8-2)...A South Shore League All-star, McSharry is most proud of his performance in Abington's 42-6 win over Norton, in which he scored two TD's both of which were thrown by his brother Brian, a sophomore QB...Also racked up double-digit receptions in the team's 14-0 win over Norwell...McSharry is president of his senior class and has received the DAR award...The senior will captain the AHS basketball team this winter and also does track in the spring...McSharry is considering attending Bryant or Bentley. Abington coach Jim Kelliher: "He was a late bloomer. He comes from a very fine athletic family and had a great career here. If we needed a big reception, we'd make sure he'd get the ball. He always gave it his best."

Jeremy Gonsalves - Senior (Capt.)
Halfback/Defensive back - Marshfield


Jeremy Gonsalves

After seeing limited time behind 2001 graduate Sean Morris last season, Gonsalves came into his own this year, leading the Marshfield (6-4) offense...Was the Rams' leading rusher with more than 900 yards...Also scored 10 touchdowns...An Old Colony League All-star, Gonsalves (5'8", 165 pounds) is most proud of his performance in Marshfield's 26-7 win over North Quincy, in which he rushed for 203 yards on 14 carries and scored three TD's...The senior captain also plays basketball in a CYO league...Gonsalves is considering attending a variety of colleges, which include Dean, Curry, Wheaton, Nichols, and Bridgewater State. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "He's such a good player. He's not the strongest or biggest kid out there, but he'll really take it to you. He lays everything on the line. He sets blocks well and is very pretty to watch. Plus, he's got a heart three-times its size."

Brendan St. Peter - Senior (Capt.)
Offensive/Defensive lineman - Marshfield


Brendan St. Peter

A four-year varsity player, St. Peter was the sole returning lineman from the 2001 line, which averaged 6'4", 270 pounds...A highly versatile player, St. Peter played just about every position there is on the offensive/defensive lines from linebacker to even tight end...Often played two or three different positions per game...Is the only current MHS player to earn a Super Bowl ring, which came his freshman year in 1998...An Atlantic Coast League All-star last season, St. Peter was voted an Old Colony League All-star this year...The senior is making his second-straight appearance on the Mariner All-Scholastic football team. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "He's the best defensive player we had. He's a tremendous leader and would do anything he was asked. He's a student of the game. He sees the whole field and really is a complete football player."

Bobby McCarthy - Senior
Split End/Defensive back - Marshfield


Bobby McCarthy

A two-year starter, McCarthy was the Rams' top receiver...His success last season tipped opponent's off to his talent, and as a result, McCarthy was often double teamed...Still, the senior had a great season for Marshfield (6-4), often recording double-digit receptions...In this year's Thanksgiving Day game against Duxbury, McCarthy had 11 receptions...The senior is most proud of his performance in Marshfield's 21-7 win over Brockton, in which he scored the first touchdown of the game...Last season, McCarthy tied Sean Morey's MHS record for TD receptions ...McCarthy also played basketball for three years...The senior is considering continuing his football career at Wagner, St. Anslem, or Bryant. Marshfield coach Lou Silva: "He just improved every year. He played his heart out day in and day out. He has a lot of potential to play in college."

Matt Murphy - Senior (Capt.)
Guard/Linebacker - Hingham


Matt Murphy

A three-year starter, Murphy capped an impressive HHS career...The 6-foot, 1-inch, 210-pound senior captain served as the team's "Ironman" playing virtually every position imaginable and not missing a single game in three years...In addition to his work on the line as a guard and linebacker, Murphy also made key contributions on special teams this year...A Patriot League All-star, Murphy is also a lead in the HHS chorus...The senior is considering attending college and may continue his football career. Hingham coach Paul Killinger: "He really was an ironman. There was no one thing that he was best at because he could do it all. He was never off the field. He'd play anywhere and he did. He played that much his sophomore year too."

Noah Kutsch - Senior (Capt.)
Linebacker/Fullback - Hingham


Noah Kutsch

This 5-foot, 9-inch, 170-pound linebacker may not have been big, but strong indeed...Noted by his coach as being a "great collision kid," Kutsch finished the year as the Harbormen's leading tackler with 90...The Patriot League All-star also recorded two interceptions and made a number of fumble recoveries...The senior is most proud of his play in Hingham's 14-6 win over Cardinal Spellman because he feels the defense had its best game...Kutsch is considering attending the University of Delaware next fall. Hingham coach Paul Killinger: "He was definitely the best tackler we had. He ranks up there with the Taylors and the Buckleys (HHS graduates). He's just one of those great collision kids. He's also an intelligent kid and going for the big schools and he certainly has the stuff to get in."

Matt McDonald - Senior (Capt.)
Offensive/Defensive lineman - Rockland


Matt McDonald

An injured ankle couldn't keep this three-year starter and two-time Patriot League All-star off the field this season...The talented lineman is best known for his impressive downfield blocking, which cleared the way for the Bulldogs' talented backs this season...Standing at 6'2", 230 pounds, McDonald—a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic—was a powerhouse on the line for Rockland (5-5-1) both at offensive tackle and defensive end...His intensity and desire to win are among his best qualities according to his coach...McDonald is most proud of his play in the Bulldogs' 34-0 win over Middleboro because "everyone was back healthy and didn't fold"...McDonald will captain the RHS basketball team this winter and also plays baseball in the spring...The senior is also a member of the Key Club and is active in Student Governement...He is hoping to continue his football career at Bryant or Wagner, among others. Rockland coach Ken Owen: "He was the inspirational leader of the team. He has a tremendous desire to win. He has a real nice understanding of what has to be done. If we needed a big stop, he was our guy."

Matt Boyd - Senior (Capt.)
Halfback/Linebacker - Rockland


Matt Boyd

Boyd's talent was often overlooked given the success of 2000 graduate Bob Murphy but this was his year to shine...Despite missing three games to an ankle injury, the senior captain (6'2", 205) led the Bulldogs in most offensive categories this season...A three-year starter at linebacker, Boyd scored 11 touchdowns this season...Capped his RHS football career off with style, scoring four touchdowns in the team's 48-14 win over Randolph on Thanksgiving Day, a game which he cites as his best performance...The senior also plays basketball in the winter and does the high jump for the RHS spring track team...Boyd is also active in the Key Club and Student Government and is a volunteer youth basketball coach...Boyd is hoping to attend Bowdin and continue his football career. Rockland coach Ken Owen: "When he was healthy, Matt showed signs of being a tremendous running back. He spent most of the season hobbling with a recurring injury. When he was out, we missed his not only his speed but his size. The Thanksgiving Day game was a fitting end for him."

Eric Savicke - Senior (Capt.)
Halfback/Free safety - Rockland


Eric Savicke

One of the few fully healthy Rockland players, this two-year starter and Patriot League All-star was by far the most versatile player the Bulldogs had...Standing at 6', 165 pounds, Savicke was a force on both sides of the ball for Rockland (5-5-1)...Savicke continually came up big for Rockland on interceptions, punt returns, pass receptions, and kick off returns...The senior also called all of the defenses on the field and was a "tailor-made" safety, according to his coach...The senior is most proud of his performance in Rockland's 42-8 win over Scituate, in which he scored two TD's – one reception and one interception...Savicke also plays basketball and baseball for RHS and is a member of the National Honor Society...Savicke is planning on attending the University of Rhode Island or Miami where he hopes to continue his baseball career. Rockland coach Ken Owen: "He had a great year. We used him in so many areas because he's so versatile. He's one of the better one's we've had back there. He could always be counted on and played consistent."

Dave Butterworth - Senior (Capt.)
Tailback/Defensive back - Scituate


Dave Butterworth

David did not come with anywhere near the gaudy totals of his junior year (102 points, 1400 yards rushing), as the Sailors lost much of their starting offensive line from 2000, and he was often forced to serve as a passing tailback...David (5-foot-11, 193 pounds) was still, unarguably, the team's number one offensive weapon...finished with close to 1,000 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns...finished his high school career with a three TD, 170 yard performance against Hingham...had two interceptions on defense...also served as the team's kicker... a three time Patriot League All-Star (2000 and 2001 for football, and 2001 for baseball)...also now a three time Mariner All-Scholastic selection...is being recruited for both baseball and football: UMass-Amherst, UNH and Curry are among the three teams that have expressed an interest in him for football, Wesleyan and Bryant for baseball...one-year older brother Bryan, who played quarterback for the Sailors ('99 and 2000), wound up with a full football scholarships to Canisius...Scituate coach Steve Maguire: "When other teams game plan specifically to stop David, and he still comes through big like he did, you know there's something special there."

Adam Luque - Senior (Capt)
Offensive Guard/Linebacker - Silver Lake


Adam Luque

Despite relative lack of size for a Div. 1 linebacker (5-10, 210 pounds), Luque was an absolute force in the middle for the surprising Lakers (6-3-1) this season, leading them in tackles with close to 90, despite missing two games with injury...on offense, he agreed to move from a glamour position in the backfield (fullback) to offensive guard this season, and coach Dana Batista credited much of the team's running success this season to that move, as the speedy Luque proved a force on pulling plays to the outside...with fellow captains Brian Barry and Mike Bombardier slowed for much of the season on defense, Adam's leadership and steady play on defense were essential elements in the Lakers surprising run at a post-season berth...came up with a couple of big sticks in last minute goal line stand that allowed Lakers to hang on for win over league rival Plymouth South...OCL All-Star...also captain this winter on the hockey team...would like to play linebacker in college, and has been approached by coaches at Bridgewater State, Westfield and Curry about that possibility...SL coach Dana Battista: "Adam was a consistent force for us on both sides of the ball. I can definitely see him having a nice college football career at a place like Bridgewater."

Jason Connelly - Senior (Capt)
Receiver/Defensive back - Scituate


Jason Connelly

Jason did it all for the Sailors this fall...he was team's top wideout and defensive back, and also returned kicks and punts, played on special teams cover units and was the team's punter...rumor has it he also sold tickets before the game and worked the concession stand at halftime...proved quite durable despite his lack of six (5-11, 165 pounds), finishing among the team leaders in tackles...led the team in receptions, several of his grabs being of the sensational variety...Patriot League All-Star...not bad considering football is Jason's sporting "hobby"...Jason is being heavily recruited for baseball as a pitcher and shortstop...compiled a 4-1 record with a 2.62 ERA this past spring for the Sailors, while batting .407...also a standout with the Scituate-Cohasset Legion team...is beign looked at by Western New England College, among others...Scituate football coach Steve Maguire: "Jason's a very good football player, but what really made him an All-Star in my mind were the intangibles and his leadership."

John Coleman - Senior (Capt)
Halfback/deep back - Norwell


John Coleman

The 6-foot, 170 pound halfback scored 14 touchdowns and rushed for over 1,200 yards this season—a feat made all the more remarkable considering he wasn't even the featured back for the first three games this season...also an

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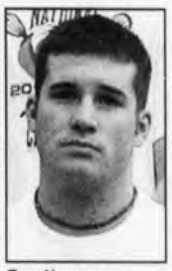
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exceptional blocker, Coleman started the season as a wingback, his primary responsibility creating room on the outside for Andrew Faranick…when Faranick went down with mononucleosis, Coleman stepped in and compiled seven consecutive 100-yard plus games…South Shore League All-Star…was used primarily as a receiver as a sophomore and junior, though he recorded a couple of 90+ yard performances on the ground last season with star halfback Mike Mohan injured…also a top lacrosse player for N.H.S.…is being looked at by football coaches from several local colleges as a tailback, including Salva Regina—a school that features a strong program in Criminal Justice. John's intended major…also looked at Bryant College…Norwell football coach Jim Sullivan: "His play spoke for itself. John was a consummate leader for us, both in his words and the examples he set. He was very effective in galvanizing this team. That presence he had is what I think we'll miss most next season."



Mike Barry

Tom Hannon - Senior (Capt) Defensive/offensive line - Norwell



Tom Hannon

Hannon was a three year starter for the Clippers, and was a leader for what many considered the best front line on both sides of the ball in the South Shore League this season…at 6-feet, 215 pounds, Hannon was forced to rely as much on athleticism and guile as strength …started at right guard and defensive end…SouthShore Leageu All-Star…said biggest thrill this season was handing Cohasset its lone regular season defeat on Nov. 9…hopes to play football in college, and is looking at several local schools, including Bryant, Salva Regina and Western New England… Norwell football coach Jim Sullivan: "Tom was the type of kid who took a lot of pride in his job on the football field. He thoroughly enjoyed being a pulling guard. To him, a good hit was as satisfying as a 30-yard run might have been to a running back."

Tim Hunt - Senior (Capt) Center/middle linebacker - Norwell



Tim Hunt

A three year starter at center and two year starter at linebacker… At 5-10, 175 pounds, he regularly gave away massive amounts of weight to defensive linemen, but that didn't stop him from being dominant, as his unanimous selection to the South Shore League All-Star team attests…also led team in tackles (approximately 100) from his Middle linebacker spot and was the defensive unit's signal caller…may actually wind up playing lacrosse in college rather than football, as he was a standout defender for the N.H.S. lax squad last spring…President of Student Council…National Honor Society member…is leaning heavily towards attending UMass-Amherst… Norwell football coach Jim Sullivan: "Tim was the type of kid who got every last ounce of potential out of his abilities. If he had been 6-5, 240 pounds, there's no doubt in my mind that he would have been everyone's All-American."

Mike Barry - Senior (Capt) Tight End/Defensive End - Scituate

A three-season sports standout at Scituate High who always seems to just come up short of All-Star selection…not this time…At 6-3, 210 pounds, Mike has been a force on both sides of the ball for the Sailors the last two years, earning Patriot League All-Star honors both times…both a good blocker and sure-handed receiver for the 5-4-1 Sailors this season…also a starter at S.H.S. in basketball and baseball last season…finished second in scoring last season for the Sailors Patriot League co-champion hoop team and has been named a captain for this year…also an excellent student. Mike has talked to the football coaches at Harvard and Georgetown…also considering attending the U.S. Naval Academy.

Honorable Mention

Christian Allen - Senior- Linebacker - Abington

Hardy Allen- Senior (Capt) - Quarterback - Hingham

Mike Bombardier- Senior (Capt) Linebacker/Halfback- Silver Lake

Matt Bryan- Senior - Quarterback- - Abington

Ryan Dacey- Senior- wideout- Silver Lake

Justin Egan- Senior- Defensive Line- Abington

Dean Levy- Senior- Defensive Line/Tight End- Silver Lake

Chris Martin- Senior - Quarterback- Marshfield

Brent Smith- Senior (Capt)- Tight end/Linebacker- Norwell

Brian Wood - Senior- End- Hingham

Cosimo Cambi - Junior- offensive/defensive line - Cohasset

John Chappell- Junior- Offensive/Defensive line - Norwell

Kevin Iacobucci - Junior- lineman-Abington

Ben Lynner - Junior - Defensive Tackle- Cohasset

Bob Melville- Junior - Defensive Line - Abington

Mike Sirignano- Junior - Defensive Line- Hanover

Chris Bilodeau - Sophomore - wideout/defensive back - Cohasset



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE SPELLMAN

The return of quarterback Mike Snowdale (#10) next season should help the Skippers stay in the post-season hunt again.

Winning ways

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four of their five top offensive performers, led by SSL All-Star quarterback Mike Snowdale. All he did this year as a junior was throw for 14 TDs and 1,200 yards, both stats ranking him among the top Div. 5 QBs in Eastern Mass., and he'll have his two favorite targets back next season in sophomore Chris Bilodeau (another all-star) and junior tight end Tom Anderson, along with hard hitting and running junior fullback Braun Goodson (6-2, 210).

Junior Chris McKenna and sophomores Sean Connelly and Mike Dooley also performed well in spot duty at skill positions. From this mix of athletes, it figures that someone could step forward to assume Brown's lead running responsibilities.

No doubt that the hits to the line on both sides of the ball were palpable, but junior all-stars Ben Lynner and Cosimo Camby should provide strong anchors next season. Sophomore Stephen Davis will also return to a starting role.

Rolfe used most of his linemen on either offense or defense this past fall, Cambi being the lone exception. Worst case scenario, one figures he could always use these three standouts on both sides of the ball.

"We've got a winning attitude now," asserted Rolfe. "That's the biggest thing we'll bring back next season."

Powderpuff a spectator's delight

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

In what many consider one of the most enjoyable sporting events Cohasset has to offer, the senior girls took down the junior Lady Skippers in the Annual Powderpuff flag football game, 42-16.

The juniors appeared ready to hold their own against the seniors, sustaining some lengthy drives early in the game. However, they were twice stuffed inside the ten yard line, and the seniors were able to capitalize.

Senior tailback/punter/kicker Maggie O'Neill, voted Most Athletic for the yearbook superlatives, got her team on the board with a 72 yard run (Powderpuff is played on an 80-yard field).

Forcing the juniors to punt on their next possession, the seniors again took advantage. Senior returner Corey Sullivan fumbled the punt from Julie Shea initially, but managed to pick the ball up and scramble the length of the field to put her team up 16-0.

Senior Kristin Sheerin, a five time All-Star gymnast, utilized her great speed and devastating spin move to high-step her way to four more touchdowns.

Junior quarterback Maura O'Brien, a top athlete in soccer, basketball and track, gave her squad their two scores on quarterback sneaks.

When asked what the deciding factor in the game was, the answer was the same from both sides: experience. The teams are given only two weeks of practice time each year, giving the seniors a clear advantage coming into the game.

"We weren't sure what to expect," admitted junior running back/tight end Lindsay Grossman, a standout in field hockey, basketball and tennis. "I don't think we were prepared mentally."

Although tackling is illegal Powderpuff, many spectators were surprised to see the amount of brutality at the line of scrimmage. Perhaps it is a result of the tremendous grade loyalty all Skippers have after recently in the wake of the Spirit Week festivities (where we juniors gave the seniors a run for their money this year).

"I wasn't intimidated, but I was a little nervous," recalls O'Brien. "It was definitely a shock when they actually start to hit you."

The seniors claimed that their very physical play was a must considering their very small numbers. The senior class has fewer than 30 females, and 15 came out to play. By comparison, the junior girls had 35 girls playing.

The very small squad was forced to practice their offense no one to defend except a handful of teammates and coaches Tom Sweeney, Deb Beal (both physical education teachers and varsity coaches for CHS) and Drew Quigley, father of Rachel Quigley, a feared defensive and offensive lineman.

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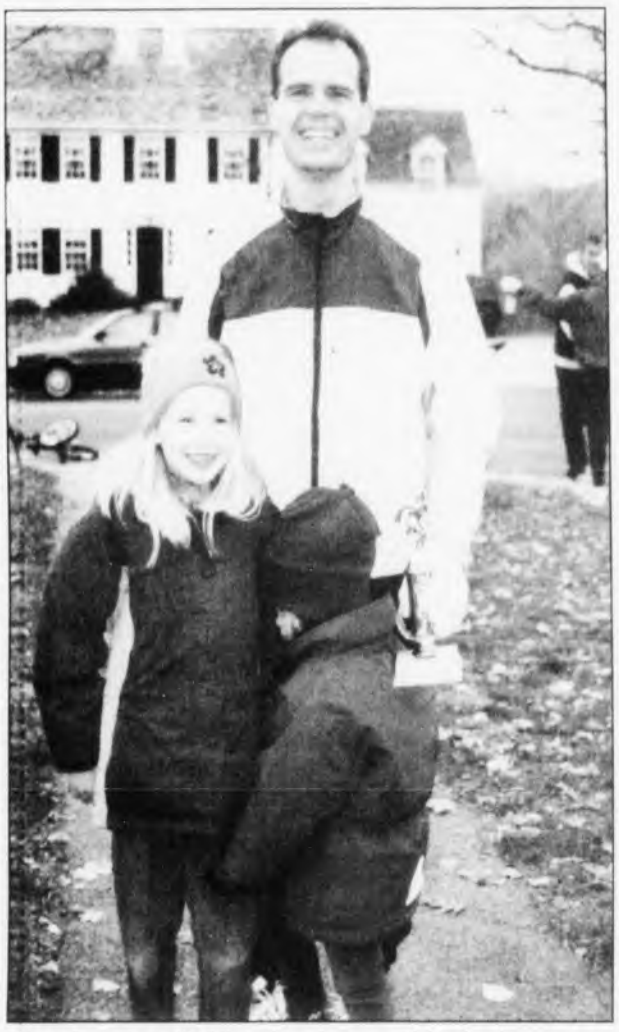
The winners:

Men

1st- Paul Stanislawzyk (16:06)
2nd- Kevin Norgeot (19:39)
3rd- Jeff Dimodica (22:56)

Women

1st- Sheila Kearney (20:14).



First place winner Paul Stanislawzyk poses with his daughters.



Women's winner Sheila Kearny gets help from her three children showing off her first place trophy.



"Biggest Turkey Award" winner Jeff Schwartz (#68) shares a chuckle with race coordinator Dan McCarron.



Paul Stanislawzyk races towards the tape.

Fighting for prestige

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one of the best in his weight class.

However, he will have to contend with sophomore Ian Hickey, who emerged as a talent in his rookie season last year. But that seems to be the theme of this year's team: no one has a guaranteed spot.

Sweeney explained that for the first time in a long time, he has to "wrestle-off" for half the weight classes. He also admitted that even with this particularly large team, he holds no reserve in using everyone possible.

"We have 28 kids, and that is the most I have ever had," said Sweeney, who will enter his 19th season as the coach. "That is definitely going to be a big help this year."

At 103, junior David Kupse will have to battle with Littauer's freshman brother Jon, while senior Vinnie Gratta will have to contend with frosh Joseph Kehoe at 112.

Third year varsity wrestler Greg O'Brien and last year's JV state champ Chris McKenna, both juniors, will most likely earn a spot at their classes.

At the 215 class, senior John Hussey poses an intimidating presence, and will be looked to for some pivotal points late in matches.

Always looking for a greater challenge, Sweeney has scheduled even more tough non-league matches than he did last year. Div. 1 powers Silver Lake and Natick are just two of the more difficult towns Sweeney has requested.

In league, Cohasset will have to contend with Carver and Scituate, both of whom are looking very strong. Rockland, though, is again the favorite, returning everyone from 103-160 pounds (and all of them made States last year).

Sweeney feels that his team can handle it, noting: "This is the most eager group I've seen."

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COED SWIMMING
Cohasset/Scituate

Dec.
12 at N. Quincy/Quincy
19 at Middleboro
Jan.
4 at Barnstble v. Nantucket
9 at Taunton
11 at Cardinal Spellman
17 at Duxbury
23 at Nauset
30 at Sandwich
Feb.
4 at Sharon
8 Pilgrim Conf. Div. Champship at Duxbury
9 All-Conf. Champ. at Quincy

Coach: Jamie Kearney

GYMNASTICS
Cohasset/Norwell

Dec.
12 Randolph, 7:30 p.m. YMCA
18 at Notre Dame 7 p.m.
20 at Randolph 7:30 p.m.
Jan.
8 Hanover 7:30 p.m. Coh. C.C.
11 at Nauset, 7:30 p.m. YMCA
16 Notre Dame 7 p.m. YMCA
18 Plym. N/S 7 p.m.
22 at Marshfield 7 p.m.
24 at Carver 7:30 p.m.
29 Hingham 7:30 p.m.
31 at Duxbury 7:30 p.m.
Feb.
6 Carver, YMCA7:30 p.m.
9 All-league meet/ noon Carver

Coach: Kara Connerty

WRESTLING

Dec.
8 at Mansfield/ Tricounty 3 p.m.
12 Scituate 7 p.m.
15 Canton, Dedham, Silver Lake 10 a.m.
19 at B.C. High
22 at Carver vs. Natick, Ply. S, Xaverian 10 a.m.
27-28 at Marshfield- Holiday Tournament 11 a.m.
Jan.
5 at Whit-Hanson Tournament 10 a.m.
9 Hanover 7:30 p.m.
11 at New Bedford, Duxbury, Holliston 5 p.m.
18 at Hull 7 p.m.
19 Cohasset Invita. Tournament 10 a.m.
23 at Norwell 7 p.m.
26 Durfee, Wayland Whitman-Hanson 10 a.m.
30 Carver 7:30 p.m.
Feb.
2 at Middleboro, Rockland, Athol 10 a.m.
8-9 at Mansfield H.S., Div. 3, S. Sectionals 3 p.m.
15-16 at Taconic H.S., Div. 3, State Tourn. TBA
23 at Salem H.S., All-State Tourn. TBA
March
1-2 at TBA, N. England Tourn. TBA

Coaches: Torin Sweeney and Peter Buckley

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec.	JV	Var.
10 Avon	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
13 at Wayland	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
18 Norwell	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
20 at Mashpee	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
28 at Avon	1 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
29 Scituate	2:30 p.m.	4 p.m.
Jan.		
4 Norton	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
8 at Abington	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
11 at Carver	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12 at Scit.	2:30 p.m.	4 p.m.
16 Sturgis Charter (Hyannis)	6:30 p.m.	
18 Harwich	4 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
22 Hull	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
29 Mashpee	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Feb.		
1 at Norton	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
5 Abington	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
8 Carver	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
11 at Harwich	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
13 at Hall	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

Coaching staff: Varsity, Ellen Carr
JV, Deb Beal

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec.	JV	Var.
South Shore Vo-tech tip off classic		
12 Holbrook	3:30 p.m.	
14 SSVT/SSCA	TBA	
18 at Norwell	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
20 Mashpee	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Cohasset Holiday Classic		
28 Wayland vs. Scituate	6 p.m.	
28 Avon vs. Cohasset 7:45 p.m.		
30 Consolation Game 6 p.m.		
Champship Game 7:45 p.m.		
Jan.		
4 at Norton	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
8 Abington	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
11 Carver	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12 Holbrook	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
18 at Harwich	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
19 at Nan-tucket	11:30 a.m.	1 p.m.
22 at Hull	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
25 Norwell	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
29 at Mashpee	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Feb.		
1 Norton	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
5 at Abngton	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
8 at Carver	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
11 Harwich	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
13 Hull (Senior Night)	5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
15 Rockland	3:30 p.m.	(JV)

Coaching staff: V, Ron Ford
JV, Tim Owens

ICE HOCKEY

Dec.	Rink
11 at Rand-olph	5:40 p.m. Randolph
15 Trinity Cath.	5 p.m. Pilgrim
19 at Rock.	7:55 p.m. Rock.
22 At Avon	6 p.m. Randolph
Jan.	
5 Harwich	5 p.m. Pilgrim
9 Mashpee	6:10 p.m. Pilgrim
12 at Nrwll	7:20 p.m. Pilgrim
16 at Ab/EB	5 p.m. Rockland
19 Hull	5 p.m. Pilgrim
21 at Harwich	1 p.m. Moore-Orleans
23 at Han.	6:10 p.m. Hobo-mock, Pembroke
26 Rock.	4:10 p.m. Pilgrim
27 at Mashpee	6 p.m. Falmouth
30 Norwell	7:40 p.m. Pilgrim
Feb.	
1 Ab/EB	7:40 p.m. Pilgrim
6 at Hull	8:30 p.m. Pilgrim
13 at Trinity	6 p.m. Ryan/ Watertown
16 Rand-olph	5:20 p.m. Pilgrim
18 Scituate	6:30 p.m. Pembroke
20 Avon	7:20 p.m. Pilgrim

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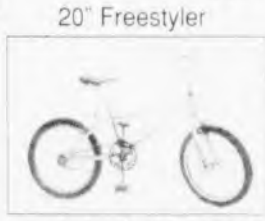
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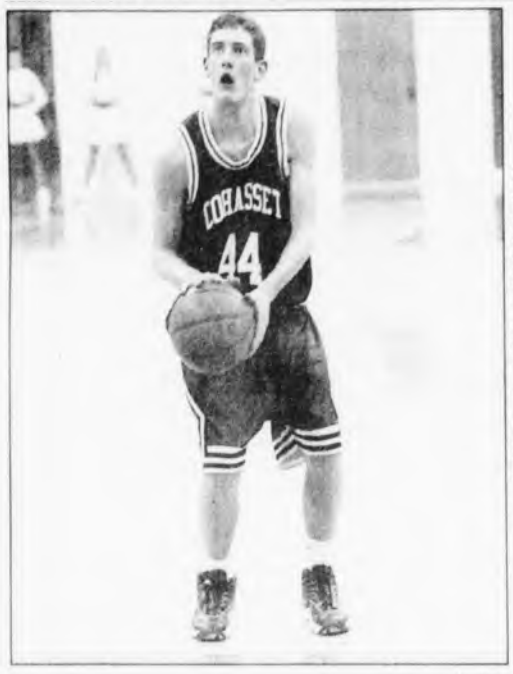
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Cohasset sophomore center Sean Connolley should be even stronger this season with a year of varsity play and a rigorous off-season training regimen under his belt.

Prospects bright for boys hoop

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positions.

Martin is still recuperating from a football injury he suffered back in September. He has attended every practice, and has every intention of contributing to the team down the road.

"That says a lot about him," lauded Ford of Martin's dedication to the team. "He is a very tough individual."

With Martin itching to get back in the line-up, it certainly does not help that two more key players, senior Nick Bolster and sophomore Chris Bilodeau, will be out at least a few weeks with injuries.

"Injuries have taken a toll on us early," Ford mentioned. "And our depth is not where it could be. But we have to just go out and play."

Bilodeau's absence will be made up for with the emergence of juniors Jay Kiddler and Jared Krupczak, who both saw plenty of varsity minutes last year.

Junior Ben Lymer and sophomore Sean Connolley will be second year starters for what is shaping up to be a very good frontcourt. Both have been lifting weights over the summer and should be prepared to give Cohasset the rebounding edge that has been missing in recent years.

Seniors Jay Martin and Jay Bertovich, back from a one year absence from basketball, will add to the muscle under the boards.

Still, player depth could be a problem for Cohasset, whereas last year the team was loaded with varsity level competitors.

"We have to get them (the new varsity players) as much experience as possible," noted Ford.

Ford also discussed the need for good conditioning for his short benched squad.

Cohasset opens the season next week with South Shore Vocational, Holbrook and South Shore Christian. Getting a look at some solid Div. 4 teams will show if this team really is up for the challenge.

COHASSET YOUTH LACROSSE NOTES

Looking for Coaches

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program is looking for volunteer assistant coaches at all levels for its spring season.

In all, seven Cohasset teams are expected to play in 2002, including boys teams at the 14 & Under, 12 & Under and 10 & Under levels, with two teams each at the youngest levels. For the first time, the program also will field girls teams, with one each in the 14 & Under and 12 & Under level.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse currently has head coaches at all age levels, but with so many teams and the possibility of nearly 200 children spread throughout, increasing the coaching staffs and enabling the players to get more personalized instruction.

Through its seven-year history, the foundation of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse coaching staff has been volunteers who do not have children on the teams involved. In seeking additional coaches, the program is hoping to get both community volunteers and parents whose children will play. Experience playing or coaching the game is desired, but not necessary. Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will ay registration costs to coaching clinics for those individuals interested in participating.

At most levels, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds two practices each week, and has games on Sunday afternoon. Assistant coaches are not expected to attend every event, although the hope would be that they can make two of three per week.

In addition to coaches, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is interested in developing referees who can work its games. Interested individuals will be required to take some officiating instruction classes during the winter, and may then be eligible to work games either with a partner or solo in the spring. Officiating fees have not been set for 2002, but are expected to be $50 or more per game.

For more information or to express your interest in coaching or officiating, call Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, at 781-383-9858.

Sign-ups for Jan. 5

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will hold its sign-up for the spring season on Saturday, Jan. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School. For the first time, the program will be registering girls to play in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Girls League, as well as its traditional boys teams.

This will be the only day to register for the program. Spaces are limited at all age levels; while Cohasset Youth Lacrosse endeavors to accept everyone who files their paperwork on registration day, the program has had to turn children away at some age levels in each of the last three seasons.

Registrations will be taken in the 14 & Under (7th and 8th graders) and 12 & Under age groups for both boys and girls. At the 10 & Under level, boys and girls can sign up, but the competition will be in men's lacrosse (full pads and contact) rather than in the women's game.

The youth lacrosse program is dedicated to introducing children to the sport. All players receive roughly equal playing time regardless of ability. Cohasset participates in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth program, which does not keep standings or have playoffs. Every team makes several road trips per year, which be as close as games in Scituate or as far away as Martha's Vineyard.

In addition, there will be end-of-season jamborees for both the boys and girls.

The youth program is expecting to field seven teams this spring, depending on demand and available coaching. In spite of the creation of the girls program and the addition of a second 10-& Under team, roster spots at all levels will be limited and it is possible that some youngsters will be turned away.

Parents should expect Jan. 5 to be the only opportunity to sign up. Those who can not attend that day should contact Chuck Jaffe, coordinator of youth lacrosse, in sufficient time to have registration materials mailed and returned prior to Jan. 5.

The registration fee is $110, which includes a uniform and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes mandatory insurance coverage and a subscription to a magazine especially designed for kids. Late registrations, if roster spots are available, are $165.

The program is limited to Cohasset residents. At the 14 & Under level, players can sign up for the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program regardless of whether they are active on Cohasset's Middle School teams, or if they play on the team of a private school.

In general, games are played Sunday afternoons. The spring practice schedule has not yet been set. The teams will begin practicing in early March — and indoor practice time has been scheduled — and start playing games in April. The season concludes with the MBYLL Jamboree, in mid-June.

In addition to players, the program is looking for additional coaches at all levels.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; at all levels for boys, practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all boys must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces. Hockey helmets are not allowed, although hockey arm and shoulder pads are (hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick).

The girls game has less contact, but practices will be every bit as physical and demanding as for the boys. All girls must be equipped with sticks, mouthpieces and approved goggles.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program available at the Jan. 6 sign-up. If you have an age-eligible child and can not attend the registration session — or if you are interested in volunteering to coach — contact Jaffe at 781-383-9858.

Breaking up is hard to do

The Cohasset boys soccer team held its breakup banquet last week.

Trophies were awarded to the following players:: Jay Bertovich- Most Improved, Matt Bilodeau- MVP, Pete Maitland- 110% Award.

Juniors Robert Hickey, Greg O'Connell and Evan Pestone were announced as captains for the 2002 team.

Bilodeau and Maitland, the captains from this past year's team, were also honored for their selection to the Eastern Mass. All-Star team.



Graduating members of the Cohasset boys soccer team (L-R) Tim Baird, Steve Laney, Dan Kinchla, Matt Bilodeau, Pete Maitalnd, Jay Bertovich and David Krueger.

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TUESDAY, NOV. 20

8:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

12:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:16 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

7:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny, investigated.

9:48 a.m. Pond St., burglary, breaking and entering.

11 a.m. Elm St., fire.

12:03 p.m. Depot Ct., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

1:23 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle accident.

2:39 p.m. Forest Ave., medical aid, arrest: John G. Batts, 37, 415 Newport Ave. Apt. 1, Hull, Chgs.: assault and battery.

4 p.m. Elm St., prisoner transport.

4:35 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

5:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police dept.

5:34 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:38 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:39 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:49 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:50 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:55 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:56 p.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Dr., motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

6:02 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:25 p.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:30 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:34 p.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:36 p.m. Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:43 p.m. South Main and Summer sts., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:45 p.m. King St., suspicious auto.

7:11 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:31 p.m. Quincy City Hospital, prisoner transport.

8:02 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:06 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:41 p.m. South Main St., public drinking.

10:43 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:37 p.m. South Main St., public drinking.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

1:35 a.m. Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:55 a.m. Hull St., assist other police dept.

12:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police dept.

1:26 p.m. Whitney Woods Ln., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:39 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

7:47 p.m. Cedar St., motor vehicle accident, investigated, report taken.

8:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted, area search negative.

11:12 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

7:35 p.m. Pleasant St., officer wanted.

11:31 p.m. Margin Ct., property damage.

12:30 p.m. Nichols Rd., fire, investigation.

1:25 p.m. South Main St., investigation.

1:31 p.m. Border St., parking violation, parking ticket issued.

3:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., parking complaint.

4:28 p.m. Fairoaks Ln., family disturbance, arrest: Kevin Ryan McCarthy, 51, 155 Fairoaks Ln. Chgs.: assault and battery.

5 p.m. Female in protective custody.

6:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:36 p.m. Linden Dr., property damage.

8:05 South Main St., parking complaint.

8:18 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle violations, arrest: Thomas D. Duncan, 49, 312 Rockymeadow St., Middleboro, Chgs.: operating under influence of liquor, leaving accident scene after property damage, operating MV negligently so as to endanger, failure to dim lights while operating MV.

8:25 p.m. King St., officer wanted.

8:54 p.m. Forest Notch, medical aid.

10:20 p.m. Border St., suspicious auto.

11:06 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24

12:01 a.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Henry Turner Bailey Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, departmental action.

12:49 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:04 a.m. Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:17 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Ln., motor vehicle stop, arrest: Daryl F. Nottrem, 17, 15 Colonel's Ln. Apt. 21, Weymouth, Chgs.: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage, May 18-year-old male in protective custody.

9:24 a.m. Lamberts Ln., lost property.

11:29 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:59 a.m. King St., medical aid.

12:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.



Sheriff Bellotti (left) presents a $1,000 check to Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln for fire-safety programs.

Fire department gets $1K grant

In appreciation of October as Fire Safety Month, and in honor of Norfolk County's 28 fire departments, Sheriff Michael Bellotti recently donated $1,000 to each department for community fire education, prevention and safety awareness.

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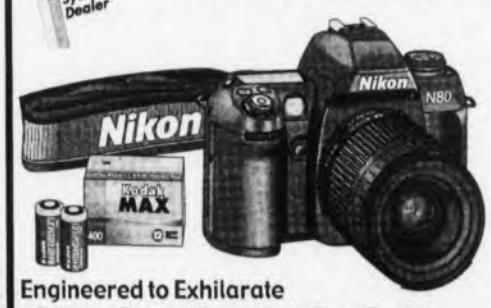
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BUSINESS

Grapevine Caterers takes root in Cohasset Village

Includes café to open on Stagecoach Way

By Mary Ford
MARINER STAFF

You've all been to Stagecoach Way. It's the brick walkway (with a sunken stone patio halfway through) that runs between the Town Parking Lot and the Hunneman real estate office in the village.

"We spotted the for-rent sign and thought this was the perfect location."

– Nancy Gould, Grapevine Caterers and Cafe

But unless you're headed to one of the businesses housed there, including Robert Thompson's dentist's office, Dr. Ronald Goldenson's doctor's office or the Adams day spa — the alleyway likely provides little more than a convenient short cut between your parked car and South Main Street.

But a local chef intends to change that. Armed with the ingredients of enthusiasm, imagination and a business plan, Robert Gould and his partners (his wife Nancy, sister Patty Toomey and brother-in-law Brian Toomey) have big ideas for the pathway.

They've leased the space that most recently housed a radiology clinic at 3 Stagecoach Way, and are in the midst of transforming it into a 10-seat café, kitchen and offices where Grapevine Caterers will take root.

During the summer season, the café will also offer alfresco dining by candlelight on the sunken patio, which the Goulds and Toomeys plan to brighten up with landscaping, the addition of some bistro tables, and a lot of tender loving care. Their lease permits them to use the courtyard on Stagecoach Way.

"We love it down here," Nancy Gould says. "We spotted the for-rent sign and thought this was the perfect location." Nancy said the spot reminded them of Chatham which is known for its hidden pathways with quaint bistros.

The Goulds, who live in Hingham, and Toomeys of Wakefield are shooting for a January opening.

While the café will offer take-home meals and breakfast and lunch seven days a week, with lots of fresh baked goods, soups, sandwiches, salads and wraps — the catering business will have an extensive menu and be able to handle affairs from casual cocktail parties for a dozen or so to elaborate weddings for hundreds.

For summertime alfresco evening dining at the cafe, then thoughts are to offer all-inclusive, set menus ranging from $32-$48, with a selection of appetizers, salads, soups, entrees and desserts. Plans also include asking selectmen for a license to allow patrons to bring their own beer or wine.

Landlord Jerome Phiter of Colonial Way Realty said he's happy the new business decided to locate in Cohasset.

"Everyone here wishes them well," he said.

Robert Gould, with 25 years as a chef under his belt — most recently as executive chef at the Marshfield Country Club — got into the field as a teenager at Howard Johnson's and later trained under different chefs including George Sit at the former Hugo's Lighthouse restaurant where Atlantica now is. Robert also served as executive sous-chef (second in command) for Gourmet Catering in Roslindale for four years, which provided catering for some high-profile clients including the Kennedys in Hyannisport and events such as the J.F.K. Library "Profiles in Courage" awards. He clearly loves creativity that cooking affords him.

Patty Toomey said she and her husband didn't hesitate to join forces as partners in the Goulds' new venture.

"We're not worried about the food at all," says Patty about her brother's gastronomic expertise.

The partners are convinced that good food and good service will translate into success despite the current economic recession. The catering business can be tailored to anyone's budget, they say.

"People are always going to eat," Robert Gould says. "And christenings, weddings don't stop."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Patty Toomey, left, and Robert and Nancy Gould (along with Patty's husband Brian) have joined forces to open up a catering service and café on Stagecoach Way in the village.

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NETWORKING

Country House expands size and selection

The Country House Antiques and Interiors announces the opening of its new expanded showroom. The additional showroom will be filled with sofas, chairs, occasional furniture and accessories, giving clients even more products to choose from.

"The new space gives us a look which more appropriately reflects what we do. We hope it better conveys our message that you can find everything you need for your home right here in Cohasset," said owner Arlene Ferreira.

The Country House offers custom furniture from manufacturers including Harden, Hancock & Moore, Brown Street, Temple and Taylor King, as well as home decorative accessories, oriental rugs, lamps and oil paintings. Also offered is a selection of decorator fabrics and wallpaper.

"All of our brand-name products are discounted all the time," Ferreira said.

The Ferreiras have done business in Cohasset for more than 38 years. Arlene Ferreira started Country House Antiques 20 years ago. She has grown the business from a little antique store into a major furniture dealer here on the South Shore.

Now accompanied by daughter Kim Jalewsky, the Ferreiras offer expert decorating services as well as white-glove delivery service.

"We actually do business all over New England," said Ferreira. "Many of our customers have second homes and condos. We have delivered our furniture to Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and New York.

Country House is located at 818 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. For information, call 781-383-1832.

New sales rep

City Express, Inc. a privately owned messenger service, has hired Tracy Fondanova of Cohasset as an account manager and sales representative. Fondanova joins City Express with six years of experience in the courier service industry. In her new role, Fondanova will maintain existing accounts and obtain new accounts.

For more information about City Express, Inc., call 617-227-0330 or visit cityexp.com.

Dependable names creative specialist

Cohasset's Christa Hagearty, president of Dependable Cleaners, announces the appointment of Brigit Silvestri as the company's new creative development specialist, a newly-created position within the company.

Silvestri brings with her more than 15 years of experience in the creation and implementation of innovative marketing strategies, with an emphasis in strategic planning, brand identity, consumer promotions and business-to-business communications. Silvestri also possesses strong writing skills and experience in print and multi-media production.

Silvestri is affiliated with the American Institute of Graphic Design and the Brand Design Association. She earned a B.F.A., cum laude, from Syracuse University and has recently relocated to Hull, where she resides with her husband, Tom, and their two sons, Dylan, 7 and Michael, 3.

LEGAL NOTICES

CLEGG ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P2872EP

In the Estate of MERRITT A. CLEGG
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 16, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that M. WINSTON CLEGG of NORWELL in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 9, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, November 26, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#743613
Cohasset Mariner 12/6/01

MULLETT ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 01P2871EP

In the Estate of JOHN H. MULLETT
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 28, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that PETER W. MULLETT of WILLIAMSVILLE in the State of NEW YORK and ROBERT E. VICTOR of PORTSMOUTH in the State of RHODE ISLAND be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 9, 2002.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, November 27, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#743614
Cohasset Mariner 12/6/01

REARDON GUARDIANSHIP
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 01P239GI

In the Matter of MARY G. REARDON
OF COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP

To MARY G. REARON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, his/her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said MARY G. REARDON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that JANE R. RUSSELL of COHASSET in the Count of NORFOLK be appointed or some or other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve with personal surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT DEDHAM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 11, 2002.**

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at DEDHAM this day, November 30, 2001.

Richard P. Schmidt
Register of Probate

AD#744260
Cohasset Mariner 12/6/01

LEGAL NOTICE

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In accordance with the Town of Cohasset's Traffic Rules and Orders:

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DECEMBER 5 - 7, 2001

In harmony with community

By Seth Jacobson
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The concept of giving is something with which Bryan Campbell is very much in tune.

When the 17-year-old musically inclined Marshfield resident was called upon to play "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes at a candlelight vigil following the Sept. 11 tragedies, Campbell never once hesitated.

In fact, the Marshfield High School student spends a good deal of his time finding ways to give back to his community. And he does all of it without any thought of accolades or praise.

"It's not just about helping the community for me," Campbell said. "It's about helping people individually."

Campbell is a young man of many talents, and he uses those skills to help with his community outreach. Shortly after the terrorist attacks on the country, a vigil at the high school football field was planned drawing more than 5,000 people.

Campbell said it was chance and timing that gave him to the opportunity to perform for the event. Originally, one of his music teachers was looking for a choir to sing "Amazing Grace" at the vigil. But she could not find the time to put it together. Campbell jumped at the chance to play at the event.



Marshfield High School Bryan Campbell, initiates some sword play with instructor Roger Whidden at Whidden's School of Fitness. Campbell helps Whidden teach the kids' karate classes at the school.

"Why not help out with that kind of thing?" Campbell said. "I had played in public before, so I had a little experience." Campbell said he will continue to help people in that manner whenever someone needs it.

And Campbell's talents and skills go beyond bagpipes.

Another task he takes on is helping teach karate classes at Whidden's School of Fitness in Marshfield. Campbell has already earned his black belt, and has been a student at Whidden's for about three years.

"The kids classes I have here grew so quickly," said the school's owner Roger Whidden. "I found out pretty fast that I couldn't handle all the kids myself." Whidden then turned to Campbell and asked him if he would help teach the kids' karate classes. Again, Campbell stepped up to the plate.

Whidden said one of the most remarkable things about Campbell is that he listens and catches on quickly to whatever the job may be. He said when Campbell came into his door a few years ago, he had already been to a number of karate schools. But Whidden insisted Campbell and the rest of the students start all over from scratch in learning his techniques.

"For me, it's so rare for me to have a student who can come from another (karate) school and start all over," Whidden said. "It shows a lot of character."

In addition to giving through music and teaching, Campbell also had a big hand in implementing and producing the local cable TV show called Mr. Roger and Neighbors, a program which illustrates the principles of subjects like karate, massage and acupuncture. The show has a comedic element involved in it, something Campbell is very good at generating.

Campbell stays involved with the show by monitoring sound boards and taking care of other technical aspects that need to be done in producing the program.

"I don't mind putting in the time," Campbell said of his community service activities. "I'm learning a lot, and developing skills. I don't think the question is 'Why do I help?' It's more like 'Why not?' I have the time, and I don't want to sit around and do nothing. I enjoy bettering my relationships with people."

While he continues to help in his community, Campbell is looking ahead to life beyond high school. Campbell said if he does go to college, he will think about being a philosophy and theology major. But he is not sure of his schedule as of yet.

"I just can't see myself at a desk," he said. "I need to do something physical. In my mind, there's only two things people need in life—food an shelter. If I can master those two things, I've got it made."

Tara Law, Campbell's mother, said she is very pleased with her son in accomplishing his goals and helping the community. She said when he was playing bagpipes at the vigil, it was a very proud moment for her.

"It was the enormity and the significance of the event as well as (Campbell's) maturity that struck me at the candlelight vigil. He really is very independent. The amazing thing is that he doesn't to all things to impress anyone. He just is who he is."

"People like (Campbell) rarely get any exposure because they do what they do so quietly," Whidden added. "He never looks for any glory."



A sugar plum of a production

Nutcracker magic is close to home this holiday season

By Kim Stempel
CORRESPONDENT

A beloved holiday tradition returns to the South Shore — when the Children's Dance Ensemble performs "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 8 and 9 at Hingham High School. This is the 15th year the ensemble has been staged in this unique full-length ballet.

Part of what makes this production unique is that "it's danced entirely by children. I don't hire individuals to dance the lead roles of the Snow Queen or Sugar Plum Fairy," said Mary Lou Cunningham, the Director of the Dance Workshop of Hanover.

Twelve-year-old Danielle D'Ambra, who is a new member of the ensemble and will be dancing the part of Clara, said that, "It's a lot of work but really enjoyable. I've had a lot of fun practicing for it."

According to Karla Hawkins, who is dancing the part of the Sugar Plum Fairy, the feeling of performing in the Nutcracker "is great. It's indescribable."

Ashley Carson is the senior member of the ensemble and is dancing in several dances, including the party scene, the snow dance and the waltz of the flowers.

"We are really close as a company," she said. "Just having this network of people is a wonderful thing."

Children's Dance Ensemble members rehearse every Sunday for four hours for this production, with additional rehearsals added as the event draws closer.

Cunningham, who has been the director for 28 years, has the school follow the Royal Academy for Dance syllabus. Cunningham participated in eight years of training to be in this program, and her students are graded each April by examiners from London.

The Children's Dance Ensemble has a varied repertoire which includes classical ballet, jazz, and modern styles. The ensemble is comprised of talented dancers between the ages of 12 and 18. Students of the Dance Workshop of Hanover audition in September for parts in "The Nutcracker," and new members are invited in to the Children's Dance Ensemble company by Cunningham. Members of the dance ensemble also have a voice in suggesting who will be invited to participate in the group. The remainder of the roles are danced by Dance Workshop of Hanover students who are chosen based on their auditions.

"They are very professional in their presence — both their performing and stage presence," Cunningham said of the dancers. Cunningham noted that the ensemble members are all accelerated students, both in terms of their dancing and academic grades.

The Children's Dance Ensemble, which is comprised of 13 core members, is the pre-professional children's performing company of the Dance Workshop of Hanover.

The group performs a benefit every year, with proceeds from the last five going to children's cancer research. They have also recently performed for the Lodge of Mason's in Brockton, and will also be guest dancers in Rachel's Dance School of Middleboro's production of "The Nutcracker." The company will perform the snow dance.

"The Nutcracker" will be performed Saturday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at Hingham High School. Tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for children and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling Dance Workshop of Hanover at (781) 829-0390.

Top, dancer Karla Hawkins, is on her toes as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Above, Erin Leary, defies gravity as the Dew Drop Fairy in the Children's Dance Ensemble production of the "Nutcracker."

Left, Monica Ormsby and Caroline Rhodes play picture perfect Polichinelles in the production.

Food & dining



Pumpkin Cheesecake

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

For some cooks, pumpkin cheesecake is a culinary holy grail, the secret recipe they pull out during any season when they want to impress guests with a spectacular dessert. The rest of us are a bit skeptical – after all, why muck up such a divinely simple recipe as cheesecake with pumpkin? The answer became clear during my testing. Pumpkin cheesecake, when made properly, is a divine marriage of three ingredients – cream cheese, sour cream, and pumpkin – that have a natural affinity for each other. The problem, I found, was to enhance the flavor of the pumpkin while also producing the perfect, creamy texture.

The first stop was the pumpkin itself. Forget about buying a small sugar pumpkin and making your own puree from scratch. It's too much work and the stuff in the can is at least as good. (Libby and One Pie make pumpkin purees.) Stay clear, however, of pumpkin pie fillings which also contain unwanted spices.

Besides sugar and spices, the three key dairy ingredients in most cheesecakes are cream cheese, sour cream, and heavy cream. I quickly discovered that simply dumping in a can of pumpkin puree to my existing cheesecake recipe wasn't going to work (the cheesecake was too wet and dull tasting) so I had to revisit these three key ingredients. I started by eliminating the heavy cream completely – this improved the texture as well as allowing the pumpkin flavor to shine through. The sour cream was not discarded but greatly reduced to a mere 1/4 cup (many recipes use well over 1 cup) so that its tang was still present yet it did not overpower the pumpkin. I left the cream cheese at the standard 2 pounds.

Another common ingredient is flour but even a small amount made the cheesecake drier and somewhat tougher. I tested various quantities of eggs and settled on 5 although I did not separate any of them, whipping the whites and then folding them back into the batter, a common technique for producing a lighter cake. (This technique also produced too much batter for my springform pan.) One and a half cups of sugar proved to be enough to produce a pleasantly sweetened cheesecake. I also tried adding brown sugar but the cake started to taste like pumpkin pie. For spices, I tried combinations of the usual - cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, cloves. The cloves proved to be overpowering but 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4- teaspoon nutmeg and 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger was perfect.

For the crust, I tested graham crackers, Oreo cookies, and gingersnaps and my tasters universally preferred the latter. (Cheap boxed grocery store gingersnaps are fine.) To make the crust, I started with 1 cup of crumbs and used 1/4 cup to dust the sides of the pan. The other 3/4 cup crumbs were mixed with 1 tablespoon of butter and pressed into the bottom of the pan. This version produces a cheesecake with a thick layer of crumbs at the bottom of the cake which enhances both flavor and texture.

As for baking, I found that a water bath was necessary to achieve the light, creamy texture I was after. (A heavier, New York style cheesecake does not need a water bath.) I tested a variety of oven temperatures and settled on 300 degrees for 60 to 70 minutes, allowing the cake to cool in the turned off oven for one hour with the door propped open. Finally, a pumpkin cheesecake with dignity and good taste.

CREAMY, SPICED PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE

Cold cream cheese does not whip well. It is best to leave it at room temperature for at least 45 minutes before starting this recipe.

1 cup gingersnap crumbs, from about 18-20 cookies 1 3/4 inches in diameter crushed in a zipper lock bag with a rolling pin

1 tablespoon melted butter plus additional butter for coating the inside of the pan

2 pounds cream cheese, softened

1 1/2 cups granulated sugar

5 large eggs

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1/4 cup sour cream

1 15 ounce can pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

1. Adjust oven rack to the middle position and heat oven to 300 degrees. Remove bottom of a 9-inch springform pan and cover with an 18-inch wide sheet of aluminum foil. Insert bottom into pan and fold foil up around sides of pan. Brush the bottom and sides of the pan with melted butter. Add 1/4 cup gingersnap crumbs to the pan and tilt pan to coat the sides. Place the remaining 3/4 cups crumbs in a small bowl. Add the 1 tablespoon melted butter and, using a fork, mix well. Place the crumb mixture in the bottom of the pan, distribute evenly and press using a flat bottom glass. Cover the bottom and sides with an additional piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil and place inside a large roasting pan. Bring a kettle of water to a boil for water bath.

2. Beat the cream cheese in bowl of an electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add sugar and beat until smooth, about 3 minutes. Scrape bowl frequently. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat until just incorporated. Add the vanilla, sour cream, pumpkin, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger and mix on low until well combined. Finish mixing with a rubber spatula being careful to scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl.

3. Pour batter into the prepared springform pan and set roasting pan on oven rack. Pour enough boiling water into the roasting pan to come halfway up the sides of the springform. Bake 60 to 70 minutes or until the cheesecake is puffy and the center is still a bit wobbly. Turn off the oven and prop the door open with the handle of a wooden spoon. Allow the cheesecake to cool in the oven for 1 hour. Remove springform pan from the oven; discard the outer layer of foil and set on a wire rack, cool to room temperature. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight until completely chilled. Can be made 2 to 3 days ahead. Slice and serve.

Serves 12

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Get an early start today. The morning holds high potential for productivity. Harmonious lunar alignments occur to Saturn, the sun, Mercury and Pluto until 10:51 a.m. However, it is best to postpone launching major ventures for a few days. An applying Mercury/Pluto alignment warns against signing important documents, making decisions. Think before you speak. Meditate for peace of mind.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

This day has its challenges. Stay upbeat and don't allow anyone or anything to throw you off course. The Leo moon opposes combative Mars at 9:20 a.m. and becomes inactive. A Virgo moon takes over at 12:11 p.m. Mercury aligns with Pluto at 3:12 a.m.; the sun and Pluto conjoin at 10:53 p.m. Take on a busy work schedule. You can make headway developing projects that need repair, problem-solving. Plan a quiet evening. Important insights or inspirations may come, if you have the quiet space and time to listen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Gear up for another demanding day. Stress management is important. Resolve to be more patient, easygoing. Keep your mind and hands busy, be productive. The Virgo moon forms potent 90-degree alignments to Saturn, Pluto, the sun and Mercury until 5:57 p.m., when it becomes inactive. A harmonious alignment of Venus and Neptune enhances creativity and prompts you to enjoy favorite hobbies, arts and crafts projects.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

An inactive Virgo moon offers an opportunity to catch up on unfinished projects or routine chores, errands. Make up a list of things to do and stick to it. Influences turn around completely at 2:57 p.m., when the moon enters Libra. Mars moves into Pisces at 4:52 p.m., remaining there until January 18, 2002. Don't be a hermit tonight. The evening is prime for social activities, romantic rendezvous.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Take advantage of a break in the stormy astrological weather; relax and spend quality time with loved ones today. The Libra moon forms harmonious contacts to six planets. However, an applying Venus/Saturn polarity warns you to hold off on major purchases, shopping sprees. In addition, the influence of an applying Mercury/Uranus alignment may help you to gain new understanding concerning issues that have been troubling you.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

At 3:43 a.m. the Libra moon becomes inactive until 6:09 p.m. That means that this is a day to follow through on projects already begun, review and redo. New starts are off limits. At 6:09 p.m. the moon enters intensive Scorpio. It is okay to burn the midnight oil working on business or study projects, especially if it is something you have put off for a while. Venus opposes Saturn at 9:33 p.m., urging you to focus on the positives. Don't let doubt, fear, frustration creep in. Open your heart to higher visions.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

A Scorpio moon makes this a day to get things done. Roll up your sleeves and take on a full work agenda, particularly jobs that require mental focus and concentration. You can work out glitches and get to the heart of the matter. Others may be pensive, hypersensitive. Choose your words carefully. Take extra quiet time out for yourself. Look within for answers, and you will find what you need to get back on track.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Scorpio moon forms a 90-degree alignment to unpredictable Uranus at 7:48 a.m. and becomes inactive until this evening. Take it slow and easy this morning; allow extra time to get where you are going. Zero in on projects that have been left hanging and finish them. Influences continue to rate high for work that requires troubleshooting, problem-solving. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 10:30 p.m., when the moon enters Sagittarius.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

A barrage of planetary activity makes for a challenging period today and tomorrow. Most prominent, the solar eclipse/new moon culminating tomorrow. The dark side of a new moon brings a time for looking back, letting go and clearing the way for new activities. A sun/Uranus alignment this morning may open doors to new solutions and possibilities. A lunar opposition to Saturn at 5:29 p.m. brings a lull period in the day. Spend time alone; rest, reflect, refocus.

Holiday decorating with glorious greens from the garden

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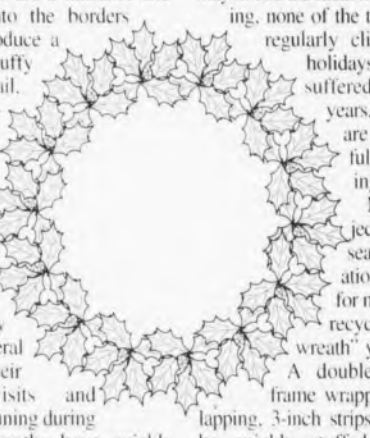
By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

PART I

Record-breaking warmth ushered in the month of December as Mother Nature extended this autumn's stretch of unseasonably moderate, dry weather. It may be the season for holiday shopping, baking and decorating, but mild temperatures produced an irresistible urge for restless homeowners throughout our South Shore communities to spend the weekend clipping, raking, hauling and working in the garden rather than cope with the crowds at the mall.

Touches of springtime color appeared here and there across the landscape as a few of Mother Nature's early bloomers were deceived by the late season warming trend. Numerous lemon yellow blossoms emerged prematurely along the gracefully arched branches of the forsythia bushes. Although there may be fewer starry blooms next season, their sunny color amid the stark bare branches were a welcome sight. Nearby, several soft lavender-blue pincushion flowers of Scabiosa "Butterfly Blue" were accompanied by dozens of tiny, yellow and purple smiling faces from the omnipresent seedlings of Johnny Jump-Ups. The sounds and smells were reminiscent of a day in early spring while the harsh realities of winter weather in New England seemed months away.

This unseasonable warm weather has also awakened all the little creatures of the woodland. A resident frog lazily floated on the water garden's surface, occasionally gliding to avoid the nibbling of the vibrantly-colored orange and white gold fish as several plump gray squirrels came to the pond's edge periodically to refresh themselves while scolding every intruder. Unfortunately, with less vegetation in the wild on which to dine, Bambi and Thumper have become regular visitors to my garden in their quest for evergreen delicacies. Bunnies are a nuisance and every step into the borders seemed to produce a retreating, fluffy white cottontail, but their nibbling pales in comparison to their foraging friends. Despite the initial thrill of seeing deer in my backyard several years ago, their perpetual visits and destructive pruning during the colder months have quickly cured my delight in their presence. I may apply a deer repellent on their favorite shrubs this season in an effort to diminish their devastation.



Once the month of December arrives, the time has come to bid at least a temporary farewell to the gardens and focus on the holiday season. I set aside the first week of December to make a final inspection of the borders, rake the last crop of leaves, clean tools, store chemicals and empty soil from all breakable containers. Due to the mild weather, winter protection and mulches will most likely wait until after the first of the year, depending on the weekly forecasts.

In the next few days, I will begin the process of gathering greens to create my holiday decorations. Yews, arborvitae, junipers, ground pine, false cypress, Japanese holly, white pine and cedars are my favored evergreens as they tend to maintain their foliage without water, lasting through the holidays and into the new year. Hemlock boughs should be avoided as they tend to drop their small, stout needles shortly after being cut, even in water. A mature landscape can offer a wealth of materials suitable for flower arranging and holiday decorating. Over the years, I have consciously planted many trees and shrubs which serve the dual purpose of providing multiple seasons of interest in the landscape and excellent cut foliage, berries or branches for interior designs. I delay the pruning of most of these plants until December and fill several bags full of clippings ideal for my holiday trimmings. Although the month of December may not be the ideal month for pruning, none of the trees or shrubs regularly clipped for the holidays seem to have suffered over the years, and nearly all are thicker and fuller the following season.

My first project each holiday season is the creation of a wreath for my front door. I recycle a "pocket wreath" year after year. A double-ringed wire frame wrapped with overlapping, 3-inch strips of fabric can be quickly stuffed with mixed greens to produce a handsome, welcoming centerpiece. Whether I am creating a landscape plan, decorating a room, arranging flowers or preparing a simple wreath, I strive to apply the basic principles of design to all my projects with emphasis on contrast of color, form and texture and repetition of these same elements. Having a green front entry doorway, a variety of colors and textures are essential to maximize the wreath's appearance. Needled greens, some tinged with silvery blue, yellow and bronze are mixed with a variety of lustrous, shiny broad-leafed evergreens including leucothoe, holly, PJM rhododendron, mountain laurel and euonymus.

While soils remain dry and workable, the shriveled remains of frost-damaged annuals should be removed from whiskey barrels. Hardy chrysanthemums, asters, or sedums may survive the winter in your barrel, but could be snipped back to a few inches. A collection of mixed green branches and berries inserted directly into the soft earth in place of the faded annuals and around hardier plants will create a festive, holiday display and provide additional winter protection for remaining plantings.



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Restaurateur Michael Cocomazzi has done it again, creating a comfortable and immensely popular dining spot where others have failed. This time, it's D'Ann's Sports and Entertainment in Holbrook.

A new venue but a proven recipe: the menu is a clone of his popular D'Ann's Neighborhood Grille & Pizzeria in Abington. Look for the same successes too: big salads (the Chicken Caesar is particularly good) and burgers for lighter dining, but a large menu for extended dining as well.

Top appetizers include their special "Snack Attack," a combo of different items for two. Entrées getting the nod range from comfort food like the best broiled Boston scrod around, a house special chicken supreme and a juicy choice prime rib to the all-new broiled seafood platter, which is simply a great value for seafood lovers. D'Ann's also serves a delicious pizza with various toppings, has a full children's menu (only .99 every Sunday) and a great game room for kids so parents can relax and enjoy a meal together.

If you're looking for a restaurant with high prices, forget it! D'Ann's is, in fact, one of the most engaging, comfortable, down-home restaurants in the area and serves some of the best food around, as well. Owner Michael Cocomazzi, a most delightful host, welcomes all to experience "a reasonably priced gem." And remember, "If it's D'Ann's...it's delicious."

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SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER inspired by the 1977 film and its score by the Bee Gees, comes to Boston's Wang Theatre on Jan. 22 and runs through Jan. 27. Adapted for the stage by Tony nominee Nan Knighton, Saturday Night Fever is directed and choreographed by Arlene Phillips and features a cast of 33 leading Broadway singers and dancers assembled by the Broadway production's entire award-winning creative team. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $45/$55/$65/$75. Group discounts are available for all performances except Friday and Saturday evenings. Special student group discounts are available only for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening performances at $30. Tickets are on sale now at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont Street or through Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400. For TTY ticket orders call 1-888-889-8587. For all other information call The Wang Theatre at 617-482-9393.

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27m at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre

MUSICAL HOLIDAY PARTY XIV AT QUINCY DINNER THEATER, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. Holiday music and comedy. Dec. 1,2,5,8,9,11,13,14,15,16,17,18,20,21, 22. Dinner and show, $35 to $37.50. Group and senior discounts available call 781-843-5862. Monday through Saturday, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 and 9, dinner 5 p.m. show 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 16, dinner 2 p.m., show 3:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible.

BAY COLONY CLUSTER DOG SHOW will be held from Dec. 6 - 9 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Sponsored by PEDIGREE brand dog foods, The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigreed pooches competing each day for "Top Dog" honors within their respective groups and breeds. The show will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is $10 for adults and seniors and $5 for children. Parking is $10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information call 617-556-7747. The public is not permitted to bring their dogs to the show.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.



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The South Shore Folk Music Club presents a concert featuring Lui Collins Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Beal House located at The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Route 106, Kingston. Admission is $10 members, $12 non-members. For information call (781) 871-1052



BEST BET

Scituate artists Marj Bates hosts her Sixth Annual Holiday Open Studio and Sale, Dec. 8 and 9, also through Dec. 24, (call for a convenient time) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bates' Studio is located at 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate. For more information call (781) 545-8290.

Thurs. 6

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum - Christmas at the White House. Featured among the more than 70 original costumes and accessories worn by Jacqueline Kennedy are the two outfits she wore to the Christmas receptions for White House staff. The White House years – Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum now being presented through Feb. 28. Tickets are $15 for adults $13 for seniors and students, and $8 for children ages 13-17, and include admission to the Museum's permanent exhibition on President John F. Kennedy. For information call 617-695-2JFK. Reservations recommended for weekends.

Cohasset "Christmas Reflection: A tour of five homes and a holiday tea Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are $20 advance $23 on tour day available at the South Shore Community Center 6 North Main St., Cohasset 781-383-9348 or for more information call 781-383-0025 or 781-383-9442.

South Shore Natural Science Center will sponsor a day trip to **Tower Hill Botanic Gardens**, home of the Worcester Horticultural Society, on Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Travel by luxury coach to view their annual Holly Days exhibit, which features holiday decorations, tour the Orangerie, a modern interpretation of an 18th century greenhouse. A quick stop at a gift shop then a stop for lunch before heading back. The program fee of $55 members/$57 garden club members/$60 for non-members includes transportation, admission and lunch. Call 781-659-2559 to make a lunch menu choice and reservation.

Certified Networker Program offers free educational evening. Business professionals, owners and sales managers interested in learning more about how to build their businesses through a referral-based marketing strategy are invited to a free session Dec. 6, from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the River Bay Club, 99 Bracket Street, Quincy. This is an introduction to the Certified Networker Program, the complete training system for building a solid referral-based marketing strategy. The event will offer participants the chance to learn about formal networking strategies; there will also be opportunities to network with fellow business professionals. Interested parties are urged to contact Tom Fleming at 617-376-0537 or by email TimF@BNI.com

Fri. 7

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society presents **Christmas at the King Caesar House "An Ancient Yuletide Carol"** 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury. House Tour and Antique and Gift Gallery, Dec. 7 to 9. Admission $10 per person/$8 for seniors. Dec. 7 from noon until 8 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9, noon to 4 p.m.

Bridgwaye Inn, Marshfield. Dec. 7, **Moonliters**. Music starts at 8:30 p.m. No admission charge. Dancing in main dining room. For more information call 781-834-6505.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Sq., Bridgewater features Irish Poets and the culture of Peace exhibit of Art and Poems. Irish Poets: Mary Guckian, Veronica Heywood, Gerry McDonnell, and Gwen McNamara. Free admission pass the hat for feature, open mic sign-up at 7:30 p.m. For information call 508-279-9952 www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry

South Shore Folk Music Club concert featuring **Lui Collins**, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. The Beal House, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Route 106, Kingston. Price $10 members, $12 non-members. For information call 781-871-1052

The Sixth Annual Holiday Show and Sale at **Local Pottery** begins this year at 7 p.m. opening reception on Dec. 7, and will run through Dec. 24. Local Pottery is located at 26 Washington St., in Pembroke. For information 781-826-1325

Shaw's Supermarkets Holiday Pops - The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at the Kingston Intermediate School, 65 Second Brook Road, Kingston, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. Call 508-746-8008. Ticket range $20 - $28. Senior, youth and group discounts offered; $5 student rush tickets sold at the door one hour before the performance. Wheelchair accessible.

Plymouth Antiquarian Society presents **The 11th Annual Christmas on North Street celebration** on Dec. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the heart of Plymouth's scenic historic district. North Street, edged with glowing luminaria set out by Kiwanis Club volunteers, will be the setting for old-fashioned holiday festivities. The event begins at 5 p.m. with roving street carolers, fee hot cider offered by the Rotary Club of Plymouth and free children's holiday crafts workshops outdoors at the Quincy College lawn. At 6 p.m. the Penny Merriment Victorian singers will perform outside the historic Spooner House, 27 North Street. A highlight of the evening will be a winter arts procession, featuring the courtly entourage of the Winter King. The town tree will be lighted at 7 p.m. Singers from Plymouth North and South High Schools will present a concert of madrigals at the Taylor-Trask Museum. Families may visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at Quincy College from 7 to 8 p.m. A Victorian Crafts Fair and holiday wreath sale to benefit the Plymouth Antiquarian Society will be held outside Quincy College from 5 to 7:30 p.m. There will be no parking permitted on North Street during the event; the road will be closed to all traffic from 4 to 8 p.m.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **NRBQ**. Tickets are $12 in advance. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300

Sat. 8

Bridgwaye Inn, Marshfield. Dec. 7, **Jupiter Ray** Music starts at 8:30 p.m. no admission charge. Dancing in main dining room. For more information call 781-834-6505.

Santa to visit Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your cameras and kid's lists. For more information call 781-331-2665.

Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham will be hosting **Laura Robinson** on Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. Laura is the creator of a unique shadow book, **"William and the Christmas Moon."** Call 781-749-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend. Free

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, presents the musical **"Rudolph"** on Dec. 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill No. 1, Lower level. Admission is $8 adult $5 child. For information call 508-747-1234 or www.starcreations.org

Holiday Gospel Concert featuring the Boston Community Choir at Massasoit's Buckley Center in Brockton Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets $12, general public $10. For tickets call 508-427-1234.

South Shore Men of Harmony will present at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, the 11th Annual Seniors concert **"A Holiday Benefit Concert"** in the Weymouth High School auditorium, 1051 Commercial Street. Proceeds from free will offering to benefit **Matthew Nagle**, recovering from paralyzing injuries received during July 4, fireworks celebration. Featured performances by **Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus**, chapter quartet, and their special guests, **Weymouth High School Concert Choir**. Free admission, refreshments and door prizes. Community wide participation by service clubs and Weymouth Rotaract and DARE students. For more information call Pete Fitzgerald at 781-341-1688 or Bill Fitzgerald 781-337-0227.

South Shore Conservatory presents **Amahl and the Night Visitors** performed by **Opera by the Bay** on Dec. 8, two shows 4 and 7 p.m. at the Sanborn Auditorium, Town Hall, 210 Central Street, Hingham and Dec. 9, two shows 4 and 7 p.m. at the Pilgrim Church, 404 Washington Street, Duxbury.

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The Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents NRBQ in concert, Friday, Dec. 7. Showtime is 9:45 p.m. Tickets are $12 in advance, $14 day of the show. Casual dress, cover charge varies. For more information call (781) 925-4300.

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Music and Comedy at Taunton's Dessert Club features veteran "folkie" Dan Hart and Howie Newman, Saturday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. The Dessert Club is located at the First Parish Church, Church Green in Taunton. Tickets for. show are $8. For further information, call (508) 824-4143.

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Blue Hills Adult Walking Club Easy walk, mostly flat terrain, 1.5 miles. Walk around Brookwood Farm. Meet at 1 p.m. at the parking area at Brookwood Farm on Blue Hill River Road in Canton. For information call 617-698-1802.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **K.D. Bell big Band** Tickets are $7 in advance. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

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Sixth Annual Holiday Open Studio and Sale. Dec. 8 and 9, also through Dec. 24, (call for a convenient time) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mary Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate. 781-545-8290.

Easter Seals Swim Program. The Winter Session of Easter Seals adapted swim program for children with disabilities opens on Dec. 8. The program takes place weekly at Healthrax on Saturdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Sun. 9

The Scituate Arts Association is featuring the works of gallery artists from Dec. 4, through Feb. 3. On display will be original works in a variety of media, many of which will be priced below $150. The public is invited to an opening reception on Dec. 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. Raffle tickets for a framed limited edition watercolor print of Scituate are on sale from now until Dec. 9. All proceeds benefit Scituate Arts Association. You do not need to be present to win.

MADD holds Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance and Hope Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Country Club of Halifax, Route 106, Halifax. For more information call 781-585-1888.

Temple Beth Sholom's Family Chanukah Party Dec. 9, 12:30 to 3 p.m. Bring your favorite Chanukah menorah to light communally. Learn and sing traditional Chanukah blessing and songs. Refreshments of potato latkes, hot dogs with all the condiments, dessert and beverages, petting zoo. $7 per adult, $5 per child under 3 free. Temple Beth Sholom is located at 600 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. For more information call 781-925-0091.

Duxbury Art Association and sponsored by Longwood Partners, LP Investment Partnership. Will Robinson's **Lost in Space** opens in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts on Dec. 9 and continues through February 1. The show included 40 works done in classes entitled "Draw-Paint-Explore!" classes taught by DAA faculty member Willard Robinson. A reception will be held Dec. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibition and reception are open to the public at no charge.

Handi Kids Second Annual Festival of Lights, Dec. 9, from 1 to 6 p.m. The day will feature a craft fair, bake sale, children's activities caroling and pony rides. Handi Kids is located at 470 Pine Street, Bridgewater. For information call 508-697-7557.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents a forum **Searching for a Better World in the Face of Terrorism**, Dec. 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Prior to the attack in New York CARE, one of the world's pre-eminent humanitarian relief and development organizations, was leading the fight against hunger and for healthier living conditions for the Afghan people. Join Peter Bell, President of CARE, as he discusses the challenge of protecting those relief workers and the importance of continuing relief efforts in developing countries as a means to combat division, oppression, and terror at its roots. For information call 617-929-4500.

A Broad Cove Chorale Christmas will be performing its final concert of the holiday season at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset. Tickets are $12 advance at Cards & Shards (Cohasset) and Nobel's Camera (Hingham Square) and $15 at the door. Call 781-749-7890 for information.

The Choral Art Society of Scituate will present a holiday concert on Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. at St. Luke's church in Scituate. The theme of the concert is "A Baroque Christmas' featuring music from around the world. Tickets are $12 adults and $10 students and seniors. Call 781-837-5547.

The Fine Arts Choral 21st Annual "Christmas Pops" Concert Dec. 9, at Lombardo's Grand Ballroom, Randolph. For information call 800-230-7555 or 781-934-5753.

10th Annual Holiday House Tour. Dec. 9, 1 to 4 p.m. **The Captain Forbes House Museum** at 215 Adams St., Milton announces the 10th annual Holiday House Tour Old town Trolleys sponsored by the Milton Fruit Center will take visitors to six private homes in historic Milton. Spend an afternoon learning about architecture and history of these charming houses while reveling in decorative holiday splendor. A reception at the Captain Forbes House Museum sponsored by the Sales associates of Hunneman & Company/Coldwell Banker will immediately follow the tour. Call 617-696-1815 for more information.

Marshfield Council on Aging will attend the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert** with the Pilgrim Festival Chorus at the Kingston Intermediate School Auditorium. Bus (school bus) will leave the COA at 2 p.m. and return at 6 p.m. total cost $25.

Tues. 11

The Senior Center at Massasoit Community College cordially invites members of the community to a **Annual Holiday concert** Dec. 11, at 12:30 p.m. This performance will be held in the Buckley Performing Arts Center on the Brockton Campus. There is no charge for this event. Light refreshments will be served following the concert. For more information call, 508-588-9100 x1695.

La Leche League will hold a meeting on Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

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The Duxbury Rural and Historical Society presents Christmas at the King Caesar House "An Ancient Yuletide Carol." The house is located at 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury. The tour and antique and gift gallery will be held Dec. 7-9. Admission is $10 per person/$8 for seniors. Tours will be given Dec. 7 from noon until 8 p.m.; Dec. 8 and 9 from noon to 4 p.m. For more information call (781) 934-6106.



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Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, presents the musical "Rudolph" on Dec. 2, 8, 9, 25, and 16 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill No. 1, Lower level. Admission is $8 for adults; $5 for children. For information call (508) 747-1234 or www.starcreations.org

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The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum presents Christmas at the White House. Featured among the more than 70 original costumes and accessories worn by Jacqueline Kennedy are the two outfits she wore to the Christmas receptions for White House staff. The White House years – Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum is being presented through Feb. 28. Tickets are $15 for adults $13 for seniors and students, and $8 for children ages 13-17, and include admission to the Museum's permanent exhibition on President John F. Kennedy. For information call (617) 695-2JFK. Reservations recommended for weekends.

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Willow Road, Hanover. The discussion subject is "Nutrition and Next Steps." Meetings are free. Pregnant and nursing mothers are encourage to attend, and babies are always welcome. For more information or directions, call 781-545-0815, 781-544-6226 or 781-544-9230.

South of Boston Knitters' Guild will hold their monthly meeting Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church on Rt. 139 in Marshfield. There will be a Yankee Swap, as well as a cookie swap. The charity project of chemo caps will be collected. Refreshments will be served. New members and guest are welcome. For information call 781-834-8560.

Wed. 12

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, presents **Assessing the Military's Options** from 5:30 to 7 p.m. As Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, General Wesley K. Clark oversaw NATO's military intervention in the former Yugoslavia. Drawing on his new book, Waging Modern War: Bosnia, Kosovo, and the future of Combat, he comments on the current U.S. military and diplomatic efforts to confront and debilitate international terrorist networks. The session will be moderated by Boston Globe reporter Kevin Cullen. For more information call 617-929-4500.

Fri. 14

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Young Neal and the Vipers.** Tickets are $7 in advance. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Bridgwaye Inn, Marshfield, Dec. 7, **Trax** Music starts at 8:30 p.m. no admission charge. Dancing in main dining room. For more information call 781-834-6505.

Ongoing Events

Musical Holiday Party XIV at Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. Holiday music and comedy. Dec. 1,2,5,8,9,11,13,14,15,16,17,18,20,21,22. Dinner and show, $35 to $37.50. Group and senior discounts available call 781-843-5862. Monday through Saturday, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 and 9, dinner 5 p.m. show 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 16, dinner 2 p.m., show 3:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible.

The 28th Annual Nantucket Noel. Festivities celebrate now and continue through New Year's Eve with theatrical performances, concerts, holiday exhibitions. For more information, call 508-228-1700.

The James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, presents **"Faces and Places"** a show of recent oil paintings by local artist **Karl Nestelberger** from now until Jan. 3. For more information call 781-659-7100.

The Company Theatre in Norwell will launched its new holiday production Nov. 30 with weekend shows continuing through Dec. 22. Company for the Holidays promises to deliver holiday cheer to all generations, with its sensational blend of music, comedy and pageantry and will feature the following segments: **Sleigh Ride** - a review of old and new musical favorites; **A Hoosier Christmas** - an original hilarious comedy that follows the calamities of a small town family in the 1960s; **Around the World** - a colorful celebration of music and traditions from many lands; **The Nativity** - a moving inspirational retelling of the Christmas story with contemporary and classical music and pageantry. Performances on Wednesday and Thursday nights begin at 7:30 p.m. (Tickets $19/$21), Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. ($22/$24), Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. ($22/24), and Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. ($19/$21). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

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Buttonwood Book Angel Program – In the spirit of holiday sharing, ButtonWood Books & Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham invite all to participate in its Book Angel Program. The program will run through Dec. 16, and will help put books into the hands of disadvantaged children. The book angel takes an Angel from the tree and purchases a book for that child that is close to the interest highlighted on the angel. Buttonwood will then discount that book 15 percent and deliver the book to that child's sponsoring group. For more information call 781-383-2665 Cohasset or 781-749-2665 Hingham.

Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** at the Cohasset Town Hall weekends starting now through Dec. 9. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate. At the door and by phone at 781-383-1718. Girl Scout Troops contact Wendy at 781-545-1655 for discount tickets.

South Shore Conservatory is please to feature the monoprints of Pembroke artist, **Roberta Simpson Walsh** in the Staircase Gallery through the end of December. Her prints are created with brilliant colors, and others with muted colors and are often produced using objects from nature such as leaves and feathers. Admission is free. Hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. For information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills way to get out on the slopes. Specially groomed walls and a stopping area will keep tubers safely inside the slick chute and insure a nice easy end to a wild and fun ride. Tubers will also be able to enjoy the ride back up the hill as they're whisked away by handle tow, while seated comfortably on their tube. Two hours of sliding and careening will cost $14.

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Alison Martin Davidson** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street in Marshfield Center. The show will run from now until Jan. 13, open for viewing by the public Monday-Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. with a reception at the Ventress Library, Monday, Nov. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

Plimoth Plantation is the living history museum of 17th century Plimoth. Open through Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. For general information call 508-746-1622. Admission to the 1627 Pilgrim Village is $20 for ages 13 and over and $12 for children 6 - 12. Admission to Mayflower II is $8 for ages 13 and over and $6 for children ages 6 - 12. Hours and admission are subject to change. To confirm call the general information number.



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The 10th Annual Holiday House Tour at The Captain Forbes House Museum will be held Sunday, Dec. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Forbes House is located at 215 Adams Street. Old town Trolleys will take visitors to six private homes in historic Milton. Spend an afternoon learning about architecture and history of these charming houses while reveling in decorative holiday splendor. A reception at the Captain Forbes House Museum sponsored by the Sales associates of Hunneman & Company/Coldwell Banker will immediately follow the tour. Call (617) 696-1815 for more information.

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The Choral Art Society will present a holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. at St. Luke's church in Scituate. The theme of the concert is "A Baroque Christmas' featuring music from around the world. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and senior citizens. For more information call (781) 837-5547.



Artica Gallery presents "The Elements" featuring photographers: Michael Cogliano, Jim Desisto, Linda Garrity, Keith Johnson, Ellen Healy, Amy McCarthy, and Vyvian Stevens. The exhibit will run until Dec. 31, from 2 to 5 p.m. They gallery is located at 22 Depot Street, Duxbury. For information call 781-934-0640.



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Hull move raises stink

Sewer hookup plan trashed

By Evan Schiff
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Cohasset and Hull are not getting along too well.

Hull is selling sewer access to the private developer of a proposed subdivision off Jerusalem Road when Cohasset, which is under a court order to solve its wastewater woes, could use additional capacity.

According to Town Manager Mark Haddad, Cohasset has repeatedly requested to meet with Hull's sewer commission and selectmen in an attempt to buy the space. He says his requests have fallen on deaf ears and sent a letter to Hull selectmen with those concerns.

"We approached Hull eight months ago asking them to meet with us and we have gotten no response," he said.

Hull recently granted a real estate developer permission to connect his proposed subdivision to the Hull treatment plant. According to published reports, Hull selectmen agreed to treat the 25-house development last week and, in exchange for treating more than 13,000 gallons of sewage a day, developers are pre-

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Avalon Bay's next stop: ZBA

By Mary Ford
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Get ready for what could be a long hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals about the largest multi-unit housing project before the town in recent memory, if ever.

Add affordable housing to the mix and a state-law, dubbed "The Anti-Snob Zoning Act" — which could allow one of the last tracts of undeveloped, industrially zoned land in town to go residential — and the resulting discussion should make interesting copy.

AvalonBay Communities Inc. has cleared a hurdle on the way to building a 254-unit luxury apartment complex off Route 3A on the former 62-acre Webb-Norfolk Conveyor site.

The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency has given the project site approval enabling the developer to file an application for a comprehensive permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

"It's the first step in the process," said Michael J. Roberts, senior acquisitions director with Avalon, in a telephone interview Tuesday. "Really the purpose of the (MHFA) site approval is a means to give us the opportunity to present to MHFA our plans include what size and scale, what the economics will look like and other potential issues."

Roberts explained the MHFA letter says the development falls within the

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House tour-goers descend the spectacular grand staircase at 100 Beach St. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset sponsored the popular event.

There's no place like home...

Holiday house tour draws hundreds

By Lauryn Mittleman
CORRESPONDENT

On an ideal day for a stroll (though admittedly it felt more like Christmas in July), last Thursday an estimated 800 participants set out to be inspired by The Community Garden Club of Cohasset's Christmas Reflections House Tour & Holiday Tea. At the end of the day all agreed there was little more to ask for as the event, which earned rave reviews, featured few if any lines, and a total of five already spectacular homes made extra special for the holiday season.

"People just love getting all different ideas."
— house captain Maureen Byrne

"We were very pleased with this year's turnout," said event co-Chairman Judith Dickstein early this week. "I think there was a good steady stream throughout the day."

"And everyone worked so hard," added fellow Community Garden Club volunteer Sue Hall, remarking that the day's weather was also just right for showing off the homes' sensational outdoor settings and views.

Decked out in a befitting nautically themed motif, the dashing home known as Caravel-by-the-Sea kicked off this year's tour and did indeed dazzle with its seashell-studded trees, topiaries grown of gumdrops and memorable lighthouse made entirely of pinecones. In the kitchen we saw goodies for the big

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

David Hassan stands outside his shop on Route 3A. His company, Hassan Sign is celebrating 30 years in the sign painting and woodcarving business.

Signs speak for themselves

Hassan celebrates 30 years in the business

By Evan Schiff
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It's how we find the places we are looking for. Whether it is a business or residence — a sign that draws attention to the building can drum up business, or help relatives and friends locate a home.

David Hassan, whose shop and residence is located at 805 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, has been in the sign business for 30 years and now his work graces the storefronts of many South Shore businesses.

"I never even took wood shop in high school," Hassan joked.

Hassan's signs have become a hallmark of Cohasset with the Red Lion Inn, RGP pizza, Village Wine and Spirits, the Music Circus, Philip Smith Interior Design and others proudly displaying his designs. He describes the sign at the Red Lion Inn as one of his most elaborate signs.

The sign is carved out of mahogany wood with separate red lions, also carved from mahogany, added to the front of the sign. The lion, as well as the lettering, was all highlighted in 24-carat gold leaf paint.

Hassan grew up in Cohasset and went through the school system graduating from Cohasset High School in 1968. He began to paint houses and realized he needed a box to hold his supplies, so he built one.

He went to Pat Plante, who was the wood shop teacher at the time in Cohasset, and asked Plante to show him the ropes of wood carving. Plante obliged, and Hassan got his start.

Hassan said he most enjoys the design aspect of sign making.

"No matter how great the painting and carvings are, if it's not eye catching it's not going to get the job done. Design is the key aspect," he said.

Hassan said he sees the sign as a

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Two of a kind

Women dealing with homelessness together

Editor's note: The people profiled in this story chose to have their last names omitted from the record. This is one in a series of articles focusing on homelessness on the South Shore as part of CNC's Gifts of Hope campaign.

By Seth Jacobson
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Annette and Paula hardly spoke when they first met in a Boston pub almost 15 years ago, but now they are as close as friends can be. Homelessness brought them together.

The two women currently reside at the Carolina Hill shelter in Marshfield. Paula has been living there for seven months, and Annette has been there for 14 months.

"We have to be there for one another," Annette said. "We have to help each other through these hard times, and we have to help each other deal with the stress of being here. Believe me, it's stressful being in a shelter."

When Annette, 42, and Paula, 43, first met 15 years ago, they were both living very different lives than they are now. Back then, Paula was developing a fierce drinking habit and Annette was doing a lot of hard drugs such as heroin and cocaine. Although those days are gone, both women know that was the time in their lives that dealt them both a tough hand.

Annette became homeless in 1999 after she was evicted from her apartment in Boston, a place she had lived for nine years with the help of a Section 8 voucher. The reason she was evicted was because the landlord of the apartment wanted more money but Annette simply could not afford it. Her voucher only provided her with limited funds. At the same

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Annette, a resident at the Carolina Hill Shelter in Marshfield, says living in a shelter is a difficult situation.

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This week in COHASSET

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Town Clerk - ONE for three years
School Committee - ONE for three years
Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - THREE for three years
Assessor - ONE for three years
Board of Health - ONE for three years
Cohasset Housing Authority - ONE for five years
Planning Board - ONE for five years
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Friday, March 8, is the last day to register for the annual Town Meeting, Saturday, March 30, and the annual Town Election, Saturday, April 6.

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Master Plan surveys due

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Town meetings

The following meetings were posted at Town Hall as of Monday, Dec. 10.

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 13
Growth and Development, 7 p.m., Dec. 13
Harbor Committee, 7 p.m., Jan 8
Community Preservation Committee, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 17
Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 19
Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18 at 339 King St.
Committee on Town History, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 21 at the Lothrop house
Zoning Board, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 17

All meetings at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

New manager

Joseph Campbell, 14 Pleasant St., has been officially named the new manager of Atlantica Restaurant. Campbell has been de facto manager for over a year but because of a clog in the paperwork, his name was not on the liquor license. Executive chef, Eric Stenfors was previously listed on the license. Campbell is also the manager of Kimballs restaurant. Selectmen unanimously approved the change at their Tuesday meeting.

Nurses funded

The state Enhanced School Health Grant will now be fully funded. The state threatened to cut Cohasset's grant by almost $50,000. However, at the School Committee's meeting last Thursday, Supt. Edward Malvey told the board that the grant will now be fully realized.

Without the money, reductions would been made across the board in school health services, with the possibility of two nurses being laid off. The grant also makes it possible for the school system to purchase health-related equipment, such as stethoscopes and thermometers.

AT&T coming

A company representative from AT&T cable will be attending next week's selectmen meeting to discuss any concerns customers may have. All residents who have experienced problems with AT&T's customer service are encouraged to attend the meeting.

New police officer

Town Manager Mark Haddad informed selectmen that he has hired a new police officer. Bill Green Jr. will begin the police academy in January and should be ready to join the force 22 weeks after that.

Schedule set

The following schedule for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election were approved by selectmen Tuesday night. Town Manager Mark Haddad wished to call particular attention to Jan. 14 when the last day citizens petition articles can be submitted for the annual Town Meeting warrant. He urged all residents to try and complete their articles before that date.

Dec. 4 - The warrant for Annual Town Meeting opened.
Jan. 8 - Presentation of the Town Manager's proposed FY 2003 operating budget to the Board of Selectmen.
Jan. 14 - Last day citizens petition articles can be submitted for inclusion in the annual Town Meeting warrant.
Jan. 16 - Presentation of the Town Manager's proposed FY 2003 operating budget to the Advisory Committee.
Jan. 17 - Last day for submission of all other articles for inclusion in the annual Town Meeting warrant.
Jan. 21 - Draft warrant presented to the Advisory Committee for its review.
Feb. 19 - Last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars to be placed on the election ballot.
March 1 - Warrant sent to printer
March 18 - Warrant delivered to the Post Office for delivery to all registered voters.
March 22 - Constable posts the annual Town Meeting and annual Election Warrants.
March 30 - Annual Town Meeting
April 6 - Annual Town Election.

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Sat. 15	11:10	11.1	4:56	11:50	9.6	5:35
Sun. 16	11:55	10.9	5:42	——	——	6:20
Mon. 17	12:35	9.5	6:27	12:39	10.6	7:04
Tues. 18	1:20	9.2	7:12	1:23	10.3	7:48
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Zoning Advisory Committee to be created

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At the suggestion of Town Planner Liz Harrington, the Planning Board agreed to create a Zoning Advisory Committee to advise the Planning Board on proposed zoning changes. The Zoning Advisory Committee would review drafts of articles, and develop and finalize language for zoning amendments, Harrington said.

Planning Board member Bob Sturdy endorsed the concept. He said many Citizens Petition articles go before Town Meeting "raw" and the committee would provide a place "where this could be put on the agenda and dealt with."

"I support this as an advisory group the same way the Planning Board got useful information from the Design Review Board," he said.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Woody Chittick disputed concerns the committee would just add a layer of bureaucracy. The linkage between various bylaws needs to be examined as well as the ever-expanding case law on zoning matters, he said.

"The group could go a long way in helping to modify the zoning bylaws so there is consistency," Chittick said.

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— Woody Chittick, ZBA chairman

The makeup of the seven-member Zoning Advisory Committee will include the building commissioner, town planner, and representatives of the Planning Board, Selectmen and Zoning Board of Appeals (or their designees) and two citizens appointed by the Planning Board. The committee's charge will be to study and report periodically to the Planning Board its recommended updates to the zoning bylaw and zoning map.

The first meeting of the new committee is Dec. 18. Planning Board chairman Al Moore will appoint the two citizens to the committee, Harrington said.

Ledge to make a spring comeback

Planning Board to prioritize zoning issues

By Mary Ford
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Ledge preservation proponents promised to return in the spring and they plan to keep their word by drafting a new article for the March 30 annual Town Meeting.

They will go ahead with or without the Planning Board's blessing although the group hopes the Planning Board will be "on board" this time around.

To that end, Mark DeGiacomo — the ledge preservationists' spokesman — presented a preliminary draft of a proposed article for the annual Town Meeting to the Planning Board last week.

DeGiacomo's presentation was part of a Planning Board overview of zoning issues, which the board plans to prioritize, that also includes accessory dwellings, use variances, multi-family senior housing, wireless communications district, adult stores and requiring a site-plan review for significant changes in grade on projects that affect drainage both above and below ground.

At November's special Town Meeting, a group of citizens — including a large number of Beach Street neighbors — proposed zoning bylaw that would require a variance before ledge eight feet in height or more could be altered in any way. But the article failed to muster the necessary two-thirds majority needed, in part due a majority of the Planning Board, which said the article was flawed and asked the matter be postponed because the board had not had time to fully air the issue. In fact, in a political move the week before the Nov. 4 special Town Meeting, the Planning Board voted to continue the hearing on the ledge issue until their Nov. 7 meeting, effectively shelving the measure.

With time closing in to submit articles for the annual Town Meeting, Mark DeGiacomo, 59 Beach St., didn't want the preservation group to have a case of déjà vu. So he presented a draft article to the Planning Board last week, which he feels addresses the issues that raised concern in November.

While the proposed bylaw would still require a variance to alter prominent ledge for the purpose of constructing a structure, driveway, common driveway or parking space — it would not cover altering ledge for sidewalks, septic systems and sewer pipes. It would also not prohibit someone from altering a smaller section of ledge that might rise eight-feet or higher in another part, DeGiacomo said.

DeGiacomo explained the redraft was preliminary and could look very different after the Planning Board goes over the wording. However, the preservation group may submit a Citizens Petition article to ensure a space on the warrant because the mid-January deadline for articles is approaching.

Beach Street neighbors, who make up the majority of the ledge group, have said they have no time to waste because land off their street is being eyed for development, which would include blasting ledge to construct driveway access to the property.

[Last month, Ellen Morrissey and David Walsh, owners of two adjacent parcels totally some 12 acres off Beach Street, went to Superior Court to appeal the Planning Board decision to deny their application that "subdivision approval is not required" in part on the basis that ledge outcroppings render the proposed lots without practical access from their frontage on Beach Street. The Planning Board decision, if upheld, would force the applicants to go through the entire subdivision approval process before they could subdivide their land into lots.]

In a related matter at last week's meeting, Planning Board member Bob Sturdy offered a zoning by-law that would require site plan review for changes in grade that affect drainage. He explained that changes in contour because of septic system walls or alteration of ledge could create drainage problems for abutters.

"This possibly could take care of some of the problems people have with removal of ledge," he said.

While DeGiacomo praised Strudy's idea, he said the drainage by-law would address some of the ledge issues but not all.

At Tuesday's selectmen meeting DeGiacomo said, "we hope to have a ledge article that the Planning Board can support."

Anchor plans go forward

By Evan Schiff
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In what appeared to be the final round of Herb Jason and John Small versus the Government Island Study Committee, the selectmen dealt the committee what appears to be a knock-out punch Tuesday.

The committee, led by Ham Tewksbury and Paul Pattison, vehemently opposed placing an anchor on the island.

"It's too big for the area," Tewksbury said. He added the anchor bears no relation to Cohasset's shipping industry and it could pose a hazard to children playing in the area. The group was also concerned with a copper-beech tree which they feel could be damaged by placing the anchor is such close proximity to it. The group suggested the anchor be relocated to Mariner's Park, off Parker Avenue, which would alleviate the problem.

Jason countered the group's argument, claiming the selectmen had already given him approval for the project a month ago. Small informed selectmen the anchor had been purchased and money has been raised. He said there was no turning back now.

"We've already spent and raised money on this project based on the design and location that was originally proposed," Small said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he received 10 calls throughout the day with residents expressing their opinion on the matter. He said of the 10 calls, seven were in support of the anchor. "I think the selectmen should honor their original vote," he said.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the Government Island group did not present a strong enough case in order to change his opinion. Selectman Ronnie McMorris agreed with Sullivan and scolded the group.

"We have been chastised in the past for not including the Government Island Study Committee in our discussion of these issues. This time we did, and initially the committee gave its support," she said. "There is no merit to any of the group's arguments to change my mind."

Jason and Small received permission to install the anchor in October, when selectmen unanimously supported the idea with no objection from the Government Island Study Committee.

Plans are to install the anchor on a circular granite and cobblestone base in the grassy island in front of the Cohasset Sailing Club. The granite centerpiece of the circle will be inscribed with a picture of a schooner or harbor pilot boat.

Parking worries over proposed kayak shop

By Mary Ford
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No one wants to see the Mill River Marine Railway — part of which is known as Cohasset's Motif #1 — collapse into the rapids where the Gulf River meets the harbor.

But local lobstermen, members of the Cohasset Sailing Club, rowing center, Government Island Study Committee, and Harbor Committee also don't want to see access to the harbor — particularly parking — be usurped by proposed development of the site.

Peter Roy, who owns the property that includes the lobster pound and boatyard, has floated plans for four condominium units, a new main three-story boat-repair business and a kayak and rental shop before the Planning Board. However, no formal application has been filed. Planning Board member Bill Good said last week. Roy, who lives on Margin Street, also owns Atlantica, the Olde Salt House and Kimball's by the Sea.

Roy needs variances for parking and the residences proposed for the site for the project to move forward. His spokeswoman Linda Shropshire said Roy's attorney Charles Humphreys filed an application with the Zoning Board of Appeals this week.

It's the proposed kayak shop that's grabbed the attention of the concerned citizens who packed the Planning Board meeting room last week and who envision the town as becoming a mecca for the sport to the detriment of townspeople.

"We share an overriding concern about the impact upon parking and traffic at Government Island as a result of a kayak rental center at the site," said Bob Deutsch, commodore of the sailing club. Deutsch said last summer inside an hour 130 people including nearly every commercial fisherman and lobsterman signed a petition that reflected those concerns.

Deutsch said the groups represented at the Planning Board meeting were aware the buildings at the site are decrepit.

"We recognize something has to be done," he said, adding concerned citizens hope future business at the site would complement and not conflict with activities at Government Island.

Local lobsterman Paul Figueiredo said parking — which is first come, first serve — is critical for lobstermen who need access to their boats.

Planning Board member Peter Pratt said the lobster industry is very important to the town and played a key role in obtaining money and federal help in dredging the harbor.

"You are the oldest continuous industry in the town," Pratt said.

Sailing club trustee Bob Davenport, who also serves on the Government Island Study Committee, said the committee's position has always been that Government Island be reserved for residents only. Out-of-town guests at weddings and other functions at the Lightkeepers' Bancroft Hall use the upper parking lot. Most of those events are in the evening and therefore don't pose a problem, Davenport explained.

Many in attendance felt a rental kayak center would attract novices, creating a safety issue in the harbor and a headache for the harbormaster.

Good, who was acting Planning Board chairman last week, said while the board would hear the concerns expressed, it would hold off its discussion until there is a formal application from the applicant.

But reached by telephone Shropshire, who was perturbed there was any discussion without the proponents present, explained the kayak shop is a very small part of the project and they are not asking for any parking on Government Island. She said in past three years, the project has gone before many groups and must have water-dependant use under Chapter 91, a state law.

"The kayak shop seemed like a perfect fit," she said. Shropshire stressed the ability to construct the four residences was critical to the project to make it financially feasible.

"We won't do it if we can't do that," she said. "People need to understand that."

But later in the meeting, when zoning bylaw amendments were discussed, Zoning Board chairman Woody Chittick said if there is no "use variance" amendment to the zoning bylaw before the annual Town Meeting, plans for condos at the Mill River Marine would be dead in the water this year.

"Use variances are not permitted in the town," he said. The parcel is zoned waterfront business.

Shropshire said she would check with Humphreys but thought the variance for the residences would not constitute a "complete change of use" because of the waterfront businesses, such as the boatyard and lobster pound that would remain at the site.

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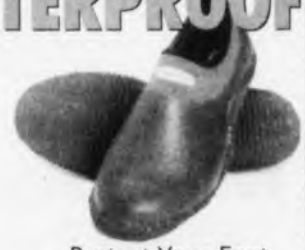
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Hello Cohasset. Wasn't the snow wonderful to see it only for a day? I know, not everyone enjoys it quite as much as I do but it definitely helped to get me in the holiday spirit. Somehow, this holiday season is not having the same sparkle and magic for me with all that is happening in our world but then, I look around and see all the lights around town, wonderful decorations in people's yards and I start to smile. Being with children also helps as nothing is as special as seeing, hearing and experiencing life through the eyes of our children. I would like to wish everyone celebrating Hanukah, a very special holiday wish.

BOUNCING BABY BOY

Let us start this week by welcoming a beautiful bundle of blue joy into this world. **Edna and Paul Barry** and **Sherry and Barry Schwandt** recently became grandparents to **Gavin Richard Schwandt**. Gavin is the adored son of **Lynn and Rob Schwandt** and I am sure that he is receiving all kinds of hugs and kisses. Enjoy that little guy and have a great time spoiling him with love.

PROUD GRANDFATHER

Proud grandfather and legendary producer **Rik Tinory** of Cohasset, will be front-row center at the Wang Center this Friday evening to see his granddaughter **Cassandra Cardelle**, 9, "strut her stuff" in Boston Ballet's "The Nutcracker" in front of a sold-out crowd!

LOST BLACK CAT

Linda Farrag contacted me this past week in hopes that maybe someone reading this could help her in her search. Linda had a beautiful black cat who is approximately two years old who has disappeared in the vicinity of Grace Drive in West Corner. This wonderful cat is wearing a turquoise collar with identifying collars, one that is from the Standish Humane Society. If anyone has found or seen this cat, please call **Linda at 781-383-9519**.

BEAUTIFUL TREE

Anyone who would like to see a beautiful holiday sight should drive down Flintlock Ridge Road after dark for a look at a magnificent Christmas tree decorated yearly by **Paul Gavaza**, assisted by apprentice **Dan Smith**. The tree was bought approximately 15 years ago as a live Christmas tree for the Gavaza Family and has been decorated yearly since and is now as tall as the house.

If anyone out there has some more locations to let us know about, please make sure to get the information to me for next week's column.

BC HIGH HONORS

BC High announced the honor roll for the first quarter and several Cohasset students were on it. Making high honors were: **Christopher J. Carr** (02), **David F. Crowley-Buck** (03), **Christopher P. Barber** (05) and **Andrew J. Flynn** (05). Making Honors were **Gregory F. Smith** (02), **Edward M. Chase** (03) and **Kevin M. Dinsmore** (05). Congratulations to all of you for a job very well done.

CLASS OF '82 REUNION

The CHS Class of 1982 is getting ready to plan its 20th Reunion. Anyone who is interested and would like to join the committee should contact **Marcy (Brown) Fleming** at 781-585-9913 or email her at marcydon@msn.com. The first meeting will be held the first or second week in January date and time to be determined.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Here is a fantastic way to ring in the New Year in style! The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is hosting a fundraiser on New Year's Eve at Atlantica to raise money for new baseball and softball fields in Cohasset. For $35 per person, there will be DJ, cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres served. It is going to be a great time with good friends! For ticket information, call **Lynne DeGiacomo** at 781-383-6413, **Mal McCunney** at 781-383-6387 or **Anne Kearney** at 781-383-1451.

FOOTBALL AWARDS

The Annual Football Breakup Brunch was held at Atlantica on Saturday. The Gridiron Club would like to congratulate members of the varsity (9-1), junior varsity (6-2) and middle school (5-2) football teams for an outstanding season!

Tony Rolfe and the coaching staff are looking forward to another 20+ freshman to complement the sophomore, junior and senior football players in the 2002 season under the leadership of captains **Tom Anderson, Ben Lynner** and **Chris McKenna**.

Special thanks go to **Ronnie Goodwin** of Goodwin Graphics for donating the printing on sweatshirts presented to those who have made special contributions to Cohasset Football as well as to all 2001 South Shore League Champion football team members and coaches. Thank you to **Father Mulvehill** for providing the invocation and to **Ron Hobson** for his entertaining talk about a favorite subject: football!

Faye Sargent, Sean Galvin, John Durkin, Nick Cambi, Kelsie Litchfield, and **Dave Snowdale** were recognized for their help during games. **Cosimo Cambi** received the coveted practice shirt from **Will Prendergast**.

The following awards were presented: Coach's Award: **Will Prendergast**; Unsung Hero: **Jari Martin**; Most Improved: **Mike Casey**; Hustle and Desire: **Paul Previte**; Team MVP: **Jason Brown**; Outstanding Back: **Dave Bouchard**; Outstanding Lineman: **Chris Caron**; Hull Game (Co) MVP: **Eric Libby** and **Brendan Goff**; Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football Award: **Paul Previte**; Cohasset Gridiron Clark Chatterton Award: **Will Prendergast**; Golden Helmet Award for three consecutive years of varsity play: **Jason Brown, Paul Previte, Jari Martin, Will Prendergast, Brendan Goff, John Hussey, Liam Martin, Tom Bilodeau, Nick Bolster**.

The following players received lettered jackets: **Dave Beauchard, Chris Caron, Mike Casey, Sean Connolly, Michael Dooley, John Durkin, Eric Libby, Marc Musco, Mike Snowdale** and **Tony Truglia**.

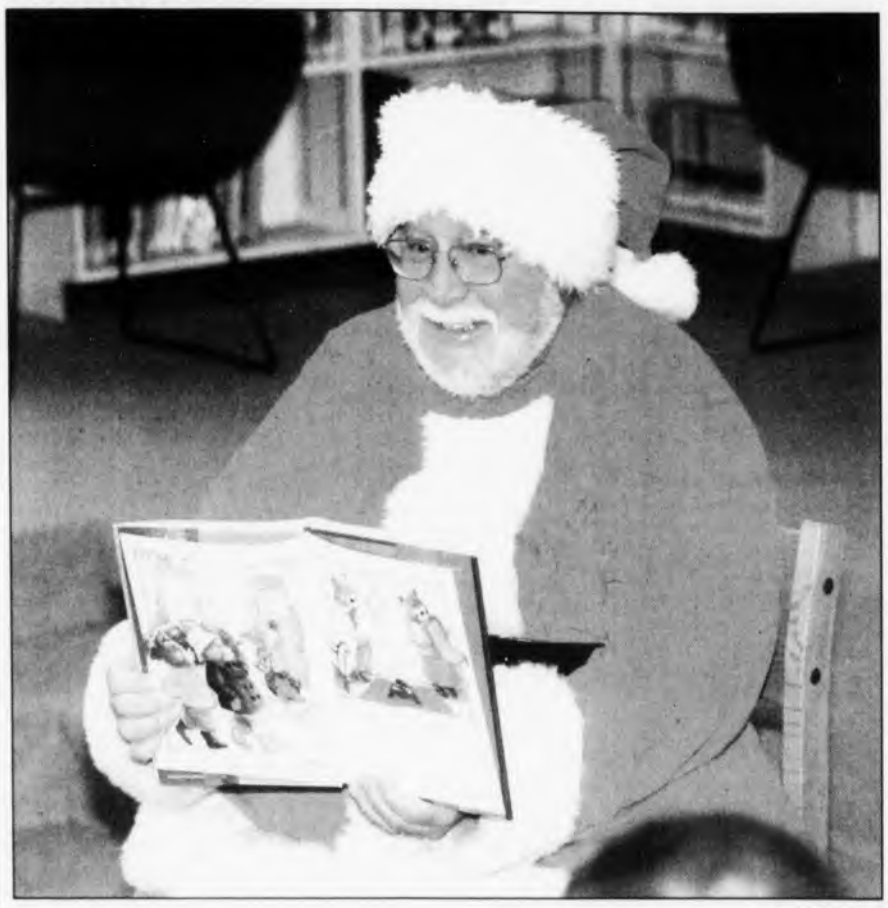
Here is an inspiring quote for all of us to think about this week. "For all my good intentions, there are days when things go wrong or I fall into old habits. When things are not going well, when I am grumpy or mad, I'll realize that I've not been paying attention to my soul and I've not been following my best routine." — Robert Fulghum

That is all for this week. Please make sure to get me all your news, event information and holiday happenings no later than Monday at noon. All photos can be left at Cohasset News in an envelope marked "Cohasset Mariner, AT." Please make sure to send all the written information to me that goes along with the photo. This Friday is the deadline for December's School Page. Have a great and festive week.

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EARLY VISIT



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I am very excited about my future plans! I will be working with Ray in the salon as a stylist and make-up artist. I look forward to taking new clients, my specialty as always will be hair color. I have come full circle back to what I love most "doing hair and make up."

I will also have more time to develop Charlotte's Scituate Harbor Boutique.

Teresa Beatty will continue to manage the boutique and I look forward to supporting her when ever possible. I will be in the Boutique on Mondays. My years of success are due to my loyal clients and my outstanding staff, and I thank you.

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Local stonemason builds on his family's history

By Evan Schiff
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Brendan St. John, left, with his business partner and best friend Joe Gratta, by a stonewall they built along Jerusalem Road.

Light classical music floating through the air, the fireplace glowing, and a one-month-old baby girl quietly sleeping in the corner.

Such is the home of Brendan St. John, a stone mason and an eighth-generation Cohasseter, who helps build the homes and walls around town. He is a tall, muscular man whose physical characteristics reveal what he does for a living.

St. John is proud of his surname. And it's no wonder because the St. John family, which hailed from Dublin, Ireland, has been part of the fabric of Cohasset for upwards of 150 years.

It's most notable member, Joe St. John, who also served as postmaster, operated a general store in the early 1900s at the head of Depot Court (where the bus stop now stands) which was the heartbeat of the community.

Brendan St. John isn't a household name like his great-grandfather once was — but that hasn't stopped him from adding to the town's history in the literal sense.

After graduating from Cohasset High School in 1984, St. John went to work for a mason in Quincy where he learned the ropes of the business. He learned how to place field stones together, "like a puzzle," in order to build walls.

He said he originally joined the trade for the money then started enjoying the work and stuck with it. He recalled even as a little kid he was building walls.

Eight years ago, St. John left his job in Quincy to start his own business with partner Joe Gratta who has been in the business for more than 50 years.

"He is not only my partner, he is my best friend," St. John said. His father also works for him in the business.

"It's great working with my Dad because now I get to boss him around," he joked.

St. John, who completes approximately 70 jobs a year, said working as a mason is not for everyone.

"Everything is heavy, nothing is light," he said. "I have to start every day by lifting hundreds of pounds of rock before I even leave my driveway. It's physically grueling."

However, St. John loves his job and has worked on such Cohasset landmarks as the Veterans memorial by the harbor, and the stonewalls along Jerusalem Road.

"It's a wonderful feeling to know the monument will be there for a long time," he said. St. John added he felt through his masonry projects, he has done his part to add to the St. John's lure in Cohasset. "I drive by all the jobs I've done and just hope they can be appreciated for eight more generations."

St. John is not the only person who enjoys his work. Susan Filbey, 134 N. Main Street, said she was delighted to have St. John work on her house. Four years ago, St. John built a mud-room with brick floors and a brick driveway for the house.

"He goes beyond what most masons do and he really helped us out with the design," Filbey said. "He's reliable, and does good work at a great price. What's not to love?"

Recently, St. John reconstructed the historic Souther Tide Mill in Quincy. It was built in 1806 and is the oldest existing tide mill in the country. Using 120-tons of granite blocks from East Coast demolition sites, St. John and his men rebuilt the walls used to stabilize the mill.

At one point, he was not even sure he was going to be a mason.

St. John once contemplated going to law school, but said he could not picture himself working in another area.

"I just couldn't sit behind a wall in a cubicle. I would go out of my mind," he said.

In the winter, St. John said business slows down significantly and he is confined to working indoors. Wine cellars, and basement work usually occupies his time in the blustery, cold months.

"I enjoy recuperating in January and February, it is nice to spend a lot of time with my family," St. John said.

At his home, St. John proudly displays his family's rich history in Cohasset with black and white pictures from the 1800s and early 1900s littering his walls.

"My family, and its history in Cohasset, means so much to me," he said.

St. John hopes his baby daughter, Anastasia, carries on the Cohasset tradition started more than 150 years ago.

"I imagine she will live here," he said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Chapter 40B

Reporters are notoriously poor at math. That's because most of us either study English or journalism in college and thought we were saying goodbye to arithmetic forever.

However, after a just few months on the beat, we realize that is a fallacy. Budget time rolls around in our towns and we find ourselves trying to figure out how to translate a whole bunch of new numbers into interesting, informative stories that our readers can understand.

While that part of the job is tough enough — no one ever warned us about comprehensive permits.

For those of you asking, "what are those?" Simply put, comprehensive permits allow high-density projects, and one-stop shopping for the developer at the zoning board. Towns, like Cohasset, are vulnerable comprehensive permits because they have less than the 10 percent state threshold of their total housing stock as "affordable housing."

Little Cohasset has only 3 percent or 76 units that quality as affordable housing by state standards. So it should come as no surprise that AvalonBay is knocking at our door. AvalonBay needs a comprehensive permit in order to build a 254-unit apartment complex on industrially zoned land off Route 3A.

Comprehensive permits – which are offshoots of Chapter 40B (dubbed the "Anti-Snob Zoning Act") — can be confusing.

Just for starters, because Avalon is a rental project — which is financed differently than condominiums — the entire number of units would count toward the town's affordable housing inventory though only 20 percent would in fact be affordable. Therefore Avalon, if approved, would put the town at or over the 10 percent benchmark and remove it from under the comprehensive permit cloud.

Neighboring Hingham, which only has 2.4 percent affordable housing stock, is currently being inundated with comprehensive permit applications. The Zoning Board of Appeals there hired two consultants to help the town wade through some of the more complex projects, such as the 2,500-unit retirement campus being proposed off Whiting Street in South Hingham., which has a file that is literally inches thick.

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we pledge to keep you informed as Avalon embarks on the comprehensive permit process.

But the fact comprehensive permit applications challenge better trained minds than ours, makes us feel a little better when we are burning the midnight oil trying to decipher pages of confusing notes and figures in order to write these stories.

— Mary Ford
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POLITICAL NOTES

GOP holiday party

The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will host a holiday party to benefit the annual scholarship fund which will be awarded to a graduate of the Cohasset High School class of 2002, on Sunday, Dec. 16, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the seaside home of Will and Marjorie Smith, 400 Atlantic Ave.

Open to the public, reservations may be made with Polly Logan at 781-383-0031, Edythe Ford, 781-383-1648, or Julie Guild 781-383-6443. Heading the gourmet cooks who are planning holiday canapes are hostess Marjorie Smith and Ford.

Special guests invited to attend are Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, candidate for treasurer of the Commonwealth, Bruce Herztelder, and Jamie Bush of Hingham. Newly elected state chair of the Massachusetts Republican State Party, Kerry Murphy Healey is trying to recruit for U.S. Senate race and others are trying to enlist candidates for Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth.

Scholarship donations of $15 or more may be sent to Treasurer George Watts, Jr., 76 Nichols Road, Cohasset 02025.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The true value of Village shopping

TO THE EDITOR:

A recent headline in a Boston Globe newspaper article read "In tight times, value is a big draw." My thoughts took me to the values found in shopping at small unique stores that are often found in places like Cohasset Village. Small businesses may not be able to provide the same discount that you receive at a chain department store, but there is a certain value attributed to conversing with a local shop owner (often a fellow neighbor) within a festive village environment this holiday season.

Although many plans and ideas have been discussed to improve the village, the critical component essential to the economic survival of these small businesses is community support. Whether you are looking for that special one of kind gift, a flower arrangement, refreshments and great foods for your entertaining, or an extension cord for your holiday lights, give the local shops in Cohasset Village a chance to help. They may not have everything you are looking for but you may be pleasantly surprised by what you will find.

Many of us value the goods and services provided by local merchants throughout the year, however in the hustle and bustle of the holidays we can easily become caught up in the mall frenzy or the ease of on-line shopping. The preservation of the social and economic vitality of the Village requires the combination of a safe and pleasant environment; quality goods and a commitment to service by the local business; and loyal customer support. Please consider visiting a local business to help with your holiday needs. May you be pleased with what you find, including holiday cheer being shared from both sides of the counter.

Dean Rizzo
Cohasset Revitalization Corporation

Common sense

TO THE EDITOR:

My daughter, who teaches in a school with many disadvantaged children (poverty, broken families, language deficiencies etc.) has noted that some children seem destined to succeed, although too many seem unlikely to make much of the poor hands that life has dealt them.

She observes that the common denominator of the "good kids" is a background of love and discipline! She means supportive love, and guidance that makes clear what behavior is expected, and what is unacceptable.

That formula for successful preparation for life doesn't require riches to buy all the latest electronic toys, and nor is love expressed by acceding to every desire of the child, excused by the rationale that the child should have all that the parent didn't have. No, effective love and discipline primarily requires only common sense.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Take a timeout on monuments

TO THE EDITOR:

Although I think Herb Jason's idea for the anchor monument is honorable, I would like to propose we have a moratorium on such projects around town for the time being.

There seems to be in Cohasset a compulsion to "over improve." People no longer seem to be content with simple grassy areas, or natural vegetation. Instead benches, brick patios, walkways, elaborate plantings, and monuments seem to be springing up everywhere.

What drew me to Cohasset initially was its simplicity, and the feeling that the town really may not have changed much in the past one hundred years. Well, that is clearly no longer the case. I, for one, would like us to take a deep breath, and really think about whether we need to beautify everything in sight, or whether we can live with a little grass and natural vegetation, and keep a sense of Cohasset's heritage.

Debbie Cook
281 King St.

COHASSET CARES

Christmas Shopping in 2001

By: Allan Macdonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Assuredly this Christmas is different — and hopefully no subsequent Christmases will be even more dire. We certainly need to continue to think hard about the situation and to do the practical and spiritual work necessary to improve our world.

Gift-giving makes us pause this year. May the Recycling Committee suggest an item or two that are naturally benign and beneficial to us and to the earth, the canvas carrying/shopping bag and the composter.

The 12 inch x 16 inch natural-canvas bag is imprinted with "Cohasset Cares" and the words "Reduce-Reuse-Recycle" around a globe with tree, all printing in green. The bags are sold at cost, only $10 each, cash please. Purchases are being facilitated by Troop 28, BSA, which has been involved in so many other improvements at the RTF. Please see Beth at 200 N. Main St., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

We also have some composting components available at $15 each at the RTF, black plastic shells.

Best wishes and see you next time.

Allan MacDonald is the publicity chairman Cohasset Recycling Committee



The 12 inch x 16 inch natural-canvas bag is imprinted with "Cohasset Cares" might make a good Christmas gift, the Recycling Committee says.

Mrs. Dacey's holiday parties for the Lads & Lassies club

LINCOLN HILLSIDE

KATHLEEN O'DONNELL

Growing up in Cohasset in the early 1960s, there were many noticeable signs that Christmas was nearing; electric candles appeared in the windows of neighborhood houses, home-made holly wreaths were hung on front doors, and the heavy storm windows went up on the houses of Lincoln Hillside. There were other more subtle signs too. A selection of Christmas cards and paper money wallets featuring silver bells, pine cones and wintry church scenes dusted with sparkly powder appeared in the card racks of Dan & Anne Campbell's jewelry store. The Sears catalog was suddenly the favored reading material of the under-ten set. And the satin ribbons on the gift-wrapped packages at Mary Fleming's store changed from her traditional blue or green to a festive red.

One event which many of the Lincoln Hillside children looked forward to was the annual Lads & Lassies Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Eleanor J. Dacey on Nichols Road. Mrs. Dacey was a gentle and generous women who once or twice a year organized and hosted social gatherings and seasonal parties for young children in Cohasset. It wasn't until very recently that I realized that the children who attended these parties also attended St. Anthony's Church, where I believe Mrs. Dacey also worshipped. At eight years old, I was too young to be aware of those details. For me, these parties were sheer bounty and I felt very lucky to be included in the fun.

A get-together at Mrs. Dacey's home was sure to be a special event. At each party Mrs. Dacey (assisted by her daughter and in many cases by Henry & Mary Brennock) played her grand piano beautifully and led us all in song. We sang Stephen Foster, rounds, folk songs, holiday songs and Christmas carols. Every child wore their very best dress-up clothes; all the boys wore dress shirts and long or bow ties. The girls eagerly donned velvet jumpers, lace blouses, and their patent leather shoes which were kept for best. I'm sure that the last action performed on each child as they left their homes for a Lad & Lassies party wasn't a kiss from Mom, but rather a last final swipe with a wet comb through razor-parted or freshly curled hair.

That those parties were golden highlights of many a Cohasset childhood there is no doubt.

Mrs. Dacey's parties always featured a special entertainment. One year we enjoyed a tuxedo-clad magician. Another year there was a troupe of puppeteers. A buffet table was always laden with cupcakes, crust-less sandwiches, a large punch bowl and seasonal napkins. I'm not sure what more Mrs. Dacey could have done to make our afternoon celebrations any nicer.

At a time when Santas weren't to be found on every street corner and in every store from Thanksgiving onward, the annual visit from Santa at Mrs. Dacey's Christmas parties added another level of excitement. With naturally curly white hair and twinkling blue eyes, this truly was the real Santa, right there in a house on Nichols Road. At the busiest time of his year, he took the time to come to Cohasset. We felt very privileged. Life simply didn't get much better for an eight-year-old.

As each party drew to a close, we children would happily line up to say good-bye and offer our thanks to Mrs. Dacey and her daughter. Knowing that we would go home and tell all about the party to our families was almost as much fun as the parties themselves. That those parties were golden highlights of many a Cohasset childhood there is no doubt. From the vantage point of 40 years later, I look back on those afternoons of entertainment and think it must have been gratifying for Mrs Dacey to know how much pleasure she'd brought to so many children.

As the Lads & Lassies was a social club for young children only, the passing years meant that I outgrew membership. I don't remember what happened to Mrs. Dacey after that.

I don't recall seeing her in Cohasset in the 1970s, though she may still have been living in her brown house which overlooked Little Harbor.

So I never knew what had happened to Mrs. Dacey until last summer when I noticed an obituary in the Cohasset Mariner: "Eleanor J. Dacey, July 5, aged 92, of Duxbury, formerly a resident of Cohasset for 30 years". Inside and out, she was a lovely woman and she brought a lot of pleasure to many of the children of Lincoln Hillside for many years. Merry Christmas Mrs. Dacey, and thank you.

Kathleen O'Donnell, a CHS graduate, grew up in Cohasset and now lives and works in the UK with her family. Her reflections about growing up on Lincoln Hillside appear occasionally in the Cohasset Mariner.

Lost diners

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



For a while, 50 or 60 years ago, it seemed like every town had one, or two, or three — long, thin buildings that resembled railroad cars at rest by the highway, their gleaming walls and windows and kitchen aromas attracting the hungry traveler.

They were the ideal spot for a quick cup of coffee from an earthenware mug en route to work in the morning, a role now filled to overflowing on every corner by another antiseptic Dunkin' Donuts franchise.

You could catch a hot dog or a hamburger for lunch with the speed of a McDonald's or a Burger King or order a more elaborate meal like fried chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy as they do in a KFC.

Best of all, most of them were open very late at night so you could have a cup of sobering coffee and polish up your alibi and other stories before heading home after a night of carousing.

I'm speaking, of course, of the diners that used to dot the landscape in the days before Burger King, Dunkin' Donuts and KFC began turning out hamburgers, doughnuts and fried chicken according to a mathematical formula like Ford assembles cars.

Right now, says Will Anderson of Bath, Maine, only some 200 diners exist in the northeast and the number is dropping fast, most recently Eddy's Diner, which used to grace the junction of Southern Artery and Quincy Avenue in Quincy. It's now a branch of the South Shore Savings Bank.

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Anderson has just penned a tribute to the vanishing eateries called "Lost Diners and Roadside Restaurants of New England and New York," in which he traces the history of the diner, which apparently began in the 1870s when Walter Scott sold hot food and coffee from a horse-drawn wagon in front of the Providence Journal.

Did you know that the Modern Diner in Pawtucket, R. I., was the first diner in the nation to earn a place on the National Register of Historic Places and that they are planning to open the American Diner Museum in Providence in 2003?

At the same time Anderson was publishing his book, "Yankee Magazine" was publishing its list of the six best diners in each of the New England states. Yankee's best in Massachusetts is Kathy's Diner in Northampton.

There's nary a South Shore diner on the list of candidates.

In fact, outside of one on Hancock Street in North Quincy, I don't think there is a diner left on the whole South Shore.

My particular favorite from 60 years ago was Andy's Diner at the top of the hill in Weymouth Landing before the big rock was torn down to make way of Quirk's used cars. I can still savor his baked sausage with mashed potatoes, peas and gravy. It cost 50 cents or 65 cents, if I recall right.

I also thought highly of a nameless diner at Nantasket Beach, run by a fellow known as Old Man Cohen, and located where the Carousel-Under-the-Clock is today. It performed a peculiar function for those of us who worked in Paragon Park.

Late at night, after the park and the bars had closed, Old Man Cohen was known to splash and ounce or two of something stronger and more expensive than 10 cents worth of coffee into an earthenware mug and serve it to his friends.

But that didn't happen at every diner, of course.

HEALTH NOTES

More sewers, storm water and growth

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A public meeting and workshop was held yesterday, Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Town Hall auditorium to report on the status of engineering evaluations relative to the proposed sewer system extension to the Little Harbor area. State DEP representatives also reported on ongoing environmental evaluations for the water resources in town. The meeting was important, because, it shows the DEP that Cohasset is serious about cleaning up its water resources, which will eventually cause the state to rescind a judgement against Cohasset which fines the town for violating the EPA's clean water act. Cleaning up our groundwater problems has been expensive and troublesome, resulting in major inconveniences to many because of the disruption of our streets to bury sewer lines, and disturbing our yards to get the lines into our houses.

It has also changed Cohasset in more fundamental ways. We are a bedroom community for Boston, and nothing can change this fact of our geography. The town's jealous protection of our open space has resulted in about 20-25 percent of the roughly ten square miles completely protected by prohibiting building in one way or another. We have taken advantage of the Conservation Trust; we have the Trustees of Reservations, and many private initiatives to protect our land. But still, there are many acres of land which are available to build on, given the current state of our zoning laws and the technical progress being made in sewer and on-site treatment technology. Nobody needs to remind anyone in town who has watched with concern the recent "mansionization" of many houses in town, and the prices paid for others that there is enormous pressure to develop every inch of available land.

We have seen the town increase its inventory of homes by 40 new homes in the last three years.

Some have believed that it is possible to limit growth by limiting town services like sewers and good septic systems. Others believe it will not be possible to build on much of our land because it is unsuitable. Neither eventuality is realistic. *The town must have healthy ways of getting rid of its wastewater.* With the help of modern technology, wastewater can be processed on-site in practically every site where a home could be built. And if sewers are built, there will always be pressure to hook up adjacent dwellings. An example is the former Curtis estate on upper Jerusalem Road. This land of about 55 acres was left to trustees to be converted into a home for elderly women. Instead, the trustee used it as a home until he died, and the estate was turned over to the executor who, finding that the terms of the will left little possibility for the estate to ever be turned into an elderly home, sold the land and the income from the proceeds is finally being used to aid needy women as intended in the original Curtis will. The land was sold to a Hull developer for about $550,000 who recouped his money from the sale of three parcels containing houses. The rest of the land was considered unbuildable unless it could be attached to a sewer scheduled to go down Jerusalem Road, capacity from which would be directed to Hull under an agreement with that town. In a recent negotiation with Hull, the developer will pay Hull more than $600,000 to increase the capacity available to Cohasset to accommodate 26 new homes on the former Curtis estate. This land formerly considered unbuildable includes a stream called Rattlesnake Run along with other adjacent wetlands.

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We are in the process of expanding our sewer capacity and the state is on the threshold of expanding the permissible use of so called innovative/alternative on site treatment of wastewater, and all of this is being done without any kind of realistic plan in place to deal with growth of the type we are seeing. The sewer commission and the Board of Health are constrained by State regulations in place, and we must follow state rules. Without updated and well planned zoning and open space guidelines taking into account the relentless pressures for growth, we will be forced to authorize more homes than the town can absorb. Consequently this bedroom community will have more beds and less room. As a town, we have to establish goals for growth, and then decide how we are going to achieve them.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Students learn to deal with biases

New teacher launches project with 8th-graders

By Evan Schiff
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In his first year teaching at Cohasset Middle-High School, Rick Smith is trying to teach his students about tolerance and acceptance.

"Everyone in the world has biases, but it is how you deal with them that is important," Smith said.

Smith, the technology teacher at the middle-high school, initiated a hate project for his 50 eighth-grade students in which they investigated and reported on a bias of their choosing.

Smith said he thought of the project when he was walking through the halls after Sept. 11 and heard students making disparaging comments about Muslims. He realized the need to talk about prejudices and biases.

"When students use derogatory words and it hurts other people, they need to realize it is wrong," he said. "The students had an understanding of their biases but it was never discussed that much."

The first step of the project was for the students taking a bias survey on the internet. They recorded their responses to 16 scenarios and kept their answers private for their personal use.

After they took the survey, the students picked a category, such as race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and prepared a presentation on the subject.

A one-page summary of their findings was plastered on an eight-foot by four-foot poster which was displayed in the halls of the middle-high school. Pieces of paper that say "stop" were arranged on the poster to form the word "hate." The students' summaries of the issues they investigated surround the word.

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An example of the type of issues the students were asked to reflect on is; two teenage boys are shooting hoops and are a little bored, they decide to make things more interesting by getting a friendly little wager going.

Whoever scores the most points will be treated to a pizza by the other player. One of the boys is African-American and the other is Asian. Who do you think is more likely to end up with the pizza?

Another scenario described is; your busy company needs a new receptionist, and as personnel director, it's your job to hire her. The receptionist job is a key position, as she's the first person every client will meet. She should reflect the company image: friendly, smart and efficient.

An agency has sent over two applicants and they're both equally well-qualified and personable. They're even dressed in similar stylish suits, the type of professional "look" you need. One of the women is thin and the other is definitely a "plus-size." Whom would you choose?

Smith felt the variety of scenarios described in the survey made the students examine all aspects of their biases.

Smith said his students got a lot out of the project. He said he was nervous when introducing the project to the class because of the reaction he might have received from eighth-graders.

"I was happily surprised with the sensitivity the students showed," he said. Smith, who previously taught in Sharon, said his former school emphasized diversity while in Cohasset it sometimes takes a back seat.

"The kids are pretty protected here," he said. "It's important to know that there is a big world out there."

Smith said the next project he is going to introduce is one on tolerance. He said it was a natural transition from dealing with hate, to learning to tolerate others.

To view all 16 issues the students were asked to respond to visit:
www.usanetwork.com/functions/nhday/nat2.html.



PHOTO/EVAN SCHIFF

Rick Smith, technology teacher, conducted a recent program to help students recognize their biases.

House tour draws hundreds

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guy, while the master bathroom boasted a bottle of champagne by the whirlpool for a more intimate perhaps New Year's celebration. The day's guests were also delighted by the children's room, where several plush characters and one fair-haired angel was already tucked in her bed. And last but not least, lest we forget the surprise in the bathroom adjacent. Explaining just how the decorated fir came to find its home in the shower stall, volunteer decorator Joan Carlo explained, "I thought to myself, 'what do I do?' There had to be a tree in here somewhere!"

Indeed it was amongst the talks of the tour, while just up the roadway awaited the day's second sight to behold. There the splendid Atlantic Avenue Victorian sported "please come in" pineapples in its exterior flower boxes, while inside awaited an abundance of traditional holiday fruit adorning everything from tables to mantles. In the dining room a most tempting punch bowl sat ready to serve the well-appointed table, while the home's stunning four-season sunroom lay set for a special holiday tea. And finally, we won't soon forget the impressive (and painstakingly hand-glued) topiaries sculpted of silver Hershey Kisses — just one of the many hand-made touches you didn't want to miss.

"People just love getting all different ideas," offered house captain Maureen Byrne on the whole, adding the crew of volunteers at this home in particular had a wonderful time getting in the spirit preparing, and pretending they were in Florida!

Meanwhile, another Community Garden Club team of elves were similarly busy at the tour's next stop — the distinguished 456 King St. — where homeowner Louis Harvey explained decorative work had been in the planning for a month. Winding their way up the hill to the old hunting lodge visitors knew they were in for a treat, as most expressed being anxious to see for themselves the recently added tower and other renovations which have been ten-years in the works by homeowner Harvey. In the end all agreed the finished product was well worth the wait. "Don't miss King Street," was regularly heard whispered throughout the day, with particular praise given to the hand-painted holiday gourds, and the stockings hung with care on the Great Room's massive stone fireplace. Overall, however,

"The teams' major objective was to be understated . . . to use fresh materials and show restraint," explained Community Garden Club member Nancy Gilmore from her post watching tour takers pass and collecting their compliments. "We've all fallen in love with this house, and we wanted to let it speak for itself."

And so after bidding goodbye to St. Nick himself (sitting proud in his fire red Prowler in the driveway) the day's revelers next headed on to experience the cozy and warm Williamsburg-reminiscent home at number 178 South Main. And with its nature-inspired wreaths, simply packaged presents and classic New England décor, the former sea captain's home remained refreshingly similar to the Christmases coming centuries before. Here visitors remarked on the apple and Audubon theme mirroring the home's interior, while picking up ideas like hanging family photographs from the tree and filling the fireplace with holly. But perhaps the most memorable item,

"I loved the way they set the kitchen table with all the makings for s'mores, and made the marshmallows into little snowmen," said admirer Cathy Went of Hanover.

And finally, ending the day in true style, Christmas Reflections participants felt privileged to sneak a peek inside the elegant residence presiding over Beach Street. There poinsettias and live piano music were first to greet guests, while elsewhere in the home awaited a wealth of fresh offerings from pepper berries,

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The Broad Cove Chorale performs for visitors to Herons Way on the house tour that was sponsored by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.



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Lisa LoJacono and Polly Logan admire the dining room at 178 South Main St.

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Holiday house tour draws hundreds

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to junipers, to cranberry hydrangeas. Here especially, "They did a really nice job with the bouquets," remarked hostess Sharon Daly, adding she'd heard more than one admirer wishing to sneak them home.

So after enjoying the home's tree built for two in the romantic master bedroom suite, the outside deck's swan surrounded by pinecones and moss, and that last little tree outside on the dock overlooking Little Harbor, tour-goers returned to their own homes to put their ideas into action. Meanwhile, for the Cohasset Community Garden Club it was time to say a few thank yous.

"We really appreciate the support of the community and the club effort," summed up Dickstein this week. "It takes a whole nation to put this together . . . to make everybody happy and the tour enjoyable, and we've got some terrific talent in this club. Everywhere I looked that day I would see something different, and I think the beauty of our tour is that these are ideas real people can duplicate in their own homes. Some are very simple, but they make a terrific statement!"

Speaking for fellow co-chair Lee Drew, Dickstein goes on to offer the club's appreciation to the homeowners who opened their doors for the cause, as well as all the volunteers who took to their ovens to bake delicacies for the tour's tea portion. A thank you is also extended to the Broad Cove Chorale's a cappella octet for providing the day's carols, while finally, ticket purchasers will be pleased to learn that the day's proceeds will support the Garden Club's many community-minded projects including historic restoration and preservation, civic beautification, scholarship grants, education programs and more.



Hostesses Claire Tinory, Debbie Niessink, Debbie Johnston and Ellen Nesbit with a decorative bough on the deck of Caravel-by-the-Sea that overlooks the Sandy Beach area.



Sue Rettberg and Paula DiMare relax by the goldfish pond behind the King Street stop on the tour.

Alzheimer's support and adult day care

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will sponsor a program on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central Street.

Gervaise Haley, R.N. and Director of Harbor House Adult Day Health in Hingham will present 'What is Adult Day Health."

A slide presentation will explain what goes on at an adult day health center, how it enhances both the patient's and caregiver's lives, the cost, the care provided and how centers differ.

Haley certified as a dementia specialist, whose career has encompassed designing and implementing specialized programs for Alzheimer's patients, is also an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern University. A discussion and question and answer period will follow her presentation. A list of all area day health centers will be available at this meeting.

For further information, call Ruth Scully at 781-740-2426 or JoAnn Mitchell at 781-749-5417. For this meeting only there will be no respite care provided during the meeting.

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Signs speak for themselves

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painting, and tries to create an interesting foreground, middle ground, and background to the sign. He says people often come in and ask for signs with big lettering and huge designs but he points them in another direction.

"It's analogous to a song," he said. "If a song is continuously loud and obnoxious it's not going to grab anyone's attention but, if you add soft moments to the song the loud parts gain importance."

Hassan, who has been in business for 30 years, feels he has learned what it takes to create a great sign.

"I've educated myself in what catches people's eyes. I work very hard at the design and I think that's why I have been in business for so long," Hassan said.

He added that computers have completely changed the industry. Before the advent of computers, Hassan would have to sketch the designs multiple times to get it right. Now, he can manipulate the size, color, and overall look of the drawing with the click of a mouse.

Hassan said the challenge is to come up with a design that does not blend in with everything else.

"There is so much interference out there that if you can come up with something that people stop and look at, you are going to succeed."

Hassan said one of the luxuries of the sign business is the independence he has.

"It's wonderful being my own boss, there is such a sense of freedom," he said. "The business has never really gotten slow because there is always a need for signs."

Hassan has five full-time employees that work for him. Bob Giallongo who does the carvings, George Cobbett Sr. who builds the signs, George Cobbett Jr. who works on the printing and vinyl aspects of the job, Brian Coughlan who works on the lettering and Fred Koelsch, who is Hassan's bookkeeper.

Another benefit to the sign business is that a job well done acts as an advertisement for his business as well, Hassan said.

Hassan has three children, Joshua who is 31, Liz who is 19, and Sarah who is 16. Hassan married his wife Jane in September.

The signs can cost anywhere from $200 to $10,000 depending on the size and the intricacy of the design.

Sewer hookup plan trashed

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pared to pay $650,000.

In 1999, the Planning Board gave its conditional approval to developer Stephen Corey's plan for Jerusalem Road Estates.

But at the time, the Planning Board said an on-site septic system would be virtually impossible to install at the location, apparently prompting Corey to contact Hull.

Attorney Charles Humphreys, who represents Corey, said his client was forced to look elsewhere when Cohasset would not provide the sewer service needed.

"The easiest thing to do was to make a deal with Hull," he said. He added that Cohasset should have been more willing to help Corey find suitable sewer space.

Haddad is baffled.

"If Hull had extra capacity, why wouldn't they talk to us?" he asked.

Haddad said he will be meeting with Town Counsel to discuss the legality of the matter. The primary issue is whether a developer can make an agreement with another town and still use Cohasset's new sewer pipes which were installed as part of the North Cohasset sewer project. North Cohasset is hooked up to Hull through an inter-municipal agreement.

Hull Town Manager Philip Lemnios said he has received a couple communications with Cohasset and will meet with the selectmen after Jan. 1.

"I don't feel that making the deal with the developer impacts Cohasset one way or the other," he said.

Hull Selectman Josh Cutler said he has never seen any letters requesting a meeting. He added at the Hull selectmen's meeting Tuesday some Hull and Cohasset residents were opposed to hooking up Jerusalem Road Estaes to the sewer plant because they felt if the town denied the connection, the subdivision would not be built.

"It is not our place to control zoning issues in Cohasset," Cutler said.

Cutler said Hull selectmen would be happy to meet with Cohasset selectmen, with whom they have always had good inter-town relations.

Cohasset Selectman Ronnie McMorris was not pleased with Hull's actions.

"That was not a very neighborly move by Hull," she said.

Sean Cunning, a member of the sewer commission, said he is not too concerned with the situation.

"We're looking at the bigger picture," he said. While Cunning said he's shocked that Hull would sell the capacity to a private developer, which is out of the norm, he added that13,000 gallons of sewage per day should not impact Hull's capacity significantly. Cohasset is buying 80,000 gallons of capacity per day for the North Cohasset project.

AvalonBay Communities, which is proposing a 254-unit apartment complex off Route 3A in Cohasset, is also looking at the possibility of buying sewer capacity from Hull.

Avalon Bay's next stop: ZBA

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guidelines for a comprehensive permit. Now Avalon can formally file for the permit with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Town Planner Liz Harrington also said MHFA's approval is a "very preliminary step" in the process and essentially means the project meets the criteria for the state housing subsidy program.

The Virginia-based developer is proposing building 23, two-to-three story wood-frame buildings with one, two- and three-bedroom units at the former Webb-Norfolk site across from Atlantic Bagel. Avalon will seek a comprehensive permit for the $43 million project under the state's "Anti-snob Zoning Act" that renders many of the town's zoning regulations inapplicable in exchange for setting aside 20-25 percent units for affordable housing.

The statute — Mass. General Laws Chapter 40B — sets a 10 percent goal of affordable housing for each community. Cohasset has about 3 percent or about 76 units of affordable housing in town.

Avalon says rents will range from $1,200-$2,000 for the market-rate units and $700-$1,000 for the 60 or so affordable ones, which would look the same as the other units and be dispersed throughout the complex.

The project with heated pool, spa, exercise facility and clubhouse is geared toward "empty-nesters" and young professionals with no kids although Avalon estimates the project would add an additional 30 schoolchildren to Cohasset. However, Superintendent of Schools Edward Malvey has gone on record saying that number could be much higher.

MHFA stated the proposed housing design is generally appropriate for the site and the project appears financially feasible. However the agency said, after soliciting comments from Cohasset officials and town boards, Avalon must address the following:

• Provide a traffic-engineering study and site entry and design solution that addresses traffic impacts on the local street system

• Construction plans must adhere to all applicable environmental protection requirements, including assuring protection of the public water supply

• Complying with conditions issued by the Conservation Commission or state Department of Environmental Protection on wetlands protection and storm-water management

• Evidence of providing adequate sanitary and storm sewer service

Roberts said before Avalon applies for the comprehensive permit, the company wants to figure out how to handle wastewater from the development. One option is buying excess capacity in the Hull Treatment Plant that would include installing two miles of pipe to connect to the Hull. [Hull recently sold some sewer capacity to the developer of Jerusalem Road Estates.] An on-site sewer treatment plant could be another option for Avalon, Roberts said.

"We want to be comfortable with our plans (for wastewater) before we file with the comprehensive permit," he said.

Member Peter Pratt voiced concerns at last week's Planning Board meeting because MHFA didn't incorporate the board's concerns in its Avalon site approval. The Planning Board is concerned with the potential loss of valuable commercial property in Cohasset, which is 93 percent residentially zoned.

Of the total 384 acres zoned for commercial development in town, 171 remain undeveloped. The proposed complex would eat up 38 percent of that.

The Planning Board sought an opinion from Town Counsel whether the town could deny Avalon's comprehensive permit based on the grounds it would severely restrict any future commercial development opportunities. In other words, the Planning Board hoped the town's need for commercially developable land could outweigh its need for affordable housing.

Town Counsel said there were cases in which towns successfully denied comprehensive permit applications that conflicted with the town's master plan — but the effort couldn't be a ploy to frustrate housing for which there is a need.

Planning Board member Chris Ford said the MHFA letter was essentially a "form letter" and was nothing to get overly excited about.

"It is, what it is," he said.

Member Bob Sturdy objected to the concept of "anti-snob zoning." He feels personally that people should live where they can afford to and that "every single geographic section" should not have to provide affordable housing. There is no God-given right to live in places like Newport, he said.

Roberts of Avalon said he is hopeful the project will move ahead and plans to file for a comprehensive permit early next year.

"There is certainly a challenge with the sewer but we're optimistic we can figure it out," he said.

Women dealing with homelessness together

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time. Annette was still coping with her drug problem.

"The landlord gave me three months to stay there and try to find another apartment, but that was unsuccessful," Annette said. She had nowhere to go. Through a referral, Annette found Carolina Hill, but she really did not feel like going to the shelter. She wanted to be around her Boston-based family.

"It's really hard being out here," she said. "There's really no transport to get around — we have to rely on cabs and those cost a lot of money. It's tough to find a job when you have no way to get around. We have to get by the best we can." She added the other tough aspect of living in the shelter is accommodating her two young sons who live there with her.

Paula said her life used to be rather normal before she became homeless. In fact, she had a lot going for her. She lived at her own place in Roslindale.

"I was in a very professional position in the medical industry," she said. "I worked in the surgical department of a major hospital. I was in that job for many years, and I was always self-sufficient."

Paula said eventually she had a child, but at the same time, the relationship with the person she was involved with started falling apart rapidly. In the end, she made him leave her house for good.

"I was on my own, and right away, I found I was struggling with daycare expenses for my son," she said. "In addition to that, I started seriously worrying about how I was going to pay everything else like credit card bills and paying rent. I was under extreme pressure and I ended up having an emotional breakdown. I quit all the jobs I had at the time and I got on anti-depressants. I couldn't handle it anymore." She added she also began drinking very heavily.

On Oct. 3, Paula was evicted from her apartment after seven years of living there. By that time, her child was eight years old. Her son now lives with her at Carolina Hill.

"It was so much stress," Paula said. "It was a very traumatic period in my life. Stressful situations just became overwhelming to me. Now, I'm working on my relationship. He knows I live in a shelter. I like it at Carolina Hill. I always visited Marshfield growing up so it's nice coming back. It's a good place for me and my son. I've met some of the most beautiful people here."

Annette and Paula are both struggling to find some sort of housing outside of Carolina Hill, but they are not having that much luck. They are discovering the harsh reality that rent prices, no matter where one goes in Massachusetts, are not cheap. They are also finding that many of the places which rent apartments have waiting lists which stretch a long way back.

"I haven't heard anything yet," Annette said. "It's just a waiting process now."

In the meantime, both women are getting back to normal with their physical health. Annette has been sober for a year and Paula stopped her drinking. Both of them attend drug and alcohol classes and know the key to success is getting their lives on the right track. They say they have learned from their mistakes and are working hard for a second chance.

"God knows what would've happened to either of us if we didn't calm down," Paula said.

Annette and Paula said they are both going to see their loved ones during the holidays, but they will be looking forward to spending time together when they get back. They both said there is an amazing spirit of camaraderie at Carolina Hill between all the women who live there.

"We're all in the same situation," Paula said. "We're all we have right now. I've been very proud of Annette because she's been such an amazing person in here. I look at her as a role model. For her to conquer her demons that she had is amazing to me."

Both women are also being sure to keep their respective life goals in sight. Paula wants to go back to school to further her career and Annette wants to eventually go to nursing school.

"First, I want to deal with my recovery," Annette said. "The tools that I need are the meetings I go to. I'm just going to take it one day at a time. We all have to do what we have to do here. We can't complain about it. We just have to depend on one another."

"I never thought I would be homeless," Paula added. "I think it's time to put the faces of homelessness in view so people can see it can happen to them too — in an instant."

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School construction projects are up to speed

By Evan Schiff
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The new construction projects at the Deer Hill School and middle-high school are right on schedule, according to School Building Committee chairman Robert Spofford.

"We're very pleased with how the projects are going," he said.

Spofford said the middle-high school is approximately 25 percent complete and is even a little ahead of schedule. Currently, the cement foundation has been laid and the construction company, TLT Construction Corp., is in the process of installing the brick on the exterior of the building.

Spofford said because of the nice weather, the construction company has been able to get a jump on exterior plans, such as brick work and landscaping. The company is currently trying to get the building encased so it will be able to do interior work, such as wiring and the construction of the classroom walls, in the winter. TLC will also finish the floors of the classrooms over the next couple months.

Spofford said by next fall, the new construction should be completed. This does not include renovations to the old middle-high school. Students will begin to take classes in the new building in the fall so the construction company can start renovating the old building. For example, the library at the old school will be moved into the new one, and a principal's office will be built where the old library used to be. Plans are for students to be completely immersed in the new school by Dec. 15, 2003.

"Our mantra continues to be: we are on budget, we are on time," he said.

The middle-high school is a larger project than the Deer Hill School and Spofford said when it is completed it will be a state-of-the-art facility. There will be new science labs, media and language arts labs, a new auditorium and new locker rooms to name a few of the features.

"Our mantra continues to be: we are on budget, we are on time."

— Robert Spofford, School Building Committee

He said the only problems the committee has faced so far are normal construction delays that have not impeded the process at all. He added new construction tends to have fewer problems than renovations because if there are fewer unforeseen problems with it.

At the Deer Hill School, construction is looking just as good as with the middle-high school. With plans to move all of the students into the building by Dec. 15, 2002, Spofford said the construction company is trying to get the building encased for the winter. This is so BSC construction, which is doing the work on the Deer Hill School, can start the interior work on time and finish the project by the anticipated date.

Spofford said over the summer the construction company will be moving the cafeteria, and other rooms to the new school. He added the construction company has been wonderful in accommodating the school's request concerning safety issues around the project.

"With children running around, you always want to make sure you're very safe," Spofford said.

He said while education begins with a positive teacher-student relationship, having a modern facility in which to nurture those relationships can only help.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he is very pleased with how the projects are coming along.

"Both projects are going very well," he said. "We hope this is indicative of things to come."

Supt. Edward Malvey said the School Committee will send out bids in March for specific furniture designs and computer equipment.

"We've started the initial phases of reviewing what needs we will have for furniture and other materials," Malvey said.

He added he is extremely pleased the construction has not inhibited the students from learning at all.

"There has been no slow down of the education process," he said.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

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Week of Dec. 17

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Buttonwood Books will host Scituate illustrator Joan Paley on Sunday Dec. 16 from 2-4 p.m. in Cohasset. Paley will sign her new book, "The Emperor Lays An Egg," by Brenda Guiberson. Paley created the collages in the book by cutting shapes from paper that she hand painted. Free. Call 781-383-2665 to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

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Endicott College coming to town

Will offer master's program for local teachers

By Mary Ford
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Local teachers won't have to go very far to work on a master's degree program.

Thanks to Endicott College and Cohasset Middle-High School, teachers and other community members seeking a master of education degree in arts and learning will only have to travel to CMHS for the course work.

"We are trying to make the program as accessible to as many school systems as possible," says Robert Boose, vice president and dean of the graduate school at Endicott, which is in Beverly. "The whole notion is we are trying to reach out to the adult learner."

Endicott offers off-campus programs on the North Shore and in corporate settings, but this will be the college's first program on the South Shore.

It all started when Endicott's Paul Squarcia, the former superintendent of schools in the Silver Lake Regional District, contacted CMHS assistant principal Jack DeLorenzo. DeLorenzo worked for the Silver Lake district (which includes Pembroke, Kingston, Plympton and Halifax) before coming to Cohasset years ago.

"Basically Paul called me up," DeLorenzo recalled. "Endicott was trying to get a program on the South Shore and went to the South Shore Art Center, which couldn't commit because of having too busy a schedule."

DeLorenzo said CMHS will have a new arts facility in September as part of the school renovation project. He explained that under state education reform, teachers must obtain a master's degree within five years.

At an informational meeting earlier this week about 20 people expressed interest in the program including five to six from Cohasset.

"This is going to be good for the South Shore and good PR for Cohasset," DeLorenzo said. In addition to convenience and PR "consideration for Cohasset teachers will be given toward their tuition," he said.

Enid Larsen, assistant dean of graduate programs, said the course "Arts and Learning" will provide a multi-disciplinary approach to learning through the arts.

"It's not just for teachers but for anyone interested including community leaders and therapists," she said.

The Endicott Web site describes the Arts and Learning program, as enabling "students to develop enhanced skills for utilizing the arts (music, movement, drama, poetry, visual arts, storytelling, digital arts) through arts-based research and in the development of curriculum, treatment approaches, leadership skills and community development."

The graduate course, which will be taught by Stephanie Grinier of Hingham, is expected to start in February and will be conducted on weekends.

Once the Arts and Language program is launched, more master's degree programs could be added to the Cohasset site.

For more information, call Endicott at 978-232-2199 or DeLorenzo at 781-383-6100.

Working out relationships

By Evan Schiff
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Cohasset police could soon be hooking up with local teenagers — and not in the local police log.

Athletic Director Ron Ford said police officers will volunteer to help supervise the fitness center, which will be staying open after school until 3:30 p.m.. Police volunteering their time would not only save the town some money — but could improve relations between the police department and the youths of Cohasset.

Police Chief Brian Noonan supports the idea.

"Years ago, officers all lived in the town and were involved with the community," he said. "We're trying to re-establish that relationship between the town and the officers who protect it."

He said since the idea has been thrown around, three officers have already volunteered for the program.

"I think it's a wonderful program," Noonan said.

Ford said he felt this was a good way for officers and students to get to know each other.

"At the center they will be working in a different environment, one that is more conducive to getting acquainted," he said. "This may help everyone."

In Hanover, the concept of police and teens working out together in a gym environment started years ago.

Hanover police Officer Tom Hayes, who is also president of the Hanover Police Boys Club, said improving relations between the young people of Hanover and the police department has proved very beneficial. The program, which has been in existence for 25 years, includes aerobic classes, karate classes, and weightlifting training.

The center charges $1 for high-school students to work out, $2 for officers and college students, and $3 for all adults.

"We are all one family," Hayes said. "The officers here put there heart and soul into the program."

The program in Hanover raises all the money itself, with no financial support from the town. The center charges $1 for high-school students to work out, $2 for officers and college students, and $3 for all adults.

Hayes said the center has proved to be extremely successful.

"We've had five or six kids in the program who are now part of the police force," he said.

Ford said opening the fitness center for more hours will provide a greater opportunity for kids to take advantage of the center.

"The fitness center has been an integral part of the school," Ford said. "Opening the doors longer provides a great opportunity for the students."

In a letter to the School Committee, Mike Gill, school health director, stated he would be forced to lock the fitness center doors at 2:05 p.m.., when school lets out for the day because he has not received any donations this year. Gill suggested using the Athletic Revolving Fund might be the best way to provide a budget for the fitness center.

The School Committee supported the request by authorizing a transfer of $3,500 from the Athletic Revolving Fund to the program to pay for adult supervision per afternoon session from 2:15-3 p.m. for the remainder of the school year. With funding in place, supervision should be assured, Gill said, but volunteers from the police would help offset the cost estimated to run $4,500-$5,000 annually.

Ford said the center will be used by student athletes during the season and in the off-season. He said he envisioned 25 to 30 students using the facilities every day.

"A lot of kids aren't in season and still want to work out," he said. "It's such an incredible facility it's a shame for it not to be used."

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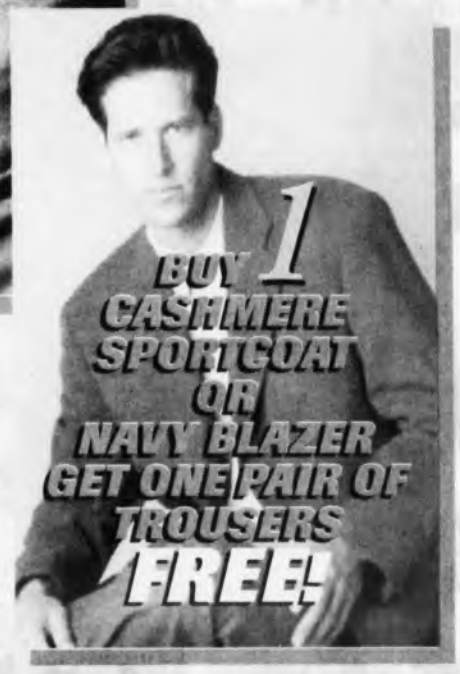
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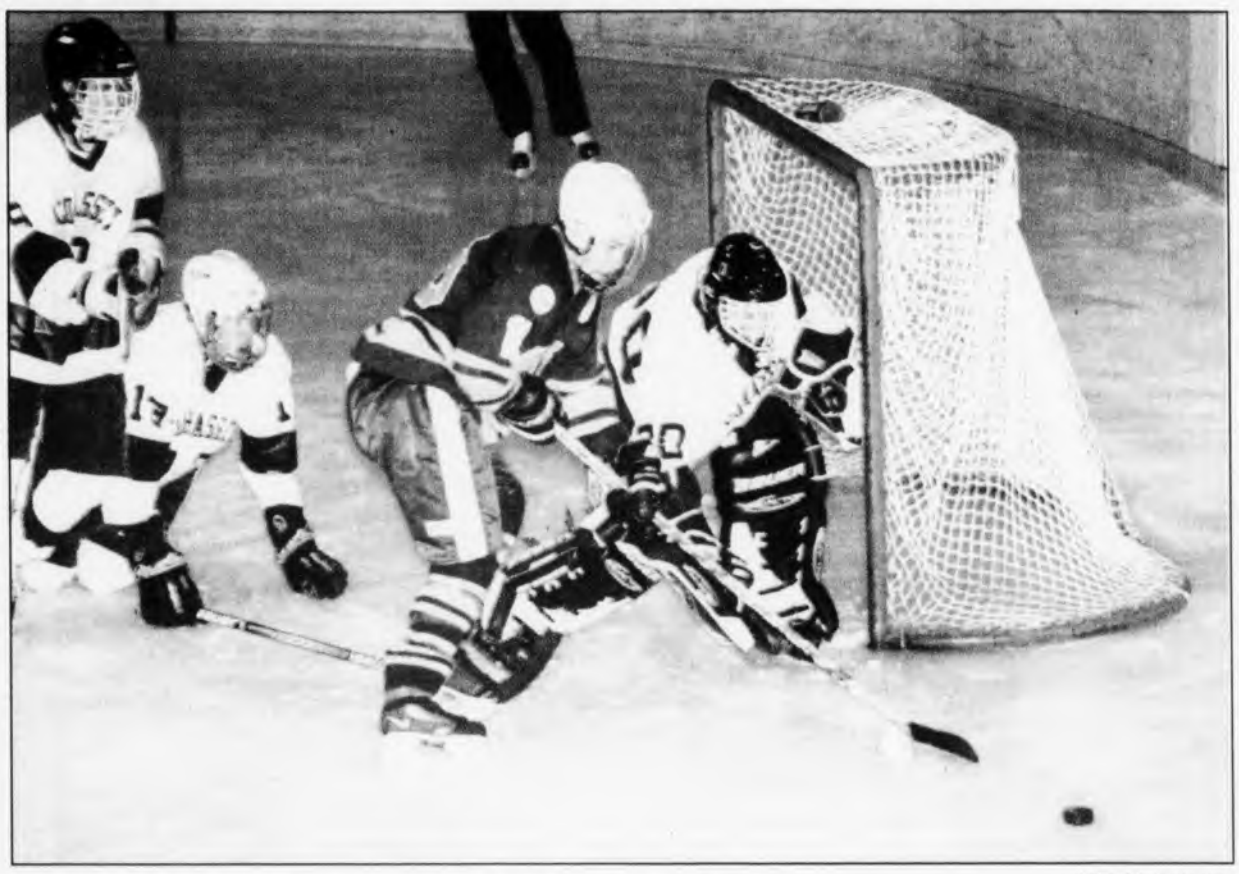
Maggie O'Neill

This Cohasset High seniors was chosen for the Mariner All-Scholastic girls soccer team this week.

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On the South Shore

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A "seasoned" Dan Kinchla returns for his second season in net for the Skippers this winter.

Hope on ice for Skippers

Encouraging signs abound for C.H.S. hockey team

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Signs, signs, everywhere there are signs. And virtually all of the ones directed toward Cohasset High's hockey team are pointing up.

For starters, Pilgrim Conference realignment has removed the larger schools from the Skippers league schedule. Former league rivals Scituate, Rockland and Hanover, the defending Div. 3 state champion, have been placed in a newly created powerhouse Patriot League along with Hingham, the defending state Div. 1 champions, and Duxbury, the 1999-2000 Div. 2 state champs.

Cohasset is now left with old "small" school rivals Hull, Norwell and Abington, along with South Shore League newcomers Harwich and Mashpee, providing a much more reasonable league slate than last year for the Skippers, to say the least. Though Cohasset High, with 303 enrolled students (as of Oct. 1), is still the smallest school by far in the league, at least it is no longer pitted against schools literally twice its size.

And the news gets better. The Skippers lost only two players to graduation, and return three full forward lines. What is more, coach Dennis Walsh reports he has formed a solid fourth line from the newcomers.

Skippers skate past Devils, 14-0. See page 18.

"We're very optimistic with the way things are shaping up," said Walsh, who returns for his 30th year as the Skippers bench boss, that in itself another of the positive signs.

It will also be his last. Walsh retired from teaching last year but decided to give it one more whirl on the ice.

"Yup, one last hurrah," confirmed Walsh with a laugh. "I know my mindset is that we might as well go for it all now. With this group, I really feel like it's within our grasp to advance quite far in the states."

As for motivation, they've got that too. The Skippers missed the state tourney by just one win last season, going 8-10-2.

"We almost met our goal," the coach noted. "Hopefully, that will give us a little added incentive this season."

Want more good news?...You've got it.

Twenty-eight skaters turned out for the opening of camp two weeks ago, and all are still here. This represents one of Cohasset High's top turnouts in years. The Cohasset High Hockey Boosters responded by raising funds to help create a junior varsity program for the first time in many years, and former CHS hockey and football star Pete Sandblom has been hired to coach the team.

"In years past it was tough to get some of the newer players much ice time, but this will help us bring those players along," noted Walsh. "This is obviously a great thing for the future of the program."

The two losses to the caps and gowns were both on the blue line. Dan Morse was a solid stay-at-home defender, as well as a captain and leader, while Jay Rasmussen was a potent two-way threat.

Fortunately, coach Walsh feels he has two players who can step pretty seamlessly into those roles in newcomers Mike Colorio, a junior, and Ted Straughn, a freshman.

"Mike and Ted are both talented players who have stood out almost since the first day of practice," reported the coach. "Tim is a very strong kid for his age who looks more like a senior than a freshman out there."

This is not all that surprising considering Ted comes from a "hockey family." Older brother Tim was a top defenseman last year as a junior but has been moved up to forward thanks to the emergence of his junior sibling and Colorio.

Senior Eric Libby and sophomore

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Turning it around

Lady hoopsters open with impressive win

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

If their first game was any indication, this year will be very, very different for the girls basketball team.

Coming off a 1-17 season last year, the Lady Skippers came out full throttle against Avon Monday night for a 62-36 win.

"It was a good way to open the season," understated head coach Ellen Carr. "[The game] showed some of our strengths, and some of the areas we need to work on."

Junior Lindsay Grossman scored a game high 23 points, including 14 in the first half. With quick hands, she was able to operate at point guard and shooting guard, while racking up steals and assists.

Sharing the backcourt duties was sophomore Jen Buckley, who performed extremely well in her first ever varsity start. A very fast standout on the varsity soccer and track teams, Buckley totaled 13 points while splitting time at point.

The success of the tandem of Buckley and Grossman should be further enhanced upon the return of junior Heather Peramo. The junior suffered a broken pinky in a recent practice, but hopes to return to the team within a week. With Peramo back in the line-up, she and Buckley will fill out the backcourt, and Grossman will be able to move back to her more natural position of small forward.

Junior Laraine Langford, the starting point guard of last year, will be returning to the line-up by their next game. Her fast hands and solid ball-handling skills will fit nicely into Carr's aggressive game plan.

"Our guards are fast, and I think they are hungry enough to go after

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset sophomore Danielle Pinkus (42) was an inside force in the Lady Skippers season opening 62-36 win over Avon Monday.

Mariner All-Scholastic girls soccer team



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Cohasset Junior Julie Lordan, a South Shore League All-Star, was a deserving Honorable Mention for our All-Scholastic team.

Skippers' O'Neill named among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process here was not an easy one.

Several of the young women you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received strong consideration for this All-Scholastic honor. After consulting with area coaches, however, these are the choices we made for our 2001 Mariner All-Scholastic girls soccer team.

Maggie O'Neill - Senior (Capt.)
Midfield – Cohasset

Deftly directed the Lady Skippers attack from her center-mid position the last few years, but moved to the frontline to score a few huge goals during the team's furious stretch run this fall that saw them fall just short of the magic .500 mark and a tourney berth ... wound up with five goals and three assists...a three-year starter...two-time South Shore League All-Star...a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable mention last year...plays soccer year round as a member of the South Shore Select team...has applied for early acceptance to Villanova University, which her older sister



Maggie O'Neill

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Crushing blow

By Mike Spellman
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It's generally a nice feeling to walk through the main entrance of Cohasset High and immediately spot clippings from the most recent Mariner sports section hanging right there outside the athletic director's office.

That was far from the case last week when I was instantly assailed by my choice of two days earlier to run a big photo of Cohasset star wrestler Dan Littauer above the fold on the front of Cohasset sports, along with our wrestling preview story.

Ironically, you see, it was at about the same time this page was running through the presses last Wednesday night that Littauer, the team's senior captain and leader in every imagin-

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Improved by leaps and bounds

Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team appears primed for big things this winter

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Gymnastics coaches often hesitate when it comes to predicting how well their teams will do during the winter months, and rightly so. Injuries that come hand-in-hand with the sport and the usual colds, strep throats and flu can decimate a team, particularly if it lacks depth.

Cohasset-Norwell coach Kara Connerty said she doesn't want to "jinx" this season's squad by talking of elaborate expectations. Connerty, now in her third season coaching the combined team after three years coaching the Clippers, did say the Cohasset-Norwell team is deep with a freshman flavor in the fold. Add

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Skippers' O'Neill named among area's elite

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attends, a Div. 1 school that competes in soccer in the Big East, one of the nation's most competitive athletic conferences...if accepted, Maggie may try-out for the team as a walk-on or sign up to play for a nearby club team...has also applied to Merrimac College...plans to major in Liberal Arts... Cohasset coach Deb Beal: "Maggie is such a strong presence in the middle of the field. She had such a great sense of the game, and was always so consistent. I hate to think where we would have been without her the last few years."

Maureen Halloran - Senior (Capt.) - Stopper - Hanover

This three-year starter was a force in the defensive midfield for Hanover...While a talented defensive player, Halloran also made substantial contributions to the Lady Indians' offense and is most well-known for her near perfect placements on restarts and for her ability to connect on a big throw in...Scored a goal and two assists for Hanover this season...The Patriot League, Eastern Mass. and All-state All-star was a key factor in Hanover's Div. 3 State Championship in 2000...Halloran has played for the South Coast club team since the age of 10, developing uncanny skills in the process, according to her coach...Also a two-year captain on the HHS basketball team and made the Mariner All-Scholastic hoop squad last season.Halloran also is on the prom committee and is active in Student Council...The senior is considering attending a number of colleges, including Salve Regina, Northeastern, and Stonehill and would like to continue her soccer career. Hanover coach Garth Nelson: "Maureen has an excellent vision of the field and is a good communicator. She has all the fundamental technical skills you could ask for in a player. She's very competitive and is a very consistent performer. She's a kick to have around."

Jocelyn Hickey - Senior (Capt.) - Midfielder - Hanover

A two-year starter, Hickey's solid play on the left sideline in Hanover's midfield came up huge for the Lady Indians this season...Her good speed and solid footwork created many offensive opportunities for Hanover...The senior captain took most of the Lady Indians' corner kicks and racked up three assists in the process. Hickey also scored three goals this season...Played a key role on Hanover's Div. 3 State Championship team in 2000. Hickey says she is most proud of her team's ability to play together all season long...The Patriot League All-star is also a member of the National Honor Society and Community Serivce Club...Hickey is considering attending Brown, Providence, St. Mike's or University of Vermont. Hanover coach Garth Nelson: "The combination of speed, grace, and intelligence is what made her a solid player. She's got a great cross and penetrates well. She's poetry in motion."

Liz Woodward - Senior (Capt.) - Forward - Hanover

A three-year varsity player and first-year starter, Woodward had a solid year on the frontline for Hanover...Scored four goals for the Lady Indians from the center forward position...Grew up playing soccer in the sweeper position on a Club Soccer team, HHS coach Garth Nelson saw a potential forward in Woodward and made the switch...The senior captain, who saw key minutes off the bench last season in which Hanover won a Div. 3 State Championship, combined good speed and ball control to penetrate opposing team's defenses...Also a great receiver, Woodward's patience was solid, often taking smart shots as opposed to rushing a play...The Patriot League All-star is president of her senior class and is president of Student Council...Woodward is considering many colleges including Boston College and Boston University. Hanover coach Garth Nelson: "This was really her breakthrough year. She was an excellent captain who concentrated most on the needs of the team. She was a quiet leader and was always positive. She kept everyone's chins up."

Sarah Abbott - Senior (Capt.) - Fullback - Marshfield

A three-year starter Abbott's control in the Marshfield backfield was a key element to the team's success in the Old Colony League...The senior captain combined good speed, impressive footwork, and solid ball control to consistently clear balls...Also a tremendous defensive player, Abbott often marked her opponents' best forward...Voted by the OCL as one of the top five players in the league, Abbott also represented Marshfield on the Eastern Mass. All-star team...The senior played a key role in the Lady Rams' impressive post-season run last season which ended at the Div. 1 State Championships...Also a talented tennis player, Abbott will most likely play first singles for MHS this spring and will be a captain...Abbott is ranked among the top 10 percent of her class, is on the National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club, Developing Friendships, and is VP of American Field Service...She is considering attending Colby as a pre-med student and plans to play soccer. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "She is a very skilled player. She's probably one of the more skilled defensive players in the league. She has tremendous footwork, speed, and ball control. Plus, she's just a great kid."

Joy Gueverra - Senior - Midfielder - Marshfield

A three-year starter, Gueverra's impressive strength was simply a force to be reckoned with in the center midfield spot...Although mostly a defensive player, Gueverra also made key contributions on offense and finished as the team's third leading scorer with six goals and six assists...Was Marshfield's own iron woman, playing multiple positions and taking all of the team's corners and restarts, placing the ball perfectly nearly every time...Started as a halfback last season and played a role in the Lady Rams' Cinderella tourney run which landed them at the Div. 1 State Championship...Was recognized as an All-state All-star last year and plays on the Club Wave team...A member of the MHS Chamber Orchestra playing piano and violin, and is historian of the LEAP Club Gueverra is considering attending a number of schools including Stony Brook, El Mira, Providence and will play soccer. Marshfield coach Fred Podbelski: "She's a tremendously strong player and is so versatile. She could play any position and play it well. Her strong delivery was part of the reason we went so far last year. She's very talented."

Katie Alexander - Senior (Capt.) - Midfielder - Abington

This four-year starter caused headaches for opponents with her ability to penetrate defenses and tie up the center midfield...Was the Green Wave's second-leading scorer and among the South Shore League's top three with 20 points on 14 goals and six assists...An SSL, Eastern Mass., and All-state All-star, Alexander's tough play in the midfield helped lead Abington to its first SSL championship in 10 years with an unblemished 14-0 record (16-1-1 overall)...Alexander was the top playmaker for the Green Wave, using her solid vision of the field, excellent air play, and aggressiveness to create offensive opportunities and helped the team to outscore opponents 58-5...She is most proud of the team's 3-0 shutout over former league rival Hanover...The senior is also a captain on the AHS basketball team and made the Mariner All-Scholastic squad last year...She is considering attending Southern New Hampshire or Springfield and will play soccer. Abington coach Jeff Kent: "She's probably the best player we've ever had as far as playing the ball in the air. She got a number of goals on corner and restarts by getting her head on the ball. She's a real leader on the field, constantly communicating and directing traffic. She brings out the best in everyone."

Kate Abbatangelo - Senior (Capt.) - Midfielder - Abington

A three-year starter for the South Shore League champion Green Wave, Abbantangelo's solid play on the left side of the midfield, particularly on defense...Was a solid marker on defense and also made key contributions offensively...Scored three goals and three assists for Abington...The SSL and Eastern Mass. did a lot of the behind the scenes work that led the Green Wave to a 14-0 SSL title, significantly adding to Abington's impressive passing game with great crosses and long-range, flat passes...Cites the 3-0 shutout over former league rival Hanover as her favorite game...Abbatangelo is also a singles player on the AHS tennis team in the spring and treasurer of the National Honor Society...The senior captain is considering attending Colby-Sawyer, Endicott, or University of New England. Abington coach Jeff Kent: "She did all the things that don't show up in the stats book. She played the ball well on both ends of the field and is a great leader. She proved to be very valuable."

Brittany Cheney - Senior (Capt.) - Goalie - Abington

Unquestionably one of the best goalies in all of Massachusetts, Cheney had a record-setting season for Abington...The senior keeper racked up 15 shutouts this year which broke a 15-year old school record...Cheney was nearly untouchable in the net, allowing just five goals in 18 games for an impressive .28 goals against average leading the Green Wave to a SSL title with a perfect 14-0 record...These numbers also ranked her first among the league's best keepers...Her incredible vertical leap, impressive diving saves, and aggressiveness on corners enabled her to cover the net from all sides...Says she is most proud of Abington's 3-0 shutout over former league rival Hanover...A three-sport standout at AHS, Cheney is captain of the basketball team and also plays softball in the spring...The SSL, Eastern Mass., and All-state All-star is a two-time Mariner All-Scholastic in soccer and also made our girls hoop and softball squads last season...Cheney is considering attending Boston College, Providence, or the University of Maine and will play softball. Abington coach Jeff Kent: "She's just an extraordinary athlete. She has great quickness, great hands, distributes the ball well, and great range in the net. She's a real formidable keeper. She gave us a great sense of security."

Kacie LaPointe - Sophomore - Midfield - Abington

A two-year starter, LaPointe is quickly making her presence known in the South Shore League...A midfielder on the right side, LaPointe was the team's third leading scorer and among the top five in the SSL with 15 points on eight goals and seven assists...The sophomore combined great footwork, speed, and toughness to aide the Green Wave's offensive charge, which outscored its opponents 58-5...Her play on the midfield on both ends, offensively and defensively, no doubt contributed to Abington's championship season, leading the team to its first SSL title in a decade with a perfect 14-0 record (16-1-1 overall)...A SSL All-star, LaPointe also runs track in the spring and plays soccer on a club team...Cites the Green Wave's 3-0 win over Hanover as her favorite game...The sophomore will be one of the top returnees next season. Abington coach Jeff Kent: "She's a very skilled player. She handles the ball well and passes well. She's very reliable, has a great field sense and plays well beyond her years. She plays at 100 mph for 80 minutes."

Dawn Turner - Senior (Capt.) - Forward - Rockland

A two-year starter for Rockland, Turner was the key to the offense on the rebuilding Lady Bulldogs team...A highly skilled forward, Tuner used solid speed and good footwork to weave through defenses and strike from inside the box...A Patriot League All-star, Turner was the team's leading scorer with 20 points on 11 goals and nine assists...The senior captain plays soccer 12 months out of the year both as a player with RHS and with the South Shore Select team...Turner also plays basketball and will play softball for the high school in the spring...Turner is considering attending Boston College, Boston University, Cornell, Ithaca, or Stonehill and may continue to play soccer. Rockland coach Laurindo Lima: "Dawn is a great finisher. She reads the game very well. She's a smart player. She has a good ability to press through people and she scored a lot of her goals that way."

Becca Marshall - Sophomore - Forward - Hingham

A first-year starter, Marshall had a break out year offensively for Hingham...The sophomore finished the year as the team's leading scorer and was among the Patriot League's top three with 28 points on 17 goals and 11 assists...Marshall combined great speed, ball control, and ball placement to lead the Harborwomen's offensive charge...Scored a hattrick in a Div. 2 South Sectional tourney win over Wareham and is most proud of the team's play in that game...The PL All-star continually came up big for the Harborwomen, often scoring game-winning goals...Still just a sophomore, Marshall is a member of the Spanish Club and has competed on the HHS track team. Hingham coach Guy Enoch: "As good as she is, I still think she's a diamond in the rough. She still has a lot of soccer to play. She's definitely going to be one of the leading players next season."

Hilary Lynch - Junior - Goalie - Hingham

Had a solid second year in the net for the Harborwomen, finishing the year as one of the Patriot League's top keepers...Lynch's ability in the net proved invaluable for Hingham, often coming up with big saves when needed most...The junior recorded six shutouts this season and had a 1.23 goals per game average...A two-year starter, Lynch combined great high ball, breakaway, and corner kick coverage to keep Hingham in some close games and often get them out of jams...Lynch cites the team's 1-1 tie with cross-town rival and Div. 1 state finalist Notre Dame Academy as one of her favorite games...A Patriot League All-star, Lynch also plays on the HHS basketball and lacrosse teams and is a member of student council...Lynch will return as one of the league's best keepers next season and was elected to captain the team. Hingham coach Guy Enoch: "She has incredible courage. She's not afraid to just dive in on breakaways, her corner protection is solid. She really stepped it up this year. I really think she was the top keeper in the league. She's a great leader which makes a difference as a goalie. She's not just standing there. She understands the game."

Michelle Massman - Senior Sweeper - Silver Lake

Michelle absolutely flourished in the role of sweeper this season after playing fullback as a junior, a move that was necessitated so that team captain Jill McLelland (another Mariner All-Scholastic) could be moved up front to help the attack...Old Colony League All-Star...plays soccer year round as a

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All-Scholastic girls soccer team

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member of the Sporting Cristales out of Duxbury, along with twin sister Maureen (who was also a member of the Silver Lake team)…has also played basketball and softball since her freshman year at Silver Lake, the last two seasons in each as a varsity team member…would like to play soccer at the next level and has already talked to a few collegiate coaches…is looking at Northeastern, Merrimac and St. Anslems, among a few other universities…Silver Lake coach Bubba Ashby: "Michelle was an extremely pleasant surprise this season. We put her at sweeper and she just took to it. We were a younger team, so a lot of the game was played our end. She was the one who made the difference in so many of these games. There were games she just dominated the area around the goal."

Jill McLelland - Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Silver Lake

Jill was moved from sweeper to center midfield this season to direct the young Lady Lakers attack and wound up leading the team in scoring (eight goals, one assist) to pace the way to a 6-6-5 record and a tourney berth in what was supposed to be a rebuilding year… Old Colony League All-Star…a three year starter, the previous two at sweeper…scored only one varsity goal prior to this season …used to play club soccer as a member of the Mass. Bay Blazers…also a standout in basketball and spring track at Silver Lake…has also been named to captain both of these teams this year…would like to play soccer in college, but whether or not she plays club or interscholastically will likely depend on where she winds up…is looking at a number of schools, including B.C., B.U. and Stonehill…Silver Lake coach Bubba Ashby: "We asked Jill to take over at a new position, and she did it. She knew we were depending on her to score and she came through. The most important things she offered, though, were toughness and leadership, two things we really needed this season."

Lisa McEachern - Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Scituate

Lisa was the emotional leader and quarterback on the attack for the 10-7-1 Lady Sailors this season, earning her second Patriot League All-Star selection…a three-year starter at halfback…has played soccer extensively in the off-season for various town and district traveling teams…also a member of the Scituate High ski and spring track teams…runs the 800 and throws the javelin for the track team, and earned Patriot League All-Star honors as a junior for her efforts…notched two goals and three assists this season…would like to play soccer at the next level and has already talked to a few collegiate coaches…is looking at Southern New Hampshire, Colby-Sawyer and Keene State…would like to study Sports Management and/or Elementary Education…Scituate coach Joe Strazdes: "Lisa was a real leader for us. She has a lot of speed and is very quick to the ball She's a real spunky player who went hard all of the time. As a coach you just love to have that type of player. She sets a great example for everyone else."

Kim Connelly – Senior
Forward/Midfielder – Scituate

After missing most of her sophomore year with a fractured ankle and being slowed by a variety of injuries her junior season, Kim bounced back to lead the Lady Sailors in scoring this fall (seven goals, six assists), helping them to a 10-7-1 record and into the post-season…seemed to be at her best in big games, such as in a huge late season 1-0 win over powerhouse Patriot League rival Hingham in which she set up the game's lone goal with a beautiful rush and feed….has played club soccer year-round since the fifth grade as a member of the Marshfield Wave…also a standout softball and basketball player…earned Patriot League All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic honors as a softball player last spring…has been a starting guard for the basketball team since her freshman year…soccer is far and away her favorite sport, though, and the one she intends to play at the next level…has spoken to coaches at Brandeis and Emerson Colleges…plans to major in Criminal Justice with an eye towards a career in the FBI… Scituate coach Joe Strazdes: "Kim is an extremely physically talented player with excellent ball skills and passing ability. It was always the games that meant the most that seemed to bring out the best in her."

Jacqui Graden - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Norwell

Jacqui enjoyed a great senior season that only got better once the regular season ended…after the Lady Clippers barely squeaked into the post-season, Jacqui elevated her game to help carry them to three tourney wins and a trip to the Southeast Sectional championship game, the furthest advancement in the history of the Norwell girls soccer program…scored both goals in the opening round 2-1 upset win over second seeded Holbrook…off of this, she earned Eastern Mass and state Div. 3 All-Star honors…also a two-time South Shore League All-Star…team's leading scorer this season with nine goals and three assists…plays club soccer year-round as a member of the Sporting Cristales out of Duxbury along with her twin sister, Alanna, who was the starting goalie for the Norwell High team this fall…also a standout for N.H.S. in basketball and softball (softball)…would like to play soccer in college…is looking at Western New England, Mount Ida and Roger Williams, as well as a few state colleges…Norwell coach Bruce Emerson: "Jacqui was far and away our best player. She has very nice foot skills and is very quick and aggressive. Jacqui is really a great team payer, and I can't help thinking how good she might have been with just a little more help."

Honorable Mention

Alanna Graden - Senior- Keeper- Cohasset
Andrea Doherty – Junior- Midfield – Norwell
Julie Lordan – Junior - Defense – Cohasset
Jen Buckley – Sophomore- Midfield - Cohasset
Jill Weber – Sophomore- Forward - Cohasset
Jenna Beltramini - Junior - Fullback - Silver Lake
Carrie Flynn - Senior (Capt.) - Fullback - Scituate
Margaret Tansey – Sophomore - Sweeper- Scituate
Katie Hess – Sophomore - Fullback - Scituate
Hayley Prendergast - Freshman - Forward - Hingham
Meaghan Slater - Senior - Back - Hingham
Bridget Driscoll, Senior (Capt.) – Back - Hingham
Cassandra Holmes - Senior (Capt.) - Back - Rockland
Liz Martin - Senior - Goalie - Rockland
Valerie Jarvis - Sophomore - Forward - Abington
Vanessa Adams, Senior – Sweeper - Abington
Emily Corbett - Senior (Capt.) - Back - Marshfield
Jamie Dann - Junior - Wing - Hanover
Caitlin Cronin, Junior - Midfielder - Hanover
Ashley Wheeler - Junior - Back - Hanover
Holly Sands - Sophomore - Goalie - Notre Dame
Michaela McDonnell - Senior (Capt.) - Fullback - Notre Dame
Anne Reed - Senior (Capt.) - Midfielder - Notre Dame
Nikki Cross - Junior - Midfielder - Notre Dame

LACROSSE NOTES

CYL to field girls teams in '02

For the first time in its seven-year history, Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is planning to field teams for girls beginning in spring 2002.

The plan depends upon both interest from age-eligible girls and availability of fields, but organizers expect to field two teams in the Mass Bay Youth League - girls, the female counterpart of the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League that the town's boys have been playing in since 1996.

The current plan is for girls to play in the 14 & Under (7th and 8th grade) and 12 & Under (5th & 6th grade) levels, with one team in each.

As with the boys teams, Cohasset's girls will be playing in a league that covers most of Eastern Massachusetts, and in a division that stretches from Weymouth to Martha's Vineyard. Games will be played on Sunday afternoons; no practice schedule has been set.

Just as important, the girls league has the same ideals as the boys, specifically teaching the children to play without regard to standings or playoffs. Girls will play equal playing time, regardless of ability, will have regularly scheduled practices and workouts and will be expected to maintain the same standards of conduct and responsibility both on and off the field that have been the hallmark of the boys program.

Chuck Jaffe, who has coached in the boys program for six years, is expected to move over to head the girls program with help from several assistant coaches.

The girls will begin practice in March, start playing games in April and will end their season at the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Girls Jamboree in mid-June. While the practice schedule is not yet determined, it is expected to be the same two-practices-per-week schedule that the boys teams have maintained for years.

Girls are required to supply sticks, mouthpieces and goggles. Registration will be $110 per player, and will include a uniform and membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for the sport. Registration day is scheduled for from 10 a.m. - Noon on Saturday, January 5 at Cohasset High School.

For more information on the program or to volunteer to coach, call Chuck Jaffe at 781-383- 9858.

Lady hoopsters

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the ball," explained Carr.

In the frontcourt, Skipper fans were able to see a rarity: Cohasset dominated the boards with their height.

Sophomores Danielle Pinkus and Ashley Faber combined for 18 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks, showing excellent promise as forces under the hoop.

"It is huge," said Carr of having a height advantage. "We want to build on that."

Junior Maura O'Brien threw in eight points at power forward to help her team seal the win.

The varsity squad was not the only team that had success on Monday, though. The junior varsity, headed up by Deb Beal, destroyed the Lady Panthers JV, 50-10.

Freshman Casey Anderson tore up Avon's frontline for 28 points. Nearly every one of Anderson's 13 field goals came off assists from sophomore point guard Gillian Weber.

With season opening wins on both varsity and JV levels, morale should improve as the team does. And while not getting ahead of herself, Carr did mention that she believes this team has the ability to surprise some teams this year.

"I think we can make a much bigger impact than our record from last year would indicate," concluded the coach.

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Hoping to make a big splash

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset-Scituate high school swim team has not had much go right for it. Conference rules prohibit all of the members from competing, the team must travel a lengthy bus ride to Weymouth just to practice, and they are in the burdensome process of changing leagues.

But second year coach Jamie Kearney is not going to let anything get in the way of a successful season.

"We have been put in a tough position, and the season hasn't even started," Kearney asserted. "But we have a very capable team this year."

The team appointed four captains this year, a male and female from both towns, to lead the way.

For Cohasset, veterans Kelly Stone, a senior, and Bryan Bilton, a junior, have a combined 11 years of varsity swimming experience under their belts.

From the Sailors, seniors Jen Kruetzberg and Sean "Swim Team" Sorenson also lead the way with experience.

Senior Cara Foley of Cohasset has been named a swimmer/coach, helping out the team on stroke technique and speed.

"I am thrilled with the leadership that I have," complimented the coach, a long time swimmer herself. "They have definitely been the motivation early on."

Kearney is pleased with the balance she has of veterans and rookies, noting the some of the talented newcomers on the squad.

Freshman Danielle Swain was very impressive in the team's preliminary timings. Second year sophomore Delia Reagan also recorded very solid times, and the young duo should be a force in a variety of events.

At this point, I could take wild advantage of my duties as sportswriter and promote my addition to the team, but I won't.

While the Scituate-Cohasset squad attempts to transition smoothly into their new league, Kearney has raised the intensity of conditioning in practice. According to her, the team is averaging 1,000 yards more every practice than it did last year.

Also, second year athletic director Ron Ford of Cohasset was able to get an extra hour of pool time for the team, invaluable time to work on starts, finishes, turns, and relays.

Still, Kearney strongly wishes that there could be a pool at one of the two schools, as the swimmers generally return home well past seven o'clock.

"It is just a shame that with both schools undergoing their renovations, that neither one had the foresight to put in a pool," said Kearney.

The Sci-Coh team begins meets this week and Kearney feels confident about the chances of her squad.

"This is a very optimistic group of kids with a great sense of team concept."

Hope on ice for Skippers

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15 Mike Devine were widely considered two of the more well rounded defensemen in the South Shore League last season. Two excellent skaters, they each appear equally adept at protecting the net or joining the attack.

Not to suggest the net needs an abundance of protecting. Dan Kinchla emerged as a surprising force between the pipes last season as a junior in his first season ever of high school hockey. The coach predicts big things this winter from a "seasoned" Kinchla (also a star soccer player and spring trackster for C.H.S.), who he notes survived largely last season on instincts and athleticism.

"Dan is really much improved," he said. "He really has become smarter in net, and he's really, really looking forward to this season."

The Skippers have scrimmaged against Scituate, North Quincy and Marshfield — all Div. 2 tourney teams last season — and Walsh reported that his charges "held their own against all of them."

The primary focus of the first two games was auditioning, but Walsh shortened his bench for this past weekend's tilt with Marshfield, and sounded extremely upbeat by what he saw.

Though not cast in stone, the veteran coach now feels he can enter the season with four solid forward lines — a rarity for the vast majority of high school programs — with top returning scorers Greg O'Connell and Matt Davis, both juniors, centering the top two lines.

O'Connell will find himself between Rob Carpenter and Pete Whorisky to start the season, while Davis will be flanked by Tom Anderson and John Durkin.

The other two lines are Dave Bouchard-Chris Caron-Mike Rasmussen and Sean Chase-Ted Straughn-Will Moody.

"It might be tough to play all four lines regularly, but there's not a lot of drop-off between lines two, three and four," said Walsh. "We'll just have to go with the players who are working the hardest. That's one of the good things about depth. Everyone is pushed."



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Cohasset High's Greg O'Connell (8) returns looking to improve on his team leading offensive numbers from last season.

Skaters bedevil Devils

Skippers open with 14-0 win over Randolph (nope, that's not a misprint)

By Mike Spellman
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Cohasset won its season opener, 14-0, a couple of Touchdowns and PATs, eh?...excuse me... this was hockey!?!

That's right: the Skippers came right out of the gate to make all of those observers who called them clear favorites in the South Shore League look like geniuses, taking down Randolph on the road Friday night in mind-numbing fashion.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign to come out of the win is the fact that the first thing Cohasset coach Dennis Walsh wanted to talk about afterwards were the things his team DIDN'T do well.

"I don't think we skated as well as we can," said the longtime bench boss. "Sometimes when things are coming a little too easy, teams stop skating, and that's a habit we don't want to get into. There were a few things we saw tonight that we should work on."

But there were a few good thing too, right coach?!?

" Oh yeah," he replied with a laugh. "We did quite a few things well. We passed the puck very well and created some very nice opportunities.

"Also, Randolph is a team that gave us some problems last year, so I think we saw pretty clearly that we're a lot better team than we were last year."

The Skippers were dominant right from the start of the game, but led only 2-0 at the end of the first period and 3-0 near the midpoint of the second. That's when the floodgates opened.

"We had a lot of good shots early, but we were just barely missing and Randolph's goalie came up with some big saves," reported Walsh. "Then things just started clicking."

Indeed. The Skippers scored five time in the final eight minutes of the second period and six times in the third.

Junior winger Tom Anderson led the carnage with five points— two goals and three assists.

Two goal performances were also submitted by Sean Chase, Chris Caron and Matt Davis, while Greg O'Connell, Pete Whoriskey, Mike Devine, John Durkin, Dave Bouchard and freshman Ted Straughn added solo tallies.

Senior goalie Dan Kinchla recorded the shutout in the season opener, turning back 10 Blue Devils shots, though few of them were testers, according to Walsh.

"Sometimes it's tough to tell much about your team after a game like this," offered Walsh, continuing with the even keeled assessment. "We skated four lines all game, and a lot of defensemen. It looked like we might have some nice depth."

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Not a half bad start

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset wrestling team opened the season by splitting a tri-team match on Monday, topping Tri-County, 51-24, but falling 42-36 to host Mansfield in a match that came down to the final bout.

The Skippers were paced by a pair of pins each from sophomore Phil Strazulla at 130 pounds and junior Terry Baroudi at 135.

In the win over Tri-County, pins were also recorded for Cohasset by Dave Kupcz (103 pounds), freshman Joe Kehoe (119), freshman Bill Carbone (125), Brian Litchfield (160), Mike Casey (189) and John Hussey (215).

Casey's pin was particularly impressive, given that he bumped up from his usual 171 pound weight class to take on the much bigger Tri-County grappler at 189.

Chris McKenna also notched a big overtime win in the victory at 145.

Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney felt his team was at a distinct disadvantage in the Mansfield match that followed, as the hosts were given the opportunity to scout the Skippers.

According to the veteran C.H.S. coach, the Mansfield coach juggled his lineup, bumping his usual 130 and 135 pound wrestlers, basically conceding wins to top Cohasset wrestlers Baroudi and Strazulla in order to plug them in at other spots in the lineup.

Still, the match came down to the finale at 125 with Carbone. Unfortunately, the promising frosh could not pull off the upset.

Freshmen Jonathan Littauer and Matt Casey— at 103 and 140 pounds, respectively—picked up their first varsity victories in the Mansfield match. Senior Ian Hickey also notched a win in the second match at 140.

McKenna bumped up a weight class from145 to 152 versus Mansfield but lost on points.

Wrestling Notes

Though making it clear he did not wish to complain, Coach Sweeney did concede that the conversion of the upstairs gym annex into a library has made it more difficult for him to prepare his team for matches.

In previous years, the wrestling and gymnastic teams shared the annex, while the boys and girls basketball teams split the main gymnasium. Now all four winter sports teams are sharing the one gym, and the grapplers are being held to a strict two-hour limit for practices. With it taking approximately a half hour to set up and pick up mats at the beginning and end of practice, Sweeney winds up with approximately 90 minutes of true coaching time.

"I understand with all of the work being done around the school that all the teams are having to sacrifice, but it has been a bit of a hindrance for us," he confessed. "I don't have quite the time to go over certain points I used to, and I'm having to compress my usual schedule."

C.H.S. wrestling star Littauer lost to elbow dislocation

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able way, was attempting a throw of teammate Brian Litchfield toward the end of wrestling practice when his elbow popped, dislocating and hyper-extending it, quite possibly knocking him out of action for his final year of high school wrestling.

"It's the curse of the Mariner," noted Wrestling coach Torin Sweeney with a mirthless chuckle. "Obviously, it's a crushing blow for the program, but it's even worse for Danny, who worked as hard getting ready for this season as I've ever seen any athlete work."

Littauer, with 85 career wrestling wins, appeared well on his way to joining the elite and extremely exclusive 100-win club, something that really would have opened the eyes of college talent evaluators.

"I'm extremely disappointed and upset," said Littauer, who still hopes to wrestle in college, in a phone interview earlier this week. "I think I still had some work to do if I was going to get any (college) coaches talking to me, but I'm still holding out hope. And I can always try to make it as a walk-on."

Littauer, a top five state finisher in his weight class as a sophomore and junior, began workouts with an eye toward this March's state competitions the day after he was beaten in the quarterfinals of last year's All-State meet. He had chiseled his 152-pound frame, according to Sweeney, which prompted the coach to say last week that there were only one or two others who might stand in the way of Littauer and a state crown.


Dan Littauer

"He was a legitimate state champion contender in my mind," said Sweeney, who begins his 19th season as Cohasset High's wrestling coach. "And that's not a title I throw around lightly. With all the of the work he did, I really feel that is something that was there for the taking for Dan."

Of course, there is a chance Littauer could get back on the mat sometime in February. Doctors have told him three to four months of recovery will be needed, but they plan to evaluate his progress every few weeks.

"It's not an impossibility," said Sweeney, speaking of a potential return for his star grappler in time for the state qualifiers. "But obviously it'd be a huge obstacle in the way of him getting back to the level he was at by then. But if there's anyone who can do it, it's Dan."

Indeed.

"I've gone to a few therapists who've told me they didn't think I could make it back (before the end of the season), but I'm going to keep looking for one that will give me a chance," said Littauer. "This is my senior year. If there's any chance of getting back, I want to take it."

What makes Littauer's loss doubly painful is the way he rose to the challenge of team leadership. A few weeks before formal practices could begin on Nov. 26, the senior was conducting workout sessions with wrestling teammates and hopefuls.

Sweeney was naturally concerned about the morale of his team in the wake of Littauer's injury, but reported this week that, collectively, they appear to be stepping up their efforts, knowing this is what is required to begin filling the massive void.

"That's one positive thing at least that's come out of this," noted Sweeney. "The kids have shown some character with the way they've responded. They know the job for the team as a whole just got a lot harder."

Littauer will honor his role of captain by attending every match and practice he can, though he noted it won't be easy.

"I like to lead by example, so it won't be easy standing on the sidelines and trying to help," he confessed. "But I'll do it because I want to do anything I can to help the team. I think the whole program has a chance to take a big step back toward where we were my freshman year (sectional champs, second place in Div., 3 states). Our numbers are going up, and we're getting a lot of strong athletes. It's an exciting time for this program."

One of the more exciting elements, at least from Dan's personal standpoint, is the quick emergence of freshman Jonathan Littauer, his little brother, who won his first varsity match on Monday, topping his 103-pound counterpart from Mansfield.

"Watching Jon is something I'm really looking forward to," said the proud big brother. "He's trained really hard to get ready for this season, and I'm going to help him in any way I can."

Hopefully, with a little luck and a lot of hard work, Dan might be able to show his kid sibling a few more things on the mat this season.



Gymnastics team appears primed for big things this winter

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that to the return of defending league all-around champion Kristin Sheerin and all-star Meredith Bixby and the squad should be very tough to beat in the Pilgrim Conference. First place would be huge for the team because it would give Cohasset-Norwell an automatic berth in the South Sectional championships.

"I don't want to say anything too soon," responded Connerty when asked if she considered Cohasset-Norwell the favorite to capture the conference title, "but we're hoping. We have a young team still. We have a lot of depth. The main thing is to stay healthy and develop the routines.

"Qualifying for the South Sectionals is one of our goals."

As young as Cohasset-Norwell is this winter, it's the "grizzled veteran" Sheerin who should capture quite a bit of attention in the conference and state. Sheerin, a member of the team since the seventh grade, spent the 2000-2001 season rewriting the Cohasset record books and establishing herself as the best gymnast in the school's history. After finishing a stunning sixth in the all-around her sophomore year, Sheerin slipped off the balance beam last season, knocking her out of medal contention. She has high hopes for herself and Cohasset-Norwell in general this winter, including qualifying for the Massachusetts team that will compete in the nationals in Las Vegas.

"We look to be the strongest we've been since I was in seventh grade," said Sheerin. "I'm really excited about it. That's (Las Vegas) my main goal. It's pretty tough so I really have to hit my routines."

There are some changes in the league that should help Cohasset-Norwell. The biggest change is that each team faces each other just once, compared to twice in recent years. That should bode nicely for Cohasset-Norwell whose gymnasts came back in good shape and are looking to get a fast start out of the blocks.

The team also will not have to contend with Hingham's Meg Peterson and Kerrianne Hart of Hanover. Peterson sustained a broken ankle that will require surgery and is gone for the season. Hart, who waged a fierce duel with Sheerin in a dual meet last season, only to fall short by a half point, will spend the season competing for her club team.

The Randolph and Milton combined squads, much like Cohasset and Norwell did three seasons back, which could bring about an intriguing combination. Nauset dropped out of the league and Duxbury became part of the Pilgrim Conference.

Closer to home, Cohasset-Norwell will be without co-captain Carlie Carter for the season. Carter, one of the most consistent members of the team and another gymnast on the roster since the seventh grade, was hobbled with injuries for much of last season before sustaining a horrific accident when the uneven bars she was warming up on prior to a dual meet against Randolph collapsed.

Carter's knee pain persisted and surgery was required.

"It's definitely a big loss for us," said Connerty. "But Carlie's been at every practice and she'll be helping with the routines."

Cohasset-Norwell looks strong with Sheerin and Bixby competing in the all-around and a freshman contingent that includes Norwell's Jen Guiney and Samantha Rosen and Nancy Durkin of Cohasset.

"They'll add a lot of depth to the team this year," said Connerty.

Junior Katherine Coyne of Cohasset will be competing in three events and Amy Maree of Norwell is versatile enough to be penciled in for two or three per meet. Norwell's Laura Good will also be in a pair of events.

The team has a new face in first-year junior Samantha Keough of Norwell and the return of Cohasset's Sarah Dennis, who missed all of last season with an injury. Cohasset sophomores Shelly Carter and Alicia Sanchez also make the team stronger than a year ago.

Cohasset-Norwell will see just where they are at in their opening meet at non-league opponent Notre Dame Academy on Dec. 18. The team has dominated the Cougars in recent seasons, but Connerty refuses to take any team lightly, regardless of pasts successes.

"No, definitely not," said Connerty emphatically when asked if Cohasset-Norwell could possibly fall into the trap of looking past weaker teams. "It's a long season."

Regardless of how Cohasset-Norwell fares this season, the combination of the two teams has been a huge success. The girls took to each other right away the first season and the meets have been filled with spectators from both towns.

"The girls really work well together," Connerty said. "Both towns' girls get along really well."

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IT'S HAPPENING

Celtic Christmas



Aine Monogue, Irish harpist and singer.

This Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m., Hingham's Coffeehouse-off-the-Square presents a Celtic Christmas with the celebrated Irish harpist and singer, Aine Minoge and Friends. The afternoon will range from varied Celtic Christmas/Solstice music to familiar carols.

Minogue is a supreme harpist, formerly resident player at Ireland's Bunratty Castle. She is also a skilled teacher, introducing many to the harp at Hingham's Aisling Gallery.

The Coffeehouse-off-the-Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St. in Hingham Square.

Admission is $10 at the door and a variety of coffees, cider, teas, scones and other treats are available at 50 cents. Part of the proceeds go to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee programs.

For information, call Jim Watson at 781-749-1767.

Community center classes are offered

The community center is now accepting registration for Gymnastic classes for children ages 3 and up.

Gym Dandy classes will be offering registration on Dec. 13, for children ages 1 to 3 years.

Holiday Candy and Craft ages 3 to 5+ Friday, Dec. 14, - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $17M/$20NM

Children will have fun making their own candies and a gift for a special friend.

Girls Mini Camp Thursday, Dec. 27, (snow date Dec. 28) ages 5 to 11 - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fun-filled day of rotations on the vault, beam, and floor. Brush up on old skills and learn new ones. Make a craft, bowling games and lots more. Space is limited.

Mom's Morning Out ages 3 to 5+ Dec. 17, 18, 19, 20, and 28 ages 5 to 11 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. $28 per day. Need time for last minute shopping? Bring lunch and snack. Need to pre-register.

Vacation Camp ages 3 to 5+ Dec. 27 and 28, - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. $56M/58NM

A supervised playgroup each day that will consist of free play, craft activity, story time, and Outdoor play (weather permitting). Bring a lunch and a snack. Space is limited.

Buttonwood book angels

In the spirit of holiday sharing, Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood For Kids in Hingham invite all to participate in our Book Angel program. The Book Angel Program that will run through Sunday Dec. 16, is a program to help put books into the hands of disadvantaged children. The Book Angel takes an angel from the tree and purchases a book for that child that is close to the interest highlighted on the angel. Buttonwood will then discount that book 15 percent and deliver the book to that child's sponsoring group. Together, Buttonwood Books & Toy and Buttonwood For Kids support Wellspring in Hull, The Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth, The Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the Mary Martha Learning Center, the Blue Hills Healthy Families Program and the South Shore Educational Collaborative Teen Parent Program.

This is the eighth year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel program. For more information call 781-383-2665 (Cohasset) and 781-749-2665 (Hingham).

Unicorn Singers to perform concert at Old Ship church

Old Ship's annual Christmas Concert with the Unicorn Singers will be at the Old Ship Meeting House, 90 Main St. in Hingham, on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. This year's concert, a benefit for Renewal House, will feature selections from C.P.E. Bach's "Magnificat" (1749), a glorious though lesser-known "Magnificat" by Bach's most notable son. An orchestra of trumpets, flutes, and continuo will accompany the singers. The program will also include a cappella 20th century settings of 15th century seasonal texts and carols. Carols for all to sing will complete the evening. The Unicorn Singers, a 22-member mixed chorus under the direction of Margo Euler, has been performing a wide variety of music on the South Shore for more than 20 years.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit Renewal House, a program of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry which serves women and children who are victims of domestic violence and abuse. Renewal House has for 20 years offered emergency shelter for women in crisis and their children, along with a variety of advocacy, counseling, and educational programs.

For further information or for tickets, call 781-749-1679, or come to the Old Ship Parish House office at 107 Main Street, weekdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.. Advance tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for children/low income; tickets will also be available Noble's Camera in Hingham Square. The evening of the performance tickets will be available at the door ($10 for adults; $5 for children/low income).

Toys for Tots

The Cohasset police are again joining with the US Marine Corps annual holiday Toys for Tots campaign. Unwrapped toys and games may be dropped off at the Cohasset police headquarters on Elm Street, 24 hours a day. Any questions, call 781-383-1055. Please help the police make a less fortunate child happy this holiday season!

Support group for family caregivers

Adult Children of Aging Parents (ACAP) meets on the fourth Thursday of every month from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. at Allerton House in Hingham Assisted Living Community, located at 15 Condito Road. ACAP is a newly formed self-help support group that brings together family caregivers, relatives, and supportive others who have concerns for the well-being of an aging person. The mission of the group is to relieve the social isolation of the family caregiver and to enlarge one's support base. For further information, please call the Welch Education office at 781-337-4542.

Clothing drive

The Cohasset High School Social Awareness Organization will hold its 10th annual clothing drive from Dec. 10-21. All donations go to the Pine Street Inn. Drop-off bins are located in the main entrances of Cohasset Middle/High School. All donations are welcome.



HISTORY BOOK

History book production committee members Lynne Layman, Julia Gleason and Sue Mavilia at the Cohasset Town Hall during the Village Fair. Layman's color photographs of Cohasset will be printed in a color section bound in the book. Gleason has been in charge of prepublication book sales and distribution and Mavilia will be scanning the halftones that appear throughout the text. Publication date is June 2002 at $32, but the book can be purchased for $27.50 until Jan. 1. Checks should be made out to the Town of Cohasset and sent to Julia Gleason, 44 Stockbridge St. 02025

Volunteer cancer drivers sought

The road to recovery for many cancer patients can be a long one with many decisions to be made and hurdles to overcome. Although cancer treatments today work better than ever, temporary side effects can make patients feel too sick to drive or take public transportation to their appointments. For those without family or friends living close by, the lack of transportation may mean missing treatments that could save their lives. That's why the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program in Hingham is currently seeking area volunteers to drive patients to and from their treatment appointments or to work in the Hingham office and help coordinate the rides. Drivers willing to travel to Boston are urgently needed.

If you have a car and are able to donate any amount of time between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, you can really make a difference in the life of a cancer patient by becoming a volunteer driver. Drivers' availability is matched with the needs of patients who call.

Through the services of volunteer drivers, who devote hours of their lives to cancer patients, the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program is committed to providing cancer patients with rides to and from cancer treatments. Last year, in the upper South Shore area, volunteer drivers provided approximately 600 rides to local cancer patients.

To volunteer as a Road to Recovery driver or Hingham office volunteer, contact the Hingham Hotline at 781-749-2535. Information is also available through the American Cancer Society's 24-hour information line at 1-800-ACS-2345.

WORSHIP NEWS

St. Anthony's holiday services

St. Anthony Parish will hold a communal Advent penance service, with individual confessions available, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available every Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, the children's Christmas pageant will be performed at 5 p.m., and Father Mulvehill will hold his Christmas open house from 6 to 8 p.m. at the rectory.

The Mass schedule for Christmas will be: Monday, Dec. 24, children's Mass at 4 p.m.; choir Mass at 7 p.m. (caroling at 6:30 p.m.), and midnight Mass; on Tuesday, Dec. 25, at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Citizens for Life

The South Shore Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish House on Fearing Road in Hingham, behind St. Paul's School Hall. The group meets monthly on the third Tuesday and new members are always welcome.

To contact chapter members, call 781-925-5323 or write them at P.O. Box 591, Accord 02018.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, NOV. 26

12:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop.

9:37 a.m. King St., motor vehicle accident.

9:55 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid, to hospital.

11:46 a.m. Margin St., wires down.

12:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., by-law violation.

12:16 p.m. Bathing Beach, motor vehicle stop.

2:19 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle crash.

2:44 p.m. Elm St., assist other police dept.

5:54 p.m. Border St., fire, investigation.

6:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), auto.

7:22 p.m. King St., medical aid.

9:02 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disorderly conduct, area search negative.

11:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., loitering, area search negative.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

7:11 a.m. No. Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:36 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

10:41 a.m. Summer St., officer wanted.

11:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., property, found.

11:30 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., property damage.

11:51 a.m. Atlantic Ave., officer wanted.

3:06 p.m. Beechwood St., "hazmat" incident (hazardous material/s).

3:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violations.

3:33 p.m. Pleasant St., animal call or complaint.

6:22 p.m. King St., medical aid.

6:31 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

8:44 p.m. Pond St., noise complaint.

9:54 p.m. Pond St., noise complaint.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

11:42 a.m. Border St., larceny.

12:15 p.m. Beechwood St., traffic complaint.

12:32 p.m. King St., fire, investigation.

1:22 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

1:36 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash.

5 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled motor vehicle.

5:12 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:07 p.m. Ripley Rd., harassing/annoying phone calls.

7:53 p.m. Beechwood St. and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:55 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:14 p.m. Beach St., medical aid.

10:20 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:45 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

11:40 a.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle crash.

4:02 p.m. Beechwood St., general disturbance.

4:19 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash.

11:15 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

7:28 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:05 a.m. Kendall Village, medical aid, to hospital.

9:24 a.m. Howard Gleason Rd., fire investigation.

11:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, inspections.

11:27 a.m. No. Main St. and Cedar St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Jean S. Nee, 41, of 6 Ledgemere Rd., Brighton. Charges: WMS warrant; operating after license was suspended/revoked; failed to stop at stop sign; failure to stay within marked lanes.

12:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, miscellaneous.

5:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:36 p.m. So. Main St., medical aid, to hospital.

10:27 p.m. Pleasant St., notification.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

12:11 a.m., King St., medical aid, to hospital.

12:15 a.m. No. Main St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), auto.

12:38 a.m., Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:05 a.m. HQ, assist other police dept.

1:20 a.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:35 a.m. Gannett Rd., assist other police dept.

2:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop.

2:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:50 a.m. Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Rd. motor vehicle crash.

10:36 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

11:45 a.m. So. Main St., parking complaint.

1:26 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist other police dept.

2:40 p.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

2:50 p.m. Grace Dr., investigation.

3:03 p.m. So. Main St., parking complaint.

5:36 p.m. Highland Ave., larceny.

6:37 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:56 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:35 p.m. Summer St. and So. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:20 p.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:04, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Dinnard M. Jeffries, 35, of 262 Hebron St., Hyde Park. Charges: WMS Warrant.

11:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

22:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

12:02 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Howe Rd., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), auto.

12:30 a.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Susan H. Suddath, 48, of 3 Spindrift Lane, Cohasset. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor; failure to stay within marked lanes; failure to yield to emergency vehicle.

5:35 a.m. Nichols Rd., barking dog.

6 a.m. Nichols Rd., barking dog.

6:55 a.m. Cedar St., noise complaint.

7:12 a.m. King St., medical aid.

10:17 a.m. Otis Ave., family disturbance. Arrest of Brian Murphy, 44, of 28 Otis Ave., Cohasset. Charge: Assault and battery.

1:24 p.m. Margin St., fire, investigation.

5:20 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle theft.

9:12 p.m. Forest Ave. and Cedar Acres Lane, traffic citation issued.

11:16 p.m. King St., assist other police dept.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

9 a.m. Pond St., officer wanted.

9:22 a.m. Highland Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:44 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:11 a.m. Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

Noon Fairoaks Ln., traffic complaint.

12:27 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., assist other police department.

1:08 p.m. N. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:19 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:23 p.m. Forest Ave. and Surry Dr., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:37 p.m. Elm St., assist motorist.

4:26 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., serve restraining order.

5:21 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:02 p.m. S. Main St., noise complaint.

8:42 p.m. Bayberry Ln., animal control.

9:18 p.m. King St., medical aid.

10:43 p.m. South Main St., open door/window.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

12:43 a.m. Ripley Rd., general services.

7:30 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:43 a.m. Cedar St., trespassing.

9:04 a.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity.

10:30 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle crash.

1:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:15 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., serve restraining order.

2:19 p.m. King St. and Schofield Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:56 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:30 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., serve restraining order.

5:55 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:09 p.m. Lamberts Ln., larceny.

7:36 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:42 p.m. West Gate Ln., property damage.

10:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:34 p.m. Parker Ave., open door/window.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

7:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle crash.

3:27 p.m. S. Main St., larceny.

3:38 p.m. Beechwood and King sts., motor vehicle violations.

4:45 p.m. South Main St., fire investigation.

7:10 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:28 p.m. Old Pasture Rd., assist citizen.

7:58 p.m. Pond St., medical aid.

8:25 p.m. King St., traffic control.

8:40 p.m. Pond St., medical aid.

8:55 p.m. Fairoaks Ln., motor vehicle violations, vehicle stored/impounded.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

7:39 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., larceny, arrest: John Crowley, 35, 26 Off Station St., Weymouth. Chgs.: assault and battery, shoplifting $100+ by concealing merchandise, resisting arrest, possession of instrument to administer controlled substance, warrants (2), illegal possession of Class A substance.

9:22 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., wires down.

10:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic control.

11:43 a.m. Atlantic Ave., fire.

11:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid.

4:31 p.m. Atlantic Ave., animal control.

4:47 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., serve restraining order.

6:01 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious activity.

8:07 p.m. Summer and Border sts., disturbance.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

5:43 a.m. Beach St., abandoned 911 call.

5:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:12 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious auto.

7:13 a.m. King and Pond sts., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:13 a.m. South Main St., suspicious person.

3:31 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:39 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., hazmat incident.

4:47 p.m. Forest Ave. and Fox Run, motor vehicle stop.

6:38 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:39 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

8:54 p.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:05 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

12:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:58 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:56 a.m. Elm St., vandalism.

8:37 a.m. Sohier and North Main sts., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:58 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., investigation.

3:34 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., investigation.

4:55 p.m. Atlantic Ave., fire.

5:06 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:12 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:28 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:45 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.

8:23 p.m. Police Headquarters, annoying phone calls.

8:36 p.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:56 p.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Dr., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:01 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:23 p.m. Hull St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto.

9:39 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:29 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

12:56 a.m. South Main St., wires down.

1:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:03 a.m. Brewster Rd., wires down.

8:33 a.m. Beach St., general services.

11:27 a.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

12:13 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

5:01 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:51 p.m. Norfolk Ln., officer wanted.

8:06 p.m. North Main St., general disturbance.

STATUS REPORT

Police made 14 arrests last month

November was a relatively quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department, police chief Brian Noonan said. There were 14 arrests, one for shoplifting, two for operating after license suspended, one for assault by dangerous weapon, two for possession of a Class B substance, one for possession intent to distribute 100 feet of a school, one for an outstanding warrant, two for assault and battery, two for protective custody, one for operating under the influence of liquor, and one for minor transporting alcohol.

During the month of November, the police department investigated 18 motor vehicle accidents, nine of which resulted in personal injury. There were 213 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $6,440 in fines. Additionally there were 61 parking tickets issued for $ 1,475 in fines. There were three criminal complaints issued, Noonan said.

Also in November the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 740 calls for police services, of those 108 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of November there were two "Breaking & Entering" one in a business, and one in school.

Sgt John Conte completed a three-week Command Training Program. The University of Massachusetts at the New England Law Enforcement Institute sponsors this program. The Command Training Program provides command officers with the skills needed to exercise effective management practices.

Finally in the month of November Sgt. Robert W. Jackson, and Detective Frederick Grassie completed the National Incident-Based Reporting System Training Program sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Weymouth man nabbed in alleged baby formula heist

An alleged shoplifter at Cohasset's Super Stop & Shop led police on a chase through Thayer and Whitney Woods and Wompatuck State Park last Thursday morning.

Police pursued suspect John Crowley, 35 of Weymouth, because he allegedly bit an assistant manager at the supermarket, who was trying to detain him until police arrived. The alleged bite broke the skin, Cohasset Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

It all started at about 8 a.m., when Cohasset Officers Shellee Peters and James McLean were dispatched to Stop & Shop after an assistant manager confronted an alleged shoplifter with $119 worth of baby formula.

There has been a rash of thefts on the South Shore of powdered baby formula, which can be sold on the street for cash, Jackson said.

When the assistant manager confronted Crowley, he allegedly wrestled with, and subsequently bit the assistant manager on the forearm. Crowley then dropped a duffel bag with seven packages of baby formula and fled running on foot across the street into Thayer and Whitney Woods, police said.

Jackson went into the woods with State Trooper Kathleen Sampson and a police dog and tracked the suspect for about four miles through Whitney Woods and into Wompatuck State Park. Crowley was eventually flushed out near the Hingham line on Route 3A. There Officer John Small, who had been re-deployed from a detail as part of the police hot and continuous pursuit, apprehended the suspect on Side Hill Road (a small, unpaved road that runs between 3A and East Street in Hingham) and made the arrest with the help of Officer Bill Quigley and Chief Brian Noonan.

An inventory of the suspect's vehicle at Stop & Shop, police said, revealed heroine paraphernalia, hypodermic needles and residue in the vehicle believed to be heroine.

Police charged Crowley, whose address is 26 off Station St., Weymouth, with assault and battery, shoplifting, resisting arrest, possession of an instrument to administer a controlled substance, and illegal possession of a Class A substance. There were also two warrant outs for Crowley, who is suspected in a previous shoplifting incident at Stop and Shop.

Crowley was arraigned on the charges last Thursday at Quincy District Court and has a pre-trial conference scheduled for Dec. 18, Jackson said.

The supermarket assistant manager was treated at the scene and took himself in for further medical treatment on his own. Citing privacy issues, police declined to comment on whether the suspect would be tested for AIDS.

In all seven Cohasset police officers, including the chief, and two State Police K-9 units were involved in tracking the suspect.

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OBITUARIES

Matthew L. McDonald

Matthew L. McDonald, 35, of Cohasset, died Nov. 30, 2001, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in September.

Born in Hartford, Conn., he lived in Milton for 19 years before moving to Cohasset. He graduated from Milton High School.

He leaves his parents, J. Edward McDonald and Joan (Morton) McDonald of Cohasset; four brothers, John McDonald of Hingham, Peter McDonald of Norwell, Andrew McDonald of Scituate and Sam McDonald of Watertown; three sisters, Sally Fitzpatrick of Boston, Julie Bolliver of Garden City, N.Y. and Molly Jackson of Dedham; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment was private.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial gifts may be made to Special Olympics of Mass., P.O. Box 322, Hawthorne, 01937.

Grace Stauss

Grace (Massa) Stauss, 86, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died Nov. 28, 2001, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a brief illness.

Mrs. Stauss leaves her husband, Jack Stauss; two sons, William and his wife Martha Stauss of Weymouth and Roger and his wife Kate Stauss of Granville, Vt.; a daughter, Jackie Noonan and her husband Brian of Cohasset; a brother, Ernest Massa of Florida; a sister, Aida Thomas of Florida; a brother, Ernest Massa of Florida; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Arrangements were by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial remembrances may be made to the South Shore Association for Retarded Citizens, 371 River St., North Weymouth, 02191.

Frederick D. Dwyer

Frederick D. Dwyer, 81, of Hingham, a former food broker, died Dec. 8, 2001, at Braintree Manor.

Mr. Dwyer was the owner of Sea Food Market, Inc. for many years. Before that, he worked at Harold-Cabot Advertising in Boston and O'Donnell-Usen Fisheries Inc. in Boston.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Born in Cohoes, N.Y., he lived in Wakefield and Chicago before moving to Hingham 12 years ago. He was a 1942 graduate of Northeastern University.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Bear Hill Country Club in Wakefield.

Husband of the late Rose E. (Keefe) Dwyer, he leaves three sons, John M. Dwyer of Cohasset, James P. Dwyer of Westwood and Brian F. Dwyer of Cincinnati; a daughter, Janice Dwyer Todd of Houston, Texas; and 13 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, 128 S. Main St., Cohasset. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

Rose Marie DeMello

Rose Marie DeMello, 85, of Cohasset, a former antiques dealer in Maine, died Nov. 30, 2001, at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home after a brief illness.

Ms. DeMello was born in Cohasset and lived in Limerick, Maine, for 50 years before returning to Cohasset in 1987.

She leaves a sister, Margaret E. Kelley of Cohasset. She was predeceased by 12 brothers and sisters.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset, at a time to be announced. Interment will be private. Visiting hours are omitted.

Arrangements are by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, 01701.

Mary Yeragotelis

Mary (Lambrenos) Yeragotelis, age 85, a Hingham resident for the past 18 years, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001 at Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington after a brief illness.

Born, raised and education in Boston, she was a founding member of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Boston as well as a member of the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset.

She was also a member of the Philoptochos Society in both churches.

Mrs. Yeragotelis displayed expertise in dress design and dressmaking.

She leaves her husband John James Yeragotelis of Hingham and her son and daughters, Demetrios John of Braintree and Sophia and Nikki, both of Hingham. She also leaves her grandchildren, Jonathan Yeragotelis and Jared Thomas Dye. She was the sister of the late George Lambrenos, the late Frances Coulouras, the late Theophilos Lambrenos and the late William Lambrenos. She also leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Dec. 5 at the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Hingham Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel of Hingham. A prayer service was conducted there by the Rev. John Maheras.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Community Building Fund of Panagia Greek Orthodox Church, 819 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset 02025.

Margaret L. Dwyer

Margaret L. "Peg" (Sullivan) Dwyer, 72, of Merrimack, N.H., a retired office manager, died Nov. 19, 2001, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington after a brief illness.

She worked as office manager for Silo's Steakhouse in Merrimack.

She was born and educated in Cohasset and lived in Cohasset for many years before moving to New Hampshire.

Mrs. Dwyer previously worked with her husband in their real estate and insurance business for many years.

She was secretary of the Reeds Ferry Woman's Club and previously served as president and treasurer of the club. She was a former member of the Merrimack Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, and was a supervisor of the checklist for political elections.

She was the wife of the late Donald R. Dwyer and leaves three sons, William J. Dwyer of Fairfield, Calif.; Daniel R. Dwyer of Social Circle, Ga.; and Christopher J. Dwyer of Hopkins, Minn.; three daughters, Mary L. O'Leary of Marietta, Ga.; Tamar J. Grigg of Norfolk, Va.; and Amy A. McLaughlin of Virginia Beach, Va.; two brothers, James E. Sullivan of Barre and William E Sullivan of Seattle, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Merrimack. Interment will be in Last Rest Cemetery, Merrimack.

Arrangements were made by George K Rivet Funeral Home of Merrimack.

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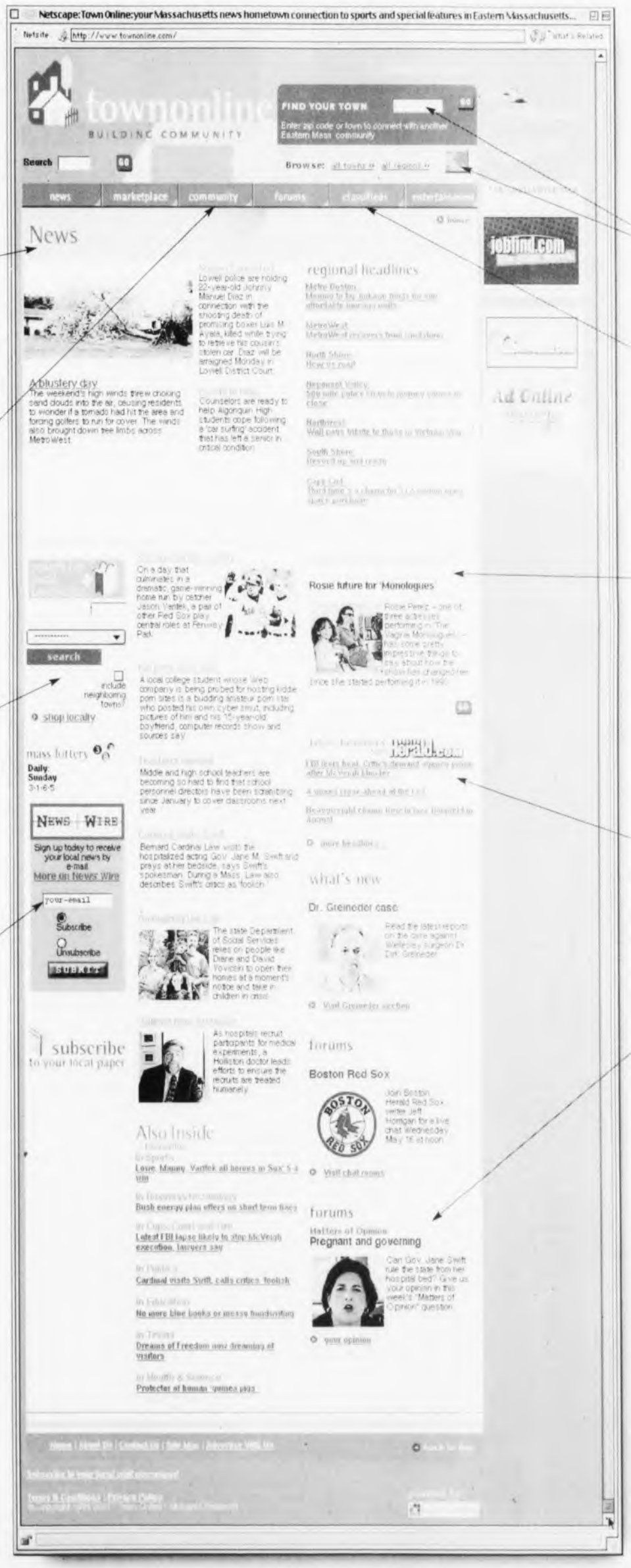
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Daria Herlihy and Carly Cingolani work together in marbling class held at the Yellow Yankee Barn, home of the New Art Forum.



Watercolorist Bob Healy works on a painting during a New Art Forum class at the barn.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

The home of the New Art Forum, the Yellow Yankee Barn on Main Street in Kingston will open its doors to the public during next week's Luminary celebrations to show off this year's cold show "Fun and Frolic.

Art by candlelight

Kingston artists looking for warm reception for Luminary 'Cold Show'

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

With a varied group of artists among their ranks, the New Art Forum of Kingston has planned their annual "Cold Show" to take place amid the candlelight of the town's Luminary Night. Held in the yellow Yankee Barn on Main Street, the show will feature many forms of the visual arts.

"Our group members represent many facets of the art spectrum," said artist Lilias Cingolani, one of the founders of the New Art Forum.

"Artists like to talk about art, any kind of art. We like to bounce ideas off of each other. That's what's so wonderful about the group; we each enrich each other."

New Art Forum member Beverly Steele

"The graphic arts, photography, music and poetry, three-dimensional art forms, watercolor, printmaking, portraiture, landscape painting and the fiber arts are all represented. And we are very fortunate to have several well known jack-of-all trades art teachers among our ranks," said Cingolani, who noted that the forum has about two dozen active members. The Cold Show is very well received every year, she said.

"I think it's become a very important part of the night," she said. And the Forum, which was founded about six years ago by Cingolani and local artist Gobin Starr, has become an important and visible part of the town with their twice-yearly shows, art classes and new mural on display at the Kingston Public Library produced in conjunction with the library arts committee. Beverly Steele, who belongs to the Forum and helped coordinate the mural project, said having area artists assembled in one group helped pull the project together.

"We were all able to work together. And having different kinds of artists available to help was wonderful," said Steele, who said the mural took about four months to complete, with the seven panels painted in the Main Street barn.

Steele said the mural, called "The Jones River Through Time," depicts the importance of the river, which flows through the town, over the past several hundred years.

Panels depict the early inhabitants of the area — Native Americans — and colonists who came later, the shipbuilding of the times, and the manufacturing era. Panels also depict the importance of the river for recreational use and environmental preservation.

Other aspects of the group that involve the public include weekly classes held with a watercolorist, life drawing sessions and special demonstrations by well known artists. Field trips to the Gurnet Lighthouse and handmade book workshops are also scheduled during the summer months, with the public encouraged to join the group.

"Everyone is welcome," said Steele. "I know a lot of people want to try art but are reluctant. But this is a good place for people who love art," she said.

The Forum holds meetings, which vary in theme.

"Artists like to talk about art, any kind of art. We like to bounce ideas off of each other. That's what's so wonderful about the group; we each enrich each other," said Steele, who has been involved with the Forum for four years.

The enthusiastic enclave of artists who are part of the Forum include Cingolani, Steele, fiber artist Joan Randall, artists Paul Casagrande, Sara Althert, Tony Visco, Joan Vaughn, Sulvia Vaz, Robert Healey, Elaine Nudd.

Mary Doyle, three-dimensional artists Eric Strom and Sheldon Peavey; photographer Wayne Wescott; poet, musician artist and teacher Bill Alberti; art teachers Charles Sorrento, Evelyn Dunbar and Daria Herlihy; portrait artist Clemente Micarelli and printmaker Gerry Rosing. Many other area artists participate in the Forum's meetings and classes, according to Cingolani, who said part of their focus is to bring their art to the people.

The public is invited the view the New Art Forum's fourth annual Cold Show — Fun and Frolic — Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Yellow Yankee Barn, 228 Main Street, from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information on the art forum or the Luminary exhibit, call (781) 585-5622.

Crowe-ing about McCartney

Former Beatle adds flavor to 'Vanilla Sky'

By Ed Symkus
STAFF WRITER

Cameron Crowe is a man who likes to play with music in his movies. The former Rolling Stone writer, whose story was chronicled last year in his "Almost Famous," has been mixing top pop tunes into his films' soundtracks from the start. "Say Anything" had Cheap Trick, Peter Gabriel and Steely Dan. "Singles" featured Pearl Jam, Jimi Hendrix and R.E.M. The sounds of Bruce Springsteen, the Who and Tom Petty turned up in "Jerry Maguire." And "Almost Famous" had everyone from Neil Young to Led Zeppelin to Joni Mitchell.



In the mysterious, feverish and deliciously confusing "Vanilla Sky," the story of a successful but irresponsible man (Tom Cruise) whose life is turned upside down when he meets the right woman (Penelope Cruz) just after meeting the wrong woman (Cameron Diaz), music not only sets the mood of the film, it propels it forward, often shooting it up to dizzying heights. Not surprisingly, the soundtrack ranges from Bob Dylan to Todd Rundgren to Radiohead to Crowe's wife Nancy Wilson. And it all ends with an original tune — a light and lilting number called "Vanilla Sky" — by Paul McCartney.

"The 'Paul is dead' idea of playing a game of clues was always a beginning point on the movie," says Crowe of the oddly twisting plot. "I wanted it to be a 'Paul is dead' kind of experience. So we ended up playing a lot of Beatles songs on the set. And at one point Danny Bramson — who I work with on the music — and I looked at each other and said, 'Do you think Paul McCartney would come and look at part of our movie and maybe write a song?' And soon after, Danny said, 'I made some calls and Paul's gonna be in L.A. doing his album, and maybe we can get him to come to your editing room.' "

Crowe shrugged it off with a "Yeah, right," then forgot about it. Until one day Bramson pulled him aside and said, "I think June 9, he's gonna show up."

"I didn't believe it," says Crowe. "Nor did I tell anyone in the editing room what might happen. But sure enough, that day comes, and Paul shows up. And I actually got a sense of what it was like to see the world as Paul sees it. I was walking a little bit ahead of him down this hallway and I saw everybody kind of turn and look and see … Paul Mcf—ingCartney! And there is a unique look that happens on people's faces that *he* sees every day, but I'd never seen it on any of these people before and I'd been working with them for a couple years. It was the weirdest 'you're at the circus and *there* appears a *freak*' kind of a look."

Crowe recalls that he showed McCartney about 40 minutes of "Vanilla Sky," after which the former Beatle said, "Hey, that's great, that's great. You showed us yours, let us show you ours. Come over across town to the studio and I'll play you some of my new album."

Briefly dumbfounded, Crowe and Bramson looked at each other and mumbled, "Ummm, OK," then followed McCartney, who "got in his car, windows down, in full-on L.A. traffic.

"So we go to the studio and he played us these songs, and he said, 'Let me know if any of these interest you.' They all sounded really spirited and cool for the movie. But I kind of nervously said, 'If you are ever moved to write a new song that's in the mode of a folk song…' And my friend Danny is looking at me and thinking, '*What* are you *doing*?' and I'm saying, 'That would be cool. And the movie is sort of about sweet and sour and the little things in life that you've gotta treasure and never take for granted.' And Paul's looking at me and listening, and then he's like, 'Cool man, cool, great to meet ya, see ya.'

"That was on a Tuesday, and on a Saturday, Danny's cell phone rings and it's Paul. And he says, 'Hey, listen. Get to know me a little bit, get to know me. Because I'm the kind of guy that if you ask me something I might just come through for you. I've just written a new song called "Vanilla Sky," and if you don't like it I'll just call it "Manila Envelope." Do you want to come over and hear it?' "

Crowe's eyes go wide recalling the incident, and he puts up his hands as if holding a steering wheel and makes a sound of screeching tires.

"So we went over to the studio and he played it for us," he says. "And it was a folk song, it was exactly what I'd asked for. He'd added a metaphor about the banquet of life. And it was the perfect thing to put at the end of the movie, over the credits, to let people calm down and think about what's just happened."

"Vanilla Sky" opens nationally on Dec. 14.

"Vanilla Sky" director Cameron Crowe works with Tom Cruise.

Food & dining



Quick Cinnamon Rolls

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Fancy breakfast breads are part of our family's holiday tradition, especially Christmas morning when waiting for eggs and bacon is a hopeless undertaking for any normal 6-year-old. Yeasted breads, however, take too much advance planning, so I set out to make quick cinnamon rolls using baking powder or soda, the sort of recipe that could be slapped together in just minutes and popped into a hot oven just in time to satisfy an itchy first grader.

The basic recipe is a biscuit and there are two different types: a biscuit made with cold shortening such as butter and one made with cream. The latter is easier and somewhat lighter so I started there. I tested both milk and buttermilk in place of the cream and preferred buttermilk - it added both flavor and made the biscuits lighter. I also wanted large rolls so I increased the recipe to 3 cups of flour from 2 cups and also added a small amount of sugar for flavor. The addition of melted butter was not necessary but a half teaspoon of baking soda added to the 2 teaspoons of baking powder already in the recipe gave the biscuits more lift. In my original recipe I called for 30 seconds of hand kneading (this actually provided a higher-rise biscuit) but found that between the rolling and shaping of the dough for cinnamon rolls, the kneading was not necessary.

As for the filling, a combination of white and brown sugars was best. I was cautious with the cinnamon – 1 1/2 teaspoons was fine - but I also used 2 tablespoons melted butter for brushing the dough before sprinkling on the sugar and spice. Most confectioner sugar glazes are truly awful since they pack a bitter, off flavor. However, the Cook's Illustrated test kitchen discovered that a combination of confectioner's sugar, buttermilk, and cream cheese made a terrific topping. I added the sugar to a small bowl, whisked in the buttermilk until the glaze was smooth and then whisked in the softened cream cheese.

As for working with the dough, I found that a 10 by 12 inch rectangle was ideal - anything larger made the rolls too fat but not tall enough. Once the dough is rolled out, excess flour is brushed off, the surface is coated with melted butter, and the filling is evenly distributed, leaving about 3/4 inch at one short end to form a seam. (The dough seals beautifully when dotted with seam a bit of buttermilk.) Starting at the opposite short end, the dough is rolled up as tightly as possible. Once the log is formed it should be lightly dusted with flour making it easier to pull the rolls apart.

Next I trimmed the ends, clipping just enough to expose a neat spiral. I found the best way to slice the rolls is to use a thin serrated knife and a sawing motion, applying very little pressure. The long is then cut in half, half again and each quarter cut in half again, forming eight rolls. I tried using cake pans, springform pans, and pie plates to bake the rolls. The nine-inch deep dish pie plate was my favorite since the baked rolls are easy to remove. (The sides of a regular pie plate are a bit too sloping which makes odd-looking rolls.) However, you can also use a cake pan although it is best to remove the rolls before glazing, otherwise they can be tricky to get out. Oven temperatures were tested and 425 degrees was too hot - the rolls got a bit too browned and tough on their exterior - but at 400 degrees the problem was solved. Lastly, I found the rolls should cool for 5 minutes before glazing and 5 minutes more before serving.

QUICK AND EASY CINNAMON ROLLS

You can make these rolls in 30 minutes, start to finish.

For the rolls:

3 cups all purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups buttermilk

For the filling

2 tablespoons brown sugar, light or dark
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

For the glaze

3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon buttermilk
1 tablespoon cream cheese, softened

1. Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position and heat to 400 degrees. Lightly butter a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate, a 9-inch cake pan or a regular 9-inch pie plate. Stir together the sugars and cinnamon for the filling in a small bowl, set aside.

2. Whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, sugar, and salt in a medium bowl. Add the buttermilk and stir with a fork or wooden spoon until shaggy dough forms, about 30 seconds. Turn out onto countertop and work until dough comes together, about 15 seconds longer. Form into a rectangle.

On a well-floured surface roll or pat dough into a rectangle 10 x 12 inches. Remove excess flour from surface. Brush butter onto dough leaving a 3/4-inch seam allowance on one 10-inch side. Evenly distribute sugar/cinnamon mixture over buttered area. Beginning at the 10-inch side without the unbuttered edge, roll into a log as tightly as possible. Dot the unbuttered edge with buttermilk and seal seam. Even out the thickness of the log if necessary and lightly dust with flour. Slice off a bit of each end to reveal a neat spiral. (The log is best sliced with a serrated knife using a sawing motion and very little pressure.) Slice the log in half. Slice each half in half again. Slice each quarter in half resulting in 8 rounds. Place in the prepared pie plate and bake until light golden brown, about 25-30 minutes.

3. While rolls are baking whisk together the confectioners sugar and 1 tablespoon buttermilk. Add remaining buttermilk a couple of drops at a time until glaze is thick and smooth and glossy. Whisk in cream cheese until well combined. Remove rolls from oven and allow to cool on a rack for 5 minutes. Drizzle or spread glaze over hot rolls. Allow to cool for an additional 5 minutes before serving. Makes 8 rolls.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Scorpio moon forms a 90-degree alignment to unpredictable Uranus at 7:48 a.m. and becomes inactive until this evening. Take it slow and easy this morning; allow extra time to get where you are going. Zero in on projects that have been left hanging and finish them. Influences continue to rate high for work that requires troubleshooting, problem-solving. The final windup to this month's new moon begins at 10:30 p.m., when the moon enters Sagittarius.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

A barrage of planetary activity makes for a challenging period today and tomorrow. Most prominent, the solar eclipse/new moon culminating tomorrow. The dark side of a new moon brings a time for looking back, letting go and clearing the way for new activities. A sun/Uranus alignment this morning may open doors to new solutions and possibilities. A lunar opposition to Saturn at 5:29 p.m. brings a lull period in the day. Spend time alone; rest, reflect, refocus.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Stormy astrological weather continues. An alignment of Venus/Pluto tests the stability of relationships. Hidden tensions or resentments may surface. Stop, look and listen. Careless or indiscreet remarks may come back to haunt you. The solar eclipse/new moon culminates at 3:47 p.m., 23-degrees Sagittarius. Planetary influences begin to ease up this evening, offering an opportunity to relax and unwind.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Plan to get a lot accomplished today. Hard work will pay off. At 3:24 a.m. the Sagittarius moon aligns with Mercury and becomes inactive. A pragmatic Capricorn moon takes over at 4:48 a.m. and aligns with Mars at 2:08 p.m. Mercury also moves into Capricorn at 2:55 p.m., remaining there until January 3. You can initiate new activities, make important decisions, sign contracts after 2:55 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

The Capricorn moon opposes Jupiter at 4:35 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the day. No major planetary activity occurs. However, Capricorn is an ambitious sign, and this day holds high potential for productivity. Rather than launching new ventures, plan to catch up on unfinished projects, errands, cleaning. Follow through on promises you have made to others.

Spend quality time with loved ones.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

Yesterday's advice applies to today as well. The Capricorn moon continues inactive travel until 1:43 p.m., when it enters Aquarius. Tackle projects you've been putting off and get them out of the way. Take quiet time out for yourself; reflect on and learn from past experiences. Open your mind to new possibilities.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Get an early start to this day. The green light is on for new beginnings across the board, in your business and personal life. Pull out all the stops. The most favorable period is in effect until 9:49 a.m., when the Aquarius moon aligns with Saturn. However, the remainder of the day continues to rate high for decision-making, major purchases, starting new enterprises. Go with your first impression; your instincts are on target. The evening is prime for social or romantic get-togethers.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Above-average planetary influences are in effect today. You can cut through obstacles and achieve goals. New starts are recommended. The moon continues active travel in Aquarius until 9:41 p.m. In addition, Venus forms a harmonious alignment to Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius. All group activities, team sports, community endeavors are highlighted. This is a great day to collaborate with others to achieve common goals.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

At 1:09 a.m. the moon enters Pisces, remaining there for the next 2 1/2 days. You can make gains developing projects that require imagination and creativity. This is an ideal period for arts and crafts, baking, decorating or wrapping gifts. There are a couple of rough spots, however, this evening, when the moon aligns with Mars and Saturn. Sidestep fears, anxiety. Prayer and meditation can help you to maintain inner peace.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

A challenging lunar alignment to Pluto warns you to avoid morning hassles or the blues. Storm clouds move out by 10:00 a.m., and a harmonious Mercury/Mars alignment takes over. If you carefully organize your time, you can be most productive. The Winter Solstice arrives at 2:22 p.m., when the sun enters Capricorn. An applying alignment of Mars/Saturn may raise stress levels. It's okay to burn the midnight oil catching up on work projects.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

The Pisces moon aligns with Venus at 3:44 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the morning. However, a 90-degree alignment of Mars/Saturn takes center stage. Its influence serves as a reminder that there is much work yet to be done. Make up a list of things to do and go for it. The moon enters Aries at 1:45 p.m., bringing an energy boost. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:56 p.m. A Mercury/Jupiter opposition sets the stage for a fun social evening.

Holiday decorating with glorious greens from the garden

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

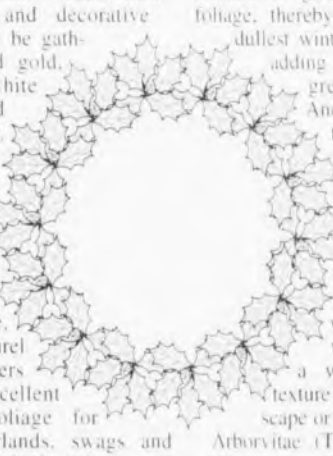
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South Shore residents were transported from springtime to winter in a matter of a few short days, as record warmth was abruptly succeeded by cold temperatures and the first snowfall of the season. A heavy, white blanket of snow shrouded the errant blooms of forsythia and pansies, erasing all traces of our recent unseasonable weather and creating a winter wonderland. Snowmen, snow shovels and sleds replaced rakes, lawnmowers and leaf blowers as the arrival of wintry weather provided an immense boost to holiday spirit.

Wreaths, swags and holiday decorations adorn nearly every home and neatly bundled Christmas trees can be seen atop many a car roof traveling along our local highways. Magical, dazzling displays of twinkling lights illuminate the evening sky as brightly lit candles sparkle in windows to welcome home tired shoppers. Everyone is busy shopping, baking and trimming their homes and landscapes for the holidays.

After many years of gathering greens, branches and berries, I have developed a system for collecting fresh greenery, knowing just where to find the prime materials to suit my decorating needs. Although I would never be so bold as to clip someone's shrubbery, a few select meadows and vacant wooded lots supplement the clippings I procure from my own landscape. A pair of pruning shears is always handy under the seat of my car so that I can perform my civic duty by pruning neglected roadside plantings.

Stunning stands of winterberry, wild rose hips, and cedars covered with a profusion of icy blue berries are high on my priority list. Queen Anne's Lace, milkweed pods and decorative branches may be gathered, sprayed gold, silver or white and sprinkled with glitter, while tacky, to add a little sparkle to holiday decorations. White pine, cedar, ground pine, mountain laurel and junipers provide excellent evergreen foliage for wreaths, garlands, swags and arrangements both indoors and out as they last through the holidays and into the new year, even without water. Those which have received annual trims have become compact, attractive shrubs, enhancing the public landscape.



The branches of eastern red cedars, actually members of the juniper family, are my first choice for holiday decorating. They provide marvelous texture, vary greatly in color, and maintain their appearance throughout the holiday season. Prevalent in overgrown pastures and along roadsides in our area, their scale-like green leaves or needles may be tinged with blue, copper, gold or bronze. In addition, the female of the species may bear clusters of small blue berries which further embellish decorations. Numerous cultivars of upright junipers are valuable assets to the landscape and may display even more dramatic color variation than the native species.

Prostrate junipers tend to be prickly and may cause skin irritation when handled, necessitating the use of gloves, but they offer wonderful long-lasting color and texture. There are a profusion of blue-tinted varieties and others which demonstrate yellow-tipped foliage. Several landscape cultivars acquire a mauve to violet tinge in the fall and winter, providing additional color possibilities.

Members of the false cypress family (Chamaecyparis) are handsome additions to any landscape. Hinoki and fern spray cypress offer rich, deep green, fan-shaped, sealed foliage. A number of golden yellow-tinted varieties, including C. Golden Spangles, are also available and provide stunning contrast to green or blue-green foliage, thereby brightening the dullest winter landscape and adding pizzazz to an all green wreath. Another member of this family, the thread-leaf cypress, forms graceful, mop-like mounds of delicate foliage in green, blue-green or tipped with yellow, which contributes a wispy, cascading texture to both a landscape or floral design.

Arborvitae (Thuja), similar in appearance to the false cypress, furnishes equally attractive textural qualities. Pyramidal types make wonderful screens or hedges. Compact, globular cultivars, such as T. Rheingold, offer dwarf growth habit, lime green foliage in spring and copper-colored needles in fall and winter. All members of this family provide wonderful, enduring greenery.

A traditional foundation shrub, the family of yews (Taxus) ranks high among the most durable and useful shrubs for both landscaping and decorating needs. Available in both prostrate and upright forms, their narrow, flat deep green needles last for weeks once cut and provide excellent contrast to other greens. Shade tolerant, these shrubs respond well to shearing and shaping, an activity I save for the holiday season.

The eastern white pine (Pinus), with its long, soft green needles lightly touched with a hint of blue and silver, offers numerous benefits including marvelous textural quality, enduring foliage, delightful fragrance and decorative cones. Its primary drawback is its tendency to ooze sap. Collect pine boughs in a separate bag and take care to protect surfaces from the pitch. White pines are easily transplanted when small and may be sheared to contain their growth, but they can grow to more than 100 feet and are not always the best choice for a smaller landscape.

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D'Ann's...Does it Again

Restaurateur Michael Cocomazzi has done it again, creating a comfortable and immensely popular dining spot where others have failed. This time, it's D'Ann's Sports and Entertainment in Holbrook.

A new venue but a proven recipe: the menu is a clone of his popular D'Ann's Neighborhood Grille & Pizzeria in Abington. Look for the same successes too: big salads (the Chicken Caesar is particularly good) and burgers for lighter dining, but a large menu for extended dining as well.

Top appetizers include their special "Snack Attack," a combo of different items for two. Entrées getting the nod range from comfort food like the best broiled Boston scrod around, a house special chicken supreme and a juicy choice prime rib to the all-new broiled seafood platter, which is simply a great value for seafood lovers. D'Ann's also serves a delicious pizza with various toppings, has a full children's menu (only .99 every Sunday) and a great game room for kids so parents can relax and enjoy a meal together.

If you're looking for a restaurant with high prices, forget it! D'Ann's is, in fact, one of the most engaging, comfortable, down-home restaurants in the area and serves some of the best food around, as well. Owner Michael Cocomazzi, a most delightful host, welcomes all to experience "a reasonably priced gem." And remember, "If it's D'Ann's...it's delicious."

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ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28 , at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER inspired by the 1977 film and its score by the Bee Gees, comes to Boston's Wang Theatre on Jan. 22 and runs through Jan. 27. Adapted for the stage by Tony nominee Nan Knighton, Saturday Night Fever is directed and choreographed by Arlene Phillips and features a cast of 33 leading Broadway singers and dancers assembled by the Broadway production's entire award-winning creative team. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $45/$55/$65/$75. Group discounts are available for all performances except Friday and Saturday evenings. Special student group discounts are available only for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening performances at $30. Tickets are on sale now at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont Street or through Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400. For TTY ticket orders call 1-888-889-8587. For all other information call The Wang Theatre at 617-482-9393.

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** staring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs, and Alicia Silverstone. Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20, through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. (Wed. Feb. 27m at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre.

MUSICAL HOLIDAY PARTY XIV AT QUINCY DINNER THEATER, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. Holiday music and comedy. Dec. 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22. Dinner and show, $35 to $37.50. Group and senior discounts available call 781-843-5862. Monday through Saturday, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 and 9, dinner 5 p.m. show 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 16, dinner 2 p.m., show 3:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible.

BAY COLONY CLUSTER DOG SHOW will be held from Dec. 6 - 9 at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Sponsored by PEDIGREE brand dog foods, The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is a series of four shows, with an average of 3,000 pedigreed pooches competing each day for "Top Dog" honors within their respective groups and breeds. The show will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is $10 for adults and seniors and $5 for children. Parking is $10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information call 617-556-7747. The public is not permitted to bring their dogs to the show.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which began August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial theatre at 617-426-9366.



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"Summer Friends" and "Summertime, Boston Public Garden, " by Thomas R. Dunlay
Gallery by the Sea is now showing works by award-winning artist Thomas R. Dunlay of Weymouth. Dunlay's signed lithographs and limited edition giclees on paper and canvas will be on display through Dec. 30. The gallery is located at 44 Main Street in Plymouth and hours are Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 5: 30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information call (508) 746-8823.

Thurs. 13

Weymouth art Association will display local artwork around town. Locations include various offices in the Town Hall, Snyder Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance, Colonial Federal Savings Bank.

Fri. 14

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, presents the musical **"Rudolph"** on Dec. 2, 8, 9, 25, and 16 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill No. 1, Lower level. Admission is $8 adult $5 child. For information call 508-747-1234 or www.starcreations.org

South Shore Singles will sponsor its semi-monthly, smoke-free dance Dec. 14, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Admission is $5 SSS members, $8 nonmembers. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 website http://www.southshoresingles.org

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents **Young Neal and the Vipers.** Tickets are $7 in advance. Casual dress, cover charge varies. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300.

Bridgwaye Inn, Marshfield, Dec. 14, and 15, **Trax** Music starts at 8:30 p.m. no admission charge. Dancing in main dining room. For more information call 781-834-6505.

Sat. 15

The North River Arts Society introduces **Treasure Works Gift Making Workshops** for children. Dec. 15, Handcrafted Wall Mirrors with Sandy Donnellan at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills, and Treasure Boxes with Laura Harvey at the Marshfield Recreation Department, 14 Library Plaza. All classes run from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Ages 8 through 14. Limited to 12 children per class. Cost per workshop $45 (includes $5 materials fee). For information call 781-837-8091.

Bridgewater State College Alumni Chamber Choir's annual holiday concert celebration will be performed Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. at the Catholic Center, Park Ave., Bridgewater. Concert admission is $5. For information, call 508-697-0520.

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset will host illustrator **Dean Morrissey** on Dec. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. Morrissey will be hosting a drawing workshop and signing his latest work, an adaptation of "A Christmas Carol." For information call 781-383-2665 or to order your signed copy if unable to attend.

The New Art Forum will be holding an open house for the public during the **Kingston's Luminary Night Festivities** from 5 to 9 p.m.

Poetry at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Sq., Bridgewater features Lainie Senechal and Harris Gardner, co-authors, "Chalice of Eros." Free admission pass the hat for feature, open mic sign-up at 7:30 p.m. Followed by Poetry Slam. Workshop with Michael McDonough before the open mic at 6 p.m. For information call 508-279-9952 www.mothwing.com/daily-grindpoetry or soshorepoet@aol.com

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Sun. 16

Metropolitan Wind Symphony presents **Holiday Pops Band Concert.** Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. Natick High School, 15 West St., Natick. Tickets at the door $12. For more information call 617-983-1370 or www.mws-boston.org

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club Moderate walk, hilly terrain, 3.5 miles. Loop around the Houghton's Pond section of the blue Hills Reservation. Meet at Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton., For information call 617-698-1802.

Sunday Holiday Party and Singles Dance – Dec. 16, from 6 to 10 p.m. Pembroke Country Club, W. Elm Street, Pembroke 781-446-0234. Live dance music by Tom Pittman. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and free door prizes. For singles 35 and older. Proper business attire is required. Cost is $10 before 6:30, $15 thereafter. Unwrapped "Toys for Tots" or donations for the homeless appreciated. Sponsored by South Shore Single Executives Club and Single Golfers of New England.

Sea Note located at 159 Nantasket Ave., Nantasket Beach, presents a **CD Workshop Multi Band Showcase.** Tickets are $5. All ages. 1 p.m. For more information call 781-925-4300. This is the end of the Sea Note season. See you in April.

Mon. 17

Rossman Pottery presents its 12th Annual Christmas Show and Sale now through the end of December. For information call 781-545-3171.

Wed. 19

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will sponsor a program Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center, 220 Central St., Hingham. Ms. Gervaise Haley, R.N. and

CALENDAR, see next page



BEST BET

Artist Robert W. Dunn is now showing Still Expressions at the UMass Dartmouth Gallery in the campus center. This photographic exhibit will be on display through the month of December. The campus center is located on Old Westport Road in Dartmouth.



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Director of Harbor House Adult Day Health in Hingham will present **"What is Adult Day Health."** For further information, call 781-740-2426 or 781-749-5417.

Fri. 21

Blue Hills Trailside Museum, family programs. **Solstice Celebration,** Dec. 21, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center. Pre-registration required. Join Trailside staff on the shortest day of the year as they usher in Winter with songs, stories, night explorations, and weather permitting, fire. Dress warmly, as we will spend some time outdoors. Children ages 6 and up accompanied by an adult. Call 617-333-0690 for information.

Bridgwaye Inn, Marshfield, Dec. 21, and 22, **Ginamarks** Music starts at 8:30 p.m. no admission charge. Dancing in main dining room. For more information call 781-834-6505.

Ongoing Events

Duxbury Art Association and sponsored by Longwood Partners, LP Investment Partnership, Will Robinson's **Lost in Space** opens in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts now and continues through Feb. 1. The show included 40 works done in classes entitled "Draw-Paint-Explore!" classes taught by DAA faculty member Willard Robinson. The exhibition is open to the public.

The Scituate Arts Association is featuring the works of gallery artists from now through Feb. 3. On display will be original works in a variety of media, many of which will be priced below $150 All proceeds benefit Scituate Arts Association.

Sixth Annual Holiday Open Studio and Sale, through Dec. 24, (call for a convenient time) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate. 781-545-8290.

The Sixth Annual Holiday Show and Sale at **Local Pottery** begins this year at 7 p.m. and will run through Dec. 24. Local Pottery is located at 26 Washington St., in Pembroke. For information 781-826-1325.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum - Christmas at the White House. Featured among the more than 70 original costumes and accessories worn by Jacqueline Kennedy are the two outfits she wore to the Christmas receptions for White House staff. The White House years – Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum now being presented through Feb. 28. Tickets are $15 for adults $13 for seniors and students, and $8 for children ages 13-17, and include admission to the Museum's permanent exhibition on President John F. Kennedy. For information call 617-695-2JFK. Reservations recommended for weekends.

Musical Holiday Party XIV at Quincy Dinner Theater, 1170 Hancock Street, Quincy. Holiday music and comedy. Dec. 1,2,5,8,9,11,13,14,15,16,17,18,20,21,22. Dinner and show, $35 to $37.50. Group and senior discounts available call 781-843-5862. Monday through Saturday, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 and 9, dinner 5 p.m. show 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 16, dinner 2 p.m., show 3:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible.

The 28th Annual Nantucket Noel. Festivities celebrate now and continue through New Year's Eve with theatrical performances, concerts, holiday exhibitions. For more information, call 508-228-1700.

The James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, presents **"Faces and Places"** a show of recent oil paintings by local artist **Karl Nestelberger** from now until Jan. 3. For more information call 781-659-7100.

The Company Theatre in Norwell will launched its new holiday production Nov. 30 with weekend shows continuing through Dec. 22. Company for the Holidays promises to deliver holiday cheer to all generations, with its sensational blend of music, comedy and pageantry and will feature the following segments: **Sleigh Ride** - a review of old and new musical favorites; **A Hoosier Christmas** - an original hilarious comedy that follows the calamities of a small town family in the 1960s; **Around the World** - a colorful celebration of music and traditions from many lands; **The Nativity** - a moving inspirational retelling of the Christmas story with contemporary and classical music and pageantry. Performances on Wednesday and Thursday nights begin at 7:30 p.m. (Tickets $19/$21), Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. ($22/$24), Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. ($22/24), and Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. ($19/$21). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

Polar Party Express held at Edaville Railroad, Carver, each Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning Nov. 29 and continuing through Dec. 15, at both 4 and 6 p.m. readings and gift set give-a-ways. Public readings of the popular children's book "The Polar Express" written by author Chris Van Allsburg, will take place at the conclusion of selected trains rides. Guests will enjoy a visit by Polar Beverages beloved mascot, Orson the Polar Bear, free samples of polar beverages, and a chance to win a beautiful gift set of the book. Each child will receive a commemorative sleigh bell, just like the story's hero.. The Polar Express is free with regular admission to Edaville Railroad: Adults $15/children 3-12 $10/seniors $14.

Buttonwood Book Angel Program – In the spirit of holiday sharing, ButtonWood Books & Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham invite all to participate in its Book Angel Program. The program will run through Dec. 16, and will help put books into the hands of disadvantaged children. The book angel takes an Angel from the tree and purchases a book for that child that is close to the interest highlighted on the angel. Buttonwood will then discount that book 15 percent and deliver the book to that child's sponsoring group. For more information, call 781-383-2665 Cohasset or 781-749-2665 Hingham.

South Shore Conservatory is please to feature the monoprints of Pembroke artist, **Roberta Simpson Walsh** in the Staircase Gallery through the end of December. Her prints are created with brilliant colors, and others with muted colors and are often produced using objects from nature such as leaves and feathers. Admission is free. Hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. For information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills way to get out on the slopes. Specially groomed walls and a stopping area will keep tubers safely inside the slick chute and insure a nice easy end to a wild and fun ride. Tubers will also be able to enjoy the ride back up the hill as they're whisked away by handle tow, while seated comfortably on their tube. Two hours of sliding and careening will cost $14.

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Alison Martin Davidson** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street in Marshfield Center. The show will run from now until Jan. 13, open for viewing by the public Monday-Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. with a reception at the Ventress Library, Monday, Nov. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com



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Irish harpist Aine Minogue brings her lovely, liltiing music and some friends to Hingham's Old Ship Church Parish Hall for a Celtic Christmas concert performance on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. Tickets are $10 at the door. The Old Ship Church is located on Main Street in Hingham Square. For more information call (781) 749-1767.

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Brudnoy AT THE MOVIES



David Brudnoy CNC Film Crit-

Owen Wilson makes fine 'Lines'

Behind Enemy Lines (B)



Owen Wilson, best known as a comic actor, works well in this action movie.

This week we're down on the Taliban and up on the Northern Alliance, though, given the Afghani custom of switching sides at the shaving of a beard, by tomorrow half the Northern Alliance will be ex-Taliban. We're confused, we Yanks, to whom geography is as alien a school subject as Latin. Just as few of us can find Peshawar today on a map without prompting, even fewer could, even now, delineate which are the new ethnic mini-states carved, by bloodshed, out of Yugoslavia, after the fallacy of multiculturalism had been revealed, once the communist glue had come unstuck, as the delusory fraud that it is.

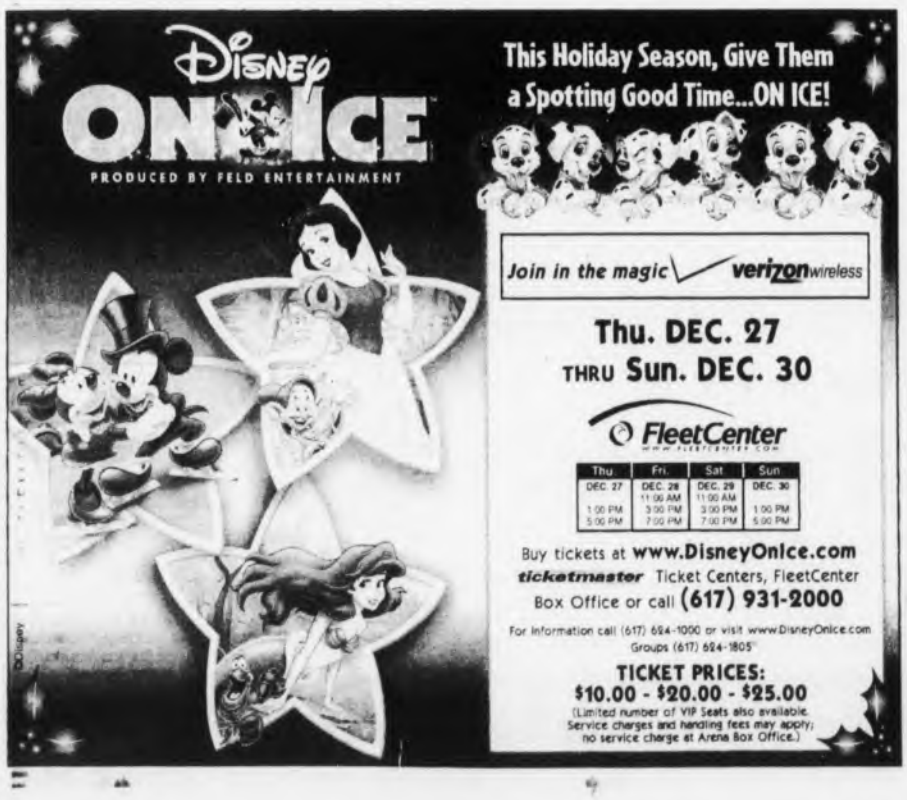
So, even though "Behind Enemy Lines" posits Serbs as the enemy in this handsomely accoutered adventure film about a naval aviator lost in Bosnia during one phase of that endless exercise in tribal bloodshed, were the film shot today instead of yesterday it might have made the Bosnian Muslims the villains. As one character, a French admiral who ranks above our American hero admiral (Gene Hackman, in full harrumph and spit-and-polish mode), puts it: who can tell the difference between Serbs, Croats, and Bosnians? Whichever side the movie chose to demonize, it dwells not on politics — fess up: you couldn't care less about who's who and where's what and why what's where is occupied by whom, in the "former Yugoslavia," as we considerately refer to that sink hole of European savagery — but on showing one of our guys in a jam. We're the good ones, the blond ones with nice teeth and prone to boyish jocularity; they're the bad ones, the ones who talk funny and look mad as they glower and shoot folks.

As Lt. Chris Burnett, Owen Wilson, known best for goofball roles and for his pouty mouth and his snout just crooked enough to be eye-catching but not sexy enough to match the rest of his all-American puss, positively glows, even under layers of mud and grime (and with hair that somehow manages to sustain that au courant parted-somewhere-near-the middle and floppy dishabille charm), and believably inhabits a role that might have been Brad Pitt's had Pitt and his perfect coif not been busy awaiting rescue in last week's war movie, "Spy Game."

Burnett and his pal, another grinning, cocky, handsome lug, are shot down — they have gone out of bounds, disobeying orders; in movies like this that's de rigeur — and the buddy is murdered, so Burnett takes to the hills. But they've photographed something that mustn't be seen by the civilized world, the Serb soldiers realize, though we see what that is only later. So, though everyone pretends to be committed to some cockamamie USA-NATO-brokered cease-fire confab — think of the current Mid-east "peace process" charade — everybody kills whomever.

Can Burnett be saved? You would think so, but as in "Spy Games," there is a Higher Purpose here, not to undercut the "peace" process, so Admiral Reigart (Hackman) is told by his superior (Joaquim de Almeida) to stand down. Ha! Imagine Gene Hackman standing down for a whole movie. Enter gang-busters action, unobtrusive computerization, and a not-too-cringe-inducing screenplay, plus solid acting. Hey, we're in a bust-their-fannies mood nowadays, so the film is bound for box-office glory and Wilson for more action and fewer dumb-bunny roles.

Written by David Veloz and Zak Penn; directed by John Moore. Rated PG-13.





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Crash-prone intersection

More accidents at Beechwood-3A

By Mary Ford
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When it comes to motorists travelling Cohasset's busy Route 3A – seven seconds additional delay at the state highway's intersection with Beechwood Street might be an irritation but it could prevent accidents, a new report says.

The Massachusetts Highway Department grades intersections on level of service in relation to delays and gives the intersection an overall "B" – which means the average stopped delay is about 13 seconds per vehicle.

But that could change if recommended safety improvements are implemented. The potential changes, including allowing for left turns on a delayed green light, would add about seven seconds to the average delay and drop the intersection's grade to a "C."

Cohasset police have complained about the intersection for years and the state study appears to confirm their concerns. Town Manager Mark Haddad said any improvements would be paid by the state because it is a state road. Plans are to have a representative from MassHighway sit down with selectmen and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, some time after the first of the year to discuss the study's recommendations, Haddad said.

A total of 29 crashes were record-

BEECHWOOD, PAGE 4

Sewer shell price soars

Work on plant to be phased in

By Evan Schiff
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The sewer plant's "new clothes" could cost a lot more than the estimated $150,000 appropriated at Town Meeting.

But rather than go back to the voters for more money, the improvements to the exterior of the sewer plant buildings may be done in phases.

Dan Coughlin, of Tutela Engineering Associates, town consultants, estimated the price to be almost $450,000 for the entire project which would include making the main building look like an old country barn.

The figure got Town Manager Mark Haddad's attention.

"Where is the extra money going to come from?" he asked.

Selectman Michael H. Sullivan was also taken aback.

"We need to find another way to do this because $450,000 is hard to swallow," he said.

Couglin said shingle-style paneling on the sides of the plant as well as a new roof on the main building would "soften the look" of the sewer treatment plant.

About two years ago, residents whose homes surround the salt marsh behind the Paul Pratt Library were shocked when the upgraded sewer treatment plant started to take

SEWER PLANT, PAGE 2



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Louise Carcione of Hull can't believe her eyes when she sees the fur coats on display in the Cohasset Consignment Shop window. At right, manager Andi Merrill adjusts the collar on a full-length coyote coat.

Wrapping up in a fur for Christmas

Consignment shop features dozens of coats

By Mary Ford
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Every woman deserves a fur coat.

That's what Andi Merrill believes. The former department store buyer, who has managed the Cohasset Consignment Shop since 1982, has used her expertise over the years to establish a "fur department" during the winter season in the shop at Tedeschi Plaza off Route 3A.

"We're known for our furs," says Merrill, a Scituate resident, as she combs through the fur rack pointing out the workmanship on a full-length ranch mink with diagonal sleeves and gathered back.

"You've got to be tall to wear this one," she adds about a full-length silver fox for $1,900. "And it's worth every penny."

The coats — which are on consignment — come from women who want to sell their furs. Most live within a radius of about 70 miles including places such as Wellesley, Marblehead and the Cape. Merrill consigns all the furs herself and works with the owners to come up with a selling price. Money from the sales are shared with the shop, whose proceeds benefit the Social Service League of Cohasset, a non-profit that supports Meals on Wheels and provides the services of a licensed social worker to surrounding communities, among other programs.

"They make women feel feminine and luxurious."
— Andi Merrill, manager

Merrill explains the women, who sell their furs at the shop, know they'll bring a good price and their furs, which are held on the rack by a chain, are secure. The shop's reputation has traveled far.

"I even had one customer ship a mink jacket with a fox tuxedo front up from Pennsylvania," she says. "Her sister lives in Cohasset."

Another customer buys a new fur coat every two years and consigns the old one.

Merrill doesn't accept any coats that are more than 20 years old (most are much newer).

She explains that coats dry out with age; even when they are well cared for, and she doesn't want the liability of the skins splitting after the customer has them. So she examines the coats carefully for age, condition and style.

"Last year I had a Fendi mink (French designer)," she recalls. "It was a gorgeous mink wrap, floor-

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Who's staying, who's going?

By Evan Schiff
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While election day in Cohasset seems like a baseball season away, time is growing small for incumbents to decide if they are going to run again. Starting Jan. 7, residents will be able to pick up nomination papers at the Town Hall if they are interested in seeking office.

One prominent position that will be open is on the School Committee, whose chairman Stephanie Noble will not seek re-election. Noble said while she loves working on the committee, she is currently studying for her master's degree in teaching and does not have enough time to devote to the board.

Noble, who is finishing her first term, said helping to pass an override for the school renovations has been one of her biggest accomplishments on the job. She said being on the committee has taught her that change comes through

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ELF WATCH
First-grader Caroline Lengyel looks for "Alfie the Elf" in the Osgood School holiday concert Tuesday. For more photos, see page 12.

From dark days to changed ways

Former homeless drug addict cleans up his act

Editor's note: This is one article in a series focusing on homelessness and how local charities are trying to combat the problem.

By Seth Jacobson
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He is affectionately known as Big Daddy, and he spends most of his time being a role model for others, including his own kids. By looking at him and speaking with him, one would never be able to tell that he is a former drug addict who used to spend his nights sleeping out on Boston Common.

His name is Brian Taylor. In a interview with this newspaper last year, Taylor described the life he was living at the time. He spoke of his addiction to drugs like cocaine and pot. He said he drank whenever he could. He was homeless for more than two years. At one point in his life, Brian and his wife ended up moving into a crack house.

But things have since changed.

During Taylor's interview, he talked about wanting to change his life for his wife and five children, who were living in another location at the time. That change he spoke of has finally arrived. Taylor has now been clean and sober for more than a year.

"I'm here by the grace of God," Taylor said. "I was a drug addict for 22 years. I'm 35 now, and I really feel like my sobriety is a major accomplishment. I used to think I was supposed to get high. I thought it was my destiny."

Taylor now lives in Germantown, a section of Quincy, in an apartment of his own, along with his wife and three of his children. He has a job within the carpenter's union, and he also spends a great deal of his time speaking to children about the hazards of drugs in conjunction with a program at Father Bill's Place in Quincy, a shelter where Taylor lived until July when he got an apartment.

The program is called "Tell the Truth" and it operates side by side with D.A.R.E. Taylor likes to call his part of the speaking program "Big Daddy Says."

"I try to educate kids about homelessness, and I just tell them what I've gone through," he said. "When I start talking about the things I've gone through, kids are sitting at the edge of their seats." He added he would like to make his speaking to children a more full-time activity. He wants to bring the program into schools, churches and other locally based programs.

Taylor still insists that none of his success would have happened if not

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CPC finalized

The four citizens-at-large that applied for the Community Preservation Committee were appointed at a Selectmen's meeting earlier this month. While there were only three spots, David Wadsworth who was appointed to the committee because of his place on the historical commission, withdrew his name, which allowed Paula Kozol, who is co-president of the Cohasset Historical Society, to fill that spot.

The other three citizens appointed were Jeff Waal, Stuart Ivimey, and David McMorris. Selectman Ronnie McMorris, wife of David McMorris, did not vote on the appointments.

Other members of the Community Preservation Committee include: Al Moore from the Planning Board; Jim Dedes from the Conservation Commission; Debbie Cook from the Open Space Committee; Selectman Thomas Callahan; Ann Barrett from the Housing Authority.

Recycling bag

There are new recycling bags being sold at 200 N. Main St. and other places around town. The bags are being sold for $10 and the money that was donated to purchase the bags came from the Boy Scouts Troop 228. Selectman Merle Brown displayed the bag at last week's selectmen meeting and encouraged residents to support the cause.

40B hearing

Anyone who is interested in learning about chapter 40B housing is encouraged to come to the selectmen's meeting on Jan. 15. At the meeting, the intricacies of the law will be explained.

School assistance program update

Town Manager Mark Haddad informed the board of selectmen Tuesday the Massachusetts Department of Education has placed the town on its January agenda to hear complaints about lowering the school building assistance funding.

"We are going to stay on top of this," Haddad said.

Haddad said he will try and contact neighboring towns to join Cohasset in the meeting. He wished to thank Rep. Bradley, D-Hingham, and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, for all their help in pursuing the issue.

If the matter is not addressed, Cohasset may have to wait 10 years before receiving state reimbursement on the middle-high school and Deer Hill projects.

Schedule set

The following schedule for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election were approved by selectmen Tuesday night. Town Manager Mark Haddad wished to call particular attention to Jan. 14 when the last day citizens petition articles can be submitted for the annual Town Meeting warrant. He urged all residents to try and complete their articles before that date.

Dec. 4 - The warrant for Annual Town Meeting opened.

Jan. 8 - Presentation of the Town Manager's proposed FY 2003 operating budget to the Board of Selectmen.

Jan. 14 - Last day citizens petition articles can be submitted for inclusion in the annual Town Meeting warrant.

Jan. 16 - Presentation of the Town Manager's proposed FY 2003 operating budget to the Advisory Committee.

Jan. 17 - Last day for submission of all other articles for inclusion in the annual Town Meeting warrant.

Jan. 21 - Draft warrant presented to the Advisory Committee for its review.

Feb. 19 - Last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars to be placed on the election ballot.

March 1 - Warrant sent to printer

March 18 - Warrant delivered to the Post Office for delivery to all registered voters.

March 22 - Constable posts the annual Town Meeting and annual Election Warrants.

March 30 - Annual Town Meeting

April 6 - Annual Town Election.

Work on sewer plant to be phased in

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form. They subsequently went en masse to a Sewer Commission meeting to complain about the plant's aesthetics.

Howie Altholz of Summer Street, who has acted as the de facto head of the citizens group, said when the plant was designed abutters were assured it wasn't going to look like a warehouse. He said the salt marsh is a very sensitive and beautiful area and the sewer plant has dramatically changed that.

"We just want the town to fulfill its commitment," he said.

Sewer Commission Chairman Gary Vanderweil proposed a solution that could work within the budget.

He suggested instead of fixing all the buildings at once, the town concentrate on the main building with the money the sewer commission currently has.

"Let's get the main building done first and work from there," he said. The treatment plant consists of one large structure and several outbuildings.

Vanderweil felt if renovations to the main building were completed to the abutters' satisfaction, other improvements may not be necessary. He also said the plant is not the eyesore it is made out to be.

"All the abutters have screens at the end of their properties to shield the view," he said. "It's really not that bad."

"This was supposed to look like an old country barn, and it doesn't."

— Selectman Michael H. Sullivan

Vanderweil's also said an additional $25,000 used to plant trees at the back of the abutters' houses would further help screen the view.

He also suggested painting the remaining buildings a darker color to help them blend into the background.

If residents are still unhappy, Vanderweil said, the final step would be to go back to Town Meeting and ask for more money.

Selectmen gave the Sewer Commission plan high marks.

"I like the Sewer Commission's plan," said chairman Fred Koed. "If we had more money we would be in favor of larger renovations, but we don't."

Ronnie McMorris felt something had to be done.

"I don't think it is appropriate that people are looking out their homes into an ugly sewer plant when we assured them they wouldn't be," she said.

Sullivan said he wished the building was more attractive.

"This was supposed to look like an old country barn, and it doesn't," he said.

The old plant consisted of some outside tanks and smaller structures, which were lower and therefore less visible to the neighbors. But the new state-of-the-art sewer treatment system needed to be enclosed to protect the equipment, which has been able to increase four-fold the amount of wastewater treated and provide better treatment than the old plant.

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Sun. 23	5:18	8.8	11:24	5:35	8.6	11:46
Mon. 24	6:07	9.0	——	6:29	8.5	12:19
Tues. 25	6:56	9.2	12:36	7:22	8.5	1:12
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Pond wants Hull to cleanup its act

By Evan Schiff
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The Straits Pond Watershed Association does not want a new development on Jerusalem Road because of potential run-off into the pond.

"All we want is a clean pond," said SPWA chairman Lawry Reid. "We need the support from Hull, Cohasset, and all the taxpayers."

Members of the association attended the Hull selectmen's meeting two weeks ago in an attempt to stop the board from granting a sewer hook-up to developer Stephen Corey. Corey, who is planning to build a 25-unit development on Jerusalem Road, paid Hull $650,000 for capacity in Hull's wastewater treatment plant. Access to the sewer is critical for the subdivision to go forward because the rocky conditions in the area make on-site septic systems unworkable.

Reid said the storm-water runoff from a large development increases the pollution levels in neighboring bodies of water.

"Any time there is a large development it raises concern," Reid said.

Reid said there were strong sentiments expressed at the last SPWA meeting to stop the proposed sewer connection.

Hull members of the group were particularly upset because they felt Hull had violated a previous agreement. They felt Hull had voted to allow sewer hook-ups to existing homes but not to new developments.

"The spirit of what the residents of Hull voted on is being violated," Reid said.

Reid said ultimately, all the association wants is an ecologically healthy pond.

"We feel any decision that affects the quality of water in the pond should be thoroughly examined," he said.

Hull Town Manager Philip Lemnios said the Hull selectmen don't intend to revisit the issue.

"It's a done deal," he said.

Lemnios said SPWA brought up some issues at the Hull selectmen's meeting that were taken into consideration. He said primarily, SPWA would have like to have been consulted before a decision was made. Lemnios said the group was barking up the wrong tree.

"If they want to stop this development the group should go before the zoning board and planning board of Cohasset," he said. "Stopping the development is not an issue with us."

Town Manager Mark Haddad informed selectmen Tuesday he still has received no response on the letter he sent to Hull selectmen last week. The letter explained Cohasset's dissatisfaction with Hull for selling capacity to a private developer and asked for a meeting between the two towns. The town of Cohasset, which is under a court order to solve its wastewater problems, is interested in additional sewer capacity from Hull. The town bought capacity from Hull for the North Cohasset sewer project.

Haddad also said he is still waiting to hear from Town Counsel on the legality of stopping the private sewer connection because the sewage would go through Cohasset pipes.

Selectman Tom Callahan wished to express his personal dissatisfaction with the town of Hull and hoped to meet with its board of selectmen shortly.

Chairman Fred Koed said he is concerned that Hull's decision to not confer with Cohasset before making its sale was wrong.

"They are setting a dangerous precedent selling to private developers," he said.

Little Harbor sewer hook-up a possibility

By Evan Schiff
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Little Harbor has been an area looked at for years by environmentalists.

Some, concerned about the bacteria levels in the water, want the homes around Little Harbor to be sewered.

According to a presentation delivered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, a sewer may be the best option. Dan Coughlin, project manager for Tutela Engineers the town's consultant on the issue, said his company is studying the feasibility of upgrading the sewer plant to incorporate the homes around the Little Harbor area.

"We will evaluate all the potential solutions and all the options in this project," Coughlin said. He said the capacity of the sewer on Elm Street would need to exceed 400,000 gallons of waste a day to satisfy the needs of the approximate 330 homes that would be hooked up. Currently, the town treats about 250,000 gallons a day.

"We are going to try and push the plant to its limits," Coughlin said.

He said if the plant could not handle the additional waste, small satellite disposal systems would be an option. Gary Vanderweil, chairman of the sewer commission, said sewering Little Harbor would help Cohasset comply with a state mandate to address the concerns of area.

"The concept to provide all the homes in the watershed area with sewering is a good one," Vanderweil said.

In the presentation, given to about 100 residents, the reasons the harbor is polluted were outlined. The DEP focused on Total Maximum Daily Load (TDML) which is essentially a "pollution budget" designed to restore the health to an impaired body of water. TDML is the greatest amount of a pollutant that a body of water can accept and still meet water quality standards for protecting public health.

The DEP presentation revealed the bacterial levels in Little Harbor are low to moderate in dry weather however, the levels are high during wet weather. Runoff from surrounding roads and ledge, overflowing on-site septic systems, and animal waste are some of the factors why the harbor is contaminated.

However, most felt the primary problem is with the fecal coliform levels. These levels can be used to determine whether an area is environmentally sound.

The excepted levels of fecal coliform in an area of that size is 14 colonies per hundred milliliters. This is in order for shellfish to be able to thrive. In order for people to utilize the harbor for swimming, the levels need to stay under 200 colonies per hundred milliliters of fecal coliform.

A recent test of the water revealed the count to be in the vicinity of 2,000 colonies per hundred milliliters of fecal coliform, much too high according to Steve Bobo.

Bobo, the chairman of the Board of Heath, said sewering the area would greatly reduce the fecal coliform levels in Little Harbor. He said an expanded sewage plant would be both cost effective and environmentally prudent.

"I think this is an idea that needs to be considered," Bobo said.

Bobo estimates 20 percent of the on-site sewer systems around Little Harbor have failed or are leaking into the harbor. While replacing these systems is an option, it is an expensive one.

The cost of replacing and running an on-site septic system can run in the neighborhood of $60,000, Bobo said. The cost of hooking up to a new sewer would be significantly less, probably around $40,000.

Vanderweil felt on-site septic systems would be even less practical considering the amount of ledge in the area.

Henry Rattenbury, former sewer commissioner and attendee of the meeting, felt the hook up to the Elm Street plant was the best option.

"To upgrade to the Elm Street plant would be a very effective way to deal with the situation," he said.

Based on a report in December 2000 by Sterns and Wheeler, a consulting agency, the sewer commission went to Town Meeting last April asking for $200,000. The town appropriated the money which has gone towards retaining Tutela engineers and providing the necessary environmental studies for the project. If it is determined that the Little Harbor area will need to be sewered, Vanderweil estimated the cost to be about $12 million.

The last two sewer projects the town took on were paid for by both the town and the residents of the homes to be sewered. Both the central expansion, which also hooked up the Lily Pond area, and the North Cohasset system were paid by 50 percent from the town, and 50 percent from the users. Vanderweil said he assumes this project would be paid for in a similar manner.

Coughlin said he plans to have the draft done by the end of January at the latest. The hope is to be able to go to Town Meeting in April and ask for additional funding. He said before the draft is completed he will consult with various boards around town to garner their opinions.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he looks forward to seeing the draft by Tutela Engineers.

"Before we make a decision, I want to make sure what we decide to do is in the best interest of both the town and those who will be hooked up to the sewer," Haddad said.

ZAC holds first meeting

By Evan Schiff
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The Zoning Advisory Committee set its priorities for the upcoming weeks at its first meeting Tuesday at Town Hall.

The group convened to decide which issues it would concentrate on in an attempt to draft articles for Town Meeting in March.

There were nine issues the group needed to narrow down. They included: accessory dwelling units, adult entertainment, barrier beach protection district, cell tower restriction, demolition delay for historic structures, interim growth, ledge preservation, senior housing/multi-family issues, and use variances.

The ZAC decided to devote most of its time before Town Meeting on four of these issues. Accessory dwelling units, ledge preservation, senior housing, and use variances will garner most of the attention.

"Some of these issues are new to the table so there is not enough time before Town Meeting to properly examine them," said Elizabeth Harrington, the town planner.

Al Moore, chairman of the Planning Board, said he sees the ledge preservation and senior housing issues as the two most pressing matters.

It seemed the most important issue to the group was ledge preservation. Mark DeGiacomo, a member of the citizens group supporting ledge preservation, said the new committee should spend a significant amount of time on the article.

DeGiacomo has already drafted a preliminary article for ledge preservation and he hopes the ZAC will give it more teeth.

Harrington put together a four-inch thick packet for the members of the ZAC for them to review in order to be better able to get a handle on all the issues.

Harrington said she hopes the ZAC will be able to report to the Planning Board on a regular basis to inform it of the group's progress.

Selectmen formed the group last week in an effort to curb the amendments of zoning articles on Town Meeting floor. Moore said zoning articles are extremely complex and require a lot of examination before they are ready for Town Meeting. He said it was important to establish a better procedure.

Moore added it is important to note the ZAC is not judging these issues and whether the Planning Board recommends them or not is an entirely different issue.

Once the group is satisfied with the article, it will pass it on to the Planning Board which will vote to recommend or not recommend the article.

There was a crowd of 10 at the meeting on Tuesday and no one was quite sure who was on the seven-member board, which will be made up of representatives from selectmen, planning board and zoning board, the town planner, building commissioner and two citizens at large. There were three selectmen there, chairman Fred Koed, and selectmen Tom Callahan and Merle Brown. Later, selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Brown to the committee.

Of interesting note, Moore was notified during the meeting that his oldest daughter had given birth to twin girls. Both mother and children are in good health and Moore was clearly happy about the news.

"They sound like they're keepers," he said.

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Crash-prone intersection

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ed at the Beechwood/3A intersection during the three-year period studied from 1997-1999, an average of 9.7 accidents per year or 1.28 per million vehicles and well above the state average of .89 per million for a signalized intersection. More than 40 percent of the collisions involved personal injury, including one fatality back in 1997.

Most crashes were not weather-related and occurred at off-peak hours on weekdays. Nineteen of the accidents were "angle collisions," as opposed to rear-end or head-on.

"The reason for the high number of angle collisions at this location is insufficient green time for vehicles turning left from Route 3A onto Beechwood Street," the report states. The signal does not have an exclusive left-turn phase.

"Route 3A carries heavy through volumes in both directions; it is difficult for the northbound and southbound left-turning traffic to find a gap," the report states. "In some cases drivers may miscalculate acceptable gaps. At other times out of frustration, drivers may try to force themselves into the through traffic." The report also says the "all-red interval" is too short, so vehicles attempting to continue through the intersection at the end of the yellow clearance interval may be hit by crossing vehicles (right-angle crashes).

Cars turning left in and out of the gas station (Exxon/Dunkin' Donuts) driveways caused seven crashes over the three-year study period.

"Left turns in and out of these driveways are very difficult under heavy traffic flow," the report states. "The vehicles must traverse extensive pavement (two lanes of traffic), and it is difficult to find acceptable gaps for merging safely."

Contributing to the seven reported rear-end collisions was the speed



Detail officers divert traffic from Route 3A following a Mother's Day accident last spring at the Beechwood-3A intersection. A new study says the intersection is accident-prone.

difference between through and turning traffic and stop-and-go conditions including delays related to cars making turns.

In addition to a delayed green light to allow for protected left-hand runs on 3A, the report also recommends:

• Installation of a raised median barrier to eliminate left turns in and out of the gas station driveways on 3A.

• Increase the all-red clearance from one to two seconds.

• Correct the pedestrian signal, which is not displaying the "walk" and "don't walk" symbols.

Haddad said a little more delay at the intersection might be a good thing.

"Chief Brian Noonan says people just fly through there," he said.

The study was conducted by consultants with the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization which worked with the South Shore Coalition of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council on identifying congested intersections.

The study also included two intersections in Scituate including Route 3A at Mann Lot Road (near the 3A Farmstand) which has no traffic signal. The other Scituate intersection was Front Street and First Parish Road (in front of St. Mary's Church in Scituate Harbor). Congested intersections in Hanover, Pembroke and Weymouth were also studied.

Who's staying, who's going?

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many little steps rather than large leaps.

She advised whoever fills her position to spend the first year on the board learning the ropes.

"There are so many issues that require heavy knowledge it is important to have a firm handle on them," she said. She also said residents must remember they are simply one vote out of five, so drastic changes are not easy to make.

"The public should be careful of candidates who say they are going to make sweeping changes," Noble said.

Other positions up for re-election include two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Terms are set to expire this year for both the chairman Fred Koed and Selectman Ronnie McMorris.

McMorris, who is finishing her second term on the board, said she intends to run again. She said she has helped to initiate some very productive programs in her tenure including the formation of the Growth and Development Committee. McMorris added she has a strong commitment to senior housing issues and hopes the town can rectify the problem.

She said one of the prouder moments of her tenure is how well the board handled the transition to a Town Manager based government.

"It was something totally different but we handled it extremely well," she said.

Koed declined to comment on his plans at this time.

The Town Moderator George Marlette said he intends to run for reelection. Marlette, who is completing his third term, thinks Town Meeting is finally hitting its stride and he hopes to be involved in the process in the future.

"I think we finally figured out how to run Town Meeting," Marlette said. He said one of his biggest accomplishments was bringing Town Meeting through tumultuous times and making the meeting relevant to all members of the community. He said his goals for the next term would include running the town with less bureaucracy and better unitizing technology in the Town Meeting process.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas's term also expires this year. She said she intends to run again. Douglas has worked at the Town Hall for more than 20 years and is finishing her third term as Town Clerk. She said she most enjoys meeting the residents of Cohasset and filling out the paperwork for the births and marriages in town.

Douglas said her job is particularly exciting around election time when all the papers are filed through her office. She said she most looks forward to being involved in the development of the town in the future.

There are three terms that will expire this year on the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Committee. Sheila Evans, Roger Lowe, and Roger Whitley will all be up for re-election and all will be running again. Evans said her biggest accomplishment on the board was helping to raise more than $1.1 million for the new library construction. She said she is looking forward to the library being built and "her dream coming true."

Lowe seconded Evans' sentiments and felt getting the new library approved was a great achievement. Lowe, who is finishing his second term on the board, said he looks forward to working on all the programming aspects of the new library.

Whitley, who is finishing his first term on the board, said he would like to remain on the board to see the new library project through to the end. Whitley has been an architect for 45 years and feels his knowledge of architecture will prove to be very beneficial to the board.

"There is a very exciting group of people who work on this board and I hope to continue to be a part of it," Whitley said.

There is one seat up for re-election on the Planning Board. Chairman Al Moore's term expires this year and while he did not want to commit to running he said, "there's a good chance" he will run. He declined to comment further.

There is one term that expires on the sewer commission this year. Raymond Kasperowicz, who is finishing his first term, intends to run again. He said it takes a long time to amass the knowledge of the sewer issues and feels an obligation to the town to continue on the board.

"After three years of accumulating knowledge, it's my duty to continue to serve," he said. He said in his tenure the board has made a lot of procedural decisions. His goals for his next term include trying to make sure the sewer department is as cost-efficient as possible.

Glenn Pratt, who has served on the water commission for a year, said he intends to run for reelection when his term expires this year. Pratt, who was filling an unexpired term, said he has been very interested in the water department which may stem from his father's involvement. His father was chairman of the commission for 22 years. Pratt said he looks forward to improving the problem areas around town and implementing a five-year plan for the commission.

There are severl other seats up for re-election including, William Smith's seat on the Board of Assessors, Robin Lawrence's seat on the Board of Health, Ralph Perroncello's seat on the Cohasset Housing Authority, and Lillian Curley's and Mary Muncy's seats on the Recreation Commission. The Mariner was not able to contact these incumbents by press time.

Residents who are interested if taking out nomination papers can begin picking them put the Town Clerk's office on Jan. 7. The last day to pick up the papers is Feb.14 and all papers need to be returned by Feb. 19. For more information contact Marion Douglas at the Town Clerk's office, 781-383-4100.

LIBRARY CORNER

Library Director Janet Husband would like to thank the Friends of the Cohasset Library for providing the lovely holiday wreaths that decorate the library. They were installed by Trustee Barbara M. Power and Custodian Joe Corcoran.

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Once again, the library has a computer that can be used for word processing by the public. It is equipped with Word and Microsoft Works and has a black and white laser printer. It is located in the Reference Room. By offering this limited-function computer, the library hopes to relieve congestion at the three Internet terminals.

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The library will close at 1 p.m. on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Harbor walk comes into focus

The selectmen gave the go ahead to Town Manager Mark Haddad to pursue grants that could possibly fund the entire harbor-walk project.

Dean Rizzo gave a short presentation to selectmen Tuesday to update them on proposed harbor-walk improvements. Rizzo said the bulk of the village revitalization issues are winding down and Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, a private company working in conjunction with the village revitalization task force, is concentrating its efforts on the harbor area.

Rizzo said the budget for the project will depend on the final design but he estimates could be anywhere from $500,000 to $1.2 million.

"We feel confident there are grants available that could pay for the majority of improvements," he said.

The areas slated for improvement start in front of Kimball's by the Sea and extend to the entrance of Government Island.

"We want to provide safe pedestrian access in the area," Rizzo said.

Selectman Michael Sullivan suggested the CRC look into putting a bike path in the area.

Rizzo said there will probably be a public forum in the middle of January to discuss design ideas.

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Recalling Cohasset Christmas 50 years ago

By Joel S. Pratt
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER


Cohasset Railroad Station being moved.

Do you remember Cohasset Center 50 years ago? There were three grocery stores, three barbershops, two drugstores (each with a soda fountain), two car dealers, two banks, two hardware stores, two real estate offices, two restaurants, two clothing stores, and the Police Station. The St John house stood behind a fence next to the A&P store. Towle Electric sold appliances on Brook Street.

The last elm tree in the center stood in front of Danny Campbell's jewelry store on South Main. There was a gas station, a liquor store; a news store (which sold galoshes too), a TV and Radio store (above Delory's drugstore), an inn, a taxi service, and a shoe repair shop. Shoe repair shop? Yes. Amid the wonderful smell of leather and glue, shoes were resewn, resoled and reheeled. In the winter, eager kids left their skates to be sharpened. Sneakers were for summer: they weren't allowed in school except for gym. Everyone wore leather shoes and leather shoes were expected to last. The Post Office was on Depot Court with the telephone exchange upstairs. Nearby were a lumberyard, a coal dealer and the railroad station.

Cohasset Center had grown over many years. Homes had given way to the A&P, the First National Store, Kerr Motors Ford garage and other business places. When I was small, families bought almost everything they needed 'Downtown'. As the second half of the century began, growth gave way to change.

The railroad station was elegant. Morning commuters were dropped off to wait for their trains under the long platform roof. In the evening, wives waited to pick up tired husbands. But in April 1951, the station moved! Really! The platform roof and the porte-cochere were torn off. Then the two-story brick building was jacked up and pulled 100 feet along Ripley Road! A new wing was added which became a store and a Buick dealership. The large waiting room became a store. A narrow corridor with a ticket window was all that remained to serve train travelers.


Joel working on Kayak.

The high school also moved in 1951 — not the building, just the teachers and students. The old, old Osgood School had stood on Elm Street since 1891. It had cost $20,000. All during 1950 and 1951 we watched the new Junior-Senior High rise on Pond Street. The doors of the old brown-shingled school closed forever in June. In September, grades 7 through 12 started classes on the hill. We went from a rickety, ornate three-story wooden building to an unbelievably grand palace of brick and concrete. Every student had a locker! There was a real gym with locker rooms, an auditorium with a real stage, a lunchroom, a huge manual arts shop, and a library, all under one roof! It cost the town $890,000 to build and equip.

That year, summer theater left the Town Hall for Sohier Street. There the Music Circus tent opened in June. Wanting full houses for the first production, the management gave free tickets to students. I took a seventh-grade classmate to see the Wednesday matinee of 'Showboat.' It was my first date!

The changes which started in 1951 continued. Within a few years, shopping centers had replaced woods on Route 3A. Downtown businesses had closed or moved. The shoe repair shop had become a dry cleaner. The old High School had disappeared, the last elm tree in the center had died and the trains had stopped running.

Driving lessons

1951 brought me that most wonderful moment in a young teenage boy's life. Pop (my father) said I could learn to drive. I was 13. Mother did not agree. But drive I did. In April, the family went to Mt. Vernon, New Hampshire to retrieve a truck given to Pop by a business friend. It was not really a truck, it was a cut-down 1932 Ford sedan with a wooden truck body. My sister named it "George". Driving lessons started in our driveway and soon extended to Joy Place and Gammons Road. It was amazing how many jobs couldn't be done without driving George. Taking the oars and outboard to the boat. Moving the lawn chairs. Hauling brush to the burn pile and building materials to my shanty.

Boys' shanties were an old Pratt family tradition. I had started building mine in 1950 using scrap boards from our new house. Tarpaper and roll roofing ordered from Sears Roebuck arrived at the Hingham freight depot on Railroad Express. Pop and I discovered a pile of discarded shingles at the dump: hung weathered side in, they looked new. Pop made frames to fit a discarded door and two windows. I bought Celotex wallboard at Cohasset Lumber Company for the inside walls. By fall I had my own private place.

1951 was our first full year living on Little Harbor. A neighbor gave me an old kayak made of canvas and wood. I patched the canvas using airplane dope then painted it battleship gray. My wonderful cockleshell took me to every rock, creek and clam flat in the harbor. I learned to respect winds and currents and to avoid sharp rocks and shells on the bottom. Nonetheless the canvas soon needed many more patches.

The kayak afforded me a close up look at a seaplane that summer. The pilot had expected Little Harbor to be a normal body of water: shallow on the edges and deep in the middle. So he aimed for the middle. The plane came to an abrupt stop against the clam flats. It sat there several days until declared fit to fly, then took off in the deep water at the harbor's edge.

By 1951, TV had come to most Cohasset homes. In September, Cohasset came to peoples' homes on TV. A Saturday morning series profiled Boston suburbs. The host was filmed as he walked around the town. Kids tagged along, hoping to appear on screen. Two of them succeeded! Not having a TV, we watched at a neighbor's as Selectmen, shop owners and other familiar faces appeared. Then we saw the two kids. Jimmy Brennan and Chandler Thompson stood in front of Reddy's Studebaker Garage as the host asked if the Braves or the Red Sox had any chance for a pennant. Neither team made it to the World Series that year, despite the enthusiastic support of two young Cohasset fans.


Joel Pratt standing on the door of his shanty - pretending to smoke.

At 13, childhood was ending. I had begun to drive, I had my own shanty and kayak. I had been on a date. My Christmas expectations had grown up too. There was just one item on my list: a set of mechanical drawing instruments. For years I had watched Pop at his drafting board drawing house plans, book illustrations and hardware designs. I wished that I could draw as well as he could. On Christmas day, other kids couldn't understand my enthusiasm as I showed them my drawing set. To me, the compasses, pens and dividers were treasured tools, not toys.

Something else moved from downtown in 1951. For many Christmastimes the town Christmas tree had stood in the triangle in front of Cohasset Hardware. But traffic had grown and the tree had become a hazard. So it was moved to the Common across from the Town Hall.

That Christmas, the high school band and chorus held the very first concert in the new school auditorium. I remember hearing the carol 'I Wonder as I wander' for the first time. Seventh-grader Louis Watson, the only African-American in the Cohasset schools, sang in a strong, clear alto voice. Minority families were rare in Cohasset in 1951. Perhaps, in time, that too would change.

Nowadays Joel Pratt lives in Roque Bluffs, Maine.


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Hello Cohasset and Happy Holidays!

It is finally beginning to feel like December and Christmas is less than a week away. I would like to wish all of you a very, Merry Christmas with lots of love, happiness and giving. The last few weeks have been amazing for me to watch as I have seen witnessed some pretty "grinch like" behaviors from adults. Yes, I think we all have times when we are feeling scrooge-like but please try to remember that the help at stores are not to blame for long lines, the bus drivers are not to blame for you being late and our kids are not to blame for all the chaos that holiday preparations bring. This past Tuesday was the Osgood holiday concert and some of the actions that I witnessed and that many people were talking about was just not called for.

For some reason, there are still people who feel that they don't need to follow the same rules as others and for them to park wherever they want, block traffic and buses whenever they want and then, stand in front of everyone in the audience with no care whatsoever to those behind them really makes me wonder if we have truly found the holiday spirit. It makes me really take a good look at myself and try to put everything into focus. If we all work on trying to be a little more respectful of others, having a little more patience when needed and making sure to help in ways that may inconvenience us a bit, think about the examples we will be showing our children. Just something to think about for the upcoming holiday week.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to one very special and sweet young lady, Miss **Natalie Dignam** is turning nine years old today and I want to send her a super huge birthday wish! Natalie is a third-grader who attends the Osgood School and she is a very special part of all our lives. Natalie, I hope that you have a wonderful day celebrating being NINE!

BOUNCING BABY BOY!

I got a wonderful bit of news about a bouncing, baby boy who arrived just in time for the holidays. **Jimmy and Kim Gallagher** welcomed **James Laurence Gallagher IV** on Dec. 14. Little James weighed in at 7 pounds and was 18 ins. long. This is one little guy who is going to be surrounded with love and attention from so many. James' paternal grandparents are **Jim and Patti Gallagher,** who live in Scituate and maternal grandparents, **Kevin and Stephanie Sage** from Plymouth. Congratulations to all of you on this happy celebration of new life.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE

The Second Annual Holiday Calendar Raffle is almost two weeks old and some great prizes have already been won. Each day, a member of the Hockey Boosters brings the box of raffle stubs to the merchant who has donated the raffle prize for that day so the donating merchant can draw the winning ticket. The prize is personally delivered to the winner by the Hockey Booster. Everyone is having great fun both drawing and winning the prizes. The lucky winners to date are: Dec 1-$100 Gift Certificate to King Jewelers, **Gary Coyne**, NH; Dec 2-$70 GC to Exotic Flowers, **Jody Caron**, Cohasset; Dec 3-Maui Jim Sunglasses, Maui Jim, **Joe Sandblom**, Cohasset; Dec 4-Gift bag of hair care and styling products, Charlottes Salon and Boutique, **Dan Steele**, Cohasset; Dec 5-$25 GC to Buttonwood Books and Toys & a Deluxe Photo Album, Nobles Camera, **Terry Kahn**, Cohasset; Dec 6-$50 GC Jakes Seafood, **Rick Flynn**, Cohasset; Dec 7-$20 GC to French Memories & $15 GC to Dunkin Donuts and 2 lbs. of Coffee, **Archie Rasmussen**, Scituate; Dec 8-2 tickets to a 2002 show, Music Circus, **Sarah Porter**, Dec 9-$100 GC to Cohasset Jewelers; **John Chapman**; Dec 10-$30 GC to the Village Greenery, **Robert Ruisi**, Marshfield; Dec 11-$50 savings bond from Rockland Trust Co., **Margaret Scanlon**, Scituate; Dec 12-$25 Gas card, Leos Exxon, **James Maher**; Dec 13-$25 GC to The Shoe Market, The **Scribner Famil;** and Dec 14-$25 GC to the Red Lion Inn, **Kate Devine** of Dennis. This year's raffle was a huge fundraising success!

The Cohasset Hockey Boosters, and the Varsity and JV coaches and players sincerely thank all our local merchants who donated raffle prizes and the Friends of Cohasset Hockey who purchased raffle tickets. The generous support of our Ice Hockey Teams is greatly appreciated.



Betty Cole of Hingham and Barbara Dillon of Cohasset serving refreshments at the DAR holiday party.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Still wondering what to do on New Year's Eve? How about enjoying an evening surrounded by friends at the Atlantica, enjoying a DJ, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a very, SHORT trip home after celebrating and ringing in the New Year? This is a fundraiser being held by the CYBSA and the monies raised are being put towards the new ball fields here in town. Tickets are only $35 and you can get them by calling **Lynne DeGiacomo** at 781-383-6413, **Mal McCunney** at 781-383-6387 or **Anne Kearney** at 781-383-1451.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Morgan Sandell received a Blue award for having earned three varsity letters as a member of the Trinity College's men's soccer team. The 2001 Bantams, coached by Eddie Mighten, posted a 6-8 record in 2001 to finish eighth in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC).

HELPING VETERANS

The Col. Thomas Lothrop-Old Colony Chapter DAR held a Christmas party at the home of **Barbara Dillon**. Each December the chapter members bring various gifts and pool them to make up packages for veterans. These packages are then delivered to the Brockton Veterans Hospital. This year, approximately 90 wrapped gifts were sent from the chapter. What a wonderful way to share what the holidays are all about!

OVERSEAS SOLDIERS

If anyone knows of any local soldiers who have been deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom, please leave a message for **Tommy Wigmore** at the American Legion. Tommy, who is commander of the Sons of the American Legion, says the Sons don't want any solider or his or her family to be forgotten this Christmas. The number at the Legion is 781-383-9657.

That is it for this week. Please send in all your news, information and photos to me in one of the following ways. PHOTOS: These can be left at Cohasset News in an envelope marked, "Around Town, Cohasset." Please make sure to mark on the back all names of people in the picture.

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length coat and it sold within a week. It was extremely high style."

The sellers either have bought a new fur, are moving to warmer climes, or find their life has changed and they don't have the occasion to wear furs.

The buyers, who range in age from 20s to 70s, are usually shopping for themselves although it's not unusual for a spouse or boyfriend to tag along.

"Most of the men say, 'buy it, buy it,'" Merrill says.

She's sold several coats to women who take the commuter boat and want to stave off the freezing wind chill when they get off the boat.

Merrill said she decided to develop a fur business at the shop about 12 years ago because she sensed there was market out there.

"I personally love furs," she says. "I felt there must have been people out there no longer interested in wearing their furs and we could be a good outlet for the working girl, who could not afford to go to Kakas or I.J. Fox."

Coats at the consignment shop range from about $400-$3,000 where at a furrier, they usually run from $2,000-$8,000 or more. Unsold coats go back to the owners. If a customer needs alterations, such as changing the length or different buttons, they are referred to I. J. Fox on Winter Street in Boston, Merrill said.

Turning heads at the plaza for the holiday season are the two consignment shop windows where several coats including a full-length coyote, red fox stroller and blush mink jacket with a fox tuxedo front are displayed, and act as a teaser to some 60 more inside.

Merrill says fur coats aren't likely to go out of fashion, even in a slow economy.

"They make women feel feminine and luxurious," she says.

The consignment shop is a 48-year tradition on the South Shore and sells the gamut of items ranging from clothing to fine china — all "on consignment" — meaning the shop sells the gently used item for the owner and gets a percentage of the sale.

Consignment Shop has lots to offer

Avoid the traffic and mall crowds and discover the treasurers at the Cohasset Consignment Shop located on Route 3A Tedeschi Plaza in Cohasset.

To assist the late holiday shoppers, the Consignment Shop will be open for sales only from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday through Dec. 20. Manager Andi Merrill of Scituate said the regular hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and for consigning Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Merrill added that "just-in" are hand-made children mittens and hat/mitten sets in assorted colors. The shop also has velvet children dresses, sweaters and warm jackets.

Lots of men's and women's wool sweaters in all sizes as well as men's and women's suits and a wide selection of wool coats are also offered.

For the holiday crowds there are glasses in all sizes, full china sets of bone china, linens and silver serving dishes as well as Wedgwood items.

For the relative that has everything, come view the collection of kaleidoscopes by Carolyn Bennett who holds a degree in fine arts from New York University and has made a career as a full time kaleidoscope artist. Each of her kaleidoscopes is an interesting piece of sculpture. Manager Merrill urges all to come and view the unique collection.

Shoppers will not only find treasurers but their purchases help support many worthy programs of the Social Service League that serves the towns of Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Cohasset. Call 781-383-0687.

Email news to mford@cnc.com



IT'S HAPPENING

Teen Garage hours

A Holiday Vacation party will be held Friday, Dec. 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is $5 per person.

Holiday vacation hours are as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 26, noon to 9 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 27, noon to 9 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 28, noon to 10 p.m.

Tree pickup

The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee is sponsoring a fund-raiser. On Saturday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 6, noon to 3 p.m., a group of adults and teen volunteers will be available to pick up and dispose of your Christmas tree. The fee for this service is $10 per tree, $5 for senior citizens. Just put your tree next to your driveway, place a check payable to the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee on your door and the volunteers will dispose of your tree. Proceeds from this year's fund-raiser will benefit upcoming programs sponsored by the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee. To order service call 781-383-2492 available 24 hours. Please specify which weekend you prefer. For more information call Jody Butman 781-383-0851.

Slides, lecture at Hull Museum

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is launching a five-part winter lecture series, beginning Friday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. with "Trekking in Bolivia," presented by Billy Guild and Paul Breneman. The lecture and slide show will focus on the Cordillera Real, which has some of the highest peaks in the Americas, as well as on the indigenous highland people of the region. Both Massachusetts natives, Guild and Breneman are seasoned outdoorsmen and extensive back-country-travelers.

Light refreshments will be served. Cost is $3 for members and $5 for non-members. The museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull.

For more information, call Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433 or check out the museum's Web site at www.bostonharborheritage.org.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

(Editor's note: Francis P. Church's editorial, "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" first appeared in the The New York Sun in 1897, and was reprinted annually until 1949 when the paper went out of business. When it first appeared, it was an immediate sensation, and became one of the most famous editorials ever written.)

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

"I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.

"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

— From the entire staff at The Cohasset Mariner, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Setting the record straight

Last week's page 3 story on plans to install an anchor on a granite and cobblestone base on the grassy island in front of the sailing club incorrectly identified one of the project's opponents who spoke at the selectmen's meeting.

Due to a reporting error, Paul Pattison was identified as being vehemently opposed to the project. Not only did Pattison not attend the Dec. 11 selectmen's meeting during which the anchor was discussed but he is not against the project.

"I was not even at the selectmen's meeting," Pattison said. "I'm not opposed to the anchor and I've never been questioned about it.

"I'm in favor of Herb Jason and his grandson (John Small). They do great work."

Jason and Small are spearheading the anchor project.

The Mariner regrets the error.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chamber thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

The South Shore Community Center in Cohasset would like to extend many thanks to the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce for their support of our recent Jingle Bell Walk. The chamber has been a loyal and generous supporter of the annual holiday festivities for the past seven years, starting with our very first annual festivities. We are extremely grateful for their continued support and for helping to make this year's Jingle Bell Walk a huge success, enjoyed by hundreds of onlookers of all ages.

Stephanie Church
Program Director,
South Shore Community Center

Historical society appeal

TO THE EDITOR:

For most of the 35 years my wife and I have lived in Cohasset, we've been members of the Cohasset Historical Society but have not been very active.. We have visited the Lothrop House, the Wilson House and the Maritime Museum a few times without giving much thought as to how they were maintained and operated.

Our attention level went up when we heard that all three buildings need serious repairs, which will cost more than $100,000. That seemed like an awful lot of money until we found out that the entire historical society budget has been running at the $40,000 level annually. It now becomes apparent that the society has tried hard to keep its expenditures to a minimum — an amount that didn't allow for repairs that weren't genuine emergencies.

Tight fiscal management is certainly better than running deficits. But it seems that we're now faced with making amends for the years of low budgets. The directors of the historical society have made an appeal for at least $100,000. I think the people of Cohasset will come through. The alternatives are completely unacceptable — they include selling one or more of the properties. And once a historical building passes on to a private owner, it is gone forever, and may even become a "knockdown."

Please consider responding to the Cohasset Historical Society's recent appeal with whatever sum you can afford.

Kenneth B. Cook
28 Pond St.

Anchor better at Mariner Park

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Mark Haddad,
Town Manager
Cohasset Board of Selectmen:

We appreciated your time for the discussion of the "Anchor Project." Our position is "advisory" in the description of our duties and we look at ideas and suggestions like this one in relation to the overall picture of Government Island.

We are trying our best to maintain it as a very beautiful historical area to be enjoyed by the townspeople and visitors. We felt, and still do, that this very large anchor would fit in, size-wise, better in Mariner Park. If it must be placed somewhere in this area, then the Mariner Park spot is just plain and simple — ideal. Please take a moment out of your schedule to visit Mariner Park and see what you GIAC is saying. I would be delighted to visit the area with anyone of you at a time convenient to both parties and to look at the spot we have in mind.

Along these lines, we are writing to make a very basic request—for the benefit of Government Island and it's just this: we request that a moratorium be placed on any future additions of marine artifacts and/or memorials to Government Island. If and when any new addition is brought up, the GIAC asks they be evaluated by the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, the Historical Commission, the Design Review Board, and the GIAC before any action is taken. We, the GIAC, feel strongly that Government Island, a very small beautiful area is being littered, and overwhelmed by artifacts and memorials.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury,
Chairman, GIAC

Editor's note: This letter was in "Selectmen's Correspondence."

CHL fight not over

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset has been successful in stopping all of the proposed expansions of the Cohasset Heights Ltd. (CHL) landfill, which was forced to close in 1998 because, without those proposed expansions, it ran out of space. These victories have ensured that there will be no further expansion of CHL, limiting the existing problem.

However, the Town of Cohasset still has a problem from CHL. The 1,000,000 tons or more of waste at CHL sit at the top of Scituate Hill, one mile uphill from Lily Pond, our public drinking water supply. If CHL is ever completely capped and closed, that will still not end the ongoing problem of contaminated leachate from the landfill from continuing to drain into the Lily Pond watershed.

The CHL fight started over ten years ago because many residents of Cohasset were concerned about the pollution of the watershed by the landfill. Unless this pollution is stopped, by requiring CHL to install a groundwater interception trench to prevent the drainage of leachate into the Lily Pond watershed, this fight will not really be over.

John K. McNabb, Jr.
53 Pond St.

COHASSET CARES

Some more nice people

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

We have a continuing series here with this nice people category. It's a great gift to the community to be able to conclude the year on a positive note. So here we go:

Last Saturday at our monthly recycling committee meeting we were all pleasantly surprised to have one of the Veterans Day 'culprits' [this turned out to be an exemplary 'culprit'] not only show up to apologize for dropping off rubbish and recyclables when the RTF was closed that day, but then go out and put in several hours of compensatory work cleaning up debris that had been blown around at the RTF estate. That's conscience for you!

Secondly, still at the meeting, we were delighted to learn that legal expert John McNabb has been more than instrumental [N.B.], the guiding light of the new, eminently sensible Producer Take-Back 'solid waste management strategy for the 21st century' effort as Research Director for the Clean Water Fund in Massachusetts. You know, the way some European countries [i.e., Germany] have been so eminently sensible with their waste management for over ten years now, having the packaging manufacturers responsible for what they produce after its useful life. Fascinating business! Stay tuned for this one! John hopes to lead Cohasset and the state to a level of extreme ethical and technological efficiency.

Finally, before the year is out, we want to congratulate Joe Laugelle for his conscientious handling of the recyclables he collects in his private hauling business. Joe's caring helps his customers, helps the town, and shows other private haulers that of course they could and should be recycling also, instead of incinerating everything. Thanks, Joe.

Cohasset RECYCLING TRANSFER Facility
Cohasset green to recycle everything

Best holiday wishes to all. See you next year — it's got to be better.

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Road kill: Giving wildlife a brake



COMMON GROUND

AMY WHORF MCGUIGGAN

Road kill is a world-wide problem and concern, and the toll that our modern lifestyle and transportation system takes on wildlife is shocking.

Browse the internet with the words "road kill" and you're likely to enter a cyber eatery called the *Road Kill Cafe*, serving "meals under wheels" and boasting that "eatin' food is more fun when you know it was hit on the run!" Included on the menu is the Chicken that didn't cross the road, Flat Cat, served single or in a stack, Smidgen of Pigeon, Shake-n-Bake Snake, Chunk of Skunk and Awesome Possum. If you are so inclined, you can buy a road kill cookbook, posters and coffee mugs.



I admit to having had a nervous laugh while perusing the menu, you know, a I-really-shouldn't-be-laughing-at-this kind of laugh, the kind of laugh that gallows humor inspires because the subject makes us uneasy. The carnage on the roads is, indeed, no laughing matter. We all know too well the sight of an animal with its guts strewn on the pavement or, worse yet, an animal dazed and writhing from internal injury, oozing life. Road kill is a world-wide problem and concern, and the toll that our modern lifestyle and transportation system takes on wildlife is shocking. While there are no specific numbers, estimates put the death toll from road kill at a mind-boggling one million vertebrates — the group of animals that include amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals — every day in the United States alone. I did my own informal survey during a recent drive to Pawtucket: 18 dead animals, including a calico cat, one of the more than five million cats killed each year. And that was only on 95 South. I didn't bother to count the dead on the ride home.



Road kill is one prong of a two-prong assault on wildlife. Indirectly, the more than four million miles of roads that enable us to explore virtually every nook and cranny in America, have had even a more negative impact on wildlife. From our human perspective, roads are progress, "opening up" otherwise inaccessible areas. What seems to be the innocuous act of upgrading a dirt road or cutting a swath through a lonely, neglected wilderness has, in fact, dire consequences for wildlife. When trees are eliminated from the landscape, so too is the shade and cover they provide for animals. When soil is compacted, water absorption is decreased, the flow and quality of runoff are altered, and dust, dirt and sediment are increased, compromising adjacent aquatic environments. New roadsides typically are colonized by invasive, alien plants that raise eco-havoc and displace the native species that provide food for wildlife. Road maintenance introduces petroleum products, salts and other toxins into the soil and ground water. Homesteaders arrive, eager for their own "wilderness" experience, eager to get away from it all, but bringing with them the very things they were trying to escape traffic, trash, noise, utility poles, Jersey Barriers, fencing, housing, parking lots and strip malls - all in the name of progress.



Habitat loss, reduction and fragmentation force wildlife — elusive and cautious by nature — to modify patterns of movement and behavior to avoid people. Without open tracts for animals to range free, far and wide, the search for food and shelter brings wildlife into our suburban backyards and onto roads and highways. The notion that wild animals will instinctively avoid danger is only true as it applies to natural predators. The 18-wheeler and the SUV are another sort of predator altogether.

If anything positive can be said about the slaughter on the roadways it is that road kill gives us passersby an opportunity to see animals we might not otherwise see and provides biologists with information about species and habitat so that subsequent protective measures can, if necessary, be implemented.

Drive around town and you'll find our roads littered with opossums, raccoons and skunks. All three are nocturnal creatures who will scavenge road kill at night, thus putting themselves in the paths of vehicles and headlights that "freeze" them with fear. Nationwide, more than ten million opossum are killed each year by vehicles. The relatively slow moving opossum, North America's only marsupial, has the habit of playing dead — playing possum — when startled, a trick that may save it from natural predators, but dooms it when the predator is a speeding car or truck. The raccoon, with its rolling gait, travels in pairs or family groups, tending to young. As much as any wild animal, the raccoon "bandit" has learned to exploit the presence of humans, turning door knobs, lifting latches and brazenly helping itself to food and trash. Fierce fighters, raccoons instinctively turn to confront danger, even stepping into the path of danger, but are no match for a car or truck. Skunks, who usually leave whole neighborhoods "perfumed" after being hit, are at their most vulnerable when they awaken from hibernation in a groggy state in late winter and set out in search of food. When they sense danger, even in the form of a car, the skunk's instinct, like the raccoon's, is to turn, confront and attack.

Squirrels, chipmunks and rabbits, active by day when they forage for fruits and nuts along woodsy roadsides, must contend with an even more formidable flow of traffic than their nocturnal brethren. Studies have shown that the speed of vehicles is not as much a factor in the death of these animals as is their habit of darting, zigzagging and circling back in the face of danger. Their unpredictable avoidance behaviors make them among the hardest of wildlife for drivers to avoid.

Reptiles and amphibians, the group of creatures known fondly as the "herps," are the most unnoticeable to drivers and the least visible of road killed wildlife to passersby. An integral part of any ecosytem, playing the dual role of prey and predator, the cold-blooded herps - turtles, salamanders, snakes and frogs - are ectotherms whose body temperature varies with their surroundings. Cold weather sends them into hibernation, but warmth and sun-baked surfaces like roads and highways, devoid of shade, bring them out to bask, making them vulnerable to vehicles. Many of the herps depend on aquatic habitats during their reproductive and juvenile phases, moving after metamorphosis to terrestrial uplands. Roadways have eradicated many wetlands and disrupted herp populations by segregating and isolating them from one another and from their breeding waters with unpassable barriers.



All the news, however, is not disheartening. As biologists better understand animal behavior and as public awareness of the importance of biodiversity grows, efforts will be stepped up to mitigate the negative impact of our modern lifestyle on wildlife.

We can all make a difference. Already, in areas where salamander populations move in early spring from upland forests to vernal pools for breeding, tunnels and culverts have been built under roadways to allow a safe passage. Even communities without tunnels are assisting by closing off roads to vehicles until the migration is finished.



Wildlife signs posted along highways warn drivers that it is easier to anticipate animals in the road than to avoid them when they bolt out from the darkness. The signs exist as much for the safety of drivers as they do for the animals. Several hundred human fatalities are recorded each year from vehicle collisions with larger animals like deer and moose whose size propels them onto the hoods of cars and through windshields. Heed the signs and slow down, especially when the visibility is low. Drive with high beams on and, if possible, stop and allow animals to pass safely. Swerving only makes the animal vulnerable to the next car.

Watch for movement along roadsides in brush, shrubs or drain ditches and refrain from disposing food that might attract animals to the roadside. Get involved in local conservation efforts and encourage the building of more wildlife corridors. Monitor new road building projects to ensure minimal environmental impact. Encourage highway department employ- promptly remove and dispose of road kill to discourage scavenging. Finally, pay attention to road kill and if an animal looks rare or unusual, notify the conservation commission so that sensitive habitats and surviving populations can be protected.



Fortunately, many of the animals we see on our roads are not endangered or threatened — yet. But, how many creatures that were once taken for granted now live only in lore and legend?

Amy Whorf McGuiggan is a freelance writer living in Hingham.

Yahoo may get booted

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where they're out after Yakoo again.

In case you came in late, Yakoo is the mascot of the North Quincy High School athletic teams, named for Allan Yacubian, Class of 1958, now a Wollaston dentist who is of Armenian descent.

His glowering image appears on North Quincy football programs dressed in the national costume of Armenia — war paint, breechclout, moccasins and feathered headband, carrying a tomahawk.

Some people, including Ed Grogan, think that this makes him more Indian than Armenian, particularly since the nickname of the North Quincy High athletic teams is a Red Raider who scalps a rival mascot from Quincy High at halftime in their Thanksgiving Day football game.

Grogan, an Atlantic Middle School teacher in Quincy for 30 years who led an unsuccessful campaign against Yakoo in the early '90s, has filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, claiming Yakoo is a racial stereotype demeaning to Native Americans.

And the MCAD has agreed to "authorize an investigation" into the case, which means Yakoo probably will be the loser this time around.

The heat has been turned up under sports teams with Indian nicknames and mascots since last spring.

The heat has been turned up under sports teams with Indian nicknames and mascots since last spring when the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights called for an end to such ethnic insults at non-Indian schools, colleges, and universities.

Since that time, Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., has dropped its old nickname, the Braves, as offensive to Indians, but will retain its corporate name in spite of the fact that the school itself is named for a local Indian tribe.

Ditto the University of Illinois, where Native Americans have been campaigning against the nickname, the Fighting Illini, for the past 13 years in a state that owes its own name to the same old Midwest Indian tribe.

Some schools and colleges have gone so far as to obtain the approval of a local Indian tribe to use a nickname.

Florida State University claims to have the blessing of Seminole tribal leaders for the use of its nickname, the Seminoles, and the Salamanca, N.Y., school district and the Seneca Indians actually voted on a resolution to okay use of the Warriors as a nickname.

Many schools have given up without a fight. At UMass-Amherst, the Redmen became the Minutemen, at St. John's University the Redmen became the Red Storm, and the Stanford Indians became the Cardinals, with scarcely a protest from the Vatican.

Once we get this Indian mess cleaned up, maybe we can get the MCAD to go after other ethnic nicknames.

Only recently, Elon College, with 3,500 students in North Carolina, changed its name from the Fightin' Christians, a nickname that was coined by a local sportswriter in the 1920s and stuck for 80 years. Elon teams are now known as the Phoenix.

And then there's the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame . . .

HEALTH NOTES

The Little Harbor irregulars

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The best kind of environmentalism is that which is driven by enlightened self interest. A secret fact is that most of the beautiful homes around Little Harbor host a very tenuous prospect of dealing with their wastewater. Many homeowners practice rigorous conservation of their water use to protect endangered septic systems, and others have spent enormous sums to upgrade their septic systems to advanced innovative units which will prevent polluting their property.

In order to confirm the belief that pollution is increasing in Little Harbor, some homeowners in the area are now taking wet-weather water samples

The best solution for these problems around Little Harbor is a sewer. A sewer is controversial, because some say it will promote new growth in a stable neighborhood; others say there is no proof of the need for a better system than we have right now. And indeed, there is precious little real proof that Little Harbor is polluted. Marine Fisheries data resulted in the 1981 closing of the shellfish beds. And a 1999 report obtained by the Town showed some pollution, but tidal flushing generally keeps Little Harbor quite clean. It is only during rain events that the ugly, polluted face of Little Harbor shows itself. To find out how bad Little Harbor can get, water quality data needs to be taken during rainstorms. Hiring contractors to take such data is extremely costly and, as proved by the 1999 report, not very reliable. Hence, the Little Harbor Irregulars.

The Board of Health has promoted volunteer monitoring as an assessment tool to gather data about the condition of our water bodies for several reasons: first is that it is cheaper than contracting for the data, but more important it encourages people to have an environmental concern. We have used high school students to gather data about how salinity in Cohasset Cove affects the lobster catch stored there. Other students have helped gather pollution data in the Gulf, and Little Harbor. And then we have the Little Harbor Irregulars. In order to confirm the belief that pollution is increasing in Little Harbor, some homeowners in the area are now taking wet-weather water samples. This is not easy duty. They don boots and rain gear, because the data must be taken within the first few hours of heavy rainstorms, and go out onto the shore of the Harbor; dip their specimen jars into the water and carefully screw on the top. They then pack the jars in ice and deliver them to the Board of Health within a few hours of collection. These specimens are then picked up by local labs and processed within eight hours.

Cholesterol screening

Free Cholesterol screening for ages 18-25 at the Cohasset Middle High School Cafeteria on Jan. 3, from 12:30–4 p.m. and 5–7 p.m.



John McCarthy, one of the Little Harbor irregulars, taking water samples in upper Little Harbor as Steve Bobo looks on.

Nor are The Irregulars shiny eyed environmentalists. They recognize that, if there isn't enough pollution data, the plans for a sewer, which will prevent disrupting their property with a costly innovative septic system, may not come to fruition. So, it's a money thing as well as an environmental one. At latest count, there are seven irregulars, and we have gotten some encouraging (high pollution) data. Since bacteria will not survive at temperatures under 40 degrees Fahrenheit, data taking for the season is now over. As soon as the results are evaluated, we'll publish them here.

Steve Bobo is chairman of the Board of Health.

Historic buildings in trouble

By Evan Schiff
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The historical society is asking the residents of Cohasset to donate money to its capital project plan.

The society, in a letter sent to all registered voters in the town, described the need for more than $100,000 in order to maintain its three buildings.

The society owns three historic buildings in town that also serve as museums, which includes the society's headquarters, the Caleb Lothrop House, 14 Summer St., and the Maritime Museum and John Wilson House on Elm Street in the village.

All three need repairs. The Lothrop House needs the roof repaired as well as an exterior paint job. The Maritime Museum needs upgraded lighting, display cases, and signage. Perhaps the most expensive endeavor is to the Wilson House in which drainage problems need to be corrected. There is also a need to create handicap access at the Wilson House and the Maritime Museum as well as provide museum quality storage and display for the gowns and textiles at the locations. The most pressing matter is addressing the drainage problems at the Wilson House.

> **"If this is not addressed, the Wilson House will continue to deteriorate."**
> — Paula Kozol, co-president of the society

"If this is not addressed, the Wilson House will continue to deteriorate," said Paula Kozol, co-president of the society.

Kozol feels Cohasset residents will support this venture.

"In the aftermath of Sept. 11 there has been an increased sense of community and allegiance to roots," Kozol said. She feels the residents of town want to preserve the town's character and there is no better way to do that then through the historical museums.

Co-president Kathy O'Malley said the group has already raised $13,000 from 98 donors, and the money is still coming in. The gifts have consisted of checks, matching grants and securities. In the letter sent to residents, the society encouraged donations of $100.

"This is something that would be really nice for the town," she said.

Kenneth Cook, 28 Pond St. and member of the historical society, said he is very concerned about the state of the buildings and hopes Cohasset residents will come through. He states in a letter to the editor, "the alternatives are completely unacceptable. they include selling one or more of the properties."

Both Kozol and O'Malley said while this is a very distant possibility, if the society does not receive the money it needs, it will be forced to go elsewhere to raise the funds.

Kozol said the society has been energized recently and is very excited about its fundraising campaign.

"We have new board members and a realization of what a wonderful collection we have," she said. Kozol added one of the society's goals it to try and appeal to a younger generation.

"It's time for us to get more involved with the schools," she said.

The historical society is planning to install a "thermometer" to place outside the museums as a measuring stick of where the society stands in its fundraising efforts. It also plans to send out membership renewal packages in the coming weeks.

New cable company may come to town

By Evan Schiff
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Cohasset may be seeing a new cable company come to town.

Selectmen lambasted AT&T at their meeting Tuesday for poor customer service and expensive billing rates.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he will invite representatives from other companies to Cohasset in order to establish some competition among the cable companies.

Selectman Michael Sullivan was irate at the lack of service that he says many in the town receive.

"The response time for your customer service center is abysmal," he said. "It is a very frustrating system and the message from you people is that you don't care."

Lou Russo, the manager of government affairs for AT&T, said the company has acquired myriad small companies over the past few years and customer service has been slow to pick up the extra customers.

"We knew it was going to be ugly but it was something that had to be done," she said.

Selectman Tom Callahan said he has received calls from residents at 10:30 p.m. who were angry they could not get through to customer service.

"It is not my job to satisfy your customers," Callahan said.

Russo said there are currently four different call centers which have more than 1100 representatives.

"We are trying to serves our customers as best we can," she said.

Another issue raised was over the escalating cost of cable in the town. Russo said the Fedeal Communications Commission (FCC), not AT&T dictates the charge for basic cable in every town. She said her company has no authority to alter the price.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris blamed the federal government for the cost increase.

"Ever since deregulation everything has gone downhill," she said.

Selectman Merle Brown was upset over the channel selection that AT&T provides for Cohasset.

"Why do we need two Spanish channels?" he asked. "Doesn't anyone speak English anymore?"

Brown continued by claiming, "who needs that MTV station, all we want is the History Channel."

Who's the town's top citizen?

See form page 22

In keeping with an eight-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

The deadline for nominations for the 2001 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 4. Please see the nomination form on page 22. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2001 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2002.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

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Christian Bumstead plays the xylophone as his first-grade classmates sing.

Christmas Crooners

Staff photos by Alan Chapman



Music teacher Esther Schotz leads the second-graders in "Angels We Have Heard on High" at the concert for family and friends.



Michael Fegreus, a second-grader, in the "Christmas Countdown" number. That's Gus Helbock in the back.



Abby Brown looks so pretty at the concert.



Vincent Kennedy sings along with his classmates.



Erica Botts sings "Welcome Christmas" during the Holiday Concert at the Osgood School.

From dark days to changed ways

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for Father Bill's Place.

"Father Bill's will always be a part of me," he said. "Someday I intend to sit on the board of directors there." After living at the shelter for more than a year, Taylor became good friends with Father Bill's Executive Director John Yazwinski. He added he and Yazwinski are currently thinking about writing a book on homelessness together.

For the first time in years, things are looking up for Taylor and his family.

"I love hearing my kids saying 'Good morning, Daddy,'" he said. "It's beautiful. This year will mark the first year I've ever had a sober Christmas in my own apartment.

"I used to have a really bad temper too. I couldn't deal with the problems I had in a rational way. These days, instead of panicking, I just deal with problems. Things are just going so good. It's overwhelming."

But Taylor said he will never forget that dark chapter of his life.

"I think about it everyday," he said. "I still go visit the Common quite a bit. There are still a lot of people there who I remember from when I was staying there. It's a part of my life and I need to talk about it. I don't ever want to forget it, because if I do, that could take me back there again."

Taylor remembers all sorts of things about those days. He remembers the teenage girls selling themselves on the streets. He remembers babies sleeping out on the Common in makeshift cribs constructed from cardboard boxes. He remembers sleeping in unclean shelters, where rats would run over him while he slept. He remembers people being shot all around him. Taylor actually once had a gun pressed against his head on the Common — his assailant made off with all of his blankets.

"It's time for me to be the father I should have been a long time ago. But I can't dwell on what's already happened. Things are different now. I'm just grateful to have a second chance. I'm now chasing sobriety the same way I was chasing getting high."

Brian Taylor, former member of Fr. Bill's Place in Quincy

There were two main things Taylor hated about being homeless.

"When I used to wake up on the Common, people going to work used to look at me like I was a piece of crap," he said. "It gave me a really empty feeling. The other thing I hated was being away from my kids."

Those days are gone now, and the main thing Taylor is focusing on is keeping his sobriety. He said he is having a great time being a father.

"It's time for me to be the father I should have been a long time ago," he said. "But I can't dwell on what's already happened. Things are different now. I'm just grateful to have a second chance. I'm now chasing sobriety the same way I was chasing getting high."

Although he is happy with his life, Taylor is concerned about the growing homelessness problem on the South Shore and beyond.

"It just keeps getting worse," he said. "It's unbelievable." He said he believes part of the growing problem is due to more and more teens picking up hard drugs.

Taylor has a lot of goals he wants to achieve. He wants to take his speaking program national. He wants to write the book with Yazwinski. He also wants to own a nice car.

"The best part about my life is my life," he said. "I'm working everyday, I'm taking care of business and I'm a full-time parent. I just love it."

When it comes to the issue of homelessness, Taylor had one thing to say about how people should feel about the less-fortunate.

"If you see people pan-handling, don't look down on that person," he said. "Pray for them."

For more information on the Big Daddy Says program call Taylor at (617) 821-0533 or e-mail him at Bigdaddysays2002@yahoo.com.

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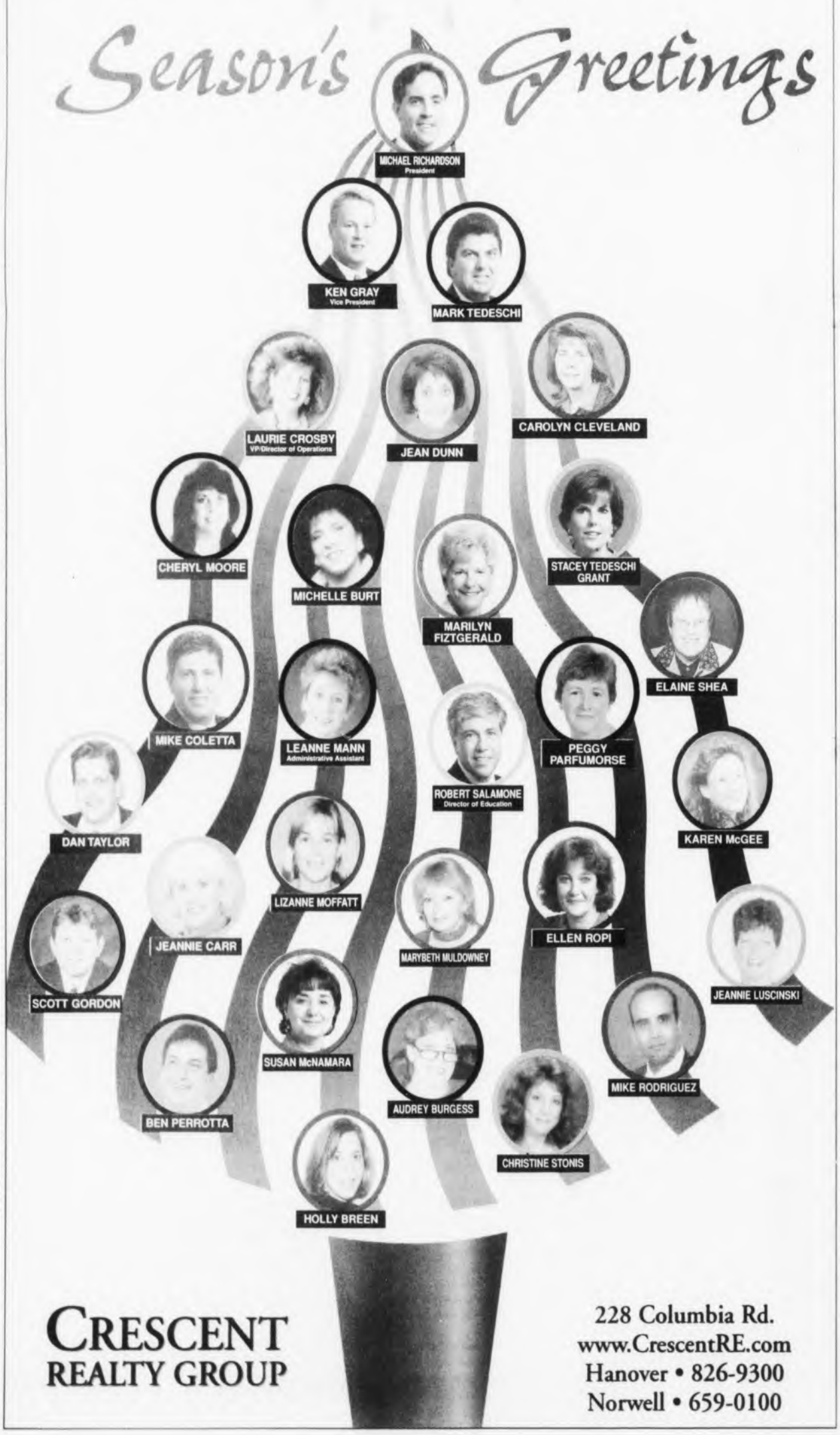
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Kristin Sheerin

The Cohasset High senior picked right up where she left off last season, winning all four events and the all around competition to lead the Norwell-Cohasset gymnastics team past Notre Dame, 128-125.15, in the season opener on Tuesday.

Living
On the South Shore

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Bring it on

C.H.S. hockey team itching for top competition

By Mike Spellman
MSPELLMAN@CNC.COM

The Cohasset hockey team has the look of a young thoroughbred raring to cut loose.

This is not to suggest that the Skippers were held back much by either of their first two opponents on the season — Randolph or Trinity Catholic — a point of conjecture bared out pretty well by the combined score of 23-0.

It's just that these two "warm up" matches have these upstart CHS skaters chomping at the bit for play in the South Shore League to begin.

"The kids are looking forward to seeing what they can do against their old rivals," said veteran Cohasset coach Dennis Walsh. "They feel like they're ready for the next step."

Last season, the Skippers fell just one win short of qualifying for the post-season, finishing 8-10 overall. So much for needing any extra motivation this season.

"Focus hasn't been a problem," confirmed Walsh. "The kids have been working hard. They know this could be a big year."

The Skippers returned all but one regular from last year's squad, and Walsh noted of the returnees: "every one of them seems to be bigger, better and faster."

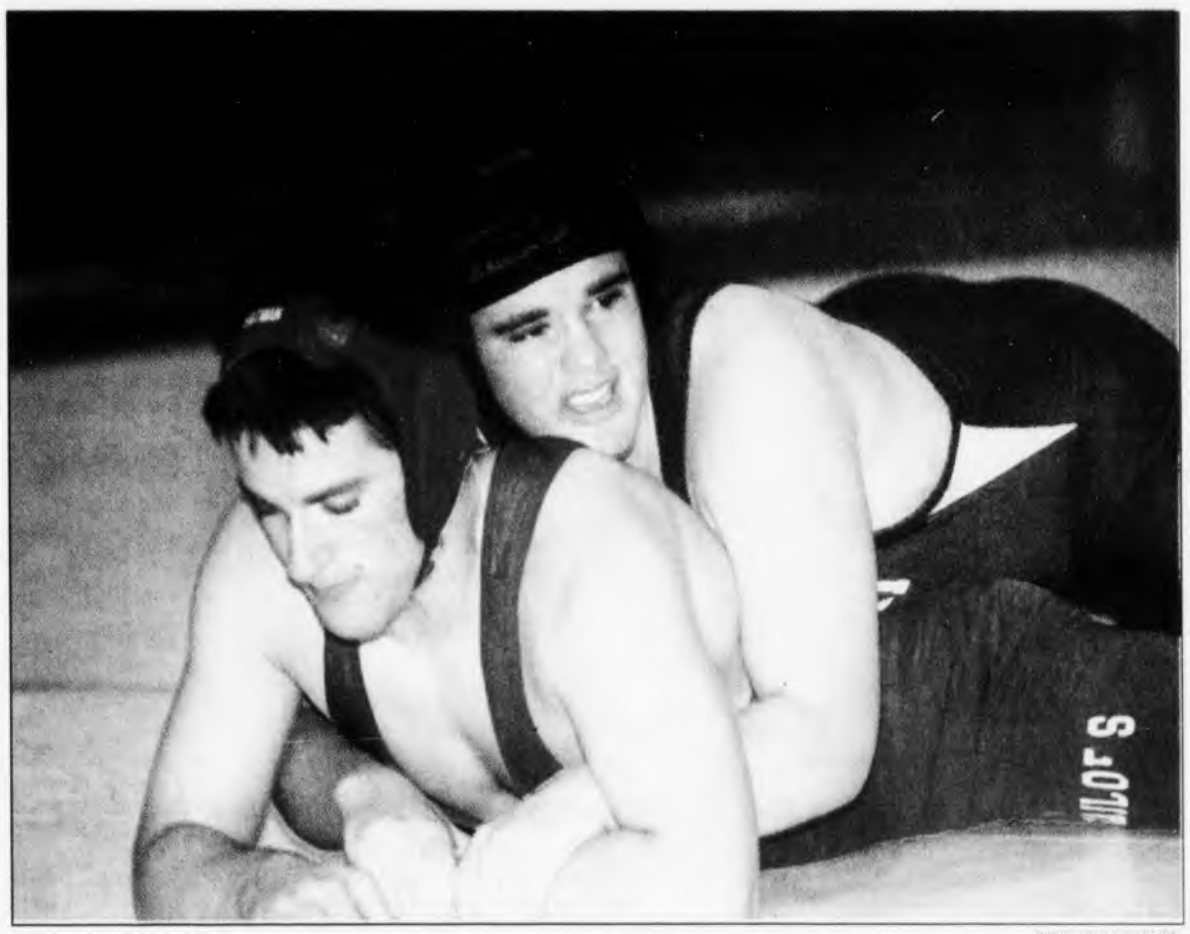
To this talented returning mix has been added a talented senior in Will Moody, who didn't play last winter after transferring to C.H.S., a 2001 junior transfer in Mike Calorio, and a crop of talented freshmen, headlined by big, hard-skating winger Ted Straughn, who scored his second and third goals of the season in Saturday's 9-0 whitewashing of Trinity Catholic.

Tom Anderson was the number one offensive star in this lopsided match that, if anything, was not as close as the score indicated. The junior wing scored all three of his goals during a 6-0 first period explosion that had Walsh liberally rotating in players from his JV squad for the last two periods.

Solo goals were added by senior defenseman Tim Straughn (Ted's brother), Pete Whoriskey, Sean Chase and Chris Caron.

The Skippers were able to jump on both Randolph and Trinity Catholic quickly by coming at them with wave after wave of fresh forwards. Walsh is using four lines regularly, one or two more than most of the area's high schools, and a real oddity for a school the size of Cohasset High.

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Cohasset freshman Matt Baroudi (top) gains the advantage in his 6-4 win over Scituate's David Kramer last Wednesday in the 189 pound weight class.

Wrestling team falls to .500

The wrestling team fell to 3-3 on Saturday, besting only Shephard Hill in a quad-match that also included Canton and Dedham.

Freshmen Bill Carbone (125 pounds) and Jonathan Littauer (103) each won two matches by pin.

Newcomers Drew Musto, a sophomore, and Cosimo Cambi, a junior, also notched their first varsity wins.

The Skippers took the measure of Shephard Hill, 50-24, but were nipped in close matches by the bigger Canton (38-30) and Dedham (43-34).

The C.H.S. grapplers did manage an impressive 33-15 win over Scituate last Wednesday, paced by the Baroudi and Casey brother combinations.

Both Casey brothers, freshman Matt (at 140 pounds) and junior Mike (171) notched victories by pin. Junior Terry Baroudi also slapped on a pin in his 135 pound bout, while "little" brother Matt, a freshman, took a 6-4 decision in the 189 pound division.



STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Ben Lynner (middle) led the way for the Skippers in their season opening tourney win with 20 points and 10 rebounds in the championship game against host South Shore VoTech.

Hoopsters take SS Voke Tourney crown

Lynner's double-double lifts Skippers past South Shore Vo-Tech squad

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset basketball team opened its season with a nice morale booster, taking home the South Shore Voc Tech Tip-off Classic. Cohasset won both its games in the four team field over Div. 4 opponents to begin their season 2-0.

After their first round win, Cohasset played their hosts in the championships. Although the Vikings are usually viewed as a weaker opponent, the Skippers could not hold anything back on the

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Taking their lumps

Injury-riddled Lady Skippers drop a pair to go to 1-2

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

Still riddled with injuries, the Cohasset High girls basketball team faced two hard losses this past week.

Most recently, the girls were taken down by Norwell on Tuesday, 68-41. That final score is somewhat deceiving, however, as the Lady Skippers played the perennial powerhouse Norwell squad quite competitively throughout most of the second half.

The difference in the game was the tremendous success the Lady Clippers had running their 2-1-2 full court press, pouncing on the ballhandler as soon as the inbounds pass was thrown. With quick hands and good anticipation, Norwell converted fast break after fast break to run up the score early.

Naturally, it did not help that two

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Mariner All-Scholastic Boys Soccer Team

Cohasset's Bilodeau, Maitland and O'Connell named among area's elite

Again, another brutal selection process. We had 29 league all-stars from our nine schools, including nine Eastern Mass. All-Stars. All but one of our teams made it to the state tourney, with these eight teams combining for a regular season record of 80-33-28.

Long story shortened, we had a lot of soccer talent in Marinerland this fall.

Subsequently, many hard choices had to be made. Several of the young men you see listed below as "Honorable Mentions" received strong consideration for this All-Scholastic honor. After consulting with area coaches, however, these are the choices we made for our 2001 Mariner All-Scholastic boys soccer team.

Matt Bilodeau – Senior (Capt.)
Midfield – Cohasset



Matt Bilodeau

A remarkable ballhandler and playmaker who quarterbacked a potent attack for the Skippers (12-4-2) this season, as witnessed by his team best scoring totals (8 goals, 17 assists)…a master on restart kicks…two time South Shore League All-Star…2001 Eastern Mass All-Star…four year varsity starter…plays club soccer year-round for the South Shore Blazers…also a captain and standout for the C.H.S. basketball team…Matt has applied for early acceptance to Williams College, whose soccer coach has actively recruited him…the middle of three Bilodeau brothers who have starred athletically at Cohasset High: TJ (now a freshman at Harvard and playing JV basketball) was a top player in baseball and basketball, and sophomore Chris was a South Shore League All-Star football wideout this fall and is also a very good hoopster…Cohasset coach Dave Nigro: "Matt's main attribute on the field is his vision. He has the ability to make everyone around him better. He just seemed to play at a little higher level than everyone else out on the field."

Pete Maitland – Senior (Capt.)
Fullback – Cohasset



Pete Maitland

The backbone of the Skippers defense this season, moving back and forth between fullback and sweeper… South Shore League and Eastern Mass All-Star…a three-year varsity starter…also a captain of the basketball team and star with the spring track team…as a javelin thrower, became the first Cohasset track athlete this past spring to advance to the New England track championships in over a decade…an Applachia Service Project volunteer…would like to play soccer and/or run track in college…looking primarily at New England schools, such as Trinity, UMass and URI…leaning toward majoring in some sort of engineering…Cohasset coach Dave Nigro: "Pete really improved from last year and was really solid all season. You can tell he really worked hard to improve. He was a constant for us."

Marc Sulmonte - Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Abington



Marc Sulmonte

This two-time South Shore League All-star was Abington's leading scorer this season with 40 points (18 goals and 22 assists)…His tough play on the Green Wave's offensive midfield helped Abington (10-9-2) advance to the quarterfinals of the Div. 3 South Sectional… The senior captain cites the team's quarterfinal game against Ashland as his favorite noting that despite the 1-0 loss, the squad played some of its best soccer…Was the top playmaker for Abington using his strong passing skills to create many offensive opportunities for the Green Wave…Sulmonte also plays basketball and track for AHS…He is considering attending UMass Amherst or Bryant and would like to play soccer. Abington coach Steve Schlicting: "Marc is a very strong midfield player. He's a relentless worker on the field and has always had a high commitment to working hard. He never gives up."

Ryan Murray - Senior
Defense - Abington

This multi-talented South Shore League All-star was Abington's own ironman, playing a variety of positions…Murray's work as a back, sweeper and in the offensive and defensive midfield helped Abington advance to the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney, where the team suffered a tough 1-0 loss to Ashland…Murray scored two goals in each of the team's tourney wins

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Pete Maitland was a consistent force on defense all season for the Skippers and an easy choice for our All-Scholastic team.

Cohasset's Bilodeau, Maitland and O'Connell named among area's elite

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over South Shore Christian Academy (4-0) and Cape Cod Tech (6-0). Murray also scored the winning goal in Abington's 1-0 win over neighboring rival Rockland which qualified the team for the tourney...This was the senior's favorite game...The senior was voted MVP of his team by its players...Murray also competes on the track team in the spring...He is considering attending Marist or UMass Amherst. Abington coach Steve Schlicting: "He played a very unique role on the team playing almost every position. He was always willing to do anything and always put the team before himself. He did a super job for us this year."


Ryan Murray

Pat Maguire - Senior (Capt.)
Goalie - Marshfield

This Eastern Mass. and All-state All-star wasn't a captain at the beginning of the season, but his leadership on the field earned him the honor midway through the season...The talented keeper shutout seven Old Colony League opponents (eight overall) helping the Rams capture the league title...Maguire was the league's best keeper, allowing only eight goals in 14 OCL games, while allowing 11 overall in 18 for a .61 goals against average. Although the senior didn't have a height advantage, his quickness in the net proved more than made up for it and could always be counted on to make the key saves. His tough play in the net helped Marshfield advance to the Div. 1 South Sectional semifinals. The keeper cites the team's 1-1 tie with Falmouth as his favorite game. Maguire also plays baseball at MHS and is on the National Honor Society, Key Club, and AFS. He is considering attending a number of colleges including Babson, BC, Providence, and Villanova and would like to play soccer. Marshfield coach Frank Blonde: "As a keeper people might say he doesn't have the right build, but he's as quick as a cat. He made saves that people never thought he'd make. He was always positive and always talked to his team. He was strong enough to make the key saves."


Pat Maguire

Joe Cronin - Senior (Capt.)
Defense - Marshfield

This versatile player filled a number of positions this season for the Rams, including sweeper, stopper, outside back, and defensive midfielder...His tough play on defense played a major role in Marshfield winning the Old Colony League title...His ability to shut down opponents best offensive players reduced the amount of shots taken on keeper Pat Maguire, resulting in eight shutouts, only 11 goals against, and a 14-game win streak...Cronin cites the team's 4-0 tourney win over Nauset as his favorite because he scored the first goal of the game...The three-year varsity player, captain, and OCL All-star is a member of the National Honor Society and coaches youth soccer in Marshfield...He is considering attending Babson, Stonehill, Merrimack or Bryant and would like to play soccer. Marshfield coach Frank Blonde: "Joe wants to hide amongst the others on the team. He just plays the game. When game-time comes around, he's ready to play. He's been a real pleasure to coach."


Joe Cronin

Joe Dinececco - Junior (Capt.)
Midfielder - Marshfield

This three-year starter and captain had a solid offensive year for the Rams...The outside midfielder scored 18 points on 11 goals and seven assists, helping Marshfield capture the Old Colony League title...Although just a junior, Dinececco's leadership on the field in directing the team's offense earned him the role of captain this season and he will reprise that role as a senior next year...His leadership and offensive skills helped lead Marshfield to the Div. 1 South Sectional semifinals...The OCL All-star cites the Rams' 1-1 tie with Newton North as his favorite game because it was "the turning point of the season"...The junior plays soccer year round both with MHS and with the South Shore United and Boston Bulldogs club teams...Dinececco is an honor roll student and is already considering colleges at which he would like to play soccer. Marshfield coach Frank Blonde: "Joe was our main offensive threat this year. We knew that if we got the ball to him, he'd take care of things. He's a good leader and he works hard. As good as he is I think he's still putting his game together and will bring a major element to the team next year."


Joe Dinececco

Joe Jackson - Senior
Sweeper - Hanover

This Patriot League All-star had a great defensive year for Hanover...As the team's sweeper, Jackson was often called on to mark on the Indians' opponents best offensive player...His tough play and top-notch skills helped decrease the number of shots taken at keeper Paul Maniscalco by highly talented Patriot League players...His solid efforts helped Hanover qualify for the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney with an 8-6-3 record...Jackson cites the Indians' season-ending 1-0 win over former South Shore League rival Norwell as his favorite game because the team had not beat them in more than eight years...Jackson is also a member of the hockey team and will captain the lacrosse team in the spring...He is considering a number of schools including Tufts, Villanova, UVM, and UMass Amherst and would like to play lacrosse. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "I think he's the top sweeper around. He sees the field extremely well and reads the defense well. He plays one of the most important positions and handles it very well."


Joe Jackson

Dan Breda - Senior (Capt.)
Forward - Hanover

This talented senior was Hanover's leading scorer this season and was voted unanimously to the Patriot League All-star team...The highly-skilled and extremely quick forward was among the league's most dangerous forwards, weaving through defenses and scoring when Hanover needed it most...His play on the frontline helped the Indians qualify for the Div. 3 South Sectional tourney...Breda is a three-sport letterman at Hanover High...He is captain of the hockey team this winter and played a key role in the Indians winning a Div. 3 state title last year...Breda also plays baseball for HHS...He cites Hanover's 1-0 win over former South Shore League rival Norwell as his favorite game because it marked the first time in eight years they had come out on top...The senior is considering attending UMass Amherst, URI, Suffolk, or Western New England and would like to play hockey. Hanover coach Jim Sylvia: "He was a tremendous leader for us this year. He's fast and has a strong foot. Our opponents learned pretty quickly that if you leave him alone, he's going to put the ball in the net."


Dan Breda

Ben Prime - Junior
Forward - Hingham

This talented junior has started all three years he's played at Hingham High...Prime proved to be the Harbormen's most productive forward scoring 19 points on 13 goals and six assists...Although still a junior, Prime represented Hingham on both the Eastern Mass. and All-state All-star teams...He was also a Patriot League All-star...Prime's intensity and high work rate helped the Harbormen reach the semifinals of the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, where the team suffered a tough loss to Patriot League champ and rival Duxbury...Prime has already been elected to captain the Hingham team next season. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "Ben has the best work rate I've ever seen. He is always willing to try new things and does his best to work within the frame of the team. He's a leader on and off the field and is the type of kid that everyone wants for their own."


Ben Prime

Darrell Smith - Senior (Capt.)
Sweeper/Stopper - Hingham

This three-year varsity player has overcome two years of injuries to emerge as one of the top defensive players in the Patriot League...Despite missing a number of games due to nagging injuries in his sophomore and junior years, Smith returned healthy this season and played in almost every game for Hingham...This hard-nosed defenseman's work in the backfield for the Harbormen contributed greatly to the team's qualifying for the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney and making it to the semifinals where old PL rival Duxbury won a tough battle...Smith just missed making the Eastern Mass. team, as he was the sixth man voted in the league...Smith was also Hingham's nomination for the PL Sportsmanship Award...The senior is considering attending college. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "As tough a player as he is, he never received a card in three years of varsity play. He's a hard-nosed player who always dusted himself off and continued to play. He was a good, clean competitor, and would get back at you by out-playing you on the field."


Darrell Smith

Connor Fitzgerald - Senior
Midfielder - Hingham

Fitzgerald was brought up to varsity as a freshman for the post-season tourney and has spent the last three seasons earning his spot in Hingham's defensive midfield...His time spent in off-season training allowed the senior to greatly improve over the last three years, according to his coach...Fitzgerald's tough play and great skills in the midfield no doubt contributed to Hingham getting to the Div. 2 South Sectional semifinals...The senior cites the Harbormen's 2-0 quarterfinal win over top-seeded Dighton-Rehoboth as his favorite game as they were the team that knocked Hingham out last season...Fitzgerald is also a talented lacrosse player for HHS and played a key role in the team's Div. 2 state title...Fitzgerald has been accepted to Bowdin and plans to play lacrosse. Hingham coach Ken Carlin: "He's a work horse. He came back for preseason and beat everyone in pushups, situps, and our two-mile run. His intensity proved that anyone who wants to play hard can. He put in the time off-season and it showed."

Alex Knight – Senior
Midfield – Scituate

After missing all of his sophomore and much of his junior campaign with injuries, Alex bounced back to have a monster senior season, tallying a team best 11 goals and seven assists for the 10-5-3 Sailors...a gifted ballhandler and passer in the open field...played with a broken wrist in Scituate's heartbreaking 2-1 overtime loss (by shootout) in the state tourney last month ...Patriot League and Eastern Mass All-Star...varsity starter in his freshman year...second baseman for the Scituate High baseball team that went 17-3 last season...plays for Scituate/Cohasset Legion baseball team... leaning toward attending a prep school next year, with Cushing Academy and Bridgeton Academy the principal two he is looking at...would like to play college soccer after that...Scituate coach Jim Willis: "Soccerwise, Alex is just extremely talented. He was the guy who made our offense go this season. He just hasn't had a lot of chance to show that because of injuries. I think a year of prep school in just what he needs... I could see Alex being a very solid Division 2 or 3 (college) soccer player, and maybe even Div. 1 if he works his butt off."


Alex Knight

Greg Levin – Senior (Capt)
Keeper – Scituate

Showed remarkable toughness playing through a heartbreaking overtime loss by shootout last month in the state tourney with a broken jaw... Throwing out a 7-1 Duxbury loss in which he was moved to forward early on, compiled an impressive goals against average of 1.0 (18 goals/18 games)...Eastern Mass and Patriot League All-Star...a two-year soccer captain, something coach Jim Willis said was a "testament to his incredible leadership"... a three year varsity starter in net...also a gifted offensive player, who would frequently move to the frontline in games the Sailors were losing... scored the lone goal for the Patriot League stars in the 1-1 tie against the South Shore League All-Stars...also a standout for the Scituate High baseball (outfield) and basketball (starting point guard) teams...plays for the Scituate/Cohasset Legion baseball team...ranked second in his class...would like to play soccer or baseball in college, but says that he likely will only try that if he winds up at a smaller school like Bowdoin, Trinity or Dartmouth...is also looking at Div. 1 schools Georgetown and Boston University...is leaning towards majoring in pre-med or something to do with math...Scituate coach Jim Willis: "Obviously, he's a phenomenal goalie. Bigger than that in my mind, he's just about the toughest kid I've ever seen on a soccer field. The example he set is going to affect this program for years to come. He's just a great, great leader. I think he's going to make some college coach very happy."


Greg Levin

Ryan Herrick – Senior
Keeper – Silver Lake

Topped off an impressive high school career by making 10 saves in the Eastern Mass. All-Star game on his way to winning team MVP honors for that Nov. 23 post-season game....finished the season with a goals against average of .85 per game, and .71 in Old Colony League play...backstopped the Lakers to consecutive unbeaten seasons in OCL play...a two year starter in net and three year varsity team member...an OCL All-Star...would like to play soccer in college, and has talked to several coaches...interested in a career as a firefighter...is looking into the Fire Science program at Massassoit, one of the few schools in the area to offer this course of study...he is also being heavily recruited by that school's soccer coach...Silver Lake coach Jeff Doyle: "Ryan has an outstanding shot-saving ability and is an all around technically sound goalie. In league games this season he really seemed to rise to the occasion, particularly against (arch-rivals) Bridgewater- Raynham and Marshfield."


Ryan Herrick

Jason Gordan – Senior (Capt)
Midfield – Silver Lake

A serious knee injury couldn't prevent the Silver Lake captain from wrapping up his high school soccer career in style...led the Lakers in scoring (10 goals, 4 assists), despite missing the opening two games with a torn MCL, and wound up playing the rest of the season with the painful condition...also missed the Lakers two post-season games with a fractured foot...three year varsity team member and starter...Old Colony League All-Star...a Patriot Ledger and Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic...plays club soccer year round as a member of the Mass Bay Blazers...Student Council member and Class Representative...works off-season as a soccer instructor at the Plymouth Sports Dome...is talking to a few major Div. 1 soccer programs, including Seton Hall, Northeastern and Providence College...Silver Lake coach Jeff Doyle: "Jason has the ability to play at an extremely high level and make other players around him better. And the better the quality of players around him, the better he is."


Jason Gordan

Pete Donovan – Senior
(Capt.)
Sweeper – Norwell

The estimable final line of the defense for the Clippers this season, Donovan played a huge role in holding opponents to a .67 goals against average and helping the Clippers to a 12-3-3 season...the two time South Shore League All-Star was selected for the Eastern Mass All-Star game this season, and off his performance here was named to the Div. 3 state All-Star team...scored one goal this season in a rare offensive opportunity...defense was the name of his game, though, as opposing forwards seldom got past him...possessing one of the strongest legs on the South Shore, he started many an odd man rush with his booming clears...plays soccer year round as member of the South Shore Spartans...also a standout lacrosse player for Norwell High...is leaning away from playing college soccer, as he's applied to several Div. 1 schools with an eye toward pre-med studies...may well play intramural or club soccer...Norwell coach Jack Browne: "I know it's a cliche, but Pete really was the kind of kid who gave you 110 percent all of the time. He was our savior too many time to count. People just didn't get by him. He's so strong and athletic, but he's also a very intelligent player."


Pete Donovan

John Conlon– Senior (Capt.)
Keeper – Norwell

The rock stops here... surrendered just 12 goals in 18 games this season for a South Shore League best .667 goals against average, with four of those goals coming in the season finale...this was also a *Marinerland* best mark, not bad considering John was one of our four Eastern Mass. All-Star keepers...Div. 3 State All-Star...2001 Eastern Mass. All-Star... two time South Shore League All-Star...two year starter...also a baseball standout for the Clippers as a shortstop and pitcher...National Honor Society...works at the YMCA as a Nautilus Trainer and lifeguard...may attempt to play college soccer if winds up at a Div. 2 or 3 school, but his top collegiate choices (Virginia and William & Mary) compete in Div. 1...leaning toward a major in Sports Medicine...Norwell coach Jack Browne: "He was always in the right place at the right time, and he has incredible reflexes. So often, he just makes the extremely difficult save look routine. As a coach, he spoils you."


John Conlon

Ryan Cahill – Junior
Sweeper – Scituate

The rugged 6-foot-2 sweeper was one of the Patriot League's most physically dominating forces this season, earning him league All-Star honors... took all of the team's re-start kicks, which helped him tally five assists this season...almost impossible to beat one-one-one...possesses an extremely strong leg, as well as a nice touch, which has Scituate coach Jim Willis considering moving him up front next season...has been named a team captain for next season...a Patriot League All-Star and Mariner All-Scholastic in tennis last spring...also plays varsity basketball for S.H.S... Scituate coach Jim Willis: "Ryan is just so solid. There were games he just took over this year. People didn't go around him. He's got deceptive footwork, is a nice touch passer and has a great shot. I can see him really dominating next year."


Ryan Cahill

Greg O'Connell – Junior
Sweeper – Scituate

An extremely versatile performer... was shifted liberally between forward, midfield and sweeper this season, shining in all roles...finished with nine goals and seven assists... South Shore League All-Star...three year varsity starter...plays soccer year round as a member of the South Shore United Blazers...also a standout hockey player for C.H.S...led hockey team in scoring last season (19 goals, 13 assists)...Cohasset coach Dave Nigro: "I probably cost Greg a lot of the exposure he might have gotten because I moved him around so much. He could have scored a lot if I left him alone up front, but he's such a good defensive player too, and that's where I felt we needed him more at times."


Greg O'Connell

Jason Grier - Junior
Forward - Norwell

The leading scorer for the surprising Clippers (12-3-3) this fall with 15 goals and 10 assists... South Shore League All-Star...three year varsity starter...used to play club soccer with the Galway Rovers and South Shore United... also a standout wrestler and lacrosse player for NHS...plays indoor lacrosse in the winter... senior brother Adam is a returning Pilgrim Conference and Mariner All-Scholastic in lacrosse...Norwell coach Jack Browne: "Jason put up some good numbers, and these was primarily the result of hard work. That's Jason's biggest asset: how hard he works all the time."


Jason Grier

Honorable Mention

John Berenz - Senior - Midfielder - Hanover

Matt Frazier - Junior - Defense - Marshfield

Jason Zugale - Senior (Capt.) - Forward - Silver Lake

Jim Healy - Senior (Capt.) - Midfield - Silver Lake

Ben Ouelette - Senior (Capt.) - Stopper - Scituate

Tyler Norod - Senior (Capt.) - Midfield - Scituate

Garrett Bates - Sophomore - Midfielder - Norwell

Tim Baird - Senior - Forward - Cohasset

Dan Kinchla - Senior - Forward - Cohasset

Jim Lento- Senior (Capt.) - Keeper- Abington

Paul Maniscalco - Sophomore - Keeper- Hanover

Brian Olsson- Rockland

Andrew Delprete - Senior - Rockland

Farid Issa- Sophomore - Rockland

Honors rained on C.H.S. football coach

By Mike Spellman
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After leading Cohasset High football to its first league championship and post-season game in over 20 years, it is hardly surprising to see post-season approbation being rained on head coach Tony Rolfe.

Since the season ending playoff loss to Tyngsboro, 21-7, on Nov. 27, Rolfe has been named the New England Patriots "Coach of the Week", WATD's "Coach of the Year," and the Boston Globe's "Division 5 Coach of the Year."

Drawing from the smallest school in the South Shore League by far, with just over 300 enrolled students in grades 9-12, this year's Skippers were a great story, rolling to a 9-1 regular season under the direction of their fourth year head coach.

"The thing that strikes me about Tony is the way he expects to win every game," said Cohasset High Athletic Director Rob Ford. "He said the day we hired him that he'd be taking us to the Super Bowl, and he delivered much faster than I think most people would have expected.

"His attitude is just so infectious. It's obvious how well the kids respond to him. He just did a sensational job this year, and I think these honors are well deserved."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cchasset football coach Tony Rolfe.

Swim team glides past Quincy

By David Ingber
CORRESPONDENT

The Scituate-Cohasset joint swim team opened its season with a splash last week, trouncing Quincy/North Quincy 98-65.

"I cannot think of a better way to open a season than that," effused second year coach Jamie Kearney. "Everyone seemed really excited to start the season, and their swimming definitely reflected that."

Sci-Coh did receive an early scare, as their hosts took first place in the first two events, the 200 yard medley relay and the 200 yard freestyle.

But the team made up the points in the 200-yard Individual medley, with freshman Danielle Swain and junior David Ingber sweeping the top two spots for a 20 point swing.

"I cannot think of a better way to open a season than that. Everyone seemed really excited to start the season, and their swimming definitely reflected that."

Scituate/Cohasset swim coach Jamie Kearney

Senior captain Jen Kruetzberg took second place in the shortest race, the 50-yard freestyle, to keep her team ahead going into the diving competition.

In the diving, Scituate's Becky Keys volunteered to compete, even though she hadn't seen a springboard since August. Impressively, she took first place points over Quincy's diver, adding some padding to her team's lead.

After the break, Ingber took second place in the 100-yard butterfly behind Quincy's senior captain Nick Rice, who qualified for states with his time. Sophomore Elise Jerome took third place to keep points flowing in her team's direction.

Junior captain Bryan Bilton of Cohasset won the 100 freestyle, nearly breaking a minute in the sprint.

With the outcome of the meet still in question, Sci-Coh pulled away for good in the 500 yard freestyle. Swain, Keys, and freshman Liz Tierney took the top three spots, good for 13 points and a virtually insurmountable lead.

"Those three have worked so hard at conditioning," lauded Kearney of the young trio. "They all just look so effortless swimming the distance races."

After Quincy took the top spot in the 200-yard freestyle relay, Bilton recorded his second individual first place in the 100-yard backstroke.

Kruetzberg and her fellow Scituate captain Sean "Rock" Sorensen finished second and third in the 100-yard breastroke, for momentum going into the final event.

The Sailor/Skippers capped off the afternoon with a 1-2 finish in the 400-yard free relay, a perfect finish to a dominant meet.

"If everyone keeps swimming like they did today, this should be one heck of a season," concluded the coach.

Cohasset High weekly scoreboard

COED SWIMMING (1-0)
Cohasset/Scituate

Dec.
12 beat N. Quincy/Quincy, 98-65
19 at Middleboro
Coach: Jamie Kearney

GYMNASTICS (1-0)
Cohasset/Norwell

18 beat Notre Dame, 128-125.15
20 at Randolph 7:30 p.m.
Coach: Kara Connerty

WRESTLING (3-3)

12 beat Scituate, 33-15
15 lost to Canton, 38-30
lost to Dedham, 43-34
beat Shephard Hill, 50-24
19 at B.C. High
Coaches: Torin Sweeney and Peter Buckley

GIRLS BASKETBALL (1-2)

13 lost to Wayland, 41-32
18 lost to Norwell, 68-41
20 at Mashpee
Coaching staff: Varsity, Ellen Carr
JV, Deb Beal

BOYS BASKETBALL (2-1)

12 beat Holbrook, 65-49
14 beat South Shore VoTech, 55-34
18 lost to Norwell, 60-38
20 Mashpee
Coaching staff: V, Ron Ford
JV, Tim Owens

ICE HOCKEY (2-0)

15 beat Trinity Catholic, 9-0
19 at Rock 7:55 p.m.
Coaching staff: Dennis Walsh, Benji Watson, Peter Sandbloom

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Honors keep piling up for Brown too

Cohasset star halfback Jason Brown has been named a WATD's Player of the Year, adding to a long list of post-season honors for the senior.

Brown, who rushed for 15 touchdowns and over 1,400 yards for the South Shore champion Skippers (9-2) this fall, has previously been named to the All-Scholastic teams of the Mariner, Patriot Ledger, Boston Globe and Boston Herald.

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Hoopsters take tourney crown

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team that nearly stole a win from Cohasset on last year's senior night.

Cohasset did win handily in this match up, 55-34, but only after pulling away from a seven point half time lead.

Junior Ben Lydon led the scoring with 20 points and also had a team high 10 rebounds for his 11th career double-double.

Senior captain Matt Billelleau threw in 13 points, and snatched eight second half rebounds, an extreme rarity for point guards.

In last year's debacle against Voc Tech, Cohasset managed to escape with an 80-72 victory in spite of the Vikings shooting unbelievably well from long range.

To avoid that same scenario, 11th year coach Ron Ford had his team playing tight man-to-man defense to keep the Vikings shooters from getting wide open looks. Cohasset did have some success with a zone defense in the second half, forcing nine turnovers.

Still, Ford did give his opponents credit for a solid effort at keeping the game competitive, noting their high number of offensive rebounds.

In the first round contest against Holbrook, Cohasset did get the better of the Panthers by a margin of 16 points. Junior Ian Kidder led the squad with a double-double of his own, tallying 10 point and 10 boards.

Holbrook showed what it could do the next day, dismantling South Shore Christian Academy by 52 points in the consolation round.

As the Skippers now prepare to begin league play, they will need to return to full strength as quickly as possible. Lost players, seniors Nick Bolster and Liam Martin and sophomores Chris Bilodeau and Scott Connolley, all of whom might be in the starting line up by the end of the season, rookie on the bench for injuries.

"As of right now, we are a little limited with what we can do," noted Ford, referring to his much shortened bench.

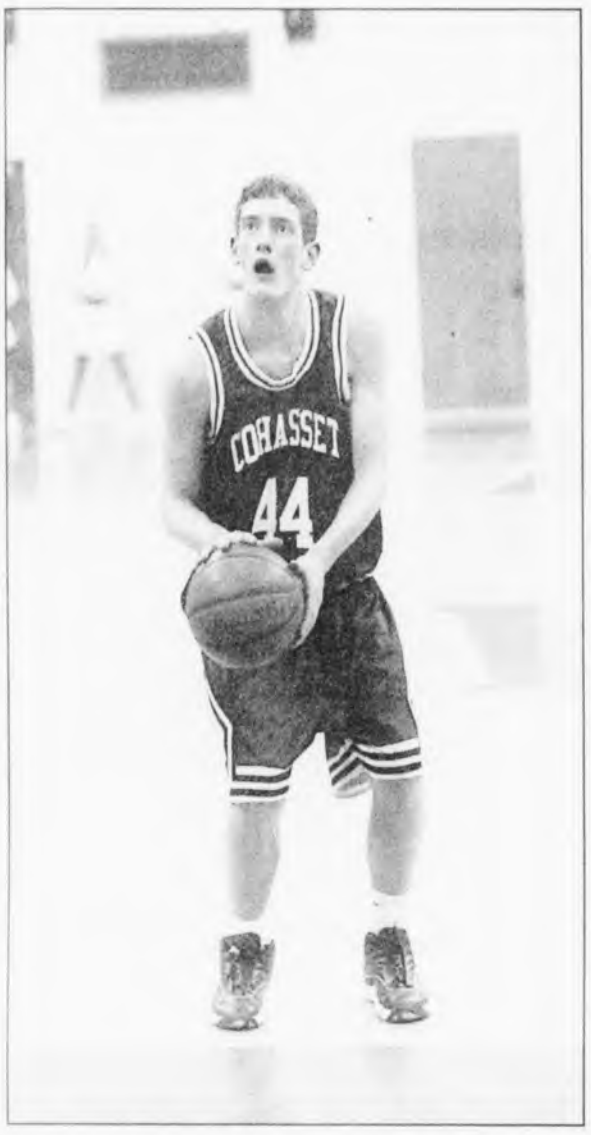
At least the one upside to having players on the injured list is that the team can only get better. And that is what any team will want to do if it wants to contend in this year's brutally competitive South Shore League.

Boys Hoop Notes

Unfortunately, the winning did n't continue for the Skippers. On Tuesday, the boys lost their South Shore League opener to state power Norwell, 60-38.

For whatever it's worth, the Cohasset squad did get to see history made while suffering this lopsided loss, as Norwell scoring phenom Gerry Corcoran reached the 1,000 career point plateau late in the first half.

Achieving this feat just two games into his junior campaign, Corcoran is the fastest Clipper ever to reach this benchmark and appears well on his way to shattering the school's scoring record of 1,800 points.



Cohasset center Sean Connolley is on the mend, and made a brief appearance in Tuesday's 60-38 loss to Norwell.

Hockey team itching for top competition

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"All of the lines are producing, and that's quite a weapon to have," said Walsh. "I have a lot of options.

"If one line isn't getting much done, I can pull them for a while and just go with three lines, or I can use all four with quick line shifts and keep fresh bodies flying around out there the whole game to just wear down the opposition."

As impressive as the 12 forward rotation has been, Walsh is even more anxious to talk about the job being done by his four top defensemen: senior captain Eric Libby and sophomore Mike Devine, along with Straughn and Calorio.

"Randolph and Trinity Catholic never really had many chances to score, and a lot of that had to do with the job these four guys did," said Walsh. "They all just did such a great job of clearing away the front of the net and getting the puck out of our zone quickly. We feel extremely comfortable right now with all four of those players back there."

One of the big beneficiaries of all of this outstanding two-way play has been Dan Kinchla. Facing a scant number of true testers, the senior netminder has been credited with two wins and two shutouts.

The Skippers were scheduled to wrap up 2001 with another pair of non-league games. Rockland, of the Patriot League, was on the schedule last night, with the Mayflower League's Avon slated for Saturday night (at Randolph, 6 p.m.).

Cohasset finally opens SSL play on Jan. 5 against Harwich, and then takes on Mashpee on the ninth. The first big early season test will likely come against Norwell on Jan. 12.

"The kids have got to be patient, and take on each opponent as they come," warned coach Walsh. "I know they're anxious, but we can't get caught looking too far ahead."



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Chris Caron (17) popped home his first goals of the seaso nin Saturday's 9-0 laugher over Trinity Catholic.

Lady Skippers drop a pair to go to 1-2

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of Cohasset's best ballhandlers, junior guards Heather Peraino and LaRaine Langford, were on the bench with injuries.

Junior Lindsay Grossman and sophomore Jen Buckley did an admirable job trying to bring the ball up the floor, but shouldering the backcourt load, especially against pressure the likes of what Norwell can throw around, between just two people is too tall an order for almost any guard tandem.

"We really need them back to take some of the pressure off," observed Carr, referring to Peraino and Langford.

"I think things are going to change on the guard line," said Peraino, who is continuing to nurse her broken pinky, "because Jen and Lindsay will finally get some breaks."

Grossman was again the team's high scorer with 19. The junior also contributed six steals, most of them coming from great anticipation in a high-jump zone.

Junior Lindsay Grossman and sophomore Jen Buckley did an admirable job trying to bring the ball up the floor.

Sophomore Danielle Pinkus threw in 10 points with three blocks to lead the frontcourt. Unfortunately, she was saddled with foul trouble much of the evening.

As expected, the Clippers were led by junior phenom Sarah Cox, who shot her way to a game high 33 points. A threat to shoot long range and to drive to the hoop, the 5-foot-10 Cox has emerged as one of the premiere scorers in the South Shore League.

Cox leads a very fast team that can run the floor with anyone, as the Lady Clippers showed in advancing to the Div. 3 state sectional championship game last winter.

"They really know how to move the ball around," complimented Carr, citing her opponents extremely crisp passing game.

Last Friday, Cohasset lost to Wayland, 41-32, another quick team with a similar style as Norwell: press, press and press.

Carr claimed that her team "felt hurried" against Wayland, forcing some quick decision shots.

"We had a lot of shots that were good looks, but they just didn't fall for us," said the coach.

Grossman again led the way for her team, tallying 12 points, while Pinkus and junior Maura O'Brien both notched seven.

"I think this team has so much potential," concluded Carr. "This is a key year for us."

Spring Travel Soccer Registration

Cohasset Soccer Club is now accepting registrations for the Spring Travel Soccer Season. Those players who did not register in the fall must do so by tomorrow, Dec. 21. Registration forms may be obtained at the Recreation Office in Town Hall. Payment of $70.00 is due at the time of registration. No late registrations are being accepted. For information call Brad or Melinda Murray at 781-383-7017 with any questions.

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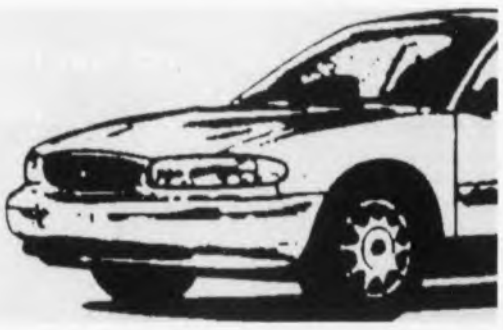
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Above, Bennett Tierney of Cohasset plays along with the band from her mother Melissa's lap at the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Party last week at the Second Congregational Church hall.

Above right, Mary Lengyel of Cohasset plays along with the cymbals.

Left, Victor Najjar of Cohasset takes stage-front at the Newcomers party.

Right, Tracy and Jack McKenna of Scituate socialize at the Christmas party.



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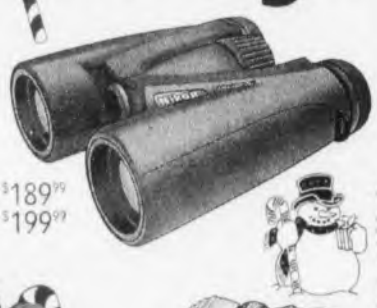
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, DEC. 10

9:59 a.m. No. Main St. and Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

10:11 a.m. Tupelo Rd., fire, inspections.

10:31 a.m. Nichols Rd., animal call or complaint.

10:54 a.m. So. Main St., parking complaint.

12:58 p.m. Ripley Rd., parking complaint, ticket issued.

4 p.m. Brewster Rd., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), auto.

5:09 p.m. So. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident.

10:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:37 p.m. Hull St. and Spruce St., transport.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

12:41 a.m. King St., assault.

6:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:13 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle violations, area search negative.

10:25 a.m. King St. and Lily Pond Lane, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:32 a.m. Hingham Police Dept., property, found.

10:43 a.m. Pleasant St., harassing/annoying phone calls.

11:47 a.m. Elm St., assist other police department.

2:38 p.m. King St. and Beechwood St., traffic complaint.

2:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:29 p.m. Teen Center, open door/window.

6:07 p.m. Doane St., property damage.

7 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general disturbance.

8:58 p.m. King St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

9:45 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:25 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

6:51 a.m. So. Main St., assist citizen.

7:23 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:32 a.m. Fairoaks Lane, animal call or complaint.

9:04 a.m. So. Main St., burglary, breaking and entering.

9:11 a.m. Rust Way, fire, entered into log.

11:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary, breaking and entering.

11:31 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

1:43 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

2:12 p.m. Elm St., animal call or complaint.

2:44 p.m. So. Main St., motor vehicle violation.

3:49 p.m. Hill St., general disturbance.

6:07 p.m. Highland Ave., fire, investigation.

8:28 p.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:46 p.m. So. Main St., parking complaint, ticket issued.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

1:03 a.m. Stockbridge St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Mark J. St. John, 43, of 20 Stockbridge St. Charges: WMS Warrant; operating motor vehicle with suspended/revoked license—second offense; operating after revocation of registration; operating an uninsured motor vehicle; operating motor vehicle with defective equipment; failure to stay within marked lanes.

4:06 a.m. Kendall Village, fire, misc.

9:22 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:15 a.m. So. Main St., and Summer St., motor vehicle stored/impounded.

10:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, investigation.

1:43 p.m. King St., fire, investigation.

1:49 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:10 p.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:33 p.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:07 p.m. Stockbridge St., general services.

5:55 p.m. Grace Dr., fire, investigation.

6:34 p.m. Highland Ave., medical aid.

6:48 p.m. Elm St., assist motorist.

7:03 p.m. Old Coach Rd., animal call or complaint.

9:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:28 p.m. So. Main St., medical aid.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

1:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

2:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:07 a.m. Forest Ave. and No. Main St. motor vehicle violation.

9:19 a.m. So. Main St., parking complaint.

9:20 a.m. So. Main St., property, lost.

9:30 a.m. No. Main St. and Forest Ave., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s).

10:23 a.m. Mill Lane, animal call or complaint.

12:47 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., wires down.

2:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire, auto.

4:23 p.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:38 p.m. Elm St., fire, investigation.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

12:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

6:51 a.m. Elm St., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), auto.

7:27 a.m. Sohier St., fire, misc.

8:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., burglary, breaking and entering.

9:50 a.m., Forest Ave., animal call or complaint.

10:09 a.m. Brewster Rd., medical aid, to hospital.

11:30 a.m. Grace Dr., animal call or complaint.

11:44 a.m. Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle accident, traffic citation issued.

3:37 p.m. Windsor Rd., fire investigation.

5:39 p.m. No. Main St., animal call or complaint.

6:01 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle violation.

6:54 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

8:08 p.m. Church St., well-being check.

8:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:27 p.m. No. Main St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:33 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:01 p.m. Ripley Rd. and Smith Place, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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OBITUARIES

Eleanor B. Morse

Eleanor B. (Murphy) Morse, 84, of Hanover died Dec. 18, 2001, at home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Morse was born, raised and educated in Boston. She graduated from Girls High School in Boston. She was a Hanover resident for almost 60 years.

Before her marriage of 59 years to her husband Everett A. Morse, she worked for the Rand-Avery Book Publishing Co. in Boston and later the New England Telephone Company, also in Boston.

Mrs. Morse was a member of the Hanover School Building Commission, Hanover Willing Workers, Hanover PTA, Scholarship Committee Hanover High, and was a volunteer at the John Curtis Free Library.

Besides her husband, she leaves three sons, Everett Abraham Morse III and his wife Jenifer of Maryland, Martin Irvin Morse and his wife Karen of Illinois and Samuel Alexander Morse and his wife Patricia of Cohasset; four daughters, Marcia Lane Morse and her partner Paul Gorman of Chatham, Susan Kate Wienzkowski of Colorado, Margaret Elizabeth Anglin and her husband Jerry of Canada and Eleanor Jean Haskell and her husband Stephen of Texas; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Magoun-Biggins Funeral Home, 135 Union St., Rockland. The Rev. Donald Remick will officiate. Interment will follow in Hanover Center Cemetery.

Calling hours are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Scituate Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 823, Scituate, 02066, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 36 Cameron Ave., Cambridge, 02140.

Paul Rizzotto

Paul Rizzotto, 83, of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Scituate, died Dec. 14, 2001, in Scituate after a brief illness.

Born and educated in Hingham, he was the son of the late John Rizzotto and Josephine (Carita) Rizzotto.

He was a World War II veteran serving in the Army as a captain in the artillery.

Mr. Rizzotto spent 30 years in Scituate before moving to St. Petersburg. He spent his summers in Skowhegan, Maine. He was a resident of Florida for 17 years.

He was the owner of Rizzotto Markets in Hingham and Cohasset.

He was a former member of Hingham and Scituate Chamber of Commerce, Satuit Masonic Lodge, Old Colony Masonic Lodge in Hingham, Order of the Sons of Italy in Hingham, Egypt Temple of Tampa, Fla., Scottish Rites Consistory Chapter, Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge, American Legion of Skowhegan, Maine.

He was a member of St. Stephens Church of Cohasset for 40 years.

He leaves his wife, Mary Jean (Stoodley) Rizzotto of St. Petersburg Fla. and Skowhegan Maine; one son, Paul Rizzotto Jr. and his wife Grace L. of Marshfield; one daughter, Marcia A. Rizzotto of Scituate; stepchildren Ronald D. Chadbourne and his wife Tammy of W. Palm Beach Fla., and Maria C. Jordan and her husband Paul of Medfield; a sister, Sadie Lanza of St. Petersburg, Fla.; several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Mr. Rizzotto was also the husband of the late Angela P. Rizzotto.

A service was held at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Cohasset. Interment was in Hingham Centre Cemetery. Arrangements by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home of Scituate.

Donations in Mr. Rizzotto's name may be made to the charity of your choice.

WORSHIP NOTES

Christmas worship at St. Stephen's

Christmas worship at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., features a variety of worship celebrating Christ's birth. The Christmas Eve Family Holy Communion Service will be held on Monday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. The Saint Gregory's Children's Choir will sing and the star of Bethlehem will be lit on the church tower. The Rev. Andrew Stossel will tell a story for children in place of the sermon. The three kings and their camels will be in the east at the altar to begin their journey to Bethlehem.

The Festal Candlelight Christmas Eve worship will take place beginning at11 p.m. A special program of Christmas music will precede the service commencing at 10:30 p.m. Musical selections sung by the Saint Stephen's adult choir will include "Torches" by John Joubert, "Good King Wenceslas," arranged by R. Jaques, and a composition by our Music Director Fred Guzasky titled, "O Bethlehem, Receive."

At worship, the traditional story from the Gospel of Luke is read from the King James Bible, the Eucharist is celebrated, and candlelight will illumine the singing of "Silent Night." The beautiful bells of the church carillon will ring out the music of Christmas across the town under the stars of the still night sky.

Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25 will be celebrated with the worship of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. highlighted with the singing of Christmas carols.

The church school is busy preparing an Epiphany Pageant to take place on Sunday, Jan. 6 at the 10 a.m. worship celebrating the appearance of Jesus to the three kings representing all the world. Children will portray angels, shepherds hurrying to Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary with Baby, and of course, the three kings bearing their gifts.

Christmas at St. Anthony's

The sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for Christmas will be offered at St. Anthony Church Saturday, Dec. 22, from 11 a.m. to noon and from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Confessions will also be heard Sunday, Dec. 23, from 4 to 5 p.m.

The Mass schedule for Christmas will be Monday, Dec. 24, children's Mass at 4 p.m., choir Mass at 7 p.m. (caroling at 6:30 p.m.), and midnight Mass Tuesday, Dec. 25, at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Masses for Jan. 1, the holy day of the Feast of the Maternity of Mary, will be Monday, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 8 and 9:30 a.m.

American Cancer Society seeks volunteer drivers

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DECEMBER 19 - 21, 2001

His art imitates life

Dean Morrissey finds inspiration all around him

By Kathleen Zigmont
CORRESPONDENT

It was as if the pages of Dean Morrissey's newest book had come to life.

The illustrator's friends and neighbors whose faces appear in Morrissey's newest book, "A Christmas Carol," were all at Front Street Book Shop for the first South Shore signing Morrissey has done for the book, an adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic.

Morrissey, who lives in Scituate with his wife and son, said he often uses friends and loved ones as inspiration for his illustrations, which have been gracing book covers and pages for years.

"I like to use people I know instead of stock models. It adds something, a little more expression, more feeling to their faces," said Morrissey. Expression and feeling are plentiful in Morrissey's art. The author of several books of his own, as well as the illustrator of many other children's books, Morrissey uses light, color and uncanny realism to bring his art to life.

To bring realism to "A Christmas Carol," Morrissey went to the most logical place for inspiration: London.

"I wanted to get a sense of what he (Dickens) was, what he saw. I actually got into his home and saw his slant-top writing table as he left it. It even had the scratchings of his writings in it," said Morrissey.

"I wanted to smell the same smells he did, to hear the same creaks of the floorboards. I was definitely inspired. There was pub he frequented on the Thames, he wrote there. I used that in my illustrations of Scrooge and Marley's office," he said.

Morrissey said the 64-page book, a faithful adaptation of the original with only a few editing changes, took about 18 months to complete. But Morrissey said choosing the project was easy.

"It just jumped out at me, to do this story. It still works today in the way a lot of the older stories don't. And I think that with recent events, the story of a man appreciating his fellow man is a relevant one," said Morrissey.

Morrissey, who grew up in Quincy as the son of a carpenter, has no formal art training, but has been drawing all his life. He was inspired as a child by comic books and adventure stories and grew to admire Rockwell, Wyeth, Vermeer, Sargent and Rembrandt.



In the midst of a 20-city tour promoting his new book Dean Morrissey made stops at Front Street Book Shop in Scituate and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset to sign and to offer advice to young artists.

Morrissey, who worked a variety of jobs as a young adult, didn't earn a living as an illustrator until he was in his 30s, and even then didn't have a lot of satisfaction with his work.

"As an illustrator, it's your job to create just what the specifications call for. There isn't a lot of room for creativity," he said. During this time, Morrissey was using his free time to create art for a children's book he had in his head. Three years later, "Ship of Dreams," the New York Times Best Illustrated Book Award winner for 1994, was published. Saks Fifth Avenue used the images and story to decorate their famed holiday windows that year.

Morrissey's second book, "The Great Kettles," was released in the fall of 1997 and won a Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators. Morrissey has also written and illustrated "The Christmas Ship" and "The Moon Robber," both children's books.

Morrissey said he considers his transition into book writing to be a natural evolution of his art.

"Every time I draw or paint a picture, I find myself creating a narrative about it in my head. That's how many of my stories come about," he said.

Morrissey said he draws a lot of his inspiration from living on the South Shore.

"This is such a beautiful place. If you look at my illustrations in my books, you will probably recognize some places like the Scituate Harborfront and the Cape Cod Canal. I always use what's available to me," he said.

Morrissey, who just completed a 20-city national tour to promote "the Christmas Carol," said he is enjoying the reaction to his art.

"It's a kind of culture shock because you spend months and months in near solitude with the work and then to go out and promote it and get all this feedback is almost overwhelming, but very gratifying. It's nice to have people appreciate your work," he said.

Morrissey said he is working now on a project with his 7-year old son, which germinated from a nightly routine of "monster-trapping" under beds and in closets.

"He's drawn for me 10 or 12 variations of monsters he has 'seen,' and we are coming up with a story for it. It's been fun," said Morrissey.

Morrissey is also working on a series of chapter books for children aged seven to 10, with lots of pictures, of course.

"I know books for kids that age don't get good pictures, but I think they need them. I know I do," said Morrissey.

"A Christmas Carol," adapted by Stephen Krensky and published by Harper Collins, is available at most South Shore bookstores including the Front Street Book Shop in Scituate and Buttonwood Books and Ives in Cohasset.



Scituate author/illustrator Dean Morrissey's latest work in Stephen Krensky's adaptation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is getting rave reviews.

Holiday habits

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Dan Bolton has only been appearing in "Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Musical" since November, but he feels like he's been rehearsing for the show his entire life. Bolton portrays Father Virgil Manly Trott — the only male cast member — in the fourth and latest "Nunsense" installment, now at Boston's Lyric Stage.

"I grew up with three sisters," the Braintree-based performer explained by telephone last week. "So I know the dynamic of being around a group of women. It is a blast doing this show, and so far these sisters have been very kind to me."



Dan Bolton of Braintree is the only male member of the cast in the current Boston Lyric Stage production of "Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Musical," with performances through Dec. 29.

Audiences have been enjoying the antics of the comic order of The Little Sisters of the Hoboken since the early 1980s when creator Dan Goggin first debuted "Nunsense" in New York. That show has since become the second longest-running production in off-Broadway history, after "The Fantasticks," leading to over 5,000 productions around the world, translated into 26 languages. Three sequels have followed.

This time out, the four nuns are filming a Christmas Special in the cable access television studio the Reverend Mother has built in the convent basement. As they did in "Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nunsense Jamboree," the nuns have enlisted the help of Father Virgil. A local radio personality, the Father is the brother of Sister Mary Leo. In addition to holiday standards, the show also features new songs including "Twelve Days Prior to Christmas," "The Holly and the Ivory," and "Santa Ain't Comin' to Our House." Like the three earlier editions, this "Nunsense" is filled with sight gags and one-liners. The new show also includes a sing-along and even a "Secret Santa" audience participation game.

"The audience is almost like a sixth cast member in the show. We really make a great connection with the people who come to see us," Bolton points out. "We don't bring anyone on stage, however, just to embarrass them. We treat everyone with respect. The idea of audience interaction even scared me at first, but now I love it. The audiences are very important and, so far, they've been just great."

Bolton is joined on-stage in "Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Musical" by his fellow South Shore actors Sarah deLima of Cohasset, as Mother Superior, and Mary Callanan of Weymouth, as Sister Robert Anne.

When he is not on stage in a clerical collar, Bolton dons period garb for his "day job" with "The Victorian Carolers," an a cappella quartet which brings traditional holiday music to shopping malls, private parties and corporate events.

"I bought the rights to the group 12 years ago and it has really grown since then," says Bolton. "This season, I have a pool of 80 different singers who will do about 600 gigs. We have exclusive contracts to perform at all Lord & Taylor, Macy's, and Borders Books stores throughout New England.

By the end of this Holiday season, Bolton will have made 35 appearances as a Caroler and 32 as a Catholic. He will also have begun rehearsals for his next production. Beginning Feb. 2, 2002, Bolton will star in a revival of "Tuck Everlasting" at the Wheelock Family Theater in the Fenway.

"Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Musical" will be performed through Dec. 29 at the Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon Street, Boston. For tickets and information, call 617/437-7172. To book an appearance by "The Victorian Carolers," call 781/356-0639.

The colors of summer

Thomas Dunlay on display at Plymouth gallery

By Matt Whorf
CORRESPONDENT

Students of the nouveau classicism school of contemporary painting believe that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

No exception to this rule is Weymouth-born painter Thomas Dunlay, whose richly colored and detailed images of quaint New England villages and sunlit beaches are firmly rooted in traditional illustration disciplines and as much a presence of modern life as they were a century ago. New England's own tradition of respectfully preserving the past naturally makes an ideal artistic vantage point for Dunlay, who now lives in Westwood. The artist's contemporary Yankee traditionalist renderings convey the ultimate timelessness of his subjects.



"Summer Friends" is one of the signed lithographs and limited edition giclees on display through Dec. 31 at Plymouth's Gallery by the Sea.

In a manner perhaps as timely as timeless, Plymouth's Gallery By the Sea this month devotes a full wall of its display area to an exhibit of Dunlay's oil and watercolor works in limited edition prints, on view through Dec. 31. Surrounded by the Gallery's usual and diverse displays of original artworks, serigraphs, blown glass, pottery, brass, pewter and other wares, the Dunlay prints are transposed in lithograph and giclee forms and available with custom framing on consignment.

"Thomas (Dunlay) has, I think, an extraordinary ability to take subjects from different and unusual perspectives," said Gallery co-owner Eileen Agostini. "And with his selections of colors, the texture on the giclees in particular really comes through. His palette is really remarkable, with intense blues and other colors. He's really able to effectively capture a moment in time."

Dunlay, who turned 50 this year, was painting at an early age. His formal training began at Massachusetts College of Art, which he soon abandoned in favor of more tradition-rooted study with the well-known Boston master painter Robert Douglas Hunter at the atelier of Hunter's own mentor, R.H. Ives Gammell, one of the better known painters of the famed 20th century Boston school.

The artist's subjects of choice are inspired by the contrasting scenery, urban and rural, of his native New England. Dunlay's typical works portray the enduring appeal of the Boston Public Garden and the Swan Boats, boating on the Charles, children along the shore and the wealth of picturesque village scenes on Nantucket, where the artist spends his summers.

Most of these are enhanced to elegant, state-of-the-art effect by the giclee print form. An ideal meeting of art and modern technology, giclee, a French printmaker's term for "fine spray," is believed to be more able than the traditional lithograph to faithfully reflect the vibrancy of color, richness of detail and lushness of texture of an original painting or other medium work.

Dunlay generally expresses equal empathy for animated as well as non-animated figures. The romanticized beachside human figures in pieces like "Seeking Shells" and "Summer Breeze" are as likely to strike notes of recognition among viewers as the panoramic Boston scenes of "City Lights," "View of the Back Bay" and "Winter Evening, Copley Square" and Nantucket portraits of "Quince Street" and "Macy House."

Thomas Dunlay's work can be viewed at Gallery By the Sea through Dec. 29. The Gallery is located at 44 Main Street in Plymouth and is open Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information call (508) 746-8823.

Food & dining

Pasta and Bean Soup

THE KITCHEN DETECTIVE



CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Around the holidays, I like to include a dish that reminds me of humble beginnings. Although pasta e fagioli is often upgraded to a white tablecloth offering, it is, at heart, peasant food, and is therefore a well-chosen reminder of the true spirit of the season. The basic recipe starts with sautéed aromatic vegetables, beans, liquid, optional meat, and tomato which are then finished with pasta. The problem? Many pasta and bean soups are watery with mushy beans while others have an unpleasant starchy liquid and an overbearing porky flavor. I wanted something simple, rustic, and well-balanced.

First, I wondered if canned beans were acceptable since they greatly simplify this recipe. They turned out okay but not nearly as creamy and earthy tasting as dried beans. Next, I wondered if the beans had to be presoaked and partially precooked. The answer was a resounding yes. Cooking raw beans in with the other ingredients produces a muddy, starchy liquid and the beans themselves were inferior in taste and texture. Finally, I found that precooking the beans with a small onion or shallot, a couple of cloves that I pushed into the onion, a bay leaf, and 1/2 teaspoon salt was beneficial. (Some cooks swear that salting the water makes beans tough and split apart. I did not find this to be true. In fact, cooking beans in unsalted water leaves them with a dull, insipid flavor.)

As for the other ingredients, I found that one large diced carrot, one medium diced onion, and 3 large or 4 medium minced garlic cloves was about right. As for meat as a flavoring component, I tested pork chops, prosciutto, pancetta, ham hocks, ham bone, and bacon. Pork chops provided little flavor, the subtle flavor of prosciutto boiled away in the pot, and pancetta was sweet and meaty although sometimes hard to find. Ham hocks, ham bone and bacon were all overpowering. The answer was that the soup fares well without any meat although a bit of pancetta is a nice addition.

For the tomatoes, one 28-ounce can of whole peeled tomatoes, not packed in purée, was just fine. In addition, 4 cups of chicken stock was necessary to provide enough liquid. (Water resulted in soup that was flat tasting.) If you were lucky enough to have one, this is a great time to use a Parmesan rind which adds a great deal of flavor. Now the pot is set to simmer for about 40 minutes or so, until the beans are just tender and the ingredients have married. Finishing touches included fresh sage and rosemary. The pasta should be cooked separately and added to bowls just before ladling the soup. For this amount of soup I used 1/2 pound of ditalini or another small tubular pasta. The final issue was puréeing. A blender or food processor adds air to the mixture - it also requires cleaning an appliance. I found that simply crushing some of the beans with a potato masher worked just fine. (If you have a food mill, you can use that instead of a masher.) However, the amount of mashing you do is a matter of personal preference - some prefer a thick soup, others like more of a clear broth. Once the pasta is place in the bowls, about 1/3-cup in each, and the soup is ladled over, the soup must be topped with a drizzle of best quality olive oil and freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

PASTA AND BEAN SOUP

The easiest way to finely chop pancetta is to freeze it for about 45 minutes, or until it becomes firm. When reheating the soup for leftover, you will find it has thickened and additional stock will be required.

1 pound white beans, navy or cannellini, rinsed and picked over
1 small onion or 1 shallot
2 whole cloves
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon salt
1 28 ounce can whole tomatoes not packed in puree, such as Muir Glen
2 tablespoons best quality olive oil plus more for drizzling over the finished soup
1 medium onion cut into 1/2-inch dice
1 large carrot cut into 1/2-inch dice
2 ounces of pancetta, finely chopped (optional)
3 medium or 4 large garlic cloves, finely chopped or pressed
4 cups low sodium chicken stock or a combination of half broth and water
Freshly ground black pepper
1 Parmesan rind, optional
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh sage
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh rosemary
1/2 pound small tubular pasta or shape of your choice Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. Place the beans in a medium saucepan and cover with 2 inches of water. Stick the cloves into the onion or shallot and add it to the pot along with the bay leaf and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Bring to a simmer and cook, covered, for 30 minutes for the navy beans and 40 minutes for cannellini or until the beans have begun to soften but remain firm.

2. Drain the tomatoes, crush them with your hands and reserve. Place the olive oil in a soup pot over medium heat. Add the onion and carrot (and optional pancetta) and saute for about 7 minutes or until the onion is translucent and softened. Add the garlic and saute an additional 2 minutes. Remove the clove-studded onion and bay leaf from the bean pot. Drain the partially cooked beans and add them to the onion, carrot, and garlic mixture. Add the tomatoes, chicken stock or stock/water combination, the remaining 1/2-teaspoon salt, several grinds of black pepper and the optional Parmesan rind and stir to combine. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook for about 40 minutes or until the beans are just tender. Add the sage and rosemary and simmer an additional 10 minutes or until the beans are creamy. Adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper if necessary.

3. In a separate pot, cook pasta until just done but still firm and toothy. Drain and if not using immediately, add two tablespoons olive oil and stir to coat pasta. Cover to keep warm if necessary. Remove optional Parmesan rind from soup pot. If desired, you may use a potato masher to puree some of the beans. (If pureeing some of the beans, you may wish to add additional chicken stock to adjust the consistency of the soup.)

4. Place about 1/3 cup pasta in the bottom of soup bowls. Ladle the soup over the pasta and top with a generous drizzle of best quality olive oil and freshly grated Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately.

Serves 10-12.

CANNED BEAN VARIATION

With minimal loss of flavor and texture the soup can be made with four 15 1/2 ounce cans cannellini beans. Skip step 1 in the above recipe. The beans should be drained and added to the pot as stated in step 2.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Above-average planetary influences are in effect today. You can cut through obstacles and achieve goals. New starts are recommended. The moon continues active travel in Aquarius until 9:41 p.m. In addition, Venus forms a harmonious alignment to Uranus, the planetary ruler of Aquarius. All group activities, team sports, community endeavors are highlighted. This is a great day to collaborate with others to achieve common goals.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

At 1:09 a.m. the moon enters Pisces, remaining there for the next 2 1/2 days. You can make gains developing projects that require imagination and creativity. This is an ideal period for arts and crafts, baking, decorating or wrapping gifts. There are a couple of rough spots, however, this evening, when the moon aligns with Mars and Saturn. Sidestep fears, anxiety. Prayer and meditation can help you to maintain inner peace.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

A challenging lunar alignment to Pluto warns you to avoid morning hassles or the blues. Storm clouds move out by 10:00 a.m., and a harmonious Mercury/Mars alignment takes over. If you carefully organize your time, you can be most productive. The Winter Solstice arrives at 2:22 p.m., when the sun enters Capricorn. An applying alignment of Mars/Saturn may raise stress levels. It's okay to burn the midnight oil catching up on work projects.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

The Pisces moon aligns with Venus at 3:44 a.m. and becomes inactive for the remainder of the morning. However, a 90-degree alignment of Mars/Saturn takes center stage. Its influence serves as a reminder that there is much work yet to be done. Make up a list of things to do and go for it. The moon enters Aries at 1:45 p.m., bringing an energy boost. The first quarter phase of the moon occurs at 3:56 p.m. A Mercury/Jupiter opposition sets the stage for a fun social evening.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

An Aries moon sets a hectic pace today and tomorrow. Channel high energy constructively. You can get a lot accomplished, if you carefully organize your time. Lunar alignments to Jupiter and Mercury this afternoon urge you to give greater attention to details in order to avoid making careless errors. Last-minute shopping expeditions get the green light.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Energy and enthusiasm continue to run high today. Mars, the planetary ruler of Aries, forms a harmonious alignment to Jupiter at 2:54 p.m. You can be most productive, if you have a clear plan of action and stick to it. The Aries moon aligns with social Venus at 10:21 p.m. and becomes inactive. The stage is set for a special evening with close friends and family.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

All things considered, planetary influences could not be better for this holiday. At 1:12 a.m., the moon enters earthy Taurus and forms a harmonious contact to the sun at 8:36 a.m. Put recent pressures on the back burner; this is a day to relax and enjoy life's blessings. Lunar alignments to Jupiter and Mars keep the party going late into the evening.

Last minute gifts and greens for gardeners

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

The holiday rush is on!

The leisurely days of browsing through the malls, specialty shops and on-line for the perfect gifts are over and the time has come to make those last minute acquisitions for neighbors, friends and family. Trees are trimmed, the heavenly aroma of fresh-baked cakes and gingerbread fills our kitchens and the fresh scent of pine boughs revives fond memories of our childhood. The holiday season is a magical time of wishes and dreams, the laughter of children, Santa, gifts and family gatherings.

Time is growing short for creating those festive, holiday displays. In mixed evergreen arrangements, consider adding contrast to your needled greens with the broader leaves of holly, boxwood, mountain laurel, variegated creeping euonymus, and leucothoe. Rose hips, the bright red berries of hollies and the icy blue berries of juniper will introduce a vibrant color variation to the subtle shades of green. Twigs and pods sprayed white, gold or silver offer a dazzling touch of elegance.

Among the easiest and most attractive solutions for decorating during this hectic season is to purchase a collection of holiday plants. A strategically placed poinsettia provides instant color to brighten even the darkest room, creating a handsome focal point or decorative element which brings warmth and vitality to any living space. Traditional holiday plants also make perfect, last minute hostess gifts for the gardeners on your list. Christmas cactus, kalanchoe, and cyclamen, in addition to the showy poinsettias, are available at this time of year. Hybridization continues to produce many new cultivars in unusual forms and color combinations. Consider planting paper white narcissus or an amaryllis bulb in a decorative container for a unique and rewarding gift. Try to purchase these plants on days when temperatures are above freezing, insist that they be wrapped in protective paper or plastic sleeve and warm up your car in advance of your purchase, making sure it is your last stop on your way home.

For the gardeners on your list, there are numerous possibilities to delight and educate both the casual dirt-digger and the passionate hobbyist. Books, magazines, tools, gloves, garden ornaments, and when in doubt, the all-purpose gift certificate to the gardener's favorite nursery or catalog company, should please every gardener.

No matter what the level of expertise, a gardener can never acquire too many garden-ing references. Gardening books and magazines make ideal last minute gifts. For novice gardeners, there are numerous, excellent reference books touching on many aspects of gardening and landscape design. Better Homes and Garden and Reader's Digest have compiled several excellent texts covering a wide range of topics. A more experienced gardener may have developed specific interests and would welcome references which focus on a particular topic including roses, herbs, house plants, or perennials.







Magazine subscriptions are particularly welcome during the dreary winter months to inspire and inform the gardener on your list. A subscription to one or more gardening magazines offers a yearlong guide to the latest trends in gardening, delectable new plant introductions and innovative design concepts. Fine Gardening is a personal favorite with glorious photography and a list of sources included with each article enabling the reader to obtain the featured items or plants. To place a gift subscription, call (800) 888-8286. For gardening information appropriate to the New England area, consider a subscription to People, Places & Plants, (800) 251-1784. Once I have placed my order, I purchase a copy of the magazine at a local newsstand and wrap one issue for the recipient to open, especially if there is insufficient time to receive a special gift notification.

Quality tools are a perfect gift since many gardeners have a tendency to spend their available resources on plant material and purchase inexpensive implements only to have them bend or break during their first season of use. Well-made trowels, pitchforks, spades and shovels are worthwhile investments and should be available at local nurseries or hardware stores. Perhaps my most valued tool is my Felco pruning shears. Clean cuts are a necessity for the health and survival of all plants, trees and shrubs and few pruners can match the quality of the Swiss-made Felco which tends to be the pruner of choice for professional nurserymen. Several styles are available in addition to replacement parts and blades making these rather costly by-pass pruners a long-term investment.

Most gardeners share a love of nature and wildlife in addition to their passion for plants. Hummingbird feeders, bird feeders, birdhouses, bat houses, and birdbaths can be enjoyed by all ages. Reference guides on birds, butterflies, insects, wildflowers and related topics make excellent supplemental gifts.

Last, but certainly not least, is the all-purpose gift certificate to the gardener's favorite local nursery or catalog company. For those of us who passionately collect plants, a gift certificate often alleviates some of the guilt associated with over-spending on plant material. In this time of hectic schedules, this quick and easy solution may be the perfect choice for the gardeners on your list, enabling them to purchase plants, tools or garden ornaments they might otherwise do without.

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ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S "AIDA" Disney's new musical love story will premiere in Boston March 27, at the Wang Center for a two-week engagement. Tickets on sale now at Wang Center Box office, 270 Tremont St., Boston or call Telecharge at 800-447-7400. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. There is an additional matinee on March 28, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $72 to $22. For more information visit www.disneyonbroadway.com.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER inspired by the 1977 film and its score by the Bee Gees, comes to Boston's Wang Theatre on Jan. 22 and runs through Jan. 27. Adapted for the stage by Tony nominee Nan Knighton, Saturday Night Fever is directed and choreographed by Arlene Phillips and features a cast of 33 leading Broadway singers and dancers assembled by the Broadway production's award-winning creative team. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $45/$55/$65/$75. Group discounts are available for all performances except Friday and Saturday evenings. Special student group discounts are available only for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening performances at $30. Tickets are on sale now at The Wang Theatre box office, 270 Tremont Street or through Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400. For TTY ticket orders call 1-800-905-8587. For all other information on The Wang Theatre at 617-482-9414.

BROADWAY IN BOSTON presents **THE GRADUATE** starring Kathleen Turner, Jason Biggs and Alicia Silverstone. (Limited Pre-Broadway engagement begins Feb. 20 through March 3, at the Colonial Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Wed. Feb. 27th at 7 p.m.) Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25-$72 available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com and directly at the Colonial Theatre.

MAURICE HINES TO STAR IN GUYS AND DOLLS at the Colonial Theatre April 2 - 14 as part of a 50-City National Tour which begins August 29, 2001. Ticket will be available through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787, at all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and directly at The Colonial Theatre Box office, 246 Tremont Street. For further information regarding Broadway in Boston call 617-880-2400. For all other information contact the Colonial Theatre at 617-426-9463.

Thurs. 20

Parents Helping Parents - The holidays are an important time to take care of yourself. Do things you enjoy, spend time with people who care about you, and get the support you need to deal with the difficulties in your life. If parenting is an area that causes you stress and concern, join a **Parents Helping Parents** group. We're free, we've been there and we want to help. Call 1-800-1250 for more information about local groups.

The South Shore Science Center announces **Patterns, Outdoors, and Beyond,** a photography exhibit by retired Hingham physician **Dick Norton,** in the Vine Hall Gallery, from now until Jan. 28. For more information call 781-659-2559.

Fri. 21

The Labyrinth at Old Ship Parish will be available on Dec. 21 for evenings. Dec. 21 and 31. Labyrinth walks are held in the Old Ship Parish House Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham.

Musical Holiday Party XIV at Quincy Dinner Theater - 1372 Hancock Street, Quincy. Holiday music and comedy. Dec. 21 - 23. Dinner and show, $35 to $37.50. Group and senior discounts applicable call 781-843-5862. Monday through Saturday, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. Handicapped accessible.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum, family programs. **Solstice Celebration,** Dec. 21, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chickatawbut Hill Education Center. Pre-registration required. Join Trailside staff on the shortest day of the year as they welcome in Winter with songs, stories, night explorations and weather permitting, the Dance warmly, as we will spend some time outdoors. Children ages 5 and up accompanied by an adult. Call 617-333-0690 for information.

Bridgewave Inn, Marshfield, Dec. 21 and 22. **Cinnamarks** Music starts at 8:30 p.m. No admission charge. Dancing in main dining room. For more information call 781-834-6505.

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Sun. 23

Holiday Services planned at First Parish Universalist Church in Stoughton. The church's annual Christmas Sunday Family Celebration will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23. The service will be led by Rev. Jeffrey B. Simonsky, Jr. The church is located at 796 Washington St., Stoughton. 781-344-6680.

Blue Hills Adult Walking Club have walk mostly flat terrain, 2 plus miles. Walk around Houghton's Pond. Meet at the Houghton's Pond picnic pavilion on Hillside Street, Milton. For more details call 617-698-1802.

Mon. 24

Rossman Pottery presents its 12th Annual Christmas Show and Sale now through the end of December. For information call 781-545-3171.

Wed. 26

Late Nite Catechism, Shubert Theater, Boston. International comedy by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan. Dec. 26, through Jan. 6. Tickets on sale at Shubert Theatre Box Office, online at www.telecharge.com or by calling Tele-charge at 1-800-447-7400.

Fri. 28

Blue Hills Trailside Museum offers family programs. **Tracking and Signs of Wildlife** 10 a.m. to noon, $8NM; $6MAS at Chickatawbut Hill Education Center. Recommended for children ages 6 to 12. Adults are welcome to wait for their children on-site. Enrollment limited to 16 participants. Preregistration required. For information call 617-333-0690.

Ongoing Events

'The Soprano's Last Supper' a spoof on the HBO hit series, debuts in Boston's Theatre district with an interactive dinner theatre show at the Tremont Playhouse, 275 Tremont Street in Boston's Theatre District. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are $49 per person for the dinner and show. Show dates are Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For tickets call 800-944-5639.

Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, presents the musical **"Rudolph"** on Dec. 25, at 3 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill No. 1, Lower level. Admission is $8 adult $5 child. For information call 508-747-1234 or www.starcreations.org.

Weymouth Art Association will display local artwork around town. Locations include various offices in the Town Hall, Snyder Jewelers, Jordan Insurance, Rizzo Insurance, Colonial Federal Savings Bank.

Duxbury Art Association and sponsored by Longwood Partners, LP Investment Partnership, Will Robinson's **Lost in Space** opens in the Bengtz & Cutler Galleries at the Ellison Center for the Arts now and continues through Feb. 1. The show included 40 works done in classes entitled "Draw-Paint-Explore!" classes taught by DAA faculty member Willard Robinson. The exhibition is open to the public.

The Scituate Arts Association is featuring the works of gallery artists from now through Feb. 3. On display will be original works in a variety of media, many of which will be priced below $150. All proceeds benefit Scituate Arts Association.

Sixth Annual Holiday Open Studio and Sale, through Dec. 24, (call for a convenient time) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate. 781-545-8290.

The Sixth Annual Holiday Show and Sale at **Local Pottery** begins this year at 7 p.m. and will run through Dec. 24. Local Pottery is located at 26 Washington St., in Pembroke. For information 781-826-1325.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum - Christmas at the White House. Featured among the more than 70 original costumes and accessories worn by Jacqueline Kennedy are the two outfits she wore to the Christmas receptions for White House staff. The White House years – Selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum now being presented through Feb. 28. Tickets are $15 for adults $13 for seniors and students, and $8 for children ages 13-17, and include admission to the Museum's permanent exhibition on President John F. Kennedy. For information call 617-695-2JFK. Reservations recommended for weekends.

The 28th Annual Nantucket Noel. Festivities celebrate now and continue through New Year's Eve with theatrical performances, concerts, holiday exhibitions. For more information, call 508-228-1700.

The James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, presents **"Faces and Places"** a show of

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BEST BET

Jose Mateo's Ballet Theatre presents the Nutcracker on stage through Dec. 30 at the Sanctuary Theatre, 400 Harvard Street, Harvard Square. Tickets are $29 and $25 and are available by calling (617) 354-7467. For more information visit the Web site at www.BalletTheatre.org.





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The James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, presents "Faces and Places" a show of recent oil paintings by local artist Karl Nestelberger through Jan. 3. For more information call 781-659-7100.

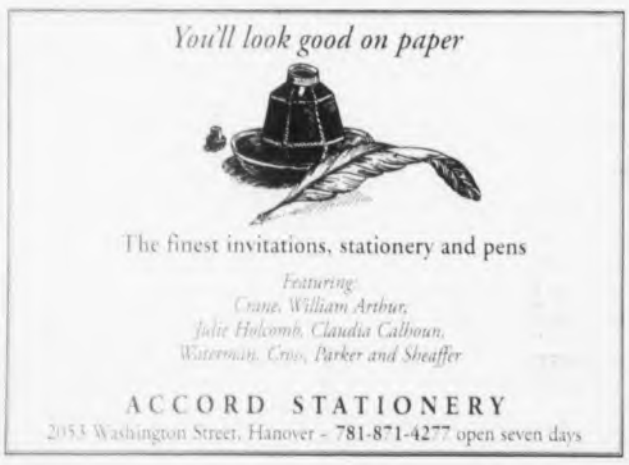














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The Company Theatre in Norwell will launched its new holiday production Nov. 30 with weekend shows continuing through Dec. 22. Company for the Holidays promises to deliver holiday cheer to all generations, with its sensational blend of music, comedy and pageantry and will feature the following segments: **Sleigh Ride** - a review of old and new musical favorites; **A Hoosier Christmas** - an original hilarious comedy that follows the calamities of a small town family in the 1960s; **Around the World** - a colorful celebration of music and traditions from many lands; **The Nativity** - a moving inspirational retelling of the Christmas story with contemporary and classical music and pageantry. Performances on Wednesday and Thursday nights begin at 7:30 p.m. (Tickets $19/$21), Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. ($22/$24), Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. ($22/24), and Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. ($19/$21). Tickets are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord park Drive in Norwell or by calling 781-871-2787. www.companytheatre.com

South Shore Conservatory is please to feature the monoprints of Pembroke artist, **Roberta Simpson Walsh** in the Staircase Gallery through the end of December. Her prints are created with brilliant colors, and others with muted colors and are often produced using objects from nature such as leaves and feathers. Admission is free. Hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. For information call 781-749-7565 ext. 16.

Snow Tubing at Blue Hills Ski Area will have yet another new adventure for winter enthusiasts this coming season. With a new infinite snowboarding park already set, the management of Blue Hills Ski Area announce plans for a new **snow tubing park.** Snow tubing is a no-skills way to get out on the slopes. Specially groomed walls and a stopping area will keep tubers safely inside the slick chute and insure a nice easy end to a wild and fun ride. Tubers will also be able to enjoy the ride back up the hill as they're whisked away by handle tow, while seated comfortably on their tube. Two hours of sliding and careening will cost $14.

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit by **Alison Martin Davidson** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Webster Street in Marshfield Center. The show will run from now until Jan. 13, open for viewing by the public Monday-Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. with a reception at the Ventress Library, Monday, Nov. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 781-837-8091 or email northriverarts@rcn.com

Public Ice Skating begins in Plymouth – Public Skating sessions are offered Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon. Friday evenings 8 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Armstrong Arena located on Long Pond Road in Plymouth. General admission is $3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. Loaner helmets are also available for children who do not have their own. For more information call 508-746-8825 or www.fmcarenas.com

Edaville Railroad, Christmas Light Festival now though Jan. 6, 2002, offers a family fun park filled with activities for the entire family. Featuring the 30-minute narrow gauge train ride, travel 5.5 miles through 1500 acres of cranberry bogs, woodlands and ponds. The site includes a museum filled with antique vehicles, swings and slides and numerous children's rides. Weekdays 4 to 9 p.m. Weekends and 2 to 9 p.m. weekends. Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tickets are $15 adults, $10 per child age 3 to 12 (children under 3 free). Visit the website at www.edaville.org or call at 877-EDAVILLE for more details.

The South Shore Art Center will present a national juried exhibition entitled **"Planes, Trains and Automobiles"** in the Bancroft Gallery, now through Jan. 5, 2001. For more information, call 781-383-2787.

Artica Gallery presents "The Elements" featuring photographers: Michael Cogliano, Jim Desisto, Linda Garrity, Keith Johnson, Ellen Heahy, Amy McCarthy, and Vyvian Stevens. The exhibit will run until Dec. 31, from 2 to 5 p.m. They gallery is located at 22 Depot Street, Duxbury. For information call 781-934-0640.

South Shore Irish American Society sponsors the longest running **meat raffle** on the South Shore every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. The raffles are held on the lounge side of the Whitman Knights of Columbus on Bedford Street (Route 18). All proceeds go to charities. The society gives two yearly scholarships. Free hot dogs and cheese and crackers are served. For information call 781-447-5304.

Ken Berman, David Ehle, Chris Luard and friends will appear every Friday and Saturday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Abbadessa's Restaurant, 211 Lincoln Street in Hingham. There is no charge and the restaurant is wheel chair accessible.

South Shore Health Associates Weight Loss Group and individual counseling. Located at 4 Brook Street, Suite 12A in Scituate. Call 781-545-6420 for more information.

An Adult Day Health Center is a sensible alternative to nursing home placement. Call 617-479-3040 (located at The Salvation Army in Quincy) Medicaid, MassHealth and other funding available.

Mothers & More provides a sense of connection for women balancing the roles of woman, mother and professional. The purpose of our non-profit organization is to offer support for "sequencing women-mothers"; Those who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. Mothers & More addresses women's personal needs and interests during their active parenting years, advocates for public and employment policies that accommodate sequencing, promotes recognition and respect for sequencing mothers and recognizes the right of all women who choose, if and how they combine parenting and paid employment. Come join us! The South Shore Chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham. Call 617-328-5605 for additional information.

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Starcreations Theater from the South Shore Arts and Recreation Center, presents the musical "Rudolph" on Dec. 25, at 3 p.m. at Cordage Park, Plymouth, Mill No. 1, Lower level. Admission is $8 adult $5 child. For information call 508-747-1234 or www.starcreations.org

Island Grove Women's Chorus is looking for women, 18 years and older to join their acappella chorus. Rehearsals are every Tues. evening at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Route 18 in Abington. Reading music is not a requirement. Learn by audiotape. For more information call Cory at 781-294-1880.

The Three B's to introduce more of our neighbors to the world of Chamber Music. The Chamber Music Society is starting a series of Chamber Music House Parties. If you enjoy listening to Beethoven, Brahms & Bach and enjoy giving parties at home, Call the Chamber Music Society of Easton, (a non-profit organization) sponsors of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra to find out how you can host a chamber music party. Call Terry at 508-339-0033.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. for beginners and advanced dancers. Strict tempo, CD dance music on a 40' x 40' sprung wooden floor. $10 p.p. includes complimentary ice water and parking. Held at the Italian American Club, 109 Stone Street, East Walpole. For more information call 508-668-4494.

Tours to Boston Light and Little Brewster, the oldest lighthouse site in the United States. Offered by the JFK Museum and Island Alliance, tours leave from the JFK Library and Museum at Columbia Point in Dorchester on Fridays and from the Moakley Courthouse at Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District on Sat. and Sun. Tours leave at 10 a.m. and/or 2 p.m. and last 3.5 hours. For reservations call 617-223-8666.

The Network Voice Toastmasters Club meets for feedback on public speaking at the Tufts Public Library on Broad Street in Weymouth on the first and third Wednesday each month from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. For more information call Chris Foley at 781-487-5100 or Mike Carlton 781-829-1271.

Mens Basketball League offered by the South Shore YMCA. Games will be played on Thurs. and Fri. evenings. To register or for more information call 617-479-8500 ext. 135-1.

Special Olympics Offers Free Spring Car Removal with their automobile donation program. Residents can donate their unwanted car or truck to Special Olympics and it will be towed away within a couple weeks. The donor benefits by having their unwanted vehicle removed and by becoming eligible for a tax deduction. To donate call 800-590-1600, available 24 hours or log onto www.recycleforgold.org.

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Blue Hills Wellness Center located at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. (Tel. 781-828-5800) after 4 p.m. The gym is open to the public. Come enjoy the use of free weight, nautilus equipment and a wide variety of cardiovascular equipment. Also enjoy a full schedule of aerobic and step classes daily as well as use of the pool. All this is made possible for only $25 a month per person or $45 per family. Hours are Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sun. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call for more information.

Men Support Group a discussion meeting for men that are in relationships with women that are undergoing or surviving cancer treatment. Meetings will explore many issues that are the result of cancer and it's impact on those who are close to the survivors. Meetings are free and confidential and held every second and fourth Friday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Groups are facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and space is limited. For more information call 781-545-3335.

Adult Day Health Program at the Salvation Army in Quincy providing quality care for seniors. Includes health and social services, activities, outings, lunches and snacks as well as transportation to and from the program. Medicaid and Mass Health often pay for the program as a benefit to seniors. Call 617-479-3040. Held 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for recovering from compulsive overeating. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For the nearest meeting location call Mark at 781-829-4278.

Love to sing? The Island Grove Chorus, based on the South Shore with members from Milton to Marshfield, is a well established women's a cappella chorus singing barbershop and contemporary four part harmony. The group is looking to increase it's 36 members by six. Members are provided with learning tapes and reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are in Abington every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on Route 18 or call for further information at 781-294-1880.

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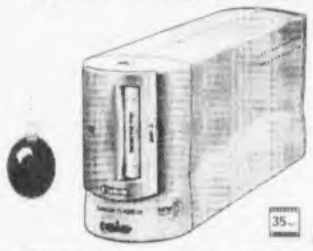
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Some memorable quotes this year

"We're comfortable with the agreement."
— Selectman Michael Sullivan on the Greenbush mitigation agreement with the MBTA

"Life has changed forever."
— Fire Chief Roger Lincoln on the aftermath of the Sep. 11 attacks.

"Why do we need two Spanish channels? Doesn't anyone speak English anymore?"
— Selectman Merle Brown chastising AT&T for not providing the History Channel.

"We want to craft a by-law that preserves the meaningful ledge that contributes to the character of the town."
— Beach Street resident Mark DeGiacomo on the importance of a ledge article.

"It looks like an erector set."
— Town Manger Mark Haddad on the construction at Cohasset Middle/High School

"Our goal is to keep kids alive, not to imprison them."
— Police Chief Brian Noonan explaining the police stance on underage drinking

"I like to tell people that the cost of the project is now somewhere between $407 million and the sky."
— State Sen. Robert Hedlund on the soaring cost of the Greenbush project

"Some distinguished themselves scholastically, some through the arts, and some public service. But all seem to be passionately involved in what they are doing."
— CHS Principal Michael Jones on the Class of 2001

"The project is a hoax and I use that meaning lie."
— Attorney William Golden on Massport's proposed runway that would increase air traffic over the South Shore.

"We pause to honor the new American heroes and pray for those who sail in harm's way."
— Sgt. Robert Jackson, US Navy veteran, during a special prayer and remembrance service after Sept. 11.

"We have met every challenge so far, legislatively, legally and environmentally."
— MBTA spokesman Brian Pedro on the AfTA lawsuit

"People ask me how much snow we're going to get. I tell them, 'I'll let you know on April 15.'"
— DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield

"We really don't have any other plan, other than take it down or let it fall down."
— Linda Shropshire, spokeswoman for Peter Roy on the future of the Mill River Marine boatyard

"I e-mailed the other commissioners asking whether we should issue the abatement and asked them to send their vote by e-mail."
— Sewer Commission Chairman Gary Vanderweil when questioned on the vote that resulted in an Open Meeting Law violation

"Cohasset is an ancient seacoast town and it is not meant to be a mecca of industry."
— Planning Board chairman Al Moore on Cohasset's small commercial/industrial tax base

"There's absolutely nothing negative about this project."
— Library trustee Sheila Evans on asking Special Town Meeting for more money for the new library

"I look forward to the opportunity to cross-examine the MBTA in court."
— John Bewick, AfTA president

Cholesterol tests for young adults

Cholesterol screening for ages 18-25 will be held at the Cohasset Middle High School cafeteria on Jan. 3 from 12:30-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Twenty percent of adults between 18 and 25 who have high cholesterol which can contribute to premature heart disease. Also free, healthy snacks and informational literature. Screening is sponsored by Hingham Institution for Savings.

Contract awarded for new wells

The Water Commission, at its Dec. 18 meeting, voted to award to the T.J. Ogden Company the contract for the installation of six new wells in the Ellms Meadow Wellfield.

"Ogden was the only bidder, at $132,930, for the project," said Water Commission Chairman John McNabb, "but that price was acceptable since it was very close to our engineer's estimate of $125,000."

"Reactivation of the Ellms Meadow Well, which is expected to provide up to 200,000 gallons per day, will, along with the 200,000 gallons per day from the Sohier Street wellfield when that is reactivated, provide a source of emergency water supply for the Town, and will allow us to supplement our existing supply during times of high demand," said McNabb.

Work on the new wellheads has already begin, and will continue until mid-February. Because of the presence of an endangered species that lives in the wetlands around the wellfield, said McNabb, the state mandated that the work to restore the wellheads be conducted only in the winter when the ground is frozen.

The current work includes just replacement of the wellheads. The pumphouse and pump, which is more than 100 years old, will also be replaced next year. The Sohier Street Well will be reactivated after the wells are relocated away from the Greenbush Right of Way during 2002. The relocation costs will be reimbursed by the MBTA.

Slides, lecture

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is launching a five-part winter lecture series, beginning Friday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. with "Trekking in Bolivia," presented by Billy Guild and Paul Breneman. The lecture and slide show will focus on the Cordillera Real, which has some of the highest peaks in the Americas, as well as on the indigenous highland people of the region. Both Massachusetts natives, Guild and Breneman are seasoned outdoorsmen and extensive backcountry-travelers.

Light refreshments will be served. Cost is $3 for members and $5 for non-members. The museum is located at 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull.

For more information, call Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433 or check out the museum's Web site at www.bostonharborheritage.org.

Teen Garage hours

Holiday vacation hours are as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 27, noon to 9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 28, noon to 10 p.m.

On the cover

Clockwise from top left: Cohasset's Nancy St. John, owner of Eagle Flag Company, opens up a new shipment of flags for customers; CHS Class of 2001 graduates outside the Music Circus; Jacqui Blake digs into a dish of strawberry shortcake at the Festival on the Common; School Committee incumbents Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin campaign for reelection; the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building is for sale; Bill Campbell jogs past what's left of the 80-foot Town Common flagpole; Speaker Tom Finneran was a surprise guest at the celebration at Kimball's honoring former state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray as Citizen of the Year; David and Emily Toomey distribute candy and popcorn for the American Red Cross during a prayer and remembrance service for Cohasset soldiers who may be heading into harm's way. All photos by Alan Chapman

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Fri. 28	9:12	10.4	2:59	9:48	9.2	3:37
Sat. 29	9:57	10.8	3:45	10:35	9.4	4:23
Sun. 30	10:42	11.2	4:31	11:21	9.7	5:10
Mon. 31	11:28	11.4	5:18	——	——	5:57
Tues. 1	12:12	9.7	6:08	12:19	11.5	6:47
Wed. 2	1:00	9.9	6:58	1:10	11.4	7:36
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The stories that helped shape Cohasset in 2001

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As Cohasset says goodbye to 2001, it's a good time to reflect on the past 12 months. It was a year of high marks for Cohasset High students whose college board and MCAS scores continued to rise and high-fives for the School Building Committee which was hard at work bringing the $40 million school projects in on time and on budget.

It was a year of challenges for Cohasset, which was the second South Shore town to ink a mitigation agreement with the MBTA, as a new, anti-train group AfTA vowed to continue to fight Greenbush. The town was also introduced to Chapter 40B – the so-called anti-snob zoning act – which could allow a 254-unit apartment building (with 20 percent set aside as affordable housing) on Route 3A.

Residents took the new PAYT trash disposal system in stride; the long-time police chief announced his retirement and our venerable former state representative was named Citizen of the Year.

Village revitalization continues to be in the news and the future of the old Hagerty House is still up in the air.

So here's a look back with text, quotes and photos from stories that appeared in The Cohasset Mariner in 2001. But hold onto your hats and stay strapped in because we're sure that 2002 holds a lot for Cohasset. And here at the Mariner, we promise to be there covering the news and bringing you the features and photos you've come to expect.

Jan. 4

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray closes as chapter on Beacon Hill. Murray is stepping down after 24 years of unparalleled constituent service to the Third Plymouth District. New state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, is sworn in at the State House in front of proud family members and friends.

A 52-year-old Cohasset man out for a morning skate on Lily Pond falls through the ice and is rescued by Cohasset police and firefighter/paramedics. He is treated and released at South Shore Hospital.

A new proposal by Peter Roy, who owns the Mill River Marine Railway boatyard on Border Street, is aired during a walk-through at the site requested by the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Plans are to fix up the deteriorating site, add additional apartment space, and allow the Cohasset Lobster Pound and boatyard business to remain there. There will also be additional access to the Gulf River and harbor for canoeists and kayakers.

Jan. 11

Restoration of the Greenbush line takes another step toward becoming a reality as selectmen agree to a mitigation package with the MBTA. They won't sign the agreement until a public hearing is conducted later this month. The agreement could be worth upwards of $3.5 million. Highlights include $1.2 million reimbursement for the James Brook flood control project and $1 million in exchange for a "friendly" land taking of the town-owned right of way; median strips at all grade crossings; and a bridge from North Main Street, over the tracks to Rocky Lane.

Cohasset police nab three Scituate youths in the alleged theft of four trays of donuts and several bags of bagels from Marylou's News in Cohasset and North Scituate.

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund is sworn in for a fifth term in front of a boisterous crowd of 350 at the Broad Cove Ballroom in Hingham.

Terry Atherton of the planning board and sewer commissioner Henry Rattenbury announce they won't seek reelection this spring.

John K. McNabb and SAFE are concerned about the state lifting the moratorium on new landfills.

Town Manager Mark Haddad says the town will need a $300,000 override this spring to avoid layoffs.

Jan. 18

The town announces it hopes to sign a mitigation agreement deal with the MBTA at the end of the month. The announcement draws a mixed reaction from the town.

The Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Water Commission and Sewer Commission all convened in Town Hall to examine the latest sewer feasibility study of Little Harbor. Though two studies had been done before, this one, conducted by Stearns and Wheeler of Burlington, was designed to be the final word in whether the area could and should be sewered. The answer is yes, but at a cost.

After a year of planning, the Pay-As-You-Throw program at the Recycling Transfer Facility will kick off soon. Residents will be able to purchase an RTF sticker for $50, along with either 30-gallon trash bags for $1 apiece, or two 15-gallon bags for $1. Residents must use the bags — that will be available in bundles of ten — to dispose of their trash.

Jan. 25

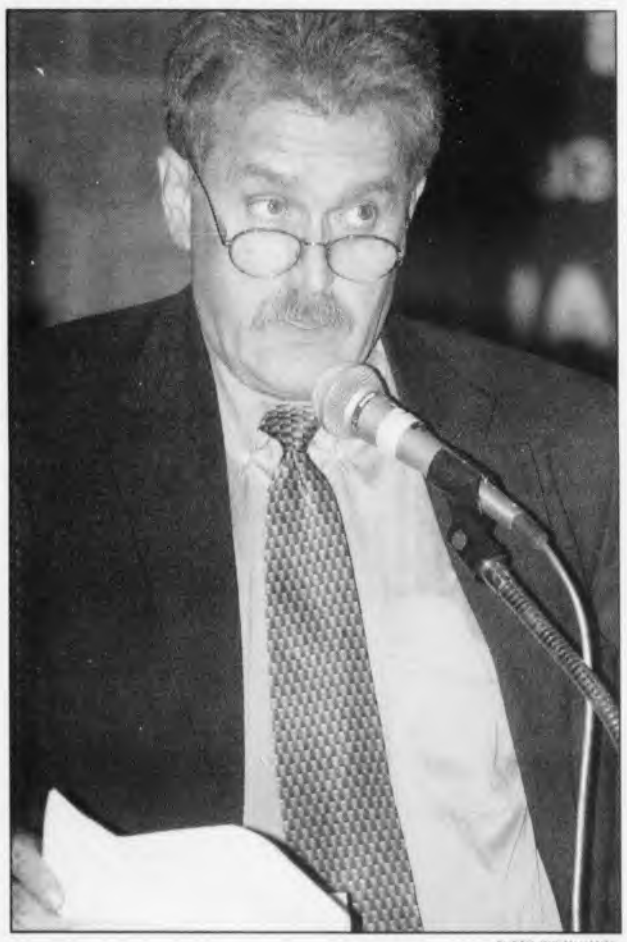
The town's newest millionaires don't live on Atlantic Avenue or drive a new Mercedes. In fact, until last Tuesday, they weren't even sure if they could keep their house, let alone buy a new car. But now, Sohier Street residents Richard and

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Project manager Simon Tempest surveys the middle-high school construction project.



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Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed talks to the voters at Town Meeting.

Tree disposal

Christmas trees may be brought to the D.P.W. parking area through Jan. 6. Please remove all wires and decorations.

Tree pickup

The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee is sponsoring a fund-raiser. On Saturday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 6, noon to 3 p.m., a group of adults and teen volunteers will be available to pick up and dispose of your Christmas tree. The fee for this service is $10 per tree, $5 for senior citizens. Just put your tree next to your driveway, place a check payable to the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee on your door and the volunteers will dispose of your tree. Proceeds from this year's fund-raiser will benefit upcoming programs sponsored by the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee. To order service call 781-383-2492 available 24 hours. Please specify which weekend you prefer. For more information call Jody Butman 781-383-0851.

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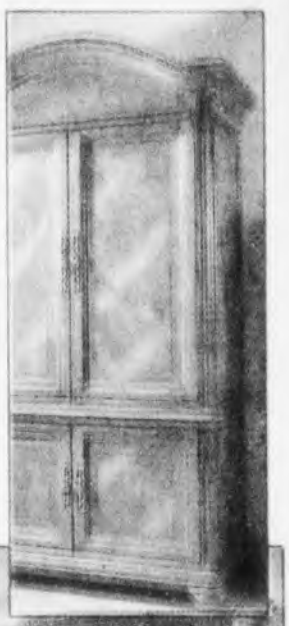
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Donna Herbert can do both. The Massachusetts State Lottery announced the couple won $4 million on a single scratch ticket, and will collect $134,000 over the next 20 years after taxes.

The Department of Public Health released its set of regulations including a ban of tattoos for people under the age of 18 and a requirement that a parent be present for a minor to get a body piercing.

Feb. 1

Anti-Greenbush residents got a bit of a reprieve Tuesday night when the town put off signing a mitigation agreement with the MBTA, and said it will try to head back to the negotiating table. However, selectmen said the town will eventually sign a deal, in order to make sure the town is protected when the train does come.

Freshman State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, spent more than $126,000 in his 2000 campaign for the legislative seat, according to campaign finance reports, and outspent his Republican rival by a near 3 to 1 margin.

Feb. 8

For her many years of dedicated public service and undying loyalty to her constituents, Mary Jeanette Murray has been named the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year. This is the eighth consecutive year the newspaper has sponsored the local award.

A rift between selectmen and the Cohasset Police Department that had apparently been bubbling just below the surface for some time reached a full boil this week. The patrolman's union sent the board a lengthy letter claiming certain members of the board of selectmen don't support the police, a situation they say has affected morale and may be compromising the level of service the police can provide the community.

A public hearing will be held to discuss the Cohasset School Committee's proposed $10.75 million fiscal year 2002 budget, that includes money for five new teachers, additional music and art instruction and reinstating the middle school's "no-cut" sports policy.

Feb. 15

A cold day and a big fire in an improperly lined fireplace combined to force 150 Red Lion Inn patrons to leave the restaurant's Sunday brunch when a fire broke out behind the fireplace. According to Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, "a piece of construction" behind the restaurant's main fireplace and chimney caught fire and burned for a while until firefighters were able to break through the wall and locate the fire.

For the third straight year editor Mary Ford and the Cohasset Mariner editorial team were nominated in the General Excellence category by the New England Press Association. Again this year, the paper took First Place, as it did two years ago.

What started out as a routine budget presentation between the School Committee and selectmen Tuesday dissolved into a heated discussion over the cleanliness of the town's schools with fingers being pointed back and forth across the table. Triggering the debate were results from a recent walk through of the town's schools at which health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik reported a number of health and cleanliness concerns.

Feb. 22

Cohasset may have received a big gift from the state this week when Transportation Secretary Kevin Sullivan said the MBTA would have to pay fair-market value when it takes the six-mile town-owned, railroad right-of-way as part of the Greenbush restoration project.

The Weir River Watershed that provides water for about 38,000 people living in Hingham, Hull, Norwell and north Cohasset is taxed in both its capacity to provide a stable public water supply and its ability to maintain adequate habitat for aquatic wildlife, according to a state watershed resources study.

Cohasset Harbor's biggest employer and largest private landholder is looking for representation on the town Harbor Committee. Margin Street resident, and owner of Atlantica Restaurant, Kimball's Hotel, and the Mill River Marine Railway site, Peter Roy, is looking to have say in what goes on in the harbor.

March 1

A new petition circulating around town is trying to mend fences with the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation, the private, non-profit group formed to get village improvements moving. Results of a survey conducted by CRC show many in town want to see the village infrastructure fixed up.

The Cohasset Police/Fire Building Committee has asked Trustees of Reservations about a possible land swap that would give the town land on Route 3A for a new police and fire station, and give the preservation group a parcel of town-owned land near the Hingham line. Though nothing has been etched in stone, Town Manager Mark Haddad said it is one of the options being examined.

March 8

A group of Cohasset citizens has succeeded in putting the issue of community preservation before voters at the April 7 Town Election. While the town has a large amount of open space and historic buildings which add to its small-town charm, proponents feel more must be done to preserve Cohasset's character.

President George W. Bush has announced he intends to nominate Cohasset native Lincoln P. Bloomfield Jr. as assistant secretary of state for political military affairs. Bloomfield should be another familiar face in the White House, he spent 12 years there during the Reagan/Bush working in various roles in the administration.

By 9 a.m. Monday in anticipation of a huge blizzard, the line of parents, children and teens at Blockbuster Video was outside the door and wrapped along two store fronts at Cohasset Plaza. Stop & Shop had been picked clean the night before, restocked, and bombarded again that morning. The package store was doing a brisk

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March 15

The support inside the 80-foot Town Common flag-pole near the door to the halyard broke loose and slipped down during last week's storm. The fiberglass pole should be able to sustain winds of up to 120 miles per hour, according to the company brochure, far more than the 45 mph gusts in last week's nor'easter.

Time is running out for Kevin Ulmer and his Cohasset Lobster Lab. Tuesday night, Ulmer was given until Oct. 1 to raise $326,000 and start construction work on the town-owned Hagerty House on Parker Avenue, or have his lease terminated.

After months of studying water and salinity levels in James Meadow, the Army Corps of Engineers has decided two more months of studying is needed. Cohasset officials are waiting for word from the Corps about whether they have to revisit the James Brook tide gate installation project.

March 22

The school day is stressful enough. So several Cohasset High seniors think they have found a way to eliminate at least one of life's hassles, the unworkable traffic pattern in the lower school parking lot from 7-7:30 a.m.

The Cohasset Revitalization Corporation is pushing for a major redesign in the village traffic pattern, that would create a one-way traffic circling counter-clockwise around Cohasset Hardware and the adjoining block of buildings.

Hollywood is once again knocking on Cohasset's door for permission to film in town. This time, it's Walt Disney which hopes to roll film in town, for a movie starring Academy Award winners Dustin Hoffman and Susan Sarandon. Walt Disney has asked the board of directors of the Central Cemetery on Joy Place for permission to shoot on the property in late April.

After more than 15 years of work, the Cemetery Committee is a Town Meeting vote away from completing its mission. On March 31, residents will be asked to allocate $600,000 for the expansion of Woodside Cemetery and solve the town's burial plot crunch for the next 50 years.

March 29

A new organization says the best Greenbush deal a town can get, is no train at all. At first, it may sound like another grassroots attempt to derail the $408 million project, one that would likely fail given current momentum behind the train. But Advocates for Train Alternatives, dubbed AfTA thinks Greenbush restoration is anything but a sure bet.

Cohasset grew by 186 people in the past 10 years, said Census 2000 results released last week. But although that equals just a 2.63 percent rate, the number of residents under the age of 18 grew at a rate of 4.74 percent.

The Board of Health announced that none of the tobacco vendors in town sold to minors under the age of 18 during a recent tobacco sting.

Attendees at the Cohasset Revitalization Corporation's public forum on Monday were unified about one aspect of the presented village improvement plan: don't make South Main Street one-way.

April 5

Town voters have a chance on Saturday to create a trust fund that can be used to preserve Cohasset's open space and historical buildings, and be eligible to receive state matching grants. The Community Preservation Act, a hot issue on many of the South Shore's town ballots, would add a 1.5 percent surcharge to a Cohasset homeowner's tax bill, and could be used to purchase new park land, do capital improvements to historic properties, and help develop community housing.

By approving the town's operating budget at the annual Town Meeting, Cohasset citizens set the stage for a vote on a $300,000 override question at the polls Saturday. The override is needed to balance the fiscal year 2002 budget, which found itself on the short side, thanks to an 18 percent increase in health insurance costs for town employees, and unexpected increase in legal expenses and police overtime this year.

In less than 48 hours Cohasset residents will head to the polls and help decide the path the town will take. Despite the seemingly important ballot items, Town Clerk Marion Douglas is skeptical that the election will draw a big turnout.

April 12

Residents voted to put a little extra in town coffers by approving a $300,000 Proposition 2-1/2override and adopting the Community Preservation Act at Saturday's election.

Adrienne MacCarthy came up three votes shy in her quest for a School Committee seat in the initial ballot count at this past Saturday's Town Election.

An anti-train group has launched the first of what it promises to be several lawsuits against the Greenbush project. Tuesday in Suffolk Superior Court, Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, known as AfTA, filed suit against the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and two other state agencies.

April 19

Some local legislators believe primary enforcement of the seatbelt law in Massachusetts could lead to some bumpy roads if it were to become law because certain civil liberties are at stake. But local police departments say the trade-off

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Three months in town: What an education!

MY VIEW

EVAN SCHIFF



Happy New Year, Cohasset!

It is now my daunting task to take you through the year that was and the year that will be. What makes this column even more formidable is the fact I've only been enjoying the town for three months. So maybe it would be easier to concentrate on what I've learned in my time here and what I'm looking forward to.

In my first three months of my first real job, I can say I learned more than in four years of college. (That statement comes with an apology to my parents, who shelled out more money for my college education than I can fathom.) Even though those memories are slightly clouded, I am certain my first selectmen's meeting taught me more than Journalism 101.

My roommates constantly look at me with guarded concern when I excitedly tell them Little Harbor may get a sewer hook-up. My ex-girlfriend, a different story for a later column, would politely shy away from me as I labored over the details of the ledge preservation article. My parents act amazed as I tell them with an enthusiasm they haven't seen from me since the Phillies got to the World Series in 1993, that I'm looking forward to that night's School Committee meeting. And you know what, I never leave the School Committee meetings with a sense of crushing despair like I had when Joe Carter hit the homerun that ended the Phillies' dreams in the '93 Series.

I've learned about tax rates and appropriation issues, sewer hook-ups and zoning problems. I've interviewed WW II vets and new chefs, stonemasons and sports agents. While the time I've spent in the office isn't helping my dream of becoming a rock star, it is helping me towards covering those stars.

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Many have been welcoming in my stint so far. Without the generous time spent by town officials and others explaining numerous conundrums, I would probably be back waiting tables (and making more money). So without further ado I present my list of issues that should garner the most interest in 2002. In no particular order, here we go:

1) Paul Pratt Library — the construction of the new library was one of the first issues I was hit with when I came to town. It should be a thrill to every resident of Cohasset watching the walls go up.

2) Village Revitalization — the town should have its plans complete, and construction begun by the end of 2002. With public interest so keen on this issue, it is bound to grab headlines throughout the year.

3) School Renovations — by the beginning of the 2002/2003 school year, Cohasset's students should be enjoying state-of-the-art schools. Both the middle-high school and Deer Hill School are on schedule and it should be an exciting process to watch.

4) Town Elections — while in covering my first political race I don't envision uncovering any Watergate scandals, the elections should prove to be interesting. There are two seats up for grabs on the Board of Selectmen and one open seat on the School Committee that should be highly sought after.

5) Greenbush — I can almost here the T rolling into the station now...

6) School Building Assistance Bureau program — the resolution of this problem will be very important to taxpayers. If the SBAB doesn't come through with reimbursement on schedule, taxpayers stand to see a dramatic increase in their rates.

7) Annual Town Meeting — is where many issues will be resolved. Some interesting items that may or not be in the warrant include, ledge preservation, sewer commission asking for additional appropriation, police station still concerned about it current quarters, and other important matters.

While there are many others issues too numerous to elaborate on, the resolution (or not) of these seven items could impact the town for years. Stay tuned!

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EDITORIAL

The Old Man and the Kid

The Old Man in the flowing white robes leaned his scythe against the wall and checked once again the sundial on his wrist. The shadow was creeping inexorably toward the XII. His sash, labeled 2001, sagged on his emaciated body. Late again, he mused with a sigh. These kids . . .

Suddenly the door opened and the Kid came in. His face was flushed with exertion and anger. His hair was disheveled. He held his diaper up with one hand. Around his head the air was blue with words not usually heard until the third or fourth month.

"You're late," said the Old Man.

"(Expletive deleted)," said the Kid, adjusting his sash with the figures 2002 on it.

"What happened to you?"

"I was going through the gate at the airport," said the Kid, "when the bells started ringing and the lights began going on and off. Some men in camouflage suits hustled me into a side room. They took away my diaper pin. 'A typical terrorist weapon . . . a veritable box cutter,' they said.

"Well, they must have questioned me for a couple of hours. I guess I convinced them there wouldn't be any 2002 without me so they let me get on the plane. Did you ever fly all this way holding your diapers up with one hand? What kind of a place are you running here?"

"2001 was not one of our best years," the Old Man admitted, "but it wasn't my fault. I was as surprised as anyone when those planes smashed into the World Trade Center towers. But we're taking care of that for you, don't worry."

"What have you done?"

"Well, for one thing, we've bombed Afghanistan back into the Stone Age."

"The Afghans did it, huh?"

"Well, no, but they hid the guy who did, fellow named Osama bin Laden."

"You got him, huh?"

"Not exactly. He was there but he escaped and we really don't know where he is."

"Geez, I guess if you want something done you still have to do it yourself. Let's see, I'll clean this thing up in a week or so . . ."

The Old Man looked at the Kid sadly.

". . . and then I can turn to the important things, the kind of things people can dig their teeth into, like Gary Condit," the Kid went on. "You didn't find Chandra Levy, did you?"

"No," said the Old Man. "I left that for you."

"I'll take care of that next and then I can get to the fun things, like harassing Jane Swift and Tom Finneran. I'm going to enjoy this yet. I may even get a new pin for my diapers."

"Not so fast," said the Old Man. "There's a few things you'll have to do first."

"Like what?"

"George (43) Bush says he's going after terrorists wherever they are, not just bin Laden. He's going after the people who protect them, too, like Saddam Hussein and Moammar Khadafi and whoever is the ayatollah du jour in Iran. It could take a full year, or two years, or ten years."

"That long, eh?" said the Kid. A furrow started to crease his forehead as he contemplated what a year full of terrorist-hunting would be like. It was totally unappealing, he thought.

"Yes. And even then you can't be sure you've got them all because new ones are popping up all the time. And speaking of time . . ." The Old Man checked the sundial on his wrist and saw that the shadow was now starting to cover the XII. He picked up his scythe. ". . . I've got to be going now."

"You'll never make it with that beard," said the Kid. "You look like an aging terrorist if I ever saw one. They'll probably throw you in jail and hold you for one of those military tribunals."

"I'll take the chance."

"Tell you what," the Kid said. "Why don't you stick around a bit until things cool down." His confidence was beginning to melt away now. "You know all about this terrorist thing. You could advise me. That's it! You could tell me how to handle these terrorists when we catch them."

"Sorry," said the Old Man. "I gotta go." Suddenly he was feeling at peace with himself for the first time since Sept. 11. "You know how the Boss is. He likes his people to be punctual. You're on your own now. Good luck, Kid."

And he was gone.

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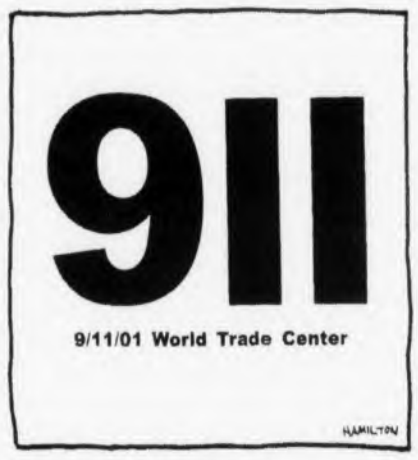
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A look back at 2001

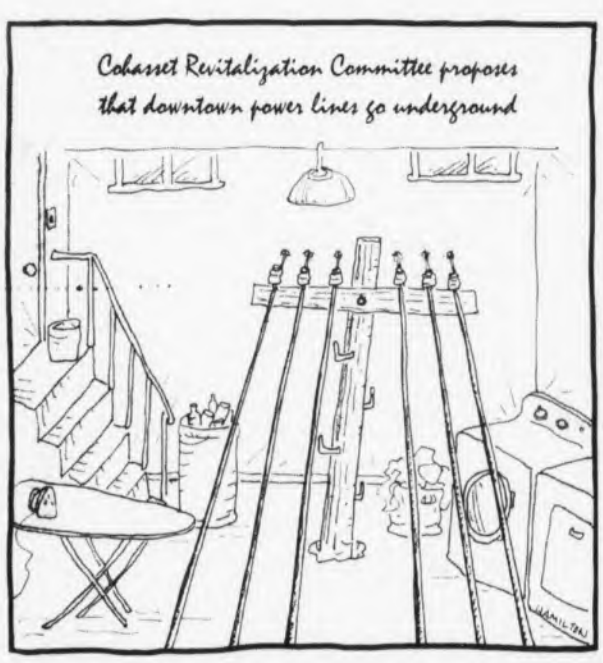
Hamilton's cartoons told Cohasset's story













What are your New Year's resolutions?



"To be a better soccer player."
— Lindsey Martinez



"To try and do a pull-up."
— Francesca Genello



"To be an artist."
— Laura Hebb

Photographs and interviews by Evan Schiff



"To learn to count by ones to 366."
— Ben Williams



"I want to be a paleontologist, so I have to become a better listener."
— Thomas Gilliatt



"I want to become a better hockey player."
— Kevin Crawford

COHASSET CARES

What to do with Christmas debris

By Allan MacDonald
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Having just brought over a 20-gallon plastic bag of Styrofoam shipping peanuts to the proprietor of Thompson's Business Services at Front Street in Scituate Harbor, on the west side of the intersection diagonally across from where the Playhouse used to be, and getting his thumbs-up [because a 30-gal. plastic bag of the Styrofoam peanuts costs him $25], I am reminded that a Cohasset resident phoned me the other day about Christmas debris just before our 'Postal Patron' card from the RTF arrived.

Yes, Virginia, there is a place for Santa's debris. Christmas wrapping paper *is recyclable*. Please put it in the junk mail bin. Plastic bags and brown paper bags go in their proper places. Ribbons and bows are not recyclable and should be put in your PAYT bag if you don't/can't reuse them. Large-size Styrofoam blocks [not the peanuts] may be put in the trash bin with impunity [how about that] except, I know, with the ethical burden that here is a petroleum product that takes up a lot of "non-compactable" space, and then what happens to it?

Cardboard is the one item that constantly pays. We don't lose money having it hauled, *unlike all those catalogs* — which are a real glut on the market. Contacting the catalog companies will put a stop to their delivery.

Ribbons and bows are not recyclable and should be put in your PAYT bag if you don't reuse them.

The tree — what we always do is to stand it up outside for the birds and for our own pleasure until it dries out enough for firewood. [I wonder what dealers will do with all their leftover trees?]

Best wishes for 2002!

Allan MacDonald is publicity chairman of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

2001 Christmas Bird Count — every bird counted

A BIRDERS EYE VIEW

JOANNE C. NORTON



Every year I report on the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) which has replaced the old Christmas Day "Side Hunt" tradition. For that event, people would divide up into sides, or teams, the winner being the one that could produce the largest number of dead animals at the end of the day. In 1900 Frank Chapman, ornithologist and editor of Bird-Lore, called instead for people to join him in keeping a list of the number of live birds they could identify during Christmas Day.

Thus began the annual Christmas Bird Count, which the National Audubon Society has been coordinating for more than a century. To correct inconsistencies in data collecting, the methodology has been improved over the years. All CBC counts take place inside non-overlapping 15-mile diameter circles, 33 of which are in Massachusetts. The counts are held between Dec. 14 and Jan. 9 each year, in order to give a "snapshot" of early winter bird populations. It is up to the compiler for each circle to choose the specific date and to designate leaders for areas within the count circle. Counting is done either by groups of birders or by individuals, both professional and amateur. They count every bird, not just the number of species.

Hingham falls within the Quincy circle, which this year scheduled its count for Dec. 15. The weather forecast called for "cold rain until 1 p.m., with increasing winds and decreasing temperatures as the day progresses". Unfortunately for us, the weather forecast was very accurate, with the weather indeed being "cold rain until 1 p.m., with increasing winds and decreasing temperatures as the day progressed". The adjective most often voiced by CBC birders that day was "miserable".

We set out at 6:30 a.m., and headed for World's End. Susan Shapiro was our leader, and Michelle LoConte, my husband Dick, and I made up the foursome trying to cover all of Hingham. We debated whether to dress more for the wet or for the cold. One of us hedged his bets by trying to fit a rain parka over a winter parka. I chose a knitted cap to keep my ears warm, then crammed a brimmed rain hat on top in a vain attempt to keep rain out of my binoculars. Never mind, the CBC is not about fashion. Fogged-up and rain-splattered optics were a continual challenge.

There were a lot of species that we hoped to find on World's End but did not. No owls could be flushed or heard, no loons or grebes could be seen in the choppy white caps at the far end, and many small songbirds were among the missing. The wind and the rain were cold, especially out on the causeway and the more open areas. In spite of this, most of our total species were seen at World's End, even though we were able to increase the numbers of individual birds seen or heard at other locations.

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From World's End, we went to the Weir River area below Foundry Pond where we usually can depend on finding a kingfisher. This year there was no kingfisher, probably because a Cooper's Hawk was on patrol there. Oh well, it was nice to have a Cooper's Hawk. Foundry Pond had almost no birds, not even the swans that are regularly there until the pond freezes over.

Turkey Hill did not have many birds either. At this point we decided we would treat our chilled and damp bodies to lunch indoors. We went to our house, where we could watch my feeders while eating, in an attempt to justify less aggressive birding for a short while. We added a few chickadees, titmice, and juncos to the total numbers, but no new species.

Refreshed and much more comfortable, we headed for the Transfer Station. Now that the landfill has been capped, there is a marked decrease in the number of gulls and crows hanging out in that area. We listened carefully to the few crows we saw, hoping to hear Fish Crows. These can only be distinguished from American Crows by voice. No such luck, even though this has been a reliable place for them in the past.

Next we walked through Bare Cove Park. Again things were pretty quiet, with no sign of the Field Sparrow that has been there most other years. Moving on to the Shipyard area, we were able to pick up a Double-crested Cormorant and some Brant. This cormorant was a good find, since it is mostly a summer resident, being replaced by the Great Cormorant in the winter.

At the Hingham Bathing Beach, we were able to increase our numbers of gulls substantially, especially the Ring-billed Gulls. We went from there to Wompatuck State Park, along the way counting geese on the High School fields and checking out some backyard feeders. There were plenty of geese, but the feeders were empty. We had time only to sample the Park, and did not find much activity.

At the tally supper party, we learned that the numbers for the whole Quincy circle were 100 species, up from 93 last year. Our Hingham total was 39 species, down from 55 last year. Two new birds for the Quincy CBC were a Green Heron in Milton, and a Northern Fulmar seen off Hull. In 50 years of CBC record keeping, neither of these birds has shown up before.

Despite disappointing totals and messy weather, the challenge of doing the CBC was an enjoyable experience. You can check the tallies for other CBC counts as they get recorded from all across the United States and Canada at http://www.birdsource.com/cbc/index.html.

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HINGHAM TOTALS for the CBC 2001

Dbl -crested Cormorant (1)	Red-bellied Woodpecker (1)
Great Blue Heron (1)	Downy Woodpecker (3)
Canada Goose (351)	Northern Flicker (2)
Brant (32)	Blue Jay (15)
American Black Duck (81)	American Crow (49)
Mallard (22)	Black-capped Chickadee (16)
Common Eider (36)	Tufted Titmouse (13)
Bufflehead (58)	White-breasted Nuthatch (4)
Common Goldeneye (5)	Carolina Wren (5)
Hooded Merganser (10)	Eastern Bluebird (6)
Red-breasted Merganser (39)	American Robin (131)
Cooper's Hawk (1)	Northern Mockingbird (3)
Red-tailed Hawk (3)	Cedar Waxwing (36)
Ring-billed Gull (255)	European Starling (219)
Herring Gull (266)	Yellow-rumped Warbler (13)
Great Black-backed Gull (25)	Song Sparrow (5)
Bonaparte's Gull (6)	White-throated Sparrow (8)
Rock Dove (4)	Dark-eyed Junco (12)
Mourning Dove (2)	Northern Cardinal (6)
American Goldfinch (27)	

A tip of the hat to 2001

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I would be remiss if I allowed certain persons, places and things to pass from 2001 into history without a tip of the hat.

Like Kansas State Senator O'Connor, who was invited to speak before the League of Women Voters of Johnson County in their celebration of the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed women the right to vote.

"We have a society that does tear families apart," said the senator. "I think the 19th amendment, while it's not evil in and of itself, is a symptom of something I don't approve of."

No, the senator is not a unreconstructed male chauvinist pig of the 19th century. In fact, the senator is not even a he. The senator's first name is Kay. She's a she.

Then there was Wendy Albert of West Palm Beach, Fla., 63 and retired, who was fined $500 and forced to write a letter of apology to Theresa LePore, supervisor of elections in and for the county of Palm Beach.

She registered her dog, a poodle named Cocoa Fernandez, to vote and, this being Florida, the supervisor of elections accepted it.

Her crime? She registered her dog, a poodle named Cocoa Fernandez, to vote and, this being Florida, the supervisor of elections accepted it.

Cocoa, incidentally, was a Republican, but only as long as it took the embarrassed LePore to swear out a complaint.

The Iowa legislature approved a bill that would make it a crime, subject to a $1,500 fine and a year in jail, for a politician to say things about a rival that he or she "knew to be untrue, deceptive or misleading."

We were surprised to learn that 13 other states, including Maine, have similar laws but, since the dawn of time, no politician is known to have a night in jail for violating its conditions.

There must be something about the water in Maine because Joe Brooks, one of its legislators, filed an anti-litter measure adding a five-cent surcharge to every filter-tip cigarette sold in the state, the nickel to be refunded when the butt is returned.

Brooks figured that if only half the remains of the 2.2 billion cigarettes sold in the state were returned at $1 a pack or $10 a carton the state would stand to gain as much as $60 million in unclaimed surcharges.

The barge Santa Lucie, which left Philadelphia in 1986 with 14,000 tons of incinerated garbage for disposal, was still sailing the Seven Seas after 15 years seeking a place to dump the last remaining 3,000 tons of its cargo.

Thus far, it had been rejected by the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Guinea-Bissau and the Netherlands Antilles. Haiti allowed it to land under the impression it was badly needed fertilizer, then found out (or smelled out) what the barge really contained and sent it on its way.

Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, 64, was named prime minister of Bulgaria when his newly formed center-right party, the National Movement, won a majority in parliament.

The last time he was in Bulgaria was in 1946 when he was King Simeon II, a 9-year-old forced into exile by the Communists.

"He is at least rich and won't be stealing like the incumbents," said Alexandra Georgieva, a voter.

And lastly, there were the red-faced folks in the Interior Department who had the municipal landfill (that's PC for what we used to call the city dump) in Fresno, Calif., designated as a National Historic Landmark, just like Walden Pond, for its cultural significance.

That was before they found out it had already been listed — as a Superfund Toxic Waste Site by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1989.

And a happy New Year to you, too.

Grants for Elder Affairs

State Sen. Robert Hedlund announced the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs has received two Service Incentive Awards in the amount of $5,265 and $1,000. These grants shall be used to fund the position of volunteer coordinator and to conduct a Caring for Elders Program.

"I am pleased to see that all of the hard work and dedication shown by the staff and volunteers at the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs have paid off. This grant will be an additional help to providing the senior citizens of Cohasset with important services that they rely upon," said Hedlund.

Service Incentive Grants are highly competitive and are used to enhance or expand Council on Elder Affairs service capabilities. A number of communities applied, particularly for transportation needs.

"Given the tough competition that the Council on Elder Affairs faced when applying for the grant and being selected, it shows just how wonderful a job they do for the senior citizen community in Cohasset," Hedlund said.

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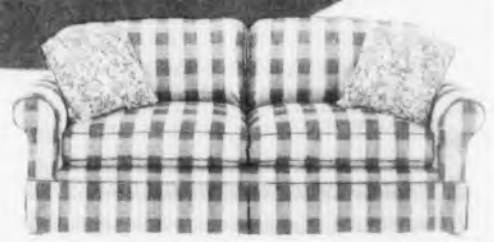




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Many people are looking for a way to help, but don't know how. Community Newspaper Company's **Gifts of Hope** program can help you reach those in need in your area. For the past 10 years, readers' Gifts of Hope donations have helped feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and bring joy to the faces of young children in the Greater Boston community. Another season is upon us. And more people need your help.

Please join the Cohasset Mariner and Community Newspaper Company in giving the greatest gift of all – the gift of hope. A donation of any size goes a long way toward helping those in need.

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SPORTS

Teams of the Year

The 2001 football team had a remarkable and historic season. The highlight of the season was a thrilling 20-16 win over Abington.

The 2001 girls tennis team finished 13-2 with two tournament wins and a share of the South Shore League crown. Leading the way was all-star Lindsay Grossman.

Living
On the South Shore
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A look back in sports

What a remarkable year this was for Cohasset High athletically.

Last winter saw many noteworthy achievements. The undersized boys basketball team advanced to the second round of the state tourney after compiling a 13-7 record in the South Shore League, one of the most competitive conferences top to bottom in Eastern Mass. Four wrestlers advanced to the Div. 3 state championships, where Dan Littauer finished fifth overall, one spot shy of qualification for state tourney qualification. The gymnastics team finished second in the Pilgrim Conference with a 6-2 record with all-around league champion Kristin Sheerin leading the way.

Things got even better in the spring, as four of the five teams qualified for the state tourney, and the boys track team won its first league crown in over 25 years behind two-time sectional 200 meter champ Brian Krupczak and the versatile Pete Maitland—who, in the javelin, became the first Cohasset athlete to advance to the New England track and field championship in several years. Perhaps the biggest story of the spring, though, was the boys lacrosse team's dramatic run to the Div. 2 state championship game.

There was also a little bit of magic this past fall, as Cohasset football wound up with its first league championship and post-season game in over 20 years. The boys soccer team also fared quite well, advancing through the opening round of the state tourney for the second year in a row.

And that's just our overview.



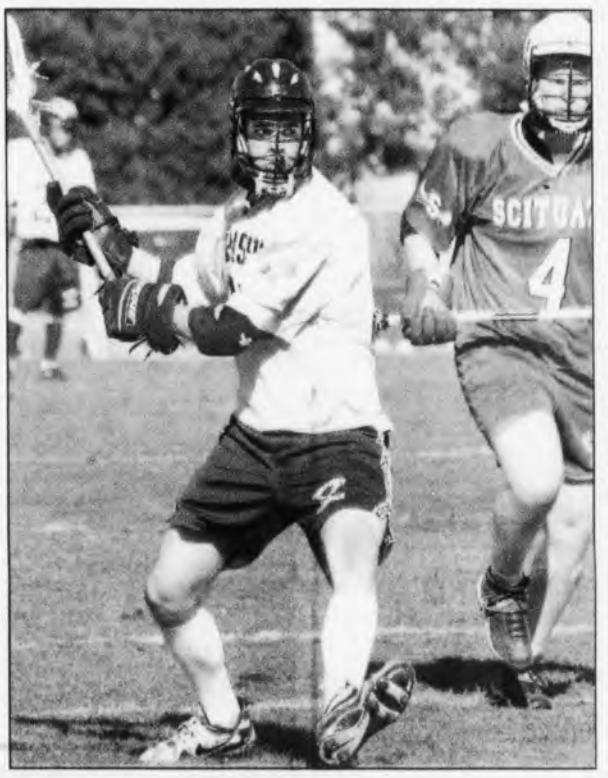
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Kristin Sheerin is something to behold on the lacrosse field. She led the 9-6-1 C.H.S. lady laxers in scoring this spring with an eye-popping 58 goals.



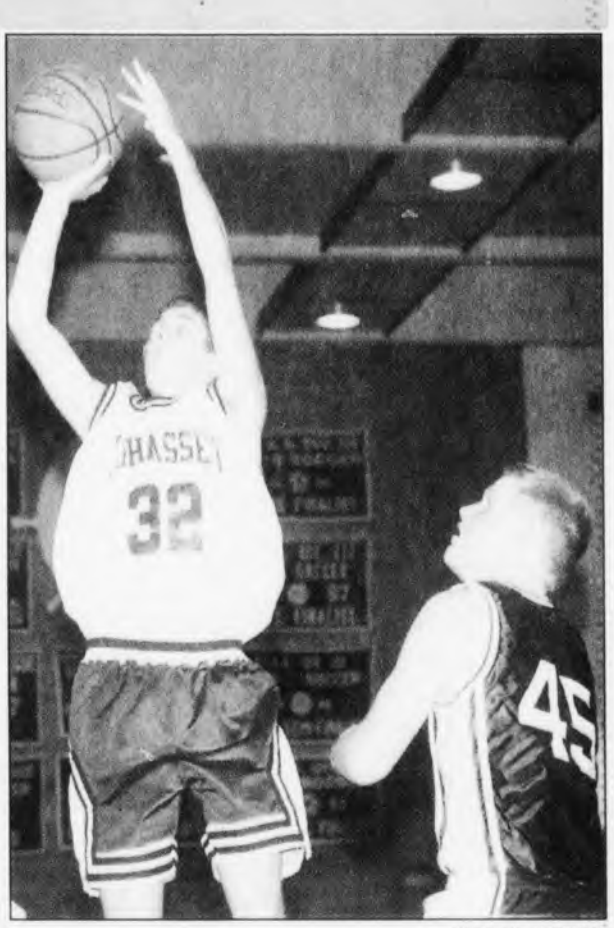
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And Kristin shows the form that made her the Pilgrim Conference's all around gymnastics champion and C.H.S.'s all-time record holder in every event.



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Above: Ronan Buick, now playing lacrosse at Providence College, completed his brilliant career at C.H.S. in the state Div. 2 championship game.



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T.J. Bilodeau (32) was the leading scorer on a surprisingly strong 12-8 Skippers team last winter.



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Right: Matt Bilodeau, now a senior and the little brother of T.J. (above), directed a potent attack for the boys soccer team this fall with 8 goals and 15 assists, helping the team to a 12-3-3 season and himself to a spot on the Eastern Mass. All-Star team.



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Bottom right: Lindsey Grossman is a three sport star for Cohasset High: field hockey, basketball and tennis.



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Above: Jason Brown was an offensive giant for the football Skippers this fall, playing a lead role in the team's first league title and post-season game in over 20 years.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Left: The ever-versatile Pete Maitland became the first C.H.S. track athlete in five years to reach the New England Track & Field championships.

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Right: Greg O'Connell, who led the hockey team in scoring last season as a sophomore, is one of many young guns currently featured by the 2001-'02 squad.





Gridiron warriors most exciting team of 2001

Football

It was a magical 2001 fall campaign for the Cohasset High gridders. The Skippers shocked most close observers by capturing the South Shore League championship with an overall record of 9-1 and earning the first post-season game for the school's football program in more than 20 years.

The Skippers pulled it off with the help of a tremendously diversified offense. Jason Brown was the main man on offense. With standout returning ball carrier Nick Bolster lost for the season to a detached retina, Brown, a senior captain, made the conversion from quarterback to halfback and wound up with a 1,400-yard, 15 touchdown season. This earned him not only league all-star honors, but also All-Scholastic selections from the Mariner, Patriot Ledger and both Boston papers.

Brown's conversion to halfback was made easier by the presence of junior Mike Snowdale, an accurate passer who took quickly to the quarterback role and wound up throwing for 14 touchdowns and approximately 1,200 yards, both South Shore League highs. He also wound up a South Shore League all-star and Mariner All-Scholastic selection.

When team captain Liam Martin, a starting wideout and defensive back, went down in the season opener to a broken leg, junior Tom Anderson and sophomore Chris Bilodeau both stepped forward to emerge as extremely reliable targets for Snowdale, the later earning SSL all-star recognition.

These skill position players were helped immeasurably by the undersized but overachieving offensive line of Brendan Goff, Stephen Davis, Jari Martin, Wil Prendergast and Cosimo Cambi, along with fullback Braun Goodson.

In fact, "undersized overachievers" was a moniker that could be hung on the team as a whole, and not only in deference to the fact that Cohasset High has, by far, the smallest student enrollment in the South Shore League (303 student, 9-12).

The biggest player on defense was 5-foot-11, 200 pound Ben Lynner, and he was dwarfed by the vast majority of offensive lineman he was forced to butt heads with 50 or so times a game. The other notable mighty mites on the defensive side of the ball included middle linebacker Paul Previte (5-8, 175), who joined Lynner on the SSL all-star team, Chris Caron, John Hussey, Marc Musco, Tom Bilodeau, Dave Bouchard and Eric Libby.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the thrilling 20-16 win over Abington on Nov. 2, a battle of the South Shore League's unbeaten teams that saw four lead changes in the four quarter.

A 21-7 loss to a much bigger Tyngsboro squad (650 enrolled students) in the Div. 5 playoff showdown on Nov. 27 was naturally disheartening, but could not overshadow what was a remarkable and historic season.

Boys soccer

The boys enjoyed a second outstanding season under coach Dave Nigro.

After completing a 12-3-2 regular season, the boys drew the seventh seed in the state tournament. The Skippers dominated first round opponent West Bridgewater in the opening round, but were eliminated in the second round by South Shore League rival Norton, a team the Lancers had tied in their two regular season meetings. A tournament loss to a league opponent is always devastating.

The Skippers were led by captains Matt Bilodeau and Pete Maitland, the former directing the offense (8 goals, 17 assists) from his center-midfield position, the latter anchoring the defense. Both earned league and Eastern Mass all-star honors for their efforts.

Junior Greg O'Connell was a versatile performer, making huge contributions whether he played up front (nine goals, seven assists) or on defense at the all-important sweeper position.

Senior forwards Tim Baird and Dan Kinchla were also huge contributors in the Skippers potent offensive attack.

Girls Soccer

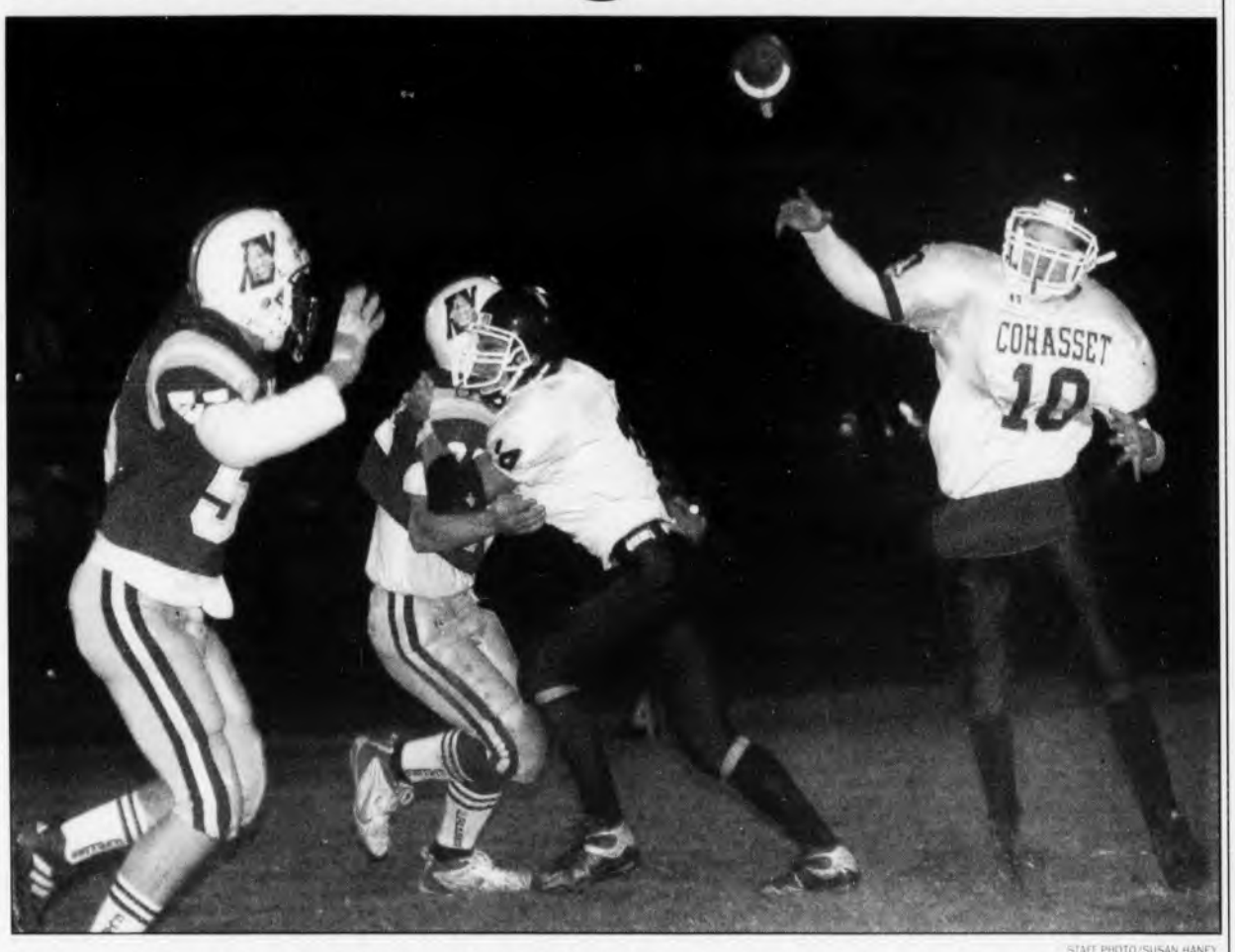
After a slow start, the girls put together a strong stretch run that saw them finish with a respectable record, capping the season off with a huge upset win over Holbrook—a team that went into the state tourney as a number three seed.

The Lady Skippers were led by senior captains Kate Grimm and Maggie O'Neill, a Mariner All-Scholastic selection and South Shore League all-star midfielder. Both will be missed next season, as well forward Becky Ross.

There is a strong returning core of players, however, which includes South Shore League all-star fullback Julie Lordan, a junior. She anchors a strong young defense that also features junior Maura McKenney, and sophomores Holly Graham and Brenna O'Donnell.

The offense will likely be paced by

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STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN HANEY

Mike Snowdale (#10) was a pleasant surprise this season at quarterback for the Skippers. The junior took over the position to throw for 14 touchdowns and 1,200 yards, both South Shore League highs.

Spring campaigns successful for Skippers

Lacrosse, track and baseball lead the way

Boys lacrosse

The crown jewel in what was already a brilliant 2001 sports year at Cohasset High was the boys lacrosse team.

The 9-3 loss in the Div. 2 state championship game now seems almost an afterthought where the 2001 lacrosse season is concerned. Indeed, the 15-5 season under first year head coach was the thing of which legends are made.

In fact, the 12-11 semifinal win over Mashpee, in which the team rallied from an 11-5 deficit in the final seven minutes, arguably rivals anything of an athletic nature Cohasset has ever seen.

The team loses most of its defensive core to graduation, along with three-year All-Conference mid-fielder Ronan Buick, who led the Skippers in scoring this spring with 90 points despite missing five games to injury.

The team does return most of its attackers, including top goal scorer Paul Previte and Curt Kahn, as well as All-Conference goalie Kyle Webber.

Girls Lacrosse

In just their third year of existence and with an extremely young team, there wasn't a lot expected of the Lady Skippers this past season, but the Lady Skippers went out and earned the first playoff berth in the history of the program with an impressive record of 9-6-1.

Junior co-captain Kristin Sheerin led the charge into the post-season, scoring nearly forty percent of her team's goals with 58 on the season. A third year starter, she also led the team in assists, and became the first athlete in the history of her sport in Cohasset to leap over the 100 career goal mark.

Juniors Carlie Carter, Emma Gardner, Kate Grimm and Suzanne Lynner all held starting roles when healthy, and were all great contributors on both ends of the field.

Sophomore attackers Maura McKenney and Sera Genovese came in second and third on the team in scoring, with 35 and 25 points, respectively. Sophomore Gia Petrakis had a fantastic season in net, with 255 saves, 40 more than last year.

Cohasset's season came to an end with a first round playoff loss to the highly seeded Sandwich team, 14-6, an improvement from the 17-3 thumping the Lady Skippers received from them in an early season meeting.

Girls Tennis

Having made the state tournament in each of the last 10 years, Skipper fans have come to expect the type of excellence that was displayed by this year's Sectional Semi-final team.

This past spring, the Lady Skippers finished 13-2, with two tournament wins and a share of the South Shore League crown for the seventh consecutive season. Unfortunately, this season came to an end with a loss to top seeded Bourne, 4-1 in the Div. 2 South semifinals.

Leading the way for the Skippers all year was all-star Lindsay Grossman at first singles. The super soph went 14-1 on the season at the top position, her only loss coming to Bourne's ace in the semi-finals.

Sophomore Julie Shea had a phenomenal year at second singles to also earn league all-star acknowledgement along with Grossman, and freshman Holly Graham emerged as a force at third singles or doubles. Senior captain Aryanna Afshar, was a consistent winner in both singles and some first doubles.

The top doubles team for Cohasset was junior captain Kelly Stone and freshman Courtney Caron. This dynamic duo came up big with two tourney victories.

Boys Tennis

The boys earned their first tourney berth in over five years with an 8-4 record.

Unfortunately, the team looses four of its top seven players to graduation, including top two singles players Erik Shea and Jeff Golden, and doubles ace Jeff Scribner.

Poised and consistent junior David Ingber will likely assume a top singles spot this spring after putting together an 11-2 South Shore League all-star season with partner Scribner last year.

Hard hitting senior Joe Niessink also appears a strong singles candidate, and sophomores Jesse Brewer and Robbie Carpenter should return as a formidable doubles combo.

Baseball

It was a rough season for the Cohasset baseball team, but it should have some good things to look forward to in the coming years.

Although the team finished the year with a record of 6-14, ending the season with a five game losing streak, the team showed its mettle by never giving up, even when post-season play became an impossibility. Next year's team will be led by a very capable class of 2002, including several who performed very well as everyday players.

One of the best all-around players for the Skippers last spring was Tim Straughn, who led the team in RBIs, and with a .426 batting average. On the other side of the plate, Straughn, now a senior, was one of the top pitchers for the squad, compiling 27 strikeouts in 28 innings, with a 2.56 ERA.

It is hoped that senior Nick Bolster, a three sport standout at C.H.S. who missed last baseball season and this past football season with a detached retina, will be able to return to the diamond this spring. As a sophomore, he hit third in the order and was one of the team's top hurlers, so he'd undoubtedly be a huge addition.

Three other players who will return to play major roles this spring are senior outfielder Robin Murphy, junior pitcher/second baseman Mike Snowdale and sophomore third baseman Mike Dooley

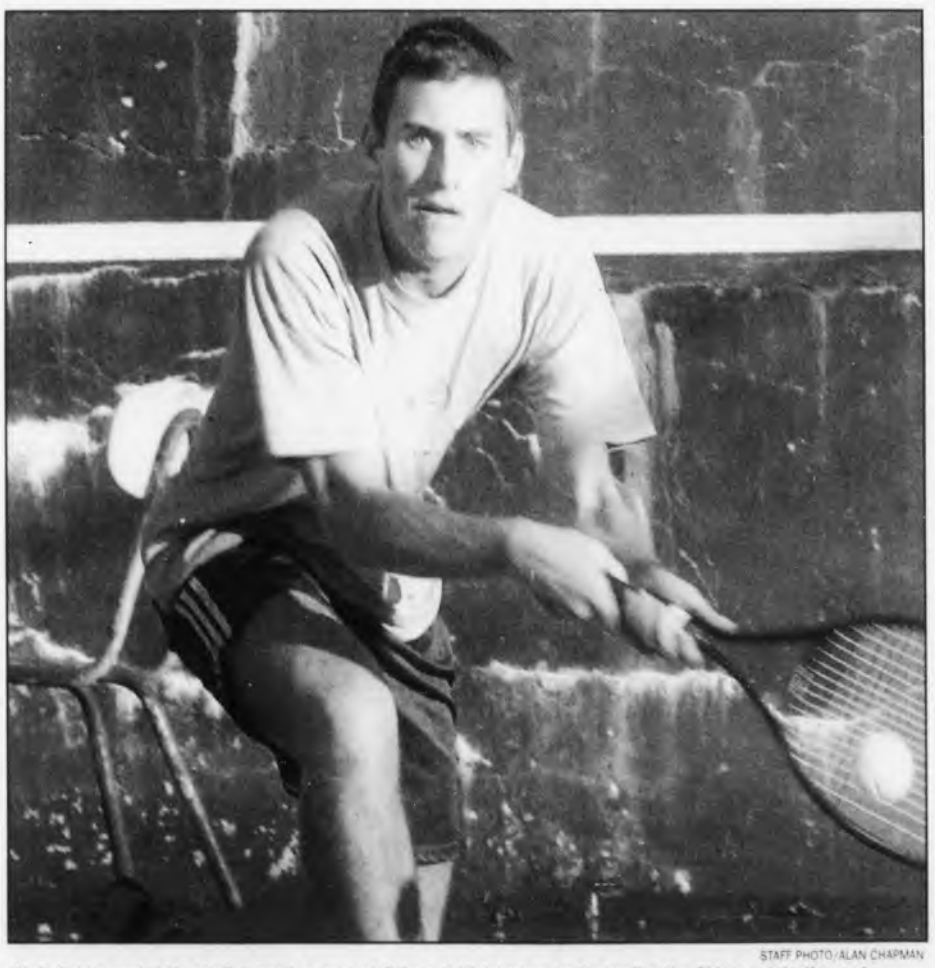
Captains Doug O'Brien (two time South Shore League all-star) and TJ Bilodeau—last year's star center fielder and shortstop, respectively—will be missed, as will their fellow 2001 graduates Tim Grassey and Andrei Skorupa.

Track

To say it was a special season for the Cohasset boys spring track team doesn't even come close to summing it up.

Indeed, just winning their first league title in 25 years would be spe-

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Chris Golden ended his sterling tennis career at Cohasset High last spring by leading the Skippers into the post-season for the first time in five years.

Winter teams are looking forward to new seasons

Wrestling

Senior Dan Littauer was looking like a good bet to build on his fifth place finish at last March's state Div. 3 championships until suffering a dislocated elbow two weeks ago that may well cost him his entire final high school season.

After the team finished the regular season with a 9-12 record, Littauer was one of four individual Cohasset wrestlers to advance from the sectional to the divisional championships last year. The other three were freshman Phil Strazzula, sophomore Terry Baroudi and senior captain Dan Duffy.

Overall numbers are way up this winter, and veteran coach Torin Sweeney is eyeing a return above .500 even with the loss of Littauer.

Hockey

The Cohasset hockey team, returning all but two regulars, is off to the kind of start this winter many predicted after it missed the state tourney by just one win last season. Through three games, the Skippers are 3-0 and have outscored their opponents by a mind-numbing 35-2.

This is coach Dennis Walsh's 30th and final season on the Cohasset bench.

Top scorers Matt Davis and Greg O'Connell are back to lead a potent offense that features four regular forward lines that include gifted scorer Tom Anderson, along with Rob Carpernter, Pete Whorisky, John Durkin, Dave Bouchard, Chris Caron, Mike Rasmussen, Sean Chase, Ted Straughn and Will Moody.

Seniors Eric Libby and Ted Straughn, junior Mike Calorio and sophomore Mike Devine anchor the defense in front of much improved second year starter in net, senior Dan Kinchla.

Boys basketball

With a record of 14-8 last winter, the undersized Skippers were a great story playing amid some of the stiffest South Shore League competition in years. The Skippers even notched a win in the state tourney over a much bigger Foxboro team.

Cohasset started out the season by winning eight of its first 10 games to put the playoffs well within reach.

The start was more impressive as numerous key players were forced out of action due to illness or injury. Character was one of the principal assets of this team, as indicated by its record of 5-1in games decided by three or fewer points.

The leadership of senior tri-captains Erik Shea, TJ Bilodeau (both South Shore League all-stars) and Doug O'Brien was vital all year.

Freshman Sean Connolley and sophomore Ben Lynner stepped in—at center and power forward, respectively— to give Cohasset a couple of much needed threats in the low post. Junior point guard Matt Bilodeau ran the offense smoothly all year, and gave some much needed offensive support, a rarity at that position.

This year, Cohasset will move down into Div. 4 come tournament time, with an enrollment that puts the Skippers as one of the smallest schools in that division.

Girls basketball

The girls finished with just one win last winter, but prospects for the future look bright with four sophomore in the starting lineup.

LaRaine Langford ran the point, using great ball-handling skills to break traps and run the halfcourt set offenses.

Sophomores Heather Peraino and shooting guard Lindsay Grossman spent the entire season leading the team in scoring, and both have a chance of becoming the first girls in the history of Cohasset High School to reach the 1,000 career points plateau.

Sophomore power forward and captain Maura O'Brien led the team in rebounding for the second consecutive year, and looks to be an inside threat down the line and freshman center Danielle Pinkus emerged as another threat in the paint.

Gymnastics

All things considered, last season was a remarkable one for the Cohasset-Norwell Gymnastics team.

Between the settling in of first year coach Cara Cunnerty, multiple injuries to all-star captain Carly Carter, and an absence of seniors, it seems a wonder the girls team wound up second in the South Shore League with a 6-2 record.

Captain Kristin Sheerin was selected to be a South Shore League all-star for the fifth straight season, dating back to when she was a seventh grader. She highlighted the regular season by breaking the only event record at Cohasset High she did not already hold by scoring an 8.9 on the vault. In the post-season, she then reset her own school record in the All-around, by receiving a 35.65 in the high pressure atmosphere of the All-League Meet to take first place. Sheerin even went on to State competition, where she was seeded ninth overall, and finished seventh in the vault.

Carter, who tore her ACL in one of the final few meets of the season, was selected to her third consecutive all-star team in the uneven bars event.

Sophomore Meredith Bixby, also of Cohasset, took over for Carter as the second All-around gymnast to help the 'Sclippers' to the win. Bixby wrapped up the season in grand style filling in for Carter in the All-Around, and was selected to her second Pilgrim Conference 2 all-star team to compete in the vault.

Gridiron warriors most exciting team of 2001

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sophomores Gillian Weber and Jen Buckley, a Mariner All-Scholastic Honorable Mention.

Field Hockey

Deb Bostwick loved the character her 23 girls showed in their spirited 5-3-2 stretch run that saw them ultimately come up just one point short of post-season qualification at 6-7-5.

"I look back at a lot of those ties and losses that could have been wins and I think if we'd gotten just one more goal in any of those situations we'd be getting ready for the tourney rather than saying good-bye to the seniors and see you next year to the rest of the girls," said Bostwick this week following the season ending 1-0 win over Silver Lake on Friday.

Don't despair too much for the veteran coach or her Cohasset field hockey program as she gets all but five of these girls back for next season—which leaves the Lady Skippers in much better position than most of the teams that just barely squeaked by them this season.

This is not to say Cohasset won't miss captain Abbey Coakley, who scored the lone goal in the season finale, or her four fellow seniors—Allison Scott, Suzanne Lynner, Jackie Goines and Katie Silva—all of whom started for Cohasset.

Whatever retooling needs to take place will be done around junior captain midfielder Heather Peraino—a South Shore League all-star, along with Goines and Coakley.

Other juniors who played a key role this season include starters Sera Genovese in goal, midfielder Lindsay Grossman and Deanna Brown, forwards Sarah Brady and Rachel Smith, and fullbacks Sarah Dennis and Kimmy Ulmner.

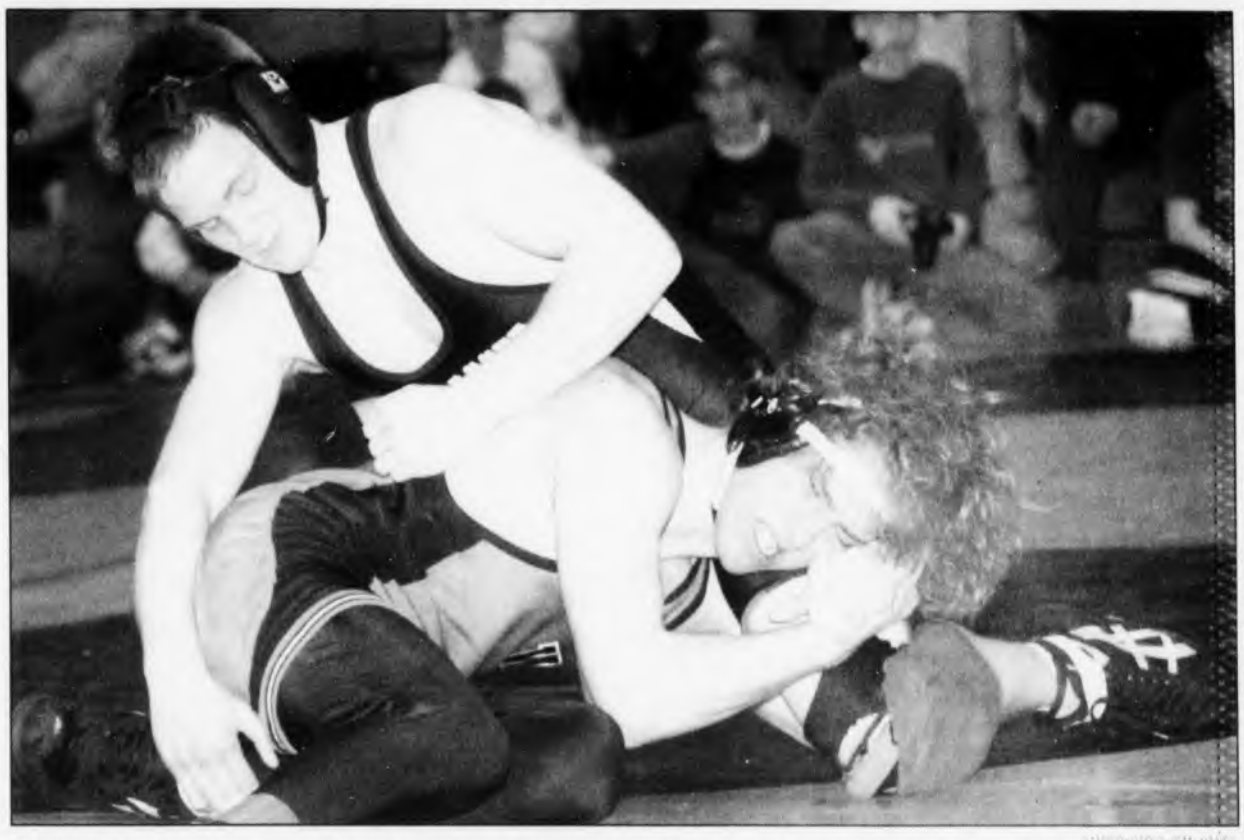
Golf

Although their record might not have indicated it, this year's very young golf team should be expecting big things in the future.

With 18 of 21 players returning, Cohasset's golf squad might very well contend for a league title as soon as next fall. Also, the fact that they had so many underclassmen this year shows how well they are loaded further down the line.

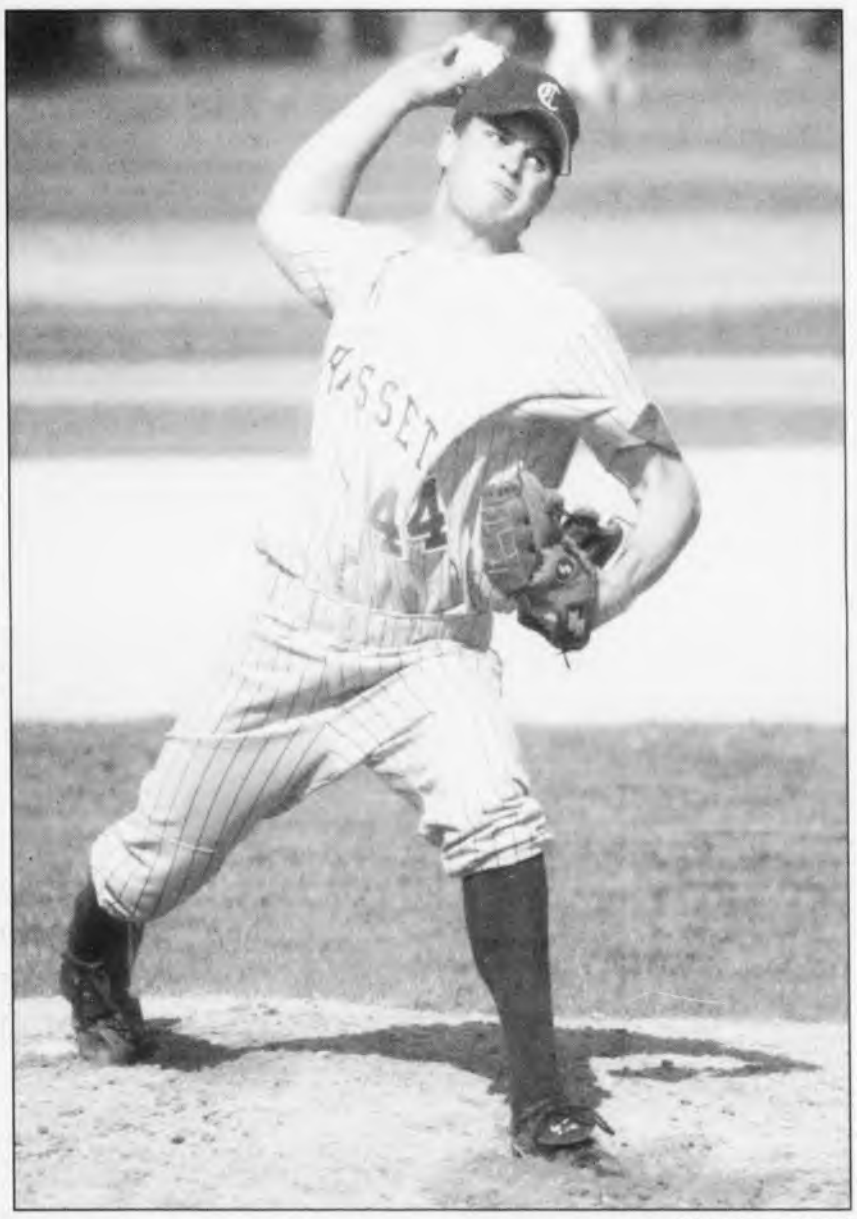
The three seniors of the team—Will Moody, Robin Murphy and Matt O'Grodnik— all had very solid seasons for the Skippers, and will be missed. Moody, the team's captain, was the leader of the team through and through.

D.J. Silvia, one of 11 freshmen on the team this year, had a terrific rookie season, earning his way to the top spot. He, Moody, and junior Greg O'Brien all competed at the All-League meet at Squirrel Run in Plymouth, all shooting in the low 70s. Silvia shot an 84 at the All-State competition, good for 24th place in the 60-player field.



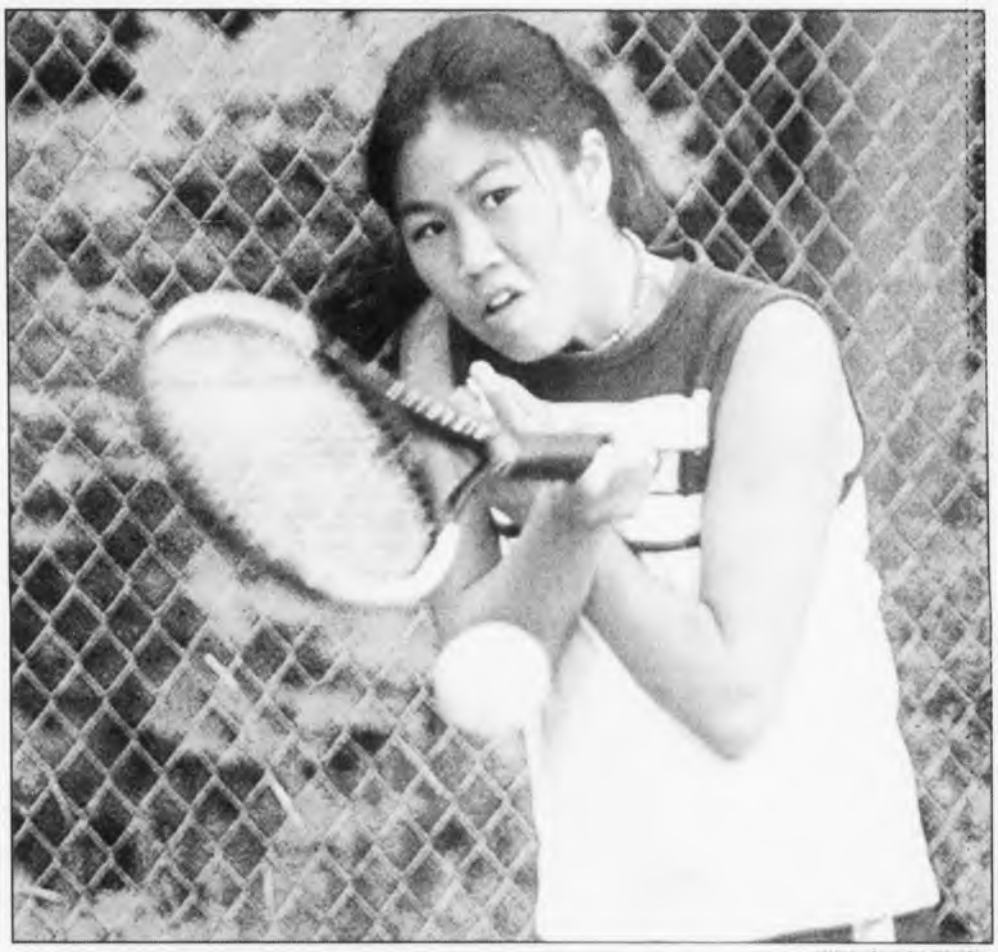
STAFF PHOTO/SUSAN RAMEY

Cohasset High senior Dan Littauer appeared a lock this winter to improve considerably on last year's fifth place finish at the Div. 3 state championships until a crushing elbow dislocation knocked him out of action.



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Cohasset High three sport star Nick Bolster has missed three sport seasons in a row due to a freak detached retina injury - 2001 baseball, football and basketball. It is hoped he can return to the baseball diamond this spring for his final high school season. He's pictured here throwing his no-hit gem as a sophomore.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Freshman Holy Graham emerged as a force at third singles for the Girls Tennis squad.

Spring campaigns successful for Skippers

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cial enough. When you throw in the fact that they did it with a roster that was literally 25 percent the size of some of their top competition, though, it becomes something quite a bit bigger. Often, many of the team's top performers were forced to compete in as many as four events per meet.

Junior Pete Mailtland became the first Cohasset trackster in coach Al Lafontain's four year tenure to advance to the New England Track and Field championships when he finished fifth at the State championships in the javelin with a throw of 178-6.

In the state sectionals, senior tri-Captain Brian Krupczak defended his 200 meter title despite suffering with a pulled hamstring. Unfortunately, he had to pull out of the state championships due to the injury.

Junior Tim Baird captured sixth at the sectionals in the mile with a time of 4:38.24, and the boys 4 x 100 relay team took fourth with a time of 45.73.

On the girls side, freshman Gillian Weber opened some eyes by finishing sixth at sectionals in the 800. Weber leads a strong core of underclass females into this spring season.

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between civil liberties and protection of the public is worth it.

Cohasset firefighters took another step toward the purchase of a new thermal imaging camera for the town fire department, thanks to a camera demonstration outside the annual Town Election.

April 26

Firefighters successfully brought a marsh fire off Atlantic Avenue in Sandy Cove under control Sunday afternoon before it threatened any nearby houses. Firefighters went in the driveways of numbers 99 and 85 Atlantic Ave. to attack the fire from both sides.

Selectmen gave initial approval to a one month trial period for the proposed one way traffic pattern in the Cohasset Village. The circular pattern would make South Main Street, from the Elm Street intersection down to Brook Street, one-way going south. Elm Street would become one way from Brook Street to South Main Street, heading toward the common.

May 3

Cohasset Common was sent back in time yesterday to film a scene for its upcoming movie, "Baby in Black". Scores of extras battled 90-degree heat and their heavy, 70s vintage wardrobe, as filmmakers shot a funeral procession slowly moving up North Main Street, past the common and First Parish Church.

A new 80-foot fiberglass flagpole was installed Tuesday afternoon on the Town Common.

May 10

Cohasset Post Office workers will again work for the Cohasset Food Pantry when residents are asked to leave food and household supplies by their mailboxes to be picked up by mail carriers for eventual delivery to the pantry.

Selectmen announced Tuesday they have reached a tentative Greenbush mitigation agreement with the MBTA and the state Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. After three months of uncertainty, Selectmen Chairman Fred Koed said mitigation talks got back on track over the past week, and the town feels it is time to sign a deal.

May 17

The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission will hold public hearings on May 29 to discuss a number of proposed additions to buildings within the district. The proposals include a major addition to the side of the First Parish Church parish house; a 16-foot by 20-foot wing addition to the South Shore Community Center; and an expanded roof and side porch on the Capt. Samuel Bates Jr. House.

Renovation work at the Red Lion Inn is expected to be finished by mid-June, says owner Gerd Ordleheide. The inn, originally built in 1704, has been undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation and expansion for nearly two years.

Cohasset selectmen made history Tuesday when they unanimously voted to enter into a Greenbush mitigation agreement with the MBTA. By signing the deal, the board ended years of wrangling and debate over proper mitigation measures and reparations for restoration of the long-dormant Greenbush commuter rail line.

May 24

This year's Memorial Day festivities will be highlighted by former Marine Corps and Vietnam War veteran John Morgan who will give remarks at Veterans Memorial Park in a ceremony at noon on Monday.

The American Cancer Society came more than $120,000 closer to finding a cure for cancer thanks to the efforts of more than 800 participants in last weekend's Relay for Life.

May 31

A middle-high school marching band is something Cohasset hasn't see in about 20 years. But, thanks to first-year teacher Greg Lessard that's changing.

The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission approved major changes to three district houses Tuesday, including wing additions to the First Parish Church's parish house, as well as the South Shore Community Center.

Despite being beaten to the punch by a number of backhoes earlier in the week, the Cohasset School Building Committee dug its ceremonial shovels into the ground and officially kicked off the $41 million school renovation project last Friday.

June 7

Cohasset High School will say goodbye to 72 seniors Saturday, described as one of the best and brightest classes in recent years. High school principal Dr. Michael Jones called the group "exceptionally well-rounded" and was a great senior class to preside over in his first year at the school.

Come July, Judy Fitzsimmons, the town's public health nurse, is going to set up office at Town Hall, just a few hundred yards from where she's been based for the past 15 years at St. Stephen's Church.

A town committee has voted to recommend developing athletic fields on the site of the former town gravel pits off North Main Street.

June 14

Town officials are bracing for the possibility of a 200-plus unit housing development at the former Norfolk Conveyer site off Route 3A. According to Elizabeth Harrington, Avalon Bay Communities, a Quincy-based development company, has proposed constructing up to 250 high-end apartments on the 60-acre property.

The library construction project got a bit of bad news this week when it was not one of the ten projects to be awarded a Massachusetts Library Construction Grant.

Police have interviewed up to a dozen more local teenagers about a money counterfeiting ring, following the arrest of two Cohasset youths last week, and say the dollar amount of counterfeit bills circulating in the are could total several thousand.

June 21

Peter Pratt asked selectmen to hold a disciplinary hearing over Town Manager Mark Haddad's alleged behavior toward the Planning Board member after he questioned Haddad's authority to conduct an informal meeting with other officials last week. Pratt, who was elected to the planning board in April and did not know about the Avalon meeting beforehand, said he "forcefully" questioned Haddad during an impromptu visit to the selectmen's office. Then, according to Pratt, Haddad "exploded" and became "threatening and intimidating" toward to him.

Despite extreme weather on different ends of the spectrum, the 46th annual South Shore Arts Festival was a roaring success.

Former state senator William Golden slammed Massport's environmental impact report on the proposed new Logan Airport runway, calling it "fraudulent" and filled with "outright lies," suggested launching a lawsuit to force the state to review the matter.

June 28

Interest in fine arts that include visual arts, instrumental and choral music and photography are on the rise at the middle-high school. To that end, Principal Michael Jones said the fine arts department needs both a new leader and a new position. Due to retirements and the ability to shift some staff, the new posts would not add to the budget this year, he said.

The Board of Health has begun its annual testing of Cohasset waters for high bacteria levels.

The South Shore Music Circus turns 50 this week, and although the shows and technology have changed, the basic purpose has remained the same.

The new Pay As You Throw trash system takes effect on Sunday. Starting July 1, residents will not be able to dump their trash at the Recycling Transfer Station without a sticker and if their trash isn't one of the new blue PAYT bags.

July 5

Despite dozens of legal cases involving town boards, the town legal budget finished fiscal year 2001 in the black by about $15,000.

Hingham Lumber has filed plans with he town that would move the 54-year old business to Route 3A in Cohasset.

July 12

Although they are cropping up in Scituate, Hingham, and Norwell, it's hard to compete with Cohasset when it comes to homes priced at more than a million dollars. The average asking price around town is currently about $1.2 million per home.

Selectmen voiced their support for Town Manager Mark Haddad Tuesday, and one went so far as to characterize him as the victim of a "smear campaign" at the hands of Planning Board member Peter Pratt. Pratt was irate that selectmen will not hold a disciplinary hearing over the altercation.

July 19

The town Gravel Pit Reuse Committee hopes to go before this fall's special Town Meeting to ask for funds to construct the first of two Little League fields planned for the former town gravel pit site off North Main Street.

With a collective sigh of relief, the town Village Revitalization Task Force on Tuesday took its final votes on the general village renovation plan it will recommend to the town.

July 26

Residents frustrated with local zoning issues or who want to have an impact on the town's future, get their chance starting tonight at the Beechwood Congregational Church at 7:30 p.m. The neighborhood forum is the first of four such public meetings the town Growth and Development Committee has planned to get residents input on topics such as economic development, land use, traffic and transportation, and town facilities in Cohasset.

Aug. 2

Interested residents like a "scaled-down" version of the harbor improvement plan and asked engineers to come up with a common theme for the improvements.

The Cohasset Mariner has asked the Norfolk County District Attorney's office to look into a possible violation of the Open Meeting Law involving apparent deliberations and votes taken by the Cohasset Sewer Commission over e-mail. Last week's Sewer Commission meeting agenda listed a confirmation of e-mail vote under its new business.

Aug. 9

Selectmen have agreed with the MBTA on a $1.6 million price-tag for the six-mile long, town-owned right-of-way that could house the Greenbush commuter rail line in the near future. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the amount was a fair split between the $1.1 million MBTA appraisal and $2.05 million town appraisal of the land.

The Planning Board hopes the town's need for developable commercially-zoned land outweighs its need for affordable housing, and could be the basis upon which Cohasset could reject a proposed Chapter 40B comprehensive permit application along Route 3A.

Three Cohasset police cruisers, the police SUV and a paddy wagon from Weymouth ran a shuttle service from a house on Hillside Drive to the police station to transport 32

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Citizen deadline approaches

See form page 6

In keeping with an eight-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

The deadline for nominations for the 2001 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan 4. Please see the nomination form on page 6. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the 2001 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January 2002.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

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teenagers and young adults being placed under arrest for alcohol offenses and disturbing the peace.

Aug. 16

Called the Great Neck Ledge Preservation Group, the grass-roots organization is focusing on preserving 13.6 acres of land abutting Great Brewster Woods, while also raising awareness of other similar areas around town.

While arresting four men in Hingham in connection with Friday's armed robbery of the Rockland Trust Company, Hanover and Hingham police officers believe they discovered property taken during a series of Cohasset burglaries last month.

The Cohasset Historical Society is worried that its denied request for an abatement of sewer betterment costs for two Cohasset Village museums will place an undue burden upon the historically rich, but financially poor organization.

Aug. 23

More students and longer routes have backed up the town's afternoon school bus service to the point where it isn't uncommon for students to have to wait in their classrooms for up to a half an hour until their bus arrives. In an effort to have school buses actually at the Deer Hill and Osgood schools when class ends in the afternoon, the Cohasset School Committee unanimously voted last week to start and dismiss the school day 15 minutes later than last year.

The Planning Board voiced its support last week for local businessman Peter Roy's initial plans to renovate the Mill River Marine Railway site on Border Street.

Aug. 30

For some concerned Cohasset residents, the idea of a massive housing development on one of Cohasset's last stretches of commercially zoned land has become all too real. Since July, Avalon Bay Properties has been in preliminary discussions with town boards about the feasibility of using a comprehensive permit to construct a 250-unit rental apartment complex.

Hingham Lumber's proposal to move to Route 3A in Cohasset his a snag last week when the Conservation Commission approval was held up by the existence of a rare freshwater crustacean on the site. The Mystic Valley Amphipod, a on-quarter to half-inch crustacean that lives in cool, shallow, slow moving water, is considered a species of special concern by the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program.

Sept. 6

As one of the town's crown jewels, Cohasset Common is in need of a long-term planning and preservation effort as much as any area in town. In order to help ensure the 232-year old common's longevity, the Department of Environmental Management announced late last month that the town has been awarded a $16,200 Historic Landscape Preservation Grant for Cohasset Common.

A bill allowing Cohasset to repay the loan for the long-awaited expansion of Woodside Cemetery over a period of 10 years, rather than five, was passed last week.

Sept. 13

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, has become the 21st century's Day of Infamy, with thousands undoubtedly killed, and millions of lives changed. The shock waves from the terrorist strikes sent tremors throughout the nation, including the South Shore, where residents were frantically trying to locate family members and friends who may have been at either location.

School opening at Deer Hill School was clouded with unnecessary parental fears over asbestos, officials say.

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan announced this week that he intends to retire at the end of the year.

Sept. 20

With the images of last Tuesday's tragedy still vivid in many minds, the town of Cohasset has helped the healing process by joining the national relief effort. The Town Hall Auditorium became a drop-off site for a canned food and clothing drive, and other efforts are being planned at the town's schools.

In God We Trust. That phrase, so familiar to all Americans, rang true for the nearly 1000 residents who packed St. Anthony's Church for a town-wide ecumenical service to share their feelings patriotism and personal faith Sunday.

Sept. 27

Selectmen, fed up with the lack of progress, voted Tuesday to terminate its lease with Kevin Ulmer and his Cohasset Lobster Lab proposal. For the past 3-1/2 years, the town has leased the house on the former Hagerty Property off Parker Avenue to Ulmer for $1 a year.

Hungry area residents were still driving up to the Newport Creamery at Shaw's Plaza this week hoping to stop in for a grilled cheese sandwich or hot fudge sundae. "Due to Newport Creamery's Chapter 7, our store will be closed. Thank you, the management," read a lime-green, poster bard that could be seen through the glass door inside the vestibule.

As promised, Advocates for Transportation Alternatives, with John Bewick at the helm, filed a lawsuit in Plymouth Superior Court Friday, with the hopes of forcing the MBTA to reexamine less environmentally damaging alternatives to the Greenbush commuter rail line.

Oct. 4

On advice of town counsel, the Sewer Commission is requiring the historical society hook up its two Elm Street museums, the Capt. John Wilson House (1810) and Maritime Museum (1750), to the sewer and pay the required betterment of about $3,000.

The old voting booths of Cohasset could become part of the history they helped create. For safety reasons the 25-30 year old portable structures need to be replaced.

Oct. 11

There will be no welcome mat from the school department for the proposed 254-unit apartment complex off Route 3A. Although the developer, AvalonBay Communities Inc., says the luxury project with a heated pool, spa, exercise facility and clubhouse is geared toward "empty-nesters" and young professionals with no kids — school officials fear it would flood the schools with more children than they can absorb.

There's a new face at the children's library desk in the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, one that many may remember from 15 years ago. Sharon Moody of Cohasset is excited about the opportunity to work in the library.

Oct. 18

Herb Jason and John Small are at it again. After building a monument on Government Island to two fallen lightkeepers, Jason and Small got approval to put a large anchor on Government Island near the sailing club.

Logan Airport's proposed runway plan is still alive, though not a top priority, according to Massport spokesman Barbara Platt. The plan is on hold till January, she said.

District Attorney William R. Keating's office has determined the Sewer Commission unintentionally violated the Open Meeting Law when its members held e-mail conversations last summer to discuss abatement requests.

The Cohasset Police Department has a copy of the revised Anthrax Threat Protocol from the State Fire Marshall's office. Last Sunday, Cohasset became one of the 60 municipalities across the state with an Anthrax scare.

Oct. 25

The Department of Education has mandated a formal teacher mentoring program begin for all public schools starting this month. A new teacher to a school system will be assigned a mentor who has been with the school system for at least three years.

Jack Buckley hopes selectmen will be enthusiastic about his proposal to expand CMI into the first floor of the Hagerty House. He sees CMI as "co-stewards" of the building working in partnership with the town to maintain and improve the structure.

Nov. 1

First it was Bergson's, then Newport Creamery - and now the future of the 3,500 square foot building at the entrance to Shaw's plaza on Router 3A is anybody's guess. The odds are the site will remain a restaurant or be sold to a bank or retail business because of restrictions in the land lease.

Special Town Meeting is only days away. As it stands now, the warrant contains 25 articles but 22 will likely be voted on at special Town Meeting, the Planning Board continued its public hearing on three zoning articles without voting on them, effectively tabling them until annual Town Meeting this spring.

Nov. 8

Cohasset students are up to the test. MCAS scores were released last week and Cohasset 10th-graders fared very well. Tenth-grade students scored high on both the English/Language Arts section and the math section. The students ranked 26 out of the 319 schools in the state on the two sections.

To the tune of thunderous applause, Monday's special Town Meeting approved Article 17 which appropriates $2.1 million towards the construction of the new library.

With a top attendance of more than 350 citizens in the high school gym, Town Meeting decided the fate of 22 articles or items of business. Eleven of the articles were decided on in one motion as there was no opposition to them.

A memorial to Cohasset's Gold Star Mothers is dedicated at Woodside Cemetery.

Nov. 15

Selectmen listened to public debate in an effort to make a decision on the fate of the Hagerty House at the end of Parker Avenue. The town bought the house and the 2.1 acre Hagerty property nine years ago.

Cohasset residents could suffer from "sticker shock" when they see how much their home is worth. The Board of Assessors recently made public the results of a town-wide revaluation that increased the assessed value of homes in town an average of 41 percent over last year.

Nov. 22

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he received a total of 54 applications for the post and has appointed a committee of seven to review the resumes and come up with a list of finalists.

The Cohasset School Department released the results from its first audit since 1987 last week. The state Department of Education gave the Cohasset School Department until Dec. 10 to respond to its audit that was conducted last May.

Nov. 29

The current budget tossed around Beacon Hill reduces funding the School Building Assistance Bureau program by almost 50 percent. This means towns lower on the list for reimbursement, like Cohasset, will have to wait longer for compensation from the state for their school building projects.

Dec. 6

The contentious battles between the Government Island Study Committee and Herb Jason and John Small look to be headed for another round. The committee is now opposing a ship's anchor that would be added to Government Island. While the committee previously supported the incorporation of the anchor, at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting Ham Tewksbury and Bob Davenport said the group had not realized how big the anchor would be.

The Children's Global Discovery Center to be housed in the 1929 wing of the old Osgood School kicked off its fundraising campaign Tuesday.

Cohasset will take the lead in an effort to stop the state Department of Education from making significant cuts to the School Building Assistance Bureau program.

The village improvement plans for St. Stephens sidewalk got the go-ahead from selectmen. The plans will now be sent to MassHighway which reviews them, and sends them back with either its seal of approval or suggestions for improvements.

Dec. 13

Cohasset and Hull are not getting along too well. Hull is selling sewer access to the private developer of a proposed subdivision off Jerusalem Road when Cohasset, which is under a court order to solve its wastewater woes, could use additional capacity.

Ledge preservation proponents promised to return in the spring and they plan to keep their word by drafting a new article for the March 30 annual Town Meeting. They will go ahead with or with-out the Planning Board's blessing although the group hopes the Planning Board will be "on board" this time around.

No one wants to see the Mill River Marine Railway - part of which is known as Cohasset's Motif #1 - collapse into the rapids where the Gulf River meets the harbor. But local lobstermen, members of the Cohasset Sailing Club, rowing center, Government Island Study Committee, and Harbor Committee also don't want to see access to the harbor - particularly parking - be usurped by proposed development of the site.

Dec. 20

A recent study shows the Beechwood-3A intersection is accident prone.

The sewer plant's "new clothes" could cost a lot more than the estimated $150,000 appropriated at Town Meeting. But rather than go back to the voters for more money, the improvements to the exterior of the sewer plant buildings may be done in phases.

The Straits Pond Watershed Association does not want a new development on Jerusalem Road because of potential run-off into the pond.

According to a presentation delivered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, a sewer may be the best option for the Little Harbor area.

New year, new look for Cohasset

By Evan Schiff
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With all the improvements slated to begin in the New Year, Cohasset should have a new look by the end of 2002.

Dean Rizzo, the executive director of CRC, a private corporation working in conjunction with the village revitalization taskforce, is looking forward to the New Year.

"It should be a great year for the village," Rizzo said.

The St. Stephen's sidewalk, which is being paid for through a state grant, would be the first part of the village revitalization project to see construction.

Rizzo said all design choices, including light fixtures and the type of material used for the sidewalks, should be finalized in the coming year.

Thanks to a state grant and the Greenbush project, the estimated $2-1/4 million cost for village revitalization could be paid for with no direct cost to Cohasset taxpayers.

The Harbor Walk area is slated to take center stage in 2002, and Rizzo said he is looking forward to working with the community on it.

"We hope to generate a community consensus on the design for the waterfront area and ensure the correct permitting is completed," he said. Rizzo said he has asked selectmen to start looking at funding opportunities for the Harbor Walk area so the renovations can be done at no cost to the taxpayers.

Selectmen recently gave the go ahead to Town Manager Mark Haddad to pursue those grants. Rizzo said the budget for the project will depend on the final design but he estimates could be anywhere from $500,000 to $1.2 million.

"It should come together well," he said.

He said he hopes the entire village project can be put out to bid in 2002 so all construction can begin in 2003.

Another area Rizzo said he is anticipating to be an exciting project in 2002 is the landscape preservation for the town common.

"We look forward to working with the town on that," he said.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 15

10:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:27 p.m. So. Main St., breaking and entering motor vehicle, investigated.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

1:13 a.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:07 a.m. Beach St., assist motorist.

9:45 a.m. No. Main St., breaking and entering to motor vehicle, investigated, report taken.

10:04 a.m. Surry Dr., animal call or complaint.

12:19 p.m. Route 3A, Lincoln Plaza, assist other police dept.

1:22 p.m. Gammons Rd., larceny.

3:15 p.m. Indian Wind Rd., animal call or complaint.

4 p.m. Doane St., officer wanted.

5:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., motor vehicle accident, investigated, report taken.

9:57 p.m. So. Main St. and Brook St., general services.

11:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious activity/person(s)/item(s), auto.

MONDAY, DEC. 17

6:51 a.m. Headquarters, assist other police department.

9:03 a.m. King St., larceny.

12:06 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle crash.

12:21 p.m. Pond St., Lantern Lane, motor vehicle crash.

3:45 p.m. Norfolk Lane, well being check.

6:34 p.m. Rt. 3A and Rt. 128.

6:41 p.m. King St., medical aid.

6:51 p.m. King St., assist citizen.

7:30 p.m. Pond St., motor vehicle stop.

7:38 p.m. Ledgewood Dr., fire investigation.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

12:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

5:43 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen.

9:06 a.m. Pond St., medical aid.

10:08 a.m. Highland Ave., parking complaint.

10:21 a.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.

10:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire investigation.

1:29 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted.

2 p.m. Pratt Ct., computer crimes.

4:26 p.m. Aaron River Rd., vandalism.

6:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.

6:43 p.m. North Main St. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop.

9:16 p.m. Black Rock Rd., structure fire.

9:31 p.m. South Main St., motor vehicle stop.

11:06 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

1:19 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

7:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., motor vehicle stop.

7:32 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

8:57 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., and Windy Hill Rd., motor vehicle stop.

9:37 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Hull St., motor vehicle stop.

10:29 a.m. King St., civil offenses.

12:13 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle stop.

1:33 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

2:30 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

2:44 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

4:02 p.m. Highland St., fire investigation.

4:12 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

4:22 p.m. Forest Ave., motor vehicle stop.

5:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious activity.

7:55 p.m. Linden Dr., general services.

8 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., motor vehicle stop.

10:43 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

6:17 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

6:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

6:27 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

6:35 a.m. Sohier St., general services.

10:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: James M. Carmark, Jr., 50, 14 Longmeadow Rd., Scituate. Chrgs. Illegal possession of class D substance, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, operating an unregistered mv/trailer, speeding in violation of special regulations.

12:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle violations.

1:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway motor vehicle violations.

3:46 p.m. Lamberts Ln., parking complaint.

4:02 p.m. South Main St., and Summer St., disorderly conduct.

6:03 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

9:03 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

10:26 p.m. King St., animal control.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

12:05 a.m. King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

12:14 a.m. Border St., assist citizen.

12:44 a.m. King St., and Rose Hill Ln., assist other agency.

6:21 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle violations.

9:24 a.m. Depot Ct., assist citizen.

9:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

9:42 a.m. Grace Dr., disturbance.

9:46 a.m. Howard Gleason Rd., larceny.

10:05 a.m. Lamberts Ln., fire.

10:30 a.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop.

11:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St., motor vehicle crash.

11:48 a.m. Sohier St., animal control.

1:51 a.m. Elm St., fire log entry.

2:37 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. motor vehicle crash.

3:05 p.m. Flintlocke Ridge Rd., motor vehicle stop.

4:13 p.m. North Main St., traffic complaint.

7:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist other police department.

8:55 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint.

10:23 p.m. Pond St., public service.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

5:40 a.m. Black Rock Rd., wires down.

9:07 a.m. Howe Rd., well being check.

9:58 a.m. King St., medical aid.

12:03 p.m. Forest Ave., disabled auto.

1:38 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious person.

2:30 p.m. Spindrift Ln., power outage.

2:43 p.m. Deep Run, power outage.

4:52 p.m. Highland Ave., medical aid.

5:12 p.m. South Main St., lost property.

7 p.m. Doane St., suspicious person.

9:16 p.m. Beechwood St., animal control.

10:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:09 p.m. Rt. 3A and Rt. 123, motor vehicle stop., traffic citation issued.

10:31 p.m. South Main St., parking complaint, parking ticket issued.

10:48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop., warning, traffic citation.

11:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, warning, traffic citation.

11:24 p.m. Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd., traffic citation, warning.

11:41 p.m. Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

12:21 a.m. Red Gate Ln., medical aid.

12:57 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop.

1:53 p.m. Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop.

2:52 p.m. Sohier St. fire investigation.

2:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St., registration inquiry.

4:49 p.m. Rustic Dr., structure fire.

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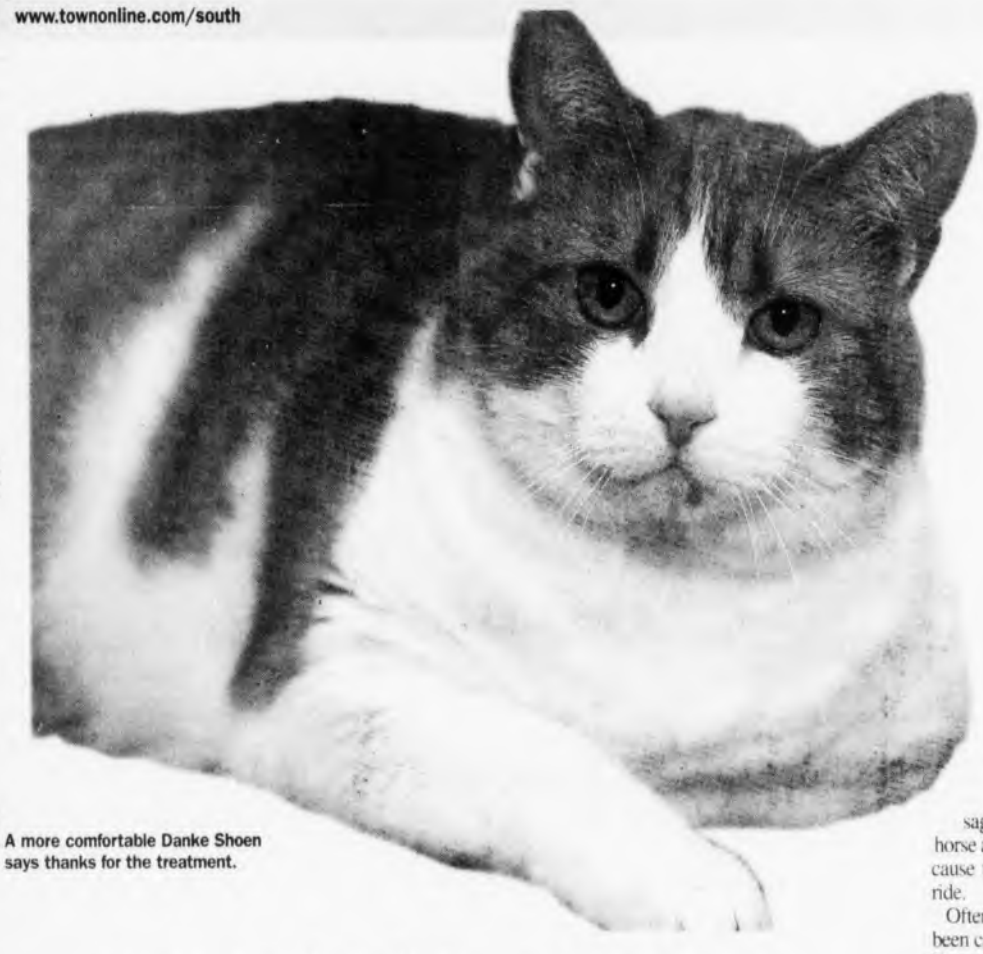
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A more comfortable Danke Shoen says thanks for the treatment.

Creature comfort

Cats and other animals can benefit from chiropractic care

By Alice Coyle
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Danke Schoen has a lot to be thankful for. The 13-year-old red tabby is one well-adjusted feline thanks to Scituate chiropractor Debra Tranberg. Danke Schoen, or "Dunkie" as owners Anne and Rick Rodwell of Marshfield call her, suffers from arthritis in her neck, back and hind quarters.

"About a year ago we began noticing she was having trouble sitting down and getting up," Anne said. "She seemed to be stiff."

After their veterinarian diagnosed Dunkie with arthritis, the Rodwells were given the option of putting the family pet on Glucosamine — the same drug used to help build joints in humans over a prolonged period of time— or try something that more and more animal owners are trying —chiropractic care.

Rick has benefited from chiropractic care, so even though friends and family members told them it sounded "really out there," Anne said they figured they had nothing to lose.

The first treatments Dunkie received were through Veterinarian Dr. Phillip Pare who is not a certified chiropractor but used what is commonly known as the VOM (veterinary orthopedic manipulation) method in which a pulsar instrument is used to make the adjustments. Pare has left the Plymouth animal hospital for South Boston leaving Dunkie in Tranberg's capable hands.

Anne said she's delighted to have local chiropractic care for Dunkie, whose mobility and personality improve vastly following treatment.

"I see an immediate difference," she said, noting that Dunkie is able to bound up and down stairs, sits more comfortably and will allow people to pet her for longer.

In her first visit with Tranberg, Dunkie was in obvious discomfort, snapping and hissing when a sore area was touched. That's pretty much par for the course, said Tranberg, who's been adjusting animals for about six years. "Animals are more black and white than humans," Tranberg said of an animal's reactions to chiropractic care. "Most are nasty in the beginning, but when they've had it done a few times they're happy to be here because they know it will make them feel better."

Tranberg is a certified member of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVAC) a group that focuses its work on offering healing care to cats, dogs, horses, goats, ferrets and just about any other vertebrate animal you can think of.

"If it has a spine, it can be adjusted," said Tranberg. "I was once asked to adjust a snake."

Tranberg never got her hands on the snake, but she recently wrapped up a presentation at the AVCA'S "Options for Animals" program in Moline, Ill., where she spoke about the benefits of chiropractic care to both horse and rider.

Tranberg got in the saddle working on local dressage champion and Abington resident Tom Noone's horse and explains if a rider needs an adjustment they can cause the same imbalance and injury to the horse they ride.

Often when an animal has an injury or problem it has been caused in part by their human owner, Tranberg said. Dogs on runs or leashes, pulled or yanked by their owners often suffer neck and back injuries.

But whatever the cause of the animal's pain, the same philosophy used in chiropractic care for humans applies for animals. Chiropractic is grounded on the basis that the body is a self-regulating, self-healing organism. Impairments to the nervous system can cause malfunctions to the body's tissues, bones and organs. One common cause of this problem is what is known as "subluxation" which is a partial dislocation of the bones of the spine.

By adjusting a bone out of place in the spine which could be interrupting the flow between the nervous system and other bones, tissues, cells or organs, chiropractors help the body heal itself.

"The power that made the body can heal the body," Tranberg said. With improved spinal function there is often improved function in the nervous system.

"It's not just about healing back or neck pain," Tranberg notes. "It's about the nervous system which controls all functions in the body."

Tranberg, a Pembroke resident who has practiced in Scituate for 15 years said she became certified to give chiropractic care to animals after several of her human patients asked her to treat their pets.

But she's quick to point out to those who seek her help for their animals that chiropractic care does not replace good veterinary care.

"I insist that all animals be seen by their vet to be sure nothing else is going on."

Tranberg in fact works out of vet offices on the South Shore or travels to horse farms in the area. Just before speaking with the Mariner, Tranberg had been working on a horse in Abington. While her animal patients can't all lie on a table, Tranberg can make her animal adjustments standing on a hay bale just as well as in the office.

There are definite challenges that come with chiropractic for animals, but Tranberg said the good thing is they don't have expectations at the outset.

And generally adjustments take just a few minutes, unless the animal being treated is "really uncooperative," Tranberg said.

"I had some trouble with a pony that could kick sideways. And there was a cat that had a club foot, but could take your eye out with that foot."

And the same satisfaction she feels in bringing relief to her human patients, Tranberg enjoys in seeing in the animals she treats.

"It's a lot of fun."

Curled up comfortably across the room from her new chiropractor, Danke Schoen appears to be in purr-fect agreement.



Danke Shoen bears up well during the adjustment.



STAFF PHOTOS/SUSAN HANEY

Scituate Chiropractor Debra Tranberg describes a technique she uses on her animal patients.

New habit for NDA grad



Former Hingham resident Adrienne Cote also plays the role of "Sister" in "Late Nite Catechism," sharing the spotlight with Maripat Donovan, pictured here.

Hingham native stars in 'Late Night Catechism'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Adrienne Cote hopes to see some familiar faces, from her high school days at Notre Dame Academy, in the audience when she performs in the play "Late Nite Catechism" at Boston's Shubert Theatre.

"I really want the nuns to come out for this show," the former Hingham resident said. "It would give them a good laugh to see me dressed as a nun."

Co-written by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan, "Late Nite Catechism" has been giving audiences a good laugh since it first debuted in Chicago in 1993. A one-woman show, the play takes audience members back to childhood as they attend an adult Catechism class taught by a nun known simply as Sister. Between 1995-1997, Donovan "taught" her "Catechism" class at Boston's Church of All Nations. During this limited this Boston engagement, Donovan will be alternating with Cote in the role of Sister.

"When I was first auditioning for this show, I attended many performances by Maripat. I realized pretty quickly that she is a brilliant actress. When I was chosen I was blown away. I wasn't even sure I could play the part," says Cote. "Knowing how great Maripat is in the role, makes me word even harder to get it right. When we share an engagement like this, I always learn something from her."

Learning is a central part of "Late Nite Catechism." Throughout the play, Sister goes from kindly teacher —rewarding her best students with laminated prayer cards and glow-in-the-dark rosaries — to demanding drill instructor. These unpredictable mood swings are bound to be familiar to anyone who remembers grade school authority figures.

The character of Sister is close to Cote's heart. "At Notre Dame, I met many nuns like the one I portray. Nuns are women with a calling. They feel their responsibility very deeply," the now New York-based actress points out. Having performed in more than one production of "Nunsense," Cote is well aware that nuns are often portrayed in a humorous light.

"Sister is very funny and her interaction with the audience can be hilarious," she says. "We're respectful, however, even when we're being irreverent. This show is definitely more about the Catholic Church. We definitely poke fun, but only in a loving way. I couldn't do this if I thought we were just making fun of nuns. We have a lot of fun, but in a loving and faith-filled way."

Cote has performed in "Catechism" on and off for the past four years. She has also performed in regional theaters around the country in plays like "Deathtrap" and "The Diary of Anne Frank" and musicals including "The Pirates of Penzance" and "Into the Woods." Earlier in her career, Cote performed with the Company Theatre in Norwell and Braintree's Curtain Call Theatre. Her current assignment, however, marks her debut on a commercial Boston stage.

With a mother and sister in Marshfield, and other sisters in Weymouth, Marshfield and Stoughton, Cote expects her family, in particular, and the South Shore, in general, to be well represented at the Shubert. There is also one more person she would really like to see.

"If my high school music teacher, Sister Patricia Gertrude, shows up she will be the one I am most eager to please. She really made a lot of people at Notre Dame shine, including me. Her support was really instrumental in helping me make my career choice. Sister Patricia Gertrude is just a great woman."

("Late Nite Catechism" will be performed through Jan. 6, at the Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont Street, Boston. To learn which performances will feature Adrienne Cote, please call 1-207-583-0955. For tickets and other information, call 1-800-447-7400.)

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Perfect Popovers

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CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Popovers are culinary magic: the batter consists of only five ingredients, it can be made in a blender, and it literally "pops" in the oven creating a spectacular finish without a trace of yeast or chemical leavener. Bad popovers, however, are squat, heavy and wet, burn on the outside, or turn out lopsided or sunken in the middle. With such a simple recipe, how could one get such variable results?

I began with a basic recipe consisting of 1 cup flour, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 2 large eggs, and melted butter to grease the pan. I tested higher and lower amounts of flour but 1 cup was perfect. Cake flour made shorter popovers and sifted flour made no difference at all. The one cup of whole milk was the right amount and type. Two percent milk was okay but half-and-half produced slightly heavier results. I boosted the eggs to three for a puffier, crisper, and tastier popover. Most recipes include melted butter (as mine did) but I found that batter made without was superior – the popovers were lighter and far crispier. The salt was upped to a 1/2 teaspoon and now I was done with the ingredient list.

My favorite aspect of any popover recipe is that the ingredients can simply be dumped into a blender or whisked by hand. Nothing sensitive about this batter! What is truly unusual, however, is that popover batter must sit for a half hour before baking. This gives the finished produce more height and a more uniform shape.

The actual baking of popovers is as close to oven magic as one will find in the kitchen. There are three theories: cold pan into a hot oven, a hot pan into a hot oven, and a cold pan into a cold oven. (Some cooks swear that the muffin tin and oven must not be preheated while others claim this is essential for lift.) I tried all three methods and ended up preferring a cold muffin tin into a cold oven. The baking time had to be extended but the popovers were bigger, lighter, and crispier. Preheated ovens tend to produce lopsided popovers with concave tops and preheating the pan didn't seem to make much difference. As for oven temperatures, 450 degrees for 30 minutes followed by 15 minutes in a 350 degrees was just right.

However, for those of us who do not have an extra oven to spare around the holidays and must use a preheated oven, I wanted a variation on the recipe that worked well. The solution was to place the muffin tin with batter in a hot oven, set the oven to 450 degrees, bake for 20 minutes, reduce the oven to 325 degrees, and bake 20 minutes longer. The popovers will be a touch lopsided but nobody will complain!

HIGH-RISE CRISPY POPOVERS

If you don't have a cold oven available, follow the variation below.

1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 large eggs
1 cup whole milk
2 tablespoons butter, melted, for brushing the muffin cups

1. Place flour, salt, eggs, and milk in a blender and mix until well combined, about 30 seconds. Alternatively the ingredients may be whisked in a medium bowl either by hand or with an electric mixer. Let stand for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, using a pastry brush generously butter a 12-cup muffin pan.

2. Pour the batter into the prepared pan filling each muffin cup halfway up. Place in the center of a cold oven set for 450 degrees. Bake for 30 minutes. Rotate the pan 180 degrees and lower the temperature to 350 degrees. Bake until deep golden brown, about 15 minutes longer. Serve immediately. Makes 12 popovers

HOT OVEN VARIATION

In step 2, place the pan in your already heated oven and set the temperature to 450 degrees. Bake for 20 minutes. Rotate the pan 180 degrees and lower the temperature to 350 degrees and bake until deep golden brown, about 15 to 20 minutes longer.

Astral week

By Geri Giannandrea

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Venus enters Capricorn at 2:25 a.m., remaining there until January 18. The moon continues to travel in steady Taurus throughout the day. If you are working, it is okay to initiate new activities or sign contracts before 9:51 a.m., when the moon aligns with Mercury. On the other hand, influences continue to run high for relaxing and recharging your batteries. A lunar alignment to Uranus at 7:22 p.m. may disrupt the flow of the day. Be adaptable. At this time the moon becomes inactive.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

An inactive Taurus moon makes for a slow start to this day. Take your time. Influences turn around completely at 9:39 a.m., when the moon enters lively Gemini. Handle a variety of chores, errands, odds and ends of things, if you want to be productive. People will be sociable, talkative but easily distracted. A lunar alignment to Neptune makes this a great evening to gather with friends and go for the good times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Stormy astrological weather moves in today. Keep it light. Don't force issues. The Gemini moon forms challenging alignments to Saturn and Mars in the morning and Pluto in the afternoon. Making important decisions or launching new ventures are off limits. Instead, focus on jobs that need to be finished, cleaned out, reorganized. Keep a low profile. Pursue activities that help you to maintain a positive, easygoing attitude.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Gear up for another hectic day. The Gemini moon becomes inactive at 1:24 a.m. This is a morning to stay busy with projects that have been left hanging; finish and follow through. The final windup to a potent full moon begins at 2:40 p.m., when the moon enters the sign Cancer. Others may be hypersensitive, emotional. Be more compassionate; patient. Back off rather than stir up resentment. Find time alone; prayer and meditation can help you to gain deep penetrating insights.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Turbulent astrological weather continues. Wake up in a good mood. Remain calm no matter what is happening around you. The lunar eclipse/full moon culminates at 5:40 a.m., 9-degrees of the sign Cancer. People often have difficulty sleeping in full moon periods and, as a result, can be grouchy and difficult to get along with. Don't overpersonalize. In addition, a 90-degree alignment of Mars and Pluto may spark disagreements, power struggles, accidents. Stay alert and use common sense. Meditate for clarity and peace of mind.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Potentially difficult planetary influences begin to ease up in the nick of time. The Cancer moon opposes Mercury at 8:43 a.m. and becomes inactive. An upbeat Leo moon takes over at 5:09 p.m., setting the stage for fun and games this evening. In addition, a sun/Jupiter polarity occurs, generating a festive, optimistic mood. Put on your party hat and let the good times roll.

Proper care for holiday houseplants

Green thumbs up

By Suzanne Mahler
CORRESPONDENT

With the official arrival of winter upon us, more seasonable temperatures have greeted South Shore residents. Despite the inevitability of snow, ice and frigid temperatures in the weeks to come, the passing of the winter solstice and the shortest day of the year are always a positive landmark for this avid gardener who thrives on sunlight and warmer weather. As long as the ground remains free from snow cover, my garden cleanup continues. There are winter mulches to spread, hundreds of empty pots to sort and new projects to mastermind for the spring. Outdoor gardening in winter can be most invigorating.

On days when chilly temperatures or inclement weather necessitate indoor activities, I browse through enticing, colorful, gardening catalogs and tend to my holiday houseplants. Despite my personal indifference to indoor gardening, I purchase several holiday plants each December as they are among the easiest and most attractive solutions for instant holiday decorating and I must confess that the winter months seem more bearable if there are green plants present. No matter what the season, a well-placed plant in full bloom, or even a healthy foliage plant, can become an immediate focal point or decorative element providing warmth and vitality to any living space.



The winter months tend to be a difficult time to maintain healthy houseplants. Low light and dry indoor environments pose serious challenges for the majority of indoor plants. Most holiday plants prefer bright light and cool temperatures. Select locations, which are away from drafts or heat sources. Avoid growing plants on narrow window-sills in winter due to the chill of the glass on very cold days and the fact that many windows have heaters located directly beneath them.

Improper watering is the most common cause of houseplant failures. Water early in the day with lukewarm water, providing enough water so that some comes out the bottom of the pot. Although decorative holiday foils make the standard plastic pot look more festive, it is better to remove this so the water can drain into a saucer and the excess can be poured off shortly after watering. A pot which sits in a water-filled saucer can eventually lead to rot or disease. Plants require less moisture during extended periods of cloudy, gloomy weather. Avoid the temptation to water all plants on a set schedule since this is often the cause for over-watering which tends to be the primary cause of houseplant deaths. Poke a finger into the soil for the most accurate determination.

Humidity is another key factor for healthy houseplants. In especially warm homes, a pebble tray beneath you plants may be helpful. Place a few small stones in a saucer underneath your plants and allow a minimal quantity of water to remain at all times. Remember that the bottom of the pot should not sit in standing water. Grouping plants will help to increase humidity levels and an occasional misting, or even a quick shower in the kitchen sink or bathtub, will help to rehydrate stressed plants and remove dust which may have accumulated on the foliage. Brightly lit bathrooms are particularly ideal locations for houseplants as the humidity which results from showers and running water creates a greenhouse-like environment.

Apply a dilute, liquid soluble fertilizer at least once a month. Slow release granular fertilizers, such as Osmocote, offer a convenient alternative to mixing and require only one application to the soil surface every few months. Nutrients are released to the plant each time you water.

Keep a close watch for pests. Spider mites thrive in warm, dry environments and aphids, scale, or mealy bugs often become a problem if plants spent the summer out-of- doors. Early detection and quick action will minimize the use of chemicals. An application of a light horticultural oil spray can be safely executed in a shower enclosure. It should be noted that healthy plants are much less susceptible to insects and diseases.

The colorful poinsettia is worthy of its popularity, its brightly-colored flowers pro- viding an elegant display which may persist for weeks and months after the holidays. Their showy flowers are actually highly colored leaves or bracts with the true, tiny, insignificant yellow flowers located in the center. Although poinsettias prefer bright light, they will tolerate low light conditions. Keep the soil moderately moist and water when the surface feels dry to the touch. They prefer cool temperatures and should be protected from drafts. Occasional fertilizing will help to maintain the rich, deep green foliage.

In recent years, the crab cactus (Zygocactus truncatus) tends to have replaced its epiphytic relative, the Christmas cactus (Schlumbergera bridgesii). Both plants are leafless with flat, jointed stems, but the crab cactus features wider, more rigid and upright segments, with pointed, tooth-like projections. These plants are remarkably tolerant of neglect, but prefer bright light, quick draining soils, and like to be pot-bound. Short day length and cool temperatures in autumn are required to set flower buds.

For passionate gardeners, maintaining a healthy collection of indoor plants during the dormant winter months helps to satisfy our need to work the soil. The new season's catalogs have already started to arrive and in only a few weeks, it will be time to begin sowing seeds.

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Thurs. 27

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Late Nite Catechism, Shubert Theater, Boston. International comedy by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan. Dec. 26, through Jan. 6. Tickets on sale at Shubert Theatre Box Office, online at www.telecharge.com or by calling Tele-charge at 1-800-447-7400.

Fri. 28

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South Shore Singles will sponsor a semi-monthly, smoke-free dance, Dec. 28, with DJ music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW Post, 30 Central St., Abington. Admission $5SSS members $8 non-members. Proper dress required; no jeans or athletic shoes. For information call 781-331-0021 or www.southshoresingles.org

Sat. 29

Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 23 Central Sq. Bridgewater featuring **J'mie**, from the Cantab, Lizard Lounge. Open mike signup at 7:30 p.m. Free admission pass the hat for feature. Workshop with Michael McDonough before the open mike at 6 p.m. For information call 508-279-9952 or SoShorePoet@aol.com or www.mothwing.com/dailygrindpoetry.

Mon. 31

26th Edition of First Night Boston, the original citywide festival of art and culture is the country's oldest and largest New Year's Eve celebration from 1 p.m. to midnight. A general admission button for First Night 2002 is all you need. Buttons are $15 per person (children under four free). For more information call 617-542-1399 or www.firstnight.org

Ski into the New Year at the Blue Hills Ski Area with a buffet dinner, torch light parade and more. A night of skiing from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. $40 ($35 for 12 and under) including dinner buffet starting at 8 p.m. $20 for buffet only. At midnight the power will be cut off to unleash dozens of skiers carrying flares down the dark run creating a torchlight parade. After midnight the lights will be back on and the lifts will continue to operate to bring in the new year. Blue Hills has added a new 4,800 sq. ft. rental shop featuring 500 new Head skis and 400 new Head boards. A new snow tubing park and terrain has also been added. Winter enthusiasts will find the trials improved because of increased snowmaking, lights, and the addition of a second groomer. For more information, call 781-828-5070.

Welcome the New Year at Lombardo's: New Year's Eve will be a party-goer's delight at Lombardo's in Randolph. The function facility will hold a bash beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending on Jan. 1, at 1:30 a.m. featuring Hot hors d'ouevres, four-course surf and turf dinner with filet mignon and shrimp scampi, dancing to The Ovations, 10-piece band and D.J. Brian Greene, two bottles of complimentary wine at each table, a champagne toast with party favors, midnight sweet table, a wide selection of cordials and spirits at the cash bar. $56 per person plus taxes and service charge. For more information, call 781-986-5000 or long onto www.lombardos.com

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The Labyrinth at Old Ship Parish will be available on Dec. 31, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Labyrinth walks are held in the Old Ship Parish House Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. For information call 781-749-1679.

Tues. 1

Annual Seafarers' Cruise - Welcome in the new year by sailing out to Thompson Island with the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands on their annual Seafarers' Cruise. Participants will take a guided tour or explore on their own. A warm room will be available - hot drinks are provided, but bring a picnic lunch. The boat departs from Thompson Island at 11:30 a.m. from Fan Pier then noon from the EDIC Pier and returns to the EDIC pier at 4:30 p.m. and Fan Pier at 4:45 p.m. Rain or shine. Dress appropriately. Tickets on a first come first serve basis. Adults $12; Seniors $10; FBHI members $8; Children ages 4 to 12 $6; children under 3 free.

Wed. 2

Staircase Gallery in Scituate will feature the photography works of Tim Ryan during the months of January and February.

Thurs. 3

Jimbo's Restaurant Comedy Night featuring South Shore's own **Tommy Dunham** along with Mike O'Neill, Tom Caswell, Annette Pollack, Vernon Harrison, and Chris McCabe, hosted by Ben Boime on Jan 3, at 8:30 p.m. Admission $10, Special priced appetizers from 8:30 p.m. Reservations recommended 781-848-0300.

Fri. 4

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is launching a five-part winter lecture series beginning Jan. 4, with "Trekking in Bolivia," presented by **Billy Guild** and **Paul Breneman.** The lecture and slide show will focus on the Cordillera Real, which as some of the highest peaks in the Americas, and on the indigenous highland people of the region. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call Corinne Leung at 781-925-5433 or www.bostonharborheritage.org

South Shore Baseball Club The final clinic/tryouts for the Seadogs/AAU Travel Team Baseball Program's 2002 season will be held Jan. 4 and 6, at the South Shore Baseball Club's headquarters in Holbrook. The Seadogs will field seven teams in 2002: 10U through and including 16U. Players are selected from a series of clinic/tryouts for Team 2002. The cutoff day to determine proper age group is July 31, 2002. 10U, 11U and 12U Jan. 4, 9 p.m. 15U and 16U Jan 6, 4:30 to 7 p.m. For more information call 978-664-0386.

South Shore Folk Music Club, featuring **Brooks Williams** in concert. $10 members $12 non-members. All events begin at 8 p.m. at The Beal House, Rt. 106 in Kingston. For information call 781-871-1052.

South Shore Art Center January Watercolor Wakeup Water colorist **Mary Lizotte** will present a five-week special workshop beginning Jan. 4, through Feb. 1. The class will include study in composition, shapes, scale, washes, line and texture choices. Tuition $170 ($150 for SSAC members) Call 781-383-2787 for more information.

Weymouth Art Association's artist of the month, Isabel Shamitz, will exhibit her paintings at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For information call 781-337-4513.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main floor of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, will present recent works, watercolors and collages by Lexington artist, **Gracia Dayton** from Jan. 4 though Feb. 28. Admission is free. For more information, call 781-934-2721.

James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, will host a show of recent oil painting and watercolors by local artist **Jeff Bellerose** during the month of January. The show, entitled, "Vista", will be on view from Jan. 4 through Jan. 31. For more information call, 781-659-7100.

"Rhythm of Our Lives" retreat for women at **Alice's House,** Humarock in Scituate on Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. $99 includes donation to Alice's House, a non-profit sanctuary for spiritual renewal. Life-writing brings clarity and comfort especially during times of change. Take time to experience the flow of your life; reflect in your journal, walk the beach, and enjoy good company in a homey waterfront setting south of Boston. Advance registration required and group size is limited. Call 617-479-6831. or email journalguru@yahoo.com for registration and program details. Future dates will be March 16, and May 18.

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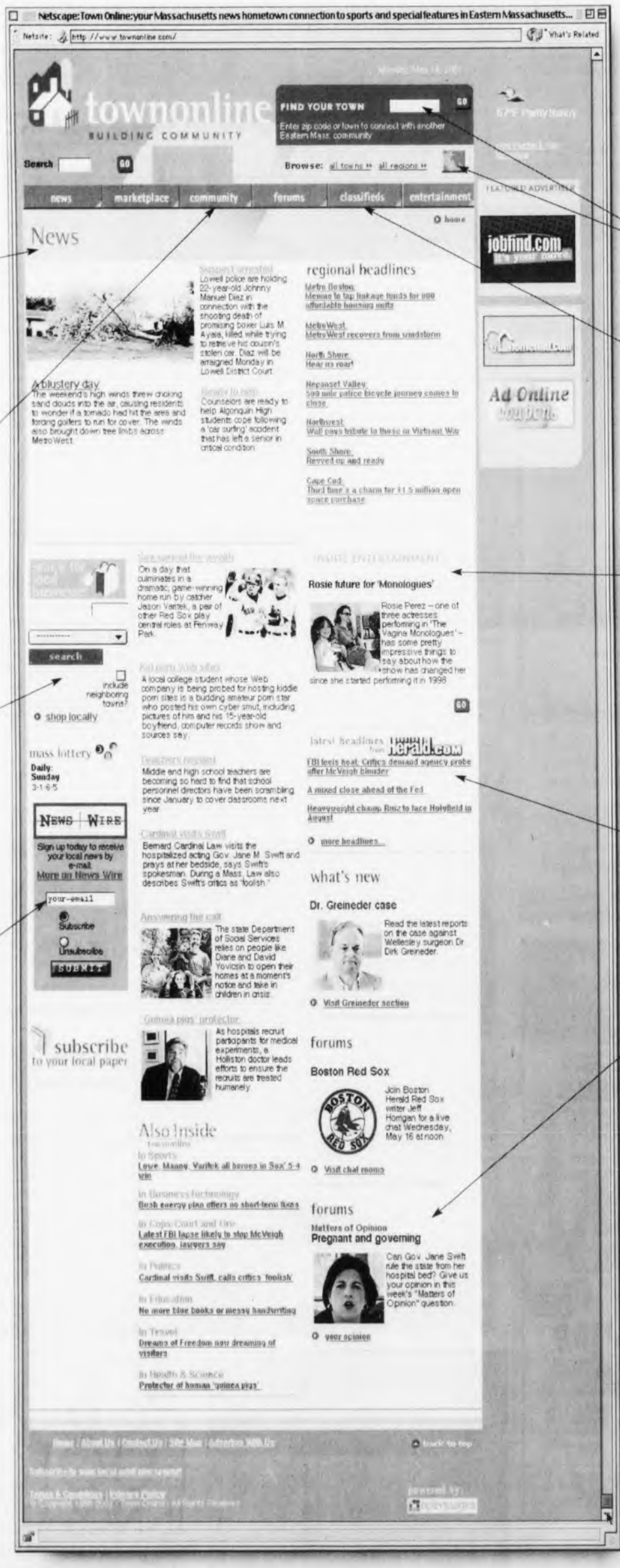
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